

# Read fields from linked issues or sub-tasks

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## Purpose

This post-function allows reading a field values from linked issues and sub-tasks, and write the value into a field in current issue.

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**Example: Set "Due Date" with latest value among "Sub-tasks" and "Blocking Issues"**

**Target fields and Source values:** ?

Select the target fields that will be set and the source values for each of them.

Target field:

Summary - [Text] ▾

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Add a field to be set in current issue.

| Target Field | Type of Value            | Source Value | Calculated Value | Don't Overwrite | Actions  |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Due date     | Field in selected issues | Due date     | Highest date     |                 | <a href="#">Edit</a><br><a href="#">Remove</a> |

**Filtering by issue link type:**

- is blocked by
- blocks
- is cloned by
- clones
- is duplicated by
- duplicates
- is caused by
- causes
- relates to
- relates to

Only issues linked to current issue by selected issue link types will be read.

**Read also subtasks fulfilling condition on issue type, status and project:**



This option only makes sense when current issue itself is not a subtask.

**Read also sibling subtasks fulfilling condition on issue type, status and project:**



Sibling subtasks are understood as subtasks with the same parent as current issue. This option only makes sense when current issue is itself a subtask.

**Filtering linked issues or subtasks by issue type:**

-  Epic
-  Story
-  Test Plan
-  Bug
-  New Feature
-  Task
-  Improvement
-  QA Sub-task
-  Sub-task

Selected issue types will be read, but if you don't select any, it won't be applied any filter by issue type. In that case all the issue types will be read.

**Filtering linked issues or subtasks by status:**

-  Open
-  In Progress
-  Reopened
-  Resolved
-  Closed
-  To Do
-  Done
-  Acceptance
-  Fail
-  Pass
-  Retest
-  Active
-  Inactive
-  Cancelled

Selected statuses will be read, but if you don't select any, it won't be applied any filter by status. In that case issues in any status will be read.

**Linked issues or subtasks belong to:**

- any project
- current project
- any but current project

**Filtering by field values:**  
Optional boolean expression that should be satisfied by linked issues and subtasks. ([Syntax Specification](#))

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Leave field empty for no filtering.

Logical connectives: **or**, **and** and **not**. Alternatively you can also use **|**, **&** and **!**.  
Comparison operators: **=**, **!**, **>**, **>=**, **<** and **<=**. Operators **~**, **in**, **not in**, **any in** and **none in** can be used with **strings**, **multi-valued fields** and **lists**.  
Logical literals: **true** and **false**. Literal **null** is used with **=** and **!=** to check whether a field is initialized, e.g. `{00012} != null` checks whether **Due Date** is initialized.

**String Field Code Injector:**  
 Check Syntax

**Numeric/Date Field Code Injector:**

Example 1: `{00012} <= ^{00012}` will require that linked issues and subtasks have *Due Date* equal or later than current issue's *Due Date*.  
Example 2: `!{00074} ~ ^{00074} AND ^{00017} in ["Blocker", "Critical"]` will require that linked issues and subtasks have *Fixed versions* contained in current issue's *Fixed versions* and *Priority* is *Blocker* or *Critical*.

**Read linked issues and subtasks recursively:**

Issues and subtasks transitively linked will also be read, provided they fulfill stated filtering conditions. Issues are read recursively without depth limit, but each selected issue is read only once.

**Read also current issue:**

Current issue will be included in the issue selection, i.e., current issue's field value will also be read.

**Conditional execution:**  
Optional boolean expression that should be satisfied in order to actually execute the post-function. ([Syntax Specification](#))

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Leave the field empty for executing the post-function unconditionally. [Collection of Examples](#)

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**String Field Code Injector:**  **Numeric/Date Field Code Injector:**

**Run as:**  
Select the user that will be used to execute this feature. JIRA will apply restrictions according to the permissions, project roles and groups of the selected user.

User defined by a **field**.  Input a **specific user**.

Once configured, post-function will look like this:

The following will be processed after the transition occurs

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1. **Highest date** of fields **Due date** in linked issues or subtasks will be copied to field **Due date** in current issue, filtering issues by:  
Inward issue link types: **is blocked by**.  
Outward issue link types: **none**  
**Subtasks** fulfilling conditions on issue type, status and project **will be read**.  
**Sibling subtasks won't be read**.  
Issue types: **any**  
Statuses: **any**  
Linked issues or subtasks may belong to **any** project.  
This feature will be run as user in field **Current user**.

## Configuration Parameters

### Source Value

The value that will be read from linked issues and subtasks, and stored into a current issue's field. There are 3 types of source values available:

- **Field** in JQL selected issues: the value of a field in JQL selected issues.
- **Parsed text (advanced mode)**: a string expression where we can use values of fields in current issue (syntax `%{nnnnn}`), and in linked issues and sub-tasks (syntax `^{nnnnn}`). Here we can use all the functions available in the [Expression Parser](#).
- **Math or Date-Time** expression: an expression returning a numeric value where we can use values of fields in current issue (syntax `{nnnnn}`), and in linked issues and sub-tasks (syntax `^{nnnnn}`). Here we can use all the functions available in the [Expression Parser](#).

### Issues that can be Read

- **Linked Issues**: issues linked to current issue.
- **Sub-task**: current issue's subtasks.
- **Sibling Sub-tasks**: when current issue is a sub-task, its parent's other sub-tasks.

### Special Operations depending on Source Field Type

- **Date** and **Date-Time** fields:
  - **Lowest Date**: earliest date among those read.
  - **Highest Date**: latest date among those read.
- **Number** fields:
  - **Sum of Values**: sum of all the values read.
  - **Lowest Value**: minimum value among those read.
  - **Highest Value**: maximum value among those read.
  - **Average Value**: arithmetic mean of values read.
- **Priority** field:
  - **Highest Priority**
  - **Lowest Priority**

### Filtering Conditions

Issues to be read can be filtered by:

- **Issue link type**: only for linked issues.
- **Issue types**: if no issue type is selected, then no filter by issue type is applied.
- **Statuses**: if no status is selected, then no filter by status is applied.
- **Project**: three possible options are available ("**any project**", "**current project**" and "**any but current project**").
- **Field values**: when a **boolean expression** is entered, only those issues fulfilling the expression are selected. In this expression we use `^` prefix for field values in foreign issues (linked issues, sub-tasks and sibling sub-tasks): `^{nnnnn}` and `^{nnnnn}`, while field codes without prefix correspond to current issue's field values.  
**Example 1**: `boolean condition {00012} <= ^{00012}` will require that issues have "**Due Date**" equal or later than current issue's "**Du**

e Date".

**Example 2:** boolean condition `%{00074} ~ ^{%00074} AND ^{%00017} in ["Blocker", "Critical"]` will require that issues have "Fix version/s" contained in current issue's "Fix version/s" and that "Priority" has values "Blocker" or "Critical".

## Additional Options

- **Don't overwrite target field if it's already set:** when checked, this parameter will make the post-function do nothing in case target field is not empty in current issue.
  - **Read linked issues and sub-tasks recursively:** transitively linked issues and its sub-tasks are also selected provided they fulfill filtering conditions. This recursive operation is performed with no depth limit, but each selected issue is read only once.
  - **Read also current issue:** current issue is included in issue selection, i.e., current issue's source field is also read.
  - **Run as:** Jira user post-function is going to be executed as. This parameter can be set to a **fixed user** (e.g. "john.nash"), or to a **user field** (e.g. "Reporter", "Assignee", etc). This parameter is important when we have permission or security restrictions that might prevent fields from being read or written.
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## Usage Example

Page: [Add all assignees of certain sub-task types to a "Multi-User Picker" custom field](#)

Page: [Add and remove a single or a set of items from multi valued fields](#)

Page: [Copy "Due date" into a date type custom field in a linked issue if it's greater than current issue's "Due date"](#)

Page: [Copy attachments from one issue to another](#)

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Page: [Propagate highest priority from blocked issues to blocking issues](#)

Page: [Sum sub-task's "Time Spent" \(work logs\) and add it to a certain linked issue](#)

## Related Features

- [Write field on linked issues or sub-tasks](#)
- [Update issue fields](#)
- [Read field from issues returned by JQL query or issue list](#)