Time Period Library for .NET

Extensive time period calculations and individual calendar periods.

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Introduction

When implementing some software for another project, I came across several requirements involving calculations with time periods. These calculations were an important part of the solution and had high demands in respect to the correctness and accuracy of the results.

The required functionality covered the following areas:

- o Support for individual time periods
- o Working with calendar periods within calendar years
- o Working with calendar periods deviating from the calendar year (fiscal or school periods)
- o Working with the accounting and broadcast calendar

The time calculations should be made available to both server components (Web services and tasks) as well as for a rich client (WPF and Silverlight) and mobile devices.

Analyzing the situation brought me to the conclusion that neither the components of the .NET framework (which I didn't expect) nor any other available tools would cover all requirements. Because I already encountered similar needs in earlier projects, I decided to develop a generic library for this purpose.

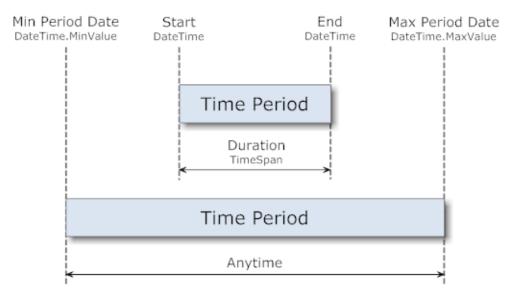
From several development cycles resulted the following library **Time Period**, which is now available for the following .NET runtime environments:

- o .NET Framework from Version 3.5
- o .NET Framework for Silverlight from Version 4
- NET Framework for Windows Phone from Version 7
- o .NET Portable Class Library for Windows Store, .NET 4, Silverlight 4, Windows Phone 7

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Time Periods

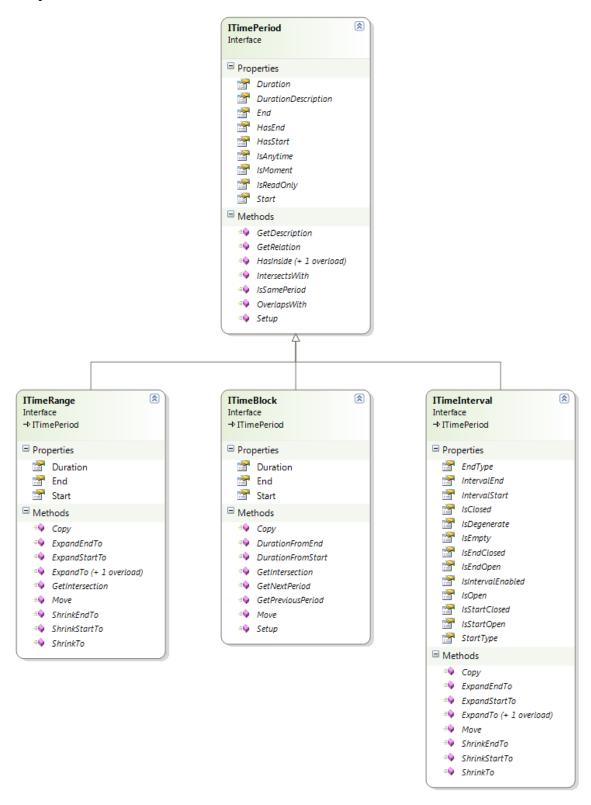
The .NET Framework already offers the extensive base classes <code>DateTime</code> and <code>TimeSpan</code> for basic time related calculations. The library <code>Time Period</code> extends the .NET Framework by several classes for handling periods of time. Such periods are basically characterized by a start, a duration, and an end:



Per definition, the start always occurs before the end. The start is considered undefined if it holds the minimal possible value (DateTime.MinValue). Likewise the end is undefined if it holds the maximal possible value (DateTime.MaxValue).

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The implementation of these time periods is based on the interface ITimePeriod and extended by the specializations ITimeRange, ITimeBlock and ITimeInterval:



The interface ITimePeriod offers information and operations for time periods without defining the ways in which the crucial properties are being calculated:

- o Start, End, and Duration of the time period
- o HasStart is true if the Start time is defined
- o HasEnd is true if the End time is defined

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- o IsAnytime is true if neither the Start nor the End times are defined
- o IsMoment is true if Start and End hold identical values
- o IsReadOnly is true for immutable time periods (for its usage, see below)

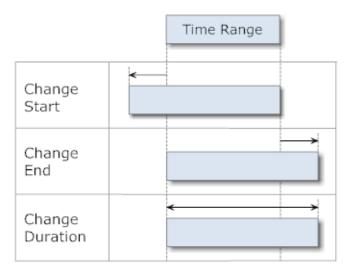
The relation of two time periods is described by the enumeration PeriodRelation:

			Is Same	Has	Overlaps	Intersects
		1	Period	Inside	With	With
After						
Start Touching						0
Start Inside					0	0
Inside Start Touching					0	0
Enclosing Start Touching				0	0	0
Enclosing				0	0	0
Enclosing End Touching				0	0	0
Exact Match			0	0	0	0
Inside					0	0
Inside End Touching					0	0
End Inside					Ø	0
End Touching						0
Before						

Methods like IsSamePeriod, HasInside, OverlapsWith, or IntersectsWith are available for convenience to query for special, often used variants of such period relations.

Time Range

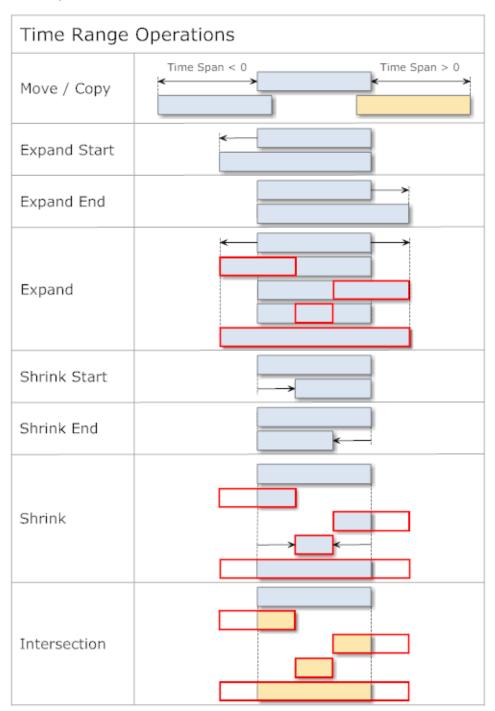
TimeRange as an implementation of ITimeRange defines the time period by its Start and End; the duration is calculated from these:



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A TimeRange can be created by specifying its Start/End, Start/Duration, or Duration/End. If required, the given Start and End will be sorted chronologically.

For the modification of such a time period, various operations are available (Orange = new instance):



The following example shows the usage of TimeRange:

```
public void TimeRangeSample()
{
    // --- time range 1 ---
    TimeRange timeRange1 = new TimeRange(
        new DateTime( 2011, 2, 22, 14, 0, 0 ),
        new DateTime( 2011, 2, 22, 18, 0, 0 ));
Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange1: " + timeRange1 );
    // > TimeRange1: 22.02.2011 14:00:00 - 18:00:00 | 04:00:00

// --- time range 2 ---
TimeRange timeRange2 = new TimeRange(
    new DateTime( 2011, 2, 22, 15, 0, 0 ),
```

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```
new TimeSpan( 2, 0, 0 ) );
Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange2: " + timeRange2 );
  // > TimeRange2: 22.02.2011 15:00:00 - 17:00:00 | 02:00:00
  // --- time range 3 ---
  TimeRange timeRange3 = new TimeRange(
  new DateTime( 2011, 2, 22, 16, 0, 0 ),
new DateTime( 2011, 2, 22, 21, 0, 0 ) );
Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange3: " + timeRange3 );
  // > TimeRange3: 22.02.2011 16:00:00 - 21:00:00 | 05:00:00
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange1.GetRelation( TimeRange2 ): " + timeRange1.GetRelation( timeRange2 ) );
  // > TimeRangel.GetRelation( TimeRange2 ): Enclosing
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeRangel.GetRelation( TimeRange3 ): " + timeRange1.GetRelation( timeRange3 ) );
  // > TimeRangel.GetRelation( TimeRange3 ): EndInside
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange3.GetRelation( TimeRange2 ): " + timeRange3.GetRelation( timeRange2 ) );
  // > TimeRange3.GetRelation( TimeRange2 ): StartInside
  // --- intersection
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeRangel.GetIntersection( TimeRange2 ): " + timeRangel.GetIntersection( timeRange2 ) );
  // > TimeRangel.GetIntersection( TimeRange2 ): 22.02.2011 15:00:00 - 17:00:00 | 02:00:00
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange1.GetIntersection( TimeRange3 ): " + timeRange1.GetIntersection( timeRange3 ) );
  // > TimeRangel.GetIntersection( TimeRange3 ): 22.02.2011 16:00:00 - 18:00:00 \mid 02:00:00
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeRange3.GetIntersection( TimeRange2 ): " + timeRange3.GetIntersection( timeRange2 ) );
// > TimeRange3.GetIntersection( TimeRange2 ): 22.02.2011 16:00:00 - 17:00:00 | 01:00:00
} // TimeRangeSample
```

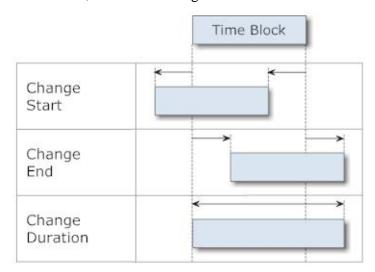
The following example tests whether a reservation is within the working hours of a day:

```
// -----
public bool IsValidReservation( DateTime start, DateTime end )
{
   if ( !TimeCompare.IsSameDay( start, end ) )
   {
      return false; // multiple day reservation
   }

   TimeRange workingHours = new TimeRange( TimeTrim.Hour( start, 8 ), TimeTrim.Hour( start, 18 ) );
   return workingHours.HasInside( new TimeRange( start, end ) );
} // IsValidReservation
```

Time Block

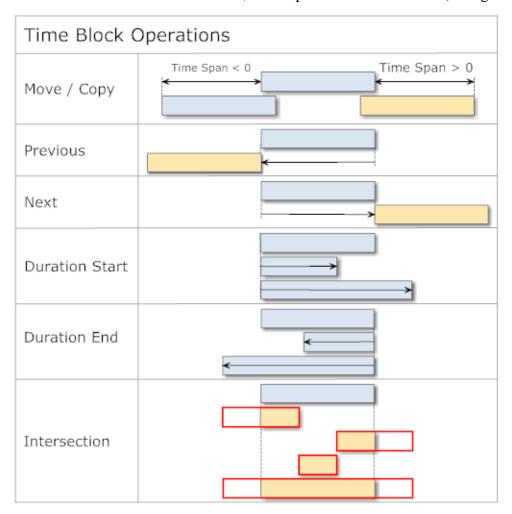
TimeBlock implements the interface ITimeBlock and defines the time period by Start and Duration; the End is being calculated:



As with TimeRange, a TimeBlock can be created with Start/End, Start/Duration, or Duration/End. As above, Start and End will be automatically sorted if necessary.

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For the modification of a time block, these operations are available (Orange = new instance):



The following example shows the usage of TimeBlock:

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```

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Time Interval

ITimeInterval determines its period of time like ITimeRange with a Start and an End. In addition, it is possible to control the interpretation of its Start and End by the enumeration IntervalEdge:

- o Closed: The boundary moment of time is included in calculations. This corresponds to the behavior of ITimeRange.
- Open: The boundary moment of time represents a boundary value which is excluded in regard to calculations.

The possible interval variants look as follows:

Time Interval	Is Start Closed	Is End Closed	Is Closed	Is Start Open	Is End Open	Is Open
Start = Closed End = Closed	0	0	0			
Start = Closed End = Open	0				0	
Start = Open End = Closed		0		0		
Start = Open End = Open				0	0	0

Normally, edges in interval periods have the value IntervalEdge.Closed, which leads to an intersection point with adjacent time periods. As soon as one of the adjacent points has its value set to IntervalEdge.Open, no intersection point exists:

```
public void TimeIntervalSample()
  // --- time interval 1 --
  TimeInterval timeInterval1 = new TimeInterval(
   new DateTime( 2011, 5, 8 ), new DateTime( 2011, 5, 9 ));
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeIntervall: " + timeIntervall );
// > TimeIntervall: [08.05.2011 - 09.05.2011] | 1.00:00
  // --- time interval 2 --
  TimeInterval timeInterval2 = new TimeInterval(
    {\tt timeInterval1.End},
    timeInterval1.End.AddDays( 1 ) );
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeInterval2: " + timeInterval2 );
// > TimeInterval2: [09.05.2011 - 10.05.2011] | 1.00:00
  // --- relation --
  Console.WriteLine( "Relation: " + timeIntervall.GetRelation( timeInterval2 ) );
  // > Relation: EndTouching
Console.WriteLine( "Intersection: " + timeInterval1.GetIntersection( timeInterval2 ) );
  // > Intersection: [09.05.2011]
  timeInterval1.EndEdge = IntervalEdge.Open;
 Console.WriteLine( "TimeInterval1: " + timeInterval1 ); // > TimeInterval1: [08.05.2011 - 09.05.2011) | 1.00:00
  timeInterval2.StartEdge = IntervalEdge.Open;
  Console.WriteLine( "TimeInterval2: "
  // > TimeInterval2: (09.05.2011 - 10.05.2011] | 1.00:00
  // --- relation ---
  Console.WriteLine( "Relation: " + timeInterval1.GetRelation( timeInterval2 ) );
  // > Relation: Before
  Console.WriteLine( "Intersection: " + timeInterval1.GetIntersection( timeInterval2 ) );
   / > Intersection:
} // TimeIntervalSample
```

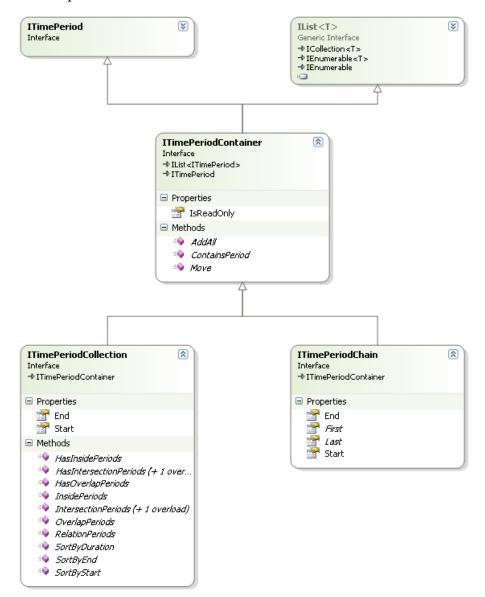
For certain scenarios, as for example the search for gaps in time periods, the exclusion of period edges can lead to undesired results. In such situations, it is possible to turn off this exclusion by setting the property <code>IsIntervalEnabled</code>.

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Time intervals without boundaries can be created using the value TimeSpec.MinPeriodDate for Start, and TimeSpec.MaxPeriodDate for End.

Time Period Container

In everyday usage, time calculations often involve several periods which can be collected in a container and operated upon as a whole. The **Time Period** library offers the following containers for time periods:



All containers are based on the interface ITimePeriod, so containers themselves represent a time period. Like this, they can be used in calculations like other periods, for example, ITimeRange.

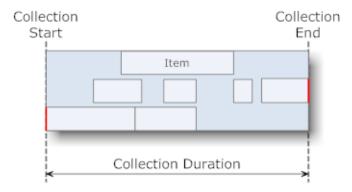
The interface ITimePeriodContainer serves as the base for all containers, and offers list functionality by deriving from IList<ITimePeriod>.

Time Period Collection

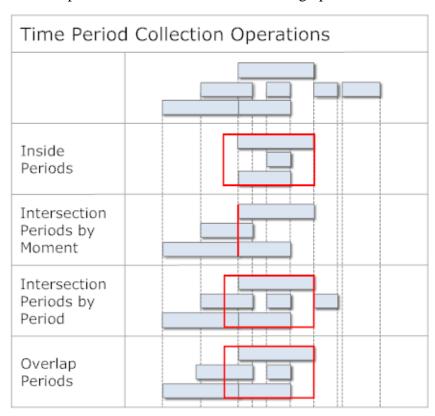
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A ITimePeriodCollection can hold arbitrary elements of type ITimePeriod and interprets the earliest start of all its elements as the start of the collection time period. Correspondingly, the latest end of all its elements serves as the end of the collection period:

Time Period Collection



The time period collection offers the following operations:



The following example shows the usage of the class TimePeriodCollection, which implements the interface ITimePeriodCollection:

```
public void TimePeriodCollectionSample()
{
   TimePeriodCollection timePeriods = new TimePeriodCollection();

   DateTime testDay = new DateTime( 2010, 7, 23 );

   // --- items ---
   timePeriods.Add( new TimeRange( TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 8 ), TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 11 ) ) );
   timePeriods.Add( new TimeBlock( TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 10 ), Duration.Hours( 3 ) ) );
   timePeriods.Add( new TimeRange( TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 16, 15 ), TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 18, 45 ) ) );
   timePeriods.Add( new TimeRange( TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 14 ), TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 15, 30 ) ) );
   Console.WriteLine( "TimePeriodCollection: " + timePeriods );
   // > TimePeriodCollection: Count = 4; 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 18:45:00 | 0.10:45
   Console.WriteLine( "TimePeriodCollection.Items" );
   foreach ( ITimePeriod timePeriod in timePeriods )
   {
        Console.WriteLine( "Item: " + timePeriod );
   }
}
```

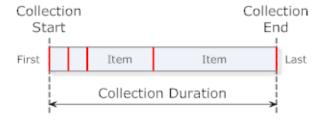
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```
// > Item: 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 11:00:00 | 03:00:00
// > Item: 23.07.2010 10:00:00 - 13:00:00 | 03:00:00 | // > Item: 23.07.2010 16:15:00 - 18:45:00 | 02:30:00 | // > Item: 23.07.2010 14:00:00 - 15:30:00 | 01:30:00
// --- intersection by moment ---
DateTime intersectionMoment = new DateTime( 2010, 7, 23, 10, 30, 0);
ITimePeriodCollection momentIntersections = timePeriods.IntersectionPeriods( intersectionMoment );
Console.WriteLine( "TimePeriodCollection.IntesectionPeriods of " + intersectionMoment );
// > TimePeriodCollection.IntesectionPeriods of 23.07.2010 10:30:00
foreach ( ITimePeriod momentIntersection in momentIntersections )
  Console.WriteLine( "Intersection: " + momentIntersection );
// --- intersection by period ---
TimeRange intersectionPeriod = new TimeRange( TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 9 ), TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 14, 30 )); ITimePeriodCollection periodIntersections = timePeriods.IntersectionPeriods( intersectionPeriod );
Console.WriteLine( "TimePeriodCollection.IntesectionPeriods of " + intersectionPeriod )
// > TimePeriodCollection.IntesectionPeriods of 23.07.2010 09:00:00 - 14:30:00 | 0.05:30
foreach ( ITimePeriod periodIntersection in periodIntersections )
  Console.WriteLine( "Intersection: " + periodIntersection );
// > Intersection: 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 11:00:00 |
// TimePeriodCollectionSample
```

Time Period Chain

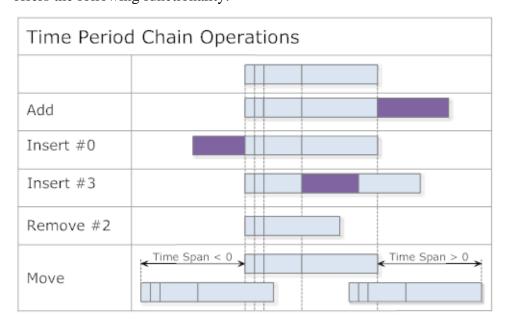
ITimePeriodChain connects several time periods of type ITimePeriod in a chain and ensures that no gaps exist between successive periods:

Time Period Chain



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Because ITimePeriodChain might change the position of elements, no read-only time periods can be added. Attempting this leads to a NotSupportedException. ITimePeriodChain offers the following functionality:



The following example shows the usage of class TimePeriodChain, which implements the interface ITimePeriodChain:

```
public void TimePeriodChainSample()
  TimePeriodChain timePeriods = new TimePeriodChain();
  DateTime now = ClockProxy.Clock.Now;
  DateTime testDay = new DateTime( 2010, 7, 23 );
  timePeriods.Add( new TimeBlock( TimeTrim.Hour( testDay, 8 ), Duration.Hours( 2 ) ) );
   timePeriods.Add( new TimeBlock( now, Duration.Hours( 1, 30 ) );
  timePeriods.Add( new TimeBlock( now, Duration.Hour ) );
Console.WriteLine( "TimePeriodChain.Add(): " + timePeriods );
// > TimePeriodChain.Add(): Count = 3; 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 12:30:00 | 0.04:30
   foreach ( ITimePeriod timePeriod in timePeriods )
     Console.WriteLine( "Item: " + timePeriod );
   // > Item: 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 10:00:00 | 02:00:00
   // > Item: 23.07.2010 10:00:00 - 11:30:00 | 01:30:00 | // > Item: 23.07.2010 11:30:00 - 12:30:00 | 01:00:00
  timePeriods.Insert( 2, new TimeBlock( now, Duration.Minutes( 45 ) ) );
Console.WriteLine( "TimePeriodChain.Insert(): " + timePeriods );
   // > TimePeriodChain.Insert(): Count = 4; 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 13:15:00 | 0.05:15
   foreach ( ITimePeriod timePeriod in timePeriods )
     Console.WriteLine( "Item: " + timePeriod );
   // > Item: 23.07.2010 08:00:00 - 10:00:00 | 02:00:00
  // > Item: 23.07.2010 10:00:00 - 11:30:00 | 01:30:00 | // > Item: 23.07.2010 11:30:00 - 12:15:00 | 00:45:00
   // > Item: 23.07.2010 12:15:00 - 13:15:00 | 01:00:00
} // TimePeriodChainSample
```

Calendar Time Periods

Calculations with calendar periods must consider the peculiarity that the end of a time period doesn't equal the start of the following period. The following example shows the corresponding values for the hours of day between 13h and 15h:

- 0 13:00:00.0000000 13:59:59.9999999
- o 14:00:00.0000000 14:59:59.9999999

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The end lies a moment before the next start, the difference between the two is at least 1 Tick = 100 nanoseconds. This is an important aspect and may not be neglected in calculations involving time periods.

The **Time Period** library offers the interface **ITimePeriodMapper**, which can convert moments of a time period in both directions. Applied to the scenario above, this would be handled as follows:

```
public void TimePeriodMapperSample()
{
    TimeCalendar timeCalendar = new TimeCalendar();
    CultureInfo ci = CultureInfo.InvariantCulture;

    DateTime start = new DateTime( 2011, 3, 1, 13, 0, 0 );
    DateTime end = new DateTime( 2011, 3, 1, 14, 0, 0 );

    Console.WriteLine( "Original start: {0}", start.ToString( "HH:mm:ss.ffffffff", ci ) );
    // > Original start: 13:00:00.0000000
    Console.WriteLine( "Original end: {0}", end.ToString( "HH:mm:ss.ffffffff", ci ) );
    // > Original end: 14:00:00.0000000

    Console.WriteLine( "Mapping offset start: {0}", timeCalendar.StartOffset );
    // > Mapping offset start: 00:00:00
    Console.WriteLine( "Mapping offset end: {0}", timeCalendar.EndOffset );
    // > Mapping offset end: -00:00:00.0000001

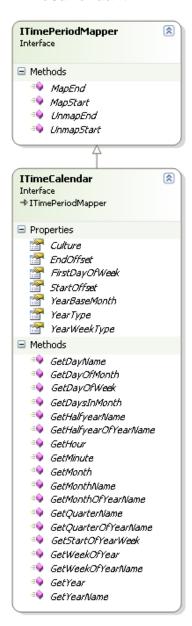
    Console.WriteLine( "Mapped start: {0}", timeCalendar.MapStart( start ).ToString( "HH:mm:ss.fffffff", ci ) );
    // > Mapped start: 13:00:00.0000000

    Console.WriteLine( "Mapped end: {0}", timeCalendar.MapEnd( end ).ToString( "HH:mm:ss.fffffff", ci ) );
    // > Mapped end: 13:59:59.9999999
} // TimePeriodMapperSample
```

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Time Calendar

The task of interpretation of time periods of calendar elements is combined in the interface ITimeCalendar:



ITimeCalendar covers the following areas:

- o Assignment to a CultureInfo (default = CultureInfo of the current thread)
- Mapping of period boundaries (ITimePeriodMapper)
- Base month of the year (default = January)
- o Definition of how to interpret calendar weeks
- o Definition for accounting calendar
- o Naming of periods like, for example, the name of the year (fiscal year, school year, ...)

o Various calendar related calculations

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Deriving from ITimePeriodMapper, the mapping of time period boundaries happens with the properties StartOffset (default = 0) and EndOffset (default = -1 Tick).

The following example shows a specialization of a time calendar for a fiscal year:

This time calendar can now be used as follows:

```
public void FiscalYearSample()
{
   FiscalTimeCalendar calendar = new FiscalTimeCalendar(); // use fiscal periods

   DateTime moment1 = new DateTime( 2006, 9, 30 );
   Console.WriteLine( "Fiscal Year of {0}: {1}", moment1.ToShortDateString(), new Year( moment1, calendar
).YearName );
   // > Fiscal Year of 30.09.2006: FY2005
   Console.WriteLine( "Fiscal Quarter of {0}: {1}", moment1.ToShortDateString(), new Quarter( moment1, calendar
).QuarterOfYearName );
   // > Fiscal Quarter of 30.09.2006: FQ4 2005

DateTime moment2 = new DateTime( 2006, 10, 1 );
   Console.WriteLine( "Fiscal Year of {0}: {1}", moment2.ToShortDateString(), new Year( moment2, calendar
).YearName );
   // > Fiscal Year of 01.10.2006: FY2006
   Console.WriteLine( "Fiscal Quarter of {0}: {1}", moment1.ToShortDateString(), new Quarter( moment2, calendar
).QuarterOfYearName );
   // > Fiscal Quarter of 30.09.2006: FQ1 2006
} // FiscalYearSample
```

A more thorough description of the classes Year and Quarter follows below.

Calendar Elements

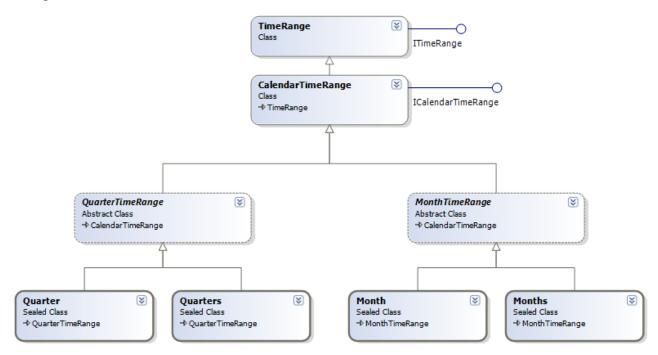
For the most commonly used calendar elements, specialized classes are available:

Time period	Single period	Multiple periods	Refers to year's base month
Year	Year	Years	Yes
Broadcast year	BroadcastYear	_	No
Half year	Halfyear	Halfyears	Yes
Quarter	Quarter	Quarters	Yes
Month	Month	Months	No
Broadcast month	BroadcastMonth	-	No
Week	Week	Weeks	No
Broadcast week	BroadcastWeek	-	No
Day	Day	Days	No
Hour	Hour	Hours	No
Minute	Minute	Minutes	No

Instantiating elements with multiple periods can happen with a specified number of periods.

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The following diagram shows the calendar elements for quarters and months, other elements are analogous:



All calendar elements derive from the base class CalendarTimeRange which itself derives from TimeRange. CalendarTimeRange contains the time calendar ITimeCalendar and thus ensures that the values of the time period cannot be changed after creation (IsReadOnly=true).

Because by inheritance through the base class TimePeriod, the calendar elements implement the interface ITimePeriod, they can all be used for calculations with other time periods.

The following example shows various calendar elements:

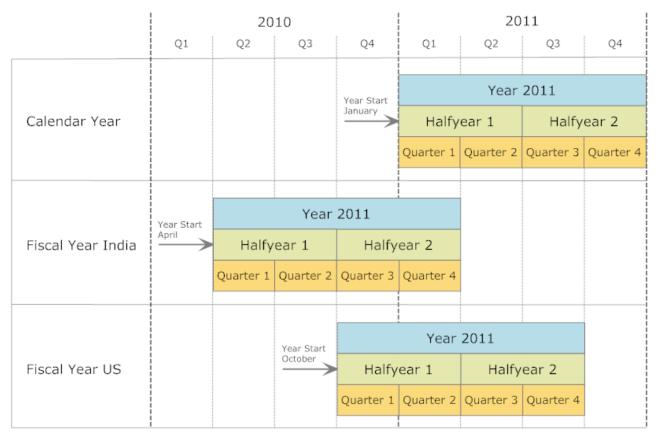
```
public void CalendarYearTimePeriodsSample()
{
    DateTime moment = new DateTime( 2011, 8, 15 );
    Console.WriteLine( "Calendar Periods of {0}:", moment.ToShortDateString() );
    // > Calendar Periods of 15.08.2011:
    Console.WriteLine( "Year : {0}", new Year( moment ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "Halfyear : {0}", new Halfyear( moment ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "Quarter : {0}", new Quarter( moment ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "Month : {0}", new Month( moment ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "Week : {0}", new Week ( moment ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "Week : {0}", new Day( moment ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "Hour : {0}", new Hour( moment ) );
    // > Year : 2011; 01.01.2011 - 31.12.2011 | 364.23:59
    // > Halfyear : HY2 2011; 01.07.2011 - 31.12.2011 | 183.23:59
    // > Quarter : Q3 2011; 01.07.2011 - 31.08.2011 | 30.23:59
    // > Wonth : August 2011; 01.08.2011 - 31.08.2011 | 30.23:59
    // > Week : w/c 33 2011; 15.08.2011 - 21.08.2011 | 6.23:59
    // > Day : Montag; 15.08.2011 - 15.08.2011 | 0.23:59
    // > Hour : 15.08.2011; 00:00 - 00:59 | 0.00:59
}
} // CalendarYearTimePeriodsSample
```

Some specific calendar elements offer methods to access the time periods of their sub-elements. The following example shows the quarters of a calendar year:

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Year and Year Periods

A peculiarity of the calendar elements is their support for calendar periods which deviate from (normal) calendar years:



The beginning of the year can be set through the property ITimeCalendar. YearBaseMonth and will be considered by the calendar elements Year, Half Year, and Quarter. Valid values for the start of a year can be an arbitrary month. The calendar year thus simply represents the special case where YearBaseMonth = YearMonth.January.

The following properties govern the interpretation of the boundaries between years:

- o MultipleCalendarYears holds true if a period spans over multiple calendar years
- o IsCalendarYear/Halfyear/Quarter holds true if a period corresponds the one of the calendar year

Fiscal years which start in July or later conventionally use the year number of the following calendar year. The calendar property FiscalYearBaseMonth offers the possibility to define the month, after which the fiscal year will be assigned the following calendar year.

The following example shows the calendar elements of a fiscal year:

```
public void FiscalYearTimePeriodsSample()
{
   DateTime moment = new DateTime( 2011, 8, 15 );
   FiscalTimeCalendar fiscalCalendar = new FiscalTimeCalendar();
   Console.WriteLine( "Fiscal Year Periods of {0}:", moment.ToShortDateString() );
   // > Fiscal Year Periods of 15.08.2011:
   Console.WriteLine( "Year : {0}", new Year( moment, fiscalCalendar ) );
   Console.WriteLine( "Halfyear : {0}", new Halfyear( moment, fiscalCalendar ) );
   Console.WriteLine( "Quarter : {0}", new Quarter( moment, fiscalCalendar ) );
   // > Year : FY2010; 01.10.2010 - 30.09.2011 | 364.23:59
   // > Halfyear: FHY2 2010; 01.04.2011 - 30.09.2011 | 182.23:59
   // > Quarter : FQ4 2010; 01.07.2011 - 30.09.2011 | 91.23:59
} // FiscalYearTimePeriodsSample
```

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Moving the beginning of the year influences the outcome of all contained elements and their operations:

```
public void YearStartSample()
  TimeCalendar calendar = new TimeCalendar(
     new TimeCalendarConfig { YearBaseMonth = YearMonth.February } );
  Years years = new Years( 2012, 2, calendar ); // 2012-2013
  Console.WriteLine( "Quarters of Years (February): {0}", years );
// > Quarters of Years (February): 2012 - 2014; 01.02.2012 - 31.01.2014 | 730.23:59
   foreach ( Year year in years.GetYears() )
     foreach ( Ouarter quarter in year.GetQuarters() )
        Console.WriteLine( "Quarter: {0}", quarter );
   // > Quarter: Q1 2012; 01.02.2012 - 30.04.2012 |
                                                                   89.23:59
   // > Quarter: Q2 2012; 01.05.2012 - 31.07.2012 |
// > Quarter: Q3 2012; 01.08.2012 - 31.10.2012 |
                                                                   91.23:59
   // > Quarter: Q4 2012; 01.11.2012 - 31.01.2013
   // > Quarter: Q1 2013; 01.02.2013 - 30.04.2013 | 88.23:59
// > Quarter: Q2 2013; 01.05.2013 - 31.07.2013 | 91.23:59
   // > Quarter: Q3 2013; 01.08.2013 - 31.01.2013 | 91.23:59
// > Quarter: Q4 2013; 01.11.2013 - 31.01.2014 | 91.23:59
  // YearStartSample
```

Following are some illustrative usages of often useful utility functions:

```
public bool IntersectsYear( DateTime start, DateTime end, int year )
  return new Year ( year ). Intersects With ( new TimeRange ( start, end ) );
} // IntersectsYear
\verb"public void GetDaysOfPastQuarter"( DateTime moment, out DateTime firstDay, out DateTime lastDay)"
  TimeCalendar calendar = new TimeCalendar(
   new TimeCalendarConfig { YearBaseMonth = YearMonth.October } );
  Quarter quarter = new Quarter( moment, calendar );
  Quarter pastQuarter = quarter.GetPreviousQuarter();
  firstDay = pastQuarter.FirstDayStart;
  lastDay = pastQuarter.LastDayStart;
} // GetDaysOfPastOuarter
public DateTime GetFirstDayOfWeek( DateTime moment )
  return new Week( moment ).FirstDayStart;
} // GetFirstDayOfWeek
public bool IsInCurrentWeek( DateTime test )
  return new Week().HasInside( test );
} // IsInCurrentWeek
```

Weeks

Common practice numbers the weeks of a year from 1 to 52/53. The .NET Framework offers in Calendar.GetWeekOfYear a method to get at this number of the week for a given moment in time. Unfortunately, this deviates from the definition given in ISO 8601, which can lead to wrong interpretations and other misbehavior.

The **Time Period** library contains the enumeration YearWeekType, which controls the calculation of calendar week numbers according to ISO 8601. YearWeekType is supported by ITimeCalendar and thus defines the different ways of calculation:

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```
// ISO 8601 calendar week
TimeCalendar calendarIso8601 = new TimeCalendar(
   new TimeCalendarConfig { YearWeekType = YearWeekType.Iso8601 } );
Console.WriteLine( "ISO 8601 Week of {0}: {1}", testDate.ToShortDateString(), new Week( testDate, calendarIso8601 ).WeekOfYear );
// > ISO 8601 Week of 31.12.2007: 1
} // CalendarWeekSample
```

Accounting Calendar

To simplify planning, accounting related industries often structure years into quarters which are composed of months with either four or five weeks (4-4-5 calendar). Such a year is usually aligned to

- o the last week day of a month (FiscalYearAlignment.LastDay)
- o a week day close to the end of the month (FiscalYearAlignment.NearestDay)

Arrangement of the weeks occurs according to the following grouping criteria:

- o 4-4-5 weeks (FiscalQuarterGrouping.FourFourFiveWeeks)
- o 4-5-4 weeks (FiscalQuarterGrouping.FourFiveFourWeeks)
- o 5-4-4 weeks (FiscalQuarterGrouping.FiveFourFourWeeks)

Control of this behavior is located in ITimeCalendar and only applies to fiscal years (YearType.FiscalYear). The calendar property FiscalFirstDayOfYear determines the week day on which a year begins.

The following example shows a fiscal year which ends on the last Saturday of August:

The following fiscal year ends on that Saturday which is closer to the end of August:

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Broadcast Calendar

The <u>Broadcast Calendar</u> is supported by the classes <u>BroadcastYear</u>, <u>BroadcastMonth</u> and <u>BroadcastWeek</u>:

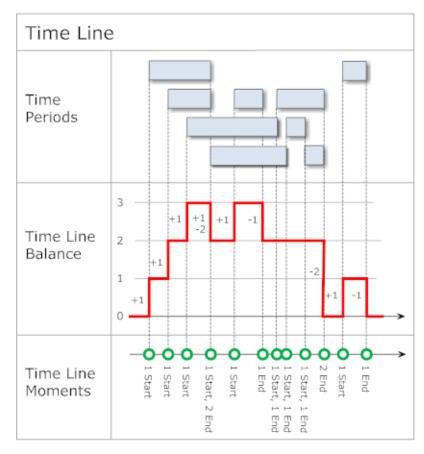
```
public void BroadcastCalendar()
{
    BroadcastYear year = new BroadcastYear( 2013 );
    Console.WriteLine( "Broadcast year: " + year );
    // > Broadcast year: 2013; 31.12.2012 - 29.12.2013 | 363.23:59

    foreach ( BroadcastMonth month in year.GetMonths() )
    {
        Console.WriteLine( " Broadcast month: " + month );
        foreach ( BroadcastWeek week in month.GetWeeks() )
        {
             Console.WriteLine( " Broadcast week: " + week );
        }
    }
} // BroadcastCalendar
```

Time Period Calculation Tools

Time Line

The class TimeLine is at the heart of calculations regarding time gaps and overlaps. It analyzes the time periods of a Collection by ordering them according to occurrence of the respective moments in time. Each moment on the time line is represented as an ITimeLineMoment and contains the information about which time periods start and end at a specific moment. This representation allows for keeping track of a running balance by addition and subtraction while processing a time line.



The moments of the time axis are stored in the ITimeLineMomentCollection which allows efficient access for iteration and by index based on moments of time.

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Difference between Two Points of Time

The TimeSpan structure of the .NET Framework just offers the time range values for days, hours, minutes, seconds and milliseconds. From a user perspective it is often desirable to also represent the months and years of a time range:

- Last visit 1 year, 4 months and 12 days ago
- o Current age: 28 years

The Time Period library includes the class <code>DateDiff</code>, which calculates the difference in time between two date values and also offers access to the elapsed time range. This properly considers calendar periods to account for varying month durations:

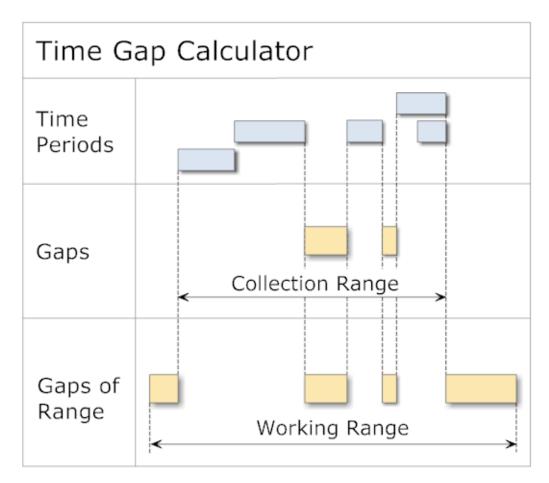
```
public void DateDiffSample()
  DateTime date1 = new DateTime( 2009, 11, 8, 7, 13, 59 );
  Console.WriteLine( "Date1: {0}", date1 );
  // > Date1: 08.11.2009 07:13:59
  DateTime date2 = new DateTime( 2011, 3, 20, 19, 55, 28 );
Console.WriteLine( "Date2: {0}", date2 );
// > Date2: 20.03.2011 19:55:28
  DateDiff dateDiff = new DateDiff( date1, date2 );
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Years: {0}", dateDiff.Years );
  // > DateDiff.Years: 1
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Quarters: {0}", dateDiff.Quarters );
  // > DateDiff.Quarters: 5
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Months: {0}", dateDiff.Months );
     > DateDiff.Months: 16
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Weeks: {0}", dateDiff.Weeks ); // > DateDiff.Weeks: 70
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Days: {0}", dateDiff.Days );
     > DateDiff.Days: 497
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Weekdays: {0}", dateDiff.Weekdays );
  // > DateDiff.Weekdays: 71
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Hours: {0}", dateDiff.Hours );
  // > DateDiff.Hours: 11940
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Minutes: {0}", dateDiff.Minutes );
     > DateDiff.Minutes: 716441
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.Seconds: {0}", dateDiff.Seconds );
  // > DateDiff.Seconds: 42986489
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.ElapsedYears: {0}", dateDiff.ElapsedYears );
  // > DateDiff.ElapsedYears: 1
  {\tt Console.WriteLine("DateDiff.ElapsedMonths: \{0\}", dateDiff.ElapsedMonths);}
  // > DateDiff.ElapsedMonths: 4
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.ElapsedDays: {0}", dateDiff.ElapsedDays );
   // > DateDiff.ElapsedDays: 12
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.ElapsedHours: {0}", dateDiff.ElapsedHours );
   // > DateDiff.ElapsedHours: 12
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.ElapsedMinutes: {0}", dateDiff.ElapsedMinutes );
  // > DateDiff.ElapsedMinutes: 41
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.ElapsedSeconds: {0}", dateDiff.ElapsedSeconds );
  // > DateDiff.ElapsedSeconds: 29
  \label{eq:console.WriteLine("DateDiff.GetDescription(1): {0}", dateDiff.GetDescription(1)); } \\
  // > DateDiff.GetDescription(1): 1 Year
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.GetDescription(2): {0}", dateDiff.GetDescription(2));
  // > DateDiff.GetDescription(2): 1 Year 4 Months
  {\tt Console.WriteLine("DateDiff.GetDescription(3): \{0\}", dateDiff.GetDescription(3));}
   / > DateDiff.GetDescription(3): 1 Year 4 Months
                                                           12 Days
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.GetDescription(4): {0}", dateDiff.GetDescription(4)); // > DateDiff.GetDescription(4): 1 Year 4 Months 12 Days 12 Hours
Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.GetDescription(5): {0}", dateDiff.GetDescription(5)); // > DateDiff.GetDescription(5): 1 Year 4 Months 12 Days 12 Hours 41 Mins
  Console.WriteLine( "DateDiff.GetDescription(6): {0}", dateDiff.GetDescription( 6 ) );
     > DateDiff.GetDescription(6): 1 Year 4 Months 12 Days 12 Hours 41 Mins 29 Secs
} // DateDiffSample
```

The method DateDiff. GetDescription can format the time duration with variable level of detail.

Time Gap Calculation

A TimeGapCalculator calculates the gaps between time periods in a collection:

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Interpretation of the moments of time can be subject to the application of a ITimePeriodMapper.

The following example shows how to find the largest possible gap between existing bookings while considering weekends as unavailable:

```
public void TimeGapCalculatorSample()
  // simmulation of some reservations
 TimePeriodCollection reservations = new TimePeriodCollection();
reservations.Add( new Days( 2011, 3, 7, 2 ) );
  reservations.Add( new Days( 2011, 3, 16, 2 ) );
   // the overall search range
  CalendarTimeRange searchLimits = new CalendarTimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 4 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 21 )
  // search the largest free time block
  ICalendarTimeRange largestFreeTimeBlock = FindLargestFreeTimeBlock( reservations, searchLimits );
  Console.WriteLine( "Largest free time: " + largestFreeTimeBlock );
// > Largest free time: 09.03.2011 00:00:00 - 11.03.2011 23:59:59 | 2.23:59 } // TimeGapCalculatorSample
public ICalendarTimeRange FindLargestFreeTimeBlock( IEnumerable<ITimePeriod> reservations,
  ITimePeriod searchLimits = null, bool excludeWeekends = true )
  TimePeriodCollection bookedPeriods = new TimePeriodCollection( reservations );
  if ( searchLimits == null )
    searchLimits = bookedPeriods; // use boundary of reservations
  if ( excludeWeekends )
    Week currentWeek = new Week( searchLimits.Start );
    Week lastWeek = new Week( searchLimits.End );
      ITimePeriodCollection days = currentWeek.GetDays();
      foreach ( Day day in days )
        if ( !searchLimits.HasInside( day ) )
```

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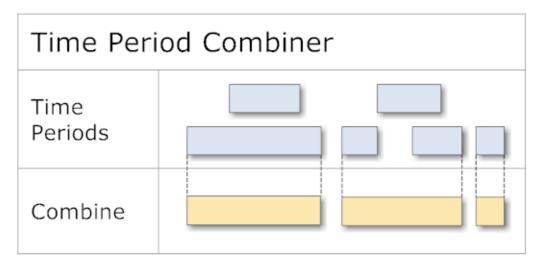
```
{
    continue; // outside of the search scope
    }
    if ( day.DayOfWeek == DayOfWeek.Saturday || day.DayOfWeek == DayOfWeek.Sunday )
    {
        bookedPeriods.Add( day ); // // exclude weekend day
    }
    }
    currentWeek = currentWeek.GetNextWeek();
} while ( currentWeek.Start < lastWeek.Start );
}

// calculate the gaps using the time calendar as period mapper
TimeGapCalculator<TimeRange> gapCalculator = new TimeGapCalculator<TimeRange>( new TimeCalendar() );
ITimePeriodCollection freeTimes = gapCalculator.GetGaps( bookedPeriods, searchLimits );
if ( freeTimes.Count == 0 )
{
    return null;
}

freeTimes.SortByDuration(); // move the largest gap to the start
return new CalendarTimeRange( freeTimes[ 0 ] );
} // FindLargestFreeTimeBlock
```

Consolidation of Time Periods

In some situations, it is reasonable to have a consolidated view on overlapping or adjacent time periods - e.g., the contrary of finding gaps. The class **TimePeriodCombiner** offers this possibility to consolidate such time periods:



The following example shows the combination of time periods according to the illustration:

```
public void TimePeriodCombinerSample()
{
    TimePeriodCollection periods = new TimePeriodCollection();

    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 01 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 10 ) ) );
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 04 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 08 ) ));

    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 15 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 18 ) ) );
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 18 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 22 ) ));
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 20 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 24 ) ));

    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 26 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 30 ) ));

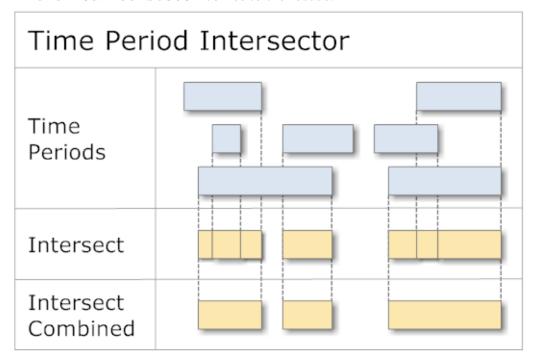
    TimePeriodCombiner<TimeRange> periodCombiner = new TimePeriodCombiner<TimeRange>();
    ITimePeriodCollection combinedPeriods = periodCombiner.CombinePeriods( periods );

    foreach ( ITimePeriod combinedPeriod in combinedPeriods )
    {
        Console.WriteLine( "Combined Period: " + combinedPeriod );
    }
    // > Combined Period: 01.03.2011 - 10.03.2011 | 9.00:00
    // > Combined Period: 15.03.2011 - 24.03.2011 | 9.00:00
    // > Combined Period: 26.03.2011 - 30.03.2011 | 4.00:00
}    // TimePeriodCombinerSample
```

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Intersections of Time Periods

If time periods should be checked for intersections (e.g., duplicate bookings), the class TimePeriodIntersector comes to the rescue:



By default the intersection periods are combined into one. To maintain all intersection periods, the parameter combinePeriods of the method IntersectPeriods can be set to false.

The following example shows the usage of TimePeriodIntersector:

```
public void TimePeriodIntersectorSample()
{
    TimePeriodCollection periods = new TimePeriodCollection();

    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 01 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 10 ) ) );
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 05 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 15 ) ) );
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 12 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 18 ) ) );

    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 20 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 24 ) ) );
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 22 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 28 ) ) );
    periods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 24 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 26 ) ) );

    TimePeriodIntersector<TimeRange> periodIntersector = new TimePeriodIntersector<TimeRange>();
    ITimePeriodCollection intersectedPeriods = periodIntersector.IntersectPeriods( periods );

    foreach ( ITimePeriod intersectedPeriod in intersectedPeriods )
    {
        Console.WriteLine( "Intersected Period: " + intersectedPeriod );
    }

    // > Intersected Period: 05.03.2011 - 10.03.2011 | 5.00:00

    // > Intersected Period: 22.03.2011 - 26.03.2011 | 3.00:00

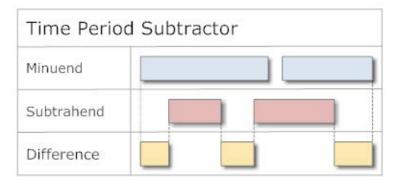
    // > Intersected Period: 22.03.2011 - 26.03.2011 | 4.00:00

} // TimePeriodIntersectorSample
```

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Subtraction of Time Periods

Using the class TimePeriodSubtractor you can subtract time periods (subtrahend) from other time periods (minuend):



The result contains the differences between the two time period collections:

```
public void TimePeriodSubtractorSample()
{
    DateTime moment = new DateTime( 2012, 1, 29 );
    TimePeriodCollection sourcePeriods = new TimePeriodCollection
    {
        new TimeRange( moment.AddHours( 2 ), moment.AddDays( 1 ) )
    };

TimePeriodCollection subtractingPeriods = new TimePeriodCollection
    {
        new TimeRange( moment.AddHours( 6 ), moment.AddHours( 10 ) ),
            new TimeRange( moment.AddHours( 12 ), moment.AddHours( 16 ) )
    };

TimePeriodSubtractor<TimeRange> subtractor = new TimePeriodSubtractor<TimeRange>();
    ITimePeriodCollection subtractedPeriods = subtractor.SubtractPeriods( sourcePeriods, subtractingPeriods);
    foreach ( TimeRange subtractedPeriod in subtractedPeriods) {
        Console.WriteLine( "Subtracted Period: {0}", subtractedPeriod );
    }
    // > Subtracted Period: 29.01.2012 02:00:00 - 06:00:00 | 0.04:00
    // > Subtracted Period: 29.01.2012 10:00:00 - 12:00:00 | 0.02:00
    // > Subtracted Period: 29.01.2012 16:00:00 - 30.01.2012 00:00:00 | 0.08:00
} // TimePeriodSubtractorSample
```

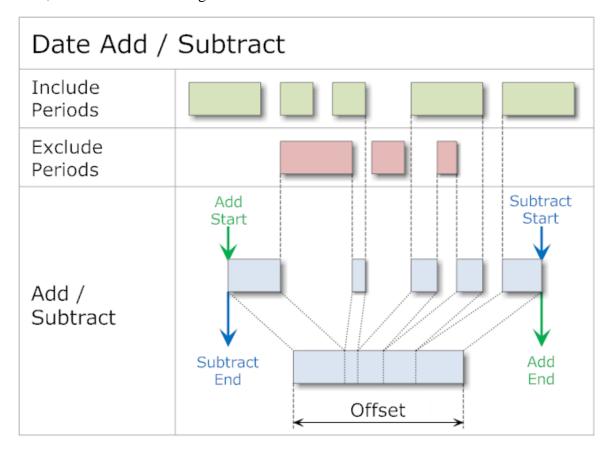
Addition and Subtraction of Dates

Often, the problem arises to add a certain time period to a given date and from that derive the target point of time. What at first sounds easy is often complicated by several factors:

- only business hours should be considered
- o weekends, holidays, service and maintenance periods should be excluded

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As soon as there exist such requirements, common date arithmetic will invariably fail. In such cases, the class <code>DateAdd</code> might come to the rescue:



Although the name of the class might suggest otherwise, it is possible to do addition as well as subtraction. A peculiarity of DateAdd is its capability of specifying periods to include with DateAdd.IncludePeriods as well as exclude certain periods with DateAdd.ExcludePeriods. It is also possible to specify just one of the two. If both are undefined, the tool behaves equivalent to DateTime.Add and DateTime.Subtract.

The following example shows the usage of DateAdd:

```
public void DateAddSample()
  DateAdd dateAdd = new DateAdd();
  dateAdd.IncludePeriods.Add( new TimeRange( new DateTime( 2011, 3, 17 ), new DateTime( 2011, 4, 20 ) );
   // setup some periods to exclude
  dateAdd.ExcludePeriods.Add( new TimeRange(
    \label{eq:new_decomposition} \mbox{new DateTime( 2011, 3, 22 ), new DateTime( 2011, 3, 25 ) ));}
  dateAdd.ExcludePeriods.Add( new TimeRange(
  new DateTime( 2011, 4, 1 ), new DateTime( 2011, 4, 7 ) ); dateAdd.ExcludePeriods.Add( new TimeRange(
    new DateTime( 2011, 4, 15 ), new DateTime( 2011, 4, 16 ) );
  DateTime dateDiffPositive = new DateTime( 2011, 3, 19 );
DateTime? positive1 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffPositive, Duration.Hours( 1 ) );
  Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Positive1: {0}", positive1);
  // > DateAdd Positive1: 19.03.2011 01:00:00
  DateTime? positive2 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffPositive, Duration.Days( 4 ) );
  Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Positive2: {0}", positive2 );
// > DateAdd Positive2: 26.03.2011 00:00:00
  DateTime? positive3 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffPositive, Duration.Days( 17 ) );
  Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Positive3: {0}", positive3);
     > DateAdd Positive3: 14.04.2011 00:00:00
  DateTime? positive4 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffPositive, Duration.Days( 20 ));
Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Positive4: {0}", positive4 );
// > DateAdd Positive4: 18.04.2011 00:00:00
  DateTime dateDiffNegative = new DateTime( 2011, 4, 18 );
  DateTime? negative1 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffNegative, Duration.Hours( -1 ) );
```

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```
Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Negative1: {0}", negative1 );

// > DateAdd Negative1: 17.04.2011 23:00:00

DateTime? negative2 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffNegative, Duration.Days( -4 ) );

Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Negative2: {0}", negative2 );

// > DateAdd Negative2: 13.04.2011 00:00:00

DateTime? negative3 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffNegative, Duration.Days( -17 ) );

Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Negative3: {0}", negative3 );

// > DateAdd Negative3: 22.03.2011 00:00:00

DateTime? negative4 = dateAdd.Add( dateDiffNegative, Duration.Days( -20 ) );

Console.WriteLine( "DateAdd Negative4: {0}", negative4 );

// > DateAdd Negative4: 19.03.2011 00:00:00

} // DateAddSample
```

The specialization CalendarDateAdd allows specifying the weekdays and working hours used by the addition or subtraction:

```
public void CalendarDateAddSample()
 CalendarDateAdd calendarDateAdd = new CalendarDateAdd();
 calendarDateAdd.AddWorkingWeekDays();
  // holidays
 calendarDateAdd.ExcludePeriods.Add( new Day( 2011, 4, 5, calendarDateAdd.Calendar ) );
  // working hours
 calendarDateAdd.WorkingHours.Add( new HourRange( new Time( 08, 30 ), new Time( 12 ) ) );
 calendarDateAdd.WorkingHours.Add( new HourRange( new Time( 13, 30 ), new Time( 18 ) ) );
 DateTime start = new DateTime( 2011, 4, 1, 9, 0, 0 );
 TimeSpan offset = new TimeSpan( 22, 0, 0 ); // 22 hours
 DateTime? end = calendarDateAdd.Add( start, offset );
 Console.WriteLine( "start: {0}", start );
  // > start: 01.04.2011 09:00:00
 Console.WriteLine( "offset: \{0\}", offset );
  // > offset: 22:00:00
 Console.WriteLine( "end: {0}", end );
  // > end: 06.04.2011 16:30:00
} // CalendarDateAddSample
```

Search for Calendar Periods

A CalendarPeriodCollector offers the possibility to search for certain calendar periods within given time limits. By using a ICalendarPeriodCollectorFilter, such a search can be restricted by the following criteria:

- Search by years
- o Search by months
- Search by days of months
- Search by weekdays

Without a filter set, all time ranges of a period will be considered matching.

Combining can be done by the following target scopes:

- o Years: CalendarPeriodCollector.CollectYears
- o Months: CalendarPeriodCollector.CollectMonths
- o Days: CalendarPeriodCollector.CollectDays
- o Hours: CalendarPeriodCollector.CollectHours

In normal mode, all time ranges of the found ranges will be combined. For example, this allows to find all hours of a day by using CalendarPeriodCollector.CollectHours.

To further constrain the result, time ranges can be defined as follows:

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- o Which months of a year: ICalendarPeriodCollectorFilter.AddCollectingMonths
- o Which hours of a day: ICalendarPeriodCollectorFilter.AddCollectingHours

By defining a time range for the hours from 08:00 to 10:00 for example, the result will only contain one single time period covering both hours (as opposed to having a time period for each hour). This proves to be a valuable (if not necessary) optimization when combining large time ranges.

The following example collects all working hours of Fridays in the month of January of several years:

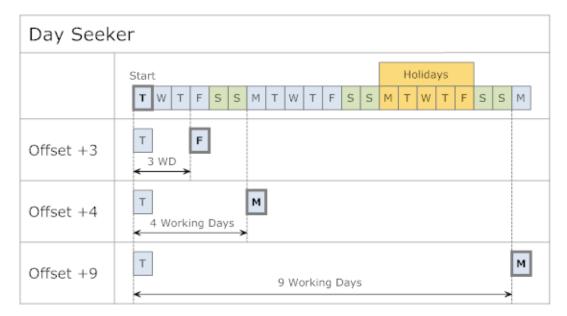
```
public void CalendarPeriodCollectorSample()
  CalendarPeriodCollectorFilter filter = new CalendarPeriodCollectorFilter();
  filter.Months.Add( YearMonth.January ); // only Januaries
  filter.WeekDays.Add( DayOfWeek.Friday ); // only Fridays
  filter.CollectingHours.Add( new HourRange( 8, 18 ) ); // working hours
  CalendarTimeRange testPeriod = new CalendarTimeRange( new DateTime( 2010, 1, 1 ), new DateTime( 2011, 12, 31 )
  Console.WriteLine( "Calendar period collector of period: " + testPeriod ); // > Calendar period collector of period: 01.01.2010 00:00:00 - 30.12.2011 23:59:59 | 728.23:59
  CalendarPeriodCollector collector = new CalendarPeriodCollector( filter, testPeriod );
  foreach ( ITimePeriod period in collector.Periods )
    Console.WriteLine( "Period: " + period );
  // > Period: 01.01.2010; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
  // > Period: 08.01.2010; 08:00 - 17:59
  // > Period: 15.01.2010; 08:00 - 17:59
                                                  0.09:59
  // > Period: 22.01.2010; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
// > Period: 29.01.2010; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
  // > Period: 07.01.2011; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
  // > Period: 14.01.2011; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
// > Period: 21.01.2011; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
   // > Period: 28.01.2011; 08:00 - 17:59 | 0.09:59
} // CalendarPeriodCollectorSample
```

Search for Days

In many situations, it is required to determine the next available day of work, given a number of working days. When counting through the days from a given moment in time, weekends, holidays, service and maintenance periods should be excluded.

To help with this task, the class <code>DaySeeker</code> is available. Analogous to the <code>CalendarPeriodCollector</code>, this class can be controlled with predefined filters. The following example shows the search for working days while skipping over all weekends and holidays:

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The implementation of this example looks as follows:

```
public void DaySeekerSample()
{
    Day start = new Day( new DateTime( 2011, 2, 15 ) );
    Console.WriteLine( "DaySeeker Start: " + start );
    // > DaySeeker Start: Dienstag; 15.02.2011 | 0.23:59

CalendarVisitorFilter filter = new CalendarVisitorFilter();
    filter.AddWorkingWeekDays(); // only working days
    filter.ExcludePeriods.Add( new Week( 2011, 9 ) ); // week #9
    Console.WriteLine( "DaySeeker Holidays: " + filter.ExcludePeriods[ 0 ] );
    // > DaySeeker Holidays: w/c 9 2011; 28.02.2011 - 06.03.2011 | 6.23:59

DaySeeker daySeeker = new DaySeeker( filter );
    Day day1 = daySeeker.FindDay( start, 3 ); // same working week
    Console.WriteLine( "DaySeeker(3): " + day1 );
    // > DaySeeker(3): Freitag; 18.02.2011 | 0.23:59

Day day2 = daySeeker.FindDay( start, 4 ); // Saturday -> next Monday
    Console.WriteLine( "DaySeeker(4): " + day2 );
    // > DaySeeker(4): Montag; 21.02.2011 | 0.23:59

Day day3 = daySeeker.FindDay( start, 9 ); // Holidays -> next Monday
    Console.WriteLine( "DaySeeker(9): " + day3 );
    // > DaySeeker(9): Montag; 07.03.2011 | 0.23:59

} // DaySeekerSample
```

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Environmental Elements

Time related definitions and basic calculations are located in various utility classes:

TimeSpec Constants for times and periods

YearHalfyear/ Enumerations for half years, quarters, months, and week types

YearQuarter/ YearMonth/ YearWeekType

TimeTool Operations for modifications of date and time values as well as for

specific time periods

TimeCompare Functions for comparison of time periods

TimeFormatter Formatting of time periods

TimeTrim Functions to trim time periods

Now Calculation of the current moment of time for the various time

periods; e.g., the start time of the current calendar quarter

Duration Calculation for specific time periods

Date The date part of a DateTime

Time The time part of a DateTime

DateTimeSet Sorted list of unique moments in time

Calendar Visitor Abstract base class for iterating over calendar periods

BroadcastCalendarTool Calculation Tools for the broadcast calendar

FiscalCalendarTool Calculation Tools for the fiscal calendar

Library and Unit Tests

The library **Time Period** is available in four versions:

- o Library for .NET 2.0 including Unit Tests
- o Library for .NET for Silverlight 4
- o Library for .NET for Windows Phone 7
- o Portable Class Library for Windows Store, .NET 4, Silverlight 4, Windows Phone 7

Most of the classes are covered by NUnit tests. The source code is the same for all three variants (see below: Composite Library Development), but the Unit Tests are only available with the Portable Class Library and for the complete .NET Framework.

Creating stable working tests for time based functionality is not an easy task, because various factors influence the state of the test objects:

- o Differing Cultures make use of different calendars
- o Functionality which is based on DateTime. Now can (and most often will) result in differing behavior and test results when executed at different times
- o Time calculations especially involving time periods lead to a multitude of special cases

Considering this, it is of little surprise to find almost three times as much code in the Unit Tests as in the actual library implementation.

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Applications

To visualize the calendar objects, the library contains the application **Time Period Demo** for the command line console, for Silverlight, and Windows Phone.

For calculating calendar periods, the Silverlight application **Calendar Period Collector** has been made available. The tool is basically a configuration frontend for the most important parameters of the class <code>CalendarPeriodCollectorFilter</code>, and can calculate the time periods with the <code>CalendarPeriodCollector</code>. The results can be copied to the Clipboard and pasted into Microsoft Excel:



Composite Library Development

The following naming conventions are being used in the **Time Period** library to separate files for the different target platforms where necessary:

- o <FileName>.Desktop.<Extension>
- o <FileName>.Silverlight.<Extension>
- o <FileName>.WindowsPhone.<Extension>
- o <FileName>.Pcl.<Extension>

The name of the DLL as well as the namespace is identical for all target platforms. These project settings can be changed under *Properties > Application > Assembly Name* and *Default namespace*.

The output for the *Debug* und *Release* targets will be placed in different directories for each target platform (*Properties > Build > Output Path*):

- o ..\Pub\Desktop.<Debug|Release>\
- ...\Pub\Silverlight.<Debug|Release>\
- o ...\Pub\WindowsPhone.<Debug|Release>\
- o ..\Pub\Pcl.<Debug|Release>\

To prevent problems with Visual Studio and some of its extension tools, it is necessary (!) to place the temporary compiler output in separate directories per target platform. To do this, it is necessary to *Unload Project* and insert the following configuration elements into each target:

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History

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3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 – v2.0.0
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- o Optimized gap, intersection and overlap calculation algorithm:
 - o Improved performance about 30% or more.
 - o Refactored TimeLine, TimeLineMoment and TimeLineMommentCollection.
- o Added support for accounting (4-4-5) calendar:
 - o ITimeCalendar: Extended method GetYear with the parameter month.
 - o ITimeCalendar/TimeCalendarConfig: New property FiscalFirstDayOfYear to control the first day of the year.
 - o ITimeCalendar/TimeCalendarConfig: New property FiscalYearAlignment to control the year alignment.
 - o ITimeCalendar/TimeCalendarConfig: New property FiscalQuarterGrouping to control the week grouping within a quarter.
 - o Year/Halfyear/Quarter/Month: Added support the fiscal account calendar.
- o New utility class FiscalCalendarTool.
- o DateDiff: New constructors with a TimeSpan.
- o Merged YearCalendarTimeRange into CalendarTimeRange.
- o ITimeFormatter: Added new properties to customize the duration separator and interval marker.
- o New documentation chapters Accounting Calendar and Time Line.

23rd November, 2013 - v1.7.2.0

- o Added support for the .Net Portable Class Library (PCL):
 - o Platforms: .Net 4.0, Silverlight 4, Windows Phone 7, Windows 8.
 - o Binary target folder: $Pub \ Pcl.Debug$ and $Pub \ Pcl.Release$.

10th November, 2013 - v1.7.1.0

- o Date: Fixed Equals().
- o Date: Replaced method GetDateTime() with property DateTime.
- o Time: Fixed CompareTo().
- o Time: New constructor based on TimeSpan duration.
- o Time: New properties IsZero, IsDay and IsDayOrZero.
- o Time: Changed ToString() representation to 00:00:00.000, full day is shown as 24:00:00.000.

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- o Date/Time: Added operators -, +, <, <=, ==, !=, >= >.
- o Date/Time: Renamed GetDateTime() to ToDateTime() and added new static variants.

7th November, 2013 - v1.7.0.0

- o Library target framework changed from .Net 2.0 to 3.5.
- o Time: Allowing maximum value for hours, minutes, seconds and milliseconds.
- o Date/Time: Implemented interfaces IComparable, IComparable<>,
 IEquatable<>.
- o ITimePeriodCollection: New property TotalDuration with the summary of all the item durations.
- o IDurationProvider: New interface used for calculation of special durations, like DST.
- o TimeZoneDurationProvider: Calculation of time zone specific durations.
 - o Based on the CLR class TimeZoneInfo.
 - o Handling of ambiguous and invalid DTS moments by custom callback functions.
 - o Exceptions Ambigious Moment Exception and Invalid Moment Exception thrown in case of absent callbacks.
- o ITimePeriod/ITimePeriodCollection: Support of duration provider by GetTotalDuration(IDurationProvider).
- o ITimePeriodCollection: New method GetTotalDuration to summarize all durations respecting the IDurationProvider.
- o CalendardateDiff/DurationCalculator: Added support for IDurationProvider.
- o DurationCalculator: Replaced method ExcludePeriods with property.
- o DurationCalculator: New property IncludePeriods to specify including time periods.
- o Fiscal-years: Added support for fiscal years starting within the previous calendar year.
 - o ITimeCalendar: New property FiscalYearBaseMonth specifying the month for the fiscal-year switch (default=July).
 - o ITimeCalendar: New method GetYear() to calculate the target year, respecting the FiscalYearBaseMonth.
 - o Year/Halfyear/Quarter: Added support for the FiscalYearBaseMonth.

27th October, 2013 - v1.6.0.0

- o TimePeriodCollection: Fixed order in SortByEnd().
- o TimeFormatter.GetInterval: Fixed format description.
- o ITimePeriodComparer: Support for time period comparison, based on IComparer.
 - o ResverseTimePeriodComparer: Compare two time periods in reversed order.
 - o TimePeriodStartComparer/TimePeriodEndComparer/TimePeriodDuratio nComparer: Predefined time period comparer's.
 - o ITimePeriod: New method CompareTo().

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- o ITimePeriodCollection: New methods SortBy() and SortReverseBy().
- o ITimeLineMomemtCollection/ITimeLine/ITimePeriodCollection: New method HasOverlaps() to identify if any period overlaps.
- o ITimeLineMomemtCollection/ITimeLine/ITimePeriodCollection: New method HasGaps() to identify if any gap exists.
- o <u>DurationCalculator</u>: New class to calculate duration, respecting week-days and day-hours.

1st October, 2013 - v1.5.0.0

o Added support for broadcast calendar: New classes BroadcastYear, BroadcastMonth and BroadcastWeek.

23th September, 2013 - v1.4.12.0

- o TimeTool.GetWeekOfYear: Fixed calculation in case YearWeekType is set to Iso8601, CalendarWeekRule is set to FirstFourDayWeek and the week starts not at Monday. The calculation affects the classes Week and Weeks.
- o Date.GetDateTime: Parameter hour is now mandatory.
- o TimeFormatter.GetDateTime: Using the class member culture for the string conversion.
- o Removed link to http://www.cpc.itenso.com.

4th September, 2012 - v1.4.11.0

o New class TimeLinePeriodEvaluator: Evaluate time periods by iterating through the time line.

23rd August, 2012 - v1.4.10.0

o TimeLine.GetTimeLineMoments: Fixed iteration interface from ITimeRange to ITimePeriod.

17th May, 2012 - v1.4.9.0

- o Added NuGet package.
- o HashTool: Utility is now public.
- o TimePeriodSubtractor: Added missing file reference to the Silverlight and Windows Phone project.

2nd March, 2012 - v1.4.6.0

o DateDiff: Fixed the un-representable DateTime exception in specific scenarios.

30th January, 2012 - v1.4.5.0

o New class TimePeriodSubtractor: Subtracts a collection of periods from another.

15th September, 2011 - v1.4.4.0

o New class CalendarDateDiff: Calculate DateTime difference with support for exclusions of weekdays and working hours.

26th August, 2011 - v1.4.3.0

- o New structure Date: Represents the date part of a DateTime.
- o HourRange: New property IsMoment.

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- o Time: Add method GetDateTime(Date).
- o Time: Optimized method ToString.
- 22th August, 2011 v1.4.2.0
 - o New class DayHourRange: Hour range for a week day.
 - o CalendarPeriodCollectorFilter/CalendarPeriodCollector: Added support for DayHourRange.
 - o CalendarDateAdd: Added support for DayHourRange.
 - o New enumeration CalendarNameType: Full and abbreviated calendar names.
 - o TimeCalendar/TimeCalendarConfig: Day and month name support for CalendarNameType.
 - o CalendarPeriodCollector: Added support to navigate weeks forward and backward.
- 30th Mai, 2011 v1.4.1.0
 - o ITimeLine/TimeLine/TimePeriodIntersector: Added parameter combinePeriods to the method IntersectPeriods.
- 10th Mai, 2011 v1.4.0.0
 - o New interface/class ITimeInterval/TimeInterval: Time period with closed and open boundaries.
 - o New enumeration IntervalEdge: Typed interval moments.
 - o ITimeFormatter: Support for time intervals.
 - o HourRange/DayRange/MonthRange: Added single value constructor.
 - o TimeBlock/TimeRange. Setup: Fixed sort of start/end.
- 13th April, 2011 v1.3.3.0
 - o CalendarDateAdd: Fixed calculation in case the starting week has no available periods.
- 12th April, 2011 v1.3.2.0
 - o New structure Time: Represents the time part of a DateTime.
 - o HourRange: Replaced start and end hours (integer) with the structure Time.
 - o CalendarPeriodColector/CalendarDateAdd: Support for the structure Time.
 - o New enumeration SeekBoundaryMode: Seek behavior on time period boundaries.
 - o DateAdd/CalendarDateAdd: Support for the enumeration SeekBoundaryMode.
- 4th April, 2011 v1.3.1.0
 - o CalendarVisitor: Reduction of unnecessary visits.
 - o TimeTool.GetStartOfYearWeek: Fixed calculation of week start.
 - o New class CalendarDateAdd: Add/subtract TimeSpan from a DateTime with support for weekdays, working hours, and exclusions.
- 31st March, 2011 v1.3.0.0
 - o IPeriodCollection: New method RelationPeriods to search periods by relation in a collection.

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- o TimePeriodCombiner: Made officialy public, added unit tests and description.
- o New class TimePeriodIntersector: Calculate all intersection periods in a collection.
- o New classes TimeLine/TimeLineMoment/TimeLineMomentCollection: Calculation tools to split or combine time periods.

28th March, 2011 - v1.2.3.0

o DateDiff: Fixed calculation of months.

27th March, 2011 - v1.2.2.0

- o TimeGapCalculator: Enhanced gap search to support special overlapping scenarios.
- Unit Tests: Added execution mode to test multiple 'now' moments (command line argument -full).
- o NUnit: Updated to Version 2.5.9.

26th March, 2011 - v1.2.1.0

- o TimePeriodDemo. Desktop: Added demo mode 'community' to show all community samples (command line argument -community).
- o TimePeriodDemo.Desktop: Added demo mode 'article' to show all community samples (command line argument -article).
- o TimePeriodFormatter.GetDuration: Fixed result of second/seconds.
- o CalendarVisitor/CalendarPeriodCollector/DaySeeker: Added support for ITimeCalendar.
- o TimeFormatter.GetDuration: Fixed negative durations.
- o Included article pdf document (folder /docu).

23rd March, 2011 - v1.2.0.0

- o New class DateDiff: User-friendly difference of two DateTime values.
- o New class DateAdd: Add/subtract TimeSpan from a DateTime with support of inclusions/exclusions.
- o New class DaySeeker: Calendar day search with filter support.
- o New class TimePeriodCombiner: Joins all overlapping/touching periods in a collection.
- o New abstract class Calendar Visitor and Calendar Visitor Filter.
- o CalendarPeriodCollector is now derived from CalendarVisitor.
- o CalendarPeriodCollector: Support for exclusions.
- o TimeGapCalculator: Fixed calculation when periods are located outside of the limits.
- o Years/Halfyears/Quarters/Months/Weeks: Fixed end points and optimized ToString().

16th March, 2011 - v1.1.0.0

- o New interface ITimeFormatter.
- o New method ITimePeriod.GetDescription.

14th March, 2011 - v1.0.0.0

o Initial public release.

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