What makes

Social Computing hard?



Psy broke YouTube!

Gangnam Style 'breaks' YouTube: Site to upgrade its view counter after popularity of song means views are no longer countable

- Psy's smash hit 'Gangnam Style' has been viewed so many times that YouTube had to upgrade the way figures are shown on the website
- Commas no longer break up the '32-bit integer' which spins when first seen
- At the time of writing, '2152218058' people have watched the music video
- Gangnam Style became the first video to pass two billion views in May

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It was the South Korean pop song that took the world by storm in 2012 and was so catchy that you're probably still humming it.

Now YouTube has admitted that Psy's smash hit 'Gangnam Style' has been viewed so many times since it was uploaded in July 2012 that it must upgrade the way figures are shown on its website.

Because the video has been watched so many times, there is no space for commas to break up the number of views.

Scroll down for video

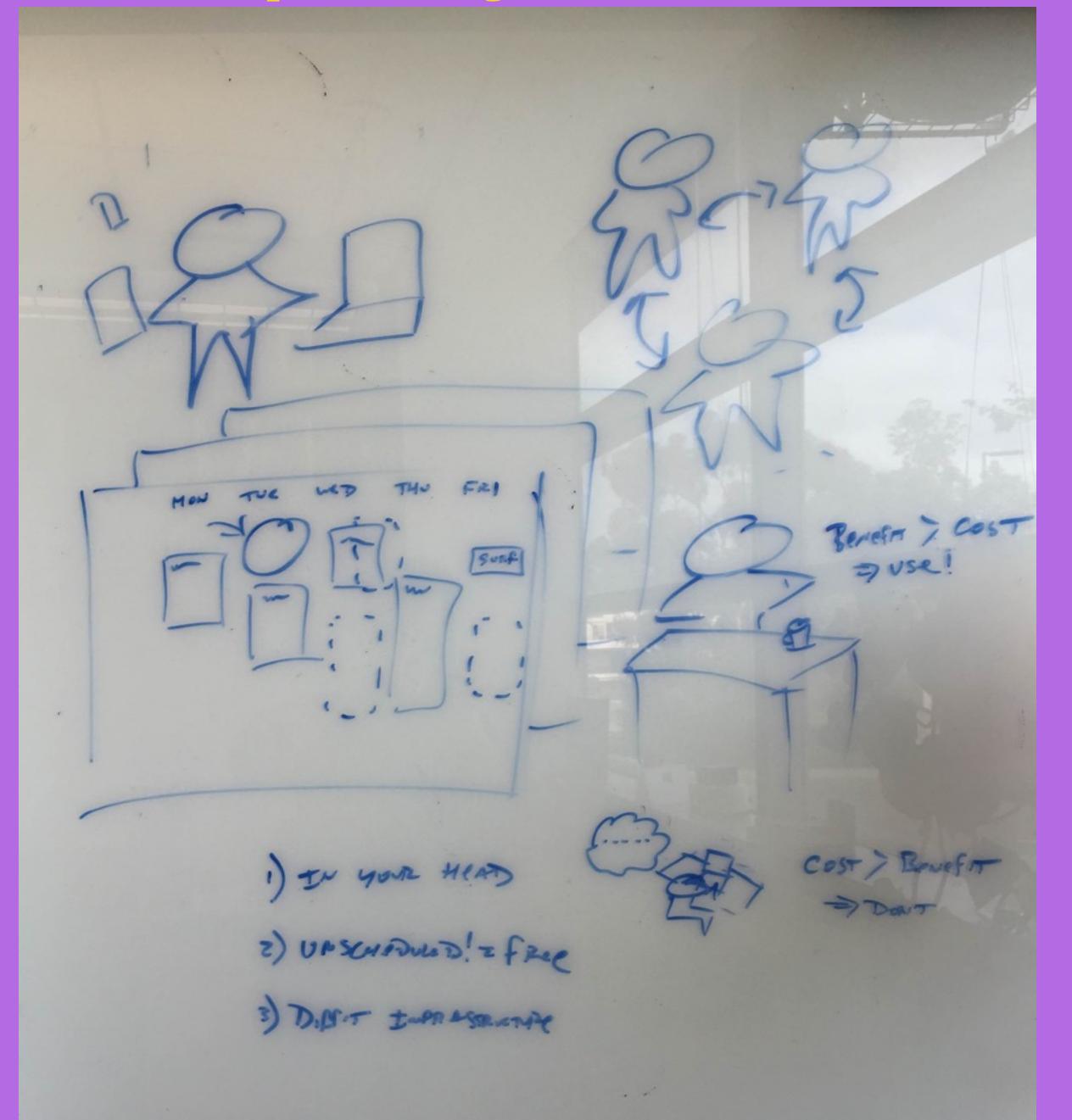


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Hey, are you free on Thursday at 3?

Social Life is Contextual

Challenge: Disparity of Work and Benefit



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Who does work and who benefits?

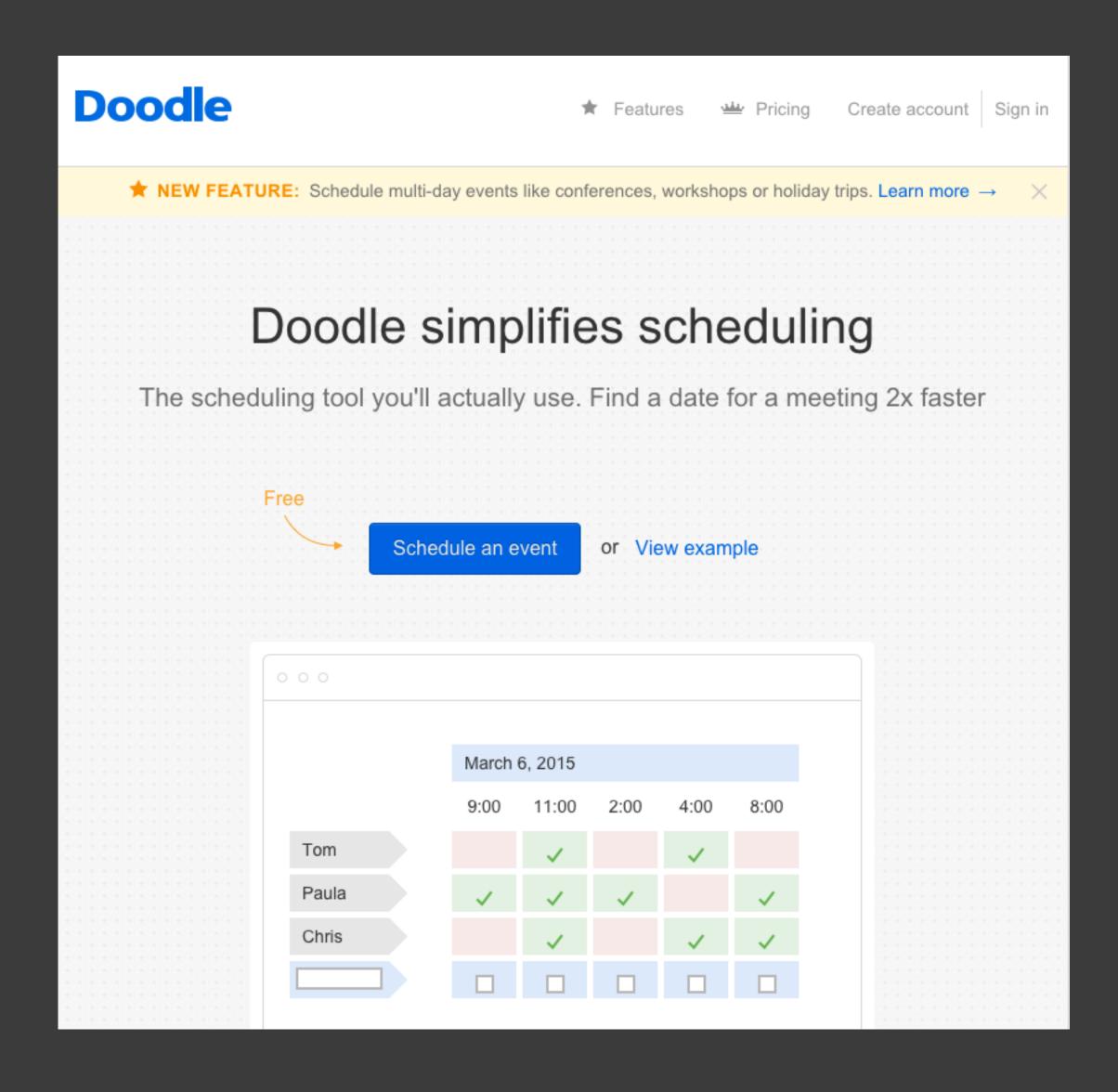
Groupware applications often require additional work from individuals who do not perceive a direct benefit from the use of the application

Example: How Workers Use Calendars

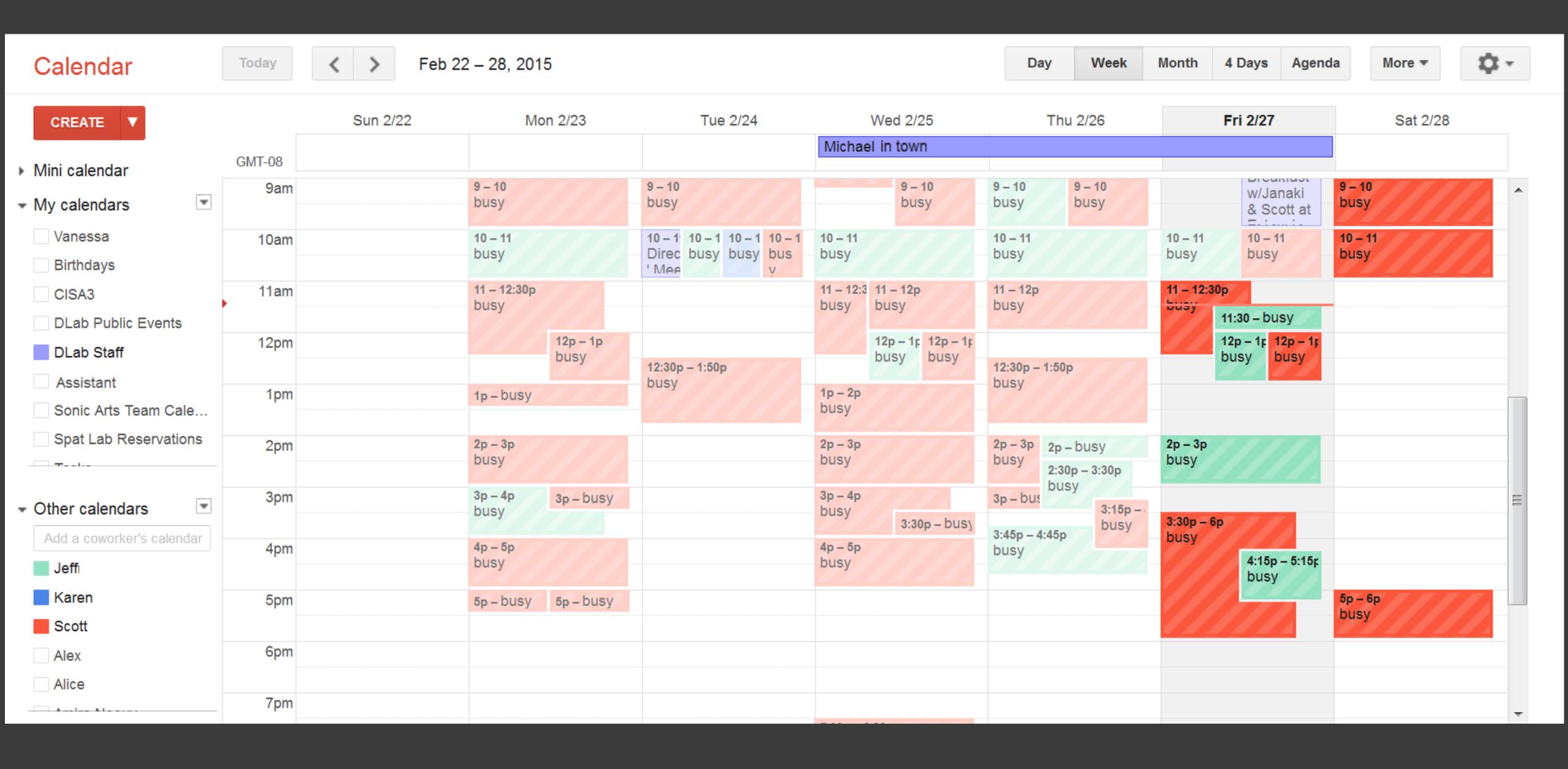
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Addressing the Challenges

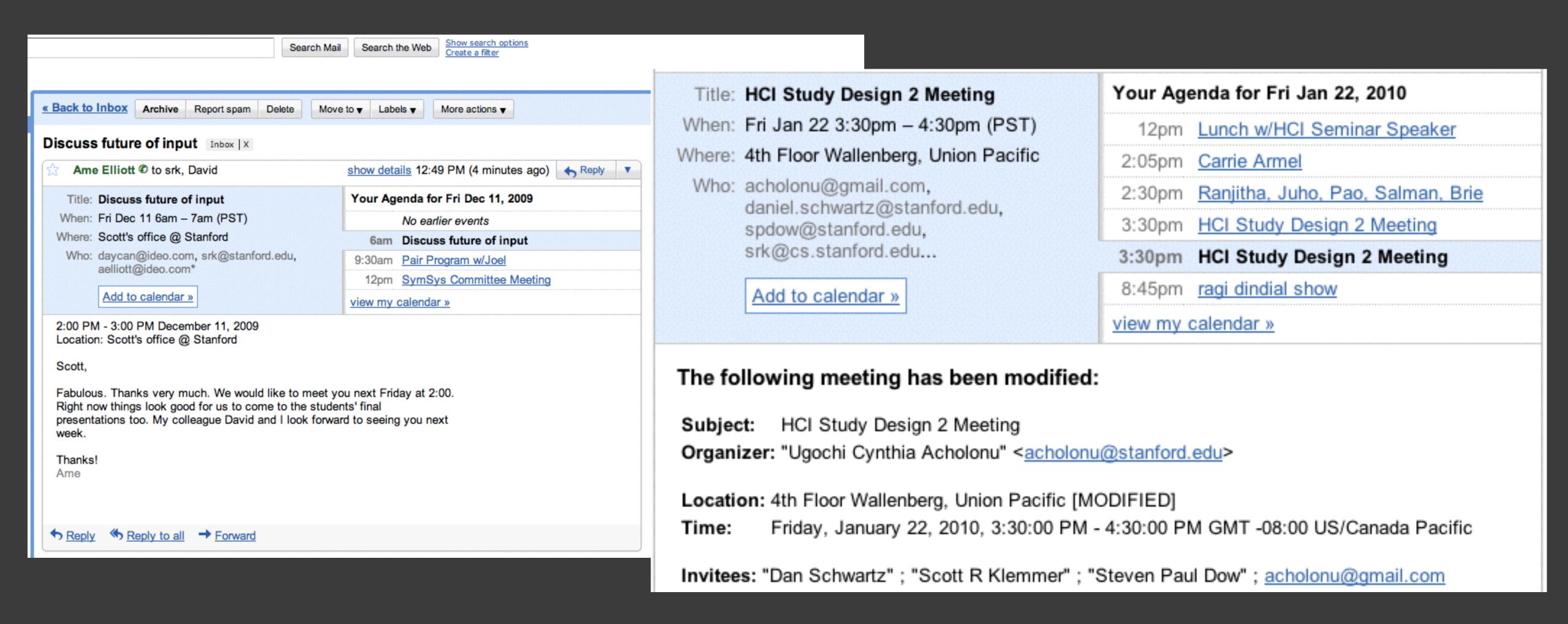
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Example: Google Calendar



Integrating Calendar and Email



Challenge: Exception Handling

Groupware may not accommodate the wide range of exception handling and improvisation that characterizes much group activity

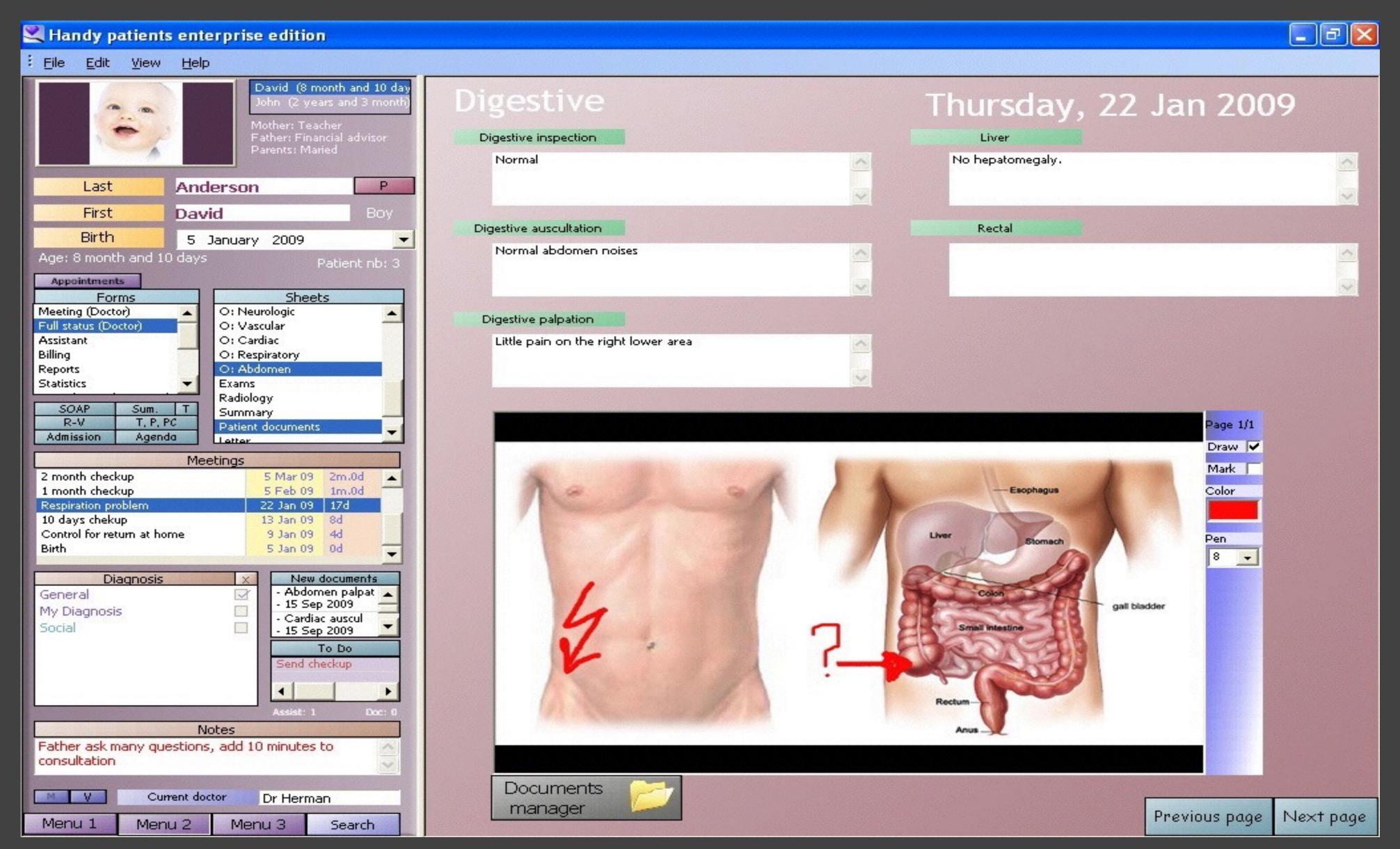


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"If technology is to provide an advantage, the correspondence to the real world must break down at some point."

- Jonathan Grudin

NEW TECHNOLOGY

CURRENT PRACTICE minimize
this distance

How to build social computing that a world of extemporizers actually adopts

- · Less structure beats more
- ·Twitter didn't start with hashtags
- ·Flexible lightweight tools are often more used than highly proscribed ones
- ·Paper is one of the most flexible tools we have