**Consent to take part in research**

* I ……………………………………… voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.
* I understand that even if I agree to participate now, I can withdraw at any time or refuse to answer any question without any consequences of any kind.
* I understand that I can withdraw permission to use data from my interview within two weeks after the interview, in which case the material will be deleted.
* I have had the purpose and nature of the study explained to me in writing and I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the study.
* I understand that I will not benefit directly from participating in this research.
* I understand that all information I provide for this study will be treated confidentially.
* I understand that in any report on the results of this research my identity will remain anonymous. This will be done by changing my name and disguising any details of my interview which may reveal my identity or the identity of people I speak about.
* I understand that if I inform the researcher that myself or someone else is at risk of harm they may have to report this to the relevant authorities - they will discuss this with me first but may be required to report with or without my permission.
* I understand that a transcript of my interview in which all identifying information has been removed may be retained for 1 year.
* I understand that I am free to contact any of the people involved in the research to seek further clarification and information.

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Signature of participant Date

I believe the participant is giving informed consent to participate in this study

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Signature of researcher Date

**Tentative Questions**

Would Excel be an acceptable format to upload your data from?

How much time would you say you spend trying to schedule employees?

How often are too many or too few employees scheduled to work on a night?

On average, how much sales (in dollars) could you expect each employee to generate for a given day?

Would you like to be able to remotely view the applications predictions?

Would you like the ability to have accounts of different authorization levels to restrict access to certain features?

What data are you comfortable providing for a trend prediction software?(Ex. Gross sales, profit, expenses)

How often do you update your data?

Is there a large discrepancy in sales revenue for certain days of the week?

Do you have a preferred form to visualize the predicted data (bar graph, line graph)?

Are there any suggestions or features to expand upon for a trend prediction program?