Edmund Beta Program Information

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Abstract

I am happy to announce that Edmund beta testing is starting! I appreciate you taking the time to beta test my app, and I hope you can get a lot of use out of it! Here is an outline of the app, what to expect, and how you can help me.

Supported Platforms

Edmund is supported on Apple platforms:

1. iOS: 17.6 or later
2. iPadOS: 17.6 or later
3. macOS: 14.4 or later

Note that Edmund is not officially supported on macOS 26, iOS 26, or iPadOS 26. These are still in beta versions, and any cosmetic bugs will not be considered for these platforms until they are officially released. Any programmatic bugs will be considered as normal.

Current App Limitations

1. Edmund DOES NOT support undo and redo. This feature is surprisingly difficult to implement, and I had to compromise on it for the first few versions. It will be coming on.
2. Edmund DOES NOT sync with other apple devices. This means that if you made data on one device, it will not show up on the other. When beta testing, please choose one device to use. This feature will be added later on.
3. Edmund DOES NOT support import and export. Importing is a complex topic with the way that data is stored in Edmund, and I would rather “do it right” than just have something there. It will be added later on.

Future Versions

The first version of this beta will not contain a complete help guide. It will be released in the next beta release (Version 1.0.3).
iCloud, Undo/Redo, and Import/Export will be coming within the next major version (1.1.*)

Bugs & Feature Requests

Submitting Feedback

To submit feedback/bugs to Edmund, please follow these instructions (based on platform):

1. iOS/iPadOS: Navigate to the home screen. Press the help button (?), and press Report a Bug (🐞) or Request a feature (💡). These will open up the corresponding google forms to submit your feedback. Note: You must have a google account to submit a bug or request a feature.

2. macOS: On the menu bar, press Help -> Report a bug… or Help -> Request a feature…. These will take you to the google forms to submit your feedback. Note: you must have a google account to submit a bug or request a feature.

Known Bugs

Here is a list of bugs that have been found, and have not been resolved yet.

Platform(s)	Bug
macOS, iOS, iPadOS	When duplicating a budget, after the screen switches to editing that budget, there will be duplicate elements for the same things. These do not actually exist. Press cancel or save, and then go back into edit mode, and they will be gone.

App Overview

Common Themes

1. Adding (+), editing (⁄), inspecting (ⓘ), and deleting (🗑): The common operations on any list of data. Editing is used to modify the currently selected data (only one item at a time), while inspecting is for looking at all properties in a isolated context. Deleting can be applied any number of data elements.
   1. **NOTE ON DELETING**: Deleting cannot be undone. If some data has other data attached to it (Accounts have sub accounts, sub accounts have transactions…), EVERYTHING will be deleted together.
2. Close look (🔍): When using forms that take in a lot of data, or present a lot of data, there will be a "close look" option. This is similar to inspecting or deleting. Some examples of forms that have a close look are budget tools, income dividing tools, and auditing tools. To access the close look, either right click/press and hold to open the menu, and then press "Close Look". For iOS and iPadOS (in compact mode) only, you can swipe from right to left, and press the green magnifying glass button to close look.
3. Refreshing: On some tools (balance sheet, bills, etc.), there is a refresh button. It is used to reload the data being presented, as it cannot be directly loaded all the time. However, most of the time, the forms will automatically reload when they detect changes to their data. You will hardly need to press this button, but it is there just in case. Refresh always presents as a small ↻ symbol.
4. "Edit" button: On iOS & iPadOS, there will also be an additional edit button for any list of data. This displays as a literal "Edit" button. It is used to go into multi select mode for the list of data, and for some lists, allow for deleting & rearranging.
5. In window help (?⃝): Opens the help topic/topics related to that specific form. This will be more widespread after the next beta.
6. Chart (◷): On some forms (bills, income divider, etc.), there is an additional chart. This will visualize part of the data.
7. Sort & Filter (☰): On some forms, you have the option to sort and filter through the data. This will be accessed through that menu.
8. Save (✓) and Cancel (✕): On the Budget and Income Divider forms, you can edit data within the window (not in a popup). To save, press the check mark, and to cancel press the x mark. If the save fails, it will not exit edit mode. Note that when these forms are in edit mode, you will not be able to navigate to other parts of the UI.
   1. **NOTE:** If you are not able to save or cancel, and the UI is "locked", please report this bug. Be sure to explain what happened leading up to that moment.

Pages & Functionality

Here is a list of the pages & what they are used for.

1. Home - A page to display simplified data for your finances. On iOS/iPadOS, this is also where you can access the help menu, settings menu, and bug/feature request form.
2. Ledger - Where all of your transactions reside. You add transactions here, and can view all of your previous transactions (sorted by date & date added).
    1. To add transactions using the templates, press the add button (+), and select what template you would like. Please see the list of transaction templates below to see what each one does.
3. Balance Sheet - A compiled list of balances by all accounts & sub accounts.
4. Auditor - A tool used to verify the balances of your accounts.
    1. Accounts Audit - Used to verify the balances of normal accounts. You put in the balance from your bank, and it will tell you how far off you are.
    2. Credit Card Audit - Used to verify the balances of credit cards. Since credit cards have an "available credit" that tells you your ACTUAL balance, you put in that number to the form. It will compute how far off your ledger is from the true account balance.
5. Bills - A series of tools for managing all subscriptions, bills, and utilities.
    1. Subscriptions usually can be canceled at any time, bills are usually enforced, and utilities are variable price. Utilities contain "datapoints", which are the amount that you paid each time the utility came due.
    2. Note that the upcoming date for the bill/utility is computed from the start date, optional end date, and period of the bill. Edmund is not perfect, so if that bill/utility has random dates to be charged, Edmund will not predict it.
6. Budget - A set of tools to help you manage your income, your spending goals, and your savings goals per month.
7. Income Divider - A tool to help you split up income to many sub accounts.
8. Jobs - A tool to track your jobs, paychecks, and wages.
9. Accounts - A form for keeping all of your accounts, their kinds, and where they are located.
    1. To access sub accounts, right click any one account, and press "Sub Accounts". Or, open the inspector for the account, and press "Sub Accounts".
10. Categories - A list of all categories and sub categories. These are used to group transactions together.
    1. Note that any category/sub category that cannot be modified will have a lock (🔒) next to it. These are required for Edmund to fill out transactions using its templates, and cannot be modified.

Transaction Templates

Edmund provides a set of templates for filling out transactions, to help aid with manual entry. Here is a list of them:

1. Basic:
    1. Simple Transaction: A transaction that all elements are filled out manually.
    2. Composite Transaction: A transaction that contains multiple values added together as the total.
        1. For example, consider if I got lunch three times. These cost me $10, $12, and $14. I could enter in three transactions, but at the end of the day, they all have the same category and account. Therefore, I can use composite transaction to roll those together (Edmund will add up the total to be $36), and the transaction will contain that total.
    3. (macOS only) Batch Transactions: Enter multiple transactions at one time in a table format. It is the same as simple transaction, but many at one time.
2. Bill Payment
    1. Subscription & Bill: Pay a specific subscription or bill. You select which one you are paying, and it will pull up the amount automatically for you.
    2. Utility: Record that you paid a utility bill with a specific amount. Edmund will add that data point to the utility's data points automatically (unless you tell it not to)
3. Income

    1. Personal Loan: You loaned someone money, or they payed you back.
    2. Misc. Income: You got money from something other than your job, and want to include it in your ledger.
    3. Refund: You got a refund from a company.
    4. Balance Correction: Adjust the balance of a specific account to a set balance.
        1. Use set amount to modify the balance of the account by a flat value.
        2. Use balance goal to set the balance of the account to that new balance goal.
    5. Initial Balance: Start off your ledger by adding a starting balance to a sub account.
4. Transfer
    1. One to One: Move money from one sub account to another.
    2. One to Many: Move money from one sub account to at least one other one.
    3. Many to One: Move money from many sub accounts into one sub account.
    4. Many to Many: Move money from many sub accounts to many other sub accounts. This is very rare and you will probably not have to use it.

Note that you access template from the Ledger, by pressing (+). On macOS only, you can go to menu bar -> Ledger -> Transaction templates to open the templates as well.

First Time Setup

Here is a guide on what to do when you first get the app & are ready to set it up for your personal budgeting.

- Step 1: Set up Accounts & Sub Accounts
    - There are where your money will be stored. Add all accounts, credit cards, cash, etc., that you want to use.
        - Accounts cannot share the same name. If your name is not unique, Edmund will reject it.
    - Note that you cannot add transactions directly to accounts, you must have at least one sub account.
    - To add a sub account, right click an account, and press “Sub Accounts”. This will pull up a list that you can edit. Sub accounts, under a parent account, cannot have the same name. If you add a new one, and try to make a duplicate name, Edmund will reject it.
- Step 2: Set up Categories & Sub Categories
    - These are used to group transactions together, and to track spending within budgets.
    - To add a category, press the add button, and choose Category. Enter in a unique name, and submit.
    - To add a sub account, click add, and choose sub category. You need to choose a parent category, and a name. The name must be unique under the parent category.
- Step 3: Set up Bills, Utilities, and Subscriptions
    - Navigate to the bills page. Here you can review all of your bills data.
    - Click the add button, and choose which kind of bill you want to create.
        - For all kinds: The start date, end date, and period determine when the next due date will occur. If your bill comes out on the first of each month, please ensure that the first date starts on the first day. Edmund will do the math for you.
        - Bills, Subscriptions, and Utilities, all together, are unique by their name, company, and location. If those three values together are not unique, Edmund will reject the bill.
        - For utilities: Please enter in the data points that you have so far.
        - For subscriptions/bills: Please ensure that the kind at the bottom of the form is correct.
    - Step 4: Set up ledger:
        - Using the sub accounts & accounts you created earlier, you can start adding transactions and balances. To do this, press the add button, navigate to income, and select initial balance.
            - This is so that you can set a starting balance for the account

    - Note, it might be smart to choose the previous month's last day as the date of the initial balance. This is so that it will not interfere with the budget when you create it.
- Optional step 5: Set up Budget:
  - Navigate to budget.
  - Press add, select the current year and current month.
  - Once it is created, it will open in edit mode.
    - From here, put in your income, spending goals, and savings goals. Edmund will compute your progress in these goals as you add transactions.

If you have any questions, or something is not clear, please do not hesitate to reach out!