

Meeting #1

When: Oct/1, 3:00–4:00 PM

Who: Minh, Bray, Bryan

Where: In-person

Purpose

Quick sync to decide what project idea we're going to run with.

Discussion Recap

- We started with the original idea: a **budget management tool**. Looked solid, but we found out another group already claimed something basically the same. Rather than be a duplicate, we decided to pivot.
- We threw around a few other ideas:
 - **Smart grocery list app** that auto-suggests based on past buys. Cool, but felt too broad and kind of hard to show a clean MVP in our timeline.
 - **Campus room finder** for open study spaces. Would've required data access we don't have and likely scope creep.
 - **Habit tracker with light gamification**. There are a ton of these already, so it would be hard to stand out without sinking time into polish.
 - **Price drop tracker** for online shopping. Interesting, but scraping/compliance sounded like a headache for a short class project.
- After weighing effort vs. impact, we landed on the idea that gives us a clear feature set and real-world value.

Decision

We're going with a "Subscription Manager" web plugin.

- Core goal: help people **track subscriptions**, **see renewal dates**, **catch trial end dates**, and **spot duplicate/unused subs**.
- Why this works for us: browser extension means a focused surface area, solid technical depth (extension APIs, parsing receipts/emails or checkout pages), and a demo that's easy to show.

Rough Feature Sketch

- Minimal onboarding (manual add + quick import CSV).
- Dashboard with monthly/annual totals and next renewal countdowns.
- “Potential duplicate” flagging and “hasn’t been used in X days” reminders.
- Optional reminders via in-browser notifications.

Next Steps / Owners

- **Minh:** Draft initial feature list + basic UX flow by next meeting.
- **Bray:** Research feasibility for renewal detection (email receipt patterns vs. manual input) and quick win data model.
- **Bryan:** Propose tech stack (browser: Chrome MV3, React for popup/options UI, storage approach) and outline extension permissions.

Risks / Notes

- Email parsing may be overkill for v1 ,okay to keep manual add + CSV import for MVP.
- Be mindful of permissions so the extension doesn't feel creepy.
- Keep scope tight so we can ship a demoable MVP fast.

Parking Lot

- Possible premium ideas later: export to calendar, spending trends over time, smart cancellation helper (template emails).

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