TimeWarp

TimeWarp is designed to keep your DateBook appointments accurate when moving from time zone to time zone while traveling by changing the times of selected appointments in the Palm™ DateBook application whenever your system clock changes

There are many ways the clock on your Palm-compatible device can change. Unfortunately, most of these changes don't adjust DateBook appointment times for you. You can change it yourself using the built-in Prefs program. There are travel and clock utilities that update your system clock as you move from location to location. Some smartphones automatically update the clock via the wireless network as you move from time zone to time zone. Palm OS versions 4.0 and later also have time zone preferences setting. When you change your time zone, the system clock is changed to reflect the new time zone.
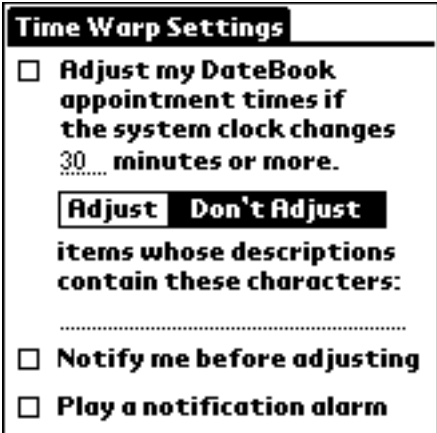
TimeWarp can automatically change some or all of your appointment times or you can tell it to ask you before making any DateBook changes. You also specify the minimum number of minutes the clock has to change before TimeWarp attempts to do anything. This prevents it from making any changes in the event of minor clock adjustments.

How TimeWarp Works

When you start TimeWarp, the screen to the right appears after the startup screen. It let you set four options.

Enabling/Disabling TimeWarp

First, you enable and disable TimeWarp by checking and unchecking the Adjust checkbox. If you select the Adjust checkbox, and enter a clock threshold, TimeWarp detects all clock changes above the threshold you enter. We recommend 30 minutes or one hour so that TimeWarp responds to time zone changes but not minor clock adjustments.

Adjusting Appointments

The second option lets you control which appointments TimeWarp adjusts by matching against characters in the appointment description. TimeWarp can adjust or no adjust appointments that match a certain group of characters.

For example, let's say you live in France, but are attending a conference in San Francisco where you have scheduled a series of appointments in local San Francisco time. You also have a weekly conference call, usually scheduled for 9AM Paris time, that will be taking place while you are in San Francisco. To keep all the appointments scheduled properly, you should:
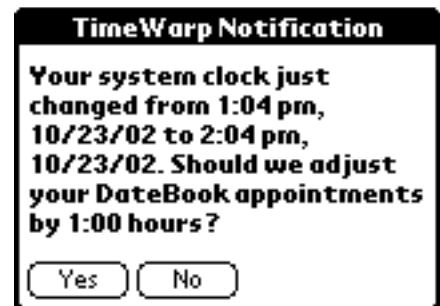
- Include the characters "(LT)" (shorthand for Local Time) in all the San Francisco appointments. Any other unique set of characters would work as well.
- Set Time Warp to "Don't Adjust items whose descriptions contain these characters: (LT)".

When you arrive in San Francisco, and your system clock changes by one of the methods described earlier, TimeWarp will adjust your Paris conference call to the local San Francisco time, but leave the San Francisco appointments in San Francisco time.

You can also take the opposite approach: tag all adjustable appointments with some special group of characters, and tell TimeWarp to adjust only those characters. For the previous example, you would include "(LT")" in the conference call description, and no special characters in the San Francisco appointment descriptions.

Adjustment Notification

The third and fourth options let you control if and how you are notified before TimeWarp adjusts any of your appointments. If you select the Notify option, TimeWarp displays an alert, like the one shown to the right, whenever your system clock changes by more than the threshold that you specify. The fourth option tells TimeWarp to play a system alarm sound when displaying the notification dialog.

TimeWarp Notification

Your system clock just changed from 1:04 pm, 10/23/02 to 2:04 pm, 10/23/02. Should we adjust your DateBook appointments by 1:00 hours?

(Yes) (No)

If you select the Yes button when this alert appears, TimeWarp changes the times of your DateBook appointments to reflect the new time zone, subject to your adjustment criteria as described in the previous section. The adjustment time is rounded off to the nearest 15-minute boundary as is appropriate for time zone changes.

If you select the Adjust option but not the Notify option, TimeWarp detects the clock change and adjusts your DateBook times automatically without telling you.

Manually Adjusting DateBook Times

You can use TimeWarp to adjust your DateBook appointment times manually for any combination of hours and minutes from – 24 hours to + 24 hours. If you select the Adjust command on the Options menu, the dialog on the right appears.

Adjust Appointments

Adjust all the appointments in the DateBook by

[- | +]   [0][1] Hours   ▲
            [0][0] Minutes ▼

(Adjust) (Cancel)

You select the amount you want to adjust each appointment by tapping the individual digits and using the up and down arrows to change their values. Tap on the plus or minus sign to indicate a forward or backward adjustment.

Using TimeWarp for the First Time

Before you use TimeWarp for the first time, we strongly encourage you to do a HotSync® operation with your Palm device. Then set the Adjust option and, perhaps, change the threshold minutes to some value other than 30 if that's appropriate for your situation.

You should also set the Notify and Alarm options so that TimeWarp doesn't make any changes to your DateBook appointments without your permission. Once you get comfortable with how TimeWarp operates, you might want to turn off the Notify and Alarm options.

Registering TimeWarp

TimeWarp is a trialware program. That means you can use it for a limited period of time without paying for it. If you decide you want to continue using it, you need to purchase a registration code.

The TimeWarp startup screen, shown at the right, tells you the name of a web site location where you can purchase a valid registration code. It appears every time you start TimeWarp, and also when you select the "About Time Warp" menu command.

Once you purchase the unlocking code, start TimeWarp and tap "Enter Unlocking Code". Another screen appears that lets you enter the unlocking code and use TimeWarp with no limitations.

Support

TimeWarp was created by SLO Revo, Inc. You can get unlimited e-mail support by visiting our web site at www.slorevo.com. TimeWarp comes with a 15-day money-back guarantee.

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