



TIMEZOOM: A FLEXIBLE DETAIL AND CONTEXT TIMELINE



Abstract

TimeZoom is an interactive timeline widget to be combined with a tabular display of data in calendar, e-mail, project planning, or other applications. Different time levels are vertically stacked and can be smoothly zoomed, permitting arbitrary granularity of time units. In addition, single or multiple focus regions with various levels of detail can be defined to allow the display and comparison of time-dependent data, while preserving the overall context.

Motivation

As the primary attribute of e-mails, tasks and appointments, time plays a crucial role in desktop applications (e-mail clients, calendars, project planning software), media production tools and other applications. Therefore, powerful time navigation techniques are crucial where data is inherently coupled with time.

The required granularity of time (i.e. time unit) can differ considerably. This implicates both precise control and high-level overviews of time-variant data.

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