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Chore App : Review

This app seems to not be completely finished. I would comment on how this does not seem to be a personal organizer, but rather a online organizer where many people edit the same one, but considering the conflicts you had during the back end development of this I will just assume this is like the way it is due to limited time. However, there are a few elements I find confusing when using this app. I understand that the app tells the user how often they shpould do a certain chore based on the schedule they set. It is confusing, however, that this is just some static text that doesn't change. If their was a counter that started once you complete a tasks to let you know how long its been since you last did a chore, this would be a much more useful system in my opinion. Then, if the task a chore you have has not been completed in over its set period, it could be displayed in red to let the user know they need to accomplish this chore. I do like the ranking system for different chores that, in theory, would help divide chores among roommates by what each roommate dislikes the least, allowing everyone to potentially avoid chores they really hate.

In general, I would like the ability to have different chore lists for general chores the whole apartment could do, and personal chores only you can do. For example, their are chores like taking out the garbage that are available for any of my roommates and myself to do, while there are also chores like clean my room that only make sense to be done by me. These chores could be displayed on a personal chore list of chores that I have to do personally and what general chores I don't mind doing that need to be done. Overall, some form of separation of these different types of chores would be preferred to make organization easier.

I don't understand why chores you complete are permanantly deleted from the chore list. I don't know if they appear again over time, but it is confusing because I feel like I have to re Input the chore every time I need to do it. This make sense if i notice my room is messy and don't have time to do it so I put it on the list, but for reocurring chores I would like to be able to just log onto my chore list and view what chores do and dont need to be done. Their should be a way to delete chores if they arent needed anymore, but this should be different from completing the chore, as that should display a different graphic for a completed chore. As time goes by, chores should change in color from green, recently completed, to yellow completed some time ago, to red, not completed in scheduled time. This would allow me to easily view what chores do not need to be completed soon, what chores should be completed soon, and what chores need to be completed soon.

Overall this is a good system that divides work between roommates, but has a lot of room for improvement. Both with personal chores, and allowing a feedback to when you last completed a chore, both with numbers and a visual representation.