

PN -> XOOPS Conversion Template - Hacks

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set things up properly. **Please don't ask me for support via email, use the forums and all of us (XOOPS community) will try to help you out. Remember, use this tool on a development box, not a production box.** Once you have your local XOOPS site up and running, just reverse the db and xoops directory backup procedures and restore them to your live site remembering to set any cache permissions and things should work fine. If they don't, you still have a PN install in tact.

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