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About AllDay

AllDay is an application to produce all kinds of calendrical information in the context of a year overview. It is meant as a complement to scheduling and planning software. It is to cope with the basics of calendar computing rather than scheduling or planning tasks.

History of AllDay

AllDay has been developed originally for the Apple Macintosh back in 1991, later it was ported to Windows and finally this Java version was built. The Mac and Windows versions reached a broad public and especially the Windows version already had a lot of different features.

This Java version of AllDay is hoped to increase distribution to the Mac, Unix and Linux worlds.

Getting started

This section gives information about

- Requirements
- Installation
- Starting AllDay

This documentation is used as online help and as a user manual which can be printed too. When used as a (printed) manual, information from this section can be taken as a starter for setting up AllDay.

Certainly this part is useless when using it as online help out of the application because the application has already been installed successfully in this case.

Requirements

Java

To run AllDay, a Java 2 Standard Editition (J2SE) Runtime Environment (JRE) of version 1.4 or higher is necessary. To work with the source code, a Software Development Kit (SDK) for J2SE version 1.4 or higher is required.

J2SE JRE and SDK are available at no charge at

http://java.sun.com/getjava/download.html

International Components for Unicode for Java (ICU4J)

Upcoming versions of AllDay use calendar components from an open source library named "International Components for Unicode for Java" (ICU4J). ICU4J is maintained by International Business Machines, Inc. at

http://www-124.ibm.com/icu4j/

and will be included in the distribution package of AllDay as appropriate.

Installation

Once downloaded the AllDay distribution package zip file

1. create an arbitrary folder such as `C:\Programs\AllDay`
2. extract all contents of the downloaded zip file into that folder

You are ready to go on with starting AllDay after this.

Starting AllDay

To run the executable JAR file use the following command on the command line prompt of your system

(replace \ by / and omit `.exe` on Unix or Linux systems)

```
[JRE]\bin\java.exe -jar [AppDir]\AllDay.jar
```

`[AppDir]` in above command means the directory, you have installed AllDay on your computer. `[JRE]` means the directory, the Java 2 Sandard Edition (J2SE) Runtime Environment (JRE) is stored on your computer.

Note: All paths should not contain blanks. A path such as `C:\Program Files\AllDay` as the `[AppDir]` will only work if it is put in quotes, such as in `"C:\Program Files\AllDay\AllDay.jar"`

Windows Example

If your JRE is in directory

```
c:\programs\java\j2re1.4.0_01
```

and AllDay is in directory

```
c:\programs\AllDay\
```

the command to start AllDay would be

```
c:\programs\java\j2re1.4.0_01\bin\java.exe -jar
c:\programs\AllDay\AllDay.jar
```

Linux Example

On Linux your JRE might be on

```
/usr/lib/java2/j2re1.4.0_01
```

and AllDay might be in

```
/opt/allday
```

then the command to run AllDay would be

```
/usr/lib/java2/j2re1.4.0_01/bin/java -jar /opt/allday/AllDay.jar
```

Desktop integration and shortcuts for starting applications

Above examples list the 'complete' way to start a Java application. When properly installed, the Java platform usually is well integrated into the desktop, i.e. an executable JAR file such as AllDay.jar usually can be launched by simply (double-) clicking its icon.

In lack of such integration certainly operating systems allow to shorten application launch processes by storing the original command as listed above in some kind of shortcut. With a shortcut an application usually is represented by an icon and a click on such icon starts the application.

Please consult the documentation of your operating system to find out how to create shortcuts for launching applications.

Using AllDay

This section explains usage of application AllDay . Once properly installed, the application can be used to

1. show a year overview
2. change the year
3. change the year overview appearance

In addition it has information about the user interface of AllDay.

Showing a year overview

A year overview is the central function of application AllDay. It is shown automatically when the application is started. Always the current year is shown upon start. With the keys of the task bar and items in menu Navigate the year display can be changed.

Changing the year

Initially AllDay shows an <u>overview of the current year</u>. To switch to a different year, two methods are possible

- going to the previous or next year relative to the year that is currently shown
- selecting a given year through the <u>year selection dialog</u>

To switch to the previous or next year

1. click on the '`previous year`' or '`next year`' button in the toolbar or select '`Previous year`' or '`Next year`' from menu '`Navigate`'

To select a given year

1. select '`Set year...`' from menu '`Navigate`'
2. enter the year to display and
3. press button '`OK`'

Changing the year overview appearance

After installation AllDay shows a year overview common to many countries in the western hemisphere. Still there are differences in the way such a calendar is displayed some of which can be adjusted to local conditions.

First day of week

In some countries or regions a week starts with Sunday. Other countries or regions choose Monday, Friday or Saturday. The year overview of AllDay can be switched to show any day of week as the first one. To change the day of week weeks start with

1. select `Preferences...` from menu `Edit`
2. in the user preferences dialog set the desired day of week in field `First day of week` and
3. press button `OK`

Header color

Each month box in the year overview shows a row having abbreviations of the week day each column holds. To adjust the color of this week day header

1. select `Preferences...` from menu `Edit`
2. in the user preferences dialog click the button next to the colored box `Header color`
3. choose a color in the color picker dialog and
4. press button `OK`

Special day / Sunday / Sabbath

Each country or region has a special day during the week some minted by religious backgrounds some by political regulations. Some countries for example have Sunday as a special day, some have Saturday or Friday.

Day of week for special day

To set the day of week that is to be shown as such a special day

1. select `Preferences...` from menu `Edit`
2. in the user preferences dialog set the desired day of week in field `Day of week` in box `Sunday / Sabbath` and
3. press button `OK`

Color for special day

The day of week selected as the special day as shown above is shown in red on white by default. To set a differnt color for the special day

1. select `Preferences...` from menu `Edit`
2. in the user preferences dialog click the button next to the colored field `Color` in box `Sunday / Sabbath`
3. choose a color in the color picker dialog and

4.press button OK

User Interface

This section describes elements of the user interface of application AllDay. As opposed to section "Using AllDay" this section focuses on user interface elements (e.g. the preferences dialog) rather than functional topics (e.g. how to change the year).

In particular it has information about the following items

1. User preferences dialog
2. Year selection dialog
3. Year overview

User preferences dialog

The user can store certain preferred settings through the user preferences dialog.

the user preferences dialog

Sunday / Sabbath

In box `Sunday / Sabbath` a special day such as Sunday, Saturday or Friday that is to be highlighted in the year overview can be selected.

Day of week

In list box `Day of week` the day of week for the special day can be selected

Color

In the box `Color` the color for the special day is selected. To set a color, press the button next to the color field and choose a color in the color picker dialog.

First day of week

In list `First day of week` the day that a week starts with can be set. This weekday will be shown in the leftmost column of each month box.

Header color

In box `Header color` the color is shown that the week day header of each month box is rendered in. Press the button next to the header color box to select a color from the color picker dialog.

Year selection dialog

The year selection dialog allows to set the year overview to a given year.

the year selection dialog

An arbitrary year can be typed into field `Switch to year`. By pressing `OK` the year is shown in the year overview.

Year overview

the year overview