

# Set "Due date" 6 natural days (or work days) earlier than a "Date Picker" custom field

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## Features used to implement the example

- [Mathematical and date-time expression calculator](#)

## Example: Set "Due date" 6 natural days (or work days) earlier than a "Date Picker" custom field

I tried to use the `subtractDays` function and it does not work. The due date stays empty. I tried `6 * {DAY}`, I am not sure if it is the good way. Actually, on the creation, I want to push the value "Ship date - 6 days" to "Due date".

In case you want to subtract 6 **natural days** from "Due Date", you have to use post-function [Mathematical and date-time expression calculator](#) with the following configuration:

**Target field:**  

Due date

**Formula:**  

{12200} - 6 \* {DAY}

**NUMERICAL AND DATE-TIME TERMS**  
Numeric and Date-Time field values: insert field codes with format `{nnnnn}`.  

Ship Date - [Date Picker] - {12200}

INSERT NUMERIC VALUE

Valid date-time literal formats: `yyyy/MM/dd [hh:mm]` or `yyyy-MM-dd [hh:mm]`. Time literals use format: `hh:mm`.  
There is a set of [mathematical functions](#) and [time macros and functions](#) available to be used in your expression.

Notice that:

- `{12200}` is the code for numeric value of field "Ship Date". This code depends on each Jira instance.

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 1
Post Functions 3

The following will be processed after the transition occursAdd post function

1. Creates the issue originally.
2. Field **Due date** will be assigned with the calculation result of the formula:  
`{Ship Date} - 6 * {DAY}`
3. Fire a **Issue Created** event that can be processed by the listeners.

## Alternative implementation

In case you want to subtract **6 work days** from "**Due Date**", you have to use post-function [Mathematical and date-time expression calculator](#) with the following configuration:

Target field:

Due date

Formula:

addDaysSkippingWeekends({12200}, -6, LOCAL)

**NUMERICAL AND DATE-TIME TERMS**
Numeric and Date-Time field values: insert field codes with format `{nnnnn}`.

Ship Date - [Date Picker] - {12200}
INSERT NUMERIC VALUE

Valid date-time literal formats: `yyyy/MM/dd [hh:mm]` or `yyyy-MM-dd [hh:mm]`. Time literals use format: `hh:mm`.  
There is a set of [mathematical functions](#) and [time macros and functions](#) available to be used in your expression.

Note that:

- `{12200}` is the code for numeric value of field "**Ship Date**". This code depends on each Jira instance.

- Work days depend on timezone, since certain moment in time may be Sunday in some timezones, and Monday in other ones. In the example we are using **Jira server's local time**, but we can use any other timezone. If you want to use the **current user's time zone** you should use **USER\_LOCAL** instead.

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

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EditView Properties?

Create Issue

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

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Post Functions 3

The following will be processed after the transition occursAdd post function

1. Creates the issue originally.

2. Field **Due date** will be assigned with the calculation result of the formula:  
*addDaysSkippingWeekends({Ship Date}, -6, LOCAL)*

3. Fire a **Issue Created** event that can be processed by the listeners.

Since version **2.2.39**, **Jira Workflow Toolbox** supports **Custom Schedules**, and you can do all you are doing now using **addTimeSkippingWeekends()** and **subtractDatesSkippingWeekends()** functions, and much more.

## Other examples of that function

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