(SOLVED) How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by Hawker17 - 2010/05/22 04:34

Hello all,

I'm a satisfied user of Rainlendar for many years. I have a question though. I am working at 2 pc's at different locations. Both pc's have different items (to do's, appointments) in the rainlendar file. I'd like to merge both files, so i have all my appointments together.

I hope you understand my question. Thanks in advance.

Barry.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by Rainy - 2010/05/23 10:35

You can export your events from the one calendar and import them to the other. You can do that in the Manager dialog (File->Export->iCalendar Format).

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Re:How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by Hawker17 - 2010/05/24 15:00

Worked perfectly. Thanks for your help Rainy.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/06 09:40

Hi Rainy,

Hope you're very cool after this change from 2013 to 2014!!!

Please, I have som backups with all my clients and prospects in about 10 or 12 backup files (iCalendar format)
Well, I am reorganizing things here and changed the categories names and trashed some.
Now, when I try to save this work as another iCalendar format, all "todos" selected, all I cen get is abou 450 "todos" backed up (they are almost 800)!!!!!!!!
What's going on here?
Where are all those?
So, I think that when I changed the categories names and trashed some all todos assigned to them where lost. Or something like that... :ohmy:

Please, I need help!!!!!!!!! :woohoo:

Just another info, IF I expor my "todos" in another format, those "now invisible" "todos" can be found there in Excel.
So, please, how can I bring them back where I can see inside the progam?????
I get an old back up, import it, it shows more then 700 todos imported.
Then, after that, I hit EXPORT and all I can get is about 440 todos exported.
It's something really weird, or what?

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by Rainy - 2014/01/07 10:58

Do you have the "Show Original" filter enabled in the Manager? The other filters might not show all the items.

Other reason which might cause the import and export numbers to differ is that Rainlendar combines all the tasks (and events) which have the same identifier but you still see them as separate in the import dialog's count. It's a bit difficult to say without actually seeing the file that you are trying to import...

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/07 13:18

Thank you for your answer, Rainy.

I think I got some kind of solution here. I hope.
Just got a Backup file (zip format) and imported the "categories" alone.
All other files were denied. Then, all my "todos" are visible again (I guess).

To see the result I tried to export (iCalendar format) then got more them 700 "todos" again (not sure about the exact number it used to be last time befor I change the categories names and trash some of them - only that they were more then 720...)

Oh, BTW, about that accents problem, exporting to EssentialPIM, all I had to do is open the exported iCalendar format in Notopad and save it in Unicode format.

I don't want to sound rude or something like that, but, why don't you use Unicode when exporting in iCalendar files format?
Just curious...

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by Rainy - 2014/01/07 14:01

The categories.ini file just contains the category customizations so it should not affect which tasks are shown. But good that you got your tasks back in any case.

The exported ics files use UTF-8 which is unicode encoding.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/08 11:07

Hi Rainy,

Thanx for your help.

Talking about Unicode, ok, UTF-8 or whatever is a unicode, as Unicode big endian is unicode, too.
But I am talking about that Unicode (no extra letters or numbers in it's name)
Unicode alone.

This mode allows me to export and import my tasks into my schedule (EssentialPIM) with all the accents used in Portuguese, without signs, "?", "@" Instead.
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/Unicode_Menu.jpg

Oh, BTW, I bought EssentialPIM just because Rainlendar probably have many extra programing lines that make it too slow to work all day waiting about 3 to 4 minutes after every "ok" I click on it...
...believe me, I used to suffer this "nightmare" since 2009, as far as I remember.

But I am NOT throwing Rainlendar away!
Now I have two task reminders to manage... :dry:
...'cause I really like Rainlendar.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?
Posted by Rainy - 2014/01/09 09:46

The "Unicode" in that list actually means UTF-16 (i.e. 16 bit Unicode encoding). I'm not sure why Microsoft uses the word "Unicode" in Notepad but it is really confusing. Anyway, there are couple of reasons why Rainlendar does not use UTF-16: it doubles the file size and the iCalendar standard defines UTF-8 as the preferred encoding.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?
Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/09 18:03

Ok, Rainy.

Thanx for the explanation.

Talking about the lagging after every change made and the OK is clicked, I could observe that first, the "ToDo" window takes about 4 senconds to close, then, about half a minute to see some alarm window changes, then after more 40 about seconds it disappears, then the "wait" wheel from Windows appears and after more 1 or 2 minutes the Rainlendar windows (manager, alarm, event) seems to be ready to roll but, then after 5 or 6 seconds, the event list window disapperas again and the Windows "wait" wheel comes back, then after one or 2 minutes the program allow me to continue my updating data aditions...

Now I am at home with a better machine and it was reduced to 1 and 1/2 minute, top.
But still a real stone on the path... :S

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?
Posted by Rainy - 2014/01/10 09:50

Can you run Rainlendar in the debug mode and send the debug log to me (use the Rainlendar's support address and include a link to this forum post)? I can try to check why things are so slow. In normal case any action you make should not take more than few seconds.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?
Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/13 08:14

Hi Rainy,

I don't know how to run in debug mode.
The only .exe in Rainlendar folder that i could find is the program executable itself (Rainlendar 2.12 beta).

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?
Posted by Rainy - 2014/01/14 08:40

You should not be using a beta version anymore since the official v2.12 build is newer than the betas. The "Debug Rainlendar2" can be found from Rainlendar's installation folder (usually C:\Program Files\Rainlendar2).

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?
Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/14 14:16

OK! Running the official one.
But no difference at all.

In fact, I don't know how, after I'd installed the new one, it opened all my todos and with all categories I'd made just like the beta one (in a different folder!!!).
And I can not find any .log file so far...
...man, how a so simple thing can be so hard....

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by Rainy - 2014/01/15 10:20

Different versions of Rainlendar share the same settings and events unless you do a portable installation. You can find the log file from Rainlendar's settings folder as explained in the FAQ.

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Re: How to merge 2 backup files?

Posted by marcelo.betel - 2014/01/15 10:41

I am on a portable version, rainy.
That's why I told you that I cano find the log file and that's why I thought this is very weird to install the official version at a different folder and after it opened, see all my settings and todo list already there. :wow:

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