

2019.9.24 Meeting with Professor Trachtenberg

Our Questions:

1. Why do you come up with this project (who are the target users), and what functions do you expect our product to have?
2. What are some of your expectations of this product?
3. Could we have access to the admission results from the department? Or is there anywhere else we could get the data from?
4. Is this product made only for BU or just any school?
5. Should we develop a web application and publish the website

Professor Trachtenberg's Answers:

Incentive: The admission officers need to spend a long time going through students' transcripts, and since students are from different countries and universities, grades are given in different scales and course names are different. Therefore, it would be very helpful and necessary to create a tool that summarizes all the transcripts and standardizes all the grades and course names.

Target Users: All graduate school admission officers

Data Access: We may need to create our own dummy transcripts, because schools may not be willing to disclose students' transcripts

Expectations of functions: machine learning algorithm, generate lists of courses taken and grades, list GPA, etc.