

# Transition only a sub-task among several ones

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## Features used to implement the example

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This example is considered **outdated**. Please head over to the one using our [Transition issues](#) post function [here](#).

## Example: Transition only a sub-task among several ones

Could you please advise how I can transit only first sub-task on parent issue transition.

It will require [JIRA Workflow Toolbox 2.1.28](#) or higher. It can be done using 3 post-functions:

[Copy a parsed text to a field](#) post-function to write the **name of a transition** into virtual field "**Ephemeral string 1**" virtual field. In this example I use transition "**Start Progress**".

Target field:

Ephemeral string 1 - [Text]

Field to be written with the resulting parsed text.

☐ Don't overwrite target field if it's already set.

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:

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Start Progress

Summary - [Text] - `%{00000}`

Insert String Value

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

Insert Numeric Value

[Copy a parsed text to a field](#) post-function to write the **issue key** of first sub-task order by a certain field into virtual field **"Ephemeral string 2"**. In this example I order sub-tasks by **creation date-time** in ascending order:

**Target field:**

Ephemeral string 2 - [Text]

Field to be written with the resulting parsed text.

☐ Don't overwrite target field if it's already set.

**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 `%{nnnn}`, and `%{nnnn.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:**

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1 `toString(first(sort(subtasks(), {00009}, ASC))`

Summary - [Text] - `%{00000}`

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

Text to be parsed is: `toString(first(sort(subtasks(), {00009}, ASC))`

Note that:

- `{00009}` is code for numeric value of field **"Date and time of creation"**
- We are using **advanced** parsing mode

[Update issue fields](#) post-function for copying the name of the transition in **"Ephemeral field 1"** into virtual field **"Execute transition"** of issue whose key is in **"Ephemeral field 2"**:

**Target fields and Source values:** [?](#)  
Select the target fields that will be set and the source values for each of them.

Target field:  

Summary - [Text] [Add](#)

Add a field to be set in selected issues.

Target Field	Type of Value	Source Value	Don't Overwrite	Actions
Execute transition	Field in current issue	Ephemeral string 1		<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>

**Target Issues:**  
Select the issue(s) to be updated.

**Issue Selection Mode:**  

☐ Current Issue
☐ Parent Issue
☐ Linked Epic
☐ Linked Issues
☐ Subtasks
☐ Sibling Subtasks
☐ Issues under Epic
☐ Sibling issues under Epic
☒ JQL Query
☐ Issue List

1 issuekey in ("%00062")

String Field Code Injector:  
Summary - [Text] - {%00000}

Numeric/Date Field Code Injector:  
Original estimate (minutes) - [Number] - {00068}

[Check Syntax](#)

- 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.

**Additional options:**

☐ Enable email notifications on issues to be written, according to applicable notification scheme.  
☐ Update issue immediately after field writing. A specific entry will be created in issue history for each field writing.

**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.
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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}

Text to be parsed is: `issuekey in ("%00062")`

Note that:

- `%{00062}` is field code for "Ephemeral string 2"

Once transition is configured, it will look like this:

The following will be processed after the transition occurs

Add post function

1. The following text parsed in **basic** mode will be copied to **Ephemeral string 1**:  
**Start Progress**  
This feature will be run as user in field **Current user**. by JWT

2. The following text parsed in **advanced** mode will be copied to **Ephemeral string 2**:  
`toString(first(sort(subtasks(), {Date and time of creation}, ASC)))`  
This feature will be run as user in field **Current user**. by JWT

3. Update the following target issues:  
**JQL query**  
`issuekey in ("%{Ephemeral string 2}")`  
  
Target fields and Source values:

Target Field	Type of Value	Source Value	Don't Overwrite
Execute transition	Field in current issue	Ephemeral string 1	

  
This feature will be run as user in field **Current user**. by JWT

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