Message Example

[Facebook inbox with various messages displayed]
Visualization

Explanation

There are three small spheres. The green one represents messages from a group, pink messages from people you are friends with (personal) and the blue represents "other." The larger the sphere, the more interaction someone has with that sender type. I have the most interaction with my friends through messaging, so they are the largest sphere. The words that appear are relevant to the content of the messages. The larger the word the more times it appears. The distance from the sphere determine how unique the word is to that type of person. Meeting is usually associated with a group message. All types of spheres use the word "hey." I’m not visualizing threads, because I feel that threads are sometimes misleading in personal conversations. For example, one friend and I use the same thread for all of our messages to each other. The brighter the colors of the sphere, the more recent that type of sender has sent something.
Another idea I had, was if someone clicks on the sphere, that it would break down more specifics. For example, the group sphere would show all the groups I have received messages from with their logo. In the personal globe, my friend’s picture would show. The words would be similar as they show for the type of sender they are.