User Guide

The system consists of four different roles. There are Reader, Author, Reviewer and Editor and a user can have one or more roles in the system. The reader view is the default view of the website and the other roles are able to navigate further in order to access the relevant functionality. Following are descriptions of each part of the system.

1. Reader

1.1 Searching for a particular paper

Readers are able to browse the journal without logging in to the system. However, there is a secure login system for the other stockholders (author, reviewer and editor). The journal is organized along traditional lines and reader can navigate in the browse section of the journal.

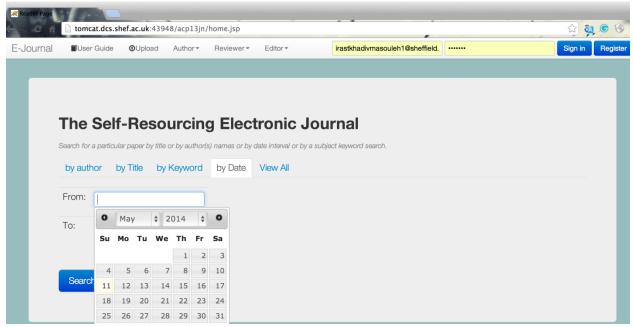


Figure 1.1 Reader view

As it can be seen in Figure 1.1, readers can search for a specific article by its author name, title or fragment of title, a subject keyword or by date interval. It is also possible to see all the available articles by clicking View all tab. In the search results, a button is provided to show the details of each article. (Figure 1.2)

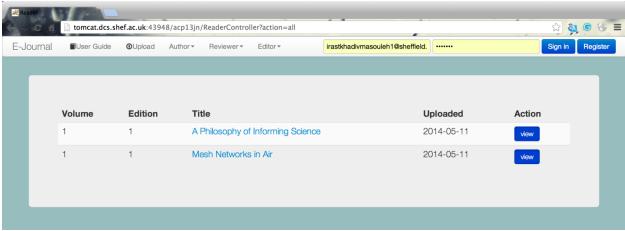


Figure 1.2 Reader search result

By clicking on the title of each article, the reader is navigated to the abstract page of article. In this page, there are summary of the article, contact details of each author, subject keywords and also a view button to download the PDF format of the article. There is a facility for reader in this page to send letters to editor in order to discuss particular article. (Figure 1.3)

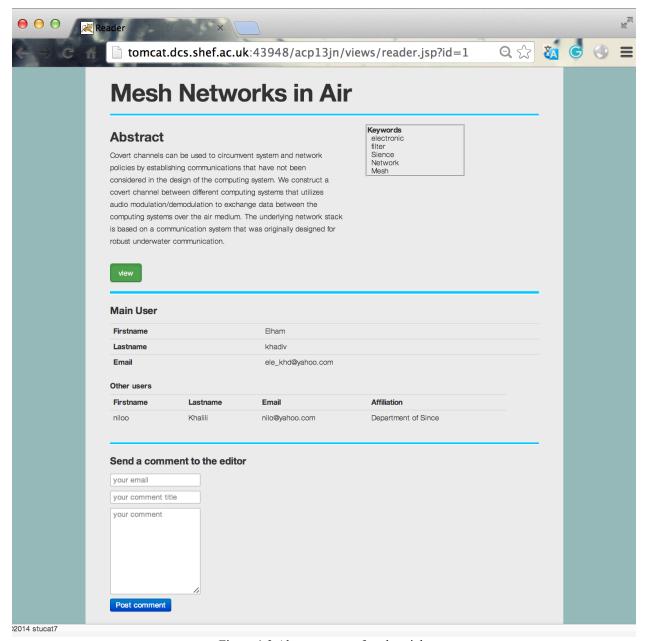


Figure 1.3 Abstract page of each article

1.2 Registering for email notifications

Readers can register to the system in order to subscribe to subjects and receive email notification as soon as a new article is published in their desirable fields. They can also select to receive notification when new editions have published. In order to do that, readers are first required to create an account using the registration page. (Figure 1.4)

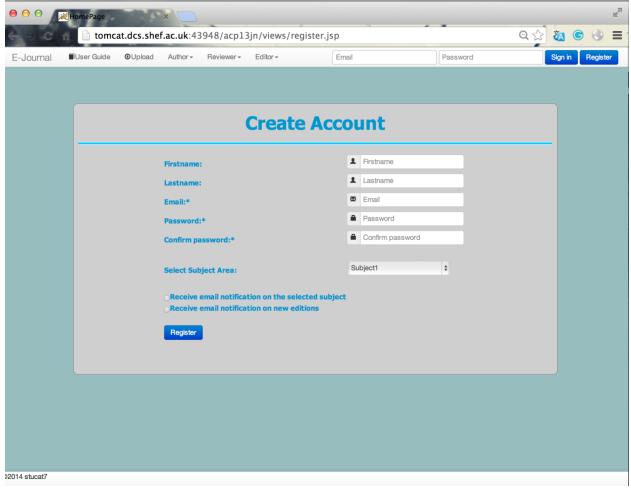


Figure 1.4 Register to the system

There is also a facility for the reader to send letters to the editor in order to discuss specific articles which is provided on the abstract page of each article. These letters can be appeared in the edited form.

2. Author

2.1 Uploading Article

There is an Upload link located in the navigation menu for prospective authors to start their upload process. According to Figure 2.1, by selecting this link, prospective authors can view the submission guidelines and the academic aims and goals of the journal. There are two document style templates in the detailed submission guidelines (MS-Word and LaTeX style sheets). These styles sheets provide information on the submission format expected for each journal. It is possible to download these document style templates for creating the articles offline and then

uploading them in PDF format.

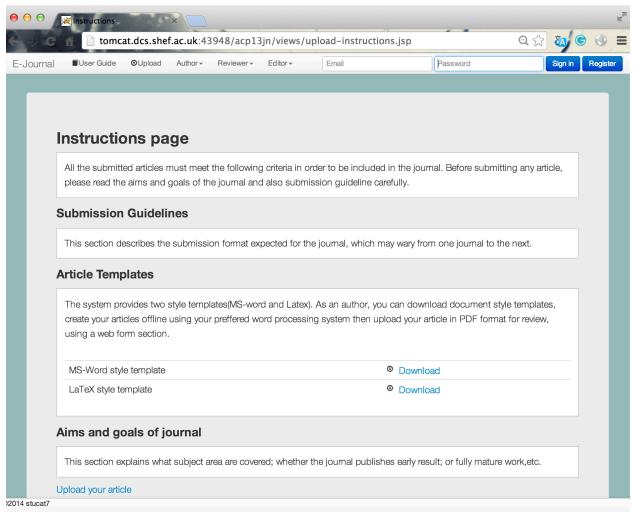


Figure 2.1 Instruction page for prospective authors

After reading the submission guidelines, the author can continue to proceed to the article upload form (Figure 2.2). There is some information that must be supplied with each article. This information includes full details of the names, emails and affiliation of each author, a title and an abstract (maximum 250 words) for each article, a set of keywords (maximum 10 words) for describing the subject area of the article.

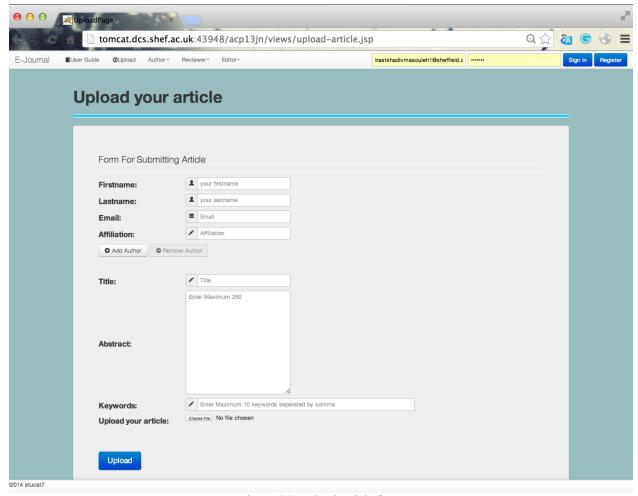


Figure 2.2 Upload article form

After submitting an article, an email is sent to the article author regarding the latest upload, giving the details of the login ID (the email address of the contact author) and password that enables authors to track the progress of their uploaded articles. The author is then redirected to the home page with a success message.

2.2 Requirement of article publication

In order to publishing an article, it must receive at least three reviews which are approved by editor and authors must complete three reviews approved by editor, as kind of contribution to the cost of the journal, in favor of their article.

2.3 Tracking function in Author menu

After uploading any articles, the author needs to login to the system in order to track the submitted articles. (Figure 2.3)

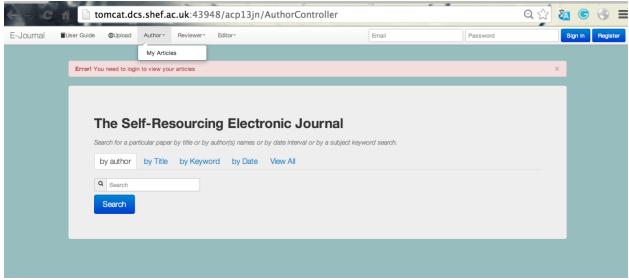


Figure 2.3 Author menu to track article

As it can be seen in the Figure 2.3, the author first needs to sign in before being able to see the submitted articles.

When the valid username and password is provided by the author, the status of last uploads are provided by selecting My Articles link (Figure 2.4).

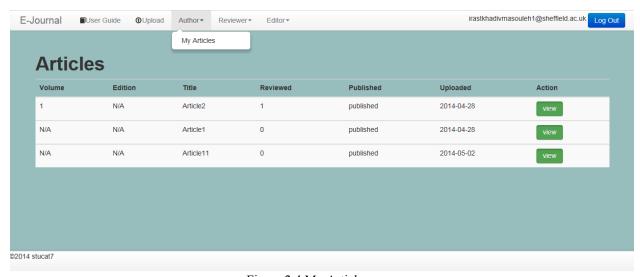


Figure 2.4 My Articles page

This page shows the full details of their articles and provides a View button for each article in order to access its reviews and also edit and upload the new version of the article. (Figure 2.5)

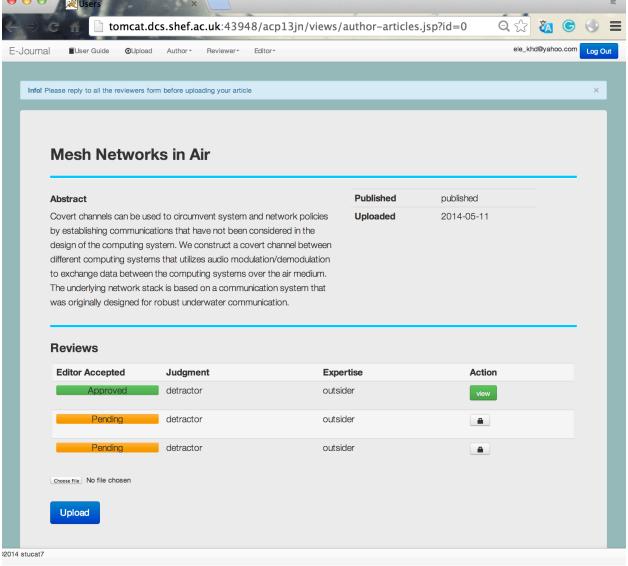


Figure 2.5 Reviews status

The author is able to view the articles which are in Approved status but not able to see the articles which are in Pending status. By clicking the view button for each review form, author is navigated to the form page. In this page, author is able to reply to the received criticism and submit it. If the author has already replied the reviewer form, the "Submit" button on the form is not visible. (Figure 2.6)

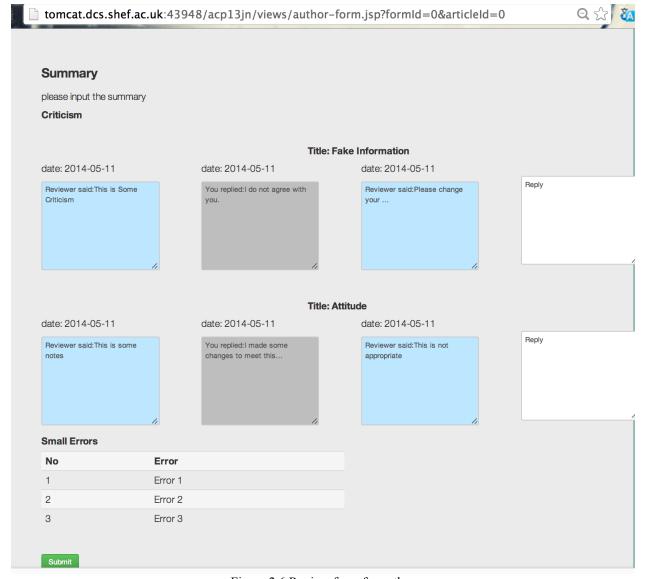


Figure 2.6 Review form for author

After the author receives the initial feedback from between 3 and 5 reviewers, he or she is required to revise the article and submit a revised version of the article in PDF format together with a special form describing how all of the reviewer feedbacks have been addressed in the revised version.

3. Editor

Editors are in charge of running the journal and they can access to the whole site by logging in to the system with their username and password.

3.1 Inviting Editors

There is at least one editor in the system and there is a facility for editors to invite and appoint another person as an editor. In order to do that, editor can select the "User" links to see all existing user and then invite them to be assigned as an editor. The current editor is highlighted in this list. Upon inviting a user, an invitation email is sent to the user giving the username and password to login to the system as an editor. (Figure 3.1)

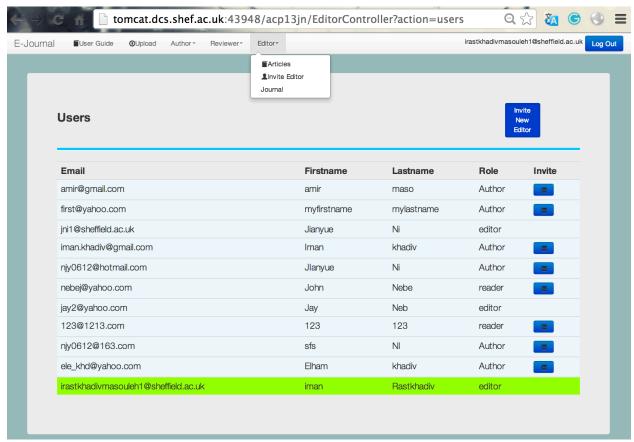


Figure 3.1 Users table

is also possible for editor to invite new persons that are not listed in the user table by clicking Invite New Editor button. (Figure 3.2)

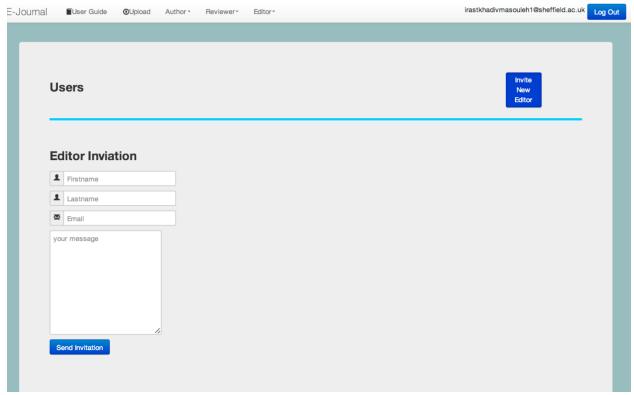


Figure 3.2 Inviting new user form

3.2 Journal Setup

The editor is in charge of selecting the title for journal, the academic aims and goals of it and also the template to be used for publication. Editors can access to this part of website by clicking the Journal link in their dropdown menu. (Figure 3.3)

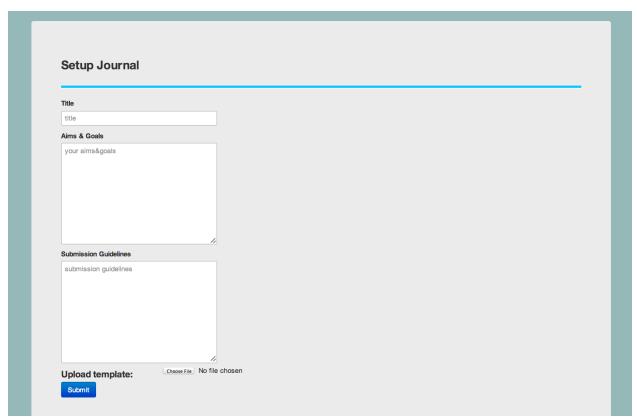


Figure 3.3 Setup Journal

3.3 Viewing and publishing articles

All the articles can be viewed by selecting "Article" links form the editor dropdown menu. (Figure 3.4 and 3.5)

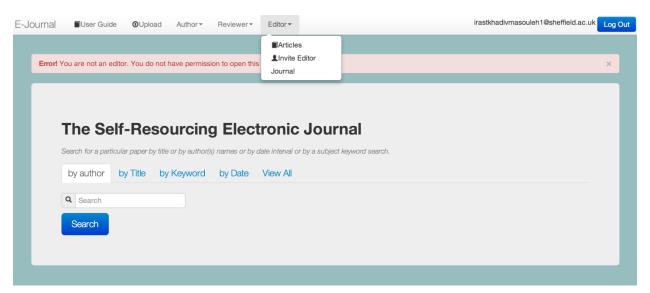


Figure 3.4 Editor dropdown menu

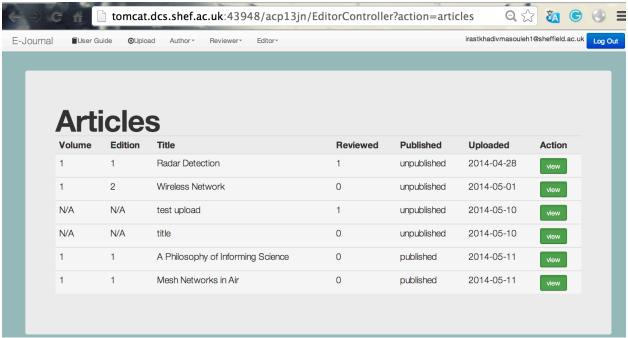


Figure 3.5 Articles list for editor

In this list, editors can access to all information and reviews of each article by clicking the view button for each article. The editor can see the entire reviewer's choice of paper to peer-review in the "Reviewers waiting for approval to peer-review" list for each article. The editor may confirm or reject it. A notification email is sent to the reviewer when her/his choice of article to peer-review is accepted or rejected by editor. If the editor rejects it, the reviewer must select another paper to review. (Figure 3.6)

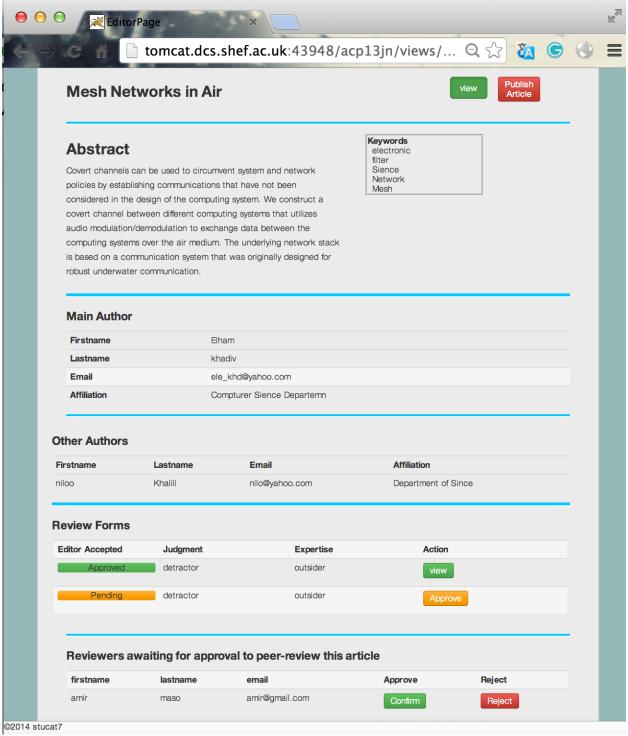


Figure 3.6 Details of each article for editor

Editors are also able to access to each review form with criticism and the response of the author to each review (Figure 3.7). The editor may accept or reject the review form. If the review form is approved, the author can see the form and reply it.

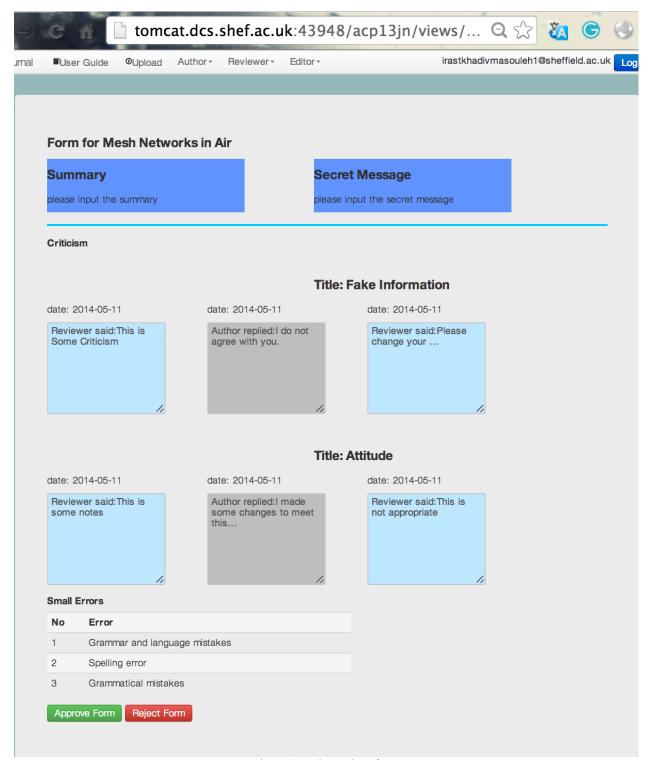


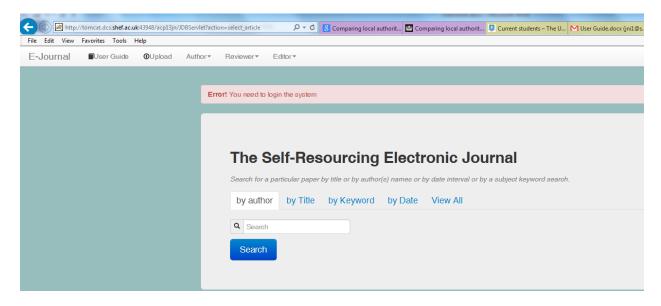
Figure 3.7 The review form

As soon as an article reaches to an acceptable quality (has at least three approved reviews) and its author has done its peer-reviewing obligation, the editor can publish the article online by selecting the "Publish Article" button at the right top of the page for each article. Once publishing an article, an email is sent to its author.

4. Reviewer

4.1 Login

The reviewer needs to login the system to have the accessibility of the reviewer function.



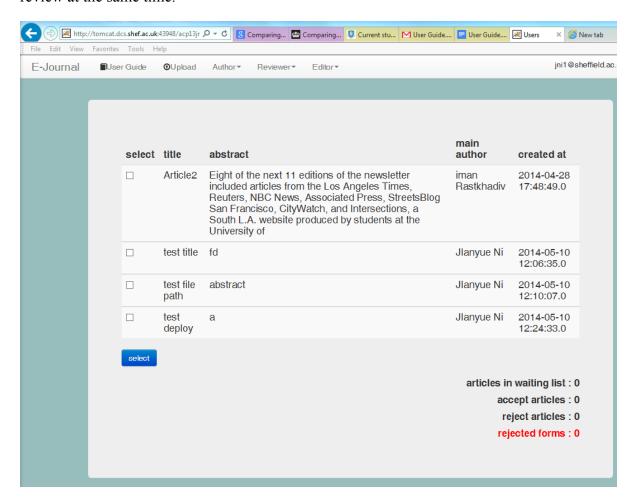
4.2 Select article to review

As the first step of article review, reviewer would see a list of unpublished articles to select (which is not written by the reviewer) by clicking on a link called 'select articles' in the navigation bar.



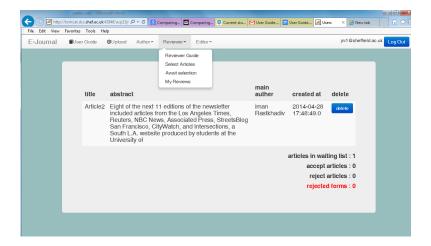
The list of articles is in a chronological order so that the reviewer would be more likely to choose these "older" articles to review. At the bottom of the page, there is a table to display the status of reviewer(include number of articles in the waiting list, articles reviewer has accepted or rejected, along with the number of forms reviewer has finished but rejected by editors). The reviewer would be able to see the title, abstract and the main author of the article to decide if he/she wants to select the article to review. The reviewer would also be able to select multiple articles to

review at the same time.



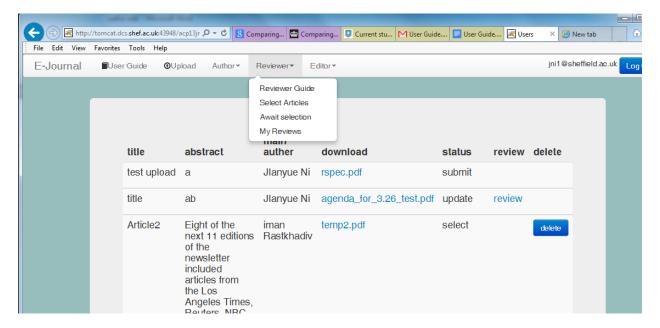
4.3 Wait for editor to approve

Because there maybe conflict interest between the author and the reviewer, the reviewer would need editor's approval of his/her selection. So after reviewer select the article, it would be displayed in the waiting list (reviewer would also be able to go to that list by click the link "await selection" to see the waiting list. Reviewer would be able to cancel the selection by clicking the delete button.



4.4 Review list

Once the editor approve the review, it would show up in the review list, which can be accessed by clicking the "my review" link in the navigation bar. The reviewer would still be able to cancel the selection before download by clicking the delete button.



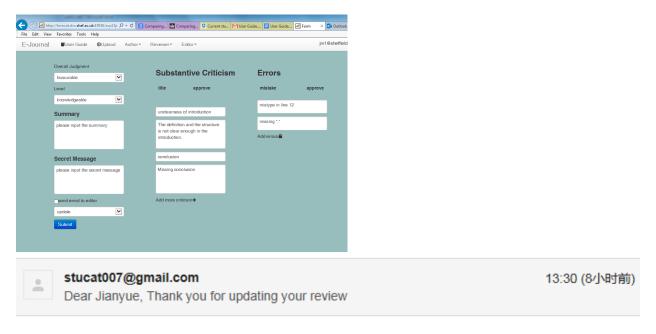
4.5 Download

The reviewer would see the pdf of article in a new tab and the status would change to download simultaneously and the reviewer would be able to see the review button to start the review. Once the reviewer downloads the pdf, he would not be able to cancel the selection.



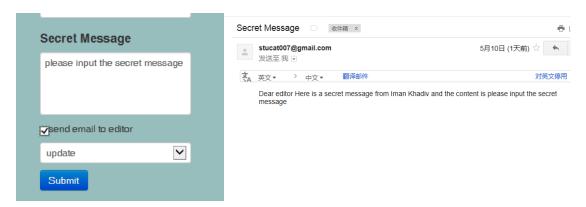
4.6 Add mistakes and criticism of the article

The reviewer can add multiple errors of the article by clicking "Add errors". The reviewer could also add multiple criticisms by clicking the "Add Criticism". Reviewer can also change the default overall judgment, level, summary of the form. Moreover, reviewer would get an email for submit/accept/reject the article.



Reviewer can also send secret message to all editors by check "send email to editor". Then the system would send an email to all of the editors. Reviewer can also change the status of the form so that he can save the form and change it latter by selecting "update" or submit the form by selecting "submit" (which can't change until the author replies) or reject it by selecting "final

reject" or accept it by selecting "accept".

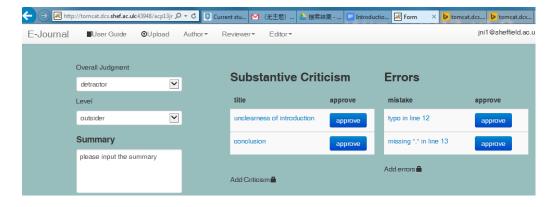


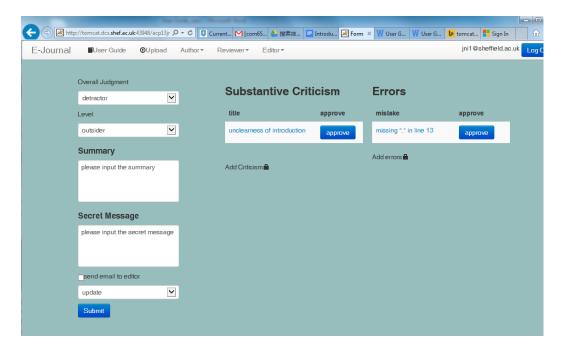
4.7 After submit

After submission the page would redirect to the review list again with correspondent changes.



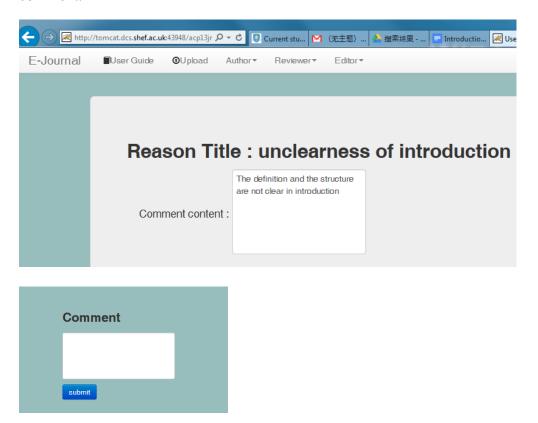
Reviewer would be able to modify the form if it is updated. And in that page, the criticism and errors will be displayed in tables with an approve button, which can be used to approve them.





4.8 Comments of criticism

Reviewer can go to the comment page of certain criticism by clicking on the title link. The comment page display the reason Title and the content of criticism content on top and then display all the reply comment below. The reviewer can click the submit button to submit the comment.



Reason Title : unclearness of introduction	
Comment content :	The definition and the structure are not clear in introduction
Comment content :	The problem is still there. Need further improvement.
Comment	
submit	

4.9 Schedule on the server side

Once the web application started, there would be a scheduler in its live circle (including both start and shutdown). The scheduler will check every day if there are reviewers who select articles to review and it has been approved by editor but fail to download the article and start reviewing. If so, the system would send an email to those reviewers as a reminder. In addition, the scheduler would check every day if there are forms which have been updated for seven days. If so, the system would automatically change the form status to submit, just in case the reviewer forgot about it.

