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## How to add installation link for customised packag

Posted by Bai Jianpeng - 2007/03/31 06:42

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I tried JoomlaStart, it works very well.

Now I have a novel idea: since I had repacked the original Joomla 1.0.12 package to support utf-8 encoding and Chinese language, then I want to use this JoomlaStart to install my customised package when I begin to set up next website for my friends or clients.

I viewed the code of JoomlaStart.php file, found that it will read a text file named ver.txt from this website. So I edited it and link to my own website, then I added a new line in the ver.txt file to link to my revised Joomla\_utf-8\_Chinese.zip file which had been uploaded to my website already.

However this trick did not work. It seems that this Installer will not allow any package outside official Joomla.org site.

But I really need such a feature to intall my translated version of Joomla. Because this installer can only retrieve original English version when my client want a translated version in our native language.

How can I accomplish this?

Thanks.

Post edited by: baijianpeng, at: 2007/03/31 13:44

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Ovidiu - 2007/03/31 12:05

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Hi there! The changes you made to the ver.txt file probably don't have any effect because the file is still being fetched from our site! I have updated the package code to fetch the code first from the local directory, so try and download again the JoomlaStart utility from here <http://joomla.org/gf/download/frsrelease/255/1996/Joomla.Start-V1.3.zip> and try to use the updated file!

Let me know if you have anymore problems! Ovidiu

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Bai Jianpeng - 2007/04/02 05:49

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Cool ! Thanks for your considerateness.

I tested the new file with my edited ver.txt file in the same directory. Unfortunately, this new Joomla.Start.php can't transfer the customised package from my server, but still retrieve the official package instead.

Even if it can transfer my package on my own server, I have two apprehensions.

First: I had translated all those Instructions and Descriptions from English into Chinese. Now if I just overwrite with the new file, all those translations will lost.

Could you please tell me which line or lines of code I should replace with newer one to change the mechanism of where to retrieve the ver.txt file, so that I can keep the translations.

If you can develop a new version with a language folder to support multilingual site, I will offer you the Chinese language file as my appreciation.

Second: I installed the component JoomlaStart on my website to offer auto-installer for Chinese users who want to install my translated version of Joomla which is now hosting on my server. Could you modify some code to tell the component to read the edited ver.txt file from my server instead of your website ?

Thanks.

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Ovidiu - 2007/04/02 10:30

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The code you need to edit is this, just at the top of the Joomla.Start.php file

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if($fp = @fopen($rurl,'r')){
    while(!feof($fp))
        $ver .= fread($fp, 1024);
    fclose($fp);
}
else{
if($fp = @fopen("ver.txt",'r')){
    while(!feof($fp))
        $ver .= fread($fp, 1024);
    fclose($fp);
}
else{
    echo "<h2>Unable to open ver.txt! Please download it from ".$rurl." and upload it here as ver.txt</h2>";
    exit;
}
}
```

and you need to replace it with this code

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if($fp = @fopen("ver.txt",'r')){
    while(!feof($fp))
        $ver .= fread($fp, 1024);
    fclose($fp);
}
else{
if($fp = @fopen($rurl,'r')){
    while(!feof($fp))
        $ver .= fread($fp, 1024);
    fclose($fp);
}
else{
    echo "<h2>Unable to open ver.txt! Please download it from ".$rurl." and upload it here as ver.txt</h2>";
    exit;
}
}
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Ovidiu

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Bai Jianpeng - 2007/04/03 14:02

Unfortunately, this does not work.

In orde to test this trick, I edited the ver.txt to only left one line, with the package name and link both for my translated Joomla.

Then I edited Joomla.Start.php following your guide, and uploaded both files to remote testing folder.

Next, I open this Joomla.Start.php file in my browser, surely it can read the vertex in the same folder, because I only saw one option in the package list, which is correctly what I wrote.

Then, I choose to transfer the package via Direct Transfer. About one minute later, it told me finished transferring and decompression.

But, when I checked the files in the remote folder, the package is not the one on my server. Both the filesize and file structure are NOT. It is very likely that the package transfered is the ORIGINAL Joomla 1.0.12 full package from the official site.

I can't believe it. Where did the pacakge from if there is ONLY one option in the ver.txt and there is no link to official forge in the php file?

My God ! Please help. I think the man who wrote the code of this php file surely knows where will the code get package from.

Thanks.

Post edited by: baijianpeng, at: 2007/04/03 21:03

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Ovidiu - 2007/04/03 16:26

Please attach here a copy of the Joomla.Start.php file you are using and also the ver.txt file to make a small test and see if i can figure it out!

Ovidiu

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Bai Jianpeng - 2007/04/03 16:57

Thanks. Attached is the files I used. [http://www.joomlplug.com/components/com\\_joomlaboard/uploaded/files/Joomla-6fa2b26c6e92db14c0b756426aff3f2e.zip](http://www.joomlplug.com/components/com_joomlaboard/uploaded/files/Joomla-6fa2b26c6e92db14c0b756426aff3f2e.zip)

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Ovidiu - 2007/04/03 17:08

Well i just made a test, and the Joomla\_1.0.12\_English\_utf-8.zip file was downloaded into the server corectly, however i don't see any modifications from the original Joomla package after restoring that package? What exactly would this package need to do, install it as default language chinese?

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Ovidiu

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Bai Jianpeng - 2007/04/03 17:36

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hehe, you was cheated.

The package looks like the file I wanted since it has the same name.

Now, you open the ver.txt file I gave you, you will see a link for the package I really want, just click that link and download the package.

You can find that I had made some modification: first, the package size is over 3.0MB, but the package you get with Joomla.Start.php file is only 2.7MB.

Second, I had put three more files into /language to make the package work for Chinese user, those files can't be find in the package you get with Joomla.Start.php file .

Do you see the difference ?

How to explain ?

Post edited by: baijianpeng, at: 2007/04/04 00:37

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Ovidiu - 2007/04/03 20:29

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Ok, i found the issue, please get the attached Joomla.Start.php file

Ovidiu

[http://www.joomlplug.com/components/com\\_joomlaboard/uploaded/files/Joomla\\_6fa2b26c6e92db14c0b756426aff3f2e.zip](http://www.joomlplug.com/components/com_joomlaboard/uploaded/files/Joomla_6fa2b26c6e92db14c0b756426aff3f2e.zip)

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Bai Jianpeng - 2007/04/04 07:57

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Yes, it works this time. I got the package exactly from my server.

Thanks.

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## Re:How to add installation link for customised pac

Posted by Ovidiu - 2007/04/04 11:15

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Great! Good luck! Ovidiu

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