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.

The below is how COMPal interface looks like!



Figure 1. Graphical user interface screen upon start-up

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	
	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** Graphical user interface (GUI) should appear in a few seconds.

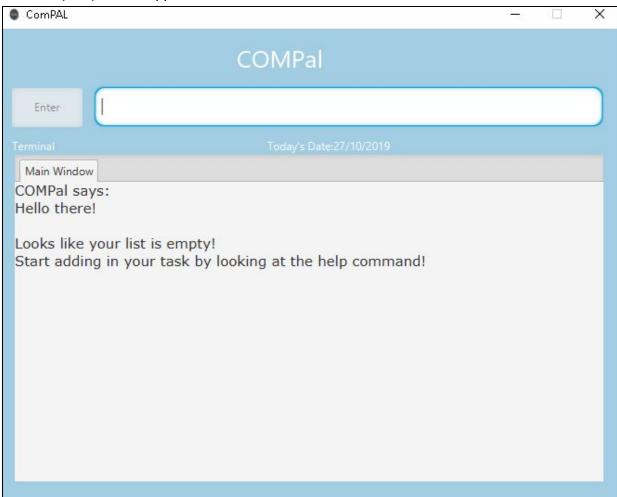


Figure 2. Graphical user interface screen upon start-up

- 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 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
 - deadline DESCRIPTION /date DATE /end END_TIME [/priority PRIORITY] [/final-date FINAL_DATE]: adds a task with a deadline.
 - o find KEYWORD: **find** a certain **task** related to a **keyword**.
 - 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!!
- ⚠ Note that TASK_DESCRIPTION is not meant to have the character '_' (underscore) in it.
- △ Note that the maximum tasks you can add at one go is 500.

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

4. Features

This is the part that you have all been waiting for - **COMPal**'s features! This section contains all the information that you need to know to let **COMPal** manage your life better.

Command Format

- Words in UPPER_CASE are the parameters to be supplied by the user e.g. help COMMAND_NAME, COMMAND_NAME is a parameter which can be used as help deadline.
- 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_ID /status Y/N, /status Y/N /id TASK_ID 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

This section covers an extensive guideline on the usage of general commands that you can use on **COMPal**!

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.

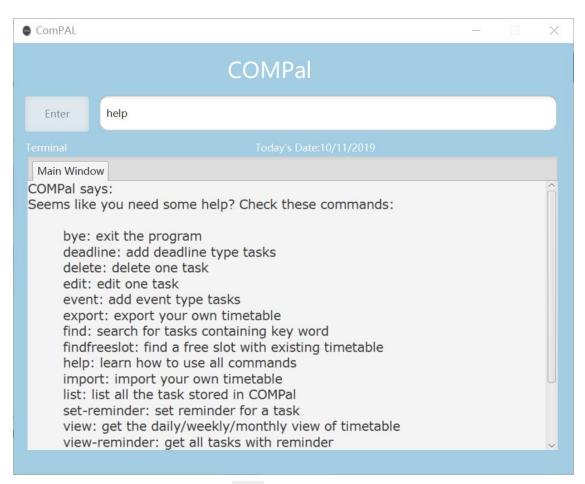


Figure 3. Output after entering the help command.

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 4. 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_ID

i TASK_ID is the task ID shown when you do list command.

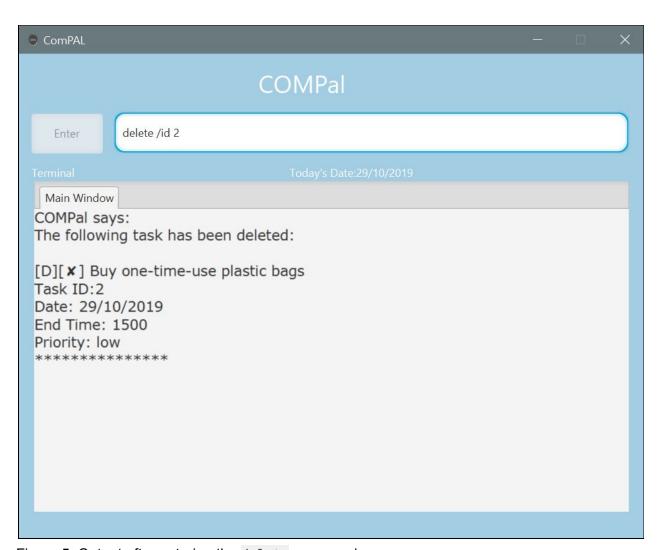


Figure 5. Output after entering the delete command.

4.1.3. Changing a Task Status: done

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

Format for *marking a task as done*: done /id TASK_ID /status Y
Format for *marking a task as incomplete*: done /id TASK_ID /status N

i TASK_ID is the task ID shown when you do list command.

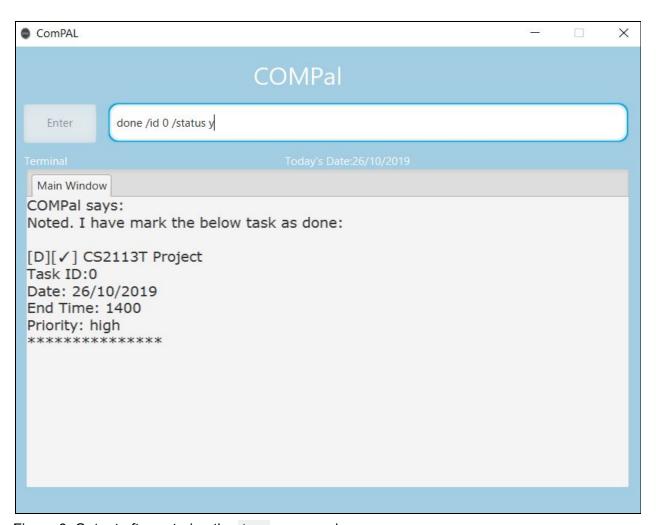


Figure 6. Output after entering the done command.

4.1.4. Finding a Task: find

Want to search for the **task** by its keyword? Enter find KEYWORD in the **command box** will give you all the **tasks** including the keyword.

Format for **finding a task with KEYWORD in its description**: find KEYWORD

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

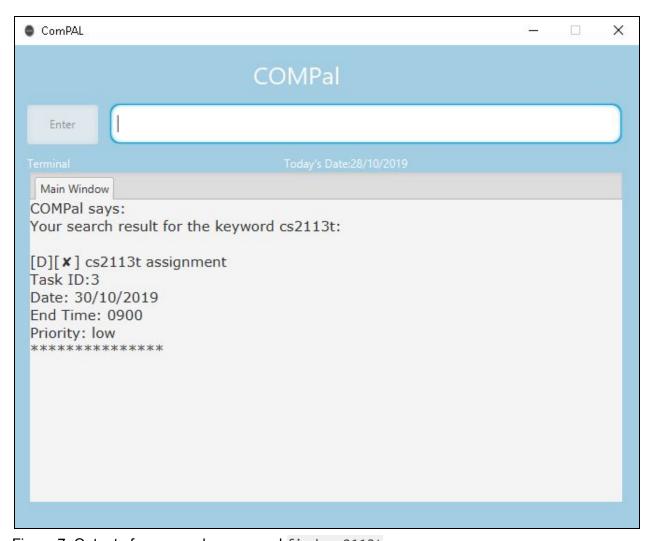


Figure 7. Output of an example command find cs2113t.

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!

Currently, there are only two types COMPal is able to process: events and deadlines.

Examples:

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



Figure 8. Output of **events** and **deadlines** on the main window in text format, sorted by priority level in a 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 the list in the **command box** to see all the *tasks*!

Format for *listing all tasks stored*: list

Format for *listing specified tasks stored*: list [/type TASK_TYPE]

Format for *listing specified tasks stored with status*: list [/type TASK_TYPE] [/status done/ongoing/due]

done status refers to **tasks** that are marked done by the users.

ongoing status refers to **tasks** that are not marked done and not past its **tasks** starting date.

due status refers to tasks that are not marked done and past its start date.

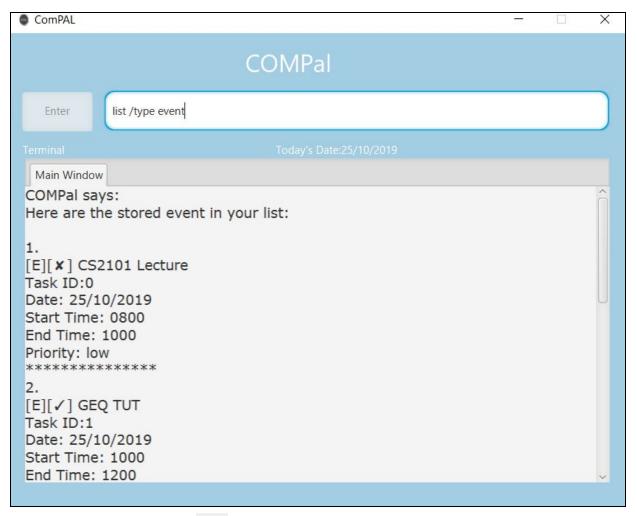


Figure 9. Expected output of list command to show all events stored in COMPal.

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 pre-set 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)

Format for viewing reminders: view-reminder

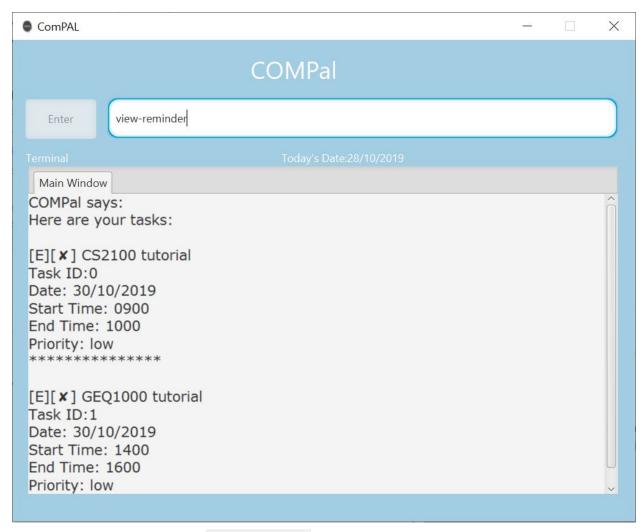


Figure 10. Expected output of view-reminder command.

4.1.8. Set Reminder: set-reminder

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

TASK_ID 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 11. 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

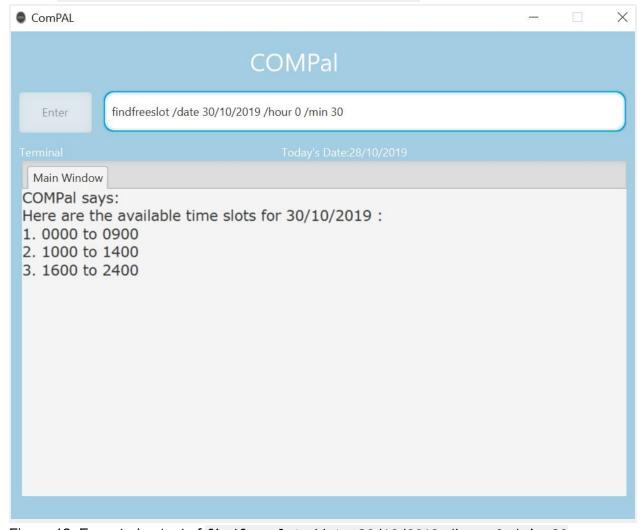


Figure 12. Expected output of findfreeslot /date 30/10/2019 /hour 0 /min 30 command.

4.1.10. Exporting COMPal Schedule: export

Want to export your COMPal schedule to another application? With the export command, you can export it as an iCalender file!

Format: export /file name FILE NAME

Your exported file will be saved in the same folder you run COMPal at!

With this function, you can import your COMPal schedule to another COMPal application or share it with your friends or even import it to google calendar or any calendar that is able to import iCalendar files!

Check this link here to learn how to import to Google Calendar!

Examples:

• Export /file-name myCal



Figure 13. Expected output of export /file-name myCal command.

4.1.11. Importing iCalendar files: import

Want to import your COMPal schedule from another computer or maybe other calendar applications you have used into COMPal? Yes, you can import it as long the file is an iCalendar file!

Format: import /file_name FILE_NAME

Examples:

- import /file_name myCal
- △ File must be in the same directory as **COMPal** launch application for this command to work!



Figure 14. Sample output of import /file-name myCal command with iCalendar file generated from google calendar.

This feature **works best** with the iCalendar file generated from COMPal.

However, for iCalendar files that are not generated by COMPal, It will be imported if the event **has a start and end time with no rules and timezone attached.**Additionally, added events priority will be set to low for importing iCalendar not

generated from COMPal.

4.1.12. Exiting COMPal: bye

Bye-Bye! Enter bye in the **command box** will quit **COMPal**. Have a nice day! $\stackrel{\boldsymbol{\smile}}{\boldsymbol{\smile}}$

4.2. Detailed Task Management Commands

The Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines a **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 all 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. Underscores '_' are not allowed in the description.	You can describe your deadline in any detail. No keyword is required to be typed before your input - just describe your deadline !!
/date	DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can enter the <i>date</i> that your deadline has to be completed <i>by</i>
/end	END_TIME, in the format HHmm	You can enter the <i>time</i> that the deadline has to be completed <i>by</i>
/priority	PRIORITY (low, medium, high)	You can assign a <i>priority</i> to multiple/single deadline(s).
/final-date	FINAL_DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can use this to add <i>multiple</i> deadlines that occur at <i>regular intervals</i> . FINAL_DATE will be taken as the latest possible date for your <i>final</i> deadline.
/interval	INTERVAL, positive number greater than zero	You can use this to add <i>multiple</i> deadlines that occur at <i>regular intervals</i> . Interval will be taken as the interval between each recurring deadline, 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 elaborated in specific commands below.

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

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 format*. 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 Format (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 the 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 Format (Recurring):

deadline DESCRIPTION /end END_TIME /date DATE /final-date FINAL_DATE
/interval INTERVAL

You can use the /priority keyword here as well. Every *recurring* deadline 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 a **basic format**. 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.

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). 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**.

△ 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 Format (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 format above? **COMPal** is able to detect the keywords in any order.

- Despite the above tip, do note that your DESCRIPTION **MUST** be after your very first command word, i.e. deadline DESCRIPTION.
- △ Take care not to enter any / into the command box, as **COMPal** may mistake it as an *invalid parameter*!!!!

4.2.1.2. Editing Deadlines: edit

Need to change information about a **deadline**? Enter edit /id TASK_ID where TASK_ID is the **task's** id number.

Command Format:

- Editing DESCRIPTION: edit /id TASK_ID /description NEW_DESCRIPTION
- Editing DATE: edit /id TASK_ID /date NEW_DATE
- Editing PRIORITY: edit /id TASK_ID /priority NEW_PRIORITY
- Editing END_TIME: edit /id TASK_ID /end NEW_END_TIME

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

Full Command Format (including all possible keywords):

edit /id TASK_ID </description NEW_DESCRIPTION> </end NEW_END_TIME> </date
NEW_DATE>

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 15. The original **deadline** with TASK_ID of 0 before the edit command executes

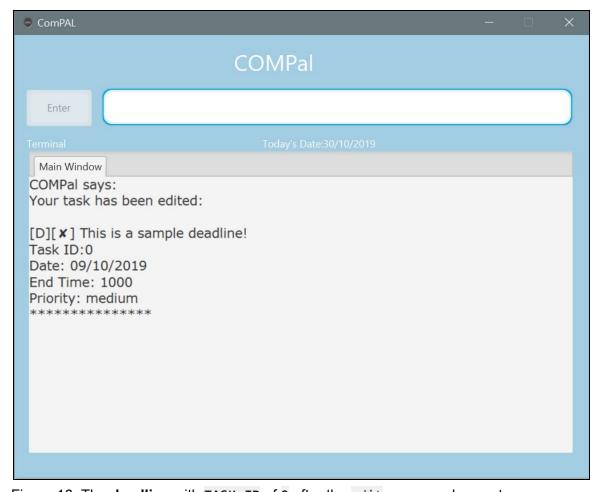


Figure 16. The **deadline** with TASK_ID of 0 after the edit command executes

Note that PRIORITY is changed from low as shown in Figure 14 to medium in Figure 15, and START_TIME has been changed from 0900 to 1000, as intended.



COMPal stores your **deadlines** in a tasks.txt file, in clear text form. If you are curious by nature and love looking at raw data, you can edit your **deadlines** directly in the tasks.txt file.

- Mhile you can edit **deadlines** directly and show your friends that you "hacked" **COMPal**, you cannot add **deadlines** directly in the tasks.txt file. You can only use the deadline command to add **deadlines**.
- If you read tasks.txt closely, you may notice that the various parameters of each deadline (such as DESCRIPTION, PRIORITY, etc.) are separated by underscores (_). Do not remove these underscores and ensure that each parameter corresponds to the correct type (e.g. PRIORITY must always be low, medium, or low, etc.), otherwise COMPal will display undefined behaviour.

4.2.2. Event Management

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

Your 8 am 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. All characters except underscores can be used.	You can describe your task in any detail. No keyword is required to be typed before your input - just describe your event !!
/date	DATE, in the format DD/MM/YYYY	You can enter the <i>date</i> that your event is happening <i>on</i>
/start	START_TIME, in the format HHmm	You can enter the <i>time</i> that the event is starting <i>at</i>
/end	END_TIME, in the format HHmm	You can enter the <i>time</i> that the event is ending <i>at</i>
/priority	PRIORITY (low, medium, high)	You can assign a <i>priority</i> to multiple/single event(s) .
/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.

- i /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!

4.2.2.1. Adding Events

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 Format:

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.
- event Late Night Study Session /start 2200 /end 0100 /date 02/10/2019
 Adds an event with Late Night Study Session as DESCRIPTION, 2200 as the START_TIME, 0100 as the END_TIME and 02/10/2019 as the DATE.

Note that in this case, the absolute value of the END_TIME is **not after** the absolute value of the START_TIME. **COMPal** interprets this as your Late Night Study Session starting at 2200 on 02/10/2019, and ending at 0100 on 03/10/2019 (the following day).

An **event** has a maximum duration of 24 hours, i.e. if you enter the same value for both START_TIME and END_TIME, **COMPal** interprets it as a 24-hour long event.

E.g. event LAN Party /start 2300 /end 2300 /date 02/10/2019 means that your LAN Party starts at 2300 on 02/10/2019 and ends at 2300 on 03/10/2019 (the following day).

However, the above is merely the *basic format*. 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.

4.2.2.1.1. Assigning Priorities to Events

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 Format (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.

4.2.2.1.2. 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 Format (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 a **basic format**. 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.

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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**.

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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 Format (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 format above? **COMPal** is able to detect the keywords as long as you enter them.

- Despite the above tip, do note that your DESCRIPTION **MUST** be after your very first command word, i.e. event.
- △ Take care not to enter any / into the command box, as **COMPal** may mistake it as an *invalid parameter*!!!!

4.2.2.2. Editing Events: edit

Need to change information about an **event**? Enter edit /id TASK_ID along with the FIELD to edit, where TASK_ID is the **task's** id number.

Command Format:

- Editing DESCRIPTION: edit /id TASK_ID /description NEW_DESCRIPTION
- Editing DATE: edit /id TASK_ID /date NEW_DATE
- Editing PRIORITY: edit /id TASK_ID /priority NEW_PRIORITY
- Editing START_TIME: edit /id TASK_ID /end NEW_START_TIME
- Editing END_TIME: edit /id TASK_ID /end NEW_END_TIME

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

Full Command Format (including all possible keywords):

edit /id TASK_ID /description NEW_DESCRIPTION /start NEW_START_TIME /end NEW_END_TIME /date NEW_DATE /priority NEW_PRIORITY

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 is 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 6 am, do:

edit /id 2 /priority high /start 0600



Figure 17. The original **event** with TASK_ID of 2 before the edit command executes



Figure 18. The **event** with TASK_ID of 2 after the edit command executes

Note that PRIORITY is changed from low as shown in Figure 16 to high in Figure 17, and START_TIME has been changed from 0900 to 0600, as intended.

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- **COMPal** stores your **events** in a tasks.txt file, in clear text form. If you are curious by nature and love looking at raw data, you can edit your **events** directly in the tasks.txt file.
- While you can edit **events** directly and show your friends that you "hacked" **COMPal**, you cannot add **events** directly in the tasks.txt file. You can only use the event command to add **events**.
- If you read tasks.txt closely, you may notice that the various parameters of each event (such as DESCRIPTION, PRIORITY, etc.) are separated by underscores (_). Do not remove these underscores and ensure that each parameter corresponds to the correct type (e.g. PRIORITY must always be low, medium, or low, etc.), otherwise

COMPal will display undefined behaviour.

4.3. Quick overview of the generated daily schedule.

After you have filled COMPal with **tasks** from your hectic schedule, you can 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 important **tasks** are placed on the left while the less-important one is to the right!

You **should** view the full information on the viewed **task** in the main window! As the daily **task** serves as a quick reference for you!

\triangle	The Daily Task tab is static! Meaning you need to invoke view day to refresh your updated calendar if you were to add a task!
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!

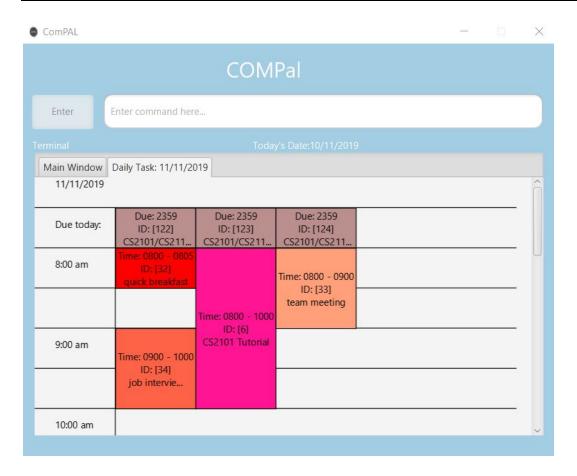


Figure 19. Generated planner for view day command in Daily Task: **DATE** tab. The most left schedule for each hourly slot represents the most important **task** to be completed first!

The below highlights are the color-coded type of **task** that can be seen when viewing COMPal:

Non-school related event: High, medium, low priority
School-related event: Lecture, Tutorial, Sectional or lab
Task stored as deadline: deadline

5. Future Enhancements

The 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 current schedule data to another computer?

A: Now with the export/import function, you can export your stored schedule into an iCalendar file and move the file to the new computer so you can import your previous schedule from it. (Remember to download COMPal on the other computer though!)

Q: How do I transfer my schedule to another scheduling application (e.g google calendar)?

A: Most scheduling application has the ability to import your stored schedule from an iCalendar file! Here are some links that might help you get started:

- 1. iCalender files into outlook
- 2. iCalender files into google calendar

Q: Am I able to transfer my schedule from another application(e.g google calendar) to COMPal?

A: Yes you can! However take note that by default, the priority of the imported events is set to low! You can edit it to set the priority to your preference after importing it

7. Command Summary

i Command Format

- Words in UPPER_CASE are the parameters to be supplied by the user e.g. delete TASK_ID, TASK_ID is a parameter which can be used as delete
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- 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_ID /status Y/N, /status Y/N /id TASK_ID 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 ID
 - e.g. delete 2
- Done: done /id TASK_ID /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_ID /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_ID </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 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