

Foxbright CMS3 Embedding Google/3rd Party Calendars

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Google Calendars / 3rd Party Calendars

Incorporating a Google Calendar to a site is now similar to adding a Foxbright calendar. Once a Google Calendars is added, it can display on any page of the website.

Foxbright utilizes the iCal Feed from Google Calendars and most 3rd party calendaring systems. After adding a calendar, Foxbright reads the events and add them to the Foxbright system. Foxbright will automatically re-sync your calendar periodically so that new events and changes to events are updated.

Once the 3rd party calendar is added to the website, the steps for adding it to a page are the same as adding a Foxbright calendar. See the Foxbright Calendars module for instructions on adding a calendar to your page.

Google Calendar ICAL Address

Note: If using another type of 3rd party calendar, locate the ICAL Address before proceeding.

- 1. Login to Google Calendars.
- 2. Click the arrow to the right of the calendar that will be shared to the website.
- 3. Choose Share this Calendar.
- 4. The Google Calendar Settings Page will be displayed.
- 5. Select Calendar Details.
- 6. Scroll down to the Calendar Address area and click on the **ICAL button**.
 - If the calendar is a public calendar use the Calendar ICAL Address.
 - If the calendar is a private calendar use the Private ICAL Address.
- 7. Copy the ICAL URL by right clicking on the blue address URL and selecting Copy Link Address.





| Calendar Address Learn more Change sharing sett | : ings | XHL ICAL HTHL (Calendar ID: hhvd1i6mefgnelhr737s1aldok@group.calendar.google.com) This is the address for your calendar. No one can use this link unless you have made your calendar public. | |
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| | Copy link address Inspect element | tar ID: hhvd1i6mefgneihr737s1aldok@group.calendar.google.com) endar. No one can use this link unless you have made your calendar public. | l |



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8. Additionally, a .ics file can be downloaded by clicing the link instead of copying it, allowing events in the calendar to be uploaded to a Foxbright calendar.

Note: This will add the events in your 3rd party calendar to your Foxbright calendar, but does not allow future syncing of calendar events. This can be a good method to switch from using a 3rd party calendar to Foxbright's calendars. To continue updating calendar events using the 3rd party calendar system, copy the link and add a new calendar following the steps below.

Create Calendar

To add the ICAL URL address to the website calendars:

- 1. Login to Foxbright Admin panel. Only editors with permissions to calendars can add a new calendar. See the website administrator about accessing calendar permissions.
- 2. Under the calendar tab Click Edit Calendars.
- 3. Click Add Calendar (or you can edit an existing calendar and change the calendar type)

| Images/Files | Calendars | News | Jobs | Blogs | Members | Sponsors | Photo Gallery |
|------------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------|---------|----------|---------------|
| Calendar/ | 'Events P | age | | | | | |
| Add Event Imp | ort ICal Events | | | | | | |
| Search Calendars | s/Events | | | | | | |
| Calendar: | (Select One) | | - | Edit Calenda | | | |
| From Date: | | | | (mm/dd/yyyy) | | | |
| To Date: | | | | (mm/dd/yyyy) | | | |



- **Name**: Enter the name of your Calendar.
- Calendar Type: Choose External ICal Feed from the drop down list.
- ICAL URL: Paste the ICAL Address URL.
- **ICAL Sync Frequency**: Determines the frequency of connection to the external Calendar to retrieve new and updated Events.
 - **Monthly**: use this option if current events don't change and events added are several months in the future.
 - Weekly: use this option if events change infrequently.
 - **Daily**: use this option if events change weekly.
 - **Hourly**: use this option if events change every day. Please note that upon saving the calendar, it will be sync'd at that time.
- 4. Save the Calendar. A progress bar will display while the Foxbright system connects to the calendar and copies the events to Foxbright.

Note: If the ICAL Address is incorrect, the box will be highlighted in red and the calendar will not save.



Manual Re-Sync of Calendar

Manually re-sync your events to update immediately.

- 1. Select Edit Calendars from the Calendars Tab.
- 2. From the list of calendars, check the link next to the calendar called SYNC. The calendar will now be sync'd with updated events from the 3rd party calendar.

| ▼ Calendar Name | Events | Future | ▼ Created By | ▼ Ext | | ▼ Sync Status | V Sync Freq | ▼ Last Synced | | | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------|-------------|---------------|
| WMCW Concert Season | 6 | 5 | Administrator, System | ICal | <u>Sync</u> | Success | Manual | 2015-08-24 14:56 | | Events | <u>Edit</u> | <u>Delete</u> |
| Village Oaks_12-13 | 1 | 0 | Administrator, System | / | | | | | <u>Import</u> | Events | <u>Edit</u> | <u>Delete</u> |
| test ical upload | 1 | 1 | Administrator, System | | | | | | <u>Import</u> | Events | <u>Edit</u> | <u>Delete</u> |
| Test ical feed | 2 | 2 | Administrator, System | ICal | <u>Sync</u> | Success | Hourly | 2015-08-25 15:33 | | Events | <u>Edit</u> | <u>Delete</u> |
| Soccer Schedule | 15 | 0 | Administrator, System | | | | | | <u>Import</u> | Events | <u>Edit</u> | <u>Delete</u> |

3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select the **Sync iCal Events** and then the "**Go**" button.

| WMCW Concert Season | ٥ | DeFault, Foxbright | ICal | Success | Monthly | 2015-01-16 14:44 |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Action: Sync ICal Events 💽 Go | | | | | | |
| < Page 1 of 1 > > | | | | | 10 | ✓ records per page |

4. The Selected Calendars will be sync'd.



Adding Events to a Foxbright Calendar Using .ics File

1. From the calendar tab, click Import ICal Events



- 2. Select which calendar events are to be added to. A new calendar may need to be created if events aren't being added to an existing calendar.
- 3. Select the .ics file that had been downloaded.
- 4. Select **Purge** to remove events in the calendar prior to the upload. **Keep Events** should be selected if the new .ics events are being added to the already existing events.

| Save Cancel | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| * Calendar: | (Select One) |
| * ICal Events File: | Select File |
| * Existing Events: | Purge events Keep events |

5. Click save. The .ics events will have been added to the selected calendar.