Virtuemart...again... :)

Posted by crony - 2011/12/06 00:49

Hello,

I read all the post on the forum, and I still have some questions...
I saw the patch for allowing different mails for payement methods:
http://www.jms2win.com/en/joomla-multisite?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage_multisites.tpl&product_id=49&category_id=1

Wich is a very good start...
But this only works if you share only users right ?
What I want to do is a multisite where all products are shared, customers as well, but each shop vendor may add his product individually.
The vendor won't be able to access the VM's admin, all forms and lists will be recreated thru contentbuilder and breezing form.

But in that case, how can I know the owner for each product ? Does it add a field in the product ?

As the buyer may access to the master and slave site, how the shopping cart will react ?
I mean : 1 product from a owner + 1 product from an other owner, at the checkout, they will be 2 checkout ?

Thanks for your help !

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)

Posted by crony - 2011/12/06 12:57

I saw that the vendor id is included into the order which is good.
I still need to know what's going to happen if the shopping cart includes products from 2 different vendors. I guess the id vendor has to be changed manualy because if not shared, they'll all get the id = 1 ...

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)

Posted by edwin2win - 2011/12/07 10:44

The patches for VM Payment method is NOT related to the sharing of the users.
The patches modify the VM payment method source code to allow read and write a specific configuration depending on the slave site ID. This is not related to the user.

Vendor description is something else and not related to the VM payment method.
When each websites have their own VM, then the vendor description is specific as the info is stored in the DB.

If each VM have their own VM, then the product are specific to each website.

The answer would be totally different if you decide to share the VM content.

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)
Posted by crony - 2011/12/07 11:14

Ok thanks !
I think I understood for the payement method patch...

In fact I need to share users, content, but not the vendor description...
I thought with the patch I should have also payement method for each slave site.

Then there's still a problem with the sessions of users that will be shared in that case, and the shopping cart in my case can't be composed of different products from different vendors as they have different payement methods...Or maybe there should be multiple checkout, hard, hard...
Do you think it's completely out of the scope of JMS, or your planing something ?

I guess I may need to wait for VM 2 for multi vendors...

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)
Posted by edwin2win - 2011/12/08 09:45

With VM 1.1,
you can already share the users and share the VM content except the vendor description.

Your analysis concerning the session that will be shared is correct.
That mean that if you have several domain or website with different payment account, the checkout will benefit to a latest domain where the customer will checkout.
I don't see the difference in the case where the whole catalog is available for all the websites.

The problem that you may have to manage would be to filter the product to display depending on the website (that is not necessary related to a vendor).
When you share the VM content, you share all the records - so you share all the products, categories, ...

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)
Posted by crony - 2011/12/08 13:22

In fact, to filter products depending of a website, I was thinking to use the "manufacturer" fields of VM, because each vendor is also running his only one brand.
The vendor is the manufacturer.

If accessing to a subdomain shop directly, I will add the parameter "manufacturer" on url's, so it will list only products from his shop.
Using http://www.nonumber.nl/extensions/rereplacer I may easily create replacing url's rules for each subdomain shops.

So all shops will share categories and products, but they'll be filtered depending on each subdomained shops.

If accessing to the master site, all categories, all products will be allowed.

I guess I need to check what's stored in the session, add manufacturer or vendor if not stored, then...I don't know...
I'm wondering if using (but modified cos I think rules based on manufacturer and/or vendor does not exist) :
http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/extension-specific/virtuemart-extensions/virtuemart-administration/11695

May help or just add more mess... :silly:

In fact, my question related to JMS would be:
If I manage to redirect to the right shop for each product in shoping cart, allowing only validate the order if the products belongs to his own shop, may I exclude the sharing of orders table ?

That will be "easier" to manage reports. More than that a legal issue: bills must have a "clean" ordering number. (bill number 1 , 2 , 3 ...)

Ideally , the slaves websites would synch their orders to the master website (which will "know" about all orders) but the slaves sites would have only their own orders...
For that I will need to prefix the bills numbers for each slaves like : "vendor1-000001" and not only the number.

Sounds more and more crazy... :blush:

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)
Posted by edwin2win - 2011/12/09 16:09

I am not sure that you need to add the "manufacturer" in the URL in the case when you have a 1-1 relationship between the subdomain name and the vendor.
The "vendor" or "manufacturer" name could be used as JMS slave Site ID.
As the Site ID is an information available everywhere in all the extension, you could use this "hidden" value to filter the product.

Another solution could be to add a "product type" in which you create a field "Site ID" where you will select for which website you want to display the product.

You also have the free "Search/Replace" plugin that add facility with JMS as you can use Site ID as a keyword.
http://www.jms2win.com/en/component/docman/doc_details/13-search--replace-utility

The "VM order" can not be excluded from the sharing in standard.
If you want that we create a specific rule to exclude the VM order, this is possible with our billable support. We just want to warn you that we can not guarantee you that exclude the "orders" form the sharing will not create inconsistencies in VM.

The order number and bill number are different things.
Do you use a specific extension to generate the Invoices based on the orders ?

JMS is not based on Synchronization that suppose duplicated data.
It is based on the sharing of a single information.
Therefore, if you want that the master see all the order then you need to share them.
If you want that a slave site see only its own orders, you need to modify VM to do that.

It seems that in your mind the Bill and the Order is identical.
Normally, this is not the case. An invoice should only be generated when the deliver corresponding to the order is performed.
In addition, the invoice should only take in account that item that are physically delivered.

In all cases, it seems that you need to modify VM to add filtering.

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)
Posted by crony - 2011/12/11 22:51

Thanks !

For the id and manufacturer, I have to test to see what should be the more secure way of doing it...
The Site ID sounds good, combined with search/replace plugin ,but I don't get how to implement it really...I have to test...

Thanks for pointing my mistake between Invoices and orders...
That pointed my search to VM Invoices :
http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/extension-specific/virtuemart-extensions/virtuemart-orders/14731

That will require some specific parameters too suit 100% of my needs...
But I think this component won't be tabled shared...

It seems I will need your billable support to exclude VM orders...
Can you report some problems that you've seen with such a modification ?

Thanks again !

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Re: Virtuemart...again... :)
Posted by edwin2win - 2011/12/12 14:56

I don't know the VM Invoice but I suppose it should be OK.

Concerning the modification of VM to exclude the order, you can effectivelly use our billable support for that.
For the moment, we don't know which could be the problem.

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