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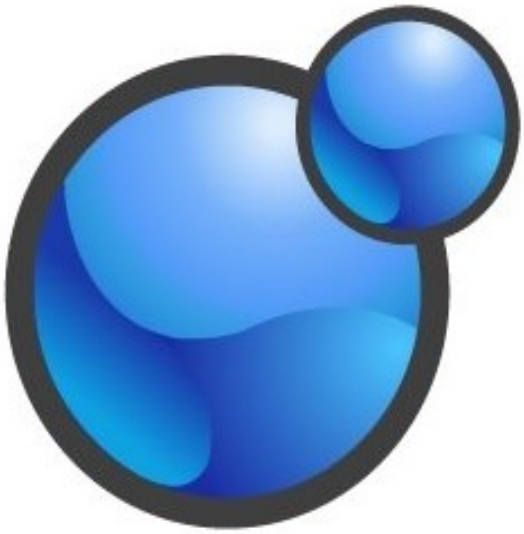

Annual Report 2007

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Letter

It has been a mixed year for XOOPS.

Looking back over 2007, we have learned what we can do with XOOPS and what we can not, we have learned the good way and the bad way of an open source project and we are looking forward to the best way for XOOPS.

Through a painful process with lots of changes, finally each of us knows what to do in 2008, for personal life, for XOOPS and for open source.

2007 has been the year of change, 2008 will be the year of revival.

Sincerely,

Taiwen Jiang
The XOOPS Project Leader

XOOPS 6th Anniversary

TEXT : Julio Napurí **PHOTO:** XOOPS Official Logos

It has been more than six years since RC 1 version was published.

The XOOPS Project was launched by Kazumi Ono in 2001 and since that time Ono has been largely focusing much of his time in XOOPS Cube Project, another fork of XOOPS. However The XOOPS community has continued making steady progress.

To get some perspective on XOOPS's history, I talked to Taiwen Jiang and some XOOPS contributors and did some research.

Kazumi Ono announced the eXtensible Object Oriented Portal System giving XOOPS its start on December 06, 2001 according to the sourceforge.net data. According to Ono, XOOPS 1 was originally based off of PHPNuke 4.4.1 and MyPHPNuke 1.8.5. and

"About 70 - 80 percent of the code has been totally rewritten from the ground up. We use object-oriented PHP throughout the whole package, thus the name XOOPS. "

XOOPS was one of the first open source applications to adopt Object Oriented Programming in a programming language that didn't support methodology efficiently at that time of PHP 4.

Thus, the first edition of XOOPS didn't work function correctly.

XOOPS 2 had better performance, it marked the beginning of using a Smarty Template Engine, XOOPS 2 also implemented a new debugging system and automation of module configuration.

XOOPS 2 was a new and important application release that is at the heart of the core for the current development branch (2.0.X).

Where's XOOPS going?

It's interesting to look back at where XOOPS came from, and what's been accomplished since its humble beginnings in 2001 -- even-though most users are more interested today in where XOOPS will be going, than its humble beginnings.

I think we've made tremendous progress since then. (also, at times we've made absolute nonsense)

"In 2007, the Core development team had mainly worked on maintenance of the legacy system. In 2008 we will focus on the next generation of XOOPS, the XOOPS 3.0 branch which has been designed for years. Now it is the time to make it ready for public. Of course, we'll maintain the current code base, which is defined as 2.3 branch."

XOOPS Receives Award at INFO 2007

TEXT : Salijapan **PHOTO:** INFO

Brazil – December, 2007

SÃO PAULO - In the area of corporate software, three products are highlighted in the INFO 2007 Awards: Netweaver by SAP; Delphi for PHP by Borland, and XOOPS by the XOOPS Community. An application for business intelligence and application server, Netweaver won 46% of the votes of readers of the INFO Business Intelligence category. According to Gartner, SAP, the developer of Netweaver, is a world leader in CRM (25.7% of the market), ERP (27% of the market) and in supply chain, with 19.7% of the market.

The integrated development environment for PHP Delphi by Borland, is another product winner. With 53% of the readers voting for it in the Development category. The software is the combination of two names that strong existed in the market. It combines the working methods of Delphi, one of tools favorite of programmers, with PHP, the leading language for developing dynamic websites.

Delphi for PHP provides for the creation of applications for the web with features and functions similar to what it does on the desktop. Jose Rubens Tocci, president of Borland for Latin America, states when Delphi for PHP was launched this year it won instant success in Brazil and its acceptance surprised even the team's local subsidiary.

PHOTO: Left to Right: Claudia, GibaPhp, TheRpLima, Fabio Egas

Among the dozens of CMS (content management systems) available on the market, one of the highlights is the XOOPS, an open source program produced by the XOOPS Community. The readers of INFO recognized this, devoting 37% of the votes to the product in the CMS category. According to Gilberto Galdino of XOOPSTotal, one of the groups of developing the tool in Brazil, the XOOPS community in Brazil is the second largest world (behind only the French) and has made major contribution in product development.

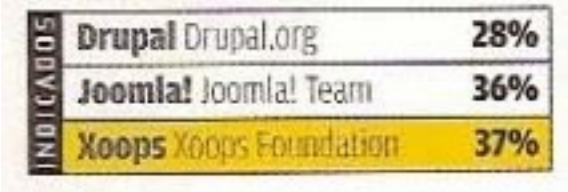

IMAGE: INFO. Table of CMS

Events and community initiatives

We remember fantastic events around the world offers the ability to search and view information regarding international events in which the XOOPS Project participated.

XOOPS at Open Source Application Conference

TEXT: Alessio Marinelli **PHOTO:** Mirco Curzi

Italia – January 27th - 2007

The Università Politecnica delle Marche held it's the first seminar entitled Open Source Application at Aula Magna of the Faculty of Engineering of Politecnica delle Marche, on January 24, 2007.

XOOPS Italia was invited to give a talk on XOOPS. So our XOOPS Italia Staff has accepted the invitation. Eng. Alessio Marinelli (a.k.a Defkon1) and the collaboration with Ing. Curzi, PhD student at the same university had successfully conference.

"Our intervention on XOOPS was divided into two important parts:

The first part is was theoretical and useful for a new person who discovers XOOPS. This conference part was managed by PhD Eng. Mirco Curzi (flymirco).

He presented a general concept of CMS, after he prepared a brief speech on XOOPS birth, then descending deeper presenting XOOPS (history, future developments and functionality) and the potential use in the production of XOOPS.

The second part was practical and managed by me, deepened types of content manageable with XOOPS, showing an overview of examples of uses of the system (ranging from personal sites to business solutions through the community) and presenting a specific case study real engineering a site static in the past XOOPS."

PHOTO: Mirco Curzi

XOOPS at 2007 China Open Source Software Summit

TEXT AND PHOTO: Taiwen Jiang

China – March 27th, 2007

The Open Source Software Forum at 2007 Software Innovation Summit Beijing was originally initiated by XOOPS China Community and finally turned to be a section of a conference hosted by some governmental organizations.
The Forum was held on March 27th, 2007. Guest speakers including:

- Christophe Bisciglia, senior engineer at Google;
- Jim Grisanzio, Sun Microsystems, Community Manager, OpenSolaris Engineering;
- Taiwen Jiang, lead developer on the XOOPS project;
- Mike Olson, VP at Oracle and former CEO of SleepyCat Software;
- Mikko Puhakka, founder of Open Tuesday in Finland;
- Calvin Sun, software development manager at MySQL.
- Nat Torkington, O'Reilly Radar and Program Chair of OSCON;
- Stephen Walli, consultant on Open Source software and standards

PHOTO: Taiwen Jiang (D.J or phppp)

XOOPS Malaysia Workshop (Lanjutan)

TEXT : Julio Napurí **PHOTO:** Sumardi Shukor

Malaysia 2007

In 2007, Sumardi Shukor (aka. SMD) was at the very successful workshops organised by his XOOPS Malaysia Team which they provide specialised XOOPS Training services for new users in diferents organization in his country.

PHOTO: XOOPS Malaysia Workshop at Lanjutan

Xoops Workshop (Beginner), Hospital Kulim
Date : November 05 - 06, 2007
Venue : Hospital Kulim, Kedah.

Xoops Workshop (Advanced), Ministry Of Health
Date : October 23 - 26, 2007
Venue : Shahzan Inn, Kuantan.

Xoops Workshop (Advanced), Ministry Of Health
Date : September 04 - 07, 2007
Venue : The Emperor Hotel, Malacca.

Xoops Workshop (Advanced), Ministry Of Health
Date : June 27 - 30, 2007
Venue : Pearl International Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

XOOPS at Venezuela Conference (Spanish presentation)

TEXT : Julio Napurí **PHOTO:** María Verónica Lavieri

Venezuela – July 27 – 30, 2007
Conference: XOOPS, because the CMS's world is more extensive

Was the title of the presentation given by María Verónica Lavieri at the V Foro Mundial de Conocimiento Libre (Fifth World Forum of Free Knowledge), an international event, open and includes communities organized in conjunction with researchers, practitioners and users, private companies and the Government Bolivariano (Venezuela).

The First World Forum of Free Knowledge began in the year 2004 in the city of Caracas, and since then has traveled to Kerala (India), Maracaibo and Maturin to bring communities the knowledge, technology and the freedom of information.

In November this year, The Fifth World Forum was Held in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela where the presentation about XOOPS was given by Engineer María Verónica Lavieri on November 22th. Our friend María Verónica represented XOOPS Spanish Community and her Linux Venezuela Group (activistasxsl) in this conference.

She is a enthusiasts Free software and XOOPS Spanish contributor. She also lead a female spanish web site called Entiendelas.

PHOTO: V Foro Mundial de Conocimiento Libre.

XOOPS and Formulize module at FSOSS Conference 2007

TEXT : Julian Egelstaff **PHOTO:** FSOSS

Toronto, Canada – October 25th – 26th, 2007

Julian Egelstaff (aka. jegelstaff) gave a two hour workshop on building custom applications with XOOPS and Formulize module in the Free Software and Open Source Symposium (FSOSS) at York University.

FSOSS is now entering it's sixth year, and has become a major event, this year featuring such notable speakers as:

- **Bob Young**, co-founder of RedHat and founder of Lulu.com
- **Marcus Bornfreund**, co-director of Creative Commons, Canada
- **Marcel Gagné**, author and Linux Journal columnist
- Plus gurus and luminaries from a ton of hot tech companies and projects, including:
  Nokia, OpenOffice, Mozilla, Facebook, IBM, Bryght and even that old start up, Microsoft

PHOTO: Logo of FSOSS Conference.

More info:

FSOSS 2007 Homepage
Description of the Formulize Workshop