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Posted by wizel10 - 2013/10/29 12:51

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Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/10/29 20:46

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Welcome to the forum, wizel10.

I been trying to achieve what you want with scripts. But unfortunately, it doesn't work. This is the code:

```
function SyncCalendars_OnTimer(userData)
    local arrayUIDs = Rainlendar_ListAllComponents("Calendar1")
    local iltems = #arrayUIDs
    local strNewLine = "\r\n"

    Rainlendar_Log("Syncing " .. iltems .. " items from calendar 1 to calendar 2")
    for i = 1, iltems do
        local strIcalData = Rainlendar_GetComponent(arrayUIDs)
        _, _, strFirst, strUID, strLast = strIcalData:find("(.*UID:(-)" .. strNewLine .. "(.*)")
        local auxIcalData = strFirst .. "UID:" .. strUID .. "-copy" .. strNewLine .. strLast
        Rainlendar_CreateComponent(auxIcalData, "GCalendar")
    end
end
```

```
-- Create a timer which sync the calendars every 1 minute
Rainlendar_CreateTimer(60 * 1000, SyncCalendars_OnTimer)
SyncCalendars_OnTimer("")
```

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Thanks Jorge_Luis,

I did try the code, and had a few issues: crashed Rainlendar and then duplicate some entries a few times. Additionally I've added a function to delete all previous entries, but took nearly 5 minutes to fully complete.

The idea seems to be correct, but can't make working as expected.

```
function Hotkey_SyncCalendars()
    SyncCalendars_OnTimer("")
end

function CleanCalendars(userData)
    local arrayUIDs = Rainlendar_ListAllComponents("Test")
    local iltems = #arrayUIDs

    Rainlendar_Log("Removing " .. iltems .. " items from Google Calendar")
    for i = 1, iltems do
        Rainlendar_DeleteComponent(arrayUIDs)
        -- Rainlendar_Log("removing item " .. i .. " from Google Calendar")
    end
end

function CopyCalendars(userData)
    local arrayUIDs = Rainlendar_ListAllComponents("mymail@outlook.com")
    local iltems = #arrayUIDs
    local strNewLine = "\r\n"

    Rainlendar_Log("Copying " .. iltems .. " items from Outlook to Google")
    for i = 1, iltems do
        local strIcalData = Rainlendar_GetComponent(arrayUIDs)
        _, _, strFirst, strUID, strLast = strIcalData:find("(.*UID:(-)" .. strNewLine .. "(.*)")
        local auxIcalData = strFirst .. "UID:" .. strUID .. "-copy" .. strNewLine .. strLast
        Rainlendar_CreateComponent(auxIcalData, "Test")
    end
end

function SyncCalendars_OnTimer(userData)
    CleanCalendars("")
    -- Rainlendar_Message("Clean completed", 4)
    CopyCalendars("")
    -- Rainlendar_Message("Copy completed", 4)
end

-- Create a timer which sync the calendars every 15 minute
-- Rainlendar_CreateTimer(10*60 * 1000, SyncCalendars_OnTimer)
-- SyncCalendars_OnTimer("")
```

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Posted by Jorge_Luis - 2013/11/01 21:01

If your event doesn't have a location tag, you can use it as a workaround.

In this code (rebuilt from yours) it uses the LOCATION tag to store the Rainlendar/Outlook UID. Then, when retrieve the info it stores each UID in an array. If the event UID is already in the list, it does nothing, if not, is copied to the dstCalendar (srcCalendar and dstCalendar are now in the Timer creator as userData). This code has defects, but it avoid you to delete one by one each event.

I don't do it here, but always try to use namespaces in the scripts to avoid function's names collisions (e.g. SyncCalendars_NameOfTheFunction()).

```
local arrayStoredUIDs = {}
local strNewLine = "\r\n"
```

```
function Hotkey_SyncCalendars()
    SyncCalendars_OnTimer("")
end
```

```
function RetrieveCalendars(userData)
    _, _ , srcCalendar, dstCalendar = userData:find("(.)|(.)")
    local arrayUIDs = Rainlendar_ListAllComponents(dstCalendar)
    local iltems = #arrayUIDs
```

```
    Rainlendar_Log("Retrieving " .. iltems .. " items from Google Calendar")
    for i = 1, iltems do
        -- Get the UID in the Location tag and store locally
        local strlcalData = Rainlendar_GetComponent(arrayUIDs)
        _, _ , strUID = strlcalData:find(".*LOCATION:(-)" .. strNewLine)
        table.insert(arrayStoredUIDs, strUID)
    end
end
```

```
function SyncCalendars_InTable(tbl, item)
    for key, value in pairs(tbl) do
        if value == item then return key end
    end
    return false
end
```

```
function CopyCalendars(userData)
    _, _ , srcCalendar, dstCalendar = userData:find("(.)|(.)")
```

```
    local arrayUIDs = Rainlendar_ListAllComponents(srcCalendar)
    local iltems = #arrayUIDs
```

```
    Rainlendar_Log("Copying " .. iltems .. " items from Outlook to Google")
    for i = 1, iltems do
        if (SyncCalendars_InTable(arrayStoredUIDs, arrayUIDs)) then
            else
                local strlcalData = Rainlendar_GetComponent(arrayUIDs)
                _, _ , strFirst, strUID, strLast = strlcalData:find("(.)UID:(-)" .. strNewLine .. "(.)")
                local auxlcalData = strFirst .. "UID:" .. strUID .. "-copy" .. strNewLine
                auxlcalData = auxlcalData .. "LOCATION:" .. strUID .. strNewLine .. strLast
                Rainlendar_CreateComponent(auxlcalData, dstCalendar)
            end
        end
    end
end
```

```
function SyncCalendars_OnTimer(userData)
    RetrieveCalendars(userData)
    -- Rainlendar_Message("Retrieve completed", 4)
    CopyCalendars(userData)
    -- Rainlendar_Message("Copy completed", 4)
    return true
end
```

```
-- Create a timer which sync the calendars every 10 minute
Rainlendar_CreateTimer(10 * 60 * 1000, SyncCalendars_OnTimer, "mail@outlook|mail@gmail")
```

-- SyncCalendars_OnTimer("mail@outlook|mail@gmail")

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Re:Script to Export and Import at fixed intervals

Posted by wizel10 - 2013/11/21 06:48

Jorge_Luis, thanks for your help.
Unfortunately, I couldn't make it working.
I would need to look for a different approach.

Thanks.

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