



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Reading\\_Options\\_SubPanel](http://codex.wordpress.org/Reading_Options_SubPanel)

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## Reading Options SubPanel

### *Options → Reading*

The options in this Reading SubPanel are few in number, but still important. With them, you can adjust how many posts are displayed on the main page of your site. You can also adjust a few more technical features which determine how the information from your site is sent to a reader's web browser or other application.

### *Reading Options*

#### Blog Pages

Show at most [X] [   ]

This option allows you to adjust how many posts are displayed per page on your site. There are two things here you can adjust: the number in the text box, and the selection from the dropdown.

- **days** - Selecting **days** from the dropdown tells WordPress to display the all the posts from the most recent **X** days which have posts, where **X** is the number in the text box. WordPress skips over "empty" days and does *not* count them toward the **X** count.
- **posts** - Selecting **posts** here is more straightforward. WordPress will display the most recent **X** posts, where **X** is the number in the text box.

#### Syndication Feeds

This section of the SubPanel specifies some [Syndication](#) options for your blog.

Show the most recent [X] posts

The number you enter in this text box is the number of posts people will see when they download one of your site's feeds.

For each article show [   ]

Determines whether or not the feed will include the **full text** of each post or a **summary**, which could save bandwidth.

Encoding for pages and feeds

The character encoding you choose here limits the choice of languages in which you, the other authors, and your commenters can write. A safe choice is "utf-8" (see [Unicode](#)), as that encoding supports a wide variety of languages. If you wish to use some other character encoding (for example you have imported or will import articles written using a different character encoding) then you can specify that here. For a more in depth article on character encoding see [Wikipedia:Character encoding](#).

Compression

"WordPress should compress articles (gzip) if browsers ask for them". WordPress can do this only if the mod\_gzip Apache server module is installed. If a viewer's browser is capable of interpreting gzipped content, then a compressed (smaller)

version of a file will be sent instead of the actual file. Depending on the size of the file, the compressed file can be as little as 20%-50% as large as the original file, which can translate to a significant savings in bandwidth. If you are curious about how to use this method on your server, please read more about the [mod\\_gzip module](http://www.schroepl.net/projekte/mod_gzip/) ([http://www.schroepl.net/projekte/mod\\_gzip/](http://www.schroepl.net/projekte/mod_gzip/)).

#### Update Options

Click this button to save your configuration settings. If you don't click this button, your settings will not be saved.