Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/22 15:59

Joomla 3.3.3
MultiSites: Fresh updated latest version: 1.3.36

Structure:
/var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs
http://master.com

/var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs/slave
http://master.com/slave

Hi,

how can I change the Master site folder path, which now is /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs/slave (wrong)?

In Joomla MultiSite component - Manage Sites I somehow saved a slave site (replicMasterSubdir) filling in the "List of domains name:" http://master.com and http://www.master.com.

Now the master site uses the slave site's configuration file and database. I think now the slave is the master site.

1) In Website deploy directory the Master site directory is now /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs/slave instead of /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs.

In Settings: Home directory and Public directory are ok: /var/www/vhosts/master.com and /httpdocs

2)I get these errors when trying to save the slave site again:

Warning

JFTP: :write: Bad response
ErrorThe deployed directory can not be your root website.

3)Check patches:

a)defines.php
Not OK
File Not Found
Actions: Add the file

If I add the defines.php file in the slave directory, then this patch is ok and I can even access the slave site preview and the administrator area.

b)configuration.php
Not OK
The routing wrapper is not present in this MASTER configuration file.
Actions:

Add 16 lines containing the routing wrapper to the slave site.

I don't know what this means.

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Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/22 16:06

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4) If I rename the multisite folder, or the config_multisite.php, or any other multisite files related to the slave, the master site preview is redirected to the installation folder.

If I rename the installation folder, I get a blank page.

5) I have tried everything I could think of when trying to solve another issue that I posted on the forum, unsolved: Slave site uses master's configuration file:
http://www.jms2win.com/en/forum/31-bugs-errors-reporting/12204-slave-site-uses-masters-configuration
]Slave

This led me to mistakenly save a slave site using the master domains list.

Any help would be appreciated, at least some pointers on how to change the master path back.

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by edwin2win - 2014/09/24 12:14

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0) Based on your path, we suspect that you are using Plesk as administration tool.
If yes, you need to use the "Subscription" in plesk to configure your domain and subdomain.
This will ensure that you are using the correct owner for the files and folder that is required to share the files and folders betweeen the master and the slaves.

Perhaps that you have enable the Joomla FTP Layer to access the files and folders on the disk. This is what let me suppose your point (2).

1) If you are using the "FTP Layer", you need to put a specific path in your slave site definition to declare how to access the slave document root.
If you are using Plesk and the subscription, theorically, you should not need to use the FTP layer.
If you are using the FTP layer root directory that is the same as your master, this may overwrite files (configuration.php) that you would not want.

So verify your FTP layer settings.

2) This let suppose that you are using the Joomla FTP layer and that you didn't provided the relative path in the FTP root directory to access the slave site.

3) This might be normal if your FTP root directory is wrong or store information in a wrong directory.

4) If you remove the "/multisites" directory this is like if you have no slave site defined.

5) Your error seems located in your FTP Layer settings that provide a wrong path for the slave site and that may overwrite a "configuration.php" file of another site.
If our hypothesis is that you are using a recent Plesk as administration tool, you have to verify that your domain and subdomains are managed from the same plesk owner via a subscription. In that case, you would not need the Joomla FTP layer as all the files and folders would have the same file/folders owner.

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database
Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/24 16:38

Thank you very much for your suggestions.

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database
Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/24 19:22

The FTP layer was enabled, but the FTP root in Global Configuration was empty, so I added the root path: /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs, but nothing happened.

I still receive the same error when saving the slave site:

Warning

JFTP: :write: Bad response
ErrorThe deployed directory can not be your root website.

and the Master Directory in Manage Sites - slave site - is still /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs/slave instead of /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs.

I still need to change the Master Directory to /var/www/vhosts/master.com/httpdocs.

Do you have other suggestions?

Thanks

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database
Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/25 08:48

I want to be able to uninstall MultiSite extension without breaking the Master site, and then install it back, and to use the FTP root path correctly.

Now if I disable MultiSite the Master is redirected to the Joomla installation.

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/29 07:11

Could you please advice me on how to retrieve the master site back to use it's own configuration file?

Should I change the php script, delete the symbolic links from multisites files?

My next step would be to delete the joomla site and restore an older Akeeba backup, from before this problem appeared.

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/30 10:18

Do I really need to delete everything and restore a previous Joomla in order to fix this?

Isn't there any other way, edwin2win?

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by toshiko - 2014/09/30 16:17

Finally, by comparing the multisite php files and editing accordingly I managed to retrieve the master configuration file.

I am now able to uninstall MultiSite and forget about it. Maybe I will use it on a cPanel, but on Plesk it needs tremendous work + a good developer. For beginner developers it is too hard to control.

I'll just go back to common Joomla installations for now.

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by edwin2win - 2014/10/14 12:37

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1) When using Plesk, if you have a recent version, you need to use the Plesk subscription functinoalities to manage correctly the owner of files and folders.
In this case, this avoid the need to use the Joomla FTP Layer

2) When the Joomla FTP Layer is used and when you don't put any FTP Root directory then this is the home directory of your FTP account.

When creating a slave site with the FTP Layer enabled, you need to provide at the slave site creation, the correct new FTP Root path for the slave site that is relative to the master path location. So you may have to use ../ to go up from the master FTP root directory.

3) Symbolic links are only used for the slave site.
The master website does not use Symbolic Link.

if you want to discard the patches installed in JMS, you can always unzip a joomla over the current installation.
You will have to remove the "/installation" directory to login.

If you just want temporarly disable JMS processing, you can also do that by addition a file or a folder in /includes/multisites_disable.php

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Re:Master uses slave's configuration.php and database

Posted by toshiko - 2014/10/15 07:04

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Thank you for the clarifications.

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