
Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2007/08/10 13:55

There is a new feature in Rainlendar build 45 which allows you to create new events from the command line. This might not sound something that a normal user would be interested in but with a little help from a tool called Launchy this will provide an easy way to add events to your calendar.

Here's a quick howto:

- Get Launchy and install it.
- Copy the Rainy.dll from the attached zip to Launchy's plugins folder (C:\Program Files\Launchy\Plugins).
- Open Launchy (i.e. press Alt+Space) and go to the plugin options (use the context menu).
- Enable the "Rainy"-plugin.

After that you can enter something like this to Launchy:

`http://www.ipi.fi/~rainy/stuff/launchy1.png`

Rainlendar will parse the given string and it'll create a new event from it.

`http://www.ipi.fi/~rainy/stuff/launchy2.png`

Note that the event parser in Rainlendar cannot do miracles so you need to keep the string well formed.

Start times for the event can be entered like this:

`"12:00"` or `"10am"` or `"1:30 PM"`

You can also prefix it with "at". The colon (":") is a must to separate the hours from minutes.

The supported date formats are:

`"today"`, `"tomorrow"`, `"monday"`, `"tuesday"`, ...
`"20.3."`, `"3/20"`, `"20 mar"`, `"mar 20"`

You can also define a time range like this:

`"for 3 days"`. The supported range values are `"minutes"`, `"hours"` and `"days"`.

Currently the new event will be created into the first writable calendar that can be found.

Rainlendar will always create the event on the coming date unless the event is defined on the current day.

Note! This plugin works only with Launchy 1.25.

http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/components/com_joomlaboard/uploaded/files/Rainy.zip

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by arhold - 2007/08/12 04:01

That is a really nice plugin. Thank you. :)

One small suggestion is make the Rainlendar path as a plugin option. It will be useful for those put Rainlendar in different folder.

Post edited by: arhold, at: 2007/08/12 04:02

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2007/08/14 14:55

Sure. I'll add it to the options.

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Big2hd - 2007/09/03 22:25

hi, i just d/l launchy and plugin and when add try to the example above (lunch tomorrow 12:00) it give error "Unknown Option 'a'

Update: Figured out what was wrong, really sry big difference between build 44 and 45,I look forward to continued development of plugin(I use launchy for almost everything now).

Post edited by: Big2hd, at: 2007/09/03 22:53

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by urdrwho - 2007/11/08 18:51

I've updated Rainlendar but still can't get past the Launchy error message? :(

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2007/11/09 14:09

What error message?

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by urdrwho - 2007/11/10 09:20

The error message I get it

Unknown option 'a'

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2007/11/11 12:07

You need to use Rainlendar build 45 or newer.

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by urdrwho - 2007/11/11 15:27

I hit update and it says that my build 44 is the latest available. How do I get build 45?

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by urdrwho - 2007/11/11 18:39

Sorry for the trouble...I found build 45 and Launchy works now. :)

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by nova - 2007/12/03 12:44

somehow I can't download the attachment, keep getting message saying I don't have permission to download. Can anyone help? :(

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2007/12/03 16:14

It should work now again.

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by nova - 2007/12/03 16:32

thanks a lot! :)

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by okh - 2007/12/31 07:30

Is it just me, or is the Rainlendar plugin not accessible in Launchy 2.0? Not that it matters much, as Launchy 1.25 does everything I want anyway. But if 2.0 does not do Rainlendar, it should maybe be mentioned for those Rainlendar users who will want to take advantage of the brilliant combination of Launch/Rainlendar.

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2007/12/31 08:01

The old Launchy plugins do not work anymore with the 2.0. It probably wouldn't be a big task to convert the Rainlendar plugin to Launchy 2.0 but I'm currently lacking the VS 2005 which I think is required to compile plugins for the new Launchy.

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by okh - 2007/12/31 08:05

Very good. Launchy 1.25 works like a charm anyway. I'll just disable the Launchy update reminder :-)

ok

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by phd0 - 2008/01/11 15:15

hello,

is there any option tu configure month/date ou date/month (for the french users) because, when i write hello 30/01 : it create a app the 01/01/1971 and not in 30/01/2008 (in french display)...

in fact, only MON,THU... is reconize, the french LUN,MAR is uncknow...

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2008/01/13 07:17

Currently it's not possible to customize the parser. It's quite complicated already and adding different translations to it would make if even more complex and harder to maintain.

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by defmc - 2008/03/18 22:35

When will this be compatible with Launchy 2.0? Or will it ever be? If not, is there a way to add tasks and events with commandline commands, or any other way i can make it work with launchy2.0?

rainlendar + launchy = my life made easier!

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2008/03/19 12:17

I don't know if I have time to rewrite the plugin for Launchy 2.0. There is a way to do the same from command line too (that's the way the plugin actually does it too). Just use the --add argument to give the event text to Rainlendar.

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by corjello - 2008/03/25 20:37

Can i sumbit a formal request for an updated plugin? or if you wish not to do it, is there some community that could do the dirty work for you and have you look over it and make it an "official" plugin?

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by JMJ - 2008/11/21 14:34

Just out of curiosity has anyone looked into the gCal.dll and Todo.dll for Launchy?

http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?thread_id=1822422&forum_id=677087

Not as slick as Rainy's plugin but it supports 2.x and seems to have Todo (RtM?) haven't tested them yet. Anyone know if they're worth it?

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by lakris - 2009/01/28 08:23

-a or --add is supposed to "add event or task to the calendar". I only get it to add events. How can I add tasks?

Thanks,

Roger

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by Rainy - 2009/01/28 11:14

Prefix the string with task or todo.

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by lakris - 2009/01/28 16:58

Awesome! Todos and events now work like a charm!

If anyone have not yet figured out how to interface Rainlendar with Launchy 2.x, here is how:

Using the runner plugin I have made two entries which I named "todo" and "event". Under program goes the path of the Rainlendar executable, "C:\\Program Files\\Rainlendar2\\Rainlendar2.exe" in my case.

The arguments look like this:

For todo: --add="todo \$\$"

For event: --add="\$\$"

Thus, there is no need for a Rainlendar plugin for Launchy.

Rainy,

Is it possible to also set up alarms from the command line?

Thanks again,

Roger

Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by krewetka - 2009/05/03 17:50

Hi :)

Great idea with launchy and rainlendar together. I have only one problem - everything goes to one calendar and I can't even choose which one :(

You wrote: "Currently the new event will be created into the first writable calendar that can be found." but somehow first on my calendars list is "Main" and second one is "Travels" and everything goes to "Travels".

Is there any chance to improve command line syntax or Rainlendar?

Add calendars, categories, alarms, recurrence etc. Choosing calendar is the most important part.

It would be also great to have Rainlendar command line syntax described somewhere on a site :)

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by kati42 - 2009/05/04 11:30

It'd be cool if the command line for Rainlendar could parse something like one of the following formats:

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--add="calendar=This is my calendar event=I need to do this thing"  
--add="calendar='This is my calendar' event='I need to do this thing'"  
--add="I need to do this thing" --calendar="This is my calendar"
```

It'd be cool to specify category too.

Or the like. Although most would not want to type all that out to add an item, it would be easy to customize Launchy (or other tools) to make use of it.

I like the idea of making the Rainlendar command-line options more robust and not worrying about specific plugins when that's possible. I would think that would simplify the coding/testing because then Rainy doesn't have to learn a lot of different APIs. ;)

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Re:Launchy plugin for Rainlendar

Posted by mystvearn - 2010/03/28 09:37

Will you be incorporating this as default with a new software verion? Ver.3.0 B)

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