

Re: Pagination

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> *Anyone know of a up-to-date tutorial for pagination where I can have it*
> *like:*
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> *Prev 1 2 3 4 Next*
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> *Thanks.*

My concept of pagination, if it helps, is to perform the following steps:

- 1) One single DB call to grab everything at one time that you need to list
- 2) Store entire contents of the resultset into a `$_SESSION` variable (serialized, of course)
- 3) Establish a `$prev` and `$next` routine with integer values that limit the amount of display per page and calculate your `$prev` and `$next`
- 4) Upon each click of your "Previous" and "Next" links you will pull not from the DB but from the serialized `$_SESSION` variable to ensure efficiency and data reusability
- 5) Filter results by `$prev` and `$next` to only display the results you need per page
- 6) Also allow for a "view all" link if the user wants to see everything at one time
- 7) **Important** When you go to view another set of stuff, be sure to "flush" the cache by destroying the `$_SESSION` variable to ensure not having latent results floating around in your `$_SESSION` cache.

My \$0.02

Phil