Major improvements to XOOPS 2.6.0, Alpha 3 release is getting closer! - XOOPS

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- SQL prepared statements and bound parameters implemented in core classes
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Or view, comment on, or merge it at:

   https://github.com/XOOPS/XoopsCore/pull/42

Commit Summary
- Add cURL to the recommended php extension list
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- Implement a unified preload file in some modules
- Allow absolute urls in button links
- Add RotatingFileHandler option for logs versioned by date
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- Declare classes as abstract
- More unified preload file changes
- Start conversion of kernel classes to namespaces
- A few module updates for recent namespace changes
- A few fixes for issues found in testing of recent changes
- Convert userconfigs to module from extension
- Add caller info to deprecated message
- Add transaction to add and update. Fix pass by ref error.
- Fix incorrect grouping of some where clauses.
- Move userconfigs from extension to module list
- Fix namespace issues
- Fix an odd expression case involving a null 'IN' clause.
- Add schema synchronize step to module update process
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- Add Patchwork UTF-8 support
- Update for PHP 5.5 compatibility

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