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10-10-2006, 11:26 AM

Hello All!

Maybe others have the same problem as me.

I changed from Palm OS based phone to Nokia E70, which is a very good mobile, first-class communicator, but terrible PDA. (Much more cheaper with mobile contract than my Treo was, and has built-in wifi)

Calendar could be used, but Todo and Notes applications do not support categories, and Nokia PC Sync does not sync categories.

Now there are 2 third-party applications that try to extend the built-in PIM applications, the Papyrus and the AquaCalendar.

I am trying both application paralell before I buy one. Both have good developer support and they are waiting for improvement requests and recommendations.

Much bigger problem is that Nokia PC suite does not sync categories, so I can do GTD only on my mobile, I lost the possibility of using Outlook efficient. Maybe Nokia will solve this problem.

I hope other GTD-ers using Symbian based phones try to send good ideas for developers, maybe we could get a very good PIM which fits to GTD as much as possible.

Any other GTD related experiences relating to Symbian/Nokia?

Papp Attila

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11-04-2006, 10:26 AM

Hello All,

I am just a hardcore GTD user, not developer or sales man for Symbian software developers. This is only info for people like me who have to use Nokia phones and want to continue GTD on their phones.

There is a new version of AquaCalendar (www.pockettorch.net) that has very good category support for Tasks and Calendar on Nokia S60v3 devices.

Switching from Palm to Nokia (Symbian) was very painful, but this third party PIM solves most of usability problems.

Unfortunately Nokia PIMs do not sync categories with PC, and there is no usable Notes (memopad) application.

Attila

BigStory

11-05-2006, 02:00 PM

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11-05-2006, 10:25 PM

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Yes, but unfortunately only for UIQ, not for S60 3rd Edition, that is the operating system of the new Nokia phones. I hope Iambic will implement Agendus on S60v3 platform.

Attila

Loukas

11-08-2006, 03:51 AM

I've been using a Nokia E61 since June, and even though I'm quite satisfied with the "phone" functions, the PDA aspect (Calendar / Tasks) are lacking. I tried adding demo versions of 3rd party applications such as Aquacalendar, but I couldn't customize them to my liking, and found them more complicated to use than the equivalent Palm or WM applications.

I thus decided to return back to Windows Mobile, mostly because of the full synchronization abilities (Contacts, Calendar, Tasks, Notes) including categories and custom fields. I just find the whole process more streamlined.

I picked up an HTC S620 (T-mobile Dash in the US) and couldn't be happier. It's fast and snappy, small so that I can carry it with me everywhere, has QWERTY keyboard (it's my input device on the go) and with the addition of 3rd party software is perfect for GTD. The only program I've added actually is a software for my tasks called Oxios ToDo List v.6.1 (only costs 15\$). This has all sorts of sorting abilities, just perfect.

Overall, I was happy with many aspects of Symbian phones (robust, good battery life, great as phones) but decided it couldn't do GTD as well as a WM device...

My 0.02\$... :)

djleahy

11-15-2006, 03:30 AM

I agree completely. The E61 is a great phone, but the lack of categories, and very limited Blackberry sychronisation makes this a no-no platform for GTD.

What a disappointment...

TesTeq

11-16-2006, 09:34 PM

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djleahy

12-03-2006, 02:07 PM

What I mean is synching of tasks using the BB client.

Loukas

03-10-2007, 11:07 AM

Wow, found this thread while searching "Nokia" on this forum.

I've dug up my "old" Nokia E61 from my drawer this morning, and started looking again whether I could get it to GTD. Seems like no new applications for Tasks are

out, even 4 mths after my last post.

I have been using the HTC S-620 (Tmob Dash) daily, and it's been fabulous. Oxios ToDo list is perfect for GTD, it allows you to list items in each category separately, enter new tasks, modify or complete old ones. Then everything is seamlessly synchronized back into Outlook when you get home (I have it setup to do so over bluetooth with the touch of a button).

It's a shame because Nokias have some distinct benefits: they are great as phones, perfect reception, long battery life. The E61 also has a beautiful screen. But unfortunately, the software lets it down: 1) PC Suite doesn't sync categories and 2) the Tasks/Calendar application is really primitive.

Oh well. I've been considering putting the E61 on eBay, maybe this was its death straw.... Unless someone has an update on the software story, perhaps?

ntram

08-20-2007, 05:46 AM

Just as others in this forum, I'm quite frustrated about the fact that the Nokia s60 platform does not support syncing categories. I'm working with Papyrus now, which in its newest version works OK, but is far from perfect.

There is, however, a way to let Nokia know that you find this important, as they have opened a 'digg-style' site where they ask for suggestions for new features on the platform, and where other users can vote on these suggestions.

Someone, not myself, has asked for 'Full category support & sync for PIM apps', which is exactly what we need; <http://www.s60.com/business/productinfo/wishlist/displayWishDetails.do?wishId=923>

If we give it enough votes, it might attract some attention.

Regards,
NT

bheetebrij

09-23-2008, 01:35 AM

I think many Nokia smartphone users struggle with this issue that Nokia does not natively support categories. I personally have since I left Palm some 3 and a half years ago.

In comes AquaCalendar and AquaSync from Pocket Torch (<http://www.pockettorch.net/>). After spending 400 euros on a smartphone, admittedly it is not fun to have to spend more to receive such basic functionality, but I happily forked over the money and now enjoy categories on my S60 3rd edition Nokia (E71).

Just wanted to let you know it worked well.

tempdavidco

09-24-2008, 08:05 AM

GTDMobile free symbian GTD app looks great, any experiences?

<http://code.google.com/p/mobilegtd/>

screenshots with explanations:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12505600@N08/1279030251/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12505600@N08/1279030509/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12505600@N08/1279141203/>

<http://code.google.com/p/mobilegtd/wiki/BestPractices>

bheetebrij

09-24-2008, 09:57 AM

I have actually used it. Personally I like being able to put dates on my tasks - which helps me plan myself. With MobileGTD this is not really possible. However, if you are quite context-driven, then this little programme is good.

It is light, quick and has lots of short cut for the poweruser (very useful, actually). Worth a shot.

tempdavidco

09-24-2008, 11:36 PM

Great to hear that.

The author has updated the site with a small screencast. The poweruser shortcuts are great.

<http://mobilegtd.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/MobileGTDDocumentation/MobileGTD.htm>

<http://code.google.com/p/mobilegtd/wiki/UsingMobileGTD>

bhaveman

04-25-2009, 03:31 AM

Hi,

I also switched from Palm to a Nokia E71 and had to find a solution on how to get tasks in categories on the E71. I use AquaCalendar and AquaSync (www.pockettorch.net (<http://www.pockettorch.net>)) .

This is how I set it up, it works like a charm and I am very pleased.

Install AquaSync on PC and Phone
Install AquaCalendar on Phone

On PC:
Start AquaSync (is done automatically at install)

Recategorize all Tasks in Outlook

- 1) Select all items in one category
- 2) Right click and select Categories: Clear categories, or unselect the category
- 3) Select the same items
- 4) Right click and select the category you want.

You will notice that all the items in that category now have the name of the category in the subject between brackets [your category]

Do this for all categories.

The [your category] is used by AquaSync/Calendar to sort the task in the right category.

On Phone
Start AquaSync.
This small program should always be running.

Start AquaCalendar
Goto Categories: Menu key, setup, categories
Rename the categories in AquaCalendar to match the categories in Outlook

Synchronize info between PC and Phone

You will see in AquaCalendar that you now can browse through your action lists by context.
DONE

Have fun, Bernard

EI Marko

06-02-2009, 10:38 AM

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The scary thing about this is that PocketTorch is a small company. Unfortunately, Nokia produces fine hardware, but has proven to be a pretty poor software company (Nokia PC Suite is a dreadful product and represents the underpinning for all synchronization between its phones and the user PC).

I use AquaCalendar and AquaSync. They are not the best solutions, but they are the only solutions available, so far as I am aware, for me to use my Nokia E71 as my trusted PDA.

. . . but not a month goes by that I don't think I hear the sound of the ice cracking, beneath my feet. I do wish Nokia would address the serious omission of categories, in their product line. There's will not be very "smart" smartphones, without them.

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09-10-2010, 08:50 PM

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Alas, PocketTorch is now out of business. . . "Small company" as in "it didn't survive".

Rumor has it the developer went to SBSH. At least, that is, another of PocketTorch's apps ("Reminders") is over at SBSH. However, SBSH simply isn't putting many resources into their Calendar app, for the Symbian OS; their upgrade pace is very slow. And, to date, they have not released anything that replicates PocketTorch's AquaSync capabilities (a little add-on, in Outlook, that appends the Outlook category to the subject line, within square brackets).