New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/04/07 11:46

Since MSN has changed their web site and the rss feeds are not available anymore I changed the weather widget to use Google's weather API instead. You can download the new version from here: GWeather.r2skin

The location for the weather can be changed from the window's settings. You can also change the language from there. Note that the units (celsius/fahrenheit) depends on the used language.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Clóvis - 2011/04/07 21:00

Hi Rainy,

I'm seeing some strange things in this new "Weather Widget".
The first Widget is the old one (with MSN) and is perfectly correct. The second is the new (with Google API).

http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/WeatherWidget.png

Black Arrow: It is night here and the MSN is correct, but the Google source…

Red Ellipse: New widget will need translation.

Yellow Rectangle: different temperatures (MSN is correct).

Green Rectangle: it is not possible to see the entire name of the city.

Thank you very much. ;)
Clóvis.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2011/04/07 22:56

Black Arrow: It is night here and the MSN is correct, but the Google source…
Red Ellipse: New widget will need translation.
Yellow Rectangle: different temperatures (MSN is correct).
Green Rectangle: it is not possible to see the entire name of the city.
Black: Seems like Google doesn't have night pictures. :unsure:
Red: This is simple (only if you know how to extract the translated image from the Shadow4.r2skin and copy to this new skin). B)
Yellow: How you know that MSN temperatures are correct? I don't trust anyone... even my own national weather service. I'm not an US citizen but check this http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Weather_Service#Controversy Even the weather has his economic side. ;)
Green: Yes... you're right :P

I've also found the Weather Widget from Yahoo!
Here they have a full manual of the feed: http://developer.yahoo.com/weather/
The problems are that it only shows current temperature and one day forecast.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/04/08 01:13

I'll add the language support once the widget is ready. The forecast is just an estimate so they can be different depending who makes them. Note that in the new widget the order is hi/lo instead lo/hi like previously. I updated the widget so that it will now cut the city name after the first comma or dash.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Clóvis - 2011/04/09 20:20

Well,
Thanks Jorge and Rainy for the inputs. :)
But I will keep using the MSN Widget version since it looks pretty good and is working fine with my city code:

http://weather.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:BRXX0198%26weadegreetype=C
Rainy wrote:
Note that in the new widget the order is hi/lo instead lo/hi like previously.
Yes, I saw that, but the weather forecast of Google doesn't use the Airport service of my city (temperature and weather).
Too different and, as far I know, the Airport Weather service is the most accurate here since it is used by all TV channels, Internet News site, and Newspapers.
Anyway, thank you very much for all your efforts.

Have a nice weekend,
Clóvis. ;)

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Clóvis - 2011/04/10 09:20

Hello,

I tested the new widget version and now it is working fine.
I will observe the night/day weather pictures to see if it matches the real situation here.

http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/Weather.png

Best regards,
Clóvis.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Gideon007 - 2011/04/10 12:21

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hmm, msn still works nicely for vienna
http://wetter.msn.com/RSS.aspx?wealocations=wc:AUXX0025&weadegreetype=C&culture=de-DE

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by emmfan - 2011/05/27 15:53

I think Google changed their weather icons recently and now everything is showing up in GWeather as N/A. Any way to fix this?

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by someguy9 - 2011/05/28 09:48

I'm also getting all N/As with Gweather. Is there an update in the process?

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/05/29 03:35

I updated the icons in the skin to match the new names that comes from Google.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by emmfan - 2011/05/29 09:43

Rainy wrote:
I updated the icons in the skin to match the new names that comes from Google.

Thanks Rainy, the new icons work great!

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by someguy9 - 2011/05/30 08:03

Thank you, Rainy! Looks good!

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by someguy9 - 2011/06/06 07:53

Uh oh...looks like it's at it again. No icons for me this morning.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by emmfan - 2011/06/06 12:36

Same here, looks like Google is changing up their icon sets/pointers again.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Grouch - 2011/06/06 18:45

Same here in Minnesota. Not the usual "?" for missing icon, just a big empty spot.

Thanks,
Grouch

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by jeffgraper - 2011/06/09 10:10

Pretty easy fix. Just pull up google weather and right click on the icon(s), open in new window. Now substitute the window name for the old one in elements.xml.
After about 2 days I had most of the icons renamed to the new convention.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/06/09 12:33

The skin is updated so the icons should work again.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by someguy9 - 2011/06/09 14:48

Thanks, but where is the link to the updated skin? Sorry if I'm overlooking something obvious here.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/06/09 14:55

Oops, I forgot to update the file to the server. It should be there now
(http://www.rainlendar.net/download/skins/GWeather.r2skin).

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by someguy9 - 2011/06/09 15:04

Thanks for the quick attention to all of this, Rainy! I'm noticing though that only a few icons are showing up. Any thoughts?

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/06/10 00:25

The names of the icons are probably not correct. Can you tell me the weather location you are using?

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Grouch - 2011/06/10 17:49

Rainy,

Maybe this will help:

http://www.tristarwebdesign.co.uk/blog/goodies/all-google-weather-api-conditions/

Thanks,
Grouch

It does seem they've changed again since this post.

See also:

http://weatherdoll.com/weather-icons.php

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by someguy9 - 2011/06/10 21:46

I actually found an older version that you updated at the end of May, and that one seems to be working fine. Thanks!

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Grouch - 2011/06/13 08:44

Rainy,
As an example, an excerpt of the google API is as follows:

If you are keying off 'condition' and not the 'icon', the 'condition' may not be a supported value. If you key off the 'icon' it should be able to resolve the icon easier, even if you are remapping to your own icons.

BTW, why don't you use their icons? They look OK to me.

Thanks,
Grouch

The city I'm reporting is Minneapolis, MN. Wednesday is the day that doesn't have an icon(see code block)

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Grouch - 2011/06/13 19:08

Rainy,

Further update. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have no icons. Monday is Okay! The 'condition' is different on Wed & Thu, but the 'icon' is the same. See Google API extract below:

Got any ideas?

Thanks,
Grouch

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by anoob - 2011/06/14 01:49

Grouch,

I attached the modified file by myself, although there are some icons undetermined, but it should be able to used.
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/files/GWeather_by_jhg.zip

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/06/14 10:57

The skin in the first post is now updated too.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Grouch - 2011/06/15 10:26

Rainy,
Thanks. It seems to be working now, but then all we've had is rain.

Thanks again,
Grouch

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Grimmwolf - 2011/07/03 03:20

Is there a way to adjust the font size of the city name or how it is displayed? Due to the length (Freiburg im Breisgau) of my city, the text doesn't fit into the window. I would love to cut "im Breisgau" or decrease the text size, but only in the

weather window.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/07/04 03:56

I changed the skin so that the long city names get cut instead go outside the window.

You would have to edit the skin's xml files to change the font size.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by evanade - 2011/07/31 08:38

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http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/gweatherzhtw.jpg
It's seen not support unicode just like other widgets.
Is it possible to fix?
Thanks!

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by anoob - 2011/07/31 12:58

In fact, GWeather support Unicode.
You can see (your image) that the weekday's name is display correctly.
The issue is because there are two different encodings in the same strings.
I have had a similar issue
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=42&func=view&catid=6&id=14382 and have solved.
So now, you can wait Rainy fix the issue.
Or, You can download the following file that i have modified.
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/files/GWeather_by_jhg-1ec5c980338fc50e938c16fc09df93f1.zip

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by evanade - 2011/07/31 13:16

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http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/__24433___20687__1.jpg
Weekday's name maybe use the localized file so it can display correctly.
I think about that cause the File & the Photo widget also not support unicode file path.
Thanks for your code, it work. :)
Just wait for Rainy.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by anoob - 2011/08/02 10:35

About the problem of 'File' and 'Photo', i think i know where the problem maybe?

File:
Most time, people don't know that if the content of the file is include double-byte characters(eg. Asia characters), it must be UTF-8 encoded, else it can be ANSI encoded.
(Suggest: when error for read, add a notification string to remind user must use UTF-8 encoded)

Photo:
It use a function:dirtree(), but the function does not support double-byte characters. Wait for Rainy to fix it.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Rainy - 2011/08/02 13:56

I changed the skin to request the feeds as utf-8 so try downloading it again and see if it works now.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by nem0 - 2012/07/12 04:14

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finally the skin works as it should be ,also very easy to edit and customize (thanx a lot for the hard work)
*one simple question (how do u hide the city name ? - maybe can u add a option in the setting so the user can chose to have it visible or not)

btw ,how the skin select which county u want ,i mean if u searched for the city LEON < there are 3 cities call leon in different countries ,so how the skin chose the country i mean ???

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2012/07/12 10:52

This post is a little old one. The last version of the weather skin (from Google and not anymore from MSN) was added to the Widgets addon. Here's the last version:
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=42&func=view&catid=7&id=17330

To search for a city in a specific country try:
"leon" will search for the first one it found, I think is "Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico"
"leon españa" will search for "Leon, Castille and Leon, Spain"
"leon kansas" will seach for "Leon, Kansas, U.S."

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by nem0 - 2012/07/12 12:21

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hey Jorge ,thanx for the heads up m8 ,it uses the google now not msn anymore so this one works perfect as it is.

btw ,there is something i need ur help with ,am working on a skin that have a menu - and it only have one button to show and hide that menu ,but i want it to have 2 buttons (one to show ,and one to hide) so could u pls help me with it ????

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2012/07/12 12:55

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nem0, to avoid confusion with this post, start a new one with your question.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by nem0 - 2012/07/12 21:59

Jorge_Luis wrote:
nem0, to avoid confusion with this post, start a new one with your question.
done :).

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Beastcool - 2013/03/25 06:33

Hi there!

Could someone please explain me, how to set up city in the Weather widget? I am from Kyiv, Ukraine, but when I put "Kyiv" in settings, the widget says "Download fail" and the weather does not update. I've downloaded it from here.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by anoob - 2013/03/25 12:30

Beastcool wrote:
Hi there!
Could someone please explain me, how to set up city in the Weather widget? I am from Kyiv, Ukraine, but when I put "Kyiv" in settings, the widget says "Download fail" and the weather does not update. I've downloaded it from here.
That link you mentioned is a little old one, its weather windows was depends on Google Weather, but Google Weather has been closed. So you can not continue to use it at now.

The newest link is :
http://www.rainlendar.net/download/Shadow4-Widgets.r2skin-addon
its weather window is depends on Yahoo Weather. it use woeid-code to forecast 2 days.
And, Kyiv's woeid-code is 924938.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Beastcool - 2013/03/25 12:39

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anoob, thanks for the quick reply!

Good widget, however it's sad that it's only 2 days :(

Will stick with it though. Thanks for your help.

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by anoob - 2013/03/25 13:12

Or, to try following way :

a) Download and install the following patch file, it will replace Yahoo Weather to MSN Weather (forcast 4 days).
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/files/BacktoMSNforShadow4.zip

b) Download the following file, it can forcast 5 days (is Yahoo Weather).
http://customize.org/rainlendar/skins/91083

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Re:New weather widget
Posted by Beastcool - 2013/03/25 13:19

Back to MSN is awesome! Thanks again!

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