# templates directory question

Posted by ztingenieros - 2010/07/07 20:23

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Hey Edwin!

Thanks 4 the great work in this component. =)

i have a question...

i need my slave sites to have a templates directory of their own, but i want to have symlinks to the templates of the master site...

i was reading  a little about this, and i tried creating a template site, and i put the templates directory to special copy, and when i create a site, based on this template site, i put "{deploy_dir}/templates" in the templates directory textfield, but the folder "templates" it's been copied anyway, with all the templates inside...

how can I manage to get the templates directory created but only symlinks to the master's templates?

thanks in advance

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# Re: templates directory question

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/07/08 08:55

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See tutorial video 0.b - slide 34
You have to setup the JMS Template with "partial sharing".
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-0b

Go in JMS Templates
- In file/folder, put the "templates" directory action = "special copy".
- In Common, put the template folder = {deploy_dir}/templates

Becarefull that if you already have created the slave site, this will not change the existing "/templates" directory - you have to delete it (or rename it) manually before re-applying the JMS Templates on an existing slave site.

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# Re: templates directory question

Posted by ztingenieros - 2010/07/08 18:29

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thanks for the reply

unfortunetly it's not working for me, i have created a fresh slave site called tmpl, which is a copy of the master (including templates folder) then i create a template, based on this slave site (tmpl), i configure

folder sharing setting the templates folder to special copy, and in common i put {deploy_dir}/templates. (this doesn't change the tmpl site)

then i create a slave site, based on the template i've just created, but it still copies the whole templates directory, doesn't symlink the contents of the folder.

what am i doing wrong?

thank you so much

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/07/09 09:38

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Which platform are you using ?
Does the symbolic link functionality is OK ?

Which are all the other parameters ?
Did you deploy the slave site into a specific directory and which is the value you have provided ?

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by ztingenieros - 2010/07/09 22:10

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I'm on linux platform, symlinks works OK, i have all my slave sites in a sub-folder of the master site

/master_site/sites/tmpl/ => Template site
/master_site/sites/slave1/
/master_site/sites/slave2/

the template site and the slave sites has {deploy_dir}/templates as the template folder

In the template configuration i haven't touch a thing, just configure the template folder to special copy, and in common i put template folder {deploy_dir}/templates

i'm not replicating the master site, im replicating the template site...

don't know what could be the problem...

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/07/10 09:39

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In the JMS template rule, which template site did you selected ?

Did you choose to replicate the master website or the "site/tmpl" (template) one ?

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by ztingenieros - 2010/07/11 17:51

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Im replicating site/tmpl

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by ztingenieros - 2010/07/13 22:04

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do you know what's wrong with it?

thanks in advance

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/07/14 14:51

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Personnally, I have no other idea.
Perhaps that somebody else will reply to you with another idea.

If you want that we have a look on your environment, this is possible with our billable support
http://www.jms2win.com/download?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by buddyq - 2010/10/11 19:00

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I am wanting the same advice here. I have the following structure

multisites/Client A/Slave1
multisites/Client A/Slave2
multisites/Client B/Slave1
multisites/Client B/Slave2

Each client will have their own custom template. So I want to be able to make a master slave site. From that, I can make a Multisite Template that will use the master slave site's template and database.

In my testing it seems that the master slave sites templates are still linked to the Master templates. If I make a change to the templates index.php it will change my master slave which will change all my slaves of that master slave.

I want to be able to disconnect the templates from the Master but link them for each client so if they want to change they all change at once but only for that client.

In my template parameters, I have templates set to "copy".

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/12 01:26

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If you want specific templates directory see the tutorial video CP-05
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-CP-05

Also see the tutorial video 0.b slide 34 that show different values for the templates configuration.
Use {deploy_dir}/templates to be able install your own templates in the slave site.

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by buddyq - 2010/10/13 04:55

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Thanks I got this working!

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/20 17:57

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Hi - I am trying to achieve a Full Shared template directory.  I've read enough posts and tutorials, to understand the differences between Special Copy and Copy, and am doing the following:

In JMS Templates
- In file/folder, put the "templates" directory action = "special copy".
- In Common, put the template folder = "empty field", I originally had {deploy_dir}/templates

The result, I can create slave sites that point back to master, and a symbolic link is created for the Templates Folder and it's content, which is what I want, but when I launch the slave site, no template is displayed - only text.

Is this because my slave site is pointing to a copy of the master?  What am I missing?  I would appreciate any advice?

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/20 18:10

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Check that the Symbolic Link is created correctly and that you have the expected CSS present at the place that is defined in the front-end.

See the HTML source produced and verify the CSS link.

Check also that you can access the directory with a "hello.txt" file and that the server correctly follow the symbolic links

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/20 20:57

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Thanks Edwin....

I uploaded the Hello.zip and extracted to both my master and slave sites, which are in different directories.

master = /public_html/ms
slave= /public_html/ms2

Hello Results in:
- the hello.txt shows correctly on both master and slave when browsing,
- the hello.php comes back with "Symbolic Link is PRESENT" on both master and slave

Viewed source shows:
- master: /templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css
- slave: /home/mst/public_html/ms/templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css
...the slave path is pointing to the master/template dir, but should it be the full path?

Also, I did not encounter any errors or permission issues when I created the slave site...still not sure why the slave site opens up in "text only", no css/template

I did try creating the slave site with:
1: Common Templates = {deploy_dir}/templates, and File/Folders to "copy", this scenario worked perfectly, and the slave site displayed its template
2: Common Templates = "empty", and File/Folders to "special", this scenario fails to load the template.

I hope the above detail helps....

Thanks again for the help.

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/20 23:25

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Btw - I also read earlier in this post, you recommended setting:

Common Templates = "{deploy_dir}/templates" and File/Folders to "special"...this does not work for me either.  The slave site loads text, no template.

I'm currently running:
Joomla Multi Sites version: 1.2.43 (Latest available: 1.2.43)
Patches definition version: 1.2.49 (Latest available: 1.2.49)

Perhaps I should level-set here, since I've been swimming in this for several hours....please check my logic:

I believe, I want my slave sites to have a templates directory of their own, and want to have symlinks to the templates of the master site.  So that users can select new templates for their slave sites from the master as I make them available.

So, shouldn't I be using either Full Shared or Partial Sharing settings to achieve this?  Am I running into a bug or some other config issue and not seeing it?

Cheers,

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## Re: templates directory question

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/21 16:31

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Viewed source shows:
- master: /templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css
- slave: /home/mst/public_html/ms/templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css
...the slave path is pointing to the master/template dir, but should it be the full path?

The URL that you mentioned in the CSS is not correct.
A URL is NOT a path on the disk.
YOu should NOT have the url /home/mst/public_html/ms/templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css

This is probably the "yoo_studio" themes that compute the CSS path incorrectly.
I see that they provide "/" in the begining of the path.
If your slave site is also a domain or a subdomain, you should have exactly the same in both cases.
The expected result should be
- master: /templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css
- slave: /templates/yoo_studio/css/template.css

Cocnerning your other question concerning the JMS Template configuration, this just declare how to create the directory "/templates" on your disk.
This is explained in the tutorial video 0.b slide 34
Don't make confusion between a directory on the disk and URL in a HTML page.
This is 2 differents things. A URL is converted in a location on the disk and they must be matched but

are not identical as based on a "Document Root" directory that give the entry point of the domain or subdomain.

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/21 17:24

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Thanks Edwin, I appreciate your feedback.

You bring up a valid point, one that I was not clear on; the slave should NOT be pointing to the actual path of the template, instead it should be the URL.

Not sure how to go about testing/modifying the template to play nice with Jms2Win, or if I even need too.

Understanding the difference between a directory on the disk and the templates URL....But, what is the difference in procedure when I had Jms2Win create the slave site with:

1: Common Templates = {deploy_dir}/templates, and File/Folders to "copy", this scenario worked perfectly, and the slave site displayed its template

2: Common Templates = "empty", and File/Folders to "special", this scenario fails to load the template.

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/21 18:10

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BTW - I did a quick test setting the slave site's default template to rhuk_milkyway, instead of yoo_studio, and it displayed correctly.

You were correct that the template is not computing the template URL correctly, and have posted at http://forum.yootheme.com/viewtopic.php?f=242&t=32360&p=133515#p133515

It appears that yoo_theme's warp helper is not producing the correct URL, and am hoping they can resolve.

Again, I do appreciate your help in troubleshooting....love the product.

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/21 23:09

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YES the WARP framework does specifc thing that might not be compatible.
The problem that WARP redo (and bypass) Joomla thing that may result in inconsistency.

One of our customers provided us patches that we never be able to cross-check as we don't have all the Yoo Themes templates for test.
It seems that Yoo Themes should be fixed to read the correct joomla template parameters

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/22 01:56

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If you are comfortable with the idea and if the patches are something you can distribute, I would be happy to test with all WARP based themes, and report back in detail.

I will also pursue yoo_theme to see if they will provide the patches as well.

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/22 09:25

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Send me the templates that you would like that I reveiw because to create patches, I need to be able reading the code and see how they have implemented the things.
My email is in the contact
http://www.jms2win.com/contact

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## Re: templates directory question
Posted by brianelkins - 2010/11/22 14:11

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Do you need all of the templates?  My guess is if you can patch/account for WARP, then the fix "might" work for all WARP-based templates.

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