

News 1.3.1 RC1 - Modules

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- New indexes in the topics table
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How to get the module

Simply go to its homepage :

http://dev.xoops.org/modules/xfmod/project/showfiles.php?group_id=1008&release_id=60

Upgrade

Launch the folowing script :

<http://www.example.com/modules/news/admin/upgrade.php>

More

At the module's homepage, you will find another archive called *backend.php and pda.php.zip*

This file contains a modified version of the file backend.php and pda.php, copy them at the root of your Xoops website.

They are some corrected version of the original files provided with Xoops, they will respect the rights.

See it in action

You can [see the module in action on this website](#)

Have a look to the page's source code to see the automatic generation of keywords.

Changelog

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- > The complete error message was not showed when there was an error during file's uploading
- > The module needed php 4.2 (with the Php functions array_fill() and flotval()) to runs now it respect Xoops's requirements so you can run it with Php 4.1
- > I have changed some includes to use absolute paths even when the included file is in the current directory (problem int the module's admin on the french ISP called "Free")
- > There was a bug when you was selecting kiovi as your editor
- > A bug in the classical spotlight has been corrected following GlaDiaC's report (thank you)
- > In the module's admin part, the new submissions was not sorted
- > There was a bug with the option "Enable authors to edit their post"
- > GIJOE's ticket class has been removed (it was causing too mutch problems and the next Xoops version has its own protection's system)
- > A minor bug in the comments links has been corrected (thank you bosco)
- > Under some circumstances, the submitted articles was owned by the "anonymous" user.
- > The topics description was not properly showing html codes
- > The publish date and the expiration's date was not saved when yu was previewing a news ebfore to submit it (thanks King)

Additions/Changes :

- > I have added, in the module's admin part, the same system that you can find in some modules (like smartfaq) to collapse some parts of the screen
- > The page used to set permissions was changed. I have used the same system that you can see in the formulize module, in fact you can only set one type of permissions at a time.
- > \$HTTP_POST_FILES was changed to \$_FILES (thank you eric_juden)
- > I have added two indexes on the 'topics' table, 'topic_title' and 'menu', you can launch the upgrade script to modify your database
- > The fields keywords and description, of the 'stories' table are now used in the module's search
- > The number of sql queries used everywhere in the module was *greatly* reduced
- > In the recent news and top news blocks, you can now use the folowing smarty variables to see your topic's description and picture

Still in those blocks, the "read more" link is not anymore visible if there's nothing more to see/read.

> If you have NOT selected to enter the meta description and keywords or if you have selected to enter them but did not made it for the current article

then the module will generate them automatically (like smartsection but with my own "engine" 😊).

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