The benefits of room management in the hybrid workplace

In a world full of complicated solutions, we strive towards simplicity. We believe every single office gadget must be designed for everyone to use. Not just for tech-savvy and IT people. Joan is designed to help everyone. From interns to managers and data scientists, everyone will learn and love Joan in a matter of minutes.

Let's start exploring the benefits of implementing room management in the hybrid workplace.

Around the world, employees have been either working from home or working at the office in some restrictive capacity or another. With employees out of the office, or at least unable to meet to the extent they once did, it may seem illogical to even consider implementing a meeting management system.

Yet, what if now was the perfect time to take the plunge?

Benefits of implementing a meeting room management system for the hybrid workplace

Here are the key benefits of implementing a meeting room management system:

— Limit room capacity
— Contact tracing
— Support flexible workspace
— Necessary IT infrastructure updates

Limit Room Capacity

Across the world, companies are in the process of designing their hybrid model offices. As their employees return to the office, a level of social distancing is still in effect. Gatherings, even in the workplace, are limited to few people and will be for some time to come.

With a meeting management system, you can set a limit to how many employees can enter a meeting room per meeting. Keeping gatherings small, even office meetings reduces the risk of a pandemic spreading among the employees.

Contact Tracing

When booking a meeting room, most meeting management systems offer a hub of information on which employees organized and got invited to which meetings. Such details can give you a path to trace possible contaminations within your company and isolate them before they spread the virus.

Support Flexible Workspace

For the past decade, companies have been noticing the benefits of flexible workspaces. More and more employers have embraced remote working, unorthodox meeting spaces, open-office concepts, and more. In fact, it was the companies that had already embraced flexible work environments that fared the best when COVID-19 struck.

Investing in a meeting management system can help keep meetings as flexible as the office space, enabling employees to book and attend on the fly, or find meeting rooms in unconventional office spaces. Also, many meeting management systems help employees remotely find out whether a space is free or not, rather than having multiple people come into contact with the same space just to check.

IT Infrastructure Updates

No doubt, most companies are frantically updating their infrastructure to support remote working or more flexibility in their work environments. In the shadow of COVID-19, companies that don't update their system may fall behind their competitors as they don't transition to a hybrid workplace.

While you're updating your infrastructure, you might as well look ahead to the future. Invest in technology that will help your company thrive when the employees do get back into the office. A meeting management system might be the boost your company needs to come one step ahead in the coming months.

Although a meeting management system won't solve all of your problems, it sure would help. How well each company survives the hybrid workplace model will depend on how well their employees stay connected and on how well the company can communicate within itself. Therefore, iron out your meeting rooms and meeting processes so that your company can rocket through the workplace shift.
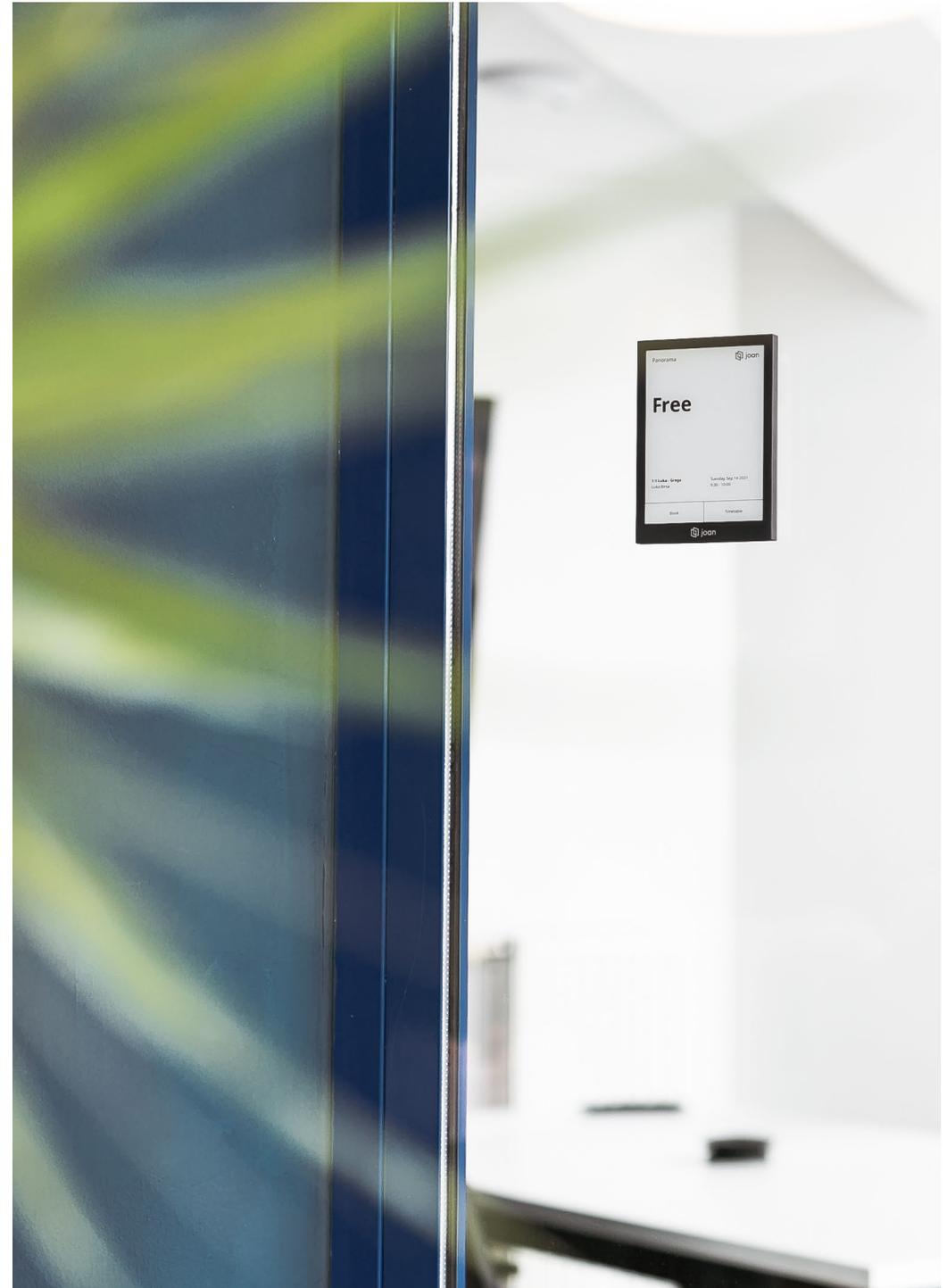
Introducing Joan Room solution

Sustainability, flexibility, security, user-friendliness. These are the main elements that enable Joan to stand out in any crowd of (remotely) similar devices.

Let's explore the features of Joan Room's solution.

It helps to create a well-organized workplace ecosystem

It's no secret that using Joan helps you create a well-organized workplace ecosystem, while substantially cutting costs and reducing the carbon footprint in the process. Then again, there are a few secrets connected to its longevity that simply have to be revealed to current and future users for them to truly appreciate what makes it the best scheduling solution on the planet.

Joan doesn't run out of battery for weeks or even months.

The first secret lies in Joan having advanced, state-of-the-art technology. These rely on servers to do the heavy lifting. Or light lifting in this case. Compared to LCDs, which have to refresh every 30 seconds, a Joan device only reports back to its server every 3 minutes in the form of so-called "heartbeats" to inform it of its status, battery usage, etc. So, Joan doesn't run out of juice for weeks or even months.

E-paper technology

Also, fat client display technologies that use LED or LCD screens, which use up to 99% more energy than Joan's screen, the latter involves the appliance of e-paper. More precisely, E Ink electronic paper. Or secret number two.

What's unique about electronic paper is that an e-ink display will only use power when the image on the screen changes, resulting in it requiring a fraction of the energy usually necessary for a digital signature to work. Why so?

E-paper technology is bistable. This means it's either reflective or non-reflective (black and white). For example, when you flip the page on your Kindle, you use a minuscule amount of energy. The rest of the time, as is the case with Joan, the display will simply show the image you want it to.

The stronger the wireless signal, the longer Joan lives on a single charge

The third secret resides in the invisible force that surrounds us – a.k.a. Wi-Fi. In short, the stronger the wireless signal, the longer Joan lives on a single charge. In long, Wi-Fi network quality and configuration are very important. A noisy Wi-Fi environment with a lot of clients running on low-quality access points will cause more sign reconnects, which means more power is needed to reconnect, reducing the device's lifetime by as much as 70%.

Fortunately, battery lifetime in relation to Wi-Fi can be optimized easily. This can be done via periodic updates, where Joan is on "standby mode" until it's woken up for a pre-scheduled content update. To make sure the Internet is used to their maximum advantage, users can monitor Wi-Fi strength via the Joan portal.

Or, if you opt to use Joan Room with Joan 6 Pro, you can assure top notch internet stability with PoE. With it, you'll also reach the highest levels of security.

When you clock out, so does Joan.

Another factor that has to be taken into account is the working day.
Why make Joan work longer than you do? The "Office hours" setting,
also found in the aforementioned portal, can be used to send Joan
to sleep. Appointing the device to only be active at certain periods
of time further conserves energy consumption.

Joan Room Analytics features

With Joan Room, you get much more than contact tracing. You'll receive
an in-depth overview of all meeting room stats. Joan Room has a full
analytics view that shows managers:

— Room utilization rates
— The number of meetings and meeting hours
— Weekly meeting patterns
— Popular rooms analytics
— Underperforming rooms statistics
— Who books the most meetings
— How many meetings are ghost meetings/no-shows

How does Joan Room fit meeting room booking system industry requirements?

Meet the industry requirements and see how Joan surpasses them.

Synchronization with your existing infrastructure

The adoption of new solutions is not easy. Thus, it has become increasingly important to introduce new solutions that smoothly integrate with the existing infrastructure. When this is not possible, the onboarding process becomes complex and time-consuming, and a major part of the business might not be able to use such a solution. Even SMBs can face extra costs for training, onboarding, and IT implementation.

Instant information

An ever faster lifestyle keeps pushing us towards instant culture. Communication has never been easier and information can almost always be found on the spot. Why would we settle for anything less when it comes to managing our workplace? Wayfinding around the office shouldn't be a struggle, and information on meeting room availability should be found right at the door.

Seamless design

Every office has its own vibe. From minimalistic designs to pop art-ish chairs and lavishing plants. The key to all solutions is to complement the existing company culture. There are two ways to complement it. One is through smooth onboarding and simple use, the other is based on the appearance of the solution. The design needs to be minimalistic, smart, and simple. Without extra buttons and unnecessary functions.

Simplicity

Just like design, the user experience needs to be based on simplicity. Booking systems are used by everyone within your company, from the C-level to your IT and marketing departments. In order to work perfectly, a solution needs to be intuitive and simple to onboard.
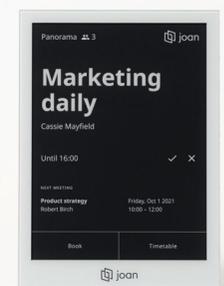
Security

It is necessary to adhere to advanced security protocols and use thin client services in order to protect all company data from outside hacks and leads.

Sustainability

The core of every conscious work environment is in the sustainability of its processes, tools, and solutions. Economy, as a whole, is becoming increasingly aware of the impact we, as human beings, are creating. Individuals need to start with small steps in their personal lives. However, with the majority of days spent in the office, it is important to also strive towards sustainable practices in the workplace.

Joan

is the simplest meeting room booking system

Manage your meeting rooms with Joan 6

Perfect for management of meeting rooms, and huddle spaces. Book them remotely or on the spot. Its case includes LED lights so the screen is clearly visible in any weather and time of the day.

Here are Joan 6 product details

— Integrates with your calendars
— Advanced E Ink® electronic paper
— Ultra low energy architecture
— Easily attachable to any surface without cables.
— High visibility and contrast
— High performance rechargeable battery

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Meet Joan 6 Pro for enterprise-level meeting room management

The next generation, ultra-low-power, touch screen ePaper device, designed for advanced meeting room management of enterprises. Mount it wirelessly with the Smart magnet or use a fully wired PoE dock.
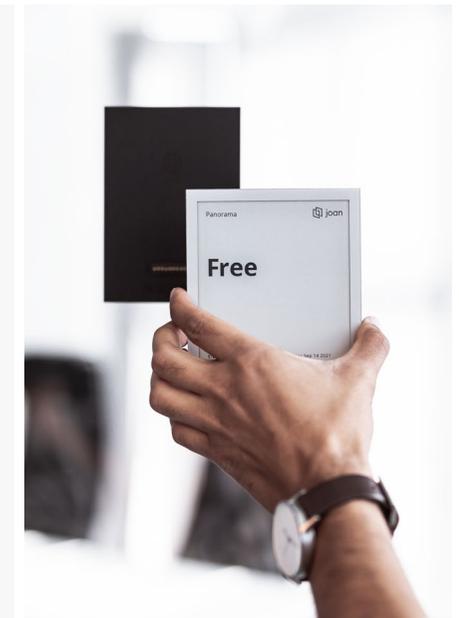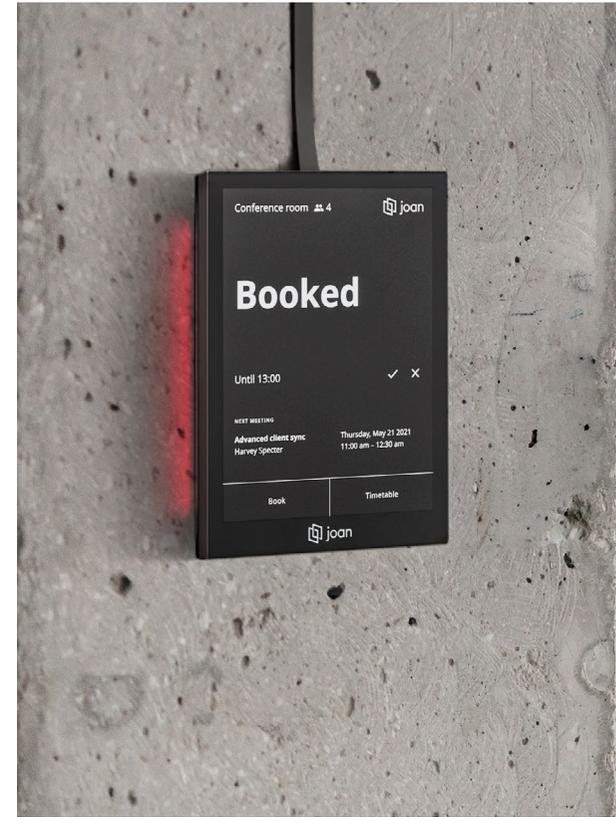
Here are Joan 6 Pro product details

— Joan 6 Pro supports 2.4/5 GHz Wi-Fi dual band standard, and WPA2 Enterprise support.
— Advanced e-ink technology ensures that Joan's battery lasts for months on a single charge.
— Joan 6 Pro is easy to deploy and ready to use in minutes.
— Joan's clear, purposeful, and minimalist design delivers maximum efficiency and unmatched product experience.
— Made of non-polluting materials and energy-efficient production.
— Joan uses 99% less energy than LCD screens and its battery can last for months on just one charge.

Smart Magnet

The smart magnetic mount is assigned to a specific meeting room. Any Joan 6 Pro attached to that magnet will automatically show the specific room information.

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Try Joan Room today

We are offering a free 30-day trial for all first-time users. Once you land on office.getjoan.com, simply create an account and your free trial begins. Now you're ready to upload the office map, add employees, and experience a flexible workplace with no charge.

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