



The Handbook

Codex

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Template Tags/the author

Description

Displays or returns the name of the author for a post. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

```
<?php the_author('idmode', display); ?>
```

Examples

Display Users Name

Displays user's name, using profile default.

```
<p>This post was written by <?php the_author(); ?></p>
```

Author's First and Last Name

Displays author's first *and* last name, in that order.

```
<p>This post was written by <?php the_author('namefl'); ?></p>
```

Author's Last Name Then First

Displays author's last name then first, in that order.

```
<p>This post was written by <?php the_author('namelf'); ?></p>
```

Parameters

idmode

(*string*) Sets the element of a user's profile to show. Possible values:

- 'nickname'
- 'login'
- 'firstname'
- 'lastname'

- 'namefl' (First and last name in format: firstname lastname)
- 'name1f' (First and last name in format: lastname firstname)

Note: Default is the selection for the **Identity on blog:** field in a user's (i.e. author's) profile settings. This is also used when idmode is ' ' (an empty value).

display

(*boolean*) Display the name (`TRUE`), or return it for use in PHP (`FALSE`). Default is `TRUE`.

Template Tags/the author description

Description

Displays the content of the **Profile:** field in a user's profile for the author of a post. The Profile is a block of text often used to describe the user, and can be quite large. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Author biography: <?php the_author_description(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author email

Description

Displays the email address for the author's of a post; the address is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Note that the address is **not** encoded or protected in any way from harvesting by spambots. For this, see the [Secure From Spammers example](#).

Usage

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

Examples

Mailto Link

Displays author email address as a "mailto" link.

```
<a href="mailto:<?php the_author_email(); ?>">Contact the author</a>
```

Secure From Spammers

Partially 'obfuscates' address by using the internal function antispambot() to encode portions in HTML character entities (these are read correctly by your browser). Note the example uses get_the_author_email(), as the_author_email() echoes the address before antispambot() can act upon it.

```
<a href="mailto:<?php echo antispambot(get_the_author_email()); ?>">email  
author</a>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author firstname

Description

Displays the first name for the author of a post; the name is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>This post was written by <?php the_author_firstname(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author lastname

Description

Displays the last name for the author of a post; the name is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

Displays author's first and last name.

```
<p>Post author:  
<?php the_author_firstname(); ?> <?php the_author_lastname(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author ID

Description

Displays the unique numeric user ID for the author of a post; the ID is assigned by WordPress when a user account is created. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

Uses the author ID as a query link to all of that author's posts.

```
<a href="/blog/index.php?author=<?php the_author_ID(); ?>">View all  
posts by <?php the_author_nickname(); ?></a>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author login

Description

Displays the login name for the author of a post. The login is the username an author uses to access WordPress. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Note: It's usually not a good idea to provide login information publicly.

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Author username: <?php the_author_login(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author nickname

Description

Displays the nickname for the author of a post; the name is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Posted by <?php the_author_nickname(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author posts

Description

Displays the total number of posts an author has published. Drafts and private posts are not counted. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

Displays the author's name and number of posts.

```
<p><?php the_author(); ?> has blogged <?php the_author_posts(); ?> posts</p>
```

Harriett Smith has blogged 425 posts.

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author posts link

Description

Displays a link to all posts by an author. The link text is determined by the **idmode** parameter (see below). This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

```
<?php the_author_posts_link('idmode'); ?>
```

Examples

Default Use Example

Displays the link, with link text using profile defaults.

```
<p>Other posts by <?php the_author_posts_link(); ?></p>
```

Link with Author First and Last Name

Displays the link, with link text the first and last name.

```
<p>Other posts by <?php the_author_posts_link('namefl'); ?>.</p>
```

Other posts by [Harriett Smith](#).

Link with Author Last Then First Name

Displays the link, with link text the last name then first name, in that order.

```
<p>Other posts by <?php the_author_posts_link('namelf'); ?>.</p>
```

Other posts by [Smith Harriett](#).

Parameters

idmode

(*string*) Selects the element of a user's profile to use for link text. Possible values:

- 'nickname'
- 'login'
- 'firstname'
- 'lastname'
- 'namefl' (First and last name in format: firstname lastname)
- 'namelf' (First and last name in format: lastname firstname)

Note: Default is the selection for the **Identity on blog:** field in a user's (i.e. author's) profile settings. This is also used when idmode is ' ' (an empty value).

Template Tags/the author url

Description

Displays the [URL](#) to the website for the author of a post; the address is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

Displays the author's URL as a link and the link text.

```
<p>Author's web site:  
<a href="<?php the_author_url(); ?>"><?php the_author_url(); ?></a></p>
```

Which displays as:

Author's web site: www.example.com

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author aim

Description

Displays the AIM screen name for the author of a post; the screen name is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Contact me on AOL Instant Messenger: <?php the_author_aim(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author msn

Description

Displays the MSN IM ID for the author of a post; the ID is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Contact me on MSN: <?php the_author_msn(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author yim

Description

Displays the Yahoo IM ID for the author of a post; the ID is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Contact me on Yahoo Messenger: <?php the_author_yim(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.

Template Tags/the author icq

Description

Displays the ICQ number for the author of a post; the number is set in the user's profile. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

Usage

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

Example

```
<p>Contact me on ICQ: <?php the_author_icq(); ?></p>
```

Parameters

This tag does not accept any parameters.