Seeds

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Probably most of the time, doing things with the help of JWT for Jira Cloud is related to a **single object** - the **issue** currently being **transitioned**, e.g. by adding a comment, updating a field, etc.

Referring to the **current issue's information** can be done by using a simple field code like %{issue.description}.

However, since you can also use more complex functions in JWT that work with **multiple objects**, this simple notation is not sufficient for those use cases. To name a few examples

- · Creating sub-tasks based on the (dynamic) selection of components set in the current issue
- Create a task for each issue returned by a JQL query (dynamic)
- Create a set of three (static) stories in an Epic with distinct pieces of information

Whenever JWT for Jira Cloud has to handle (or **iterates** over) multiple elements of Lists (or sources), those elements are referred to as **seeds**. Depending on the type of list, those are referred to as

- Seed issues for elements of issue lists
- Seed texts for elements of text lists (e.g. custom field options, components etc.)
- Seed numbers for the numbers from one to a given number



Seed issues

Issue lists can be specified by issue list expressions like linkedIssues().

When dealing with issue lists, the notation for accessing values of each element is %{seed.issue.someField}, e.g. %{seed.issue.summary}

Workflow functions

You might face seed issues when trying to create multiple issues with the Create issue post function by setting the "Mode" parameter:

Number of issues to be created	Description
Multiple issues based on an issue list	An issue is created for every issue returned by the issue list expression.

Example: You want to create multiple issue based on a parser function that returns three issues, e.g. linkedIssues():

- DEMO-1 Issue A
- DEMO-2 Issue B
- DEMO-3 Issue C

Creating issues based on this result, the post function will run three times, where the following values will be returned throughout those three runs.

Run	%{seed.issue.key}	%{seed.issue.summary}
1	DEMO-1	Issue A

2	DEMO-2	Issue B
3	DEMO-3	Issue C

In general, using the seed notation, the nth run returns the field values of the nth issue from this list.

Seed texts

Text lists can either be

- static, e.g. ["firstElement", "secondElement", "thirdElement"], or
- composed dynamically by using the toStringList() expression parser functions, e.g. toStringList(%{issue.components}) or toStringList(%{issue.cf12345}}) (where the custom field with the ID 123456 is a multi option custom field) or
- calculated by using one of the functions that return a text list like findPattern(), e.g. %{findPattern(%{issue.versions}, "Release")}

When dealing with text lists, the notation for each element %{seed.text}.

Workflow functions

Create issue post function

Number of issues to be created	Description
Multiple issues based on a text list	An issue is created for each element of a text list.

Given the example of a static list above, the post function will run three times and the following values will be returned throughout those three runs

Run	%{seed.text}
1	firstElement
2	secondElement
3	thirdElement

Given a dynamic example, having selected the components Frontend and Backend on an issue with $\{toStringList(\{issue.components\})\}$, the post function will run two times returning the following values for each run

Run	%{seed.text}
1	Frontend
2	Backend

After adding a third component Interface, the post function will run three times returning the following values for each run

Run	%{seed.text}
1	Frontend
2	Backend
3	Interface

According to this scenario, composing a summary with an expression like

```
Summary of %{seed.text} Issue
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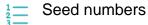
will result in three issues, named

Summary of Frontend Issue

- Summary of Backend Issue
- Summary of Interface Issue

Examples

• Create a sub-task for each component



Numbers can either be

- **static**, e.g. 3, or
- composed dynamically by using the toNumber() expression parser function or
- calculated by using one of the functions that return a number like length(), e.g. $\{length(%issue.versions))\}$

When dealing with number lists, the notation for each element is $\{$ seed.number $\}$.

Workflow functions

Create issue post function

Number of issues to be created	Description	
Multiple issues based on a number	The number of issues provided by the numeric value is created.	

Given a static example with the numeric value of 3 in order to create three issues, the following values will be returned for each run

Run	{seed.number}
1	1
2	2
3	3

According to this scenario, composing a summary with an expression like

```
Summary of Issue # {seed.number}
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will result in three issues, named

- Summary of Issue # 1
- Summary of Issue # 2
- Summary of Issue # 3

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