How to have sizeable text areas in Xoops 2.0 and Xoops 2.2 - XOOPS

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What is it ?
Have yo ever find the text areas available in Xoops too small (or too large 😃) ?
With this modification of Xoops (also called *hack*), you will be able to resize
all the text areas available in Xoops. You can make then higher, larger and even smaller !

For a better understanding, see this animated picture.
This is very useful when you are writing a long article or a long post in a forum and when you want to have a global view of your text.

This modification was applied to the simple text areas, like the one you can find in your website's preferences and in the dhtml text areas used, for example, in the comments.

The original idea come from FUDforums, an excellent Open Source forum.
To run, this hack requires that javascript is enable.

Tests
I have successfully tested this modification with the News module (1.4x) and with all the text areas avaiblable in Xoops like for example the main preferences or the comments.
I have also successfully used the following browsers with the hack :
Mozilla 1.7.12, Internet Explorer 6, Opera 8.5, Firefox 1.0.7, Netscape 8.0.3.3, Konqueror

There are two versions of this hack, one for the **Xoops 2.0** series and one for the **Xoops 2.2** series.
You will find the links to download the hacks at the end of this article.
The hacks were made with Xoops 2.0.13.2 and Xoops 2.2.3

All you have to do is to download the files and to send them to your website.

If you have problems with this hack
It's possible that this hack does not runs with your website (because of the theme and the style sheet).
Quickly (for experts), in all the cases (Xoops 2.0 or 2.2), find the style sheets files used by Xoops
and modify the *textarea*'s style by replacing *width* with ***min-width***

In details :

For **Xoops 2.0.x** and for the admin's part of your website, edit the file called
/xoops/modules/system/style.css and find a line wich begins (or contains) *textarea*
then, in this line, search for *width:* and replace it with **min**-*width*
Here is an example.
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For **Xoops 2.0.x** and for the user side of your website, in your theme's directory edit all
the css files and use the same process as above (find *texarea* and *width* and replace
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