params.ini
Posted by DaveC - 2010/08/30 02:28

Hi Edwin

We are currently using the template that you setup to build sites. I am now having an issue where I install a new template on a slave and set the params. I get a file written called params_.ini

The problem is the site is writing the changes to the params_.ini but the site is reading the params.ini

Any help?

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Re: params.ini
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/08/30 13:14

Perhaps you are using a templates that hack the reading of the params.ini file.
This is the case of RocketThemes gantry framework.
So if you are using such kind of templates, this is normal.
Perhaps you have to report that to the author of the template.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by danshaffer317 - 2010/08/30 19:37

If you are reusing using the same configuration for all the slave sites, there is a workaround.

Look at the RocketTheme template's html and you will see that very near the top of the document the default variables for the site configuration are declared. If a 'params' file exists, those values override the default. If not, the default is used.

Simply, change the default settings to match those that appear in the params file. Save the template and put a copy in templates folder of the master.

Cheers!

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Re:params.ini
Posted by DaveC - 2010/09/01 18:42

No, this is a Joomlashack template and the default params.ini is being used.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/09/02 12:34

If (as you say) this is a standard params.ini file then it should be read by the source /librariies/joomla/document/html/jhtml.php file where a JMS Multisites patch proceed to the reading of the correct params.ini file depending on the site ID.

Search the function render()

So debug this html source to check that it reads the correct params.ini file.
I suspect that another extension (or plugin) read the params.ini file and that is not the standard joomla peace of code.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by dustdog - 2010/09/06 21:01

Hi,
I'v got the same problem. I don't use a Rocketemplate but a self made one where I put the colorswitch code in from the rhuk_milkyway template.
So when I alter my colors in the administration of the template, the params.ini doesn't get overwritten, but a new one with the site id is made: params_{site_id}.ini
I located the html.php with the JMS2Win alteration, but when I set everything to just params.ini, there's still a new one made...

Cheers,
Guy

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Re:params.ini
Posted by dustdog - 2010/09/07 09:25

BTW,
I just installed the rhuk_milkyway and it has the same problem. My set up of Multisites is this:
1 master site in the root with the multisites component in DB1
1 slave site with fresh install without multisitescomponent in DB2 (with the standard symbolic links)
Template for copying the 1st slave into DB3 (for all the other slaves)
The images folder and the template folder are copied to the slaves (from the root folder).

Point is that in the copied template folder of every slave there's a params.ini. After changing the colors in the templatemanager of the specific slave site, a params_{site_id}.ini is made. With the correct altered color info. But the old params.ini is still selected for the params variable in the template...

Cheers,
Guy

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Re:params.ini
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/09/07 14:10

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The files created with the site_id is correct.
Your problem is potentially in your selfmade template that does not READ the appropriate params_{site_id} one.

So you have to check which is the extension that read this params file.
Perhaps like with Rocket Themes and also Yoo Themes, you bypass the standard joomla reading of the params ini files and have re-implemented your own stuff.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by DaveC - 2010/09/07 21:12

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NO, As posted previously this template uses the default params.ini It is a bug in your patches which I do not have the time to figure out what patch is causing the issues.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by dglite - 2010/10/09 14:54

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Hi: I had a similar problem with this structure, and was able to solve it this way:

- slaves sites installed on a subdomain like... www.slave.master.com
- documentroot of each slave... public_html/multisites/{site_prefix}
- deploy tempates folder:: {site_dir}/templates
- Folders and Files: templates as copy file or folder

In that case I needed all the templates to be copied so each user owner of slave could modify it.
I´ve realized that with this structure, JMS creates the file... params_site-id.ini which is ok, but I had a problems with params because the template was not detecting it, even saving them correctly on the params.ini file.

So I had to edit the pacth by changing this...

administrator/components/com_templates/controller.php

On that file, I´ve found...

params_' .MULTISITES_ID .'.ini

and replaced it to just...

params.ini

(think was just on 2 lines)

And it started working. I dont know if it works on other enviroments or how the complete structure works, but in this specific case it helped me after hours of trying to find a solution. Hope this is usefull for everybody, greetings from Argentina... :)

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Re:params.ini
Posted by ricardoos - 2010/10/21 22:29

I had the same problem and this also worked for me. Great solution, thanks for posting.
Greeting from Bogota.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/22 11:14

The problem is that you have somewhere in your own made template read directly the params.ini file. If this is the case you have to patch it to read the mutlisites "params.ini" file.
Normally the params.ini files is already read when you are in the template and you should not have to read it yourself.

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Re:params.ini
Posted by ricardoos - 2010/10/24 17:43

Hi Edwin,
If I define my template for new slaves to Special Copy the templates folder and symbolic links are allowed can I make different changes in the template configurations backend (params.ini) for each slave site or dose that automatically modify the params.ini file for all my sites using that template?
Or do I have to copy all the templates folder in order to do that? The same principle should apply to the logo right?
Am I clear? thanks.

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Re:params.ini

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/25 11:56

This is not because that you do a "special copy" that this change the way the "params_XXX.ini" is created and read.

"Special Copy" just define the way that the "/templates" directory is created.
See tutorial video 0.b slide 34

"Special Copy" = full sharing of the "/templates" directory
"Copy" = copy of the "/templates" directory.

When "template folder" = {deploy_dir}/templates this allow to install (and uninstall) template in the slave site.

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Re:params.ini

Posted by ricardoos - 2010/10/25 23:32

Hi,
Let me say that your answer is quite aggresive, confusing and a little out of place. It dose not answer but dose confuse and takes me nowhere. Very sad of a payed service.

I would recommend you reading any cheap costumer service book.

Meanwhile thankyou for your time and have a nice day.

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Re:params.ini

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/26 09:28

See tutorial video 0.b slide 34 that present the value that I provided to you in my reply.
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-0b

You also have post in this forum that discuss this point.

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Re:params.ini

Posted by marcelbonfim - 2011/03/23 19:32

Hi, I have the same problem.
The slave sites save params_MULTISITE_ID.ini but they read params.ini.
I followed Edwin's recomendation of debuging the /libraries/joomla/document/html/html.php to check if the correct params.ini is been called and I found it is not.

On the line 232 you have:

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if ( defined( 'MULTISITES_ID')) {
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but defined('MULTISITES_ID') returns either false or null so it procedes to the Else.
Now I just need to know why is the constant MULTISITES_ID is not defined. Does anyone have a clue?

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Re:params.ini

Posted by edwin2win - 2011/03/24 17:26

If the "MULTISITE_ID is not defined, this mean that you are on a master website.
So, this is normal that you don't have a params_MULTISITE_ID.ini

The description that you gives seems to suppose that you are using a template company that use their own framework and that bypass the Joomla framework.
This is the case for RocketThemes Gantry framework, YooThemes WARP framework, Joomlart T3 framework and other framework.

In JMS Multisites, we provided a partial patch for gantry and T3.
We also provide a product that all provide additional patches for a set of template using WARP of Yoothemes.

So check if you are using a foreign framework that bypass the joomla framework.

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Re:params.ini

Posted by marcelbonfim - 2011/06/11 00:41

Hi,

I'm using the Joomla framework and the parameters dont working. I changed two line in defines_multisite.php and worked:

- Line 62: define('JPATH_MULTISITES', JPATH_ROOT.DS.'multisites'); to define('JPATH_MULTISITES', dirname(dirname(__FILE__)).DS.'multisites');

- Line 65: define('JPATH_MUTLISITES_COMPONENT', JPATH_ADMINISTRATOR.DS.'components'.DS.'com_multisites'); to define('JPATH_MUTLISITES_COMPONENT', dirname(dirname(__FILE__)).DS.'administrator'.DS.'components'.DS.'com_multisites');

Do you see any other implications beacuse of this changes?

Thanks

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Re:params.ini

Posted by edwin2win - 2011/06/12 13:20

YES the values are not the same depending if you are using Symbolic Links or not.

When you are using dirname(__FILE__), you are using the physical real location on the disk and your are not using the symbolic links path.

If you have a problem to find the "params.ini" file, you have to search in another place and for sure, don't touch this file.
If you are not able to have the correct "params.ini" values, this mean that you don't use the standard joomla framework but using a "template company" that has bypass the joomla framework.

For example, if you are using YooThemes, we publish a plugin to patch their framework.
There are also patch for Rocketthemes and Joomlart.

If you want that we have a look on your environment and try to fix your configuration, this is possible with our billable support that you can order at
http://www.jms2win.com/en/joomla-multisite?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage_multisites.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

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