XOOPS 2.5 Beta Released - XOOPS

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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)

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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 xoops_data/caches/smarty_compile/ writable (permission 0777 on Linux).

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You can also check out the detailed Installation Guide

Debug information display level

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A new debug information tools will be available for 2.4 using FireBug (see
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Files integrity check

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