

Problem–Solution Fit Template

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Project Name:	Calculating Family Expenses using ServiceNow
Maximum Marks:	2 Marks

1. Problem Statement

Families often struggle to track and manage daily expenses accurately. Manual recording of expenditures in notebooks or spreadsheets leads to errors, duplication, and lack of visibility into overall spending.

Evidence:

- 80% of households use manual methods for tracking expenses.
- Calculations are often inconsistent and time-consuming.
- No centralized record exists for multi-member family expenses.

2. Target User & Persona

Primary User: Homemakers, working professionals, and students managing household budgets.

Persona Name: Priya Sharma

Current State: Each family member records expenses separately; totals are calculated manually at month-end.

Business Impact: Inaccurate budget planning, time wasted on calculations, and no real-time insights.

Root Causes: Manual tracking, no shared digital platform, no real-time automation.

Role: Family budget manager (records and analyzes family expenses).

Pain Points:

- Repetitive manual entry
- Errors in total monthly expenses
- No visual insights or reports.

3. Proposed Solution

Solution Name: Automated Family Expense Tracker (ServiceNow Application)

Core Features:

1. Custom Family Expenses and Daily Expenses tables.
2. Business Rules for automatic total calculation.
3. Relationships linking daily and family-level data.
4. Auto-numbering for unique records.
5. Dashboard and Reports for summaries.

MVP Scope: Implement expense recording, auto-calculation, and reporting using ServiceNow low-code features.

4. Value Proposition

For Users	For Families	For Financial Management
Automated expense entry and calculation	Centralized visibility of all expenses	Transparent and real-time financial tracking
Save 30+ minutes/day on manual calculations	Improved collaboration among members	Reduce errors and enhance budgeting accuracy
Easy dashboards and reports	Consolidated expense data	Better control over household finances

5. Problem–Solution Fit Validation

Hypothesis: If a family uses the ServiceNow-based expense tracking application, they can automate data entry, improve accuracy, and gain real-time insights, saving both time and effort.

Goals:

- Automate daily expense tracking.
- Reduce manual errors.
- Provide instant visibility of total spending.

Method	Description	Success Metric
User Interviews	Gather insights from 5–7 families	90% confirm manual tracking is inefficient
Prototype Demo	Show ServiceNow automation	95% rate ease of use >4.5/5
Pilot Test (2 Weeks)	Enable system for a small household	80% reduction in calculation time
Feedback Survey	Collect user satisfaction	NPS >70

6. Fit Scorecard

Fit Criterion	Current	Target	Achieved in MVP?	Notes
Problem Frequency	Daily	Daily	Yes	Manual tracking is a daily pain point
Problem Intensity	High	Low	Yes	Automation reduces workload
Solution Feasibility	Manual	Automated	Yes	Uses native ServiceNow tools
User Adoption Risk	Medium	Low	Yes	Simple user interface
Business Alignment	Partial	Full	Yes	Improves financial transparency

7. Risks & Mitigations

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Incomplete data entry by users	Medium	High	Use mandatory fields and alerts
Business Rule execution delays	Low	Medium	Optimize scripts and indexing
User resistance to new tool	Medium	Medium	Provide simple UI and training
Data accuracy issues	Low	High	Enable form validation and restricted edits

8. Go/No-Go Decision

Recommendation: ☒ GO

The solution is validated through user interviews and prototype testing. It aligns with real user needs, demonstrates automation benefits, and can be implemented fully using ServiceNow’s low-code platform.