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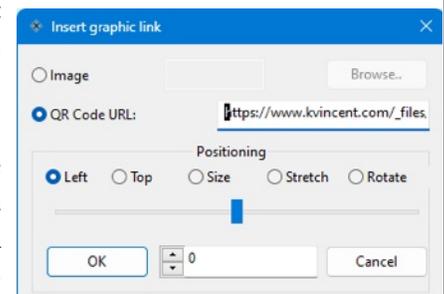## QR Code Generation within Eclilpse

Keith Vincent

When Eclipse Version 9 debuted in 2019, it added the ability to insert QR codes in your transcript. Although not a part of an ASCII file, the QR codes would be **visible if you output to paper or PDF.**

Nowadays I'm seeing QR codes everywhere. At a restaurant, you're likely to point your cellphone's camera at a QR code, and the code takes you to a website where your menu is available. At the recent NCRA convention, QR codes were used at the end of a class to get continuing education credit. Those are just a couple of many possible examples.

Let's say you're in court or in a deposition and the exhibits have been uploaded to a website. **As long as you know the web address, you could include a QR code next to a parenthetical that refers to an exhibit.** Here's how.

Go to the "Print command" dialogue (Alt+N). The last choice on the list is "Graphic". When the dialogue opens, select "QR Code URL" and paste in the web address. Next, use the buttons and the slider for "Positioning" so that the QR code is where you want it on the page. Then click on "OK". With these few easy steps, you have your QR code.

The QR code that you see on this page is one that I made within Eclipse. Use the camera of your cellphone or tablet to point at the QR code. You should then see a small prompt. Touch that prompt and your device will use an internet connection to open the document I prepared for you.

Our 24th year has begun. For previous tips, visit the e-Tips page of KVincent.com.

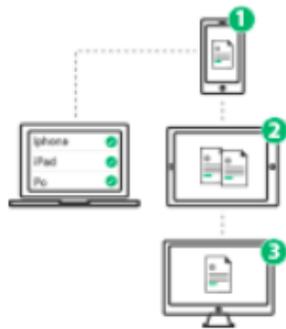# SugarSync Cloud File Sharing, File Sync, and Online Backup

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I use SugarSync for automatic online backup and to synchronize files and folders between multiple computers. We are used to having our cloud-based email available to us on any phone or device. Why not have the same type of thing for our court reporting transcripts?

The reason SugarSync is my favorite service to use is because SugarSync allows me to select any folder to synchronize and it does not require that I use only a special Dropbox or SkyDrive folder. That way I can keep my transcript files that I want to have access to on any device in their original location in Eclipse. This is what sets SugarSync apart from many of the other services.

If I modify or add a file on one computer, it will be uploaded or downloaded to my other devices so that an identical file appears on all machines. When I am done with my court reporting session, as long as my computer has Internet access or just as soon as it does, it will be uploaded to SugarSync. This means it is practically instantly backed up for me. And then any other computer that I have SugarSync set up on will have that transcript on it ready for editing at any time.

SugarSync is very easy to set up and use. It now resembles an app for your smartphone. Adding a new folder to synchronize used to mean opening up a separate Add Sync Folders menu and changing the settings. That was just a little bit complicated.

There is also a sharing tab that makes it easy to share folders with other users such as your scopist. It is very important to

remember that you are synchronizing. If you delete a file from a folder being synchronized on one computer, it will be deleted from the other computer too.
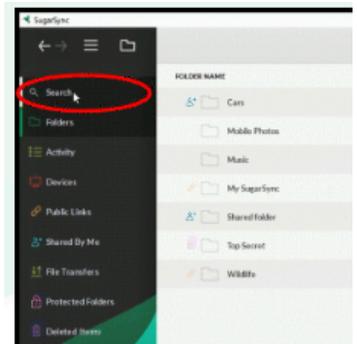
So, how do you get started? **To sync your Eclipse jobs folder from one computer to a new one that "does not" have your Eclipse transcripts already copied over to the new computer is the best way to start. The reason for this is that if you set up synchronization between two computers that already have your Eclipse transcripts on both of the computers, it needs to merge the files for synchronization to take place. What happens is you may get duplicate copies of your files created.**

When you want to start synchronizing if you have a new computer with Eclipse already on it but that does not have your jobs folder with the transcript files copied over, these are the steps to follow. After you are finished, all of your transcripts in your old computer will be copied to the new computer and will be synchronized by SugarSync from then on. You may want to create a new jobs folder on one computer and then follow these steps to add that jobs folder to your synchronizing computer. Of course, you will then need to assign the new jobs folder in your Eclipse user settings.

One of my favorite new things about Sugarsync is its search function. I've been using SugarSync for years and have tons of transcript files backed up; but if I ever needed access to one of those files from the SugarSync website, I had to scroll and scroll through the files to find the one I'm looking for. Now I can just search for the file and go directly to it.

Is SugarSync for you? I say go for it. Even if you already use DropBox, you can still use SugarSync. I will admit that I use DropBox for realtime dailies with my scopist. If you want to keep all of your Eclipse files synchronized and ready to be used on any device you want, SugarSync cannot be beat. To download SugarSync, go to SugarSync.com.

Keith's Webinar on Eclipse Scoping – Sept. 24 & 26, 2024

In January '23, I offered a four-hour webinar, "Become an Eclipse Scoping Ninja". Many people told me how much it helped them. Others missed the class and asked when I would return to the subject. Still others said four hours were not enough for such an important topic.

Normally, the Eclipse Users Group offers its VirtuCon in October and I present a class in January. This year, we're flipping the schedule so that VirtuCon VI will have a bit more time to organize before the January NCRA points deadline, and I'll present my scoping class in time for those who need points by the end of September.

The program is in two parts, a total of six hours, so that's .6 CEU. Since I'm a Texas reporter, I'll have the 6-hour program pre-approved by the Texas JCCB, but it will also be eligible for CEUs from NCRA, NVRA, and other entities.

A video recording of the program will be sent to each participant afterwards. Keep the recording and view it as much as you wish.

I welcome suggestions for topics that you would like me to cover, but here's some of what I plan to cover, in addition to answering participants' questions:
- Efficient Editing using Hyperkeys, AutoMagic, Autoreplacements, and more.
- Exchanging Dictionaries and Conflict AI between Reporter and Scopist
- Getting the most out of Eclipse audio
- Team Editing using Eclipse Connection Magic
- Proofreader and Macro Tips
- Using Boost Edit Assistant (a free Eclipse v11 Plugin)

Is this webinar for you?

My goal is to serve reporters, scopists, CART providers, captioners, and students (steno or voice). However, I really want to focus on the editing process more than on the writing or dictating.

What version of Eclipse is required?

This webinar should apply to you if you're using at least Version 7 of Eclipse or EclipseVox. If a feature is not available on your version of Eclipse, I hope it will encourage you to update!

Eclipse Version 12 on the Way!

At the Summer 2024 NCRA convention in Louisville, Kentucky, I attended Jeremy Thorne's four-hour class presenting some of what's coming in Eclipse Version 12.

Jeremy has completely reworked the audio features in Eclipse V12, so it took two whole hours for him to present all the improvements related to recording and playback. The new audio system supports a mix of single-track and multi-track devices. It offers live monitoring with delay and speed reduction. Since speech recognition does involve a slight delay, you could delay your monitoring so that the Boost Flow

suggestions arrive around the same time that you hear what is said. There's also a built-in "pre-roll" of up to 15 seconds, so if folks start talking before you begin writing or dictating, it's automatically included in your audio, even though you had not started or restarted the recording.

I'm currently working on a new set of Visualizers to explain these and other exciting improvements in Eclipse v12.

If you'd like to use the beta version of V12, just contact the folks in Eclipse Quality Assurance and ask to be put on the beta list. The e-mail address is QA@Eclipsecat.com.