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We will describe a general procedure for affinizing monoidal categories. When the original category is braided, its affinization is again a monoidal category. We will discuss examples coming from representation theory, skein theory, and the theory of braids and tangles. (Received August 19, 2020)