

What is an expression?

Expressions are a fundamental concept within Jira Workflow Toolbox: every input into the [JWT expression editor](#) is considered an expression and will be interpreted by the JWT expression parser against the selected [parsing mode](#).

They are used for almost every input that you can make in [workflow functions](#), [automation rules](#) and [calculated fields](#).

Expressions range from simple text, e.g. **Hello world!**, over mathematical calculation, e.g. **3 + 4**, to the extensive usage of [expression parser functions](#), and beyond.

[Basic text mode](#) being the simplest one among the [parsing modes](#) allows to write free text and insert [field codes](#). The other [parsing modes](#) support the usage of [operators](#) and [expression parser functions](#).

Example expressions

Parser expression	Output
Hello World!	Basic text
	Hello World!
"Hello World!"	Basic text
	"Hello World!"
	Advanced text
	Hello World!
"Summary: " + %{issue.summary}	Basic text
	"Summary: " + My first issue
	Advanced text
	Summary: My first issue

3 + 4	Basic text
	3 + 4
	Advanced text
	34
	Numeric
	7

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