Pre-sales Questions

Posted by arthurrs - 2011/01/14 17:33

I attempted to send these questions via your contact form and contact email, however, I have not received a response. Therefore, I am submitting them here as I am very interested in utilizing your product.

I have a Joomla environment that will be supporting multiple sites with the same design template and infrastructure. The main components of my service will be Joomla 1.5.22 and JomSocial. Below are my questions:

1. Is there anything special that needs to be done to support or back-up the JomSocial component on multiple sites when using your product?

2. Does the main site and all the slave sites share the same database? Or is there a new database created for each slave site?

3. If all sites use the same database, can a different database prefix (other than jos_) be used for the database?

4. If the slave sites use their own database, can a different database prefix be used for each slave site database?

5. Does the main site and the slave sites share the same directory structure for backup purposes? Or does each slave site have its own directory structure that must be backed-up?

6. Can you limit users to the site that they are registered on?

7. What is the best way to get a complete backup of the master and slave sites?

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Re: Pre-sales Questions

Posted by edwin2win - 2011/01/15 00:23

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1) JomSocial is an extension defined in our JMS Multisites component and it can also be shared between websites.
See the list of extension that are defined in JMS tool menu.
http://www.jms2win.com/component/content/article/135

2) All the combinaison is possible.
Website in the same DB or in different DBs.

3) YES when using the same DB, you have to provide different table prefix for each slave site to ensure they have their own content.

4) YES, you can have different DB and also have different table prefix for each slave site.

5) YES most of the directories are shared on the disk.

The concept of JMS Multisites is to share the same Joomla (PHP code) and therefore the same directories.
Only the /images and /templates directory can be specific for each website. (This is not mandatory and they can also be shared).

6) When you don't share the users between website then each website will manage their users like any independent website.
The users informatino are stored in the DB and therefore when the user are not shared they are specific for each site.
So the restriction is performed in each website administration.

7) Personnally, I perform a tar -cvf for the PHP code and a PHPMyAdmin export for the backup.
We don't know extension that is doing accurate backup (that does not mean that they does not exists).

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Novice Pre-sales Questions

Posted by macker - 2011/01/17 13:25

Good morning,

I'm a novice Joomla user, most familiar with administering a non-multisite Mambo-Joomla-Simpleboard 1.1 site. I had to look up the definition of multi-site to find out if it even fits my desired end-state.

According to Slayermint website Joomla won't allow multisite development. Then I accidently stumbled across this JMS website. So, before even going into depth on this website, I need to find out if JMS is what I need.

I need to build a new website with a generic parent website, http://www.nonspecificwebsite.org/
and then sub-domain unrelated websites following the tilde symbol, like

http://www.nonspecificwebsite.org/~caffine.html
http://www.nonspecificwebsite.org/~buoyancy.html
http://www.nonspecificwebsite.org/~propagation.html

Where the superadmin is one, and sub-domain admins can be unique to that sub-domain, and each sub-domain needs to bear different templates and possibly even different joomla plug-ins.

Clueless noob novice questions:

1. Tutorials contained in http://www.jms2win.com/en/tutorial#jms12x-0a may answer all questions, but it appears they are for windows users only; I tried to find a quicktime or mpeg version on youtube, but gave up. Is there anything for non-PC users to refer to?

2. My Joomla-friendly ISP host is Linux based, is JMS for windows users only?

3. My web host can support Joomla 1.5, what other questions must the web host answer before I can purchase JMS?

4. What are the url's to Joomla-JMS-Multisite websites (that your customers have already published) that I can look at?

5. Is there a JMS-Multisite demo or simulator available for testing on a host, prior to full implementation?

6. It appears that Joomla 1.6 is not yet ready due to the "blank screen errors". Are there future plans for JMS to support Joomla 1.6?

Thanks for indulging all this. If JMS is right for me, then I'll ask more intelligent questions later on, or maybe i won't need to.
Cheers,
Macker

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Re: Novice Pre-sales Questions

Posted by edwin2win - 2011/01/17 21:45

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Yes you can create generic website and create subdirectories website (without the tild and the .html)
www.nonspecificwebsite.org/caffine
www.nonspecificwebsite.org/buoyancy
www.nonspecificwebsite.org/propagation

The administration of each subdirectories is totally independent.
So each website has its own administration (not a "super" shared administration).

1) The video is a flash one (SWF) and should be views on any platform. We didn"t post the video on YouTube. I don't have other format for the moment.
Only the interactive CD-Rom is only for PC.

2) JMS is most used on linux platform and less used on windows platform.
This is the reason why you can see in our tutorial cPanel (linux) sample that is the most frequently case encounter.

3) You can test the "hello word" to verify that your hosting company accept the linux Symbolic Links. You can also check if you hosting company accept to share MySQL tables (create and show views).

4) We do not publish the info concerning our customers.
Perhaps you could have a look in the testimonial.
I think there are some of them that have published links.
Just for your information, this www.jms2win.com website is already a slave site of our company.

5)You can start to have a look in the tutorial video 0.d.
http://www.jms2win.com/en/tutorial#jms12x-0d

6) Which blank screen appear in Joomla 1.6 ?
We release the JMS Multisites version 1.2.46 that is already partially compatible with Joomla 1.6.0 stable.
See change history
http://www.jms2win.com/en/faq/change-history-v12x

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