



The Handbook

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[http://codex.wordpress.org/Template Tags/the_excerpt_rss](http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/the_excerpt_rss)

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Template Tags/the excerpt rss

Description

Displays the excerpt of the current post formatted for [RSS](#). If a post does not contain an excerpt, the first 120 words of the post's content are returned. This tag must be within [The_Loop](#).

For finer control over output, see [the_content_rss\(\)](#).

Usage

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

See [Parameters for 1.2](#) for arguments available in that version.

Example

Displays the post's excerpt, or the first 120 words of the post's content when no excerpt exists, formatted for RSS syndication.

```
<description><?php the_excerpt_rss(); ?></description>
```

Parameters

This tag has no parameters.

Parameters for 1.2

WordPress version 1.5 does not support parameters for this tag. The following information is retained for the benefit of 1.2 users.

Usage:

```
<?php the_excerpt_rss( cut, encode_html ); ?>
```

Parameters:

cut

(*integer*) Number of words to display before ending the excerpt. Can be any numeric value up to the default.

encode_html

(*integer*) Defines html tag filtering and special character (e.g. '&') encoding. Options are:

- 0 - (Default) Parses out links for numbered "url footnotes".
- 1 - Filters through the [PHP](#) function htmlspecialchars(), but also sets cut to 0, so is not recommended when using the cut parameter.

- 2 - Strips html tags, and replaces '&' with [HTML](#) entity equivalent (&). This is the default when using the cut parameter.

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](#)