

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

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RELATIVE DATES - FACEBOOK STYLE - May 8th, 2011

Chris Waddell from Interactive Tools just wrote a function that turns a date into a more human-readable format such as "37 seconds ago", "about an hour ago", "Wednesday at 6:07pm", or "February 17, 2007", depending on how far in the past

the date is. (It doesn't handle future-dates at all.)

This code can go anywhere before it's first used:

```
<?php
function pretty_relative_time($time) {
    if ($time !== intval($time)) { $time = strtotime($time); }
    $d = time() - $time;
    if ($time < strtotime(date("Y-m-d 00:00:00")) - 60*60*24*3) {
        $format = 'F j';
        if (date("Y") !== date("Y", $time)) {
            $format .= ", Y";
        }
        return date($format, $time);
    }
    if ($d >= 60*60*24) {
        $day = 'Yesterday';
        if (date('l', time() - 60*60*24) !== date('l', $time)) { $day = date('l', $time); }
        return $day . " at " . date('g:ia', $time);
    }
    if ($d >= 60*60*2) { return intval($d / (60*60)) . " hours ago"; }
    if ($d >= 60*60) { return "about an hour ago"; }
    if ($d >= 60*2) { return intval($d / 60) . " minutes ago"; }
    if ($d >= 60) { return "about a minute ago"; }
    if ($d >= 2) { return intval($d) . " seconds ago"; }
    return "a few seconds ago";
}
?>
```

And here's how to call it in the body of your page:

```
<?php echo pretty_relative_date($record['createdDate']); ?>
```

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