Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/08 06:16

Hi Edwin,

I have the following configuration

Master website www.maindomain.com
  * this is the main db (masterdb)
  * this db will hold all the users for websites being created as slaves etc
  * installed community builder, docman and virtuemart
Demo Website = demo.maindomain.com
  * seperate DB (demodb)
  * Fresh slave site installation
  * this website has own images, site template folder
  * uses article sharing from master website
  * installed cb sharing from master
  * front login for community builder users
Demo1 Website = demo1.maindomain.com
  * seperate DB (demodb1)
  * replication of demo website
  * this website has own images, site template folder
  * uses article sharing from master website
  * front login for community builder users

My problem is:

I have created a user on master website and it logins in fine from the front end and can access the user menu. BUT on demo website the user does not login.
Once the demo site is working, I will be using this site to replicate many websites.(demo1)

My question is:

For user sharing, do you have to use the same database (i.e masterdb) or only have cb sharing from master?
To install a "fresh slave site" this does not allow you to choose the users under the sharing tab.

I look forward to your reply.
Regards Carmen

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/08 09:58

You can share the users between different DB but you need to have a MySQL user that has the access on the both DBs.
When you have created the slave site, verify that the MySQL tables for the users, session and core_acl_% are correctly shared.

In general this is easier to use the same DB as by definition you are using the same MySQL users that have the privilieges on both website tables prefix.

If you create a fresh slave site, it is not possible to share the users as the MySQL "#__users" table is created by the Joomla installation.

You have the tutorial video 16 that give a sample on how to share the users.
http://www.jms2win.com/tutorial#jms12x-16

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/08 11:24

Hi Edwin,
Thank you for your reply.

I have virtuemart installed on the master. So where would the users be created? On the master or the slave sites? In reference to the below config.

Rgds Carmen

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/08 13:27

Hi Edwin,

This is ultimately what I am trying to achieve:

Master DB -> this has DocMan, Community Builder and VirtueMart, Articles and Contacts (so lets call it HEAD OFFICE)
www.headoffice.com

Slave DB -> Lets call this BRANCH 1, this branch has access to the VM Shopping cart, links to the articles, and has access to the documents in Doc Man in the master website. The user can logon via their own website and have access to buying products and downloading docs from the master DB.
branch1.headoffice.com

From what I understand from your videos, tutorials and manuals, this is how i need to do it.

Master DB - HEAD OFFICE, install DocMan, Community Builder and VirtueMart, Articles and Contacts.
www.headoffice.com

Replicate Master DB - call it SHOP - Install fresh DocMan, Community Builder and VirtueMart. The share articles and share contacts from master.
shop.headoffice.com

Then replicate the SHOP to become the BRANCH Website.

Please let me know if this is correct or not?

Thanks
Carmen

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/08 18:46

The users are store in the DB of the slave site.
If you share the user, it mights be stored into another slave site.

So if you don't share anything, the users are stored in each website like if you had standalone joomla.

Something that you have not described is which website shared the users with the other website.
I suppose that you have created the branch 1 with the sharing of the user in the master.
So branch1 is a clone of the master.

So if branch 1 is a replication of the master with sharing of the users, sharing of VM then the users can login in both the master and in the branch1.
As docMan is an extension that can not be share but that use a "dmdocument" directory to store the documentation, it is possible that both the website access the same directory.

If you simply clone the master website without sharing anything then you have speciifc slaves and the users are stored in each slave site.
So if the website are independ, their info comes from their own DB and table prefix.
In the case where files are stored in the disk, they might be shared (case of DocMan whe you don't provide specific document folder).

Your description is not clear and seems have confusion between the master and the branch.
The point that you have to clarify is what you expect and what you want to share.
At the original the question was related to the sharing of the users and now you seems try create specific slave site.
When you say user can logon in their "branch" slave site and buy product, I suppose you mean used VM to buy the product. In this case they can download from product from a speciific place for each website. See the VM confg.
Idem for the DocMan that can have specific "dmdocument" directory. See its own config.

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/09 07:15

Hi Edwin.

This is what I require:

Master Website
This is will hold : Articles, Doc Man, VM, CB, Main Menu Modules
Hold all users

Branch Website
This needs to update automatically when head office updates the articles, BUT also have the ability add own articles to new menu items.
Ability to login in to VM and DOC Man from own website
Ability to change template.

I tried replicate master, but it doesnt allow me to change template and add own articles and menu module. It puts it on both master and branch.
I tried fresh slave install, but this does not allow me share users.

So, do I need to do this ??:

Create MASTER DB with articles, install VM, Doc Man and CB
Create FRESH SLAVE, use Article Sharing and Menu Items. Then SHARE VM and Doc Man and CB here.
Add new users here and not the MASTER.
Then replicate the FRESH SLAVE install to become the 1st Branch website.

I hope i am little bit more clear here ? lol!!
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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/09 09:38

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Your requirement are now more clear.

Concerning the users that you want to share between the master and the branches, you need to follow the procedure described in the tutorial video 16.
The difference is that you need to use the master instead of the "slave1" as website to replicated.

So create a JMS Template rule that consist in the sharing of the and in which you enable the "sharing" for VirtueMart, Community Builder.

DocMan is NOT an extension that can be shared.
So all the definitions must be defined in each slave site.
Only the "dmdocument" directory can be shared.

Concerning the articles, you can use the "Article Sharing for JMS" that is able to read the articles coming from any website.
This will allow you display the articles coming from the master (event when present in the branch).
See for example the tutorial video 0.d that present how to setup the "Article Sharing for JMS"

To have the possibility change the template, you can follow the procedure described in the tutorial video

CP-05.

If you want to share the menu, we have the "Multisites Menu Item" that allow create a bridge between website. Perhaps this will help you.

In very brief, the JMS Templates configuration could be inspired from the following (not tested)

Template ID = shareMaster
Domain = {site_url}/multisites/{site_id}
Select the template site =
New table prefix = {site_id}_
Deploy directory = {site_dir}
Template folder = {deploy_dir}/templates

Select in "folder and file" tabs
Images => action = "Special copy"
Templates => action = "Special copy"
installation => action = "Ignore"
Ensure that the other directories are SL symbolic link

Select in the Share tabs
- VirtueMart - enabled
- Community Builder - enabled

Once you have create the "shareMaster" template
Create a slave using
Site ID = slave1
Select the template = shareMaster
Title = Test slave1 to share the master

Thats all

You can NOT create a fresh slave site as this will NOT share the users.
You need to repliacte a website in which you decide to share the users.

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/09 16:35

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Hi Edwin

I see that you say ""In very brief, the JMS Templates configuration could be inspired from the following (not tested)".....has this configuration not been done before?
Would you suggest another way?
I am going to try and let you know.
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Rgds carmen

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login
Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/09 17:58

Hi edwin,

I did a brand new master website and then did exactly what you have said and it is not working from a "login user" point of view. The users cannot login from the front. It says "You must log in first".
Do you know what this could be?

I have attached the config of the template.
Rgds Carmen

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login
Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/09 22:49

When I say "not tested", this is because I have not installed an environment with exactly the same setup as you have described and I have given to you the setup that I would did in the same case.

In this post you mentioned "You must log in first".
Nowhere in the scenario that I provided you it is mentioned something from the front-end.
The scenarion that I given to you is for a creation of a slave site from the back-end. Not from the front-end.

It seems that you try creating a slave site from the front-end.
Does my assumption is correct ?
If you want to create a slave site from the front-end, the procedure is different.
In this case you can get inspired from the tutorial video 13 and you effectivelly need to login first.
In this case, you have to modify the JMS Template rule to use {site_prefix} and compute a {site_id}.

If you want that we setup the environment for you, this is possible with our billable support that you can order at
http://www.jms2win.com/download?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login
Posted by carmenswart - 2010/11/10 12:10

Hi Edwin,

The login in that I am referring to is registered users logging from the front to access documents etc.

Now that I have setup Master and Slave 1, do I create the next websites from the master template or

create another template copying slave 1?

Thanks for your assitance.
Carmen

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Re: Master DB and Community Builder Login

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/11/10 23:58

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Thsi is you that decide which webiste you want to replicate.
With JMS Multisites you can replicate any website.
In general, when you consider the master website as a repository or a library where the extensions are installed without any data then it is better to replicate a website in which you pre-configure the content.

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