

# 1. Dining Bags (personal)

During the first few weeks in the dorms, I kept forgetting to reuse my bags when I went to pick up food, and they started to accumulate because I felt bad about throwing them away. I told myself I could find a use for them, and here we are, 48 bags later:



My idea is to assign one bag for every day I've been on campus, and review the food for that day on the front of the bag.

There are a few logistical things I'll need to work out, but I estimate that I'll need 84 bags, which means that I'll just need

about 10 days to keep collecting them.

$$(\text{Me} + \text{Anna}) \times (\text{2 meals from dining per day}) \\ = 4 \text{ bags per day}$$

My rough idea is for it to be an interactive calendar that looks something like this:

WEEK	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1				...	...	...	...
12							

- possible problems:
- very simple!
  - wasteful
  - could be insulting to MIT dining?

setting: probably will only be relatable/interesting to other MIT students, or at least college students who are living thru COVID

source: the menus for each week are online, so I'll go back and look at the meals for each day to try and remember how much I liked it.

4/26 update

here's what I imagine for each week:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

pic of bag w/  
star rating  
out of 5

I'm planning on doing the dinners for each day, since that feels like the biggest/most important meal (and the one that I ate at restaurants if I didn't want what dining had)

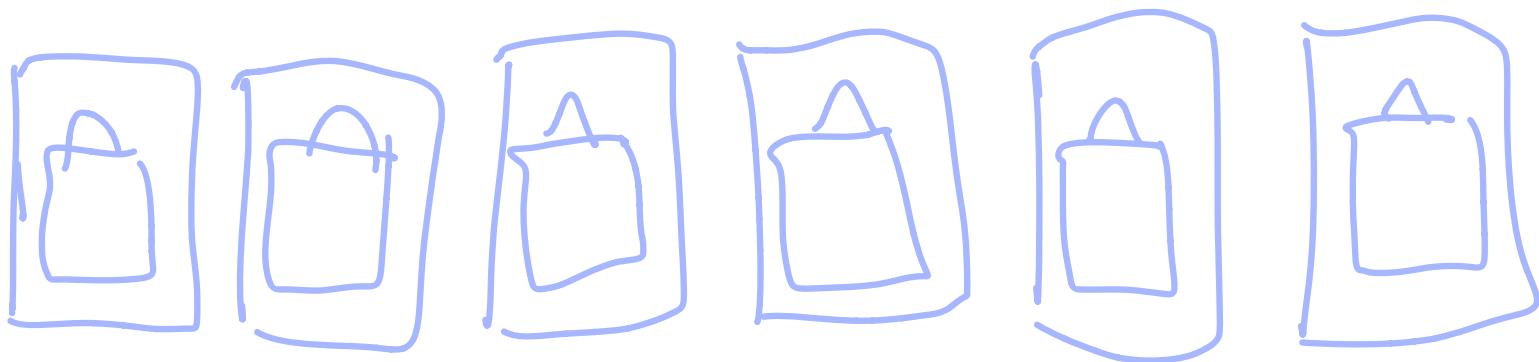
when you click on a day's picture, it shows what there was to eat and what I chose

on this note, I'm looking at my venmo history for which meals I ordered from outside places

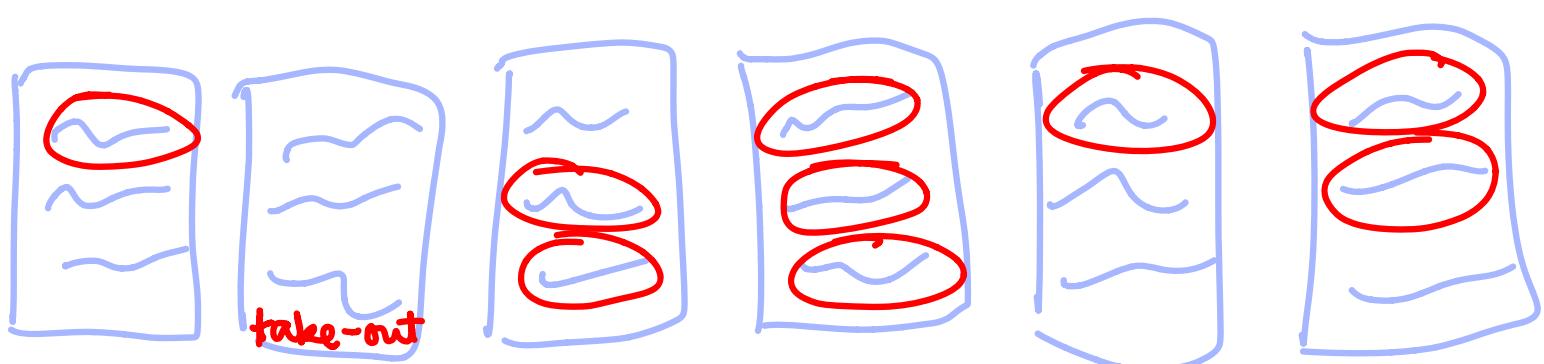


week 1

when clicked,  
expands to 7 days:



when you click again, it shows  
the food options



## First iteration:

- shows score of each day (0-5 stars) on the corresponding day/week
- when week is clicked, it shows the menu for each day & what I chose
- first iteration is for 4 weeks. I met w/ Chris & Lukas about this - how many weeks to include?
  - ↳ balance of enough data w/o feeling tedious

## Plans moving forward:

- make another page for a graph/bar chart of the ratings over the week
  - ↳ this may replace the menu altogether, since I'm not sure how useful that's going to be
- collect & show data on different dietary stats (vegan, veggie, gluten free)
  - ↳ this is readily available in the menu data
- per Lukas' suggestion - interactive graph interface where when you hover over a day, it shows menu/dietary stats



I want the bags to move central than they are in this sketch, but it's a start.

## 4/11 update

symbols: meat, dairy,  
grains, vegetables



currently debugging this method:

the menu txt files include if a dish  
is gluten-free, vegan, or vegetarian.

- ① if something ISN'T vegetarian, I'll mark it  
as meat. ↑  
or vegan
  - ② vegetarian but NOT vegan → dairy
  - ③ contains "bread", "roll", "pita", "naan", or "rice"  
↳ grains
  - ④ vegan & gluten-free → vegetables
- \* I'm also going to show the menu for  
that day when the nutrition box is clicked  
(debugging)

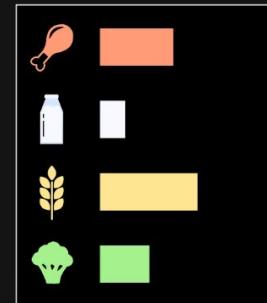
# Iteration 1 - Calendar

week	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
1							
2					 <p>Kimmy 456 Memorial Drive Cambridge, MA 02139 # 252-234-0093</p>		

# Iteration 2 - Interactive Graph

week 1 ➔

hover to see a day's nutrition, click to see its menu



# Iteration 3 - Interactive Graph, Improved



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