Architectural Review 2 - Let's Sched It

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Feedback and decisions

Google Form Feedback

We had a number of different questions and topics to explore in the second architecture review. These ended up being a mix of "market" and "UI" questions. At this stage, we got a lot of feedback about the specific user interactions that people would have using our app. We may not be able to implement all of this feedback, but it will shape our work going forward.

Based on our feedback, people could see themselves using this app, especially if it minimizes the necessary interaction. While some people wanted us to maintain the click and drag functionality, many people liked the idea of handling all of the data through google and outlook calendar services. One feature which people were interested in was the idea of automatically syncing data, or at least, being able to easily push changes from their local calendar to our system would make the service more desirable.

We also received feedback on the visibility of a collective group calendar vs. user calendars. There was mixed feedback on whether users should be able to see their individual calendars as well as the group decision calendar. For our MVP, it is likely that we will focus on only implementing a collective calendar, as it was pointed out to us that an individual calendar would be redundant.

Review process reflection

For our second Architectural Review, we used a similar format to our first one, a mix of presenting and audience interaction. We began by reviewing our current progress and walked through the flow of our website, both on the front-end and back-end. We knew we wanted to have user input on how navigating the website would be and if they were happy with our current planned feature set. Having conducted Q&A sessions during the review once before, we had a feel for what worked well, and what we could improve on to make everything flow smoothly. This time, we split ourselves into groups based on topic and allowed people to float around and provide feedback where they felt strongly about sections, and then opening it up to a free for all in the last 5 minutes. We found this to be successful as we got holistic feedback from all participants which helped us shape a general external view of our program.

Moving Forward

Moving forward, we will continue to further develop our MVP. We will complete API writing, finish calendar rendering, and continue to polish our UI based on the feedback we received during this Architectural Review. Once we feel good about our MVP, we hope to add more features to the website

that we wanted to initially include such as editing your imported calendar, not having to Login with Outlook or Google, and being able to notify the calendar creator of the status of the calendar.