



The Handbook

Codex

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Template Tags/wp list cats

Description

Displays a list of categories as links. This works in much the same way as [list_cats\(\)](#), the difference being that arguments are given in query string format.

Usage

```
<?php wp_list_cats('arguments'); ?>
```

Examples

Default Usage

By default, the tag:

- *optionall* - Does not display all of the categories
- *all* - Displays all of the categories
- *sort_column* - Sorts by category ID
- *sort_order* - Sorts in ascending order
- *file* - Displays the categories using the index.php template
- *list* - Sets the categories in an unordered list ()
- *optioncount* - Does not display the count of posts within each category
- *hide_empty* - Based upon the first two parameters (*optionall* and *all*), does not display categories without posts
- *use_desc_for_title* - Uses the category description as the link title
- *children* - Shows the children (sub-categories) of every category listed
- *hierarchical* - Displays the children categories in a hierarchical order under its category parent

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

Categories With Excludes

Displays category links sorted by name, shows # of posts for each category, and excludes category IDs 10 and 15 from the list.

```
<ul>  
<?php wp_list_cats('sort_column=name&optioncount=1&exclude=10, 15'); ?>  
</ul>
```

Show Children Only of Category

Displays category links sorted by ID without showing the number of posts per category, and shows only the sub-categories titles (not descriptions) within the listed category in the `child_of=ID#` parameter.

```
<?php wp_list_cats('sort_column=id&optioncount=0&
      use_desc_for_title=0&child_of=8'); ?>
```

Note: If there are no posts in a parent category, its child categories will not display, even if they contain posts. This can be circumvented using `hide_empty=0`

Notes on use

When the 'list' parameter is set for an unordered list, the `list_cats()` tag requires an opening and closing `UL` tag, but will automatically list each item as an `LI`.

Parameters

`optionall`

(*boolean*) Sets whether to have an option to display all categories. Valid values:

- 1 (True)
- 0 (False - default)

`all`

(*string*) Text to display for the option to display all categories. Defaults to 'All'.

`sort_column`

(*string*) Key to sort options by. Valid values:

- ID (Default)
- name

`sort_order`

(*string*) Sort order for options. Valid values:

- asc (Default)
- desc

`file`

(*string*) The php file a category link is to be displayed on. Defaults to `index.php`.

`list`

(*boolean*) Sets whether the categories are enclosed in an unordered list (``). Valid values:

- 1 (True - default)
- 0 (False)

`optiondates`

(*boolean*) Sets whether to display the date of the last post in each category. Valid values:

- 1 (True)
- 0 (False - default)

optioncount

(*boolean*) Sets whether to display a count of posts in each category. Valid values:

- 1 (True)
- 0 (False - default)

hide_empty

(*boolean*) Sets whether to hide (not display) categories with no posts. Valid values:

- 1 (True - default)
- 0 (False)

use_desc_for_title

(*boolean*) Sets whether the category description is displayed as link title (i.e. `<a title="Category Description" href="..."`). Valid values:

- 1 (True - default)
- 0 (False)

children

(*boolean*) Sets whether to show children (sub) categories. Valid values:

- 1 (True - default)
- 0 (False)

child_of

(*integer*) Display only the categories that are children of this category (ID number). There is no default.

feed

(*string*) Text to display for the link to each category's [RSS2](#) feed. Default is no text, and no feed displayed.

feed_image

(*string*) Path/filename for a graphic to act as a link to each categories' RSS2 feed. Overrides the **feed** parameter.

exclude

(*string*) Sets the categories to be excluded. This must be in the form of an array (ex: 1, 2, 3).

hierarchical

(*boolean*) Sets whether to display child (sub) categories in a hierarchical (after parent) list. Valid values:

- 1 (True - default)
- 0 (False)

Note: The hierarchical parameter is not available in versions of WordPress prior to 1.5

Related

[the_category](#), [the_category_rss](#), [the_category_ID](#) (Deprecated), [the_category_head](#) (Deprecated), [single_cat_title](#), [category_description](#), [dropdown_cats](#), [list_cats](#), [wp_list_cats](#)