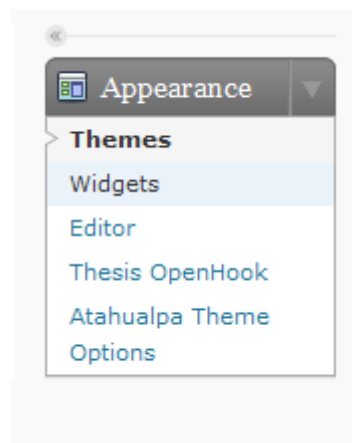


Adding Widgets To Sidebars in Wordpress

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1. In the Wordpress Admin, click on “Appearance” and then on “Widgets”.



This will bring you to the Widgets dialogue.

A screenshot of the WordPress 'Widgets' dialog box. The dialog is split into two main sections: 'Available Widgets' on the left and 'Current Widgets' on the right. The 'Available Widgets' section has a 'Show all widgets' dropdown and a 'Show' button. Below this is a list of widgets, each with a name, an 'Add' button, and a brief description. The 'Current Widgets' section shows 'Left Sidebar' selected and a 'Show' button. It states 'You are using 1 widget in the "Left Sidebar" sidebar.' and 'Add more from the Available Widgets section.' Below this is a 'FacebookConnector' widget with an 'Edit' button and a 'Save Changes' button at the bottom.

Available Widgets

Show all widgets

FacebookConnector	
BFA Recent Comments	Add
BFA Popular Posts	Add
BFA Popular in Cat	Add
BFA Subscribe	Add Subscribe widget for RSS and Email
Search	Add A search form for your blog
Calendar	Add A calendar of your blog's posts
Pages	Add Your blog's WordPress Pages
Archives	Add A monthly archive of your blog's posts
Links	Add Your blogroll
Meta	Add Log in/out, admin, feed and WordPress links
Recent Posts	Add The most recent posts on your blog
Tag Cloud	Add Your most used tags in cloud format

Current Widgets

Left Sidebar

You are using 1 widget in the "Left Sidebar" sidebar.

Add more from the Available Widgets section.

FacebookConnector [Edit](#)

[Save Changes](#)

2. Underneath the “Current Widgets” section select the Sidebar you want to add to or change.

3. Click on the “Show” button.

If there are any widgets currently in that section of the theme they will be shown below. (You can click the “Edit” button beside any widget to change its settings – where available – or remove it from that part of the theme.)

Current Widgets

Left Sidebar

Left Sidebar
Right Sidebar

You are using 1 widget in the "Left Sidebar" sidebar.

Add more from the Available Widgets section.

FacebookConnector [Edit](#)

Save Changes

4. To add a widget simply select the widget from the list of 'Available Widgets' and click on the 'Add' link beside the widget. In this instance we are going to add the 'Text' widget.

Text [Add](#) Arbitrary text or HTML

You will notice the description beside this Widget specifies that you can use either Arbitrary text or HTML.

5. Now underneath 'Current Widgets' you will see the Text Widget. Simply click the Edit button to add the plain text or HTML you want here. (In this example I use HTML.)

When you are finished click on the 'Done' button in the Widget Edit dialogue and then click 'Save Changes' underneath Current Widgets.

Current Widgets

Right Sidebar

You are using 1 widgets in the "Right Sidebar" sidebar.

Add more from the Available Widgets section.

Text

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<P><B>Find me on Twitter!</B>
<A HREF='http://twitter.com
/johnlacey'>@JohnLacey</A></P>
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6. You should now have some custom text in the sidebar you specified.

Don't forget there are all kinds of widgets available to you, so be sure to try them out and experiment to see what works best for you.

Enjoy Wordpress! It's an amazing tool.



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