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System requirements

PHP:

Any PHP version ≥ 5.2 (PHP 5.3+ is strongly recommended)

MySQL:

MySQL server 5.0+

Web server:

Any server supporting the required PHP version (Apache highly recommended)

Downloading XOOPS

Your can get this release package from the [sourceforge.net](#) file repository.

There are .7z, .zip and .gz archives provided.

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 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.
5. Access the folder where you installed the htdocs/ files using your web browser to launch the installation wizard

Installing Protector in XOOPS

We also highly recommend the installation of the PROTECTOR module which will bring additional security protection and logging capabilities to your site.

Debug information display level

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Files integrity check

The full XOOPS package is released with a script able to check if all the system files have been correctly uploaded to the server. To use it, follow these instructions:

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

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How to contribute

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