# **COMPal - User Guide**

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## 1. Introduction

Welcome to COMPal!

**COMPal** is a Command Line Interface calendar application that targets students who prefer to use a desktop application for managing their busy student life. **COMPal** captures your timetable in a *user-friendly layout*, giving you an *informative overview* of your schedule in a brief glance.

Additionally, you can *include non-academic activities* along with your academic timetable, unlike other widely-used timetable tools. You also have the *freedom to prioritise certain tasks* over less important ones, and make use of *timely reminders* on pending tasks.

Take control with our **Quick Start** guide. **COMPal** your life, today.

## 2. Understanding This User Guide

This guide explains how you can use **COMPal** to divide your time between your academic commitments and non-academic activities.

You can find comprehensive steps on how to fully utilise **COMPal**'s extensive suite of time-management tools. **Frequently Asked Questions** can also clarify any pressing doubts that you may have. Our **Command Summary** provides a concise, easy-to-read summary of our commands for your easy perusal.

You can use the **Table of Contents** above to navigate effortlessly between each section.

We have developed a list of icons below that will help you a lot in digesting our material.

lcon	What does it mean?		
i	Important information that you may want to take note of		
<b>~</b>	Tips and Tricks! Follow these suggestions to make your life simpler.		
$\triangle$	Warning! You need to be careful when this appears.		

## 3. Quick Start

- 1. Ensure you have <u>Java Version 11</u> or above installed on your computer.
- 2. Download the latest version of COMPal.jar here.
- 3. Copy the COMPal.jar file to the folder that you want to use as the home folder for **COMPal**.
- 4. Double-click the COMPal.jar file to start the application. The **COMPal** GUI should appear in a few seconds.

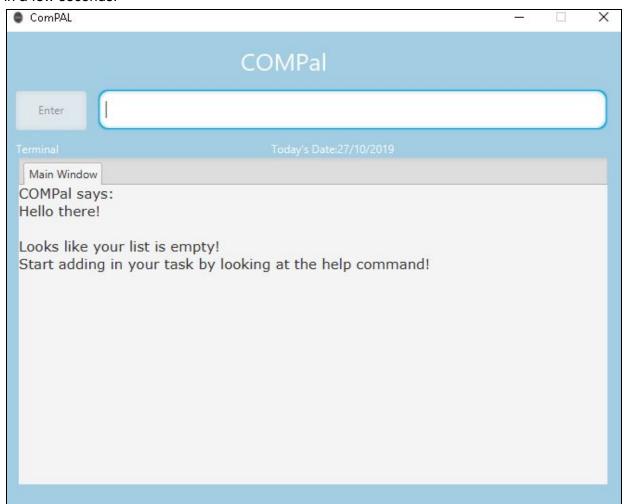


Figure 1. GUI screen upon start-up

- 5. And that's it! **COMPal** just became your newest friend / most awesome assistant. You can now try entering commands in the **command box** and press Enter to execute it.
- 6. Some example commands you can try:
  - event TASK\_DESCRIPTION /date DATE /start START\_TIME /end END\_TIME
     [/priority PRIORITY] [/final-date FINAL\_DATE]: adds an event that
     occurs at a specific time on a specific date
  - o deadline TASK\_DESCRIPTION /date DUE\_DATE /end END\_TIME [/priority PRIORITY] [/final-date FINAL\_DATE] : adds a tasks with a deadline.
  - o find <search term>: find a certain task related to a search term.
  - list: displays the entire list of tasks stored in COMPal's massive memory.
     However, if you have just downloaded COMPal, it's likely that COMPal will not display any tasks.
  - bye : bid goodbye to COMPal and exit the program. See you soon!!

This is the end of the **Quick Start** guide. Please refer to <u>4. Features</u> for more details on more commands. Enjoy planning your life with **COMPal**!

## 4. Features

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#### **Command format**

• Words in UPPER\_CASE are the parameters to be supplied by the user e.g. delete TASK\_INDEX, TASK\_INDEX is a parameter which can be used as delete 5.

- Items in **square brackets are optional** e.g. view day [/date DATE] [/type TASK\_TYPE] can be used as view day /date 29/10/2019 or as view day.
- Parameters can be in **any order** e.g. if the command specifies /id TASK\_INDEX /status Y/N, /status Y/N /id TASK\_INDEX is also acceptable.
- Items in angle brackets are **optional**, **but at least one item** must be **included** e.g. </description DESCRIPTION> </date DATE> can be used as /description go for a run or /description go for a run /date 28/10/2019

#### 4.1. General Commands

#### 4.1.1. Viewing help: help

Can't remember so many tedious commands?

Format for **general help**: help or <TRASH\_COMMAND>

You can see a list of all commands available. There is also a guide to tell you how to use this help command

i TRASH\_COMMAND is really "trash command" ; it could be any command that is invalid.

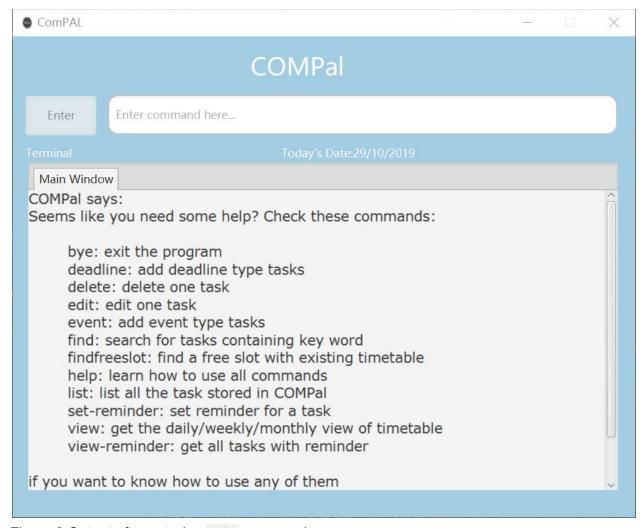


Figure 2. Output after entering help command.

Format for **specific help**: help <COMMAND\_NAME>

You can use this command to search for specific information about COMMAND\_NAME.

i COMMAND\_NAME is any command name you can see when you do help command.

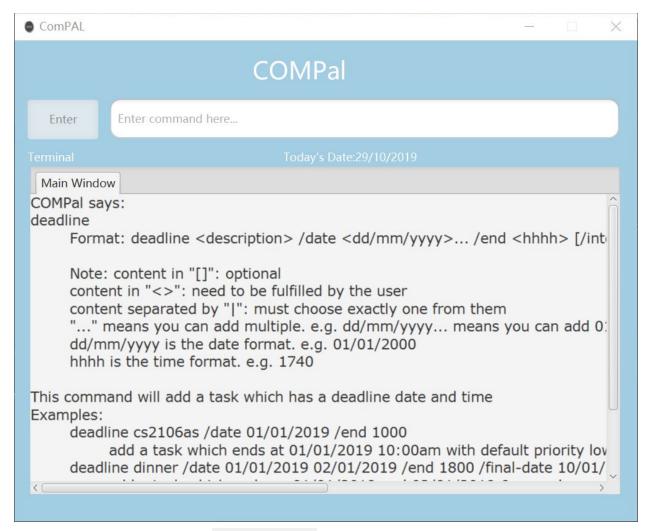


Figure 3. Output after entering help deadline command.

#### 4.1.2. Deleting a Task: delete

Sometimes, you just don't feel like doing things. Maybe someone pressured you to do something, and after mulling over it for hours, you decided to change your mind. **COMPal** understands that you're human after all - just delete that **Task**, and move on with your life.

Format for **deleting a task**: delete /id <TASK\_INDEX>

i TASK\_INDEX is the Task ID shown when you do list command.

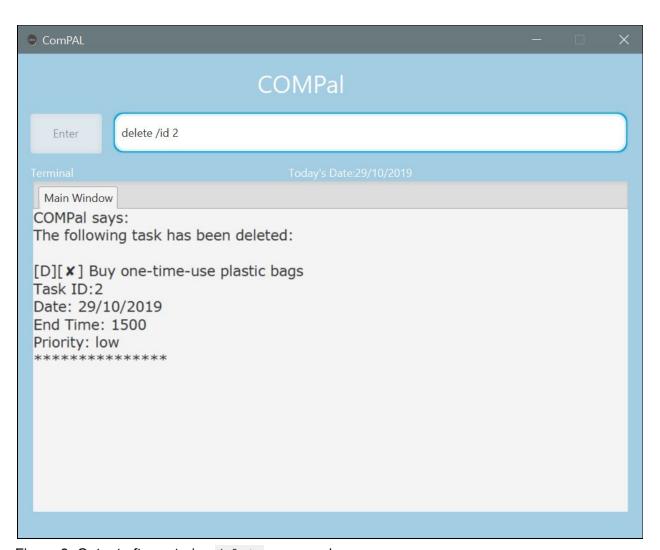


Figure 3. Output after entering delete command.

#### 4.1.3. Changing a Task status: done

After Finishing a task, you may want to mark it as done.

Format for marking a task as Done: done /id <TASK\_INDEX> /status <Y>
Format for marking a task as incomplete: done /id <TASK\_INDEX> /status <N>

i TASK\_INDEX is the Task ID shown when you do list command.

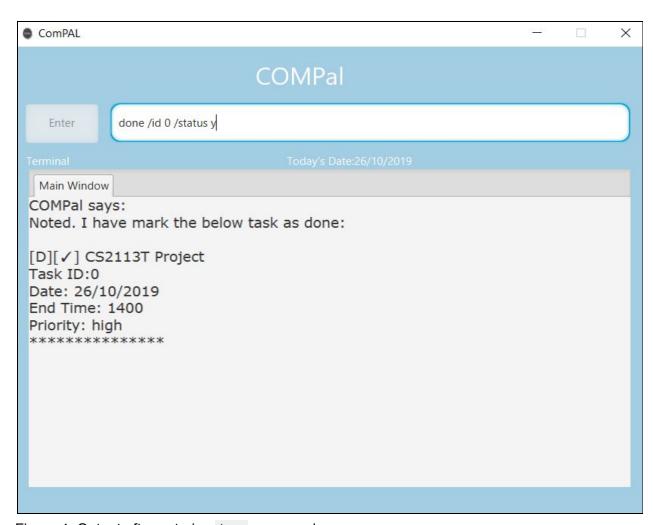


Figure 4. Output after entering done command.

#### 4.1.4. Finding a Task: find

Want to search for the task by it's key word? Enter find KEY\_WORD in the **command box** will give you all the tasks including the key word.

Format for finding a task with KEY\_WORD in its description: find KEY\_WORD

The find command without any arguments following it will return and display all tasks to you.

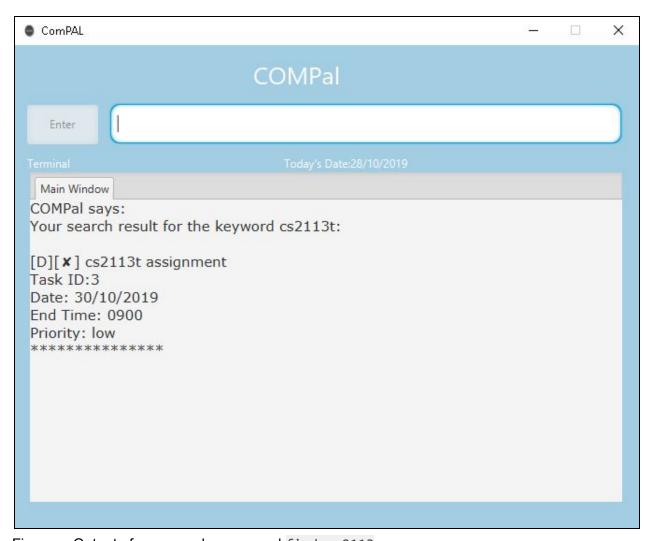


Figure x. Output of an example command find cs2113.

#### 4.1.5. Viewing Tasks: view

Want to view the tasks stored in COMPal in a day, week or monthly view? Enter the view command in the **command box**!

i DATE is the date you want to search for and should be **dd/mm/yyyy** format. E.g. 02/10/2019.

Format for viewing the daily schedule of a date: view day [/date DATE]

Format for viewing the weekly schedule of a week date view week [/date DATE]

Format for viewing the monthly schedule of a specified month: view month [/date DATE]

Format for viewing specified types within a daily schedule of a date: view day [/date DATE]

[/type TASK\_TYPE]



You **may omit** DATE to view the calendar with respect to the current date! E.g. view week will allow you to view the current week and view day will allow you to view the current day!

i Currently, there are only two types COMPal is able to process, event and deadline type.

#### Examples:

- view day /date 09/09/2019
- view week /date 10/20/2020 /type deadline
- view month /type event



Figure 5. Output of *tasks* and *deadlines* on main window in text format sorted by priority level in chronological timeline .

#### 4.1.6. Listing task: list

Want to list all *tasks* or types of *tasks* that are stored in COMPal for past and future *tasks*? Enter list in the **command box** to see all tasks!

Format for listing all tasks stored: list

Format for listing specified tasks stored: list [/type TASK\_TYPE]

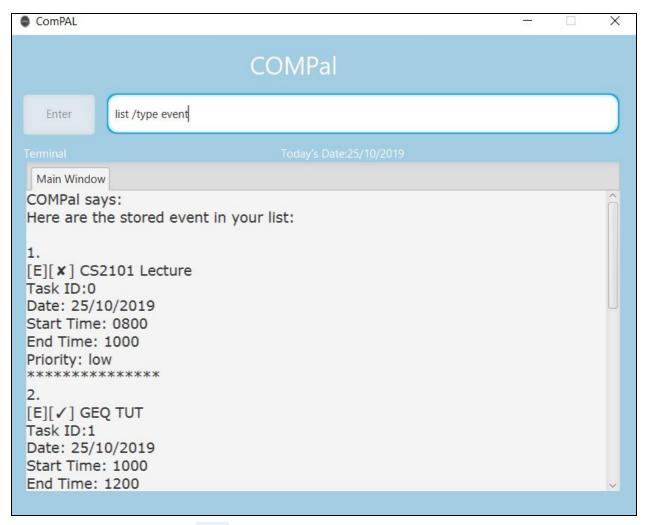


Figure x. Expected output of **list** command to show all events stored in COMPal.

#### 4.1.7. View Reminder: view-reminder

Don't know what is inside this week's reminder list? Enter **view-reminder** in the **command box** to view all reminders this week. Undone tasks that are due within the week and overdue tasks are preset to be included. Additionally, users can manually turn on reminders for important tasks they want to keep track of. (Refer to **4.1.8. Set Reminder**: **set-reminder** on how to turn on reminders)

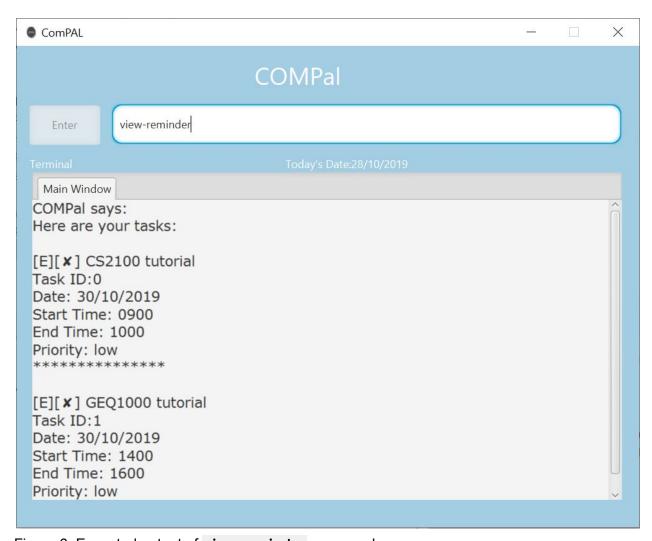


Figure 6. Expected output of **view-reminder** command.

#### 4.1.8. Set Reminder: set-reminder

Need a reminder for a task? Enter set-reminder /id TASK\_INDEX /status Y/N in the command box to set a reminder for that task.

- TASK\_INDEX is the task ID
- Y/N is the status of the reminder, to turn the reminder settings on or off respectively

#### Examples:

- set-reminder /id 3 /status Y
- set-reminder /id 1 /status N

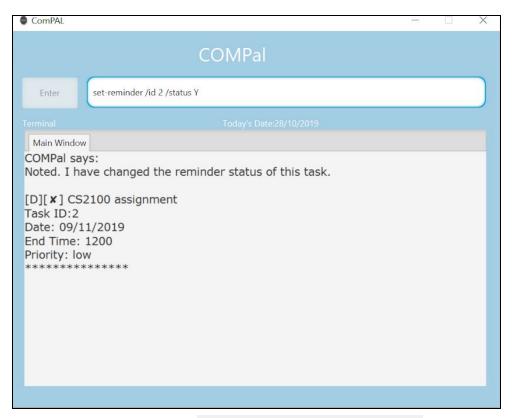


Figure x. Expected output of set-reminder /id 2 /status Y command.

#### 4.1.9. Finding Free Time Slots: findfreeslot

Need to find a free time slot to arrange a project meeting? Enter **findfreeslot** /date DATE /hour HOUR /min MINUTE in the **command box** to find a free time slot in the specified date with the specified duration in hours and minutes.

- DATE is the date of the free time slot needed
- **HOUR** is the input hour duration of the time slot
- MIN is the input minute duration of the time slot

#### Examples:

- findfreeslot /date 29/10/2019 /hour 2 /min 0
- findfreeslot /date 01/11/2019 /hour 1 /min 30



Figure 7. Expected output of findfreeslot /date 30/10/2019 /hour 0 /min 30 command.

#### 4.1.11. Exiting COMPal: bye

Bye-Bye! Enter bye in the **command box** will quit **COMPal**. Have a nice day!

#### 4.2. Detailed Task Management Commands

The Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines **Task** as "a usually assigned piece of work, often to be finished within a certain time". **COMPal** has a similar definition - if you have something to do, you can track it as a **Task** using **COMPal**.

**COMPal** accepts two main types of **Tasks**:

- 1. A **Deadline** is a **Task** that has to be done by a **specific time** on a **specific date**.
- 2. An **Event** is a **Task** that has to be done during a **fixed duration** on a **specific date**.

Furthermore, **COMPal** is able to manage **Tasks** that **recur** i.e. happen at **regular intervals**, such as a weekly project meeting or a weekly Tutorial session.

Since these two **Tasks** behave very differently, we have separate commands to manage them:

- 1. deadline: For adding deadlines.
- 2. event : For adding events.
- 3. edit: For editing either events or deadlines.

Each **Task** type has a system of short and simple **parameter keywords**, which will help **COMPal** process your input just the way you like it.

#### 4.2.1. Deadline Management

Dread them. Run from them. But deadlines still arrive.

In this section, you will be introduced to commands and parameters that help you manage those pesky **deadlines** that seem to suck the joy out of your life.

Below is a list of **parameters** and **keywords** that you can expect to use for the commands in this section.

**Table 1: Parameters** and **keywords** for **Deadlines**.

Keyword	Parameter	Usage
-	DESCRIPTION. No restriction in format.	You can <b>describe</b> your <b>Deadline</b> in any detail. No keyword is required to be typed before your input - just describe your <b>Deadline</b> !!
/date	DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can enter the <i>date</i> that your <b>Deadline</b> has to be completed <i>by</i>

/end	END_TIME, in the format HHmm	You can enter the <i>time</i> that the <b>Deadline</b> has to be completed <i>by</i>
/priority	PRIORITY (low, medium, high)	You can assign a <i>priority</i> to multiple / single <b>Deadline(s)</b> .
/final-date	FINAL_DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can use this to add <i>multiple</i> <b>Deadlines</b> that occur at <i>regular intervals</i> . FINAL_DATE will be taken as the latest possible date for your <i>final</i> <b>Deadline</b> .
/interval	INTERVAL, positive number greater than zero	You can use this to add <i>multiple</i> <b>Deadlines</b> that occur at <i>regular intervals</i> . Interval will be taken as the interval between each recurring <b>Deadline</b> , in terms of the number of days.

/final-date, /interval and /priority are optional keywords. You can use them
for more control over your Tasks, but can leave them out if you want to. COMPal will
then revert to <i>default values</i> , which will be elaborated in specific commands below.

$\triangle$	Any dates that you enter <i>has</i> to be in the format DD/MM/YYYY, or <b>COMPal</b> will not understand your dates!
$\triangle$	Any time that you enter <i>has</i> to be in the format of HHmm, or <b>COMPal</b> will be confused!

#### 4.2.1.1. Adding Deadlines

You can use the deadline command to get **COMPal** to add impending **deadlines** to its impressive memory, and keep track of them for you. You'll never miss a **deadline** this way!

#### **Basic Command Syntax:**

deadline <DESCRIPTION> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE>

#### Example:

 deadline Submit CS2113T User Guide for Review /date 02/10/2019 /end 2359

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2113T User Guide for Review as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME and 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

However, the above is merely the *basic syntax*. As students, we know that school gives us heaps of assignments and projects to do on a regular basis. As that mountain of work piles up

steadily, we invariably have to pick some to prioritise above others. To handle these concerns, **COMPal** lets you assign *priorities* and also create *recurring* **Deadlines**.

#### 4.2.1.1.1. Assigning Priorities to Deadline

The optional /priority keyword lets you assign a **Deadline** with a PRIORITY. If you have a **Deadline** that you **absolutely have** to complete soon, you can enter a PRIORITY of high. If your **Deadline** isn't that urgent, you can use the value of medium, or if it isn't something worth worrying about, you can assign it as low.

Alternatively, if you do not use the /priority keyword, **COMPal** will set the PRIORITY of your **Deadline** as low by **default**.

#### **Command Syntax (Priority):**

deadline <DESCRIPTION> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE> /priority <PRIORITY>

#### **Examples:**

 deadline Submit CS2106 Assignment /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019 /priority high

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2106 Assignment as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and high as PRIORITY.

deadline Finish CS2105 Tutorial /end 2300 /date 02/10/2019 /priority
 medium

Adds a **Deadline** with Finish CS2105 Tutorial as DESCRIPTION, 2300 as the END TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and medium as PRIORITY.

 deadline Submit GEQ1000 Reflection /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019 /priority low

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit GEQ1000 Reflection as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and low as PRIORITY.

• deadline Submit GEQ1000 Reflection /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019

This adds a **Deadline** with Submit GEQ1000 Reflection as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

However, omitting the /priority keyword prompts **COMPal** to automatically assign low as PRIORITY, meaning that the result of this command is *identical* to the previous command. This example illustrates the *optional* nature of the /priority keyword.

#### 4.2.1.1.2. Adding Recurring Deadlines

The optional /final-date and /interval keywords work in tandem to let you add multiple **recurring Deadlines**.

/final-date allows you to recur **Deadlines** until a specified FINAL\_DATE, which is the *final* **possible date** for your final **Deadline**. If you do not use the /final-date keyword, **COMPal** assumes that you are not adding **recurring Deadlines**.

/interval allows you to specify the INTERVAL between each recurring **Deadline**, in terms of number of days. If you do not use the /interval keyword, **COMPal** will set your INTERVAL to 7 by **default** i.e. every **Deadline** occurs exactly **seven days** / **one week** after the previous, as long as it is not after the FINAL\_DATE specified using the /final-date keyword.

Of course, in life, there's also a chance of *regular, but not identical* intervals between **Deadlines**. **COMPal** introduces a neat little hack: if you add multiple DATEs after your /date keyword, **COMPal** will add recurring **Deadlines** for each DATE using the INTERVAL (specified or default), as long as it is not after the FINAL\_DATE specified using the /final-date keyword.

#### **Command Syntax (Recurring):**

deadline <DESCRIPTION> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE> /final-date <FINAL\_DATE>
/interval INTERVAL

You can use the /priority keyword here as well. Every <b>recurring Deadline</b> will
have the same PRIORITY.

#### **Examples:**

• deadline Submit CS2106 Assignment /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2106 Assignment as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

This is the command with *basic syntax*. The following examples will show how adding /final-date and /interval changes the result.

 deadline Submit CS2106 Assignment /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2106 Assignment as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE. Omitting the /interval keyword means that your INTERVAL is set to 7 by **default**. This means that:

- 1. 2359, 02/10/2019, Wednesday is the *first* **Deadline** where you submit your very first CS2106 assignment.
- 2. **COMPal** then creates a **Deadline** reminding you to submit your CS2106 assignments for **every** Wednesday after that, until the last Wednesday before 15/12/2019 (which is 11/12/2019).
- deadline Submit CS2106 Assignment /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019 /interval 14

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2106 Assignment as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE, and 14 as the INTERVAL. This means that:

- 1. 2359, 02/10/2019, Wednesday is the *first* **Deadline** where you submit your very first CS2106 assignment.
- COMPal then creates a Deadline reminding you to submit your CS2106
  assignments for every alternate Wednesday (two weeks after the previous
  Wednesday), until the last alternate Wednesday that is before 15/12/2019 (which
  is 27/11/2019).
- deadline Submit CS2106 Assignment /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019 04/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019 /interval 14

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2106 Assignment as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 and 04/10/2019 as the DATE, 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE, and 14 as the INTERVAL. This means that:

- 1. 2359, 02/10/2019, Wednesday and 2359, 04/10/2019, Friday are the *first* **Deadline** *iterations* where you submit your first few CS2106 assignments.
- COMPal then creates a Deadline reminding you to submit your CS2106
   assignments for every alternate Wednesday (two weeks after the previous
   Wednesday) and every alternate Friday (two weeks after the previous Friday),
   until the last alternate Friday that is before 15/12/2019 (which is 29/11/2019).
- deadline Submit CS2106 Assignment /end 2359 /date 02/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019 /priority high

Adds a **Deadline** with Submit CS2106 Assignment as DESCRIPTION, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE, and high as the PRIORITY. This means that:

1. 2359, 02/10/2019, Wednesday is the *first* **Deadline** where you submit your very first CS2106 assignment.

COMPal then creates a Deadline reminding you to submit your CS2106
assignments for every Wednesday after that, until the last Wednesday before
15/12/2019 (which is 11/12/2019). For every Deadline, the PRIORITY is high.



Adding multiple DATEs without using /final-date will still add multiple **Deadlines** with the specified DATEs. This may be helpful if your **Deadlines** do not recur at regular intervals, and somehow you have outrageous photographic memory and remember the exact dates of all your **Deadlines**.

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If you add multiple DATEs, ensure that your FINAL-DATE is after your latest DATE, otherwise any **Deadline** with a DATE after your FINAL-DATE will not be added.

#### Full Command Syntax (With all keywords and parameters):

deadline <DESCRIPTION> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE> /final-date <FINAL\_DATE>
/interval <INTERVAL> /priority <PRIORITY>



Did you know that you do not have to follow the **exact order** in the syntax above? **COMPal** is able to detect the keywords in any order. .

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Despite the above tip, do note that your DESCRIPTION **MUST** be after your very first command word, i.e. deadline <DESCRIPTION>.

#### 4.2.1.2. Editing Deadlines

Need to change information about a **Deadline**? Enter edit /id <ID> <Keyword> where ID is the task's id number.

#### **Command Syntax:**

- Editing DESCRIPTION: edit /id <ID> /description <NEW\_DESCRIPTION>
- Editing DATE: edit /id <ID> /date <NEW\_DATE>
- Editing PRIORITY: edit /id <ID> /priority <NEW PRIORITY>
- Editing END\_TIME: edit /id <ID> /end <NEW\_END\_TIME>

You can edit more than one keyword with a single command.

#### Full Command Syntax (including all possible keywords):

edit /id ID description <NEW\_DESCRIPTION> /end <NEW\_END\_TIME> /date
<NEW DATE> /priority <NEW PRIORITY>

You *CANNOT* change FINAL-DATE or INTERVAL. These parameters are only for *adding multiple* **Deadlines**, they are not properties of each **Deadline**. You can, however, delete any **Deadlines** that you think are not necessary anymore, or edit each **Deadline**.

For example, if you wish to increase the PRIORITY of a **Deadline** with an ID of 0 from low to medium and push back its END\_TIME from 0900 to 1000, do:

edit /id 0 /end 1000 /priority medium

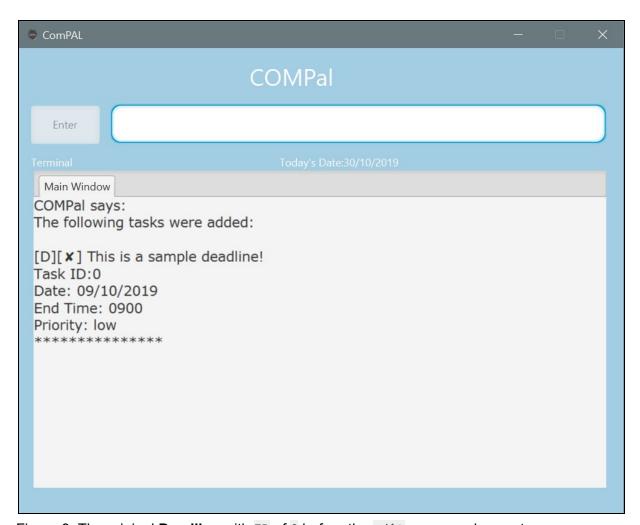


Figure 8. The original **Deadline** with ID of 0 before the edit command executes



Figure 8. The **Deadline** with ID of 0 after the edit command executes

Note that PRIORITY is changed from low as shown in Figure 8 to medium in Figure 9, and START\_TIME has been changed from 0900 to 1000, as intended.

#### 4.2.2. Event Management

Your best friend's birthday party. Your sibling's graduation. Your cousin's wedding.

Your 8am Lecture. Your 8-hour code sprint for your software development project. Your compulsory torture session in the frigid exam hall.

Your student life is an endless merry-go-round of things to do - some joyful, some agonising. To better manage your time, you can set a preferred duration for each **Task** you have to accomplish, and let **COMPal** track them as **Events**. In this section, you will be introduced to commands and parameters that help you manage these **Events**.

Below is a list of **parameters** and **keywords** that you can expect to use for the commands in this section.

**Table 2: Parameters** and **keywords** for **Events**.

Keyword	Parameter	Usage
-	DESCRIPTION. No restriction in format.	You can <b>describe</b> your task in any detail. No keyword is required to be typed before your input - just describe your <b>Event</b> !!
/date	DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can enter the <i>date</i> that your <b>Event</b> is happening <i>on</i>
/start	START_TIME, in the format HHmm	You can enter the <i>time</i> that the <b>Event</b> is starting <i>at</i>
/end	END_TIME, in the format HHmm	You can enter the <i>time</i> that the <b>Event</b> is ending <i>at</i>
/priority	PRIORITY (low, medium, high)	You can assign a <i>priority</i> to multiple / single <b>Event(s)</b> .
/final-date	FINAL_DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can use this to add <i>multiple</i> Events that occur at <i>regular intervals</i> . FINAL_DATE will be taken as the latest possible date for your <i>final</i> Event.
/interval	INTERVAL, positive number greater than zero	You can use this to add <i>multiple</i> Events that occur at <i>regular intervals</i> . Interval will be taken as the interval between each recurring Event, in terms of the number of days.

- /final-date, /interval and /priority are *optional keywords*. You can use them for more control over your **Tasks**, but can leave them out if you want to. **COMPal** will then revert to *default values*, which will be specified below.
- Any dates that you enter *has* to be in the format DD/MM/YYYY, or **COMPal** will not understand your dates!
- Any time that you enter *has* to be in the format of HHmm, or **COMPal** will be confused!

#### 4.2.1.1. Adding Deadlines

You can use the event command to get **COMPal** to add impending **Events** to its impressive memory, and keep track of them for you. You'll never miss an **Event** this way!

#### **Basic Command Syntax:**

event <DESCRIPTION> /start <START\_TIME> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE>

#### **Example:**

• event Dance Practice /start 1800 /end 2000 /date 02/10/2019
Adds an **Event** with Dance Practice as DESCRIPTION, 1800 as the START\_TIME, 2359 as the END TIME and 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

However, the above is merely the *basic syntax*. As students, we have to juggle schoolwork, friends, family, and perhaps even a side job. As our lives become increasingly hectic, we invariably have to pick some **Events** to prioritise above others. To handle these concerns, **COMPal** lets you assign *priorities* and also create *recurring* **Events**.

#### 4.2.1.1.1. Assigning Priorities to Deadline

The optional /priority keyword lets you assign an **Event** with a PRIORITY. If you have an **Event** that you **absolutely have** to complete, you can enter a PRIORITY of high. If your **Event** isn't that urgent, you can use the value of medium, or if it isn't something worth worrying about, you can assign it as low.

Alternatively, if you do not use the /priority keyword, **COMPal** will set the PRIORITY of your **Event** as low by *default*.

#### **Command Syntax (Priority):**

event <DESCRIPTION> /start <START\_TIME> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE>
/priority <PRIORITY>

#### **Examples:**

 event Netflix and Chill /start 2300 /end 0200 /date 02/10/2019 /priority high

Adds an **Event** with Netflix and Chill as DESCRIPTION, 2300 as the START\_TIME, 0200 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and high as PRIORITY.

event Birthday Bash /start 1800 /end 2300 /date 02/10/2019 /priority
 medium

Adds an **Event** with Birthday Bash as DESCRIPTION, 1800 as the START\_TIME, 2300 as the END TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and medium as PRIORITY.

event Study Session /start 1900 /end 2300 /date 02/10/2019 /priority
 low

Adds an **Event** with Study Session as DESCRIPTION, 1900 as the START\_TIME, 2300 as the END TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and low as PRIORITY.

• event Study Session /start 1900 /end 2300 /date 02/10/2019

This adds an **Event** with Study Session as DESCRIPTION, 1900 as the START\_TIME, 2359 as the END TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

However, omitting the /priority keyword prompts **COMPal** to automatically assign low as PRIORITY, meaning that the result of this command is *identical* to the previous command. This example illustrates the *optional* nature of the /priority keyword.

#### 4.2.1.1.2. Adding Recurring Events

The optional /final-date and /interval keywords work in tandem to let you add multiple recurring Events.

/final-date allows you to recur **Events** until a specified FINAL\_DATE, which is the *final* **possible date** for your final **Event**. If you do not use the /final-date keyword, **COMPal** assumes you are not adding **recurring Events**.

/interval allows you to specify the INTERVAL between each recurring **Event**, in terms of number of days. If you do not use the /interval keyword, **COMPal** will set your INTERVAL to 7 by **default** i.e. every **Event** occurs exactly **seven days / one week** after the previous, as long as it is not after the FINAL DATE specified using the /final-date keyword.

Of course, in life, there's also a chance of *regular, but not identical* intervals between **Events**. **COMPal** introduces a neat little hack: if you add multiple DATEs after your /date keyword, **COMPal** will add recurring **Events** for each DATE using the INTERVAL (specified or default), as long as it is not after the FINAL\_DATE specified using the /final-date keyword.

#### **Command Syntax (Recurring):**

event <DESCRIPTION> /start <START\_TIME> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE>
/final-date <FINAL\_DATE> /interval INTERVAL

You can use the /priority keyword here as well. Every **recurring Event** will have the same PRIORITY.

#### **Examples:**

event Driving Lesson /start 1130 /end 1330 /date 02/10/2019

Adds an **Event** with Driving Lesson as DESCRIPTION, 1130 as the START\_TIME, 1330 as the END TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

This is the command with *basic syntax*. The following examples will show how adding /final-date and /interval changes the result.

 event Driving Lesson /start 1130 /end 1330 /date 02/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019

Adds an **Event** with Driving Lesson as DESCRIPTION, 1130 as the START\_TIME, 1330 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, and 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE. Omitting the /interval keyword means that your INTERVAL is set to 7 by **default**. This means that:

- 1. 1130 to 1330, 02/10/2019, Wednesday is the *first* Event when you have your first Driving Lesson.
- 2. **COMPal** then reminds you of a Driving Lesson for **every** Wednesday after that, until the last Wednesday before 15/12/2019 (which is 11/12/2019).
- event Driving Lesson /start 1130 /end 1330 /date 02/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019 /interval 14

Adds an **Event** with Driving Lesson as DESCRIPTION, 1130 as the START\_TIME, 1330 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE, and 14 as the INTERVAL. This means that:

3. 1130 to 1330, 02/10/2019, Wednesday is the *first* Event when you have your first Driving Lesson.

- COMPal then reminds you of a Driving Lesson for every alternate Wednesday (two weeks after the previous Wednesday), until the last alternate Wednesday before 15/12/2019 (which is 27/11/2019).
- event Driving Lesson /start 1130 /end 1330 /date 02/10/2019 04/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019 /interval 14

Adds an **Event** with Driving Lesson as DESCRIPTION, 1130 as the START\_TIME, 1330 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 and 04/10/2019 as the DATE, 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE, and 14 as the INTERVAL. This means that:

- 3. 1130 to 1330, 02/10/2019, Wednesday and 1130 to 1330, 04/10/2019, Friday are the *first* Event *iterations* where you have your first few Driving Lessons.
- COMPal then reminds you of a Driving Lesson for every alternate Wednesday (two weeks after the previous Wednesday) and every alternate Friday (two weeks after the previous Friday), until the last alternate Friday before 15/12/2019 (which is 29/11/2019).
- event Driving Lesson /start 1130 /end 1330 /date 02/10/2019 /final-date 15/12/2019 /priority high

Adds an **Event** with Driving Lesson as DESCRIPTION, 1130 as the START\_TIME, 2359 as the END\_TIME, 02/10/2019 as the DATE, 15/12/2019 as the FINAL\_DATE, and high as the PRIORITY. This means that:

- 3. 1130 to 1330, 02/10/2019, Wednesday is the *first* Event when you have your first Driving Lesson.
- 4. **COMPal** then reminds you of a Driving Lesson for **every** Wednesday after that, until the last Wednesday before 15/12/2019 (which is 11/12/2019). For **every Event**, the PRIORITY is high.
- Adding multiple DATEs without using /final-date will still add multiple **Events** with the specified DATEs. This may be helpful if your **Events** are extremely irregular, and somehow you have outrageous photographic memory and remember the exact dates of all your **Events**.
- If you add multiple DATEs, ensure that your FINAL-DATE is after your latest DATE, otherwise any **Event** with a DATE after your FINAL-DATE will not be added.

Full Command Syntax (With all keywords and parameters):

event <DESCRIPTION> /start <START\_TIME> /end <END\_TIME> /date <DATE>
/final-date <FINAL\_DATE> /interval <INTERVAL> /priority <PRIORITY>



Did you know that you do not have to follow the order in the syntax above? **COMPal** is able to detect the keywords as long as you enter them.

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Despite the above tip, do note that your DESCRIPTION **MUST** be after your very first command word, i.e. event.

#### 4.2.1.2. Editing Deadlines

Need to change information about an **Event**? Enter edit /id <ID> <Keyword> where ID is the task's id number.

#### **Command Syntax:**

- Editing DESCRIPTION: edit /id <ID> /description <NEW\_DESCRIPTION>
- Editing DATE: edit /id <ID> /date <NEW\_DATE>
- Editing PRIORITY: edit /id <ID> /priority <NEW\_PRIORITY>
- Editing START\_TIME: edit /id <ID> /end <NEW\_START\_TIME>
- Editing END\_TIME: edit /id <ID> /end <NEW\_END\_TIME>

You can edit more than one keyword with a single command.

#### Full Command Syntax (including all possible keywords):

edit /id ID description <NEW\_DESCRIPTION> /start <NEW\_START\_TIME> /end
<NEW\_END\_TIME> /date <NEW\_DATE> /priority <NEW\_PRIORITY>

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You *CANNOT* change FINAL-DATE or INTERVAL. These parameters are only for *adding multiple* Events, they are not properties of each Event. You can, however, delete any Event that you think are not necessary anymore, or edit each Event.

For example, if you wish to increase the priority of an **Event** with an id number of 2 currently set to low and bring forward its starting time to 6am, do:

edit /id 2 /priority high /start 0600

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Enter				
Main Window				
COMPal says: The following tasks of the follo				

Figure 8. The original **Event** with ID of 2 before the edit command executes

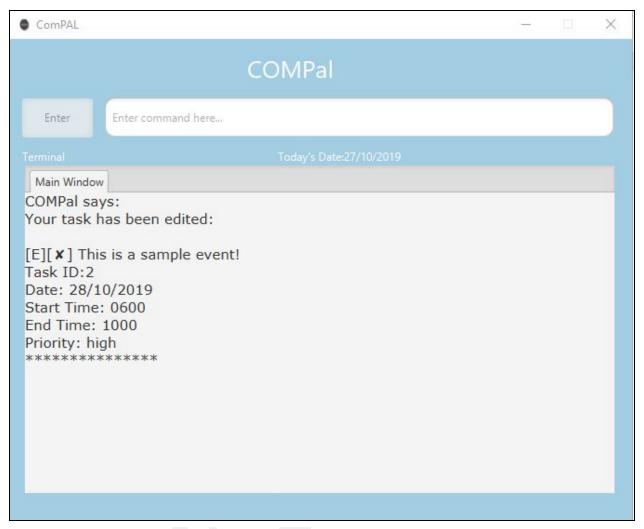


Figure 8. The **Event** with ID of 2 after the edit command executes

Note that PRIORITY is changed from low as shown in Figure 8 to high in Figure 9, and START\_TIME has been changed from 0900 to 0900, as intended.

#### 4.3. Quick overview of the generated daily schedule.

After you have filled COMPal with *tasks* from your hectic schedule, you are able to use the view day command to look at your generated daily schedule.

The quick and intuitive interface enables you to quickly understand what deadlines are due and what clashing events you may have! Fret not as COMPal has sorted what is important and shows you the important *tasks* at hand that are not completed! Additionally, the more the more important tasks are placed on the left while the less-important one are to the right!

i Only the 5 most important tasks will be displayed for each hourly slot to allow you to focus on the tasks with higher priority!

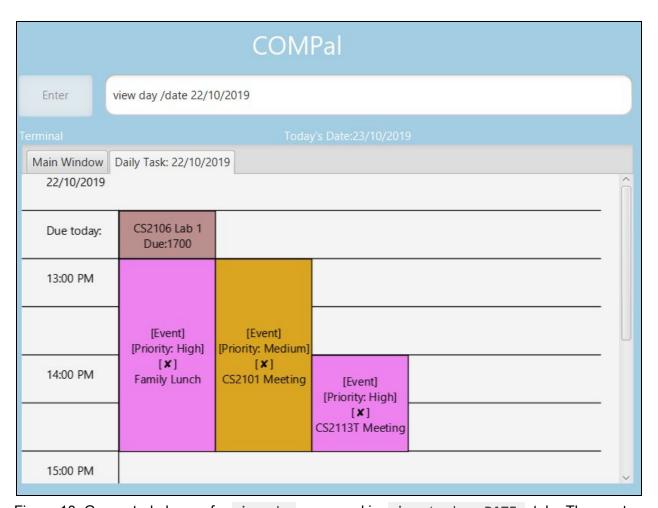


Figure 10. Generated planner for view day command in view task: <DATE> tab. The most left schedule for each hourly slot represents the most important task to be completed first!

### 5. Future Enhancements

Current implementation of **COMPal** follows the paradigm of extensibility and flexibility. It is very easy to add and/or refine the currently available features. Here is a list of some possible enhancements that may come with **COMPal** v2.0:

- 1. **COMPal** will advise you on clashes and even potentially better slots (based on a 'busyness' index that **COMPal** will calculate from your current schedule)
  - a. This will involve **COMPal** detecting clashes and finding a new free time slot for you. Finding free time slots is already a feature implemented in **COMPal**.
- 2. **COMPal** will have pop-up reminders instead of reminders being a command
  - a. This will involve **COMPal** running a background 'checker' (thread) to check if there is a reminder set for a certain task and will then remind you with a pop-up window if necessary and when appropriate
- 3. **COMPal** chatbot
  - a. **COMPal** will no longer only take in commands, but can also understand normal speech.
  - b. For example, you can enter 'What do I have on today?' and **COMPal** will understand it as a command to view the day's tasks and so will display it to you
- 4. **COMPal** allows you to share your schedule with your friends
  - a. The ability to share your schedule with your friends, to find free time to hang out together, is understandably important
  - b. With this enhancement, you can view the schedules of your friends and organize your schedule together

# **6. Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q**: How do I transfer my data to another Computer?

**A**: Copy the *tasks.txt* and *serial* file over from your old computer to your new computer's COMPal folder! (Remember to download COMPal on the other computer though!)

## 7. Command Summary

#### i Command Format

- Words in UPPER\_CASE are the parameters to be supplied by the user e.g. delete TASK\_INDEX, TASK\_INDEX is a parameter which can be used as delete 5.
- Items in square brackets are optional e.g. view day [/date DATE]
   [/type TASK\_TYPE] can be used as view day /date 29/10/2019 or as view day.
- Parameters can be in any order e.g. if the command specifies /id TASK\_INDEX /status Y/N, /status Y/N /id TASK\_INDEX is also acceptable.
- Items in angle brackets are optional, but at least one item must be included e.g. </description DESCRIPTION> </date DATE> can be used as /description go for a run or /description go for a run /date 28/10/2019
- Help: help
  - List all commands: help
  - View a command by name: help /search COMMAND\_NAME
     e.g. help /search edit
- Delete: delete TASK\_INDEX
  - e.g. delete 2
- Done: done /id TASK\_INDEX /status Y/N
   e.g. done /id 5 /status Y or done /id 3 /status N
- Find: find KEYWORD e.g. find cs2113t
- View: view
  - Day: view day [/date DATE] [/type TASK\_TYPE]
     e.g. view day or view day /date 22/10/2019 /type deadline
  - Week: view week [/date DATE] [/type TASK\_TYPE]
     e.g. view week /date 28/10/2019
  - Month: view month [/date DATE] [/type TASK\_TYPE]e.g. view month /type event
- List:
  - List all tasks: list
  - List specific task type: list /type TASK\_TYPE
     e.g. list /type event
- View reminder: view-reminder
- Set reminder: set-reminder /id TASK\_INDEX /status Y/N

- e.g. set-reminder /id 1 /status Y
- Find free slot: findfreeslot /date DATE /hour HOUR /min MINUTE e.g. findfreeslot /date 28/10/2019 /hour 4 /min 0
- Edit: edit /id TASK\_INDEX </description TASK\_DESCRIPTION> </date DATE> </priority PRIORITY> </start START\_TIME> </end END\_TIME> e.g. edit /id 5 /date 26/10/2019 /priority high or edit /id 1 /description go for a run
- Bye: bye
- Deadline: deadline TASK\_DESCRIPTION /date DUE\_DATE /end END\_TIME
  [/priority PRIORITY] [/final-date FINAL\_DATE]
  e.g. deadline CS2100 assignment /date 29/10/2019 /end 1200 /priority
  high
- Event: event TASK\_DESCRIPTION /date DATE /start START\_TIME /end END\_TIME [/priority PRIORITY] [/final-date FINAL\_DATE]
   e.g. event CS2101 lesson /date 21/10/2019 /start 0800 /end 1000