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What is Google Calendar?

Many groups, departments and colleges around the University need to share calendar information with one another and with external collaborators. The Computing Service provides a University (Raven-authenticated) Google Apps for Education service, specifically in the first instance for Google Calendar.

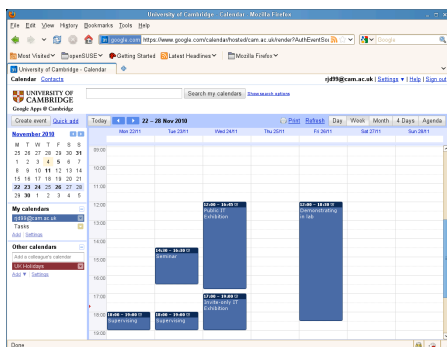
You can access your Google Apps @ Cambridge calendar from any computer with an internet connection and a web browser or from many computers with dedicated calendar applications.

"Thanks for the work on Google Calendars – that's exactly what we wanted."

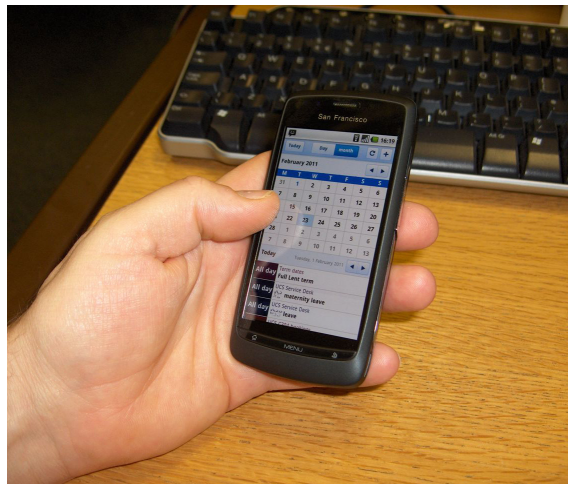
The UCS has created a simple web front page that automatically creates a Google Apps account in the cam.ac.uk domain and directs you to your default calendar.

Sharing calendars

Anyone with a Raven account may have a personal calendar. This calendar is private to the owner by default.



The web interface to a Google Calendar



Using your Google calendar on the move

Anyone may also create other calendars too, for any purpose, and share them with whatever set of people the owner chooses. Sharing can be "free/busy", full visibility, read/write or with full management access.

Calendars can be shared with an explicit list of users, with the "@cam.ac.uk" set of users, or with the world. These calendars could be for workshops, conferences, lectures, practicals, or whatever you want.

Features

- Access to the calendar is possible from any modern web browser anywhere in the world. All you need is your Raven password.
- Most calendar applications, including for example Outlook, and iCal on a Mac, as well as iPhone and Android calendar applications, support Google calendars. A special

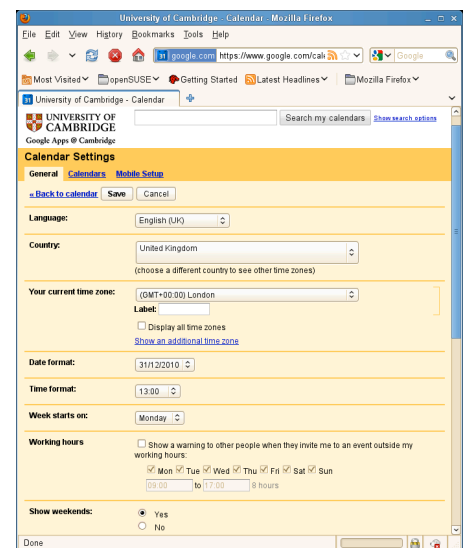
password is provided to be used by these applications that store the password internally and don't use web browsers.

- The University has negotiated a special contract with Google to protect your personal data in compliance with the Data Protection Act.
- The UCS has created a set of shared calendars supporting the University's main committees. See <http://www.cam.ac.uk/staffstudents/calendars/>.

This service is free. For further information see www.cam.ac.uk/cs/googleapps/

The UCS plans to roll out further Google Apps in early 2011.

"It's a best-of-breed calendar application."



Setting options for a personal calendar



A roundup of the last quarter's news can be found at

www.cam.ac.uk/cs/news/newsroundups/roundupfebruary2011.html

Hot Topics

- Bulk purchase of desktop PCs
- Google Apps @ Cambridge
- Renewal of site licence for McAfee anti-virus products
- Phone system upgrade

Other News

- Changes to managed printing
- Upcoming new edition of printed University map
- New phones available
- Move of PandIS Reception
- New University search interface now available

Features and Reports

- UCS Video Conferencing Service increases in popularity
- The Falcon content management system
- Exhibition of photographs of the Botanic Garden
- Delivery of University Telephone Directory

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