

Parse description for creating issue links

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Example: Parse description for creating issue links

Let's see a configuration that allows creating issue links of type "**relates to**" simply when we insert sentences like "**relates to** " + comma separated **list of issue keys** (e.g. **relates to CRM-34, HR-12, HR-25**) in an issue's **Description**. We need to use two post-functions in "**Create Issue**" transition (after "**Creates de issue originally**" post-function):

We insert [Parse field for extracting data](#) post-function in "Create Issue" transition using the following configuration:

Source field: Field containing the text that will be parsed for extracting certain value(s).	Description - [Text] 
Leading delimiter: Text literal or pattern expressed as a regular expression that should be matched immediately before the value to be extracted. By default, delimiters are not included in returned values.	<input type="text" value="relates{s+to{s+"/> <input type="radio"/> text literal <input type="radio"/> text literal (ignoring case) <input type="radio"/> regular expression <input checked="" type="radio"/> regular expression (ignoring case) Field code injector: <input type="text" value="Summary - [Text] - %{00000}"/> Dynamic patterns can be created through insertion of field codes that will be replaced with the corresponding field values.
Format of the value to be extracted: Format of the expected value to be extracted. Some pattern types require a specification of the format to be entered.	<input type="radio"/> any text between leading and trailing marks (i.e., no pattern) <input type="radio"/> number <input type="radio"/> url <input type="radio"/> email Number, url and email formats are filtered by regular expressions that match the vast majority of possible values, but there might be valid values that don't match these regular expressions. If avoiding any undesired value rejection is a priority, any text should be selected. <input checked="" type="radio"/> regular expression <input type="radio"/> regular expression (ignoring case) <input type="radio"/> date-time (specifying date-time formats: Date and Time Patterns) Format types regular expression , regular expression (ignoring case) and date-time require a format specification to be entered. <u>Format specification:</u> <input type="text" value="([w+-[d+{s*,?}[s*])+"/> Field code injector: <input type="text" value="Summary - [Text] - %{00000}"/> Dynamic patterns can be created through insertion of field codes that will be replaced with the corresponding field values.
Trailing delimiter: Text literal or pattern expressed as a regular expression that should be matched immediately after the value to be extracted. By default, delimiters are not included in returned values.	<input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> text literal <input type="radio"/> text literal (ignoring case) <input type="radio"/> regular expression <input type="radio"/> regular expression (ignoring case) Field code injector: <input type="text" value="Summary - [Text] - %{00000}"/> Dynamic patterns can be created through insertion of field codes that will be replaced with the corresponding field values.
Target field: Field that will be set with the extracted value(s).	Ephemeral string 1 - [Text]  <input type="checkbox"/> Don't overwrite target field if it's already set. <input type="checkbox"/> Include the leading delimiter in the output. <input type="checkbox"/> Include the trailing delimiter in the output.
Ocurrences to be extracted: Values to be extracted in case that more than one data matching extraction patterns are found.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> first occurrence in source field <input type="radio"/> last occurrence in source field <input type="radio"/> all occurrences (values are returned as a comma separated list of values)
Conditional execution: Optional boolean expression that should be satisfied in order to actually execute the post-function. (Syntax Specification)	<div>1</div> <div>Leave the field empty for executing the post-function unconditionally. Collection of Examples [Line 1 / Col 1]</div> <div>Logical connectives: and, or and not. Alternatively you can also use &, and !. Comparison operators: =, !=, >, >=, < and <=. Operators in, not in, any in, none in, ~ and != can be used with <i>strings</i>, <i>multi-valued fields</i> and <i>lists</i>. Logical literals: true and false. Literal null is used with = and != to check whether a field is initialized, e.g. {00012} != null checks whether <i>Due Date</i> is initialized.</div> <div>Check Syntax</div> <div>String Field Code Injector: <input type="text" value="Summary - [Text] - %{00000}"/> Numeric/Date Field Code Injector: <input type="text" value="Original estimate (minutes) - [Number] - {00068}"/></div>

Run as:
Select the user that will be used to execute this feature. JIRA will apply restrictions according to the permissions, project roles and groups of the selected user.

Current user 

User defined by a **field**. Input a **specific user**.

Note that:

- Leading delimiter is regular expression: **relates\s+to\s+**
- Value format is regular expression for matching issue keys, optionally followed by a comma character: **(\w+-\d+\s*,?\s*)+**

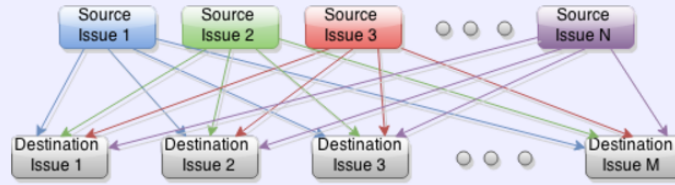
We insert **Create issue link** post-function in **"Create Issue"** transition using the following configuration:

<p>Issues at source end:</p> <p>This parameter sets issues at the source end of the issue links that will be created.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Current issue Current issue will be linked to destination issues. </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> Issues in field Issues in field will be linked to destination issues. <div> Summary - [Text] </div> Selected field is expected to contain a comma or blank separated list of issue keys, e.g., "CRM-1, CRM-2, CRM-3" or "CRM-1 CRM-2 CRM-3". </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> Issues returned by JQL Issues returned by JQL query will be linked to destination issues. <div> 1 </div> <div> Field code injector: Summary - [Text] - %{00000} </div> <div> - Field codes with format %{nnnnn} may be inserted in the JQL Query, and will be replaced with field values at runtime. Most times it's a good idea to write field codes between double quotes (e.g. "%{00001}"), since field values may contain blank spaces that will produce JQL parsing errors at runtime. - Cascading Select fields and Multi-level Cascading Select fields specific levels can be referenced with %{nnnnn.0} for parent level, %{nnnnn.1} for child level, etc. </div> <div> Check Syntax </div> </div>
<p>Issue link type:</p> <p>This parameter sets the issue link type of the issue links that will be created.</p>	<div> <input type="radio"/> is blocked by </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> blocks </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> is cloned by </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> clones </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> is duplicated by </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> duplicates </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> is caused by </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> causes </div> <div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> relates to </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> relates to </div> <div> <p><i>Issue Link Direction: source_end_issues issue link type destination_end_issues</i></p> <p><i>Example: source_end_issue is blocked by destination_end_issue</i></p> </div>
<p>Issues at destination end:</p> <p>This parameter sets issues at the destination end of the issue links that will be created.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Issues in field Issues in field will be linked to source issues. <div> Ephemeral string 1 - [Text] </div> Field is expected to contain a comma or blank separated list of issues keys, e.g., "CRM-1, CRM-2, CRM-3" or "CRM-1 CRM-2 CRM-3". </div> <div> <input type="radio"/> Issues returned by JQL Issues returned by JQL query will be linked to source issues. <div> 1 </div> <div> Field code injector: Summary - [Text] - %{00000} </div> <div> - Field codes with format %{nnnnn} may be inserted in the JQL Query, and will be replaced with field values at runtime. Most times it's a good idea to write field codes between double quotes (e.g. "%{00001}"), since field values may contain blank spaces that will produce JQL parsing errors at runtime. - Cascading Select fields and Multi-level Cascading Select fields specific levels can be referenced with %{nnnnn.0} for parent level, %{nnnnn.1} for child level, etc. </div> <div> Check Syntax </div> </div>

Issue linking operation:

This parameter sets which kind of issue linking operation will be carried out.

- ☒ Each source issue will be linked to all destination issues.
- ☐ Each source issue will be linked to one destination issue according to order of appearance.



Conditional execution:

Optional boolean expression that should be satisfied in order to actually execute the post-function.

[\(Syntax Specification\)](#)

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Leave the field empty for executing the post-function unconditionally.

[Collection of Examples](#)

[Line 1 / Col 1]

Logical connectives: and, or and not. Alternatively you can also use &, | and !.

Comparison operators: =, !=, >, >=, < and <=. Operators in, not in, any in, none in, ~ and != can be used with *strings*, *multi-valued fields* and *lists*.

Logical literals: true and false. Literal null is used with = and != to check whether a field is initialized, e.g. {00012} != null checks whether Due Date is initialized.

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String Field Code Injector:

Summary - [Text] - %{00000}

Numeric/Date Field Code Injector:

Original estimate (minutes) - [Number] - {00068}

Run as:

Select the user that will be used to execute this feature. JIRA will apply restrictions according to the permissions, project roles and groups of the selected user.

Current user

User defined by a field.

Input a specific user.

Once configured, "Create Issue" transition look like this:



Create



TO DO

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

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

Validators **1**

Post Functions **5**

The following will be processed after the transition occurs

[Add post function](#)

1. Creates the issue originally.
2. Write into **Ephemeral string 1** a piece of information extracted from **Description**.
Format of value to be extracted is a string matching the following **regular expression**:

```
(\w+--\d+\s*;\s*)+
```


Leading delimiter is the following **regular expression ignoring case**:

```
relates\s+to\s+
```


In case of multiple matches extract only **first** occurrence.
This feature will be run as user in field **Current user**.
3. **Current issue** will be linked with issue link type **relates to** to **every issue** in field **Ephemeral string 1**.
This feature will be run as user in field **Current user**.
4. Re-index an issue to keep indexes in sync with the database.
5. Fire a **Issue Created** event that can be processed by the listeners.

Example result:

Human Resources / HR-116

Example of Parsing Description for Issue Link Creation

Edit

Comment

Assign

More

Start Progress

Resolve Issue

Workflow

Admin

Export

Export

Component/s: None

Labels: None

Reporter: Administrator

Votes: 0

Watchers: 1 Stop watching this issue

Dates

Created: 4 minutes ago

Updated: 4 minutes ago

Agile

View on Board

HipChat discussions

Do you want to discuss this issue? Connect to HipChat.

Description

This is an issue example that relates to CRM-10, HR-100, HR-105

more text...

it also relates to CRM-14, CRM-15 and bla, bla, bla...

more text...

Bye, bye.

Issue Links

relates to

CRM-10 Improve functionality	↑	OPEN
CRM-14 Printing fails	↑	OPEN
CRM-15 Can't save document	↑	OPEN
HR-100 Fatal error at user creation	↑	OPEN
HR-105 Screen doesn't look as expected	↑	OPEN

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