

Choose your 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 the 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`. (See page 38 for tips.)
4. Choose the Category ID numbers that you want to display on the front page.
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. Put them in any order you like.

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 useful.`

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

(If they don't, try clearing your browser's cache. That's usually the source of any viewing problems.)

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