

Budget Dad (Paycheck Plan) - App Summary

What it is

Budget Dad (Paycheck Plan) is a client-side paycheck planner that helps users allocate income to bills, debt payments, and spending for a single pay period. It ships as a static web app and a Capacitor-wrapped mobile app.

Who it is for

People who want a simple, step-by-step plan for their next paycheck, especially those paying down debt.

What it does

- Guided setup and a 4-step planner: Income -> Bills -> Debts -> Plan.
- Supports hourly or salary pay with weekly or biweekly frequency, overtime, and tax estimate or exact net.
- Tracks fixed bills with due dates and running totals.
- Tracks debts with balances, minimums, APR, and snowball or avalanche prioritization.
- Calculates a next-paycheck plan with bills due, minimums, extra-to-target debt, and projected balance.
- Exports the plan via browser print/PDF and stores data locally with remember and clear options.

How it works (architecture)

- UI: static pages in web/ (index, planner, strategy, privacy, terms) with planner logic in web/planner.html.
- Data flow: user inputs -> in-page JS computes plan -> results rendered in the plan output; export uses window.print.
- Storage: browser localStorage or sessionStorage. Backend/API/DB: Not found in repo.
- Packaging/hosting: Capacitor webDir points to web/ for iOS/Android; Vercel config provides static rewrites.

How to run (minimal)

- Install dependencies: `npm install`
- Web preview: `npm run serve` (serves web/ on `http://localhost:5173`)
- Mobile wrapper (optional): `npm run cap:add:ios` or `npm run cap:add:android`, then `npm run cap:sync`, then `npm run cap:open:ios` or `npm run cap:open:android`