

So, you'll want to change that number from 7 to whatever category you want to feature. (Personally, I created a "Featured Articles" category, and use that category's number. In the screenshot above, it's Category ID 7.)

Important: Until you actually have an article in that category, your homepage will say "No Category" in the left column. It will automatically fix itself once you've added content to that category.

Choose you right column articles

In the right column on your homepage, you'll see a series of category headings, and short articles if you've posted any.

Here's how to choose the categories (and article blurbs) that appear in that right column.

1. Open the file called `index.php` in **wp-content > themes > branfordmagazine**

2. In your theme's `index.php`, scroll down to see this code:

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<div id="rightcol">
<?php
// enter the IDs of which categories you want to display
$display_categories = array(3,4,5,6);
```

The numbers **3,4,5,6** are the four categories that are currently featured in that right column. The most recent article from each of them will be featured there.

3. To choose the categories you'd rather have in that column, go into your WordPress control panel and look in **Manage > Categories**.

4. Choose the Category ID numbers that you want on the front page. (In WP 2.5, you'll need to click on the category name to see the ID number at the end of the URL in your browser. See the <http://SitesThatSoar.com/wordpress> website for more WordPress 2.5 notes.)

5. Enter those numbers in place of the **3,4,5,6** numbers.

Important: There are no spaces between the commas and the numbers. Generally, you should never add a space where there wasn't one in the original code.

You can choose fewer categories or more of them.

Tip: Like most of the PHP documents in the Mimbo and Branford Magazine themes, you'll see helpful comments that begin with two lines like this: // Those comments from the author can be very helpful.

6. After you've customized your `index.php` document, upload it via FTP to your theme's folder. The changes should appear immediately.