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CASE STUDY: LEARNVEST PROGRESS BOARD

For various historical reasons, the LearnVest offering had been split between two essentially disconnected but related products: a Mint-like personal financial management software product (available in identical form to free and paying users) and personalized financial advice in the form of conversations with a personal financial planner and culminating in a PDF deliverable with advice and action items. The plan wasn't reflected in the software, and the information in the software wasn't reflected in the plan.

The "Progress Board" project was a first step toward closing that gap, incorporating information previously available only in the PDF plan while also helping to fork a "premium" level of software to encourage upsell and retain premium clients by making that software provide real value toward achieving against that plan.

Requirements

Initial requirements from the executive level of product were that the ultimate solution be a replacement for the existing login dashboard (a mix of a list of accounts, statuses and spending trends,) that it surface and encourage client "progress" against their plan in some way, and that be ready to launch in approximately two two-week development sprints. Additionally, the solution needed to improve upon, but fit within, the existing visual language of the product.

Initial Research and Definition

During the short research phase, I assisted the Product Owner in the creation and running of an internal stakeholder workshop, focused on the topic and culminating in a group brainstorm with attendees voting on their favorite concepts. We then worked to group and classify the root ideas, creating stubs for potential user stories.

I next worked with the UX Researcher to plan and execute a user working session to better inform our thinking on both what did and did not work in the existing dashboard and what opportunities seemed most compelling in a new product approach. In order to ensure that the session wasn't stuck in the existing product, we started by talking generally about attitudes toward money, the notion of "progress," and the broader service offering. Only then did we move to a more focused exploration of a premium dashboard experience, getting responses to the leading ideas from the stakeholder workshop and ultimately leading into a group sketching session.

The report of findings I produced from the workshop is attached.

I next helped write and field a short survey to the company's financial planners in an effort to get the flip side of the user picture, asking "what it looked like" when a client was or wasn't making progress against their financial plan, and determining what data planners would ideally like to have access to in order to make those determinations in the future. This was able to inform out parallel effort to bake in "progress" analytics in addition to traditional web analytics.

Armed with these inputs, I worked with the lead Visual Designer on the project to start sketching out possible approaches and ideate feature sets. These sketches seeded multiple conversations with the PO where we collectively created a backlog of specific potential features and their user stories.

A number of major realizations surfaced in this phase that would shape the end product and its roll-out. We recognized that “actionability” of information should be the gold standard for inclusion in what we built. We also recognized that much of the actionable information was “trapped” within an offline system, and that the launch would have to be phased in such a way as to initially exclude this information until an additional integration project could be completed two sprints later. This, in addition to the fact that some pieces of information were not possible to surface for legacy premium accounts and the research-led finding that users recognize and track progress against different metrics, informed the “modular” design of the dashboard - allowing us to systematically include or exclude portions, and eventually for users to make their own determinations about inclusion and priority.

Design and Development

With a strategy and a set of user stories in hand, I went about creating annotated wireframes to document each of the features as well as the various versions. During this process, I dove into the details of how each kind of information should be represented and went through multiple variations of element hierarchy, informed by both our user research, the logical relationships between elements, and our desire to design an interface where optional modules could be sensibly replaced by their expanded neighbors. This exploration was done concurrently with the Visual Designer beginning to develop a visual style for the feature and with the developers beginning to build the overall scaffolding.

An export of my early wires and the visual designs developed from them (produced by my colleague), as well as my annotated wires, are attached.

At this point, I shifted into something of a more consultative role, working with the visual designer to identify solutions to additional edge cases that emerged as the product was being developed, leaving feedback in InVision and often working directly with her as she designed. I also worked directly with the developers (primarily through sketches and conversations) to assess and develop animations and states, and to further clarify the logic around visualizations. Some of this feedback was incorporated immediately, while other more complicated items were added to the backlog.

Outcomes

The Progress Board feature was launched on schedule, with a phased release to premium users over the course of two sprints. While it represented a large departure from the existing dashboard (including the removal of an “accounts overview” element which stakeholders had assumed to be important but research suggested might not be,) it was immediately welcomed by premium clients. We found that the overwhelming weight of feedback came not in the form of complaints about changes, but in requests to push the new functionality further. As Progress Board was designed as a base for iteration, that feedback has been folded into the backlog - and in fact, Progress Board is forming the base of a much larger re-envisioning of premium software. Perhaps most importantly, with few other changes in the ecosystem, retention increased markedly shortly after the release of the feature.

A screenshot of the live feature is attached.

Progress Board Participatory Design Session Report

Prepared by Jeff Kirsch on Nov 4th, 2013

Introduction

This report details the results of a participatory design session held by Polly and Jeff K in the NYC office from 5:30pm - 7:00pm on Friday, Nov 1st. For this exercise we brought in three users, one at each level of service. Users are local (to NYC) members of the “LV Ambassadors” program and received no specific compensation for participating.

While a variety of useful insights arose from this session and will likely inform product decisions, due to the small sample size and structure of the activity, any findings should not be considered definitive or statistically significant in relation to the larger user base.

Purpose

To gather and understand requirements to build a place the user can reference on a daily basis to see if they are making progress in their LV Program. This effort is in service of a business goal of further increasing engagement with our products, and completion of challenges, to extend lifetime value of a plan.

Participants

Amanda is in her mid-20s and a “Budget Starter”. She had previously used Mint.com, but came to LV looking for a more guided experience. She has a sense of her goals (specifically getting to net-zero on her budget, which she anticipates later in November), but needs help figuring out how to achieve them. Her planner is Nancy Anderson, with whom she feels personally connected.

Johanna is also in her mid-20s, and a “5-Year Planner” user. A single mom and self-professed “fitness junky,” she was impressed by LV’s editorial content which influenced her to step up from the Budget Starter to the 5-Year Planner. Her main goal is paying down her college loans, but she has recently been working with planner Natalie to cut down on credit cards after fall and back-to-school shopping made CC use more of an issue for her. This desire is balanced by her need to use credit cards to rebuild her credit after a divorce and related bankruptcy.

Michelle is in her late-20s and a “Portfolio Builder”. Michelle started as a 5-Year Planner, but as her budget (aside from student loans) was in pretty good shape to start with, she quickly got bored with the lack of relevant challenges. Planner suggested upgrading to get more out of the plan. She recently rolled a 401k over into an IRA, which she described as “a big challenge” made

easier with assistance from planner Lori Minor, who “taught rather than told” when it came to understanding the options. Is now working to understand which investments are best for her, and to learn more about building equity.

Methodology

Session began with each participant quickly introducing themselves, their objectives in the LV program, and what they think is and isn’t working. The exercise was introduced by asking them to think about the “ultimate place you can go to on your phone or computer to see how you are doing, so that you can always be making progress in the program.”

Before beginning the first part of the exercise, participants were asked to consider “other things out there that you use on a regular basis that show progress” on goals in any area of their life. Next, they were asked to think about “what’s important to you to know you’re making progress in the program.” Participants recorded these items on individual post-it notes, and shared with the group while briefly explaining why each was important.

Participants were then presented with ideas from Jon’s email (one at a time), and discussed whether they would find them to be useful in assessing progress (and why). With these ideas and those generated by the group in mind, the participants were asked to draw their ideal on-login “first screen”. Finally, each participant shared their sketches with the group, walking through each element, and being asked to identify which was “most important” and why.

Takeaways

Net worth over time is a hugely important metric.

This was true across the group, regardless of specific goals or level of plan.

A sense of what remains to be spent in a month is an immediately practical metric.

This factored strongly into the discussion and in the participants sketches of their ideal dashboard.

Tangible details and specific projections paint an important picture.

Discrete examples of how present behavior will impact future situation and goal attainment. Highlight the specific things the user is doing right at present, and the concrete value of continuing that behavior.

There is a desire for constant motivation (but it shouldn’t be too intrusive).

Consider optional messaging on login.

Rewards, badges and social comparisons provide a feeling of achievement and a sense of “where you stand”.

These also provide a way of marking and encouraging progress along the way to larger, less frequently-accomplished goals.

Challenges were not seen as directly relevant to an overall sense of progress in the program and towards one’s financial goals.

In their present form, they were largely described as interesting and valuable but not clearly connected to a measure of progress. Applying a dollar value to challenges, however, could change that.

Extended Findings

Other things used to track progress.

- My Fitness Pal (iPhone App)
 - Tracks exercise and food intake.
 - At the end of the day, user taps “finished”, and app surfaces a message about the concrete consequences of the user’s decisions that day, e.g. “If you keep going like today, you’ll be 200 pounds in 6 months.”
 - (Mint has something similar, but suggestions are unrealistic).
 - **Takeaway: Concrete examples of the consequences of behaviors related to goals are very helpful in motivation and assessing progress.**
 - **Takeaway 2: Can be dangerous and dispiriting if you’re NOT on track.**
- Nike Fitness Tracker (iPhone App)
 - Allows you to set various fitness goals.
 - When the user meets a goal, they’re “rewarded” with a relevant prize, e.g. a healthy smoothie recipe.
 - **Takeaway: The promise of a reward can be motivating, particularly when its related to the goal.**

What would be important for you to know in the dashboard to let you know that you’re making progress?

- Badges or “certifications” that indicate achievement of certain milestones
 - Independent of Challenges.
 - Badges could accompany an anonymized ranking system.
 - Could be based on things like article reading or savings, e.g. “Validated LearnVest Learner”.
 - “Awards” for reaching sub-milestones on the way to priority goals.
- Information about how you stack up against other “similar” users re: goal achievement.
 - e.g. “You’re in the top 10% of people like you in your progress toward saving for a

downpayment.”

- A virtual “money group”, where you can (with some level of anonymity) compare yourself against and provide / receive support from other users.
 - Important that the groups be normalized for goals / situation, otherwise could be discouraging.
 - User quote: “Different people can help you see different things.”
- Knowledge tests to see what you’ve learned (in Portfolio Builder).
 - But you shouldn’t have to take tests all the time.
- Highlighting specific positive stats since last month or last login.
 - e.g. “Welcome back! Since last time you were here, you’ve gotten \$100 closer to your savings goal.”
 - Also, information about change in change, e.g. “You’re saving money 3x faster this month than last”
- Priority goal reminder - to transfer excess cash from one account to a priority goal account.
 - Or suggestions for what to do with “leftover” money at the end of the month.
- Feedback about where you are in the lifecycle of the plan and what sort of related accomplishments you’ve achieved that might not be encompassed fully in goals or challenges.
 - e.g. “You’ve set up Renter’s Insurance, which could save you x if y.”
 - Felt it was easy for these important things to be missed.
- Tracking amount of change over time.

“Lightning Round” - Quick take on ideas from Jon’s Email

Participants found the following potentially helpful:

- **“My net worth over time.”**
 - “Huge.”
 - Regardless of plan level or goals, all saw this as a central metric.
- **“Amount of time on budget vs. amount of time off budget.”**
 - Spawned a lot of conversation.
 - Could spawn messaging about patterns, e.g. “You’ve gone over your entertainment budget every month. Maybe you should try this...”
 - Problematic that unfolded transactions don’t get included.
 - Helpful to be granular enough that user can tell if this was an anticipated overage or not.
- **“How much the balance will be worth when I retire vs. my goals.”**
 - Sense is that it exists somewhere in the planning PDF, but would be very useful to see “live.”
 - User quote: “I want to read everything about that all the time.”
- **“How much money I can still spend this month.”**
 - Think it’s already somewhere, but would like it to be more prominent.
- “My individual goals over time.”

- “Time until I achieve goals.”
- “How I did against my safe-to-spend over time”
 - Could be interesting, but not essential.
 - “Maybe on a summary page”

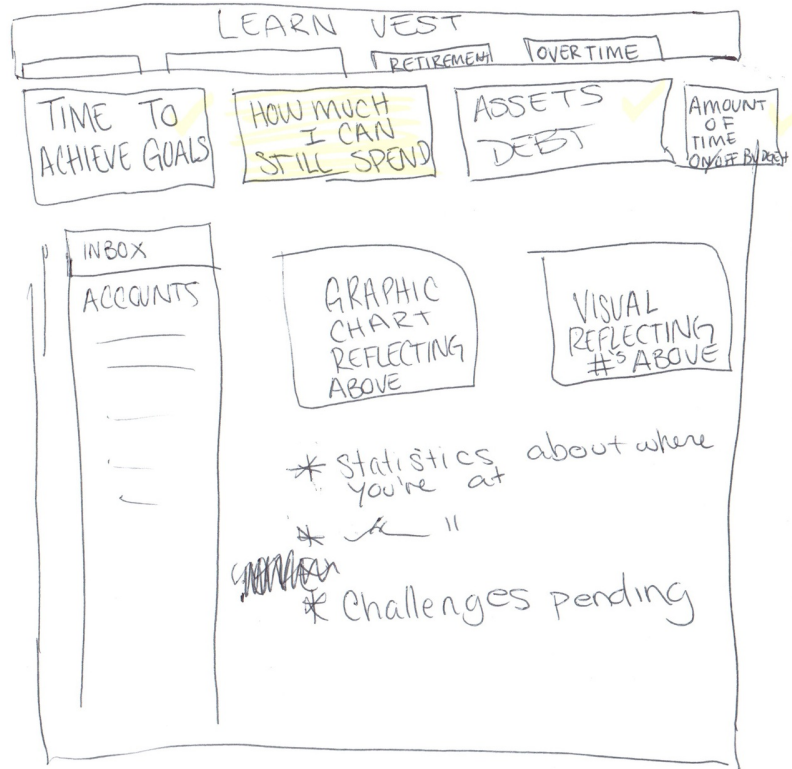
Participants did not find the following helpful:

- “Amount of challenges that I completed vs. given.”
 - User quote: “If I don’t want to complete a challenge, I just don’t.”
 - Did not see challenges in and of themselves as an indicator of progress.
- “Average amount spent (put toward) goals over time.”
- “What important documents I have vs. what I still need.”
 - Could be interesting as a challenge.
 - Could be compared to other users.
 - Progress against it might not be super important, but it’s a nice suggestion of what you should be thinking about.
 - “How to protect your goals”.

Drawing what progress looks like.

Amanda

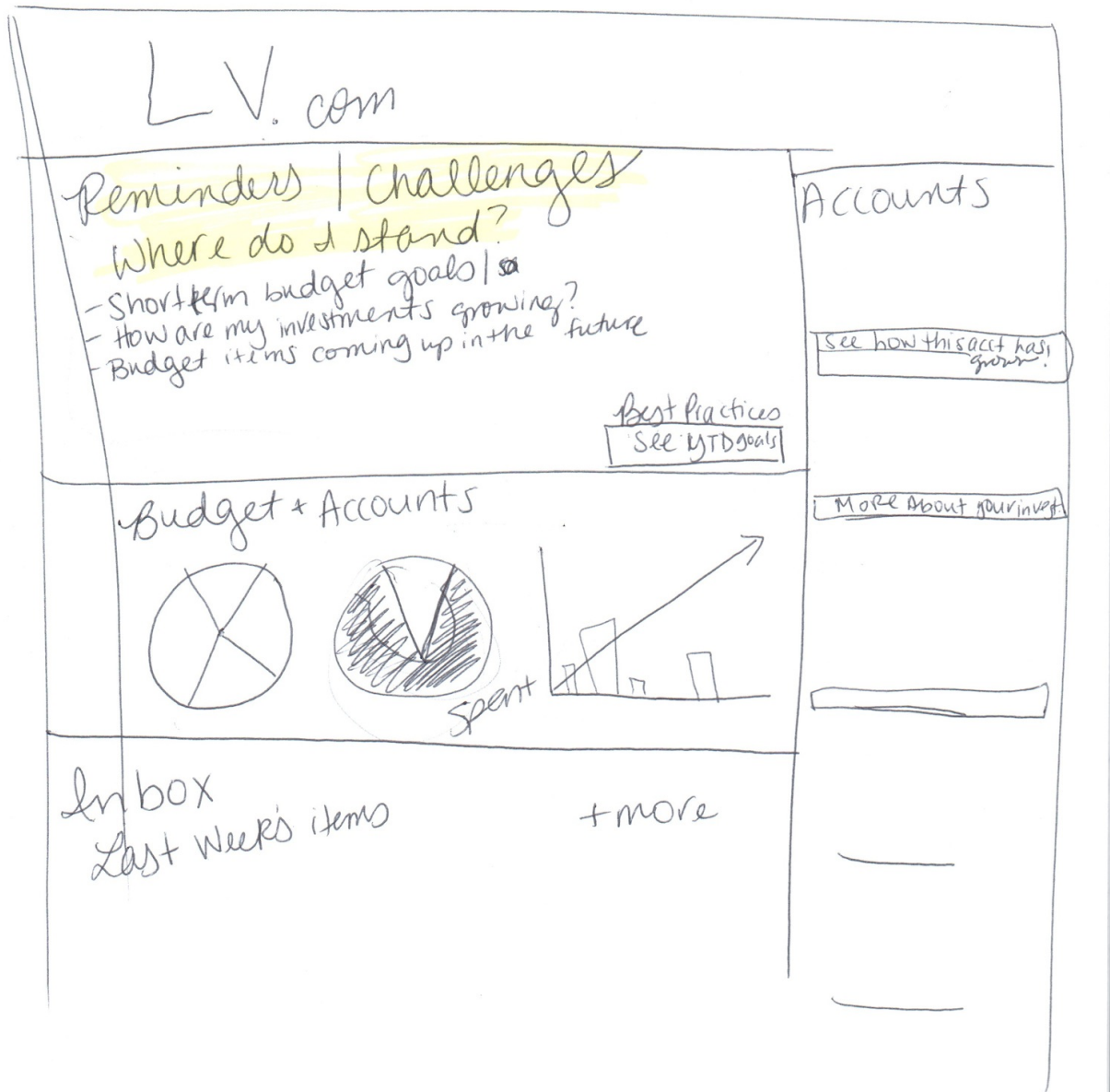
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- Top line overview is all numbers.
- Visualizations of the details behind those numbers appear below.
- **Most important item is "How much I can still spend" number.**
 - User quote: "Gives me a picture of where I am and how I'm moving forward."

Michelle

MICHELLE Z.



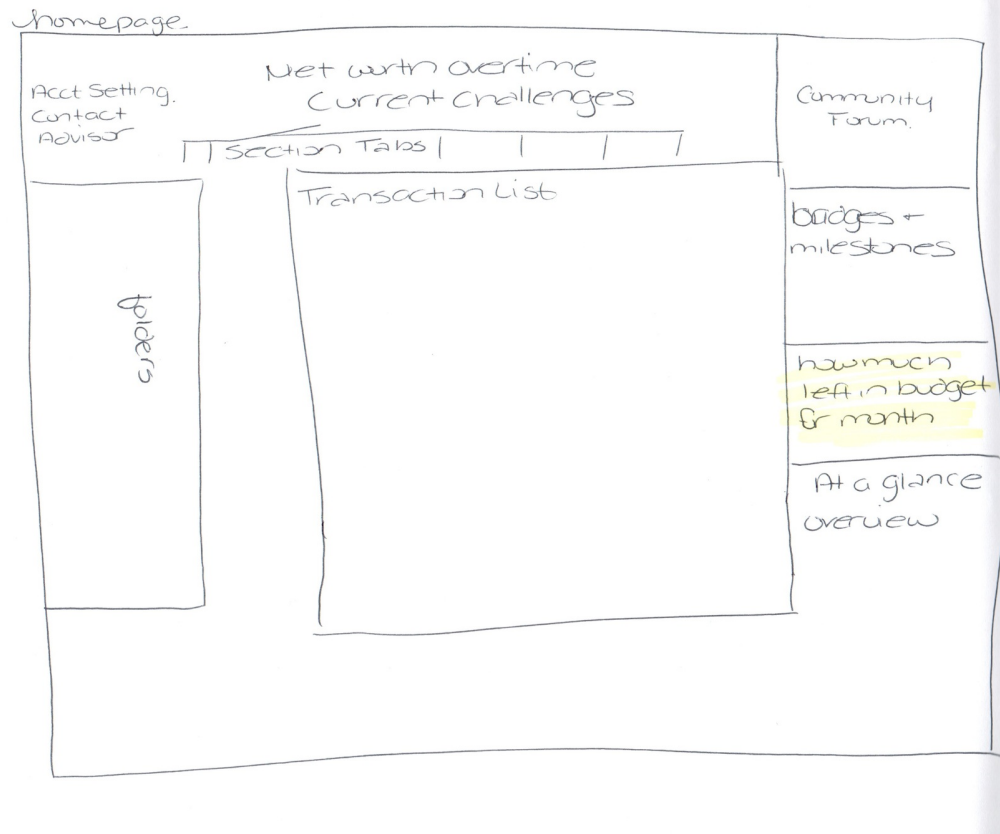
- Top area provides a “tangible reminder of challenges and realtime comparison to progress” - in addition to an area to “remind people of best practices.”
- Below, Budget and Inbox overviews are displayed “because they’re always changing.”
 - Would like to see budget charts rendered according to her custom colors.
- Accounts appear on the right side with call-to-action “See how this account has grown” leads to details.
- Includes an aggregate feed of info that may have played a part in her overall progress,

e.g. investment accounts that have taken off or performed very badly.

- **Most important item is Reminders and Challenges.**
 - Because it's "most specific".

Johanna

JOHANNA
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- Concentrated important elements in the right bar...
 - But would like ability to customize page.
- Would push information about "Goals" to a second page.
- **Most important item is "How much I can still spend" number.**

Asides

- Would love to see sub-account goal tracking for smaller goals.
- Budgets should support expected variations over time.
 - e.g. Knowing that you have a wedding coming up over the summer, you don't spend any of your "gift" budget for three months, but spend the saved amount in the fourth.
 - Currently, system wouldn't recognize this "good" behavior.
- Plan includes a lot of interesting insights and details that essentially no longer relevant as soon as the plan is produced.
- One user's favorite challenge was thinking about what they could accomplish if they *didn't* spend money on something in the money.
 - "Felt like a simulation."
- Tie in customized emails with specific status or difficulties
 - e.g. " You went over budget in restaurants. Try these top at-home recipes."
- Love ability to customize folders.

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Dashboard Inbox Budget Priority Goals Accounts Program Must Reads
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Budget Overview

Spent so far	Budget this month
\$3,673	\$4,735

Net Worth

Change this month	Assets	Debts	Net Worth
↑ \$1,500	\$22,245	\$2,000	\$20,245

Action Items

0 ✓
 Unfolded Transactions

3
 New Challenges

Folders

Watched Nearing Budget Overbudget

Shopping	100%	\$365 of \$245
Entertainment	~80%	\$480 of \$500
Eating Out	~80%	\$250 of \$300
Animal Care	~80%	\$250 of \$300

Goals

This Month Overall

Total contributed **\$485**

Pay off CC expected May 2014

\$75 of \$100

Dream Vacay expected Jun 2016

\$210 of \$400

+ Create more goals

Challenges

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Budget Overview

Month	Spent	Budget
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT	\$5,359	\$5,000
NOV		

Spent in October: **\$5,359** | Budget in October: **\$5,000**

Net Worth

Category	Value
Change this month	↑ \$1,500
Assets	\$22,245
Debts	\$2,000
Net Worth	\$20,245

Action Items

- 0 Unfolded Transactions ✓
- 3 New Challenges

Folders

Watched Nearing Budget Overbudget

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Month	Spent	Budget
JUN	\$5,000	\$5,000
JUL	\$5,958	\$5,250
AUG	\$5,000	\$5,000
SEP	\$5,000	\$5,000
OCT	\$5,000	\$5,000
NOV	\$5,000	\$5,000

Spent in July: **\$5,958** | Budget in July: **\$5,250**

Net Worth

Category	Value
Change this month	↑ \$1,500
Assets	\$22,245
Debts	\$2,000
Net Worth	\$20,245

Action Items

- 0 Unfolded Transactions ✓
- 3 New Challenges

Folders

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\$3,673	\$4,735

Net Worth

Change from 8/13-9/13	Assets	Debts	Net Worth as of 9/13
↓ \$678	\$20,784	\$4,696	\$16,088

Action Items

0 ✓
 Unfolded Transactions

3
 New Challenges

Folders

Watched Nearing Budget Overbudget

Shopping	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div>	\$365 of \$245
Entertainment	<div style="width: 96%;"><div style="width: 96%;"></div></div>	\$480 of \$500
Eating Out	<div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div>	\$250 of \$300
Animal Care	<div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div>	\$250 of \$300

Goals

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Since your last visit... You've passed 25% of the way to your goal "Dream Vacay". Pat yourself on the back, you deserve it!

Budget Overview

Month	Essentials	Priority Goals	Lifestyle	Monthly Budget
JUN	~\$2000	~\$1500	~\$1500	~\$5000
JUL	~\$2500	~\$1500	~\$1500	~\$5500
AUG	~\$2000	~\$1500	~\$1500	~\$5000
SEP	~\$1500	~\$1500	~\$1500	~\$4500
OCT	~\$2000	~\$1500	~\$1500	~\$5000
NOV	~\$1000	~\$1000	~\$1000	~\$3000

Spent so far **\$3,673** Budget this month **\$4,735**

Net Worth

Date	Net Worth
6/12	~\$0
9/12	~\$5k
1/13	~\$10k
3/13	~\$12k
6/13	~\$15k
9/13	~\$18k
11/13	~\$20k

Change this month **↑ \$1,500**

Assets	Debts	Net Worth
\$22,245	\$2,000	\$20,245

Action Items

0 Unfolded Transactions

3 New Challenges

Folders

Watched Nearing Budget Overbudget

Shopping **\$365 of \$245** (100%)

Entertainment **\$480 of \$500**

Goals

This Month Overall

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Dream Vacay expected Jun 2016

Challenges

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Net Worth

Change this month ↑ \$1,500	Change this year ↑ \$16,256	Change since plan start ↑ \$20,758	Assets \$22,245	Debts \$2,000	Net Worth \$20,245
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Action Items

0

Unfolded Transactions

5

Challenges Achieved

Budget Overview

Spent so far \$3,673	Budget this month \$4,735	Months over budget 3	Average overage \$367
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Folders

Watched Nearing Budget Overbudget

- 100%

Shopping

\$365 of \$245
- Entertainment**

\$480 of \$500
- Eating Out**

\$250 of \$300
- Animal Care**

\$250 of \$300

Goals

This Month Overall

Total contributed **\$485**

- Pay off CC**
expected May 2014

● \$75 of \$100
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expected Jun 2016

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+ Create more goals

Challenges

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Welcome, Jeff

Last login	3 days ago
Unfolded transactions	15
Active challenges	5
Your planner	Stephany Kirkpatrick

How You're Spending

Spent so far 📌	Budget this month	Months over budget	Average overage
\$3,673	\$4,735	5	\$367

Where You're Going

Progress this month ↑ \$1,500	Progress this year ↑ \$16,256	Progress since plan start ↑ \$20,758	Assets \$22,245	Debts \$2,000	Net Worth \$20,245
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Folders

- 100%

Shopping \$50 over
- \$20 remaining

Entertainment
- \$50 remaining

Eating Out
- \$50 remaining

Animal Care

Goals

This Month Overall

Total contributed \$485

- Pay off CC
expected May 2014

\$75 of \$100
- Dream Vacay
expected Jun 2016

\$210 of \$400

+ Create more goals

Challenges

Active Achieved

✎ **Complete your profile** Due in 5 days

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Welcome back, Michelle

Last Log In: 3 days ago

Unfolded Transactions: 15

Active Challenges: 5

Your Planner: Stephany Kirkpatrick, CFP®

How You're Spending

Monthly Budget Essentials Goals Lifestyle

Months over budget	Average average	Budget this month	Spent so far
5	\$367	\$4,735	\$3,673

Where You're Going

Progress this month	Progress this year	Progress since plan start	Assets	Debts	Net Worth
↑ \$1,500	↑ \$16,256	↑ \$20,758	\$22,245	\$2,000	\$20,245

Folders

This Month

- 📁 **Shopping** \$150 Overbudget
- 📁 **Entertainment** \$20 Until limit
- 📁 **Restaurants** \$100 Until limit
- 📁 **Pet Care** \$150 Until limit

View all folders >

Goals

This Month Overall

Total Contributed \$380

Pay off Credit Card
Expected May 2014

\$75 / \$100

Trip to Galapagos Islands
Expected June 2016

\$305 / \$400

+ Create new goal

Challenges From Stephany

Active Achieved

📌 **Complete your profile**
Due in 5 days

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📌 **Put credit cards in ice**
Due December 15

View all challenges >

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Welcome, Jeff

Last login	First time here!
Unfolded transactions	15
Active challenges	0
Your planner	Complete profile first!

How You're Spending

SEP

OCT

NOV

+ Set budgets to track your spending more accurately

Spent so far 📘

\$3,673

Where You're Going

Progress this month ↑ \$1,500	Progress since plan start ↑ \$20,758	Assets \$22,245	Debts \$2,000	Net Worth \$20,245
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Folders
This Month

You don't have any budgets set yet. Your planner will create a spending plan with you, but you can always ballpark the numbers for now and adjust them later.

+ Set some budgets

Goals
This Month Overall

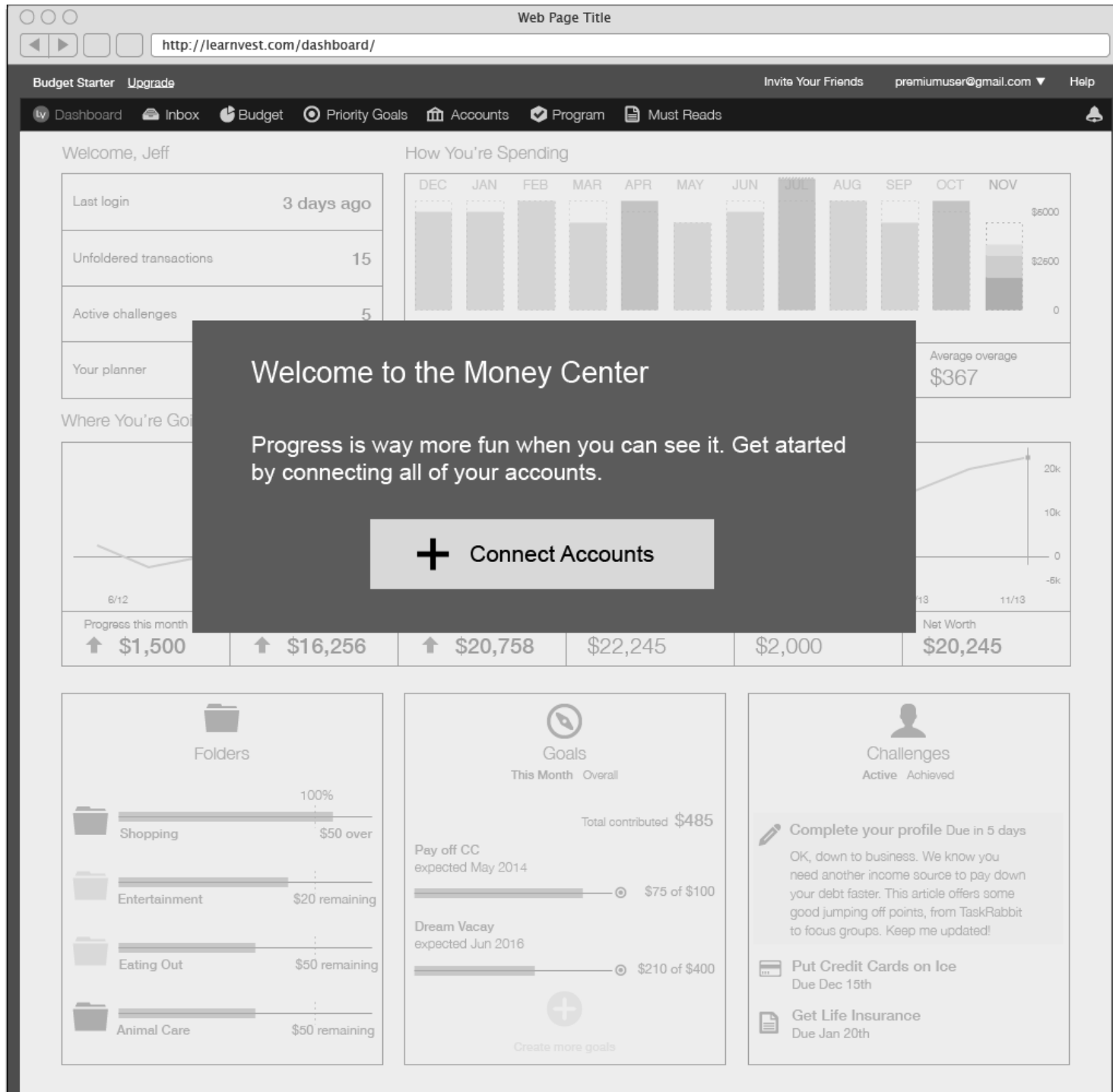
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Months over budget	Average average	Budget this month	Spent so far
5	\$367	\$4,735	\$3,673

Where You're Going

Progress this month	Progress since plan start	Assets	Debts	Net Worth
↗ \$1,500	↗ \$20,758	\$22,245	\$2,000	\$20,245

Folders

This Month

- Shopping
\$150 Over
- Entertainment
\$20 Until limit
- Restaurants
\$50 Until limit
- Pet Care
\$150 Until limit

View all folders >

Goals

This Month Overall

Total Contributed \$380

- Pay off Credit Card
Expected May 2014

\$75 / \$100
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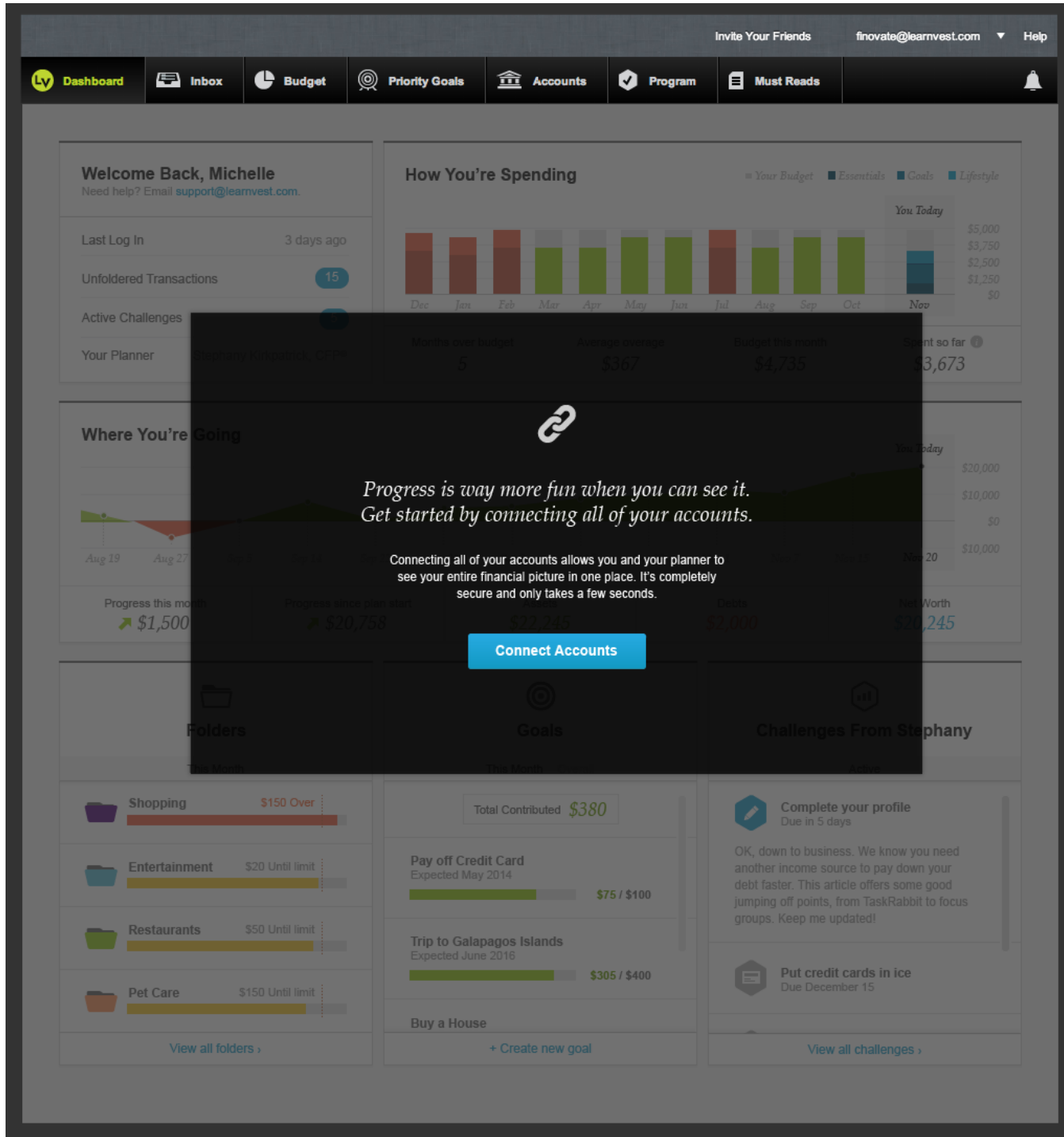
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The screenshot shows a financial dashboard with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Dashboard', 'Inbox', 'Budget', 'Priority Goals', 'Accounts', 'Program', and 'Must Reads'. The main area displays financial summary: ASSETS \$958,220, LIABILITIES \$5,447, and NET WORTH \$952,774. A modal window titled 'CONNECT YOUR ACCOUNTS' is open, featuring a search bar, filter tabs for 'All', 'Credit Cards', 'Banks', 'Investments', 'Loans', and 'Mortgages', and a grid of popular account logos including Bank of America, CHASE, Capital One, WELLS FARGO, Bank of America Credit Card, citibank, DISCOVER, and ING DIRECT. A '+ Manually Add Account' button is at the bottom of the modal. The background dashboard includes a sidebar with 'Overview', 'Bank Accounts', 'Investments', 'Other Assets', and 'Credit Cards', and a pie chart at the bottom showing asset distribution.

Asset Type	Percentage
Property Value	47%
Brokerage	9%
Freedom Fund	8%
Mark IRA	8%
Old 401(k)	8%
My Account	4%
Ayden NY 529	2%
Liam - NY 529	2%
Liam Ed-IRA	2%
Natalie Ed-IRA	1%
Retirement	1%
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Hello, progress! Take a look at where you stand today. (And make sure you check back tomorrow.)

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Budget this month —

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Progress Board MVP

Live Dashboard

The basic progress board, with accounts connected, budgets and goals set, and challenges issued.

In the “Welcome” box, unfolded transactions (1), active challenges (1b), and planner name (1c) link to the appropriate existing pages on the site.

The “How You’re Spending” visualization (2) shows spending trends and budget history for up to 12 months. The chart is scaled to a scale appropriate to the current month. By default, the current month (2a) is broken down by high-level category, while previous months (2b) are shaded red or green to indicate overall overages. Months over budget and average overages (2c) are calculated for the visible period. On rollover, a tooltip (2d) appears beside “Spent so far” explaining that this number does not include unsoldered transactions.

“Where You’re Going” (3) is a visualization of net worth over time and always displays the entire history of data we have on the user. It’s scale and time increments are calculated accordingly. For change values (3a), the labeling conditionally changes from “Change” (if negative or 0) to “Progress” (if positive).

The “Folders” area (4) displays folders closest to and over their budget for the month, organized in descending order of % of budget. This area is flexible, but has a min and maximum height (tbd in design). In future versions this will incorporate “Watchlist” folders as well as introduce a distinction between over and near-budget folders.

The “Goals” area (5) provides a listing of progress toward goals and goal commitments. By default, the are displays progress toward budgeted goal amount *this month* (5a). If the user selects the “overall” tab, they’ll see overall percentage progress toward the total goal. This selection should persist through navigation and logout, so the user will always return to see the last selected tab. Users can add goals by clicking a link (5b) and being brought to the normal goal adding page.

The “Challenges” section surfaces active and achieved challenges. Challenges are listed in most-immediate first order. By default, the top challenge is shown in an expanded state (6a). Other challenges may expand on rollover; but the expanded challenge should shrink as they do, ensuring that the total height of the elements remains fixed.



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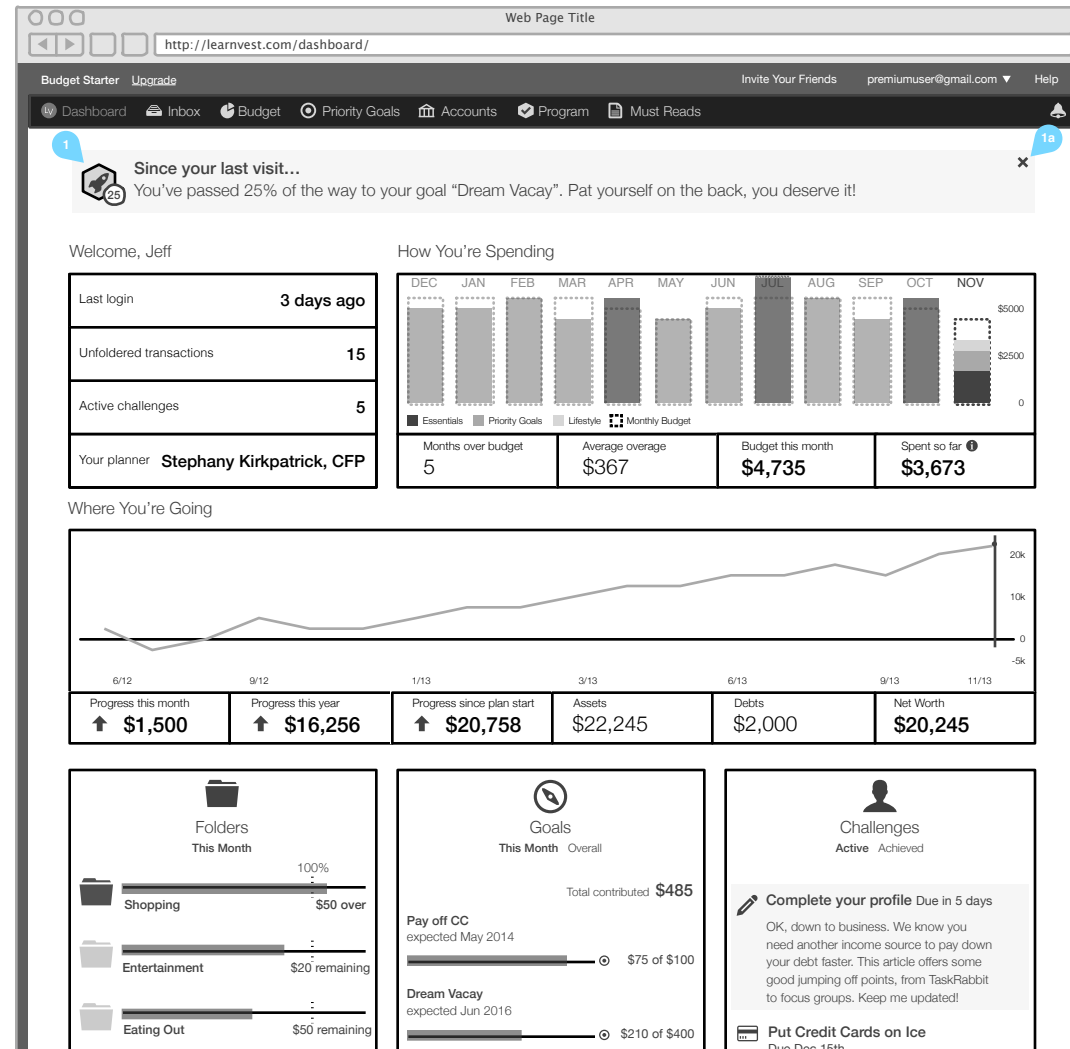
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Live Dashboard w/ Notification

A variety of event-based notifications (1) can be surfaced on login. Only one is shown per login; it can be closed with the "X" (1a), causing the rest of the page to slide up.

Alternatively, the user can ignore the notification and scroll down the page, which should "snap" to place the notification offscreen once the user scrolls past the middle point of the notification.

If the user goes elsewhere in money center and then returns to the dashboard without closing the notification, it remains open.



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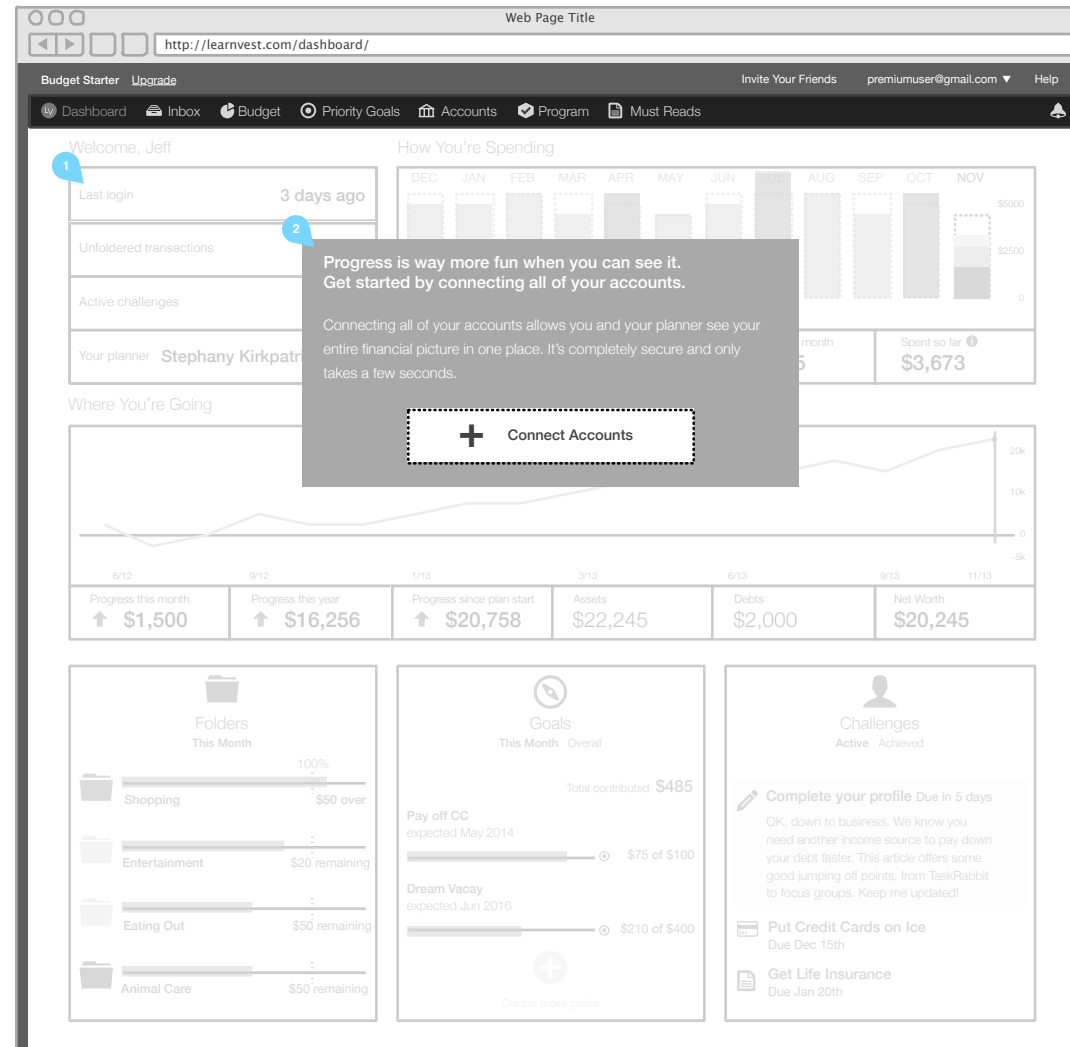
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First Run

If a client becomes a premium user without having previously used the Money Center, they will not have any information to surface on the Progress Board.

In this situation, a personalized “example” of a full Progress Board (1) is displayed as a desaturated background, while messaging (2) pushes the user to connect account.

*Note: On first login after signing up for a premium account, the new user would *not* be brought to the dashboard, but instead directly to the profile. This would only be seen if they navigated to “Dashboard”.*



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Accounts connected

With an account connected, the Progress Board can become live. However, depending upon amount of account history available and what other actions the user has taken, special states may apply.

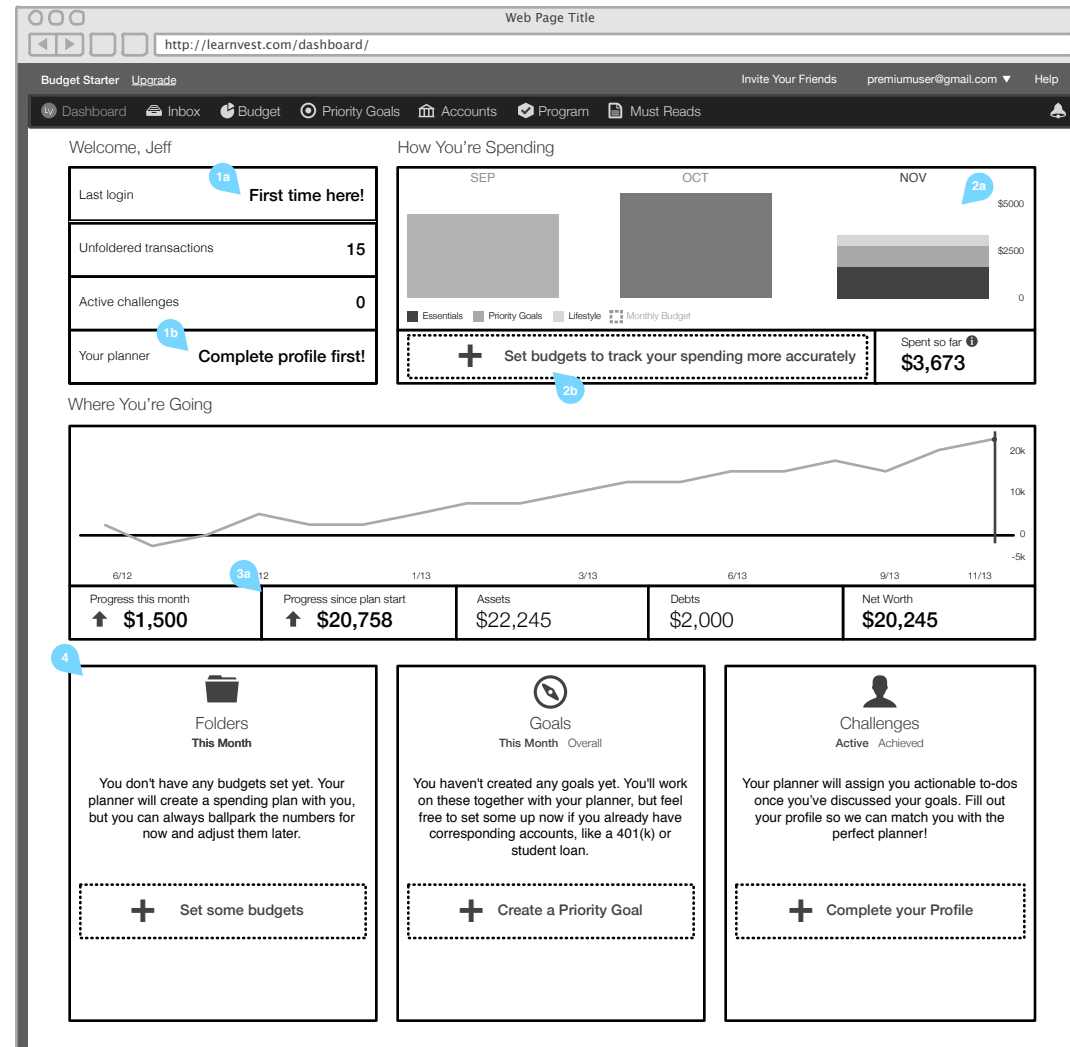
Note: not all messaging states are shown. See Google doc.

Special messaging appears for a first login (**1a**) and before a planner is assigned (**1b**). In this case, the latter message is for a user who has not yet set up their profile, and links to the profile.

“How You’re Spending” can be displayed without a budget (**2a**). Budget specific stats (**2b**) are replaced with an appropriate CTA.

“Progress/Change this year” is suppressed when less than one year of history is available.

Messaging and CTAs in “Folders”, “Goals”, and “Challenges” vary based on the user’s place in the plan lifecycle.



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Last Login About 14 Hours Ago

Unfoldered transactions 129

Your Next Call
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Weekly Spending Target \$613

Your Financial Calendar

May 2014 Next Month ▶

This Month's Contributions:

\$11,180

	Retirement - Jill	\$1460
	401(k) - Jill	\$1460
	Retirement - John	\$1460

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Challenges

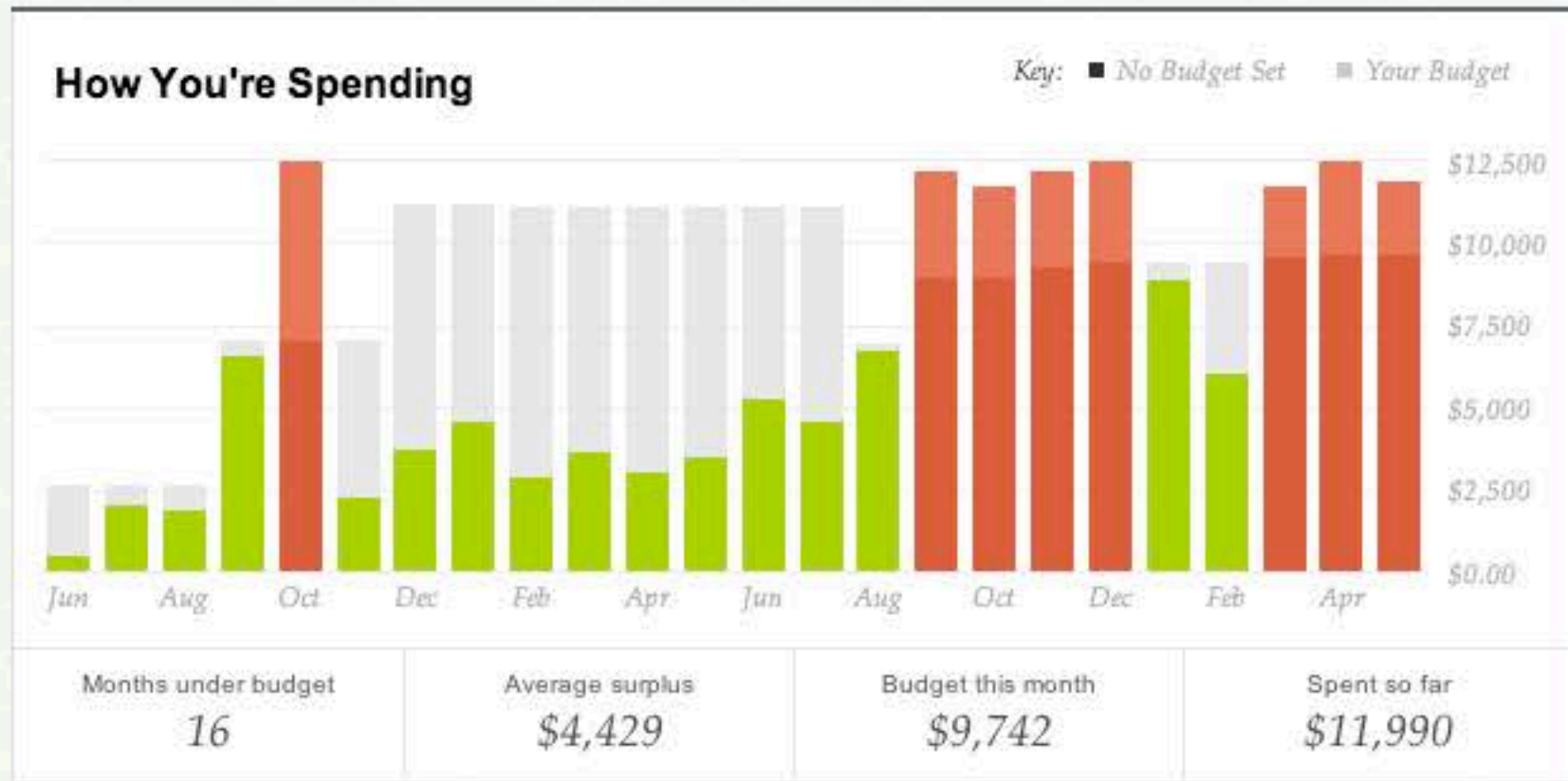
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Folders

Most Active

Atm/Cash \$11940 over

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