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## XOOPS 2.5 Alpha 2 Released - XOOPS

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The XOOPS Development Team is pleased to announce that a new version of the [#1 CMS solution hosted on SourceForge](#) - **XOOPS 2.5.0 Alpha 2** is available for download.

The **XOOPS 2.5.0** release is a major redesign of the System Module which has been AJAX-ed with jQuery by our [December 2009 Innovators](#): Nicolas Andricq (ForMusS), Cointin Maxime (kraven\_30), and Grégory Mage (Mage). Some of the new features are truly amazing, like the visual placement of blocks, and we're sure that the users will love them 😊

Some of the major improvements/additions include:

Alpha 2:

- Added: Help System for Admin and modules (see PM module)
- Added: MySQL Dump in Maintenance
- Added: New Redirect messaging
- Added: Column sorting in tables

Alpha 1:

- Added: smarty plugin for icon pack
- Added: smarty plugin for breadcrumb navigation
- Added: jQuery plugins for display popup or manage drag & drop
- Added: File Manager
- Added: Maintenance with Cache Clean-up, and Tables Maintenance
- Added: Visual module ordering with drag & drop
- Added: Visual block placement with drag & drop
- Added: Refactor all PHP code for use XOOPS API
- Added: Use template in the same way that front user, admin side for module can call a main template define in `xoops_version.php`
- Added: Allow override of template in admin theme like frontend if we set template in `ADMIN_THEME`
- Added: New variable 'system\_menu' in `xoops_version.php` of each module, this variable generate a tab menu for module admin side if set to 1, this feature is for give one unique tab menu for all menu (eg: module PM for).
- Added: add jquery plugin in `xoops_lib`
- Added: change install for install admin template and admin setting
- Added: manage editor for blocks, comments and for all module if module developer want to use it
- Added: activate or deactivate system section
- Added: choose number of line for admin section
- Added: display or hide tips

**Avatar:**

- activate/deactivate avatar with ajax

**Banners:**

- jquery popup for display banners

**Block admin:**

- drag n drop block for manage position and weight
- jquery popup for preview

**Comments:**

- multiple selection for deletion
- purge

**Groups:**

- number of user per group
- new disposition

**Images:**

- lightbox preview + thumbs

**Module Admin:**

- jquery popup for display info

**Preferences:**

- system settings

**Smilies:**

- activate/deactivate smilies with ajax

**Templates:**

- manage override of all template online
- generated file come from database

**User Rank:**

- activate/deactivate userrank with ajax

**Users:**

- advanced user management
- new disposition
- simple and advance search

**Videos**

To see the main features of XOOPS 2.5.0, check out the following videos:

- a) [In Spanish](#) (by Uskola 2) b) [In English](#) (by Vamptrix) c) [In English](#) (by Mamba)

**Please remember: This is ALPHA release for features testing only!!!!**

**DO NOT install it on a production site and DO NOT upgrade any production site with it!!!**

**This is NOT an Update to Alpha 1. You HAVE TO install it as a FRESH Install.**

Download it from [Sourceforge repository](#).

**Please post and discuss all issues related to this release in [this forum](#)**

We also need help with [Translations](#)

#### System requirements

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PHP:

Any PHP version **>= 5.2+**

**Please note: XOOPS 2.5.x series is tested and certified exclusively on PHP5:** Read more [here](#)

MySQL:

MySQL server 5.0+

**Please note: XOOPS 2.5.x series is tested and certified exclusively on MySQL 5.0+:**

Web server:

Any server supporting the required PHP version (Apache highly recommended)

#### Downloading XOOPS

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You can get this release package from the [Sourceforge file repository](#)

Both .zip and .gz archives are provided:

[xoops\\_2.5.0\\_Alpha2.zip \(9 MB\):](#)

Md5: 4681e1bf23d0f1611e5b3749221b3899

Sha1: 9572b16222c81d0d04d0fa3b43d66f2878b9be13

[xoops\\_2.5.0\\_Alpha2.tar.gz \(7MB\):](#)

Md5: 7edb3b82617e2c5565a6e6482de1c986

Sha1: 77ffdca292c4e28912bf860c65c8b747601e0ed0

[xoops\\_2.5.0\\_Alpha2.7z \(5 MB\):](#)

Md5: 133bed9ea1279b767b192d2087d1b09f

Sha1: 51996b53f68ba86f633899e382d07f3972d4f1ef

#### Installing XOOPS

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1. Copy the content of the htdocs/ folder where it can be accessed by your server
2. Ensure mainfile.php and uploads/ are writable by the web server
3. For security considerations, you are STRONGLY encouraged to move directories "/xoops\_lib" (for XOOPS libraries) and "/xoops\_data" (for XOOPS data) out of Document Root, and change the folder names.
4. Make the directory xoops\_data/ writable; Create (if not already present) and make the directories xoops\_data/caches/, xoops\_data/caches/xoops\_cache/, xoops\_data/caches/smarty\_cache/ and

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xoops\_data/caches/smarty\_compile/ writable (permission 0777 on Linux).

5. Access the folder where you've installed the htdocs/ files using your web browser to launch the installation wizard

6. Follow the instructions

You can also check out the [detailed Installation Guide](#)

#### Debug information display level

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Since XOOPS 2.3.1 debug information display level is enabled as a temporary solution for 2.3\* to show debug information to different level of users: to all users, to members or to admins only.

The configuration can be set in /xoops\_data/configs/xoopsconfig.php

A new debug information tools will be available for 2.4 using FireBug (see <http://tinyurl.com/nmnjdp>)

#### Files integrity check

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The full XOOPS package is released with a script able to check if all the system files have been correctly uploaded to the server. To use it, follow these instructions:

1. Upload the checksum.php and checksum.md5 files located in the XOOPS package root to your XOOPS server folder (putting them next to mainfile.php).
2. Execute checksum.php with your browser
3. If necessary, re-upload the missing or corrupted system files
4. Remove checksum.php and checksum.md5 from your server

#### Modules

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This release contains only the "system-related modules". You are invited to browse the XOOPS modules repository to if you need additional functionality. Note: as a new repository is being built, the current repository is not up-to-date, PLEASE VISIT INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPERS' WEBSITES TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING LATEST VERSION OF MODULES.

#### How to contribute

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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 design: [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>

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