

# 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.

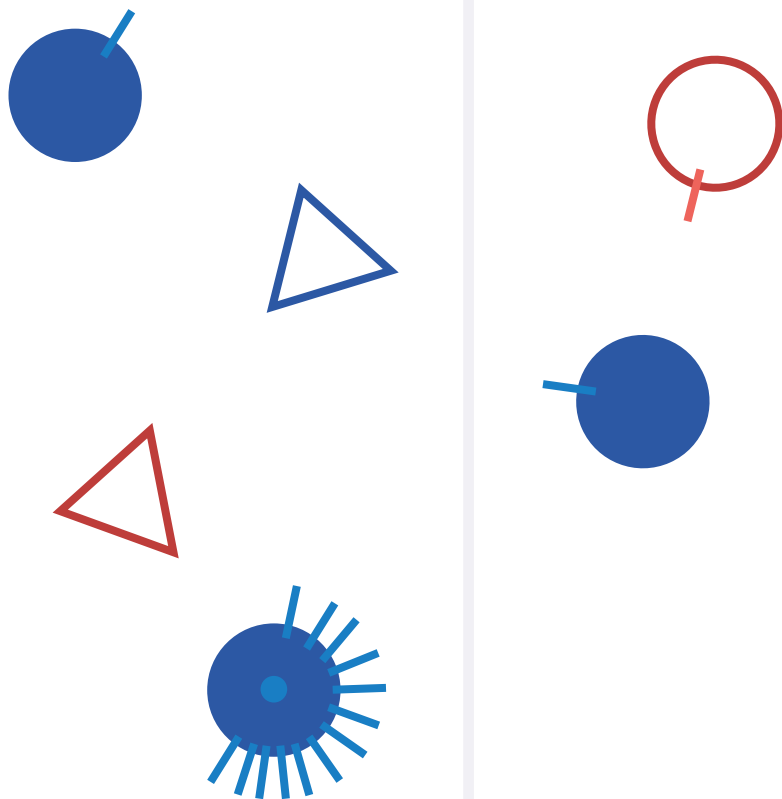
In documenting this data, I grouped communication events into conversations, and recorded the medium of the mobile conversation (text, phone call, email), the number of communication events, whether the conversation took place in a group, my relationship to the individual(s) I communicated with (friend, 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, 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 other forms of communication.

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

SAT  
Jan 26

SUN  
Jan 27



MON  
Jan 28

TUE  
Jan 29

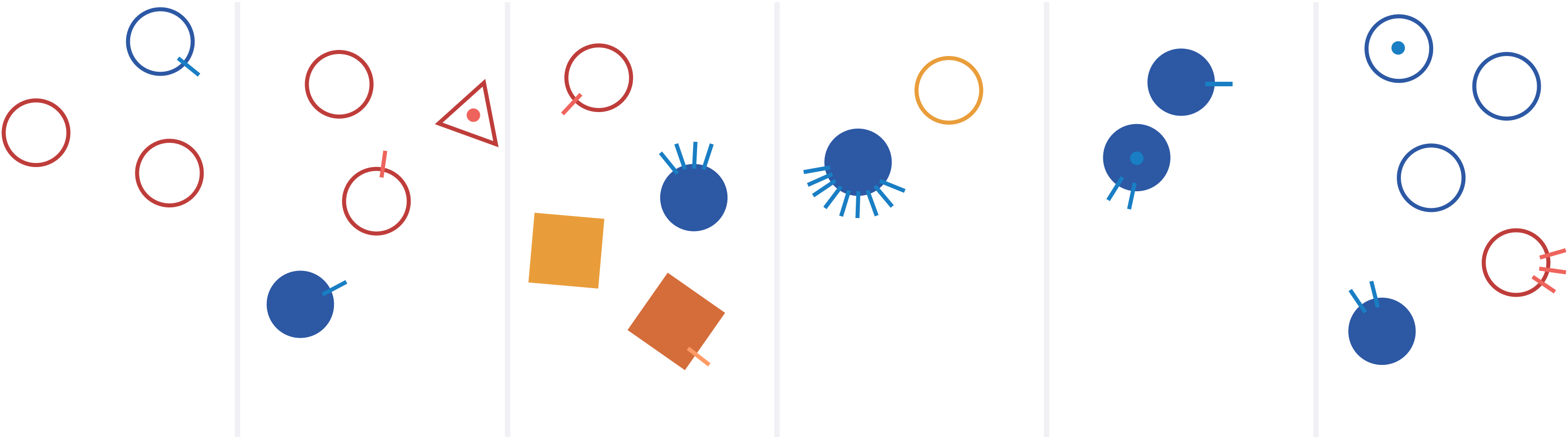
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THU  
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FRI  
Feb 1

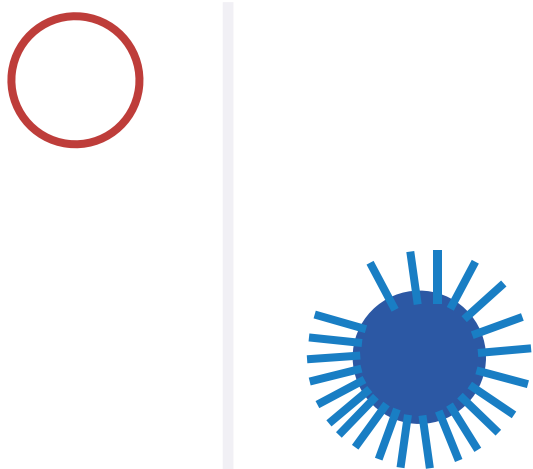
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Feb 4

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