

The Chore Wheel

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Description

The Chore Wheel is an app designed to help you stop procrastinating when you have an overwhelming amount of cleaning to do. You spin a fun, Wheel of Fortune type wheel and the Chore Wheel decides for you what you should work on. That way you can go get it done quickly and spend time doing something you'd actually like to do.



Features

THE WHEEL

The most basic feature of the site, this wheel will be instantly spinnable without logging in, so it will be the main feature of the site.



Features

USER ACCOUNTS

Each account will have a unique name and password, a group of custom “rooms” (or areas of focus) which will then have a smaller breakdown of tasks.



Features

SPECIFIC USER TASK LISTS

Each account will have a list of unique tasks for each room the user has saved in their “house”. It will keep track of the last time the task was done automatically when you click on the checkbox.



Planning - User Stories

I originally made my user stories on Pivotal Tracker, but I made them so large they were kind of useless to me. I found Trello, redid them, and have been finding it really useful to use. I have labeled the things that I don't need to be focusing on for my MVP (and can do later) and have found it easier to organize my thoughts with this app. Currently, working on one of my biggest blockers -- Learning Spring Security.



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User Stories

As a "newly registered user", I want to "be able to select which rooms I have in my house and save it", so that "I don't have to do that every time I log in."

As an "unregistered user", I want to "be able to select rooms temporarily to add to the chore wheel" so that I can "ensure that the options are relevant to me."

As a "user (registered or unregistered)", I want to "click a button once finished with a chore" so that I can "feel accomplished and be congratulated / validated for a job well done."

As a "registered user", I want to be able to "add tasks to each room" so that I can "keep track of things I need to do / have done according to each room."

As a "registered user", I want to "be able to change which rooms I have added to my account" so that I can "move houses / ignore rooms I don't want to clean today".

+ Add another card

Learning Phase

As a "registered user" I want to "be able to log in" so that I can "access / edit my custom experience."

As an "unregistered user", I want to "be able to sign up" so I can "customize my experience."

+ Add another card

In Progress

As an "unregistered user", I want to "be able to spin the chore wheel" to "get a room to clean in my house."

+ Add another card

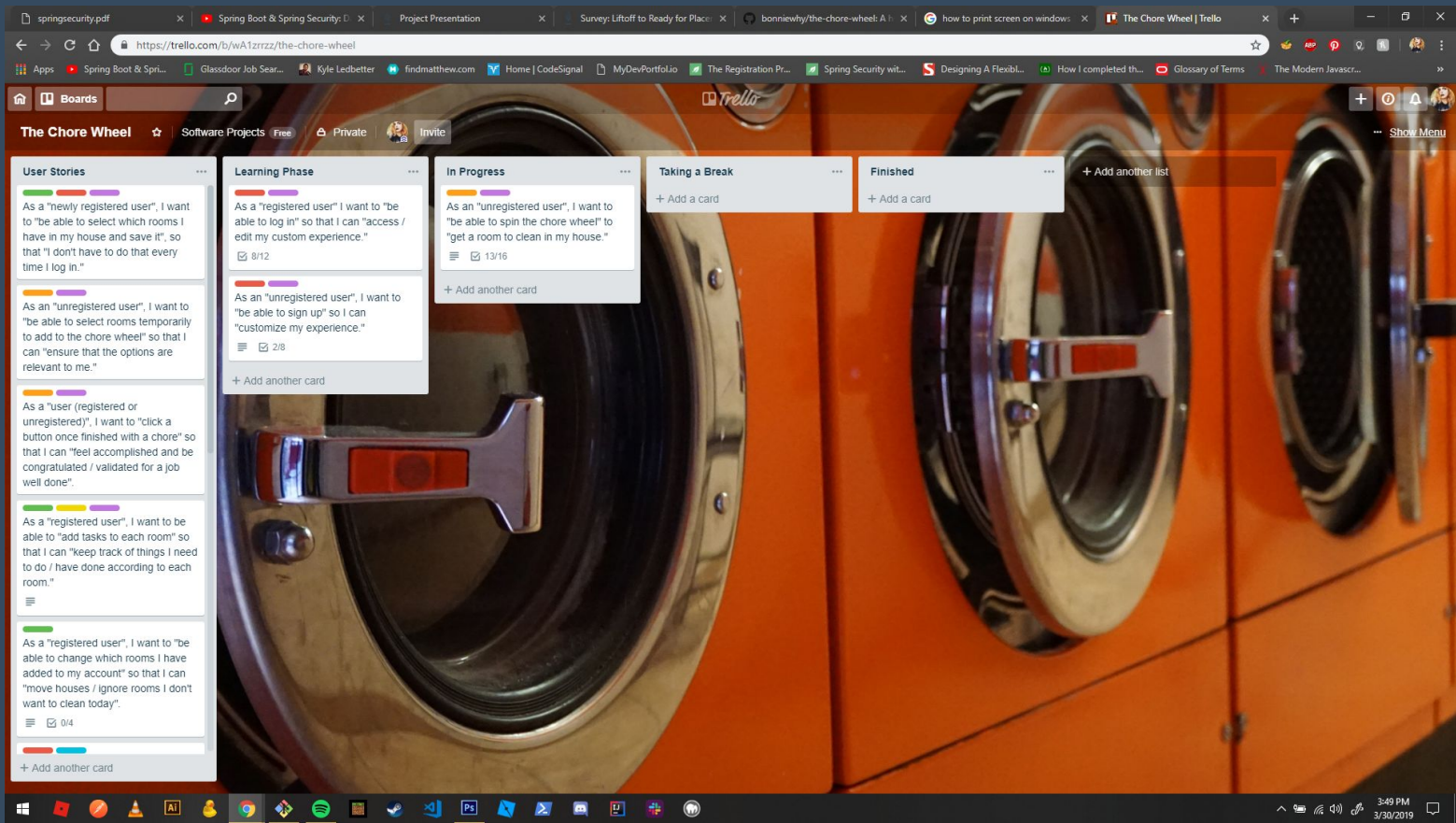
Taking a Break

+ Add a card

Finished

+ Add a card

+ Add another list



Planning - Database

At first, I thought I would only need 3 databases, so I made those:

- Room -- Many-to-Many relationships with User, and a One-to-Many relationship with Task.
- User - Many-to-Many relationship with Room, and a Many-to-One relationship with Task.
- Task - Many-to-One relationship with Room, One-to-Many relationship with User.



Planning - Database

It took me a bit to figure this out, so I really had to spend some time and write it all down on a piece of paper -- complete with sketchy messy arrows and my class design / access modifier plans.



DATABASE DESIGN!

USER

id (generated value) (getter only)
username (getter + setter)
(secure) password (getter + setter)
favorite ~~room~~ ^{many} many
(many) rooms (getter and setter)
(many) tasks (getter and setter)
points tally (getter and setter)

SPRING SECURITY

ROOMS

id (generated value) (getter only)
name (getter + setter)
(many) users (getter + setter)
(many) tasks (getter + setter)

many to one

TASKS

name (or task) (getter + setter)
~~description~~ ^(? maybe)
checked (getter + setter) (look up how checked / unchecked works in spring)
(one) room (getter + setter)
(one) user (getter + setter)
id (generated value) (getter only)
(auto) last finished (getter and setter)



Planning - Database

Then, as I started to delve into Spring Security, I realized I would have to make one more database to assign user roles to my various usernames, so I also have made that one as well.



Technology Stack

- Java
- Spring Boot
- Thymeleaf
- MySQL / Hibernate
- jQuery



Demo



What I Learned

- Started delving into jQuery for my Wheel mechanics and responsive navigation menu drawer
- Spring Security for user authentication and authorization
- Working with CSS layers to create the wheel slices
- Responsive web design principles to make it look good on whatever screen size



What's Next

- I need to figure out how to implement my main mechanic of having the wheel slices be generated based on which rooms a user has selected. The current wheel I have, it is impossible, so I will have to find a different solution to get this to work. I'm thinking about looking to SVG maybe.
- I want to make a meta-tiny wheel for each of the tasks added per room after I figure out the above.



What's Next

- Customizing user accounts with avatars and personalized information.
- Learning how to implement OAuth2 instead of having someone have to create an account.
- Game-ify the app so users have more reasons to come back and use it.
- Plus more. The more I work on it, the more I think about what I want to add.

