

CALCULATING FAMILY EXPENSES USING SERVICE NOW

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Problem Statement : Managing family finances can often be challenging and time-intensive, frequently lacking proper organization, real-time visibility, and detailed reporting. Traditional approaches like manual logs or standalone budgeting applications fall short in offering a centralized, flexible, and scalable solution tailored to the diverse financial requirements of modern households. To bridge this gap, the proposed project aims to develop a family expense management system using the ServiceNow platform. By harnessing ServiceNow's powerful automation, seamless integration, and intuitive interface, the system will enable families to efficiently track, categorize, and analyze their expenses in real time—ultimately delivering a smart, scalable, and user-friendly financial management solution.

Objective : The project aims to develop a comprehensive expense calculation system using ServiceNow. This system will enable users to track and manage family expenses efficiently. It will include features such as expense categorization, budget setting, real-time tracking, and reporting capabilities. Utilizing ServiceNow's robust platform, the project will ensure seamless integration, user-friendly interface, and

scalability to accommodate varying family sizes and financial complexities. The end goal is to empower users with the tools they need to make informed financial decisions and promote financial well-being within the family unit.

Skills Required: IOT Open Hardware platforms, Data Structures

TASK INITIATION

Activity 1 : Creation of New Update Set

1. Open Service Now
2. Go to All >> In the filter search for Local Update set > click on New.
3. Enter the Details as: Name : Family Expenses
4. Then click on Submit and Make current.

The screenshot shows the ServiceNow interface for configuring a new table named 'Family Expenses'. The 'Columns' tab is active, displaying a table of dictionary entries. The 'Label' field is set to 'Family Expenses' and the 'Name' field is set to 'u_st_family_expenses'. The 'Application' is set to 'Global' and 'Remote Table' is checked. The 'Columns' table lists fields like Sys ID, Number, Expense Detail, Date, and Amount with their respective types and lengths.

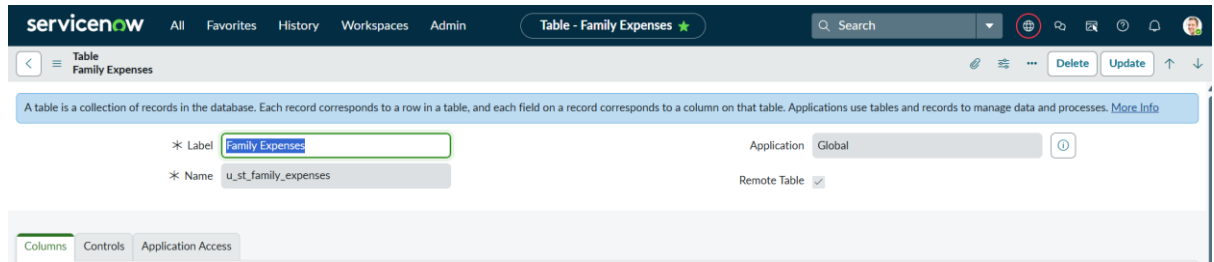
Column label	Type	Reference	Max length	Default value	Display
Sys ID	Sys ID (GUID)	(empty)	32		false
Number	String	(empty)	40	javascript:getNextObjNumberPadded();	false
Expense Detail	String	(empty)	800		false
Date	Date	(empty)	40		false
Amount	Integer	(empty)	40		false

Activity 2 : Creation of Table.

1. Creation of Family Expenses Table

- Go to All > In the filter search for Tables > click on New.

- Enter the Details: Label : Family Expenses Name : Auto-Populated. New menu name : Family Expenditure



The screenshot shows the ServiceNow configuration page for a table named 'Family Expenses'. The 'Label' field is set to 'Family Expenses' and the 'Name' field is set to 'u_st_family_expenses'. The 'Application' is set to 'Global' and 'Remote Table' is checked. The 'Columns' tab is selected at the bottom.

2. Creation of Columns(Fields)

- Near Columns Double click near insert a new row.
- Give the details as:
Column label : Number
Type : String
- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
Column label : Date
Type : Date
- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
Column label : Amount
Type : Integer
- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
Column label : Expense Details
Type : String
Max length : 800
- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Save.

Columns Controls Application Access					
Table Columns Column label Search 1 to 5 of 5 New					
Dictionary Entries					
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Number	String	(empty)		40 javascript:getNextObjNumberPadded();	false
Expense Detail	String	(empty)		800	false
Date	Date	(empty)		40	false
Amount	Integer	(empty)		40	false
Insert a new row...					
Delete Update					

3. Making Number Field an Auto-Number

- Double click on the Number Field/Column.
- Go down and double click on Advanced view
- In Default Value:
 - Use dynamic default : check the box
 - Dynamic default value : Get Next Padded Number
- Click on Update.
- Go to All >> In the filter search for Number Maintenance >> select Number Maintenance
- Click on New.
- Enter the below Details:
 - Table : Family Expenses
 - Prefix : MFE
- Click on Submit

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4. Configure the Form

- Go to All >> In the filter search for Family Expenses >> Open Family Expenses
- Click on New

- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Configure >> Select Form Design
- Customize or Drag Drop the form as per your requirement.
- Make Number Read-Only Field by clicking on the gear icon and checking Read-Only
- Make Date, Amount Mandatory Field by clicking on the gear icon and checking Mandatory
- Click on Save.

The screenshot shows the 'Form Design' interface for a table named 'Family Expenses [u_st_family_expenses]'. The interface has a sidebar on the left with sections: 'Fields' (containing 'Field Types' and 'Filter'), 'Formatters' (containing 'Activities (filtered)', 'Contextual Search Results', and 'Ratings'), and 'Fields' (containing 'Number', 'Date', and 'Amount'). The main area shows the form layout with two sections. The first section is titled 'Family Expenses [u_st_family_expenses]' and contains three fields: 'Number', 'Date', and 'Amount'. The second section is titled 'Expense Detail' and contains a single field. The 'Number' field is marked as 'Read-Only' and the 'Date' and 'Amount' fields are marked as 'Mandatory'.

Activity 3 : Creation of Table(Daily Expenses).

1. Creation of Daily Expenses Table.

- Go to All > In the filter search for Tables > click on New.
- Enter the Details:
 - Label : Daily Expenses
 - Name : Auto-Populated
 - Add Module to menu : Family Expenditure
- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Save.

The screenshot shows the 'Table' creation interface for a table named 'Daily Expenses'. The interface has a header bar with a back arrow, a table icon, the table name 'Daily Expenses', and buttons for 'Delete', 'Update', and 'Delete All Records'. Below the header bar is a description: 'A table is a collection of records in the database. Each record corresponds to a row in a table, and each field on a record corresponds to a column on that table. Applications use tables and records to manage data and processes. [More Info](#)'. The main area contains two fields: '* Label' with the value 'Daily Expense' and '* Name' with the value 'u_daily_expenses'. There are also fields for 'Application' (set to 'Global') and 'Remote Table' (set to 'Global').

2. Creation of Columns(Fields)

- Near Columns Double click near insert a new row.
- Give the details as:
 - Column label : Number
 - Type : String

- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
 - Column label : Date
 - Type : Date
- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
 - Column label : Expense
 - Type : Integer
- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
 - Column label : Family Member Name
 - Type : Reference
 - Max length : 800
- Double click on insert a new row again
- Give the details as:
 - Column label : Comments
 - Type : String
 - Max length : 800
- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Save.

Column label	Type	Reference	Max length	Default value	Display
Updates	Integer	(empty)	40		false
Updated by	String	(empty)	40		false
Updated	Date/Time	(empty)	40		false
Sys ID	Sys ID (GUID)	(empty)	32		false
Number	String	(empty)	40	javascript.getNextObjNumberPadded();	false
Family Member Name	Reference	MFE	32		false
Expense	Integer	(empty)	40		false
Date	Date	(empty)	40		false
Created by	String	(empty)	40		false
Created	Date/Time	(empty)	40		false
Comments	String	(empty)	800		false

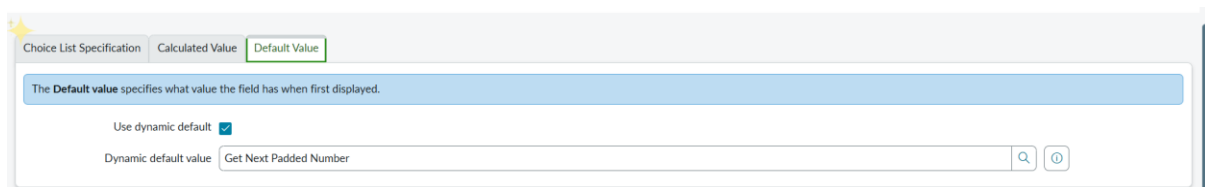
3. Making Number Field an Auto-Number.

- Double click on the Number Field/Column.
- Go down and double click on Advanced view
- In Default Value:

Use dynamic default : check the box

Dynamic default value : Get Next Padded Number

- Click on Update.
- Go to All >> In the filter search for Number Maintenance >> select Number Maintenance
- Click on New.
- Enter the below Details:
Table : Family Expenses
Prefix : MFE
- Click on Submit.

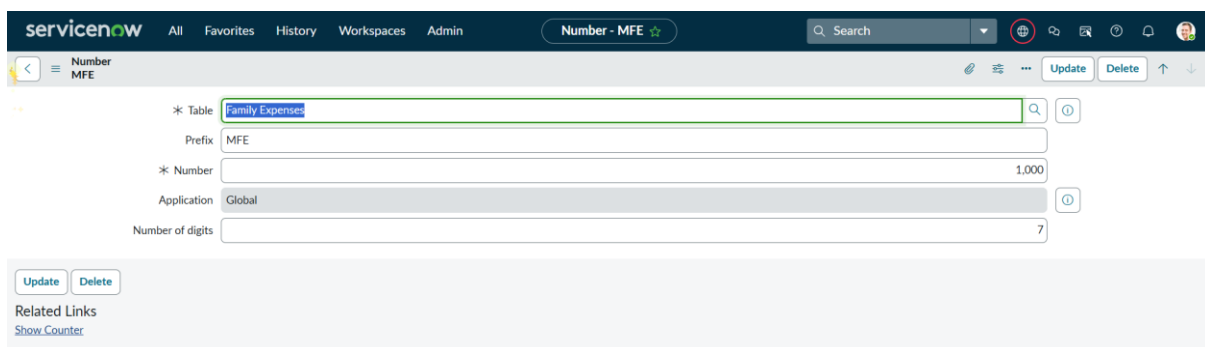


Choice List Specification | Calculated Value | **Default Value**

The **Default value** specifies what value the field has when first displayed.

Use dynamic default ☒

Dynamic default value:



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* Table:

Prefix:

* Number:

Application:

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4. Configure the Form

- Go to All >> In the filter search for Daily Expenses >> Open Daily Expenses
- Click on New
- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Configure >> Select Form Design
- Customize or Drag Drop the form as per your requirement.
- Make Number Read-Only Field by clicking on the gear icon and checking Read-Only

- Make Date, Family Member Name Mandatory Field by clicking on the gear icon and checking Mandatory
- Click on Save.

The screenshot shows the 'Form Design' interface for a table named 'Daily Expenses [u_daily_exp]'. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Fields' and 'Formatters' sections. The 'Fields' section lists 'Created', 'Created by', 'Updated', 'Updated by', and 'Updates'. The 'Formatters' section lists 'Activities (filtered)', 'Contextual Search Results', and 'Ratings'. The main area displays a form layout with two columns. The first column contains 'Number' and 'Date' fields. The second column contains 'Expense' and 'Family Member Name' fields. A 'Comments' field is located below the second column. Each field has a gear icon for configuration.

Activity 4 : Creation of Relationship.

1. Creation of Relationship between Family Expenses and Daily Expenses tables

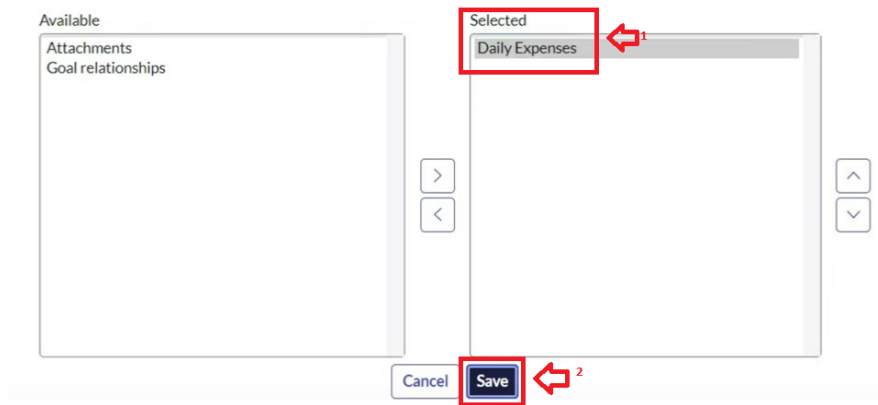
- Go to All >> In the filter search for Relationships >> Open Relationships
- Click on New.
- Enter the details:
 - Name : Daily Expenses
 - Applies to table : Select Family Expenses
 - Daily Expenses : Select Daily Expenses
- Click Save.

Activity 5 : Configuring Related List on Family Expenses.

1. Configuring Related List on Family Expenses

- Go to All >> In the filter search for Family Expenses >> Open Family Expenses
- Click on New

- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Configure >> Select Related Lists
- Add Daily Expenses to the Selected Area.
- Click on Save



Activity 6 : Activity 4 : Creation of Relationship.

1. Creation of Business Rules

- Go to All >> In the filter search for Business Rules.
- Under System Definition Select Business Rules then click on New.
- Enter the Details:
Name : Family Expenses BR
Table : Select Daily Expenses
Check Advanced
- In when to run Check Insert and Update
- In Advance(we write the code): Write the below code >>


```
(function executeRule(current, previous /*null when async*/) {
  var FamilyExpenses = new GlideRecord('u_family_expenses');
  FamilyExpenses.addQuery('u_date',current.u_date);
  FamilyExpenses.query();
  if(FamilyExpenses.next())
  {
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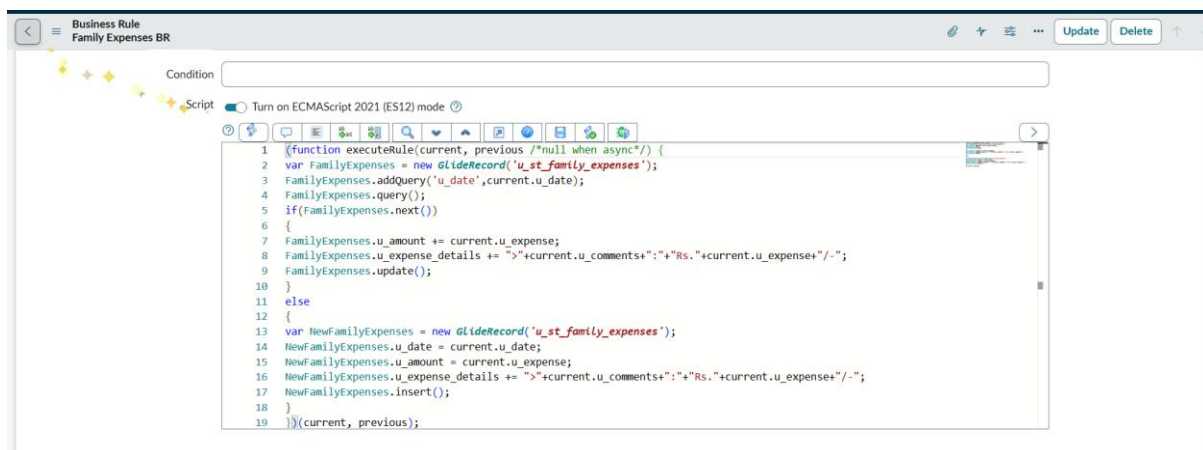
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FamilyExpenses.u_amount += current.u_expense;
FamilyExpenses.u_expense_details +=
">" + current.u_comments + ":" + "Rs." + current.u_expense + "/-";
FamilyExpenses.update();
}
else
{
var NewFamilyExpenses = new
GlideRecord('u_family_expenses');
NewFamilyExpenses.u_date = current.u_date;
NewFamilyExpenses.u_amount = current.u_expense;
NewFamilyExpenses.u_expense_details +=
">" + current.u_comments + ":" + "Rs." + current.u_expense + "/-";
NewFamilyExpenses.insert();
}

```

- }}(current, previous);
- Go to the Header and right click there>> click on Save.

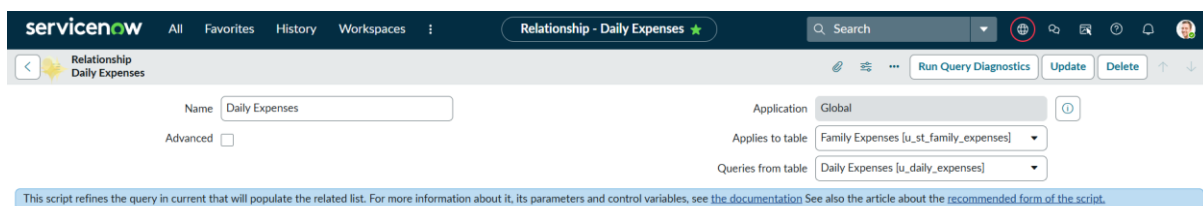
The screenshot shows the 'Business Rule' configuration interface for 'Family Expenses BR'. The top section includes a header bar with 'Business Rule' and 'Family Expenses BR' tabs, and buttons for 'Update' and 'Delete'. Below this is a blue informational banner. The main configuration area has a 'Name' field set to 'Family Expenses BR', a 'Table' dropdown set to 'Daily Expenses [u_daily_expenses]', an 'Application' dropdown set to 'Global', and checkboxes for 'Active' and 'Advanced', both of which are checked. The bottom section is titled 'When to run' and contains a blue banner with instructions. It features a 'When' dropdown set to 'before', an 'Order' field set to '100', and checkboxes for 'Insert' (checked), 'Update' (checked), 'Delete' (unchecked), and 'Query' (unchecked). There are also buttons for 'Add Filter Condition' and 'Add OR Clause', a 'Filter Conditions' section with a dropdown set to '-- choose field --', an 'oper' dropdown, and a 'value' field. A 'Role conditions' section with an edit icon is at the bottom.

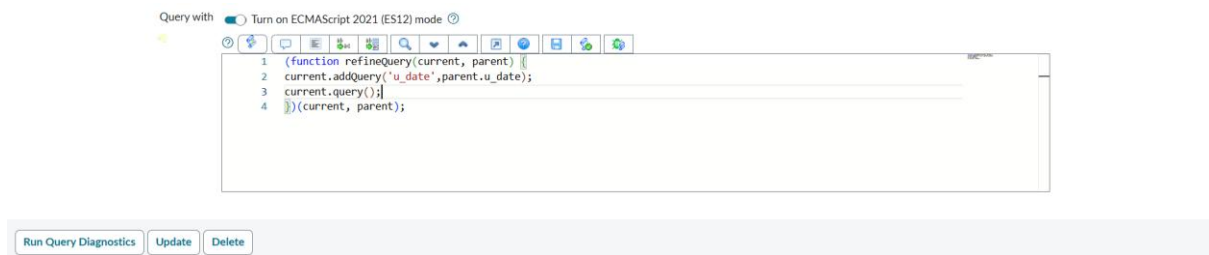


Activity 7 : Configure the Relationship.

1. Configure the Relationship

- Go to All >> In the filter search for Relationships >> Open Relationships.
- In that, open Daily Expenses Relationship.
- For Applies to table : Select Family Expenses.
- In Query with : write the below Query.
 (function refineQuery(current, parent) {
 // Add your code here, such as current.addQuery(field, value);
 current.addQuery('u_date',parent.u_date);
 current.query();
 })(current, parent);
- Click on Update





Conclusion :

By harnessing the power of the ServiceNow platform, this project aims to create a reliable and user-friendly solution for managing family expenses. Key features such as real-time tracking, smart categorization, budget control, and detailed reporting will make it easier for families to monitor and manage their finances effectively. The use of IoT open hardware platforms and optimized data structures will further enhance automation, performance, and scalability. In the long run, this solution will not only streamline daily financial tasks but also promote better spending habits and financial awareness, supporting long-term financial health and stability within households.