

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

Money is a great tool. Sometime though, we do not know where our money is going. The notion that people might not know where their money is going may seem strange, but many don't know where it is going, while many others might have a wrong idea about where it might be going. That's why tracking expenses is very important, and it according to us, is the first step one needs to take in the path for becoming financially sensible.

1.2 Purpose

Now with this solution, we are able to enter their expenses regularly and users can get view graphical forms which allows them to grasp a quick knowledge on their spendings. This system attempts to free the user with as much as possible the burden of manual calculation and to keep the track of the expenditure. 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.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem

2.2 References

| S.NO | AUTHOR | PAPER TITLE | YEAR | JOURNAL | FINDINGS (Technologies used) |
|------|---|-----------------------------------|------|--|--|
| 1. | Velmurugan A, Albert Mayan, Niranjana P and Richard Francis | EXPENSE MANAGER APPLICATION | 2020 | Journal of Physics: Conference Series | 1.Android Platform 2.Methodology used Android Studio, Kotlin and Java, SQLite, Android OS, Figma Designing Tool. |

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| 2. | Uday Pratap Singh,Aakas hKumar Gupta, Balamurugan | SPENDING TRACKER: A SMART APPROACH TOTRACK DAILY EXPENSE | 2021 | Turkish Journal of Computer and Mathematics Education | 1.This Application isa Graphical User Interface(GUI) 2.Developed using Java(Apache NetBeans 11.3) and MySQLWorkbench. |
| 3. | Dr.V.Geetha,G Nikhitha,H.Srilaya Dr.C.K.Gomathy | EXPENDITURE MANAGEMEN T | 2022 | Journal of Computing &Architectur e | 1.It is based Web Application. 2. Android App which runs on all AndroidPlatforms . |
| 4. | TamiaRuvimbo Masendu,Aanaje yManiTripath | DAILY EXPENSE TRACKE R | 2022 | International Journal of Research in Engineering, Science and Management . | 1.Technology usedJava(Apache NetBeans IDE 13) and MySQL Workbench . 2.Application is Based Graphical User Interface(GUI) |

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| 5. | Hezerto,Malikberdi | BUDGET TRACKER HIGHLY CUSTOMIZABLE BUDGETING MOBILE APPLICATION | 2021 | Master of Information Technology | 1.Technology can be used React Native, Expo, Redux, Recompose, Ramda and Async Storage (Global memory of the device) 2. Visual Studio Code, Android Studio |
| 6. | Alhano of Althnian | DESIGN OF A RULE BASED PERSONAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BASED ON FINANCIAL WELL BEING | 2021 | International Journal of Advanced Computer Science& Application | 1.Android based Application. 2.Application Programming Interface(GUI) can Be used. |
| 7. | Hrithik Gupta, Anant Prakash Singh,Navneet Kumar and J Angelin Blessy | EXPENSE TRACKER:A SMART APPROACH TO TRACK EVEY DAY EXPENSE | 2020 | Journal of Computer Science and Engineering | 1.Technology can be Used Java (Apache NetBeans 11.3) and MySQL Workbench 8.0 CE. 2.Graphics User Interface (GUI) based Application. |

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| 8. | Shobit Sharma and Parth Verma | VOICE OPERATED REAL TIME EXPENSE TRACKER USING REACT JAVASCRIPT | 2021 | Journal of Computer Science and Engineering | 1.Technology can be used JavaScript and JSX, React JS. 2.It Uses MongoDB (Active database) |
| 9. | Manuel B,Garcia, Julius P Claour | MOBILE BOOKKEEPER: PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT | 2021 | Computer Studies(FEU Institute of Technology) | 1.It is cross-Platform base Mobile Application (Apache Cordova) 2.HTML5, CSS3 and JavaScript . |

2.3 Problem Statement Definition

Currently, there is no direct method present to track our daily expenditures. People make use of simpler and less effective tools such as notes which cannot provide any alerts or maintain complexity.

Now with this solution, we are able to enter their expenses regularly and users can get view graphical forms which allows them to grasp a quick knowledge on their spendings. This system attempts to free the user with as much as possible the burden of manual calculation and to keep the track of the expenditure. 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.



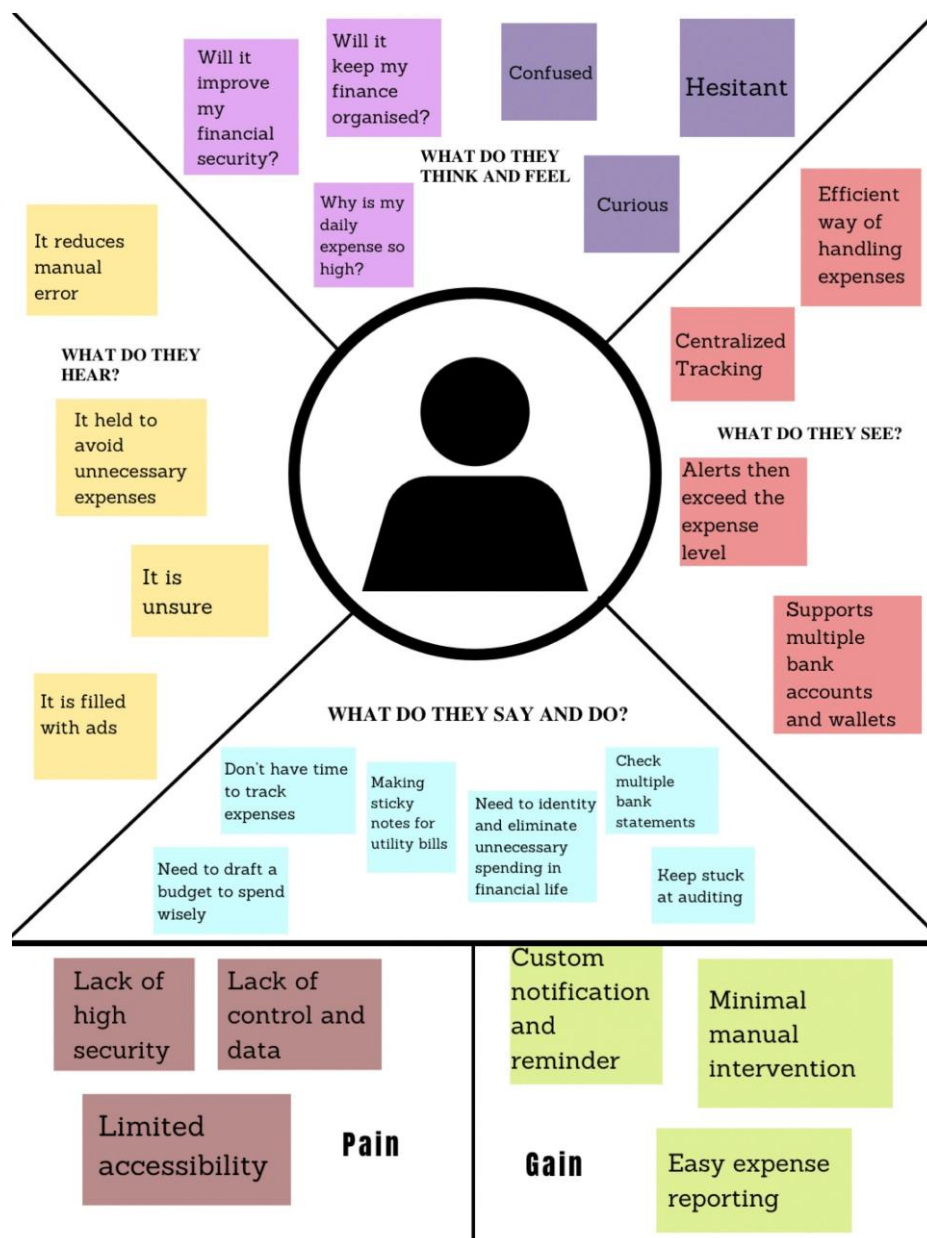
| Problem Stateme nt(PS) | I am (Custom er) | I'm trying to | But | Because | Which makes mefeel |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| PS-1 | commo ner | Spend my money properly | It becom es compl ex | Often struck at calculation and interests | Frustrat edand stressfu l |

3. IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

An empathy map is a visual tool for gaining insight into a user's perspective. It's a common technique among [user experience \(UX\) designers](#), salespeople, marketers and any other professionals who seek to understand consumer thoughts and behaviors.

By outlining various aspects of one or multiple user mindsets on a chart, you can share this information with others and collaborate easily. In addition, the process of empathizing with consumers and establishing their feelings and goals can be helpful in making essential design and business decisions.



3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

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Brainstorm

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

🕒 10 minutes

GOKUL



JANANI



GOKUL KRISHNAN



DHIKSHA



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Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, 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

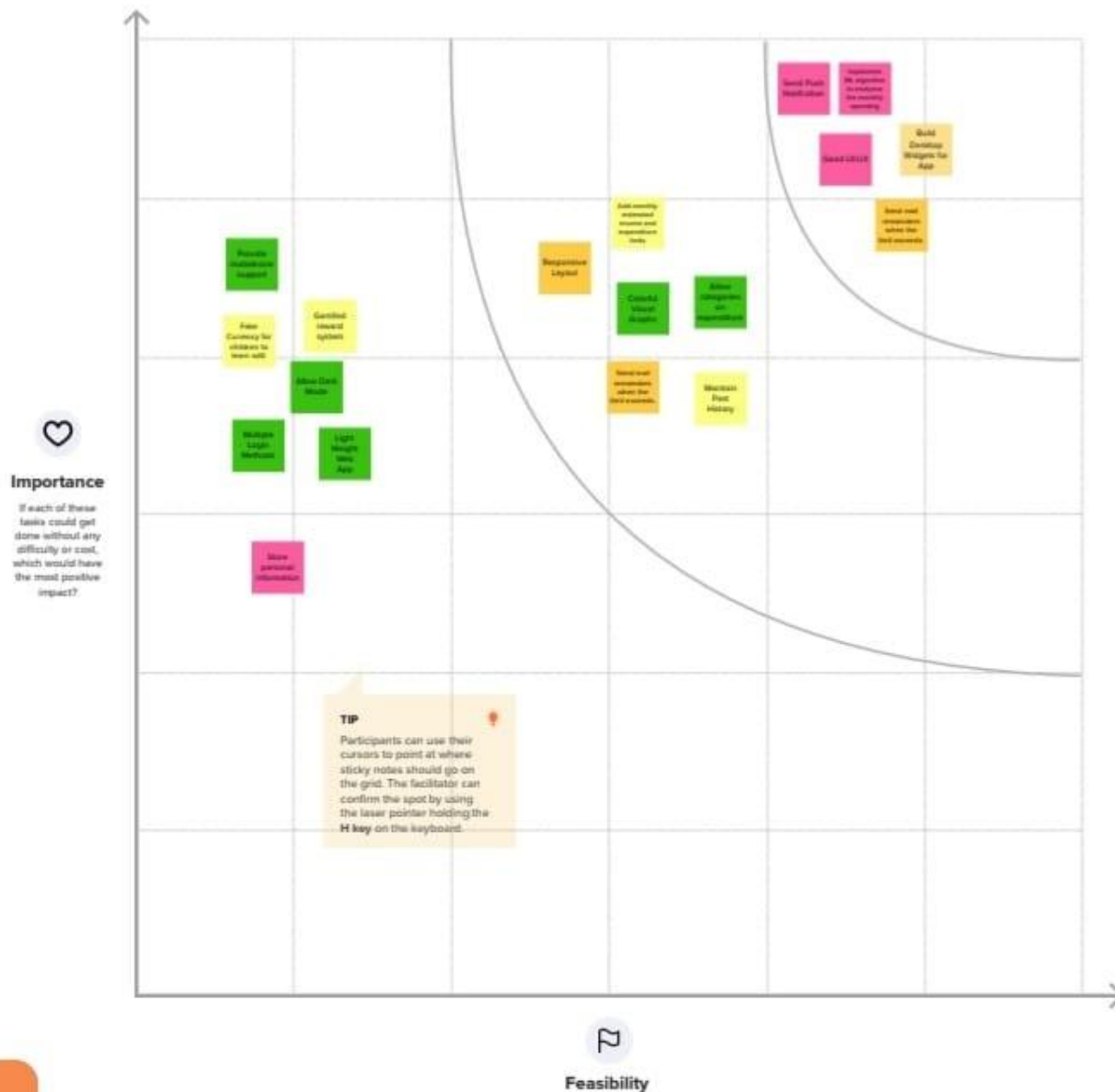


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Prioritize

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



Regardless of their importance, which tasks are more feasible than others? (Cost, time, effort, complexity, etc.)

3.3 Proposed Solution

| S.No | Parameter | Description |
|------|--|---|
| 1. | Problem Statement (Problem to be solved) | In a Traditional Paper based expense tracking system, it is difficult to track our monthly expenses manually. Some of the records may get lost in case of fire, floods, etc. We are trying to solve this problem in a more efficient way. |
| 2. | Idea / Solution description | This expense tracker is a computerised application which keeps track of all your finances and helps in accounting and budgeting. |
| 3. | Novelty / Uniqueness | The User gets notified once their expenses touch 50% 75% 90% & 100% of their limits. Display the costs on a monthly and weekly basis in a pie chart. |
| 4. | Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction | The user will be able to Stick to their Spending Limits. They can be able to scan their bills any time thus data loss is avoided. Users can keep track of credit card bills and make payments on time so as to not get any unwanted interests. |
| 5. | Business Model (Revenue Model) | As this project is intended purely for educational purposes, we keep this application free of cost. |

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| 6. | Scalability of the Solution | Based on an IBM cloud, the application is also scaled by Kubernetes and dockers so as to handle large scale usage. Our application can handle large numbers of users and data with high performance and security. It can adapt for both large-scale and small-scale purposes. Easily available in all kinds of devices. |
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1.1 Problem Solution fit

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| 1. CUSTOMER SEGMENT(S) <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Working peoples❖ Organizations❖ Students and families❖ Common people with all ages canable to track their expenses. | 6. CUSTOMER CONSTRAINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Network Issues❖ Data Privacy❖ Spending power❖ Available devices | 5. AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS <p>People makes use of sticky notes or diaryfor calculating their expenditure.</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Didn't need any devices for calculations. <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Time consuming.2. Manual errors occur sometimes. |
| 2. JOBS-TO-BE-DONE / PROBLEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ People have to track their expensesregularly.❖ They need to keep their receipts andbills which shows their amount theyspent.❖ Also they need to manually add orremove the desired categories. | 9. PROBLEM ROOT CAUSE <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ The root cause for this problem isthe delay in the budget.❖ There may be a chance of gettingerrors in human calculations.❖ No one alerts if their spending exceeds particular limit. They do not have enough time for calculating their expenditure. | 7. BEHAVIOUR <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ People should know their budget for each month regularly,·❖ Collect receipts regularly without fail. |

3. TRIGGERS

- ❑ Realizing that excessive spending leading to lack of money in case of emergencies.
- ❑ Lack of Budgeting knowledge.

4. EMOTIONS: BEFORE /

AFTER Before

- ❖ Excessive expenditure
- ❖ Afraid of spending

After

- ❖ Being aware of what they are spending.
- ❖ Satisfied and happy with their budget expenditure.
- ❖ There will not be any frustrations anymore since the process is quick and flexible.

10. YOUR SOLUTION

- ❑ A cloud-based web application which keeps track of user's personal expenses. This system attempts to free the user with as much as possible the burden of manual calculation and to keep the track of the expenditure.
- ❑ User just need to enter their day-to-day expenses. They also have an option to set the limit. If their expenditure exceeds that limit, notification will be sent through mail.
- ❑ This system also eliminates sticky notes, bills.

8. CHANNELS OF BEHAVIOUR

ONLINE

- ❑ Provide the details of day-to-day expenses.
- ❑ Select the area where customers use.
- ❑ Maintain the expenses for budgeting.

OFFLINE

- ❑ Maintain the required documents regularly.
- ❑ Inspect the expenses for budgeting.

2. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

2.1 Functional requirement

2.2 Non-Functional requirements

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution.

| FR No. | Functional Requirement(Epic) | Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task) |
|--------|------------------------------|---|
| FR-1 | User Registration | Registration through Form by giving appropriatedetails. |
| FR-2 | User Confirmation | Confirmation via EmailConfirmation via OTP |
| FR-3 | User Login | login after registering properly. |
| FR-4 | Track Expense | Tracking the expenses regularly. |
| FR-5 | Dashboard panel | Managing the summary of expenses and income. |
| FR-6 | Alert Notification | If the expenses exceed the limit that the user entered, notification will be sent through mail. |

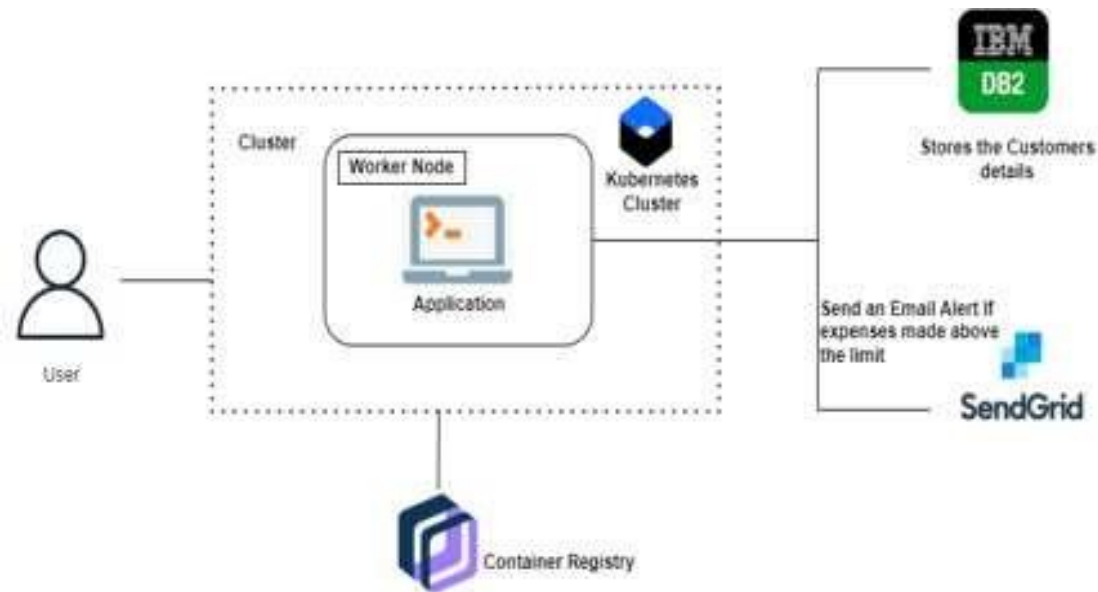
Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

| FR No. | Non-Functional Requirement | Description |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| NFR-1 | Usability | This system will usable by anyone who are willing to manage their expenses and aims tosave for future investments. |
| NFR-2 | Security | This system assures all data inside the system or its part will be protected against malware attacks or unauthorized access. |
| NFR-3 | Reliability | Using this report expenses, store receipts, and track spending on an individual or departmentallevel is a painless process. |
| NFR-4 | Performance | Calculates the overall expenses fastly and alsogenerate it in the form of pdf documents. |
| NFR-5 | Availability | Users can also able to add and calculateexpenses in offline mode. |
| NFR-6 | Scalability | This system has better storage capacity and alsoit provides flexibility to a product to appropriately react to growth. |

3. PROJECT DESIGN

3.1 Data Flow Diagrams

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a traditional visual representation of the information flows within a system. A neat and clear DFD can depict the right amount of the system requirement graphically. It shows how data enters and leaves the system, what changes the information, and where data is stored.



3.2 Solution & Technical Architecture Table-1 : Components & Technologies:

| S.No | Component | Description | Technology |
|------|---------------------|--|---|
| 1. | User Interface | How user interacts with application via WebUI. | HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJs etc. |
| 2. | Application Logic-1 | The application contains the sign in/sign up where the user will login into the main dashboard | Python |
| 3. | Application Logic-2 | Dashboard contains the fields like Budget, Expenses, Record | Python, ReactJs (ChartJs) |
| 4. | Application Logic-3 | The user will get the expense report in the graph form and also get alerts if the expense limit exceeds | IBM Watson Assistant, Send Grid |
| 5. | Database | The Income and Expense data are stored in the MySQL database | IBM DB2 |
| 6. | Cloud Database | With use of Database Service on Cloud, the User data are stored in a well secured Manner | IBM DB2, IBM Cloudant etc. |
| 7. | File Storage | IBM Block Storage used to store the Financial data of the user | IBM Block Storage or Other Storage Service or Local Filesystem |
| 8. | Google OAuth | OAuth 2.0 allows users to share specific data with an application while keeping their username, passwords and other information private. | Enables login through Gmail account, thus making the application accessible |

Table-2: Application Characteristics:

| S.No | Characteristics | Description | Technology |
|------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Open-Source Frameworks | Flask Framework in Python is used to implement this Application | Python-Flask |
| 2. | Security Implementations | This Application Provides high security to the user Financial data.It can be done by using the Container Registry in IBM cloud | Docker, Container Registry, Kubernetes Cluster |
| 3. | Scalable Architecture | Expense Tracker is a life time access supplication. It's demandwill increase when the user's income are high | Docker, Container Registry, Kubernetes Cluster |
| 4. | Availability | This application will be available to the user at any part of time | Docker, Container Registry, Kubernetes Cluster |
| 5. | Performance | The performance will be high because there will be no networktraffics in the application | Docker, Kubernetes Cluster |

5.3 User Stories

| 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, and password, and confirming my password. | I can access my account/dashboard. | High | Sprint-1 |
| | | USN-2 | As a user, I will receive a confirmation email once I have registered for the application | I can receive a confirmation email & click confirm. | High | Sprint-1 |
| | | USN-3 | As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail, Google | I can register for the app through a Gmail login. | Medium | Sprint-1 |
| | Login | USN-4 | As a user, I can log into the application by entering my email & password | I can register & access the dashboard with Gmail Login. | High | Sprint-1 |
| | Dashboard | USN-5 | As a user, I can add my day-to-day expenses regularly. | I can track my expenses perfectly. | High | Sprint-2 |

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| Customer (Webuser) | Dashboard | USN-6 | As a user, I can see the login page and registration page for which the user logs and inputs expenses. | I can log in through Gmail and register for expense tracking. | Medium | Sprint-2 |
| Customer Care Executive | Dashboard | USN-7 | As a customer care executive, I can solve the queries of users. | I can reply to their queries and solve their problems. | High | Sprint-3 |
| Administrator | Registration | USN-8 | As an Administrator, I can view the basic details of the user. | I can provide the login details. | Medium | Sprint-4 |
| | Dashboard | USN-9 | As an administrator, I can be able to view the overall progress of a user. | I can give rewards based on their progress. | Low | Sprint-4 |

6.1 Sprint planning and estimation

Product Backlog, Sprint Schedule, and Estimation (4 Marks)

Use the below template to create product backlog and sprint schedule

| Sprint | Functional Requirement (Epic) | User Story Number | User Story / Task | Story Points | Priority | Team Members |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Sprint -1 | Homepage | USN-1 | AS a user I can view the index page to see the about of the Expensetracker | 20 | High | Gokul Krishnan |
| Sprint -1 | Registration | USN-2 | As a User, I need to register user id and passcode for everyworkers over there in municipality | 10 | High | Dhiksha |
| Sprint -1 | Login | USN-3 | As a user, I need to login with user id and password to get in to thewebsite | 10 | High | Gokul |
| Sprint -2 | Dashboard | USN-4 | As a User, I will follow Co-Admin's instruction to reach the filling bin inshort roots and save time | 20 | Low | Gokul |
| Sprint -3 | Add Expenses | USN-5 | As a User I will add my expense throughout the month I spend on | 10 | Medium | Gokul Krishnan |
| Sprint -3 | Total Expense Graph | USN-6 | As a User I can view my expense in a graph of overview of the expenseI spend. | 30 | Medium | Janani |

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| Sprint-4 | Deployment in cloud | USN-7 | As a User I can access the cloud to store my data of expense | 20 | High | Dhiksha |
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6.2 Sprint delivery Schedule

Project Tracker, Velocity & Burndown Chart: (4 Marks)

| 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 | 40 | 6 Days | 18 Oct 2022 | 23 Oct 2022 | 40 | 24 Oct 2022 |
| Sprint-2 | 20 | 6 Days | 25 Oct 2022 | 30 Oct 2022 | 20 | 31 Oct 2022 |
| Sprint-3 | 40 | 6 Days | 01 Nov 2022 | 06 Nov 2022 | 40 | 07 Nov 2022 |
| Sprint-4 | 20 | 6 Days | 08 Nov 2022 | 13 Nov 2022 | 20 | 14 Nov 2022 |

Velocity:

$$AV = \frac{\textit{sprint duration}}{\textit{velocity}} = \frac{20}{10} = 2$$

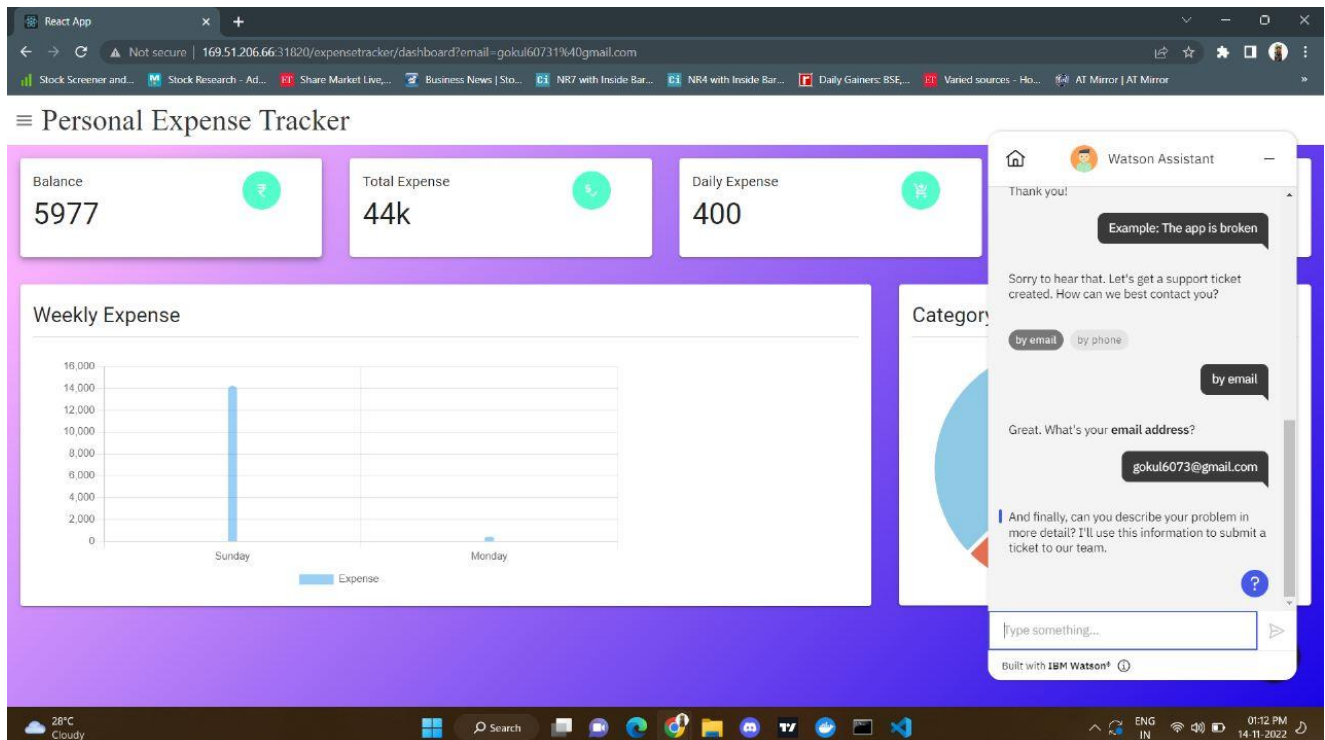
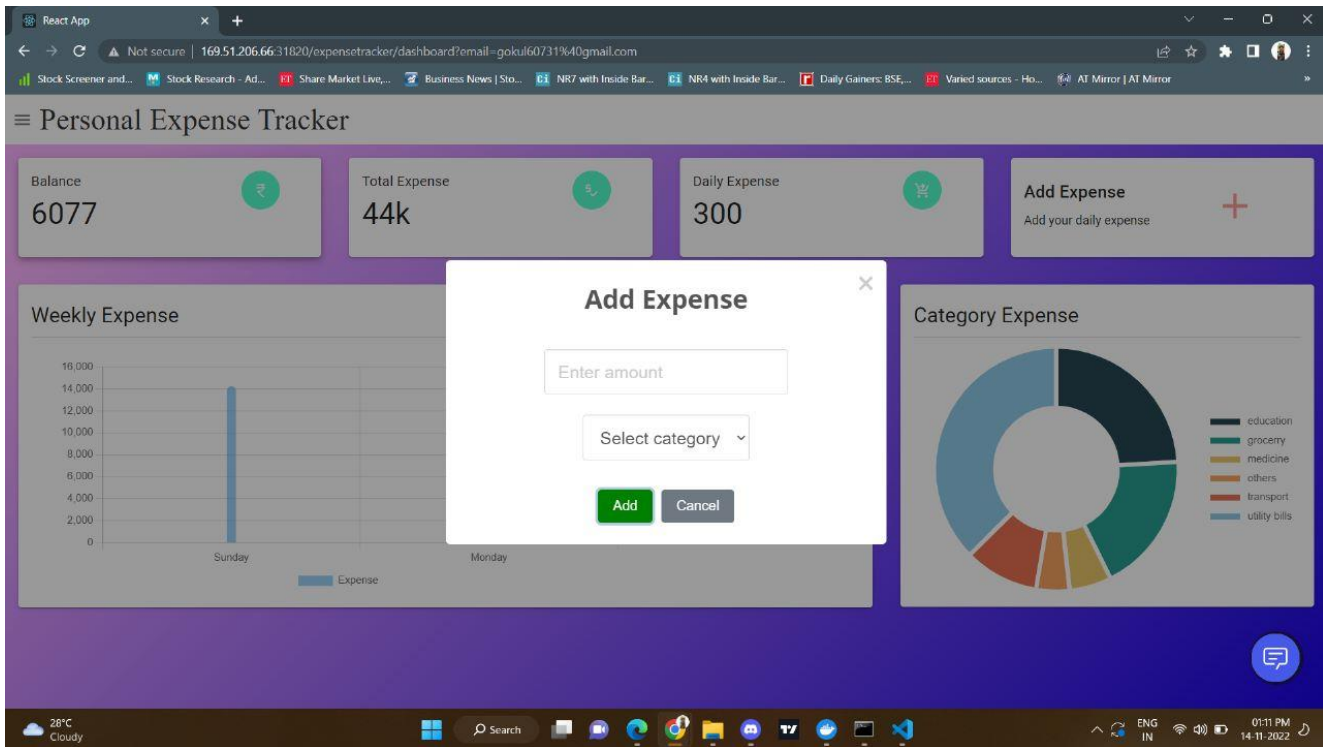
Imagine we have a 10-day sprint duration, and the velocity of the team is 20 (points per sprint). Let's calculate the team's average velocity (AV) per iteration unit (story points per day*)

| TITLE | DESCRIPTION | DATE |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Literature Survey & Information Gathering | Literature survey on the selected project & gathering information by referring the, technical papers, research publications etc. | 3 SEPTEMBER 2022 |
| Prepare Empathy Map | Prepare Empathy Map Canvas to capture the user Pains & Gains, Prepare list of problem statements | 10 SEPTEMBER 2022 |
| Ideation | List the by organizing the brainstorming session and prioritize the top 3 ideas based on the feasibility & importance. | 17 SEPTEMBER 2022 |
| Proposed Solution | Prepare the proposed solution document, which includes the scalability of solution ,idea, novelty business model, social impact, etc. | 24 SEPTEMBER 2022 |
| Problem Solution Fit | Prepare problem - solution fit document | 01 SEPTEMBER 2022 |
| Solution Architecture | Prepare solution architecture document. | 01 SEPTEMBER 2022 |
| Customer Journey | Prepare the customer journey maps to understand the user interactions & experiences with the application (entry to exit). | 08 OCTOBER 2022 |

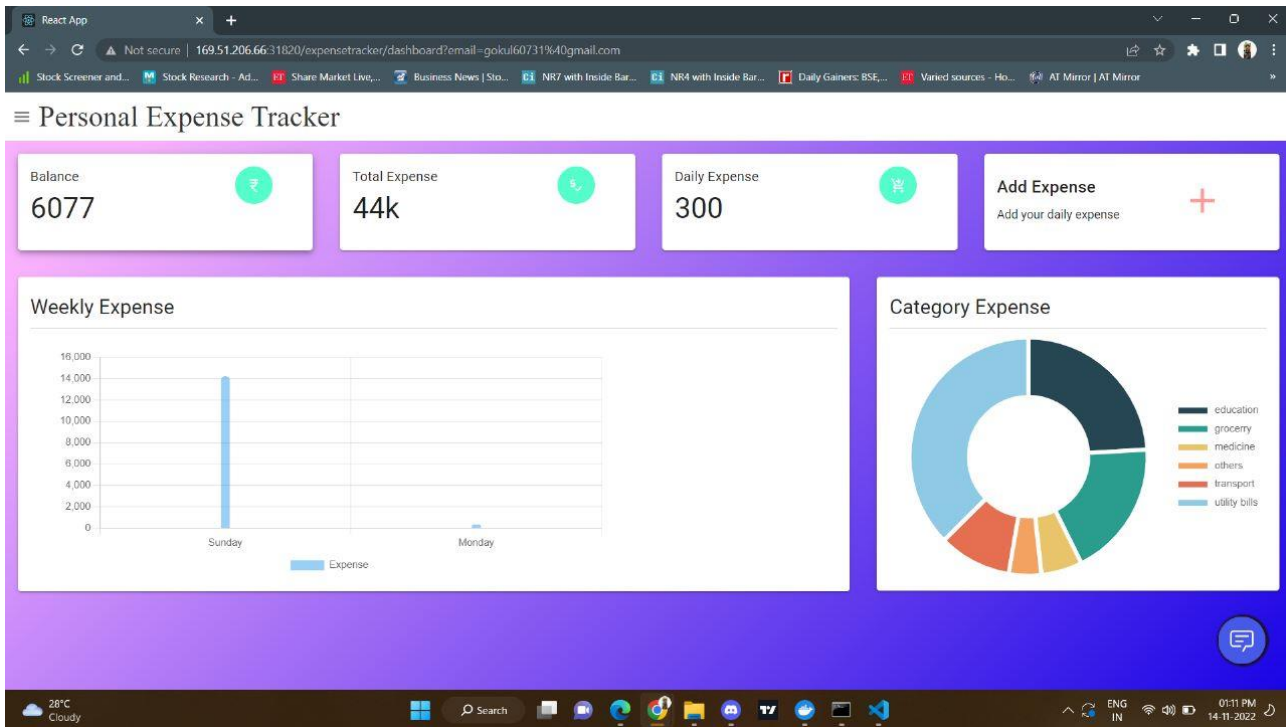
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| Functional Requirement | Prepare the functional requirement document. | 15 OCTOBER 2022 |
| Data Flow Diagrams | Prepare the functional requirement document. | 15 OCTOBER 2022 |
| Technology Architecture | Prepare the technology architecture diagram. | 15 OCTOBER 2022 |
| Prepare Milestone & ActivityList | Prepare the milestones & activitylist of the project. | 18 OCTOBER 2022 |
| Sprint Delivery Plan | Prepare sprint delivery plan | 18 OCTOBER 2022 |
| Project Development - Delivery ofSprint-1, 2, 3 & 4 | Develop & submit the developedcode by testing it. | IN PROGRESS... |

7.Coding and Solutions

Feature1



Feature 2:



9. Advantages and Disadvantages

One of the major pros of tracking spending is always being aware of the state of one's personal finances.

Another pro is that many automatic spending **tracking software** programs are available for free.

By tracking business expenses daily, you can also control costs, and see what you're spending your money on and how much you're spending. T

These daily figures become your marker to see whether you're over or under your monthly budget. The entire process helps you become more financially aware.

A con with any system used to track spending is that one may start doing it then taper off until it's forgotten about all together.

Yet, this is a risk for any new goal such as trying to lose weight or quit smoking. If a person first makes a budget plan, then places money in savings before spending any each new pay period or month, the tracking goal can help.

In this way, tracking spending and making sure all receipts are accounted for only needs to be done once or twice a month.

Even with constant tracking of one's spending habits, there is no guarantee that financial goals will be met.

Although this can be considered to be a con of tracking spending, it could be changed into a pro if one makes up his or her mind to keep trying to properly manage all finances.

Another con that may occur when spending is being tracked is an error, but this may also be able to be changed into a pro if the person does regular tracking.

Frequent tracking of cash spending can allow one to catch and correct errors so that the budget plan is still able to be adhered to despite the mistake.

10. Conclusion:

The project that we have developed works efficiently to track income and expense tracker. The project successfully avoids the manual calculation for avoiding calculating the income and expenses per month. The modules are developed with efficiency and also in an attractive manner. The developed systems dispense the problem and meet the needs by providing reliable and comprehensive information. All the requirements projected by the user and IBM have been met by the system.

11. Future scope

Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction: The user will be able to Stick to their Spending Limits. They can able to scan their bills at any time thus data loss is avoided. Users can keep track of credit card bills and make payments on time so as to not get any unwanted interest.

Business Model (Revenue Model): As this project is intended purely for educational purposes, we keep this application free of cost.

Scalability of the Solution: Based on an IBM cloud, the application is also scaled by Kubernetes and dockers so as to handle large-scale usage. Our application can handle large numbers of users and data with high performance and security. It can adapt for both large-scale and small-scale purposes. Easily available on all kinds of devices.

12. Appendix

GIT hub link:

<https://github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-24979-1659951577>

source code:

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