This visualization uses data from postings on a newsgroup. The purpose of this visualization is to assist professors and teaching assistants in finding patterns as to when the newsgroup is most active. Professors and teaching assistants will be able to find the times when students post most frequently on the newsgroup. They will then be able to anticipate these times of day, and can plan ahead and set time aside to answer questions. Professors and teaching assistants can also see when and how often they post on the newsgroup, and decide if they need to post more often or at different times to accommodate to students’ needs.

The visualization contains three circles. The circles are designed to resemble a 24-hour clock. The innermost circle is where professor postings will be listed. The name of the professor will be listed on this circle. The location of the professor’s name on the circle will be based on the time that the posting was made. The color of the professor’s name will be representative of the length of the posting. A bright color indicates that the posting was long and a dark color indicates that the posting was short. The middle circle lists postings by teaching assistants and the outermost circle lists postings by students. These postings are listed in the same style as the professor listings discussed above.