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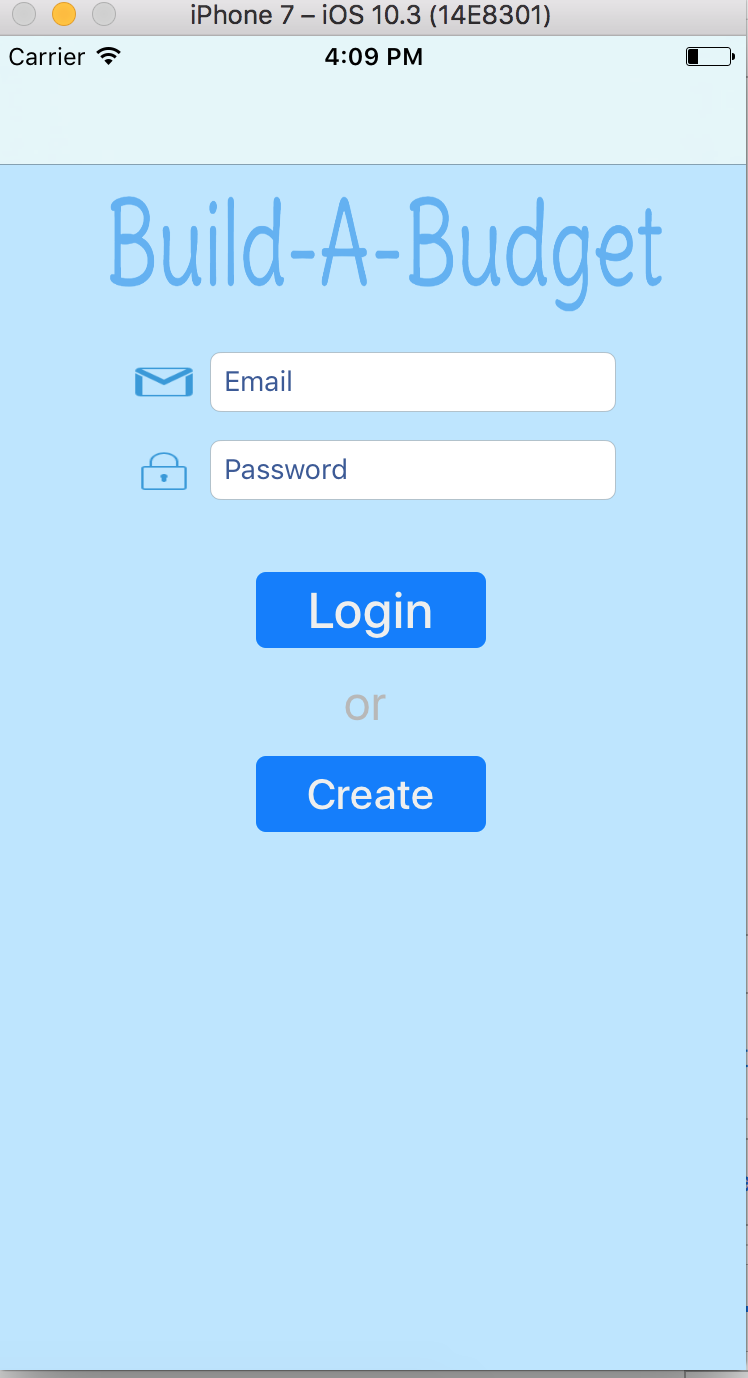
**ApplicationName:** BuildABudget

**Application Description:**

This application assists users in building and maintaining a budget so that they can meet their financial goals. Users will stipulate the sources of their regular monthly income and expenses, as well as, their financial goals, such as saving up for a dream vacation, to enable them to generate a monthly budget plan. The application will utilize easy to understand visualizations, such as check lists and bar graphs, to inform the user of their progress toward meeting their goals and budgets, as well as, allowing them to test the impact that one-time transactions will cause. Users will be able to generate itemized transaction reports and export their financial data. Lastly the application will employ notifications to encourage and keep the user on track to meet their planned budgets and financial goals.

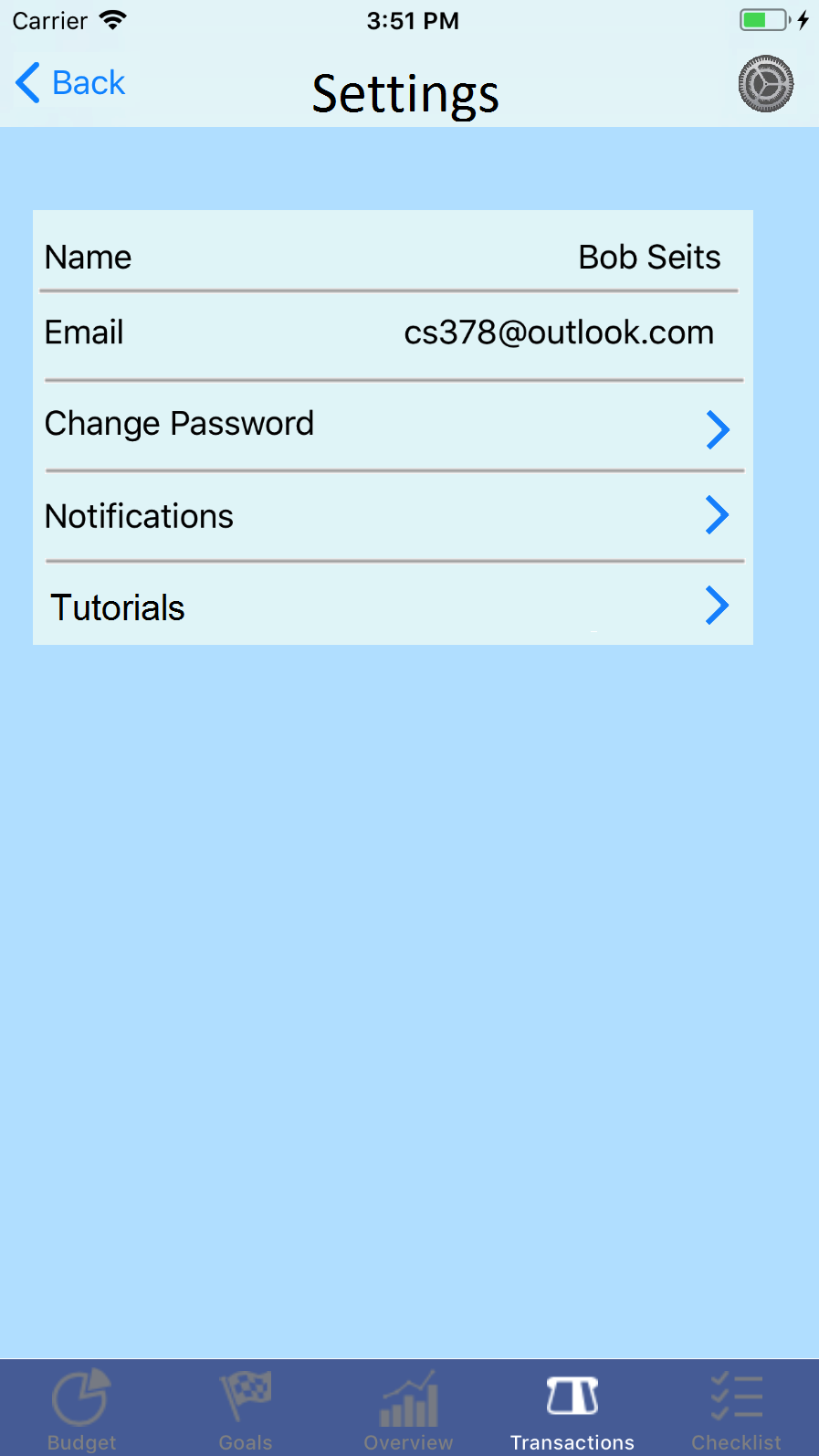
**Mockups:**

Login Screen



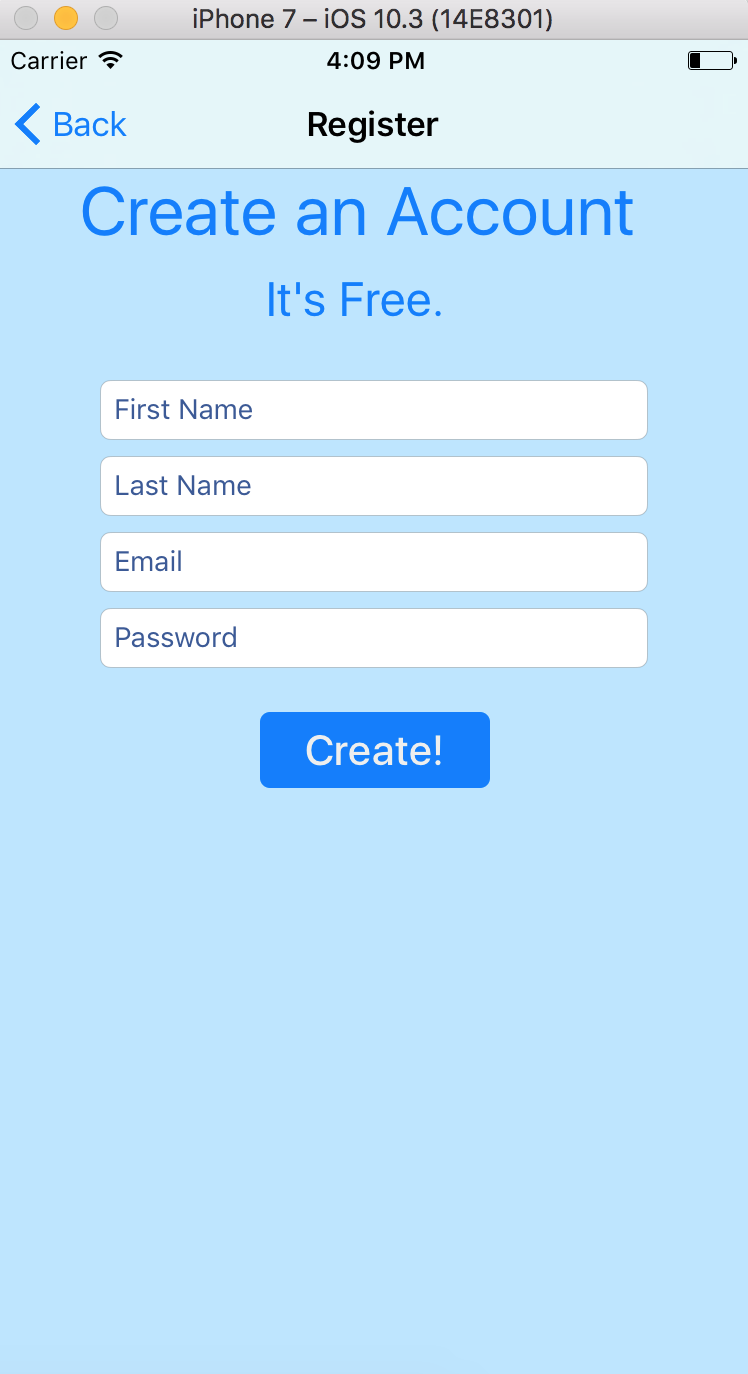
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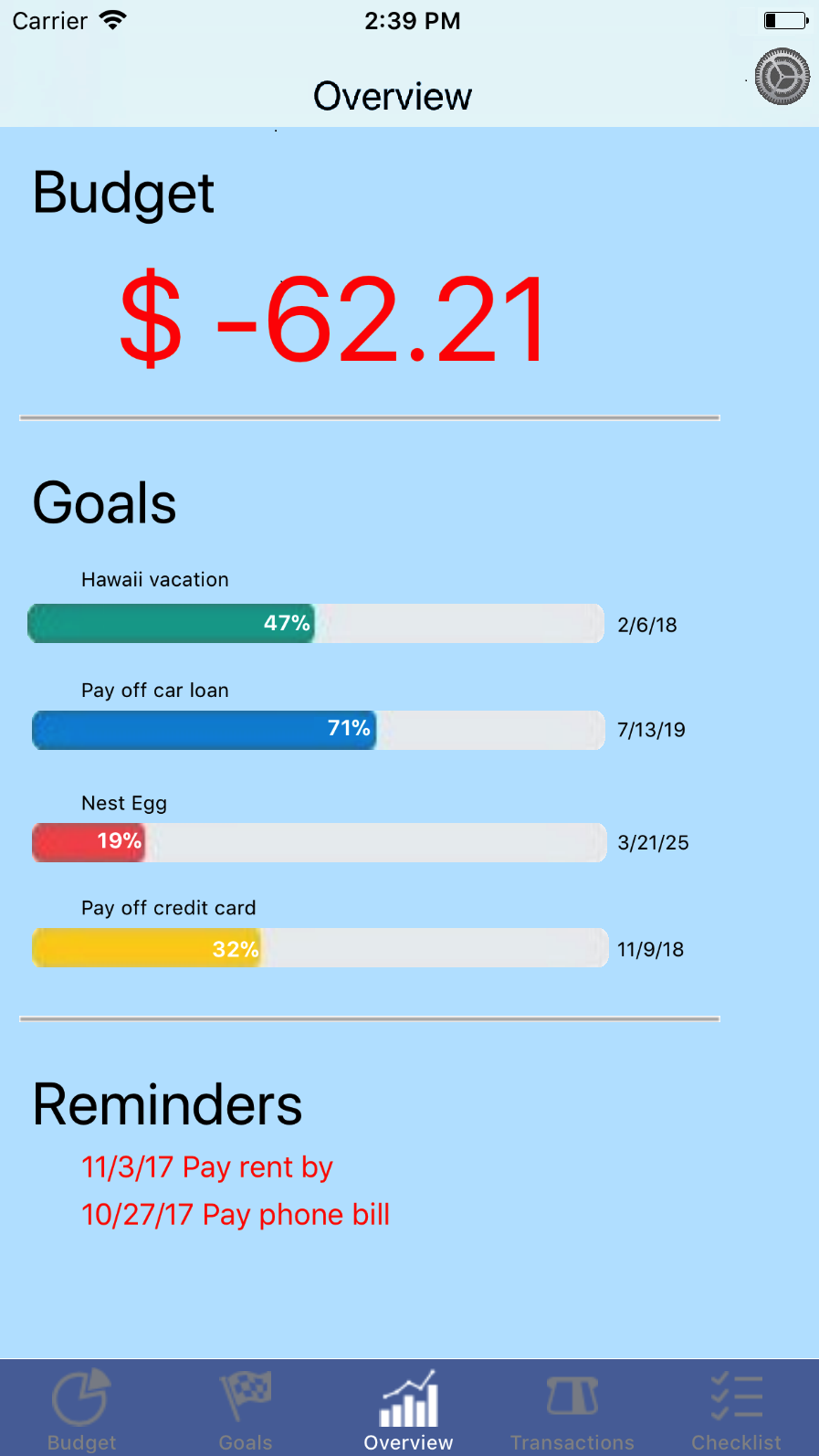
  
  
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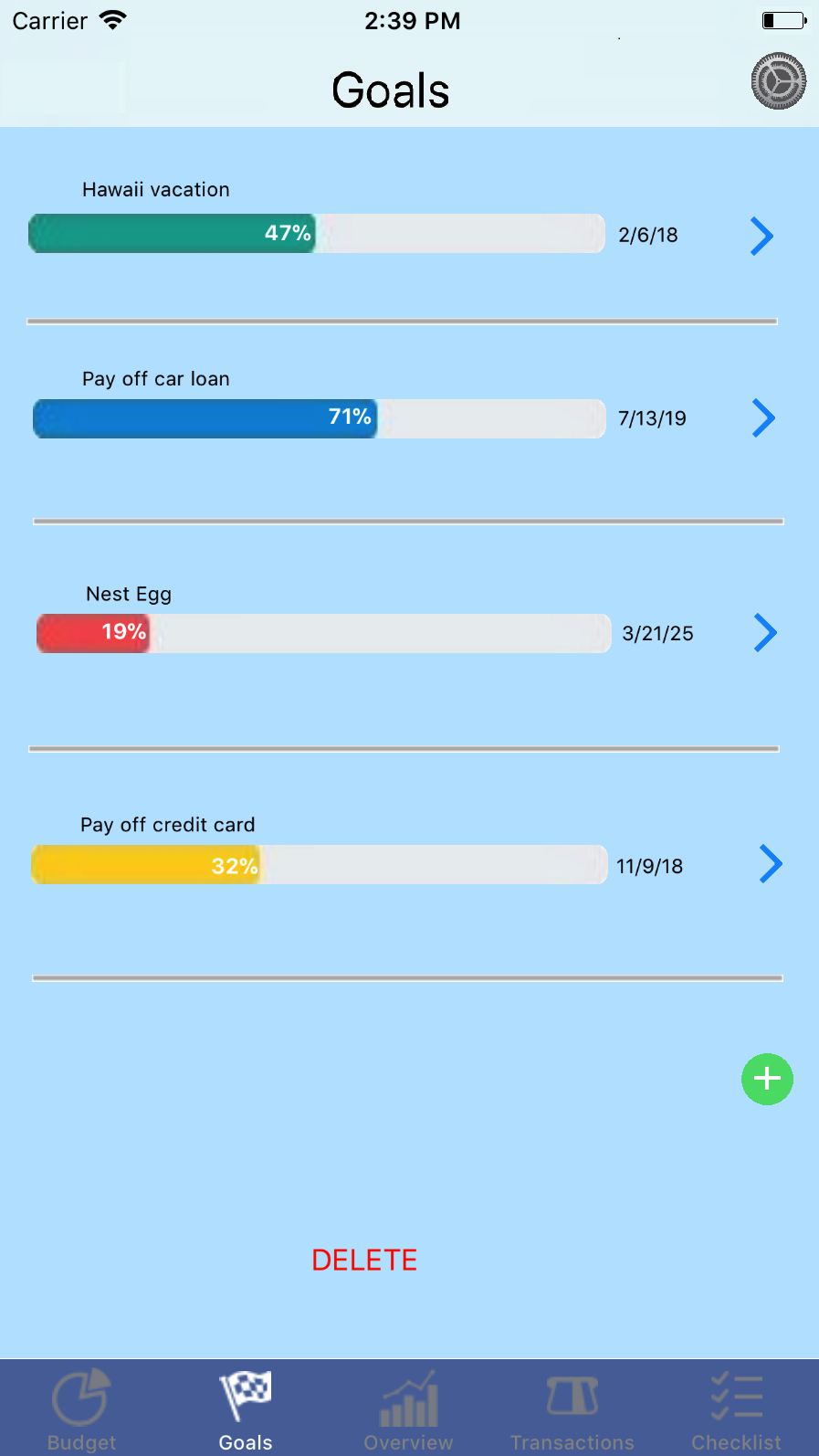
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Over View:



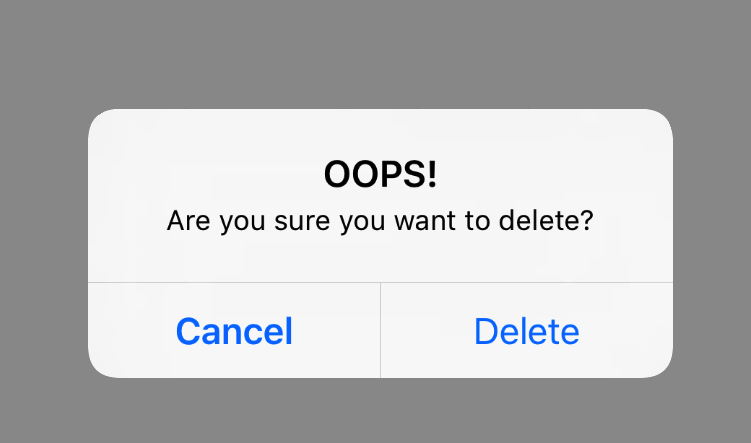
The overview screen is the default screen that the user lands on after logging in. The overview tab view controller functions as an aggregation of status highlights of the most important information contained in the app. The user will first see the prominent heading Budget which provides their current financial status in relation to their budget. The figure will be either a negative red number or a positive black number. The red color serves to reinforce that this is a negative amount so that it cannot be misinterpreted during a glance.

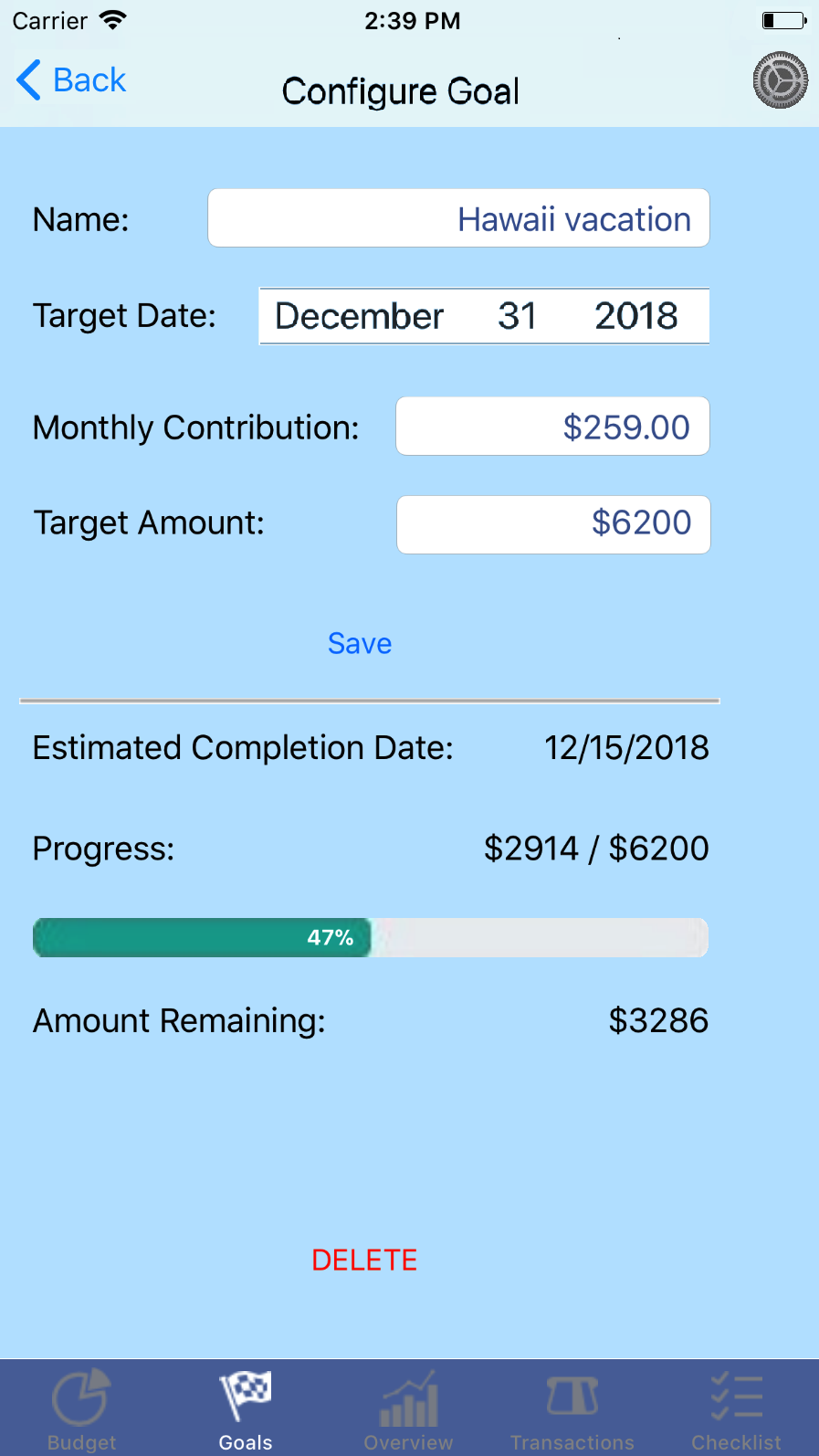
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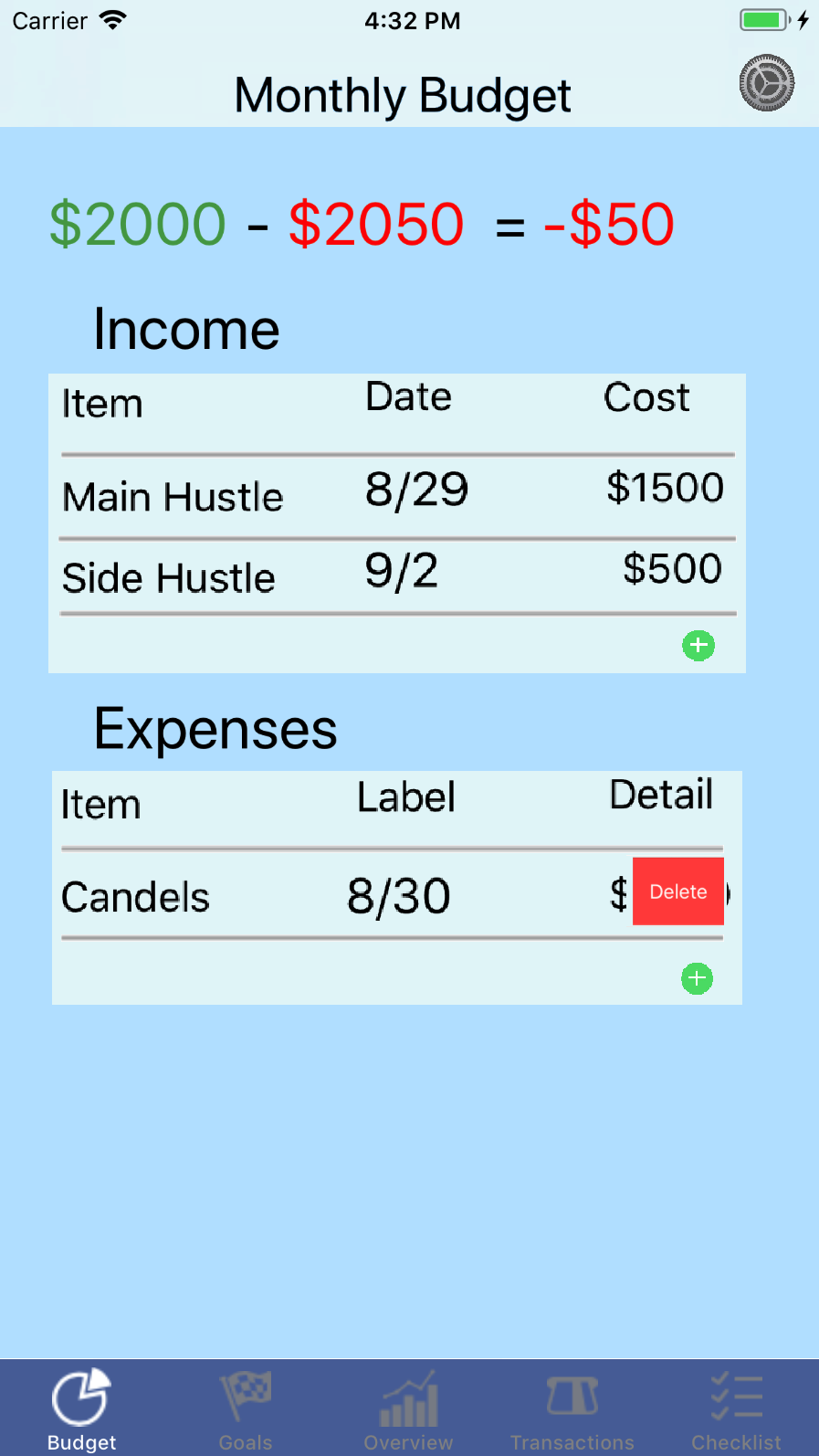
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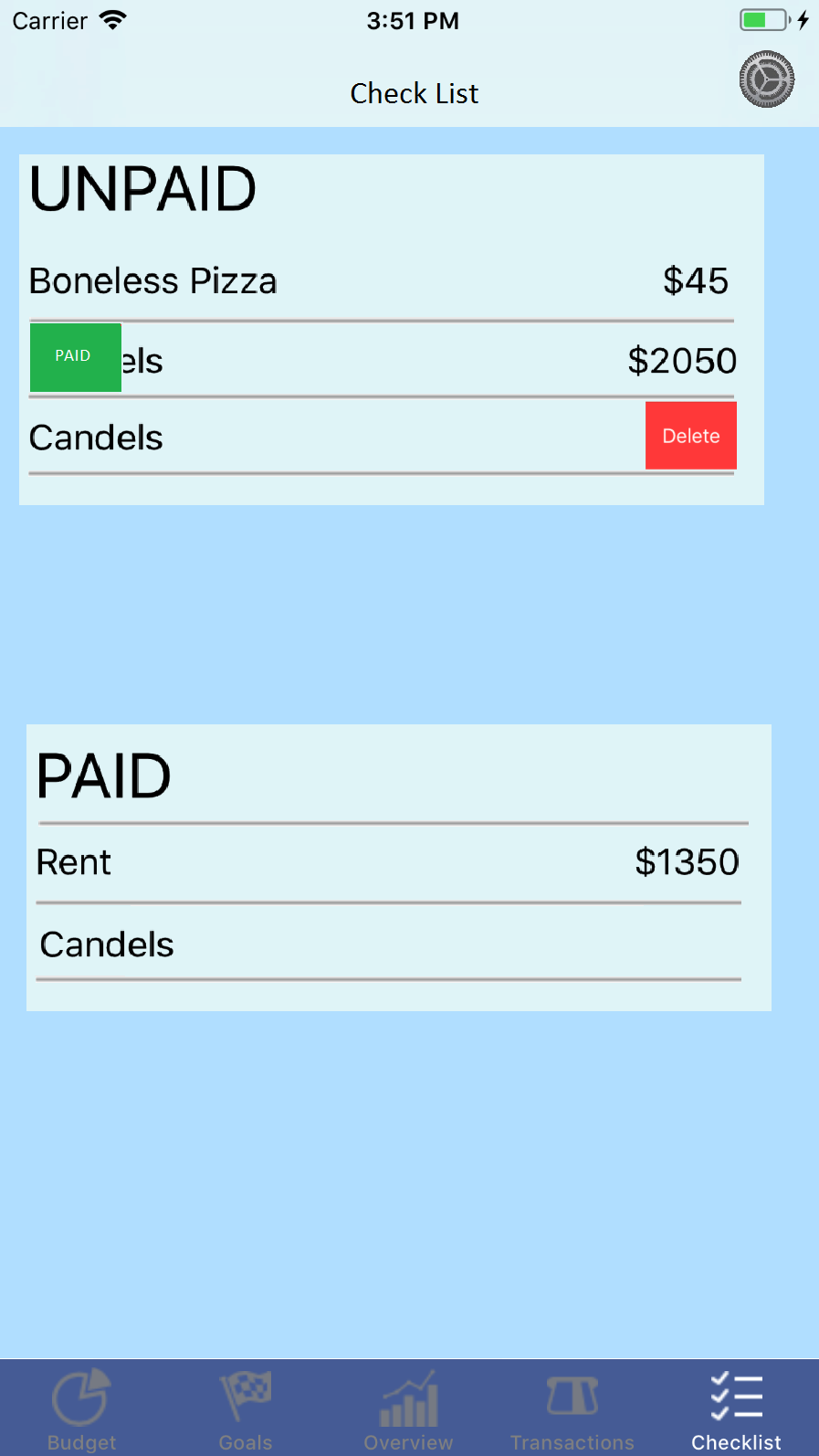
The Configure Goal view controller is only accessible by clicking on the edit arrow adjacent to the Goal in the Goals view controller that the user wants to edit. This is done to avoid unintended clicks and to maintain an easy to remember work flow for the user. This view controller provides two sections that are visually separated by a bar to distinguish the editable information from the un-editable data that this goal has already generated. Clicking DELETE prompts the user with a pop-up alert to confirm that they want to delete this goal.

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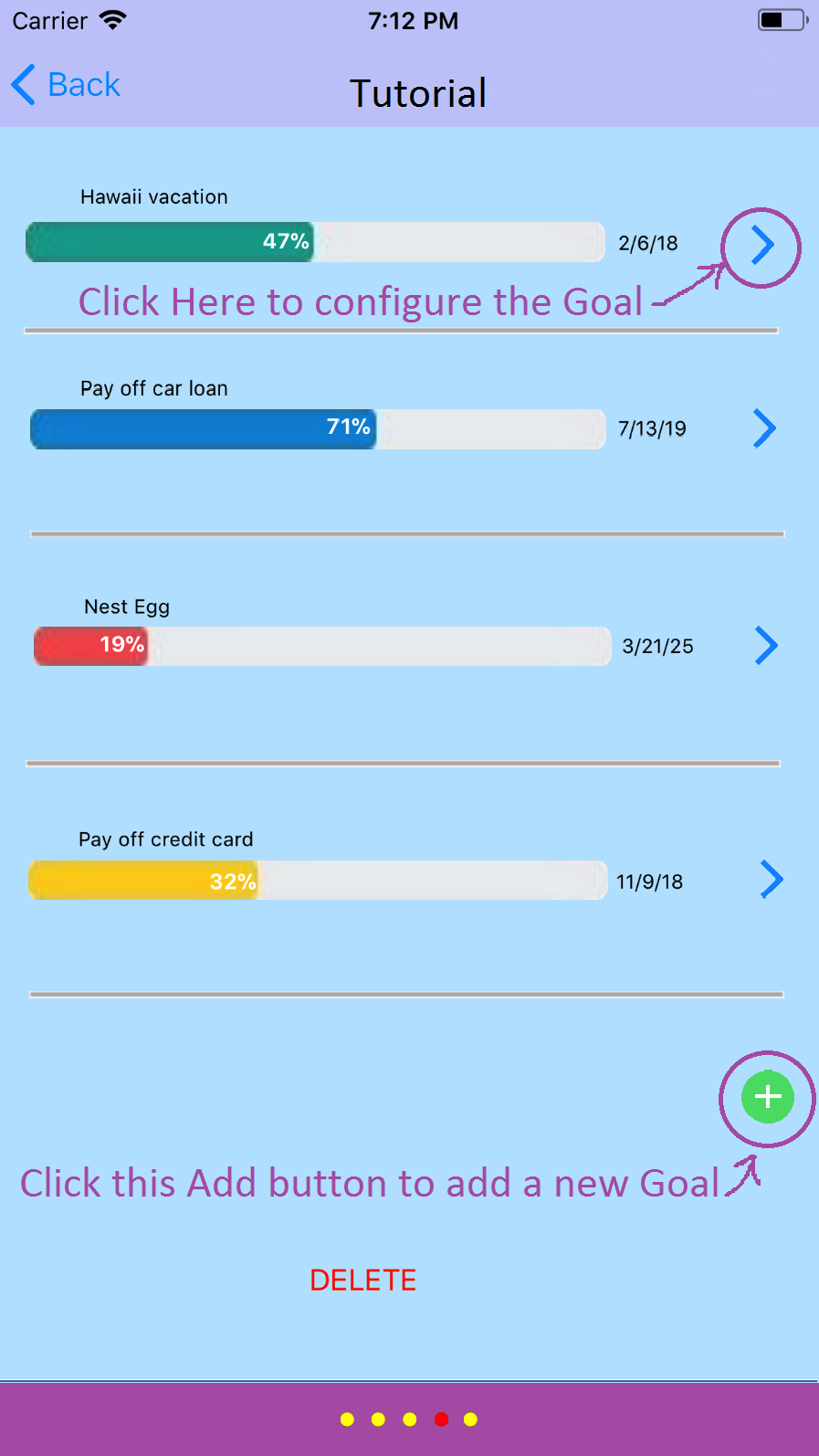
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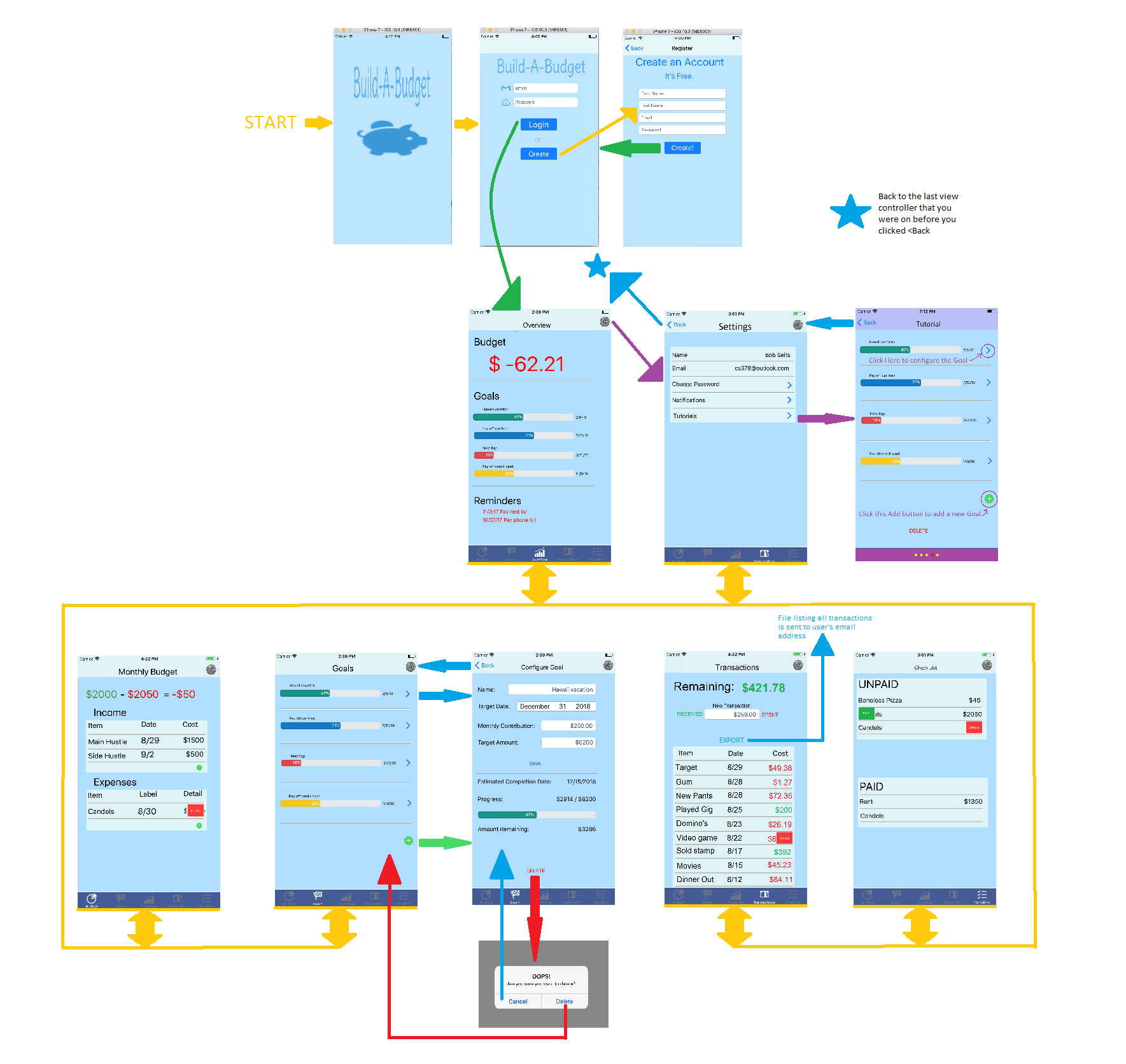
The transactions screen allows the user to record new one-time transactions by entering either an amount and then selecting the RECEIVED button if they were paid, or the SPENT button if they paid. The user can swipe right to left on any cell to delete a transaction. The screen will keep a running total on the amount of money left in the budget that was not already allocated to monthly bills. The user can scroll through the last month of transactions Lastly, the Export button allows users to send the itemized list of all their transactions this month to their email address.

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