

Watchers

Field code

`%{issue.watcher}`



Read

Returned value	A comma-separated list of usernames
Output data type	<div>TEXT</div>
Example output	username1, username2, username3



Write

Valid text input	A comma-separated list of usernames, group names or project roles names ⓘ
Valid numerical input	
Example input	username1, username2, username3

Sets the watchers of an issue **replacing** existing watchers! If you just want to add new watchers, see [New watchers](#).

Prefixes + and - can be used to **add** or **remove** watchers.

Input	Description
Albert, Richard, John	Replaces the current watchers with users Albert, Richard and John .
+ Developers, Administrators	Adds every user in project roles or groups Developers and Administrators as current watchers.
- Testers, Administrators, + Albert, Richard	Removes users in project roles or groups Testers and Administrators, and adds users Albert and Richard as watchers.

Use this field to add or remove watchers to **linked issues, sub-tasks** or issues returned by **JQL**.

To learn more about this writable field, check the following use cases:

- [Automatically become watcher of every issue blocking an issue assigned to you](#)
- [Add watchers depending on the value of a custom field](#)