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add_settings_section(string $id, string $title, callable $callback, string $page, array $args = array())

Adds a new section to a settings page.

Description

Part of the Settings API. Use this to define new settings sections for an admin page.
Show settings sections in your admin page callback function with do_settings_sections() .
Add settings fields to your section with add_settings_field() .

The $callback argument should be the name of a function that echoes out any content you want to show at the top of the settings section before the actual fields. It can output nothing if you want.

Parameters

$id string required

Slug-name to identify the section. Used in the `'id'` attribute of tags.

$title string required

Formatted title of the section. Shown as the heading for the section.

$callback callable required

Function that echos out any content at the top of the section (between heading and fields).

$page string required

The slug-name of the settings page on which to show the section. Built-in pages include `'general'` , `'reading'` , `'writing'` , `'discussion'` , `'media'` , etc. Create your own using add_options_page() ;

$args array optional

Arguments used to create the settings section.

> **before_section** string
>
> HTML content to prepend to the section's HTML output.
>
> Receives the section's class name as `%s` .
>
> **after_section** string
>
> HTML content to append to the section's HTML output.
>
> **section_class** string
>
> The class name to use for the section.

Default: `array()`

More Information

The callback function receives a single optional argument, which is an array with three elements. Example:

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```php
add_settings_section(
'eg_setting_section',
'Example settings section in reading',
'eg_setting_section_callback_function',
'reading'
);
function eg_setting_section_callback_function( $arg ) {
// echo section intro text here
echo '<p>id: ' . $arg['id'] . '</p>';              // id: eg_setting_section
echo '<p>title: ' . $arg['title'] . '</p>';         // title: Example settings section in reading
echo '<p>callback: ' . $arg['callback'] . '</p>'; // callback: eg_setting_section_callback_function
}
```

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```php
function add_settings_section( $id, $title, $callback, $page, $args = array() ) {
    global $wp_settings_sections;

    $defaults = array(
        'id'            => $id,
        'title'         => $title,
        'callback'      => $callback,
        'before_section' => '',
        'after_section'  => '',
        'section_class' => '',
    );

    $section = wp_parse_args( $args, $defaults );
```

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Changelog

Version	Description
6.1.0	Added an `$args` parameter for the section's HTML wrapper and class name.
2.7.0	Introduced.

User Contributed Notes

Navarro 3 years ago ∧ 6 ∨

Description of `$page` parameter may be misleading. It can be interpreted as if needs to be the slug name of the admin page created through `add_submenu_page()` or one of its wrappers (such as `add_theme_page()` or `add_plugins_page()`). Instead, it only needs to be a slug-formatted name used by `add_settings_field()` and `do_settings_sections()` .

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Ivan Shulev 8 years ago ∧ 5 ∨

Example usage
The callback function receives a single optional argument, which is an array with three elements.

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```
add_settings_section(
    'eg_setting_section',
    __( 'Example settings section in reading', 'textdomain' ),
    'wpdocs_setting_section_callback_function',
    'reading'
);

/**
 * Settings section display callback.
 *
 * @param array $args Display arguments.
 */
function wpdocs_setting_section_callback_function( $args ) {
```

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Dhaval Kasavala 6 years ago ∧ 4 ∨

Example add_settings_section with php class

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```
class custom_setting {

    function __construct() {
        /**
```

```
     * register wp_setting_init to the admin_init action hook
     */
    add_action('admin_init', array($this,'wp_setting_init'));
}

function wp_setting_init() {
    // register a new setting for "reading" page
    register_setting('reading', 'page_limit');
```

Devi 3 years ago   ⌃ 0 ⌄

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