

A visual introduction to XOOPS (First Public Draft)

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Your favorite OS CMS, as seen through screenshots

by The XOOPS Documentation Team

This is the first public draft of our collective effort's first release. Please don't mind the omissions and pay attention to the contribution it represents for the XOOPS community.

We expect this document to evolve along with XOOPS, along with the community and along with our skills in documenting useful features to help newbies get up to speed soon.

Enjoy this little handbook. We hope it's the first of many more to come, and right away we ask from you something invaluable: your feedback. Without it, we're blind, deaf and dumb, and don't know if this is useful for YOU.

Please help us help you and all the others that will come to XOOPS after us.

Cheers.

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1 Introduction



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You're about to embark in an adventure: **XOOPS**. In the open source universe, in the content management system galaxy, **XOOPS** is a discrete star that little by little has been consolidating as a very attractive option. It's a nice, versatile, amazing, resilient, smart system that gets into your bones, because, although it might sound as a very lame *cliché*, **XOOPS** is a lot more than just a piece of software.

For some of us *xoopers* (or *xoopers*, as some say), **XOOPS** is almost a way of life, not as much as a creed nor as little as a hobby. It's a passion (although our significant others would rather say 'an obsession', not necessarily in a positive way). It's also a very loose and heterogeneous bunch of communities arguing together under several sites, trying to build a voice without losing in the way *le joi de vivre*.

But **XOOPS** is, as some gourmet delicacies, something that's best experienced than talked about. And what better way of taking a peek below the hood than through a visual visit to some of its features? Thus was conceived this visual presentation of our favorite CMS. We hope you enjoy both the guide and your exploration of **XOOPS**.

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Note: Please bear in mind that this document is in draft form, which means it's an unfinished work and of course can benefit from everybody's feedback. So, if you have an idea, a comment or something that might help us improve this document, don't hesitate and let us know. The

official address is documentation@xoops.org, but of course you can always find us hanging around in the **XOOPS** sites.

2 What is XOOPS?

XOOPS is a powerful, flexible and easy to use Content Management System (CMS) based on the scripting language **PHP**. When installed on a web server with **MySQL**, it allows administrators to manage dynamic websites, build online communities, handle users, modify at will a site's layout, and feed content through a simple interface. **XOOPS** handles 'the hard stuff' leaving you free to focus on the content of your website.

XOOPS stands for: e**X**tensible **O**bject **O**riented **P**ortal **S**ystem. For you, this means it's a tool built with long-term tools, that can be scaled to suit your needs. **XOOPS** is released under the terms of the **GNU** General Public License (GPL), which means it's **free** to use and modify. You can tweak and twist the program as much as you want or need, as long as you abide by the distribution terms of the **GPL**.

The screenshot displays the XOOPS 2.0.6 official website. The header features the XOOPS logo and the text "eXtended Object Oriented Portal System". Below the header, there is a navigation menu on the left with categories like "Community", "Login", "Register now!", "Development Information", "XOOPS Wiki", and "Who's Online". The main content area includes a welcome message, a news section for "XOOPS 2.0.6", and a "Recent Topics" table. The right sidebar contains a search box, a "PayPal" donation button, a list of contributors, and a "Top Posters" list.

Forum	Topic	Replies	Views	Last Post
Module requests	Any one need a music,radio player for there site convert this plz	3	40	2004/3/21 10:55 DobePhat
XOOPS.org Members Lounge	Xoops IT & Software Management Association??	4	73	2004/3/21 10:53 Mithrandir
Q and A	Links	2	20	2004/3/21 10:52 Immortal
Q and A	How To: Page generated in 0.4534 seconds?	6	50	2004/3/21 10:52 Mithrandir
Q and A	PM -> you got mail - done it - comments?	5	129	2004/3/21 10:47 Mithrandir
Xoops 2.0 Bug Report	modifying register.php - Could not register new user.	1	9	2004/3/21 10:35 Mithrandir
Q and A	Users cant register with firewall turned on!	1	9	2004/3/21 10:33 Mithrandir
Module usage questions	zipcode Dealer Locator mod	1	3	2004/3/21 10:29 cuckston
XOOPS.org Members Lounge	Automatic Login	7	27	2004/3/21 9:39 droso
Q and A	need to mail out newsletter to 1000 people	7	195	2004/3/21 9:38 Shijk
Module requests	Chat Module	1	10	2004/3/21 9:27 cuckston
XOOPS.org Members Lounge	Am I the only one	6	141	2004/3/21 9:22 cuckston
Module usage questions	XOOPS Dev Team: Would it be hard to propagate module name in all reference to the module?	26	417	2004/3/21 9:08 Daigoro
Module requests	A Group, Band , Clan module ?	10	124	2004/3/21 8:50 catsoty
Module usage questions	WF-Section pdf problem	4	64	2004/3/21 8:50 comegona
Theme requests	Theme Concepts	6	107	2004/3/21 8:32 Mithrandir
Module	transport (export) my many FAQ's to	2	10	2004/3/21 7:55

Figure 1. The XOOPS main site presents a user side focused on a community site.

The screenshot displays the XOOPS administration interface. At the top, the XOOPS logo and version number (2) are visible. The navigation bar includes 'Control Panel Home | XOOPS News' and 'Logout | Home Page'. A vertical menu on the left lists various modules with icons: SYSTEM ADMIN, USER, PHOTO ALBUM, UPLOAD, LIVE STORY, POLLS, FORUM, WF-CHANNEL, WF-SECTION, Bop Comments, News, CONTENT RELATIONS, MyAdmin, SPOTLIGHT, and NEWS. The main content area is titled 'WF-Channel Admin' and features a table of navigation options:

General Settings	Main Admin Page	Create New Channel	Link Page Admin
Group Permissions	Refer Page Admin	Upload File	Reorder Channels

Below the navigation table is the 'Create new Channel' form. It includes the following fields and options:

- Channel Logo:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'blank.png'.
- Channel Title Weight:** A text input field containing the number '1'.
- Channel Title:** An empty text input field.
- Channel headline:** An empty text input field.
- Static HTML:** A dropdown menu.
- Page Content:** A rich text editor with a toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, and a text color picker. Below the toolbar are dropdown menus for 'SIZE', 'FONT', and 'COLOR', and an 'Add' button.
- Channel Settings:** A series of checkboxes:
 - Disable HTML Tags
 - Disable Smiley Icons
 - Disable XOOPS Codes
 - Use Linebreak Conversion? (Disable when using HTML)
- Channel Options:** Three sets of radio buttons:
 - Set as Default Channel?: Yes No
 - Add as a submenu item?: Yes No
 - Add link to the main page?: Yes No
 - Allow Comments for this channel?: Yes No

At the bottom of the form are 'Create' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 2. Every XOOPS site is managed through a secure Web interface that can be heavily customized.



Figure 3. It's up to you to create a visually stunning, attractive interface for the users of your XOOPS site.

3 Summary of Features

Easy Installation

Installation of **XOOPS** is straightforward and easy to follow. The installation wizard walks through every step of the process. With proper server permissions and configurations, only a database username and password are needed to start using **XOOPS**.

To install **XOOPS** for the first time, you'll need to have the minimum following server software pre-installed:

- HTTP Server (Apache or IIS)
Note, XOOPS only officially supports Apache
- PHP 4.1.0 and higher (4.1.1 or higher recommended)
- MySQL Database 3.23.XX



Figure 4. XOOPS has a Web-based install wizard that leads you through the installation process.

Database-driven

XOOPS uses a relational database to store content, manage data and maintain a dynamic website. **XOOPS** works best with **MySQL**, an open-source relational database available in many web hosting companies.

Modular, Object-Oriented Design

The power of **XOOPS** lies in the modular implementation of its features - it is written in an object-oriented manner. This allows for better scalability, extensibility and customization.

XOOPS consists of:

- the 'core' **XOOPS** program, which provides the basic operating and administrative framework
- a series of official modules that serve the basic needs of a dynamic site
- as many optional modules as you might want to provide additional functionality.

New functions can be added through a simple module installation process. This modular approach makes **XOOPS** highly customizable. You only need to install those modules you find useful and you can remove them at any time - there is no need to burden your site with unnecessary code and your site can be configured to have just what you need.

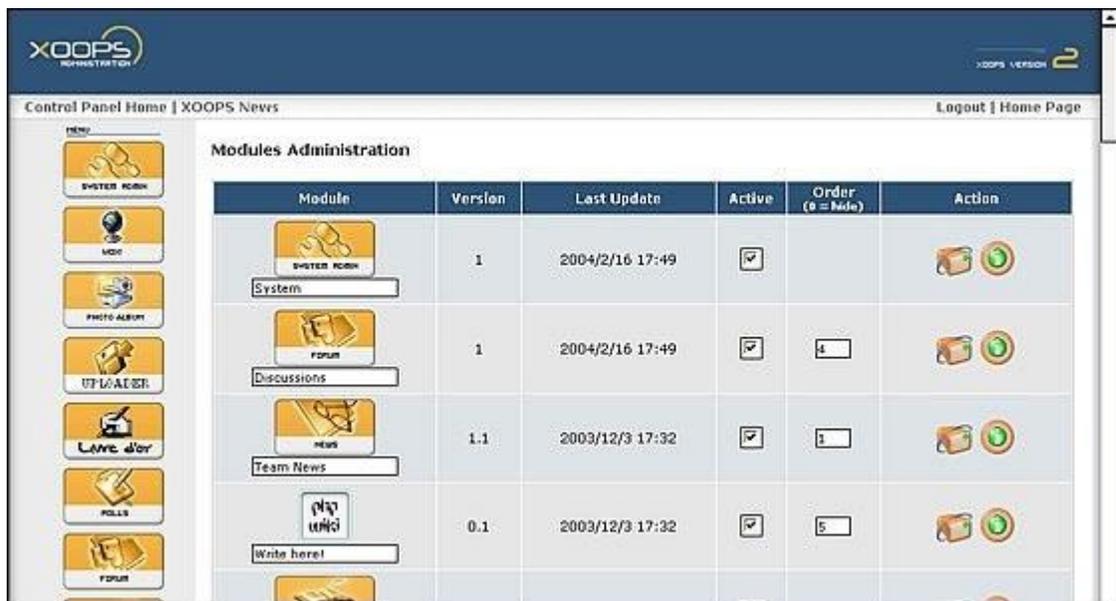


Figure 5. Module installation and deinstallation is an easy process in the admin side of **XOOPS**.

Layout and Theme Management System

The layout of a **XOOPS** website is controlled through a system of blocks, columns, and themes. Modules come with a set of pre-defined blocks to display their output on screen. The column (horizontal placement) and vertical position of each block can be set through the administrative interface:

- Horizontal placement is set by assigning blocks to a particular column (**XOOPS** supports up to five columns in a layout).
- Vertical order is set by assigning each block a 'weight' (order) from 1-99.
- Page layout can be set independently for each module, and is handled outside of the code, in a template set.

The administrative interface also allows for the creation of custom blocks, which can be **PHP** code or even **HTML**.

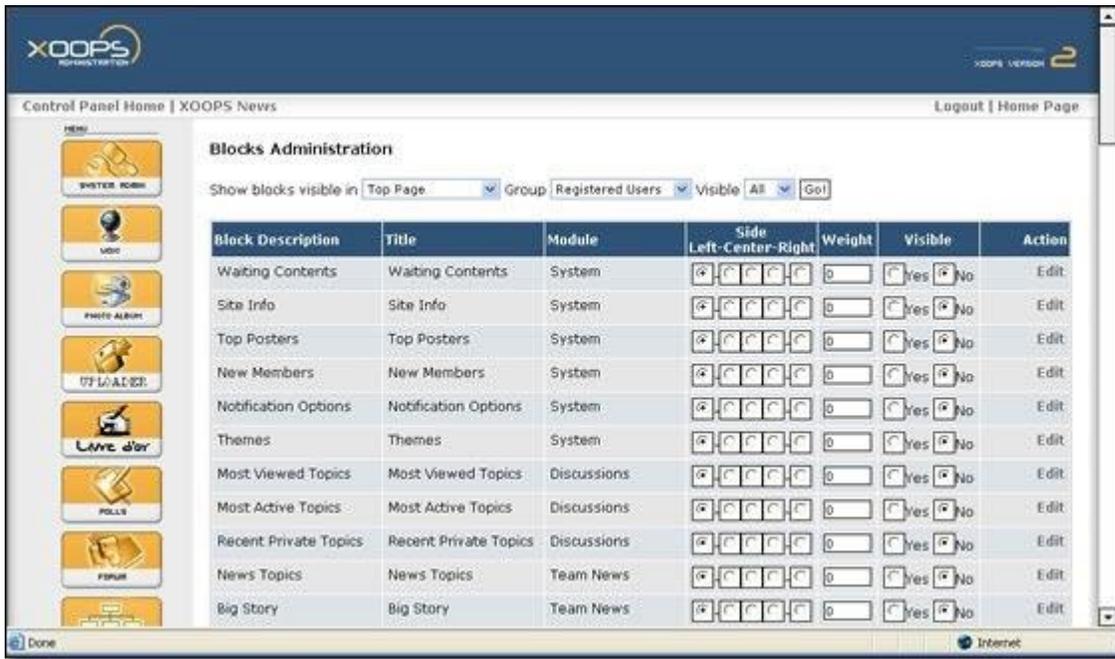


Figure 6. It's very easy to define the position of every block available in the system.

The 'look' or 'skin' of a **XOOPS** site is controlled by a powerful graphical theming system that allows a site's designer to work directly in **HTML**. Both admins and users (with proper permissions) can change the look of the entire web site with just a click of the mouse. More than a hundred themes are publicly (and freely) available and multiple themes can be installed in the same site. The system incorporates **Cascading Style Sheets** for easy customization.

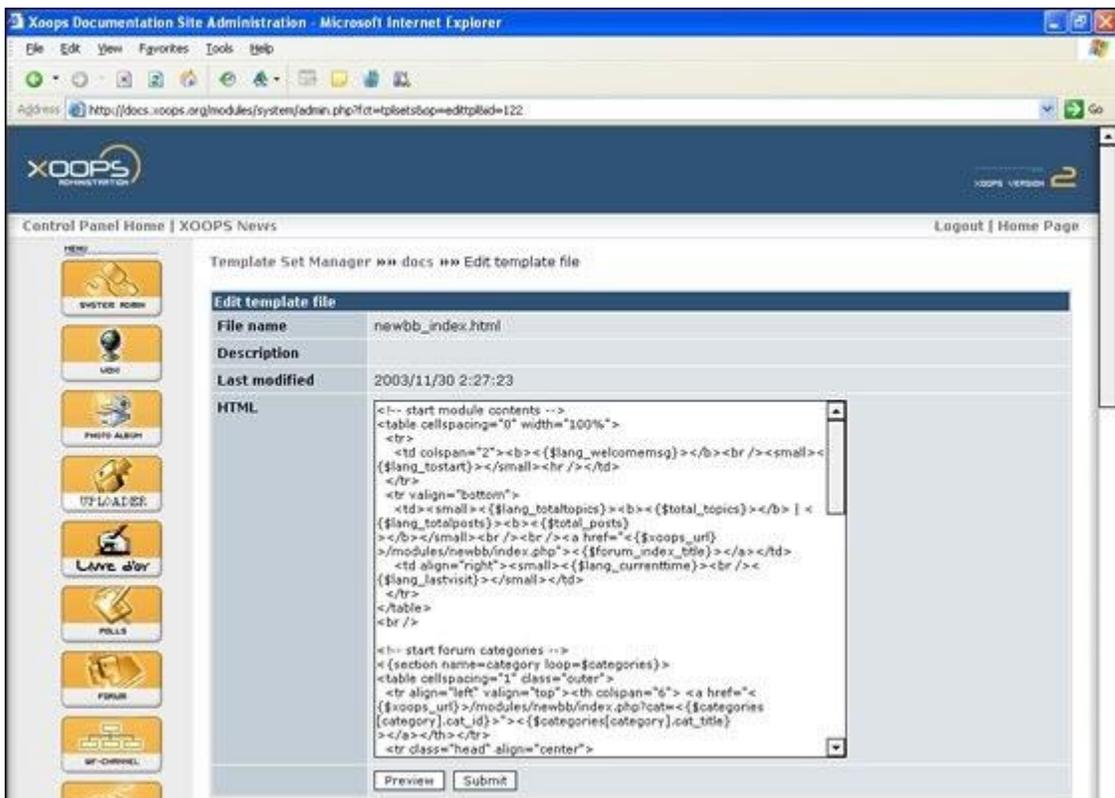


Figure 7. Using the template manager, a site's administrator can edit the **HTML** templates that drive the site's aspect.

Smarty Template Engine

Smarty (<http://smarty.php.net>) is a template engine for **PHP** that has been incorporated to the core of **XOOPS** since version 2.0. This allows site administrators to design their sites with very minimal knowledge of **PHP**. Using basic **HTML**, Cascading Style Sheets and **Smarty** tags, site designers can customize themes and templates within minutes. **Smarty** tags allow website programmers to develop short scripts to use site and user data (e.g. site name, site slogan, site url, username, and user id) inside their **HTML** theme and template files. **Smarty** also implements a caching system that stores themes and templates for quick retrieval. This greatly speeds up the loading of any **XOOPS** site.

Group-based Permission and Access

XOOPS incorporates a member registration system – you can optionally require people to sign up to your site in order to have access to certain areas or functions. For example, most sites require people to join before they are allowed to contribute news or post messages in the forums.

Access and administration rights to a **XOOPS** website are set through a flexible permission system based on 'user groups'. The default groups include anonymous users, registered members and webmasters, but of course you can define as many groups as you need to manage your site. Each group can be given a unique set of access rights governing:

- Which blocks can be seen
- Which modules can be accessed
- Which modules can be administered
- Which aspects of system administration can be modified

Custom groups can also be created through the groups administration page.



Figure 8. For every group you have, you can assign all kinds of rights in your XOOPS system.

Great Search Function

The XOOPS search engine sorts search results by module --so the nature of each result is clearly identified as, for example, a news story, download, event or other item.



Figure 9. Search results are sorted by module so you always know where you'll be taken.

User Management

XOOPS provides built in tools for easy user management. These include the ability to search for users by various criteria, send email and private messages to users through a template-based messaging system. In your site, users have the rights that pertain to the group they're assigned to.



Figure 10. Sending mail to your users is an easy process, and you can address them one group at a time, if you want.

Multi-byte Language Support

XOOPS can support multi-byte character sets 'out of the box'. The language of the user interface can be changed by installing additional language packs. Currently available packs include Dutch, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Arabic, Japanese and Chinese (both simplified and traditional). The language files are easily located and modified due to the modular nature of **XOOPS**. Creating additional language packs for modules is as simple as copying a language folder and translating the text strings.

Built in Image Manager

Images can be categorized and uploaded directly into the images manager through a browser. The image manager opens in a separate window with one click of a button, enabling easy insertion of images into news articles and other content. There is an extensive permission system controlling image dimensions, file size and access of user groups to different categories.



Figure 11. The image manager allows you to upload pictures that you can later use in your news items, for instance.

Friendly, Supportive Community

XOOPS is backed by a friendly and supportive user community through the **XOOPS** main website (<http://www.xoops.org>) as well as through the complementary sites for modules (<http://modules.xoops.org>) and themes (<http://themes.xoops.org>). If you need assistance or advice you can consult other users through the community forums – there are a lot of helpful people there. There are also more than a dozen official support sites around the world for support of non-English speaking users.

To get a taste of the friendliness of the **XOOPS** community, just browse around the forums for a while.

Organized Development Process

XOOPS is very much a 'live' product. **XOOPS** is being actively developed and extended through an organized process that includes public consultation with members of the **XOOPS** community. Eight teams have been established to ensure that the system evolves in a coherent and consistent manner. The teams are:

- Core development
- Module development
- Theme development
- Quality control
- Community support
- Documentation
- Community relations
- Product development

The development teams and **XOOPS** community at large are continually improving the system and adding to its functionality, with emphasis on the production of high quality code.

4 Official Modules

XOOPS currently ships with a number of modules developed and maintained by the XOOPS Module Development team. Members of the **XOOPS** community have also developed by a wide variety of third-party modules.

The following are the present official modules:

News
NewBB
Polls
Web Links
Downloads
Headlines
FAQ
Partners
Members
Contact Us

4.1 News

The **News** module is actually much more than just a news module; it's a full fledged article management module. It allows site administrators to post, publish and manage articles in their website. Articles can be categorized into several topics and subtopics, and each one of them can be identified visually by using topic icons.

The **News** module is integrated with **XOOPS'** Notifications feature. Webmasters and registered users can decide if they want to be notified when new topics or articles are posted. Depending on permissions, visitors can submit articles for approval and publishing. Four blocks are available for display in different parts of the site: Big Story, Recent News, Top News and News Topics. Some of the features of the module are:

- You can browse news items in a linear fashion or through the monthly news archive
- News items can be published at once or scheduled to pop online on a desired date and time
- News items can be left on the site or scheduled to expire on a desired date and time
- Site administrators can define as many topics and subtopics they need to categorize their news items
- Each topic or subtopic can have its own image, and the image can be defined to appear left or right in the index
- Each news item has defined an introductory text, the one that will appear in index pages. A complementary text is optional.
- Long articles can be further subdivided in pages using the [pagebreak] tag
- Articles can optionally use HTML or XoopsCode --a simple tag language based on square brackets.
- Site administrators can see a preview of their stories before publishing them
- Site administrators can decide if a specific news item appears or not in the home page
- All the text of the stories is fully searchable
- Every story can include images by using **XOOPS** image manager
- The module has integrated **XOOPS'** notification feature
- Optionally, all news items can be commented by users
- Headlines of the module can be syndicated to other sites through an RSS newsfeed

HACKS : XOOPS MULTILANGUAGE VERSION 1.1

Posted by marcan on 2004/3/3 4:02:34 (609 reads)

The XOOPS Multilanguage hack of hsalazar has been improved again ! 

- It now supports XOOPS version 2.0.6
- Different new hacks have been added to support more translated elements of XOOPS
- The comment titles are now translated.

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MODULES : TIPS AND TRICKS MODULE

Posted by dlh on 2004/3/2 13:46:58 (200 reads)

Here's a tips and tricks module for Xoops 2.

So nobody get's the wrong idea - I basically cloned and hacked the random quotes module 1.0.1 that I submitted last year.

This module was originally written by EggMcMuffin.

You can see it in action at my website:

<http://www.guitargearheads.com>



Figure 12. News items present in the index pages a lot of information and links.



Figure 13. Once displayed in full, each story has its comments associated, as well as many control options.

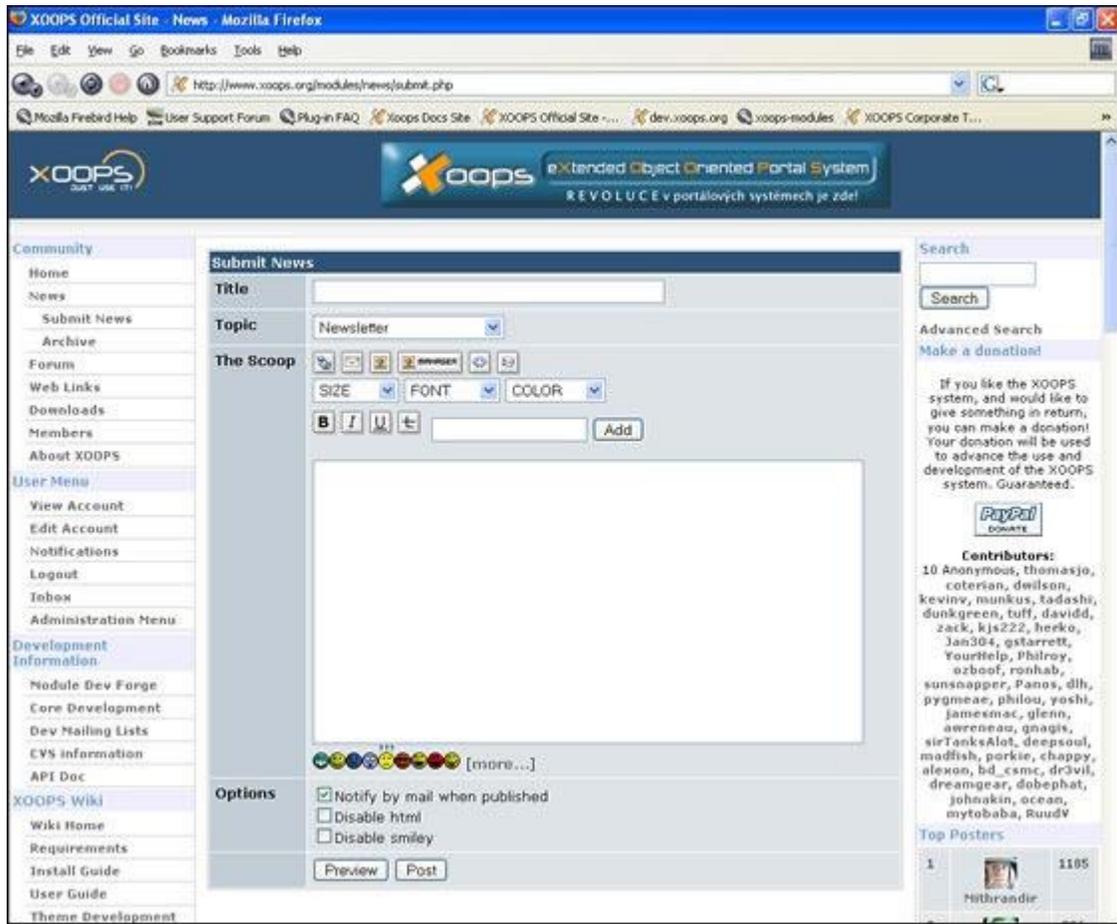


Figure 14. Users with the appropriate privileges can submit stories to your XOOPS website.



Figure 15. A useful way of browsing the news in a XOOPS site is the monthly archive.

4.2 NewBB

The **NewBB** module is a forum or bulletin board module. Depending on permissions set by the site administrators, moderators, registered users and anonymous guests can exchange posts and discuss topics. Forum management is done from within the Admin Control Panel, but assigned moderators can do from basic forum moderation within the forum itself.

Four blocks are available for display, usually in the front page: Most viewed topics, Most active topics, Recent topics, and Recent private topics.

Some of the features of the module are:

- You can set private forums, available only to members
- Each message shows the user's avatar
- You can preview your message before actually posting it
- Moderators can be defined per category
- Users can be notified about most events in the forums
- You can optionally allow the use XoopsCode and HTML in posts
- It's possible to link to images
- It's possible to add clickable URLs and email addresses

The screenshot shows the XOOBS Official Site Forum interface. The main content area displays a welcome message and statistics: Total Topics: 17682, Total Posts: 75426. The time is 2004/3/24 12:44, and the user last visited on 2004/3/24 11:53:29. The forum is organized into three main sections:

- General XOOBS.org forums:**

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
XOOBS.org Members Lounge The Members Lounge is the place to talk about anything non-xoops related. Hang out here with the other members! Moderator: Herko, destrux	1612	7262	2004/3/24 11:13:00 macmend
XOOBS.org announcements General announcements on forum discussions on the xoops.org websites. Moderator: Herko	11	14	2003/11/20 2:40:01 Anonymous
XOOBS.org feedback & suggestions Post your ideas, comments, gripes, compliments about the xoops.org websites here. Moderator: Herko	137	704	2004/3/23 19:42:29 Mithrandir
- XOOBS Community Support forums:**

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Installation Troubleshooting Having trouble installing XOOBS? Get your help here! Moderator: Herko, destrux	1556	7943	2004/3/23 21:00:38 fredski
Q and A General questions and answers are posted here. Moderator: Herko, destrux	4474	17393	2004/3/24 10:17:43 Jacko
Fixed Bugs / FAQ (Read-Only) Please first read this forum and see if your bug is already solved Moderator: cookacu, Herko	28	152	2002/7/1 8:40:42 analogduck
XOOBS Hosting Post requests, descriptions, and experiences with various Hosting Services in this forum. Moderator: Herko	116	503	2004/3/20 16:21:20 YourHelp
XOOBS general usage questions General questions about how to get the most out of your XOOBS site, post those here. Moderator: chapi, Herko, destrux	2338	9195	2004/3/24 11:47:22 Sm0ka
Beginner's Corner New to XOOBS and want to ask your questions? Come here for your newbie help! Moderator: Herko	8	53	2004/3/24 8:45:14 Mithrandir
- XOOBS Modules Support forums:**

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Module usage questions	2930	14032	2004/3/24

The sidebar on the left includes navigation links (Home, News, Forum, Web Links, Downloads, All about XOOBS), a login section (Username, Password, User Login), and a 'Who's Online' section showing 40 users and 37 guests. The right sidebar features a search bar, advanced search options, a donation button (PayPal), and a list of top posters.

Figure 16. XOOBS uses the newBB forum module to hold its discussions.

XOOPS Official Site Forum Index Register To Post

Q and A
(Moderated by: Herko, destrux)

(1) 2 3 4 ... 41 »

Q and A						
	Topic	Replies	Poster	Views	Date	
	 "Sorry, you do not have the permission to access this area...."	18	sgentzen	3544	2004/3/10 15:17:22 by arvindg1	
	 HTML problem in XOOPS and Other CMS?  [1][2][3]	43	danyblue	6526	2003/12/24 19:14:45 by shivaji	
	 Extending the Titles of Submitted News	7	Brandon	1909	2003/1/1 9:28:26 by Yero	
	 moving my xoops environment	1	smithcje	14	2004/3/24 10:17:43 by JackJ	
	 Thinking About Switching From php-Nuke...	7	Talis	98	2004/3/24 8:47:36 by Mithrandir	
	 Redirection to a page after registration	0	marcan	20	2004/3/24 7:07:38 by marcan	
	 Unable to backup "mail.cache"!!	0	mharoun	10	2004/3/24 5:42:41 by mharoun	
	 Smarty Variable for recent url?	1	k_toni	26	2004/3/24 5:31:25 by studioC	
	 Firefox not displaying center blocks correctly	7	xantius	104	2004/3/24 4:19:39 by sunsnapper	
	 Uninstall a Module	1	scarfie	17	2004/3/24 3:35:19 by Mithrandir	
	 Forum - Formatted Printing?	1	yogiman	19	2004/3/24 3:16:57 by Predator	
	 Help with flash intro	6	Chris03	100	2004/3/24 3:09:02	

Figure 17. A category forum showing the most recent discussion threads.

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[Module usage questions](#)
[Google API and XOOPS integrated](#)

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Poster	Thread
fatman	Posted on: 2004/3/12 18:51
<p>Not too shy to talk</p>  <p>Joined: 2003/12/13 From: Canada Posts: 112</p>	<p>Google API and XOOPS integrated</p> <p>I hope this module is useful to some people. I call it Xoogle, it's a small module which integrates the google API with your xoops site.</p> <p>You can see a demo here</p> <p>You can download the module here</p> <p>note: you have to get an access key from google to use their API, but this is easy to do and I've provided a link in the module admin. Any questions let me know.</p> <p>I'm not sure my AND/OR options for advance search work as expected. I welcome comments if you find something not working.</p>
wtravel	Posted on: 2004/3/12 19:43
<p>Just popping in</p>  <p>Joined: 2003/8/26 From: Posts: 99</p>	<p>Re: Google API and XOOPS integrated</p> <p>That is a very good piece of work!! I am sure a lot of people would like this.</p> <p>I did some testing and I found that I cannot navigate further to the next page. What I can do is go to the last page, but when I click the link I see no results.</p> <p>Do you know if it is possible to see only results for English sites or only Dutch sites when you add a parameter?</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Martijn</p>
wtravel	Posted on: 2004/3/12 19:51
<p>Just popping in</p> 	<p>Re: Google API and XOOPS integrated</p> <p>I did some more quick testing...</p> <p>The search results from Xoogle in your search block chew up the first 10</p>

Figure 18. A discussion thread, which the reader can follow in a nested or flat style.

Recent Topics				
Forum	Topic	Replies	Views	Last Post
XOOPS.org feedback & suggestions	Documentation	0	1	2004/3/24 13:03 jonbowen
XOOPS general usage questions	Best practice for mass mailing users?	0	1	2004/3/24 12:50 brash
Module usage questions	Adding more then 1 TinyContent Module...	0	3	2004/3/24 12:49 Dreakon
Module usage questions	Agenda-X version 2	6	55	2004/3/24 12:19 wjue
Module requests	FTP module?????	4	54	2004/3/24 11:54 carnuke
XOOPS general usage questions	Using an Xoops forum on another non xoops site	1	16	2004/3/24 11:47 Sm0ka
XOOPS general usage questions	(How) Can I get xoops to do this...	4	44	2004/3/24 11:43 Sm0ka
Module troubleshooting	xoops 2.06, xcgallery 1.1	0	13	2004/3/24 11:32 G0win
Module usage questions	Google API and XOOPS integrated	13	221	2004/3/24 11:32 carnuke
XOOPS.org Members Lounge	Weblog Spacing between weblogs HELP!	7	138	2004/3/24 11:13 macmend
Module troubleshooting	New FormElement: Any Obvious Security Holes?	0	6	2004/3/24 11:11 Brad
XOOPS.org Members Lounge	oscommerce shop	6	252	2004/3/24 11:08 davidl2
Module usage	help; log in problem	32	288	2004/3/24 10:54 dlt

Figure 19. The most recent threads can be shown in the home page as an invitation to enter the forums.

4.3 Polls

The **Polls** module allows webmasters to start simple polls and surveys. Anonymous users and registered members can vote depending on permissions. Polls can be set to allow only one option or a number of options per vote. Results are displayed through graphical horizontal bars. Expiration dates for each poll are required, but polls can be restarted once expired in case you want to revive an old discussion. An added security feature allows members to vote only once. One block is available to display one or more polls anywhere in the site.



Figure 20. XOOPS keeps a list of the polls published in a site even if they've expired.

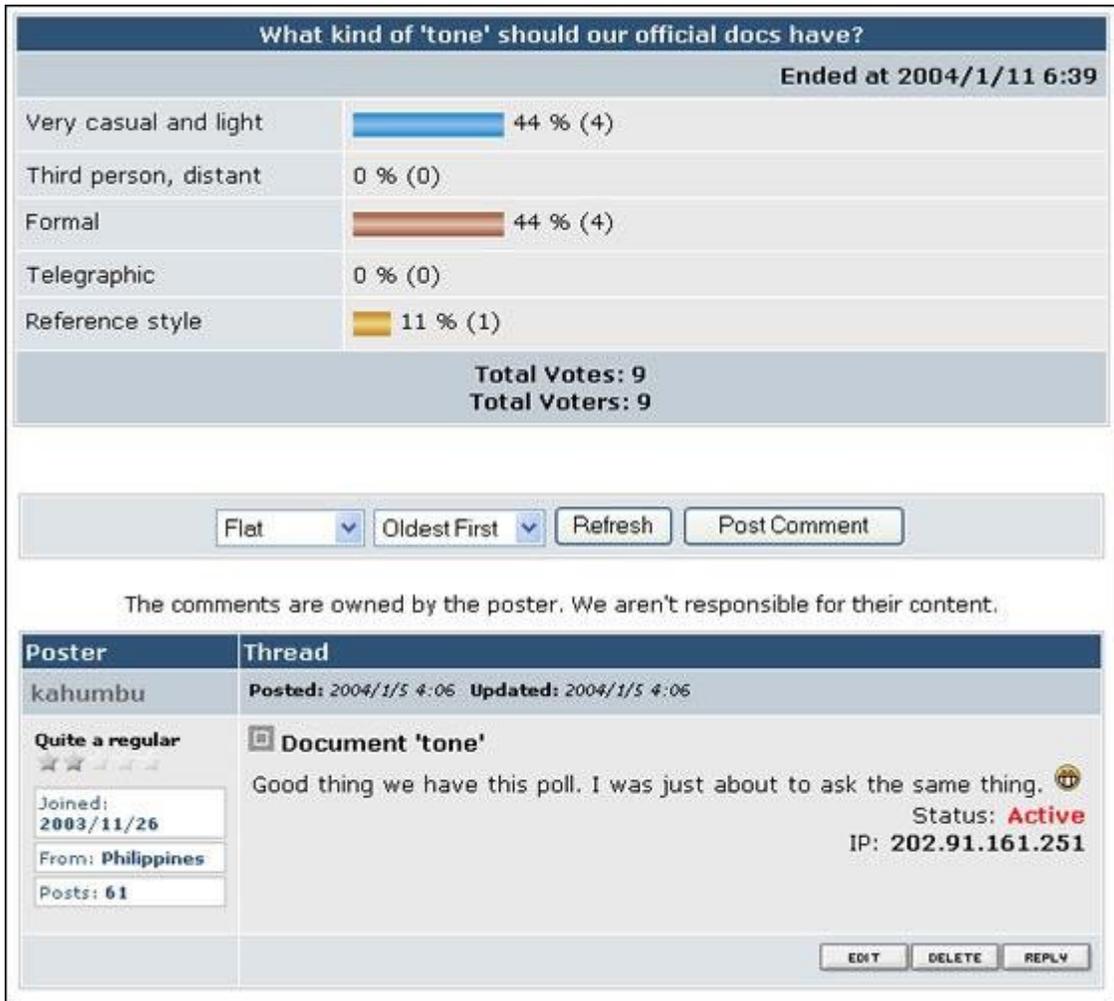


Figure 21. Every poll question shows its results in a horizontal bar graph, and can have its own comments thread.

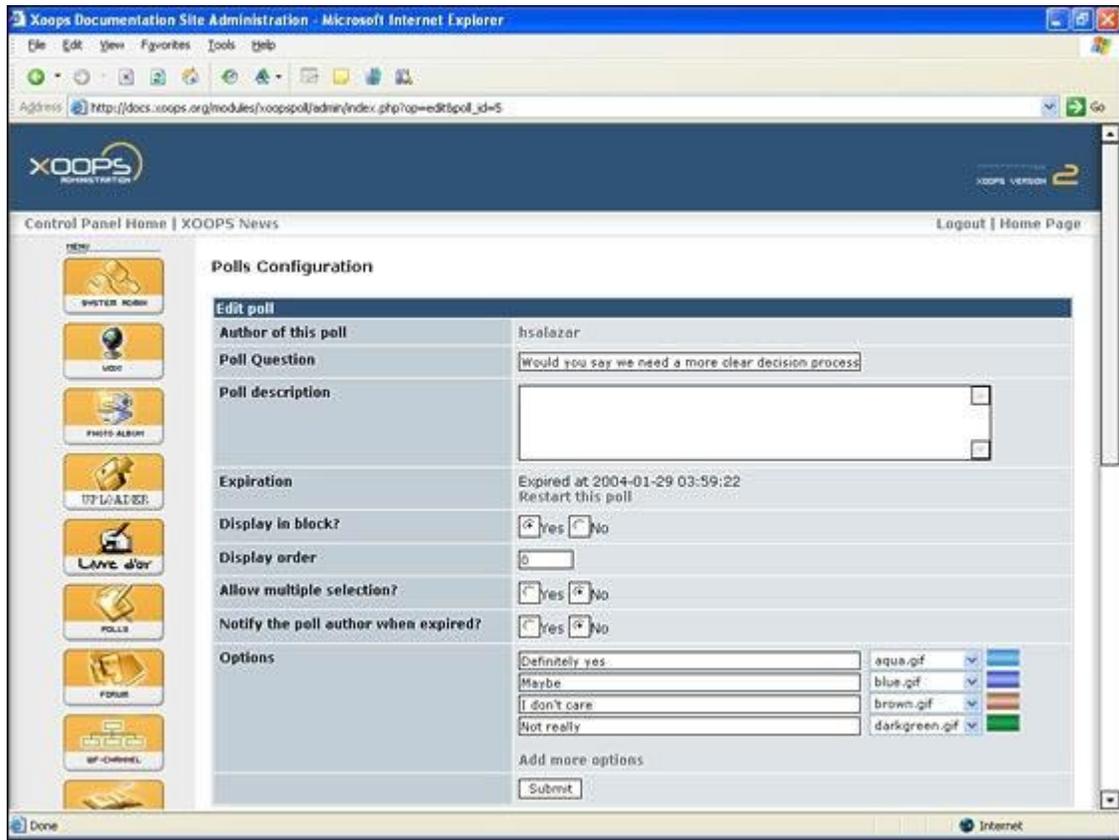


Figure 22. Polls can be easily configured by the XOOPS site administrator using this interface.

4.4 Web Links

The **Web Links** module is a link manager for the site. It allows site administrators to post descriptions for each link. Depending on settings, anonymous users and registered members can submit their links for approval and publishing. Users can rate links, suggest modifications in the details, report a broken link and post comments. Hits and Ratings are recorded to allow ranking of links. Two blocks are available for display: Recent Links and Top Links.

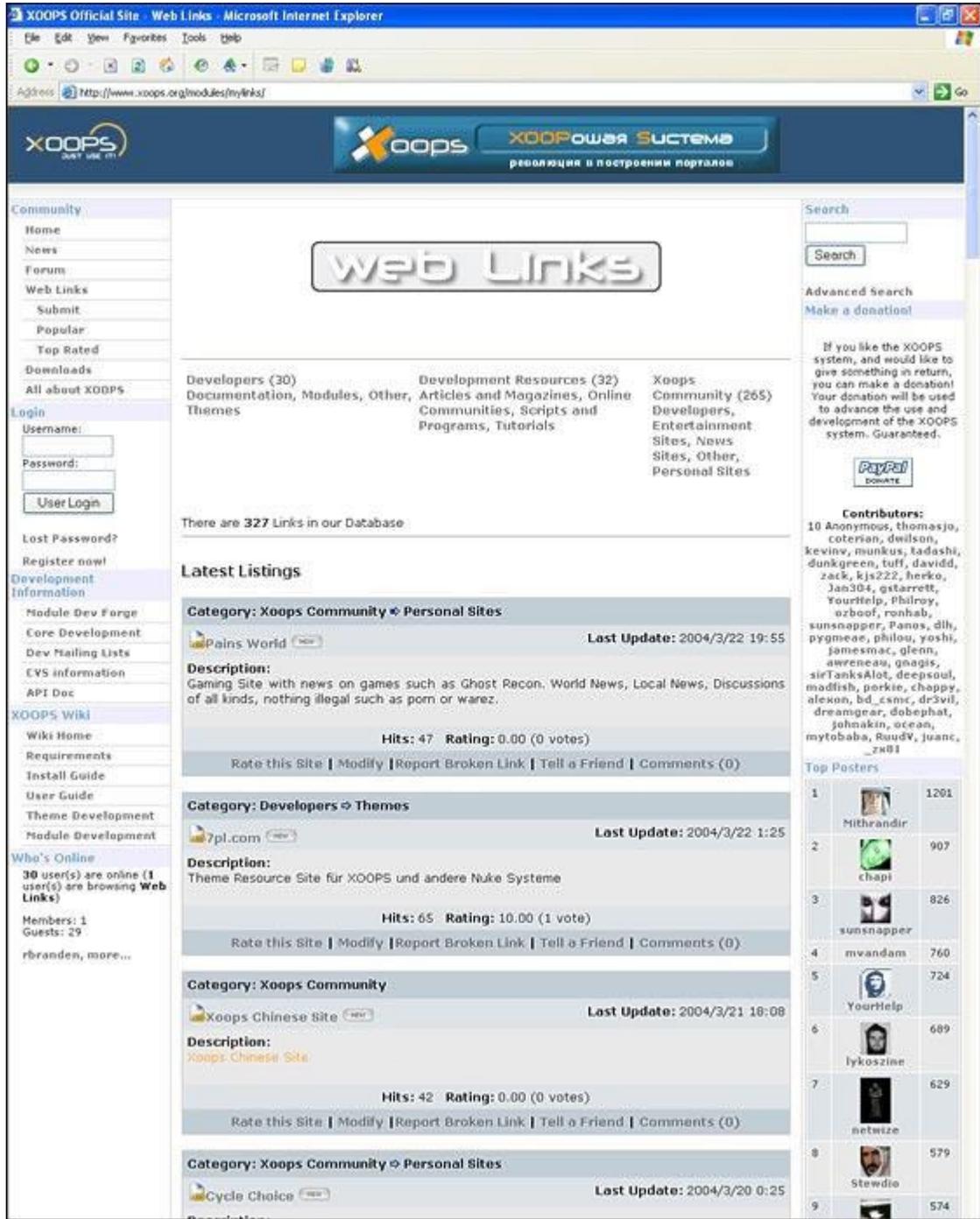


Figure 23. The index page of the Web Links module shows links to the main categories as well as the latest links.

Web Links

Main : Xoops Community : Personal Sites :

Sort by: Title (▲▼) Date (▲▼) Rating (▲▼) Popularity (▲▼)
Sites currently sorted by: Date (New Links Listed First)

Category: Xoops Community ▸ Personal Sites

 **Pains World** **Last Update:** 2004/3/22 19:55

Description:
 Gaming Site with news on games such as Ghost Recon. World News, Local News, Discussions of all kinds, nothing illegal such as porn or warez.

Hits: 47 Rating 0.00 (0 votes)

[Rate this Site](#) | [Modify](#) | [Report Broken Link](#) | [Tell a Friend](#) | [Comments \(0\)](#)

Category: Xoops Community ▸ Personal Sites

 **Cycle Choice** **Last Update:** 2004/3/20 0:25

Description:
 Cycle Choice is a free online service for people looking for bicycles. You tell us what you want in a bike, and we search over 1000 bike companies in search of your perfect bicycle. We search for mountain bikes, road bikes, recreational bikes and BMX bikes. Once we find results, we make a webpage with the specs, weight, price etc, and email it to you. Its then up to you to make the choice. We also provide links of where you can buy online.

Hits: 90 Rating 0.00 (0 votes)

[Rate this Site](#) | [Modify](#) | [Report Broken Link](#) | [Tell a Friend](#) | [Comments \(0\)](#)

Category: Xoops Community ⇄ Personal Sites

 **The Cactus Database** **Last Update:** 2004/3/8 19:03

Description:
 A useful information portal for people with interests in Cactus including a support forum and gallery.

Figure 24. A category's links can be easily sorted in eight different ways.

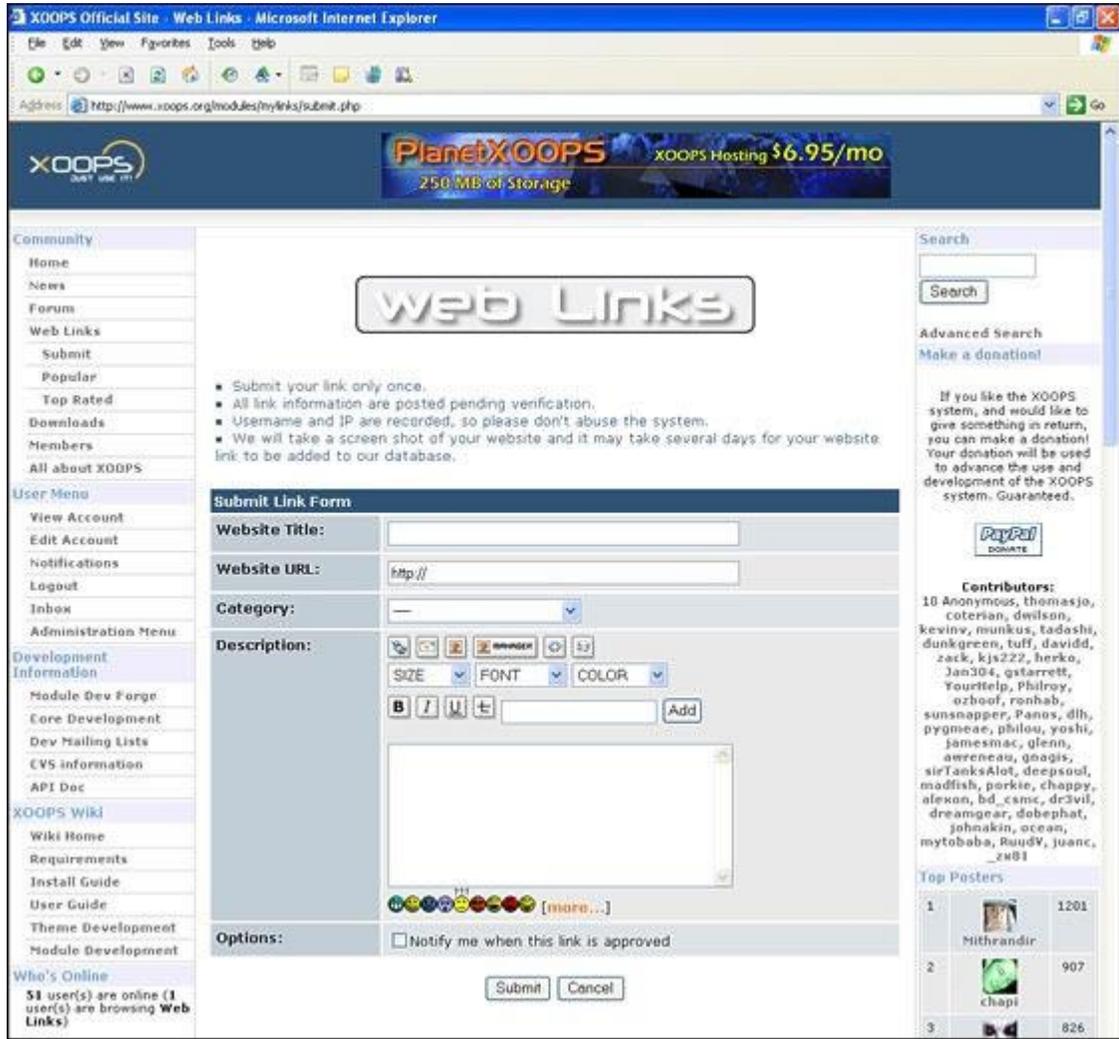


Figure 25. Users can submit their proposal for links using a simple form. The submission has to be approved to appear in the site.

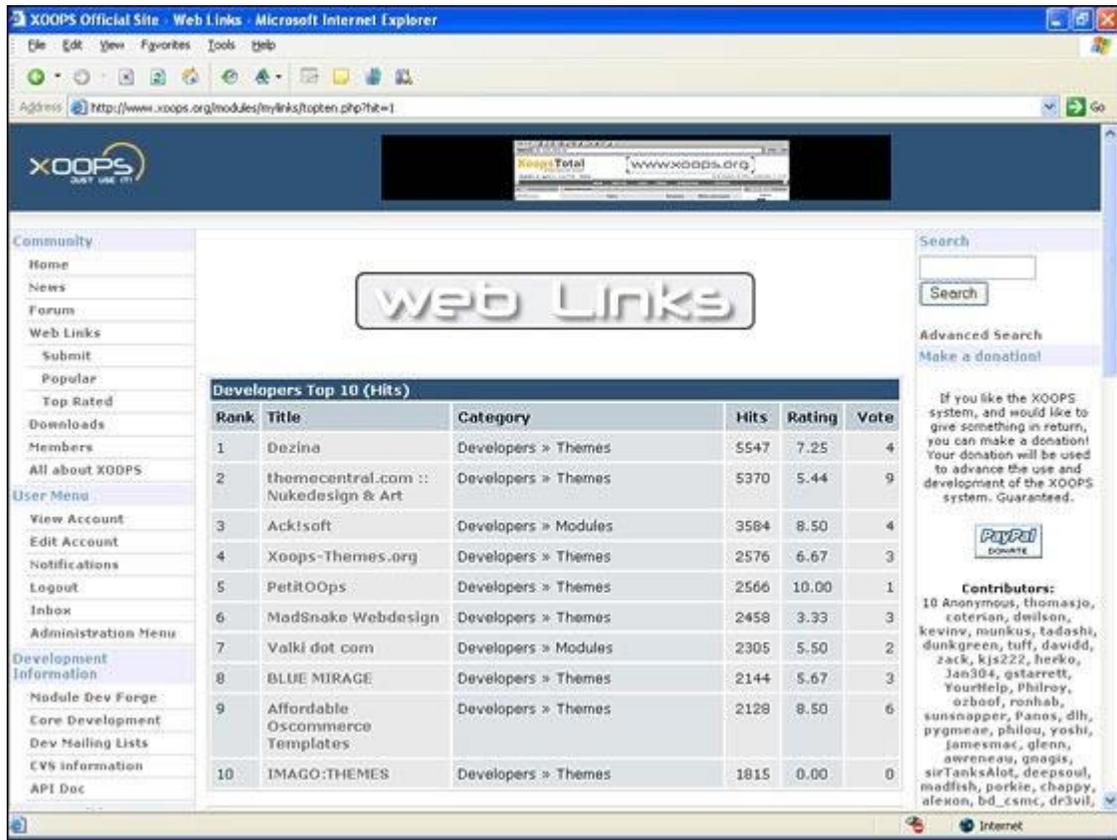


Figure 26. XOOPS offers several ways of showing the popularity of each site in the links repository.

4.5 Downloads

The **Downloads** module is a link manager for downloadable resources. It allows administrators to categorize and post descriptions of downloads including file size, version, platform and date submitted. Other features include:

- A counter recording the number of times each file is accessed
- Visitors can submit and rate downloads, propose changes to descriptions, report broken links and post comments
- Display blocks for Recent downloads and Top Downloads



Figure 27. The header of the Downloads module shows categories and subcategories. Then come the latest files.

The screenshot displays the 'Downloads' section of the XOOPS Official Site. The browser window shows the URL: <http://www.xoops.org/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=24&orderby=dateD>. The page is titled 'downloads' and shows a list of modules for download, sorted by date (newest first).

The main content area is titled 'Main : Modules : 2.0 :'. Below this, there is a sorting menu: 'Sort by: Title (▲▼) Date (▲▼) Rating (▲▼) Popularity (▲▼) Files currently sorted by: Date (New Files Listed First)'. The page is divided into three main sections, each representing a different module category.

Category Modules ⇄ 2.0

Friend Finder. new **Version: 3.10** **Submitted Date: 2004/3/24**

Description: This is a module for FriedFinder. It work with Xoops 2.0.6 but it has some bugs. ... However. Change the number of the version in view.php files if you use version different of Xoops 2.0 .

70 243 bytes Xoops 2 <http://www.dancepartner.info>

Rating: 0.00 (0 votes)
Rate this File | Modify | Report Broken File | Tell a Friend | Comments (0)

Category Modules ⇄ 2.0

Xoops BFSTATS. new **Version: 1.00** **Submitted Date: 2004/3/23**

Description: Macked version of select(bf) to work with Xoops. Records stats for all BF1942 mods. Some additional software will need to be downloaded from java.sun.com to get it to work properly. All installation information is recorded within the HELP file accessible via the admin menu.

78 1.11 MB Windows / Unix <http://www.tswm.com>

Rating: 0.00 (0 votes)
Rate this File | Modify | Report Broken File | Tell a Friend | Comments (0)

Category Modules ⇄ 2.0

TechThemeConfig 1.0 Bundle. new **Version: 1.0** **Submitted Date: 2004/3/21**

Description: Take control of your sites themes, configure them the way -you- want. TechThemeConfig gives you the control over important areas of your theme, focus on the links that you'd like. Add scrolling text in headers, add 10 links in the header to where ever you'd like on or off site, all with a few clicks you can also change them when ever you wish!

Configurable Areas:
10 Internal or external links.
2 Custom scrolling text areas.
Site name. (The way you want it to be seen)
Site slogan.
Site url. (For cosmetic purposes only.)

Also included are the following 3 TechThemes:

The right sidebar contains a search bar, a 'Make a donation!' link, a list of contributors (10 names), and a 'Top Posters' list with 10 entries, each showing a user's profile picture, name, and post count.

Figure 28. In a category, the files show a clickable link, and several options for users to interact with the site.



Figure 29. Each download can have its own comments thread, if the site administrator decides so.



Figure 30. One way of interacting with the site is the rating of downloadable files. This can be helpful to other users.

downloads

- Submit your file/script only once.
- All file/script information are posted pending verification.
- Username and IP are recorded, so please don't abuse the system.
- It may take several days for your file/script to be added to our database.

Submit download Form

Download Title:	<input type="text"/>
Download URL:	<input type="text" value="http://"/>
Category:	<input type="text" value="—"/> ▼
Home Page:	<input type="text"/>
Version:	<input type="text"/>
File Size:	<input type="text"/> Bytes
Platform:	<input type="text"/>
Description	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">    MANAGER </div><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">SIZE ▼FONT ▼COLOR ▼</div><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">B <i>I</i> <u>U</u> <input type="text"/></div><div style="text-align: right;"><input type="button" value="Add"/></div></div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;">         ??? [more...]</div>
Options:	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify me when this file is approved

Figure 31. Another way of participating is to submit your own file. You provide a link, as there's still no upload facility.

The screenshot shows the XOOPS Official Site Downloads page. The browser window title is "XOOPS Official Site - Downloads - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "http://www.xoops.org/modules/mydownloads/top10.php?hit=1". The page has a blue header with the XOOPS logo and a banner for "Nuevo XOOPS". The main content area features a large "downloads" graphic and a table titled "Modules Top 10 (Hits)".

Rank	Title	Category	Hits	Rating	Vote
1	FreeContent V3.0 Final (WebDigest)	Modules »» 2.0	149093	8.00	20
2	Articles module for Xoops v2	Modules »» 2.0	32499	7.00	2
3	Galeria 1.2.6	Modules »» 2.0	9905	4.00	7
4	Agenda-X 2.0.1	Modules »» 2.0	9294	8.00	15
5	TinyContent v1.5	Modules »» 2.0	8026	7.00	16
6	A simple flash counter	Modules »» 2.0	7572	7.00	21
7	C-JAY Content 3	Modules »» 2.0	6032	3.00	11
8	myAlbum 1.1.3 (beta)	Modules »» 2.0	5525	5.00	5
9	Document Management	Modules »» 2.0	5302	7.00	2
10					3

The right sidebar includes a search box, a "Search" button, and a section for "Advanced Search" and "Make a donation!". Below this is a "Contributors" list with names and their respective vote counts.

Figure 32. And of course users can easily see which downloads are more popular or best rated by other users.

4.6 Headlines

The **Headlines** module is an RSS/XML newsfeed reader for **XOOPS** sites. It allows site administrators to incorporate and manage several newsfeeds into their websites. The **Headlines** block can be used to display some of the available channels in the front page.



Figure 33. The site administrator can decide how many RSS channels to show in its Headlines module.



Figure 34. There's an option that allows the site to show complete the teasers of the featured headlines.

4.7 FAQ

The Frequently Asked Questions, **FAQ** module, allows site administrators to manage, er, questions that are asked often. Questions can be classified in categories. Questions and answers are entered through the administration control panel. The module is simple to use and easy to manage. There are no blocks available for display.

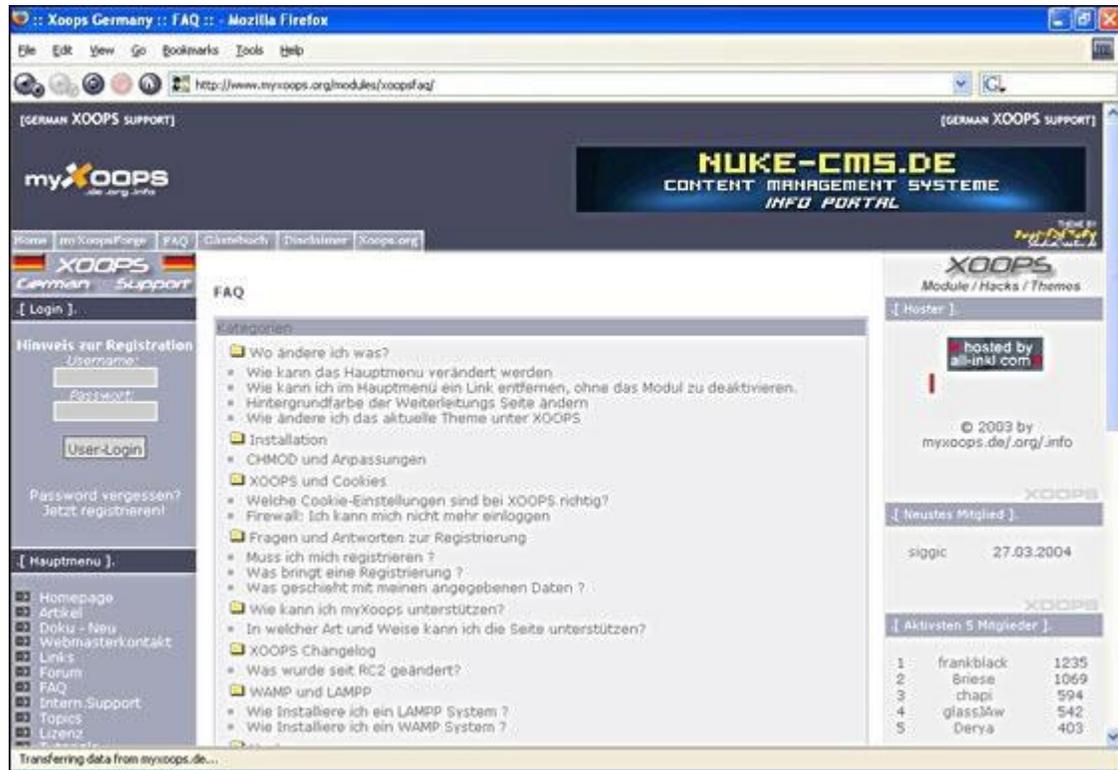


Figure 35. In its index page, the **FAQ** module shows the categories of questions, as well as the questions themselves, linked.

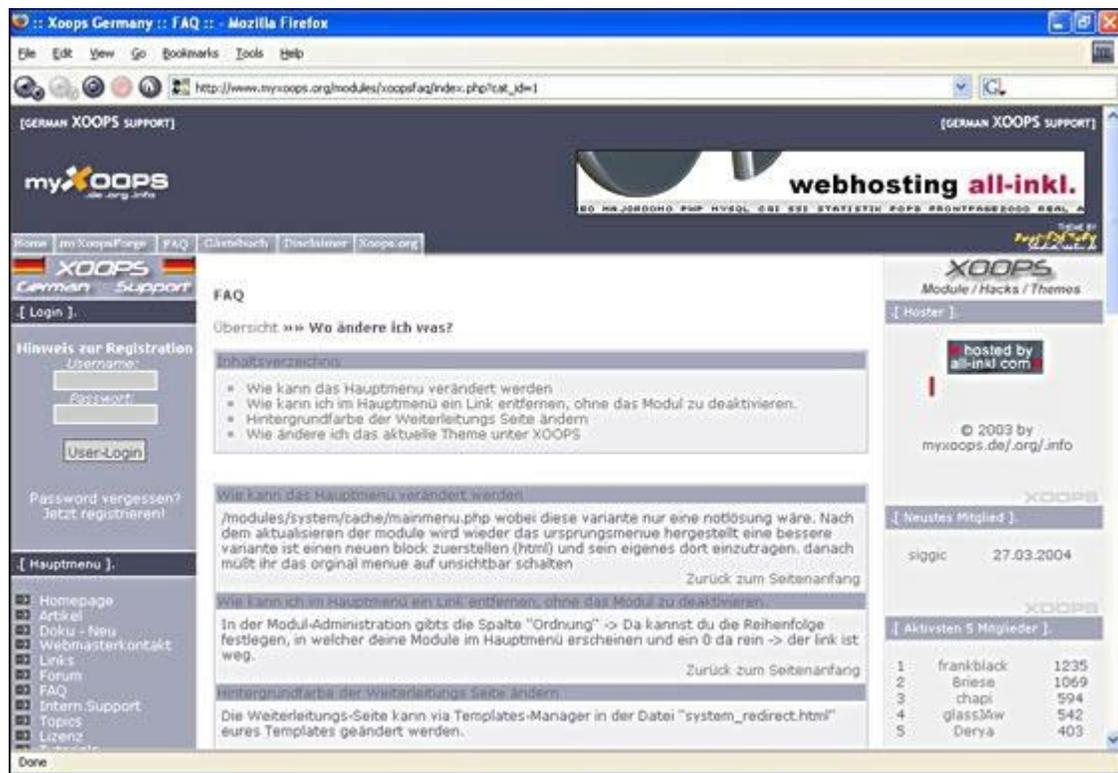
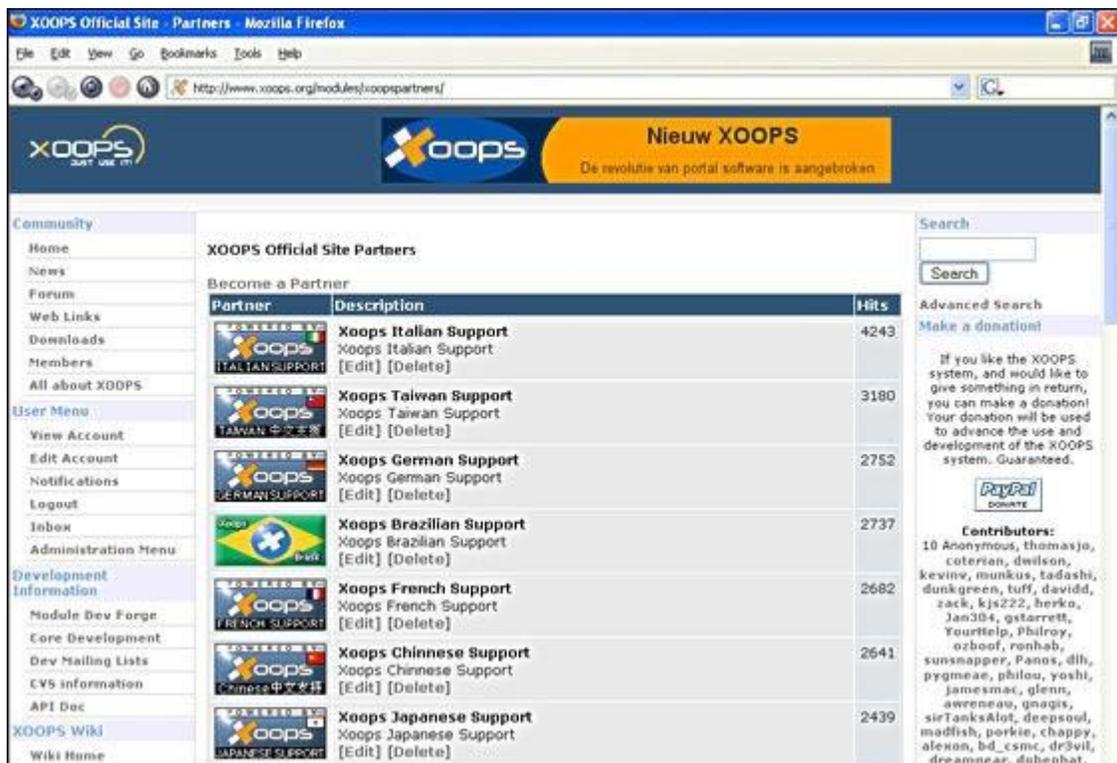


Figure 36. The category page of the **FAQ** module shows at top the questions of that category, and below the answers.

4.8 Partners

The **Partners** module allows site administrators to manage partner sites. Details about the partners are entered including logo images, URL, title and description. Logo images are available in a block for display in the front page.

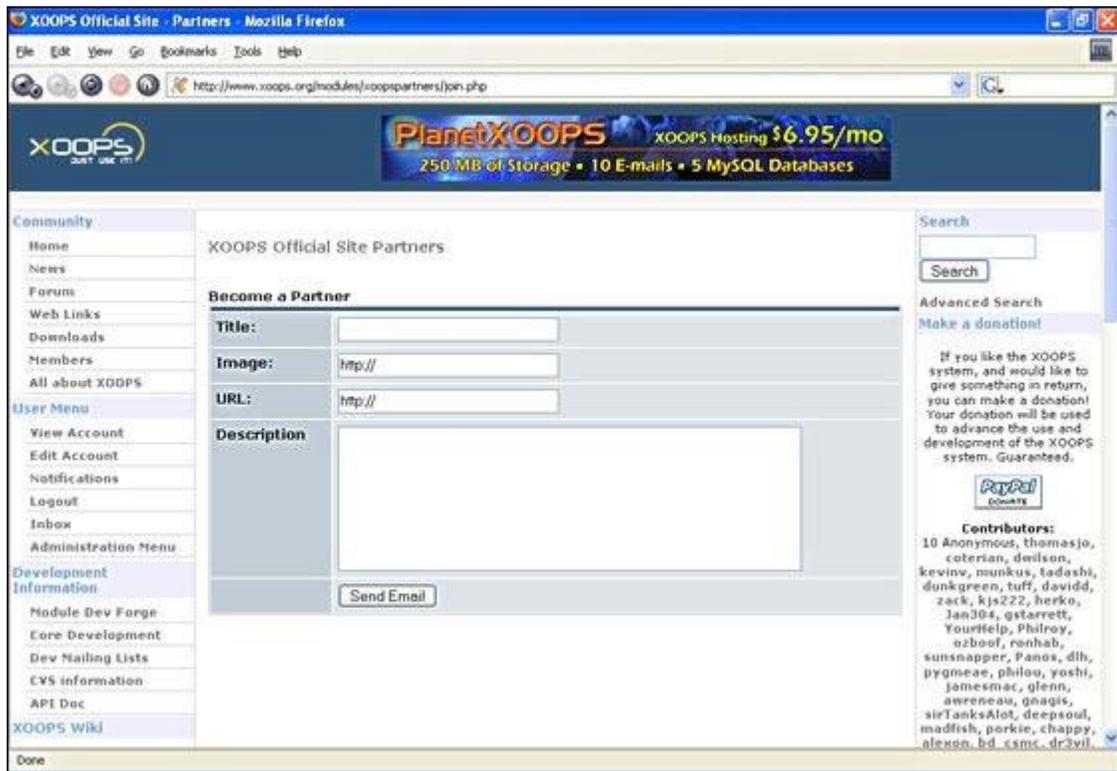


The screenshot shows the 'Partners' module of the XOOPS Official Site. At the top, there is a banner for 'Nieuw XOOPS' (New XOOPS) with the tagline 'De revolutie van portal software is aangebroken'. Below the banner, the page is divided into three main sections:

- Community:** A sidebar menu with links for Home, News, Forum, Web Links, Downloads, Members, All about XOOPS, User Menu (View Account, Edit Account, Notifications, Logout, Inbox), Administration Menu, Development Information (Module Dev Forge, Core Development, Dev Mailing Lists, CVS information, API Doc), and XOOPS Wiki.
- XOOPS Official Site Partners:** A section titled 'Become a Partner' featuring a table of support partners. Each entry includes a partner logo, a description, and a 'Hits' count.
- Search:** A search bar and an 'Advanced Search' section with a 'Make a donation!' link and a list of contributors.

Partner	Description	Hits
	Xoops Italian Support Xoops Italian Support [Edit] [Delete]	4243
	Xoops Taiwan Support Xoops Taiwan Support [Edit] [Delete]	3180
	Xoops German Support Xoops German Support [Edit] [Delete]	2752
	Xoops Brazilian Support Xoops Brazilian Support [Edit] [Delete]	2737
	Xoops French Support Xoops French Support [Edit] [Delete]	2682
	Xoops Chinese Support Xoops Chinese Support [Edit] [Delete]	2641
	Xoops Japanese Support Xoops Japanese Support [Edit] [Delete]	2439

Figure 37. The Partners module reminds users that XOOPS sites are not an island, but part of a friendly network of sites.



The screenshot shows the 'Partners' module of the XOOPS Official Site, specifically the 'Become a Partner' form. At the top, there is a banner for 'PlanetXOOPS' with the tagline 'XOOPS Hosting \$6.95/mo' and '250 MB of Storage • 10 E-mails • 5 MySQL Databases'. Below the banner, the page is divided into three main sections:

- Community:** A sidebar menu with links for Home, News, Forum, Web Links, Downloads, Members, All about XOOPS, User Menu (View Account, Edit Account, Notifications, Logout, Inbox), Administration Menu, Development Information (Module Dev Forge, Core Development, Dev Mailing Lists, CVS information, API Doc), and XOOPS Wiki.
- XOOPS Official Site Partners:** A section titled 'Become a Partner' featuring a form with fields for Title, Image, URL, and Description, and a 'Send Email' button.
- Search:** A search bar and an 'Advanced Search' section with a 'Make a donation!' link and a list of contributors.

Figure 38. Visitors can ask to be included in the partners list of a site through this easy to fill form.

4.9 Members

The **Members** module is a basic site user manager. It allows site administrators and users to view and search for other site members using a number of search options--email address, usernames, last login, joined date. Administrators are also given links to edit and delete user accounts.

Search Members

(Total: 16064 members)

User Name	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
Real Name	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
Email	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
ICQ Number	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
AIM Handle	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
YIM Handle	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
MSNM Handle	Starts with	<input type="text"/>
URL contains		<input type="text"/>
Location contains		<input type="text"/>
Occupation contains		<input type="text"/>
Interest contains		<input type="text"/>
Last login is more than X days ago		<input type="text"/>
Last login is less than X days ago		<input type="text"/>
Joined date is more than X days ago		<input type="text"/>
Joined date is less than X days ago		<input type="text"/>
Number of Posts is greater than X		<input type="text"/>
Number of Posts is less than X		<input type="text"/>
Sort by	User Name	<input type="text"/>
Order	Ascending order	<input type="text"/>
Number of members per page		<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>		

Figure 39. The **Members** module starts with a highly configurable search form. Don't want to use it? Just press Enter.

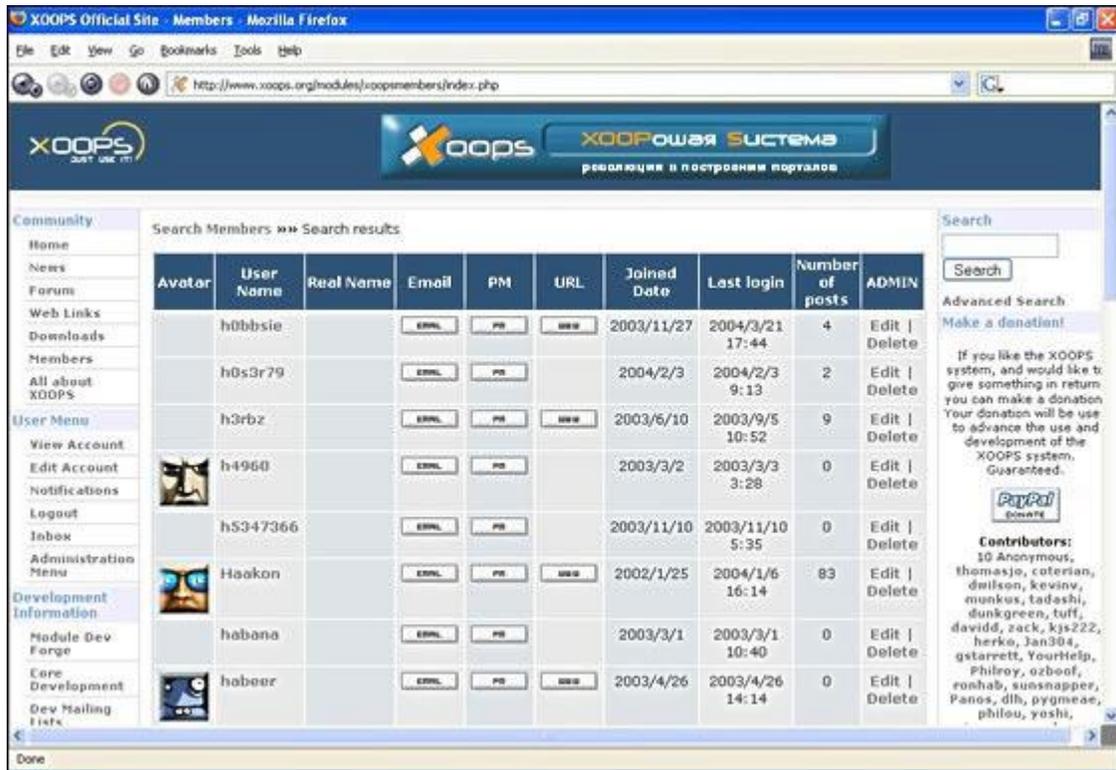


Figure 40. The result of the search is a list of members, with links to their e-mail accounts, their Private Messages inbox and their Web sites.



Figure 41. Site managers can send messages to users as groups, or using various criteria.

[Edit Profile](#) [Avatar](#) [Inbox](#) [Delete Account](#) [Logout](#)

All about hsalazar		Statistics	
Avatar		Member Since	2003/2/6
Real Name	Horacio Salazar	Rank	 Xoops Core Team
Website	http://www.mesadepruebas.com	Comments/Posts	655
Email	horacio@isocraft.com	Last Login	2004/3/26 20:35
PM	<input type="button" value="PM"/>	Signature	
ICQ		Happy Xoopsing! 	
AIM		Horacio Salazar hsalazar@xoops.org	
YIM			
MSNM			
Location	Monterrey, México		
Occupation	Information architect		
Interest	Everything!		
Extra Info			

News

-  A Soapbox debugging release
(2004/3/16 0:26:07)
-  Soapbox has arrived!
(2004/2/18 16:15:41)
-  Happy Second Anniversary, XOOPS!
(2003/12/30 19:20:48)
-  Want documents? Help us!
(2003/11/23 17:55:25)
-  Xoops Multilanguage -- Try it now!
(2003/11/13 12:35:27)

[Show All](#)

Forum

-  Re: Gloassaire
(2004/3/26 18:01:59)
-  Re: Module news multi-column?
(2004/3/25 9:27:07)

Figure 42. Each user has access to his/her own profile, to see participation and to have access to several user tools.

4.10 Contact Us

The **Contact Us** module deploys a form for contacting the site administrators. Logged-in users will have their details auto-filled into the form, while anonymous users will have to fill up those same details. Information submitted through the form is sent to the site administrator's e-mail address.

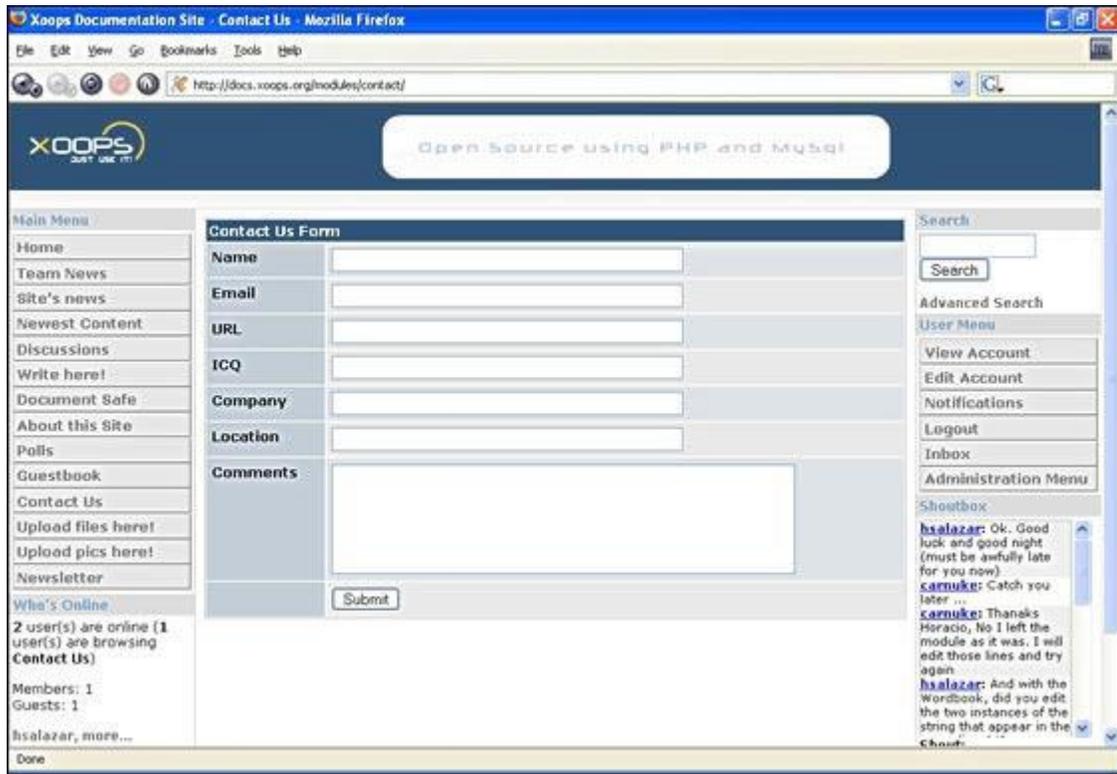


Figure 43. The **Contact Us** module is a simple feedback form that provides user another way of interacting with the site.

5 Other Modules

Members of the **XOOPS** community have developed a wide range of additional modules: more than a hundred reside in various sites across the **XOOPS** network. There are too many to cover in this document. However, some of the more popular functionalities available include section management (e.g. **WF-Section**), calendars (e.g. **Tiny Event**, **Agenda-X**, **piCal**), feature stories (e.g. **Spotlight**), photo galleries (e.g. **XOOPS Gallery**, **Photo Album**), backup utilities, weblogs and custom menu builders. The XOOPS.org download area is a good place to browse for new modules. Another huge repository is the modules official site: [XOOPS Modules Site](#).



Figure 44. User **wjue** is the author of the popular calendar module called **Agenda-X**.

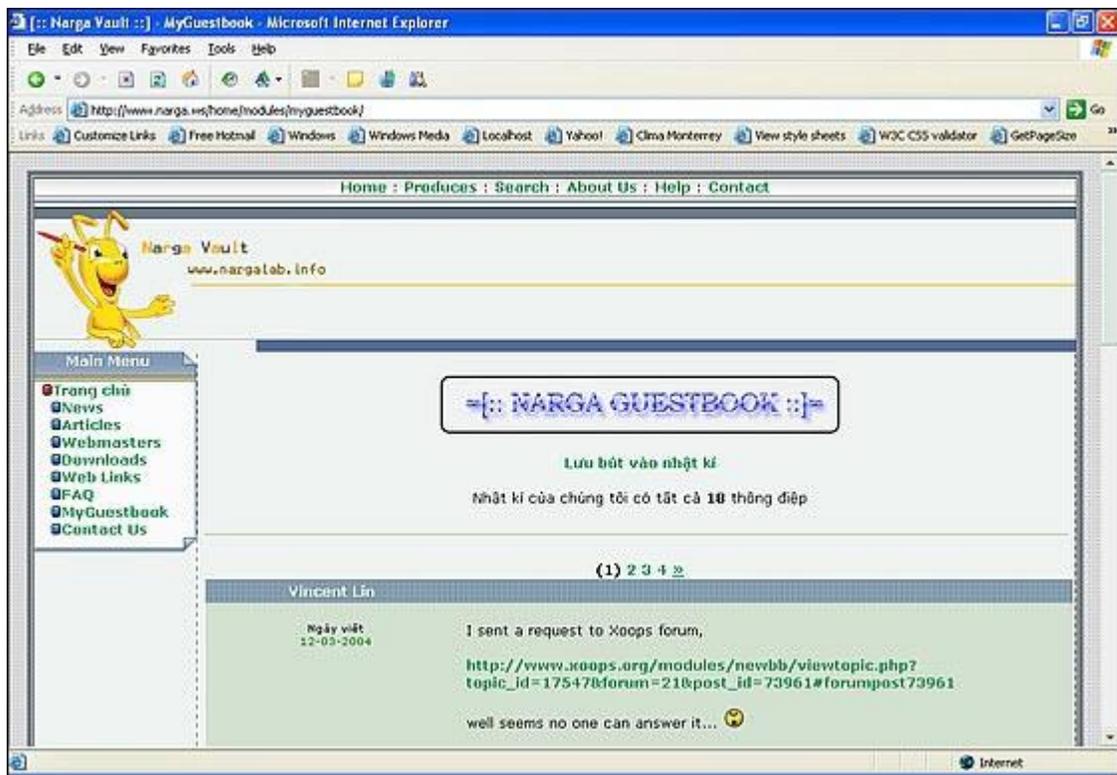


Figure 45. There are several guestbook modules available to users. One of them is **Narga Guestbook**.



Figure 46. Another powerful contribution is the OS Commerce module, developed by German Xoopers.



Figure 47. User Catzwolf has modified the Spotlight module to include two different template configurations.

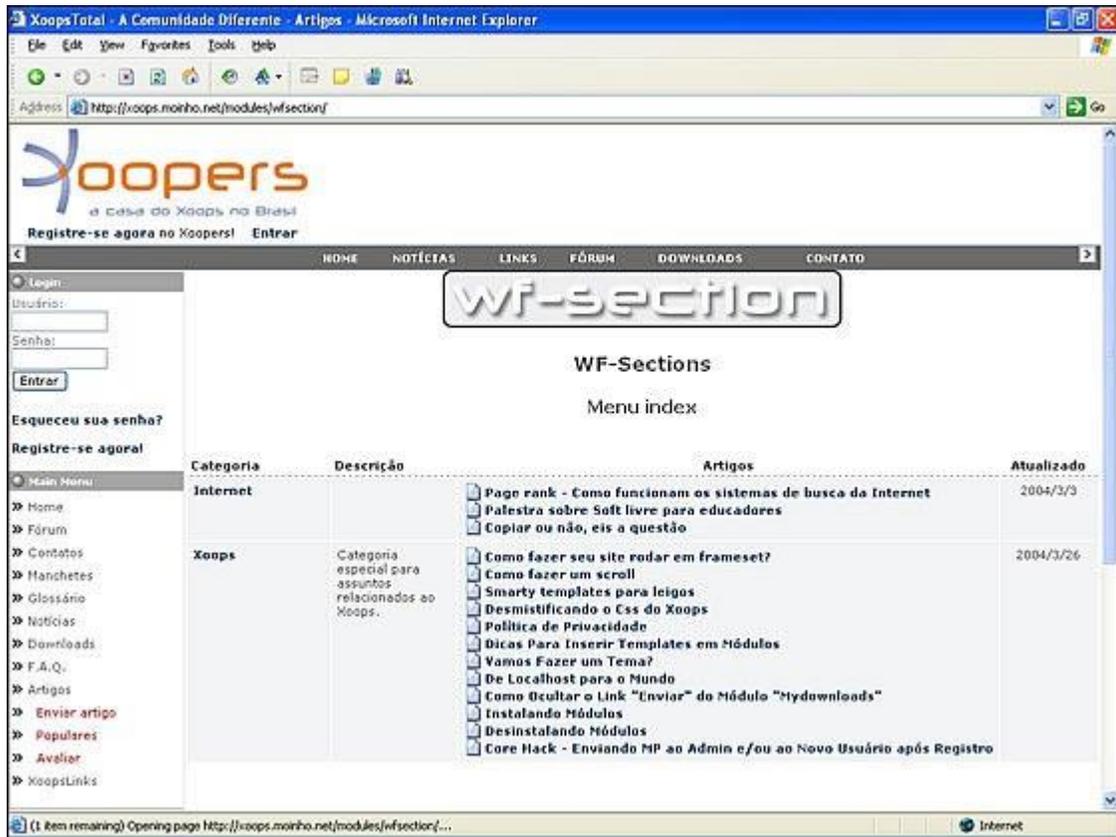


Figure 48. Catzwolf has also authored a powerful although still unfinished article management module called WF-Section.



Figure 49. xDirectory is a very useful module for those needing ordered entries in a catalogue.



Figure 50. XOOPS Gallery is one of the most powerful image galleries available to use in XOOPS sites.

6 Core Themes

As indicated before, **XOOPS** makes use of graphical themes to define its user interface. The downloadable package comes with three such themes ready for immediate use. These are the **default** theme, the **phpkaox** theme and the **x2t** theme. Aside from them, users of sites have access to more than 150 different themes freely available in several sites of the network. One of them **XOOPS** is the official site: [XOOPS Themes Site](#).

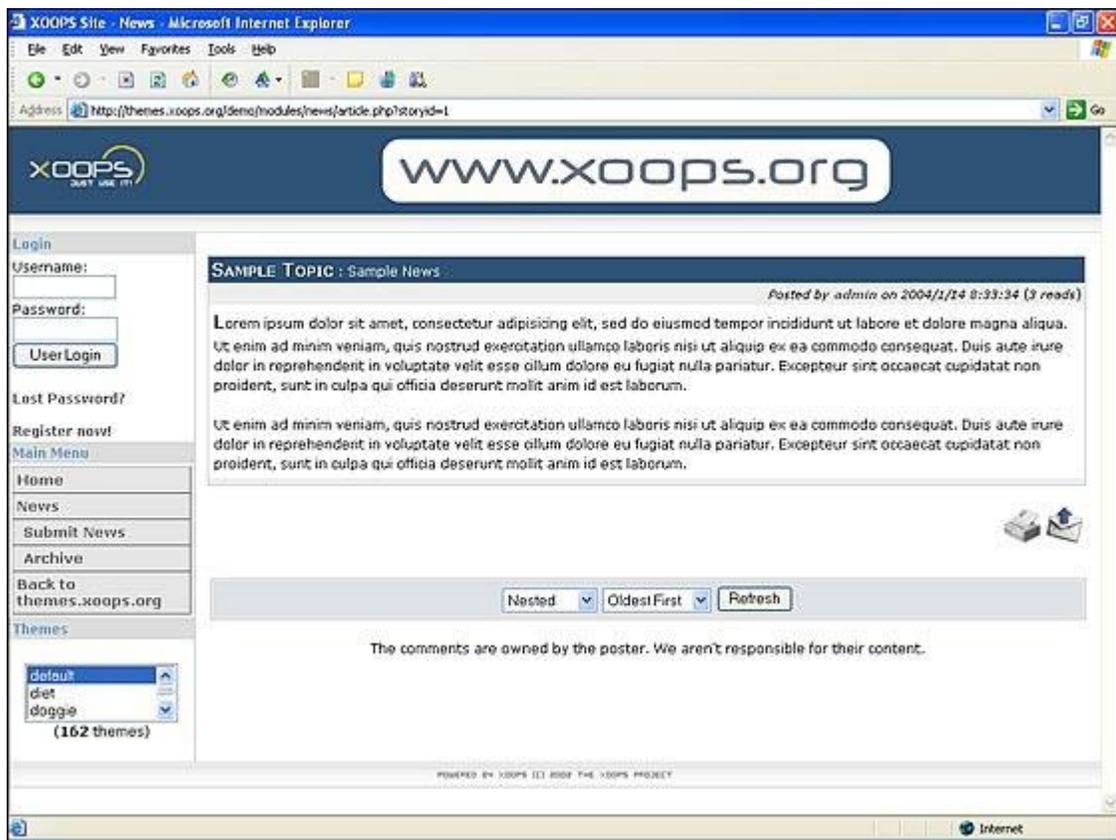


Figure 51. This is a common sight for XOOBS users: the default theme showing a very common default module (News).

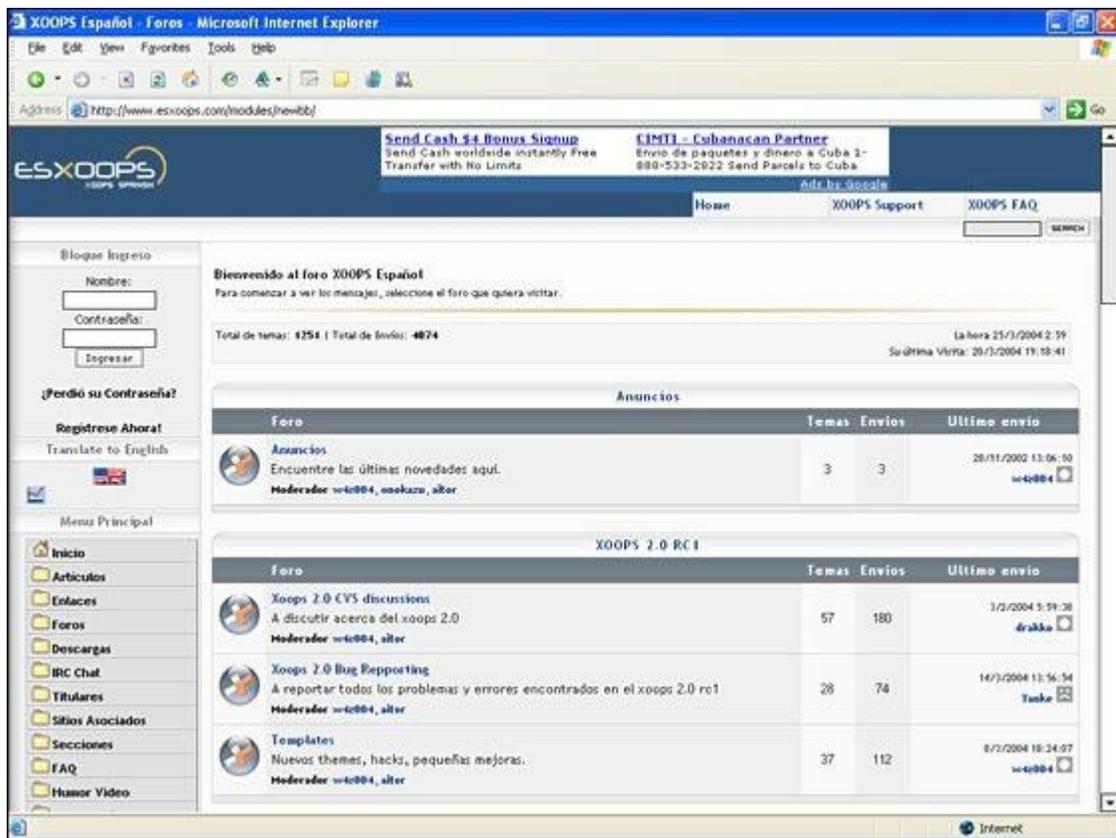


Figure 52. The x2t theme is a bit more complex, using more images, but also has a more finished look.

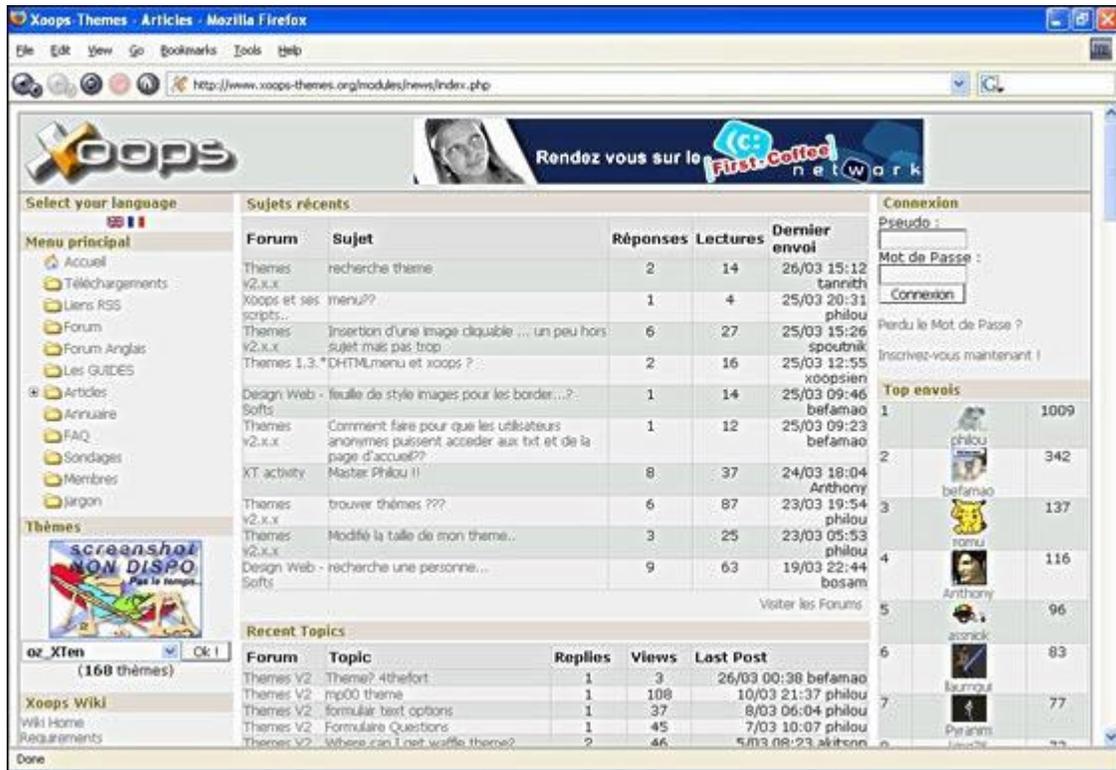


Figure 53. The **phpkaox** theme is very light and includes a graphical version of the main menu.

7 Colophon

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8 Credits

XOOPS is an open source project, sure, but the sites depicted here represent the work of many people who deserves mention. Here are the available data about the source of the screenshots used in this documentation.

Introduction

The Fantasy Asylum site (<http://www.fantasyasylum.com>) is one of Draven's fine sites.

What is XOOPS?

Figure 1 features a screenshot of the main XOOPS site (<http://www.xoops.org>). Default theme.

Figure 2 shows the admin interface of the XOOPS documentation site (<http://docs.xoops.org>). Default theme.

Figure 3 is a mosaic composed of the homepages of the following sites:

Top left: Gaining Mass (<http://www.gaining-mass.com>), another of Draven's sites.

Top right: Fantasy Ref (<http://www.fantasyref.com>), still another of Draven's sites.

Bottom left: Xoops Modules (<http://www.xoops-modules.com>), a french site, welcomes visitors with a custom theme (**xoopsmodes**) that uses Flash.

Bottom right: Second Square (<http://www.secondsquare.com>) shows a heavily modified **colors** theme, made by dlh.

Summary of features

Figure 4 was taken from XOOPS' standard installation script.

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Official Modules

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Headlines

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Figure 34 features a screenshot of the Headlines module taken from the Planet XOOPS site (<http://www.planetxoops.com>).

FAQ

Figure 35 features a screenshot of the XoopsFaq module taken from the german site (<http://www.myxoops.org>).

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Partners

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Contact Us

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Other Modules

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Figure 45 features a screenshot of the Narga Guestbook taken from the author's [Narga] site (<http://www.narga.ws>).

Figure 46 features a screenshot of the osCommerce module, taken from the developers' site (<http://xosc.xoops2.org>).

Figure 47 features a screenshot of the Spotlight module as shown on the latest author's [Catzwolf] site (<http://wfsections.xoops2.com>).

Figure 48 features a screenshot of Catzwolf's WF-Section module, taken from the brazilian XoopsTotal site (<http://xoops.moinho.net>).

Figure 49 features a screenshot of the xDirectory module taken from the author's [builderb] site (<http://www.folsomliving.com>).

Figure 50 features a screenshot of the XOOPSGallery module taken from the The Cactus Database site (<http://cactus.slcwebdev.co.uk/>).

Core Themes

Figure 51 features a screenshot of the **XOOPS** default theme taken from the **XOOPS** Themes official site (<http://themes.xoops.org>) with the default theme selected.

Figure 52 features a screenshot of the **XOOPS** x2t theme taken from the Spanish support site (<http://www.esxoops.com>) which uses as a default the x2t theme.

Figure 53 features a screenshot of the **XOOPS** phpkaox theme taken from the Xoops-Themes site (<http://www.xoops-themes.org>), with the phpkaox theme selected.

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