XOOPS 4 "XooSphere" Development Roadmap published - Developer News

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So we first tried to design a global architecture that could be able to integrate all the required components we could already imagine. The objective here was not to list all these components or to detail their individual implementation, but to give an overall unrestrictive structure to our future system mainly describing how its composing parts will relate to each others, giving a precise place to each of them.

Once its first layers implemented, starting from the lowest ones, this global architecture will be enhanced, detailed, grow to include new classes and frameworks until we reach our final objective: have a platform that will allow us to run and maintain all the xoops.org web sites as we would like them to be (while they are actually too much built around XOOPS and its limitations).

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