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How to Create and Load Custom Moodlets with a Force Script Mod
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This tutorial assumes you know the basics of creating a pure script mod, and that you have a working knowledge of how to use the Force Script Mod. Otherwise, you will be unable to install moodlets downloaded, or make your own moodlets.

Pre-requisite Tutorials
Before you begin, you must have read the first Note 3 I highly recommend you take a look at the following tutorials before beginning with this one:
- Creating a Pure Script Mod
- Creating a Core Simulation Depth Studio Projects
- Creating Interactions

To complete this tutorial, you will need:
Microsoft Visual C# Express 2010 (or 2012) - This is the free version. You can use the Professional version if you have it.
Sims 3 Basegame

Skills Assumed Learned: Time of day and weekday checking, Loading custom moodlets, Author's Code to Trait Values to convert moodlets into Bonus Moodlets, Creating Custom Moodlets and Bonus Moodlets for the Sims 3.
- Time of day checking - Use the current time of day in your programs.
- Day checking - Use the current day of the week in your programs.
- Bonus Moodlets - Moodlets that affect all of the game.
- Multipliers - Moodlets that modify the Sim's Mood.
- Author's Code to Trait Values - Moodlets that affect Traits.

There are several parts to this tutorial:
Part One: Creating the Code
Part Two: Creating Your Buffs XML
Part Three: Buff Elements and Localization
Part Four: Adding Moodlets in the Script and Buff Files
Part Five: Finishing Up

Part One
In this part, we will create the code. You need the following:
1. Create a visual studio project for the code. Use the name Moodlets. Set the framework to 3.5 for best results.
2. Add the following Sims 3 assemblies to the project: ScriptCore, Simulator, SimIFace, UI, and Sims3GameplayObjects.
3. Locate the Moodlets.cs file in the Moodlets folder and add it to the project.
4. Locate the Moodlets.xml file in the Moodlets folder and add it to the project.

Part Two: Creating Your Buffs XML
Moodlets.xml is the file that contains the buffs that you will create. Open it in Visual Studio.

Notice where it says **Your_Buffs_XML_Goes_Here**. That's where you'll put the contents of your buffs.xml file. Open your buffs.xml file. Select all of the contents of the file. Then, copy and paste it into the Moodlets.xml file, replacing the **Your_Buffs_XML_Goes_Here** text.

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Add the following code to load your custom buffs.

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public static void LoadMoodlets()
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Source: Sacrificial

Next thought that you're going to need an RNG. We will use your Simulator.Random a lot for the greater levels and most tasks. Add the equivalent in the Force Scripting Modding Kit. Add the following code to your Moodlets.cs file, and you'll be ready to go.

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Open the Moodlets.xml file in Visual Studio.

Add the **<Buffs>** tag. The final code is the buffs and BUFF1. The Bonus Moodlet Content

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Part Three: Buff Elements and Localization

The next part of the tutorial will be the different buff elements you need to make a custom buff. Open your buffs.xml file in Visual Studio.

1. Making a working moodlet: Required Buff Elements

Every moodlet requires a minimum number of buff elements to work. Here's a list:
- A Buff Name
- A Buff Description
- The Icon Effected
- Timeout length (how long the buff lasts, in sim minutes)
- Visibility
- Mood Effected (Use the number from the table under "Name Mapping" in the Sims 3 Basegame.)
- Mood Value

If you're recycling the list, then coming up with a good moodlet size is probably the most challenging part.

Buff Name & Buff Description: Have you ever come up with a name for a buff, but you're not sure what to call the description? Here's a few tips:
- Keep the name short and sweet.
- Keep the description short and sweet.

Moodlet Sizes: There are four moodlet sizes that you should be aware of. **The smallest size moodlet can be larger than it's listed in game, and it's hard to tell.** Here's the sizes:
- Small: Lasts 1 sim hour. Affects the Sim's mood by 1 mood point.
- Medium: Lasts 2 sim hours. Affects the Sim's mood by 2 mood points.
- Large: Lasts 4 sim hours. Affects the Sim's mood by 3 mood points.
- Huge: Lasts 8 sim hours. Affects the Sim's mood by 4 mood points.

Custom Origin: If you want your buff to have a custom "Trait Celebrity," you'll have to add it to the Origin.xml file. Open it in Visual Studio. Add the following code to the Origin.xml file, and you'll be ready to create a custom origin for your buffs.

```
<Origin
    name="Your_Origin_Name_Here"
    />
```

2. Localization

Localization is essentially if you want your buff to work in custom locale. If you don't know any ENGs, your buffs are completely unusable if you want to share.

Open your Strings_ENG_US.xml file in Visual Studio and add the following code:

```
<String name="Your_Buff_Name_Here">Your Buff Name Here</String>
<String name="Your_Buff_Description_Here">Your Buff Description Here</String>
```

Now, you can begin working on your localization. Download these example strings:

Download Strings_ENG_US.xml

You can use this document as a template for your own strings, or you can create a completely new file. Just be sure to name it Strings_ENG_US.xml.

Open SimPaint or SimPaint2. Open the Strings_ENG_US.xml file. Select the Your_Buff_Name_Here element. Change it to the name of your buff. Do the same with the Your_Buff_Description_Here element. Save the file.

Now you can begin working on your buff's icon. Open a paint like Photoshop into your Sims 3 Basegame\Data\Client\ThumbnailImages folder.

Create a new image. Make it 256 x 256 pixels. Save it as 0x00B2D882!0x00000000.png.

Now, you can begin working on your buff's icon. Don't forget, in the 1400's AARTs Bible, you need one that looks like a Sim's head and one that looks like a Sim's body. Use the Sim's head for your buff's icon. Open the Sim's head image in your paint program. Use the Transfer Utility now. This will create a new .iid file, and the .world you can import into GIMP.

To import a new UI file, click the Import button. Select the .world file you just created. Click the Import button. Click the Export button