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Another month, and another issue of the **WOX (World of XOOPS) Newsletter** (see here previous versions) 😁

Month of September was a very busy month for us - with new XOOPS 2.3 **being finally released**!!!! The weeks ahead will be full of work for the XOOPS community, as we need test existing modules for compatibility with XOOPS 2.3. It was also another great month for new modules and themes and more and more Websites around the world successfully utilizing XOOPS. We salute all of XOOPS developers who develop new modules and themes and share them with the XOOPS Community!!!

- XOOPS in Finals for **Best PHP Open Source CMS**!!!! Yes, XOOPS is on the roll - this is the second time this year that XOOPS got into finals of a major Open Source competition, the first being for "Best Open Source Project" on Source Forge Community Awards. **The voting will close on Oct. 20th, and we need your vote**, so please **VOTE TODAY**!!! Click here to vote for XOOPS

- We continue with the **XOOPS Innovation Award** - for people who create something very unique and innovative for XOOPS. This time the award goes to **Christophe Capitaine (**Burning**)** for his innovative Theme Gallery.

- The "**XOOPSer of the Month**" is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. This month we would like to recognize two community members: **Gerard Vanderveken** (Ghia) for his tireless support of XOOPS users, and **Hossien Azizabadi** (Voltan) for his support of the Persian community as well as XOOPS users here, and for his countless new cool themes .

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We continue to execute on our [Plans for 2008](#). We'll need all the help from the whole XOOPS Community to make the 2008 Plans reality. But we are confident that together, we'll be able to make it. **Remember - XOOPS is powered by YOU!!!!**

01. New XOOPS developments

- [XOOPS Website is going live with XOOPS 2.3](#)
- [Release of XOOPS 2.3.0](#) 😆
- [Vote for XOOPS for Best PHP Open Source CMS @ Pact Publishing CMS Awards](#)
- [XOOPS Administration Area Usability Survey](#)
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Current Releases

- [XOOPS 2.3.0 Final released](#)
- [XOOPS 2.0.18.2 Final released](#)
- [XOOPS goes PHP5](#)
- [Xoops documentation for developer](#)

02. XOOPSers of the Month

Our **"XOOPSer of the Month" Award** is given to XOOPS members who show extraordinary dedication to XOOPS, and go the extra mile for XOOPS. Sometimes they do something spectacular, but most of the time they just do something everyday, but by doing it day-in and day-out, they make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in life of XOOPS community. And we thank them for

that!!!

This month we would like to recognize **Gerard Vanderveken** ([Ghia](#)) for his continues support of XOOPS users**.** Gerard is another example of those XOOPS supporters who spend their time helping other XOOPS Member and and help to keep the community going. Thank you!!!!

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I live in a little village called [Ottenburg](#), that is part of [Huldenberg](#) in the province [Vlaams-Brabant](#) and not so far from [Brussels](#), the capital of [Belgium](#) in the [EU](#).

How long have you been programming?

I made my first program at the university college [Groep T](#) in [Leuven](#) in 1978. It was a Fortran program encoded in a stack of punch cards to resolve quadratic equations.

What is your expertise?

I have made and modified a lot of programs for PLC, PDP, Palm, PC, weighing terminals, etc in various languages as assembler, Fortran, TL1, C and Delphi.
It's difficult to single some out, because they are like children and you love the ugly ones as much as the brightest (without designating them as such).
Among the things that I have realized are production and weight registration systems in retail and various industries such as carton mills, glass factories, chemical and pharmaceutical plants and slaughterhouses; an athlete training system and a telephone number portability system, just to name a few.

What got you to XOOPS?

I was starting a year ago a website for my badminton club and I accidently singled out XOOPS in the installable CMS scripts from cPanel.

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

It's rich possibilities by the choice of modules.

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

I give some support on XOOPS.org and frXOOPS.org. For XOOPS.nl I could also, but I'm in doubt and I have some reservations.

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

Reading books, badminton, swimming, walking and I have a big garden which I regulary neglect.

You favorite dish and drink?

I have as all the people from Belgium [Burgundian](#) roots, so we enjoy a good meal amidst our friends or family. [Typical dishes](#) are: Steak and salade, [Flemish Carbonades](#) or [Mussels](#), all with [frites](#). And I think you all know the Belgian [Waffles](#) and [Chocolates](#). Our region is also known for its [glasshouses with grapes](#) and I own one myself, so in the season I can enjoy plenty of this exclusif fruit.
I like to drink a [good beer](#).

What about movies and music?

My favourite writer is [Jack Vance](#). I liked very much the [Lord of the Rings](#) trilogy, but I'm also in for action, romantic or comedy movies. For music I like mostly rock, but also more [contemporary music](#), as turned daily on my favorite radio station [Studio Brussel](#) ([live](#)), without forgetting old time favorites as Deep Purple, Black Sabbath, Uriah Heep, Hawkwind, Brownsville Station, David Bowie, etc.

If you would have a chance for a 30 seconds commercial with a message to the world, what would you say?

I agree with Albert Einstein who has said: "Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." So, I believe whatever I say in such a commercial will have very little or no impact at all. But for the record: We are borrowing a lot from the future to sustain our current lifestyles. It's now time to change and to think how we can sustain the future, otherwise our centuries will be cursed for millenia to come.

If you could choose a place and time to live, what would it be and why?

I believe all places and times have their merits, but not more or less then what we have. Anyway the law of conservation of misery is in effect, so on one side you will always loose what you have gained at the other.
This way, there is no use to pursue happiness elsewhere. You better make the most of it, right here and now.
You could dream of some unreal places, but if they become reality, what will then be left to dream of?

Who is the person that you would like to meet and why?

Nobody.

02. XOOPSers of the Month 2

This month we would also like to recognize **Hossien Azizabadi** ([Voltan](#)) for his support and for testing/debugging of XOOPS 2.3. Thank you!!!!

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I am from Iran . I was born in Tehran and now I live in both Tehran and Kasahn because my university is in Kashan (I am 23 years old)

How long have you been programming?

For about 3 years. But I would not call it programming - I can write CSS code and very little PHP.

What is your expertise?

I love creating XOOPS websites and new themes . And translating modules to my language - Persian.

What got you to XOOPS?

I think 3 years ago, I wanted to create a website for myself about cinema! Some people told me to use CMS! It's easy ! I found one fantasy website with XOOPSs (www.jadoogaran.org), and from there I found www.xoops.ir and www.xoops.org 😁

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

It's free and free (as in "freedom" and in "no cost"). It's easy to use, has a great code framework and offers a great worldwide community for developers! For users it has a good support and it's very useful for all kind of websites. And it's Open Source!

In what area of XOOPS do you contribute and why?

Localization and themes! My language and calendar is different from European languages and we need to write some code to change XOOPS to right to left! And I like to create new themes because I can use my creativity to implement any new idea into XOOPS themes, and XOOPS makes it so easy for us.

What is your major achievement in programming that you're most proud of?

In XOOPS 2.3 we've done a big localization for our language, but it was not only my work. Many people helped us in the translation and in debugging of language files. They told us what was needed and we've made it happen! I am very proud of the collaboration among Persian users

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

Reading books and watching my DVDs. Every week I go to library and get new books for reading. I am also working on improving my English. And then I have to learn my university lessons (textile).

You favorite dish and drink?

I love Iranian foods ! For example â€œgorme sabziâ€œ and â€œabgoshtâ€œ and

â€œkababâ€•😬

What about movies and music?

I love any movies ! Drama or action or fantasy and many more... (I have about 2000 movies)

If you would have a chance for a 30 seconds commercial with a message to the world, what would you say?

Stop all wars

Who is the person that you would like to meet and why?

I would like meet some XOOPS developers like phppp and Gijoe and Instant-Zero developers and ask them how do they create XOOPS core and modules 😬

03. XOOPS Innovation Award

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Our **XOOPS Innovation Award** is given to people who create something very unique and very innovative for XOOPS! We are clear that XOOPS can only succeed, when we push the limits of our creativity, imagination, and innovation to "infinity and beyond" 😬. And therefore we would like to recognize people who create this "WOW!" effect, when we see what they've done. The **XOOPS Innovation Award** is not a monthly award, i.e. theoretically, there might be a month where we won't give one, but we certainly hope that this will never happen 😃

This month the award goes to **Christophe Capitaine (**Burning**)** for his cool work on our new Theme Gallery, and for his several new Themes contributed to the community!

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

I'm from Brittany, a very beautiful region of France. But now I live near Versailles.

How long have you been programming?

Well, I do not know any programming language, I have learn History and Political science at school.

What is your expertise?

Desktop publishing, that I discovered in 2001, before web. Actually, I'm learning HTML and CSS, thanks to XOOPS and theme templates created by Kris.

What got you to XOOPS?

I was learning Dreamweaver when I discovered CMS technology. Perfect tool for noob like me ! I chose "XOOPS" because its name was very funny 😁

What do you like the most about XOOPS?

His simplicity to customize. With some knowledge about HTML and CSS you can almost do anything you want. But the real interest for me is its slogan: *Powered by you*. The current leaders of XOOPS should be thanked for allowing beginners to take a part in the XOOPS project.

Why did you decide to make a new theme library ?

Someone asked me : "Where do you got a simple theme for my new website project ?" I was not able to answer quickly, so I have started to make some screenshots of existing themes. And with eXtGallery module, it was very funny to make an album...

What are your hobbies, when you're not coding?

I try to draw, comic book style (I love [Uderzo](#) and [Crisse](#) styles...).

You favorite dish and drink?

Pancakes and rum.

What about movies and music?

Old french movies and ... Britney Spears 😁 😁 😁 😁

If you would have a chance for a 30 seconds commercial with a message to the world, what would you say?

I don't know if it is really commercial : "Turn off your TV !"

If you could choose a place and time to live, what would it be and why?

hmmm... I think at the end of 18th century in Paris, to see some rich heads fall. Today I believe it is forbidden 😕

Who is the person that you would like to meet and why?

... [this dwarf garden](#) to do the same, again and again 😊

04. New/Updated Modules

- [Radio 1.0](#)
- [Video Tube Feature Requests Now Open](#)
- [Video Tube v1.8](#)
- [BuddyFriends 2.4](#)
- [Protector 3.20](#)
- [X-Center 1.09](#)
- [ThAdmin 1.1 Final Is Released](#)
- [Dr. Usage 2.09 (final)](#)
- [OlÃ©drion 1.64](#)
- [New module (almost) - AM Mini Gallery](#)
- [Classifieds 2.0 BETA 1 released for Xoops 2.3.0](#)
- [Jobs 4.0 Beta 1 Released for Xoops 2.3.0 Final](#)
- [New module MultiEditor (beta)](#)
- [X-Torrent 3.13 (Final)](#)
- [xpetitions 1.01 Final](#)
- [Article Management System (AMS) 2.51 Final Released !](#)
- [MYPUZZLE v1.0 - The Puzzle Module](#)
- [UHQ-RadioBasic v1.01 Released](#)
- [My Tabs 2.1](#)

05. New Hacks

- [XCGAL - Search Patch 1.0](#)

06. Security Issues/Alerts

- [Issues with FCKEditor](#)

07. YAXS, Sites using XOOPS

- [3 new websites on Xoops 2.3](#)
- [Product blog site](#)
- [YATSS: Yet Another Turkish Support Site](#)
- [Junior's Beer and Wine Launches New Site Based on XOOPS](#)
- [Guidemap.gr based on XOOPS 2.3](#)
- [Mallorca travel and booking](#)
- [Lebanese Republican Reform Party official website is now built with XOOPS](#)
- [fanggebiete.de - a german fishing-community](#)
- [Nappy Kitchen and Morphogenesis](#)
- [Female Outdoor Survival & Morphogenesis](#)
- [Import Rival & Morphogenesis](#)
- [2mental Web Designs](#)
- [seobrain](#)
- [Gifts45.com got socialized](#)

08. Tutorials/Add-ons

- [A Guide to Make your XOOPS Installation even more secure](#)

- [New Tutorial for MyTabs 2.0](#)

09. New/Updated Themes

- [XL-one, First Paid Theme by XOOPSLand](#)
- [New version of XOOPSLand.com](#)
- [XT-tri: paid theme by xoops-theme.com](#)
- [Childhood theme](#)
- [VectorLover Theme](#)
- [BboyMaroc, the new version !](#)
- [Orange Xoops](#)
- [Second Paid Theme from Xoops-theme.com](#)
- [First Paid Theme from Xoops-theme.com](#)
- [Phoenix Theme (Wishtera v2)](#)
- [Green Grass Theme](#)
- [Shopping](#)
- [Industrial Theme for Xoops](#)
- [Tom and Jerry](#)
- [Primitive theme, simple theme for Xoops !](#)
- [Community_live Theme](#)
- [Xorange theme](#)
- [DF_reda Theme](#)
- [Our New Theme Gallery ready for Final Testing](#)

10. News from around the World

- [Francophone Support](#)

- [2 Thèmes Xoops : MorphoTeck, Castle](#)
- [obscene dynamique theme](#)
- [Multi Set Images pour vos forums](#)

11. Local supports

[Arabic Support](#)

[Brazilian Support](#)

[Brazilian Support (Paraná)](#)

[Chinese Support](#)

[Croatian Support](#)

[Czech Support](#)

[Danish Support](#)

[Dutch Support](#)

[Francophone Support](#)

[German Support](#)

[Greek Support](#)

[Hungarian Support](#)

[Indonesian Support](#)

[Israel Support](#)

[Italian Support](#)

[Korean Support](#)

[Mexican Support](#)

[Norwegian Support](#)

[Nordic Support](#)

[Persian (Farsi) Support](#)

[Polish Support](#)

[Russian Support](#)

[Russian 2 Support](#)

[Spanish Support](#)

[Turkish Support](#)

[Turkish Support 2](#)

[Vietnamese Support](#)

12. How to contribute

- Bug report: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430840
- Patch and enhancement: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430842
- Feature requests: http://sourceforge.net/tracker/?group_id=41586&atid=430843
- Release announcement: https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/xoops-announcement