



MUUG Meeting

The Manitoba UNIX User Group

Date: Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

Time: 7:30pm

**Topic: RTFM: cal(1), Extended Round-Table
and Show-and-Tell**

We have a tradition of making the December meeting more of an informal, social gathering. This year, because we're meeting online, we've had to let go of some of the traditional aspects of this year-end meeting (like food), but we'll try to keep some.

Show us your favourite gadget! As part of an extended round-table discussion, we'll try to keep the gadget show-and-tell. (This year, you don't have to haul it to the meeting site, but it will have to be small enough to show on your webcam!) If you have a cool device, something unusual, whether brand new or ready for the museum, there will be an opportunity to show it off.

RTFM: cal(1) - A Historical Look at Calendar Reform

As part of the [September 2016](#) meeting, we looked at `cal(1)`, and its ilk (`ncal` and `gcal`), mostly from a utilitarian point of view. This time, we'll look at some of the historical development of this command, as well as some strange quirks of calendar reform. Why was the year 2000 a leap year, but 1900 wasn't? (At least for most of the world.) Why was 1700 a leap year in many Protestant countries, but not in Roman Catholic ones? What was going on in 1752 for England and her colonies? Gilbert Detillieux will answer these questions, as we delve into the politics and religion involved in calendar reform.

Winnipeg Harvest

We won't be able to collect food and cash donations this year, but please remember that the needs for some may be greater than usual. We encourage you to donate to [Winnipeg Harvest](#), or your favourite local charity.

Where to Find the Meeting:

jitsi.merlin.mb.ca/muug.2020.12



Jitsi Meet

This month (just like last month) we are using our own online Jitsi meeting server hosted by merlin.mb.ca.

The virtual meeting will be open by 7:00 pm on October 13th, with the actual meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

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Applications Places
gedetil@muug:~$ cal
December 2020
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
      1  2  3  4  5
 6  7  8  9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31
gedetil@muug:~$
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