

# previousValue()

This function returns the previous value of the given field for the current issue.

### Syntax

```
previousValue(textField) #Output: Text
```

### Examples

Parser expression	Description
<code>previousValue(%{issue.summary})</code>	This example returns the <b>previous summary</b> .
<code>previousValue(%{issue.priority})</code>	This example returns the <b>previous priority</b> .

### Additional information

Parameters used in this function

Parameter	Input (data type)	Description
textField	<input type="text" value="TEXT"/>	Any given text field code.

### Output

This function returns a

It will return **null** if the field was previously uninitialized.

Variant of **number** and **date-time** fields.

### Syntax

```
previousValue(numberField) #Output: Number
```

### Examples

Parser expression	Description
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```
previousValue({issue.dueDate})
```

This example returns the **previous due date**.

## Additional information

Parameters used in this function

Parameter	Input (data type)	Description
numberField	<input type="text" value="TEXT"/>	Any given numeric or date-time field code.

## Output

This function returns a  .

It will return **null** if the field was previously uninitialized.



## Use cases and examples

Use case	JWT feature	Workflow function	Field type	Automated action	Parser functions
Add links to the issues in a ScriptRunner Issue Picker field				Create issue link action Delete issue link action	issueKeysToIssueList() toString() toStringList() replaceAll() previousValue()
Set assignee based on a former assignee		Update or copy field values			previousValue()
Create an issue with a custom summary		Create issue			previousValue()
Prioritize the issues globally		Update or copy field values			indexOf() previousValue() issuesFromJQL()