Preface

This book is an introduction and source book for practitioners, graduate students, and researchers interested in the state of the art and practice in spatiotemporal databases. It collects the most important and representative research carried out in the project CHOROCHRONOS and presents it in a unified fashion. CHOROCHRONOS was a Training and Mobility Research Network funded by the European Commission with the objective to study the design, implementation, and application of spatiotemporal database management systems.

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