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## Xcloner setup questions / Evaluation

Posted by tobiasfransson - 2009/04/17 08:50

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Hi,

Having survived 2 Catastrophic Joomla failures in the past two weeks due to wierd bugs and a ftp freak error from hell I am now developing my own backup system.

Since I am over the file limit for my hosting solutions weekly backups I am now taking matters into my own hands.

Here is what I need.

I need the ability to run automated backups on defined by me folders that will be packaged into one compressed file .tar preferably and then sent to an offsite file server.

The date of the backup will also be added into the filename of the output compressed file.

From what I see so far from Xclone it is the answer to the backup solution I am looking for were the other half is finding a good large file server that is highly affordable.

The idea is to have a self contained easy to backup easy to restore system that runs without my direct involvement.

Questions related to Xclone:

I tried finding how to documents on how to set it up properly, I couldn't find any.

How do I set it up properly?

How do I define the catalogs and files I want to be backed up everyday?

How do I set when the backups will occur and on a daily basis?

How do I define the extra added date in the file name?

How do I set up the file transfer of the selected file?

How do I create the Cron job (I'm guessing it will be needed)?

- I have hosting through hostgator and they use cPanel.

I have already installed the Xcloner trial version but I haven't found any price for the non trial version for joomla. I am running joomla 1.5.8 at the moment with plugins such as Virtuemart 1.1.3, Community Builder 1.2 and JAACL Pro and Fireboard.

I am very grateful for any and all helpful responses.

-Tobias Fransson

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## Re:Xcloner setup questions / Evaluation

Posted by admin - 2009/04/17 11:49

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Hi there! XCloner is distributed within the same license as JoomlaCloner, so you can find the license details here <http://www.joomlaplug.com/members/signup.php>

As for the above questions, here are some answers:

"# How do I set it up properly?"

- most of the details are explain in your XCloner Config, basically all you need to setup is the Backup start path and the mysql details, the rest can be left as default

"# How do I define the catalogs and files I want to be backed up everyday?"

- by default, XCloner includes in it's backup all the files listed in your Backup start path, however you can exclude any

items you like, in your XCloner Config->Cron tab there is a textarea box where you can do that

"# How do I set when the backups will occur and on a daily basis?"

- for this you will need to use a cron manager from your hosting provider, you can setup there the backup occurrence

"# How do I define the extra added date in the file name?"

- by default, XCloner generates a unique filename for each backup, which includes your domain name/ip and the time it was generated at

"# How do I set up the file transfer of the selected file?"

- check the XCloner config->Cron tab, you can setup there the ftp transfer details

# How do I create the Cron job (I'm guessing it will be needed)?

- check the XCloner backend, left menu area, the link called Cron, you have all the details there

Hope it helps! Ovidiu

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## Re:Xcloner setup questions / Evaluation

Posted by tobiasfransson - 2009/04/17 12:48

if I have a problem with for instance coding the exception of files etc in that window part you mention (I presume it requires custom code) will that be included in the 50euro 1year license support?

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## Re:Xcloner setup questions / Evaluation

Posted by admin - 2009/04/17 13:21

The custom code on request is not included in the support license, however for small adjustments we might be able to help you within the support license

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## Re:Xcloner setup questions / Evaluation

Posted by tobias - 2009/04/19 11:29

Hi it's me again,

so I just took a gut call and purchased your xcloner plugin just now.

In regards to your manual referring to

System>

Text Area Input Box :

you need to input each excluded folder line by line.

Does this refer to the complete server path of the particular folder?

Can you please give me an example of the correct syntax for this to work?

If it is as easy as just doing a regular path for all folders I want to exclude I do not see that as a problem.

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## Re:Xcloner setup questions / Evaluation

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I would advise on using a full server path, if you use only the folder name, you will get excluded also files or other folders with that name

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