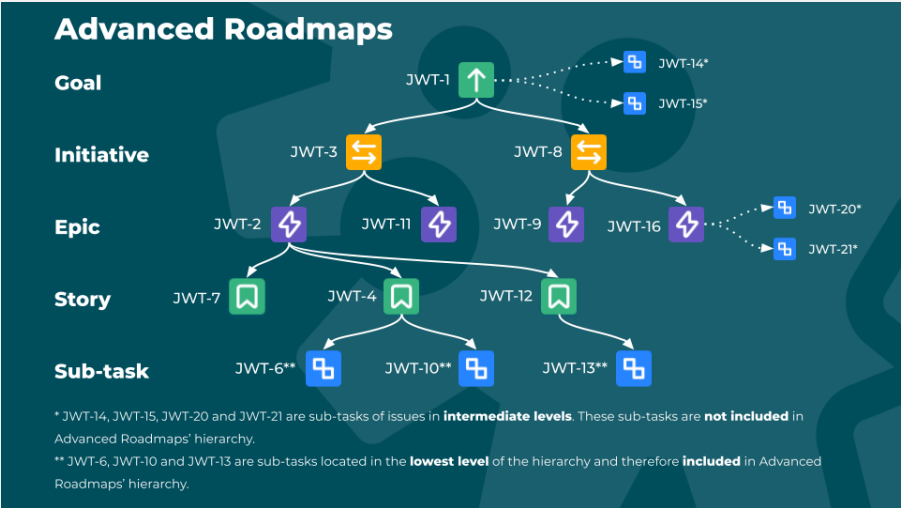# parent()

This function returns the parent issue of a given issue according to **Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy**, i.e., the issue which is immediately above in the hierarchy. In the case that the given issue is a sub-task, its parent issue will be returned.

Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy includes:

- Issues linked by **Parent Link** custom field.
- Issues linked by **Epic-Story** link.
- **Sub-tasks** in the **lowest level** of the hierarchy. Sub-tasks under issues in intermediate levels of the hierarchy are not considered to belong to **Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy.**

Example:

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* JWT-14, JWT-15, JWT-20 and JWT-21 are sub-tasks of issues in **intermediate levels**. These sub-tasks are **not included** in Advanced Roadmaps' hierarchy.

** JWT-6, JWT-10 and JWT-13 are sub-tasks located in the **lowest level** of the hierarchy and therefore **included** in Advanced Roadmaps' hierarchy.

Syntax
parent() #Output: Issue list

Examples

Parser expression	Description
parent()	Considering that current issue is *JWT-3*, this expression returns the parent of this issue: **[JWT-1]**

Output

This function returns an [ISSUE LIST]

Variant where you additionally define **issues**.

Duplicated issues are filtered from the output.

Syntax

```
parent(issueList) #Output: Issue list
```

Examples

Parser expression	Description
`parent(linkedIssues("is blocked by"))`	Considering that expression `linkedIssues("is blocked by")` returns `[JWT-4, JWT-8]`, this example returns the parent of these issues: **[JWT-1, JWT-2]** To achieve this the following functions are used: • linkedIssues()

Additional information

Parameters used in this function

Parameter	Input (data type)	Description
`issueList`	ISSUE LIST	Any given issue list. Usually this value is retrieved from a function (e.g. linkedIssues() or issuesUnderEpic()).

Output

This function returns an ISSUE LIST

Variant where you define **issue keys** instead.

Duplicated issues are filtered from the output.

Syntax

```
parent(issueKeys) #Output: Issue list
```

Examples

Parser expression	Description

`parent("JWT-7, JWT-13")`	This example returns parent issues of *JWT-7* and *JWT-13*: **[JWT-2, JWT-12]**

Additional information

Parameters used in this function

Parameter	Input (data type)	Description
`issueKeys`	TEXT	A comma separated list of issue keys.

Output

This function returns an ISSUE LIST

To return **the issues just under an issue** within the Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy, you might want to have a look into the issuesUnder() function.

To return **all issues under an issue** within the Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy, you might want to have a look into the allIssuesUnder() function.

To return **all issues having the same parent** within the Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy, you might want to have a look into the siblingIssues() function.

To return **the parent of an issue** within the Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy, you might want to have a look into the parent() function.

To return **all issues above an issue** within the Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy, you might want to have a look into the issuesAbove() function.

Use cases and examples

Use case	JWT feature	Workflow function	Field type	Automated action	Parser functions
Inherit value from parent in Advanced Roadmaps hierarchy	⚡			Update field action	fieldValue() first() parent()