

Hello, my name is Benjamin, and this is my manifesto for the Production Department Coordinator role.

Who am I?

My Joomla! journey started in 2004 with Mambo. 17 years old, I got in touch with Mambo via the homepage working group in my school, which migrated very fast to Joomla! after its birth.

From there Joomla! became a main part of my life. Starting as an extension developer, doing my first steps in the (local) community, contributing to the core, and participating in international events.

I also started to get more and more involved in the core teams and had the good fortune to meet many people who helped me on my way in the past 17 years.

I'm or was a happy member of many teams:

- Security Strike Team
- Google Summer of Code Joomla Team
- CMS Maintenance Team
- Joomla! Volunteer Engagement Team
- CMS Release Team
- Joomla User Groups Team
- Bug Squad
- Joomla! Enhancement Development Team
- Events Team

(see my volunteers profile here: <https://volunteers.joomla.org/joomlers/1928-benjamin-trenkle>)

I organized several Pizza, Bugs & Fun events and contributed different features for Joomla! core.

Currently I'm the Release Lead of Joomla! 4.1, working together with different teams.

In my "private" life when I'm not involved in Joomla! I'm doing... Joomla! I'm a self-employed person offering Joomla! services. I'm also a shareholder of a company who offers a Software as a Service platform for quality based on Joomla!

Why me?

Over the last few years I've got an insight into nearly every area of Joomla! production and every aspect which is related to it and working with many great people with and for Joomla!. From my personal business I have developed a strong skill set in terms of communication, motivating people and getting things done. I also have an understanding of software development and code.

All these points give me, in my opinion, a great baseline to coordinate the production department, because I know there is a big community available to bring Joomla! forward.

I'm also a team player, getting people involved, boosting and supporting them and helping to grow.

My goals

I've been a member of the production department for several years now and to be honest, the teams are working well in a self-organized way. There are so many great things which are not always visible to the public on the first glimpse. But these teams are not always aware of the other teams and their needs.

And here I see my communication strengths coming into account. I would like to open up the production department in terms of transparency and communication. From my role as Release Lead I saw a lot of potential for collaboration between different teams and with the community.

In recent years the Joomla! community has had some challenges with toxicity and rudeness, which has fortunately improved in the last few years. But there is always more possible. Here I would like to continue bringing in a positive mindset by helping build bridges between different (currently still existing) silos and all the people which are involved in Joomla!

Get the right people connected, show clear and honest communication and help people get things done.

I also saw a lot of professionalism and new structures appearing in Joomla! I would like to further support this by helping implement processes or refine existing ones (like the new release plan starting with Joomla! 4.1).

Last but not least I think that the teams should have self-defined short- and long-term goals which are planned and communicated. This helps all people to see the future journey of Joomla!, what to expect and an early opportunity to take corrective actions if needed.

On board level I'm very happy that the board is slowly calming down after the unsettling last few years and good things are happening. Here I would like to contribute in a positive but always critically constructive mindset to refocus everyone to our main concern: Bringing Joomla! forward.

If I get elected my plans are:

- Creating, with the whole production department, a strong and clear vision of where we should go with Joomla!
- Clear and honest communication about our goals and achievements
- Help build bridges between teams to exchange resources and getting things done
- Help set up structures in teams to be less prone to a single point of failure. Make sure there is support when people need it.
- Encouraging teams to formulate short- (3 months) and long-term (1 year) goals for their teams
- I would like to be a person who is accessible for concerns and needs regarding the development of Joomla! being the voice for production in the board

Most importantly, my goal is to coordinate the production department to capitalize on the delivery of an outstanding and high-quality Content Management System we can all be proud of.