

Joomla! and WordPress are Content Management Systems (CMSs). CMSs are software programs designed to manage, edit, and display various forms of content on a webpage or an entire website. CMSs can be utilized by people with little to no HTML or CSS knowledge but want to create professional websites for personal or business purposes. Joomla! and WordPress are considered the most popular CMSs. Both have intuitive and functional designs which allow their users to keep track of and manage all their content.

Joomla! is a free, open-source CMS created in 2005. Joomla! is a volunteer-run software based on PHP and MySQL. Since its inauguration in 2005, Joomla! has released multiple series (Joomla! 1.0 in 2005; 1.5 in 2008; and 2.5 in 2012). At this moment the current series is Joomla! 3.0, and its current version is 3.3. All previous Joomla! series are no longer supported.

WordPress is also a free, open-source CMS based on PHP and MySQL. It was created in 2003 as a collaboration between Matt Mullenweg and Mike Little. There have been many system releases and its current version is WordPress 4.1. WordPress was originally created as a blogging system but eventually evolved into a CMS.

The pros and cons of Joomla! and WordPress are very similar. Some of the pros of both CMSs include: they are both free and open-source. Additionally, both CMSs have a strong community following and development, which helps improve and fix bugs within the software. They are both user-friendly for people with or without coding experience. Both are customizable, with thousands of extensions, plugins, and themes available. Cons of both CMSs are that they have to be maintained and software has to be updated. It is important to keep both CMSs and their extensions up-to-date to ensure that features function properly and that there are no security issues.

Determining which CMS to use to build a website is based on many factors. Factors can include the user's technical knowledge, desire for extensions and level of customization, content, and the type of

website being developed. Both Joomla! and WordPress are considered the most popular CMSs. The concept that there are “CMSs that’s better than anther” is a subjective thought. Joomla! and WordPress can both create powerful and dynamic websites for many industries, groups, and organizations.

However, each CMS is better suited for certain types of websites. For instance, WordPress is suited for blogging, article, and text-based, websites. Whereas, Joomla! is better suited for small and large governmental, cultural, and educational organizations, and e-commerce sites, to name a few. In fact, there are more national government websites that use Joomla! than any other software.

A powerful website I would make using WordPress is a magazine website. I would choose to make a magazine website with WordPress because WordPress is built for articles with text and images. Also, the administrator can choose when to publish the content. Additionally, due to WordPress’ customization and community, there are themes available that are formatted for magazine websites, making it easy for any user to create a professional website despite little technical knowledge.

A powerful website I would make using Joomla! would be a non-profit museum website, such as the Guggenheim Museum. This website can be created to be interactive based on the exhibit content. The website can be easily updated to edit any new information about temporary or traveling exhibits. Additionally, Joomla! 3 is developed to have multilingual support, which can promote usability for international visitors.

Designed for all types of users, industries, and organizations CMSs are powerful technologies to help build websites and manage various types of content. Developed for audiences with different skill-sets, CMSs can create dynamic and professional websites for free. It can allow for sites to be managed and publish content on a desired schedule. CMSs, like Joomla! and WordPress can save money and time for business. No wonder Joomla! and WordPress are considered the most popular CMSs to date.