

# Update Cascading Select custom field with a value of the field in parent issue

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## Features used to implement the example

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## Example: Update Cascading Select custom field with a value of the field in parent issue

You can use [Copy parsed text to a field](#) post-function (provided by [Jira Workflow Toolbox](#)) to copy the value of **Cascading Select** custom field from parent issue into child issue. **This post-function should be used in the workflow of child issue.**

Let's suppose we have a Cascading Select field called "**Country and City**" with field code `%{50901}` (this code depends on each particular Jira instance), the you should use the following configuration. We are composing a text with parent and child values of cascading select field in parent issue, separating both values with a comma character. Writing this text into cascading select field of current issue (child issue) will update its value.

The screenshot shows the configuration dialog for the 'Copy parsed text to a field' post-function. It includes sections for 'Target field', 'Parsing Mode', 'Text to be parsed and then copied to target field', and 'Syntax Specification'.

**Target field:** Country and City - [Select List (cascading)]  
Field to be written with the result of the parsed text.

**Parsing Mode:**

- Basic: Basic mode: Insert field codes anywhere in the text, and they will be replaced with corresponding field values. Field code formats are `%{nnnnn}`, and `%{nnnnn.i}` for Cascading Select fields ( $i = 0$  for base level).
- Advanced: Advanced mode: Strings literals are written in double quotes ("This is a string."). Operator '+' is used to concatenate strings, and field codes are like in basic mode, e.g., "Issue key is " + `%{00015} + ""`. More information at [parser syntax documentation](#).

**Text to be parsed and then copied to target field:** `%{50901.0}, %{50901.1}`

**Syntax Specification:** Parent's Country and City - [Select List (cascading)] - %{50901} | Insert String Value  
Original estimate (minutes) - [Number] - {00068} | Insert Numeric Value

- Compose dynamic text by inserting field codes (`%{nnnnn}`) that will be replaced with corresponding field values prior to be copied to target field.  
- You can reference parent and child values of cascading select fields writing `%{nnnnn.0}` for parent value, and `%{nnnnn.1}` for child value. Use greater indexes to read multi-level cascading select custom fields.

## Other examples of that function

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