Process for exporting an individual slave site

Posted by azurelink - 2014/06/25 13:48

I am wondering what the process would be for exporting a single slave site? My client has many affiliate sites to manage, and inevitably an affiliate may decide to break off from my client and would probably want to take their Joomla slave site to another host of their own.

Can you please give us a rundown of what the initial setup would have to be, so that a site could be exported out of the Multi Sites system, and also what the export process would be?

Thank you!

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site

Posted by edwin2win - 2014/06/27 13:21

Basically, you have to do a backup of the master to have the PHP code and that you will restore somewhere else.
Once you have restored the master, you can uninstall JMS to get a standalone Joomla.
When done, you can copy all the specific files and folders of your slave site into the new location.

Such kind of operation can be done with a linux tar command.
See the FAQ for the backup / restore.
http://www.jms2win.com/en/faq/faq-joomla-multi-sites#cat-268

tar -chzf .tgr

If you do this command in the slave site deploy directory, you will get both master and slave site files merged together.

Once you have that, you have to make a backup of you DB to be able restore it into the new standalone location

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site

Posted by azurelink - 2014/06/27 15:38

Thanks for your reply and for the link to the backup information and script.

I'm assuming that the merged version would include the site files for all of the other slave sites, correct? How would I eliminate that? I know I can uninstall unnecessary extensions. What about other slave site content and image files?

Thanks!

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site
Posted by azurelink - 2014/07/02 21:55

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site
Posted by edwin2win - 2014/07/06 16:28

If you have correctly put each websites in their own specific directories as we recommend it and proposed by the default template rules then NO you will not have the content of the other sites as by definition, each website have their own directory that is never a subdirectory of another website.

If you put the images of all the websites into the same directory, of course, you will have the backup of such images directory with the content of all the websites.

In general, we suggest to have 2 directories for the images.
/images
/images_specific

So if you used that to separated you shared images from the specific website images, you would not have any merged content.

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site
Posted by azurelink - 2014/07/07 20:53

Thanks for your reply.

I'm confused by your images path structure as it relates to the individual slave site directories.

Does your second example, "/images, /images_specific" not apply to the first example where each site has it's own specific directory? I assume in the first example, each site directory contains its own "images" directory, correct?

Please clarify.

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site
Posted by edwin2win - 2014/07/13 13:18

NO this is not the same.

/images is the default name used by Joomla and most of extensions.
If you create affiliate website that copy or share this directory, this mean that you will have to manage it specifically.

If from the begining you ensure that specific images are stored in a specific new directory created for that, then in the future, it will be easier to identify this material.
So the idea is to have 2 directories
- One for the shared content
- One for the specific content.

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Re: Process for exporting an individual slave site

Posted by azurelink - 2014/12/04 03:15

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edwin2win wrote:
In general, we suggest to have 2 directories for the images.
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Where does this images_specific directory reside, in the master site, or in each slave site directory? And in my slave directory, Multi Sites created a images symlink directory. If I need to make the images_specific directory in the slave directory, how do I need to remake all of my article image links, or can I just assign the new image directory for that slave site in Multi Sites, somewhere?

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