Suggestions & Questions
Posted by shokra - 2010/08/23 15:54

First, I'd like to say I'm very new to using Rainlendar and I find it as a wonderful product. I originally used Desktop iCalendar (not compatible w/ Win 7 - stopped usin), and Rainlendar is by far one of the best desktop/icalendars I've come across.

I've downloaded the free version & Version 2.8 (b93) 64 bit, so far I haven't experienced any problems changing any settings or inputting tasks nor events. I've like the application so much, that I've made a work collegue of mine download it as well. Once I try to break your program :blush: I'll most likely upgrade to the Pro version (due to some of the business features).

Anyways ....
(default skin)

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4 - # wk of the year - resides at the beginning of each wk. Is there a way to hide that feature and/or (both) toggle it to appear on the right side of the calendar instead of the left? or even maybe to adjust those fonts smaller? (I could not find this in the configue section)

5 - Out of all the weather ugly gadgets I've seen, I was curious if you could implement one that is transparent like the actual default skin? and it show more than 1 location when hovered, that isn't isolated to just US, but International as well? I have a few clients in other countries and it would be great to know what their weather is for friendly chat purposes before business :)

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2 - New XML format skins & Old Rainlendar skins: When I go into Options & Skins there is only Chromophore and Shadow4, are these the only ones - the two titles gave the impression there are more than just 2 - Am I looking in the wrong section?

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Regards,
Shok

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Re:Suggestions & Questions
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2010/08/23 22:37

I'm not an expert with Rainlendar, but maybe this tip can help you... ;)

shokra wrote:
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You mean change the "Events:" title, the title for each event or maybe sort by categories?

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On the way that the calendar works, the days can't have two colours, just only one. In the last beta you can change the font colour, or change the priority (to show a kind of event upon another). In previous one you need to edit a file.

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There is an option to remove the completed task from the list. Right Click on a task in the task window, then check "Hide completed tasks"

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As above, you can't change this font size. But you can remove it from Right Click -> Options -> Skins -> Shadow4 - Calendar (on the right size) -> Options... -> Show weeks numbers -> Change to 0

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Search in the forum for the Widgets addon. Install it. Then, Right Click -> Options -> Skins -> add from Shadow4 "Weather" (if you need more than one add severals) -> go to "Options..." to change the city (you need to change the URL).

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I don't know about this one... maybe sharing a Google Calendar?

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You can search for more skins if you go to Download -> Skins in the title bar, just at the beginning of this page.

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:S Rainlendar works in 32b and in 64b... it that the question?

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Re:Suggestions & Questions
Posted by Rainy - 2010/08/24 13:32

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Couple of additions:
- The grey block behind the completed tasks is the progress bar. If you set the task as 50% done it will fill half of the task. It is possible to remove it but you would have to edit the skin manually. You can also find different ways to sort the list from the context menu.
- It is possible to see and edit each other's when you use a Network Shared Calendar but you need to set up a server which can be accessed by all parties. If you are planning to edit the same events the suggested way is to use Google Calendar as the backend since it can detect conflicts (Network Shared Calendar can overwrite changes if they happen the same time).
- 32 and 64 bit apps work together just fine as does the Windows, Mac and Linux versions too.

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