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## WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter # 21 (June 2009) - World of Xoops (WOX)

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Another very successful month for XOOPS! 🏆 Government of Parana [went live with its new Website based on XOOPS](#), Arabic XOOPS Support Site got nominated for [World Summit Award](#), and we started the "[Blue Move Initiative](#)". So a lot of positive things are happening in the XOOPS community!

Our wonderful Theme Designers have created more new Themes with Sinnedesign and Algalochkin being the most active this month! 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:

- Ian A. Underwood (iunderwood): \$15
- Anonymous from Brazil: \$25
- Mark Hutter: \$50

Thank you so much for supporting XOOPS!!!!

## 02. New XOOPS developments



- [XOOPS 2.3.3 Final Is Released!!!](#) (already over 17,000 downloads total: over 6,000 in May)
- [Modules working with XOOPS 2.3](#)
- [Modules working with XOOPS 2.3.x](#) (Babylon by Xoops)
- [Language Translations of 2.3.x](#)
- [Mobile Computing & XOOPS - Tested OK](#)
- [XOOPS Yogurt among Top 40 Free Downloadable Open Source Social Networking Software](#)
- [XOOPS Traffic is surging 22% in the last 3 months](#)
- [Nominate XOOPS for 2009 SourceForge Community Awards!](#)
- [Welcome to XOOPS' new server](#)

### Current Releases

- [XOOPS 2.3.3 Final](#)
- [Documentation on the API](#)

## 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 **Erol Konik** ([aph3x](#)) for his work on the work on [XOOPS Theme Gallery](#), and for all his beautiful themes for XOOPS.

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

I'm from Romania, currently living in the UK for the past 2years, Scotland to be exact, in a small town called Alyth.

How long have you been programming?

I started programming about 1year after I discovered XOOPS, so that will make it late 2005

What is your expertise?

Photoshop work spiced with a bit of JQuery

What got you to XOOPS?

I was part of a small community on mIRC and we decided we should have a website and since none of us had any coding background someone suggested we should use a CMS and so XOOPS was introduced to us. We were amazed how easy it was to have the desired features and how fast we could change from one skin (theme) to another. After getting the hang of it, I started to get addicted to the the community and couldn't stop refreshing the main page of [www.xoops.org](http://www.xoops.org) to see what other questions I haven't thought of are being asked, what other ideas this and that user had for his site.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

I'd have to say the easiness to develop for it.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

I make themes and templates for modules because designing is the thing I do best

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

Every site that is using one of the themes I've done, I consider it a major achievement! Being acknowledged as a good designer is enough for me.

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

I'm a huge fan of video games and the more scarier the better ...find me on XBOX Live for some [L4D](#) 😊  
, my gamertag is aph3xUK.

You favorite dish and drink?

Favorite drink is definitely coffee! As for the favorite dish, it is rather hard to nominate just one, but the Chinese Cuisine is my favorite

What about movies and music?

My all time favorite movie is Donnie Darko, all time favorite TV series is Six Feet Under, as favorite musician... Nas is the definitely The man but am also huge fan of Depeche Mode, Linkin Park and Massive Attack

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

Taking something what [Stefan the Great](#) (Moldavian king) once said, but to a higher level...."Take care of the Earth as it doesn't belong to us, it belongs to generations and generations to come"

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

I like it here and now seriously, but I would go about 2000 years in the future just to see how off are we today with the predictions about it

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

If it could be anyone from any time at all, then I'd have to say Leonardo da Vinci for a number of obvious reasons 😊

## 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 Innovation Award goes to **Mustafa Metin** ([\\_metemet\\_](#)) from Turkey for his work on [MyQuiz](#):

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

I'm from Istanbul in Turkey but living in Ankara for a long time.

How long have you been programming?

I'm not a professional programmer, but I'm trying to program since 2005

What is your expertise?

Actually I'm a medical student and want to be an expert in medicine. It's a really hard field to study. But somehow I enjoy digital art and designing. I'm working on both 2D and 3D designs.

What got you to XOOPS?

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2 or 3 years ago I decided to create a website about medicine. Then I've made a list of features that my website must have. And started to search the best CMS. I have analyzed nearly all free CMS, then finally I chose XOOPS which was best for my website..

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

It's easy to use and has a great community. Also handy for both module and theme coders. And maybe they are the main reasons why XOOPS has lots of modules and other hacks.

Why did you decide to work on the [MyQuiz](#) module?

My website was about education so it had to have a quiz system. I searched deeply but couldn't find a good quiz module. And then I decided to work on [MyQuiz](#). I have examined the most of quiz applications and tried to use their handy features with [MyQuiz](#). And I hope this module will be a starting point to using XOOPS for people who have education websites.

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

Major achievement comes with major learnings. I spent lots of time with [MyQuiz](#), and while doing it I've learned more about XOOPS, and also jquery system. Maybe [MyQuiz](#) was my major achievement for now, but there will better development projects done by me soon.

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

When I'm not coding and not studying for medical classes, I like reading books, watching movie, playing football (soccer in USA), drawing cartoon images and riding bicycle outside the city. I have lots of extra hobbies but its enough I think 🏆

You favorite dish and drink?

Well, I love all Turkish foods but [iskender kebab](#) is my favorite. And I drink tea all time.

What about movies and music?

I rarely listen music, but I watch 5-6 movies in a week.

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

" You suppose you are the trouble, but you are the cure. You suppose that you are the lock on the door ,but you are the key that opens it. Itâ€™s too bad that you want to be someone else You donâ€™t see your own face, your own beauty Yet, no face is more beautiful than yours." Mevlana

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

Probably I would chose living in the Ottoman Empire time, especially in 1453 when taking Istanbul. Being a soldier in this time must be a privilege.

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

I'm Muslim and would like to meet with any Imam of [Kaaba](#) and listen Qur'an from them live.

## 05. New/Updated Modules



- [Web Show Media Player v.71 Released](#)
- [X-Forum 4.11](#)
- [X-Reaggregator 2.15](#)
- [X-Invites 1.11](#)
- [Robot Manager \(Spider Module\) - 1.01](#)
- [XPETITIONS 1.10 BETA 1](#)
- [X-Reaggregator 2.13](#)
- [xTRANSAM 1.02 \(RC\) - Provider Language Translated, Automated!](#)
- [Prayer Times Module](#)
- [Multisite 1.20](#)

## 06. New Hacks





- [XForm](#)
- [Catads 1.4 - show expired ads](#)

## 07. Security Issues/Alerts



- none this month

## 07. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS



- [Travel Site to Algarve](#)
- [Jwele.es - Computer brand in Andalusia, Spain](#)
- [Yardsales](#)
- [Supernatural city](#)
- [Chocolatiers.pro for chocolate fans !](#)



- [Biznis i Finansije running on Xoops](#)
- [Lebanon Rent Cars new website with Xoops](#)
- [GuitarGearHeads.com Upgrades with Instant-Zero](#)
- [Le nouveau portail rencontre](#)
- [Pour le comit   d   entreprise : Selection-CE](#)
- [WebDesign Creators](#)

## 08. Tutorials/Add-ons



- None this month

## 09. New/Updated Themes



- [New FREE themes collection for XOOPS](#)
- [Win64 another take on Vista\\_K](#)
- [XOOPS Theme Sd-035-Plain-Vanilla](#)
- [WebdesignCreators theme WDC\\_010](#)
- [WebdesignCreators WDC\\_009](#)
- [Free XOOPS Theme Sd-034-mountain-goat](#)
- [WebdesignCreators is online](#)
- [Free Theme Sd-033-Sunshade](#)
- [Free Theme Sd-032-Coast](#)
- [Free Theme Sd-031-Green-Palm](#)
- [Rock Band, Free Theme by www.streamtools.net](#)

- [The IXThemes Project is present on Google Code too](#)
- [Free Travel Theme Sd-030-Waves](#)
- [Travel Theme Sd-029-Sundown](#)
- [New Xoops administration theme \(beta\)](#)
- [Free XOOPS Theme Sd-024-Rainbow](#)
- [6 XOOPS themes released +3 FREE THEMES BONUS](#)
- [FREE 39 XOOPS themes are rereleased](#)
- [Free Xoops Theme Sd-028-Orange](#)
- [+21 XOOPS themes modification is created](#)
- [XOOPS Theme Sd-018-FotoRed](#)
- [New XOOPS theme in ixt017 IXThemes Collection](#)
- [Plus 4 themes from a ixt018 \("Japan"\) XOOPS themes collection](#)
- [Fresh Innovations in a new two-columns XOOPS Theme](#)

## 10. New Translations



- [Arabic](#) for 2.3.3
- [Bosnian](#) for 2.3.3
- [German](#) for 2.3.3
- [Danish/](#) for 2.3.3
- [Chinese](#) for 2.3.3
- [Dutch](#) for 2.3.3
- [Russian](#) for 2.3.3
- [Spanish](#) for 2.3.3
- [Turkish](#) for 2.3.3

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

## 11. News from around the World



