Tree Comparison Contest: TreeJuxtaposer

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Selected subtrees can be marked with colour
- Coloured subtrees aid structural analysis
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Classification Tree Node Movement

- Select subtree, preprocessed set of best nodes selected
  - Forest may result from best nodes, calculation in $O(n \log^2 n)$
Classification Tree Browsing

- Scalability: interactive browsing with 198K nodes
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Classification Tree Browsing: Video 1

- Mouse browsing: spatial highlighting
- Keyboard browsing: topological highlighting
- cousin.mov (0:23)
- Stretch subtrees with resize boxes using mouse
  - Browse to leaf nodes with mouse highlighting
- Traverse children of “mammal” to find ancestor
  - Arrow keys browse through topology
  - Resize ancestor with keyboard command, fine selection
- Progressive rendering for smooth animation
- browsing.mov (1:30)
Classification Tree Browsing: Video 2
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Classification Tree Search: Video 3

- Search for node with the find panel
  - Results relayed instantly as marked nodes
- dolphin.mov (0:57)
Classification Tree Search: Video 3
4-way comparison of “hcil” subtree (3700 nodes)
  • Sparse differences are guaranteed to be visible
TreeJuxtaposer Weaknesses

- Attributes for nodes not handled
- Trees cannot be edited
  - Topology is static
  - Node name is static
  - No filtering
- No undo/playback functionality
- Large memory footprint
  - Unable to load two 200K node trees for comparison
TreeJuxtaposer Strengths

- Guaranteed visibility of marked groups
  - Global overview to start, stretch to details
  - Focus+context (rubber sheet, tacked borders)

- Scalability
  - 4 way comparable: up to 75K nodes per tree
  - 2 way comparable: up to 140K nodes per tree
  - Single tree interactively browsing: up to 550K nodes

- Progressive rendering
  - Draw important animation updates first
TreeJuxtaposer Strengths

- **Difference computation automated, preprocessed**
  - Visually highlight exact points of topological change

- **Interactive search**
  - Real-time visual feedback displayed in context during search

- **Linked functionality**
  - Highlighting: mouse-over reveals best corresponding nodes
  - Marking: is subtree on A best represented as a forest on B?
  - Navigating: stretch trees simultaneously
Further Information

• TreeJuxtaposer: Scalable Tree Comparison using Focus+Context with Guaranteed Visibility
  – Tamara Munzner, François Guimbretière, Serdar Tasiran, Li Zhang, Yunhong Zhou, SIGGRAPH 2003

• Entry: http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/papers/contest03

• Visit our interactive poster for demonstration