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A pair of desktop utilities: calendar, folder merge

A pair of basic tkinter desktop utility programs that others

may find useful:

1) frigcal -- a "refrigerator" style calendar desktop GUI

2) mergeall -- do-it-yourself "cloud" storage, script + GUI

Both were coded in part as supplements for book readers, but

have grown useful enough to merit a wider post and broader

user testing. Feedback welcome; details follow.

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1) frigcal -- a "refrigerator" style calendar desktop GUI

Documentation:

http://learning-python.com/README-frigcal.html

Download:

http://learning-python.com/frigcal.zip

Screenshots:

http://learning-python.com/screenshots/01-win7-main-window.png

http://learning-python.com/screenshots/02-win7-clones-and-images.png

http://learning-python.com/screenshots/

A Python 3.X program that implements a basic personal calendar GUI.

It uses portable iCalendar files for event storage, and sports Python

coded configuration, persistent events, event colorization, multiple

calendar files, multiple month windows, and automatic calendar backups.

This program is not an Outlook replacement: it does not implement tools

such as task scheduling, journaling, alarms, invitations, or recurring

or multiday events. In exchange for its limited utility, though, this

program minimizes code and GUI complexity; reduces the risk of data loss;

and yields a calendar sufficient for most personal needs, that requires

neither a subscription nor an account log-in.

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2) mergeall -- do-it-yourself "cloud" storage, script + GUI

Documentation:

http://www.rmi.net/~lutz/mergeall.html

Download:

http://www.rmi.net/~lutz/mergeall.zip

Screenshots:

http://www.rmi.net/~lutz/launch-mergeall-GUI-screenshot-main.png

http://www.rmi.net/~lutz/mergeall-desktop-screenshot-tablet.png

http://www.rmi.net/~lutz/mergeall-desktop-screenshot-linux.png

A Python 3.X/2.X script and GUI useful for managing backups and changes

in multiple copies of large directory trees (folders). Designed to

quickly synchronize changes in content mirrored across multiple devices

such as laptops, tablets, and USB flashdrives, this program in some

contexts can provide a manual alternative to cloud-based storage.

Directory tree synchronization isn't the same as a "cloud," of course;

but together with fast local storage devices, this program might just

help you avoid paying to store your personal data at sites that may

share it with, or sell it to, both advertisers and government agencies

(who, shockingly, may not have your best interest at heart).

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Cheers,

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