Google+ and Gmail Enhancing Google+ and Gmail



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Make your edits read like a to-do list.

What features would make it easier to interact with Google+? How could we integrate Google+ concepts into Gmail?

But also how can we integrate social concepts in Gmail to make the email experience itself better? If you see a feature mentioned you know at least some people would like? +1 it.



thoughts and ideas below!

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use comments instead of overwriting text

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comment

1. Inbox Screen

- a. Labels/Inboxes/Folders
 - i. Can be dragged/dropped and reordered to suit needs of user.
 - ii. Allow the users to move or remove boxes from the side of the Inbox screen such as the Chat, quick links and Invite bars.
 - iii. The option to add a Sparks stream. +12
 - iv. Automatic label feature to indicate email from a member of each circle +2
 - v. Separate g+ inbox +2, notifications only, with a "mute all" button +1
- b. Message List
 - i. Add an optional file-size column to the message list. +2
 - ii. Allow the users add, remove, reorder and sort message header columns.+2
 - iii. automatic options for icons. see comment +2
 - iv. The option to put G+ profile picture thumbnails next to messages +14
 - v. G+ notification emails should be marked as read if their corresponding G+ notifications have been read, and vice-versa. **+2**
 - vi. there needs to be a way to *easily* differentiate between emails generated by G+ and the ones that aren't.
- c. Miscellaneous
 - i. Could become a dropdown menu from the notifications bar.
- d. G+ Mini-preview on new stream post within Gmail interface? Rudimentary example: http://i.imgur.com/oqDH5.jpg)

2. Message Screens

a. "Reply via G+" option in email reply, send a private +user message. (So many of my emails are just quick exchanges, would be nice to move them to a G+ thread) (comment from another user) I am unclear at this point what type of communication I want to use email for, what I want to use chat for, and what I want to use g+ for. It seems unlikely that I would want to use G+ for private 1 on 1 communication as that would imply a new circle for each person I ever talk privately with. So I think quick real time 1 on 1 is either chat or maybe hangout, more formal 1 on 1 is email, and group/social communication is G+. (Yet another user) Letting individuals decide how to use the different tools at hand for different purposes is key. /* Make it flexible */ I think having the option of replying to an e-mail by G+ is okay, I think several would use it. I like to keep my e-mail uncluttered, and reserve it for important, usually work-related, conversations. Might be simpler to handle if there were a direct messaging function on G+ that could be triggered rapidly, otherwise you can emulate direct

messaging.

- i. G-chat
 - 1. Used for short term private messaging
 - 2. Within the Gnet
- ii. email
 - 1. Long-term correspondence
 - 2. A history is needed
 - 3. Inside and outside of Gnet
- iii. G+
 - 1. private/public sharing
 - 2. within Gnet
 - a. Throughout the Internet via Apps/Email /* when are we getting the API? */
- iv. All integrated through the use of notifications and forwarding.
 - 1. Correspondence notifications in gchat
 - 2. If I reply to an email notification, it adds a reply to the post in question
- b. In an email or in G-chat, a feature to copy and paste select and right-click on a section of an email and share as a G+ post. This could be extended with a 'Take it to G+' option which takes the whole thread across.+1
- c. While reading an email, message sender in G+ +3
- d. Show Google+ profiles in the people widget and add options to interact with them +11
- e. Ability to send an attachment in an e-mail directly to the stream (pictures, video, etc) **+10**
- f. When you receive a notification of a comment from G+ in Gmail, be able to add a reply comment from Gmail without having to go to G+. **+10**
- g. Put "Circles" Button. It's very useful, because we can choose which email may be shared with our circles. What do you think? ;) +1
- h. Drag auto-generated circle label (see 1 c above) to an email and it automatically addresses it to the G+ circle. **+1**
- i. Include recent G+ interactions with message author in People Widget.

3. Compose Email

- a. Ability to send email to particular circle, or a group of circles. +25
- b. I'd like other people to be able to send to my same circles. If I make a circle for my softball team, why should each member have to make his own version of the same circle. +8
 - i. Add an access list that allows you to choose which contact lists/circles can be shared and who they can be shared with.
 - ii. Why would you email that to a circle instead of posting it to the circle stream within G+ itself? (It seems to me there we really need to think about how much we want or don't want to make gmail into a user

interface for G+)

- c. Circles anyone granted permission should be able to work collaborate on single email like google docs. +4
 - i. Automatic addressing as from the people who collaborated on it.
- d. Ability to add people to the email after it is sent (like in Wave), but can also specify the recipients of the email prior to sending (as it currently is). Basically, this would be similar to forwarding or CCing, but with a nicer interface and not having a lot of formatting weirdness that often happens along with it. +2
- e. Find a way to eliminate On (Date), "(Person)" <(Email)> wrote: (Quoted Message) that appears in reply mail. The formatting gets messed up and in Gmail all that info is available above in the conversation. +1
 - i. Emails should be organised to flow like a conversation
- f. If a google doc is emailed to a person or circle, gmail prompts you to specify the type of access the person or circle has
- g. The ability to hit [Compose] button and be presented with a standard composition window. Within the composition window, if a @Username (or + prefix) were given as part of the recipient address, it would allow the "message" to be posted to the user's Stream with the intended recipient Circles.

4. (Gmail) Google Contacts

- a. Merge "Circles" with Contact Groups/Labels (or some other integration) +28
 - i. Again why we should have circles auto generate a label in gmail. +2
- b. Give the ability to integrate contacts with your google circles to allow them to sync up with your phone and GMail. If I make a new friend on google+, google contacts update. +5. I'd like to add that the same way contacts are generated in my "other contacts" list in GMail, they should also be complemented by people I encounter on G+, though it might be tricky to not pollute that list too much.
- c. If we put G+ integration aside for a moment, this was the first time I had to go exhaustively through all my "Other Contacts" and look for people that did not show up in my contact list, do a lot of painful merging and all that because the wrong versions of contacts would show up in the list of people to invite on G+. I'd like to have a faster/more efficient way of doing housekeeping with my gmail contacts.
- d. When adding someone to the contacts, attempt to locate their google+ profile which will be tied to the contact name. (and automatically bring up phone numbers, etc info from profile? awesome. Even better: you don't have to update that other party's number every time it changes because your contact info will be linked and updated automatically.) +12
- e. Integration of spam filtering in Gmail and blocking in G+, i.e if I block a user in G+, his emails sent to me will be listed as spam. -2

5. **GChat**

a. Can Chat be seen as organized into circles? Can I be available for few circles and invisible to the rest? +9

- b. Integrate G*Chat* into hangouts, huddle, and Google Voice SMS to make a single communication platform **+42**
 - i. Shouldn't chat be basically within G+ but used for 1 to 1 as opposed to group texting/video conferencing? -It should be as flexible as java allows.
- c. Hangout notifications should also appear in GMail. +3
 - i. Hangout notifications should appear anywhere within the Chrome (and other) browsers **+2**
- d. Would love if GChat working in Chrome like it does in Chrome OS always available on any webpage, if you want it. **+2**
- e. Feature: option to automatically set the user's Gchat status to the text of or link to the latest content the user has posted (that is viewable by the specific contact).

6. **Search**

- a. Create a powerful email search filter based on circles. **Include boolean operators**. Optionally include the ability to "push" a notification to mobile G+ when this filter gets a new hit.
- b. Add a filter that allows you to search for email and google+ communication from people in circles such as "+circle:friends"
 - i. Filter or just an auto-generated circle label that labels each mail as it comes in? Filter if it was searched and label if the label was clicked on so boolean search terms work properly.
- c. email search from g+ with option like email: from google.com
- d. This one might be a bit controversial, but how about the ability to +tag someone in an e-mail for searching later. Both with and without notification options +1
 - i. A feature to select, right click, and apply a "sticky note" that are searchable and can be displayed by clicking "view all sticky notes"

7. Notification Bar

a. but if you could put a little Mailbox icon on the notification bar and that would open a small inbox where you could see basics of your inbox from anywhere on a google tool site, that would be awesome. **comment** /*See "Notification Bar," below.*/

8. Other

- a. In GMAIL, have an "invite to Google+" near the GMail addresses in the gmails we receive. Perhaps have a lab to add "hangouts" to GMail? It could launch within Google+. Or to be able to invite people to hangout via Gmail. (Is this already an option?)
- b. option to mark email as important. <This function is already provided by Priority Inbox and Stars, unless I don't understand the point here.>
- c. link to view spam and trash folders.
- d. Separate button to perform actions like mark as read, mark unread, report spam.
- e. When I use Dreamwidth, I can reply to Dreamwidth comments directly from Gmail: I fill in the text box, hit Submit, and the Dreamwidth comment is submitted. Awesome.

f. Expiry date on G+ emails

Features to integrate into G+

1. Notification bar

- a. Notification of new email in the black bar, hover-over menu on bar to navigate to Inbox, labels, compose new mail, etc.
 - i. I think they should just? change the existing 'Gmail' link to be more helpful.. so it could show # of unread emails i.e. 'Gmail (5)' and clicking on it (or hovering over it) would drop a menu with other options, like compose a new message, etc --- could be extended onto all Google products, ie Google Reader (5) for unread items, etc. +28
 - ii. Instead of the above idea, duplicate the functionality of the current notification/share buttons in G+ for Gmail.
 - Have a mail button on the right side, next to the G+ buttons, denoting unread mail quantity in inbox. Clicking it will open a stream feed of your inbox. The top of this feed box will have in one row a go-to-Gmail button & compose button justified left, and a small search mailbox field justified right.
 - Clicking on a feed item will transition the feed box to mail content view. Sender email will look like current G+ contacts buttons which can have their own drop down option menus when clicked. The message will be formatted just like posts in the G+ stream.

b. A powerful scheme to organise the notification bar:

i. Application Tabs

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- 2. Application specific notifications should appear on their respective tabs in the notification bar. +1
- 3. notifications for products that aren't listed will be shown on the "more" tab

4.

- ii. Global account options
- iii. A Global notifications section (google alerts, emails, posts, comments, mentions, etc.)
 - 1. A method of filtering notifications based on specifics +1
 - 2. If a notification is read here, it becomes read on it's dedicated tab also.
 - 3. Notifications can be marked as read or unread. (again reflected on it's dedicated tab +1
- iv. Integrate the notification bar into chrome, and option to hide and auto-hide it.
- c. compose might be useful as a pop-up window
- d. Maybe a modal box instead of an actual popup

- e. Show most recent (? might get too crowded though)
- f. List the latest from the priority Inbox
- g. I know this is a Gmail only doc, but hover-over menu would be fantastic for all G products +1
- h. It would be great to see all notifications GMail, reader, calendar, photos, buzz, etc in the bar. **+3**
- i. Integrate an optional google music player control panel so users can listen to their google music without having to open a new tab and cycle back and forth. +5
- j. Why have a bar that is just viewable on Google sites? Having exactly the same features in a browser extension / add-on that is always viewable would be much better, wouldn't it? +1

2. Posts

- a. Reply by mail button. Share post by mail. Notify by Mail just as Google Buzz's post. **+2**
- b. Send Post to inbox (So I could receive mail notifications of a specific post)
- c. You guys have to figure out the distinction between a post and an email. Post sounds very informal but quick I like that.
- d. When a photo is added to a post check if location information is included and give a prompt asking if you want to retain the location information.
- e. Allow users to choose existing photos in Picasa to include them in their posts. +1
- f. Share post with cell phone # (similar to gchat)
- g. Share google doc on G+, small preview in-post +2
- h. There's lots of abilities to edit a post and specify what other users can do with it, but there's currently no way of changing the visibility of a post. I think it'd be great to have the capability to change who can see my post after I've submitted it.
- i. For the comments that get +1'd the most in a post, it'd be great to distinguish that somehow
- j. It'd be great to allow public posts, but limit the ability to posting comments to your Circles, as well as the visibility of those comments.
- k. Ability to bookmark posts for private future reference "Twitter Favorites" +5
- I. Ability to pause post feed/Stream updates from individual post's drop down menu option
 - i. possibly should be read as -: I'm reading this

3. Profiles

- a. In Google+, perhaps have a + option on a user's profile page to be able to post/message directed towards them rather than having to go up to the share field and do it from there.
- b. If a person doesn't have their email publicly available you could be able to request their email.
- c. The box that appears when you hover over someone's name should have their availability status and a button to message them (chat/text/post).
- d. +1's should be segregated into groups: websites, comments, etc. +2

e. Distinguish between Circles and Followers.

4. Circles

- a. Create a "Suggested Circles" feature which would be based on existing Google Contact Groups **+5**
- b. Suggested People
 - i. Make it easier to hit the **X** on the recommended people, it currently is hard to locate and the function is disabled when the pop-up appears.
 - ii. Display an indicator stating why a person is recommended such as "3 shared contacts".
 - 1. In addition to this, suggested people could be based on similar Sparks and +1's (posts and links)
- c. Integrate Groups Some of the things I thought I wanted to do with circles are really groups. I want to post to a group of people and give them the ability to see only those posts from me and not everything I post as public. I would like them to be able to see the public posts if they want, but to have a mode where they can view only the posts to that group (or circle)
- d. Allow users to recommend circles or individuals to people in their circles.+1
- e. Allows users to tag others (with their approval) as family members such as mother, father, sibling, etc... +1! (read the comments)
- f. Allows users to shuffle and rearrange the order of the display of circles.
- g. When viewing others' circles a search bar can be included to easily find people.
- h. The ability to advertise Circles to your contacts (or the public) for the purpose of content sharing and discussion. For example, "Circles Mr. X is advertising: Biking, Board Games, Politics". A user could request inclusion in my Politics Circle, so that I can share a politics posts and discussion with them.

5. Stream

- a. Ability to remove certain circles from main stream +5
- Add color coding to the posts in the stream to indicate which posts have been previously read. (also have "Mark as read" and "Mark unread") +7
- c. I think the color coding should also adhere to circles. Being able to color code labels in Gmail is great for organization, and I would like to color code my circles.+2
- d. Add the ability to email a user from the posts they have in our stream, instead of having to go to their profile. This would be a great way to PM an user. Also, add the ability to enable/disable this feature from our account settings. This would save time, and we won't have to leave our stream, or a particular post.
- e. Integrate google translate into the streams to automatically translate posts which
 are not in your native language, include an option to disable that function for
 multilingual users.(a popup for the first time in each language, and then further
 adjustments can be made under the languages panel of your account
 preferences) +2
- f. Bring the Google Reader feed into the stream (maybe with a way to turn on/off,

so you can see posts from just Circles or stuff from Circles and Google Reader). This would allow one to visit just one property for these updates.

- i. Sparks is the evolution of Google Reader. Adding RSS to Sparks is a better option. You can retire Reader later.
- g. Comment about putting a Gmail widget to the right of the Google+ Stream
- h. Option for modifying stream settings to show the last post from top first and dont a post with newest comment in timeline. Because too many interesting "articles" can be gone.
- i. Suggestion: Show (also) the owner of post who clicked on +1 button and how many. Because the most easily way to communicate with others and give positive feedback is a button. Easy, don't need to talk but means much to a poster.
- j. Please add the possibility to **weight circles** or **people**. If i read my stream i would like to always read some posts and i could spare some. The weighting scale should have at least 5 points.
- k. Option in filtering stream using #hash tags (to specific user profile) +2
- I. Mute This User selection in Options Menu for steam filtering.

6. Sparks

- a. Allow the users to specify if the sparks will search the news, the web or public google+ posts.
- b. Get rid of featured interests and instead make a customizable area (similar to google alerts)
- c. Add a real time search of public posts or news, maybe put them on different tabs
- d. Integrate with Google Reader +3
- e. Option for a scrolling/live updating stream, configured w/ Reader sources and/or selected sources from Google News.
- f. Sparks supports proper Google search logic, including AND, OR etc. This works well, BUT it does not look good. Need to be able to set the name of the spark manually.
- g. The ability to use your Google Reader subscriptions as a direct source for Sparks; or automagically determine/suggest Sparks based on your Reader subscriptions and activity.

7. Other

- a. +1 feature is only available for pics, it should be also added to videos and other links and media other than pics.
- b. Youtube takes 2 mouse clicks to share a clip to G+.
- c. Bring huddles to the full browser +3
- d. Let people make events in google calendar and invite circles from G+. There should probably be some way to associate photo albums with the events.
- e. Add optional public steams with a search function to allow you to read and search through all recent and nearby public posts. **+2**

- f. Put an icon on the chat to differentiate people connected from an Android device from people connected from a computer, just like it happens nowadays on Gmail using a Labs extension. +3
- g. Give us a '-1' Feature.

Features to integrate into Google Docs

- 1. Circles should be able to work on a single Google Doc. +2
- 2. +1 button in Google Docs comments +10
- 3. Should be able to list docs on one's profile (e.g. a "Publications" tab, this would be especially useful for professors and students wanting to list their research). +5
- 4. untapped potential to view google contacts in a Google Spreadsheet (listview) +1
 - a. Putting an exported Google Contacts CSV file as a listview in a Google spreadsheet would eliminate the need for professional networking sites [-photos].
 - b. professional data of people is there in google contacts
 - c. and drop-down filters rock.
- 5. Similar to the "hangouts" feature, let users send out a G+ alert asking for collaboration on a doc/spreadsheet +6 /*Maybe just the people that the doc is shared with can see when someone else that its shared with is editing it. This could be something you could activate in the doc such as "Let others know you're editing" */
- 6. A share to Google+ button on all GDocs formats (particularly, Docs, Drawings, Presentations, and Forms) so that the content could be embedded in the G+ stream. This would be a KILLER FEATURE. Competitors (a-hem) have similar features, but nothing near the level of sophistication this would have. +4

Integration of Google Products

1. Notification Bar

- a. Option to pin at the top while scrolling. Make the bar default to stay at the top of the page which will remain visible while you scroll down, but add a control on the bar to allow the users to disable that feature which would leave the bar in a static state. +7
- b. The Google+ bar should be more customizable, without the help of third party apps. **+13**
- c. Can Chat go into the bar as well like a drop down for 'share' so I can select ppl to chat with? In my view, chat is another social activity that doesn't have to be tied down with GMail or g+. +28
 - i. Chat/Google Voice icon opens Chat/Voice/Sms and all it's features. Remove Chat from traditional areas over time.
- d. The updated navigation bar is kind of annoying in that it behaves different between iGoogle and other Google services. In iGoogle, it switches between

- Images, Web, etc. without opening new tabs/windows. In Gmail or Calendar, it opens new tabs / windows. I'd prefer to switch services instead of opening separate window. +1
- e. Let users select which services they want to show on the notification bar. There are some services that people use the most that are hidden in the more drop down. This will make their Google service more personal. +12!
- f. Google voice notifications should show up in notification bar. This would replace the google voice extension in Chrome. **+3**
- g. Make a notification toolbar for Chrome so notifications, links to other Google services, and sharing are available when on any website. Maybe you could also disable the navigation bar on all Google sites when this toolbar is in use. What would be the point in having a toolbar and the navigation bar on the websites running at the same time. Add some options to select which services you want to show on the toolbar (Links on the left side), which services that users want to serve notifications for, some notification sounds, and this toolbar should be ready for use. This would potentially do away with most, if not all 3rd party Google based notification extensions. Doing so would clean up the browser a bit, and also reduce the strain on memory use, and bandwidth use. May I also suggest that Google setup a separate system that handles nothing but notifications. This way the notifications all come from one source, and not from many different sources, which would reduce strain on bandwidth, and on the browser itself. +5
- h. Option in Search: Google menu bar can follow you.
- i. Add a notification sound to the notification bar that can be turned on or off in the Account Settings.
- j. Widgets. Maybe an icon next to the share box and if you click on it a second bar (or box) appears with all widgets (sorted by function and how many ppl downloaded it). To install one of them, use drag n drop feature easily. Example app: gmail sender box on click. Just for a fast 2 lined email.

2. Using multiple products at once

- a. I hate to keep tabs for Gmail, G+, GReader, GNews. Can something be done about it? **+16**
 - i. maybe make the product links on the black bar more like tabs that use javascript or something to update the page content
 - ii. Or maybe make new tab button with just add the logo of each products on tab bar
 - iii. The Black Bar becomes a series of meta-tabs. Clicking on the individual application name switches you to that application. One browser tab, many apps within that one tab. May be too resource-intensive to be a reasonable solution.

3. **Chat**

a. Posts, Emails, and Chats are different but gTalk, gVoice, and gHuddle are all chats. Google should pick one name and put it next to +Name and Gmail in the

- top bar (like "Talk") and have the history of all of them availible from there put together in a Voice-like interface. A button for this could be tied to all profiles. It could be a full fledged BBM/iMessage competitor! +3
- b. Pop-out chat in GMail should not be tied to a specific Google tab. +3 /* this makes b. irrelevant */
- c. Chat should be synced if I open a chat window in G+ it should also open in Gmail and recent chat messages should be viewable in all currently open Google products (this is currently how fb behaves, which is useful for me because I don't need to remember which fb tab in my browser has the chat I want to see). +4
- d. Chat/Google Voice icon in new G+ widget opens Chat/Voice/Sms and all it's features. Remove Chat from traditional areas over time.
- e. Let G+ users add other G+ users to Google Talk by sending a request through G+, and not having to track down their Gmail address. Since Google Talk is integrated into G+, this seems like a better option. +6
- f. Add the same Google Voice option that is already in Gmail into G+, and give an option to make a phone number on a profile click to call. The official GV extension for Chrome has this option, but not everyone uses it.
- g. Have an option in Google Chat to start a Huddle with a group of friends or a circle, it would be nice if Google can make it so those with regular cellphones can start a huddle via SMS, right now they can only participate in one someone else has created.

4. Themes/Customization

 Add a customizable unified theming tool/option that will allow you to make, share and change color, background, button colors, etc. on all google products from a single tool. +6

5. Accounts

- a. If you sign up for a GMail, you should be automatically signed up for a Google Account, and then shown all of the tools you just signed up for and can use. Not just a Gmail sign in, a Google sign in, which I think confuses a ton of people, including some people I have tried to convert to Gmail. +2
- b. comment about apps accounts
- c. Integrating multiple accounts +4
 - i. a second separate inbox on the same gmail screen
 - ii. search can search both inboxes simultaneously
- d. some sort of bridge between personal gmail accounts and professional Google Apps (e.g., Google Apps for Education) -- a person should have one canonical profile (i.e., not one for each account), but what is shown in viewer is context (prof or personal) specific.

6. Google Search

a. Completely integrate google search to allow it to search in any and all google products by adding a search option such as "service:plus" or "service:gmail". This will allow the search bar to be integrated into all products uniformly. +1

- i. If the above can be done, add a search section to the navigation bar. +1
- ii. If you do integrate search into the navigation bar, add a selection button next to the search box so you can select which service you want to search through. Also, once you have written the item you want to search for and pressed enter, a drop down will appear with your results.
- b. In general, search for old content/posts in G+ is missing.

7. Other

- a. Events! G+ should have an events feature that is synced with GCal and GPlaces.+5
- b. Music Beta should be introduced with the Google+ public release. +8
 - i. Give users the ability to add playlists from Music beta to their profiles. Since each Music Beta account will be tied to the same G+ account, this would be seamless. Let the user search through their playlists to add to the player right from their profile. This would be an example of the seamless integration. This would be good for band/artist profiles, podcasters, and anyone who would like to share their tastes in music with the world. Visibility would be determined by selecting "Edit Profile". Put the music player on the left side right below the "People who have us in their circles". Users will have to click play by default to listen to music. No auto play. Auto play has been done before by other social networking sites, and the experience was quite annoying to say the least.
- c. Work with the googlecl developers to allow the googlecl product to interact better with Gmail and Google+ including making posts, editing/reviewing circles and reading entries.
- d. Create an Analytics-like layer for G+ that lets users see real time stats, such as how many people have viewed their profile at any given time, how many comments/posts have been +1'd, Buzz followers, photos, videos, etc. The possibilities for this could be endless. This would be most useful for celeb accounts, and for businesses once Google allows them to use G+. This would also be useful for regular accounts in some way. Make this info private to each individual user, and if they want it to be public, they can choose this through security settings.
- e. add RSS stream for (public) Google+ posts? +1
- f. Social reading: G+ integrated with Google Books +2
- g. Social voting: G+ integrated with Google Moderator +1
- +1 Buttons can be right-clicked to reveal options such as reshare, add to email, etc.
- i. -1 button for disliked content. /* read the comment */

Just a few things that would help a ton. Besides having an "Invite to G+" button and sending to a circle, the ability to chat from GMail and g+ and have conversations carry over would be awesome. Unfortunately, unless you enable chat with your circles on G+ first, you can't see your circles in Gmail. If this option was turned on by default, or at the very least, a pop-up box when setting up G+ saying "would

you like to chat with your circles?" would be excellent, especially for not so Internet savvy people. Also,

comment

General Observation:

A lot of the recommendations go along the same lines. Be able to send an email directly to a g+ contact: from the black notification bar, from your gmail, from your own profile on g+ as a form of private messaging, etc. Because of the structure of this document (it is structured by UI section, not by actual content sharing function), some conversations are not happening: Where is it BEST to integrate a "send an email to your g+ contacts" option or button, for instance. Same goes with chat, collaboration on google docs, and many other recurrent recommendations. Maybe a round 2 of open discussion should be in order once all the possible suggestions have been consolidated? I just love participating...:P

May I suggest using a tool more appropriate for this kind of dialogue? http://www.google.com/moderator +2

[TO]

I'd like to thank Mike Striebeck and the Google guys for giving us the opportunity to talk together about all these topics. This is something great that no other company does (or does like you) and it's a reason I find sufficient to keep me using your products.