
Repackaged joomla files do not unzip on host

Posted by joomlaStart - 2009/11/18 10:03

Salut Ovidiu. I am using your script Joomla.Start.php for my own repackaged customized Joomla. The script runs and transfers the zipped packaged but is unable to unzip. Most likely it has to do with how I am repackaging joomla. I tried my best to make sure I am not changing the structure of the folders, but still unable to resolve it. I wanted to ask for your suggestion, on how to package it properly in order for the script to be able to unzip it.

Multumesc mult de ajutor

Radu

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Posted by admin - 2009/11/19 07:26

Hi there! You need to check if the archive you uploaded there is complete, second, make sure safe_mode is turned off and that the script is able to write to the restore directory, have you tried extracting the package with "Install files directly" option checked?

Ovidiu

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Posted by joomlaStart - 2009/11/19 08:36

Multumesc frumos pentru raspuns Ovidiu, great piece of script. In order to make sure I am working with a good Joomla package, I did several fresh installs on my local server, and it goes through. On the remote server when I am trying to use your script, using the "install files directly" option, it seems that the package stops unzipping half-way through. The script does transfer the package from one server to the other, but the unzipping process stops in the middle. I did fresh installs using your script with original joomla packages and everything works properly, so clearly your script is not the problem, but the way I package my customized joomla. I know this is not an issue with your script, but if you have any suggestions on how to make sure I package my joomla properly I would really appreciate it.

Multumesc inca odata de ajutor. Radu

Re:Repackaged joomla files do not unzip on host

Posted by admin - 2009/11/20 07:03

Have you tried checking the "Restore by using server utilities" option? not sure if your version of the JoomlaStart have that option! Try creating the customized archive as a TAR type(use 7-zip for this task, this type is uncompressed and your server should handle it without problems) and then try to extract it

Hope it helps! Ovidiu

Re:Repackaged joomla files do not unzip on host

Posted by joomlaStart - 2009/11/29 01:38

Salut Ovidiule,

Thank you for your reply. I believe the JoomlaStart script that I am using is version Joomla.Start-V1.5.zip. Even though the zip says v1.5, once I extract the archive the script is titled with v1.3. I am not sure where to access the "Restore by using server utilities" option. I also tried archiving my custom joomla to a TAR type without success. To my understanding the issue is caused by the size of my customized joomla. Initially my package was much larger, but I cut out everything I could to reduce its size. Currently, I have Virtuemart installed on my custom Joomla and the smallest archive I can make and still maintain my components is approximately 10MB.

On my remote server PHP has safe_mode off; in your script I set: ini_set('memory_limit','60M');ini_set('error_reporting','2'); @set_time_limit(0) to try to allow the script to run longer;

When I run the script on my MAMP local server everything runs smoothly. However on a remote server, I was only able to transfer the package and extract it; at this point the browser stops running the script and the option "Launch Joomla Installer" never appears. If I point out in the URL manually to the installation folder Joomla's web installer kicks in. In my customized Joomla Installation folder I changed the index.html to include instructions and notes to my users. Is there any part in the JoomlaStart script where I could assign the next task after archive extraction to run index.html in the install folder, as oppose to the index.php of the same folder?

If you can help me in anyway I would be more than happy to make a contribution for your time. Thank you kindly for your help.

Radu

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Posted by admin - 2009/11/29 07:06

What is your server memory_limit set to ? I would advise increasing that to a larger value like 128M and also make sure the script is allowed to run for more than 30 seconds!

How big is the custom Joomla package you have build there? I would advise on saving it as a TAR archive uncompressed and see if it helps, the size of the archive would be bigger but it would use less resources on the server

Ovidiu

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Posted by joomlaStart - 2009/11/29 09:37

Salut Ovidiu,

My custom Joomla package zipped is 10 megs. I increased the memory to both 128M and 256M, but still not able to start the installation. I believe that by setting the time limit set_time_limit(0) as I currently have, I am allowing the script to run forever.

I also tried with a TAR archive, but I was less successful than with a zip; the script only transferred the archive, but did not extract it. With a zip archive in some instances I am able to start the installer, sometimes if I refresh the browser or sometimes if manually input the url for my installation folder. But they both prevent me to use your "Launch Joomla installation" function.

If you have any other suggestions I would really appreciate it.

Multumesc Ovidiu

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Posted by admin - 2009/11/30 04:23

Unfortunately i am out of ideas Radu! It would be better to transfer the backup along with the archive to the new location, and choose the package for the existing backups to restore drop down box on the Joomla.Start.php screen, it would save some server time

Ovidiu