


The Time Saving Copy/Paste WordPress Cheat Sheet

Use this page for a quick, categorized list of WordPress functions that are commonly used when building, updating and maintaining templates. **Simple, Easy, Copy-Pasta**. The quick guide to common **WordPress > Template** functions. 

Basic Template Files

File Name	Description
<code>style.css</code>	style sheet file
<code>index.php</code>	home page file
<code>header.php</code>	header content file
<code>single.php</code>	single post page file
<code>archive.php</code>	archive/category file
<code>searchform.php</code>	search form file
<code>search.php</code>	search content file
<code>404.php</code>	error page file
<code>comments.php</code>	comments template file
<code>footer.php</code>	footer content file
<code>sidebar.php</code>	sidebar content file
<code>page.php</code>	single page file
<code>front-page.php</code>	latest posts or static page
<code>tag.php</code>	display tags in archive format
<code>category.php</code>	display categories in archive format

Header Functions

Function	Description
<code><?php site_url(); ?></code>	root url for website
<code><?php wp_title(); ?></code>	title of specific post/page
<code><?php bloginfo('name'); ?></code>	title of site
<code><?php bloginfo('description'); ?></code>	site description
<code><?php get_stylesheet_directory(); ?></code>	stylesheet folder location
<code><?php bloginfo('stylesheet_url'); ?></code>	style.css file location
<code><?php bloginfo('pingback_url'); ?></code>	pingback url
<code><?php bloginfo('template_url'); ?></code>	template folder path
<code><?php bloginfo('version'); ?></code>	wordpress blog version
<code><?php bloginfo('atom_url'); ?></code>	atom url
<code><?php bloginfo('rss2_url'); ?></code>	rss2 url
<code><?php bloginfo('url'); ?></code>	root url for website
<code><?php bloginfo('html_type'); ?></code>	html version
<code><?php bloginfo('charset'); ?></code>	charset parameter

Navigation Menu

Default Navigation Menu
<code><?php wp_nav_menu(); ?></code>
Specific Navigation Menu
<code><?php wp_nav_menu(array('menu' => 'Project Nav')); ?></code>
Category Based Navigation
<code><ul id="menu"></code>
<code><li <?php if(is_home()) { ?> class="current-cat" <?php } ?>></code>
<code><a href="<?php bloginfo('home'); ?>">Home</code>
<code><?php wp_list_categories('title_li=&orderby=id'); ?></code>
<code></code>
Page Based Navigation
<code><ul id="menu"></code>
<code><li <?php if(is_home()) { ?> class="current-page-item" <?php } ?>></code>
<code><a href="<?php bloginfo('home'); ?>">Home</code>
<code><?php wp_list_pages('sort_column=menu_order&depth=1&title_li='); ?></code>
<code></code>

Template Functions

Function	Description
<code><?php the_content(); ?></code>	content of posts/pages
<code><?php if(have_posts()): ?></code>	check if there are posts
<code><?php while(have_posts()): the_post(); ?></code>	shows posts
<code><?php endwhile; ?></code>	closes loop
<code><?php endif; ?></code>	closes if
<code><?php get_header(); ?></code>	header.php file contents
<code><?php get_sidebar(); ?></code>	sidebar.php file contents
<code><?php get_footer(); ?></code>	footer.php file contents
<code><?php the_time('m-d-y'); ?></code>	the date is '08-18-07'
<code><?php comments_popup_link(); ?></code>	link to comments of post
<code><?php the_title(); ?></code>	title of post/page
<code><?php the_permalink(); ?></code>	url of post/page
<code><?php the_category(); ?></code>	category of post/page

The Loop

Basic Loop
<code><?php if(have_posts()) { ?></code>
<code><?php while(have_posts()) { ?></code>
<code><?php the_post(); ?></code>
<code><?php // custom post content code for title, excerpt and featured image ?></code>
<code><?php } // end while ?></code>
<code><?php } // end if ?></code>

Extra Functions

Function	Description
<code>/%postname%/</code>	custom permalinks
<code><?php include(TEMPLATEPATH . '/x/'); ?></code>	include file from template folder
<code><?php the_search_query(); ?></code>	value returned from search from
<code><?php _e('Message'); ?></code>	return translated text from translate()
<code><?php wp_register(); ?></code>	register link

<code><?php the_author(); ?></code>	author of post/page	<code><?php wp_loginout(); ?></code>	login/logout link
<code><?php the_ID(); ?></code>	id of post/page	<code><!--nextpage--></code>	divide content into pages
<code><?php edit_post_link(); ?></code>	edit link of post/page	<code><!--more--></code>	cut off content and create link to full post
<code><?php wp_list_bookmarks(); ?></code>	links from blogroll	<code><?php wp_meta(); ?></code>	admin meta data
<code><?php comments_template(); ?></code>	comment.php file contents	<code><?php timer_start(); ?></code>	start page timer (header.php)
<code><?php wp_list_pages(); ?></code>	list all pages	<code><?php timer_stop(1); ?></code>	time to load the page (footer.php)
<code><?php wp_list_categories(); ?></code>	list all categories	<code><?php echo get_num_queries(); ?></code>	show queries executed to generate page
<code><?php next_post_link('%link'); ?></code>	url to next post		
<code><?php previous_post_list('%link'); ?></code>	url to previous post		
<code><?php get_calendar(); ?></code>	show post calendar		
<code><?php wp_get_archives(); ?></code>	list of archive urls		
<code><?php posts_nav_link(); ?></code>	next and previous post link		
<code><?php rewind_posts(); ?></code>	rewinds post for a second loop		