

Make Joomla! CLI-ing!



Why I'm here

- Author of *Developing Extensions for Joomla! 5*
- I love CLI!!
- Some projects I have made with CLI:
 - Create email queues
 - Check renewal subscriptions
 - Update 26000 products in a HikaShop site



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The Grand Tour of Today's Adventures

1. Why CLI?
2. Working with the console in Joomla!
3. Writing our first console plugin in Joomla!
4. Adding options to our command

You may download the most recent version of this presentation at:

<https://developingextensionsforjoomla5.com/jdayusa2025/>

Why CLI?



A bit of Joomla! Console

```
php cli/joomla.php --list
```

References



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A bit of Joomla! Console

```
Joomla! 5.3.0 (debug: Yes)

Usage:
  command [options] [arguments]

Options:
  -h, --help                Display the help information
  -q, --quiet               Flag indicating that all output should be silenced
  -V, --version             Displays the application version
  --ansi                   Force ANSI output
  --no-ansi                Disable ANSI output
  -n, --no-interaction      Flag to disable interacting with the user
  --live-site[=LIVE-SITE] The URL to your site, e.g. https://www.example.com
  -vvvvvv, --verbose        Increase the verbosity of messages: 1 for normal output, 2 for more verbose output and 3 for debug

Available commands:
  help                    Show the help for a command
  list                   List the application's available commands
  cache
  cache:clean            Clean cache entries
  config
  config:get             Display the current value of a configuration option
  config:set             Set a value for a configuration option
  core
  core:update            Update Joomla
  core:update:channel    Manage the update channel for Joomla core updates
  core:update:check      [core:check-updates] Check for Joomla updates
  database
  database:export        Export the database
  database:import        Import the database
  extension
  extension:discover     Discover extensions
  extension:discover:install Install discovered extensions
  extension:discover:list List discovered extensions
  extension:install      Install an extension from a URL or from a path
  extension:list         List installed extensions
  extension:remove       Remove an extension
  finder
  finder:index           Purge and rebuild the index
```

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Some usage tips

1. All the commands are run using the command:

```
php cli/joomla.php COMMAND
```

2. You can run the command with the option `--help` to see the available options
3. Common practice is to include the name of the related component to the command name

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Adding CLI commands to Joomla!

1. Core Commands are hard-coded into Joomla!
2. To add more commands we can develop a `console` plugin

All plugins are created equal

1. Console plugins have the same structure as other plugins.
2. Console plugins are located in the folder `plugins/console`.
3. For output, we need to be aware we are not dealing with HTML anymore.

References

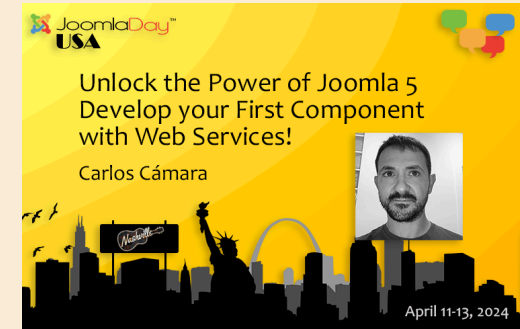


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Last year Workshop

1. Clear To-Do list component
2. We are going to create a plugin to check the deadlines for our tasks

References



2024 workshop

Let's start writing our plugin

In your Joomla! installation, create our folder structure:

Create the folder structure:

1. `plugins/console`
2. `plugins/console/services`
3. `plugins/console/src`
4. `plugins/console/src/Extension`
5. `plugins/console/src/CliCommand`

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plugins/console/ctl/ctl.xml

```
<extension type="plugin" folder="console" method="upgrade">
...
  <namespace path="src">AwCo\Plugin\Console\ClearTodoList</namespace>
  <files>
    <folder plugin="ctl">services</folder>
    <folder>src</folder>
  </files>
</extension>
```

<https://developingextensionsforjoomla5.com/jdayusa2025/live/basic-plugin>

References



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src/CliCommands/TaskDeadlineCommand.php

```
<?php
namespace AwCo\Plugin\Console\Task\CliCommand;

class TaskDeadlineCommand extends AbstractCommand
{
    protected static $defaultName = 'ctl:deadline';

    protected function configure(): void
    {
        $this->setDescription('Check the deadlines for your tasks.');
        $this->setHelp('Execute ctl:deadline to check the deadlines for your tasks.');
    }

    protected function doExecute(InputInterface $input, OutputInterface $output): int{}
}
```

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src/Extension/TaskConsolePlugin.php

```
<?php
namespace AwCo\Plugin\Console\Task\Extension;
use AwCo\Plugin\Console\Task\CliCommand\TaskDeadlineCommand;
class TaskConsolePlugin extends CMSPlugin implements SubscriberInterface
{
    protected $autoloadLanguage = true;

    public static function getSubscribedEvents(): array
    {
        return [
            ApplicationEvents::BEFORE_EXECUTE => 'registerCLICommands'
        ];
    }

    public function registerCLICommands(ApplicationEvent $event): void
    {
        $app = $event->getApplication();

        $app->addCommand(new TaskDeadlineCommand());
    }
}
```

References



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services/provider.php

```
<?php
...
use AwCo\Plugin\Console\Task\Extension\TaskConsolePlugin;

return new class implements ServiceProviderInterface
{
    public function register(Container $container)
    {
        $container->set(
            PluginInterface::class,
            function (Container $container) {
                $dispatcher = $container->get(DispatcherInterface::class);
                $plugin = new TaskConsolePlugin( $dispatcher,
                    (array) PluginHelper::getPlugin('console', 'task')
                );

                return $plugin;
            }
        );
    }
};
```

References



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<https://developingextensionsforjoomla5.com/>

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First install

1. We use the nice *Discover* function at Joomla! Backend
2. We enable the plugin in our backend
3. After that, we can run the command:

```
php cli/joomla.php ctl:deadline
```

References



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Adding functionality to our plugin

File: `src/CliCommand/TaskDeadlineCommand.php`

```
class SpmTaskDeadlineCommand extends AbstractCommand
{
    ...

    protected function doExecute(InputInterface $input, OutputInterface $output): int
    {
        $outputStyle = new SymfonyStyle($input, $output);
        $outputStyle->title('Upcoming deadlines for your tasks');

        $deadlines = $this->getDeadlines();

        $this->showDeadlines($outputStyle, $deadlines);

        return Command::SUCCESS;
    }
}
```

References



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Adding functionality to our plugin

File: `src/CliCommand/TaskDeadlineCommand.php`

```
protected function getDeadlines(): array
{
    $days = 42;

    $db = Factory::getContainer()->get(DatabaseInterface::class);
    $query = $db->createQuery();
    $query->select('*')
        ->from('#__spm_tasks');

    $query->where('deadline BETWEEN NOW() AND DATE_ADD(NOW(), INTERVAL ' . $days . ' DAY)');
    $db->setQuery($query);
    $deadlines = $db->loadAssocList('id');

    return $deadlines;
}

protected function showDeadlines($outputStyle, $deadlines)
{
    if (empty($deadlines)) {
        $outputStyle->note('There are no upcoming deadlines for your tasks.');
```

References



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Adding options to our command

File: `src/CliCommand/TaskDeadlineCommand.php`

```
class SpmTaskDeadlineCommand extends AbstractCommand
{
    protected function configure(): void
    {
        ...

        $this->addOptions();
    }

    protected function addOptions()
    {
        $description = 'Days in the future to check for deadlines.';
        $this->addOption('days', 'd', InputOption::VALUE_OPTIONAL, $description, 7);

        return;
    }
}
```

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Passing the options to our command

```
...  
class SpmTaskDeadlineCommand extends AbstractCommand  
{  
    ...  
    protected function doExecute(InputInterface $input, OutputInterface $output): int  
    {  
        $outputStyle = new SymfonyStyle($input, $output);  
        $outputStyle->title('Upcoming deadlines for your tasks');  
  
        $options = $this->getOptions($input);  
  
        $deadlines = $this->getDeadlines($options);  
  
        $this->showDeadlines($outputStyle, $deadlines);  
  
        return Command::SUCCESS;  
    }  
  
    protected function getOptions($input): array  
    {  
        $options = [];  
  
        $options = $input->getOptions();  
  
        return $options;  
    }  
}
```

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Passing the options to our command

```
...  
class SpmTaskDeadlineCommand extends AbstractCommand  
{  
    ...  
    protected function getDeadlines($options) : array  
    {  
        $deadlines = [];  
        $days = (int)$options['days'];  
        if ($days <= 0) {  
            $days = 7;  
        }  
        $db = $this->getDatabase();  
        $query = $db->getQuery(true);  
        $query->select('id, project, title AS task')  
            ->from('#__awco_tasks');  
        $query->where('deadline BETWEEN NOW() AND DATE_ADD(NOW(), INTERVAL ' . $days . ' DAY)');  
        $query->setQuery($query);  
        $deadlines = $db->loadAssocList('id');  
        return $deadlines;  
    }  
}
```

References



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Ideas for commands

Basic checks for our plugin

- Domain expiration
- SSL expiration
- Disk Usage
- Article published this week

References



Chapter 1

On the shoulder of giants

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