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If you could add one feature to XOOPS, what would it be?

Lately my needs are being fulfilled by new modules and improvements added to the new XOOPS versions. But the same way as many themes get outdated, I think some modules are also getting behind as well. Web development is always on the move and I think it would be important to improve some of the old modules with features that allow XOOPS websites to connect with social networks, for example, or to communicate with public API's in order to bring XOOPS closer to the main web applications, such as Facebook, Flickr, Digg, Twitter and many others. I see other CMS doing it so maybe it's something to be thought over.

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

Maybe it's yet to come, I'm quite aware that I have lots of things to learn but I feel that in every website I finish I'm going a little further ahead in my skills, so that's something that I'm proud of, personally speaking. It's good when our effort is recognized but it's even better when we can deliver something exactly the way we planned it to be, and I'm not there yet!

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

I like cooking and I like photography. I also like to read but I'm not having time for it lately. I'm a National Geographic magazine collector too.

You favorite dish and drink?

I like Chinese and Japanese food, specially the ones I prepare and I like a good light beer in the summer and red wine in winter.

What about movies and music?

I'm a fan of Radiohead, U2, Beck, Cake, but I listen to a lot of different bands and styles. My favorite movies are Sci-Fi and alternative movies, try to avoid blockbusters. I'm also fan of Japanese movies, specially from Kurosawa; animations like Ghost in the Shell and movies that take me to real life situations in different cultures.

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

We need to slow down, the planet is not big enough for everyone to do whatever they think they need. Let's try to live within our real needs and not those that our society make us believe it's so important. Let's be more aware.

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

I personally believe this is not our first time here and this is not our only life in this planet. We've been here before and we'll return here again and again. So I think the most important place for me to be is here and now, to do and to be the best I can.

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

I would like to meet my father again, that is not here anymore, just to make sure he knows I love him.

06. New/Updated Modules



- [Slider module ver 0.1](#)
- [World Cup 2010 Module with 6 autoupdated blocks](#)
- [Magazine Cover Generator - a new commercial module for XOOPS for only \\$2](#)
- [xNews 1.68 UTF-8 CLonable & SEO **** RC1 ****](#)

07. New Hacks



- [Add "Yahoo Video" in module MyTube](#)
- [Acronym - new XoopsCode](#)
- [Little hack of Runeher's "Lorem Ipsum Generator"](#)
- [x movie 3 now plays videos on explorer 8](#)
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08. Security Issues/Alerts



- no new security alerts

09. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS



- [XOOPS powers the Website of 2010 SHPE National Conference](#)
- [Soccer Tournament Site Opened](#)
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- [News Site on xoops Brazil - Serra de Luís Gomes](#)
- [XOOPS 2.4.4 new site in Brazil](#)

10. Tutorials/Add-ons/Documentation



- No tutorials this month

11. New/Updated Themes



- [XDbasket \(free theme\)](#)
- [XDMarioland \(free theme\)](#)
- [streamtools.net Premium Mediatheme \(paid theme\)](#)
- [Inspire 3 Reborn with CSS3](#)
- [Free Xoops Design Sd-042-Mystica-Green](#)
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- [Arabic](#) for for 2.4.0
- [Persian](#) for for 2.4.0
- [Bulgarian](#) for 2.4.0
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- [Portuguese Brasil](#) for 2.4.0

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

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[Turkish Support](#)

[New Design of XOOPS Turkey](#)



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New design of [the Website](#)



[Francophone Support](#)

[Results of a banner competition](#)



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[2010 Fourth China Open Source Software Competition, looking forward to your participation!](#)

14. Local support sites



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[Bosnia & Herzegovina](#)



[Brazilian Support \(Parana\)](#)



[Chinese Simple Support](#)



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[Spanish Support](#)



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[Vietnamese Support](#)

15. 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
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I'm very comfortable with XOOPS after working with it for 5 years. I like its flexibility to create websites with very different purposes. The possibility to see people from all over the world using the same tool is also an important point and lately I'm very excited with the major improvements delivered by such an amazing group of talented people working in the community. It's really good to be part of it.

If you could add one feature to XOOPS, what would it be?

Lately my needs are being fulfilled by new modules and improvements added to the new XOOPS versions. But the same way as many themes get outdated, I think some modules are also getting behind as well. Web development is always on the move and I think it would be important to improve some of the old modules with features that allow XOOPS websites to connect with social networks, for example, or to communicate with public API's in order to bring XOOPS closer to the main web applications, such as Facebook, Flickr, Digg, Twitter and many others. I see other CMS doing it so maybe it's something to be thought over.

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

Maybe it's yet to come, I'm quite aware that I have lots of things to learn but I feel that in every website I finish I'm going a little further ahead in my skills, so that's something that I'm proud of, personally speaking. It's good when our effort is recognized but it's even better when we can deliver something exactly the way we planned it to be, and I'm not there yet!

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

I like cooking and I like photography. I also like to read but I'm not having time for it lately. I'm a National Geographic magazine collector too.

You favorite dish and drink?

I like Chinese and Japanese food, specially the ones I prepare and I like a good light beer in the summer and red wine in winter.

What about movies and music?

I'm a fan of Radiohead, U2, Beck, Cake, but I listen to a lot of different bands and styles. My favorite movies are Sci-Fi and alternative movies, try to avoid blockbusters. I'm also fan of Japanese movies, specially from Kurosawa; animations like Ghost in the Shell and movies that take me to real life situations in different cultures.

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

We need to slow down, the planet is not big enough for everyone to do whatever they think they need. Let's try to live within our real needs and not those that our society make us believe it's so important. Let's be more aware.

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

I personally believe this is not our first time here and this is not our only life in this planet. We've been here before and we'll return here again and again. So I think the most important place for me to be is here and now, to do and to be the best I can.

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

I would like to meet my father again, that is not here anymore, just to make sure he knows I love him.

06. New/Updated Modules



- [Slider module ver 0.1](#)
- [World Cup 2010 Module with 6 autoupdated blocks](#)
- [Magazine Cover Generator - a new commercial module for XOOPS for only \\$2](#)
- [xNews 1.68 UTF-8 CLonable & SEO **** RC1 ****](#)

07. New Hacks



- [Add "Yahoo Video" in module MyTube](#)
- [Acronym - new XoopsCode](#)
- [Little hack of Runeher's "Lorem Ipsum Generator"](#)
- [x_movie 3 now plays videos on explorer 8](#)
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08. Security Issues/Alerts



- no new security alerts

09. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS





- [XOOPS powers the Website of 2010 SHPE National Conference](#)
- [Soccer Tournament Site Opened](#)
- [XOOPS Links and News](#)
- [News Site on xoops Brazil - Serra de Luís Gomes](#)
- [XOOPS 2.4.4 new site in Brazil](#)

10. Tutorials/Add-ons/Documentation



- No tutorials this month

11. New/Updated Themes



- [XDbasket \(free theme\)](#)

- [XDMarioland \(free theme\)](#)
- [streamtools.net Premium Mediatheme \(paid theme\)](#)
- [Inspire 3 Reborn with CSS3](#)
- [Free Xoops Design Sd-042-Mystica-Green](#)
- [modern themes](#)
- [New Heyula-37 Themes](#)
- [it's World Cup Time on XOOPS](#)
- [streamtools.net MediaLab Free Theme](#)
- [Free Xoops Design Sd-044-Red-Smoking](#)

12. New Translations



- [Arabic](#) for for 2.4.0
- [Persian](#) for for 2.4.0
- [Bulgarian](#) for 2.4.0
- [French](#) for 2.4.0
- [Danish](#) for 2.4.0
- [German](#) for 2.4.0
- [Russian](#) for 2.4.0
- [Turkish](#) for 2.4.0
- [Spanish](#) for 2.4.0
- [Portuguese Brasil](#) for 2.4.0

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

13. News from around the World





[Turkish Support](#)

[New Design of XOOPS Turkey](#)



[Bosnia & Herzegovina](#)

New design of [the Website](#)



[Francophone Support](#)

[Results of a banner competition](#)



[German Support](#)

[Xoops Germany accesible via mobile phone](#)



[Arabic Support](#)

[June Newsletter](#)



[Chinese Simple Support](#)

[2010 Fourth China Open Source Software Competition, looking forward to your participation!](#)

14. Local support sites



[Arabic Support](#)



[Bosnia & Herzegovina](#)



[Brazilian Support \(Parana\)](#)



[Chinese Simple Support](#)



[Chinese Traditional Support](#)



[Croatian Support](#)



[Czech Support](#)



[Danish Support](#)



[Dutch Support](#)



[Francophone Support](#)



[German Support](#)



[Hungarian Support](#)



[Indonesian Support](#)



[Israel Support](#)



[Italian Support](#)



[Japanese Support](#)



[Korean Support](#)



[Norwegian Support](#)



[Nordic Support](#)



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



[Polish Support](#)



[Russian 2 Support](#)



[Spanish Support](#)



[Turkish Support](#)



[Turkish Support 2](#)



[Vietnamese Support](#)

15. 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>