Audience: Gmail users who want to learn about their contacts based on interaction and history.

Motivation: To make certain information more visible.

Description: We have a circle divided into 26 parts, one part for each letter of the alphabet. Circles appear in the divisions if one has a contact whose email address starts with that letter. The circle gets larger the more emails that person has sent to the user. The circle will get closer to the center (representing the user) the more recently that the person had emailed the user. Colors are randomly assigned. Rings and letters can be toggled on and off.

In the implementation, one will be able to mouse over the center of the circle to see, who that contact is. Also, the subject from that person’s last email to the user will also appear.

Initial View
Options: Currently, we do not know what to do with newsgroup/mailing list emails. Maybe they should be weighted lower than emails sent only to the user, or maybe all emails should be weighted the same.

Spacing is also a question. Many users might have a lot of wasted space around the Q, U-Z sections.