Motivation: The goal of this project is to show you where your contacts are in relation to you. The map can be of either the US or the entire world depending on your contact locations. This could potentially display interesting looking maps which can show you if you have friends all over the world, or very centralized to a certain location. For example, we expect Jesse's map to be very centralized to the Midwest since he is from Chicago and most people he knows are still in school in the area.

Audience: The audience should be everyone, because everyone is included in this data set. It is a visualization of our social networks, based off of surveys that we did, so both family and friends are included, regardless of whether or not they are members of certain online social communities.

Description: The visualization will be a map, either of the US or of the entire world, with points located at the positions in which you have contacts living. The points will all be connected to the dot representing you, wherever you are. The arcs connecting your dot to all of your contacts' points will differ in width depending on how many contacts you know in that location. For example, we expect lines from Champaign to Chicago to be much thicker than most others since we know many people in Chicago, and less in other countries.

With the map:
Without the map: