SHUTTLE DIARIES: User Manual

SHUTTLE ENTERPRISE SERVER

Introduction

One may well wonder what percentage of people actually use some sort of a Diary. Considering how many people 'forget' to do things, it would appear that the number is not as high as it should be.

There are many varieties of Diary systems available, ranging from old fashioned 'books', to Pocket PC's, Mobile Phone Diaries, and on-line Electronic Systems.

The SHUTTLE Diaries do not compete with any of the above, and you can certainly continue to use whatever system gives you current satisfaction (although some Users have been known to switch to almost exclusive use of SHUTTLE Diaries, including the author of this Manual).

The strength of the SHUTTLE Diaries is found in their integration with the SHUTTLE Enterprise Server. If you work with SHUTTLE almost every day, then it is probably the best place for work related (and perhaps even personal) Diary Data.

Purpose of the Manual

The purpose of this User Manual is to introduce you to the use of SHUTTLE Diaries.

What is it?

The SHUTTLE Diary system is an electronic Diary System that is integrated to the Application Environment, and supports both Corporate (Project) Diaries and Personal Diaries in the same set. The Diary system is also in sync wherever you may be working in the system, i.e. whether you are working with the Accounting System, the Human Resource System, or any other (depending only on what is in your system), the same Diary Data is present and visible, dependent only on your Access Rights.

The Diary system offers both private (private entries are hidden from public scrutiny) and public space. In addition, private entry DETAIL may be encrypted to another level of privacy.

The Diaries are integrated to Customer Relationship Management, Task Desk and Time Sheets, and may be further integrated to any Applications by the Developers of your Solution.

Rules of the Diary

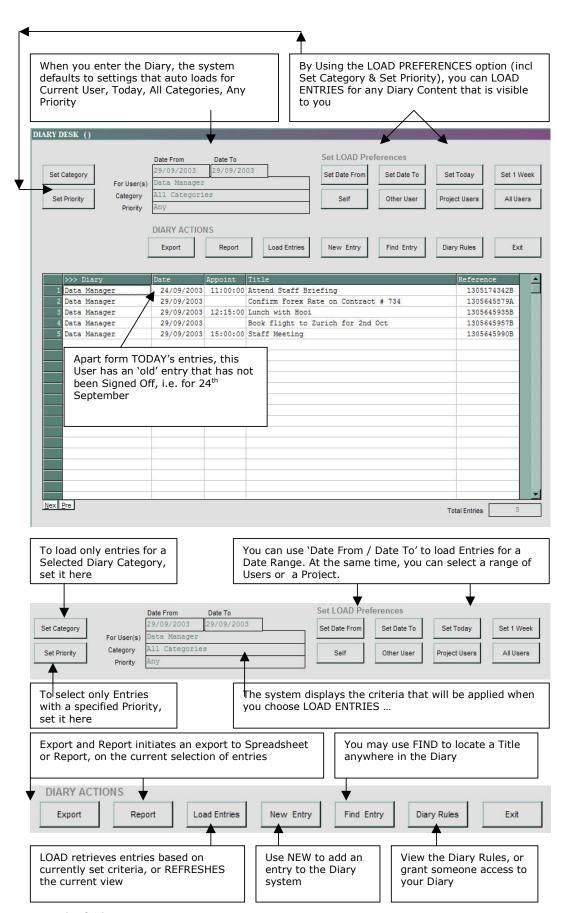
Before we have look at how the Diary Functions are implemented in SHUTTLE, it is worth considering the Operating Rules upon which those Functions are based.

The Rules of the Diary System are easy enough to understand :-

- 01) Any User may create any number of entries for his / her own Diary;
- 02) A User may do new entries into another User's Diary in one of 2 ways
 - a) When the Target User has specifically granted access to such a User to enter into his / her Diary
 - b) By being a member of a Project, any member of that Project may create Diary entries marked for the Project, and which will update all Member diaries (Hint: A User may be a member of multiple Projects);
- 03) Once an entry exists, it may only be Updated by the Owner (target Diary) or the Originator (if a different User);
- 04) Diary entries marked as confidential can only be seen by the Owner and Originator (if the Originator is a different User);
- 05) Diary entries NOT marked as confidential can be seen by anybody;
- 06) When another User creates an entry in your Diary, he / she retains access to that entry, can see it, can change it, BUT cannot access your other entries, except to SEE the ones that are public, i.e. NOT confidential.
- 07) When an existing Project Entry is Updated by
 - a) The Originator: When the Originator of a Project Entry updates the entry, it affects the other Project Members as follows /
 - i) If Deleted, it is only Deleted from the Originator's Diary;
 - ii) If Amended, the system amends Member Entries as per the original time of entry (disregards changes to the Project Membership in the meantime) by Updating the current entry in each Member record where it still exists and is available for update. If it is locked, the system creates a new entry. If the User has already deleted his/her entry, the system creates a new entry again with the new information.
 - b) User who is not the Originator: The entry affects only the current User Diary, whether changed or deleted.

The DIARY function exhibits multiple entry points: Wizard, HowDoI, Menu, Companion and from any Screen you are using in SHUTTLE.

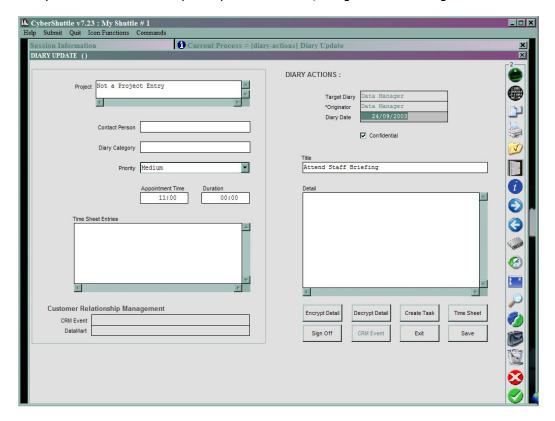
When the DIARY is opened, it automatically loads entries for the Current user for TODAY, plus any entries with a Date less than TODAY.



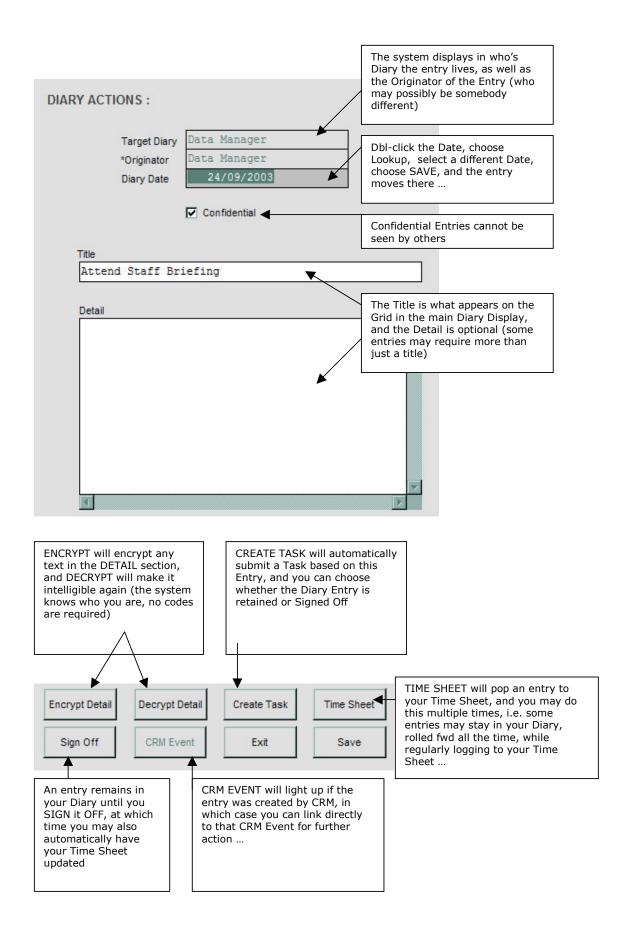
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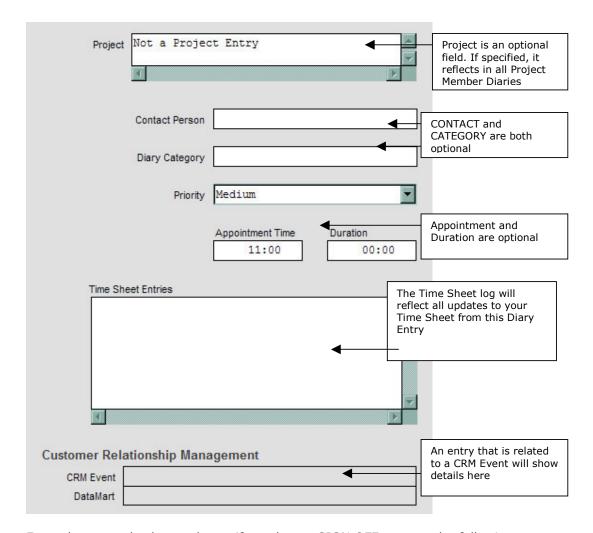


The Diary is designed for ease of use. Now let's have a look at an existing Diary Entry. If we choose the top entry shown above, we get the following –

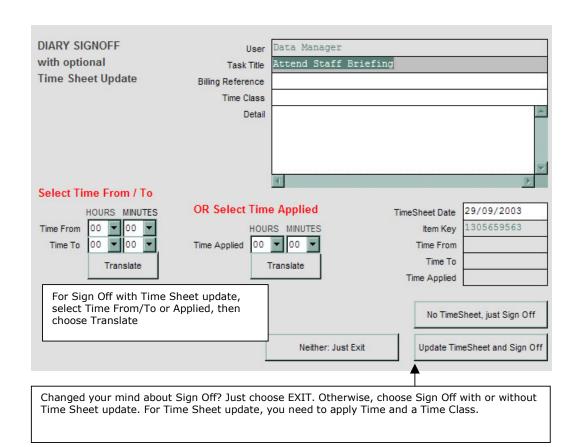


And then let's blow up the different sections of the screen to see it more clearly -

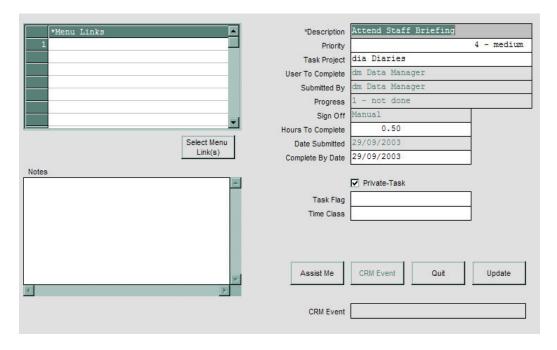




From the example shown above, if we choose SIGN OFF, we get the following -

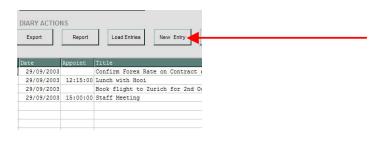


For the same example, if we choose CREATE TASK, we will get the following -

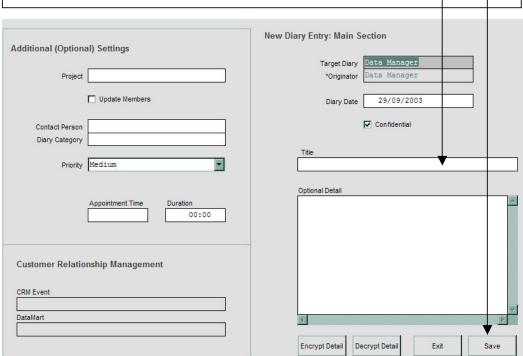


In most cases, you will be able to just choose UPDATE, unless you wish to change the Task Project, Time Allowed, or other. When we choose UPDATE, the Task is submitted. We also get an opportunity to Sign Off the Diary Entry (unless we choose to retain it), and it looks the same as the Sign Off shown above (i.e. with an optional Time Sheet update ...

When, from our main DIARY Screen we choose NEW ENTRY, the following happens –

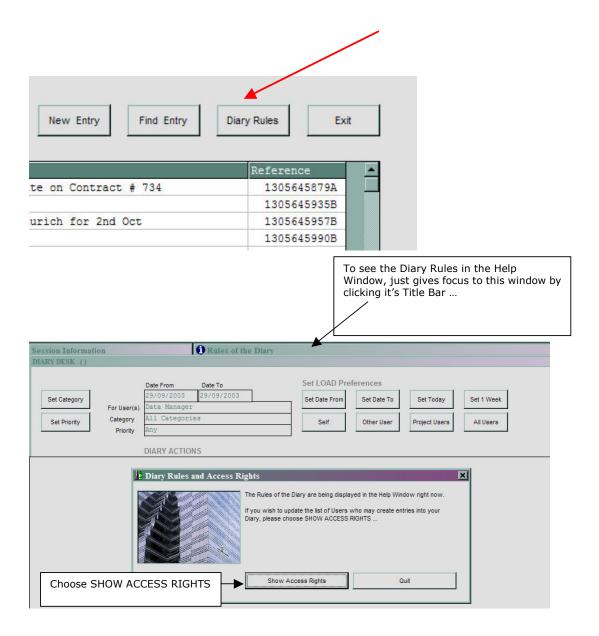


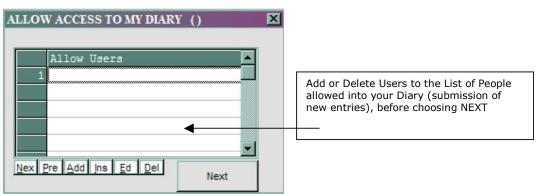
Most new entries will simply require a Title, since the system defaults to the Current User's Diary, and today's Date. Therefore, just put TITLE, and choose SAVE. Simple as that.



And if you wish to use / change any of the other (optional) fields, you are welcome. You may of course change TARGET DIARY to another User (use Lookup), provided you have access to insert to that Diary, and the DIARY DATE is easily changed with dbl-click (on Diary Date field), Lookup, and select a new Date ...

To grant someone access to insert Entries to your Diary, choose DIARY RULES -





Some Diary related Functions are not available from the primary Diary Screen, but are accessed from USER SERVICES Wizard instead:



Access the related Diary Master Files (Projects, Categories, etc.) from User Services, as your Access Levels may permit.

DEVELOPER'S NOTE:

For Developers, please note that you may integrate automatic submission of Diary Entries from any Application, by using an AFS (Application Function Subroutine) call. Please use the HowDoI Function and search on `[tips]' to find the details for this call.

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