

Copy field values from linked issues or subtasks

This post function allows you to copy a **field value** from **multiple issues** to the **current issue**. Since potentially multiple values will be returned, the values can be **aggregated** or **calculated**.

By default, the field values from linked issues will be read. If **sub-tasks** should also be taken into account, the corresponding additional option has to be checked.



Configuration

Target fields

Select the **target fields** that will be set and the **source values** for each of them. The following options are available:

Option	Description
Copy field from selected issues	<p>The value(s) found in the issues specified through the filters will be copied to the target field as a comma separated list.</p> <p>Since you are copying the values of potentially multiple linked issues or sub-tasks JWT can aggregate values, and offers additional options depending on the type of source field.</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px;"><p>Calculated values</p><p>For date and date-time fields you can additionally choose to only return the:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earliest date value among those being returned.• Latest date value among those being returned.<p>For numeric fields you can automatically return the following aggregated values:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sum of values: sum of all the values being returned.• Lowest value: minimum value among those being returned.• Highest value: maximum value among those being returned.• Average value: arithmetic mean of values being returned.<p>When updating the Priority field you can additionally choose to only return the:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highest priority value among those being returned.• Lowest priority value among those being returned.</div>
Set field value manually (parser expression)	<p>Set the value of the target field using an expression and optionally use field codes. The Parsing modes differ depending on the data type of the target field.</p> <p>You can either choose from the Advanced text mode or the Numeric mode.</p>
Clear field value	<p>Choose this option to clear the value of the target field. This option is not available for the Summary field.</p>

Check the **write protection** option if you want to prevent a field to be updated, if it already has a value. If checked, only empty fields will be set.

Filter

If you choose to further filter the issues the values will be copied from, all filter criteria will be "**and concatenated**".

Values will only be copied from issues meeting **all** criteria will be considered.

Filter by project

Optionally specify specific **projects**, the linked issues or sub-tasks) must or must not belong to. The following options are available:

Option	Description
Any project	By default, the linked issues or sub-tasks can be in any project.
Current project	Choose this option to make sure that all linked issues or sub-tasks are in the same project as the current issue .
Any but current project	Choose this option to make sure that all linked issues or sub-tasks are not in the same project as the current issue .

Filter by issue link type

If you select specific **link types**, **all linked issues** must be linked using the selected **types**. If issues linked with other link types are found, the condition will **fail**.

This filter is **mandatory**. If you only want to copy values from sub-tasks, leave this filter **blank** and check the additional option "**Include sub-tasks matching the specified filter criteria**".

Filter by issue type

You can **optionally** filter the issues to copy the values from by **issue types**. If you select values **all linked issues** or **sub-tasks** must be of any of the selected **issue types**

Filter by status

You can **optionally** filter the issues to copy the values from by **status**. If you select values **all linked issues** or **sub-tasks** must be in any of the selected **statuses**

Filter by field value

Optionally limit the issues you want to copy values from by their **field values**. To achieve this you must enter an expression in [Logical mode](#). The expression must return **true** or **false**.

Examples:

Expression	Description
<pre>%{seed.issue.assignee} != null</pre>	<p>All issues must be assigned to a user. If unassigned sub-tasks are found, the condition will fail.</p> <p>Values in linked issues or sub-tasks have to be referenced by their seed field codes.</p>
<pre>%{issue.dueDate} <= %{seed.issue.dueDate}</pre>	<p>All issues must have a due date of equal to or later than the current issue's due date.</p> <p>Values in linked issues or sub-tasks have to be referenced by their seed field codes.</p>

Additional options

Option	Description
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Include sub-tasks matching the specified filter criteria	Choose this option, if you want to also or only copy the values from sub-tasks. This option only makes sense when the current issue itself is not a sub-task. This option or the next option must be checked, if you leave the link type filter blank .
Include sibling sub-tasks matching the specified filter criteria	Choose this option, if you additionally want to copy the values from siblings of the sub-tasks that match the filter criteria. This option or the previous option must be checked, if you leave the link type filter blank .
Include recursively linked issues or sub-tasks matching the specified filter criteria	Recursively linked issues or sub-tasks (e.g. which are linked to a directly linked issue) will also be included independent of the linking depth .
Include current issue	The value of the current issue will be included in the output.
Update issue immediately	Choose to update issues immediately if you want Jira to fire a separate "Issue updated" event for any field change. This will also result in a dedicated issue history entry.

Conditional execution

You can **optionally** specify a [logical expression](#) to define the circumstances (or conditions) under which the post function should be executed.

The result of the logical expression must return a boolean value of either:

- `true` the post function will be executed
- `false` the post function will **not** be executed

Using the **conditional operator**, even complex or multi-layered conditions can be constructed.

Make sure to learn more about defining logical expressions and browse through the various **examples** here: [Logical mode](#)

Run as

Select which **user** will be used to execute this post function. By default this parameter is set to the **current user**. You can also use field codes to run the function as a dynamic user (e.g. current assignee).

Make sure that the user running the post function has all the **relevant permissions** to perform the actions defined in the configuration (e.g. "Update Issues")!

If you want to keep track the actions being performed automatically, we suggest to create a **dedicated JWT account**, granted all relevant **permissions**, and use it in the Run as parameter to identify which changes have been made with JWT.



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