



The Handbook

Codex

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Template Tags/get archives

Description

Displays a list of links to date-based archives. This tag can be used anywhere within a template. It is similar to [wp_get_archives\(\)](#).

Usage

```
<?php get_archives('type', 'limit', 'format', 'before',  
                    'after', show_post_count); ?>
```

Examples

Default Usage

Displays archive links using defaults.

```
<?php get_archives(); ?>
```

By Month with Post Count

Displays all archives by month in an unordered list, with count of posts by month.

```
<ul>  
<?php get_archives('monthly', '', 'html', '', '', TRUE); ?>  
</ul>
```

Displays Last 10 Posts

Displays last 10 posts separated by line breaks.

```
<?php get_archives('postbypost', '10', 'custom', '', '<br />'); ?>
```

Using Dropdown List

Displays monthly archives in a dropdown list; the use of [javascript](#) is required to have an archive selection open on the page.

```
<form name="archiveform" action="">
<select name="archive_chrono" onchange="window.location =
(document.forms.archiveform.archive_chrono[document.forms.archive_ch
rono.selectedIndex].value);">
<option value=''>Select Month</option>
<?php get_archives('monthly','', 'option'); ?>
</select>
</form>
```

List of Limited Number of Recent Posts

Displays a custom number of recent posts in an unordered list.

```
<ul><?php get_archives('postbypost','10','custom','<li>','</li>'); ?></ul>
```

Parameters

type

(*string*) The type of archive list to display. Defaults to WordPress settings (defaults to 'monthly' in 1.5). Valid values:

- 'monthly' (Default)
- 'daily'
- 'weekly'
- 'postbypost'

limit

(*integer*) Number of archives to get. Use ' ' for no limit.

format

(*string*) Format for the archive list. Valid values:

- 'html' - In HTML list () tags. This is the default.
- 'option' - In select or dropdown option (<option>) tags.
- 'link' - Within link (<link>) tags.
- 'custom' - Custom list.

before

(*string*) Text to place before the link when using 'custom' or 'html' for **format** option. Defaults to ' '.

after

(*string*) Text to place after the link when using 'custom' or 'html' for **format** option. Defaults to ' '.

show_post_count

(*boolean*) Display number of posts in an archive (TRUE) or do not (FALSE). For use

when **type** is set to 'monthly'. Defaults to FALSE.

Related

To use the query string to pass parameters to generate an archive list, see

[wp_get_archives\(\)](#)

[bloginfo](#), [bloginfo_rss](#), [get_bloginfo](#), [get_bloginfo_rss](#), [wp_title](#), **get_archives**,
[wp_get_archives](#), [get_calendar](#), [wp_list_pages](#), [wp_loginout](#), [wp_register](#)