

## Re: Sync period when Entourage is running

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Eric,

Thanks for the very helpful information. I will give the exit and relaunch suggestion a try. I solved my immediate problem with a bit of a sledgehammer solution. I recently bought an 8 Core MacPro which is now the 'master' for all my syncing so the CPU drain is negligible :-). I now have Entourage syncing with Address Book and iCal on the MacPro and the MacBook Air is getting that Synced information via MobileMe. I am still running Entourage on the MacBook Air but with Synchronization turned off, the Exchange information is obviously synchronized between the two instances of Entourage by the Exchange server. This has go my battery life back when i am traveling but i do hope that Microsoft fix this one.

I have this same problem with Microsoft Sync running every few seconds and chewing my CPU. I am syncing both my Address book and Calendar, and it only happens when Entourage is running. This commences shortly after I boot my machine, log in, and open Entourage.

My "solution" is to quit Entourage and re-open it immediately. Thereafter, Microsoft Sync services "behaves" and only runs when an actual change is made. There is clearly something broken with Entourage and/or Microsoft Sync, possibly a race condition that occurs when Entourage is started initially after a boot.

BTW, because of the extremely unpredictable Entourage syncing behavior, I have been using Synchrospector to observe and control sync activities. You can get it as part the Developer Tools on Leopard (in /Developer/Applications/Utilities ). Very useful.

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On 1/11/09 6:21 AM, in article 59b68a8b.1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Paul\_Barnard@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" wrote:

Bill,

Since posting I have already been through these steps as I thought at first it might simply be Sync Services fouled up after the upgrade.

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I run a complex sync system as I use iCal for my personal calendars (6 of them). These are all synced with MobileMe and shared between 2 Macs. These calendars are also synced to Google Calendar using Spanning Sync. Trevor created me a test load of Spanning Sync to eliminate that from the equation. There was an increase in cycles when Spanning Sync upreved earlier last year which they addressed. I also use Entourage for work and have the Entourage calendar syncing to iCal. To top it off I have selected calendars synced to my iPhone using MobileMe push. Impressively this all works remarkably well and exactly as it did in 10.5.5 (Entourage has always synced every 10 seconds). The only difference is that 10.5.6 uses way more cycles in sync and hence the above problem.

Unfortunately what I am seeing is not error operation it is simply a result of Apple adding a lot more code to do the same thing...

Thanks for the suggestions.