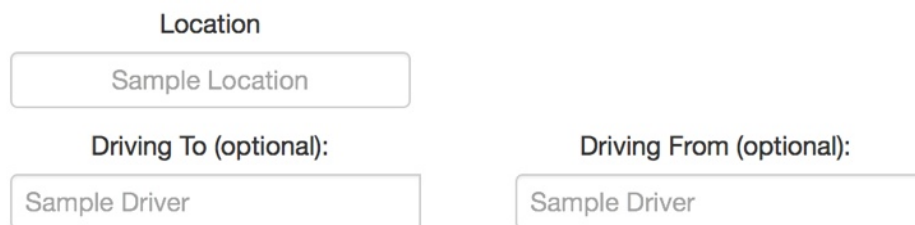


(I did not collaborate with anyone on this assignment)

[CATASTROPHIC] The delete button did not give any feedback that the event was deleted, nor did it offer any warning that the event might be deleted. *(Visibility of system status, Error prevention)*

[MAJOR] The placeholder text in the text boxes is less helpful than it could be. It contains “sample data” rather than meaningful assistance. Placeholder text should be more assistive in nature than serving as an exemplar. *(Help & Documentation)*



Location

Sample Location

Driving To (optional):

Sample Driver

Driving From (optional):

Sample Driver

Figure 1 – Sample data provided in placeholder text.

[COSMETIC] The black text on green background that appears when moving the mouse over the top navigation menu is difficult to read and is inconsistent with the white-on-green aesthetic of the rest of the site. Consider using an alternate shade of green for the background, much like that used for the selected view. *(Aesthetic, Readability)*



Figure 2 – Black on green text appears on mouseover

[MINOR] The color of the selected buttons for “Me,” “Nick,” and “Andy” is bright and draws the eye to the set of buttons, rather than the content (the events in the calendar). The black color for “All” contrasts significantly with the colors of other buttons. *(Consistency & standards, Aesthetic and minimalist design)*

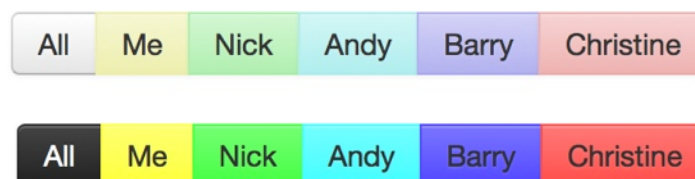


Figure 3 – Unselected and selected buttons for friends and family members.

[MINOR] Entering an American English start or end time results in a spurious time being generated rather than correcting the time to the expected 24 hour standard. *(Consistency & standards, Match the real world)*



Figure 4 – Entering a non-standard start time

[MAJOR] Textboxes in the Edit Event form are aligned inconsistently (see Figure 1). Consider aligning the text of all textboxes to the left. (*Consistency & standards*)

[CATASTROPHIC] When editing an event, no data is loaded about the event. This makes it unclear whether the event is really being edited, or if the data for the event must be re-entered. (*Visibility of system status, Recognition, not recall*)

[CATASTROPHIC] The phrases “Driving To” and “Driving From” are vague and the purpose of these fields is unclear. Users are likely to consider them to mean “destination” and “point of departure” even though the application seems to suggest that they are people to be included as part of a trip. (*Match the real world, Help & documentation*)

A screenshot of a 'New Event' form. The form has a title bar with 'New Event' and a close button. It contains several input fields: 'Event Name' (placeholder 'Event Name'), 'Event Date' (placeholder '11-28-2013' with a calendar icon), 'Start Time' (placeholder '15:30:00' with a clock icon), 'End Time' (placeholder '17:30:00' with a clock icon), 'Location' (placeholder 'location'), 'Driving To (optional):' (placeholder 'Destination'), and 'Driving From (optional):' (placeholder 'A' with a dropdown menu showing 'Ari', 'Alessandro', 'Alexandra', and 'Alex').

Figure 5 – Unclear field names and unintuitive placeholder values.

[MAJOR] The 24-hour mode of the text fields relating to times is inconsistent with the 12-hour (AM/PM) mode of the time editor popups. (*Consistency & standards*)

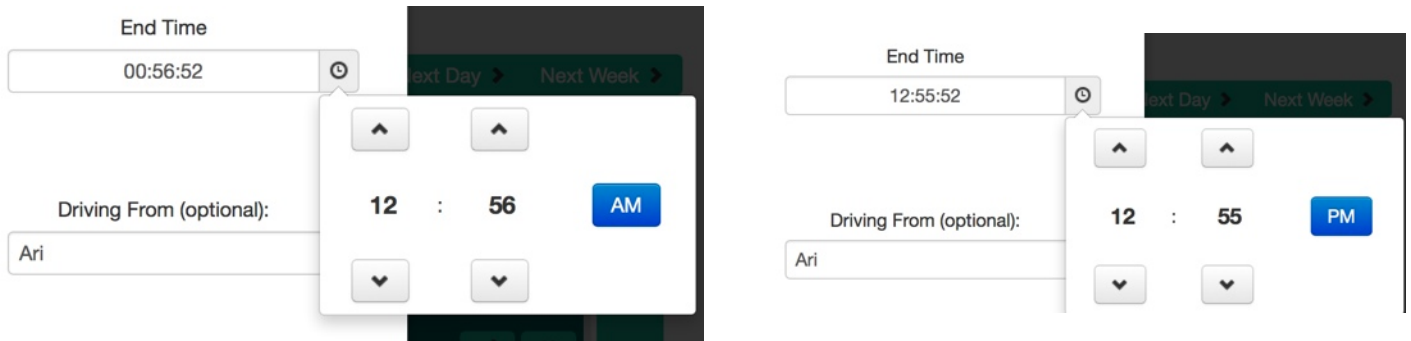


Figure 6 – Inconsistent hour modes.

[Good] The hour and minute of the time editor popup both have affordances to edit them directly. (*User control & freedom, affordances*)

[MINOR] The hour and minute affordances open up a collection of seemingly disorganized values, evidently hours (from 1 to 12) or minutes (in 3 minute intervals from 0 to 57 past the hour). These “choices” are confusing and cluttered (especially the minute selector). I suggest making these into textboxes when clicked. (*Efficiency, Readability*)

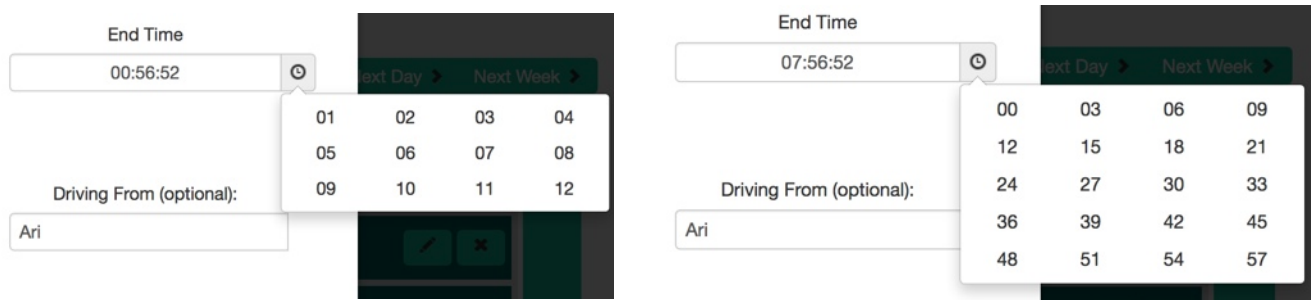


Figure 7 – Time and hour “selectors”

[CATASTROPHIC] Open day columns are unnecessarily wide and tall, making horizontal scanning of event rows difficult and pushing subsequent and previous days to the rows before and after the open day column, making it harder to get to them, or even see the days that are previous to the open day. (See Figure 8) (*Efficiency, learnability, anticipation*)

[Good] The calendar provides an easy mechanism to navigate to other days in line and is externally consistent with the concept of a calendar (See Figure 9) (*Match the real world, Metaphor*)

[Good] Previous and next day/week buttons make it easy to navigate days in sequence. (See Figure 9) (*User control & freedom*)

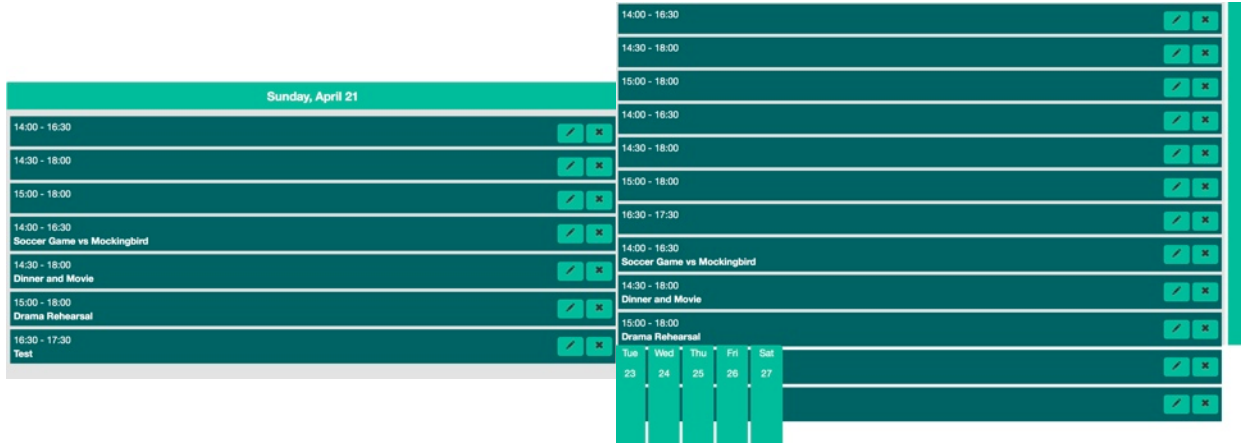


Figure 8 – Poor sizing of event tables

[MAJOR] The date and time fields in the “Edit Event” dialog do not show any icons or allow for custom editors as the “New Event” dialog does (Contrast Figures 5 and 10). (*Consistency & standards, User control & freedom*)

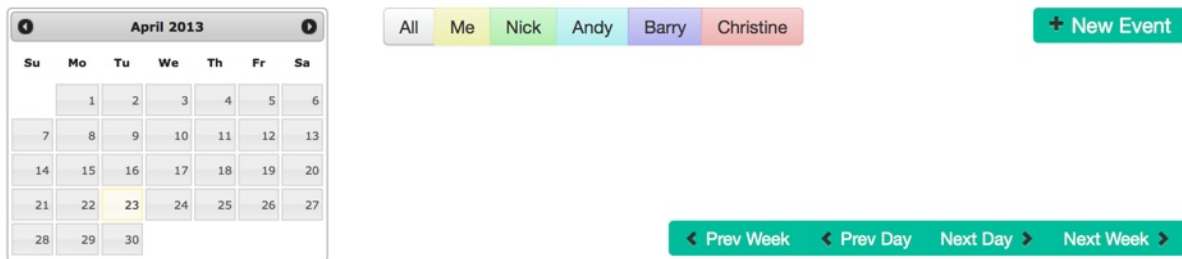


Figure 9 – Use of calendar and navigation buttons

Edit Event ✕

Event Name

Event Date

Start Time

End Time

Location

Driving To (optional):

Driving From (optional):

Figure 10 – A different display for Edit Event.