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## WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter # 17 (February 2009) - World of Xoops (WOX)

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### W.O.X. - WORLD OF XOOPS #17 (February 2009)

Welcome to the second issue of **WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter** in 2009  (see here [previous versions](#))

We hope, everybody came back from Christmas, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year's Eve vacations relaxed and energized!!! 

As first thing in this newsletter we wanted to express our gratitude to all of [who have donated money to XOOPS Foundation!](#) We very much appreciate it, as it helps us to pay for the server and other expenses. BTW - our 2008 Financial Report will be published in the next couple of weeks.

Other highlights of the month:

- XOOPS Innovation Award - for people who create something very unique and innovative for XOOPS. This time the award goes to **Laurent JEN (DuGris)** from [XOOPS France](#) for his work on XOOPS Installer to be featured in XOOPS 2.3.3!!
- XOOPSer of the Month Award: is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. This month, the [XOOPS community](#) recognized **Michael Beck (Mamba)**, the Webmaster of [www.xoops.org](http://www.xoops.org) for his work on the Website and for keeping the WOX Newsletter coming.
- New section on [Translations](#)
- [Design Contest for XOOPS Giftshop](#)
- Good Press about XOOPS, e.g. [in CMSWire about XOOPS](#)
- Work continues on XOOPS 2.3.3, and we hope to have it soon available for testing.

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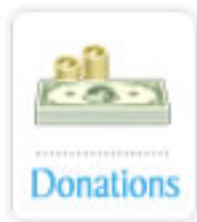
January was relatively slow, as many people were on vacation! But we still got some very nice themes from our regular wonderful Theme Designers: Mr. Reda, Mariane, Sinnedesign and Bleekk, as well as from Saboum! Also new Translations in Urdu, Galician, Bosnian, Arabic, and upcoming Croatian, and few module updates.

All of this help XOOPS to move forward, so we always appreciate your contributions!!! Thank you!!!

Check out also updated news from around the world - it's always nice to see activities in local XOOPS Websites. Please keep us posted about new developments, so we can keep the worldwide XOOPS community updated!!!

Remember - XOOPS is powered by YOU!!!!

## 01. Donations



If you like the XOOPS system, and would like to give something in return, you can make a donation to the XOOPS Foundation! Simply use the PayPal payment system to transfer your donation to the Foundation account.

Your donation will be used to promote and advance the use and development of the XOOPS system. The XOOPS Foundation is a registered not-for-profit organization in the USA, dedicated to promote XOOPS! All donators will get the Friend of XOOPS rank here on this website. Thanks to all the Friends of XOOPS for their donations and continued support!

This month we would like to acknowledge following donors:

- Robert R. Dudley (\$15)
- Clyde Barnett (\$10)
- Anonymous (\$15)

- Competition Management Services, Inc (\$25)
- Tunç Yavuk (\$15)
- Anonymous (\$15)
- Chronolabs (\$15)
- Michael Beck (\$5)

Thank you so much for supporting XOOPS!!!!

## 02. New XOOPS developments



- [Design Contest for XOOPS Giftshop](#)
- [Great Article in CMSWire about XOOPS](#)
- [XOOPS mentioned as one of three CMS projects for 2009](#)
- [Simple-XOOPS to join forces with XOOPS](#)
- [XOOPS China Wins OSSContest Award](#)
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- [Modules working with XOOPS 2.3](#)
- [Language Translations of 2.3.x](#)

Current Releases

- [XOOPS 2.3.2b - Security Release](#)
- [XOOPS goes PHP5](#)
- [Documentation on the API of the Xoops modules](#)

## 03. XOOPSers of the Month



Our "**XOOPSer of the Month**" Award is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. Sometimes they do something spectacular, but most of the time they just do something everyday, but by doing it day-in and day-out, they make a BIG DIFFERENCE in life of XOOPS community. And we thank them for that!!!



This month, the [XOOPS community](#) recognized **Michael Beck (Mamba)**, the Webmaster of [www.xoops.org](http://www.xoops.org) for his work on the Website and for keeping the WOX Newsletter coming. Many of the answers in this interview below are the same as in a [2003 interview for Project JEDI](#), since not that much has changed 🏆

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I live currently in Cincinnati, Ohio (USA), but I grew up in old good Europe 😊 (I lived in Poland, Austria, UK, Germany, and France).

How long have you been programming?

With breaks in between - for almost 15 years.

What is your expertise?

Mainly [Delphi](#). It was also my first exposure to Open Source (before it was even called "Open Source" 😊). At that time we just wanted to develop a library of free Delphi components that everybody could use. I'm trying to get better in PHP.

What got you to XOOPS?

I was developing a Website for friends, and somebody from the Project JEDI designed a Website for Project JEDI using XOOPS. After overcoming some first "learning hurdles" I really liked the system architecture, its modularity, and its community. I believed that XOOPS has so much potential! And yes, the website for my friends was designed using XOOPS 🏆

I was lurking here for several years, but end of 2007 I've decided to get more involved to help DJ (phppp) to get XOOPS back on track. I got a little bit experience with Open Source based on my work on Project JEDI, and was always very impressed with DJ and his work (a man of few words, but who delivers

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tons of great code), so I've decided to get my hands dirty 😊

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

As I said, the system architecture, its modularity, and its community. It's a fantastic piece of software, as everybody can find a module for almost anything, and use XOOPS right away. I was also able to make here a lot of friends from around the world - it's the same what made me so involved in Project JEDI. The opportunity to work with so many different people from all over the world, from different time zones and with different languages - all with the same goal: to make XOOPS the best CSM program in the world- it's an awesome feeling!!! It makes world look so small! And the beauty is that we don't care from what political system are you coming, where you live, and what language you speak - the only desire is to make XOOPS better!

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

I'm now maintaining mainly our XOOPS site [www.xoops.org](http://www.xoops.org), and when time permits, trying to help with documentation and testing, as well as marketing and PR for XOOPS.

What you you major achievement in programming that you're most proud of?

Definitely the [JEDI VCL](#) - a library of free component for Delphi. We had a great team of people, and we put together over 600 components into a one library, that is now used by many Delphi developers around the world. But I hope that in a year I'll say that it's XOOPS, once we take over the world as a best CMS 🏆

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

It used to be a lot of Taekwondo (I have a Black Belt and two US Taekwondo Championships in open sparring). Nowadays, it's a lot of Salsa dancing 🏆 Scuba diving and skiing are also on my list of favorite sport activities.

You favorite dish and drink?

I like Asian food (mostly Thai and Chinese), and to drink Lasse (Indian yogurt drink)

What about movies and music?

There are two movies I really like - "English Patient" by Anthony Minghella and "Red" by Krzysztof Kieslowski.

Reg. music, my taste changed over time. I've been through a Led Zeppelin, Genesis, Yes, and Pink Floyd phase, Jazz Fusion phase (with Chick Corea and Miles Davis), then through Soul and R&B phase, and

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now I am back to Jazz (incl. Smooth and Brazilian Jazz) - John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Stan Getz/Jobim, Sade, Diana Krall, Chris Botti, Anna Maria Jopek. And of course, a lot of Salsa music, my favorite dance music!

If you were given 30 seconds of free television air time, to be broadcast all throughout the earth, and could say anything you wanted, what would it be?

To take better care of our environment - because that's what our children/grandchildren will be living in, and if we really love them then we should feel responsible for what legacy we'll be leaving to them. Interestingly, the same logic applies here as in programming - cost of clean-up is much higher than cost of prevention.

If you could choose a place and time to live, what would it be and why?

Probably in the Renaissance Italy, because of the beauty of art, and logic of science, both merged into one cultural experience.

Who is the person that you would like to meet and why?

I always wanted to meet President Clinton, who I consider one of the best US Presidents. Few years ago I finally met him, and it was definitely something to remember.



This year USA elected President Obama who has a real chance to be even better one. I was also lucky to meet him last year, so for the time being, I am done 🏛️

## 04. XOOPS Innovation Award



Our **XOOPS Innovation Award** is given to people who create something very unique and very innovative for XOOPS! We are clear that XOOPS can only succeed, when we push the limits of our creativity, imagination, and innovation to "infinity and beyond" 🏆. And therefore we would like to recognize people who create this "WOW!" effect, when we see what they've done. The XOOPS Innovation Award is not a monthly award, i.e. theoretically, there might be a month where we won't give one, but we certainly hope that this will never happen 😊



This month the award goes to **Laurent JEN (DuGris)** from [XOOPS France](#) for his work on XOOPS Installer to be featured in XOOPS 2.3.3!! It's a great and innovative piece of software, and we very much appreciate Laurent's contribution!!!

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I come from France, I live near Paris in Seine-Saint-Denis  
([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seine\\_Saint\\_Denis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seine_Saint_Denis))

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How long have you been programming?

For the last 15 years, starting with object oriented SGBDR, currently mainly in PHP/MySQL

What is your expertise?

Consulting in intranet and web solution

What got you to XOOPS?

In 2004, to create a website community

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

That it's Open Source, this corresponds to the xoops slogan "powered by you", but also its modularity, ...

Why did you decide to develop the XOOPS Installer?

Skalpa started working on an installer, but it had never been used, so I decided to adapt to the needs expressed by the French team ([www.frxoops.org](http://www.frxoops.org))

What is your major achievement in programming that you're most proud of?

For XOOPS, the class security image, and today this class is even more relevant, because the functions of creating images used in the Captcha class of XOOPS are based on my work

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

I like to read, listen to music, but I try to give as much time as possible to my family. I am also engaged in politics and charity

You favorite dish and drink?

I am French, and you know the reputation of our cooking and our wines 😊 but I am also very amateur of beer, whisky

If you would have a chance for a 30 seconds commercial with a message to the world, what would you say?

Stop the war, poverty and misery in the world and think about how to preserve our planet



If you could choose a place and time to live, what would it be and why?

everywhere in the world where you can find women and men of goodwill

Who is the person that you would like to meet and why?

I have no name in particular to give you, but mainly those who fight for peace in the world and for human rights

## 05. New/Updated Modules



- [Mp Manager 2.7](#)
- [Match Module \(to be used in conjunction with the profile module in ver 2.30\)](#)
- [Olédrión 2.1, the e-Commerce module for Xoops by Instant Zero](#)
- [VideoTube v1.84 Now Available From CVD](#)

## 06. New Hacks



- No hacks this month

## 07. Security Issues/Alerts



- [Vulnerability in Protector if placed in DocumentRoot](#)

## 07. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS



- [World of Longplays](#)
- [Kimokea Krav Maga, Belgium on Xoops](#)
- [Very Important People on a Very Important Planet - SagaPlanet](#)
- [Shanghai DeShan Upholster Company](#)
- [FreelancerSupport.com](#)

## 08. Tutorials/Add-ons





- None this month

## 09. New/Updated Themes



- [SimpleRed Theme](#)
- [Thème Xoops City](#)
- [Education Theme](#)
- [Free Xoops Theme Sinnedesign-009-Green](#)
- [I'amFree! Theme](#)
- [Free Xoops Theme Sinnedesign-001-blue](#)
- [neon\\_blue theme by xoops-theme.com](#)
- [Free Xoops Theme Sinnedesign-008-blue](#)
- [Free Theme for Xoops](#)
- [bublu studio theme](#)

## 10. New Translations



- [Galician translation for XOOPS 2.3 is ready](#)
- [German](#)
- [Bosnian](#) (News Module)
- [Danish/](#)
- [Urdu/](#)
- [Arabic: news\\_1.63\\_arabic.zip](#)
- [I'm finishing croatian translation](#)

We are still looking for more translations!!! Can you help? [See the list here](#)

## 11. News from around the World



-  [Arabic Support](#)  
[-Dictionary 1.13 fix](#)
-  [Francophone Support](#)  
New French sites:
  - [@ideOrdi fait peau neuve](#)
  - [Relooking du site Netutil.org](#)
  - [Bonjour Dubaï: Portail des Francophones de Dubaï et des UAE](#)
  - [Relooking du site Xmouse.org](#)
  - [Pub en Folie](#)
-  [German Support](#)  
[Neues Profil-Modul live](#)
-  [Nordic Support](#)  
[På TV Lige Nu!](#)  
[Svensk TV Guide](#)  
[Norsk TV Program](#)

## 12. Local supports





[Arabic Support](#)



[Brazilian Support](#)



[Brazilian Support \(Paraná\)](#)



[Chinese Simple Support](#)



[Chinese Traditional Support](#)



[Croatian Support](#)



[Czech Support](#)



[Danish Support](#)



[Dutch Support](#)



[Francophone Support](#)



[German Support](#)



[Greek Support](#)



[Hungarian Support](#)



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[Israel Support](#)



[Italian Support](#)



[Korean Support](#)



[Mexican Support](#)



[Norwegian Support](#)



[Nordic Support](#)



[Persian \(Farsi\) Support](#)



[Polish Support](#)



[Russian Support](#)



[Russian 2 Support](#)



[Spanish Support](#)



[Turkish Support](#)



[Turkish Support 2](#)



[Vietnamese Support](#)

## 13. How to contribute



- Bug report: [http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group\\_id=41586&atid=430840](http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430840)
- Patch and enhancement: [http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group\\_id=41586&atid=430842](http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430842)
- Feature requests: [http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group\\_id=41586&atid=430843](http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430843)
- Release announcement: <https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/xoops-announcement>