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XPENSTRAK: Expense Tracker Mobile Application for iPhone

Abstract

Modern life offers a plethora of options of services and goods for consumers. As a result, people's expenses have gone up dramatically, e.g., compared to a decade ago, and the cost of living has been increasing day by day. Thus it becomes essential to keep a check on expenses in order to live a good life with a proper budget set up.

The iPhone device, designed and marketed by Apple Inc., is one of the top-selling smartphones in the USA, and with the launch of the new iPhone5 on September 21, 2012, whose sales have already surpassed the previous iPhone handsets (iPhone 4S, iPhone4) sales, it is apparent that people have been using smartphones as an organizational tool.

XpensTrak was developed for iPhone users to keep track of their expenses and determine whether they are spending as per their set budget. Potential users need to input the required data such as the expense amount, merchant, category, and date when the expense was made. Optional data such as sub-category and extra notes about the expense can be entered as well. The application allows users to track their expenses daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly in terms of summary, bar graphs, and pie-charts.

This mobile application is a full detailed expense tracker tool that will not only help users keep a check on their expenses, but also cut down the unrequired expenses, and thus will help provide a responsible lifestyle.

An analysis comparing existing expense tracking software with the one being introduced is provided.

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