

Linking Issues

Issue linking allows you to create an association between [issues](#). For example:

- An issue may *duplicate* another.
- An issue may *incorporate* (be a superset of) another.
- An issue's resolution may *depend* on another's.

Within an issue, links to other issues look like this:

The screenshot shows a sidebar with 'Issue Links' and a main content area. The 'Duplicate' section lists three issues: [JIRA-800](#) Allow one-time watchers for issues (with a strikethrough), [JIRA-1186](#) Need to be able to add others to 'wate..' (with a strikethrough), and [JIRA-1244](#) Manually edit an issue's watch list (with a strikethrough). The 'Reference' section lists three issues: [JIRA-652](#) Allow user or admin to add watches for.. (with a strikethrough), [JIRA-701](#) watch list enhancement (with a strikethrough), and [JIRA-715](#) Reporters watchers by default option (with a strikethrough).

An example of issue linking

The strikethrough text indicates issues that have been resolved. E.g. in the above screenshot, issues JIRA-800, JIRA-1186, JIRA-1244 and JIRA-715 have been resolved, while JIRA-652 and JIRA-701 have not.

Note:

Linking is only available if it has been [enabled](#) by your JIRA administrator. To create links between issues, you will also need to have the [Link Issues permission](#) in the project(s) to which the issues belong.

1. Creating a link

To create a link between issues:

1. View the issue from which you want to create a link.
2. Click the word 'Link' under the **Operations** menu in the left-hand column of the screen.

The 'Link Issue' form will be displayed. Select the type of link to be created, and the issue(s) to be linked to.

Link Issue

Using this form you can link this issue to another issue.

This issue:
Select the link description.

Issue: [\[select issue\]](#)
Enter the key(s) of the issue(s) you want to link to.

Comment: (an optional comment describing this update)

Update comment:

Comment Viewable By:

Screen for linking an issue with another



3. You can link to single or multiple issues. There are two ways to specify the issue(s):
- Type the full issue key (e.g. **ABC-123**) — or a comma-separated list of issue keys, if linking multiple issues.

NOTE: If you have previously browsed an issue, you can find the issue number by:

- typing the first few letters of the issue key (or part of the Summary), which will display a drop-down list:

[\[select issue\]](#)


History Search (Showing 2 of 2 matching issues)

	BAM-517	Email Notifications
	BAM-819	'Important Files and Directories'

Drop-down list of previously visited issues

- clicking the 'History' link, at the top right of the page:

[History](#) | [Profile](#) | [Log Out](#)  

 **VIEW ISSUE #:**

History link, for discovering previously visited issue IDs

or:

- Click the **'Select Issue'** link to use the 'Issue Selector' popup, which allows you to select either from issues recently viewed, or from issues returned from your chosen [saved search filter](#) (click the 'Please select a value' drop-down to choose a saved search filter).
 - To select a single issue, click the issue key.



- To select multiple issues, click the 'Select multiple issues' link. Checkboxes will appear, enabling multiple issues to be selected:



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Issue Selector Recent Issues | Search Filter:

Issues you have recently viewed:

[Select issues](#)



[TST-2](#) Test 1  



[TST-1](#) Test  

[Select issues](#)

First 50 issues from your current search:

[Select issues](#)

[TST-2](#) Test 1  

[TST-1](#) Test  

[Select issues](#)

Multiple Issue Selector

Select the issues, then click the 'Select issues' link to close the popup and return to the 'Link Issue' form.

- Click the 'Link' button.

2. Deleting a link

To delete a link:

- Inside a linked issue, click on the 'Manage Links' link.
- In the following screen, click on the small trashcan icon in the bottom-right corner.

This page allows you to manage the links for a particular issue.

[View TST-1](#) | [Link Existing Issue](#)

Duplicate	
	This issue is duplicated by: TST-3 Test 2   

Deleting a link