Discussion Visualization (Example: Digg Story)

Topic: You should never ask for help...

Note: The many other threads of this discussion are not included in order to keep this diagram clean. An actual implementation of this system would probably include time and text size scaling.

The greener a post, the more favorably it was rated (and the opposite for red). Gray posts are rated so negatively that you have to click on them to view them. Once they are activated redness is appropriately applied.

A post box's size depends on the length of the content (to a certain limit, as shown by this first post).

Only replies to a top-level thread are shown. Other top-level threads can be opened by clicking on them, after which the currently opened thread will be closed and the new one will be displayed along with all sub-threads. (As stated above, there are other threads in this discussion but they aren't shown. The Digg story acts as a whole topic/newsgroup.)

Other ideas: Thread timelines with clothesline effect - indicates longevity of sub-topic and visibility of sub-threads

Example: [http://digg.com/comedy/You_should_never_ask_for_help_on_the_internet](http://digg.com/comedy/You_should_never_ask_for_help_on_the_internet)