

iCal Format - storing the event creator

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I am currently programming a scheduling application which loosely based on iCalendar standard. Does anyone knows in which property can I store the event creator's information? By browsing through the iCalendar RFC 2445, I find this property: [Organizer](#). can I store the event creator's information in the property even if he/she is the only person involved in the event? or there is already a field to store the event creator's information???

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Some notes from the rfc2445

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Conformance: This property **MUST** be specified in an iCalendar object that specifies a group scheduled calendar entity. This property **MUST** be specified in an iCalendar object that specifies the publication of a calendar user's busy time. This property **MUST NOT be specified** in an iCalendar object that specifies only a time zone definition or that **defines calendar entities that are not group scheduled entities, but are entities only on a single user's calendar.**



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ORGANIZER;CN="Sally

Example":mailto:sally@example.com

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Looks like the answer

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i know, but is it appropriate? – [Jeffrey04](#) Sep 17, 2008 at 5:01

1 i mean... if I am the only one involved in the event, is it appropriate to use this property??? – [Jeffrey04](#) Sep 17, 2008 at 5:02



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I am researching a similar application, concerned with event tracking and handling, and came to the same conclusions as Jeffrey04.



Specifically, to represent warning or alarm, it would seem appropriate to use the VJOURNAL component, as the event is in the past, and maybe continues through the present, but is certainly not a meeting. VJOURNAL also does not occupy space on the calendar. IMHO the best field for representing the originator is **X-WR-RELCALID**, which is not RFC5545, but seems to fit the idea of a creator UID. I will link this to a vCard UID.

I cannot understand why the idea of an event creator was unimportant for the writers of iCal specs.

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Thank you for your answer simonpa71. Could you explain why do you think X-WR-RELCALID is the best field for the job? Also- did you find any fields in RFC5545 good for this? – [bjedrzejewski](#) Mar 7, 2013 at 9:17

1 hi @jedrus07, conclusions partly based on [MS use of the field] (msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee179588%28v=exchg.80%29.aspx). Another

option in RFC5545 is the CONTACT property. By using the CONTACT;ALTREP you can reference an URI like LDAP or vcard. – [simonpa71](#) Mar 7, 2013 at 10:09
