use the same templates(theme) with different param

Posted by bearlee - 2011/11/02 18:14

I see this from FAQ
but I don't know how it work.
Does it allow sites to have different default template
YES, each web sites can select its own default template.
As each sites use its own database or at least diffrent table prefix, the customisation each sites is independant.
The only exception concern the extension that save their configuration information on disk rather than in database.
Sometime we have to provide a patch for such extensions to let them use separate configuration.

My slave sites use sympolic link to the master site's templates.
If I select the different color option then save it in slave site.
The slave site created a params_{site_id}.ini, but still use the params.ini for the templates setting.
How can I do to make slave site use the same template but different setting?

thank you~!!

Joomla Multi Sites version: 1.2.68 (Latest available: 1.2.68)
Patches definition version: 1.2.72 (Latest available: 1.2.72)

joomla 1.5.23

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Posted by edwin2win - 2011/11/02 21:02

Create website with specific "/templates" and "/images" directory is illustrated in the tutorial video CP-05.

http://www.jms2win.com/en/tutorial#jms12x-CP-05

You have to create a JMS Template rule where you specify the "action" = "copy".
If you want to be able install joomla template in the slave site, also setup the "template folder" = {deploy_dir}/templates

The different variant are shown in the technical video 0.b - slide 34.
http://www.jms2win.com/en/tutorial#jms12x-0b

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Posted by bearlee - 2011/11/03 09:32

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thank you
But I try. it's never done what I want.
http://demo.vitalskm.com/template/kmm/jms1.mov
in this video I use copy. So the slave site has it own templates folder.
but I change the color setting.
It save the setting to params_test.ini .
But the slave site still use params.ini for slave site template setting.

http://demo.vitalskm.com/template/kmm/jms2.mov
this video is special copy to make templates folder.

thank you~!

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Posted by edwin2win - 2011/11/03 15:48

You can see that the "/templates" directory created is NOT a physical directory with symbolic like shown in the video 0.b slide 34.

I didn't saw like that the reason but the directory should be a physical directory and not a symbolic link.

In addition, if you read the master "params.ini" file instead of the specific one for the slave, this can also be due by the joomla template that you are using. Some template companie have redevelop they own framework that bypass joomla.
So event if you have the "/templates" directory full shared then you should read the correct params except also if you are connected on the master instead of the slave as you expect.

If you want that I have a look directly on your environment, I can just suggest to buy our billable support 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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Posted by buddyq - 2012/03/02 07:06

I have this same question... I need to special copy (symbolic link) my templates so that I can change the master and effect all slave templates but I need each one to use their own template params.

it creates its own params_{site_id}.ini files but it is not using those. It is using the master's params.ini file. What do I have to do to make it work so that it uses its own params for the correct domain?

My template is simple and does not use a "framework" or anything to difficult. I made it from scratch and this seems to work on other server I have too correctly. Please help with this.

Buddy

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Posted by edwin2win - 2012/03/03 14:54

If you create the Joomla template yourself, never read the "params.ini" file yourself in the template PHP code that you had written.

Use the "params" field that is already populated by joomla with the parameters values.

In your template index.php file, you can read the parameters from $this->params.

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Posted by bearlee - 2012/03/03 15:05

If I want to read a css from {site_id}_params.ini
what should I do for the index.php

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Posted by edwin2win - 2012/03/03 15:23

Yes you have to use

to get the "Color Variation".

You will read the parameters of the current website.

The "params" is filled with the value of the current slave site. So it reads inside joomla the appropriates params_{site_id}.ini file.

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Re:use the same templates(theme) with different param

Posted by bearlee - 2012/03/03 15:31

Thank you edwin2win!
I used the default rhuk_milkyway theme with the to get the "Color Variation".

But my slave site still read the params.ini not params_{site_id}.ini.
This problem is not in administrator template params.ini, but in the fronend template.

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Re:use the same templates(theme) with different param
Posted by buddyq - 2012/03/03 15:34

Hi Edwin,

That's exactly what I'm doing. $text_color = $this->params->get('text_color');

However, its reading the params.ini which belongs to the master site and NOT reading from its own params_{site_id}.ini which gets created in the master templates directory when editing the params in the slave site. So I have a params file for EACH slave site in the templates/my-template/ folder but they are not reading from the params_{site_id}.ini.

Why is that?

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Re:use the same templates(theme) with different param
Posted by edwin2win - 2012/03/05 10:00

Perhaps there is a plugin or a specific template framework that overwrite the value or you didn't install the JMS patches (that does not seems to be the case).

If you are a developper, you can verify that the
libraries/joomla/document/html/html.php
file read the correct params.ini file.
This is the place in joomla framework where the params.ini file is read.

You will see that when you are in a slave site, this read the "params_{site_id}.ini" file and when this is NOT a slave site, this read the original "params.ini" file.

So if you are effectivelly on a slave site, you should read the appropriate file.

In joomla 2.5, the parameters can be read from the DB #__template_styles

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Re:use the same templates(theme) with different param
Posted by jeanmariefavre - 2012/03/05 10:59

Hi,
I also wanted to change the template and other things depending on the website, and after various trials and errors, some programming, I found that the chameleon component very handy indeed. I maintain

many sites with the same installation but with different templates, or variations of the templates, even within a single slave site but with different directory prefixes. Chameleon is really cool for that. I got the commercial version which allow you to define rules in the admin, but there should be also a free version. I really happy with the commercial version since I can see very easily all the rules installed without going to see the code. I'm very happy with this component as this is definitively a good match with jms.
Hope this help.

p.s. This is not advertizement, but just experience of a happy user.

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Posted by buddyq - 2012/03/05 17:38

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Edwin, what file would your patch for this be so I can check?

------ SOLVED ------

I created my own component that allows users to change their template params from the frontend. This was not saving in the proper way so I took the code you have for your patches to work with my component when saving the params file. Now it creates the proper file from the frontend.

Buddy

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