

CompanionLink Launches Outlook Sync Fix for Google API Relation Change

Free trial available to sync Contacts and Calendar to Google after API bug that knocks many sync tools off the market.

PORTLAND, OR, UNITED STATES, December 6, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- CompanionLink has launched a fix for Contacts Sync from Outlook to Google after Google has made a critical change in their Contacts API.

Information about the fix is located on CompanionLink's support page: https://www.companionlink.com/support/kb/Google_sync_error_400.

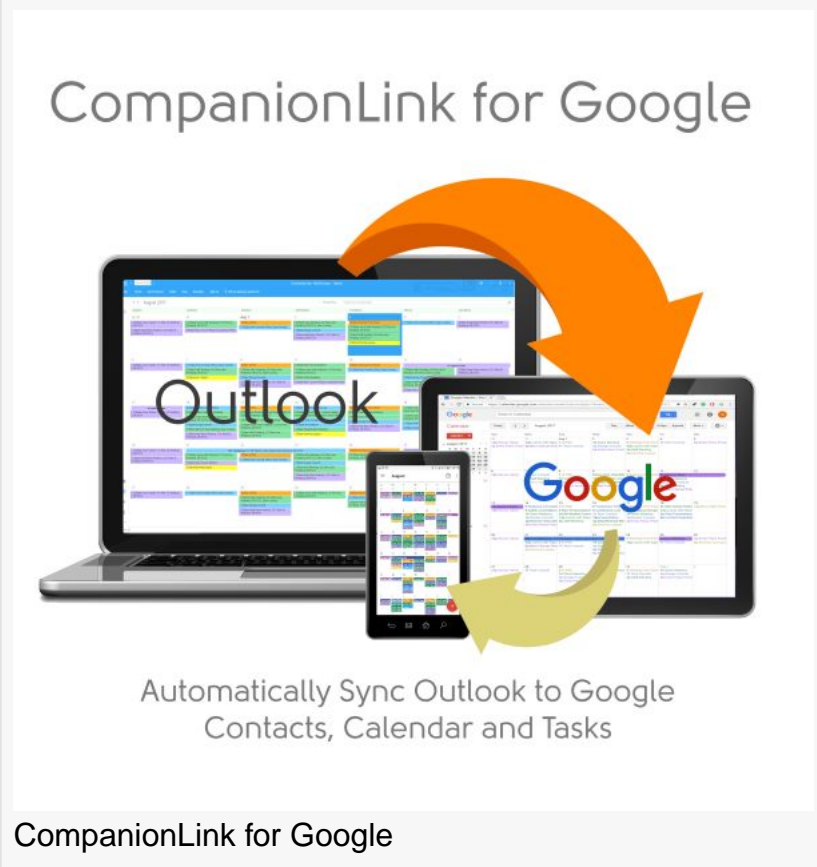
Google Issue Tracker: <https://issuetracker.google.com/issues/70209603>

Google Contact Sync v3 API documentation: <https://developers.google.com/google-apps/contacts/v3/reference>

Google Contact Sync API lists specific values for handling relation fields like Spouse, Assistant and Anniversary. These are designated as gContact:relation with a required parameter for "rel=" or "label=". Sync tools like CompanionLink are written using the "rel=" value to be language independent; a Contact Spouse in Germany would see "Ehepartner" and in France "époux". Use of this value is documented in the reference link above.

On December 5th at approximately 10:00 a.m. UTC, the "rel=" option of the API started throwing a specific error: GData Invalid "Exactly one of non-empty 'rel', 'label' is required for website link." This error is incorrect, because the code that gives the error is in fact using only one "rel" value. Google documents error code 400 is documented as a failure in the vendors code. However, in this case it appears to be an error on the Google API side as the code samples given in the API documents will get this error.

"This again calls into question whether viable companies can trust Google APIs for their PC based products," says Wayland Bruns, designer of DejaDesktop. "There is no department we can call, or response from their organization, yet the API which is clearly documented no longer works correctly. Suddenly we have thousands of customers who need a patch. Our current fix adds an English Language dependency which severely impacts the viability of our product in international markets."



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The advertisement features a central graphic with a laptop displaying the Outlook interface and a tablet displaying the Google interface. A large orange arrow points from the Outlook screen to the Google screen, and a smaller yellow arrow points from the Google screen back to the Outlook screen, illustrating the bidirectional sync process. The text 'CompanionLink for Google' is positioned at the top and bottom of the graphic, and the central text reads 'Automatically Sync Outlook to Google Contacts, Calendar and Tasks'.

The problem appears to affect gContact:relation, gContact:website and gContact:event, and will appear even if you simply download a Contact with the API, then update the Contact using the exact data that was downloaded.

[CompanionLink for Google](https://www.companionlink.com/google-sync/) synchronizes Contacts, Calendar and Tasks from Microsoft Outlook to Google. The cost is \$49.95. You can download a two-week free trial to get your contacts updated today. <https://www.companionlink.com/google-sync/>

CompanionLink Express will synchronize Google, Office 365, Act!, Lotus Notes, HighRise, Zoho and other CRM products to Google. CompanionLink Professional adds full scale CRM Sync for GoldMine and Salesforce. For more information go to [the CompanionLink website](#).

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