

PERSONAL EXPENSE TRACKER

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1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Personal finance entails all the financial decisions and activities that a Finance app makes your life easier by helping you to manage your finances efficiently. A personal finance app will not only help you with budgeting and accounting but also give you helpful insights about money management.

Personal finance applications will ask users to add their expenses and based on their expenses wallet balance will be updated which will be visible to the user. Also, users can get an analysis of their expenditure in graphical forms. They have an option to set a limit for the amount to be used for that particular month if the limit is exceeded the user will be notified with an email alert.

1.2 PURPOSE:

The purpose of the system is to enable a user to track all his expenses. The application will serve as a platform for the user to manage his expenses and will also be able to view his expenses.

The developed system must help a user to properly manage his financial expenses by alerting the user when the expenses limit has been exceeded. Thus the system will help a user to properly manage his expenses.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY:

2.1 EXISTING PROBLEM:




There has always been the problem of managing financial expenses of a person. Most of us tend to forget the expenses that we do and at the end of the month are left with no clue of our expenses.

Even though the conventional way of maintaining accounts of our expenses, it is not practical to follow the same approach in the current fast moving world.

Also maintaining accounts itself has a lot of problems, it can be missed or damaged or human mistakes can occur while doing the accounts.

Our proposed solution is to develop a software based system which overcomes all of the above problems and can effectively help a person to maintain his expenses in a much simpler way.

2.2 REFERENCES:

| | PROS | CONS |
|---|---|--|
|  | Free to use Integrate bank account and credit card Customized alerts | Expenses are assigned to wrong category |
|  | Good for beginner Customized alerts | Paid Manually enter the transactions |
|  | Integrate bank account and credit card + crypto wallets Customized alerts | Paid Expenses are assigned to wrong category Less categorization icons |

2.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT DEFINITION:

The developed Personal finance applications will ask users to add their expenses and based on their expenses wallet balance will be updated which will be visible to the user.

Also, users should be able to get an analysis of their expenditure. The users should also have an option to set a limit for the amount to be used for that particular month if the limit is exceeded the user will be notified

with an email alert.


3. IDEATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION:

3.1 EMPATHY MAP CANVAS:



3.2 IDEATION AND BRAINSTORMING:

Template



Brainstorm & idea prioritization

Personal Expense Tracker

🕒 10 minutes to prepare
🕒 1 hour to collaborate
👤 2-8 people recommended

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1

Define your problem statement
What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.
🕒 5 minutes

Problem

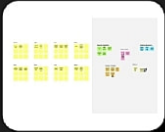
How might we help the users plan their budget?

How might we help the user's family to track each other spending

How might we help the users to track different kind of expenses?

How might we crosscheck the amount entered is correct or the buget is calculated correct?

how might we manually enter the amount???



Need some inspiration?
See a finished version of this template to kickstart your work.
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Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

2

Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

⌚ 10 minutes

Naveen & Balasubramaian

Can send message notification to the user

Can integrate with crypto hardware wallets

Recommendation of some Youtube channels in the dashboard about saving money.

Better UI and UX for users

Various themes in the app

Can integrate with UPI

Bebin

security

offer tips to lower expenses

monitor transactions

allocate budget based on each location

Dhivyaa

Easy Accessibility

Well Categorization of the Expenses

Integrate Any wallets like paytm Amazon

Figure out ways to cut back on your spending

Reduced turnaround time and faster reimbursements

set budget for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly

Ashik

integrate multiple bank accounts

allow to enter manually

List the categories to categorize the spendings

One account for multiple users (especially when it comes to family)

Weekly/monthly reports (even comparison of different monthly spendings)

Customization of categories based on the user needs



3

Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. In the last 10 minutes, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you can break it up into smaller sub-groups.

🕒 20 minutes

Integration

- Can integrate with UPI
- integrate multiple bank accounts
- Can integrate with crypto hardware wallets
- Integrate Any wallets like Paytm, Amazon

Experience

- Better UI and UX for users
- monitor transactions
- Various themes in the app
- Easy Accessibility
- Reduced turnaround time and faster reimbursements

Alerts

- Can send message notification to the user

Categorization

- List the categories to categorize the spendings
- Customization of categories based on the user needs
- Well Category the Expenses
- allocate budget based on each location

Awareness

- offer tips to lower expenses
- Recommendation of some Youtube channels in the dashboard about saving money.
- Figure out ways to cut back on your spending
- allocate budget based on each location

Customization

- set budget for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly

Insights/Reports

- Weekly/monthly reports (even comparison of different monthly spendings)

Others

- allow to enter manually
- security

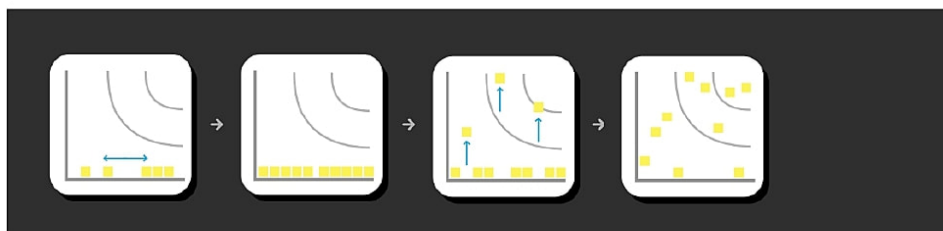
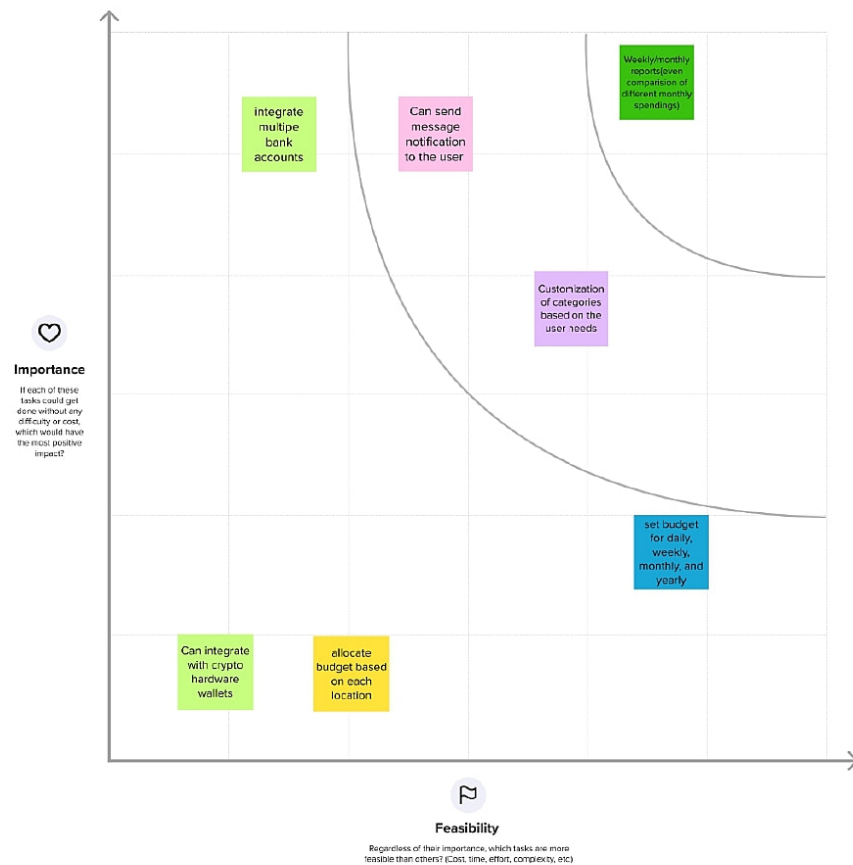


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Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

🕒 20 minutes



3.3 PROPOSED SOLUTION:

| S.No. | Parameter | Description |
|-------|---|--|
| 1. | Problem Statement (Problem to be solved) | All people in the earning sector needs a way to manage their financial resources and track their expenditure, so that they can improve and monitor their spending habits. This makes them understand the importance of financial management and makes them better decisions in the future. |
| 2. | Idea / Solution description | An application developed for tracking the user expense based on his/her expenditures. The user creates separate section for each expense and track all his expenses incurred. It is user friendly application for people who can't keep on calculating every expense manually. |
| 3. | Novelty / Uniqueness | The uniqueness in expense tracker app is all based on its security, financial motivations and suggestions, record every expense and controls the inflow and outflow of money. |
| 4. | Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction | It gains customer satisfactory by identifying and eliminating wasteful spending habits in their financial life. More-over it creates an impact on how much of average money is being wasted on unwanted expenses and leads finally to debt. |
| 5. | Business Model (Revenue Model) | We are using the Subscription based model. This model looks at offering a consistent service to a consumer at a monthly fee. The benefits of this model are that you know on an ongoing basis how money should make each month. |
| 6. | Scalability of the Solution | The scalability of the application depends on security, the working of the application even during when the network gets down etc.. |

3.4 PROBLEM SOLUTION FIT:

Project Title: Project – Personal Expense Tracker Application

Project Design Phase-I - Solution Fit Template

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Define CS, fit into CC

1. CUSTOMER SEGMENT(S) CS

Working and earning people who spend on a daily basis.

Extravagant spender or frequent traveler.

Calculative and young adults who are just beginning to earn and handle expenses.

Old people to keep track of when, where and how much they spend.

6. CUSTOMER CONSTRAINTS CC

Daily habitual tracking.

Available and awareness of technology to make this possible.

Tardiness even on notification or fear of losing their personal spending information.

5. AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS AS

Tracking expenses through pen and paper is an alternative but its not that safe or effective.

Random notes lack consistency and there is no proper order or exact details when needed.

Calculations done manually and there is no proper record of consolidated effect of spending habits to reflect and improve upon.

Explore AS, differentiate

Focus on J&P, tap into BE, understand RC

2. JOBS-TO-BE-DONE / PROBLEMS J&P

Way to notify on time while the budgeting limit they set exceed so that they can be aware of their expenses.

Users can get an analysis of their spending habits to improve upon.

As there is a way for well recorded and documented records they can better manage and invest into newer fields.

An application can easily manage the calculations and tracking than doing it manually

9. PROBLEMS ROOT CAUSE RC

Users especially in the earning sector need to manage their finance in a better way for long term needs and benefits so that they do not accidentally fall in debt.

People need to know when and how much they spend as there are so many ways and sources for spending in today's world.

Keeping track of cash flow is essential for basic money management, and future planning.

7. BEHAVIOUR BE

Find a proper system to keep track of their expenses and make it a daily habit to keep track and analyze their spending's manually.

People have to make time and overcome tardiness to put in the effort and reflect upon their financial choices.

Focus on J&P, tap into BE, understand RC

Identify strong TR & EM

3. TRIGGERS TR

Seeing other people effectively manage money and leading comfortable lives.

People who are financially stable and successful, better life choices made possible with minimal effort and careful spending.

4. EMOTIONS: BEFORE / AFTER EM

Before:

Chaotic and freaked or overwhelmed by their situation and expenses, unable to track and control.

After:

In control and confident and more aware of their situations.

Stress free and planned and settled.

10. YOUR SOLUTION SL

Users need an effective way to monitor and keep track of their expenses and cash flow and this app helps them to achieve that.

Constant notifications and updates and being able to view their records and analyze gives user the control over their finance.

Budgeting and tracking become an easy process when its grouped together in a particular place where they can better plan accordingly.

8. CHANNELS OF BEHAVIOUR CH

8.1 ONLINE

They monitor and analyze for better options and improve their finance

8.2 OFFLINE

Be more aware and stable to make better financial decisions

Identify strong TR & EM

4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

| FR No. | Functional Requirement (Epic) | Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task) |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|
| FR-1 | Dash Board Panel | This shows the overview of the app and the features Included by navigating . |
| FR-2 | User Registration | Registration through Form Registration through Gmail Registration through LinkedIN |
| FR-3 | User Confirmation | Confirmation via Email Confirmation via OTP |
| FR-4 | Add Bank Account | Add your bank. Give the necessary details for tracking the expense flow. |
| FR-5 | Tracking Flow | App will keep on track the user expenses inflow and outflow. If It exceeds alerts the user. |
| FR-6 | Expense Planner | Plan according to the amount spent in previous month and it gives a clear graph about the expenditure. It gives an idea how to manage the expenses. |
| FR-7 | Notification | User receives notification either via mail or phone number when the limit set is exceeded. |

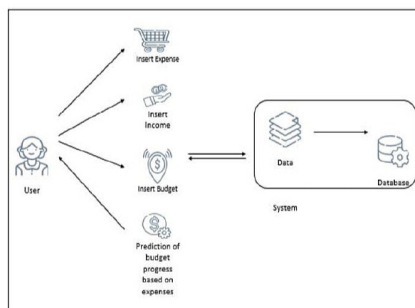
4.2 NON FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

| FR No. | Non-Functional Requirement | Description |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| NFR-1 | Usability | How easy user interfaces are to use and improving ease-of-use during the design process |
| NFR-2 | Security | As the users are giving their personnel info and banking info it should be secure from the attacker. |
| NFR-3 | Reliability | Tells about the Service that is performed by the application intended to how much period of time or which will operate without failure |
| NFR-4 | Performance | Indicates how the app is functioning and how responsive the app is to end user. |
| NFR-5 | Availability | Is the extent to which an application is operational ,functional and usable to the user |
| NFR-6 | Scalability | Scalability of the application depends on security ,the working of the application even during when the networks gets down etc.... |

5 PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 DATA FLOW DIAGRAMS

Example: (Simplified)



Example: DFD Level 0 (Industry Standard)

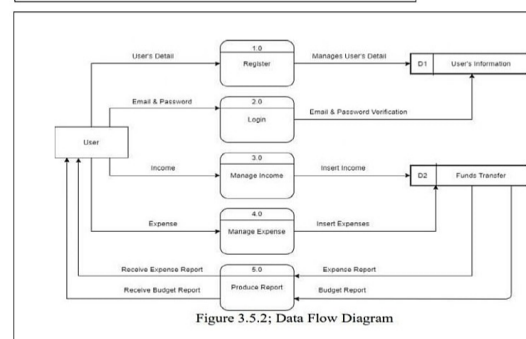
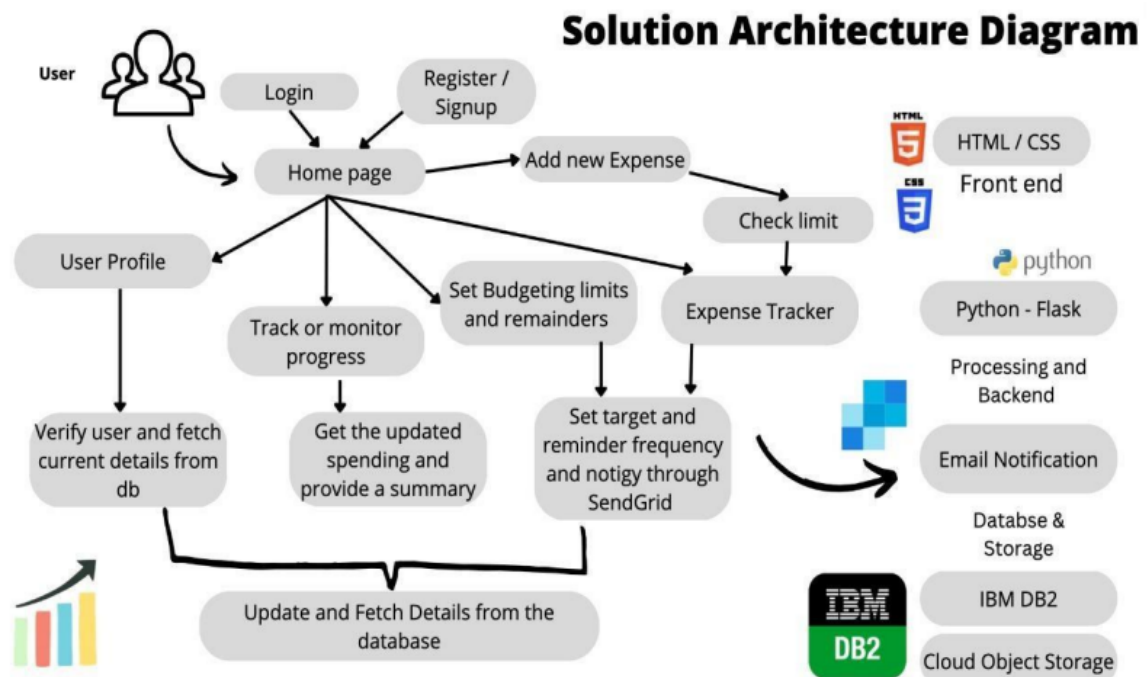


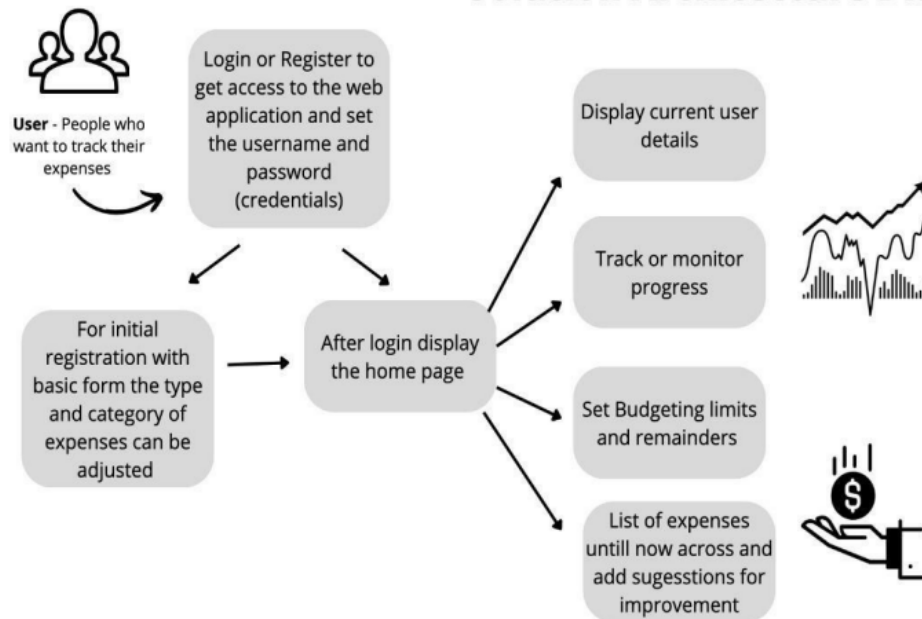
Figure 3.5.2: Data Flow Diagram

5.2 SOLUTION AND TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE:



User can login if he/she already have an account else need to create an account by signing in . Homepage contains information about expenses and profile of the user . so based upon the user expense application will set a limit of the amount to be used in a month.

Solution Architecture Diagram



Folks who need to keep track on their expense can use this app by registering and keep monitor on their progress . Which will be helpful to shallow their spending.

5.3 USER STORIES:

User Stories

Use the below template to list all the user stories for the product.

| User Type | Functional Requirement (Epic) | User Story Number | User Story / Task | Acceptance criteria | Priority | Release |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|---|--|----------|----------|
| Customer (Mobile user) | Registration | USN-1 | As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password. | I can access my account / dashboard | High | Sprint-1 |
| | | USN-2 | As a user, I will receive confirmation email once I have registered for the application | I can receive confirmation email & click confirm | High | Sprint-1 |
| | | USN-3 | As a user, I can register for the application through Mobile number | I can register & access the dashboard with Mobile number | Low | Sprint-2 |
| | | USN-4 | As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail | I can access my account through gmail account | Medium | Sprint-1 |
| | Login | USN-5 | As a user, I can log into the application by entering email & password | I can receive login confirmation and login credentials | High | Sprint-1 |
| | Dashboard | USN-6 | As a user, can access dashboard my to manage my expenses. | Overall credit outlook | Low | Sprint-1 |
| Customer (Web user) | Web User | USN-7 | As a Customer, can access the application using the web based platform also | Can have separate web page form | Medium | Sprint-2 |
| Customer Care Executive | Expense Management | | As a Customer care Executive, Periodically update and maintains expense application | Can have the login access when Admin permits | High | Sprint-1 |
| Administrator | Creates and Makes the application into use | | As a administrator, is responsible for every expense count management. | I can have the direct access to the application | High | Sprint-2 |

6 PROJECT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

6.1 SPRINT DELIVERY AND ESTIMATION:

| SPRINT | FUNCTI ONAL REQUIRE MENT | USER STORY NUMBER | USER STORY / TASK | STORY POINTS | PRIORI TY | TEAM MEMBE RS |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|---|
| Sprint 1 | Login, registrati on | USN 1 | As a user I can register and access the applicati on | 25 | Medium | - Ashik - Dhivyaa - Bebin - Naveen - Balasubr amania |

| | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|----|--------|--|
| Sprint 2 | Adding, viewing expenses | USN 2 | As a user, I can add and view my expenses | 25 | High | - Ashik - Dhivyaa - Bebin - Naveen - Balasubramanian |
| Sprint 3 | Wallet management, Sending alert | USN 3 | As a user, I can access my wallet and get an alert when expenses are above limit | 25 | High | - Ashik - Dhivyaa - Bebin - Naveen - Balasubramanian |
| Sprint 4 | Containing and deploying application | USN 4 | As a user I can access my application effectively from any device. | 25 | Medium | - Ashik - Dhivyaa - Bebin - Naveen - Balasubramanian |

6.2 SPRINT DELIVERY AND SCHEDULE:

| Sprint | Total Story Points | Duration | Sprint Start Date | Sprint End Date (Planned) | Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date) | Sprint Release Date (Actual) |
|----------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Sprint 1 | 20 | 6 Days | 24 Oct 2022 | 29 Oct 2022 | 20 | 31 Oct 2022 |
| Sprint 2 | 20 | 6 Days | 31 Oct 2022 | 05 Nov 2022 | 20 | 05 Nov 2022 |
| Sprint 3 | 20 | 6 Days | 07 Nov 2022 | 12 Nov 2022 | 20 | 12 Nov 2022 |
| Sprint 4 | 20 | 6 Days | 14 Nov 2022 | 19 Nov 2022 | 20 | 19 Nov 2022 |

6.3 REPORTS FROM JIRA:

Velocity

Sprint Duration - 6 Days

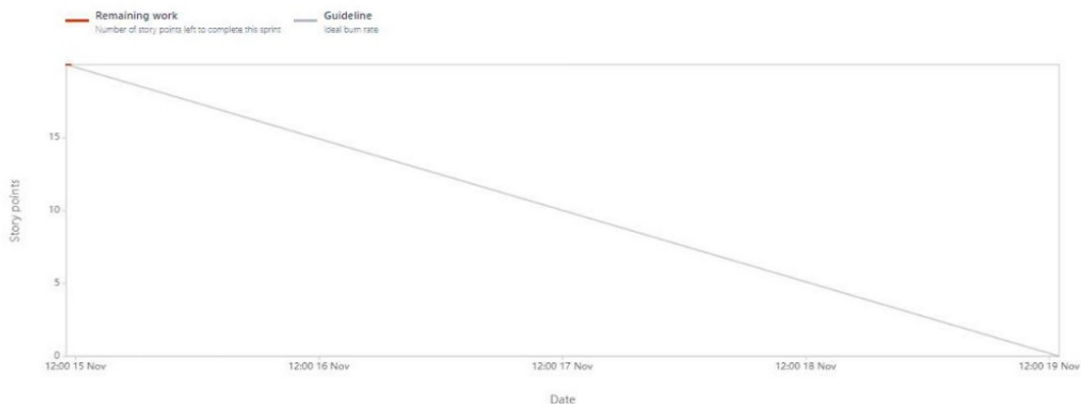
Velocity of the Team - 20 (points per sprint)

Team's Average Velocity $AV = \text{story points} / \text{velocity sprint duration} = 20 / 6 = 3.3$

Burndown Chart

Date - October 24th, 2022 - October 29th, 2022

Sprint goal - to complete user registration, login, and product dashboard



Report: IMSFR Sprint 1

*Issue added after sprint start

7 CODING AND SOLUTIONING:

7.1 FEATURE 1: USER MANAGEMENT

The application supports multi user access. Users can create accounts and access the application.

7.2 FEATURE 2: EXPENSE MANAGEMENT

A user can add their expenses and the data is saved to a database and later data is fetched from database and displayed to the user.

7.3 FEATURE 3: EXPENSE HISTORY

A user can get a statement of his expenses by selecting a sepcific date range.

7.4 FEATURE 4: WALLET

Each user has a associated wallet, which gets updated when expenses are added.

7.5 FEATURE 5: WALLET MANAGMENT

A user can configure his wallet and can set his wallet limit as needed.

7.6 FEATURE 6: EMAIL ALERT

When a user's expenses exceeds the set limit an email alert is sent to the user.

7.7 DATABASE SCHEMA

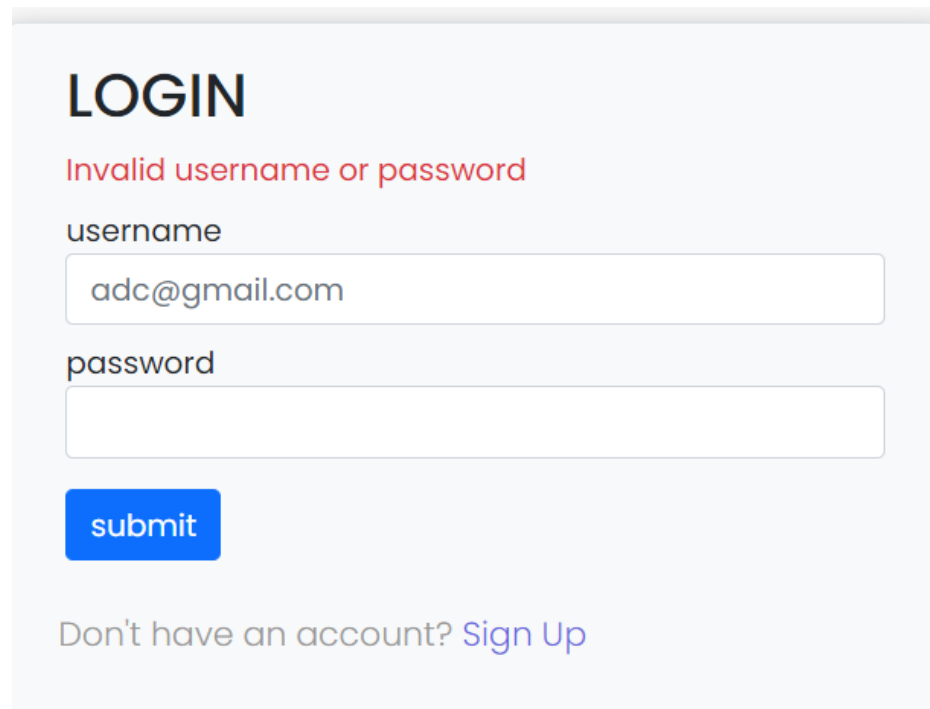
```
CREATE TABLE users (  
  username character(30) NOT NULL,  
  password character(30) NOT NULL,  
  email character(30) NOT NULL  
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE wallet (  
  id BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  user_email CHARACTER(30) NOT NULL,  
  balance FLOAT DEFAULT 0 NOT NULL,  
  wallet_limit FLOAT DEFAULT 1000 NOT NULL,  
  FOREIGN KEY (user_email) REFERENCES users(email)  
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE expenses (  
  user_email CHARACTER(30) NOT NULL,  
  title character(50) NOT NULL,  
  amount float NOT NULL,  
  description character(100) NOT NULL,  
  dateTime timestamp NOT NULL,  
  credit BOOLEAN NOT NULL  
);
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8 TESTING AND TEST CASES:

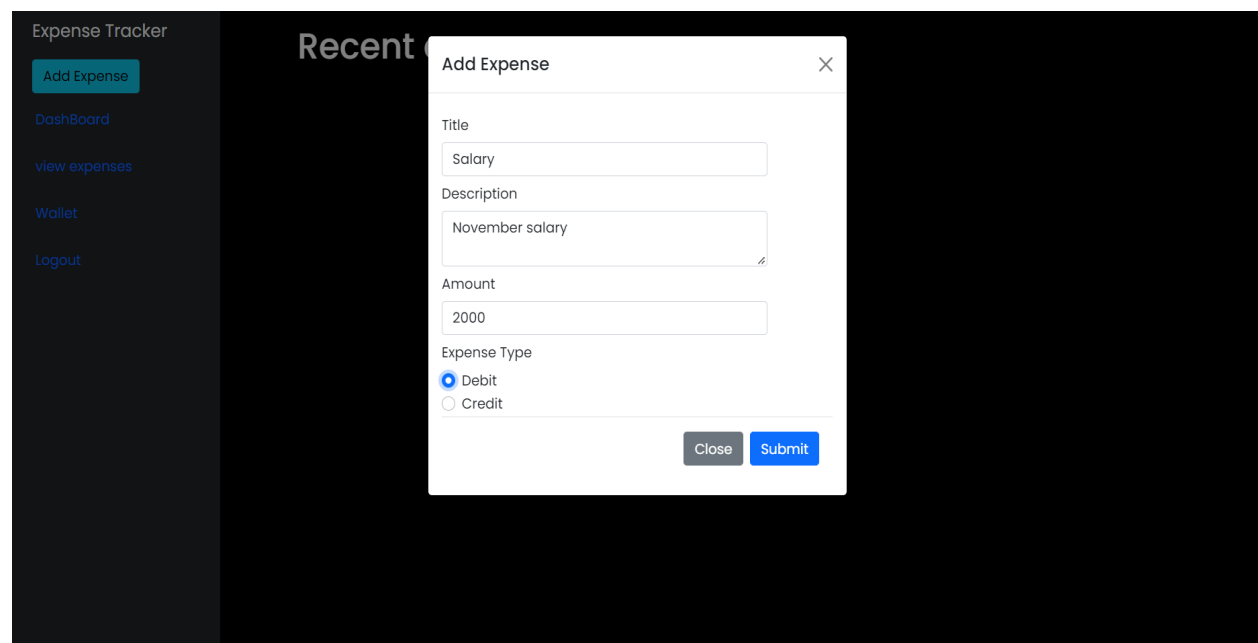
Testing login



A screenshot of a web application's login page. The page has a light gray background. At the top, the word "LOGIN" is displayed in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, a red error message reads "Invalid username or password". There are two input fields: one for "username" containing the text "adc@gmail.com" and one for "password" which is empty. A blue "submit" button is located below the password field. At the bottom, there is a link that says "Don't have an account? Sign Up" in a smaller, gray font.

9 RESULTS:

Adding expense



A screenshot of a web application titled "Expense Tracker". On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation links: "Add Expense" (highlighted in teal), "DashBoard", "view expenses", "Wallet", and "Logout". The main area has a dark background with the word "Recent" visible. An "Add Expense" modal is open in the center, featuring a white background and a close button (X) in the top right corner. The modal contains the following fields and options: "Title" with the value "Salary", "Description" with the value "November salary", "Amount" with the value "2000", and "Expense Type" with radio buttons for "Debit" (selected) and "Credit". At the bottom of the modal are "Close" and "Submit" buttons.

Recent expenses

Expense Tracker

Add Expense

DashBoard

view expenses

Wallet

Logout

Recent expenses

Title: Salary
Description: November salary
Amount: 30000
Type: Credit

Title: Home loan
Description: My home loan
Amount: 20000
Type: Debit

WALLET:

Expense Tracker

Add Expense

DashBoard

view expenses

Wallet

Logout

Wallet Details:

Balance:
10000

Amount Spent:
20000

Amount Earned:
30000

Alert Limit:
40000

Update Wallet Limit

10. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES:

ADVANTAGES:

- 1) Users can easily manage their expenses.
- 2) Users can get an alert when they overspend.
- 3) Manage expenses from anywhere.
- 4) Easily view a statement of my expenses

DISADVANTAGES:

- 1) Need to pay for deploying and maintaining application.
- 2) Technical faults in application can only be addressed by the developed team.

11. CONCLUSION:

Thus, the personal expense tracker application was able to perform all of its intended functionalities properly. The developed application helped a lot of users to manage their personal expenses properly. The system has enabled a user to manage his expenses from anywhere and thereby has helped the users in recording each and every small expense a user makes.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

The application has certain future scopes:

- i) The wallet balance has to be automatically set to 0 during the start of the month.
- ii) Users should get their monthly statements by mail during the last day of the month.

13. APPENDIX

Source Code:

The source code of the application can be found in the following github repository.

<https://github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-12596-1659454647>

Project demo link:

The demo link for the project can be found in the below URL.

<http://drive.google.com/add-link>