Spreadsheet Journal Upload Manual

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How to Use the Journal Upload Program

Welcome
Upon request from the PeopleSoft Team, you will receive three files for the Spreadsheet Journal Upload via email. Once receiving these files, we suggest that you immediately save them (untouched, without opening) to your personal home share drive (H: drive). Before saving these files, you will want to create a new folder for them on your H: drive, naming the folder something like PS Journal New.

Note Regarding Replacing Corrupted Journal Files
It may become necessary at some point to replace your three Spreadsheet Journal Upload files. If this is the case, we recommend either deleting the original three files entirely OR renaming the original folder (to something like PS Journal New – OLD). You can then create a new folder for the three replacement files and start fresh.

How to Create Your Folder and Save the Journal Upload Files

For Windows 10 Users:
From your computer’s desktop, double-click the (“This PC”) icon. Once in the “This PC” window, double-click on your (\homeshare) (H:) drive. To create a new folder, you can do one of the following things:

A. Click the (“New Folder”) icon on the top of the window and a new folder will appear in your H: drive.
B. Alternatively, you can right-click in the white space in your H: drive window, choose “New” and then “Folder”:
After creating your new folder, rename it **PS Journal New** (or something that works for you) and then copy and paste ALL THREE files from your email, into the new folder. DO NOT TRY TO OPEN THE FILES SEPARATELY FROM YOUR EMAIL – IT WILL NOT WORK.

For Windows 7 Users:

From your computer’s desktop, double-click the **Computer** (“Computer”) icon. Once in the “Computer” window, double-click on your (\homeshare) (H:) drive. To create a new folder, you can do one of the following things:

A. Click the **New Folder** (“New Folder”) button on the top window and a new folder will appear in your H: drive.

B. Alternatively, you can right-click in the white space in your H: drive window, choose “New” and then “Folder”:

![Image of creating a new folder](image)

After creating your new folder, rename it **PS Journal New** (or something that works for you) and then copy and paste ALL THREE files from your email, into the new folder. DO NOT TRY TO OPEN THE FILES SEPARATELY FROM YOUR EMAIL – IT WILL NOT WORK.

**NOTE:**
If you receive a “Visual Basic” error when opening up the program, make sure you are only opening the TU_91_MP8_11_JRNLI.xlsm file FROM WITHIN YOUR NEWLY CREATED FOLDER. If you still have errors, please contact the PeopleSoft team at psteam@towson.edu and they will assist you in correcting the issue.
Opening the Journal for the First Time

To open up the program, locate your PS Journal New folder on your H: drive and double-click the TU_91_MP8_11_JRNL1.xlsm file. To save you some time in the future, you can create a shortcut to this file on your computer’s desktop. After you have completed this, please do the following:

1. Open the TU_91_MP8_11_JRNL1.xlsm file.
2. When you first open the spreadsheet, you will need to enable the content (macros) that make the program run. A security warning should appear at the top of your spreadsheet, asking if you want to enable content:

   ![Security Warning](image1)

3. Please click “Enable Content” so that the needed macros will run, allowing your Spreadsheet Upload Program to function properly:

   ![Security Warning](image2)

4. After enabling content, another box should pop up asking if you want to make this a “Trusted Document”. Please click “Yes” to this question (this way, you should no longer see security warnings related to this document in the future):

   ![Security Warning](image3)
Setting up the Program for the First Time

Once you have enabled the content and made your Spreadsheet Journal a trusted document, you are ready to set up the parameters. **YOU WILL ONLY HAVE TO DO THIS ONCE!**

On the Spreadsheet Journal Import main menu, please click the “Setup” button:

A box will appear that will allow you to set up some default parameters:

A. The Business Unit will ALWAYS be TOWSN.
B. Ledger Group will be ACTUALS.
C. You will select a journal source from the list provided – enter in ALL CAPS.
   a. **NEVER USE “ONL” AS A JOURNAL SOURCE** – this is for Financial Services only!
D. User ID is your TU Net ID (which you use to login to the system) – enter in ALL CAPS.
E. Message Options will already be selected for you.
F. The Address will already be populated for you, and should look like this: [http://fsprodweb8.towson.edu:8080/xmllink/FS91PRD](http://fsprodweb8.towson.edu:8080/xmllink/FS91PRD).
G. Enter your User ID (Net ID) here also – enter in ALL CAPS.
H. This option MUST be selected as “Change import status to Do Not Import”.
I. Click “OK” when finished.
J. After clicking “OK”, you may see a message telling you the Address is not secure – this is ok and you MUST CLICK YES to use it anyway.

Using the Spreadsheet Journal Import
As seen during the previous setup step, when you open the Spreadsheet Journal Import program, you will see a series of buttons:

The main buttons you will be concerned with are in the center column, labeled “Journal Sheets”. These three buttons are:

A. New – Create a new journal.
B. Edit – Edit a previously created journal.
C. Delete – Delete a journal you created from your Spreadsheet Journal (this does not delete an imported journal from PeopleSoft – the PeopleSoft Team will have to do that for you).

Creating a New Journal
Once in the Spreadsheet Journal Import program, click on the “New” button on the main menu screen. A “New Journal Sheet” box will appear, where you will enter a name for your journal. Give the journal a UNIQUE NAME and DO NOT USE SPECIAL CHARACTERS! Click “OK” when you are done and a new journal spreadsheet will be created.
Creating the New Journal Header

The header will be imported into PeopleSoft Financials along with the journal spreadsheet contents. The header information is required for the journal to be imported into PeopleSoft and contains important detail about your journal.

To create your header, click on the plus sign located on the row of buttons underneath “Journal Header”:

The “New Journal Header” box will appear, and you will need to fill in certain boxes with the appropriate information:

A. **Journal Date** – this will auto-fill as the current date. Typically you will stick with that day’s date, unless you have a specific date within the current month you would prefer to use. You may also use a date within the previous month – IF AND ONLY IF THE PREVIOUS MONTH IS NOT CLOSED YET. If you are within the previous month’s deadline, enter a date in that month to back-date your journal. If you are unclear on whether or not you can do this, contact the PeopleSoft Team (psteam@towson.edu) for clarification. Once a month has been closed in PeopleSoft, you cannot use a date within that month any longer.

B. **Reference Number** – this should be your User ID. This helps Financial Services determine who processed the journal entry.

C. **Source** – the source refers to the type of journal you are creating. This will auto-fill with source you indicated during the initial set up. The journal Source **INT** should be used for any Interdepartmental Invoices (you are moving expenses from between different department numbers). There are other journal sources used for different types of transactions. Please refer to the [Journal Sources for Transactions] document for more information. As previously stated – DO NOT USE “ONL” FOR YOUR JOURNAL SOURCE”.

D. **Description** – Provide a detailed description of your journal. This helps Financial Services determine what type of journal is being uploaded. This information is carried over into PeopleSoft, so be as descriptive as possible.

E. Click “OK” to save your new journal header.
Necessary Information for Journal Entries
Before creating the journal you will need to know what departments or projects/grants you are using to transfer expenses and the associated account numbers. The **account number** is six digits (example: 609003 – Office Supplies under 500). The **Speed Type** is either five digits (a department such as 18930 – Financial Services) or seven digits (a project or grant). The journal uses debits and credits to determine the amount of expenses within a transaction. A journal entry allows you to debit or credit expense accounts and revenue accounts.

The Spreadsheet Journal Upload system **IS NOT TO BE USED FOR TRANSFERRING BUDGET**. If you need to do a budget transfer, to increase or decrease spending authority, please refer to the [How to Enter a Budget Transfer document](#) or contact the [University Budget Office](#). Journal entries are to be used only for moving expenses that have already been incurred.

For information on account numbers and their uses, please see the online [Chart of Accounts](#).
Entering Journal Lines

To enter your journal lines, click on the either the + sign button or the +… button, both located on the row of buttons underneath “Journal Lines“:

The + button will add only one row to your spreadsheet. The +… button will allow you to add multiple rows at one time:

DO not attempt to add rows like you would on a normal spreadsheet. You must use the buttons or the spreadsheet will not format correctly and therefore will not import into PeopleSoft.

Once you have added your lines (you need at least two – one credit and one debit), you can begin inputting your information:

A. **Account number** for both lines. This is the expense account where funds are moving to and from. It can be the same number for both lines if you are only moving between departments/grants, but the accounts are the same.

B. **Speed Type** for both lines. The Speed Type is either the department number or the project/grant number. This number can be the same for both lines if you are only transferring an expense to a different account within the same department.

**NOTE:** It is preferable to use the Speed Type as opposed to the DEPT ID. The Speed Types are set up so that you do not have to enter anything in the Fund column – that will populate itself within PeopleSoft based on the Speed type number. If you use the DEPT ID column, you will need to enter the Fund column as well.

C. **Amount** for both lines. One line will be the debit (the POSITIVE NUMBER – which is the account & department/project that the expense is moving FROM). The other line will be the credit (the NEGATIVE NUMBER – which is the account & department/project that the expense is moving TO). Both lines should net to zero.

D. **Reference Number (limit of 10 characters)** is optional – it can be anything from your name, to an invoice or voucher number – something meaningful when being reviewed on reports or in PeopleSoft.

E. **Description (limit of 30 characters)** – used for more detailed information on the reason for the transaction.
When you are finished entering in all of your journal lines, the amount listed in the green area should say $0.00. Your journal will not import into PeopleSoft if all of your lines do not net to zero.

Importing a Journal into PeopleSoft Financials

Once all of your journal lines have been entered and your totals net to zero, you can import your journal into PeopleSoft. To do so, click the  (import button), located at the top of your spreadsheet:

This will prompt you for your User ID and Password (if you entered a User ID during your initial setup, that should already be filled in):

Once correctly entering your User ID and Password, you should then see a box telling you that the journal was successfully imported (or that the import failed if something is not correct). The information given to you includes:

A. Journal ID (it is assigned the next available journal number)
B. Journal Date (you should verify that the date is correct and within the correct month)
C. Reference Number
D. Journal Description
When the Import OK box appears telling you that it imported the journal successfully, click “OK” to complete the process.

Note: XMLLink Error
If you receive this error message when trying to import:

It is most likely that you entered your password incorrectly (or your User ID if you entered that as well). Try importing again, which will prompt you to re-enter your password. If you still cannot import and believe you are entering your password correctly, contact the PeopleSoft Team for assistance at psteam@towson.edu.

Spreadsheet Journal Log File
After importing your journal, you should be sure to save it and then you can close your journal upload spreadsheet. You will notice when you do so, that a spreadsheet log file has been opened. This log keeps track of all of your spreadsheet journal activity, with your most recent journal being down at the bottom:

Sending Confirmation Email
Once you have imported your journal you must send an email to psteam@towson.edu to confirm that we can post your journal. We need to know which journal should be posted – it is easiest to either do a screen capture of the import successful box or you can copy the journal information from your log and paste it into the body of your email. The subject line of the email should be something along the lines of “Journal Imported”: 
The PeopleSoft Team will not process and post a journal without a confirmation email. If there are any issues or concerns with your journal, someone from the PeopleSoft Team will notify you.

Supporting Documentation and Department Approval
Along with confirming that the journal should be posted, you should also provide any supporting documentation for the journal’s transactions. Supporting documents can be attachments or they can be included in the body of the email itself.

If you are not an authorized signer on any of the department or grants being debited and credited in your journal then approvals should be included with your email. Certain routine monthly journals, such as chargebacks to multiple departments may not require approval. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the PeopleSoft Team for clarification.

Editing and Re-Importing (Updating) a Journal
If the PeopleSoft Team has notified you that there was an issue with the journal you submitted, or you need to make a correction to the journal, you can use the edit process to do so.

To edit a journal, open up the Spreadsheet Journal Import program and then, on the main page, click the “Edit” button, located under “Journal Sheets”. Select the journal you need to edit and click the “OK” button. **NOTE: this will only work if you saved the journal before exiting the program.**
This will take you back into your journal and you can make the appropriate changes. Once you have done so, you will have to change the import status of your journal. The default is set up so that once you have imported a journal into PeopleSoft you cannot do so again unless you change the import status. To do so you will need to click the button to change the status:

Select your journal (there should only be one option listed) and then choose “Import” under “Change Import Status” and click “OK”:

You can now re-import your journal the same way you imported it before, by clicking on the green cylinder import button:

When you re-import a journal successfully you should see a slightly different box pop up:

This tells you that you **imported** 0 journals and **updated** 1 journal – this is correct and what you want to see. You can now send an email to psteam@towson.edu letting us know that you have edited and updated your journal.
Additional Information

Spreadsheet Journal Upload Tidbits and Troubleshooting

Terminology

Account = six-digit number expenditure account

Speed Type = either a five-digit department number or a seven-digit grant/project number

Fund = four-digit PeopleSoft code used to track cash balances – YOU DO NOT NEED TO ENTER THIS IF YOU USE THE SPEED TYPE COLUMN

Dept ID = five digit department number – YOU DO NOT NEED TO ENTER THIS IF YOU USE THE SPEED TYPE COLUMN

Amount = amount you are crediting or debiting

Initiative = optional five-digit number you can use to further track/categorize expenses

Project = seven digit grant/project number – YOU DO NOT NEED TO ENTER THIS IF YOU USE THE SPEED TYPE COLUMN

Reference = name, journal ID, invoice #, voucher # - something meaningful that will help identify the transaction for reporting purposes

Description = a more detailed description of the journal line transaction for future reference and reporting purposes

Don’ts

• DO NOT DELETE, ADD OR HIDE COLUMNS!

• DO NOT NAME JOURNALS THE SAME – EACH JOURNAL MUST HAVE A UNIQUE NAME!

• DON’T perform a “Save As”. You can save by clicking on “File”, then “Save” or by clicking the “X” to close the spreadsheet, which will prompt you to save the file. All of your journals will save directly to the spreadsheet and it will keep a list of all of your journals.

• DON’T try to send a journal entry as an attachment.

• DON’T use any special characters when naming the journal.

• DON’T try to insert extra rows into the spreadsheet without hitting the “+” button. This means don’t right-click on an area to insert a row.

Troubleshooting

Dates

Please make sure your Spreadsheet Journal is dated for the month that you want the journal posted.
Since the monthly cut-off dates occur in the next month, it is important that you clearly identify the month in which the journal should be posted. In addition, include the month the journal should be posted in the email you send to the PeopleSoft Financials team. **THIS IS VERY CRUCIAL!**

If you are doing a month-end journal submission and the current date is past the month you need to post the transactions (you can find month-end deadlines [here](#)), make sure to put the last day of the previous month for your “Journal Date” in the journal’s Header. **REFER TO PAGE 6-7***

Re-Importing (Updating) a Journal
After editing a spreadsheet journal and you need to re-import, make sure that you have clicked the “Change Import Status” button. **REFER TO PAGES 11-12***

Opening the Journal
Always open the Spreadsheet Journal Upload program from the folder where you saved it. **DO NOT** open Microsoft Excel and perform a File>Open to open the program. This will corrupt your files.

Copying Data into the Spreadsheet Journal Upload Program
When copying and pasting from another Microsoft Excel spreadsheet TO the Spreadsheet Journal Upload program:

1. Insert the number of lines you wish to copy into the Spreadsheet Journal Upload program using the “+” or “+…” buttons. For example: if you are copying thirteen lines into the Journal Upload, use the “+…” and type in “13”, which will properly insert 13 lines for you.
2. When you paste the data into your Journal Upload – **PASTE VALUES ONLY** – if you perform a normal paste the formatting from the originating spreadsheet will corrupt your journal and can cause potentially unseen rounding errors.
3. Ensure that the Accounts and Speed Types are in the proper columns.

Error Messages
As discussed above, if you receive an “**Error: XMLLink – Invalid XMLLink Userid or Password**” error, you likely entered either your User ID or your Password incorrectly. Try entering both again and re-attempting to import. **Tip: make sure the Caps Lock is off before re-entering your information.**

If you receive a **“timed out”** error such as this one:

![Import Failed - Sheet Example Journal](http://tspproductweb3.towson.edu:8080/xmmlink/FSE1PRD/

A “timed out” error occurs due to the Spreadsheet Journal Upload program not being able to communicate with the server. This is usually a network error and may involve submitting a request with OTS to fix it. **Always try restarting your computer first** before calling. You can call the PeopleSoft team first at 4-5599, option 2 and we can help you determine if the issue is on the server side or specific to your computer.
### Journal Sources for Transactions

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