RooMIT

find your ideal roommate

MIT's Housing Situation

70% of undergrads live in dorms

70% live with roommates

Current system: finds a dorm

Problem: finding a roommate

You are...

Allergic to cats

Don't like noise

Have friends over a lot

Which roommate?

Alice course 18 TA

Bob very neat

Mary quiet

Joe famous blogger

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Alice course 18 TA, likes cats

Bob very neat, plays guitar 24/7

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Concepts & Challenges

Concepts

Preference: an opinion on a living condition

Dorm: living location that limits living options

Challenges

Preference matching: ranking algorithm

Risks

- Complexity of ranking algorithm
- Number of preferences
- Changes in dorm info
- User honesty