Configuration Help

Posted by mygreensburg - 2010/10/27 18:56

I am having trouble with my configuration of JMS Multi Sites and hoped that someone could shed a light on what I am doing wrong. I have wanted the tutorial videos and read countless threads on here but must be missing something.

First, let me explain what I am trying to accomplish. I have a website that is pointing to the root of my hosting account. Multi Sites and all of my components are installed on this site:
http://www.mydomain.com at /public_html/

I want to be able to share users and components to my other sites. I also want the layout and template to be the same as the main site with the only difference being site logos. So I have my other domains pointed as such:
http://www.domain2.com at /public_html/multisites/domain2
http://www.domain3.com at /public_html/multisites/domain3
http://www.domain4.com at /public_html/multisites/domain4
etc.

My problem seems to come from trying to use the main domain as the master and not making a slave off of it. When I do make a slave from it, I have to reconfigure everything to make it look like the master. can then make the slaves for the other sites, but the biggest problem happens when I try to log into the admin page for the slaves. After entering the username and password, it reverts me right back to the login page again.

I can usually set things up with relative ease, but this has me dumbfounded. All I want to do it mirror the main site to the other domains changing only the logos. If anyone can point me in the right direction to have this accomplished it would be very appreciated.

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Re: Configuration Help

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/27 20:18

The answer is based on the assumption that you are using a linux platform and that your are able to configure your domain for a specific location.

Based on what I understand, it seems that you would like to assign domain2.com onPRIMARAY-DOMAIN.com/public_html/domain2 directory
I suppose that you are using cPanel and using default configuratoin that create a subdirectory on your primary domain.

If this is the case, you have to setup Jms Multisites to deploy the slave "domain2" into the directory that is specified in your /public_html/multisites/domain2

The key element is to provide the same path between your HTTP Server admin tool (probably cPanel) and the Jms "manage site" deploy directory.

If you are using cPanel, you can get inspired of the tutorial cPanel video CP-04

http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-CP-04

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Re: Configuration Help

Posted by mygreensburg - 2010/10/27 20:31

Edwin,

Thanks for the quick response. I am using GoDaddy.com Linux hosting which has a "cPanel" type of tool. To be more specific, here is what I am trying to do and how I would like to set things up:

My domains are pointed to the following locations

linkpittsburgh.com /
linkgreensburg.com /multisites/linkgreensburg
linkmonroeville.com /multisites/linkmonroeville
linkpennhills.com /multisites/linkpennhills
linkuniontown.com /multisites/linkuniontown
linkverona.com /multisites/linkverona
linkwashingtonpa.com /multisites/linkwashpa

I am making local portals for cities that will share the same SOBI DB entries and users. I have everything setup on the linkpittsburgh domain right now (and the site is live). I merely want to replicate the main site to all of the other cities.I am probably making this a lot harder than it is, but I am struggling.

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Re: Configuration Help

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/28 10:13

If you are using a shared hosting (delux or unlimited plan) at godaddy, your primary domain is assign to /html

Here the directory structure let suppose that linkpittsburgh.com is your primary domain and that you have defined the other domains as assigned to the /multisites/{site_id} directory.

In JMS Multisites, you have to deploy the slave sites into this directory.
So the deployed directory = {site_dir}
You can do that each time you create a slave or define a Jms Template where you sefup the default values to create the slave sites.

In your case, the rule seems to be
domain = www.{site_id}.com, {site_id}.com, {site_url}/multisites/{site_id}
Deploy dir = {site_dir}

Select the website to replicate and put a new table prefix = {site_id}_
Select in the sharing that you want to share SOBI2

You can get inspired of the tutorial video 16
and perhaps also the tutorial video 0.d that explain the concept.
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-16
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-0d

If you want that we setup the environment for you, this is also possible with our billable support that you can order at
http://www.jms2win.com/download?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

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Re: Configuration Help
Posted by mygreensburg - 2010/10/28 21:57

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Edwin,

Thanks for the pointers and the great service. I now have a template that is functioning properly. My problem seems to have been because of the Symbolic Links I was using. I used copy for the folders that would have static info and it seems to be working a lot better. I appreciate the help and input. Keep up the great work!

Ron

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Re: Configuration Help
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/10/29 00:26

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Concerning the template directory , you have 3 choices:
- Full sharing (action = special copy)
- Full copy (action = copy)
- Partial sharing. (action = special copy + template folder = {deploy_dir}/templates

These cases are documented in the tutorial video 0.b slide 34
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-0b

You also have the tutorial video CP-05 that illustrate how to have a specific directory for the template
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-CP-05

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Re:Configuration Help
Posted by tchager - 2010/11/01 21:36

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Edwin,

Is it possible to fully share the templates folders
but copy or create the images folder and then
edit the template and put a generic name for the logos such as "logo.png" and then just make sure all the logos are named that in their specific "domain/images" folder?

That way the templates could still be updated in one location but the logos and other images would be specific to the domains.

Tony

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Re:Configuration Help

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/02 11:07

YES this is absolutelly possible that you modify the jooma template in such way that is get the logo from a specific directory.

We already did that for some customer for whom we slightly modified their templates to get the logo from another place.

You can also get inspired of a share /images directory and create beside a /images_spec that could be specifc to each slave site. So that you could share the images between website and put the specific one into another directory.

This just require that you update your joomla template (themes)

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