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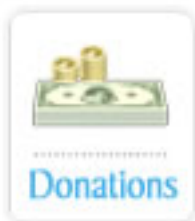
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You are also author of many modules. What are you working now on?

Hey, indeed with time, I came up with numerous modules and code. Many of them came from personal needs: Edito, as content manager, Multimenu, as navigation tool, MyReferer for traffic monitoring and many other tools like popgen, mygal, mystats, etc. My favorites are also the very first ones: Multimenu and Edito, which I still continue to develop, enhancing, sometimes rewriting from scratch. I'm currently redesigning both of them. Edito (which I now have renamed to Editos) is currently on my workboard, adding some very useful tools like "independent PHP scripts manager", image manager or pageear manager. You can currently see it working on <http://diy.arma-sa.com/modules/editos>, which I use as a bridge between the company CRP database and the website. I know it's a long time I haven't released any stable application. This probably due to the fact that I'm never ever happy of the final result, or every time find a way to enhance it... which endlessly led me to postpone its publication.

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

If I could, I would. The development of a project like this is a perpetual challenge, a constant adaptation of the tool to the actual web (bots, spambots, URL rewriting, hackers, JavaScripts - jQuery, user management, new web trends and tools, etc.)

I can not answer that question today, because tomorrow I know I'll find a new feature to deal with...

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

First the fact that some of my modules are appreciated by some webmasters. Knowing that I am not a developer (I know some may laugh at that statement), this is some kind of recognition I appreciate.

Xoops France, of course is my pride and joy. The site has experienced many setbacks, its ups and downs, but it is still there. And thanks to the work of a permanent and continuous team (not always the same) passionate people who at one point in their life have decided to devote time and energy to the project and sharing his experience. And above all, its entire community of users and contributors. It is primarily for me a place to meet ... and there are ways to make it beautiful.

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

Besides XOOPS, and my kids, I particularly enjoy taking care of my garden. As for the rest, it's also in another secret garden 😊



You favorite dish and drink?

Sea fruits, generally speaking, but I don't spit on frog legs and Garlic Snails.

What about movies and music?

Very classic. I followed the last series: Lost, Desperate Housewife (I am married), the historical series and science fiction, but not the police series. As webmaster of the cinema in my town, I have my free entries. So a bit of everything.

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

Stop slapping each other in the face, there's much more interesting things to build together.

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

Today. Truly, we live, I believe, in a key period in human history, its development and its knowledge. But we tend not to realize it all goes so quickly and that we do not take the time back ...

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

The whole <http://www.frxoops.org> team and Mamba.

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About Mamba - I got to know him over time, and if I had reservations early about his impact for the project, I realize now how the task is not easy. But he gained my respect with professionalism and patience which amazes me every day.

Hats off, ladies and gentlemen, is an old Xoopser telling you.

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The most hidden part in the project is as a member of the team <http://www.frxoops.org>. I have traveled thousands of miles (by train and car) on behalf of XOOPS (damn, it looks like I spoke of a God!?). I met many Xoopers and often very indirectly I contributed to the project. Even if it has not always been successful ... But even if I'm not as "public" on the xoops forums as I used to, my interactions with administrators of <http://www.frxoops.org> and <http://www.xoops.org> are almost daily. With Philou, we tend to consider that we are some kind of Xoops' "dinosaur". Is there any threat to see us as endangered species? In any case, I haven't seen the comet that will finally put a end to our to days yet. 😊

You are also author of many modules. What are you working now on?

Hey, indeed with time, I came up with numerous modules and code. Many of them came from personal needs: Edito, as content manager, Multimenu, as navigation tool, MyReferer for traffic monitoring and many other tools like popgen, mygal, mystats, etc. My favorites are also the very first ones: Multimenu and Edito, which I still continue to develop, enhancing, sometimes rewriting from scratch. I'm currently redesigning both of them. Edito (which I now have renamed to Editos) is currently on my workboard, adding some very useful tools like "independent PHP scripts manager", image manager or pageear manager. You can currently see it working on <http://diy.arma-sa.com/modules/editos>, which I use as a bridge between the company CRP database and the website. I know it's a long time I haven't released any stable application. This

probably due to the fact that I'm never ever happy of the final result, or every time find a way to enhance it... which endlessly led me to postpone its publication.

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

If I could, I would. The development of a project like this is a perpetual challenge, a constant adaptation of the tool to the actual web (bots, spambots, URL rewriting, hackers, JavaScripts - jQuery, user management, new web trends and tools, etc.)

I can not answer that question today, because tomorrow I know I'll find a new feature to deal with...

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

First the fact that some of my modules are appreciated by some webmasters. Knowing that I am not a developer (I know some may laugh at that statement), this is some kind of recognition I appreciate.

Xoops France, of course is my pride and joy. The site has experienced many setbacks, its ups and downs, but it is still there. And thanks to the work of a permanent and continuous team (not always the same) passionate people who at one point in their life have decided to devote time and energy to the project and sharing his experience. And above all, its entire community of users and contributors. It is primarily for me a place to meet ... and there are ways to make it beautiful.

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

Besides XOOPS, and my kids, I particularly enjoy taking care of my garden. As for the rest, it's also in another secret garden 😊

You favorite dish and drink?

Sea fruits, generally speaking, but I don't spit on frog legs and Garlic Snails.

What about movies and music?

Very classic. I followed the last series: Lost, Desperate Housewife (I am married), the historical series and science fiction, but not the police series. As webmaster of the cinema in my town, I have my free entries. So a bit of everything.

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

Stop slapping each other in the face, there's much more interesting things to build together.

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

Today. Truly, we live, I believe, in a key period in human history, its development and its knowledge. But we tend not to realize it all goes so quickly and that we do not take the time back ...

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

The whole <http://www.frxoops.org> team and Mamba.

The new team of <http://www.frxoops.org> (2010 edition), with whom I interact daily. I met Ben (another Benedict), but not Nikita nor Tatane yet. I need to make it happen!

About Mamba - I got to know him over time, and if I had reservations early about his impact for the project, I realize now how the task is not easy. But he gained my respect with professionalism and patience which amazes me every day.

Hats off, ladies and gentlemen, is an old Xoopser telling you.

## 05. 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 **Ricardo Costa** ([Trabis](#)) from Portugal, for his innovative [Mymenus 1.1](#) module! This is his 2nd Innovation Award!

Please read his previous [Innovation Award interview here](#).

You can also read his recent interview on [XOOPS Russia](#).

## 06. New/Updated Modules



- [Hermes - English language pack](#)
- [Xortify 2.23 - Cloud Computing for Protector \(Final\)](#)

- [X-Center 2.01](#)
- [Xoops Chat Module by 123 Flash Chat](#)
- [xNews 1.69 Final](#)
- [Xortify 2.21](#)
- [X-Forum 5.47](#)
- [xNews 1.68 Final](#)
- [Obituaries Module version 2.2](#)
- [xDonations 1.96 BETA 1](#)
- [Lawsuit 1.46](#)
- [Other Chronolabs Titles In release](#)
- [X-Forum 5.46](#)
- [Chemical Compounds Modeler 2.17](#)
- [PsychTest 1.12](#)
- [Mymenus 1.1 Final](#)

## 07. New Hacks

