

# Calculate the time elapsed between 2 transition executions

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## Features used to implement the example

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## Example: Calculate the time elapsed between 2 transition executions

I use post-function [Mathematical and date-time expression calculator](#) for calculating time between transitions. But I don't want to log work and use field **"Time Spent"**. I want to use custom field and get time in minutes. How can I do it, using [Jira Workflow Toolbox](#)? And second question: Is any chance to get time between transitions in pretty duration format (for example, 1d 2h ).

In order to calculate the time between the execution of 2 different transitions (let's say **"Transition A"** and **"Transition B"**), and store the obtained value in minutes into a **Number custom field** you can use the following solution:

1. Create **Number** custom field called **"Time elapsed in minutes"**, where we will store the value obtained.
2. Create a **Date-Time Picker** custom field called **"Transition A Execution Time"**
3. Insert post-function [Mathematical and date-time expression calculator](#) into transition **"Transition A"** (i.e., the transition executed earlier) using the following configuration:
  - Target field: **Transition A Execution Time**
  - Formula: `{00057}`
4. Insert post-function [Mathematical and date-time expression calculator](#) into transition **"Transition B"** (i.e., the transition executed later) using the following configuration:
  - Target field: select **Time elapsed in minutes**
  - Formula: `(( {00057} - {aaaaa} ) / {MINUTE})`  
replacing **aaaaa** with the field code of **Transition A Execution Time** custom field.

## Alternative Implementation

You can also represent the time duration between the 2 transition executions as a string in pretty format. To do it, also insert [Copy a parsed text to a field](#) post-function into **"Transition B"** with the following configuration:

- Target field: **a text custom field**
- Parsing mode: **advanced**
- Text to be parsed:

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(floor((( {00057} - {aaaaa} ) / {DAY} ) > 0 ? floor((( {00057} - {aaaaa} ) / {DAY} ) + "d " : "") + (floor(modulus((( {00057} - {aaaaa} ), {DAY} ) / {HOURL} ) > 0 ? floor(modulus((( {00057} - {aaaaa} ), {DAY} ) / {HOURL} ) + "h " : "") + (round(modulus((( {00057} - {aaaaa} ), {HOURL} ) / {MINUTE} ) > 0 ? round(modulus((( {00057} - {aaaaa} ), {HOURL} ) / {MINUTE} ) + "m " : ""))
```

replacing **aaaaa** with the field code of Transition A **Execution Time** custom field

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