

Set assignee based on a former assignee

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Use case

Store the last assignee in a status in a hidden *User Picker* field and **update the Assignee field with it** in a posterior transition.

This use case requires the implementation of two [Update or copy field values](#) post functions in two different transitions.



Prerequisites

Set up a custom field

1

Create a **User Picker (single user)** custom field and name it **Last Assignee In Status**

2

Restrict its context to the desired projects.

Do not add it to any screen! It will be used internally.



Configuration

1

Add the [Update or copy field values](#) post function to the transition or transitions that leave the status in question.

1

Target issue

Choose **Current issue**

2

Field

Choose **Last Assignee In Status**

3

ValueChoose **Set field value manually**

4

ExpressionUse the following expression with the expression editor in **Advanced text** mode.

```
hasChanged(%{issue.assignee}) = true ? previousValue(%{issue.assignee}) : %{issue.assignee}
```

2

Add the [Update or copy field values](#) post function to a posterior transition.

1

Target issueChoose **Current issue**

2

FieldSelect **Assignee**

3

ValueChoose **Copy field value from current issue** and select the field **Last Assignee In Status**

















4



Conditional execution**Restrict the usage of the post function** with the following conditional execution. **Replace the field code** with the appropriate one for the field **Last Assignee In Status** before using it.

```
%{issue.cfaaaaa} != ""
```

**Related use cases**

Use case	JWT feature	Workflow function	Parser functions	Label
Add days skipping weekends and holidays to a Date Picker field		Update or copy field values	<code>addTime()</code>	

Add or remove request participants		Update or copy field values	
Add watchers ignoring inactive users		Update or copy field values	usersInGroup() isActive() toString() filterByPredicate()
Assign important issues to the project lead		Update or copy field values	
Assign issue to current user		Update or copy field values	
Automatically fill an insight custom field after a transition		Update or copy field values	
Change the assignee to the next evaluator		Update or copy field values	first() toStringList()
Create an internal Service Management comment on linked issues		Update or copy field values	
Keep parent issue's priority in sync		Update or copy field values	
Keep track of important status updates		Update or copy field values Fields required or changed	dateTimeToString()
Match several values of a list		Update or copy field values	toString() distinct() filterByPredicate()
Prioritize the issues globally		Update or copy field values	indexOf() previousValue() issuesFromJQL()
Set a date on the same week day on alternate weeks		Update or copy field values	addDays() nextDayOfTheWeek() modulus() weekOfTheYear() datePart()
Set a Date Picker field to the nth day of the month		Update or copy field values	dayOfTheMonth() lastDayOfTheMonth() addDays()
Set assignee based on a former assignee		Update or copy field values	previousValue()
Set Due Date with latest value among sub-tasks		Update or copy field values	fieldValue() max() siblingSubtasks()
Set fix version based on its start and release date		Update or copy field values	toString() textOnStringList() unreleasedVersions() startDates() releaseDates() first()

Set the next fix version		Update or copy field values	floor() toNumber() substring() length()
Shorten the summary to a maximum number of characters		Update or copy field values	substring() length()

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