

Joomla Multi Sites – Articles Sharing v1.0

User's Manual

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Revision History

Version	Date	Description
1.0	23-Dec-2008	Initial version

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Joomla Multi Sites' world. This user manual describes the “Joomla Multi Sites – Articles sharing” native 1.5 Joomla component.

“Joomla Multi Sites Articles Sharing” is a component that extends Joomla 1.5 with the ability to display articles coming from different websites.

This “JMS Articles Sharing” provide a new menu type “Multi Sites articles sharing” that works like the standard Joomla menu type “Articles” except it adds the possibility to select the websites where the articles, categories, or sections are located.

“JMS Articles Sharing” only display the articles.

The menu type implemented are:

- Multi Sites articles layout;
- Multi Sites Category Blog Layout;
- Multi Sites Category List Layout;
- Multi Sites Front Page Blog Layout;
- Multi Sites Section Blog Layout;
- Multi Sites Sections Layout;

It does not allow to edit or submit articles.

“Archive” is not implemented.

“JMS Articles Sharing” is in fact an extension that convert the standard Joomla “articles” PHP source code “com_content” component into a “Joomla Multi Sites” compliant code.

When an original source code is converted by “JMS –Articles Sharing” it is saved into a cache to improve the performance. The cache is automatically rebuilt when you update your Joomla version and the conversion of the sources is re-executed. By this way, this let you benefit of the Joomla bug fix and re-apply them into the Multi Sites version.

This extension require the “Joomla Multi Sites” extension version 1.1.5 or higher.

“JMS Articles Sharing” does not work with extension like JoomFish because this kind of extension use the “local” articles to perform to their translation and JoomFish is not extended with Multi Sites version.

The standard joomla modules like “lastest news”, “most read news” or whatever the extension are not extended with Multi Sites version.

2. Installation

Joomla 1.5 provides a very simple installation interface.

The installation consists of setting the “Joomla Multi Sites – Articles Sharing” Zip file into the package field (as shown below).



The screenshot displays the Joomla! Extension Manager interface. At the top, the Joomla! logo and the text "Joomla Multi Sites / Multiple joomla configuration" are visible, along with the version number "Version 1.5.8". A navigation menu includes "Site", "Menus", "Content", "Components", "Extensions", "Tools", and "Help". On the right side of the menu, there are links for "Legacy: 1.0", "Preview", "0", "2", and "Logout".

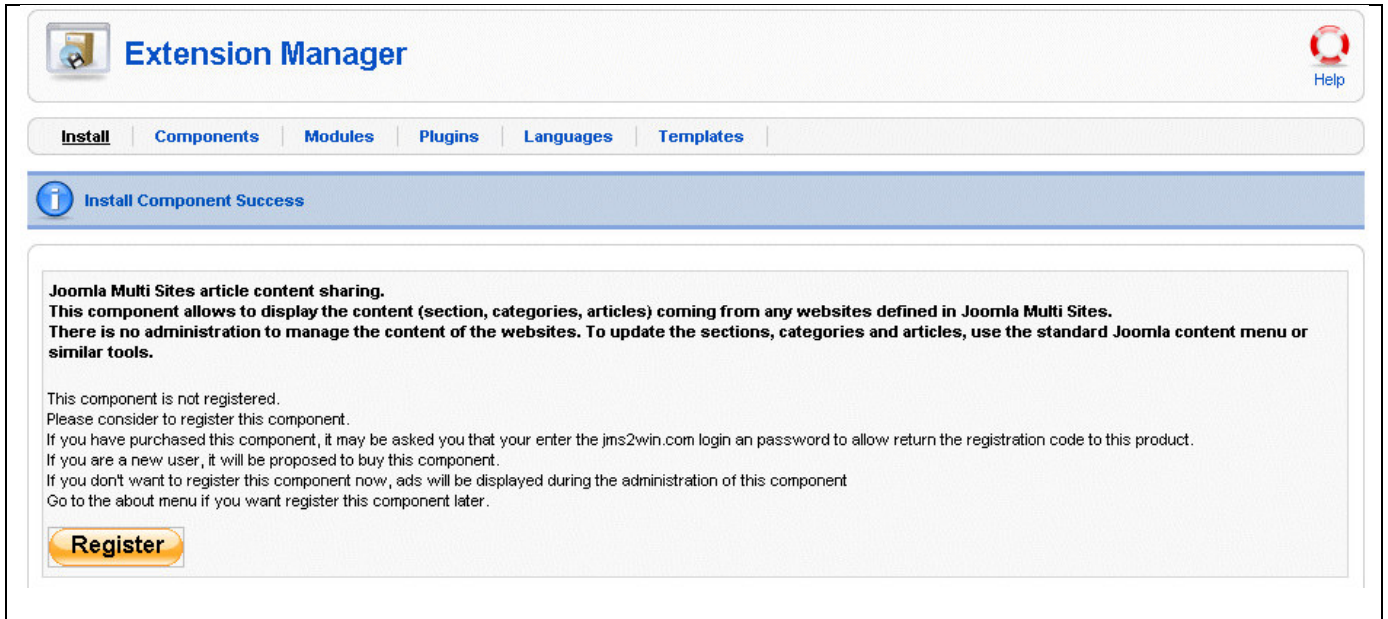
The main content area is titled "Extension Manager" and includes a "Help" button. Below this, there are tabs for "Install", "Components", "Modules", "Plugins", "Languages", and "Templates".

The "Install" tab is active, showing three installation methods:

- Upload Package File:** A text input field contains the file path "C:\joomla\com_multisitescontent_V1.0.0.zip", followed by a "Browse..." button and an "Upload File & Install" button.
- Install from Directory:** A text input field contains the path "/home.10.15/edwinwin/w2w/tmp", followed by an "Install" button.
- Install from URL:** A text input field contains "http://", followed by an "Install" button.

At the bottom of the interface, a footer note states: "Joomla! is Free Software released under the GNU/GPL License."

When the installation is complete, you are invited to register the application, although this is not mandatory. If you decline to register, the application will work perfectly.



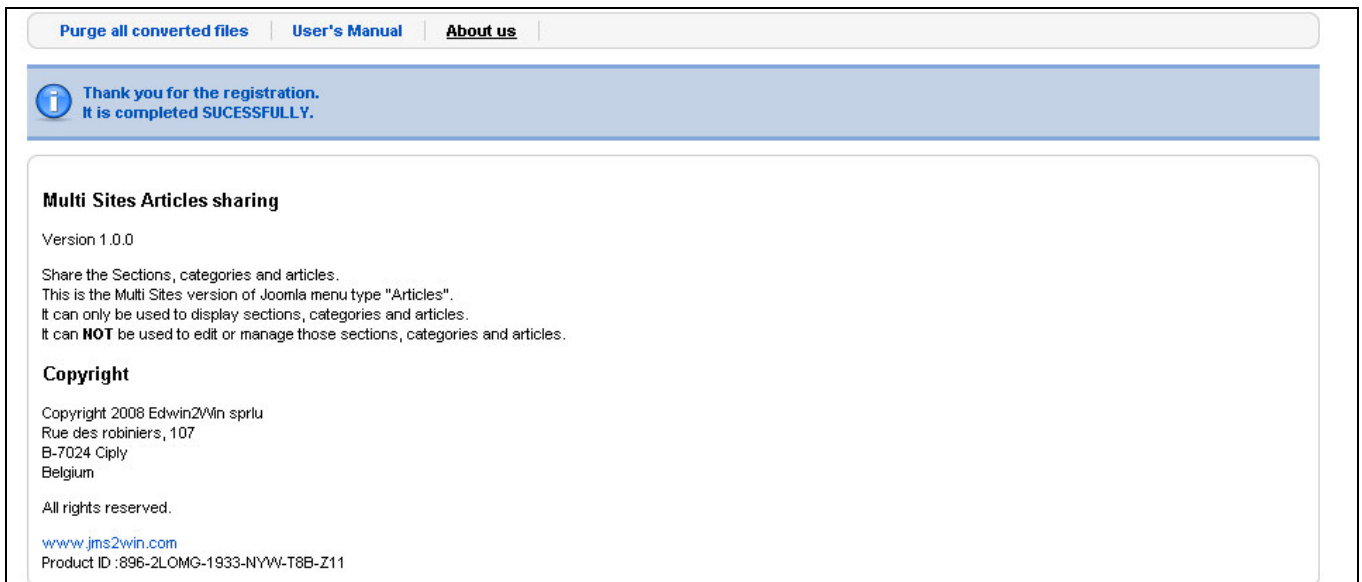
The screenshot shows the Joomla! Extension Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Install', 'Components', 'Modules', 'Plugins', 'Languages', and 'Templates'. The 'Install' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, there is a blue banner with an information icon and the text 'Install Component Success'. The main content area contains the following text:

Joomla Multi Sites article content sharing.
This component allows to display the content (section, categories, articles) coming from any websites defined in Joomla Multi Sites.
There is no administration to manage the content of the websites. To update the sections, categories and articles, use the standard Joomla content menu or similar tools.

This component is not registered.
Please consider to register this component.
If you have purchased this component, it may be asked you that your enter the jms2win.com login an password to allow return the registration code to this product.
If you are a new user, it will be proposed to buy this component.
If you don't want to register this component now, ads will be displayed during the administration of this component
Go to the about menu if you want register this component later.

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a yellow 'Register' button.

When the registration is completed, you are redirected to the administration of the component.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Multi Sites Articles sharing administration page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Purge all converted files', 'User's Manual', and 'About us'. The 'About us' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, there is a blue banner with an information icon and the text 'Thank you for the registration. It is completed SUCCESSFULLY.'. The main content area contains the following text:

Multi Sites Articles sharing

Version 1.0.0

Share the Sections, categories and articles.
This is the Multi Sites version of Joomla menu type "Articles".
It can only be used to display sections, categories and articles.
It can **NOT** be used to edit or manage those sections, categories and articles.

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3. Administration of the component

Normally, “Joomla Multi Sites Articles Sharing” does not really request administration.

There are very few option as illustrated below.



The screenshot shows a horizontal menu with three items: "Purge all converted files", "User's Manual", and "About us". The "About us" item is currently selected and underlined.

3.1. Purge all converted files

This operation allows to remove all the converted files that this component has generated.

When removing the files in the cache, this force “JMS Articles Sharing” to re-convert the standard Joomla the next times it need them.

3.2. User's manual

This user's manual is available online.

It gives a direct access to this document.

A special feature is implemented to always give access to the latest version of this manual that matches your Joomla Multi Sites version.

3.3. About us and registration

The about menu displays the version of the extension and possibly shows you a registration button when you have not yet registered the component.

The registration is a mechanism that we use to determine if the user has paid a fee for the download of this product.

4. Menu Types

As explained in the introduction, “JMS Articles Sharing” consists in providing an equivalent to the standard Joomla menu type “Articles”



In the following chapter we give you screenshot of each layout that are supported and we illustrate the add of the “select site” field.

We don't re-describe each standard Joomla Parameters. See the standard Joomla documentation for this kind of information.

4.1. Article Layout

Standard Joomla

Menu Item Type: **Article Layout**

Menu Item Details:

- Title: Standard Joomla Article
- Alias:
- Link: index.php?option=com_content&view=article

Parameters (Basic):

- Select Article: Select an Article

Multi Sites Article Layout

Menu Item Type: **Multi Sites Article Layout**

Menu Item Details:

- Title: Multi Sites article
- Alias:
- Link: index.php?option=com_multisitescontent&view=
- Display in: Main Menu

Parameters (Basic):

- Site: - Select Site -
- Select Article: Select an Article

Multi Sites Articles Sharing adds the selection of the website where the article to display is stored

4.2. Category Blog Layout

Category Blog Layout

Menu Item Type: **Category Blog Layout**

Parameters (Basic):

- Category: - Select Category -
- Description: Hide Show
- Description Image: Hide Show
- # Leading: 1
- # Intro: 4
- Columns: 2
- # Links: 4

Multi Sites Category Blog Layout

Menu Item Type: **Multi Sites Category Blog Layout**

Parameters (Basic):

- Site: - Select Site -
- Category: - Select Category -
- Description: Hide Show
- Description Image: Hide Show
- # Leading: 1
- # Intro: 4
- Columns: 2
- # Links: 4

4.3. Category List Layout

<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Category List Layout</p> <p>This layout displays Articles in a Category.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Category: - Select Category -</p> <p># Links: 10</p> <p>Table Headings: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Date Column: Hide</p> <p>Date Format: </p> <hr/> <p>Filter: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Filter Field: Title</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p> <p>Parameters (System)</p>	<p>Menu Item Type</p> <p>Multi Sites Category List Layout</p> <p>This layout displays Multi Sites Articles in a Category.</p> <p>Parameters (Basic)</p> <p>Site: - Select Site -</p> <p>Category: - Select Category -</p> <p># Links: 10</p> <p>Table Headings: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Date Column: Hide</p> <p>Date Format: </p> <hr/> <p>Filter: <input type="radio"/> Hide <input checked="" type="radio"/> Show</p> <p>Filter Field: Title</p> <p>Parameters (Advanced)</p> <p>Parameters (Component)</p>
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4.4. Front-Page Blog Layout

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4.5. Section Blog Layout

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5. Language and internationalisation

The current component uses the standard Joomla language mechanism to display most of the messages.

It delivers English messages located in:

- “/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitescontent.ini”.
- “/administrator/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisitescontent.menu.ini”.
- “/languages/en-GB/en-GB.com_multisites.ini”.

If you have installed this component in another language than “English”, you probably need to create another file for the appropriate language and translate all entries.

6. System requirements

- “Joomla Multi Sites- Articles Sharing” has been tested with Joomla 1.5. 8 stable builds.
- The “JMS – Articles Sharing” version 1.0.x was originally developed on PHP 4.3.3 with MySQL 4.1.22.
- “JMS – Articles Sharing” require “Joomla Multi Sites” version 1.1.5 or higher
- We also tested the component on PHP 4.4.8, 4.4.9, PHP 5.2.6 with MySQL 5.0.32.

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