

Programs 2021 Q3 End of Term Report

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This quarter has been a quiet period for all the Programs Dept teams with summer vacations and then the Joomla 4 release taking focus and priority. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the release.

I have recently given input to the proposal 'Lighter Structure of OSM' and have attended the Semi-Annual Members Meeting.

During this quarter, I was expecting to spend some time helping my successor transition into the role. Unfortunately there has been no interest in the role over the past few months, and as such I have remained in the role even past the last day of my term.

As this was now one month ago, and with no successor stepping forward, I am forced to think of my available time and resources and must maintain a balance in my life during a time where my work needs to take priority. As much as I love Joomla, family and business must come first.

Therefore it is with deep regret that I announce that effective immediately (27/10/2021) I am stepping down as Programs Director of OSM. When a successor has been elected, I will assist in handing over the role to them, if the OSM board at the time wishes me to do so.

I will not be leaving Joomla completely (not sure that I ever could!) but the balance needs to be restored meaning that I won't be as active for a little while. A large proportion of my work uses Joomla, and this will not change with 150 sites to migrate to Joomla 4, the planning starts now..

Joomla Certification Team (JCP)

The team is progressing well with the Joomla 4 Administrator Exam and has implemented a review process using Custom Fields and Workflow features to better improve the processes involved in the question and answer review. A testing and review session is being planned with the Exam Maintainers.

Volunteer Engagement Team (VET)

The team updates to the Contribute to Joomla page are due to be published shortly, with lots of work having gone into the preparation of these materials. The onboarding team is regaining momentum in setting up onboarding activities. The team plans to keep regularly posting in the Community Magazine to increase engagement and to encourage new contributors.

Joomla Translation Program (JTP)

Wilco has worked with Production in assisting with the shutdown of the JoomlaCode platform - all language packs have now been migrated away. The team has welcomed many new language coordinators and translators. They also continue to make improvements to the documentation pages relating to translations on docs.joomla.org as well as the Crowdin platform.