



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

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

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# Template Tags/get linksbyname

## Description

Like [wp\\_get\\_linksbyname\(\)](#), 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_linksbyname('cat_name', 'before', 'after',  
                        'between', show_images, 'orderby',  
                        show_description, show_rating,  
                        limit, show_updated); ?>
```

## Examples

### Default Usage

By default, the tag shows:

- All categories if none are specified
- All category links are shown
- Puts a line break after the link item
- Puts a space between the image and link (if one is included)
- Shows link images if available
- List sorted by ID
- Shows the link description
- Does not show the rating
- With no limit listed, it shows all links
- Does not show the updated timestamp

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

### Specific Category Sorted by Name

Displays links for link category "Friends" in an unordered list with descriptions on the next line, sorts by link name.

```
<ul>  
<?php get_linksbyname('Friends', '<li>', '</li>', '<br />', FALSE,  
'name', TRUE); ?>  
</ul>
```

## With Images and Ratings, No Descriptions

Displays all links one per line without descriptions, uses images for links, sorts by link name, and shows ratings.

```
<?php get_linksbyname('', '', '<br />', '', TRUE, 'name', FALSE, TRUE); ?>
```

## As a Definition List with Images and Descriptions in Separate Tags

Displays all links in a Definition List, places linked images in the <dt>, descriptions in the <dd>, and sorts by rating but doesn't show it.

```
<dl>
```

```
    <?php get_linksbyname('Portfolio', '<dt>',  
        '</dd>', '</dt><dd>', TRUE, 'rating',  
        TRUE, FALSE, -1, FALSE); ?>
```

```
</dl>
```

To see examples of styling this markup in a fluid/elastic, multi-column layout with backgrounds and hover effects, please see **Manipulating Definition Lists for Fun and Profit** - [\[1\]](http://www.scottmcdaniel.com/?p=33) (<http://www.scottmcdaniel.com/?p=33>).

## Parameters

cat\_name

(*string*) The name of the link category whose links will be displayed. If none is specified, all links are shown. Defaults to 'noname' (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 '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*) Display the description (`TRUE`) or not (`FALSE`). Valid if **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`.

## ***Related***

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