

# useEntityComments

## Overview

The `useEntityComments` hook provides a higher-level abstraction for fetching and managing comments related to a specific entity. It handles pagination, sorting, and comment tree structure, allowing you to easily build a threaded comment UI. It's especially useful when you want to render nested replies and dynamically manage additions or deletions in a structured way.

## Usage Example

```
import { useEntityComments } from "@replyke/react-js";

function EntityComments({ entityId }: { entityId: string }) {
  const {
    comments,
    newComments,
    entityCommentsTree,
    loading,
    hasMore,
    sortBy,
    setSortBy,
    loadMore,
    addCommentsToTree,
    removeCommentFromTree,
  } = useEntityComments({ entityId, limit: 10, defaultSortBy: "new" });

  return (
    <div>
      <select
        value={sortBy}
        onChange={(e) => setSortBy(e.target.value as "new" | "top")}
      >
        <option value="new">Newest</option>
        <option value="top">Top</option>
      </select>

      <ul>
        {comments.map((comment) => (
          <li key={comment.id}>{comment.content}</li>
        )))
      </ul>
    </div>
  );
}
```

```

    {loading && <p>Loading...</p>}
    {hasMore && !loading && <button onClick={loadMore}>Load More</button>}
  </div>
);
}

```

## Parameters & Returns

### Parameters

The hook accepts an object with the following fields:

Parameter	Type	Required	Description
<code>entityId</code>	<code>string   undefined   null</code>	Yes	The ID of the entity whose comments are being fetched.
<code>limit</code>	<code>number</code>	No	The number of comments to fetch per page. Default is <code>10</code> .
<code>defaultSortBy</code>	<code>CommentsSortByOptions</code>	No	The default sorting criteria for comments (e.g., <code>"new"</code> , <code>"top"</code> ).

### Returns

The hook returns an object with the following fields:

Return Value	Type	Description
<code>entityCommentsTree</code>	<code>EntityCommentsTree</code>	The structured tree of comments, keyed by comment ID.
<code>comments</code>	<code>Comment[]</code>	The list of root-level comments (non-new).
<code>newComments</code>	<code>Comment[]</code>	Comments recently added during the session.

Return Value	Type	Description
<code>loading</code>	<code>boolean</code>	Indicates whether comments are currently loading.
<code>hasMore</code>	<code>boolean</code>	Whether there are more comments available to fetch.
<code>sortBy</code>	<code>CommentsSortByOptions</code>	Current sorting method for the comments ("new" or "top").
<code>setSortBy</code>	<code>(newSortBy: CommentsSortByOptions) =&gt; void</code>	Updates the sort order for comments.
<code>loadMore</code>	<code>() =&gt; void</code>	Loads the next page of comments, if available.
<code>addCommentsToTree</code>	<code>(newComments: Comment[]   undefined, newlyAdded?: boolean) =&gt; void</code>	Adds comments to the internal tree structure.
<code>removeCommentFromTree</code>	<code>(commentId: string) =&gt; void</code>	Removes a comment (and its descendants) from the tree structure.

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