



SMMware Subscriber News

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Recent Revisions

We hope everyone is staying safe during the ongoing Covid crisis. Below are a number of recent revisions in SMMware.

Google Calendar Integration

You can now integrate your SMMware calendar with your company Google Calendar. As you add or edit events in SMMware, they will be copied to the Google Calendar.

The events at Google can include the employees as formal invitees, in addition to the usual listing of attendees contained in the event description. This option can be set in the Settings Editor.

The Settings Editor (group4) allows you to set up this integration completely on your own if you feel comfortable doing so, but you are of course welcome to contact us for support in getting set up.

We demonstrate what the integration looks like in our new YouTube video [here](#).

For those who would like to set things up on their own, the second portion of the video (starting at 5:40) walks you through what you need to do at Google to get the 'API Key' to enter into the SMMware Settings Editor.

For clarity, note that the information flows in one direction, from SMMware to Google Calendar. There is not a way to cleanly bring events created in Google into SMMware due to a number of issues, the most important being attendee management.

Calendar: Event Tag Mapping

Historically, the event tags in the calendar have had set functions. The 'Job' tag provided a dropdown of jobs, the 'Client/Inquiry' tag provided a dropdown of clients. The 6 Custom tags had no ties to any dropdown.

A number of people have asked, for instance, if the custom tags could provide a dropdown of jobs as well.

For example, one of the custom calendar tags could be 'Pack', and have a specific color, and be tied to a job. Another custom calendar tag could similarly be labelled 'Unpack' and also be tied to a job.

We decided to generalize this idea. SMMware now allows you the freedom to map any tag to any type dropdown (job, estimate, client, associate). You can also hide tags you are not using.

For those who don't need any changes, the launch of this new feature left the mapping set to match the historical setup.

When you change the tag mapping, existing events do keep the mapping they already had, so as to gracefully phase out old mappings.

Calendar: 'Job' events, displaying job types

As a minor point, the consensus of feedback has been that including the job type in the calendar entry was not really necessary and useful, and has been removed.

Next Steps

As things continue to re-open after the Covid related shutdowns, many people are continuing to take advantage of our free one-on-one training, and if you are not among them you are still welcome to join.

With the Google Calendar integration launched, SMMware development will now spend some time focusing on a variety of relatively smaller user requested enhancements.

As always, thank you for your business, and if you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, and stay safe.

- *Brian Jacobs*