**1-Week Plan: Personal Finance & Budget Tracker (Java Mini Project)**

**📅 Day 1: Project Setup & Class Design**

* Create your project folder and files
* Write class skeletons for Transaction, BudgetManager, Main
* Plan what each class should contain (fields and methods)

**📅 Day 2: Implement Transaction Class**

* Add variables: type, amount, category, description, date
* Write constructor and getter methods
* Add a toString() method for printing

**📅 Day 3: Implement BudgetManager Logic**

* Use ArrayList to store transactions
* Add methods to:
  + Add a transaction
  + Calculate income, expense, balance
  + Check if budget exceeded

**📅 Day 4: Build the Main Menu**

* Create a simple text menu using loop + switch
* Connect user input to BudgetManager methods
* Allow adding transactions and viewing summary

**📅 Day 5: Add Extra Features**

* Implement any 1 or 2 features:
  + Search by category
  + Set monthly budget
  + View all transactions
  + Filter by date (optional)

**📅 Day 6: Testing + Enhancements**

* Test all features thoroughly
* Fix bugs and improve user messages
* Add comments and make code clean

**📅 Day 7: Documentation + PPT**

* Prepare your:
  + PPT slides
  + Project introduction and report (if needed)
* Final testing and ready for presentation