[0146] First, in the exemplary non-limiting information processing apparatus, the CPU **101** reads specified information, which is stored in the specified information area **401***a* in a history storage area indicated by the pointer **410** from the plurality of history storage areas **401** to **40***n* in the history buffer **400** provided in the main memory **102** (shown, for example, in FIG. **4**A). The CPU **101** also reads a selected relation criterion (here, an information package type), which is stored in the selected criterion area **401***b*. Then, the CPU **101** displays information on the display device **105** in accordance with the read specified information, the information packages including this specified information, and the read selected relation criterion (step S**201**).

[0147] Next, the CPU **101** determines whether there is an input from the up or down direction keys of the input device **104** (step S**202**). If there is an input from the up or down direction keys ("Yes" at step S**202**), the CPU **101**, in accordance with a direction input from the direction key, changes the specified information to another item of information, which is related to the present specified information **800** by the selected relation criterion, as the new specified information **800** (step S**203**). Next, the CPU **101** stores the changed selection condition of the specified information **800** and the selected relation criterion in a history storage area subsequent to the history storage area indicated by the pointer **410** in the history buffer **400**, and moves the pointer **410** to the subsequent history storage area (step S**204**). The CPU **101** searches for an information package including the same information as the changed specified information **800** (step S**205**). Then, the CPU **101** returns to the process in step S**201**.

[0148] If there is no input from the up or down direction keys ("No" at step S**202**), the CPU **101** determines whether there is an input from the left or right direction keys of the input device **104** (step S**206**). If there is an input from the left or right direction keys, the CPU **101**, in accordance with a direction input by the direction key, changes the selected relation criterion to another information package corresponding to the present specified information **800** (step S**207**). Next, the CPU **101** stores the changed selection condition of the specified information **800** and the selected relation criterion in a history storage area subsequent to the history storage area indicated by the pointer **410** in the history buffer **400**, and moves the pointer **410** to the subsequent history storage area (step S**208**). Then, the CPU **101** returns to the process in step **5201**.

[0149] If there is no input from the left or right direction keys ("No" at step S**206**), the CPU **101** determines whether there is an input from the X-button of the input device **104** (step S**209**). If there is an input from the X-button ("Yes" at step S**209**), the CPU **101** returns the pointer **410** to a history storage area immediately previous to the history storage area indicated by the pointer **410** in the history buffer **400** provided in the main memory **102**. By returning the pointer **410** to the previous history storage area, the display mode of the display device **105** is returned to the previous condition in history (step S**210**).

[0150] The CPU **101** determines whether the specified information to be changed is the same as the changed specified information (step S**211**). If they are the same ("Yes" at step S**211**), the CPU **101** returns to the process in step S**201**. On the other hand, if the items of specified information are not the same ("No" at step S**211**), the CPU **101** searches for an information package including the same information as the changed specified information **800** (step S**212**), and returns to the process in step S**201**.

[0151] If there is no input from the X-button ("No" at step S**209**), the CPU **101** determines whether there is an input from the square button of the input device **104** (step S**213**). If there is an input from the square button ("Yes" at step S**213**), the CPU **101** stores an item of information selected as the specified information **800** at the present time in the specified information area **420***a* of the bookmark buffer **420** provided in the main memory **102**. At the same time, the CPU **101** stores a relation criterion selected as the selected relation criterion at the present time in the selected criterion area **420***b* (step S**214**). Then, the CPU **101** returns to the process in step S**201**.

[0152] If there is no input from the square button ("No" at step S**213**), the CPU **101** determines whether there is an input from the triangle button of the input device **104** (step S**215**). If there is an input from the triangle button ("Yes" at step S**215**) the CPU **101** reads specified information stored in the specified information area **420***a* of the bookmark buffer **420** and a selected relation criterion stored in the selected criterion area **420***b*. Then, the CPU **101** makes a change to the read specified information and selected relation criterion (step S**216**). Next, the CPU **101** stores the changed selection condition of the specified information **800** and selected relation criterion in a history storage area subsequent to the history storage area indicated by the pointer **410** in the history buffer **400**, and moves the pointer **410** to the subsequent history storage area (step S**217**).

[0153] The CPU **101** determines whether the specified information to be changed is the same as the changed specified information (step S**218**). If they are the same ("Yes" at step S**218**), the CPU **101** returns to the process in step S**201**. On the other hand, if the items of specified information are not the same ("No" at step S**218**), the CPU **101** searches for an information package including the same item of information as the changed specified information **800** (step S**219**), and returns to the process in step S**201**.

[0154] If there is no input from the triangle button ("No" at step S**215**), the CPU **101** determines whether there is an input from the circle button of the input device **104** (step S**220**). If there is an input from the circle button ("Yes" at step S**220**), the CPU **101** carries out a process according to the present specified information **800**. Since the execution of a process in accordance with the specified information does not have a direct relationship to the invention, a detailed description will be omitted. If there is no input from the circle button ("No" at step S**220**), the CPU **101** returns to the process in step S**201**.

[0155] As described heretofore, in this embodiment, the items of information that may be selected to become the specified information **800** are those items of information that relate to each other via an identical relation criterion group, which together form information packages **701** to **707** for each relation criterion. In case that specified information **800** is displayed in the center of the display device **105**, items of information that are displayed on the selection axis **810** and the non-selection axes **820** to **850** are displayed in an order in which items of information having close similarity in contents are adjacent to each other. The items of information