

TA Meeting Minutes 11/7

1. TA Feedback on project pitch. Good problem definition and features. Risks are fine. Need to add data model.
2. Motivations: need to consider existing solutions, deficiencies if any.
3. Question about key concept. What is a trip? A cabal? Decided that two things are same and so keep only cabal. Other two key concepts are fine.
4. Ask feature questions. TA says the current features are good.
5. Implementation risk about calendar display. TA suggests a look at doodle, When is good. But they are more for times in a day and we would focus about displaying a range of time.
6. Design: If we are going to use Facebook for user login, we still need to have user model but connect with Facebook to get user info such as name, email, etc.
Challenge: whether we need to have friendship in our data model. How to add and confirm friends?
Option1: If we want users to use our site to send friending invitations, we need to have Friendship in the data model. Friendship might have states, pending and approved. Pros: easy to get friend information using Friendship model.
Option 2: use Facebook for not only sign up, but also friend invitations. If sign up through invitation, they automatically become friends.
7. TA suggestions on design challenges. Not about implementation details. Should be related to concepts, object models, features (should ... be a feature?) 3-4 challenges should be enough. Pros and cons for each option and options chosen.
8. Team work division. TA suggests that we divide by functionality/features so that everyone has experience with model, view and controller.
9. We came up with data model. Still need to decide on some details: (1)friendship. (2)Does a cabal has active or closed. If going to have states, who decide that a cabal is closed? By organizer? When if other don't agreed? Or by time.
10. We talked about what MVP is going to be. Plan to have user signup and authentication. Cabal formation. Perhaps leave activities out or just activity voting out. TA talks about goal of MVP. Since our project has two main parts, group formation and activity coordination, if we leave out activity, perhaps need to explain.
11. MVP interface need to be better than scaffold. Nicer the better.
12. We should go to groups.mit.edu creating a mailing list.