

PHAINANCE – PROJECT SETUP REPORT

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The Project Setup Report provides a complete overview of the installation, configuration, and environment preparation steps required to build and run **Phainance**, a full-stack expense tracking system.

This report documents:

- Required software
- Backend setup
- Frontend setup
- Database initialization
- API configuration
- Testing and running the project

The purpose of this document is to ensure the system can be deployed consistently across any machine.

Chapter 2

Software Requirements

2.1 System Requirements

- Windows 10 / 11 or Ubuntu 20+
- Minimum 4 GB RAM
- Minimum 10 GB free storage
- Java JDK 21+
- Node.js 18+
- MySQL Server 8+
- Modern web browser (Chrome/Edge)

2.2 Tools Used

Category Tools

Backend Java, Spring Boot, Maven

Frontend React (Vite), JavaScript

Database MySQL

Testing Postman, Browser DevTools

IDE IntelliJ IDEA, VS Code

Chapter 3

Backend Setup (Spring Boot)

3.1 Installing Java & Maven

- Install Java JDK 21
- Verify installation:
- java -version
- mvn -version

3.2 Importing Backend Project

- Open IntelliJ IDEA
- Select Open Project
- Choose backend/ folder
- Maven automatically resolves dependencies from pom.xml

3.3 Configuring Application Properties

Inside

src/main/resources/application.properties

spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/expense_tracker

spring.datasource.username=root

spring.datasource.password=YOUR_PASSWORD

spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update

```
spring.jpa.show-sql=true  
spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.format_sql=true  
spring.main.allow-circular-references=true
```

3.4 Start the Backend Server

Run:

```
mvn spring-boot:run
```

Backend will start on:

```
http://localhost:8080
```

Chapter 4

Frontend Setup (React + Vite)

4.1 Installing Node.js

Install Node.js LTS version.

Check installation:

```
node -v
```

```
npm -v
```

4.2 Install Frontend Dependencies

Inside frontend/:

```
npm install
```

4.3 Configure Axios Base URL

Inside:

```
frontend/src/api/axios.js
```

```
export default axios.create({
```

```
  baseURL: "http://localhost:8080/api",
```

```
});
```

4.4 Start Frontend

```
npm run dev
```

Frontend runs at:

<http://localhost:5173>

Chapter 5

Database Setup (MySQL)

5.1 Create Database

Run in MySQL:

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS expense_tracker;
```

```
USE expense_tracker;
```

5.2 Create Tables

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS users (
    id BIGINT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    username VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    email VARCHAR(150) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS categories (
    id BIGINT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    UNIQUE KEY ux_categories_name (name)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS expenses (
    id BIGINT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    amount DOUBLE,
    description VARCHAR(255),
    date DATE,
    category_id BIGINT,
    FOREIGN KEY (category_id) REFERENCES categories(id)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS budgets (
    id BIGINT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    month VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    limit_amount DOUBLE
);
```

5.3 Insert Default Categories

```
INSERT INTO categories (name)
VALUES ('Food'), ('Rent'), ('Utilities'), ('Entertainment'), ('Other')
ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE name=name;
```

Chapter 6

API Configuration & Authentication

6.1 JWT Authentication

- Login generates JWT token
- Token stored in localStorage
- Token appended in Axios headers:

```
headers: { Authorization: `Bearer ${token}` }
```

6.2 Important API Endpoints

Module Method Endpoint

Auth	POST	/api/auth/login
Auth	POST	/api/auth/signup
Expenses	GET	/api/expenses
Expenses	POST	/api/expenses
Budget	GET	/api/budget
Budget	POST	/api/budget
Categories	GET	/api/categories

Chapter 7

Running the Project

7.1 Start MySQL Server

Ensure MySQL is running.

7.2 Launch Backend

`mvn spring-boot:run`

7.3 Launch Frontend

`npm run dev`

7.4 Open the Application

Visit:

<http://localhost:5173>

Chapter 8

Verification & Testing

Testing Performed

- User signup/login
- Adding expenses
- Editing & deleting expenses
- Setting budget
- Chart & analytics loading
- Category-based filtering
- Notifications & validation

Manual Testing Tools

- Postman
 - Browser DevTools
 - MySQL Workbench
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Chapter 9

Conclusion

The project setup for **Phainance** was successfully completed using modern web development tools. The entire system — frontend, backend, and database — is fully configured for execution.

This structured setup ensures smooth deployment, scalability, and maintainability for future enhancements.