

# Building Better Budgets

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<https://github.com/maxhumber/bbb>

*"How much can I afford to sock away each month for my  
retirement, will my bank account survive a trip to Mauritius over  
Christmas, and should I quit my Bubble Tea habit?"*



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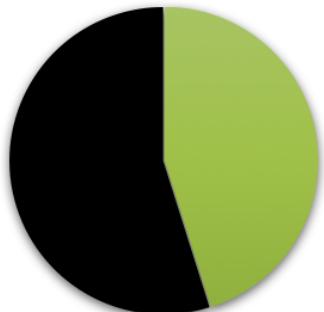
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- Blank Workbook:** A simple grid from A1 to C7.
- Welcome to Excel:** A tour guide with a green arrow pointing right.
- Make a List:** A table titled "MAKE A LIST" with columns for Date, Item, and Notes.
- Total a List:** A table titled "Total" showing a total of \$139.00 with items for \$22.00, \$102.00, and \$15.00.
- Track My Tasks:** A "TASK LIST" table with columns for Task, Date, Start Date, Due Date, % Complete, and Notes.
- Manage My Money:** A "Budget" section with a pie chart showing % of Income Spent (55% black, 45% green) and a "Summary" table.
- Personal Budget:** A detailed budget summary with sections for Summary, Monthly Income, Monthly Expenses, and Monthly Savings.
- Family Budget:** A detailed budget summary for a family, showing Cash Flow, Monthly Income, and Monthly Expense.

# Budget

## % of Income Spent Summary



Total Monthly Income  
\$3,750  
Total Monthly Expenses  
\$2,058  
Total Monthly Savings  
\$550  
Cash Balance  
\$1,142

55%

## Monthly Income

Item	Amount
Income Source 1	\$2,500.00
Income Source 2	\$1,000.00
Other	\$250.00

## Monthly Expenses

Item	Amount
Rent/mortgage	\$800.00
Electric	\$120.00
Gas	\$50.00
Cell phone	\$45.00
Groceries	\$500.00
Car payment	\$273.00



```

# DATE PARAMETERS
d1 <- Sys.Date()

# CREATE CALENDAR
df <- NULL
for (i in 1:365) {
  df <- rbind(df, (d1 - 1) + i)
}

# CREATE DATAFRAME
df <- as.data.frame(df)
names(df)[1] <- "date"

# ADD DAY IDENTIFIERS
df$date <- as.Date(df$date, origin = "1970-01-01")
df$month <- format(as.Date(df$date, format = "%Y-%m-%d"), "%B")
df$day <- format(as.Date(df$date, format = "%Y-%m-%d"), "%d")
df$weekday <- weekdays(as.Date(df$date))

# CREATE BUDGET
df$bank <- ifelse(df$date == d1, bank, 0)
df$income <- ifelse(
  (df$day == "15" | df$day == "30" | (df$day == "28" & df$month == "February")),
  round((salary*0.80/24),2), 0)
df$rent <- ifelse(df$day == "01" & df$date != "2017-04-01", -rent, 0)
df$internet <- ifelse(df$day == "01", -internet, 0)
df$hydro <- ifelse(df$day == "01", -hydro, 0)
df$phone <- ifelse(df$day == "25", -phone, 0)
df$grocery <- ifelse(df$weekday == "Sunday", -grocery, 0)
df$lunch <- ifelse(df$weekday != "Saturday" & df$weekday != "Sunday", -lunch, 0)
df$entertainment <- ifelse(df$weekday == "Friday" | df$weekday == "Saturday", -(entertainment/2), 0)
df$savings <- ifelse(df$weekday == "Monday", -savings, 0)
df$osap <- ifelse(df$weekday == "Monday", -osap, 0)
df$other <- ifelse(df$weekday == "Monday", -other, 0)

```

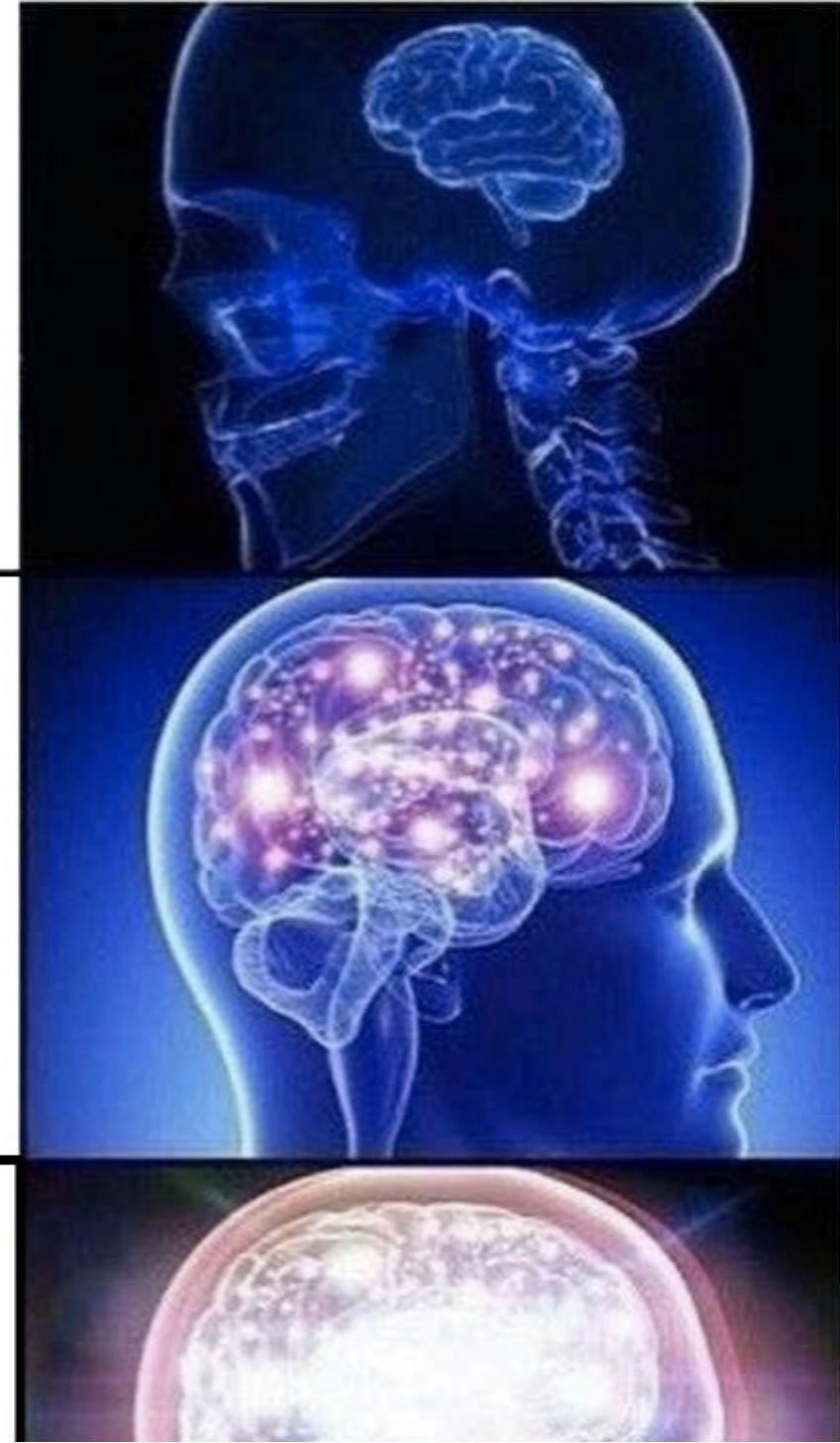
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# The actual reason

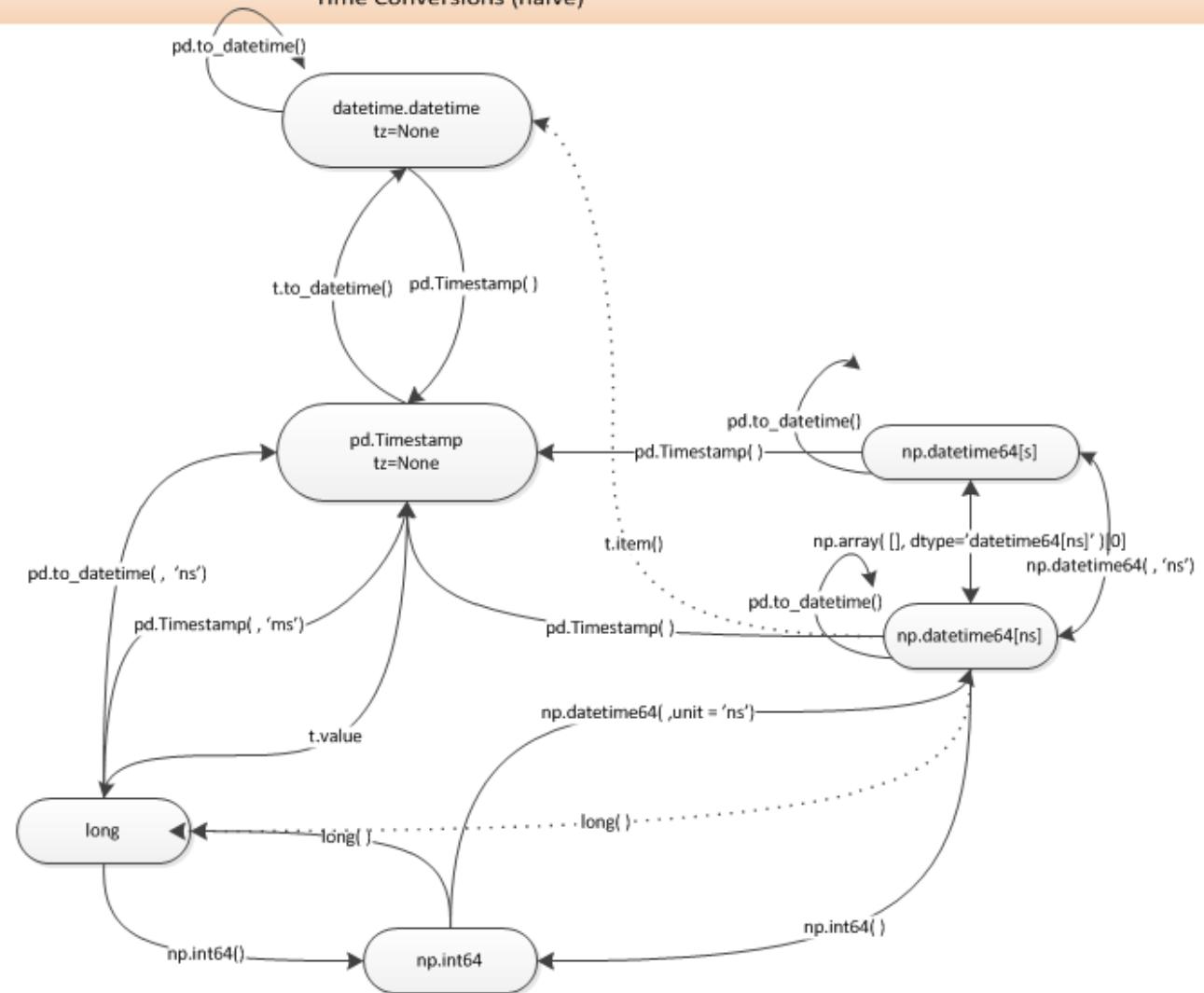


- Altair
- Recurrent
- yaml
- Fire

# Max's Rules of Dating

Dates are a mess (<https://i.stack.imgur.com/uiXQd.png>)

## Time Conversions (naive)



# Max's Rules of Dating

1. Use Timestamp
2. normalize all the things

# STFU AND SHOW ME SOME CODE

```
In [1]: import datetime
from dateutil import rrule

import pandas as pd
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

from recurrent import RecurringEvent # pip install recurrent
import yaml # pip install pyyaml
import altair as alt
```

```
In [2]: datetime.datetime.now()  
# datetime.date.today()
```

```
Out[2]: datetime.datetime(2018, 12, 3, 9, 34, 52, 446050)
```

```
In [3]: datetime.datetime(1993, 6, 7, 15, 16, 0)
```

```
Out[3]: datetime.datetime(1993, 6, 7, 15, 16)
```

## Timestamp

```
In [4]: date_1 = datetime.datetime.now()  
  
print(pd.Timestamp(date_1))  
print(pd.to_datetime(date_1))
```

```
2018-12-03 09:34:52.470373  
2018-12-03 09:34:52.470373
```

```
In [5]: date_2 = pd.Timestamp(1993, 6, 7, 15, 16, 0)  
date_2
```

```
Out[5]: Timestamp('1993-06-07 15:16:00')
```

```
In [6]: date_3 = pd.Timestamp('2018-12-03')  
date_3
```

```
Out[6]: Timestamp('2018-12-03 00:00:00')
```

```
In [7]: type(date_3)
```

```
Out[7]: pandas._libs.tslibs.timestamps.Timestamp
```

```
In [8]: [method for method in dir(date_3) if '__' not in method][10:20]
```

```
Out[8]: ['astimezone',
         'ceil',
         'combine',
         'ctime',
         'date',
         'day',
         'day_name',
         'dayofweek',
         'dayofyear',
         'days_in_month']
```

## .normalize

```
In [9]: print(date_1)
date_1 = pd.Timestamp(date_1)
print(date_1)
print(date_1.normalize())
```

```
2018-12-03 09:34:52.470373
2018-12-03 09:34:52.470373
2018-12-03 00:00:00
```

# Calendar

```
In [10]: start = pd.Timestamp('now').normalize()  
end = start + pd.Timedelta('365 days')
```

```
In [11]: calendar = pd.DataFrame(index=pd.date_range(start, end))
```

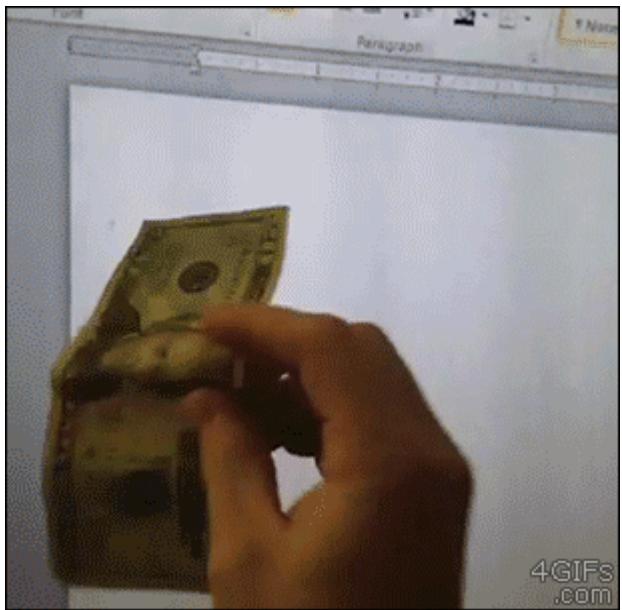
```
In [12]: calendar.head()
```

```
Out[12]:
```

2018-12-03
2018-12-04
2018-12-05
2018-12-06
2018-12-07

# Hydrate

- Income: twice a month (\$1000)
- Rent: once a month (\$1500)



## Offset Aliases

A number of string aliases are given to useful common time series frequencies. We will refer to these aliases as *offset aliases*.

Alias	Description
B	business day frequency
C	custom business day frequency
D	calendar day frequency
W	weekly frequency
M	month end frequency
SM	semi-month end frequency (15th and end of month)
BM	business month end frequency
CBM	custom business month end frequency
MS	month start frequency
SMS	semi-month start frequency (1st and 15th)
BMS	business month start frequency
CBMS	custom business month start frequency
Q	quarter end frequency
BQ	business quarter end frequency
QS	quarter start frequency
BQS	business quarter start frequency
A, Y	year end frequency
BA, BY	business year end frequency
AS, YS	year start frequency
BAS, BYS	business year start frequency
BH	business hour frequency
H	hourly frequency
T, min	minutely frequency
S	secondly frequency
L, ms	milliseconds
U, us	microseconds
N	nanoseconds

```
In [13]: income = pd.DataFrame(  
    data={'income': 1000},  
    index=pd.date_range(start, end, freq='SM')  
)  
income.head()
```

Out[13]:

	income
2018-12-15	1000
2018-12-31	1000
2019-01-15	1000
2019-01-31	1000
2019-02-15	1000

```
In [14]: rent = pd.DataFrame(  
    data={'rent': -1500},  
    index=pd.date_range(start, end, freq='MS')  
)  
rent.head()
```

Out[14]:

	rent
2019-01-01	-1500
2019-02-01	-1500
2019-03-01	-1500
2019-04-01	-1500
2019-05-01	-1500

```
In [15]: calendar = pd.concat([calendar, income], axis=1).fillna(0)
calendar = pd.concat([calendar, rent], axis=1).fillna(0)
calendar.iloc[5:15]
```

Out[15]:

	income	rent
2018-12-08	0.0	0.0
2018-12-09	0.0	0.0
2018-12-10	0.0	0.0
2018-12-11	0.0	0.0
2018-12-12	0.0	0.0
2018-12-13	0.0	0.0
2018-12-14	0.0	0.0
2018-12-15	1000.0	0.0
2018-12-16	0.0	0.0
2018-12-17	0.0	0.0



```
In [16]: calendar['total'] = calendar.sum(axis=1)
calendar['cum_total'] = calendar['total'].cumsum()
```

```
In [17]: calendar.tail(1)
```

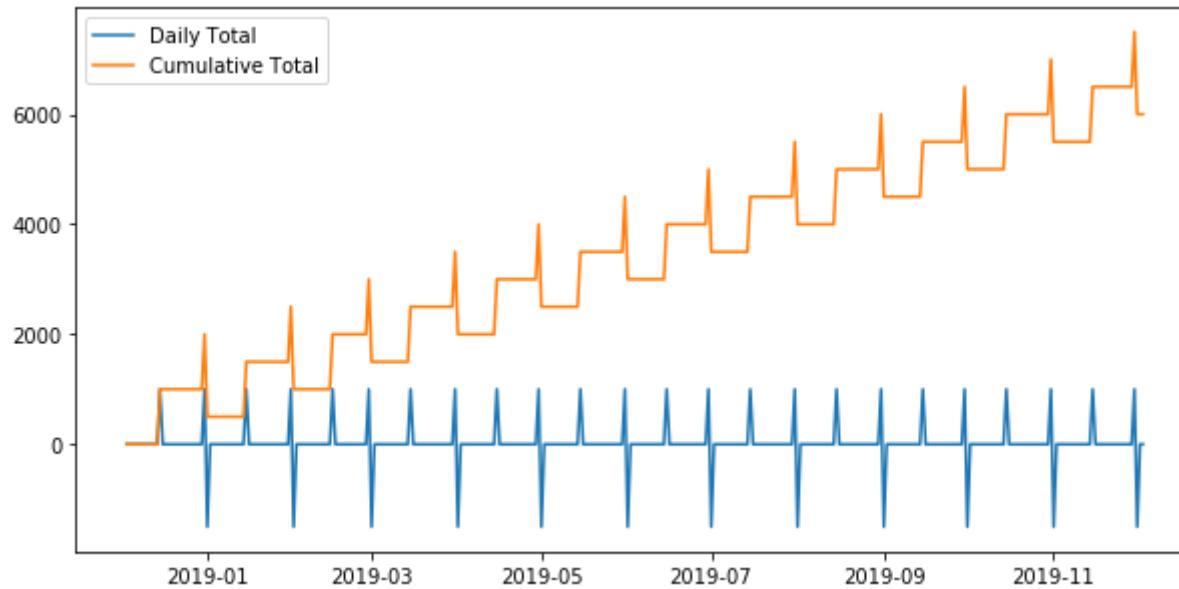
Out[17]:

	income	rent	total	cum_total
2019-12-03	0.0	0.0	0.0	6000.0



```
In [18]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(calendar.index, calendar.total, label='Daily Total')
plt.plot(calendar.index, calendar.cum_total, label='Cumulative Total')
plt.legend()
```

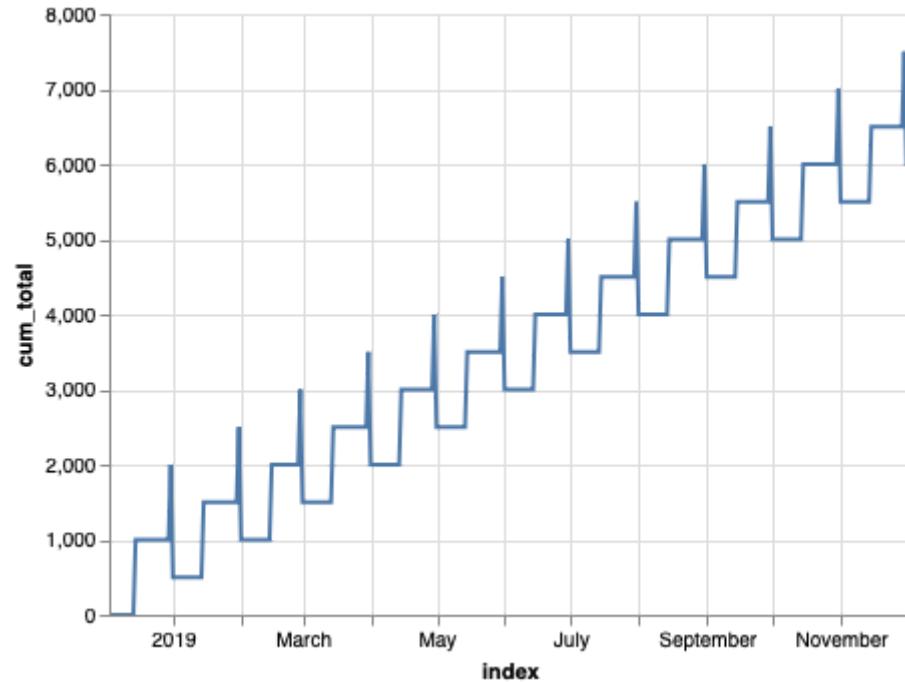
```
Out[18]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x11b5379b0>
```



```
In [19]: import altair as alt
alt.renderers.enable('notebook')

alt.Chart(calendar.reset_index())\
    .mark_line()\
    .encode(x='index', y='cum_total')
```

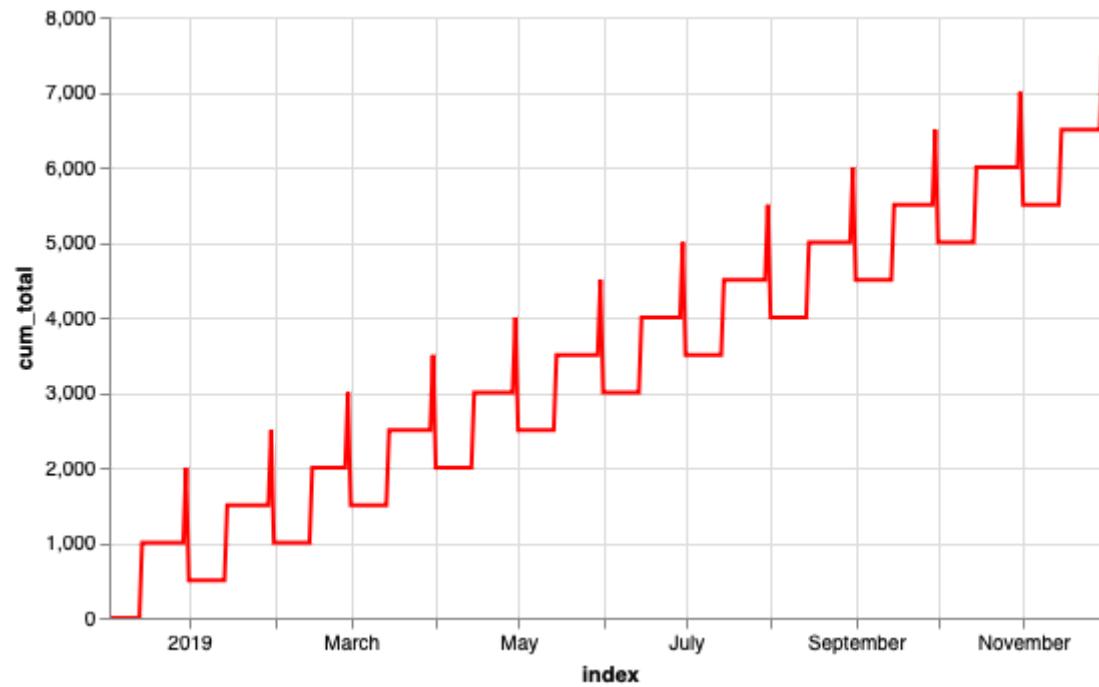
Out[19]:



```
In [20]: vis = (
    alt.Chart(calendar.reset_index())
    .mark_line(color='red')
    .encode(
        x='index',
        y='cum_total',
        tooltip='cum_total'
    )
    .interactive()
    .properties(width=500, height=300)
)
```

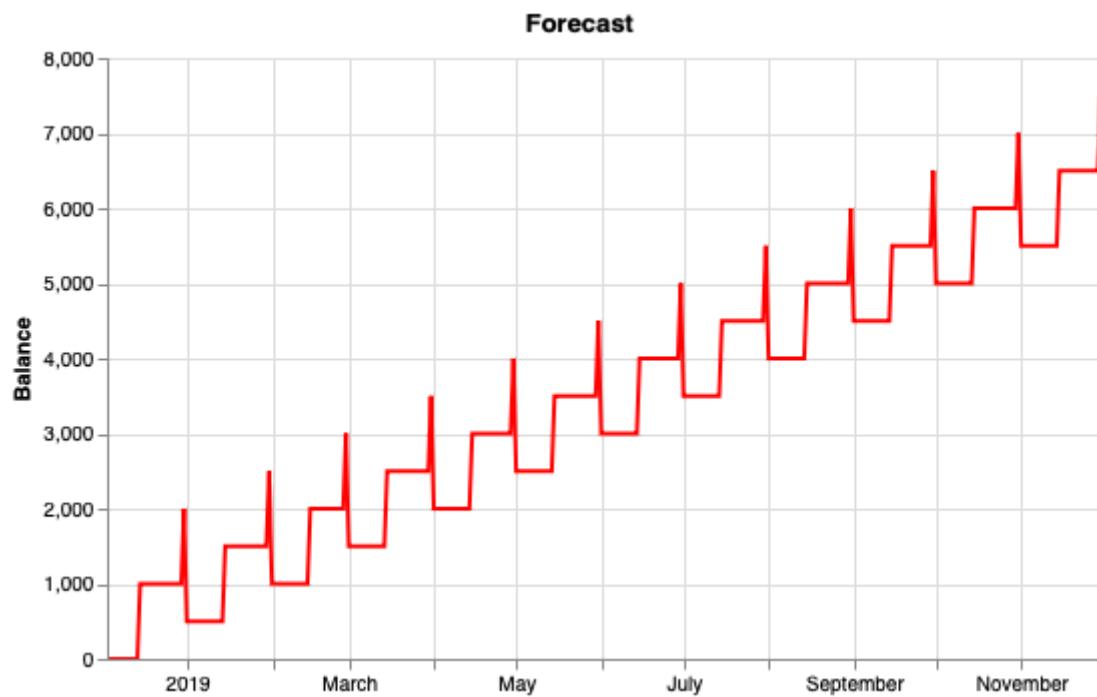
```
In [21]: vis
```

```
Out[21]:
```



```
In [22]: def plot_budget(calendar):
    vis = (
        alt.Chart(calendar.reset_index())
        .mark_line(color='red')
        .encode(
            x=alt.X('index', title=''),
            y=alt.Y('cum_total', title='Balance'),
            tooltip='cum_total'
        )
        .interactive()
        .properties(width=500, height=300, title='Forecast')
    )
    vis.display()
```

```
In [23]: plot_budget(calendar)
```





```
In [24]: bank = pd.DataFrame(  
    data={'bank': 8000},  
    index=pd.date_range(start, end=start)  
)  
print(bank)
```

```
          bank  
2018-12-03  8000
```

```
In [25]: calendar = pd.concat([calendar, bank], axis=1).fillna(0)
```

```
In [26]: calendar.sum(axis=1).head()
```

```
Out[26]: 2018-12-03    8000.0  
2018-12-04      0.0  
2018-12-05      0.0  
2018-12-06      0.0  
2018-12-07      0.0  
Freq: D, dtype: float64
```

```
In [27]: def update_totals(df):
    # check to see if these columns exist in our dataframe
    if df.columns.isin(['total', 'cum_total']).any():
        # if they do exist set them to 0
        df['total'] = 0
        df['cum_total'] = 0
    # recalculate total and cumulative_total
    df['total'] = df.sum(axis=1)
    df['cum_total'] = df['total'].cumsum()
    return df
```

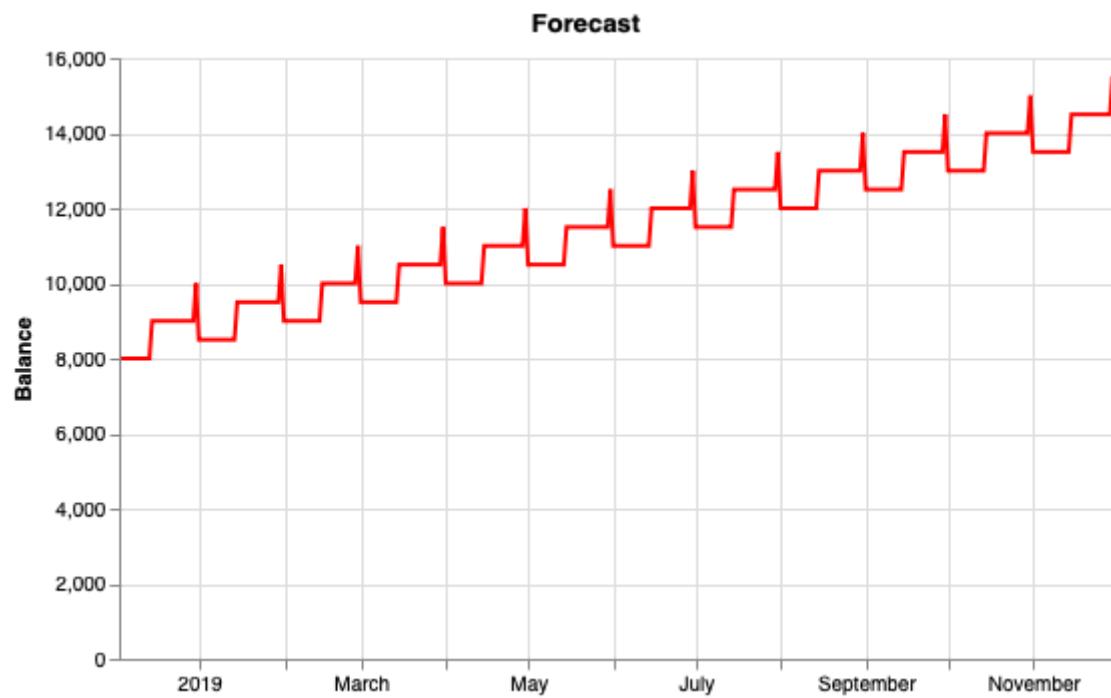
```
In [28]: calendar = update_totals(calendar)
```

```
In [29]: calendar.tail(5)
```

Out[29]:

	income	rent	total	cum_total	bank
2019-11-29	0.0	0.0	0.0	14500.0	0.0
2019-11-30	1000.0	0.0	1000.0	15500.0	0.0
2019-12-01	0.0	-1500.0	-1500.0	14000.0	0.0
2019-12-02	0.0	0.0	0.0	14000.0	0.0
2019-12-03	0.0	0.0	0.0	14000.0	0.0

```
In [30]: plot_budget(calendar)
```





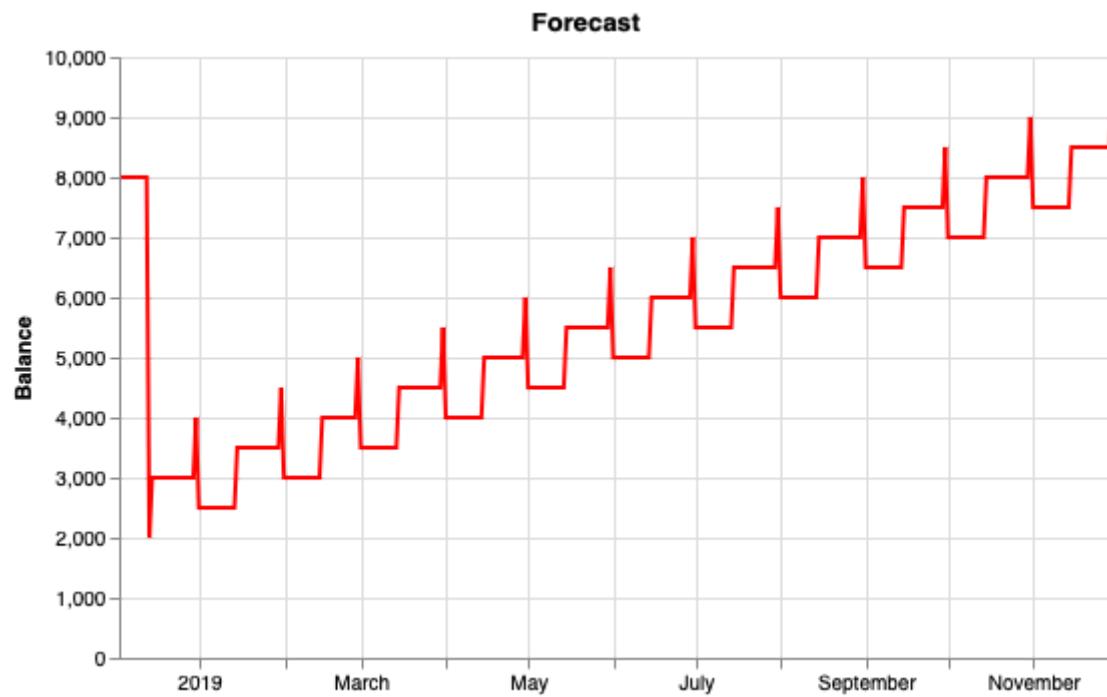
```
In [31]: vacation = pd.DataFrame(  
        data={'vacation': -6000},  
        index=[pd.Timestamp('2018-12-14').normalize()])  
print(vacation)
```

```
vacation  
2018-12-14      -6000
```

```
In [32]: calendar = pd.concat([calendar, vacation], axis=1).fillna(0)
```

```
In [33]: calendar = update_totals(calendar)
```

```
In [34]: plot_budget(calendar)
```



**More...**

```
In [35]: start = pd.Timestamp('now').normalize()  
end = start + pd.Timedelta('365 days')
```

```
In [36]: # every day  
pd.date_range(start, end, freq='D')[:10]
```

```
In [37]: # every weekday  
pd.date_range(start, end, freq='B')[:10]
```



```
In [39]: # every week  
# pd.date_range(start, end, freq='W') # bad  
# start.day_name()  
pd.date_range(start, end, freq='7D')[:10]
```

```
Out[39]: DatetimeIndex(['2018-12-03', '2018-12-10', '2018-12-17', '2018-12-24',  
'2018-12-31', '2019-01-07', '2019-01-14', '2019-01-21',  
'2019-01-28', '2019-02-04'],  
dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='7D')
```

```
In [40]: # every two weeks
# pd.date_range(start, end, freq='2W') # bad
pd.date_range(start, end, freq='14D')[:10]
```

```
Out[40]: DatetimeIndex(['2018-12-03', '2018-12-17', '2018-12-31', '2019-01-14',
 '2019-01-28', '2019-02-11', '2019-02-25', '2019-03-11',
 '2019-03-25', '2019-04-08'],
 dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq='14D')
```

```
In [41]: # every month
```

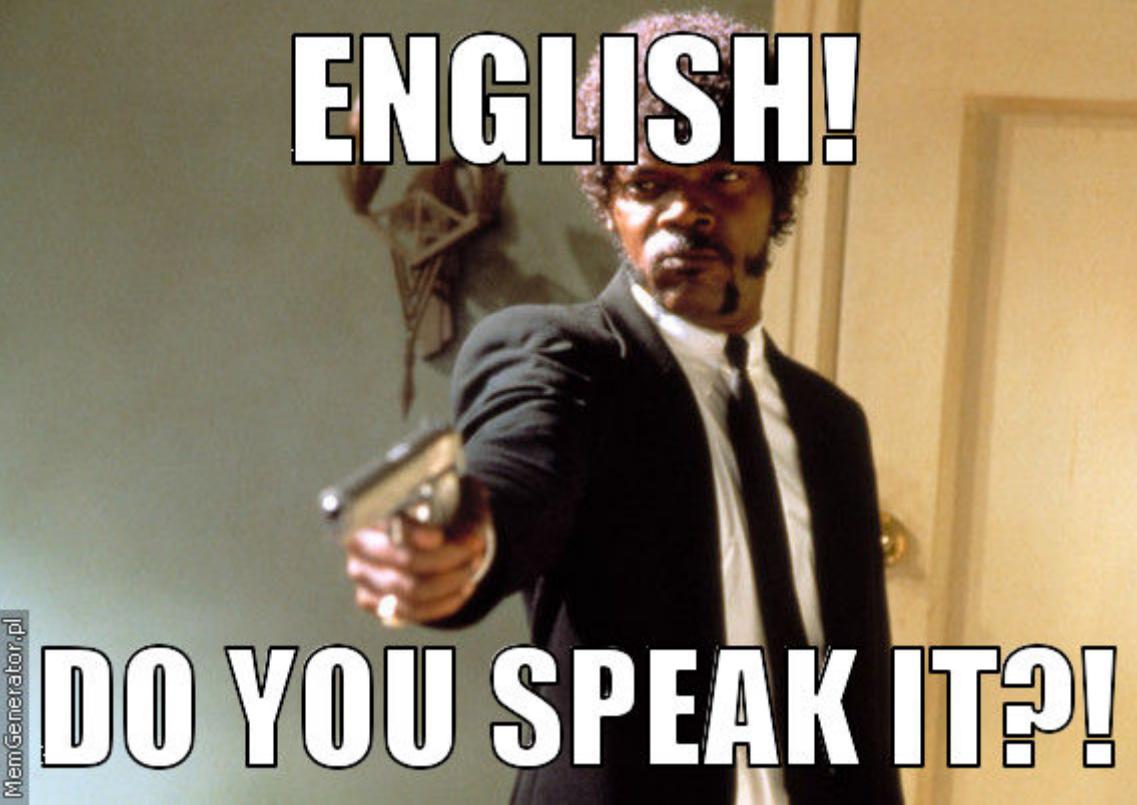
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pd.date_range(start, end, freq='M').shift(7, freq='D')[:10]
```

```
In [42]: # SemiMonthEnd 15th and calendar month end  
pd.date_range(start, end, freq='SM')[:10]
```

```
In [43]: anchor = '2018-12-03'
frequency = 'every week'

def generate_dates(start, end, anchor, frequency):
    if frequency == 'every day':
        return pd.date_range(start, end, freq='D')
    if frequency == 'every weekday':
        return pd.date_range(start, end, freq='B')
    if frequency == 'every weekend':
        return pd.DatetimeIndex(
            set(pd.date_range(start, end, freq='D')) -
            set(pd.date_range(start, end, freq='B'))
        )
    if frequency == 'every week':
        return pd.date_range(anchor, end, freq='7D')
    if frequency in ('every two weeks', 'every other week'):
        return pd.date_range(anchor, end, freq='14D')
    if frequency == 'every month':
        d = pd.Timestamp(anchor).day
        return pd.date_range(start, end, freq='M').shift(d, freq='D')
    if frequency == 'twice a month':
        return pd.date_range(start, end, freq='SM')
```

```
In [44]: generate_dates(start, end, '2018-12-03', 'every week')[:10]
```



**ENGLISH!**

**DO YOU SPEAK IT?!**

```
In [45]: frequency = 'every week until July 10th'
```

```
!pip install recurrent
```

```
In [46]: from recurrent import RecurringEvent
```

```
In [47]: r = RecurringEvent()  
r.parse(frequency)
```

*# will allow us to generate a recurrence rule (rrule) that is iCalendar RFC compliant.*

```
Out[47]: 'RRULE:INTERVAL=1;FREQ=WEEKLY;UNTIL=20190710'
```

```
In [48]: from dateutil import rrule
```

```
In [49]: rr = rrule.rrulestr(r.get_RFC_rrule())
rr
```

```
Out[49]: <dateutil.rrule.rrule at 0x109e18438>
```

```
In [50]: rr.between(start, end)[:10]
```

```
Out[50]: [datetime.datetime(2018, 12, 3, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2018, 12, 10, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2018, 12, 17, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2018, 12, 24, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2018, 12, 31, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2019, 1, 7, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2019, 1, 14, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2019, 1, 21, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2019, 1, 28, 9, 34, 53),
datetime.datetime(2019, 2, 4, 9, 34, 53)]
```

```
In [51]: [pd.to_datetime(date).normalize() for date in rr.between(start, end)][:10]
```

```
Out[51]: [Timestamp('2018-12-03 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2018-12-10 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2018-12-17 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2018-12-24 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2018-12-31 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2019-01-07 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2019-01-14 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2019-01-21 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2019-01-28 00:00:00'),  
          Timestamp('2019-02-04 00:00:00')]
```

```
In [52]: def get_dates(frequency):
    # let pandas try to do it's thing
    try:
        return [pd.Timestamp(frequency).normalize()]
    except ValueError:
        pass
    # parse frequency with recurrent
    try:
        r = RecurringEvent()
        r.parse(frequency)
        rr = rrule.rrulestr(r.get_RFC_rrule())
        return [
            pd.to_datetime(date).normalize()
            for date in rr.between(start, end)
        ]
    except ValueError:
        raise ValueError('Invalid frequency')
```

```
In [53]: get_dates('2019-01-01')
```

```
Out[53]: [Timestamp('2019-01-01 00:00:00')]
```

```
In [54]: get_dates('every week until July 10th')[::10]
```

```
Out[54]: [Timestamp('2018-12-03 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2018-12-10 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2018-12-17 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2018-12-24 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2018-12-31 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2019-01-07 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2019-01-14 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2019-01-21 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2019-01-28 00:00:00'),
           Timestamp('2019-02-04 00:00:00')]
```

```
In [55]: # get_dates("this won't work")
```



i love bubble tea

```
In [56]: dates = get_dates('every weekday')
dates[:10] # first ten instances of the recurrence rule
```

```
Out[56]: [Timestamp('2018-12-03 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-04 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-05 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-06 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-07 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-10 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-11 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-12 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-13 00:00:00'),
Timestamp('2018-12-14 00:00:00')]
```

```
In [57]: pd.DatetimeIndex(pd.Series(dates))[:10]
```

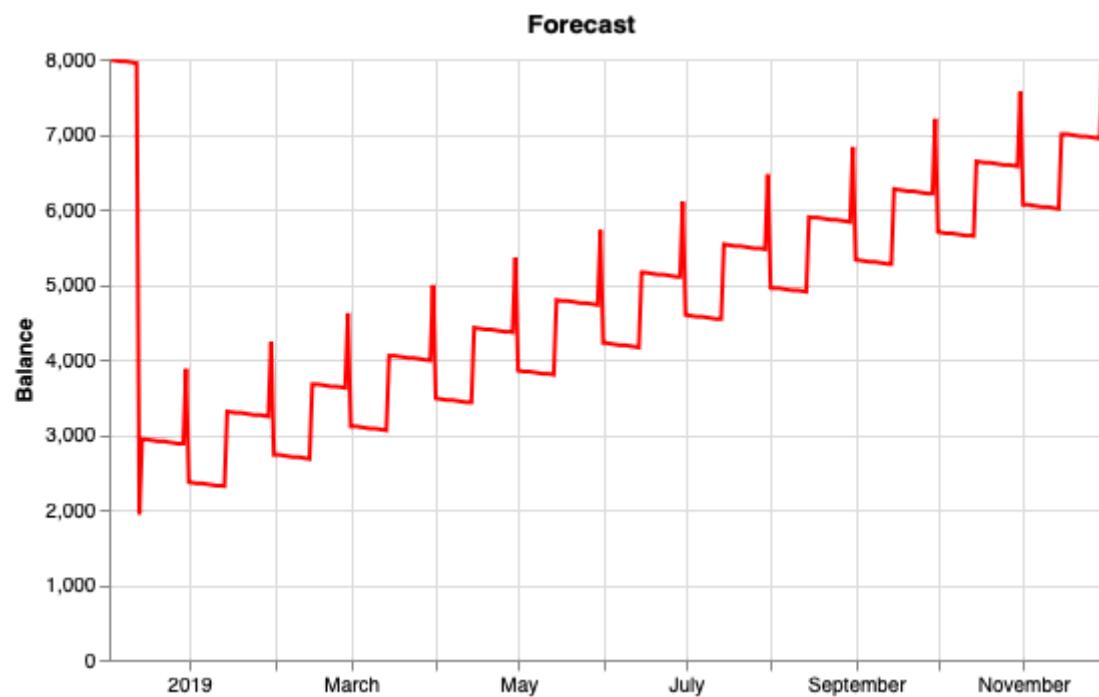
```
Out[57]: DatetimeIndex(['2018-12-03', '2018-12-04', '2018-12-05', '2018-12-06',
'2018-12-07', '2018-12-10', '2018-12-11', '2018-12-12',
'2018-12-13', '2018-12-14'],
dtype='datetime64[ns]', freq=None)
```

```
In [58]: dates = get_dates('every weekday')

bbt = pd.DataFrame(
    data={'bubble_tea': -6},
    index=pd.DatetimeIndex(pd.Series(dates))
)
```

```
In [59]: calendar = pd.concat([calendar, bbt], axis=1).fillna(0)
```

```
In [60]: calendar = update_totals(calendar)
plot_budget(calendar)
```



# **YAML**

```
!pip install pyyaml
```

```
In [61]: import yaml

budget = yaml.load('''
bank:
    frequency: today
    amount: 8000
income:
    frequency: every 2 weeks on Friday
    amount: 1000
rent:
    frequency: every month
    amount: -1500
mauritius:
    frequency: 2018-12-14
    amount: -6000
bubble_tea:
    frequency: every weekday
    amount: -7
''')
```

```
In [62]: budget
```

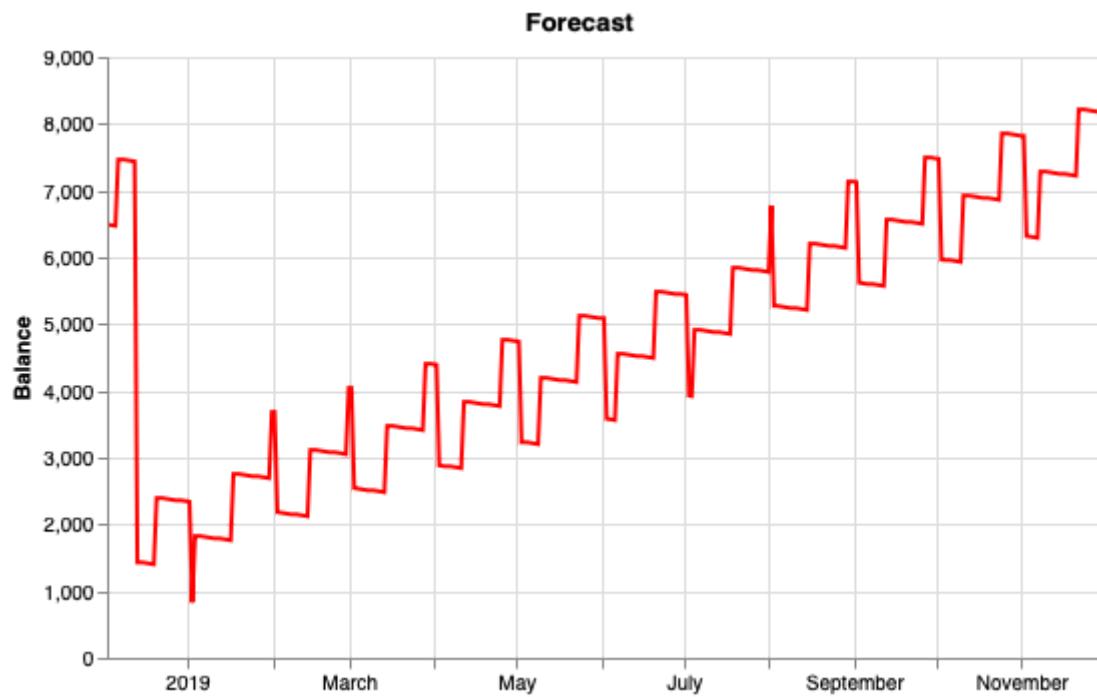
```
Out[62]: {'bank': {'frequency': 'today', 'amount': 8000},  
          'income': {'frequency': 'every 2 weeks on Friday', 'amount': 1000},  
          'rent': {'frequency': 'every month', 'amount': -1500},  
          'mauritius': {'frequency': datetime.date(2018, 12, 14), 'amount': -6000},  
          'bubble_tea': {'frequency': 'every weekday', 'amount': -7}}
```

```
In [63]: calendar = pd.DataFrame(index=pd.date_range(start, end))

for k, v in budget.items():
    frequency = v.get('frequency')
    amount = v.get('amount')
    dates = get_dates(frequency)
    i = pd.DataFrame(
        data={k: amount},
        index=pd.DatetimeIndex(pd.Series(dates)))
    )
    calendar = pd.concat([calendar, i], axis=1).fillna(0)

calendar['total'] = calendar.sum(axis=1)
calendar['cum_total'] = calendar['total'].cumsum()
```

```
In [64]: plot_budget(calendar)
```



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In [65]: def build_calendar(budget):

    calendar = pd.DataFrame(index=pd.date_range(start, end))

    for k, v in budget.items():
        frequency = v.get('frequency')
        amount = v.get('amount')
        dates = get_dates(frequency)
        i = pd.DataFrame(
            data={k: amount},
            index=pd.DatetimeIndex(pd.Series(dates)))
        )
        calendar = pd.concat([calendar, i], axis=1).fillna(0)

    calendar['total'] = calendar.sum(axis=1)
    calendar['cum_total'] = calendar['total'].cumsum()

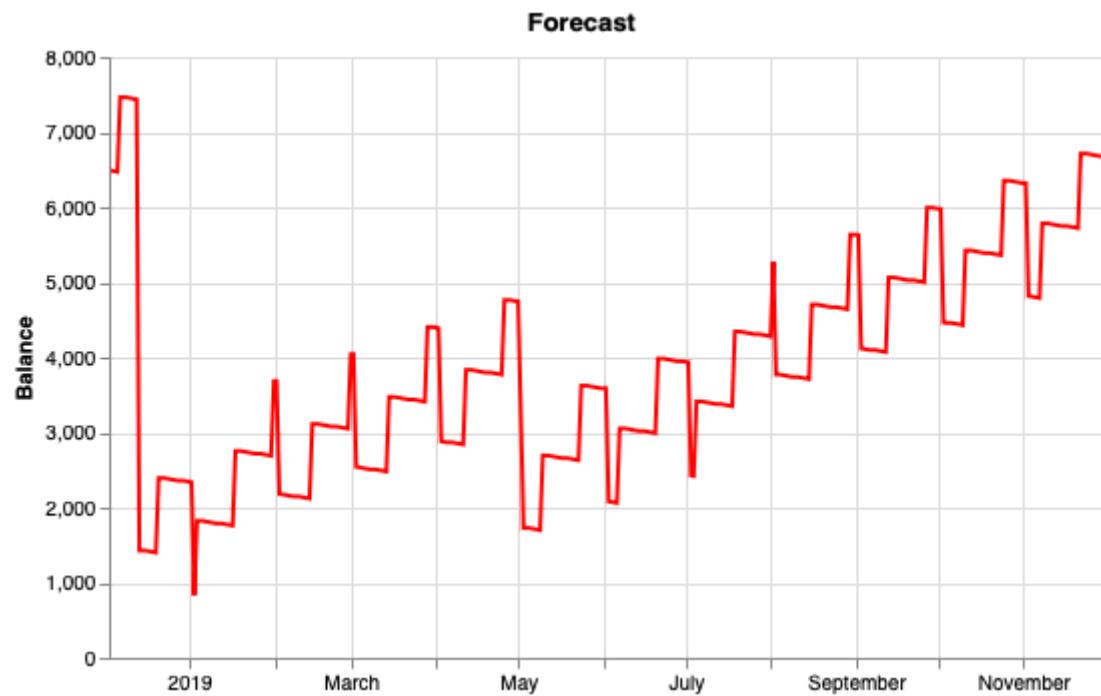
    return calendar
```



```
In [66]: budget = yaml.load('''\nbank:\n    frequency: today\n    amount: 8000\nincome:\n    frequency: every 2 weeks on Friday\n    amount: 1000\nrent:\n    frequency: every month\n    amount: -1500\nmauritius:\n    frequency: 2018-12-14\n    amount: -6000\nbubble_tea:\n    frequency: every weekday\n    amount: -7\nengland:\n    frequency: 2019-05-02\n    amount: -1500\n''')
```

```
In [67]: calendar = build_calendar(budget)
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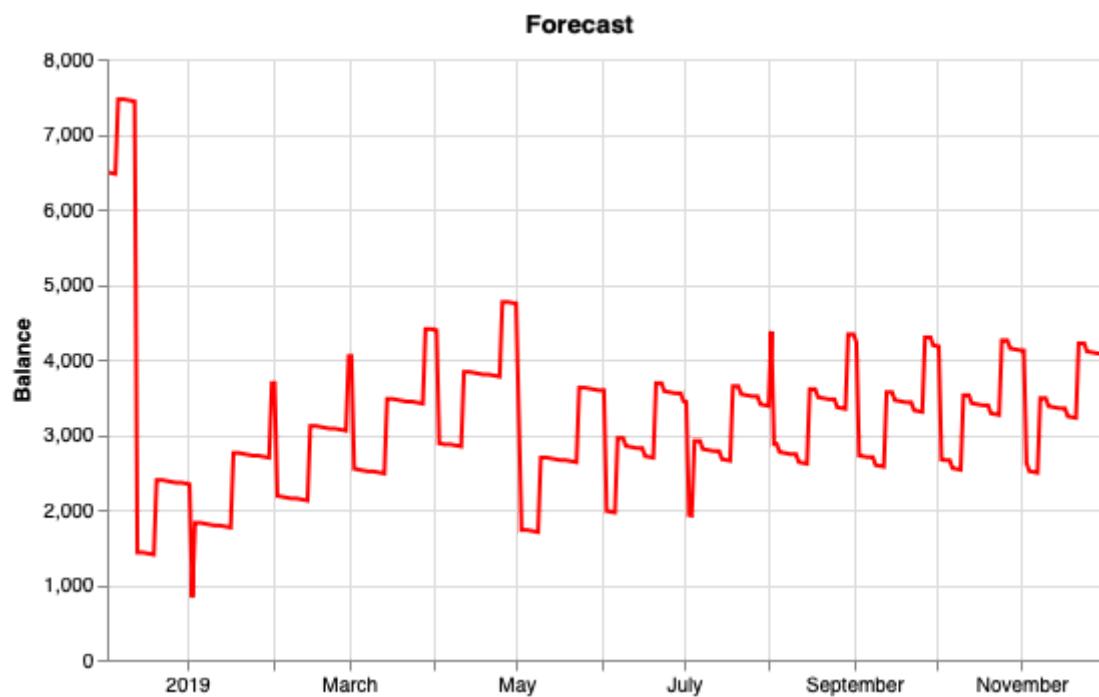
```
In [68]: plot_budget(calendar)
```





```
In [69]: budget = yaml.load('''
bank:
    frequency: today
    amount: 8000
income:
    frequency: every 2 weeks on Friday
    amount: 1000
rent:
    frequency: every month
    amount: -1500
mauritius:
    frequency: 2018-12-14
    amount: -6000
bubble_tea:
    frequency: every weekday
    amount: -7
england:
    frequency: 2019-05-02
    amount: -1500
savings:
    frequency: every Monday starting in June
    amount: -100
''')
```

```
In [70]: calendar = build_calendar(budget)
plot_budget(calendar)
```





**demo**

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