

# Issue list mode

The **issue list** parsing mode, just like the [JQL mode](#), lets you define a target **selection** of **issues**. It is being used in [Post functions](#) and [Automation actions](#), that allow you to **create** or **update multiple issues**.

The output has to be a **valid issue list** as defined in the [Data types](#) section.

All [JWT expression parser functions](#), that return an issue list can be used. Additionally, issue lists can be constructed using functions like [issueKeysToIssueList\(\)](#).



## Example expressions

Parser expression	Description
<pre>subtasks()</pre>	<p>This example returns a <b>list</b> of all <b>sub-tasks</b> of the current issue.</p> <p>To achieve this, the following functions are used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">subtasks()</a></li></ul>
<pre>issueKeysToIssueList("CRM-12, HT-254")</pre>	<p>This example returns an issue list of issues with keys <b>CRM-12</b> and <b>HT-254</b>: ["CRM-12", "HT-254"]</p> <p>To achieve this, the following functions are used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">issueKeysToIssueList()</a></li></ul>
<pre>filterByFieldValue(subtasks(), {issue.dueDate}, =, null)</pre>	<p>This example returns an issue list with all <b>sub-tasks</b> that don't have a <b>due date</b> set.</p> <p>To achieve this, the following functions are used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">filterByFieldValue()</a></li><li>• <a href="#">subtasks()</a></li></ul>
<pre>getIssuesFromProjects("CRM, HT")</pre>	<p>This example returns an <b>issue list</b> of all issues in project <b>CRM</b> and <b>HT</b>.</p> <p>To achieve this, the following functions are used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">getIssuesFromProjects()</a></li></ul>

Make sure to read all about working with [Lists](#) as they come with many extremely useful [JWT expression parser functions](#).

List functions can also be used in the [Advanced text mode](#). The difference is, that the output will be a **flat text** instead of an **issue list**.

The main advantage over the advanced text mode is, that you can use the returned **elements** of the issue list as [Seeds](#).

JWT offers individual operators that can be used when working with Lists.



## Available operators

Function	Short description	Output
APPEND	<b>Combines</b> the elements of two <b>lists</b> .	LIST
UNION	Returns <b>distinct elements</b> of two lists.	LIST
INTERSECT	Returns <b>common elements</b> of two lists.	LIST
EXCEPT	<b>Removes</b> certain elements from a list.	LIST



## Order of operations

If you use multiple operators in a single expression, they will follow a certain order in which they are processed or a precedence.

OPERATORS	PRECEDENCE	ASSOCIATIVITY
INTERSECT	1 (highest)	Left-to-right
APPEND, EXCEPT, UNION	2 (lowest)	Left-to-right

- When using the list operators, you have to make sure that both lists that you compare are of the **same type**.
- All operators are **case insensitive**, i.e., they can also be written in lower case: **append**, **union**, **intersect** and **except**.
- There are **four equivalent functions** available for each type of list, and their behavior is **exactly equivalent** to that of its corresponding operator.
  - **append()**
  - **except()**
  - **intersect()**
  - **union()**
- This way, you can choose to use **operators** or **functions** according to your preference. Although operators yield shorter expressions and with fewer parentheses, the usage of functions produces a more functional consistent syntax.

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