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BudgeTool

Task 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.
  ● I was unsure if I should pick Simple Budget, or Categorized Budget. I ended up picking Categorized budget (books, entertainment, etc seem like categories).

Task 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.
  ● I think I better understand this menu better now. The ‘plus’ button is for adding an expense. This task was pretty straightforward once I saw the tooltip.

Task 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.
  ● This was pretty straightforward, I had no problems completing this task.

Heuristics:

Simple/Natural Dialog
  ● No issues here, the interface was simple, and didn’t have any clutter.

Speak The User’s language
  ● Didn’t have any issues understanding any of the dialogues, menus or buttons.

Minimize User Memory Load
  ● The information I needed was always on screen.

Consistency
  ● I think the buttons on the “Track Budget” menu were a little inconsistent with the rest of the UI. Maybe make those buttons with text on them like the rest of the interface, this would make their functions more apparent.

Feedback
  ● The system was always responsive, I didn’t have any problems with feedback.

Clearly Marked exits
  ● No issues with exits.

Shortcuts
  ● The menus were all readily accessible so I didn’t see too much need for shortcuts in this interface. Although, it may be helpful to have some kind of “Current Budget” button to get to your currently running budget easier. Just a suggestion!

Good Error Messages
  ● I didn’t encounter any error messages.

Prevent errors
  ● Didn’t encounter any errors.

Help/Documentation
  ● Once I discovered the hover tooltips, this was less of an issue, but I think it was a little unclear as to what the buttons did on the Track Budget page.