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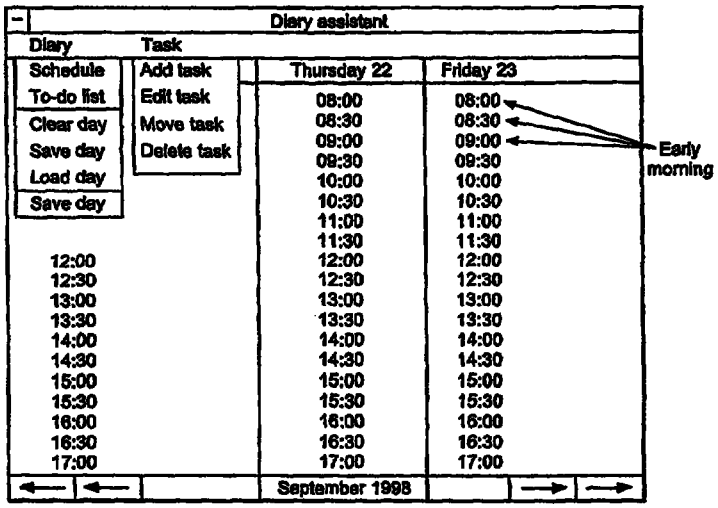
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(57) Abstract

Apparatus for identifying a time with respect to an event in a scheduling system, the apparatus comprising: (i) input means for receiving: (a) event identifying data comprising an identifier for a processable event; and (b) a fuzzy logic statement associated with the processable event; (ii) means for storing: (a) event identifying data; and (b) temporal preference information associated with said event identifying data; (iii) a temporal schedule for storing allocated times in respect of stored event identifying data; and (iv) processing means for: (a) applying a predetermined function to convert a received fuzzy logic statement into temporal preference information; and (b) reviewing stored temporal preference information together with the temporal preference information for the processable event in order to identify an available time for the processable event in the temporal schedule that satisfies both types of temporal preference information.