## **Converting data types**

Converting (or casting) data types is very important throughout all functions provided by JWT.

To be able to **set**, **transform** or **calculate** values it might be necessary to turn a **text** value to a **number**, a **number** or a **timestamp** to a **text**, and even individual **text** or **number** values to a **list**.

The following functions will help you to achieve that.

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## Available functions

Function	Short description	Output
issueKeysToIssueList()	Converts a text containing issue keys into an issue list.	ISSUE LIST
toInteger()	Converts text into an integer.	NUMBER
toNumber()	Converts text into a number.	NUMBER
toNumberList()	Converts text containing numbers into a number list.	NUMBER LIST
toString()	Converts <b>numbers</b> and <b>lists into</b> plain <b>text</b> .	TEXT
toStringList()	Converts text into a text list.	TEXT LIST

Whenever you write a numeric term at the right-hand side of **the + operator** or a **comparison operator** like = , and the left-hand side is occupied by a text term, JWT will automatically transform the right-hand side term into a text toString().

Operator	Example	
+	"His age is " + 30 is equivalent to "His age is " + toString(30)	
= (any comparison operator)	"30" = 30 is equivalent to "30" = toString(30)	

If you still have questions, feel free to refer to our support team.