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Journal Tool User Guide

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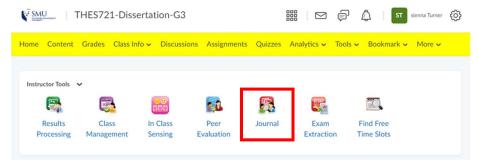
1. Introduction

Journal allows instructors to:

- Create/edit/delete journals.
- View students' entries.
- Comment on students' entries.

2. Accessing the Journal Tool

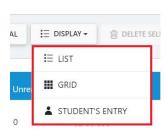
1) Under **Home**, click the **Journal** icon to launch the Journal Tool.



2) A list of journals (if any) will be displayed.

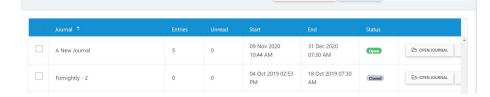


3) There are **three types of display options** to view the journal records:

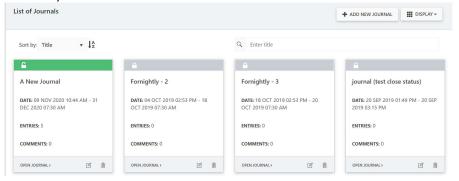


a) List

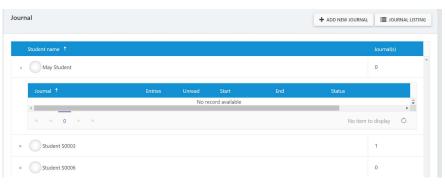
List of Journals



b) Grid



c) **Group by Student**



3. Switching between Terms and Courses

You can easily switch between terms and courses without closing the Journal Tool by using the **Term** and **Course** dropdown lists at the top of the screen.

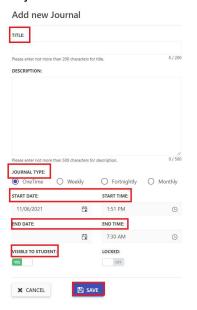


4. Creating a Journal

1) To create a new journal, click the 'Add New Journal' button.



2) A side panel will slide out from the right side of the screen. Fill in the mandatory fields such as title, select the journal type, start date/time and end date/time. You may also toggle to make the journal visible to students and lock the journal entry if necessary. Click 'Save' to save the new journal.



3) The **new journal** created will be displayed in the **Journal** page.



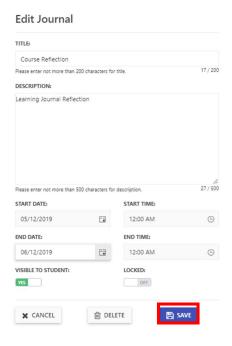
Note: If the journal created is made available on the current date and time, the status will be shown as **'Open'**. Future journal entry will have a status of **'Future'**. Journal that exceeds the end date and time set will have a **'Closed'** status.

5. Editing a Journal

1) To edit a journal, click on the 'Edit' button of that journal.



2) A side panel will slide out from the right side of the screen for you to edit the Journal's settings. Click 'Save' to save the changes.

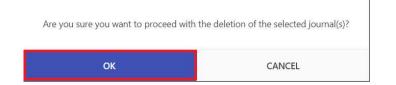


6. Deleting a Journal

1) To delete a journal, click the 'Delete' button of that journal.



2) A confirmation prompt will appear. Click **'OK'** if you want to proceed with the deletion of the journal.



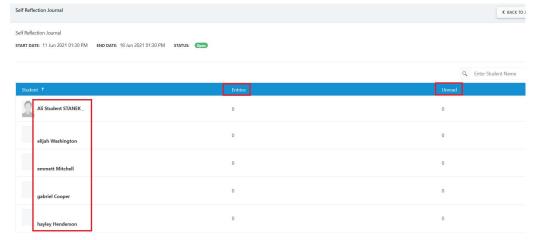
7. Viewing Journal Entries

1) To view the student's journal entries, click the 'Open Journal' button of that journal.

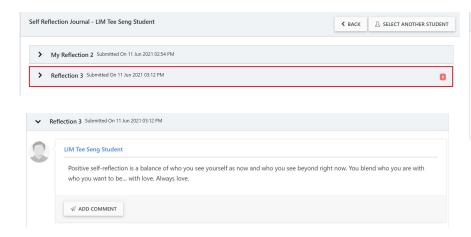


2) This will direct you to another page that shows the list of students, the number of entries created by the students and the number of unread entries.

Click on the **student's name** to view their respective journal entries.



3) Click to expand the drop-down tab to read the journal entry made by the student.



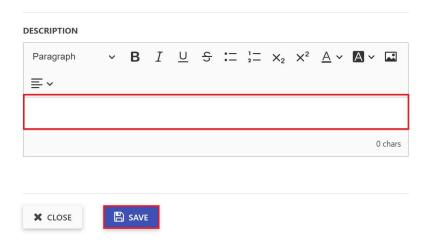
8. Adding Comments

1) To add comments to the student's journal entry, click the 'Add Comment' button.



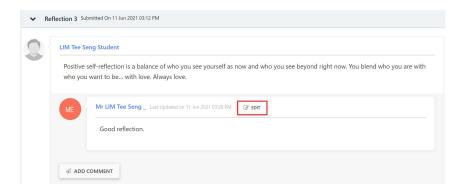
2) A side panel will slide out from the right side of the screen for you to key in the comment. Click *'Save'* to add the comment.

Add Comment



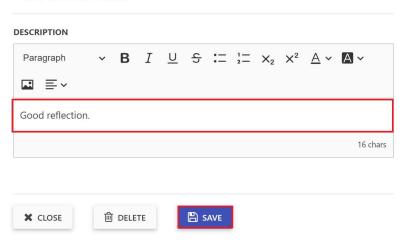
9. Editing a Comment

1) To edit an existing comment, click the 'Edit' button.



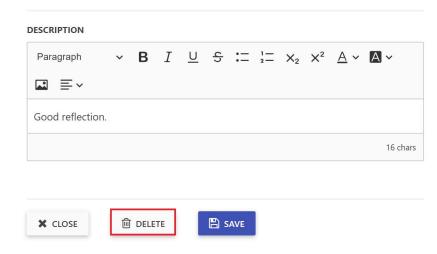
2) A side panel will slide out from the right side of the screen for you to edit the comment. Click **'Save'** to update the changes.

Edit Comment

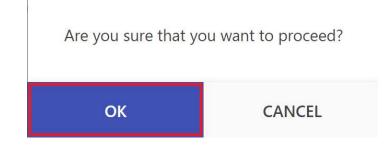


3) You can also delete the comment by clicking on the 'Delete' button.

Edit Comment



4) A confirmation prompt will appear. Click **'OK'** if you want to proceed with the deletion of the comment.



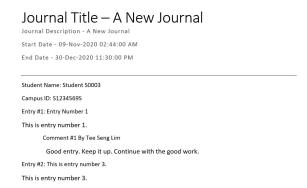
10. Exporting Journal Entries

1) To export the students' entries in any journal, open the journal and click 'Export to Word' button.



2) A Word document containing all the students' entries in this journal will be downloaded.

Example of exported Word document



11. Feedback

If you have any suggestions/ feedback about this tool, please email us at: elearn@smu.edu.sg.