



FileMaker to vCal

myFMbutler FileMaker to vCal User Manual

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1° What does it do?

If you use FileMaker to manage your company's events & to do's, myFMbutler's FileMaker to vCal solution is what you need.

Using FileMaker Server 9, or Server 7/8 Advanced, you can subscribe to your FileMaker data from products like iCal (Mac), Mozilla calendar (Win or Mac), or Sunbird (Win or Mac).

2° What do I need?

FileMaker Server 9, or FileMaker Server 7/8 Advanced, with XML & XSLT web publishing active.

3° How do I make this work?

Put the enclosed FileMaker file vCalTemplate.fp7 on your FileMaker server, and open the file in the FileMaker Server Admin. Once you've done that, the file should be accessible from your FileMaker client software at the following address:

`fmnet:/YourFileMakerServer/vCalTemplate`

The login and password are 'admin' and 'admin'. When you open the file, you can see it has sample data for both calendar events and to do's.

Next, go to your FileMaker Server, and navigate to the following path:

`C:\Program Files\FileMaker\FileMaker Server\Web Publishing\xslt-template-files` (On Windows)

`/Library/FileMaker/FileMaker Server/Web Publishing/xslt-template-files/` (On Mac OS X)

Within that directory, create a new directory, let's call it 'vcal'.

Now copy the file 'vcal.xml' that was included in the download to the vcal directory.

That's it. You're now ready to subscribe to the data in the FileMaker vCalTemplate file from your favorite calendaring client.

Subscribe to the FileMaker file at the following URL:

<http://YourFMWebPublishingServer/fmi/xsl/vcal/vcal.xml?-db=vCalTemplate&-lay=vcal&-findall&-grammar=fmresultset>

When prompted for a login and password, enter 'admin' and 'admin'.

4° How do I integrate this in my own solution?

Based on the field definitions in the template file, you can easily determine how to integrate this in your own FileMaker solution - the field comments will show which fields are used in the XSLT stylesheet. Field names in the stylesheet can also easily be edited without the need for any advanced XML knowledge. Be sure to have a vcal layout in your FileMaker file that contains all the fields that are used in the vcal.xml stylesheet.

If you want, you can filter the records in your request by performing a script first. The subscription URL will then be something like this:

<http://YourFMWebPublishingServer/fmi/xsl/vcal/vcal.xml?-db=vCalTemplate&-lay=vcal&-script=YourScript&-findall&-grammar=fmresultset>

Important note: When copying URL's that are longer than one line, make sure to remove the return characters before using them.

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