

XOOPS 2.5 RC Released - XOOPS

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System requirements

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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- a) minimum (with only Core files and Protector Module)
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Sha1: 74103c455abc879da53be78d7578e8fc8c1a37a0

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[xoops-2.5.0-rc.7z \(3 MB\)](#):

Md5: 75b0babe430e660074bb5c6d47af7ea2

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Mini Package

[xoops-2.5.0-mini-rc.zip \(5 MB\)](#):

Md5: 4cae43864f07b74cfd1c2a1cf94309eb

Sha1: 99c5d80ec863c0d8e469635f59df8c1da251ec79

[xoops-2.5.0-mini-rc.tgz \(3.8 MB\)](#):

Md5: 066bc6330ffcb5c542125350a663b39f

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[xoops-2.5.0-mini-rc.7z \(2.8 MB\)](#):

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Installing XOOPS

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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Upgrading from XOOPS 2.3.3 and 2.4.x (easy way)

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1. Delete the /modules/system directory on your server (important to get rid of unneeded files)
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3. If you have Protector previously installed, open the "mainfile.php" file , and remove the Pre-check and Post-check lines (if they exist):

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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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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

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

Bug report: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430840

Patch and enhancement: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430842

Feature design: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430843

Release announcement: <https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/xoops-announcement>

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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

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

Bug report: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430840

Patch and enhancement: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430842

Feature design: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430843

Release announcement: <https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/xoops-announcement>

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