Revamp of the Activity Journal - Your Activities Reloaded

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Why a time-based Journal?

- **Time:** underleveraged resource in UX
  - amongst our most natural reference figures and orientation aids
  - think: “I used this A just before that meeting /together with that other B”

- **Ultimate goal:** one-stop shop for gaining overview of your past, current and planned activities
  (for less fragmented *re-finding, resuming, reporting, review, reflection, & overall activity awareness*)
  - across places and web, applications/types and devices

- **Time-based browsing of your activities**
  (paired with instant search and view filtering)
  - lets you remember and regain *what* and *who* was *(when)* involved

- **Temporal navigation strategies**
  - same for past, present, and future (think: “my Calendar”)
  - e.g., ‘cursoring over activities’ and ‘nav. with temporal landmarks’
Activity Journal
## Activity Journal vs. Revamped Journal

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<td><strong>Presentation</strong></td>
<td>• Strictly predefined</td>
<td>• Flexible activity bubbles</td>
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<td>• Regular: <em>little</em> reflection of info types and usage metadata</td>
<td>• Irregular: <em>better</em> reflection of info types and usage metadata</td>
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<td><strong>Navigation</strong></td>
<td>• Complex</td>
<td>• Continuous scrolling</td>
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<td>• Linear histogram</td>
<td>• Logarithmic timebar</td>
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<td>• .. with highlighting and activity distribution</td>
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<td>• View switching</td>
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<td><strong>Search/Filter results</strong></td>
<td>• Density limited by columns layout</td>
<td>• Dense and flexible</td>
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Current Status and Plannings

- Timeline of your activities
- Better visual fit with GNOME environment
- Flexible bubbles for better visual recall
- Flexible grouping and emphasis in bubbles
- Integration with GNOME environment and applications (calendar, chats, GTG, comments, ...) *(Work in progress)*
- Search and filtering of activities *(TODO)*
- ‘Timeporting’ with the timebar *(TODO)*
- Contributors welcome!
Thanks for your attention!

- [http://devcando.wordpress.com/](http://devcando.wordpress.com/) (my blog)
- [http://reflaction.info/](http://reflaction.info/) (Thorsten’s blog)