Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?
Posted by falzman - 2013/01/17 02:25

I'm trying to change the event window in shadow4 skin, so that I don't have to hover over to see everything. I just like making one long list, and that's it.

When I go to settings, it promptly changes the width of the window, but no matter what I put in as window height, it stays the same.

Also I'd like to change the days that I have "events" to some different color.

Could someone please give me a tip on how to do those 2 things? I'm no good with editing html (or xml), I manage to open the skin.xml in Word, but then it's all chinese to me. All help will be appreciated. I think the program is great, I just need to learn how to use it.

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Re: Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/01/17 08:03

Welcome to the forum, falzman.

The height of the event list is the maximum possible value. If you have less events, the window will be shorter. This value is used to limit the size of the window and to show a scrollbar if more space is needed.

The default color for the calendar is white for empty days and pink for weekends. To change the colors of the events you need to change the category for each of them. Most categories have a default color. Or you can create/edit your own. Or use the predefined , , ...

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Re: Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?
Posted by falzman - 2013/01/17 14:16

Thank you for your reply, I'm still having problems with it.

Inserting a different value for Eventswindow height:
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does not do a thing, while the program promptly changes the window width, if I choose different value. It's still only an "balloon window".

As far as color goes, the only color I would like to change is the day that is in the red circle. It becomes blue if I have event's for "today", and with blue within red I can't even read the date. I am OK with blue for everything else.
Thank you.

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http://i52.fastpic.ru/big/2013/0117/56/2975be048327a100bd8f76c294b15456.jpg

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Re: Height of events window & color of
Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/01/17 15:14

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I'm not sure exactly what you want. Try checking Options -> Advanced -> Event List -> Show full event summary. This will remove the dots ("...") and show all the info.
In your picture, the event is showing the info from the description because the summary is empty. I don't know if this was just an example or is the idea of your request.

Some colors are buried inside the code. And blue is the color by default. I could say to change the color of the day marker, but if you change it to green, orange, yellow,... it will be the same.

EDIT: Or you can change the marker to the slim circle or rectangle. The option is in the same window as the first screenshot.

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Re: Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/01/18 01:01

Jorge, thank you for your patience. This program is very well made and powerfull tool. I'm sure I'll be barely using 10% of the options it can offer.

I somewhat figured out the colors, and the idea with thin circle is perfect.

As far as events go: yes, that was the idea. All in one window, easily editable, no event summary. I've just moved to a different country and have a million things to do every day, so what I need is type it all in one window, with minimum time spent on making it pretty. Whatever doesn't get done, get copied over to the next day(s). Just "today's" list visible (that one I figured out on my own).

This is what I have when the option you're talking about it unchecked:
http://i54.fastpic.ru/big/2013/0118/b9/020cbddc1a6fa53cd66a92d9c2763db9.jpg

This is what I have when the option IS checked. Still a bunch of dots and list cut short.
http://i52.fastpic.ru/big/2013/0118/24/a832162a119f230822374f1d01c68d24.jpg

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Re: Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/01/18 06:43

The size for the events is limited in the window. You can't add a large list of items as you want on that window.

I will recommend you that instead of editing the same event create multiple tasks without due date and use the Task/ToDo List. So, when one of the tasks is completed, you check it and the task disappear from the window ("hide completed task" need to be checked) and the rest remains.

"Events" are more for specific events, like a birthday, an appointment, a TV show... if your events are more like "do this, do that, then do another thing..." task is the correct way to do it.

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/01/18 11:44

Oh, I see what you saying. It makes so much more sense, too.

Did I understand you correctly - "to do" items just carry over from day to day until I check them as completed or delete

them?

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/01/18 17:18

Yes, that's right.
You can create:
* a "generic" task without start/end date, e.g.: "learn how to write Haiku"
* a "need to do something, but after..." task with start and without end date, e.g.: "buy the new CD from an artist, which is released the next Wednesday"
* a "need to do something, but before..." task without start and with end date, e.g.: "finish the project before the Friday to deliver it to the boss"
* a "between times" with both dates, e.g.: "dinner today between 8 PM and 9 PM"

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/01/19 00:11

Thank you so very much. Your explanations made all the difference. For some reason I'm no good with manuals and help files (gotta be the language & too many terms that I don't know), but if someone gives me a couple of tips to get me started, easy after that.

At one point I have found in the menu something like "click/double click on the day with left button to start and event", "click/double click on the day with right button to start a task" (it's a blank field, one has to set it up). Now I can't find it again. Could you please tell me where it is?

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/01/19 06:57

Right click on the Shadow4 calendar window in any day and click on "new task". (you can also double left click to create a new event without selecting it on the menu). Or you can right click on the Rainlendar2's tray/taskbar icon and the same menu will appear.

If the date already has an event or task, keep pressing the Shift key while right click with the mouse on the calendar.

With the event list, clicking on an event will bring a similar menu with new/edit/remove event. The same if you have enabled the task list (with the additional options to set it as "needs action", "in progress", "cancelled" or "completed").

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by anoob - 2013/01/21 11:23

@falzman: I thinks, you are looking for this :
http://cdn0.qoooo.com/img/3/23950-2.png

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/01/22 00:04

Yes. That's exactly what I was looking for. Appreciate it!

Is there a similar option somewhere that allows to set right/left doubleclicking for clicking on the days in the calendar the

same way as above?

What format does alarm support? Are there any default files in Rainlendar?

In order to save all all my setting (in case I have to reinstall the program on different computer), is it enough to just copy the skin file and save it with the distributive?

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by anoob - 2013/01/22 02:42

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1. Unfortunatelly, it can not (no way) currently, unless to write a new script.
2. The default file format of alarm is standard wav or mp3, and it support any media file that your system can play directly, like mid file (note: no need 3rd party program to play).
3. If your Rainlendar was installed as a Portable installation, you can just copy the whole Rainlendar2 folder then save it to different computer.
 - If your Rainlendar was installed as a Normal installation, recommand you use Backup/Restore function to do that.

Where is all the data stored?
By default the settings file (rainlendar2.ini) and the events/tasks (Default.ics) are stored in a folder called .rainlendar2 inside your home folder. The location depends on your operating system.
Windows XP: C:\Documents and Settings\\.rainlendar2
Windows Vista & 7: C:\Users\\.rainlendar2\
Linux: ~/.rainlendar2 or ~/.config/.rainlendar2
Mac OS X: ~/.rainlendar2
The ~ means your home folder. Note that the .rainlendar folder on Mac and Linux is a hidden so you need to show the hidden files before you can browse into it (On Mac you can also enter path to the Go to folder dialog to open the folder).
If you are making manual changes (edit or delete it) to the rainlendar2.ini file make sure Rainlendar isn't running when you do that or your changes might get overwritten. If you are not able to quit Rainlendar normally for some reason you can use your operating system's task manager to kill the process.
Portable installation:
By default Rainlendar will store all the settings and events into your home folder
- Linux and Mac: ~/.rainlendar2/ or ~/.config/.rainlendar2/
- Windows: C:\Documents and Settings\{YourName}\.rainlendar2 or C:\Users\{YourName}\.rainlendar2.
If you want to install Rainlendar e.g. into a USB memory you can just create a empty text file called rainlendar2.ini and put it in the same folder where you installed Rainlendar.
Rainlendar will first try to look for the file in it's own folder and if that is found it will use that as its default folder for the settings and events.
Note that in Mac OS X the correct folder is inside the application package (Content/MacOS/rainlendar2.ini)
Backup and Restore:
To make a backup from your settings, events and tasks you can select the backup menu item from the manager's file menu.
The backup will create a zip archive from the necessary files which you can save to some safe place.
If something bad happens you can easily restore all the important stuff from the backup file.
Backup doesn't cover events and tasks from Outlook or from the network calendars like Google calendar.
Your skins and languages are not backed up either so you need to copy those manually or download them again from wherever you originally got them.
Note that when you restore files from a backup file the files will be overwritten. So all your settings, events and tasks will be reset to the ones that are inside the backup.
The backup contains absolute paths to the files so you can only restore it to the same computer or one that has all files in the same locations.
The backup file is a standard zip archive so you can also restore the files manually from it too.
It's not recommended to restore backup file which was created in a different operating system version of Rainlendar.

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/01/26 05:56

Thanks! Now I'm all set and happy with the results.

I might deinstall the program, and reset it as portable, I've read about how to do it, but I'm a bit hazy. I can just run a portable version off the hard drive, right? So it would start on computer start-up and everything, right?
That would be the best way for me - set it up once, save it with distributives, and be done. Apparently I'm a creature of habit.

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by anoob - 2013/01/26 10:35

I can just run a portable version off the hard drive, right? Right !!

So it would start on computer start-up and everything, right? If you install as a Portable installation, it will not auto start when computer start-up, you need to set it by youself.
On Options - General, There is a option "Enable on startup", you can :
Uncheck it -> OK -> re-check it -> OK, then it can auto start when computer start-up.
And, If you copy it to different computer, on the new computer, you need to do above action once again.

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/03/07 04:59

I've got one more question:
How can I change the size of the fonts in task and even window? By default they're way too small.
Thank you!

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by anoob - 2013/03/07 11:36

Although you can not change font size directly, it need to modify skin files, but you can go:
Options >> Advanced >> find "Font scale" (default is 100), then increase its values as you want (like: 120).
Attention!! Do this will affect the display of font on all windows.
http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/2013_03_07_1.png

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by falzman - 2013/03/09 12:28

Yes, I have tried that a while back (long before I even asked this last question), and discarded this option since it makes the main calendar window look very low-resolution & too large.
Is it too hard to do it the other way without having special software - by changing the main files? :)

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Re:Height of events window & color of \"event\" days?

Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/03/09 13:09

If you want to edit the files I would recommend you 2 things:
Here's the first thing you need to know: http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/index.php?option=com_easyfaq&Itemid=26#faq6
then, edit the /xml/elements.xml and duplicate the font elements font.normal and font.bold. Rename both to e.g., font.normal.large and font.bold.large (keep all the 4 to avoid break anything else)
Finally, edit the /xml/todolist.xml and /xml/eventlist.xml and change any mention of font.normal and font.bold to your new font elements.

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