Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by azurelink - 2018/01/24 21:25

Hello Edwin,

I need some advice/help regarding how to import users into a slave site which shares users with another slave site. I believe you call this "partial sharing", since the content, images and templates are not shared between the two slave sites.

Furthermore, the site for which I need to import users, is a site which I am about to import into the JMS platform. I have already upgraded the extensions and Joomla version to match.

Usually when importing a site as a slave, I would create the slave and then copy the images into the images_specific directory, and the sites specific template into the templates directory, and then import the complete .sql export file into the slave's database, including the users table(s).

But since the users are shared and we have configured JMS to work with separate users tables in their own database, I'm not sure what I should do. I'm guessing that the user id's would change.

Can you please tell me what the process would be to accomplish both the import of the legacy site, and the correct import of the legacy users?

Thanks!

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Re: Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by edwin2win - 2018/01/25 11:11

Concerning the import of users, you need a specific extensions for that.
There are several extensions in the JED that can help you doing with a connection on another joomla.
This is for example the SP Upgrade that is generally used to upgrade from a Joomla 1.5 to a newer joomla version.

When you are using sharing of the users and want to import only the users, as long as the table structure is not modified, then you can continue to use the PHPMyAdmin to perform the "INSERT" into the linked table. This will add the record as usual in the physical table.

Now in your specific case and as you already used our billable support, perhaps that you have forgotten that I have installed a specific "User Import" extension on one of your master website.
This specific "User Import" component is able to import a CSV file containing the users coming from anywhere. It can also be used to import users in a website using the "partial user sharing" to automatically grant the user imported to the specific site.

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Re: Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by azurelink - 2018/01/28 21:52

Thank you Edwin for the reminder about the User Import component you installed. This could be more complicated, since I am also importing an entire legacy site into the system. As mentioned in my original post, I would normally import the entire legacy site sql file, including the existing #_users table. But since this JMS site has separate #_users tables, I'm at a loss as to how to import the legacy sql file.

Do I remove the legacy #_users table from the sql file before importing it? And do I then import the legacy #_users table sql statement into my separate users table in the JMS?

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Re: Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by edwin2win - 2018/01/29 10:00

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If you are using the "Partial User Sharing", the direct import via MySQL will not declare the users for the sharing.
So you need to use the "User Import" that is able to add the sharing definition in the same time.

So from my point of view, you have to export your legacy users into a CSV file an after import them using the "User Import" component.

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by azurelink - 2018/01/29 12:55

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Thanks Edwin -- just to clarify, are these the steps you are recommending?

1. Export legacy site sql file with phpMyAdmin.
2. Export legacy site css file with phpMyAdmin.
3. Remove #_users table CREATE and INSERT statements from legacy sql file and import it into the slave site database with phpMyAdmin.
4. Delete all site CSV records EXCEPT the #_users records from CSV export file and import it into the master site user the User Import extension.

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by edwin2win - 2018/01/30 08:49

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by azurelink - 2018/01/30 17:27

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Yes, CSV, not CSS, I thought I fixed that typo.

So I still need a list defining the steps and the order in which to do them?

Please feel free to edit the following as needed:

1. Export legacy db as CSV and remove all but the #_users part. (Note, I see in the User Import component that it has a line "Ignore the unused columns". Does this mean it only imports the users and I don't have to remove the other table records?)
2. Export legacy sql file.
3. Import full legacy sql file into slave database, including #_users table — approx 1500 users.
4. Import legacy CSV of #_users into master using the User Import component.

Is this correct? I would think that doing the above would cause some user id conflicts?

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by edwin2win - 2018/01/31 15:40

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1) With PHPMyAdmin, you can export a single table.
So no need to export the full DB and after cleanup the result.
2) NO
3) NO
4) Yes

So only 1 and 4 is required to import the users.

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing
Posted by azurelink - 2018/01/31 18:16

Thanks Edwin,

You misunderstand that I am also importing the full site into the slave, images, content, everything. Not just the users. So I think I still need to do 1 and 2, yes?

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing
Posted by edwin2win - 2018/02/01 08:58

If you want to convert a standalone website as a slave site, see the procedure described in the post https://www.jms2win.com/en/forum/30-general-questions/14053-converting-standalone-to-a-slave-site

Be careful that the conversion of a standalone website into a slave site will NOT share the users are this standalone website had already some users and that you can NOT decide to share them as the user ID and description of each user might be different.
So the converted website will remains with their users NOT shared.

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing
Posted by azurelink - 2018/02/21 21:01

Okay, so now I am very confused.

To remind you, I am importing a legacy site into one of the slave sites. (I have done this many times successfully using the method described below.) I have upgraded Joomla and all extensions so that they are the exact same versions in the master site as in the legacy site. Now I'm ready to import the site, which I normally do in the following steps:

1. Create the AddOn domain for the slave in cPanel.
2. Create the slave in Multisites.
3. Copy the legacy site images into images_specific in the slave and the site-specific configuration.php file and modify it to connect to the new slave database.
4. Copy the legacy template into the slave's templates directory.

Usually the next step would be to import the legacy database export sql file into the slave database, which will include all of the users in the legacy site. But in this case I don't know whether to import the complete legacy sql file, including the legacy users, or if not, what to do? When do I use your User Import extension which requires a csv file?

I hope you can suggest the steps to get past this?

Note:

• There are two slave sites in this platform.
• The first slave does not have any real users, just test users and the Super Admin.
• The other slave has about 350 users.
• I have created the custom User Groups and ACL Levels in the master and have confirmed that their ID numbers are exactly the same.
• I want the users to be able to login from any of the two slave sites using the same credentials, which is why I have partial user sharing.
• To make things more complicated, each imported user has a corresponding account in a jobs listing component that will need to match up. I am rebuilding the component from scratch in Fabrik, but once that is built, I will be importing the jobs records which are still active (not expired) into the system, and then will need to sync them with the users who placed them. Still working out the details of how to make this happen. Your thoughts on this would be welcome and appreciated.

(For those interested in the rest of the steps, if you have site-specific images, you also need to change the Media Manager image source path to be /images_specific so your site admin will upload images into the images_specific directory — not into the master "images" directory. And you need to change the config file log and tmp directory paths to be in the slave directory versions.)

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Re:Help w/ importing legacy users for partial sharing

Posted by edwin2win - 2018/02/22 09:14

If you import your SQL file as it, you will NOT have any sharing.
The potential issue that you may encounter is that your legacy website make reference to the users id for some content like article, orders, ...

I don't know if this is in the master that you may potentially have to create the ACL.
All depends where is physically stored the joomla users.
When using the partial sharing, you have to identify the website that store physically the users.
As already mentioned, the import of the users can be done with a specific extension that we have provided to you.

Once you have "imported" the full SQL DB with "standalone" users then you have to drop, remove, delete the tables that should normally be "partially shared". See the JMS Template rule for more detail on what is supposed to be shared.

Once you will have dropped the tables that must be shared, re-open the slave site definition and save it to allow JMS creating the sharing.

When the sharing is present now, you can import the users.
Again, becarefull that the users that will be imported will have a new user ID and therefore, might create inconsistency with you data (article owner, orders owner, ...)

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