Joomla Pack
Posted by wtfbrb - 2009/08/03 17:46

Joomla Pack has become one of my favorite extensions, it allows me to restore websites whenever my clients mess them up. Saves me a lot of time. Haven't tried it but can't image it works due to the nature of the program. Is there any way to efficiently create backups/restore backups using joomla multi site?

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/08/03 19:19

I have already posted many reply concerning the BAD accuracy of Joomla Pack.
It does NOT perform a correct backup and is NOT able to backup the shared extension.
It also NOT able to perform a correct backup of the files present on the disk.

I have planed to write a correct backup / restore tool but I have not time for the moment.

Personnally, I use the PHPMyAdmin export / import procedure that provide a correct backup.

I also use unix command "tar -cvf" (backup) and "tar -xvf" (restore)

The Joomla Pack is only able to backup MySQL 4.x DB functionalities and NOT all the MySQL 5.x functionalities used by JMS.

I know there are other backup tools that I have not tested.

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by bartjanssen@mac.com - 2009/08/04 16:07

Hi Edwin,

This was indeed also one of my worries. Keep us posted.

Thanks
Bart

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by nikosdion - 2009/08/17 00:14

Edwin,

With all due respect, I think you are not giving JoomlaPack enough credit, or treating it fair.

Version 2.3 (released a week ago) can backup and restore MySQL tables and views natively. It can also backup and restore symlinks. It can even use mysqldump so you can't claim "It does NOT perform a correct backup and is NOT able to backup the shared extension."

It also supports storing and restoring symlinks as such (instead of dereferencing them) so the statement "It also NOT able to perform a correct backup of the files present on the disk" is at least dubious.

I just happened to run across this post while Googling for something else. If you really feel that JoomlaPack lacks certain features which could make it compatible with your extension, why didn't you contact us? We always listen to people and other extension developers. That's how all the JP features found their way from the wish-list to the implemented feature set. I am open-minded and welcome constructive criticism, but I can't guess where to look for it ;)

I would really appreciate a list of problems JoomlaPack causes with JMS-powered sites so that I can resolve them in the next release.

I am looking forward to your feedback.

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/08/17 09:56

Perhaps they have finally release a new JoomlaPack last week that we will review.
All our post were correct and we had tested previous JoomlaPack that had failed in many places.

As you mentioned that they have now a new release that should backup now correctly the DB and files and the folder, we will retest the new version and we hope they will finally fix their problem.
That would be a good news.
Thank you for having reported us this new version that we will review again.

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by bartjanssen@mac.com - 2009/08/25 21:57

Hi Nick, Great to heat I can use Joomlapack for this. Any change i can find the correct settings anywhere to have my entire domain included in the backup? (all sites and databases using Multisite)?
Thanks
Bart

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by edwin2win - 2009/08/25 22:30

Thank you for your feedback.
I have not yet tested personnaly but I had performed a review of the code that seems effectivelly contain now the fix to process correctly the sharing and the symbolic links.
I confirm that JoomlaPack 2.3 seems to be OK now but I have not yet use it.
I have just reviewed the code without execution.

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by epanda - 2009/10/23 12:00

My feedbak about JoomlaPack & JMS :

Configuration :
- Joomla 1.5.14
- JMS : Version 1.2.10 (Latest available: 1.2.10) / Patches definition Version 1.2.13 (Latest available: 1.2.13)
- JoomlaPack : 2.3.3 (2009-09-09)

JMS Architecture :
- A Master
- A Slave (based on the master) installed in the /multisites/slave_id folder (who contains symbolic links

My first tries to backup my JMS sites with Joomlapack failed, Joomlapack generated a unlimited size JPA (Joomlapack archive format) archive (a 1 Go file vs 30 Mo file). The backup generated a error because the file size arrived at the limit of my storage space.

I excluded my /multisites/slave_id/multisites folder but backup failed again for the sames reasons.

After look at the Joomlapack advanced configuration I see a option about "Dereference symbolic links" that i set to no... and It works. My backup had a normal size.

My backuped site was host on "http://xxx.ovh.net/~multi". When i try to resintall my backup site on "http://xxx.ovh.net/~test". My master frontend (http://xxx.ovh.net/~test) was ok but not My Slave frontend (http://xxx.ovh.net/~test/multisites/slave_id) who generate fopen fread fclose filesize errors.
About my master backend when i'm going to JMS administration there is fopen et JConfig errors so i can't access to JMS administration.

See my screenshots in the attached zip file ("JMS-JoomlaPack Reinstall Errors.zip")

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Re:Joomla Pack
Posted by epanda - 2009/10/23 12:01

The attached file
http://www.jms2win.com/images/fbfiles/files/JMS_JoomlaPack_Reinstall_Errors-d354b18c059849b3236bec24b230e416.zip

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Re:Joomla Pack

Posted by edwin2win - 2009/10/23 13:27

As I have already written in the forum, I do not trust the accuracy of Joomla Pack.
I thought it had solved the symbolic link problem but this does not seems to be the case with your explaination.

I suppose that the "dereference symbolic link" impact the backup and does not restore it correctly.

Personnally, I am using a SSH terminal and directly use the "tar -cvf" command for the backup and "tar -xvf" command for the restore.

Something that you must take care when you restore slave site is the "index.php" files that directly call a hardcoded path where is located the master website.
If you don't restore in exactly the same directory structure, this maybe the origin of the problem.

Based on your zip, I think you restore something in a directory test and try to access a file in /home/multi" where you have a permission denied.

Starting from there, all the file dependency can not be resolved as you have a permission denied.

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Re:Joomla Pack

Posted by epanda - 2009/10/23 14:07

I understand now why it's doesn't work in the other folder (/home/test vs /home/multi). The integration of JMS with JoomlaPack do not seem a easy thing....
I will have to find another solution to make backup of my JMS Site (files+db). ;)

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