

News 1.4, updated version - Modules

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This version corrects several bugs.
You can use it on a production website.

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

How to upgrade

Copy the files to your website and upgrade the module in the modules manager.

If you had a version 1.1, you must also launch this script :

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

replace *example.com* with your website's name.

Important notes

1) If you had problem with the previous version, and especially a message like this one :
Smarty error: unable to read resource: "db:xxx.html" in file class/smarty/Smarty.class.php line 1084

Then you must update to this new version.

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to have two blocks using the same html template file.

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for the "recent news" block and the "top news" block. Unfortunately, this modification cause
problems with Xoops 2.0.x

I have spent some time to search why but did not find any solution... ???

Xoops 2.2 users will not have two different blocks "top news" and "recent news" but just one.

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Those problems are related to Xoops **2.2.x**.

For example when you edit an article you did not wrote, the author's name will not be visible in
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list of authors.

To conclude, you can use the News module with Xoops 2.2.x **but** you will have problems

Changelog

- > I have added the code recommended in Xoops 2.0.13.1 for security reasons
- > Some templates were corrected to be a little more (but not completely) w3c compliant
- > It was possible to download files joined to an article for which you did not have the necessary permissions
- > It was possible to edit articles from other authors
- > The news counter is not updated anymore when its author is reading the article or when you are in the Admin's group or a module's admin
- > You could have a broken image when the "recent news block" was used (thanks to jegelstaff)
- > A typo was corrected in the block used to moderate news ("letf" instead of "left")
- > News that was not approved were not deleted when you were deleting its topic
- > I have added rel="nofollow" to the link to email the article to a friend
- > There was a bug in the "prune manager" when you were selecting to use only expired articles (thanks to alain01)
- > The number of meta keywords automatically created by the News module is now limited to 20 keywords (thanks to tl for the remark)
If you want to change this limit, edit the file /xoops/modules/news/include/functions.php and find this line :
`$tmp=array_slice($tmp,0,20);` // If you want to change the limit of keywords, change this number from 20 to what you want
- > You can import your articles from AMS 2.41.
To do it, launch <http://www.example.com/modules/news/admin/amsimport.php>
You must be a module's administrator to launch this script.
The script imports topics, articles, files, links, ratings, comments and notifications from Ams WITHOUT removing *anything* from it.
The only thing you have to do is to recreate the permissions.
WARNING, Once you have imported your articles from Ams, if you delete a news in the News module and if this article has some attached files, they will be also deleted in Ams !
You can launch this script as many times as you want but this will create as many news and topics as you launch the script
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