

Assign issue to current user if assignee is empty

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Features used to implement the example

- [Set a field as a function of other fields](#)

Example: Assign issue to current user if assignee is empty

I would like to automatically **assign issue to current user** if **assignee is empty**, but if assignee is not empty, then nothing has to be done.

To implement this behavior we use post-function [Set a field as a function of other fields](#). We have two options, since this post-function have two kind of setting rules: **type 1**, based in regular expressions, and **type 2**, which uses boolean expressions. I will explain both solutions:

Using **type 1** setting rules, we use post-function [Set a field as a function of other fields](#) with the following configuration:

Field to be checked for matching with type 1 setting rules:	<div>Assignee</div> <div>This field is only used by rules where conditional part is a regular expression written in brackets: <code>'(regular_expression)'</code>value</div>
Target field to be set:	<div>Assignee ~ [User]</div> <div>Field to be set by first matched setting rule. Type of the field is shown in square brackets. Check documentation on Virtual Fields to get information about suitable values for setting selected target field.</div>
Setting rules: There are two types of setting rules, and both types can be combined in the same post-function. Rule formats: - type 1: <code>'(regular_expression)'</code> value - type 2: <code>'(boolean_expression)'</code> value Write only one rule per line. <i>value</i> may be a parsed text or a mathematical or time formula, depending on the type of selected <i>Target field</i> . Regular expression syntax	<div>(.*)%(00020}</div>

Note that:

- `^$` is regular expression for empty string, and is used to check whether **Assignee** is empty
- `%(00020}` is code for field **Current user**

There is a mistake in the screenshot of **Solution 1**: setting rule in the screenshot is `(.*)%(00020}` which is incorrect. Correct setting rule is: `(^$)%(00020}`

Once configured, transition "**Create issue**" will look like this:

Transition: Create Issue
Edit
View Properties
?

Create Issue

OPEN

This is the **initial** transition in the workflow.

Screen: None - initial transition does not have a view.

Validators 2
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The following will be processed after the transition occurs
Add post function

- Creates the issue originally.
- The field **Assignee** will be set according to the evaluation of **Assignee** against the following set of rules:
(^\$)#Current user#
- Fire a **Issue Created** event that can be processed by the listeners.

I have used transition "**Create issue**" in the example, but you can implement this post-function in any transition of your workflow.

Alternative implementation

Using type 2 setting rules, we use post-function **Set a field as a function of other fields** with the following configuration

Field to be checked for matching with type 1 setting rules:
Summary

This field is only used by rules where conditional part is a regular expression written in brackets: `'(regular_expression)'value`

Target field to be set:
Assignee - [User]

Field to be set by first matched setting rule. Type of the field is shown in square brackets.
Check [documentation on Virtual Fields](#) to get information about suitable values for setting selected target field.

Setting rules:
There are two types of setting rules, and both types can be combined in the same post-function.
Rule formats:
- type 1: `'(regular_expression)'value`
- type 2: `'[boolean_expression]'value`
Write only one rule per line.

value may be a parsed text or a mathematical or time formula, depending on the type of selected **Target field**.
[Regular expression syntax](#)

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[%{00003}=null]%{00020}
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Notice that:

- Value selected in parameter "**Field to be checked for matching...**" has no effect in this case, since we are only using a **type 2** setting rule
- `[%{00003}` is code for field **Assignee**

- `%{00020}` is code for field **Current user**

Once configured, transition "**Create issue**" will look like this:

Transition: Create Issue

EditView Properties?

Create Issue

OPEN

This is the **initial** transition in the workflow.

Screen: None - initial transition does not have a view.

Validators 2

Post Functions 3

The following will be processed after the transition occurs

Add post function

- Creates the issue originally.
- The field **Assignee** will be set according to the evaluation of **Summary** against the following set of rules:
`[%{Assignee}=null]#Current user#`
- Fire a **Issue Created** event that can be processed by the listeners.

I have used transition "**Create issue**" in the example, but you can implement this post-function in any transition of your workflow.

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