



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Template\\_Tags/get\\_links](http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/get_links)

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# Template Tags/get links

## ***Description***

Like [wp\\_get\\_links\(\)](#), this tag displays links from the [Links Manager](#), but allows the user to control how they are displayed by tag parameters, rather than through the WordPress admin interface (useful when displaying links on more than one template).

## ***Usage***

```
<?php get_links(category, 'before', 'after', 'between',  
                show_images, 'order', show_description,  
                show_rating, limit, show_updated, echo); ?>
```

## ***Examples***

### **Default Usage**

By default, the usage shows:

- All links
- Line breaks after each link item
- An image if one is included
- A space between the image and the text
- Sorts the list by name
- Shows the description of the link
- Does not show the ratings
- Unless limit is set, shows all links
- Displays links as links not text

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

### **Specific Category Sorted by URL**

Displays links for link category ID 2 in span tags, uses images for links, does not show descriptions, sorts by link URL.

```
<?php get_links(2, '<span>', '</span>', '', TRUE, 'url', FALSE); ?>
```

### **Shows Ratings and Timestamp**

Displays all links in an ordered list with descriptions on a new line, does not use images for links, sorts by link id, shows ratings and last-updated timestamp.

```
<ol>
<?php get_links('-1', '<li>', '</li>', '<br />', FALSE, 'id', TRUE,
TRUE, -1, TRUE); ?>
</ol>
```

## ***Parameters***

category

(*integer*) The numeric ID of the link category whose links will be displayed. If none is specified, all links are shown. Defaults to -1 (all links).

before

(*string*) Text to place before each link. There is no default.

after

(*string*) Text to place after each link. Defaults to '<br />'.

between

(*string*) Text to place between each link/image and its description. Defaults to ' ' (space).

show\_images

(*boolean*) Should images for links be shown (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE.

orderby

(*string*) Value to sort links on. Defaults to 'name' unless you pass the value of '' (empty), in which case it sets to 'id'. Valid options:

- 'id'
- 'url'
- 'name'
- 'target'
- 'category'
- 'description'
- 'owner' - User who added link through Links Manager.
- 'rating'
- 'updated'
- 'rel' - Link relationship (XFN).
- 'notes'
- 'rss'
- 'length' - The length of the link name, shortest to longest.

**Prefixing any of the above options with an underscore (ex: '\_id') sorts links in reverse order.**

- 'rand' - Display links in random order.

show\_description

(*boolean*) Should the description be displayed (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Valid when **show\_images** is FALSE, or an image is not defined. Defaults to TRUE.

show\_rating

(*boolean*) Should rating stars/characters be displayed (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Defaults to FALSE.

limit

(*integer*) Maximum number of links to display. Defaults to -1 (all links).

show\_updated

(*boolean*) Should the last updated timestamp be displayed (`TRUE`) or not (`FALSE`). Defaults to `FALSE`.

echo

(*boolean*) Display links (`TRUE`) or return them for use PHP (`FALSE`). Defaults to `TRUE`.

## ***Related***

[get\\_links\\_list](#), [wp\\_get\\_links](#), **get\_links**, [wp\\_get\\_linksbyname](#), [get\\_linksbyname](#)