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 the main feature of the site.



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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

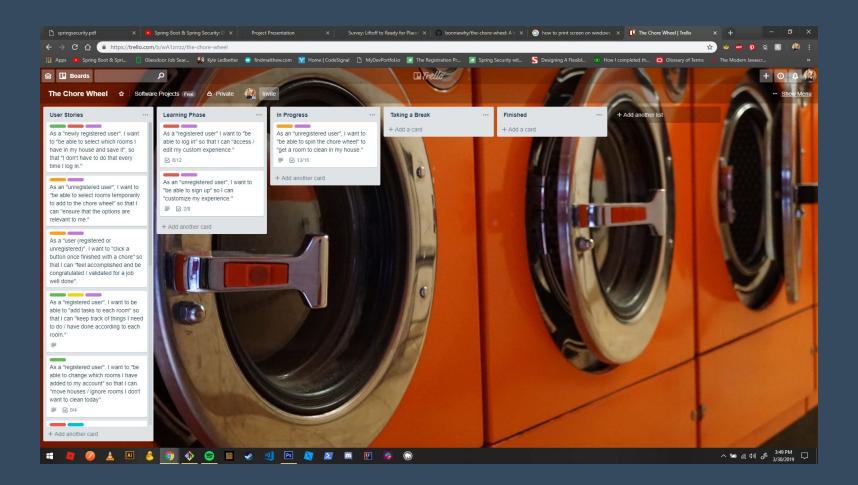
Each account will have a list of unique tasks for each room the user has saved in their "house". It will keep track of the last time the task was done automatically when you click on the checkbox.



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I originally made my user stories on Pivotal Tracker, but I made them so large they were kind of useless to me.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.







Planning - Database

As of right now, it seems like I only need 3 databases, so I made these:

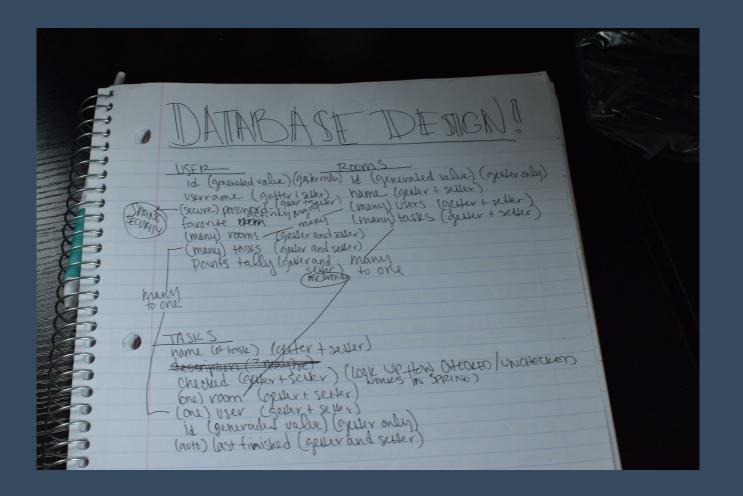
- Room -- Many-to-Many relationships with User, and a One-to-Many relationship with Task.
- User Many-to-Many relationship with Room, and a Many-to-One relationship with Task.
- Task Many-to-One relationship with Room, One-to-Many relationship with User.



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.







Technology Stack

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



Demo



What I Learned

- Started delving into jQuery for my Wheel mechanics and responsive navigation menu drawer
- Made my way through a quick Javascript tutorial to better understand what my jQuery code was actually doing.
- 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.

