

XOOPS standardizes its Documentation on GitBook Platform - XOOPS

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We believe that thanks to **GitBook** we have now found a tool that will help us to:

- a) streamline the documentation process and make it more efficient
- b) engage the community by leveraging the same "forking and submitting pull requests" process as they are already using at their normal coding activities.

For the people who would like to help us:

- 1) We have documented the [XOOPS Documentation Process](#), so please review it and let us know if it works for you
- 2) We have created a "[XOOPS Docs Starter Kit](#)" with a predefined folder and file structure, that you can use to jump-start your project

We hope that once you realize how easy it is to contribute, you'll help us to make XOOPS Documentation really shine!!!

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