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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to means and a method executable by a computer system for navigation within a tree structure with leaf nodes representing arbitrary types of objects, i.e. of related data treated as a unit. According to the current teaching a travel point (eg 141. 142, 143) representation step is suggested, wherein after selection of at least one non-leaf node as travel point only the path and non-leaf nodes in said tree structure from said travel point to the root of said tree structure is represented in a tree view area (140). Moreover the complete sub-tree of said travel point is represented in said tree view area. In addition or alternatively after selection of said travel point, a travel box (eg 110, 120, 130) is represented for said travel point, said travel box representing object identifications of all objects of all leaf nodes in said sub tree of said travel point.

FIG 1