

# Projections Widget - MVP

## What You're Building

A financial projections widget that displays intelligent 12-month forward projections for Cash Flow, Revenue, and Net Profit. This widget uses actual seasonality patterns from historical data - NOT simple averages or flat growth rates.

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## Widget Visual Requirements

### Chart Display:

- Single line chart showing all 3 metrics simultaneously
- 6 total lines:
  - Cash Flow: blue solid (historical, last 12mo) + blue dashed (projected, next 12mo)
  - Revenue: green solid (historical, last 12mo) + green dashed (projected, next 12mo)
  - Net Profit: purple solid (historical, last 12mo) + purple dashed (projected, next 12mo)
- Dual y-axis to handle different scales (revenue might be \$500K while profit is \$50K)
- Vertical line or visual separator between historical and projected data
- Markers/flags on timeline showing upcoming recurring expenses (e.g., "Apr 2025: \$12K insurance")
- Hover tooltips showing exact values for each data point

Insights Section (below chart): Display 3-5 automatically detected insights:

- "Seasonality detected: December typically +25%, July typically -10%"
  - "Recurring expense: \$12K insurance payment due April 2025"
  - "Trend: 5% year-over-year growth"
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## How The Projection Algorithm Works

### Step 1: Analyze Historical Patterns

- Look back 24 months (or 12 months if 24 not available, or whatever exists if less than 12)
- Group data by calendar month (all Januaries together, all Februaries together, etc.)

- Calculate each month's typical variance from the annual average
- Example output: December is typically +25% above baseline, July is typically -10% below baseline
- Store these as seasonality multipliers

#### Step 2: Detect Recurring Expenses

- Find transactions >\$2,000 that repeat annually within  $\pm 7$  days
- Examples: insurance payments, quarterly taxes, annual subscriptions, equipment leases
- Flag these with their expected dates and amounts

#### Step 3: Calculate Base Trajectory

- Determine overall business trend (year-over-year growth rate)
- This trend gets applied ON TOP of seasonality, not instead of it

#### Step 4: Generate Projections For each of the next 12 months, calculate:

`projected_value = last_known_value`  
`× (1 + trajectory_growth_rate)`  
`× seasonality_multiplier_for_that_month`  
`- recurring_expenses_due_that_month`

#### Example calculation:

- Last December revenue: \$100K
- Trajectory: +5% YoY growth
- December seasonality: +25% above baseline
- No recurring expenses in December
- Result:  $\$100K \times 1.05 \times 1.25 = \$131,250$

The key: projections should show the seasonal wave pattern, not a smooth line.

## Database Work

### Tables You'll Query:

- `monthly_pl` - monthly revenue, expenses, net profit
- `monthly_cash_flow` - monthly cash inflows/outflows
- `raw_transactions` - to detect recurring large expenses

**Table You'll Create and Populate:**

**sql**

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CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS projections_12m (  
  id UUID PRIMARY KEY DEFAULT gen_random_uuid(),  
  company_id UUID REFERENCES companies(id) NOT NULL,  
  month DATE NOT NULL,  
  projected_revenue NUMERIC,  
  projected_expenses NUMERIC,  
  projected_cash_flow NUMERIC,  
  projected_net_profit NUMERIC,  
  seasonality_factor NUMERIC,  
  recurring_expenses_flagged JSONB,  
  generated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NOW(),  
  UNIQUE(company_id, month)  
);
```

**SQL Function to Build:** Create `fn_generate_projection(company_id UUID)` that:

1. Analyzes historical patterns
2. Detects recurring expenses
3. Calculates trajectory
4. Generates 12 months of projections
5. Inserts results into `projections_12m` table

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## Frontend Requirements

**Component Location:** This widget lives on the main Overview dashboard page alongside other widgets.

**What to Build:**

- React component that fetches projection data from Supabase
- Line chart with 6 lines (3 solid historical, 3 dashed projected)
- Use a charting library (Recharts, Chart.js, or your preference)
- Insights section below chart
- Responsive design (works on desktop and mobile)

Color Coordination: Ben is handling the overall color palette - use blue for cash flow, green for revenue, purple for profit as placeholders. He'll adjust colors to match the design system.

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## Scheduled Updates

Set up a nightly job (Pipedream or Supabase cron) that:

- Runs every night at 2 AM
  - Calls `fn_generate_projection(company_id)` for each active company
  - Keeps projections fresh as new transaction data comes in
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## Edge Cases to Handle

Less than 24 months of data:

- Prefer 24 months for seasonality detection
- Fall back to 12 months if 24 not available
- If less than 12 months, use whatever data exists (projections will be less accurate but still useful)

New companies with minimal data:

- Show a message: "Projections will improve as we collect more historical data"
- Still generate basic projections based on available data

Missing data for specific months:

- Interpolate or skip those months in seasonality calculation
  - Don't let gaps crash the algorithm
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## Testing Requirements

Before marking complete:

- Run projection function for Budd's Company
  - Verify projections show seasonal patterns (not flat growth)
  - Confirm recurring expenses are flagged correctly
  - Chart renders with all 6 lines visible
  - Hover tooltips work
  - Insights display detected patterns
  - Widget loads in <2 seconds
  - Mobile responsive
  - Take screenshot of working widget
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## Deliverables

1. SQL function: `fn_generate_projection(company_id)`
2. `projections_12m` table populated with data
3. Frontend widget component
4. Nightly scheduled job configured