Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by newbandon - 2009/11/12 23:35

Multi Sites Content is the coolest component ever (except for JMS, of course)! For getting info across domains, it's fast and easy.

One little issue seems to be that there's no way to make that content available to modules, like Latest News or Newsflash (maybe that's the point, though).

Does anyone know of a way to link Multi Sites Content into modules like mod_latestnews or mod_newsflash? Since there's no category or section id given to the content in the slave site, I don't know where those modules could poll the data from. I know there's a cache created somewhere. Maybe the modules can look at that?

Maybe there needs to be a specific Multi Sites Content module for this to work?

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by edwin2win - 2009/11/13 11:52

For the moment we have not developped the "Multisite latest news" or similar.
Create such module require that I rewrite all the modules and modify all the DB access.
This is what we did for the "Articles Sharing" (Multisites Content) component.

With the new Joomla 1.6 coming and the new way that articles are managed we have to rewrite the "Article Sharing" and we will try to also create modules like the one that you would like to have.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by newbandon - 2009/11/13 15:55

Okay. Cool. Can't wait to see it!

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by lexxy2000 - 2009/11/17 01:54

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i just bought multi sites content for that exact reason i was completely disappointed to find out is was completely not what i thought it was. Cannot share content in a module that sucks. Now i am stuck with it.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by lexxy2000 - 2009/11/17 05:25

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ok since we are both in the same boat i decided to try and modify the latest news module to do what we want so far i have gotten it to work but i need some help edwin tell how you would do this if you had to here is my code

I am modifying the latest news module and need help on passing on a new variable from the xml file to a php file for the modele.

this is the para from the xml fiile

this is my code block

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$dbid2  = $params->get('dbid2') ;
  $option = array(); //prevent problems

        $option   = 'mysql';            // Database driver name
        $option     = 'localhost';    // Database host name
        $option     = 'xxxx';       // User for database authentication
        $option = 'xxxx';   // Password for database authentication
        $option = 'need to get dbid2 here from xml variable';      // Database name
        $option   = '';             // Database prefix (may be empty)
        $db = & JDatabase::getInstance( $option );
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I need to get the dbid2 variable from the xml file to the $option='here'
so it will connect to the database defined. Any suggestions

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by newbandon - 2009/11/17 05:51

Great lexxy2000! Please share your hack here when you get it working.

Unfortunately, I can't provide any input on the code, but hopefully Edwin can shed some light on it for the benefit of all JMS users since this seems like important functionality.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module

Posted by lexxy2000 - 2009/11/17 06:01

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i sure will i have it working now but it would not user friendly i want to get it so that anyone can use it with out any php knowledge and it would work on any server right now it would just work on my server once i

get an answer to my question then i can make it compatible with any server by allowing the user to define a few variables.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/11/17 10:29

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Have a look in the "article sharing for JMS", you will see that the strategy is totally different and use JMS to get the DB connection.
So add the "site id" in the module first require to rewrite all the module to have the new parameters modified.
As I have already replied, I will invest time to do that for joomla 1.6 and not for joomla 1.5 because they have changed all the way that articles and modules manage that.
If I had to do that for joomla 1.5, I should ask a higher price because the expect sell duration will be very short (due to joomla 1.6 coming).
If I had several customers that would be ready to pay 75 EUR for such multisites module (latest news, most read and newsflash) I could review my position.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by lexxy2000 - 2009/11/17 11:21

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i have multisites installed and its working for me with what i have done so far.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/11/17 12:11

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I know but you had to hardcode the value and not able to use the "site id".

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by newbandon - 2009/11/18 17:56

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Well, of course it's not ideal, but hard-coding will work for me for the time being.

Lexxy2000, can you please provide file names and line numbers for your solution? Then some of us can implement the hack too. ;)

BTW, Edwin, I would gladly pay an "upgrade" price for the functionality to be included in J1.5 (I'm assuming you meant 75 EUR for the JMS package with modules--not 75 EUR just for the module--but I

could have misinterpretted)...but I'm just one...maybe there are others...

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/11/19 00:55

The idea would be to create a package with 3 modules.
I have not yet analyze in detail a "product" version but all I can tell you is that joomla 1.6 will be totally different for these module.
The problem for me (I hope you will understand) is to invest few weeks in work to create a product that will not get any return due to the short live duration.
Our time is limited and is currently consumed for the update in JMS kernel to add patches definition for many extensions.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by newbandon - 2009/11/19 01:07

Totally understand!!! No worries. JMS is the greatest thing since sliced bread.

I was just letting you know I would commit per your previous post. :P

It would be really great if you or lexxy2000 can provide everyone the patch/hack on this forum for the time being just to get around this for now. Of course, the understanding is that it's unsupported.

Thanks!

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by lexxy2000 - 2009/11/20 05:47

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ok i have completed the modules its not hacks persay its just writing module out side the box. What i did was create a module that would allow you to set the database name and password etc. from the parameters in the module backend. thus allowing you to connect to any joomla sites database to pull your content from.

I created two types one that will show images based of the joomla standard news flash module and another based on the joomla lastest news module. I spent a few days researching how i could make this user friendly so you would not have to hack any joomla code and please to say hey it done i want to test it out for a few more days i will post a demo and download link in the next couple of day i need to set up a site first as i will most likely submit it to joomla.org extentions for downloads.

Maybe make it a donation ware not sure yet if i charge for it i can spend the time learning 1.6 joomla to upgrade it. If i give it away then its come as is. With no time for support or upgrades.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/11/20 12:02

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Lexxy200, it seemsn that Joomla 1.6 is (or will be) totally different.
They think merge several module in a single module and rewrite everything.
This is one of the reason why I don't want to write module twice.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by lexxy2000 - 2009/11/22 18:28

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for you as a business they is understandable but for me this is need at this point in time so i had to do it.
Also they are always going to change things if we worry about that we will never develop anything.

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by newbandon - 2009/11/22 22:25

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Maybe make it a donation ware not sure yet if i charge for it i can spend the time learning 1.6 joomla to upgrade it. If i give it away then its come as is. With no time for support or upgrades.

So where can we find it?

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Re:Multi Sites Content In Module
Posted by senseven - 2010/02/24 14:54

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hi lexxy2000, I was wondering if your modules are available on joomla.org extentions?

I've read the discussion and agree with you that it must now come joomla 1.6 is not there yet ...

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