

Project Design

Phase

Solution

Architecture

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Project Name	Calculating Family Expenses using Service Now
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Solution Architecture:

Goals of the Architecture:

- Automate the process of calculating and consolidating family expenses.
- Eliminate manual errors and duplication of expense entries.
- Ensure real-time synchronization between daily and family expense records.
- Provide accurate financial tracking and reporting using ServiceNow automation.

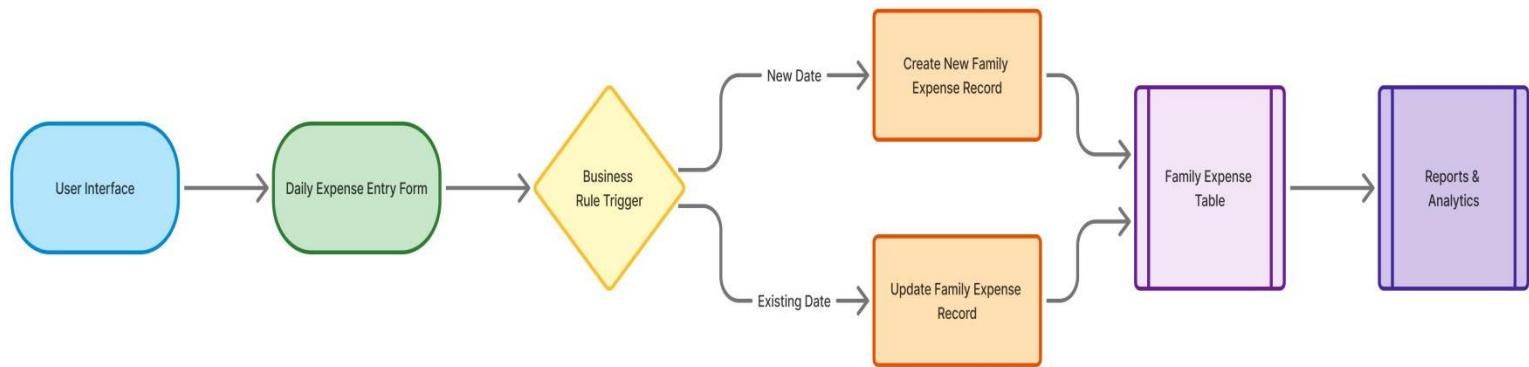
Key Components:

- u_daily_expenses table – Stores individual daily expenses (date, member, amount).
- u_family_expenses table – Maintains total family expenses aggregated by date.
- Business Rule (after insert) – Triggers when a new daily expense is added.
- GlideRecord logic – Checks for existing family expense entries and updates totals automatically.
- Reports module – Displays daily, weekly, and monthly expense summaries.

Development Phases:

1. Create and configure custom tables – u_daily_expenses and u_family_expenses.
2. Build form layouts for daily expense entry.
3. Write and activate a Business Rule on the Daily Expense table.
4. Implement script logic to add expenses to existing family records (based on date).
5. Test scenarios:
 - ✓ Add daily expense for new date → new record in family table.
 - ✓ Add daily expense for existing date → update total amount.
6. Generate family expense reports and verify accuracy.

Solution Architecture Description:



The solution architecture for “**Calculating Family Expenses using ServiceNow**” is designed to automate financial data management through ServiceNow’s scripting and workflow features. It utilizes two interconnected tables — **Daily Expense** and **Family Expense** — to maintain accurate expense records.

When a user enters a new daily expense, a **Business Rule** executes to check if a family expense record already exists for that date.

If yes, it updates the total amount; if not, it creates a new entry.

This ensures **data integrity, no duplication, and real-time aggregation**.

The architecture promotes efficient budgeting, easy tracking, and reliable financial insights for users.

Example - Solution Architecture Diagram:

Figure 1: Architecture and data flow of the “*Calculating Family Expenses using ServiceNow*” application.

Reference:

<https://www.servicenow.com/community/developer-blog/understanding-business-rules-and-gliderecord-in-servicenow/ba-p/2312108>

This reference explains how **Business Rules** and **GlideRecord** work together in ServiceNow — the core logic used in your project’s automated expense management system