Sidebars

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So you want a sidebar?

Method 1: PHP file

Let's say every page on the site has the same content going into its sidebar. If so, you would: Create a **sidebar.php** file in your theme directory (so **wp-content/themes/mytheme/sidebar.php**)

sidebar.php

```
$context = [];
$context['widget'] = my_function_to_get_widget();
$context['ad'] = my_function_to_get_an_ad();
Timber::render('sidebar.twig', $context);
```

Use that php file within your main PHP file (home.php, single.php, archive.php, etc):

single.php

```
$context = Timber::context([
    'sidebar' => Timber::get_sidebar('sidebar.php'),
]);

Timber::render('single.twig', $context);
```

In the final twig file make sure you reserve a spot for your sidebar:

single.twig

```
<aside class="sidebar">
	{{ sidebar }}
</aside>
```

Method 2: Twig file

In this example, you would populate your sidebar from your main PHP file (home.php, single.php, archive.php, etc).

Make a Twig file for what your sidebar should be:

views/sidebar-related.twig

```
<h3>Related Stories</h3>

{% for post in related %}
	<h4><a href="{{ post.get_path }}">{{ post.post_title }}</a></h4>
{% endfor %}
```

Send data to it via your main PHP file:

single.php

```
$post = Timber::get_post();
$post_cat = $post->get_terms('category');

$post_cat = $post_cat[0]->ID;

$sidebar_context = [
    'related' => Timber::get_posts([
        'cat' => $post_cat,
    ]),
];

$context = Timber::context([
    'post' => $post,
    'sidebar' => Timber::get_sidebar(
        'sidebar-related.twig',
        $sidebar_context
    ),
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]);

Timber::render('single.twig', $context);
```

In the final twig file, make sure you have spot for your sidebar:

single.twig

```
<aside class="sidebar">
□{{ sidebar }}
</aside>
```

Method 3: Dynamic

This is using WordPress's built-in dynamic_sidebar tools (which, confusingly, are referred to as "Widgets" in the interface). Since sidebar is already used; I used widgets in the code to describe these:

```
$context = [
    'dynamic_sidebar' => Timber::get_widgets('dynamic_sidebar'),
];

Timber::render('sidebar.twig', $context);
```

```
<aside class="my-sidebar">
    {{ dynamic_sidebar }}
</aside>
```

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