Awkward interface for multiple calendars

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Description
in version 3.2, I would like to add a second calendar (public access television programs - the first calendar is an events calendar. see http://www.progressiveomaha.com/tikidir/tiki-calendar.php ). I would like the user to be able to easily switch between the two or view both as an amalgamated calendar, if they wish.

However, first the user has to click on "visible calendars" which displays a popup window that gives check boxes which gives the option to check one calendar or the other or both with an additional option to "Check/Uncheck All". Once they have made a selection there, the user must then click on "Refresh" to see the calendar or calendars they wanted to see.

People may want to switch back and forth between the calendars several times in one session. Having to go through multiple steps to accomplish that is a disincentive to using the calendar.

Solution
1. Change the button labeled "Visible Calendars" to read: "List All Calendars". (improves clarity)

2. When the user clicks on "List All Calendars", have a button display for each calendar but eliminate the popup window with its confusing check boxes. Make is so that when the user clicks on a calendar, that calendar simply displays. (reduces number of steps)

3. Allow an option that if the user wants to view an amalgam of calendars (more than one at once), they can control-click more than one button. Put a legend to that effect alongside the button display. (reduces number of steps)
If that is too difficult to program, then when that button is clicked, display a dropdown box listing all of
the calendars. Have a button beneath it labeled "View" or "Submit" or some such. along side the
dropdown box, have a little hint stating that "to view multiple calendars at once, control-click more
than one".

Eliminating the popup window with its confusing check boxes is the key to resolving the problem.

(and definitely keep the current feature that whatever display the user chooses is the one that appears
the next time they access the calendar.)

Thanks.

Importance
9 high

Demonstrate Bug

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I notice in perusing the webistes that use tikiwiki that I cannot find one that uses the
out-of-the box calendar. For all I know, www.progressiveomaha.com (my website)
may be the only one that does. If the three enhancements/bug-fixes that I have
suggested are incorporated, perhaps more people would use the calendar.

Attachments

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The original document is available at https://dev.tiki.org/item2678-Awkward-interface-for-multiple-calendars