



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Template\\_Tags/posts\\_nav\\_link](http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/posts_nav_link)

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# Template Tags/posts nav link

## Description

Displays links for next and previous pages. Useful for providing "paged" navigation of index, category and archive pages.

For displaying next and previous post navigation on individual posts, see [next\\_post\(\)](#) and [previous\\_post\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
<?php posts_nav_link('separator','prelabel','nextlabel'); ?>
```

Note that since weblog posts are traditionally listed in reverse chronological order (with most recent posts at the top), there is some ambiguity in the definition of "next page". WordPress defines "next page" as the "next page *toward the past*". In WordPress 1.5, the default [Kubrick](http://binarybonsai.com/kubrick) (<http://binarybonsai.com/kubrick>) theme addresses this ambiguity by labeling the "next page" link as "previous entries". See [Example: Kubrick Theme Format](#).

## Examples

### Default Usage

By default, the `posts_nav_link` look like this:

[« Previous Page](#) — [Next Page »](#)

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

### In Centered DIV

Displays previous and next page links ("previous page · next page") centered on the page.

```
<div style="text-align:center;">
<?php posts_nav_link(' &#183; ', 'previous page', 'next page'); ?>
</div>
```

### Kubrick Theme Format

The [Kubrick](http://binarybonsai.com/kubrick) (<http://binarybonsai.com/kubrick>) theme format for posts navigation.

```
<div class="navigation">
<div class="alignleft"><?php posts_nav_link('','','&laquo; Previous
```

```
Entries') ?></div>
<div class="alignright"><?php posts_nav_link('','Next Entries
&raquo;','') ?></div>
</div>
```

## Customizing the Link Text

You can change the text in each of the links and in the text in between the links.

[You can go back to the previous page](#) or [you can go forward to the next page](#).

```
<p><?php posts_nav_link(' or ', 'You can go back
to the previous page', 'you can go
forward to the next page'); ?>.</p>
```

## Parameters

separator

(*string*) Text displayed between the links.

- Defaults to ' : : ' in 1.2.x.
- Defaults to ' – ' in 1.5.

prelabel

(*string*) Link text for the previous page.

- Defaults to '<< Previous Page' in 1.2.x.
- Defaults to '« Previous Page' in 1.5.

nextlabel

(*string*) Link text for the next page.

- Defaults to 'Next Page >>' in 1.2.x.
- Defaults to 'Next Page »' in 1.5

## Related

[the\\_ID](#), [the\\_title](#), [single\\_post\\_title](#), [the\\_title\\_rss](#), [the\\_content](#), [the\\_content\\_rss](#),  
[the\\_excerpt](#), [the\\_excerpt\\_rss](#), [previous\\_post](#), [next\\_post](#), **[posts\\_nav\\_link](#)**, [the\\_meta](#)