

MAPS May 2002 recap

This month Stefan and I developed a comprehensive plan of action for the summer. We made a schedule breaking down the things we want to accomplish and putting a reasonable timeline to them. Our list includes putting a 'real' database onto the palm and having our scripts come out of the database. We also plan to build a front end for creating scripts.

I am going to finish the MAPS website, including rearranging things and doing some needed improvements that I came up with after reading the Website Usability book in April.

We are also going to learn pebbles and hopefully put it on the device.

We also want to become experts on Panic research. We plan to write several scenarios and develop the best course of action to take when the user panics.

I will also work with Anja this summer to develop well written scripts for the device.

We also plan to create a number of other design documents of the work we have done.

By the end of June we plan to have a paper covering our panic research, our panic research resources on our website, the website will be completed (but will always need updating as our research continues), an Ipaq database demo demonstrating what we plan to do with the database, a Visual Basic PC gui prototype for creating scripts, and hopefully some more info about pebbles.

In May I also spent some time trying to learn Dreamweaver, the webpage developing software, and considered redesigning the MAPS website in Dreamweaver. I got more familiar with the program, but found that a lot of the work that had already been done on the website would have to be redone to completely redesign the site. So I will continue to use dreamweaver less as a design tool and more as an aid in my html coding and site organization. I found it somewhat difficult to recreate the design things that I wanted to do in Dreamweaver, and I ended up giving up.

I also spent some time reading a few papers that Stefan gave me, including one that referenced our research project.

Most of May was spent getting ready for the summer, organizing what we are going to do, as well as tying up some loose ends (such as ushering our human research documents so we can actually test our stuff on real subjects.)