



Conflict- Free Meetings

A modern solution to meeting room
double bookings.




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Overview

Double bookings stand as the leading cause of meeting room interruptions across organizations worldwide. Yet the solution to this persistent challenge is remarkably straightforward. Meeting room displays—simple digital screens mounted outside each room—have transformed how organizations manage their meeting spaces. The results speak for themselves: complete elimination of double bookings, zero scheduling conflicts, and dramatic reductions in meeting interruptions.

This guide examines:

- Why double bookings persist despite scheduling systems
- How meeting room displays create conflict-free workspaces
- Real-world success story

Why double bookings happen

Double bookings aren't random accidents; they're the predictable result of specific organizational and technological gaps that create perfect conditions for scheduling conflicts. Understanding these root causes is the first step toward implementing effective solutions.

1. Manual booking processes

The reliance on manual booking methods remains surprisingly common, even in otherwise technologically advanced organizations. Whether it's maintaining physical logbooks, sending email requests, or using basic spreadsheets, manual processes introduce multiple failure points:

- Delayed updates between bookings
- No mechanism for conflict detection
- Limited visibility across teams
- Time-consuming booking verification

2. Lack of real-time updates

Without immediate synchronization, meeting room status becomes unreliable. This gap between reality and system status manifests in several ways:

- Cancelled meetings not reflected in the system
- Extended meetings not updated in real-time
- Room availability not accurately displayed
- Changes in one system not propagating to others

3. Human error factors

Even with good systems in place, human factors contribute significantly to double bookings:

- Forgetting to cancel meetings when plans change
- Booking wrong time slots or dates
- Misunderstanding room availability
- Accidentally selecting incorrect rooms

4. Ad-hoc meeting culture

Modern workplaces increasingly embrace spontaneous collaboration, but without proper systems, this creates chaos:

- Impromptu meetings occupying pre-booked spaces
- Teams assuming empty rooms are available
- Last-minute booking attempts without checking availability
- "Just for a few minutes" meetings that extend into others' booked time

How meeting room displays prevent double bookings

Meeting room displays create a powerful first line of defense against scheduling conflicts through a combination of visual cues and smart booking features.

1. **Instant visual status.** Displays show real-time room availability with clear color coding and status indicators, eliminating the need to check multiple calendars or interrupt ongoing meetings.
2. **On-the-go booking.** Touch-screen interfaces enable immediate room reservation when a space is available, instantly syncing across all scheduling systems to prevent duplicate bookings.
3. **Scheduled meetings visibility.** Clear display of upcoming reservations helps teams plan their meetings and ensures current meetings end on time, preventing scheduling conflicts.
4. **Automatic room release.** Smart no-show management automatically frees up rooms after a set period when scheduled meetings don't materialize, maximizing space utilization.
5. **Quick extension options.** When meetings need more time, simple rebooking features allow proper extension of current sessions rather than unofficial overruns that disrupt following bookings.
6. **Real-time updates.** Any schedule changes made through calendar systems instantly appear on the display, ensuring everyone has the latest booking information.
7. **Distance visibility.** Some display models offer additional colored light indicators (green for available, red for occupied) that make room status visible from across the office, helping teams quickly spot available spaces without walking up to each room.

Display solution requirements checklist

Before investing in a meeting room display solution, use this checklist to ensure you're selecting a system that meets all your organization's current and future needs.

Hardware specifications:


- ☑ Energy efficiency
- ☑ Easy mounting options
- ☑ Touch-screen capability
- ☑ Anti-glare screen for clear visibility
- ☑ LED status indicators for distance visibility

Software & integration:

- ☑ Native integration with major calendar systems (Microsoft 365, Google Workspace)
- ☑ Real-time synchronization capabilities
- ☑ API availability for custom integrations

Booking features:

- ☑ On-the-spot room booking capability
- ☑ Meeting extension options
- ☑ Quick room release for no-shows
- ☑ Check-in functionality

 **Pro tip:** During your installation planning, carefully consider power source options. Battery-powered displays allow for quick, flexible mounting with minimal installation costs. Hardwired solutions, while reliable, require electrical work and drilling that can significantly increase both expense and installation complexity.

Results of meeting room display implementation

When organizations implement meeting room displays, the transformation extends far beyond just eliminating double bookings. The ripple effects touch every aspect of workplace operations, creating measurable improvements across multiple metrics.

- **Interruption-free meetings:** Clear digital displays prevent accidental walk-ins and double bookings, allowing teams to focus without disruption.
- **Streamlined space management:** Real-time availability indicators eliminate the need to manually check room status or maintain separate booking systems.
- **Enhanced professional environment:** Digital displays create a modern, organized atmosphere that impresses both employees and visitors.
- **Improved team dynamics:** Without booking conflicts and interruptions, workplace tensions decrease and collaboration improves.
- **Efficient meeting culture:** Teams naturally develop better booking habits with clear visual cues and instant booking capabilities.
- **Optimized space utilization:** Real-time tracking helps organizations understand and improve how their meeting spaces are actually used.
- **Simplified scheduling process:** Integration with existing calendar systems makes booking rooms as easy as scheduling the meeting itself.
- **Reduced administrative burden:** Automated room management eliminates the need for manual booking oversight and conflict resolution.
- **Higher workplace satisfaction:** Removing the stress of finding and securing meeting spaces improves the overall employee experience.
- **Professional client experience:** Clearly marked rooms and smooth meeting transitions create a polished impression for visitors.

Case study: How Oxa eliminated double bookings

Oxa, a leading AI research company with offices in Oxford and London, faced a common challenge in their rapidly growing workspace.

The Challenge: Scheduling conflicts

Despite having sufficient meeting spaces, Oxa's 300-person team struggled with persistent scheduling conflicts. Their initial solution of using Google Calendar alone proved inadequate, leading to frequent double bookings and interruptions. Team members would often extend meetings without updating the system, while others had no clear way to check if rooms were truly available. This created a constant stream of interruptions as people physically checked room availability.

The Solution: Display implementation

To address these challenges, Oxa implemented Joan's meeting room displays throughout their offices. The solution provided real-time visibility of room status through clear visual indicators, seamlessly integrated with their existing Google Calendar system. The displays enabled immediate booking for impromptu meetings and included check-in functionality to prevent no-shows.

The Results: Transformed workplace efficiency

The impact on Oxa's workplace efficiency was immediate and significant. Double bookings became a thing of the past, while meeting interruptions dropped dramatically thanks to clear availability indicators. The system's automatic room release feature optimized space utilization, particularly beneficial for their hybrid workforce.

"Joan has removed a lot of workspace headaches for us," reports Ben Sergeant, Oxa's IT Support Manager. "It's enabling our hybrid workforce and helping us maximize our assets."

Taking the next step

Meeting room displays represent a fundamental shift toward smarter workspace management. When implemented thoughtfully, these systems create a ripple effect of positive changes throughout the organization.

The path to better meeting room management isn't complex; it simply requires the right tools and a commitment to change. With it, double bookings and scheduling conflicts can finally become a thing of the past.

The brand that makes meeting room management effortless

Joan Workplace is the world's leading meeting room booking system powered by ePaper technology. It tackles the key challenges highlighted in this guide with purpose-built, award-winning schedulers that streamline the booking process and deliver immediate value to users from day one.

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