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Team 11 Budget Buddie meeting notes:

Full Team meetings:

9/20/25: After deciding on our idea to do a budgeting application as our project, we had our first meeting outside of class on Discord at night to discuss Lab 4 and our project. It lasted around 30 minutes.

- Notes included: Idea discussion on topic choices, ideas on what the application will be called, how the application is supposed to look in the end, and availability times outside of class
- No name yet; the app will help users track money and suggest ways to be efficient
- Times to meet: after class, Tuesday evenings

9/27/25: We decided on our project name, Budget Buddie. This would be our second meeting with all four of us, and it lasted about 1 hour on a Discord call. 3 of us have jobs and differing schedules, so it's been difficult to fully commit to times when we could work together, especially in person. We used this time to work on lab 5.

- Notes: discussing where we are going to do our code, and if anyone knows Java
- Name fully decided on Budget Buddie
- Our preferred ideal times to meet: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends

9/30/25: We had a meeting in person, all 4 of us in the library at a rare time when we were all completely available, in the middle of the day. It lasted about 40 minutes, and we discussed how we would approach the project and learn Java from one of our team members who knew it. This is where we decided to work on our project on VS Code.

- Everyone downloaded VSCode and learned how to use it
- Learn Java on our own

10/09/25: This would be our 4th meeting together; it was again on Discord late at night, it lasted around 1 hour, and we finished lab 6 and further discussed our project and the beginning stages of it. We learned Java on our own time and also used this time as a review for our upcoming first midterm exam.

10/14/25: We found time at night to meet on this day on Discord. We simply worked on Lab 7 and started to really brainstorm and research how we were going to approach this application.

- By this time, we had our project name, the days we were most likely to meet, and where we were going to do our project (VSCode)

10/19/25: Another meeting on Discord around noon that lasted around an hour and 30 minutes, by far our longest. We worked on our lab, and some of us went over our previous coding assignments to better understand how to approach this assignment. We were all new to Java, so understanding the basics of it and structuring the project was essential before starting. We knew this would be long, so we wanted to fully prepare for it.

10/21/25: We finally managed to have an in-person meeting during the 1 day when we're all on campus and have free time. We got a study room and basically just discussed the project and how we're going to share what we need to do and what we have. This one was brief, like 30 minutes, but helpful. We found that in-person meetings are much more helpful and better than on Discord.

- started coding this week
- gave each other specific tasks to work on

11/01/25: This meeting was on Discord at night and lasted around 2 hours. We started coding the week before, and this meeting was to check what we had. We also used the time to help each other study for our second midterm exam that was coming up.

11/04/25: In-person meeting at the library in the middle of the day lasted about 1 hour. It was a session to check what we had and communicate with each other. We believe during this time that we are heading in the right direction.

11/08/25: We had a Discord meeting that lasted around 1 hour. We reviewed the diagrams that we had completed during this time and looked back on what we needed to follow. We understand that we will need to meet more frequently over the next weeks. We also worked and completed our last lab.

- Set objectives to complete in the next weeks
- Made more time to work together

11/13/25: The progress on our project is looking good. We had an in-person meeting in the middle of the day in the library. We have a problem with our UI and errors, and used this time to figure out what was wrong. We didn't end up fixing it here.

- Setbacks and working together to resolve problems

11/16/25: Discord meeting over the weekend, late at night. We used this time to make a lot of progress. We made sure all of us had a similar code, and we were adding the correct concepts as seen in our diagrams. We each are responsible for certain areas to complete.

- Made so much progress over these 2 weeks that we were confident it would be completed soon

11/18/25: By this time, we have a complete sort of first draft. We added features like themes and the types of categories for someone to choose from when using the application. We had a Discord call late at night. We had many features, like inserting the amount of money someone wants to save and reminders.

- Nearing completion.



11/20/25: We got our program running without errors by this time. We had an in-person meeting in the library in the middle of the day to make sure the code was running for everyone. We managed to “complete” it faster than we thought, before our Thanksgiving break, so it gives us a sigh of relief and saves us from the stress of having to complete it last minute.

- The project is running for everyone
- Completed weeks before due date

11/25/25: We had a Discord call at night to prepare our presentation on Google Slides and assign each other slides to present. It lasted around 30-40 minutes; it was pretty short.

- Google Slides presentation completed with a creative design

The above are meetings where everyone was present. Many times, there were calls between members individually without others, but we didn't take note of those. We communicated well when coding the project. We chatted a lot on Discord when we weren't meeting and exchanging ideas, and checking our work. 3 of us have jobs at different times in our days, which made it very difficult for us to have the number of meeting times you may have wanted, especially in person. We did our best with the time we had available, and we believe we did well, completing the project to our liking and finishing every lab on time. We worked well together, assigned each other lab tasks, and assigned project-specific tasks for us to work on. If anyone was slacking or

didn't do a good job, we held each other accountable. We learned a lot working on this project, and we are thankful for this experience, which will definitely help us in our lives after college.