**Instruction File**

**Download and Install Eclipse:**

If you haven't already installed Eclipse, you can download it from the official website: [Eclipse Downloads](https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/).

Follow the installation instructions for your operating system.

**Install MySQL:**

Ensure that you have MySQL installed on your machine. You can download it from the official MySQL website: [MySQL Downloads](https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/).

Follow the installation instructions for your operating system.

**Download our Eclipse Project:**

Download the Eclipse project. This will be available as a compressed file (e.g., a ZIP file)

Extract Project (if needed):

If the project is in a compressed format, extract the contents to a location of your choice.

Open Eclipse:

Launch Eclipse IDE.

Import Project:

Go to "File" > "Import..."

Choose "Existing Projects into Workspace" under the "General" category.

Click "Next" and then browse to the directory where you extracted or cloned the project.

Select the project and click "Finish."

Configure MySQL Connector/J:

Project uses MySQL, you'll need to add the MySQL Connector/J library to the project.

Download the MySQL Connector/J JAR file from the official MySQL website.

In Eclipse, right-click on your project, go to "Build Path" > "Configure Build Path."

In the "Libraries" tab, click on "Add External JARs" and select the MySQL Connector/J JAR file.

Click "Apply and Close."

Set Up Database Connection:

Open the project and locate the file or configuration where the database connection parameters are set (e.g., URL, username, password).

Update the database connection details according to your local MySQL setup.

**Run the Project:**

Locate the ExpenseTracker.java file, Right click on that >properties>Java Build path>Module path>add Library>User Library>next>select JavaFX>finish>apply & close.

Right-click on the ExpenseTracker.java and choose "Run As" > Run Configuration>Arguments>add VM argument>Apply>run.

After project is launched signup with all the fields and login to the application then add transactions and track the expenses.