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# JAT's Capstone Project Introduction “Dinner and a Date”

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# Introduction to JAT's Capstone Project

- ▶ I decided to create something that was useful, and solved a real world problem.
- ▶ My wife volunteers for two non-profit organizations that use silent auctions to make money. Her specialty is organizing and decorating the baskets. One of the most popular we call “Dinner and a Date” baskets. They consist of tickets to a Venue and gift cards to a restaurant, as well as other ‘trinkets’.
- ▶ Prior to my wife’s involvement, the Fun Venue and Food Venues were randomly put together, resulting in the possibility of miles between them, not too conducive to a ‘date’. She started pairing the two items for being in close proximity, thereby making the basket more appealing.
- ▶ **The problem was: Since no thought for this arrangement was put into the ‘solicitation’ of the items, there was no guarantee of arriving at a suitable combination.**
- ▶ So, my solution is to provide the ‘Donation Solicitor’ a list of Fun Venues, and a list of distance and regional associated Food Venues to facilitate the donation requests for what will make suitable combinations.
  - ▶ **Thereby increasing the potential value to the bidders, which in turn increases the money for the non-profit.**