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## WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter # 38 (November 2010) - World of Xoops (WOX)

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Welcome to the November 2010 issue of **WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter** - (see here [previous versions](#))

This was probably one of the most exciting times for XOOPS in years! Two major milestones have been achieved - we've released [XOOPS 2.5.0 Final](#) and [X3 Xoops Engine Alpha](#)! The work is now focusing on X3 as our future platform. Also last month, we had tons of new themes, thanks to Algalochkin, and our new designer: Agadirna.

But as always, as the first thing in each newsletter we wanted to express our gratitude to all of you [who have donated money](#) to [XOOPS Foundation](#)! We truly appreciate your trust and support! This month Ian Underwood remains the biggest supporter and donor - thank you Ian! **If anybody else would like to donate - please don't be shy!** 😊



Highlights of the last month:

- [XOOPS 2.5.0 Final](#) has been released
- [X3 Xoops Engine Alpha](#) has been released
- [XOOPS receives Award](#) from Northeast Asia Open Source Software Promotion Forum
- [XOOPS China presents X3](#) to Chinese developers and users
- **XOOPS Innovation Award** - for people who create something very unique and innovative for XOOPS. This time the award goes to to **Aitor Uskola** ([Aitor](#)) from Spain, for his innovative [Theme Configuration module](#)!
- **XOOPSer of the Month Award**: is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. This month, it goes to **Sushang Yang** ([Ezsky](#)) from China , for his tremendous work organizing the [Open Source Conference in Beijing](#).

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Please help us spread the word about XOOPS!! .

If you are a happy XOOPS user, let the world know - please blog about XOOPS, share your experiences with others, rate and review us on [SourceForge](#) and other Websites. We need to let the world know about XOOPS!!! 🏆

And if you're not happy with something in XOOPS, please let us know so we can fix it and improve! Better yet - help us fix it and improve it!

Remember - XOOPS is powered by YOU!!!!

## 01. Donations



If you like the XOOPS system, and would like to give something in return, you can make a donation to the XOOPS Foundation! Simply use the [XOOPS Donation System](#) and use your PayPal account or your Credit Card to donate .

Your donation will be used to promote and advance the use and development of the XOOPS system. The XOOPS Foundation is a registered not-for-profit organization in the USA, dedicated to promote XOOPS! All donators will get the Friend of XOOPS rank here on this website. Thanks to all the Friends of XOOPS for their donations and continued support!

If you wonder what is happening with XOOPS money, please read the [2009 XOOPS Financial Report](#)

This month it was very slow - we've got only one donation 😞

- Ian A. Underwood: \$25
- Anonymous: \$5
- Oswaldo Valladares \$5

Ian has been a tremendous XOOPS Supporter, donating every month \$25. Ian, thank you so much!!! We wish, there would be more donors like you...

Thank you so much for supporting XOOPS!!!!

## 02. New XOOPS developments



- [XOOPS in the Press](#)
- [ForMusS interviewed by Arabxoops Community](#)
- [Over 500 fans on Facebook](#)
- [XOOPS Receiving the 2010 NEA OSS Forum Award](#)
- [XOOPS X3 Release in Beijing - Open Source Conference organized by XOOPS](#)

Current Releases

- [XOOPS 2.5.0 Final](#)
- [X3 Xoops Engine Alpha](#)
- [Modules working with XOOPS 2.4.x](#) (Babylon by Xoops)

## 03. Team Reports



In 2010 we are re-introducing monthly Team Reports from our [XOOPS Teams](#).

Core Development Team

[XOOPS 2.5.0 Final](#) has been released

[X3 Xoops Engine Alpha](#)

Documentation Team

[XOOPS 2.5.0 Installation Guide Available for Review](#)

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## Modules Development Team

No new team activities.

## Theme Design Team

Work on CSSified Them for XOOPS, plus Module for Theme configuration

## Community Coordination/Support Team

Standard maintenance of the Website, and keeping it current. Move to XOOPS 2.5.0 Final

## International Support Team

Posting news about 2.5.0 and X3 releases

See [Support Site Guidelines](#). Unfortunately some support sites do not anymore offer the quality of support we are looking for so these sites will have to be removed as official support sites and no longer linked to from the [International Support page](#). This will however, open the opportunity for other webmasters in these regions to start and maintain a local XOOPS Support site, which is a lot of fun and you'll help a lot by spreading our great CMS to your area and language. To apply for official status, use [this form](#) (login required).

XOOPS on Facebook: join the main [XOOPS group](#) on Facebook

## Communication/Marketing Team

WOX newsletter, keeping press informed: [XOOPS in the Press](#)

## 04. XOOPSers of the Month



Our "**XOOPSer of the Month**" Award is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. Sometimes they do something spectacular, but most of the time they just do something everyday, but by doing it day-in and day-out, they make a BIG DIFFERENCE in life of XOOPS community. And we thank them for that!!!



This month, we would like to recognize **Sushang Yang** ([Ezsky](#)) from China , for his tremendous work organizing the [Open Source Conference in Beijing](#).

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I live in Beijing, China.

How long have you been programming?

For about four years. I started with java and after I got to know XOOPS, I have been studying php to develop or hack XOOPS modules

What is your expertise?

I'm more familiar with user experience, front-end development and web design.

What got you to XOOPS?

Google! When I was taking a course on PHP web development in 2006, I googled and compared many different CMS, including XOOPS, joomla, drupal and so on. After some research, I found XOOPS provided the best support for multi-byte languages such as Chinese. XOOPS caught my eye also because it looked so ugly. But the most important reason was one of the founders and main developers was from China too.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

I'm very lazy! So I really like the modulized framework and object-oriented design of XOOPS, which allows developers to focus on module design and enable fast development.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

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I'm now maintaining [xoops.org.cn](https://xoops.org.cn). I also participate in improving user experience and testing for XOOPS.

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

2008 is the most exciting year in my programming experience. I not only maintained XOOPS China but led the redesign of its website and participated in the user interface design of XOOPS 3. I'd love to continue my work in all these exciting projects.

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

Billiards, mountain biking, and some other outdoor activities. I love playing guitar.

You favorite dish and drink?

I like green tea and vegetarian dishes.

What about movies and music?

I prefer comedies. I can't live without music. I listen mostly to rock, e.g. slipknot and David Gilmour.

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

No specific choice but I would really like to meet my friends from the XOOPS community.

## 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 **Aitor Uskola** ([Aitor](#)) from Spain, for his innovative [Theme Configuration module](#)!

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I am from Getxo (Basque Country, Spain).

How long have you been programming?

I started learning programming by myself 20 years ago and I got my first programmer job 8 years ago for a small internet company.

What is your expertise?

I like software and create things myself.

What got you to XOOPS?

When I just started learning PHP, I saw a post in PHPNuke community by w4z004 speaking about the



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new project XOOPS. And after looking code I decided that XOOPS was better for learning.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

How easy is to implement XOOPS Security for modules.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

Module development and support

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

Only one? I think that most important that XOOPS needs is SEO, I see that some modules now have it but it would be better to have a standard way.

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

I like Galeria, I learn with it PHP and XOOPS. A lot of people collaborated on it, and while some of them left, I hope that they will come back.

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

I like scuba and cycling when there is a nice weather.

You favorite dish and drink?

I favorite dish is my mother's Meatballs, and as drink I like Coke.

What about movies and music?

I like a lot movies, if I need to select one, all the Stargate film and series.

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

Don't Worry, Be Happy

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

I like a lot where I live and hope that now is good moment.

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

Larry Page and Sergey Brin, creators of Google. What would be internet without Google?.

## 06. New/Updated Modules



- [XOOPS China ports Flyspray \(bug tracking system\) to XOOPS](#)
- [Dates 1.45](#)
- [xNews v1.71 \(RC\) UTF-8 SEO is Out!!](#)
- [New XOOPS Module IXTCake](#)
- [XOOPS CakePHP module \(x-Cake\) updated to 1.28](#)
- [XoopsPoll 1.31 released](#)
- [Xortify 2.25 - Cloud Computing for Protector](#)
- [X-JSON 1.42 - API For XOOPS](#)
- [X-CURL 1.42 - API Technology for XOOPS](#)
- [Spiders 2.60 - Robot/Spider/Crawler Manager](#)

## 07. New Hacks

