Got all websites working, but I have questions...

Posted by kiernan7 - 2010/04/02 20:12

After analyzing the one website I got working, I saw what was different in my setup was that there was a full set of Joomla files/links underneath "smallmultisitesaloha". (Even though the deployment directory was set to "aloha"). This is also where I am mapping "aloha.kierpro.com".

So I changed the deployment directory for the NNSI to be UNDERNEATH the "smallmulitsitesnnsi" folder. When I did that I got a Joomla install routine, which I followed.

I also replicated this for the "Norig" installation as well. I will play with coordinating my sub-domain mapping with the "Deployment directory" in the JMS setup. I see now that they have to be synchronized.

QUESTION: No matter what I do on the Joomla install, it makes a Joomla setup in my mySQL database. I then have to clear it out and re-populate it with the correct installation (via a .sql file). Is there a way to NOT have to do this every time?

Also, since we already have a mySQL installation and the files are being shared, what is being accomplished by running the installation routine? Is there a "back door" where I can just change the pointers to my existing mySQL database and be done with it?

Thanks in advance! Hopefully, I'm almost done here.
-- John
PS: I still have the question about my registering the product to kierpro.com and that I will eventually be moving this to oar2.org. Do I need to do anything?

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...

Posted by kiernan7 - 2010/04/02 20:59

More difficulties with this configuration:
When I go into the Administrator system, I can see Aloha's articles. However, when I click on "edit", I get a blank page.

Also, when I click on JCal Pro, I get errors (posted below). I have checked the "Sharing" of JCal Pro on the template side.

JCal Pro errors:
Warning: Invalid argument supplied for foreach() in /home/content/k/i/e/kiernan7a/html/small/components/com_jcalpro/config.inc.php on line 478

Warning: Invalid argument supplied for foreach() in /home/content/k/i/e/kiernan7a/html/small/components/com_jcalpro/config.inc.php on line 494

Warning: mysql_num_rows(): supplied argument is not a valid MySQL result resource in

/home/content/k/i/e/kiernan7a/html/small/libraries/joomla/database/database/mysql.php on line 342

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...
Posted by kiernan7 - 2010/04/02 21:13

I also now realize that ALL of the websites are using the same template!

What exactly is your refund policy? I am putting in WAY too much time trying to get this thing working. I think you should sell the product for more money, but include an installation lesson as your tutorials are not understandable.

-- John Kiernan

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/04/02 22:44

The refund policy is the one that you have accepted when you order JMS.
In very short.
JMS Multisites is delivered with GNU/GPL license and all the sources in clear.
In application of the GNU, the price correspond to the fee to download JMS Multisites.
So as soon as you downloaded JMS Multisites, it is not refunded as the download fee is due.

Concerning the teaching.
We have provided plenty of video in our tutorial.
Perhaps you don't understand them but that does not mean that they are not clear.

Perhaps they are not clear in your specific "godaddy" context.
Sorry but we can not create video for all the possible HTTP Server adminsitration tool.
We have chosen cPanel as they are the world wilde leader.

If you want that we setup and teach you, we also have billable support that can be ordered at
http://www.jms2win.com/download?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

For you information, we will present JMS Multisites at Joomla Day Mallorca the 9 and 10th april.
We will give an overview and also give a workshop more practical.
You are welcome to the joomla day.
http://www.joomladay.cat

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...
Posted by kiernan7 - 2010/04/03 02:17

Okay... I think we can fix this... sorry about griping but I had spent the day trying to get something working.

Could you possibly just give be a SIMPLE quick, step by step (not too elaborate, just the "bullet points") guide to this scenario:

Master website "Erewhon". Will contain the Joomla file structure utilized by multiple slave websites.

Slave website "Aloha". Has EXISTING mySQL database (should NOT get overwritten), but will use the "Erewhon" files.

What should the domains be pointing to: the folder under "multiplesites" or the one that the "deployment" field points to?

Here's what I did:
Made Erewhon the template.

Made Aloha a slave. However, there was no way to NOT overwrite the database files (back them up, actually).

But... even after I restored the mySQL database, the Administrator functions do not work. If I navigate to an article in Aloha (and it IS an article specific to Aloha), I get a BLANK PAGE.

If we can figure these few things out, I think I will have it working.

As to the tutorials...

What would help IMMENSELY is if you defined your terms. What exactly IS a Master, a Template a Slave? Is a setup using the same mySQL database the same as one utilizing different mySQL databases?

This is where things to a neophyte get confusing.

-- John Kiernan

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...

Posted by kiernan7 - 2010/04/03 03:22

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MORE INFORMATION:
I figured out why I was getting a blank page while trying to edit articles.

When you write the new configuration.php, you put in "tinyMCE" as the editor. Except my template editor is jce. I removed pieces of tinymce, if not all of it.

SUGGESTION:
COPY the editor directive from the master template's configuration.php instead of forcing in 'tinyMCE'.

-- John

PS: I'm still trying to figure out how to stop JMS from updating the mySQL tables. No matter what I choose during the setup, it ALWAYS insists on either overwriting or backing up and then writing new files. SUGGESTION #2: How about an option to leave the mySQL tables alone?

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/04/03 12:17

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With all new application there is a lerning curves.
I strongly suggest that you start by trying reproduce the samples provided in the tutorial video.
That will help you doing more sophisticated configuration like the one you require.

In you requirement, you want to move an existing website with its existing DB.
This is more complex and you must be more fluent with JMS before doing that.
You must understand how JMS is working that does not seems the case yet.

The fist element is to be able configure your hosting server with the subdomain and re-use the SAME directory path into JMS slave site deploy folder.
While you will not be able to do that correctly, this is a non sense to try explain you the more complex things that you have to do to move an existing website with its existing DB.

Concerning the blank page, this is frequently related to a PHP syntax error.
You can generally find the information into a file "error_log" present in the root or in the adminsitrator directory.
When you have the error, you need to read the source of the module, plugin, component that generate the error to understand why.

See our previous reply to the advised on the structure
http://www.jms2win.com/forum/24-joomla-multi-sites-configuration/3795-jms-is-very-very-difficult-to-configure#3796

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Re: Got all websites working, but I have questions...

Posted by kiernan7 - 2010/04/03 20:05

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Dear Edwin -
Okay, I've got things working pretty well here. I thought I'd provide you some more feedback about my situation, as it might help you in troubleshooting others and possibly enhancing the software.

1. Blank Pages problem

As mentioned in an earlier post, I've figured out the blank pages problem. You write the new "configuration.php" files with "tinymce" as the editor. This assumes the user has "tinymce" installed. My editor is "jce". If I were programming this, I would look at the templates editor setting and duplicate that, rather than forcing "tinymce".

2. Bugs with JCal

This turned out to be a configuration problem between the two websites. The master website had been upgraded to the latest version of JCal, while the slave had not. This is NOT your problem, but an important question to ask of people who are experiencing problems with extensions is "Are all the extensions utilizing the same build?" Just FYI...

3. Joomla "install" overwriting existing files

My workaround on this is to simply back up the data and then after the multi-site install to drop all the tables and reinstall the backup. That takes care of the problem totally. If it were my software, I would give the user a third option on that screen that asks about deleting or backing up mySQL tables. It would say "Do not touch existing tables!". But that's also possibly a philosophical difference between our programming styles, as with #1 above.

On the whole, I'm sorry to have been such a pain in the ass, but I REALLY needed this to work and I was on a deadline to do so.

-- John Kiernan

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