# Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/04 22:46

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I just purchased the software and I have installed it. Basically, what we as a company currently have is 8 different sites, which means 8 different domains. Our goal is to make it so that our people do not have to copy articles, calendars, etc. 8 different times. I have installed the software onto a copy of the site that gets the most traffic. I am using a host that uses cpanel. I have already created a folder that contains all of the data for the current website. How do I make the current site into a slave site of the master (this is the site that I have installed the software on). I guess I am not sure what scenario in the tutorials that I should be following.

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# Re: Trying to understand
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/05 10:43

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If you want to move an existing website as a slave site under JMS, this is a manual task that is already explained in this forum.
In very brief, you have to install in the MASTER all the extensions required by the slave site.
Once you have all the extension present in the master you can define a "fresh" slave site under JMS and NOT create its DB. The idea is to re-use the existing website DB or a copy of it with the "configuration.php" files that you copy (or move) into the slave site "deploy directory".

You will also have to copy all the images and material that you have in your current website.

The idea is to install the PHP code under the master and copy all the images, media, video, ... into the new directory structure.
When you have the PHP code present, you can use your existing website DB that is pre-installed for all the extension.
You perhaps will have to change some configuration parameters in the different extension like path to the image folder, ....

As you can see, this is a manual task.

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# Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/09 18:38

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still a little stuck. I have 2 websites...they are the same except for the content (articles and some banners), however I want one of the sites to be a slave of the other...can I still use the domain of the second one as a slave???

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# Re: Trying to understand
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/09 20:52

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YES you can use domain for the second slave site.
You just have to configure your HTTP Server with (cPanel or other admin tool) that you have a domain that is located in a specific directory.
You can later provide to JMS the deploy directory where this domain is defined.
See the tutorial video CP-04 that is similar in the case of a domain (use AddOn domain instead of subdomain)
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-CP-04

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/09 21:24

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we are using hostgator, so you are saying that we would just have to foward the domain to that directory in hostgator?

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/09 23:04

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I just got this message - * - You can now map your new domain (http://www.isurfwky.net/hostedhop/isurfhopkinsville) to the directory
* '/home/isurfwky/public_html/hostedhopkinsco/iSurfHopkinsCo/multisites/isurfhopkinsville'.
* - When the DNS will be updated with your new domain (perhaps you have to wait 24 hours),
* you will can go to your new domain and Joomla will request you a new installation (as usual).
* - Please use a new db prefix for each site and NEVER use 'jos' as prefix or if you want to keep 'jos' as prefix, create as many databases than you have sites.

I created a slave site...already had the master site set up as:

http://www.isurfwky.net/hosted/iSurfHopkinsCo

I had the original site under http://www.isurfwky.net/hostedhop/isurfhopkinsville

a new domain was created called:

/home/isurfwky/public_html/hostedhopkinsco/iSurfHopkinsCo/multisites/isurfhopkinsville

Now I am not sure what to do next.

Will the new domain and the installation now be empty?

so confused

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/10 09:38

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FORWARD or REDIRECT can not be used because this modify the URL.
As you are using HostGator, I suppose that you have cPanel.
You have to use a "AddOn" domain in cPanel and specify the "document root" associated to the domain.

See the same application with subdomain - video CP-04
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-CP-04

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/10 23:11

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I am lost...I tried to create an add-on domain in cpanel...using the name of the slave site as the new domain name and it said that it wasn't a valid domain...I don't know what to do next and I have to figure out if this is going to work for my company by Friday. I really need some help with the creation of the slave site.

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/11 09:03

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I don't know which value you enter in the cPanel but you have to provide a domain name like jms2win.com

A domain is NOT a JMS site id.

Refer to the cPanel help.

If you want that we configure your environment, we also have a billable support that can be ordered at http://www.jms2win.com/download?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/12 18:17

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I am trying this again from the beginning. I already have the master site it is:

http://www.isurfwky.net/hosted/iSurfHopkinsCo.

I have a website known as :

http://www.isurfwky.net/hostedhendo/iSurfHenderson that currently exists. I want to make that a slave site

what are my next steps to make that happen...I have viewed the videos but still confused.

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## Re: Trying to understand

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/13 09:25

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Read the forum and you will see that move an existing website is a manual task.
In summary, you have to install all the extensions required by your slave site into the master.
After create a fake "slave" sites where you will copy the current configuration.php file where you will modify manuall some parameters.
You will also have to copy all the images, media and other that are specific to your slave site.

As you can understand, move an existings website is moreless redo it with just the possibility to re-use the DB.

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## Re: Trying to understand

Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/16 16:33

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When I create the fake "slave site", do I follow the directions for creating a slave site to a specific directory? In this post you state to copy the current configuration.php...,my question, do I copy the current config of the slave site or the master site? I don't want to appear so dumb, but a lot of the joomla stuff is new to me. I appreciate your help.

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## Re: Trying to understand

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/17 00:37

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In your case, it seems that you have defined a slave site into a subdirectory and not have used a domain or a subdomain.
If this is the case and that you have configure the slave site like in tutorial video 9 the you don't have to setup the cPanel.

Give real description of your configuration.
Do you configure a domain (which name), or a subdomain
Which are the values that you have entered in the "AddOn domain" or the "Subdomain" configuration.
review they "document root" path that must be IDENTICAL to the value in the JMS deploy directory.
Both must have the same path.
This is clearly shown in the tutorial video CP-04

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/17 18:02

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Here is what I currently have....I created a directory to deploy the slave site to...it is:

home/isurfwky/public_html/hostedhendo/isurfhendoslave

In my master site the isurfhendersonslave folder has the config.php file....however the isurfhendoslave directory is empty....I am not sure what I did wrong when trying to create the slave site.

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/17 18:10

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I can't seem to correlate the directories you have in the demo to what I have and I am really confused.....it is just for the slave site.

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/17 18:29

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I copied the config.php from the multisites/isurfhendersonslave folder to the

hostedhendo/isurfhendoslave folder but when I go to the master and try to create the joomla site all I am getting is the page showing index of/hostedhendo/isurfhendoslave

and then Parent Director
config.php

Here is the information in the multisite part in the master site:

My slave Id is iSurfHendersonslave, site name is ISurfhendersonsalve domain is:

http://www.isurfwky.net/hostedhendo/isurfhendoslave

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/17 23:41

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If you want to create a slave site into a subdirectory, you just have to copy/paste the value that are shown in the tutorial video 9
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-9

* Site ID = slave1
* Domain name = {site_url}/multisites/{site_id}
* Deploy directory = {site_dir}

You DON'T have to copy files or other stuff outside the system.
You don't have to create directory. JMS do it for you.

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/19 02:51

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I created the slave site into a directory and here is what I put in the values:

slave1 - Site ID
slave1 - site name
domain name - http://www.isurfwky.net/hostedhopkinsco/iSurfHopkinsCo/multisites/slave1

when I click on the domain name, this is what I get:

Index of /hostedhopkinsco/iSurfHopkinsCo/multisites/slave1

* Parent Directory
* cache/
* config_multisites.php

Apache/2.2.15 (Unix) mod_ssl/2.2.15 OpenSSL/0.9.8m DAV/2 mod_fcgid/2.3.5 mod_auth_passthrough/2.1 mod_bwlimited/1.4 FrontPage/5.0.2.2635 Server at www.isurfwky.net Port 80

what did I do wrong?

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## Re: Trying to understand
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/19 09:44

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Did you entered the "Deploy folder" value {site_dir}
It seems not.

If YES, you should have plenty of symbolic links.

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## Re: Trying to understand

Posted by mistylady - 2010/03/19 14:24

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OK, what is the value for the site_dir? Is this the directory for the master site that goes in there or a directory that I create for the slave site?

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## Re: Trying to understand

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/03/19 17:47

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{site_dir}

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