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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

1.1 Problem Statement and Objective

In today's fast-paced world, individuals often struggle to manage their daily expenses effectively, leading to untracked spending, poor budgeting habits, and financial stress. Despite the availability of several personal finance tools, many users find them either too complex or not tailored to their specific needs. The objective of this project is to develop a user-friendly, intuitive, and secure expense tracking system — **FINFLOW: The Expense Tracker**. This application enables users to record their expenses, categorize them, and visualize their financial health through charts and dashboards, empowering them to make informed financial decisions.

1.2 Literature Survey / Market Survey / Investigation and Analysis

Numerous personal finance applications like Walnut, Money Manager, and Spendee currently exist, offering varying degrees of financial tracking. However, many of these apps come with limitations such as paid features, lack of customization, or poor user experience. Additionally, some applications do not provide strong backend structures for data security or scalability. Through this project, we aim to address these gaps by providing a robust, secure, and modular expense tracking system with a clean UI and features tailored for Indian users. Our platform emphasizes usability, performance, and meaningful analytics, leveraging modern full-stack technologies.

1.3 Introduction

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Project

FINFLOW: The Expense Tracker is a full-stack web application built to assist users in monitoring and managing their daily expenses with ease. It allows users to register, log in securely, add and edit expenses, categorize spending (e.g., food, travel, utilities), and generate reports for financial analysis. The application offers a responsive user interface, ensuring seamless access across devices. Key features include data visualization via charts, monthly summaries, and budget alerts. The inspiration for the project came from the growing need for digital tools that simplify personal finance management and encourage better financial habits.

1.4 Proposed Logic / Algorithm / Business Plan / Solution / Device

The system operates on a CRUD-based architecture where users can create, read, update, and delete expense entries. Each entry is tagged with a category, amount, date, and optional notes. A backend developed using Spring Boot handles business logic, data validation, and database transactions, while the Angular-based frontend ensures a dynamic and responsive user interface. Data is stored securely in a relational database (MySQL or PostgreSQL), and JWT-based authentication secures user sessions. A budget-monitoring algorithm flags users when spending in a category exceeds predefined limits, and visual charts offer insights into spending patterns. The system is modular, scalable, and follows clean coding practices.

1.5 Scope

of

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Project

The primary scope of **FINFLOW** is to serve individual users — including students, working professionals, and homemakers — who want to track their daily or monthly expenses efficiently. While the current focus is on individual finance tracking, the system can be scaled in the future to support collaborative budgeting (e.g., family or roommate groups), income tracking, and integration with banking APIs. The key deliverables include a secure and responsive web application with user authentica-

tion, expense categorization, visualization dashboards, alert mechanisms, and intuitive UX. The project not only encourages digital literacy but also promotes financial awareness among its users.

CHAPTER 2

Software Requirement Specification

2.1 Overall

Description

The Expense Tracker Web Application is a full-stack solution designed to help users monitor and manage their daily, weekly, and monthly expenses. It allows users to log financial transactions, categorize them, and gain insights through visual reports. The system is role-based (User, Admin) and offers personalized dashboards for better financial decision-making. This section outlines the system's operational environment, how it interacts with other components, and what is expected from users and systems.

2.1.1 Product

Perspective

2.1.1.1 System

Interfaces

The application follows a modular architecture where frontend and backend interact via RESTful APIs:

- **Frontend Interface:** Developed using Angular. It communicates with backend services through HTTP protocols using Angular's HttpClient module.
- **Backend Services:** Built using Spring Boot, the backend exposes REST APIs for authentication, data handling, and business logic.
- **Database Layer:** Utilizes MySQL or PostgreSQL for storing structured data related to expenses, users, and categories.
- **Third-party Services:** Potential integration with APIs for email services (e.g., SendGrid), currency exchange rates, or cloud authentication providers.

2.1.1.2 User

Interfaces

The user interface is implemented using Angular and styled with Tailwind CSS for a responsive, user-friendly experience across devices:

- **User Dashboard:** Allows users to manage their expenses, view analytics, set monthly budgets, and track financial patterns.
- **Admin Dashboard:** Enables monitoring of user activity, access control, and platform performance statistics.

2.1.1.3 Hardware

Interfaces

The system does not require any specific hardware beyond standard computing devices:

- **Client Side:** Any modern browser on desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile.
- **Server Side:** Cloud-deployed backend on Linux-based servers (e.g., AWS EC2, Heroku, or Render).

2.1.1.4 Software

Interfaces

- **Frontend:** Angular, Tailwind CSS.
- **Backend:** Spring Boot with Java and RESTful APIs.
- **Database:** MySQL or PostgreSQL with Spring Data JPA.
- **Authentication:** OAuth 2.0 and JWT-based session management.

2.1.1.5 Communication

Interfaces

The application communicates over the internet with secure and efficient protocols:

- HTTPS for secure data exchange between client and server.
- RESTful APIs for frontend-backend communication.
- SMTP or external API for sending emails and alerts (optional).

2.1.1.6 Memory

Constraints

The application is optimized for cloud deployment. Approximate memory requirements include:

- **Client Side:** Minimum 4 GB RAM for optimal performance in browsers.
- **Server Side:** Minimum 8 GB RAM recommended for backend and database hosting.

2.1.1.7 Operations

The system is designed for continuous operation with minimal downtime. Key operational aspects include:

- Automated database backups on a scheduled basis.
- CI/CD pipelines for seamless code deployment and rollback.
- Role-based access and security mechanisms.

2.1.1.8 Project

Functions

- User registration, login, and profile management.
- Expense creation, categorization, and deletion.
- Monthly expense summaries and graphical analysis.
- Notifications for overspending or budget thresholds.
- Admin panel for usage monitoring and user management.

2.1.1.9 User

Characteristics

- **Users:** Individuals looking to track and manage their personal or household expenses.
- **Admin:** Responsible for maintaining the platform, user verification, and system analytics.

2.1.1.10 Constraints

- Currently available as a web-based application only.
- Requires a stable internet connection for full functionality.
- All financial data must be securely stored and validated.
- Email alerts depend on third-party services.

2.1.1.11 Assumptions and Dependencies

- Users provide correct and truthful information during registration.
- Hosting provider ensures reliable uptime (at least 99.9%).
- External APIs and services used (e.g., email, authentication) remain available and functional.
- Future scalability is considered; the codebase supports modular enhancements.

CHAPTER 3

System Design Specification

3.1 System

Architecture

The Expense Tracker Web Application follows a three-tier architecture: **Presentation Layer (Frontend)**, **Application Layer (Backend/Business Logic)**, and **Data Layer (Database)**.

The frontend is built using Angular and styled with Tailwind CSS, delivering a responsive and dynamic user experience. The backend is developed with Spring Boot, exposing RESTful APIs that handle authentication, expense logic, and admin control functionalities. The data is stored in a relational database like MySQL or PostgreSQL using Spring Data JPA.

This architecture promotes modularity, scalability, and maintainability. Secure data exchange is ensured through HTTPS, with authentication handled using JWT or OAuth 2.0 protocols.

3.2 Module

Decomposition

Description

The system is divided into several key functional modules:

- **Authentication Module:** Manages secure user login, registration, and role-based access for users and administrators using JWT/OAuth.
- **User Dashboard Module:** Allows users to add, edit, categorize, and delete expense records and set monthly budgets.
- **Analytics and Reporting Module:** Generates graphical reports and summaries for daily, weekly, and monthly spending patterns.

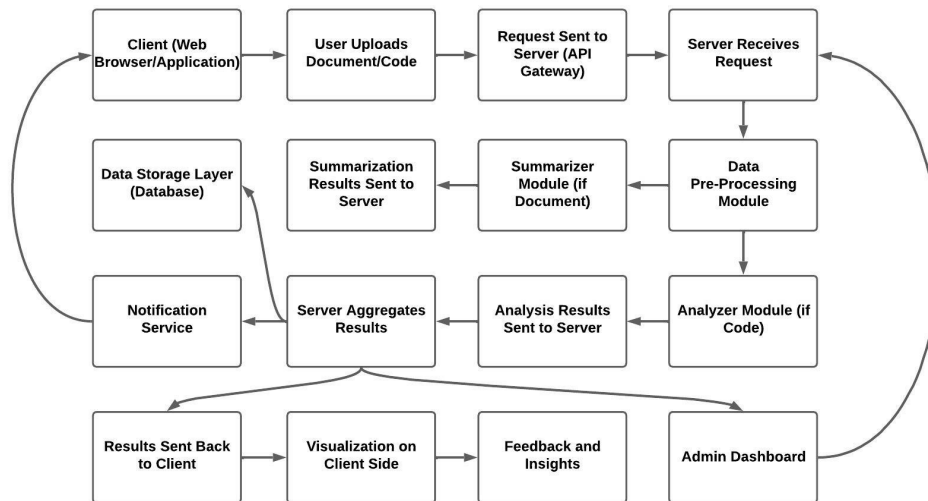


Figure 3.1: System Architecture

- **Budget Alert Module:** Sends alerts when a user is about to exceed or has exceeded their budget limit.
- **Admin Module:** Provides admin functionalities such as user activity monitoring, platform health checks, and basic analytics.
- **Notification Module:** Sends optional email notifications or alerts via integrated APIs (e.g., SendGrid).

3.3 High

Level

Design

Diagrams

3.3.1 Use

Case

Diagram

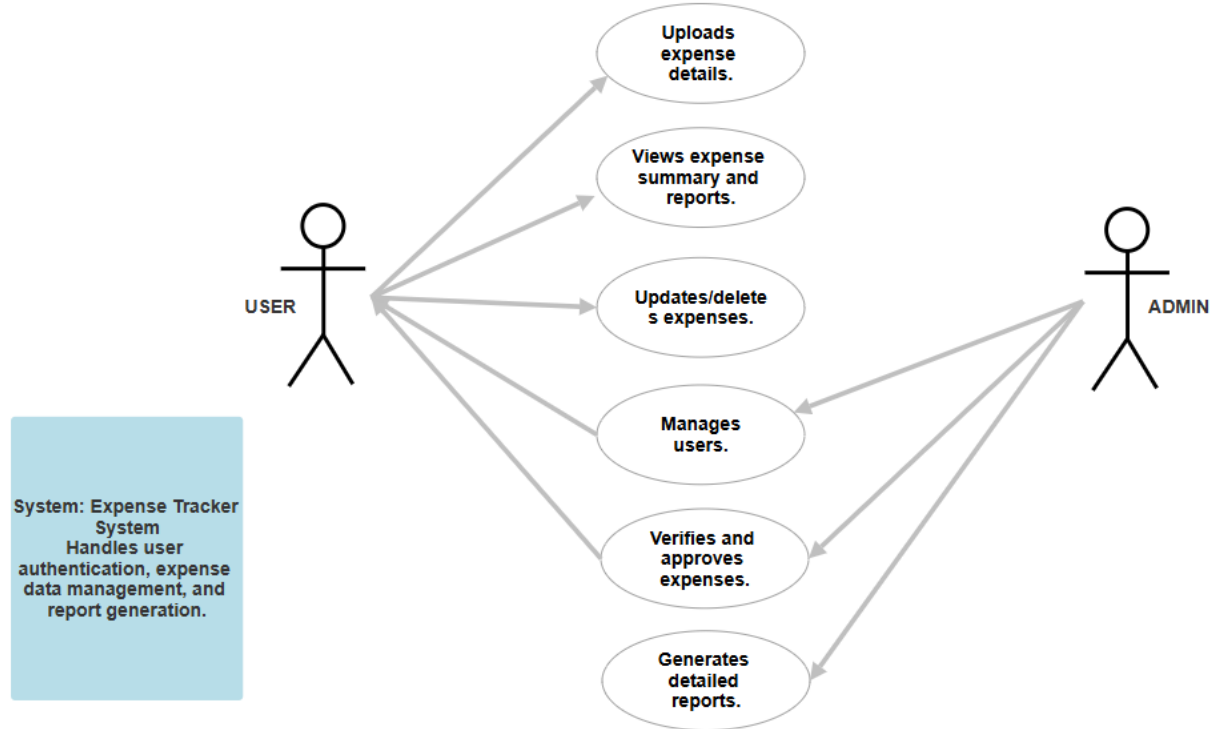


Figure 3.2: Use Case Diagram for Expense Tracker

3.3.2 Sequence

Diagram

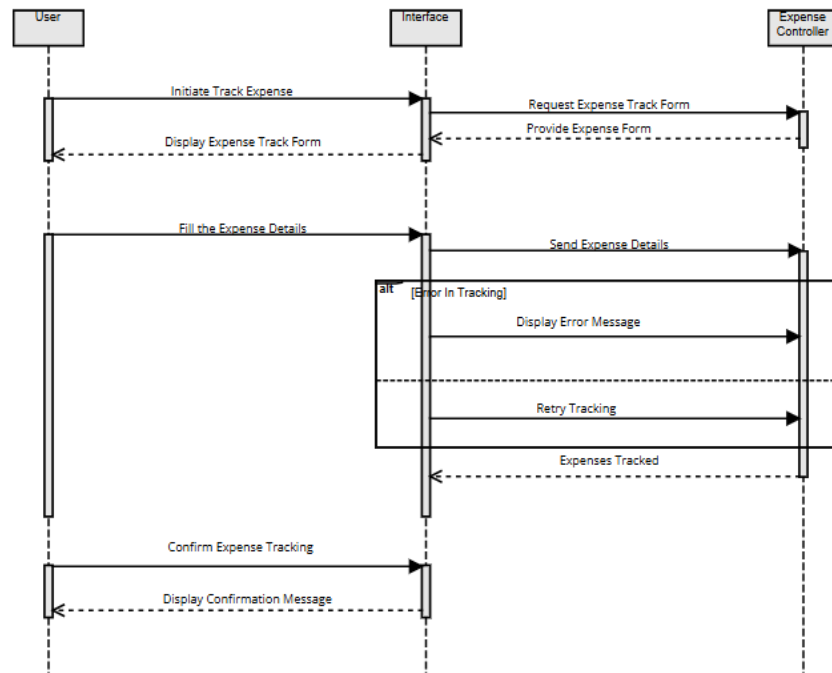


Figure 3.3: Sequence Diagram: User Adds Expense

3.3.3 Data

Flow

Diagram

(DFD)

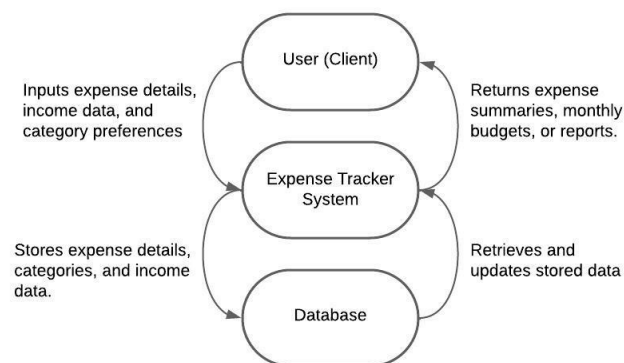


Figure 3.4: DFD Level 0: Overview of Expense Tracker

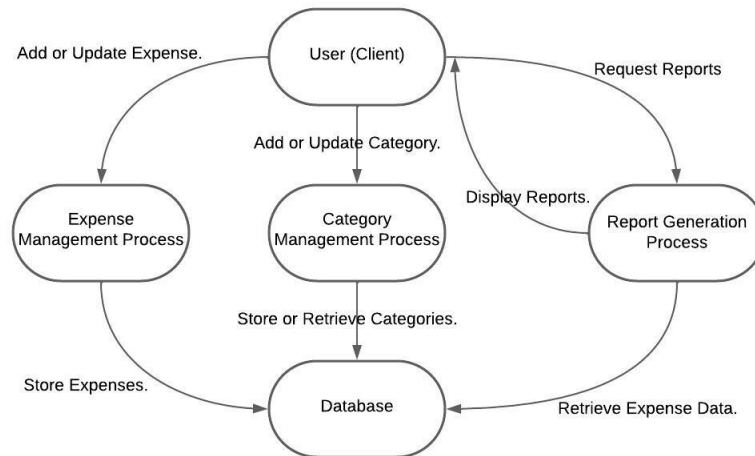


Figure 3.5: DFD Level 1: User Expense Management

3.3.4 Class

Diagram

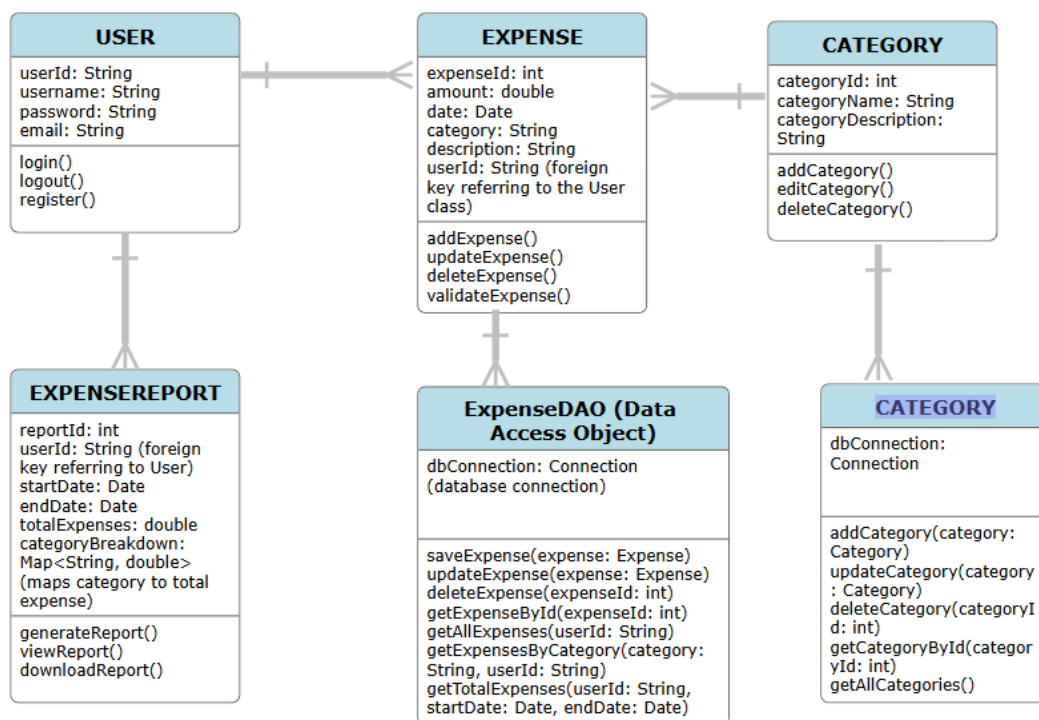


Figure 3.6: Class Diagram: Entity Relationships

3.3.5 ER

Diagram

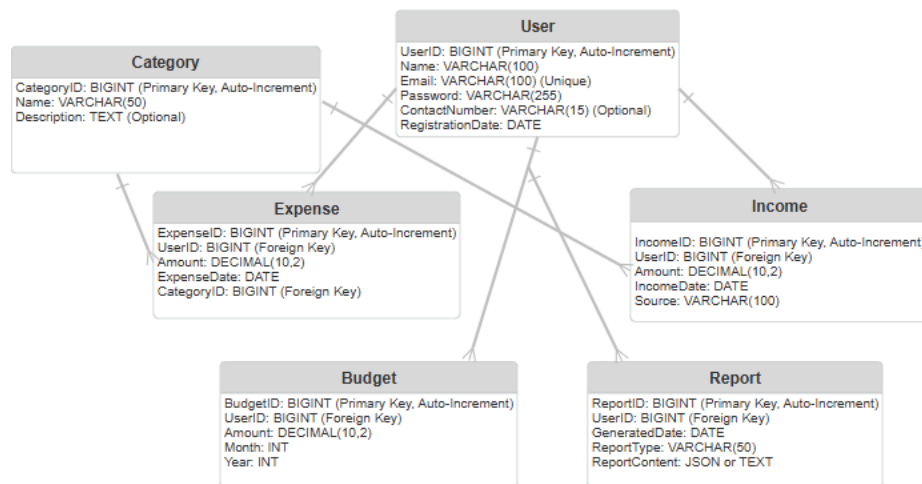


Figure 3.7: ER Diagram for Expense Tracker

3.3.6 Communication

Diagram

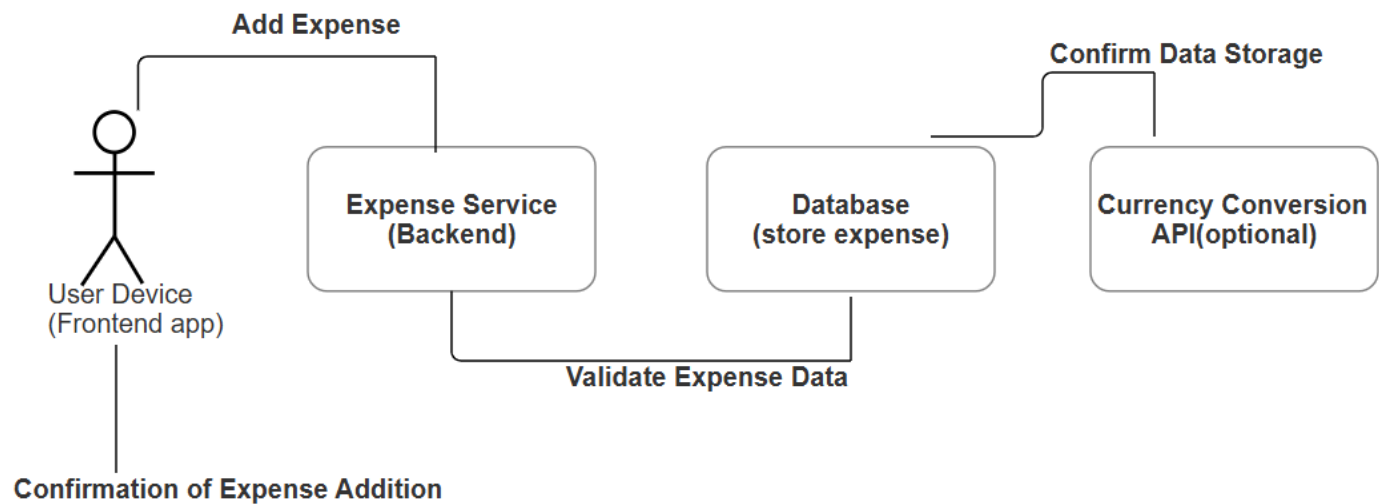


Figure 3.8: Communication Diagram: User and System Interaction

3.3.7 Deployment

Diagram

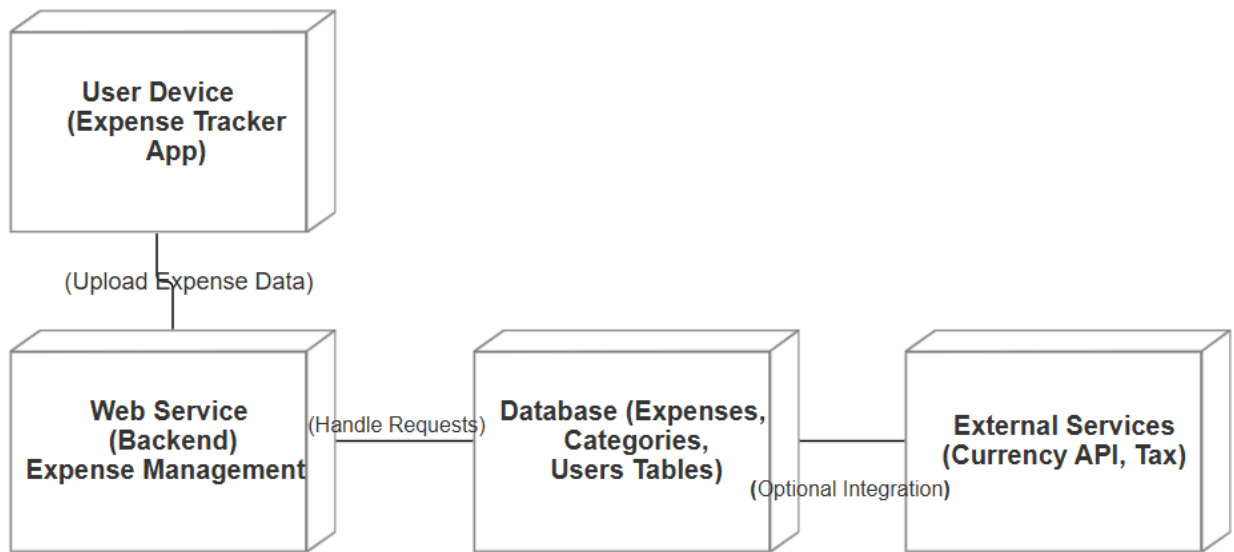


Figure 3.9: Deployment Diagram for Expense Tracker Web App

CHAPTER 4

Methodology and Team

4.1 Introduction to Waterfall Framework

The Waterfall Model is a traditional software development methodology that follows a linear and sequential approach. Each phase must be completed before the next one begins, making it highly structured and easy to manage.

The development process follows a top-down approach through phases including: Requirements, Design, Implementation, Testing, Deployment, and Maintenance. This model is particularly effective for projects where requirements are well-defined and unlikely to change during development.

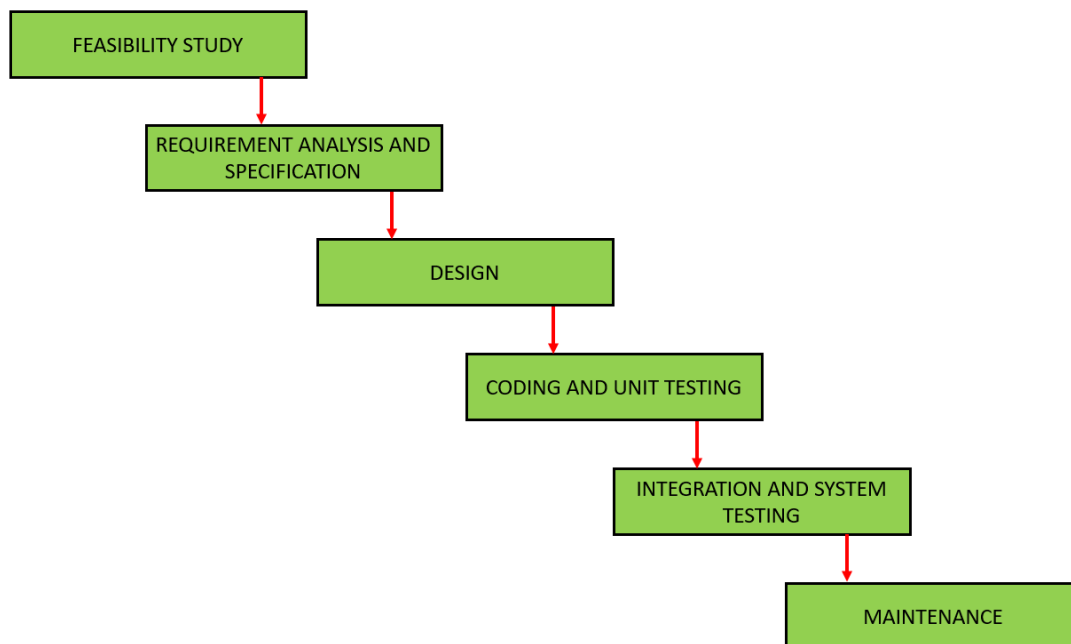


Figure 4.1: Waterfall Model

The sequential phases of the Waterfall model as applied to our Expense Tracker project include:

1. Requirement Gathering and Analysis:

Gathered specific requirements such as expense categorization, monthly budget setting, analytics, and user authentication. These were documented in the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) document.

2. System Design:

Created detailed architecture including frontend-backend interaction, REST API planning, database schema (ER diagram), and component-based UI layout.

3. Implementation:

Developed the frontend using Angular and Tailwind CSS, and backend using Spring Boot. Implemented user authentication, CRUD operations for expenses, and alert notifications.

4. Integration and Testing:

Integrated frontend with backend APIs using HTTPClient and performed unit and integration testing of modules using tools like JUnit, Postman, and Angular testing libraries.

5. Deployment of System:

Deployed the application to a web server for demonstration and usage. The backend was deployed on a local or cloud-based Spring Boot runtime with connected relational database.

6. Maintenance:

Monitored the application post-deployment for bug fixing, UI enhancements, performance tuning, and new feature additions.

Each phase in the Waterfall model strictly follows completion of the previous phase, ensuring traceability and documentation at each level.

Advantages of Waterfall Model:

- Allows for structured planning and progress tracking.
- Clearly defined stages with well-documented deliverables.
- Easy to manage due to its rigid model structure.
- Suitable for short-term projects with fixed requirements.

Disadvantages of Waterfall Model:

- Difficult to accommodate changes once a phase is completed.
- Late discovery of bugs as testing is performed only after implementation.
- Not ideal for complex, long-term projects where requirements may evolve.

4.2 Team Member, Roles & Responsibilities

This project was individually developed and managed by a single contributor, taking full responsibility for all phases including planning, development, testing, and documentation. The following roles were handled:

- **Project Leader:**

Planned the project structure, selected the technology stack (Angular for frontend and Spring Boot for backend), and outlined the system architecture and development timeline.

- **Frontend Developer:**

Designed and implemented responsive UI components using Angular and Tailwind CSS. Managed routing, form validation, state handling, and integration with backend APIs.

- **Backend Developer:**

Developed RESTful APIs using Spring Boot, implemented JWT-based authentication, handled CRUD operations, and managed the relational database schema.

- **Tester:**

Performed unit testing and integration testing using Postman, JUnit, and Angular testing tools. Ensured the system worked as expected across different scenarios.

- **Documentation Author:**

Created the Software Requirements Specification (SRS), detailed system design documentation, and user manual, ensuring clarity and traceability throughout the development cycle.

CHAPTER 5

System Testing

The developed Expense Tracker system was thoroughly tested to ensure it satisfies all functional and non-functional requirements. The testing process was focused on identifying bugs, verifying correct behavior, and confirming the system's performance under typical usage scenarios.

5.1 Functionality

Testing

The following features of the application were tested to validate their correctness and user experience.

1. Links

(a) Internal Links:

All internal navigation links such as Dashboard, Add Expense, View Transactions, and Categories were tested. Each route was verified for correct redirection and data rendering specific to the logged-in user.

(b) External Links:

No external links were included in the initial version. Future releases may incorporate links to financial tools, APIs, or educational budgeting resources.

(c) Broken Links:

Manual and automated testing confirmed there are no broken links in the system. All routes are functioning as intended.

2. Forms

(a) **Error Message for Wrong Input:**

Real-time error messages appear when incorrect or missing values are entered in forms (e.g., missing amount, invalid email format). These validations improve the overall user experience.

(b) **Optional and Mandatory Fields:**

Mandatory fields such as "Amount", "Category", and "Date" are clearly marked. The system prevents form submission until all required fields are filled, with corresponding error notifications displayed.

3. Database

- CRUD operations such as adding a new expense, editing existing entries, and deleting records were tested through the integrated UI. Data persistence was verified across user sessions.
- Backend validations and database constraints were tested to ensure referential integrity and prevention of duplicate or invalid entries.

5.2 Performance

Testing

Performance tests were conducted to validate responsiveness and resource usage under realistic user loads.

- **Page Load Speed:**

All core pages including login, dashboard, and expense forms load within 1–2 seconds under normal internet conditions.

- **API Response Time:**

Spring Boot REST APIs typically responded within 150–300 milliseconds under test data load.

- **Data Scalability:**

The system was populated with over 500 sample expense records to evaluate how data retrieval and filtering performed. No lags or crashes were observed.

- **Session Handling:**

Proper session management ensured that users remained authenticated during active use, with session expiration handled securely.

5.3 Usability

Testing

Usability testing focused on how user-friendly and accessible the system is for typical users managing their expenses.

- **Ease of Navigation:**

Users can quickly access core functions like adding an expense or viewing reports with minimal clicks. The navigation is simple and intuitive.

- **Design Consistency:**

Tailwind CSS was used to maintain a consistent visual design across all screens. Buttons, form inputs, and labels follow a uniform layout.

- **Feedback and Error Messaging:**

The system provides immediate feedback on successful actions (e.g., "Expense added") and displays clear messages on input errors or failed operations.

- **Accessibility:**

The interface was tested on both desktop and mobile devices. Font sizes, button placements, and color contrast were optimized for readability.

- **User Feedback:**

Informal feedback from peers and mentors indicated that the app was simple to understand and aesthetically pleasing, with all features functioning as expected.

CHAPTER 6

Test Execution Summary

This chapter provides a summary of the testing process executed during the development lifecycle of the Expense Tracker application. The test plan was outlined at the initial phase, while this summary report was compiled upon completion of the system to evaluate its functionality, reliability, and user experience. The report outlines each key scenario tested, their outcomes, and the effort involved, helping assess the overall system quality.

As the sole developer and tester of this project, all test cases were designed, executed, and documented independently. This summary aims to ensure the application behaves as intended under normal user workflows.

The report includes:

- Unique Test Case IDs and scenario mapping
- Description of each test scenario
- Outcome of test execution (Pass/Fail)
- Resources used (time and tools involved)

S.No	Test Case ID	Test Case Description	Status	Resources Used
1	TC001	User login with valid and invalid credentials	Pass	Manual testing, 8 mins
2	TC002	Add expense with complete and incomplete data	Pass	Manual testing, 10 mins
3	TC003	View and filter expense history by date/category	Pass	Manual testing, 12 mins
4	TC004	Category creation, update, and deletion workflows	Pass	Manual testing, 15 mins
5	TC005	Responsive design check across devices (mobile/desktop)	Pass	Chrome DevTools, 20 mins
6	TC006	Data persistence after refresh/logout	Pass	Spring Boot MySQL backend, 7 mins
7	TC007	Validation error display on missing fields	Pass	Form testing with dummy data, 9 mins
8	TC008	API response time and error handling for Add Expense	Pass	Postman and browser console, 10 mins

Table 6.1: Test Case Execution Summary for Expense Tracker Core Features

CHAPTER 7

Project Screen Shots

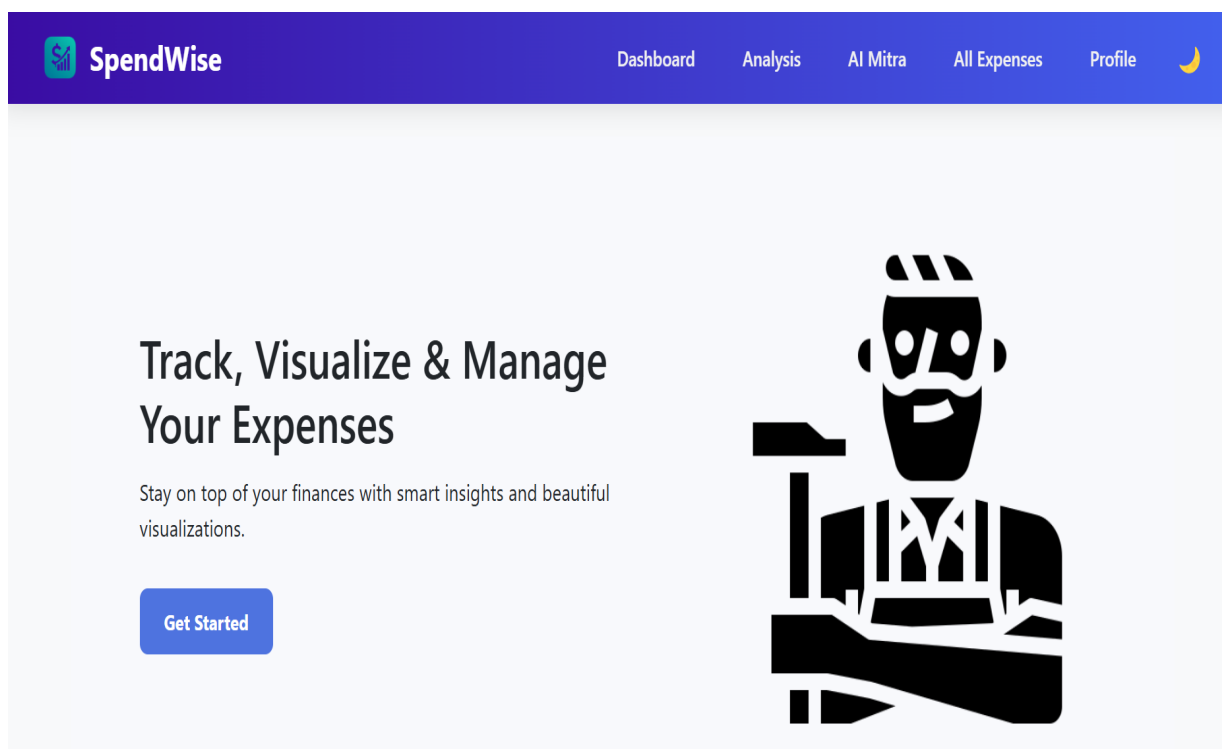
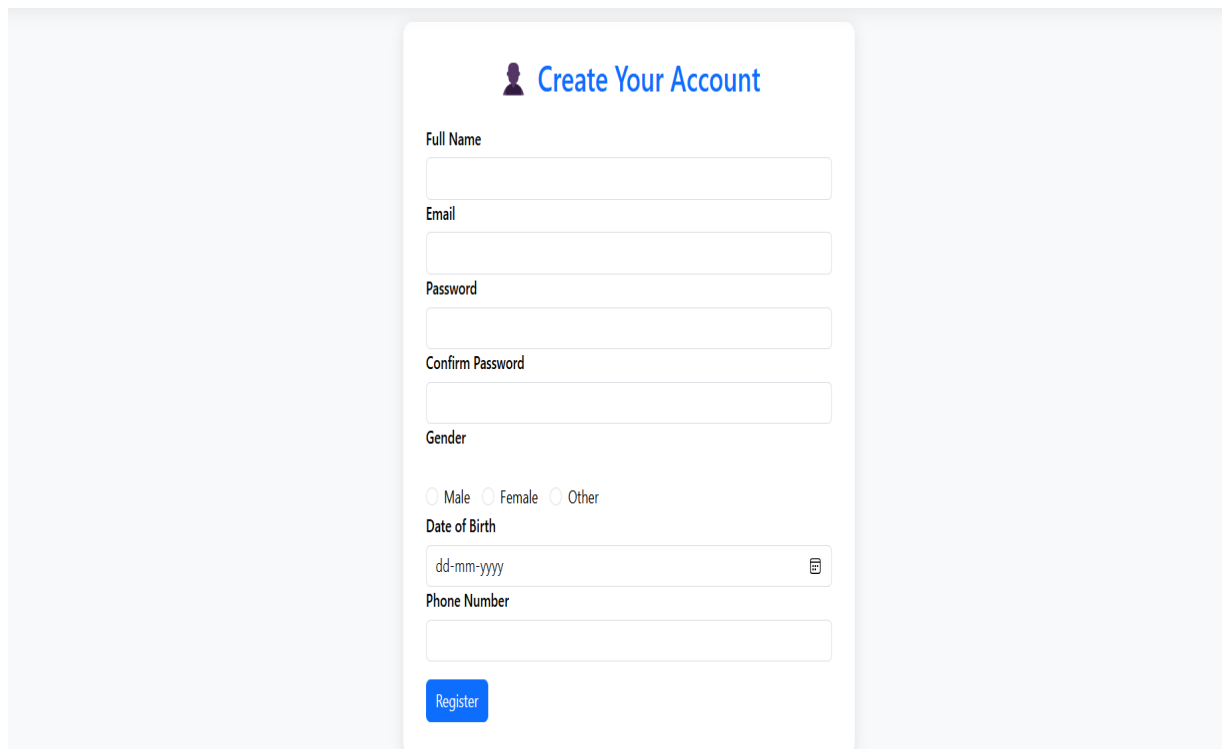


Figure 7.1: HOMEPAGE



The registration page features a central white card with a blue header containing a person icon and the text "Create Your Account". Below the header, the form includes input fields for "Full Name", "Email", "Password", "Confirm Password", and "Phone Number". A "Gender" section has three radio buttons labeled "Male", "Female", and "Other". A "Date of Birth" field is accompanied by a calendar icon. A blue "Register" button is positioned at the bottom of the card.

Create Your Account

Full Name

Email

Password

Confirm Password

Gender

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

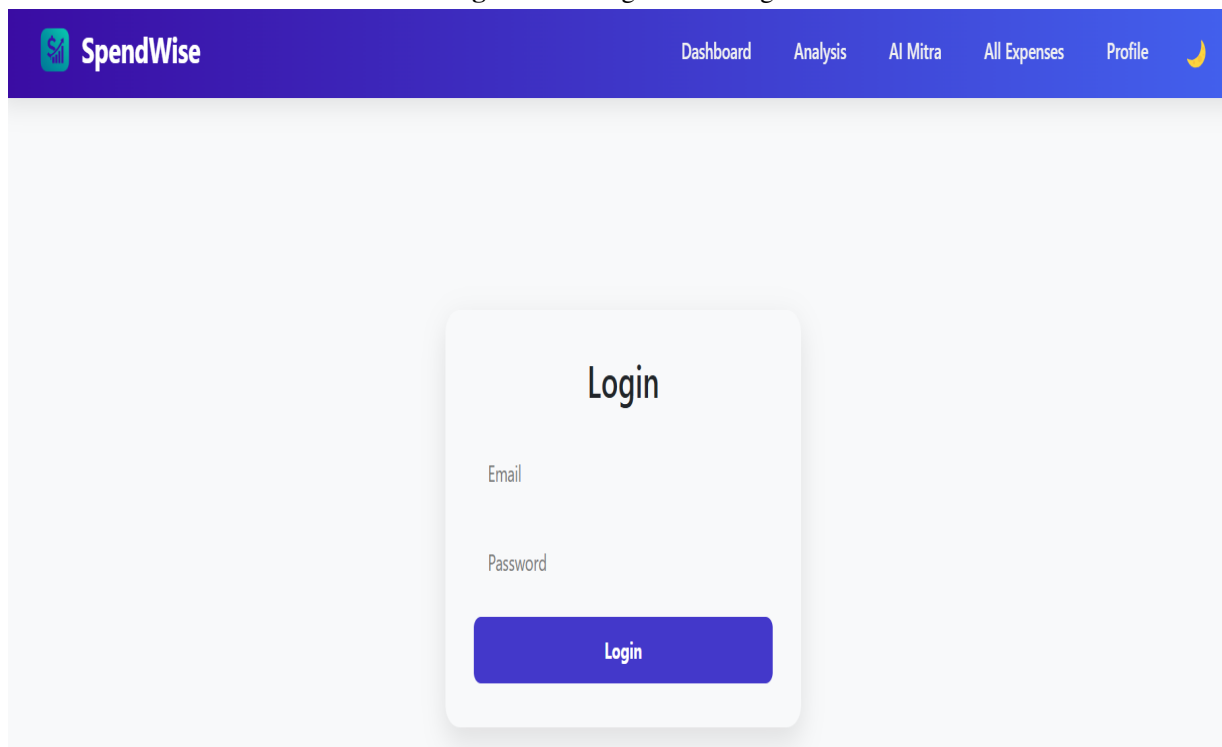
Date of Birth

dd-mm-yyyy

Phone Number

Register

Figure 7.2: Registration Page



The login page has a dark blue header with the "SpendWise" logo on the left and navigation links for "Dashboard", "Analysis", "AI Mitra", "All Expenses", and "Profile" on the right, followed by a moon icon. The main content area contains a white card with the title "Login". Below the title are input fields for "Email" and "Password", and a blue "Login" button at the bottom.

SpendWise Dashboard Analysis AI Mitra All Expenses Profile

Login

Email

Password

Login

Figure 7.3: Login Page

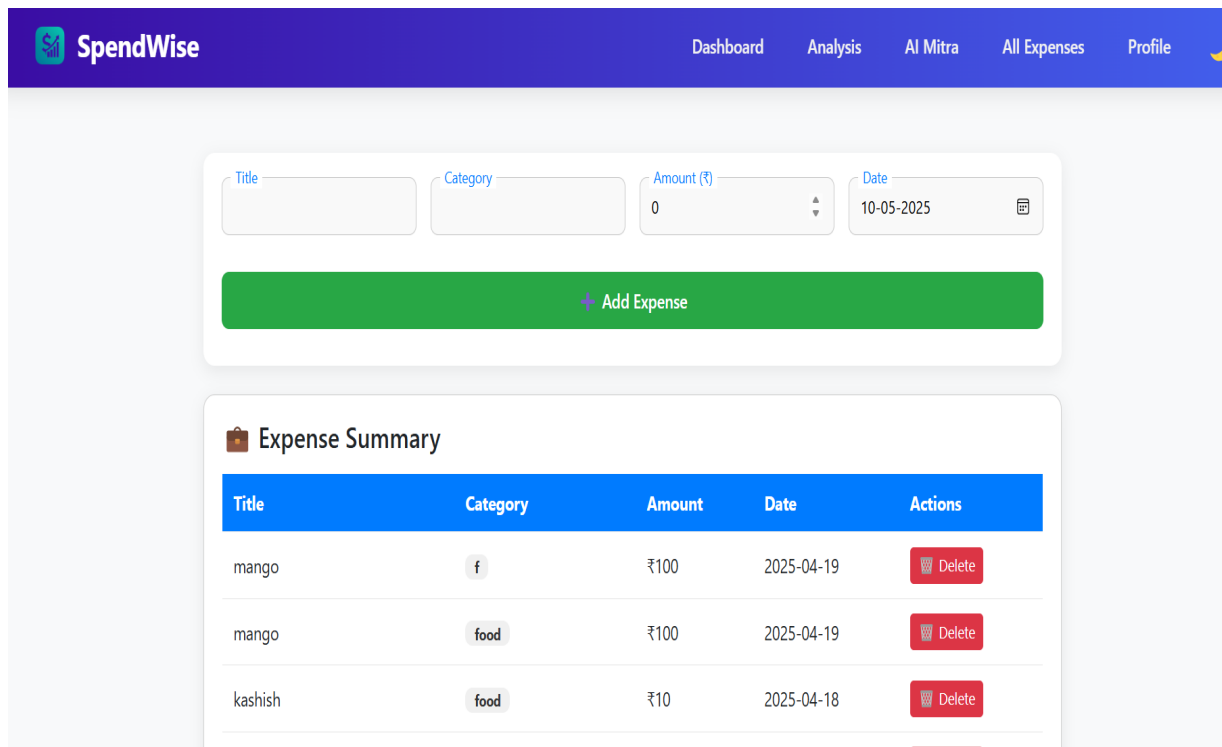


Figure 7.4: DashBoard Page

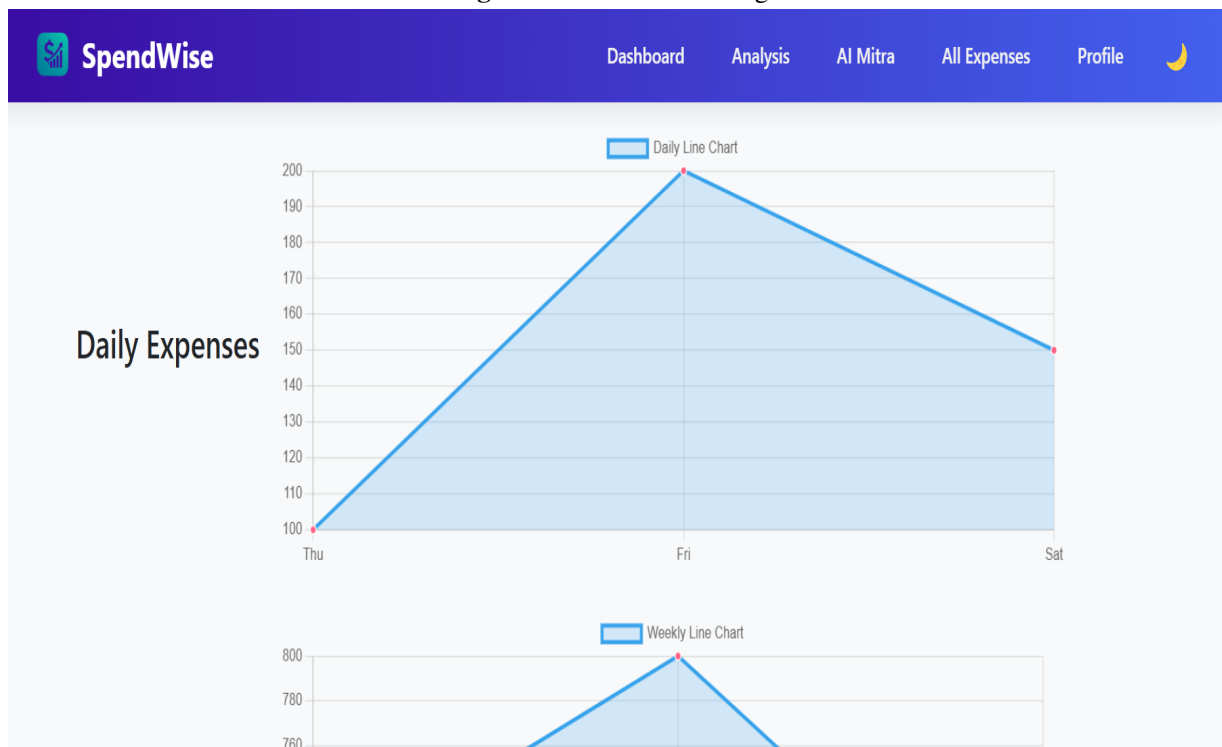


Figure 7.5: Analysis Page

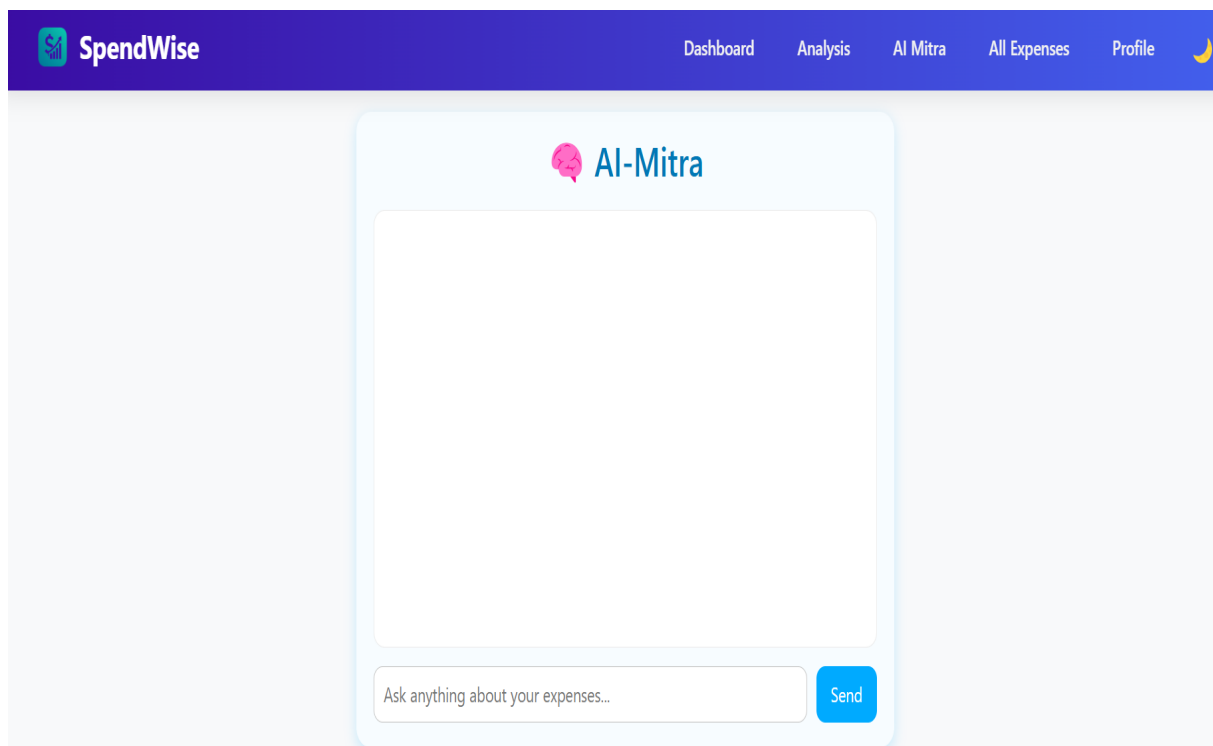


Figure 7.6: AI-Mitra

Date	Category	Amount	Description
2025-04-19	f	₹100	mango
2025-04-19	food	₹100	mango
2025-04-18	food	₹10	kashish
2025-04-03	kuch	₹10	kuch
2025-04-01	food	₹20	ice cream
2025-03-27	Food	₹1800	Dinner at Restaurant
2025-03-25	Transport	₹1500	Fuel
2025-03-23	Food	₹3000	Milk, Tea,...

Figure 7.7: All Expenses with filters

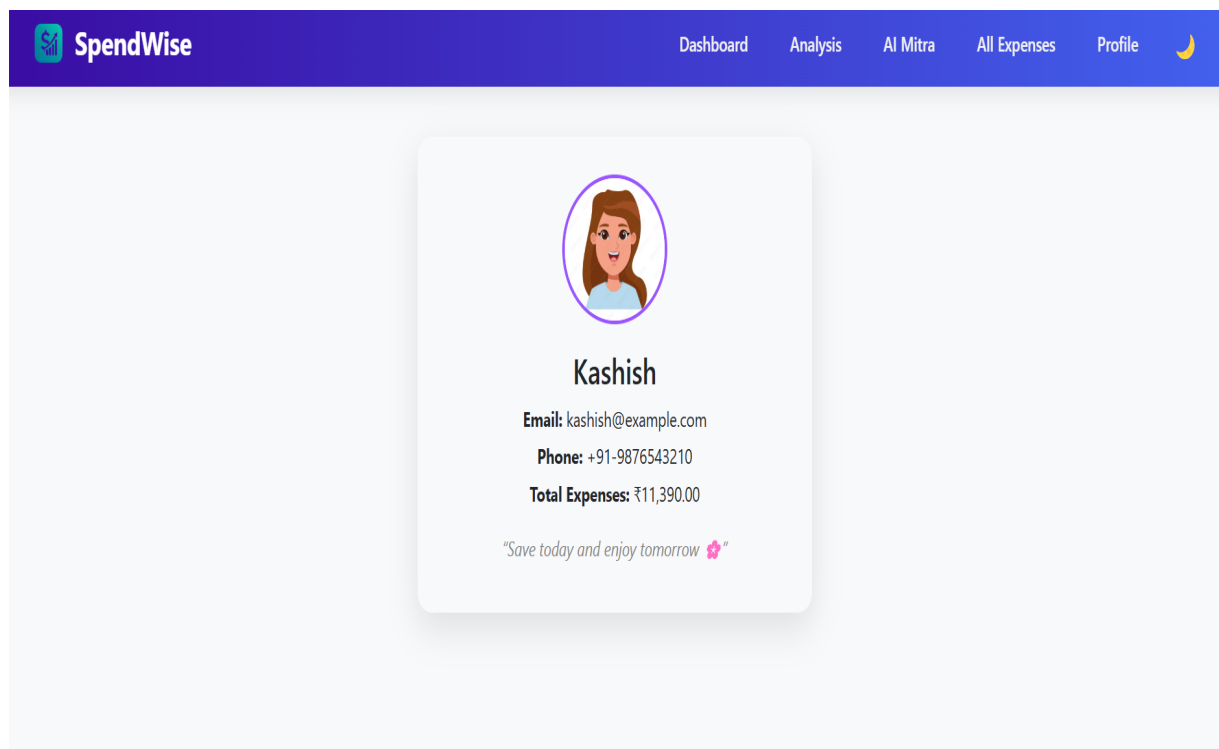


Figure 7.8: Profile

CHAPTER 8

Project Summary and Conclusions

8.1 Conclusion

The development of the Expense Tracker application has addressed the key challenge of managing personal expenses efficiently, offering users a streamlined way to track, categorize, and analyze their daily spending. The platform provides essential features like expense entry, category management, filtering by date or category, and secure data storage, making it an invaluable tool for individuals seeking better financial management.

Throughout the project, I successfully implemented core functionalities such as user authentication, expense tracking, category management, and real-time data persistence. These features ensure that users can seamlessly log and monitor their expenses, helping them stay within their budget and make informed financial decisions.

The application leverages modern technologies like React.js, Tailwind CSS for responsive design, and Spring Boot with MySQL for backend management, ensuring both scalability and a smooth user experience. Comprehensive testing validated its functionality, usability, and performance, confirming the application's reliability.

In conclusion, the Expense Tracker meets its primary goals of simplifying expense management while providing a solid foundation for future enhancements. Potential future features include integration with external financial APIs, AI-powered budget suggestions, multi-user support, and mobile app compatibility. This project lays the groundwork for a versatile, scalable tool that can support users in achieving their financial goals.

CHAPTER 9

Future Scope

The current implementation of the Expense Tracker application provides users with an efficient way to manage their finances. However, to enhance its functionality, scalability, and user experience, several key improvements and new features can be integrated in future iterations of the platform. These enhancements will increase user engagement, broaden its usage, and provide additional tools for more comprehensive financial management.

- **AI-Based Expense Categorization:** Future versions can include AI algorithms that automatically categorize expenses based on user behavior, transaction details, and spending patterns. This will reduce manual input and improve accuracy over time.
- **Mobile Application Development:** Developing native mobile apps for Android and iOS would allow users to track their expenses on-the-go, providing a seamless experience across devices and ensuring higher user engagement.
- **Cloud Sync and Backup:** Integrating cloud synchronization will enable users to access their data from multiple devices and ensure data security with regular backups. This would also support real-time updates across all platforms.
- **Integration with Banking APIs:** Future versions can integrate with banking APIs to automatically import transaction data from user bank accounts, reducing manual data entry and providing a more seamless financial management experience.
- **Real-Time Financial Insights:** A real-time analytics dashboard could provide users with insights into their spending trends, budget adherence, and financial

goals. Users can track their progress and receive alerts if they are overspending in any category.

- **Bill Reminders and Payment Tracking:** The addition of bill reminders and payment tracking would help users stay on top of recurring payments such as utility bills, subscriptions, and loan repayments, helping prevent missed payments.
- **Multi-Currency Support:** As the app scales globally, incorporating multi-currency support would make it more accessible for users worldwide, allowing them to track their expenses in different currencies.
- **Financial Goal Setting and Tracking:** A module for setting financial goals (e.g., saving for a vacation, buying a gadget) could be added. Users could track their progress and receive recommendations to reach their goals more effectively.
- **Collaborative Expense Tracking:** Implement a feature allowing users to share expenses with family members or friends, enabling easy tracking of shared expenses and settlements, especially for group activities or joint projects.
- **Investment Portfolio Tracking:** Adding support for tracking investments, such as stocks, mutual funds, or cryptocurrencies, will allow users to have a more holistic view of their financial status and performance.
- **Data Encryption and Security Enhancements:** As user data will be increasingly sensitive, adopting end-to-end encryption and implementing two-factor authentication (2FA) for additional security will further safeguard user information.
- **Premium Features and Monetization:** A freemium model could be introduced, where basic features remain free, and premium features such as advanced analytics, multi-user collaboration, and priority customer support are available as part of a paid plan.

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