

XOOPS Council adds new members - XOOPS

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**Angelo Rocha ([AngeloRocha](#)) - Design Team**

He lives in Brazil, in Fortaleza CE. Since 2008, when he first discovered XOOPS, his passion is

for front end development.

He is currently working for a web agency, developing websites and GUI to systems. He has extensive knowledge Web, SEO, Web Standards, HTML5 and CSS3. He also worked for the Government of the State of Ceará, made presentations at various Open Source events, with the focus on XOOPS.

He has a site about XOOPS (<http://www.xoopsfire.com>) that provides support for the Brazilian community. His objective is to make his themes for XOOPS increasingly more beautiful and functional, and to remake most used modules templates.

### **Alain Thivillier ([Alain01](#)) – Documentation Team**

He lives close to Lyon, France. In his professional life he is a LAN administrator.

He's been using XOOPS since 2003, when he tested many CMS projects (more than 8), and was surprised by the ease of use of XOOPS and the strength of the French community. He became active in the French support team, between 2004 and 2009, where he organized meetings among the XOOPS developers:

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The one thing that excites her and motivates her the most, is when there is a request for voting for XOOPS and people show their solidarity by voting and supporting XOOPS.

**Ali Nili ([lrmtfan](#)) – Support Team**

He is a chemical engineer from Iran who works for an industrial group company in Iran as a technical expert in Oil, Gas and Petrochemical industries. In his spare time he does some MATLAB coding, and of course, development in XOOPS.

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**Jim Garret ([Zyspec](#)) – Modules Team**

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