Problem faced
Instant messaging provides a great way to talk back and forth with someone who lives far away, without a huge bill. Also, it’s simple and convenience if you just want to quickly say something to someone or get instant respond. However, there are some cons about instant messaging. First and well known one is contraction, which is hard to solve since people still want to talk with you even your status writes busy. Second, you may not be able to find an old friend because you can’t recognize their email address. Sometimes it’s not useful to organize your contact list not only because some contacts actually belong to more than one group but users would treat different people in the same group differently. So users may not want to block a whole group but they left no other choices.

Idea
Represent each contact by a circle and the circle grows bigger when you spend longer time talking to this contact (in an accumulate way).And, all the circles are floating around you near the side of one of status and the distance between a specific circle and you indicate the frequency of your conversations. For example, an intimate friend you always chat with everyday when your status is online would locate closer to you than your insurance agent. A group member at work would probably on the red side (status is busy). The color of circle would be designed continuing fading from the last time you talk to this contact. This could remind users that it’s time to connect with an old friend.

Problems still need to be figure out
How to define start point and end point between each conversation (duration problem) and define the frequency. Not so sure about taking user status into consideration.
Future adjustment
Maybe we can block people by their history interaction with the user and not by the groups they belong. Or, let users define their own limit of connection and would show different status to different contacts.