

## **AList**

## This colorful list app knows there's a time and place

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Requirements OS X 10.10 or later, 64 bit processor



Location-based reminders: never pass by the store again! AList is a simple and colorful list app that can be used for a variety of tasks, ranging from work related projects to personal errands. Is it going to persuade you to switch from your current list app? Maybe not, but aside from being pretty, it has a unique location-based feature. AList comes in both Mac and iOS versions. To get the most out of it, you will want to purchase both, but at 99¢ each, it's a bargain.

Getting started on AList can be mildly confusing: the app's minimalist design leaves you with almost no direction to start, aside from creating a task group. After that, it becomes slightly more intuitive. You create task groups, and, if you like, subgroups, and then add individual list items. You can then add detailed comments to each item, a feature only in the premium version of other apps, like ToDoList. Tasks can be identified, categorized, and prioritized using color coding and various icons. This is a relatively rare feature: other apps allow you to pick color schemes, but stick to an overall monochrome template. Being able to quickly locate the urgent red list in a soothing sea of green, purple, or blue is a definite plus. The color coding, in addition to being useful, adds a fun and cheerful note to your devices.

The ability to create groups allows this app to be useful for a variety of tasks because you can make your lists as simple or as detailed as you like. The structure is simple and gives you a lot of freedom. One potential drawback is its lack of collaborative features; AList is not the app you want for group projects since you can't share or delegate tasks.

AList has one stand-out feature: location-based reminders. The location feature activates reminders either when arriving or leaving a location. They can be set up from both the iOS or Mac versions, as long as you're connected to Wi-Fi, and the setup is similar to that of Apple's Reminders app, but with a more appealing layout. It's a great feature for anyone with a tendency to go through their routine on autopilot.

The Mac and iOS versions sync nicely with each other as well as your all of your devices' native calendars and reminders, but that is a feature that should be expected in a paid app. Unfortunately, AList's current version lacks a recurring reminder feature, which is a shame since daily reminders are a great tool for forming new habits or adjusting to major changes in your routine.

**THE BOTTOM LINE.** This app is a nice tool and has a few useful features, but lacks others. This makes it nice to have, but not a necessity. **S. ADRIANE KAYLOR** 



The ability to customize your lists in AList certainly makes the app visually appealing and adds clarity.

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- Location sensitive reminders
- The price is right
- Almost no initial setup assistance
- No recurring reminder setup

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