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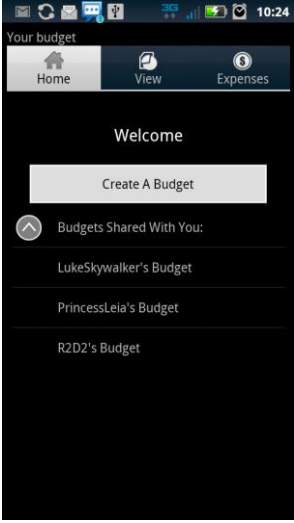
HW2

MoneyMaker

Heuristic Evaluation

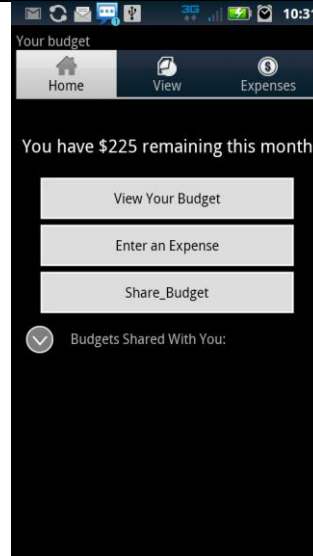
Note to the Group: Overall I really like your application. The interface is clean and minimalistic, which works to your advantage, and I found it quite easy to navigate through the application. For your benefit, however, I decided to focus on the problems I found with your interface, so you have a lot more to work with for GR5.

Problems

Description	Screenshot
<p>Relevant Heuristic: Severity: Cosmetic</p> <p>The button that shows which budgets have been shared with you is backwards. I assume that it should be pointing down in this state, up in the other state.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Your budget' screen of the MoneyMaker app. At the top, there is a navigation bar with three tabs: 'Home', 'View', and 'Expenses'. Below the navigation bar, the screen displays a 'Welcome' message and a 'Create A Budget' button. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Budgets Shared With You:' with an upward-pointing arrow icon. This section lists three shared budgets: 'LukeSkywalker's Budget', 'PrincessLeia's Budget', and 'R2D2's Budget'.</p>

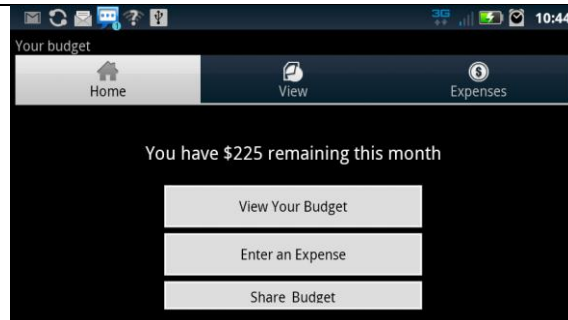
Relevant Heuristic:
Severity: Minor

The three buttons “View Your Budget”, “Enter an Expense”, and “Share_Budget” zoom directly to their corresponding locations when pressed. It was incredibly disorienting the first time I pressed these buttons – they just provided feedback too rapidly.



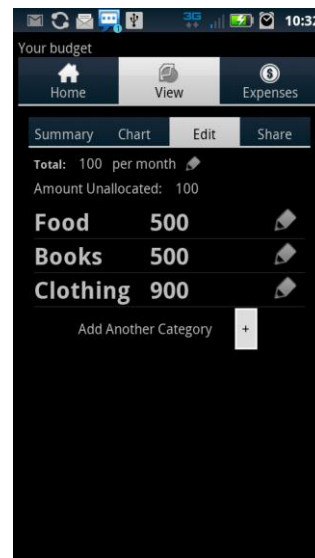
Relevant Heuristic:
Severity: Major

When you hold the android device sideways on the Home page, the “Share_Budget” button gets cut off, as well as everything underneath it. Trying to scroll down to reach the other information produces no result in this state.



Relevant Heuristic:
Severity: Minor

The pencil button next to “Total: 100 per month” is very small and hard to press. Also, it is unclear exactly what pressing that button will achieve.



Relevant Heuristic:

Severity: Minor

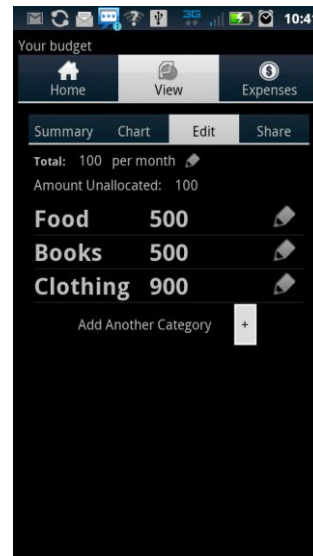
Again, while holding the android device sideways, part of the login screen gets cut off. Users cannot see the “Forgot your username or password?” line in this state.



Relevant Heuristic:

Severity: Minor

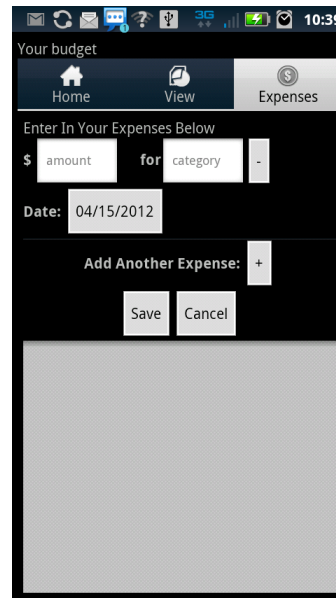
While working through the “Summary”, “Chart”, “Edit”, and “Share” buttons, I sometimes accidentally pressed buttons that were in the top row, and sometimes accidentally pressed the little pencil button next to “Total: 100 per month”.



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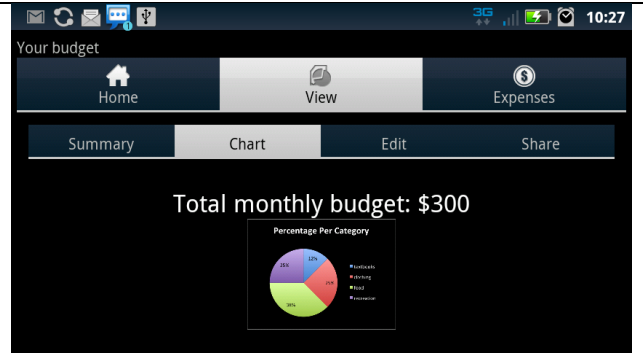
Severity: Minor

I have no idea what the little “-” button does that is next to the “category” input location. Pressing it does absolutely nothing, and there is no indication of what it should actually do.



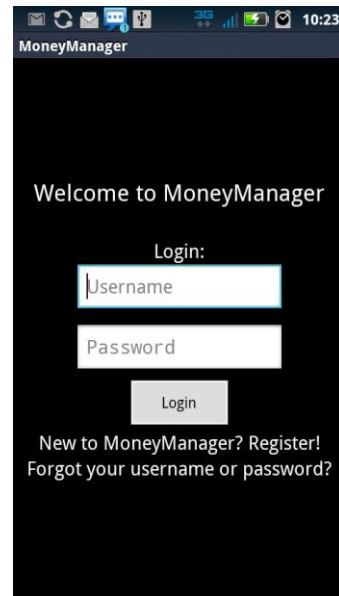
Relevant Heuristic:
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While holding the android device sideways, it is almost impossible to read the pie graph that is found in the View window. Attempting to resize the screen produces no result.



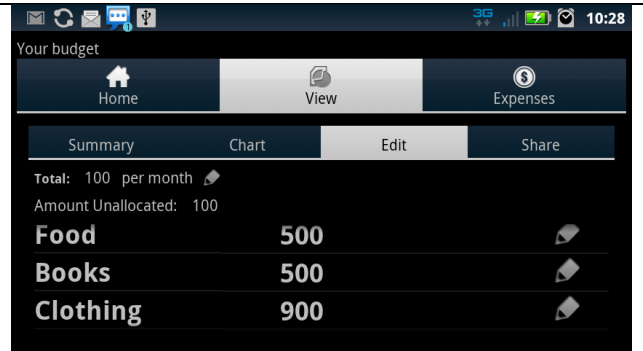
Relevant Heuristic:
Severity: Major

I had no idea at all the line “New to MoneyManager? Register!” was actually a button that allowed you to register. I only accidentally pushed it while trying to figure out how to log in.



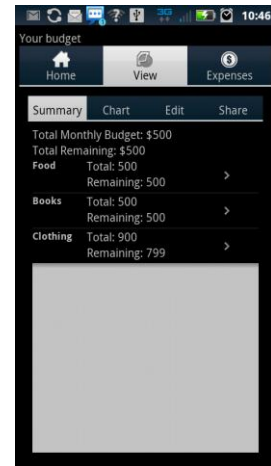
Relevant Heuristic:
Severity: Major

While holding the android device sideways, the scroll area in the “Food Books Clothing” location becomes incredibly narrow, and it is almost impossible to scroll up and down to view all of your categories.



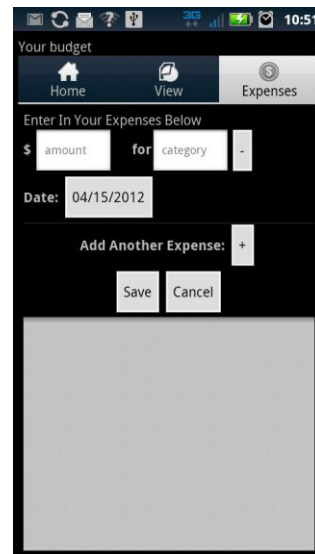
Relevant Heuristic:
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The font here is small, dense, and the headers are undistinguishable from the actual information. It is very hard to extract useful data at a glance.



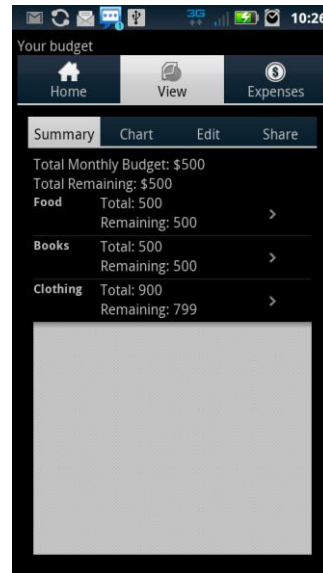
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There is very little space in between all of the buttons and the text in the "Expenses" tab, which makes it look ugly and unreadable from a distance.

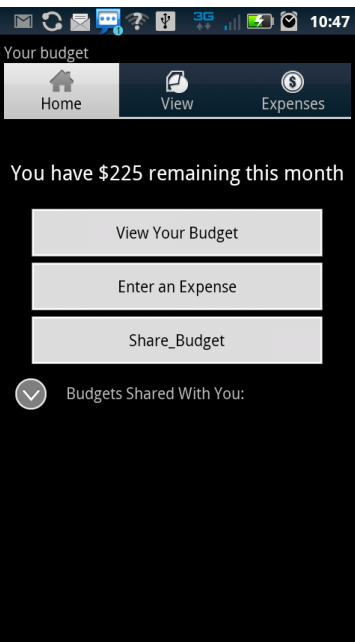


Relevant Heuristic:
Severity: Minor

There are some strange grey boxes in some of your windows. It is wasted space and is inconsistent with the black of the rest of your interface.



Praise

Description	Screenshot
<p>Relevant Heuristic:</p> <p>The color scheme is dark and subtle, very pleasing to the eye. The buttons and the text pop out of the background quite well, which makes it easy to quickly find relevant information and interactable objects. Finally, the contrast between the buttons in the "Home View Expenses" bar is a nice touch.</p>	 A screenshot of a mobile application interface titled "Your budget". At the top, there are three tabs: "Home", "View", and "Expenses". Below the tabs, the text reads "You have \$225 remaining this month". Underneath this text are three stacked buttons: "View Your Budget", "Enter an Expense", and "Share_Budget". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Budgets Shared With You:" with a downward-pointing arrow icon to its left.

Relevant Heuristic:

The interface is clean and minimalistic. There is exactly as much information presented on the screen as there needs to be. For example, this page with the chart allows me to focus on the chart itself, without getting bogged down by extraneous information.

