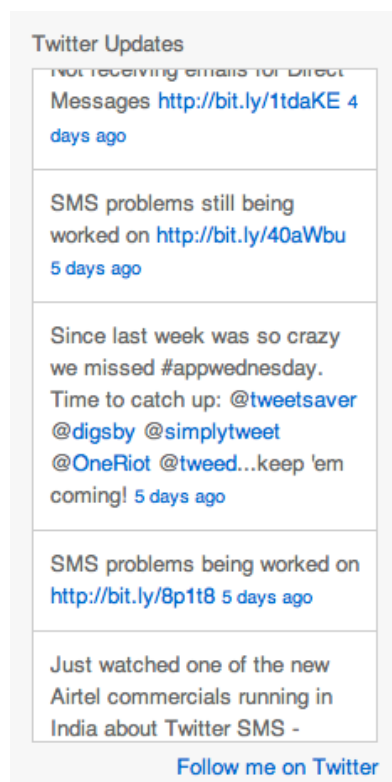


Twitter Slider Stack

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What does this stack do?

This stack is a merger of the news slider stack and HTML twitter stack. The stack is formed of a basic container which lists recent 'tweets'. These tweets are scrolled vertically so visitors to a website are able to view a number of tweets in a relatively small space. This stack can also be used in conjunction with the @import function in PlusKit so you can pull your Twitter slider into other pages or sidebars. The picture below shows the Twitter slider stack being imported into the sidebar of the Media theme:



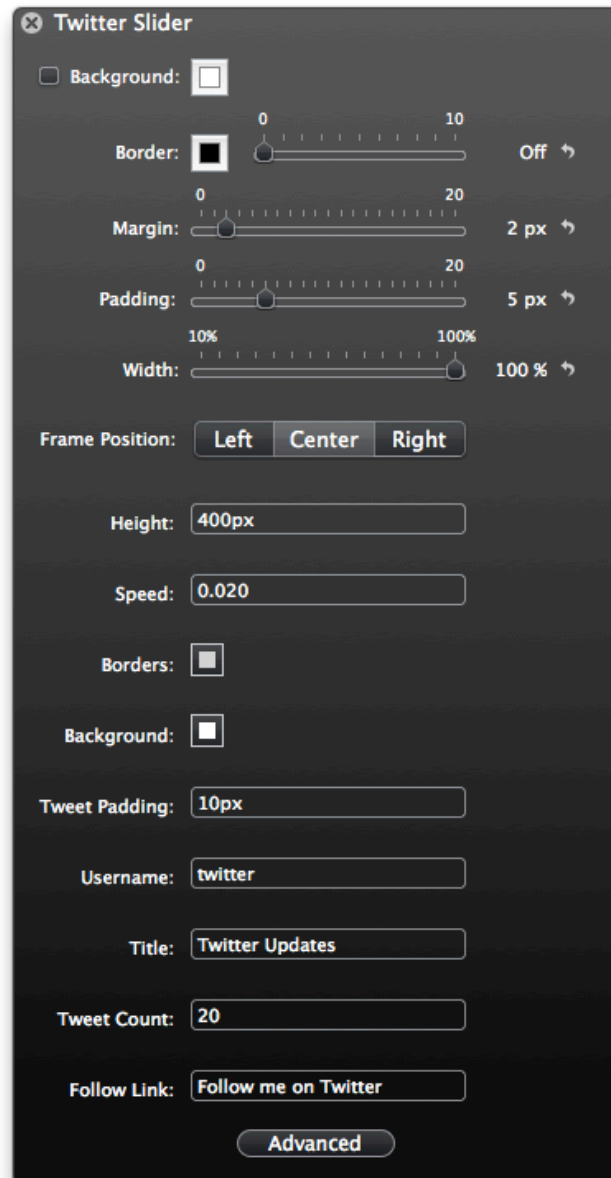
In addition to displaying your Twitter feed, this stack also provides a title above the feed and a useful "Follow me on Twitter" link.

Hovering over the stack pauses the scrolling motion so users can read tweets or click links as normal.

This stack works in most themes which have jQuery built-in. Themes which contain functions such as Extra Content are normally compatible. The borders and background of the Twitter slider stack can be customised to match your theme. Link and text colours are sourced from your theme.

How do I use this stack?

Once you installed the stack, restart RapidWeaver so it becomes available for selection in the stacks library. Drag a Twitter slider stack into your stacks page. Click on the 'i' button to open the stack inspector, pictured below:



Height is specified in pixels (px) and controls the height of your Twitter slider stack. It is important to specify a height so that only part of the Twitter feed can be seen at anyone time. The stack will automatically span horizontally to fill the given space.

Speed enable you to control the speed of your Twitter slider. This can either be increased or decreased depending on your personal preference.

Borders controls the colour of the 1px border around the Twitter slider and the dividing line between each tweet.

Background is the colour setting for each individual tweet. This should not be confused with the background setting at the top of your stack inspector which controls the background fill of the entire stack including title and follow links.

Tweet padding enables you to apply some padding around each tweet. This makes them easier to read. Tweet padding is specified in pixels (px).

Username is the name of the Twitter account you wish to connect with.

Title presents a title above the Twitter slider so visitors to your website can identify what the slider is displaying. This should be kept relatively short.

Tweet count controls the number of tweets displayed in the slider at anyone time. Ideally you should set this figure to at least 10 for best results.

Follow link is the text which forms the follow link at the bottom of the Twitter slider. This is automatically configured based on the username you enter in the inspector.

Important notes:

Ensure your page output is set to 'Tidied' under the RapidWeaver page inspector. This will move the CSS code to the <head> section of your page and give you XHTML strict markup.

This stack will only work in themes with jQuery already built in. If you want to use it with a non-jQuery theme (like a standard RapidWeaver theme) you will need to add jQuery to the theme yourself which can be quite difficult in some themes.

It is recommended you only embed Twitter feeds which you own or have permission to reproduce in your website.

This Twitter slider stack cannot access 'private' Twitter feeds which only certain members may have access to.

Please avoid modifying the selector names in the template.html file. Doing so may break the Twitter slider stack as the code used by Twitter is very particular about which containers it is embedded inside.

It is recommended you only have 1 Twitter feed per page. This will avoid conflicts between scripts.

Questions, comments or suggestions for improvements?

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