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Use the Zimbra Connector for Apple® iSync with Mac running 10.5 or later to sync your Apple Address Book to your account on the Zimbra Collaboration Server (ZCS).

If you are using Mac OS 10.4.x or earlier, use Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync to sync your Calendar and your Contacts. See the Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync for OS 10.4 document.

Note: *If you are going to only sync your calendars and do not want to sync your contacts, you do not need to use the Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync. Set up you calendars using CalDAV calendars in iCal.*

The Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync plug-in uses the standard Apple package installer. It takes only a few minutes for users to install the Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync on their computers, establish the connections to the Zimbra server and set up a synchronization schedule.

Before You Begin

Before you synchronize your address book, you should backup your Apple's Address book data. If synchronization should fail, you can use these files to restore your Mac information.

To back up the address book, open Address Book and select **File> Back up Address Book**.

Steps to Configure the Connector for Apple iSync

Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync is configured from System Preferences.

1. After the Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync is installed, open **System Preferences**; click **Zimbra** from the **Other** row. The Zimbra dialog opens.



2. Select the **Account** tab. Enter the following information:
 - **Description.** Enter a name to identify this account.
 - **Server.** Enter the Zimbra server domain name (DNS).
 - **Server port.** Enter the port number for the server. In most cases, for non-secured connections, the default is 80 and, for secured connections the default is 443. Your configuration can be different.
 - Check **Use Secure Sockets Layer** to establish a secure connection to the port, if required.
 - Your Zimbra account **user name** and **password**.

After the account information is entered, the user is authenticated with the Zimbra server. When authentication is complete, **Authenticated** displays in the lower right of the dialog.

3. Click the **Sync** tab to set up your synchronization schedule and select folders to sync.



4. From the **Synchronize** list select the sync schedule: Manually, Every Hour, Every Day, or Every Week. If you select Manually, synchronization happens only when you come back to this dialog and click **Sync Now**. If you select one of the other options, contacts sync automatically.
5. Select the Zimbra contact lists to sync. Zimbra accounts can have multiple address books. On the Mac, only one Apple Address Book is available. The contacts in the address books you select sync to the Apple Address Book.
6. If you select Sync my iCal calendars using CalDAV, the Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync will automatically create a CalDAV account in iCal that's connected to the user's Zimbra account. Subsequently, all event syncing is done through CalDAV.

Note: *Calendars you subscribe to from the Zimbra Web Client are synchronized. Calendars you subscribe to from iCal are not synchronized with the web client.*

7. Click **Sync Now** to synchronize with your Zimbra Address Book. If your Address Books have a large number of entries, initial synchronization can take some time.

Before the address books are synced, you may receive notification about how many files will be added, modified or deleted. Click **OK** to continue.

Various Sync Alert dialogs may be displayed asking if you would like to delete all contacts from your account on the Zimbra server before syncing. If you check that box, the information is deleted on the Zimbra server. If you do not check the box, you merge the two lists. Duplicate contacts are not deleted.

Using the Advanced Tab

The Advanced tab is used to enable data change notification and to configure the number of sync logs to save. Configuring these is optional. From the Advanced tab, you can also re-synchronize the information between the Zimbra server and the Mac.



- Check **Show data change alert** to be notified before any data changes are made to your Zimbra account.
- Specify the number of last sync logs to save. The most recent 5 sync logs are saved by default.

Resetting Your Data

If you haven't been maintaining a sync between the data in Zimbra Address Books with the data in your Mac Address Book, you may want to refresh your content from the account that you think is the most up to date to the other account. To do this, click **Reset Sync Data** and select the direction to update information from.

Important: *Reset Sync Data will remove all sync history for your account on your computer. Depending on what type of reset sync is selected, data may be deleted in your Zimbra account or on this Mac. The sync will behave as though your account has never been synced before.*

1. Click **Reset Sync Data** on the Advanced tab.
2. Select how the connector should reset the sync data—
 - **Replace data in mailbox with data from this machine.** This deletes all address books from your Zimbra account, and replaces them with your Mac Address Book.



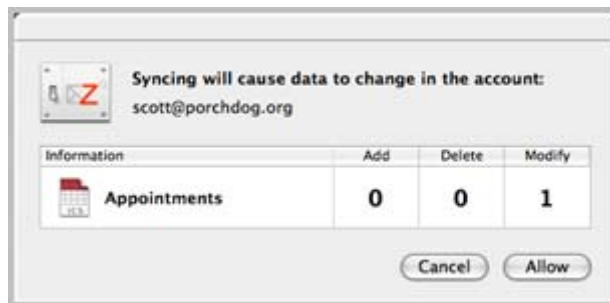
- **Merge data in mailbox with data from this machine.** This compares the address books data from your Zimbra account with the Address Book from your Mac. Any new contacts will be synced.



- **Replace data on this machine with data from mailbox.** This deletes your Mac Address Book and replaces them with the Address Book from your Zimbra account.



3. Click **OK**. An iSync sync alert shows the number of contacts that will be added and the number of contacts that will be deleted. You can cancel sync at this point and no data is changed.



4. To continue, click **Allow**. If you selected to delete data in your Zimbra account, the Zimbra iSync Connector dialog displays a request to update your Zimbra server. Click **OK**. The data has been synced between your two accounts.

Resolving Sync Problems

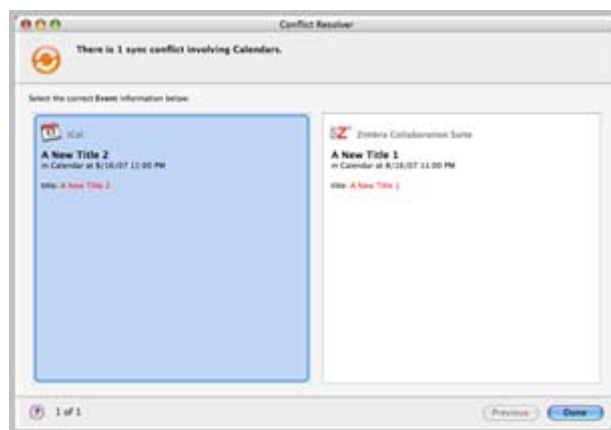
In the event that your address books are unable to sync between your Zimbra account and your Mac data, you will need to run iSync Reset Sync History. This resets the sync history for all account maintained on that Mac. This does not delete data stored on the Mac, but the next time you sync with any accounts, the Mac behaves as if this was the first time the information is being synced.

1. On the Mac, open the **iSync Preferences** dialog and click **Reset Sync History**.

2. A dialog displays asking if you are sure you want to reset this computer's sync history. Click **Reset Sync History**.
3. Go to your **System Preferences>Zimbra** and on the Sync tab click **Sync Now** to synchronize with your Zimbra Address Books. As this is an initial sync, if you have a large number of entries in your address books, this can take some time.

General Usage Notes

- The information being synchronized is compared and conflicts are found, the Conflict Resolver pane displays the number of items in conflict and lets you review and select which version is correct.



- If the server is down or your Mac is turned off, the scheduled sync does not happen. The data will sync on the next scheduled time.
- If you choose a specific time to sync instead the manual sync, the syncs are scheduled to happen as follows:
 - Every 1, 5, or 30 minutes
 - Every hour — For example 5:01
 - Every day — 1 a.m.
 - Every week — Monday, the hour and minutes are wild carded.
- Zimbra accounts can have multiple address books. On the Mac, only one Apple Address Book is available. When performing an initial sync, every address book in a Zimbra account is synced to the Apple Address Book. When new contacts are added to the Apple Address Book and synced back to the Zimbra server, the new contacts are added to the Zimbra Contacts address book.
- Zimbra tags are ignored in the Apple Address Book.

- If the Zimbra Connector for Apple iSync is not able to create a sync session, a message is displayed. You will need to restart the SyncService's engine. This problem is due to a bug in Apple's iSync and we are working with Apple to resolve this issue.

You can restart the SyncService's engine in one of three ways:

- Reboot the machine.
 - Log out and log back in.
 - Restart the SyncService processes
1. Shutdown Address Book, System Preferences.
 2. Go to **Macintosh HD - Applications - Utilities**.
 3. Start up **Terminal**.
 4. Type `killall SyncServer syncuid`.
 5. Go to the **Preferences>Other>Zimbra**, Sync tab and click **Sync Now**.