

BEEM - Android XMPP - Feature #435

optimized chat-interface in landscape-mode

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<p>Not sure if this really belongs in the 'feature' category, but then again I wasn't sure where else to put it. I love the app (especially because of the otr support), but since I use it on an HTC Desire Z or Vision or G2 or whatever you want to call it, I use it quit a lot in landscape-mode (to make use of the hardware keyboard). The default look of the Chatwindow seems not very practical for this kind of use. While it works nicely in portrait-mode it seems like it wastes to much space in landscape. to be more precise: the top panels and the textbox to write a message take up about half the screen, so there is very limited space to actualy read messages.</p> <p>Im neither a developer nor a designer, but my suggestion would be to condense the information at the top of the chat-view into 1, maybe 2 lines and either decrease the size of the contact image (maybe just put a little status icon), or put a little contact icon on the side of each individual message, like we see in many im apps these days.</p> <p>To condense the information, the otr status could for example be displayed by a little icon, like an open lock and a closed lock, or maybe you could give an option to signal otr-status by the backgroundcolor of the textbox. for example the white textbox for plain text, a light green text box if an otr conversation is established and an orange or red box if the otr conversation is lost.</p> <p>If this is at all relevant: I use Beem Version 0.1.7 on CyanogenMod 7.1.0</p>			