

## Release of XOOPS 2.3 RC3 - XOOPS

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System requirements ----- PHP: Any PHP version >= 4.3 (PHP 4.2.x may work but is not officially supported, PHP 5.0+ is strongly recommended) MySQL: MySQL server 3.23+ (MySQL 5.0+ is strongly recommended) Web server: Any server supporting the required PHP version (Apache highly recommended)

Downloading XOOPS 2.3 RC3 ----- Your can get this release package from the sourceforge.net file repository. Both .zip and .gz archives are provided. Installing

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