Slave site simply shows the master's content
Posted by norbykov - 2009/12/10 11:39

Hi!

There's a slight chance I don't get the whole concept, but I do have a problem installing a slave site. I set up the slave site as I saw in the tutorial, but when I try to open it, it just shows the master site's content instead of the installation wizard. Both domains are pointing to the same directory.
I'm pretty sure I missed an important step, but after reading through the documentation and sawing the tutorials, I can't figure out what. What am I doing wrong?
Thanks for the help!

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content
Posted by norbykov - 2009/12/10 15:58

Ok... do I need the default joomla install folder on the server? It's a live server, and I need to add a couple of domains with different templates and menu items, but the same components.

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/12/10 18:12

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Does the symbolic link is allowed ?
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Here it is a basic slave site creation on unix with symbolic link allowed.
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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content
Posted by norbykov - 2009/12/10 20:54

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First of all, thank you for the quick reply, I really appreciate it.
I applied this tutorial:
http://tutorial.jms2win.info/joomla/multisite-12x/cpanel/jms-same-directory-than-master/index.html
Since symbolic link is allowed, BUT gave me a whole bunch of error messages I decided to go with that one. Platform is Unix.

I filled in the site ID and the domain name as I saw it in the tutorial, but when I am done, the message says that I need to make sure the domain is mapped to path/to/joomla/multisites/slave1 (example) Since the tutorial said that both the master and the slave domain needs to be mapped on the same directory, I'm a little bit clueless. By the way, the hello.txt can be accessed from both domains.

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content

Posted by edwin2win - 2009/12/10 23:06

Based on the info it seems that you have used the tutorial video CP-03.
So in this scenario, the key element is the setup of the hosting server.
In this case, you have to check that you hosting server have the same "document root" directory for both your master website and your slave site.

If symbolic link is allowed but if you receive error when you deploy the slave site into a specific directory, you have to check the error message and the error may depends on the directory where you have deployed the slave site.
This may depends on the "open_basedir" path define in your website.

So when the "deploy directory" is empty this mean that you have to check the hosting server configuration to ensure that you are using the same directory than your master.

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content

Posted by norbykov - 2009/12/11 12:03

One info I just found out is that the hosting server uses domain aliases. So there's one virtual host which uses the domain names as aliases for the same folder (the joomla folder) on the server.

Could that be a problem?

Oh, and they don't use cname, they use A-records. (whatever that means)

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content

Posted by edwin2win - 2009/12/11 14:07

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JMS can also work but you will just have some restrictions.
DNS with record A mean Address IP. CName mean alias. In both cases if the result is identical (same IP address) then this is OK to have the alias.

If all the domain are assigned to the same document root (as it seems the case), this just mean that you don't have to fill the JMS deploy directory.
In this case it will more difficult to have specific images folders, templates folders, ... as all the website will use the same root directory.
In fact you will work like on Windows platform that does not allow the Symbolic Links.

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content

Posted by ryscript - 2010/05/24 05:24

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But how about the symbolik link is forbidden..

please help me.

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Re:Slave site simply shows the master's content

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/05/24 19:53

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As you could see in the tutorial video 0.b slide 11, DNS server and HTTP Server are different things.
You mentioned that you have the DNS server defined with a A record (that mean contain an IP address) and not a CNAME (that means is not defined as a synonym or an alias).

This just mean that you have the IP address assigned to the domain name.
This still does not specify the "document root" or the location on the disk where the domain is assigned.
This is done with your HTTP server adminsitration tool.

So DNS server does not seems the problem as you reach a machine with the correct IP address.

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