

Updates on the XOOPS Project as of December 2007 - XOOPS

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been restored, including some user accounts and their posts which were removed by some hacks in the past weeks. However dev.xoops.org contents are not able to restore due to lack of adequate backups. The development wiki will be moved to <http://www.xoops.org> wiki manually.

4) What's Next?

- (1) Continuation of the community driven management structural proposals.
- (2) Continuing and formulating the sites redesigning, led by the XOOPS Theme Design Team.
- (3) Clarifying XOOPS documentation by combining xoops.org documents with the existing community docs and wiki sites. This will be continued and maintained by the documentation team and communities support.
- (4) Improved XOOPS repositories by combining the existing xoops.org repositories (core, module and theme) with the module dev.xoops.org and the Sourceforge repository. A repository team will maintain this centralized repository to provide XOOPS with an organized and up to date resource. A new repository module will be developed to help with better module information synchronization.
The current module development site needs maintenance and will need fixing. A development guide team will take responsibility of rebuilding dev.xoops.org, with the team members consisting of core development, third party module developers, theme designers and contributors.
- (5) The release of XOOPS 2.0.18 will be mainly for security fixes.

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