Partners Module V1.0

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Revision History

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The first revision of the Partners Module V1.0 document.

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1. Function

The Partners module provides a page and a block for displaying links to the websites of cooperating organizations, together with short descriptions and optionally logos. Typical usage includes recognition of websites that refer a lot of traffic to your own and "thank you" pages for sponsors.

2. Install/uninstall

No special measures necessary, follow the standard installation process – extract the "xoopspartners" folder into the `../modules` directory. Install the module through **Admin -> System Module -> Modules**. Detailed instructions on installing modules are available in the **XOOPS** Operations Manual.

3. Operating instructions

To set up this module you need to:

1. Enter your partner's details – including a URL for their website and (optionally) logo plus a short description (see Section 4.1, "Adding a partner" [2])

2. Configure your preferences for the module (see Section 4.3, "Preferences" [3]) and optionally the Partners block if you intend to use it (see Section 6, "Blocks" [5])

3. Check that you have given your user groups the necessary module and block access rights to use this module. Group permissions are set through the **Administration Menu -> System -> Groups**. Detailed instructions on configuring the access rights for user groups are available in the **XOOPS** Operations Manual.

4. Administration menu

4.1. Adding a partner

Selecting "Add Partner" opens a submission form (shown below) where you can enter the details of a new partner. The fields are largely self-explanatory.

Option	Function
Weight:	Determines the order in which the partner will be displayed - but only if you set weight as the sort preference for the index page and/or partners block (these are set independently; see Section 4.3, "Preferences" [3] and Section 6, "Blocks" [5])
Image:	Enter the URL for your partner's logo
URL:	Enter the URL for your partner's website. Note that an error will show if you link to an image that is greater than 110 x 50 pixels. You might need to make your own cut down versions of your partners logos.
Title:	The name of your partner
Description:	Enter a short paragraph about the partner here. Note that this field has a **255 character limit** – if you type anything more it will be cut off !
Status:	This drop down box allows you to toggle the partner on or off. If you set a partner as inactive ("no") it will not be displayed on the user side.

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Add	
Weight	10
Image	http://www.enaca.org/images/partnerlogo.png
URL	http://www.enaca.org
Title	NACA
Description	The Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific is a development organization that aims to increase employment and income in rural communities.
Status	Active
	Add

4.2. Managing partners

This section of the administration menu displays a list of all partners in the database and their details. You can add new partners, edit or delete them from here. The "active" drop down box performs the same function as "Status" (see Section 4.1, "Adding a partner" [2]). If you change the active status or weight of a partner from this screen you must select "sort" or "automatic sort" to save the revised order. You can also change the active status or weight of a partner via the "Edit" link. "Hits" records the number of times a partner link has been clicked on by a visitor.

The "automatic sort" button resets the weighting sequence beginning from 1, while retaining the existing order. For example, the partners shown below are weighted 10, 20, 30. After automatic sorting they would still be listed in the same order but their weight would be shown as 1, 2, 3.

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Title	Image	Description	Active	Weight	Hits	
NACA	SUSTAINABLE NACA AQUACULTURE	The Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific is a development organization that aims to increase employment and income in rural communities.	Yes	10	0	Edit -- Delete
Crushdepth	crush depth	Mobile technology and travel in Thailand. Crushdepth reviews the latest and greatest developments in the Kingdom.	Yes	20	0	Edit -- Delete
XOOPS	POWERED BY XOOPS	We would like to thank the eXtensible Object Oriented Portal System (XOOPS) Community for their software and support provided in the construction of our site.	Yes	30	0	Edit -- Delete
			Add Partner	Automatic sort		Sort

4.3. Preferences

The following configuration options are available for the index (main) page of the Partners module. Note that the Partners block is configured separately (see Section 6, "Blocks" [5]):

Option	Function
Reclick time:	This sets the period of time during which repeated clicks on a partner from the same browser will not increment the hit counter (it is based on a cookie). The default is one day.
Limit main page to xx entries	You can control how many partners you want to appear in the Partners index page. The default is five. Set it at '0' to display all available partners (0 = no limit).
On main page show	Choose how you want to display partners on the index page for this module. You have a choice of displaying your partner's logos, text links to their site, or both.

Option	Function
Order main page content by:	Controls how the Partners index page contents are sorted. The choices are to sort by ID, number of hits, title (alphabetical) or weight. The default is to sort by hits.
Order main page content by:	Ascending or descending order (default is descending).

Module Config Options

Reclick Time:	1 day ▼
Limit main page to xx entries: (0 = no limit)	5
On main page show:	Images ▼
Order main page content by:	Hits ▼
Order main page content by:	Descending order ▼
	Go!

5. The user side

Users can access the list of partner links and logos either through the Partners block or through the Partners index page which is accessible via a link in the main menu. The index page can also show a short description of each site.

XOOPS Site Partners

Become a Partner

Partner	Description	Hits
crush depth	**Crushdepth** Mobile technology and travel in Thailand. Crushdepth reviews the latest and greatest developments in the Kingdom. [Edit] [Delete]	0
SUSTAINABLE NACA AQUACULTURE	**NACA** The Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific is a development organization that aims to increase employment and income in rural communities. [Edit] [Delete]	0
POWERED BY Xoops	**XOOPS** We would like to thank the eXtensible Object Oriented Portal System (XOOPS) Community for their software and support provided in the construction of our site. [Edit] [Delete]	0

Become a Partner

The Partners index page also carries two "Become a partner" links. These open a form (shown below) that allows users to submit their own website to become a partner: Users can provide a description of their website which will be sent to the site administrator via email (the recipient will be the site administration email address listed in **Admin -> System -> Preferences -> General**).

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Become a Partner

Title:	Crushdepth
Image:	ushdepth.net/images/partner.png
URL:	http://www.crushdepth.net
Description	Mobile technology and travel in Thailand. Crushdepth reviews the latest and greatest developments in the Kingdom.
	Send Email

6. Blocks

There is one block available, "Partners", which displays a list of partner logos. A number of configuration options are available for this block, which can be set through **Admin -> System -> Blocks -> Partners -> Edit**. The options are:

Option	Function
Put spaces between partners?	This creates a larger gap between partner logos. The default is "yes" and most useful when you are displaying both images and text links in the block. It leaves a gap even if you say "no", but not as big.
Fade image?	This option makes the partner logos partially transparent. They become fully visible when the cursor hovers over them. The default is "yes".
Randomize partners in blocks?	This randomly determines which partners are shown in the partners block. It does **not** affect the sort order! It is only useful if you have more partners than you allow to be shown in the block – the block contents will rotate each time the page is reloaded. Default is "yes".
Limit blocks to xx entries	You can control how many partners you want to appear in the block. The default is one. Set it at "0" to display all available partners.
In blocks show	You have a choice of displaying partner logos, text links or both.
Order block content by	Controls how the block contents are sorted. The choices are to sort by ID, number of hits, title (alphabetical) or weight. The default is to sort by hits.

Blocks Administration »»» Edit a block

The screenshots below illustrate different configuration options of the Partners block. Figure 1, "Spacing and fading enabled" [6] (the cursor is hovering over the centre partner) and is showing both images and text links; Figure 2, "Fading and spacing disabled" [6] is showing images only; and Figure 3, "Text links only" [6] is showing text links only.
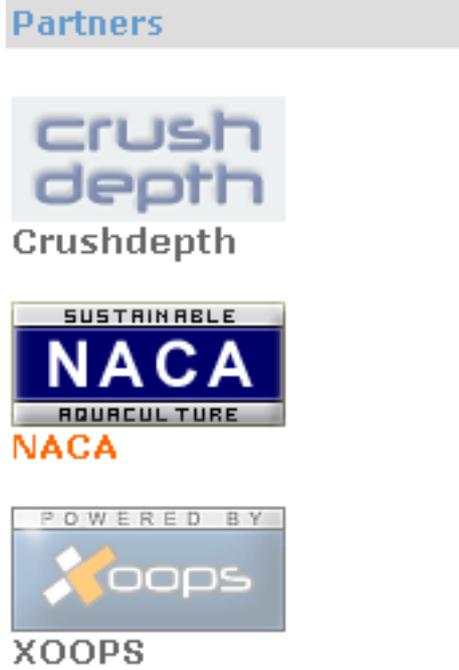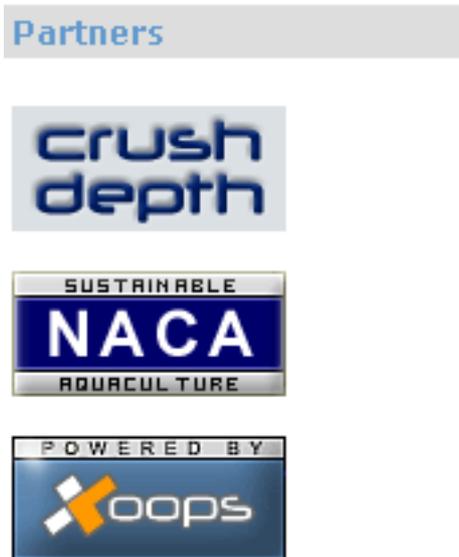
Figure 1. Spacing and fading enabled

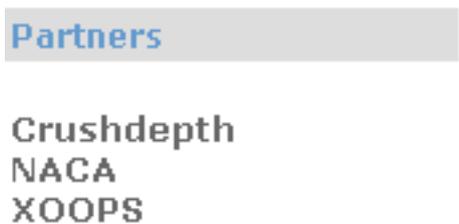**Figure 2. Fading and spacing disabled**

Figure 3. Text links only

7. Templates

You can edit the templates for this module via the **Administration Menu -> System -> Templates -> Partners**. The template for the Partners block is also accessible through **System -> Blocks**.

- `xoopspartners_index.html`: This template displays the index page for the Partners module.

- `xoopspartners_join.html`: This template displays the "become a partner" form.

- `xoopspartners_block_site.html`: This is the template for the Partners block.

8. Module credits

The Contact Us module was written by Kazumi Ono, aka "Onokazu".