

Meeter

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## **1. Introduction**

The objective of this project is to develop an application that can easily set up a meeting schedule between two individuals with the least amount of work required for users to perform. As technologies are becoming mandatory for most of the population in the US, not that many people would carry their calendars around and write down every one of their schedules in their notes. And with the overwhelming amount of different worlds and schedules that individuals are assigned to, there should be an easy tool that can handle the organization.

Google calendar is one of the most used software that enables users to organize their schedules easily and nicely with minimal effort required into making a schedule. Using the Google calendar, a software that can automatically generate the meeting schedule between two entities will come handy in the upcoming future world for personal and business purposes.

### **1.1 Purpose**

Through the project, we are looking to create a software that can optimize the schedule of two entities with minimal amount of work required. This will help users to find a matching free schedule for them to create a new meeting schedule among themselves. More so, using our software, instead of looking through two different schedules, users will be able to find a list of available meeting times with other users by just a click of a button and selecting one of the available time slots. Our software will then send an email notification to the other user asking for confirmation on the selected time. Once confirmed, this event will be created in both of the users' calendars.

We propose to create a software application that can handle two user's schedules through Google calendar, and generate a meeting schedule based on their available times from the received schedule upon both users' agreements.

## **1.2 Scope**

From this project, an optimized potential schedule for two end users to host a meeting would be generated. The benefit of Meeter is to simplify the process of making an appointment for two separate parties. It allows users to match and compare their different schedules to help identify an open slot for both users. Our final product will reduce the amount of work, time, and effort it takes for an individual to make an appointment. The program is designed to reduce the risks associated with which may be generated in cases such as communication difficulties and locational difficulties. Each circumstances will be resolved through the use of the product by a simplified, casually visible user interface of the result. The application organizes both users' schedules with better visualization of both parties through clean, simplified end user output that is easily identifiable in the causal calendar interface.

### \*1.3 Context Diagram and Data Flow Diagram\*

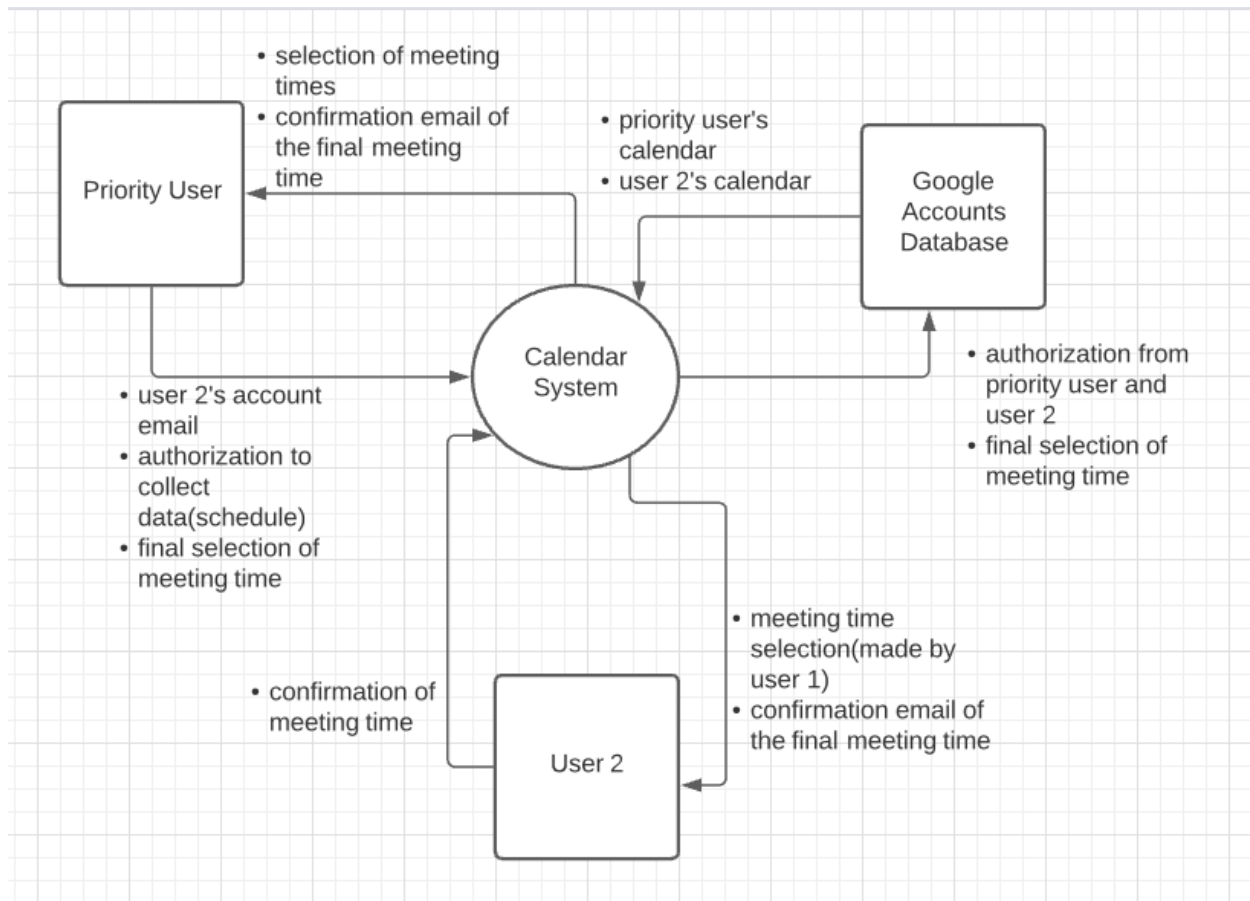


Figure 1.3.1: Context diagram of Meeter

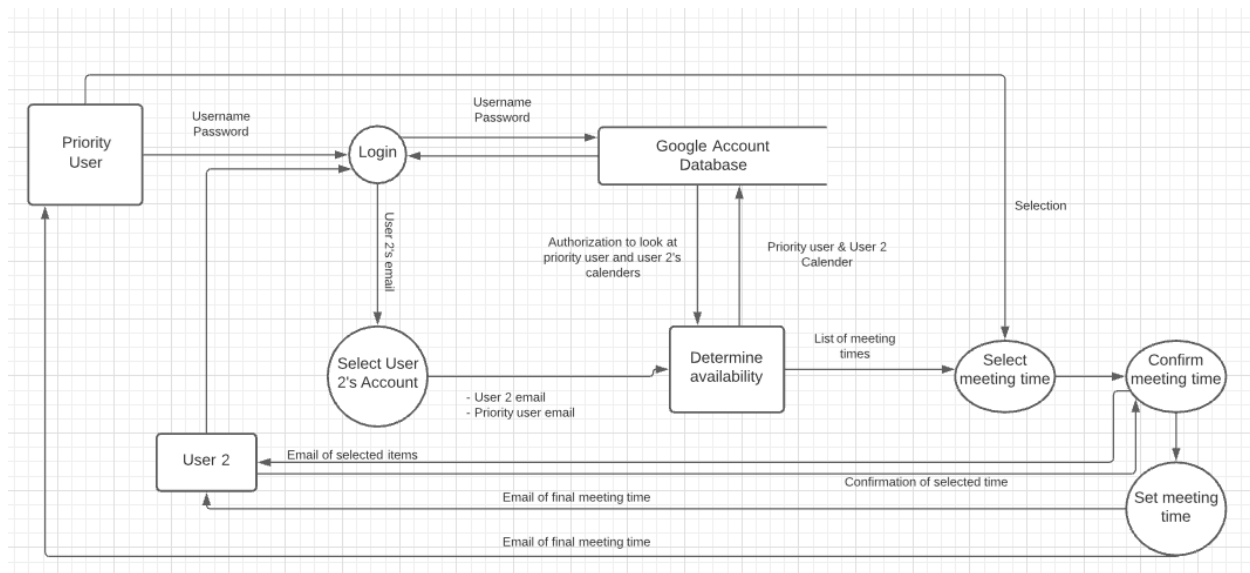


Figure 1.3.2 Data flow diagram of Meeter

## 1.4 References

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/react-google-calendar-api>

Title: react-google-calendar-api

Date: April 11, 2021

Publishing organization: npmjs.com

<https://developers.google.com/calendar/v3/reference/calendarList>

Title: CalendarList

Date: May 4, 2020

Publishing organization: Google

<https://githubmemory.com/repo/ericz1803/react-google-calendar>

Title: ericz1803/react-google-calendar

Date: May 9, 2020

Publishing organization: Github

## 1.5 Overview

The program will enable user to input their emails to the given user interface, and the email that was input will be used to search the Google Calendar database through Google Calendar API. Then the program will use given the data from Google database which will be calculated and then output the optimized result of both users' free schedule time range to schedule a meeting. The study of the project is focused on user optimization of a specific, pre-existing application which incorporates integration of API and an effective program that uses the integrated resources in a respectful and efficient manner.

## **2. General Description**

The project focuses on creating a software that can guide the user to give their schedule information listed in the Google Calendar to form up a meeting schedule for two separate users. Two users will give their pre-existing calendar information to the user through Google Calendar API, and then the software will generate the possible resolutions for meeting schedules depending on their time of availability. The project will minimize the users effort and improve their time management skills through the software to generate meeting schedules between two users.

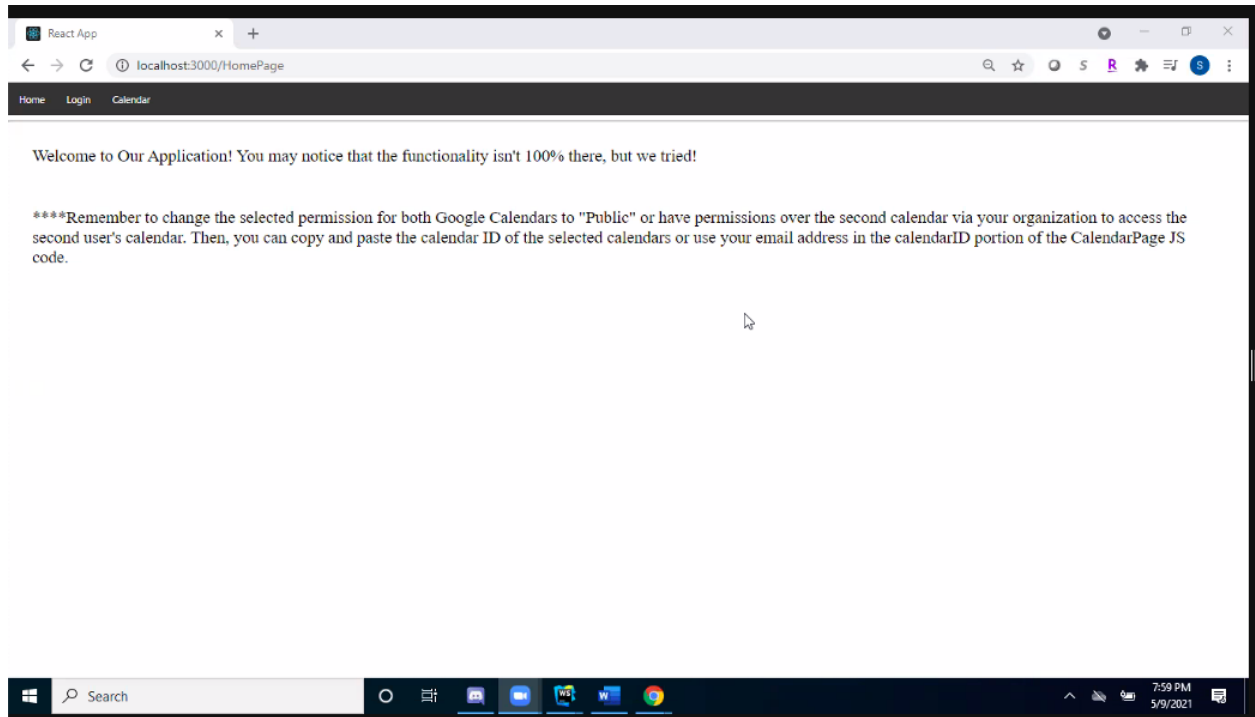
### 3. Effort

Task	Estimated Time of Research	Actual Time of Research	Estimated Coding Effort (1 - Simple to 5 - Complex)	Actual Coding Effort (1 - Simple to 5 - Complex)
Find an interface to implement our system	3 weeks	1 week	1	1
Find the best way to import React Google Calendar API	3 weeks	1 week	1	1
Utilize the React Google Calendar API to display a calendar with two user's events, simultaneously	3 weeks	2 weeks	2	2
Utilize the React Google Calendar API to access user's calendar events and create a function to find and fill an empty array of available times	3 weeks	3 weeks	5	5
Display list of available times to webpage and take in selected input from user	3 weeks	3 weeks	5	5
Create an event for selected time and add to both user's calendars	3 weeks	3 weeks	5	5
Display a success message to inform the user that their event was successfully created	3 weeks	3 weeks	3	3

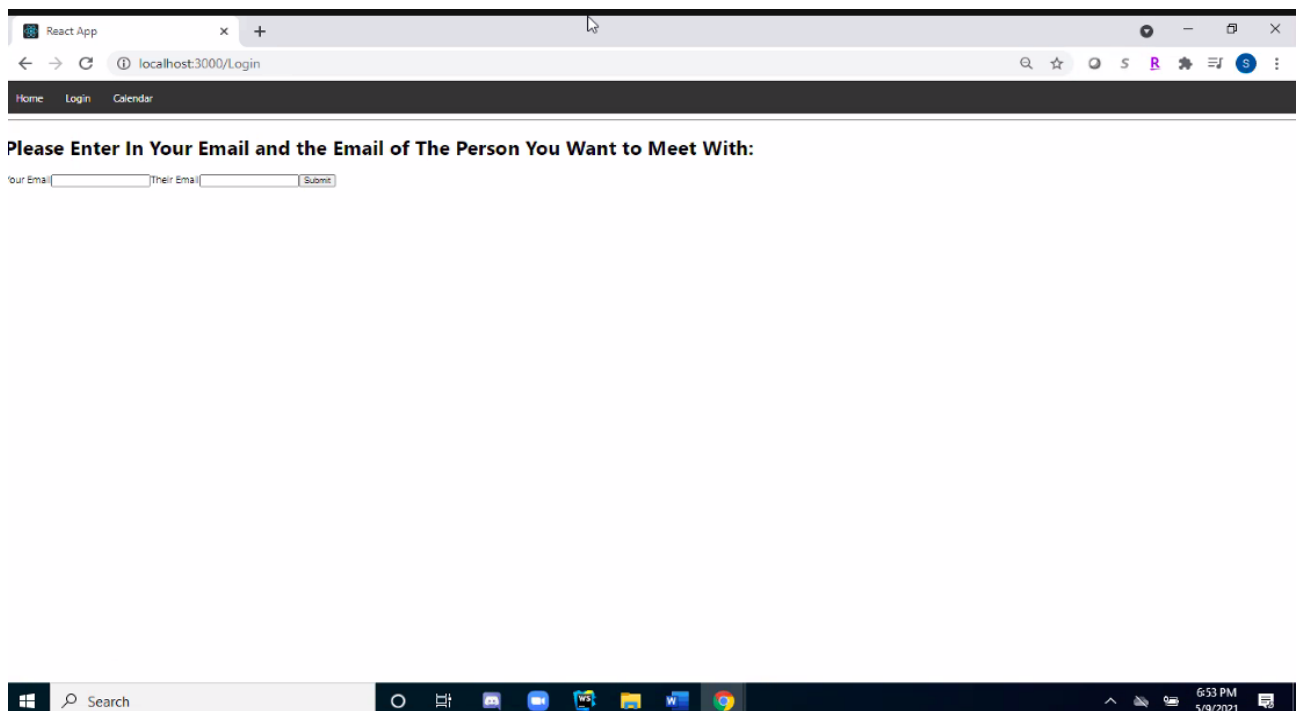


## 4. Programs Developed

### 4.1 User Interfaces:

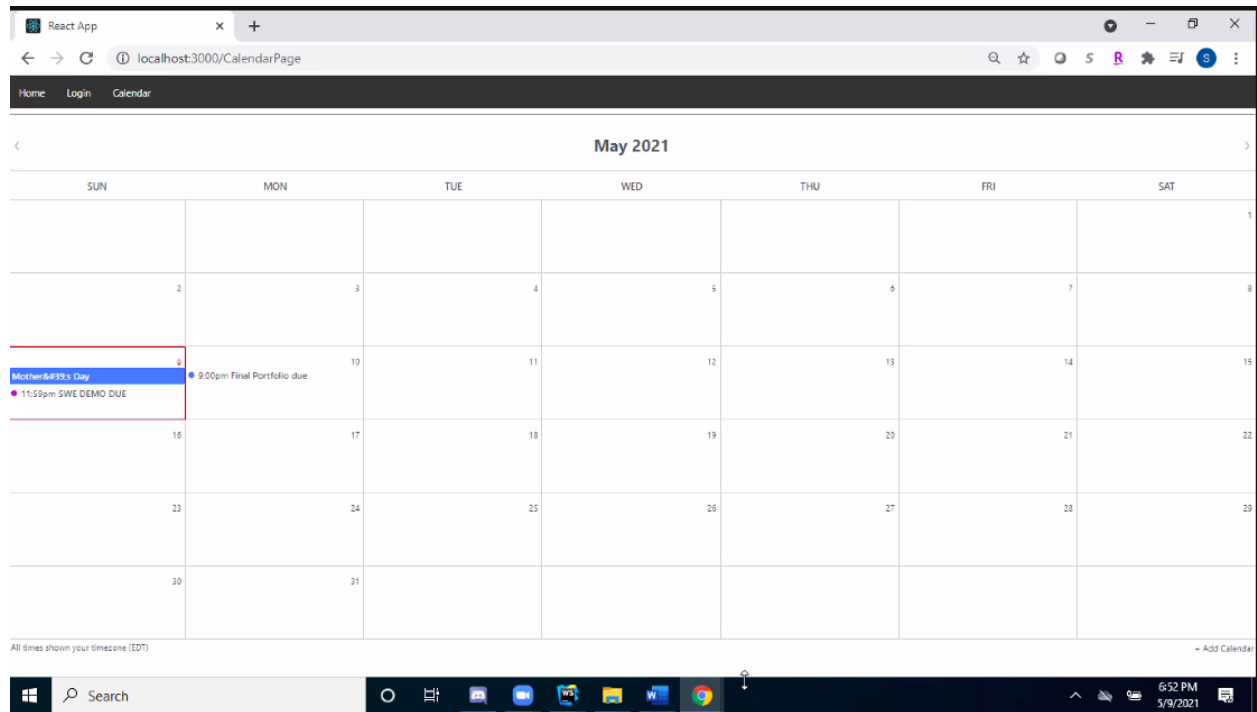


*Interface Homepage*



*Interface Login Page*

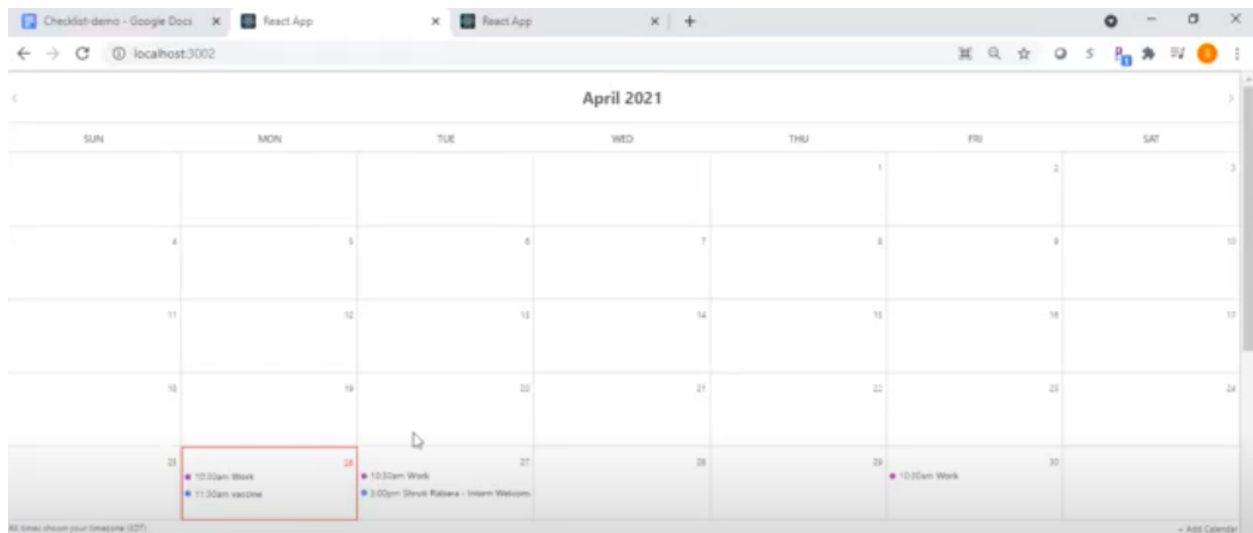
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*Interface Calendar Page*

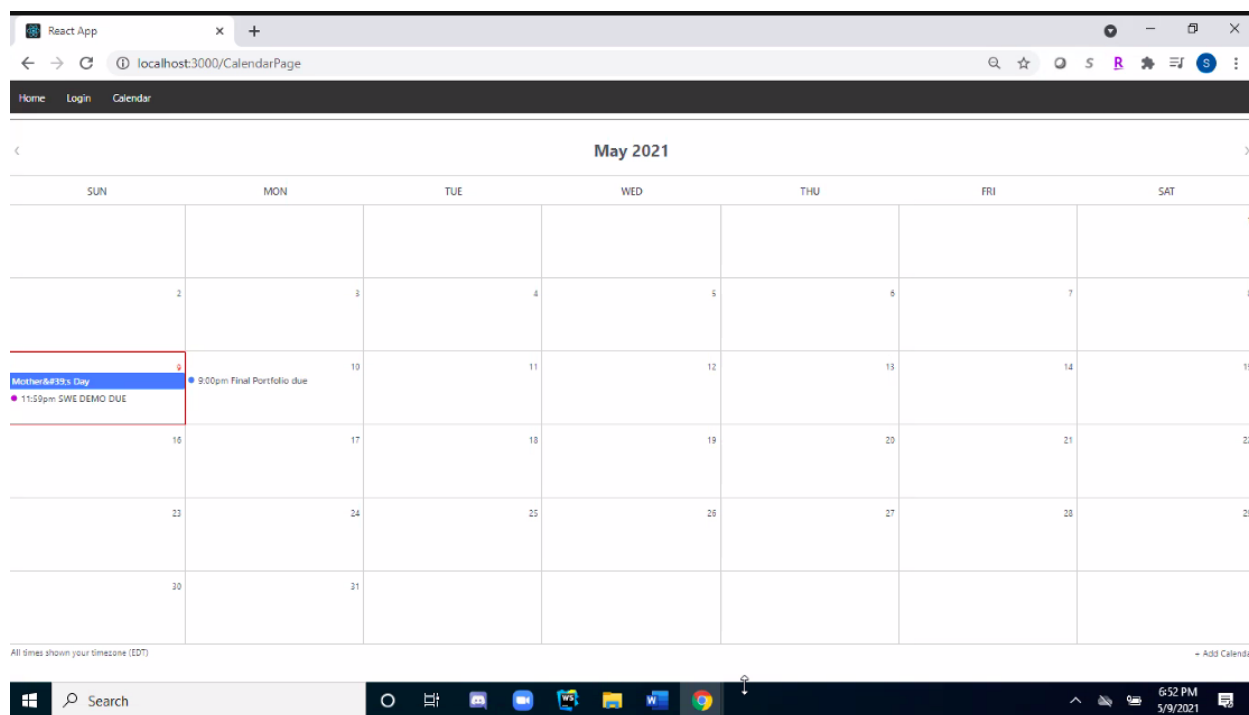
#### 4.2 Comparison:

In terms of the interface status at our first demo link submission, our interface contained one webpage that was composed of our built in calendar that contained events from two different calendars. When clicked on any event in the calendar, it displayed a message containing more information on the event such as the time and whose calendar it is coming from. Additionally, it also displayed an option to copy the event to the user's other calendars, by navigating the user to the google calendar website for their account. For our final interface submission, we created two different web pages within the website called Login and Home. The home page contains information for the purpose and usability of the calendar. The login page asks the user to input their email addresses for the two calendars that they are trying to match. And lastly, the calendar page displays the calendar with upcoming events for both users. The visible difference between the calendar page from the first demo presentation and the final demo presentation, is the top navigation bar that allows the users to switch back and forth between the three pages within the interface.



*Interface before*

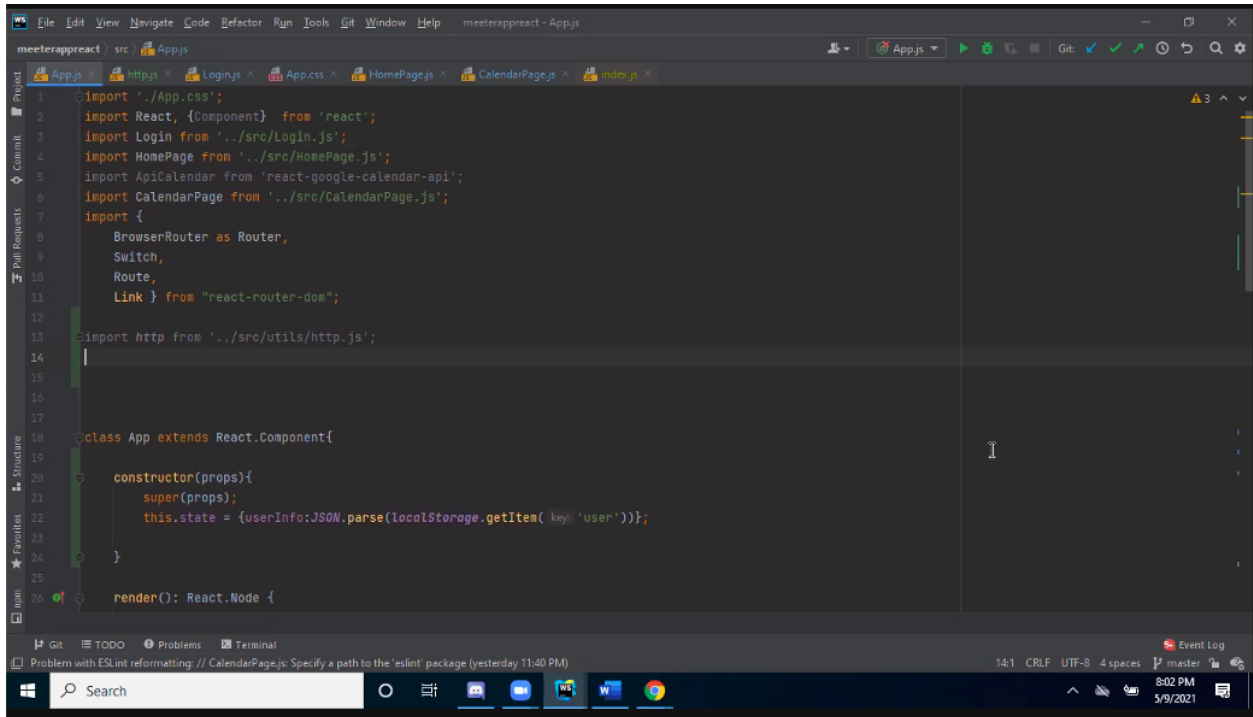
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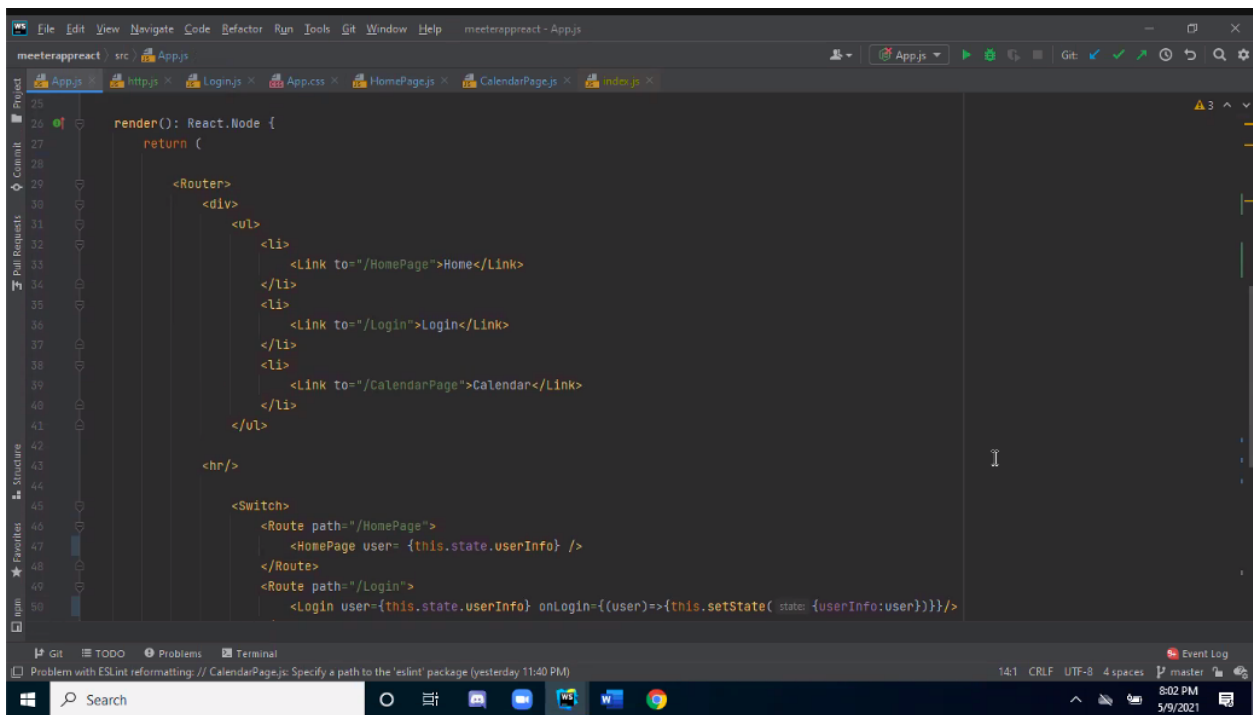
### *Interface after*

In terms of the interface code status between the first demo link submission and the final demo link submission, there is some difference between the two. Since our group was not able to complete all of our intended tasks for this project, there may not be as many changes, however, we did go through many trial and error stages of trying different bits of code. We decided to only show code that works with our interface and leave out our testing code. To create the different individual pages, we added in different switches in our root file, aka App.js, and functions to support those events.

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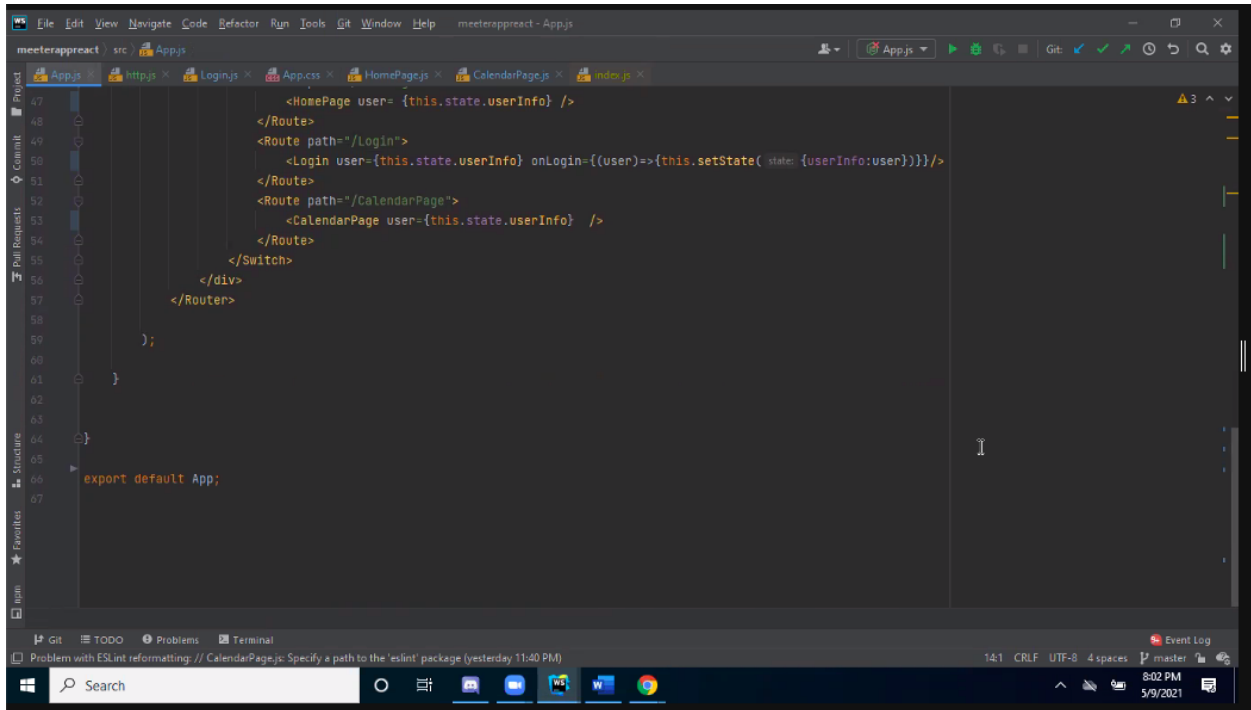


```
1 import './App.css';
2 import React, {Component} from 'react';
3 import Login from '../src/Login.js';
4 import HomePage from '../src/HomePage.js';
5 import ApiCalendar from 'react-google-calendar-api';
6 import CalendarPage from '../src/CalendarPage.js';
7 import {
8   BrowserRouter as Router,
9   Switch,
10  Route,
11  Link } from 'react-router-dom';
12
13 import http from '../src/utlis/http.js';
14
15
16
17
18 class App extends React.Component{
19
20
21   constructor(props){
22     super(props);
23     this.state = {userInfo:JSON.parse(localStorage.getItem( key: 'user'))};
24   }
25
26   render(): React.Node {
```



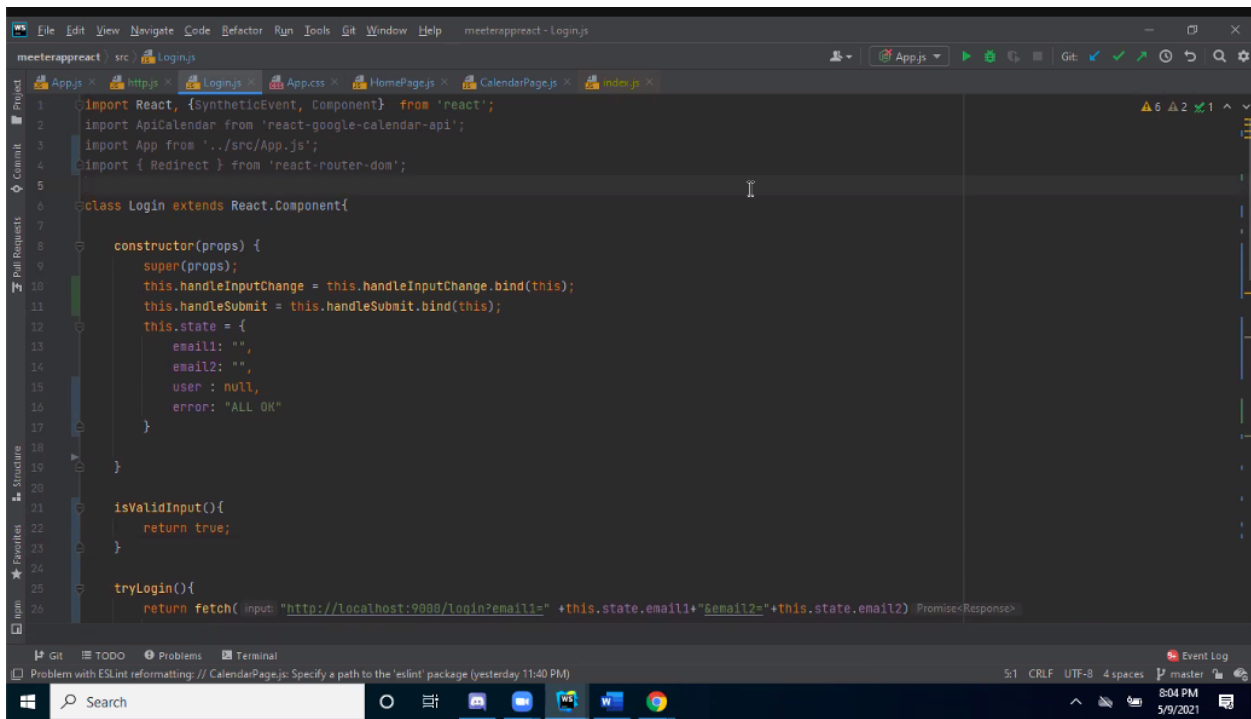
```
26   render(): React.Node {
27     return (
28       <Router>
29         <div>
30           <ul>
31             <li>
32               <Link to="/HomePage">Home</Link>
33             </li>
34             <li>
35               <Link to="/Login">Login</Link>
36             </li>
37             <li>
38               <Link to="/CalendarPage">Calendar</Link>
39             </li>
40           </ul>
41         </div>
42
43         <hr/>
44
45         <Switch>
46           <Route path="/HomePage">
47             <HomePage user= {this.state.userInfo} />
48           </Route>
49           <Route path="/Login">
50             <Login user={this.state.userInfo} onLogin={(user)=>{this.setState( state: {userInfo:user})}}/>
```

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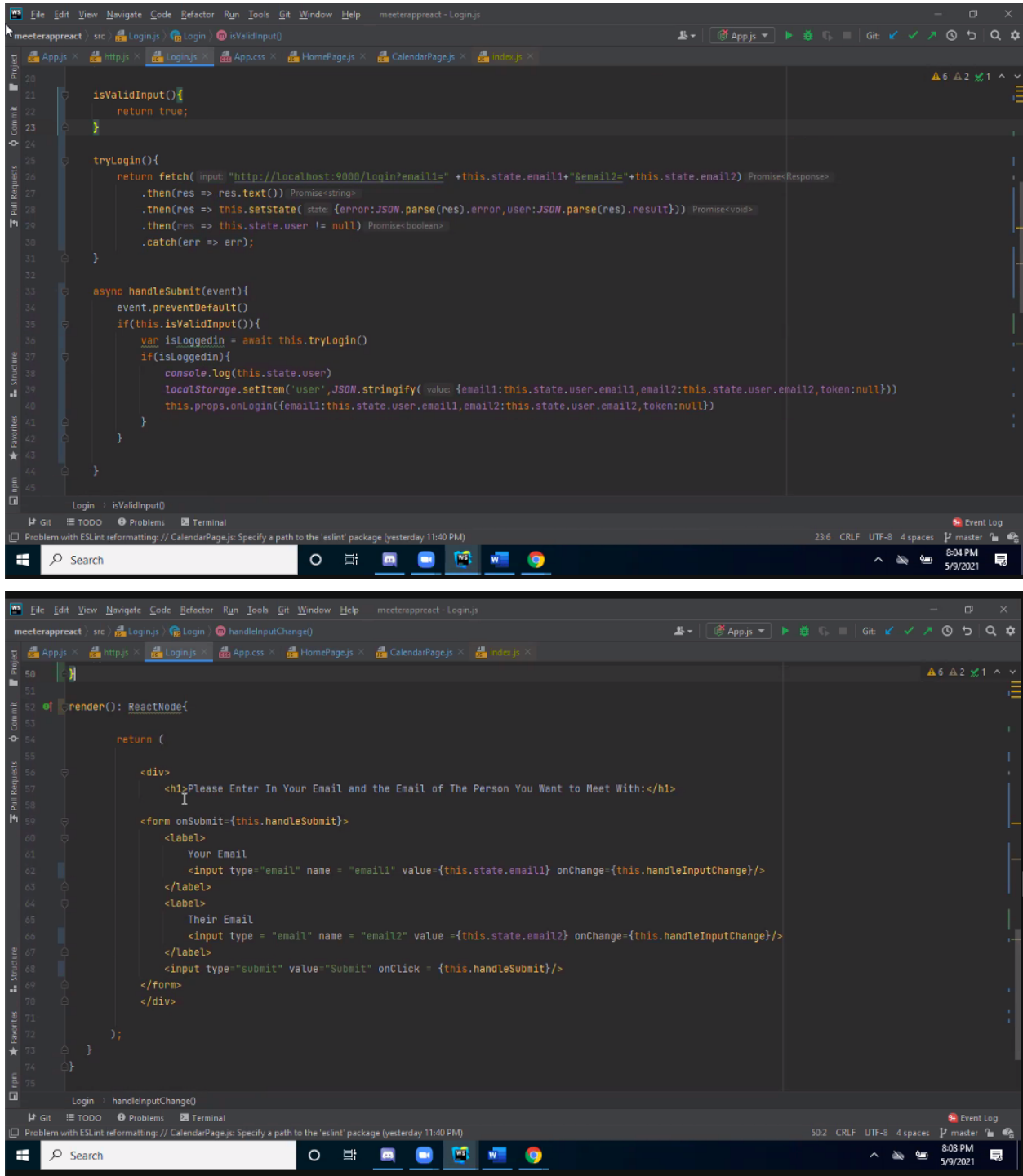
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47 <HomePage user={this.state.userInfo} />
48 </Route>
49 <Route path="/Login">
50 <Login user={this.state.userInfo} onLogin={(user)=>{this.setState( state: {userInfo:user})}}/>
51 </Route>
52 <Route path="/CalendarPage">
53 <CalendarPage user={this.state.userInfo} />
54 </Route>
55 </Switch>
56 </div>
57 </Router>
58
59 );
60
61 }
62
63
64 }
65
66 export default App;
67
```

Next we created a login page where we included inputs for the user's email address(calendarIDs) and added functions to support them.



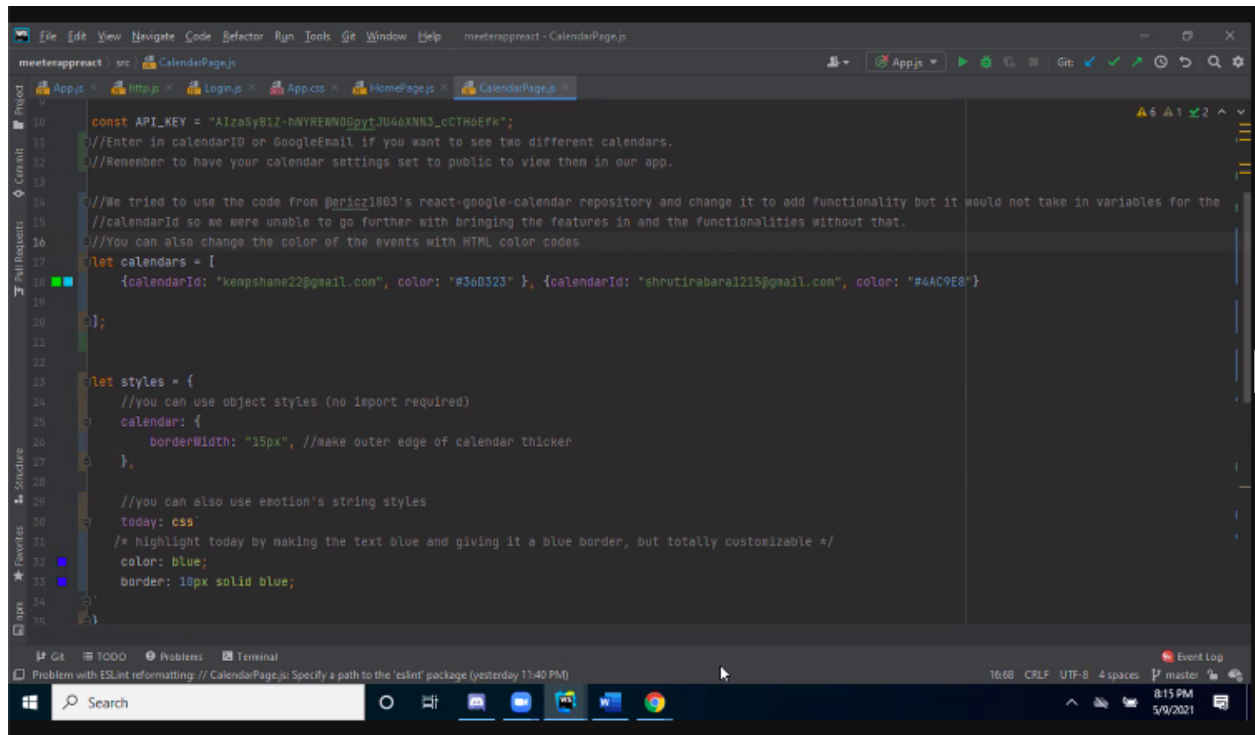
```
1 import React, {SyntheticEvent, Component} from 'react';
2 import ApiCalendar from 'react-google-calendar-api';
3 import App from '../src/App.js';
4 import { Redirect } from 'react-router-dom';
5
6 class Login extends React.Component{
7
8   constructor(props) {
9     super(props);
10    this.handleChange = this.handleChange.bind(this);
11    this.handleSubmit = this.handleSubmit.bind(this);
12    this.state = {
13      email1: "",
14      email2: "",
15      user : null,
16      error: "ALL OK"
17    }
18  }
19
20   isValidInput(){
21     return true;
22   }
23
24   tryLogin(){
25     return fetch( 'http://localhost:9000/login?email1=' +this.state.email1+"5email2="+this.state.email2) .Promise<Response>
26
```

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Since most of our trial and error code was in the Calendar page, we did not have much changes, nonetheless, we added comments in the code explaining exactly what obstacles we faced.

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```
const API_KEY = "AIzaSyB1Z-hMYRENW0GpytJU46XNN3_cCTH0Erfk";
//Enter in calendarID or GoogleEmail if you want to see two different calendars.
//Remember to have your calendar settings set to public to view them in our app.

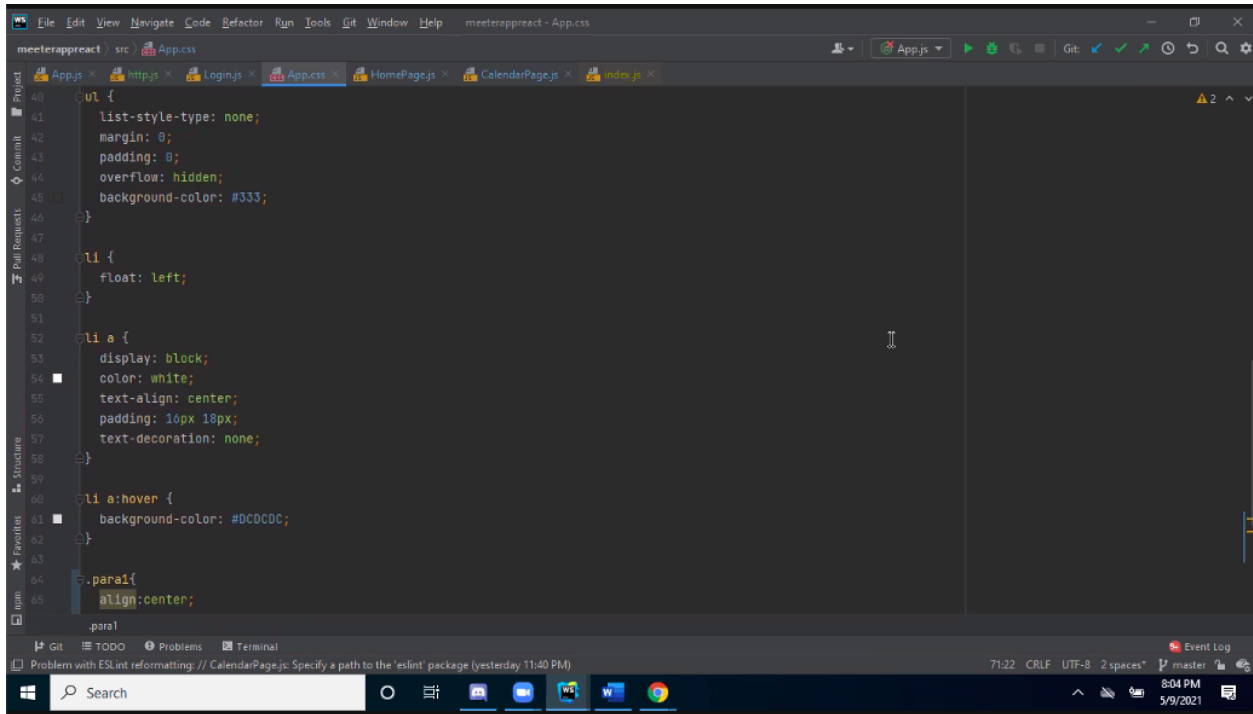
//We tried to use the code from @eric1803's react-google-calendar repository and change it to add functionality but it would not take in variables for the
//calendarId so we were unable to go further with bringing the features in and the functionalities without that.
//You can also change the color of the events with HTML color codes
let calendars = [
  {calendarId: "kenpshane22@gmail.com", color: "#360323"}, {calendarId: "shrutirabara1215@gmail.com", color: "#4AC9E8"}
];

let styles = {
  //you can use object styles (no import required)
  calendar: {
    borderWidth: "15px", //make outer edge of calendar thicker
  },
  //you can also use emotion's string styles
  today: css`
    /* highlight today by making the text blue and giving it a blue border, but totally customizable */
    color: blue;
    border: 10px solid blue;
  `
};
```

Lastly, we made minor modifications to our CSS to adjust the layout of the navigation bar.

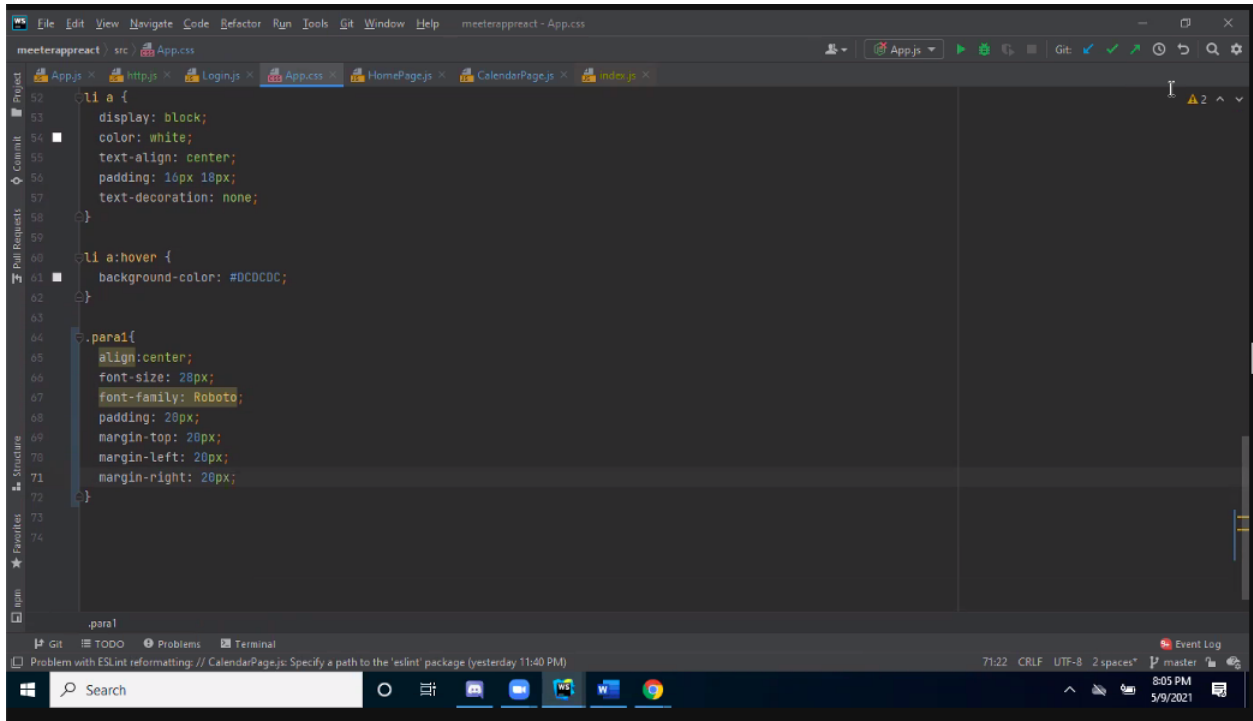


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```
40 {
41   list-style-type: none;
42   margin: 0;
43   padding: 0;
44   overflow: hidden;
45   background-color: #333;
46 }
47
48 <li {
49   float: left;
50 }
51
52 <li a {
53   display: block;
54   color: white;
55   text-align: center;
56   padding: 16px 18px;
57   text-decoration: none;
58 }
59
60 <li a:hover {
61   background-color: #D0D0D0;
62 }
63
64 .para{
65   align:center;
66 }
67
68 .para{
69   align:center;
70 }
```

Visual Studio Code interface showing the CSS file App.css. The code defines styles for a list, list items, and a paragraph. The list is styled with a black background and white text. List items are displayed as blocks with white text and centered alignment. A hover effect is applied to list items, changing the background color to #D0D0D0. The paragraph is styled with centered alignment.



```
62 <li a {
63   display: block;
64   color: white;
65   text-align: center;
66   padding: 16px 18px;
67   text-decoration: none;
68 }
69
70 <li a:hover {
71   background-color: #D0D0D0;
72 }
73
74 .para{
75   align:center;
76   font-size: 28px;
77   font-family: Roboto;
78   padding: 20px;
79   margin-top: 20px;
80   margin-left: 20px;
81   margin-right: 20px;
82 }
83
84 .para{
85   align:center;
86 }
```

Visual Studio Code interface showing the CSS file App.css. The code defines styles for a list, list items, and a paragraph, including font properties. The list is styled with a black background and white text. List items are displayed as blocks with white text and centered alignment. A hover effect is applied to list items, changing the background color to #D0D0D0. The paragraph is styled with centered alignment, a font size of 28px, and the Roboto font family. The paragraph has a padding of 20px, a margin-top of 20px, and margins-left and right of 20px.

## 5. Discussions and Conclusions

There were many challenges we encountered during the building of this project. We were unable to get the Google Calendar API to work in a regular JavaScript file with HTML5 and CSS so we switched to ReactJS, hoping that it would rectify the issues. Unfortunately, that came with its own learning curve and a new set of problems. The APIs for ReactJS did not have the same functionality integrated and unfortunately would only let us hard code a string into the calendar ID because of how the parameters of the code were set up in the node modules. Even with trying to change the code parameters many times and working for countless hours on trying to get the calendar to accept the user's input, we were unsuccessful in getting the input to the calendar ID so the calendars could be compared. Additionally, we spend the rest of the time understanding how to utilize the API function that we imported into our js application, however, due to the time constraint, we were unable to correctly utilize the functions to successfully complete some of our intended tasks.

We ultimately decided that due to time constraints, we would have to keep what we have and try to fix small things that didn't interrupt the functionality that we did have of the code.