Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/03/16 07:37

Hi Edwin,

I'm running Joomla 2.5.2 with the latest version of Widgetkit from yootheme.

When I try access widgetkit in the slave site admin it does not display correctly. The page is just filled with text and the buttons don't work to create new slideshows etc.

It seems to be a java issue.

Can you please look into this and let me know if a solution exists?

Here is a screenshot example:

http://www.jms2win.com/images/fbfiles/images/Widgetkit_error.PNG

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/03/17 12:08

Concerrning YooThemes templates, components, modules, (extensions in general) they are using a WAPR framework that has bugs.

We developed a specific extension "patches for YooThemes" that fix a limited number of bugs present in YooThemes.
So you need to install these patches to help you using the "WidgetKit".
Remark: The patches was not tested on Joomla 2.5. The latest time that we reviewed the patches, that was for Joomla 1.7.
http://www.jms2win.com/en/joomla-multisite?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage_multisites.tpl&product_id=46&category_id=1

We also know that in the Yoothemes forum, you will find some post that provide some fix to apply in YooThemes libraries.
We suggest that you report the bug to YooThemes.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/03/19 03:39

Hi Edwin,

Thanks for the update. Considering the patches are charged at Euro50 and Joomla 2.5+ has been released for some time now, is there a plan to review and update the patches to Joomla 2.5? I'm not keen to purchase the patches and then find out that they are not compatible.

Hopefully this is of value to other JMS customers considering that Yoothemes are one of the most popuplar template providers around.

I'm happy to report this via the Yootheme forums however what would you suggest I report specifically? I don't think that reporting 'there are bugs' would hold any value to the Yootheme technical team. Can you let me know what is causing the issues and what they should investigate on their side?

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/03/20 13:37

The problem is mainly due to the fact that YooThemes compute path to build URL and the path that they compute is wrong.
As they does not use the Joomla JPATH_ROOT or similar to compute the path of the files and URL, they make error when computing things based on the physical file location.

The problem is that the slave site are access via symbolic link and that the path that YooThemes compute does not reflect the SL path but the physical location that is wrong.

The can NOT compute the path use dirname(__FILE__) because the value returned by PHP return a physical location and not the symbolic link path.
When they compute the place where Joomla is located to derive values for the templates location, javascript and other thing, they get wrong path.

They have to use the defines assigned in Joomla and not recompute them.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/03/23 03:25

Hi Edwin,

I've installed the Yootheme patch on 2 different Joomla 2.5.3 installations and found that the patch does not work with the latest version of Widgetkit.

1) Please can you let me know a realistic timeframe for upgrading the patch?

2) Also please let me know if I can deploy my slave sites and install the patch after or do I need to deploy the slave sites with the patch already installed?

I have a site due to go live in 3 weeks and need to know if we can continue forward with it or not.

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/03/29 06:40

Hi Edwin,

Just a gentle bump on this post. I'm quite anxious to use widgetkit for my new site.

Please can you confirm if you can update the patch for Joomla 2.5+?

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/03/29 17:05

Send me in the attachement of an email the Widget Kit for joomla 2.5.

The patches was release for Joomla 1.7 and not for Joomla 2.5
So perhaps that YooThemes has again modified their WARP library and introduced bug in other places.

We also suggest that you report the issue to YooThemes in hope that they will fix their WARP framework in the computation of the path.

The issue is that they are bypass Joomla and try recomputing path of thing but fail to compute them when there are symbolic links.
They must use the joomla JPATH_xxxx instead of their computation that is wrong.

JPATH_SITE
JPATH_ROOT
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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/03/30 08:35

Hi Edwin,

I've already reported the bug on the yootheme forums however I haven't heard anything back. Somehow I doubt they will take any action however it's good to hope for the best.

In the meantime I've sent you the files for Joomla 2.5+

Please can you take a look and hopefully resolve these issues in your patch.

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/04/03 13:07

I am not able to reproduce this scenario.

The procedure that I used and that had worked is:
- installed the Widget kit in the master
- As there are several plugin also installed by the Widget kit, I login in the slave site and re-install the Widget kit to be sure that I don't forget any plugin dependencies
- Returned in the master and installed the patches
- Verify that widgetkit patch is installed.
- Go back in the slave site and not the rendering of Widget kit is correct.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/04/04 02:34

Hi Edwin,

I followed your instructions and it has resolved my issues.

I wasn't actually aware that the yootheme patch was installed as a plugin.

Everything seems to work fine now.

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by TonyGee - 2012/04/05 10:52

Hi Edwin,

I'd like to change the name of the yoothemes theme name for my website so that it seems more customized.

I've looked in the templatedetails.xml file and it seems I need to change the name in the yoo_cloud tags and also a hard coded link at the bottom of the file:

Can you please let me know if this will break the patch file you have created for the Cloud theme?

If so, can you let me know how I can manually update the patch to include my new name?

Thanks and regards.

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Re: Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/04/05 11:58

If you rename the Yoothemes name and directory then yes this affect the patches for yoothemes and the new directory name will not be defined in the plugin.

This is the problem with YooThemes.
Each extension (component, modules, templates) have a copy of the WARP framework and must be scanned one by one and a specific patch must be implemented for each directory.

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Re:Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by bonfiresalomon - 2012/05/21 21:36

Hi Edwin,

Any progress toward peace between YooTheme and JMS2WIN? Widgetkit is a 'must have' with MultiSites...

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Re:Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/05/24 23:19

There is no progress because we are not able to reproduce any issue with Widget kit.

For us, it is working correctly.

The problem that you report is specific to the fact that you rename things and as mentioned earlier, this effectivelly affect the widgetkit.

If you want that we have a look on your specific environment, this is possible with our billable support that can always be purchased at
http://www.jms2win.com/en/joomla-multisite?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage_multisites.tpl&product_id=35&category_id=1

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Re:Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by bonfiresalomon - 2012/06/22 22:43

I have two databases:

master_
testsite_

..with separate users master_master and master_slave assigned to each database (master_, testsite_ respectively).

The master Joomla site is installed on the master DB, the testsite replicated to the testsite_ DB.

When I install a 'novel' template (ie not installed on any master or slave site), it is installed in the /templates folder of the master site with the database table entries in the testsite's DB. Is this how you've made JMS to work?

In some scenarios, having the template installed in the master site's template folder would not be an issue. It is an issue for me, though. I need the template to exist in the testsite's template folder so I can modify the css, etc. Furthermore, installing the current WARP patch/plugin shreds everything. At one point, I was getting symlinks to templates in the /administrator folder of the master site. When that thing fails to patch perfectly, it destroys the integrity of many settings/files on a multisite. The ZOO patch is at the root of the problem. FYI, I'm using the latest version of ZOO (..20).

Here's a snapshot of the settings, you should be able to replicate the conditions from this:

http://jms2win.com/images/fbfiles/images/testsite_settings-20120622.jpg

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Re:Issue with Widgetkit on Slave Sites

Posted by edwin2win - 2012/06/25 15:20

If you want to have a specific joomla /templates directory, see the tutorial video CP-05.

Here it seems that you setup the slave site to have its own /templates directory.
As I don't see the "Files and folder" tabs, I can not tell you if inside the "/templates" directory you have a symbolic link or a copy of the templates. I suspect that you use the action = "special copy" that will result on a symbolic link. If you use the templates action = "copy" you would get a copy of the directory.

Becarefull that once a directory is created, JMS will not change it (event if you change the rule in the slave site definition). You will have to delete it manually and after open/re-save in JMS to rebuild it.

Concerning Yoothemes and the WARP library, you probably need the JMS patches for Yoothemes.
Verify the version of joomla and the version of WARP.

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