

## How to Get the first image from the post and display it in Wordpress

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Most WordPress users are using custom fields to display thumbs on their blog homepage. It is a good idea, but do you know that with a simple php function, you can grab the first image from the post, and display it. Just read on.

First, paste this function on your <em>functions.php</em> file.

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[php]</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">function catch_that_image() {</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">global $post, $posts;</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">$first_img = "</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">ob_start();</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">ob_end_clean();</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">$output = preg_match_all('/<img.+src=["'](["']+)["']*>/i', $post->post_content, $matches);</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">$first_img = $matches [1] [0];</div>
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<div id="_mcePaste">if(empty($first_img)){ //Defines a default image</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">$first_img = "/images/default.jpg";</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">}</div>
<div id="_mcePaste">return $first_img;</div>
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Once done, you can simply call the function within the loop to display the first image from the post:

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[php]<?php echo catch_that_image() ?>[/php]
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