# Make parent issue progress through its workflow

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## Features used to implement the example

- **Copy parsed text to a field**

A sub-task can execute a post-function in order to move its parent issue through the workflow. For example, we can **close a parent issue when all sub-tasks are closed**.

**How to make parent issue progress through its workflow?**

A sub-task can make its parent issue transition using 2 different sets of virtual fields:

- "**Parent's issue status**" and "**Parent's issue status (delayed writing)**": if we write the **name of a status** (e.g., **Open, In Progress, Closed, ...**) into any of these 2 virtual fields, the plugin will look for transitions in parent's workflow going from parent's current status to a status with the same name as the one we have written. If a suitable transition is found and its conditions and validations are satisfied, the transition will be executed, and parent issue will be moved to entered status.
- "**Execute transition on parent issue**" and "**Execute transition on parent issue (delayed execution)**": if we write the **name of a transition** (e.g., **Start Progress, Close Issue, ...**) into any of these 2 virtual fields, the plugin will look for a transition in parent's workflow departing from parent's current status with the entered name. If that transition exists and its conditions and validations are satisfied, the transition will be executed.

In order to transition parent issue, a sub-task typically uses post-function **Copy parsed text to a field** with the following configuration:

- Target field: any of the 4 virtual fields above described.
- Parsing mode: **basic**
- Text to be parsed...: the **name of a status** or the **name of a transition**, depending of the selected target field.

Also **Set a field as a function of other fields** can be used.

**Difference between "Parent's issue status" and "Parent's issue status (delayed writing)" or "Execute transition on parent issue" and "Execute transition on parent issue (delayed execution)"**

Virtual fields "**Parent's issue status**" and "**Execute transition on parent issue**" try to transition parent issue **as soon as they are written**, while fields "**Execute transition on parent issue (delayed execution)**" and "**Execute transition on parent issue (delayed execution)**" **wait for sub-task's current transition to end execution**, before transitioning parent issue.

When a sub-task uses "**Execute transition on parent issue (delayed execution)**" or "**Execute transition on parent issue (delayed execution)**" fields for transitioning its parent issue, parent's execution attempt won't be carried out until current sub-task's transition has finished, and thus sub-task is in the new status. For this reason, these fields are used when parent issue is **blocked by a condition or validator depending on sub-tasks statuses**, typically by a conditions or validators like "Sub-Task Blocking Condition", **Condition and validation on sub-tasks** and **Boolean condition and validator with math. date-time or text-string terms**, etc.

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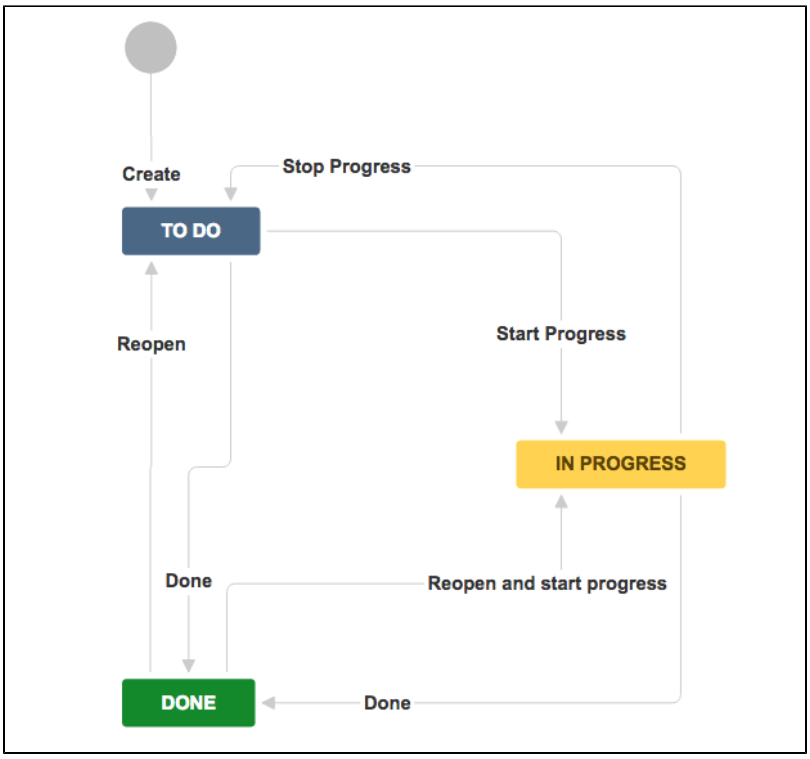
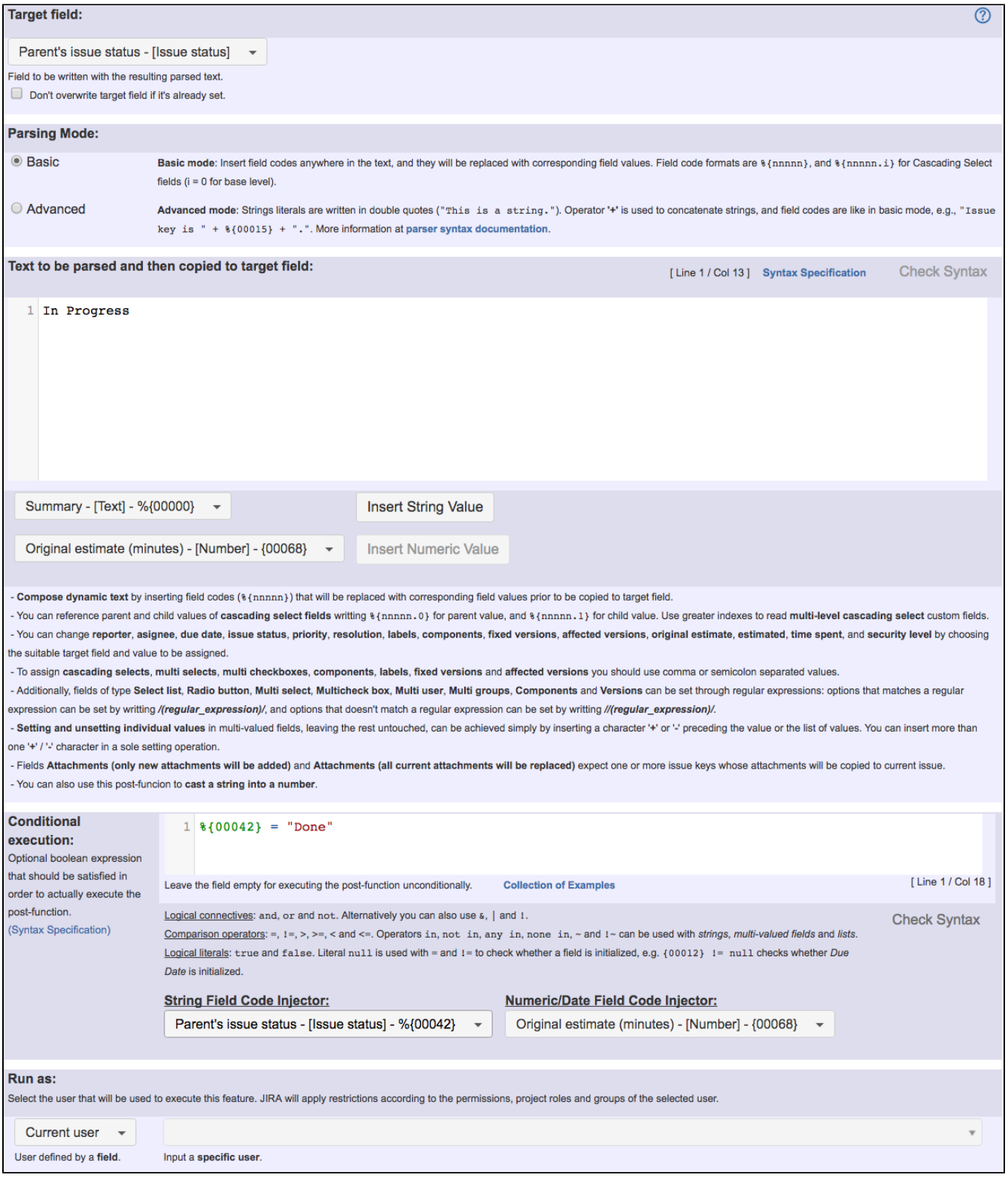
## Example: Reopen parent issue when a sub-task is reopened

In this example we show how to automatically reopen an issue in status "**Done**" when any of its sub-tasks is reopened. Let's assume the following workflow:



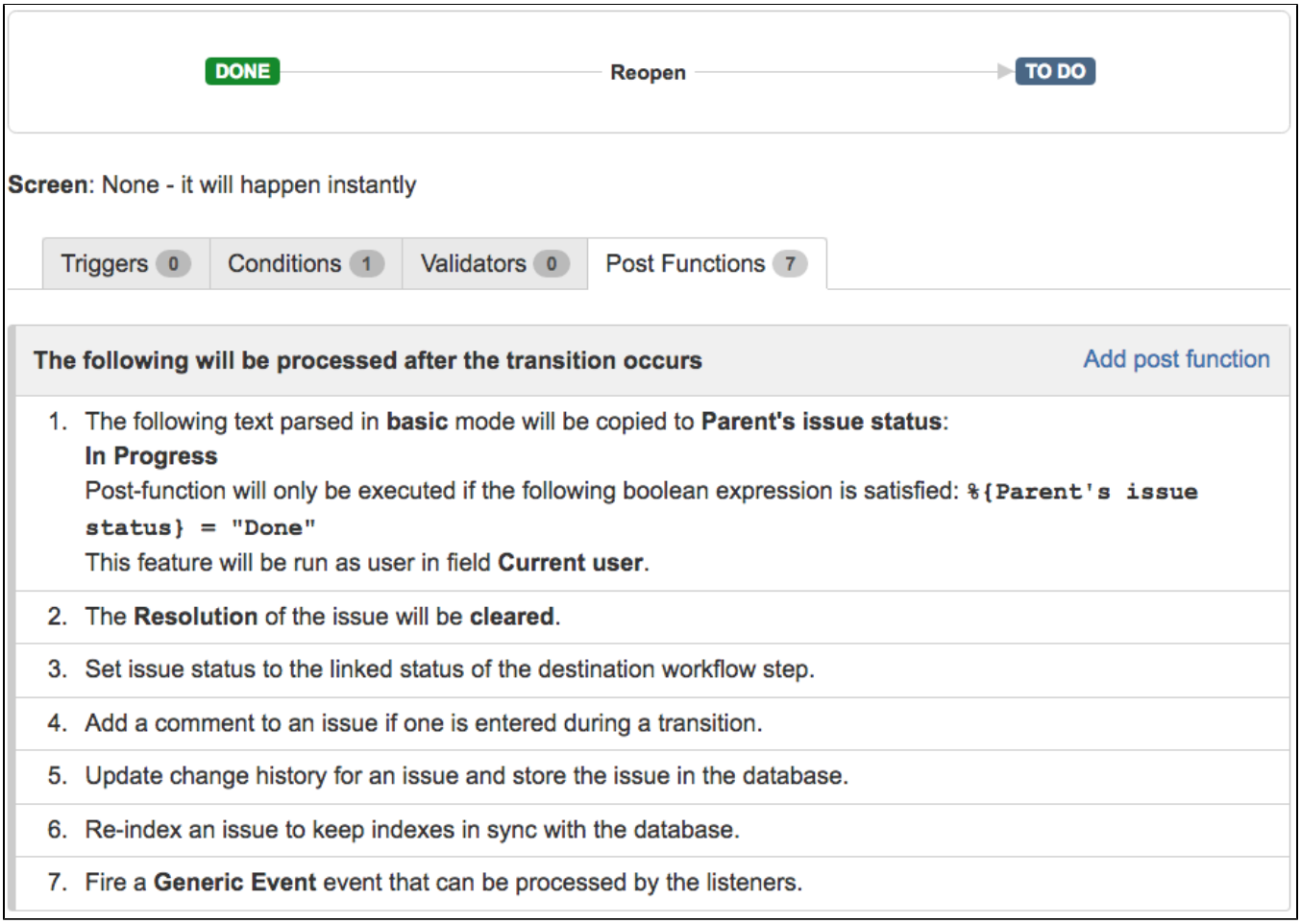

We will insert post-function **Copy parsed text to a field** into transitions "**Reopen**" and "**Reopen and start progress**" with the following configuration:




Note that:

- **%{00042}** is field code for **Parent's issue status**
- We haven't written the name of the statuses in upper case, but like **In Progress** and **Done**, because Jira UI typically shows the name of statuses in upper case, while the actual names are not. You can check up the actual names at Jira Administration screens

Once configured, transitions "**Reopen**" and "**Reopen and start progress**" will look like this:




## Other examples of that function

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Page: Add or remove request participants
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Page: Assign issue to last user who executed a certain transition in the workflow
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Page: Calculate the time elapsed between 2 transition executions
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Page: Compose a parsed text including the "full name" or a user selected in a User Picker custom field
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## Related Usage Examples

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  - example
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  - sub-task
  - transition
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  - example
  - condition
  - validator
  - sub-task
  - transition
- Transition sub-tasks when parent is transitioned
  - example
  - post-function
  - sub-task
  - transition
  - outdated
- Transition only a sub-task among several ones
  - example
  - post-function
  - sub-task
  - transition
  - outdated
- Moving sub-tasks to "Open" status when parent issue moves to "In Progress"
  - example
  - post-function

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Page: Update checkboxes custom field if a file has been attached during a transition
Page: Validation on issue attachments
Page: Validation on MIME types of issue attachments
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        - sub-task
        - transition
        - outdated
- Moving story to "Ready for QA" once all its sub-tasks are in "Ready for QA" status
    - example
    - post-function
    - sub-task
    - transition
    - outdated
- Automatically close resolved sub-tasks when parent issue is closed
    - example
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    - outdated
- Change parent's status depending on sub-task's summary
    - example
    - post-function
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    - outdated
- Moving story to "In Progress" when one of its sub-tasks is moved to "In Progress"
    - example
    - post-function
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- Close parent issue when all sub-tasks are closed
    - example
    - condition
    - validator
    - post-function
    - sub-task
    - transition
- Proceed with a task only when all sub-tasks are completed
    - example
    - condition
    - validator
    - sub-task
    - transition
- Prevent transitioning when there is a blocking issue
    - example
    - validator
    - issue-links
    - sub-task
    - transition
- Transition parent issue only when certain issue sub-task types are done
    - example
    - validator
    - sub-task
    - transition
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    - example
    - validator
    - sub-task
    - transition
- Restrict parent issue from closing if it has sub-tasks that were created during a given parent issue status
    - example
    - validator
    - post-function
    - sub-task
    - transition