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1. Introduction

Welcome to the Jms Multi Sites’ world. This user manual describes the “Multisites Content Modules” that is a set of modules that can display the articles content from multiple sites. They are a set of native joomla™ 1.5 modules.

“Multisites Content” Modules requires the JMS Multisites version 1.2.34 or higher.
2. Installation

Multisites Content modules is a zipped file containing all the modules:

- **Mod_MultisitesLatestNews.zip**: is the Joomla 1.5 modules that display the latest articles coming from multiple sites;
- **Mod_MultisitesNewsFlash.zip**: is the Joomla 1.5 module that display a new flash that coming from multiple sites;

The installation consists in unzipping the “MultisitesContentModules_unzip_first_Vxxx.zip” into a temporary directory. When unzipped, you have the access to all the individual modules listed above and that can be installed using the standard joomla installation procedure.

2.1. Joomla 1.5 installation

Joomla 1.5 provides a very simple installation interface. The installation consists in selecting one of the mod_MultisitesXXXXX.zip files with the browse button and after click on the “Upload File and Install” button (as shown below).
Repeat the operation for all the mod_MultisitesXXX modules.

When the installation is completed, you are remembered that these modules require the Jms Multisites version 1.2.34 or higher.

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3. Configuration of the modules

The modules are working like the standard “single” joomla versions. The Multisites versions of the modules add the possibility to select from which Jms Multisites identifier the articles must be performed.

3.1. Joomla 1.5

In the table below, we have provide the comparison between the standard joomla modules and their Multisites redefinitions

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3.1.1. Multisites Content Modules

The Multisites Content Modules searches in the articles in multiple websites. The websites where are search for articles are selected from additional parameters present in the modules. Here after, we provide the comparison between the standard Joomla modules and the multisites version.
Standard Joomla 1.5 News Flash module

Multisites® Content Modules

Multisites News Flash module

- Module Parameters

  Category: - Select Category -

  Layout: Randomly choose one at a time

Show Images:
- Yes
- No

Title Linkable:
- Use Global

Show last separator:
- No
- Yes

Read more... Link:
- Hide
- Show

Article Title:
- No

# of Articles:

Module Class Suffix:

Advanced Parameters

- Master Site:
  - localhost - JMC2Win - Slave 1
  - Slave sites_01
  - Slave sites_02
  - Slave sites_03

- Randomly choose one at a time

Show images:
- Yes
- No

Linked Titles:
- Use Global

Show last separator:
- No
- Yes

Read More:
- Hide
- Show

Article Title:
- No

No. of Items:

Module Class Suffix:

Advanced Parameters

Type of link:
- Redirect to the other side using a full URL

Master Domain URL:
- www.jmc2win.com

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**Standard Joomla 1.5 Latest News module**

**Multisites News Flash module**

- **Sites**: <Master Site>
  - localhost:JM52Win - Slave 1 | slave1
  - Slave site tst_01 | tst_01
  - Slave site tst_02 | tst_02
  - Slave site tst_03 | tst_03

- **Count**: 5
- **Order**: Recently Added First
- **Authors**: Anyone

- **Frontpage Items**: Show
- **Show/Hide**: Show
- **Module Class Suffix**: None

- **Type of link**: Redirect to the other site using a full URL
  - Master Domain URL: www.jms2win.com
3.1.2. Additional parameters to select the websites

As you can see in this comparison of the parameters that can be entered in each module, you have the possibility to select one or more sites in which the search is performed. In addition, you have the possibility to way that the URL links are displayed in the result list.

Parameters:

- The **Type of Link** can either be a full URL on the target websites or when the “Article Sharing for JMS” component is installed use it to create links on this websites. The options are:
  - Redirect to the other side using a full URL.
    - In this case, the plugin use the first domain defined in the list of the domain present for each website to compute a full url.
    - When the domain is the “<Master DB>” then it use the parameter “Master” as the domain name.
    - When the SEF is enable in the target website, the URL is adapted to provide a SEF full URL.
  - Use local links using the Multisites Content. (Article sharing for JMS required).
    - When the “Articles Sharing for JMS” is installed on the website, it is possible to use it to display the articles present in the other websites.
    - At least one “Article Sharing for JMS” menu must be present and published in the websites to use this functionality.
- The **Master Domain URL** is used when the “Full URL” option is selected and that a “<Master Site>” is selected. In this case you have to provide which is the domain name that correspond to the “<Master Site>”.
4. System requirements

The “Multisites Content” modules were developed and tested on Joomla 1.5.20.

4.1. Joomla 1.5.x

- MySQL 4.1.x or higher is required.
- PHP 4.3.3 or higher is required.

  It is recommended to use a PHP 5.2 or higher.

- The Jms Multisites Version 1.2.34 is required.
5. Troubleshooting

5.1. Unable to select multiple sites (a combo is displayed)

If you have a combo or small “input text” field, this means that you have not JMS Multisites version 1.2.34 or higher installed that contain the multiple site selection field type.

![Parameters](image1)

5.2. Warning: Invalid argument supplied for foreach() in ....com_multisitescontent/multisites.helpers/route.php on line 112

When the result of the search contain a warning message that make reference to the “route.php” of the “multisitescontent” component (article sharing for JMS), this mean that you have not defined and published any “Multi Sites Article Sharing” menu in your website. In this case, you just have to add a “Multi Sites Article Sharing” menu item in your website and publish it.
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