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Pagination Class[**¶**](#gjdgxs)

CodeIgniter’s Pagination class is very easy to use, and it is 100% customizable, either dynamically or via stored preferences.

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If you are not familiar with the term “pagination”, it refers to links that allows you to navigate from page to page, like this:

« First  < 1 2 3 4 5 >  Last »

[**Example**](#44sinio)[**¶**](#30j0zll)

Here is a simple example showing how to create pagination in one of your [*controller*](http://docs.google.com/general/controllers.html) methods:

$this->load->library('pagination');  
  
$config['base\_url'] = 'http://example.com/index.php/test/page/';  
$config['total\_rows'] = 200;  
$config['per\_page'] = 20;  
  
$this->pagination->initialize($config);  
  
echo $this->pagination->create\_links();

[**Notes**](#2jxsxqh)[**¶**](#1fob9te)

The $config array contains your configuration variables. It is passed to the $this->pagination->initialize() method as shown above. Although there are some twenty items you can configure, at minimum you need the three shown. Here is a description of what those items represent:

* **base\_url** This is the full URL to the controller class/function containing your pagination. In the example above, it is pointing to a controller called “Test” and a function called “page”. Keep in mind that you can [*re-route your URI*](http://docs.google.com/general/routing.html) if you need a different structure.
* **total\_rows** This number represents the total rows in the result set you are creating pagination for. Typically this number will be the total rows that your database query returned.
* **per\_page** The number of items you intend to show per page. In the above example, you would be showing 20 items per page.

The create\_links() method returns an empty string when there is no pagination to show.

[**Setting preferences in a config file**](#z337ya)[**¶**](#3znysh7)

If you prefer not to set preferences using the above method, you can instead put them into a config file. Simply create a new file called pagination.php, add the $config array in that file. Then save the file in *application/config/pagination.php* and it will be used automatically. You will NOT need to use $this->pagination->initialize() if you save your preferences in a config file.

[**Customizing the Pagination**](#3j2qqm3)[**¶**](#2et92p0)

The following is a list of all the preferences you can pass to the initialization function to tailor the display.

**$config[‘uri\_segment’] = 3;**

The pagination function automatically determines which segment of your URI contains the page number. If you need something different you can specify it.

**$config[‘num\_links’] = 2;**

The number of “digit” links you would like before and after the selected page number. For example, the number 2 will place two digits on either side, as in the example links at the very top of this page.

**$config[‘use\_page\_numbers’] = TRUE;**

By default, the URI segment will use the starting index for the items you are paginating. If you prefer to show the the actual page number, set this to TRUE.

**$config[‘page\_query\_string’] = TRUE;**

By default, the pagination library assume you are using [*URI Segments*](http://docs.google.com/general/urls.html), and constructs your links something like:

http://example.com/index.php/test/page/20

If you have $config['enable\_query\_strings'] set to TRUE your links will automatically be re-written using Query Strings. This option can also be explictly set. Using $config['page\_query\_string'] set to TRUE, the pagination link will become:

http://example.com/index.php?c=test&m=page&per\_page=20

Note that “per\_page” is the default query string passed, however can be configured using $config['query\_string\_segment'] = 'your\_string'

**$config[‘reuse\_query\_string’] = FALSE;**

By default your Query String arguments (nothing to do with other query string options) will be ignored. Setting this config to TRUE will add existing query string arguments back into the URL after the URI segment and before the suffix.:

http://example.com/index.php/test/page/20?query=search%term

This helps you mix together normal [*URI Segments*](http://docs.google.com/general/urls.html) as well as query string arguments, which until 3.0 was not possible.

**$config[‘prefix’] = ‘’;**

A custom prefix added to the path. The prefix value will be right before the offset segment.

**$config[‘suffix’] = ‘’;**

A custom suffix added to the path. The sufix value will be right after the offset segment.

**$config[‘use\_global\_url\_suffix’] = FALSE;**

When set to TRUE, it will **override** the $config['suffix'] value and instead set it to the one that you have in $config['url\_suffix'] in your **application/config/config.php** file.

[**Adding Enclosing Markup**](#1y810tw)[**¶**](#tyjcwt)

If you would like to surround the entire pagination with some markup you can do it with these two preferences:

**$config[‘full\_tag\_open’] = ‘<p>’;**

The opening tag placed on the left side of the entire result.

**$config[‘full\_tag\_close’] = ‘</p>’;**

The closing tag placed on the right side of the entire result.

[**Customizing the First Link**](#4i7ojhp)[**¶**](#3dy6vkm)

**$config[‘first\_link’] = ‘First’;**

The text you would like shown in the “first” link on the left. If you do not want this link rendered, you can set its value to FALSE.

Note

This value can also be translated via a language file.

**$config[‘first\_tag\_open’] = ‘<div>’;**

The opening tag for the “first” link.

**$config[‘first\_tag\_close’] = ‘</div>’;**

The closing tag for the “first” link.

**$config[‘first\_url’] = ‘’;**

An alternative URL to use for the “first page” link.

[**Customizing the Last Link**](#2xcytpi)[**¶**](#1t3h5sf)

**$config[‘last\_link’] = ‘Last’;**

The text you would like shown in the “last” link on the right. If you do not want this link rendered, you can set its value to FALSE.

Note

This value can also be translated via a language file.

**$config[‘last\_tag\_open’] = ‘<div>’;**

The opening tag for the “last” link.

**$config[‘last\_tag\_close’] = ‘</div>’;**

The closing tag for the “last” link.

[**Customizing the “Next” Link**](#1ci93xb)[**¶**](#4d34og8)

**$config[‘next\_link’] = ‘>’;**

The text you would like shown in the “next” page link. If you do not want this link rendered, you can set its value to FALSE.

Note

This value can also be translated via a language file.

**$config[‘next\_tag\_open’] = ‘<div>’;**

The opening tag for the “next” link.

**$config[‘next\_tag\_close’] = ‘</div>’;**

The closing tag for the “next” link.

[**Customizing the “Previous” Link**](#3whwml4)[**¶**](#2s8eyo1)

**$config[‘prev\_link’] = ‘<’;**

The text you would like shown in the “previous” page link. If you do not want this link rendered, you can set its value to FALSE.

Note

This value can also be translated via a language file.

**$config[‘prev\_tag\_open’] = ‘<div>’;**

The opening tag for the “previous” link.

**$config[‘prev\_tag\_close’] = ‘</div>’;**

The closing tag for the “previous” link.

[**Customizing the “Current Page” Link**](#2bn6wsx)[**¶**](#17dp8vu)

**$config[‘cur\_tag\_open’] = ‘<b>’;**

The opening tag for the “current” link.

**$config[‘cur\_tag\_close’] = ‘</b>’;**

The closing tag for the “current” link.

[**Customizing the “Digit” Link**](#qsh70q)[**¶**](#3rdcrjn)

**$config[‘num\_tag\_open’] = ‘<div>’;**

The opening tag for the “digit” link.

**$config[‘num\_tag\_close’] = ‘</div>’;**

The closing tag for the “digit” link.

[**Hiding the Pages**](#3as4poj)[**¶**](#26in1rg)

If you wanted to not list the specific pages (for example, you only want “next” and “previous” links), you can suppress their rendering by adding:

$config['display\_pages'] = FALSE;

[**Adding attributes to anchors**](#1pxezwc)[**¶**](#lnxbz9)

If you want to add an extra attribute to be added to every link rendered by the pagination class, you can set them as key/value pairs in the “attributes” config:

// Produces: class="myclass"  
$config['attributes'] = array('class' => 'myclass');

Note

Usage of the old method of setting classes via “anchor\_class” is deprecated.

[**Disabling the “rel” attribute**](#49x2ik5)[**¶**](#35nkun2)

By default the rel attribute is dynamically generated and appended to the appropriate anchors. If for some reason you want to turn it off, you can pass boolean FALSE as a regular attribute

$config['attributes']['rel'] = FALSE;

[**Class Reference**](#2p2csry)[**¶**](#1ksv4uv)

*class* CI\_Pagination[¶](#147n2zr) initialize([*$params = array()*])[¶](#3o7alnk)

| Parameters: | * **$params** (*array*) – Configuration parameters |
| --- | --- |
| Returns: | CI\_Pagination instance (method chaining) |
| Return type: | CI\_Pagination |

Initializes the Pagination class with your preferred options.

create\_links()[¶](#23ckvvd)

| Returns: | HTML-formatted pagination |
| --- | --- |
| Return type: | string |

Returns a “pagination” bar, containing the generated links or an empty string if there’s just a single page.

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