
WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter # 27 (December 2009) - World of Xoops (WOX)

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The XOOPS 2.4.2 is out!!! This is probably the best release we ever had! Our BIG "Thank You" to all the people who contributed to this release! It's a team work, and the more of us contribute, the better XOOPS will become!!!

There is already work being done on XOOPS 2.5, and we hope to have a first Alpha release in the next month or two. The 2.5 will be the first XOOPS release focused on PHP5, so don't expect too many new features, since the focus will be more on optimization and refactoring. But there will be some nice surprises 🎁 More about it soon...

This month again we saw again a high number of new XOOPS-based sites, several new themes, as well as some very cool new modules, and some updated.

Check out updated news from around the world - it's always nice to see activities in local XOOPS Websites. Please keep us posted about new developments, so we can keep the worldwide XOOPS community updated!!!

The XOOPS community is definitely a vibrant one, and the traffic on XOOPS site is constantly growing! From June till today, all traffic metrics (number of visitors, pages, hits, etc) at least doubled! A clear sign that XOOPS is gaining momentum and that more and more new users are trying and using XOOPS! 🎁

If you are a happy XOOPS user, let the world know - please blog about XOOPS, share your experiences with others, rate and review us on [SourceForge](#) and other Websites. We need to let the world know about XOOPS!!! 🎁

And if you're not happy with something in XOOPS, please let us know so we can fix it and improve! Better yet - help us fix it and improve it!

Remember - XOOPS is powered by YOU!!!!

01. Donations





If you like the XOOPS system, and would like to give something in return, you can make a donation to the XOOPS Foundation! Simply use the [XOOPS Donation System](#) and use your PayPal account or your Credit Card to donate .

Your donation will be used to promote and advance the use and development of the XOOPS system. The XOOPS Foundation is a registered not-for-profit organization in the USA, dedicated to promote XOOPS! All donators will get the Friend of XOOPS rank here on this website. Thanks to all the Friends of XOOPS for their donations and continued support!

If you wonder what is happening with XOOPS money, please read the [2008 XOOPS Financial Report](#)

This month we would like to acknowledge following donors:

- Ian A. Underwood: \$20
- Benjamin Pearman: \$5
- Anonymous: \$20
- Anonymous: \$0.01

Thank you so much for supporting XOOPS!!!!

02. New XOOPS developments



- [Taiwen Jiang \(phppp\) Named one of 2009 Open Source CMS Most Valued People by Packt Publishing](#)
- [German Support for XOOPS with a new page](#)
- [XOOPS continues with development of Instant-Zero community modules](#)
- [XOOPS Website is going live with XOOPS 2.4.2](#)
- [XOOPS 2.4.1 FINAL Is Released](#)

Current Releases

- [XOOPS 2.4.2 FINAL Is Released](#)
- [Documentation on the API](#)
- [Modules working with XOOPS 2.3.x](#) (Babylon by Xoops)
- [Language Translations of 2.4.x](#)

03. XOOPSers of the Month



Our "**XOOPSer of the Month**" Award is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. Sometimes they do something spectacular, but most of the time they just do something everyday, but by doing it day-in and day-out, they make a BIG DIFFERENCE in life of XOOPS community. And we thank them for that!!!



This month, we would like to recognize **Leonardo Lino** ([Kaotik](#)) from Portugal for his continues work on Tutorials for XOOPS Users, especially his jQuery Tutorial series ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#))

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I'm from Portugal and I live in a small town north of Lisbon.

How long have you been programming?

Since around 2003. My first sites were simple HTML pages linked together and built with FrontPage.

What is your expertise?

I could say PHP since I've been using it for so long, but with the fast pace the web evolves, it can be a challenge to keep up.

What got you into XOOPS?

One of my first clients required a web site where he could update is own content. At the time I thought; "surly there must be a system that can do this". The first one I encountered was php-nuke and I gave

that a try, but it was very "clunky" and not very modular. I then stumbled onto xoops. The ease to create and tailor websites along with it's modules (in those days the xoops was downloaded with modules) was a giant leap forward compared to competing systems.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

If you look at the cutting edge languages, such as Ruby on Rails, they provide a "scaffolding" system onto which you can build a website. XOOPS has had this for many years. This, along with "content separated from design" gives web designers and coders the freedom to create and innovate.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

I like to write tutorials in order to get new people involved with coding xoops modules/core. One thing that I've seen over the years is that, since this is an open source project, coders and designers come and go, so it's important to provide new users, who want to learn, with as much help as possible.

If you could add one feature to XOOPS, what would it be?

2 features:

One- speed. I think xoops is getting a little bloated on file includes and code.

Two- admin themes same as front end. 2.4 allows you to write admin themes, but it's very different from writing them for the front end.

What is your major achievement in programming that you're most proud of?

I'm always proudest of my latest work, however there are two events I remember:

WebmailFX, which was my very first xoops module. It was a simple webmail program I released back in 2004 along with flyingtux. I was very "green" using PHP and I constantly asked questions. The people on xoops forums were incredible with their help.

The other moment was my first xoops tutorial. At the time, if you wanted to learn the basics of a xoops module, you had to open up an existing one and analyze the code. If you weren't familiar with PHP this could prove to be a monumental task. So I decided to write a simple guide. From the feedback I've received, I think I have helped people with this initial step.

Now I like to write tutorials on how to apply new technology to xoops.

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

I'm a coin collector.

You favorite dish and drink?

Pepperoni pizza and beer. I like to keep it simple :)

What about movies and music?

I'm a sci-fi fan so the classical movies like star wars (movie) and lotr (lord of the rings) (book and movie) were great hits with me. There are 3 others that I really liked:

-[Gattaca](#). I remember seeing this and thinking, my god! This could actually happen.

-[Dark city](#). For me this was a prelude to another movie everyone is familiar with: The Matrix.

-[Brazil](#), the 1985 film directed by [Terry Gilliam](#). If you enjoyed the 1927 film metropolis, you are really going to like this one.

If you would have a chance for a 30 seconds commercial with a message to the world, what would you say?

Let's have a little compassion for our fellow human beings. Even small individual gestures can greatly improve our society.

If you could choose a place and time to live, what would it be and why?

I think we currently live in an exciting time. I've seen the Berlin wall fall, computers become a commodity, old borders become landmarks, as is the case of the European union and mankind becoming globally linked through something called the Internet. Of course all this comes at a price our generation has still to fix; vast amounts of waste and the dilapidation of our natural resources. But I think we all can work together to reverse this trend. If not for ourselves, then for our children.

Who is the person that you would like to meet and why?

Leonardo da Vinci. An inventor, astronomer and visionary. You could think of him as the first sci-fi author.

04. XOOPS Innovation Award



Our **XOOPS Innovation Award** is given to people who create something very unique and very innovative for XOOPS! We are clear that XOOPS can only succeed, when we push the limits of our creativity, imagination, and innovation to "infinity and beyond" 🏆. And therefore we would like to recognize people who create this "WOW!" effect, when we see what they've done. The XOOPS Innovation Award is not a monthly award, i.e. theoretically, there might be a month where we won't give one, but we certainly hope that this will never happen 😊



This month the Innovation Award goes to **Dyliau Melgert** ([Dyliau](#)) from Netherlands for his innovative work on [xoBile \(XOOPS Mobile\)](#). Dyliau, who is 15 years old, is the youngest ever recipient of XOOPS Innovation Award!!!!

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I'm from The Netherlands, and I'm currently living in Limburg with my parents.

How long have you been programming?

I started programming in when was 10 years old in the [Autolt scripting language](#), I first started coding in PHP when I was about 12 years old.

What is your expertise?

Creating web-application with (X)HTML and PHP.

What got you to XOOPS?

I started with creating a simple HTML website with MS Frontpage... (OK, shoot me 🤖). However, since I wanted to have my own community website I started to look for alternatives. Since My Dad already had a XOOPS website for a while at that time, he introduced me to XOOPS.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

That it's so easy to extend XOOPS. Making your own modules, some simple hacking was a challenge for me and so I began to make some simple little modules by my own.

Why did you decide to work on the xoBile module? What was the main objective?

I wanted my website to be accessible by mobile phones, so i first used the XOOPS WAP hack by blitzengineers.

But I needed some more functions for it and I had lots of free time so I added them myself.

What else do you plan, if anything, for the xoBile in the future?

A custom configuration for each plugin.

If you could add one feature to XOOPS, what would it be?

That you could set Access and Admin permissions when on the installation of a module, and preloads for themes.

What is your major achievement in programming that you're most proud of?

The website I've made for my niece. Running on my own rather simple Content Management System. Getting familiar with PHP and start using it from scratch by making my own modules like: xoopsradio, ... and helping my dad with some nice hacks for his website.

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

Playing Kingdom Hearts, swimming and biking/mountainbiking.

You favorite dish and drink?

My favorite dish is lasagna and my favorite drink is Coca-Cola.

What about movies and music?

I mostly watch fantasy and horror movies and i mostly listen to pure trance music

If you would have a chance for a 30 seconds commercial with a message to the world, what would you say?

Everyone - use XOOPS! 🎁

If you could choose a place and time to live, what would it be and why?

Somewhere far away in the middle of a forest. (But there must be internet 🎁)

05. New/Updated Modules



- [xoBile \(XOOPS Mobile\) \[v1.1 RTU\]](#)
- [Trabis updates modules for XOOPS 2.4.x](#)
- [debaser 3.04 Half Finished released!](#)
- [XOOPS continues with development of Instant-Zero community modules](#)
- [XOOPS eNewsletter \(beta\)](#)
- [TDMDownloads 1.1](#)

06. New Hacks





- [Language problem with comments](#)
- [Revolution Xoops Banner System!](#)

07. Security Issues/Alerts



- none this month

08. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS



- [Hercegovina24: Croatian WebPortal with Xoops 2.4.1](#)
- [Japanese Entertainment Site](#)
- [A movie site updated, new style!](#)
- [G.E.M fans Site with XOOPS 2.3.3](#)
- [Thailand Xoops 2.4.1 www.Zengclub.com](#)

- [Environmental education for kids \(http://pikaiprijatelj.com\)](http://pikaiprijatelj.com)
- [www.NonSoloGuide.altervista.org with Xoops 2.4.1](http://www.NonSoloGuide.altervista.org)
- [Online Shop with XOOPS-2.3.3](#)
- [Speedtest Blog with XOOPS 2.4.0](#)

09. Tutorials/Add-ons



- [Tutorial jquery: \\$.change, \\$.val and \\$.css](#)
- [jquery Tutorial: Passing php arrays through JSON](#)
- [jquery Tutorial: Passing php arrays to javascript arrays](#)

10. New/Updated Themes



- [FREE XOOPS Theme Sd-057-Violetta](#)
- [One more XOOPS theme in a collection ixt023](#)
- [New XOOPS Theme in ixt023 collection](#)
- [FREE XOOPS Theme ixt02301](#)
- [FREE Xoops Theme Sd-056-Green-Autumn](#)
- [Free XOOPS Theme Sd-054-Green-Dreams](#)
- [Inspire 2.0 Released](#)
- ["A little more electric warmth" Theme](#)
- [maitscportal a new free xoops theme](#)

- ["Snow mountain tops" theme for XOOPS](#)
- [FREE new XOOPS Theme Sd-056-Autumn](#)

11. New Translations



- [Arabic](#) for for 2.4.0
- [Persian](#) for for 2.4.0
- [Bulgarian](#) for 2.4.0
- [French](#) for 2.4.0
- [Danish](#) for 2.4.0
- [German](#) for 2.4.0
- Polish for 2.4.1
- [Russian](#) for 2.4.0
- [Turkish](#) for 2.4.0
- [Spanish](#) for 2.4.0
- [Portuguese Brasil](#) for 2.4.0

We are still looking for more translations!!! Can you help? [See the list here](#)

12. News from around the World

