**1.5.? Mimosa Scheduling Software**

Mimosa is an actively supported scheduling software. It is built for the Microsoft operating system, and no alternatives were listed, although it did run well in linux using WINE. While it does not come ready to export to HTML, it can export as a CSV file, which can be imported to many calendar tools.

After using Mimosa for about an hour, I can confidently say that this program is not close to what I expected from a product such as this. Here are some reasons:

**Good Features:**

* The free trial comes full featured with restrictions on number of classes, and students per class. Additionally, files generated in trial can easily be used in full version if you choose to purchase.
* The user is able to optimize over different variables, such as gaps in the teachers schedules, number of classes offered.

**Bad Features:**

* Non-intuitive navigation menus and drop down bars. After working with the program I am still lost on how to add preferences, availability, and courses for a teacher.
* Teachers and rooms are considered “components” to a course, rather than major components of the scheduling algorithm.
* Calendar view is cluttered with information, and you cannot easily view a single instructor’s schedule.

**Missing features:**

* HTML export.
* Easy to view calendar.
* Proper navigation menus.
* Class room and teacher preferences.
* Plug-in capability.

Overall Mimosa is not close to what we are looking for in a product, but it gives us an idea of what not to do. If mimosa were to undergo a major revamp of user interface, as well as the ability to add in specific plugins it may stand a better chance, but in the meantime all we can learn from it is what *not* to do.