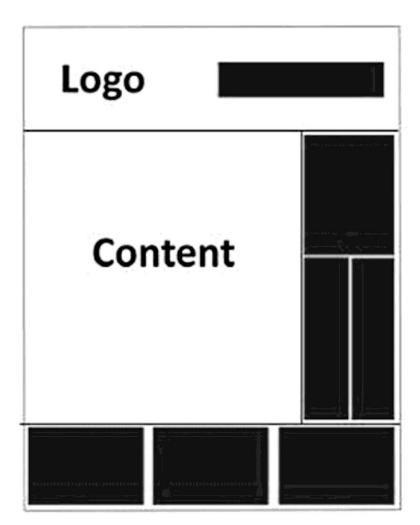
## Widgets

Widgets allow you to insert features into the web pages of your site, without having to hack code. Widgets are typically found in the sidebar of a site, but depending on the theme you are using, you can also insert widgets in the web page footer, header area, and even the main content area.

Here are some example uses of widgets:

- Adding a list of categories to your sidebar.
- Adding a recent posts section to your sidebar.
- Inserting an advert into web page.
- Inserting a menu that links to privacy, terms, disclaimer and contact page in the footer of the site.
- Adding a search box.
- Adding a tag cloud.

When a theme designer creates a new theme, their initial line drawing will map out areas that can accept widgets. It may look something like this:



The black areas are "Widgetized" areas, allowing the user to insert a widget.

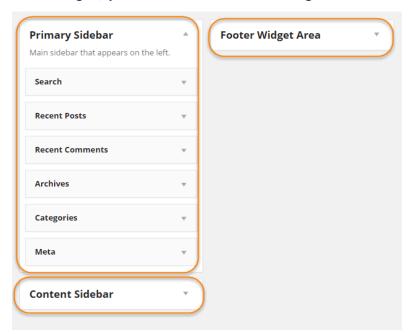
Wordpress comes pre-installed with a number of standard widgets, but many plugins you install will also add to the list of available widgets. Let's look at what Wordpress offer by default.

Login to your Dashboard and go to the Appearance -> Widgets menu.



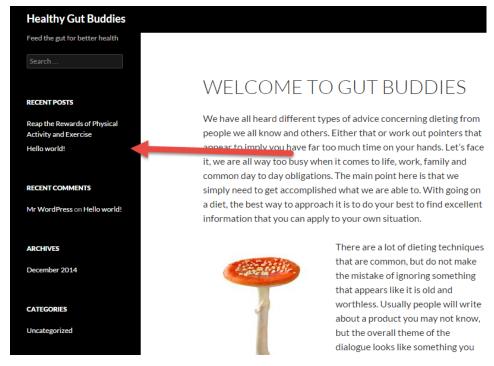
This menu takes you to the widget admin screen, allowing you to add or delete widgets on your site.

On the right, you'll see the available widgetized areas for your current theme:

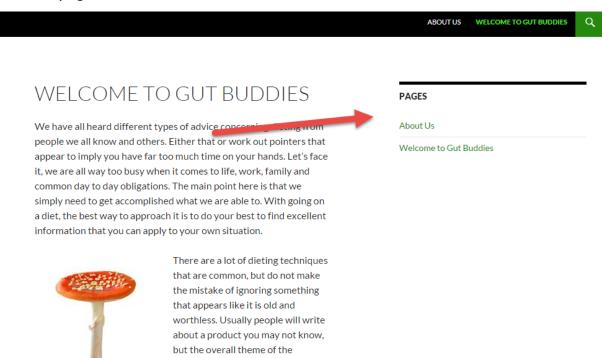


The Twenty Fourteen theme has three widget areas: Primary Sidebar, Content Sidebar and Footer Widget Area.

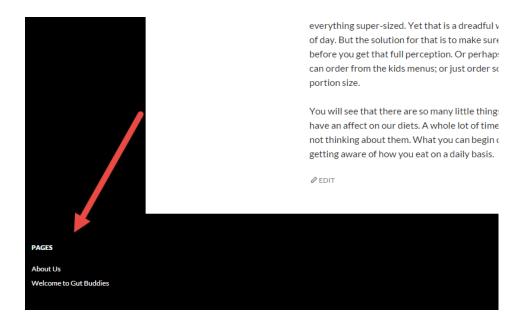
The primary sidebar of this theme is the sidebar on the left:



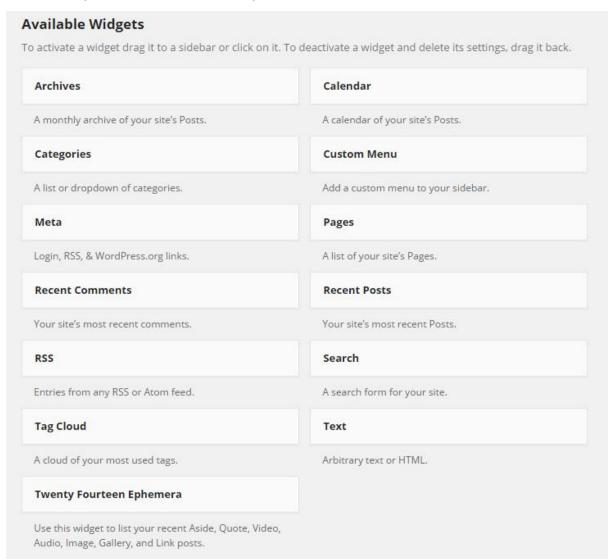
The content sidebar is actually on the right, but you cannot see it until you add a widget to the content sidebar. I've added a widget to my content sidebar that shows a list of pages on the site:



If I move that widget into the Footer Widget Area, you can now see that list of pages in my site footer:



OK, so those are the widget areas of your site. Let's look at the standard widgets that come pre-installed with Wordpress:

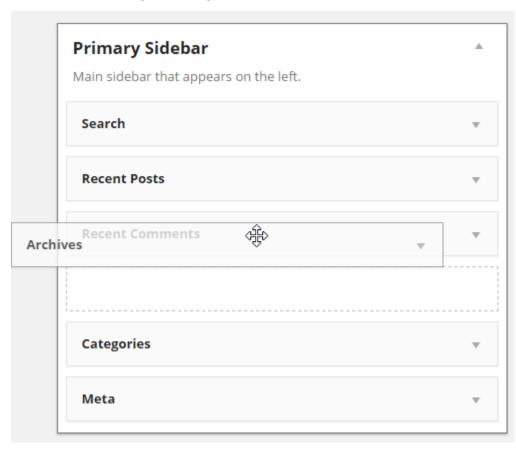


I am not going to go through these, as they are fairly self-explanatory. Besides, you can always add them yourself and see what they do, and remove them just as easily if need be.

## Adding a Widget

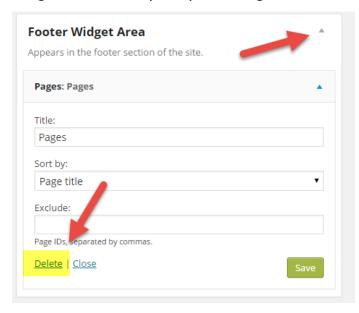
To add a widget, simply click on it and hold your mouse button down. Now drag and drop it into the widget area. The widget will be added where you drop it.

To re-order widgets, you can drag and drop them around the widget area. You can see me re-ordering the widgets here:



## Deleting a Widget

Deleting a widget is easy. Click on the downward pointing arrow to the right of the widget's name to open up the widget:



Now click on the **Delete** link bottom left.

That's a brief introduction to widgets. Have fun and add some widgets to your own site to see what they do. You can always delete them when you have finished.