

Introducing the Mastop Publish - Modules

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Main Resources of the Module:

- Visual Editor (TinyMCE)

Allows you to create the pages in an easy and simple way without having any HTML knowledge or complex coding. You can customize the editor (or even deactivate it) using the module's preferences, you can define the default language, which plugins you want to use, the buttons exhibition sequence, the date format, GZip compression (so that the editor loads faster), among many other configurations.

- Integration with Xoops Image Library

In the visual editor, the button used to insert images is totally integrated with XOOPS image library so that you can manage categories, send an image from your computer directly to xoops library and insert it into the content.

- File Manager

Allow you to upload any type of files from you computer to Mastop Publish (the allowed extensions and the maximum limit for upload are setup via the preferences section of the module). Its integration with the visual editor is made via the "insert link", that allows you to navigate through the sent files and allows you to upload a new file when linking it to the selected text.

- Media Manager

Similar to the file editor it allows you to send files in the following formats SWF (Flash), WMV (Windows Media), MOV (QuickTime), DCR (ShockWave) and RM (Real Media). It is also integrated to the visual editor, via the "insert media" button.

- YouTube Plugin

Besides the Media manager, the editor includes a plugin to make it easier to insert YouTube videos into the create content, having only to type in the film ID (defined by YouTube) and it's dimensions.

- ExclusivePlugin for Keywords for Dynamic Content

Through this plugin you can insert several types of "variables" that will be transformed when sending the content. With this plugin you can insert a banner automatically (integrated with the banner system from Xoops), the site's name, its slogan, user's name, login, email, site and its posting count. This plugin is very useful to create pages that will adapt themselves according to what a user is seeing (e.g.: you can create a customized contract so that users print it).

- Plugin to use the visual editor for the entire site

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- Exclusive Administration Area

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