BudgeTool Evaluation
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Note: Developer states that UI doesn’t actually run yet. Unable to perform testing based on actual tasks because everything is currently hard coded.

Tasks:
1) You want to create a new budget from scratch. It will be called “Nov_2013” and allow for $250 each to be spent this month on Books, Entertainment, Bills and Food.
   - UI design is there, but not sure what to do when creating a budget from scratch. I clicked ‘Simple Budget’ and entered the ‘Nov_2013’ as the budget name, then tried to enter an amount and nothing happens. Not sure what’s suppose to happen.

2) You have just spent $80 on groceries and want to record this on your October budget, which you created at the beginning of the month.
   - UI doesn’t work as intended no further tests can be done. Looking over the October budget created before and trying to add to it doesn’t do anything. The function is prefilled and nothing happens when amounts are added to the budget.

3) It is now November and you want to view your October budget to see how you measured up to your expectations. Use the application to view your October budget and determine whether or not you came in over-budget, and how much of your money you spent on each of your categories.
   - UI doesn’t allow me to test this feature, but the idea behind the feature is there.

Heuristics Evaluations:
1. Simple and Natural Dialog
   a. Positive: Simple overall design
   b. Negative: N/A
2. Speak the User’s Language
   a. Positive: Standard dialect which most users are able to understand
   b. Negative: N/A
3. Minimize User Memory Load
   a. Positive: Good use of dropdowns, radio buttons, and buttons
   b. Negative: N/A
4. Consistency
   a. Positive: Overall consist design throughout the entire UI
   b. Negative: N/A
5. Feedback
   a. Positive: N/A
b. Negative: Doesn’t provide necessary feedback to users; users may become confused on what to do or what not to do

6. Clearly Marked Exits
   a. Positive: Exits are clearly marked
   b. Negative: Not all exits work, especially ‘Quit’ and ‘Cancel’

7. Shortcuts
   a. Positive: Ability to choose a budget by dropdown instead of cyphering through menus
   b. Negative: N/A

8. Good Error Messages
   a. Positive: N/A
   b. Negative: No error messages are present and no feedback is given

9. Prevent Errors
   a. Positive: N/A
   b. Negative: Errors are unpreventable, due to the fact that most if not all functions do not work in this trial run

10. Help and Documentation
    a. Positive: N/A
    b. Negative: No real documentation is provided for users who need help