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

As first thing in this newsletter we wanted to express our gratitude to all of [who have donated money to XOOPS Foundation!](#) The response was wonderful, and we truly appreciate your trust and support! As promised, our [2008 Financial Report](#) has been published, so you can see what is our financial situation, and what we are spending our money on.

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 **Alain Breuer (Lord_Venom)** from [XOOPS France](#) for his work on [Mp Manager 2.7](#) and for the second time to **Simon Roberts (Wishcraft)**, this time for his work on [Multixoops](#) and [X-Invites 1.06](#)
- 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, we would like to recognize **Crip Moorey (Sailjapan)** for his help in moderation of XOOPS forums and support of XOOPS users.
- [XOOPS 2.3.3rc](#) has been released for testing.
- More [Translations](#) are available

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In February we picked some momentum, as we've released [XOOPS 2.3.3RC](#). Our wonderful Theme Designers: Mr. Reda, Mariane, Sinnedesign, Voltan, and Bleekk, created several very nice themes, with Sinnedesign being the most active this month! Also, Mariane created her very [first module](#), and we would like to congratulate her on this!

We were also very happy to see so quickly so many updated [Translations for XOOPS 2.3.3RC](#). 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 [XOOPS Donation System](#) and use your PayPal account or your Credit Card to donate .

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!

If you wonder what is happening with XOOPS money, please read the [2008 XOOPS Financial Report](#)

This month we would like to acknowledge following donors:

- Anonymous from France: \$15
- Hans Jonkhof (flipse): \$25
- Ian A. Underwood (iunderwood): \$15
- Michael Hokamp (studioC): \$15
- Danordesign: \$15 (that's Rune and Anders from XOOPS Nordic)
- Ralph F Rohrer, Jr. (TCNet): \$25
- Crispin Moorey (Sailjapan): \$20
- Recorded Amiga Games (hipoonios): \$15
- Robert Kraske: \$40
- Samuel Reese: \$15

- Catscity: \$15
- Virginia Web Resources, LLC: \$50
- Tri Eagle bv: \$100

Thank you so much for supporting XOOPS!!!!

02. New XOOPS developments



- [XOOPS 2.3.3 RC Is Released - Please help us with testing](#)
- [2008 XOOPS Financial Report.](#)
- [XOOPS Mentioned in Danwei Web publication](#)

- [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](#)

Others:

- [Change the Web Challenge!](#)

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 we would like to recognize **Crip Moorey** ([Sailjapan](#)) for his work as a moderator of XOOPS forums, and his continues support of XOOPS users.

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

I'm from the UK originally, but have been living in Japan for more than 20 years now.

How long have you been programming?

I wouldn't call what I do "Programming" more like copy-pasting and scratching my head for a bit, then trying different combinations of other people's code.

What is your expertise?

Photoshop and community building, perhaps.

What got you to XOOPS?

I needed to move my site ([Sail Japan](#)) from static html pages to something that could deal with the increase in content. I tried a bunch of other CMSes but they all struck me as counter intuitive or ugly.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

XOOPS works like I think. Everything is compartmental but with an overarching ethos that ties all the parts together.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

I'm one of the forum moderators. Why? Well, someone's got to do it, and the team's a good one.

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

My site, of course!

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

Sailing, funnily enough. Actually I'm busy in a number of extra-work areas. I help to run (with a bunch of others) an infoshop - anarchist bookshop/freespace - in Osaka, which gets some funny looks especially as we just opened in a new location in the heart of the biz district. Know thyne enemy, say I 😊

You favorite dish and drink?

Has to be sushi and beer. As long as the beer is too dark to see through.

What about movies and music?

Favorites? Movies I like are: Brasil (Terry Gilliam). Razor's Edge (Bill Murray). Twelve Monkeys (Terry Gilliam) Music would have to include anything by Pink Flloyd, Camions sauvages (Amadou & Mariam), Masters of War (Dylan), Rain And Snow (The Be Good Tanyas), RATM, Public Image... & many many more.

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

Best I can do at short notice is quote Albert Einstein: "But historic tradition is, so to speak, of yesterday; nowhere have we really overcome what Thorstein Veblen called "the predatory phase" of human development. The observable economic facts belong to that phase and even such laws as we can derive from them are not applicable to other phases. Since the real purpose of socialism is precisely to overcome and advance beyond the predatory phase of human development, economic science in its present state can throw little light on the socialist society of the future."

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

Here and now!

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

Peter Kropotkin. Because his writings have influenced me more than any one else's.

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 **Alain Breuer** ([Lord_Venom](#)) from [XOOPS France](#) for his work on Mp Manager 2.7

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

I live in France Lorraine, Metz to be precise.

How long have you been programming?

I've been coding for about 5 years now. I started in HTML, and then moved very quickly to PHP

What is your expertise?

Developing Websites in PHP, design, modules for XOOPS.

What got you to XOOPS?

I discovered XOOPS when I tried to create a site for a client that could be very easily modified.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

The simplicity of coding, and the surprising number of people using it.

Why did you decide to work on the XOOPS MP Manager?

I wished I could contribute to XOOPS, and I thought that nothing would be better than to create modules, and since older versions of XOOPS didn't have a good manager of private messages, I've decided to create a module for managing them.

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

Well, I'm still learning every day something new, but my greatest achievement is TDMAssoc that was developed by TDM and team

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

I spend all my time with my friends, having a drink, and chilling out

You favorite dish and drink?

I eat lots of pizza and I drink whiskey

What about movies and music?

I watch mostly comedy, e.g. "Forest Gump", etc. I listen a lot to techno music - it helps a lot for coding 😊

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

You must be crazy because no one lives only once.

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

Anywhere where the money is not ruling the world

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

[Scarlett Johansson](#), for the obvious reasons 🤖, but more seriously, I would love to meet the people who invented the Internet.

04. XOOPS Innovation Award 2





The second Award recipient is **Simon Roberts** ([Wishcraft](#)) from Australia for his work on [Multixoops](#) and [X-Invites 1.06](#). This is already the second Innovation Award for Wishcraft, who was already recognized in [June 2008](#).

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

I am from Sydney, Australia, I live with my partner in Sydney still.

How long have you been programming?

Programming from a young age, and working in various industries, not all the time in the computer, My expertise is years of experience. I have not really wanted to sit in a learning institute and get a degree as most of the people I have met from University (at least fresh mans) have little experience and not much skill and are generally really prudent about what there course was. I find this being a bit of an anarchist and activist annoying, as well as enjoying music and culture. What got you to XOOPS? I was doing a contract with a client #1 Computing that never paid their development bill due to there dodgiest mentality, but they where using xoops for a system of roms.. I decided to check it out and decided to learn about it more. What is your expertise?

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

It flexibility and age of the project. A lot of CMS are very young and not matured but xoops has a resource and management system of websites that most people are use to. For example, when I was giving a demo of a site people where 'ohh it is like myob' which I felt was a great comment about the administration side of the site; also the fact it behaves much like most libraries being a very good RAD. You can have a simple module together in an hour or so that is working on the system. It also has a fantastic group of developers and support groups behind it.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

Recently, I have been contributing to the modules repository, documenting these on the wiki and putting my 2 bits worth into most sections of the site. Kris_FR put me on the design team, which was a great honour, but I feel I would be more suited being a coder to module or core development, even though I am busy with work. I contribute to XOOPS, to make a better community for all, I also contribute to get more contacts and business, as I work from home and would like to expand my business to a few developers and an operation specializing in xoops.

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

Well it was a couple of visual basic application, I wrote something called The Nexus Billing System, which took 5 years it was a windows application with a mysql backend that would provided interfaces with free radius etc, for billing ISP etc. The other achievement was coding a fractal encryption set (FES).

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

Coffee, music, events

You favorite dish and drink?

Butter Chicken and mixed dalh, I like a butterscotch snapps and soda water to drink.

What about movies and music?

Rap, Psychedelic Trance, Punk Rock & Easy Classics.

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

One World, One Unity with a pictures of people with there computers networked.

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

I like Sydney, but I would consider living in Cyprus or England.

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

I would like to meet the queen of England to ask why sports stars should be knighted and not computer profession who are the staple foundation of the world communication are not knighted.

05. New/Updated Modules





- [Google Pagerank Checker](#)
- [Olédrión 2.2, the e-Commerce module for Xoops by Instant Zero](#)
- [X-Invites 1.06](#)
- [Newbbex : a flexible and efficient forum for your Xoops site, version 1.7](#)
- [UserPage : offer mini blogs to your users, version 1.4](#)
- [Gmail Online Signature](#)
- [CVD's X Basic Graphs Now Available For Download](#)
- [WF-Channel 2.03 and WF-Resource 1.04 released](#)
- [Obituaries Module](#) ==> first module by [mariane](#)
- [Xquiz Module Beta 1](#) ==> first module by [mojtabajml](#)
- [X-Torrent 3.39](#)
- [Netquery v4.14 Release](#)
- [Mylinks SEO Edition](#)
- [Speed Test Mini](#)
- [XoopsPoll 1.2](#)

06. New Hacks



- [Hack "splash screen"](#)
- [News 1.63 + Latestnews 1.72 - SEO optimization](#)

07. Security Issues/Alerts





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

07. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS



- [Gründer Blog with XOOPS](#)
- [My Island of Love and Yogurt Development](#)
- [American Stone Site](#)
- [Travel Hongkong Site](#)
- [MyExistenzgruender](#)
- [FreeWebTools.ir Launched!](#)
- [webmystar Community with Xoops-2.3.2b](#)
- [Travel Site Ajman](#)
- [DSLchart working now under XOOPS-2.3.2b](#)
- [Link-Market.net](#)
- [Xoops and Oledrion for the industry](#)
- [Scool of rugby, Oloron Ste Marie \(france\)](#)
- [Going with XOOPS to Abu Dhabi](#)
- [demo.sinnedesign.com goes online](#)
- [Painter Halle goes to Xoops](#)

08. Tutorials/Add-ons





- None this month

09. New/Updated Themes



- [News and Entertainment free theme](#)
- [clean-biz](#)
- [XOOPS Love Theme](#) 😊

- [XOOPS Theme Sd-012-Music](#)
- [Xoops Theme Sinnedesign-008-Green](#)
- [Xoops Theme Sinnedesign-011-Orange](#)
- [Xoops Theme sinnedesign-010-blue-eyes](#)
- [Two new themes for xoops](#)
- [Free Xoops Theme Sinnedesign-008-Red](#)
- [Xoops Theme Simple-Blue-Theme](#)
- [Rs14 Theme](#)
- [xoops simple-red-theme](#)

10. New Translations






- [German](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Danish/](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Croatian](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Chinese](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Dutch](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Czech](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Persian](#) for 2.3.3rc
- [Portuguese](#) for 2.3.3rc

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

11. News from around the World



-  [Francophone Support](#)
 - [28/02/2009] [Charte Xoops - Bleuoy](#)
 - [21/02/2009] [Charte Xoops - Zeta 2](#)
 - [21/02/2009] [Hack d'inscription de membres pour Xoops 2.3.x](#)
 - [12/02/2009] [Comment créer votre logo Xoops ?](#)

12. Local supportssts



[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](#)[Indonesian Support](#)[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
- Patch and enhancement: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430842
- Feature requests: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430843
- Release announcement: <https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/xoops-announcement>