Site sharing same template

Posted by jdennis - 2014/03/03 21:03

Hello,

I bought the component and am looking for a way to do the following:

I would like set up 1 master site and 10 separate slave sites (different logins) but all sharing JUST the same template. I want to be able to go to the Template Manager for each new site and edit the template parameters so things can be slightly different for each separate site depending on what is entered in the template parameters. I don't want to have to install/update the template on each site individually.

Is this possible? If so, how?

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Re: Site sharing same template

Posted by edwin2win - 2014/03/04 14:08

The Joomla templates are located in the /templates directory.
By default, the rules present in the JMS Template menu assume that the /templates directory is shared between the websites.
Verify that the symbolic link is available. Otherwise, this will be a copy of the /templates directory that will be performed.

I will assume that you are using Joomla 2.5 or 3.2.
Most of the templates companies save the template parameters into the DB.
In this case, this mean that the configuration of the templates can be specific for each websites.

When editing the CSS or other templates files that are located on the disk, they are normally shared when the Symbolic Link is available.

When you have created the slave site, verify that the /templates directory is effectivelly a link and not a copy.
You can also verify the rules in the JMS Templates / Filea and folders tab.

So yes this is possible.

If you want to create a fresh slave site, use the JMS template rule like "freshSlaveXXXX"

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So then how can I make it so the templates folder is a symbolic link back to the main site's template folder? http://jms2win.com/images/fbfiles/images/Screen_Shot_2014_03_04_at_9.png

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Also, is it possible to share the master site's modules to the slave site's?

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Re:Site sharing same template

Posted by edwin2win - 2014/03/11 14:42

For the "/images" and the "/templates" directories, the action is in general "special copy".

"Special copy" mean that in case where the "Symbolic Links" are allowed, then this is a "Symbolic Link". Otherwise this is a "Copy".

So if your environment autorize the symbolic link, you just need to select "special copy".

"Special Copy" also mean that additional parameters can be provided in the "Common tabs".

See the "Specific slave site folders".

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Re:Site sharing same template

Posted by luca_boccacci - 2014/06/24 16:27

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hi,
i have also the same problem..
I want that my slave sites has symbolic link to the all master templates. I have into master template 20 templates, and i can't to replace all the folder into all slave sites.
Waht can i do it?

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Re:Site sharing same template

Posted by edwin2win - 2014/06/27 13:41

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As explained earlier, you have to verify that the JMS rule used to create the slave site has the template directory with the action "special copy".
When the symbolic link is allowed that you can verify with the "JMS Settings" menu then you should have a symbolic link created on the /templates directory.

Remark: if you already have created the /templates directory into the slave site, JMS will NOT delete and replace the current physical directory by a symbolic link.
You have to remove (or better rename) the current /templates directory present in your slave site to be able rebuild it by a symbolic link with the usage of the JMS Template rule associated with your slave site.

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