

BudgetWise – Final Project Report



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1. Introduction

BudgetWise is a modern, responsive web application designed to help users manage personal budgets and expenses efficiently. Built with React and Vite, it offers a seamless user experience, robust data handling, and clear financial visualization—all within the browser.

2. Project Objectives

- Enable users to create, manage, and delete multiple budgets.
- Allow categorization and tracking of expenses.
- Provide visual insights into spending habits.
- Ensure data privacy by storing all information locally.
- Deliver a clean, intuitive, and responsive UI.

3. Technology Stack

- **Frontend:** React, Vite, React Router DOM

- **Styling:** CSS, SVG
 - **Notifications:** React Toastify
 - **Data Persistence:** LocalStorage
 - **Deployment:** GitHub Pages
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4. System Architecture

- **Component-Based:** Modular React components for scalability and maintainability.
 - **Routing:** Nested routes using React Router for dashboard, budgets, expenses, and error handling.
 - **State Management:** Local state and browser localStorage for persistence.
 - **Actions & Loaders:** Data fetching and mutation handled via route loaders and actions.
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5. Features Overview

- **User Onboarding:** Simple, guided introduction for first-time users.
 - **Budgets:** Create unlimited budgets with custom names and limits.
 - **Expenses:** Add expenses, assign to budgets, and categorize.
 - **Dashboard:** Overview of all budgets, spending progress, and quick actions.
 - **Expense Table:** Detailed view of all expenses with filtering.
 - **Budget Details:** Drill-down into individual budgets and their expenses.
 - **Data Persistence:** All data stored securely in browser localStorage.
 - **Notifications:** Real-time feedback for user actions.
 - **Error Handling:** Friendly error pages for navigation and data issues.
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6. User Experience & UI

- **Responsive Design:** Works seamlessly on desktop and mobile.
 - **Visual Feedback:** Progress bars, charts, and toast notifications.
 - **Accessibility:** Keyboard navigation and semantic HTML.
 - **Branding:** Custom logo, color palette, and SVG illustrations.
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7. Routing & Code Structure

Routing Example (from `App.jsx`):

```
let router = createHashRouter([
  {
    path: "/",
    element: <Main/>,
    loader: mainLoader,
    errorElement: <Error/>,
    children: [
      {
        index: true,
        path: "/",
```

```
        element: <Dashboard/>,
        loader: dashboardLoader,
        action: dashboardAction,
        errorElement: <Error/>
    },
    {
        path: "budget/:id",
        element: <BudgetPage/>,
        loader: budgetLoader,
        action: budgetAction,
        errorElement: <Error/>,
        children: [
            { path: "delete", action: deleteBudget }
        ]
},
{
    path: "expenses",
    element: <ExpensesPage/>,
    loader: expensesLoader,
    action: expensesAction,
    errorElement: <Error/>
},
{
    path: "/logout",
    action: logoutAction,
    errorElement: <Error/>
},
{
    path: "/about",
    element: <h1>About</h1>,
    errorElement: <Error/>
}
],
},
{
    path: "*",
    errorElement: <Error/>
}
]);
});
```

Directory Structure:

```
src/
├ actions/
├ assets/
├ components/
├ layouts/
├ pages/
└ App.jsx
└ helpers.js
└ index.css
└ main.jsx
```

8. Data Management

- **LocalStorage:** All budgets and expenses are stored in the browser, ensuring privacy and offline access.
- **Helpers:** Utility functions for CRUD operations on budgets and expenses.
- **Actions/Loaders:** Used for data fetching and mutations in route-based components.

9. Testing & Quality Assurance

- **Manual Testing:** All user flows tested across Chrome, Firefox, and Edge.
- **Responsiveness:** Verified on multiple screen sizes.
- **Error Handling:** Simulated error states for robust user experience.
- **Code Quality:** Modular, reusable components and clear separation of concerns.

10. Deployment

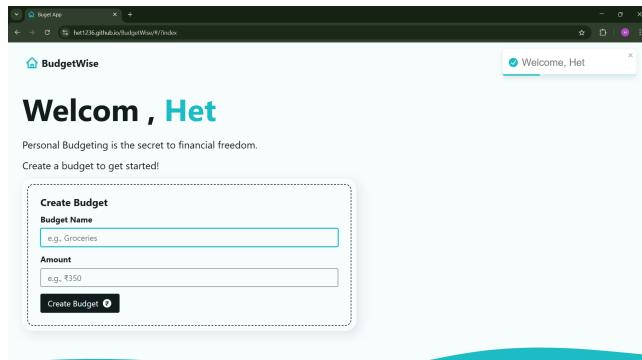
- **Build Tool:** Vite for fast builds and hot reloading.
- **Hosting:** Deployed on GitHub Pages.
- **Deployment Steps:**

```
npm run build
npm run deploy
```

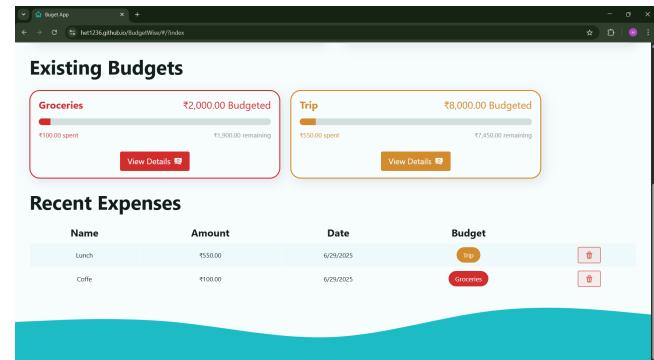
- **Live Demo:** [BudgetWise Live](#)

11. Screenshots & Demo

Starting Page



Dashboard View



Budget Card

All Expenses

Budget Card

The screenshot shows the 'Trip Overview' section with a budget of ₹8,000.00, where ₹50.00 has been spent, leaving ₹7,450.00 remaining. Below it is the 'Trip Expenses' section, which lists a single entry for 'Lunch' at ₹50.00 on 6/29/2025. A modal window titled 'Add New Trip Expenses' is open, prompting for 'Expense Name' (e.g., Coffee) and 'Amount' (e.g., 350), with a 'Add Expense' button.

All Expenses

The screenshot displays a table of 'Recent Expenses' with two entries: 'Coffe' at ₹100.00 on 6/29/2025 under the 'Groceries' budget, and 'Lunch' at ₹50.00 on 6/29/2025 under the 'App' budget. Below the table is a large teal-colored wavy bar chart representing spending trends.

Demo Video:

[Watch Demo](#)

12. Challenges & Learnings

- Routing Complexity:** Implementing nested routes and error boundaries for a seamless experience.
- State Persistence:** Ensuring data integrity with localStorage and React state.
- UI Consistency:** Maintaining a clean, accessible, and responsive design.
- Feedback Loops:** Providing instant feedback for all user actions.

13. Future Scope

- Export budget reports as PDF/CSV.
- Date-based filtering and analytics.
- Advanced charts and graphs for spending insights.
- User authentication and cloud sync (Firebase).
- Multi-device support and PWA features.

14. Conclusion

BudgetWise demonstrates a practical, user-centric approach to personal finance management using modern web technologies. The project showcases skills in React, state management, UI/UX design, and deployment best practices.

15. Acknowledgments

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