Project 1: Observe, Collect, & Visualize

Over the course of 11 days I collected data on the mobile conversations I had with people I did not see on a regular basis. To do this I went through my cellphone's messaging, email, and phone apps. This process involved filtering out all communication with people I see at least once a week, as well as those that involved or represented institutions, social networks, and all other primarily non-human entities.
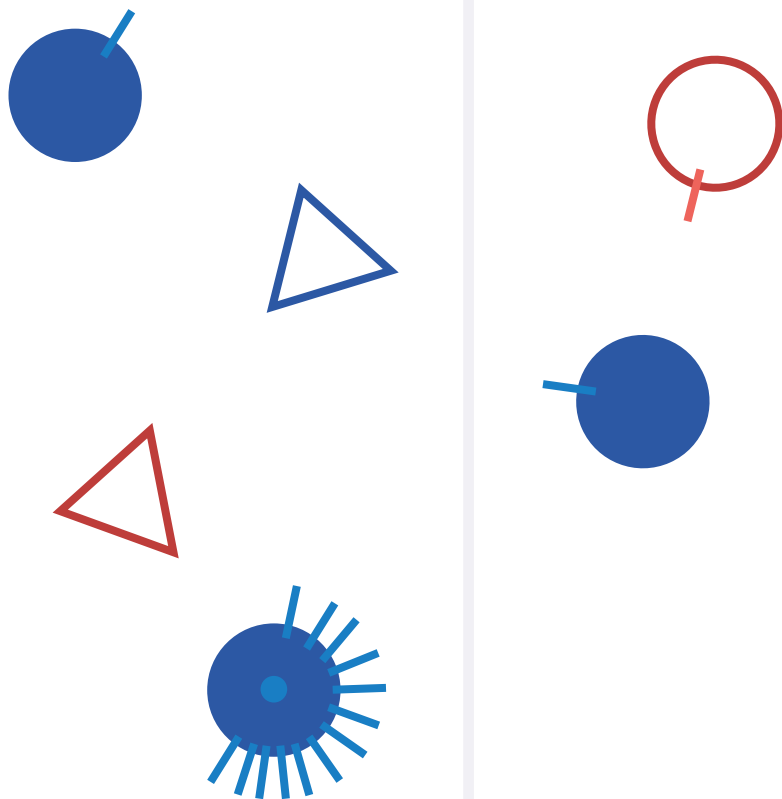
In documenting this data, I grouped communication events into conversations, and recorded the number of conversation events, the medium of the mobile conversation (text, phone call, email), whether the conversation took place in a group, my relationship to the individual(s) I communicated with (friend, family, or other), whether I initiated the conversation, and finally the date in which the conversation took place.

Once the data is visualized into a single graphic, a few observations rise to the surface. First, I most conversations were initiated by others. Second, the overwhelming majority of conversations are in the form of text messages. Finally, conversations that take the form of group text messages tend to result in more communication events than all other forms of communication.

Take a look at the data for youself! The key to the visualization is in the bottom right corner of this document.

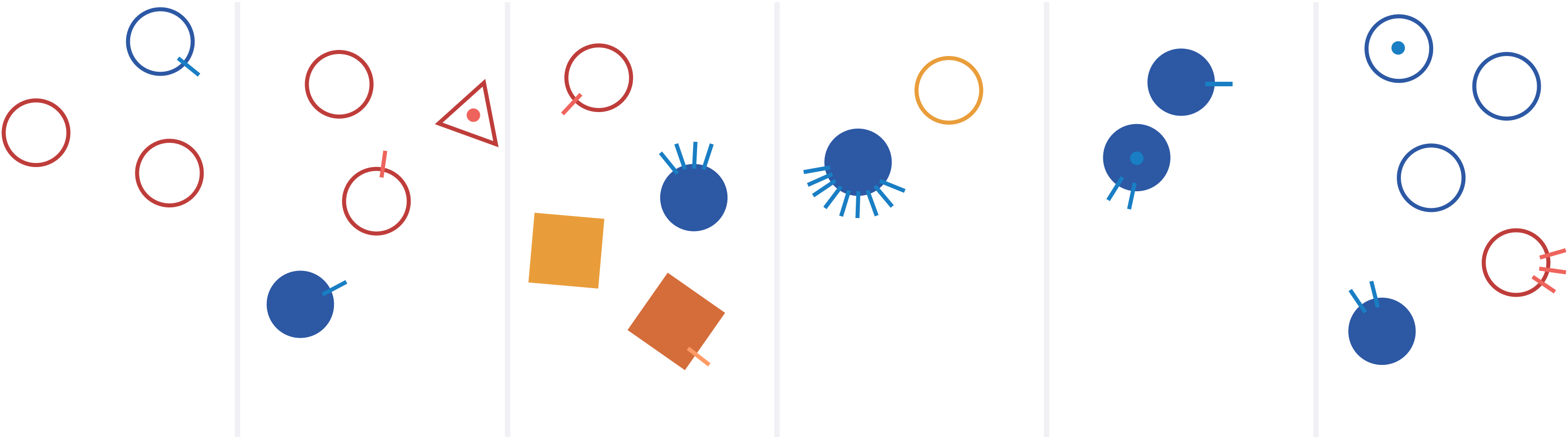**SAT** Jan 26

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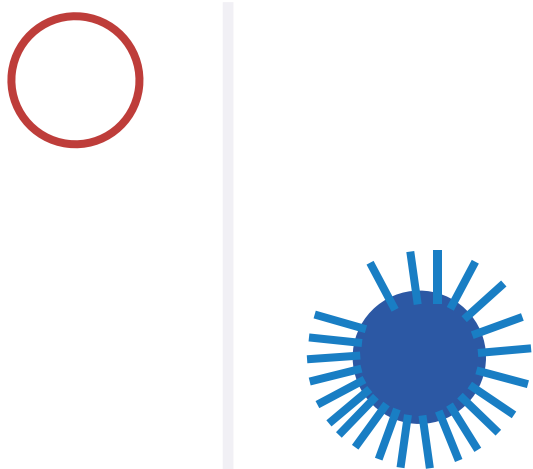**MON** Jan 28

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TUE Feb 5

○ : text

□ : email

△ : phone call

colors : **friend(s)**, **family**, **other**, & **family + other**

/ : # of events, 5 events = 1 slash

• : conversation was initiated by me