

### *Cleveland Web Design and Hosting*

So you are deciding on wanting to build a website, but you just don't know what system to use? You've heard good things about Joomla and Wordpress, but which one would you really want to use? Well we're here to help you out with which one to choose!

First let's start off with what these programs are and what they do. Joomla and Wordpress are Content Management Systems or CMS for short. CMS generally is any software that manages website content, simple as that! Many CMS platforms are open source, but many new ones are starting to be cloud based. Now that you know what Joomla and Wordpress is we can compare them much easier.

## **Joomla**

### **Pros:**

Very easy set-up and can also be deployed in minutes.

A large variety of plugins that can enhance the websites contents. Includes plugins and site modules that are also all open source.

User permissions can help in building a site with multiple people by setting up different and dynamic user permissions.

### **Cons:**

Very advanced customization can be a problem if you're new to the software.

More advanced features such as specialized buttons, or some flash-based content can be a bit difficult for a beginner, and you may need the help from a developer or programmer.

## **Word Press**

### **Pros:**

Word Press is open source, which means that you can download the source code and adjust and customize it to your needs, and it is also completely free.

Word Press is extremely easy to set up, and can be set up in 5 minutes.

There are loads of customization with tons and tons of different themes for you to choose from to pick just what you need for your website.

### **Cons:**

Security is an issue with wordpress, since it is open source anyone can access it, even people who plan on inflicting damage to your site.

Even though Word Press may be free, it costs money to maintain the site, from the cost of web hosting, to specialized plugins.

Wordpress also has very complex customization where you may need help from an experienced web developer.

Overall, Wordpress and Joomla are both great tools in helping you build your website. They both have their pros and cons, and you should pick the ones that best suits your needs!