

2021 - Q1 - Operations DC - Report - Wilco Alsemgeest

The first Quarter of 2021 (especially January and February) has been a roller coaster on a personal level, with a few difficult things, but in the end a good change by finding a job after almost a year with only Joomla things within a COVID world.

Having a job again is of course very great for a personal perspective.

You get your normal life balance back, you look forward to the small things after work, you enjoy life more, because you simply have to balance everything.

On the other hand it means I don't have as much time to spend on everything related to my Joomla Volunteering work. Which of course isn't a problem at all, because of the many other volunteers we have in the community.

I'm very thankful for all the work, support and time they all spend on Joomla!.

The Operations department teams, members, volunteers:

The volunteers within the various teams of the Operations department are all doing great work on the parts they took the responsibility for.

The inner workings of the teams separate and together is like a solid machine making sure the systems keep running smoothly, are updated and improved where needed and support community users whenever possible and required.

Each team has their own work to do, there is no way to compare the various teams or the members. Every person is unique, does his/her own work within the team(s) and more importantly the thing they like.

They are all unique great people, who I happily support with anything I can personally and with all things they need from the board or do their work.

The **Community Magazine Team** who restarted the website, the creation of blog posts and other related things already have had a great year with a stable amount of posts released every month. Many articles are also written by guests or regular authors from anywhere in the world.

<https://magazine.joomla.org/>

The **Extensions Directory Team** elected a new team leader who took the challenge to prepare for the future together with all volunteers. The team has sped up the work to create the new future component and website (with new additional volunteers), are improving processes on various levels, are working on a new version of the JEDChecker and many other things.

<https://extensions.joomla.org/>

The **Forum Team** is doing their best to maintain the forum on a daily basis, keep things in order, organised, support users and much more. Without these great hard working volunteers we wouldn't have an open place for everybody to discuss various topics.

<https://forum.joomla.org/>

The **Volunteers Portal Team** are not only working on the Volunteers website, but also doing work for the Identity System. Which consists of maintenance, creating new features and improvements. Very important and great work, which wouldn't be possible without them.

<https://volunteers.joomla.org/>

All information of the department, the teams and volunteers, including reports and other information can be found in the Volunteers Portal:

<https://volunteers.joomla.org/departments/operations>

My volunteer work; In the various roles, teams and departments, as well as DC. (Just a few examples)

- Cleaning JoomlaCode to prepare for the transition to the Downloads website.
<https://developer.joomla.org/news/840-bye-bye-joomlancode.html>
- Prepared the Downloads website with the J1.5 Language Packages as those could not be done automatically.
- Worked with the Identity Site team to connect the Downloads website to the SSO system.
- Worked with the Translation team coordinators to prepare access on the Download website and CrowdIn.
- Supported Production & Marketing to build up the new Joomla Translation Program.
<https://volunteers.joomla.org/teams/joomla-translation-program-team>
- Created a new feature together with the Volunteers Portal team to have the possibility to recognize more Joomla Volunteers groups, like the JUGs.
<https://volunteers.joomla.org/groups/user-group-organizers>
- Made sure we were able to save some more money, by changing the way we paid for a few things.
- Supported the rest of the board members with various ventures wherever I could within my knowledge, experience and possibilities.
- Working with our main hosting sponsor Roehen to define the future of our platform used by all of our websites and certain special systems.