Welcome to JQL Search Extensions!

**Here you’ll learn:/On this page you will find information on:**

* **where and how to use JQL Search Extensions**
* **what is Extended search and why you should use it**
* **how to get comfortable with using new aliases and functions**

Before you start using the app for the first time, check the status on Getting Started(keep it consistent with that it says in the other document and on your website) page. If it’s ready to use then go ahead. If the issues are still processing, wait a bit until they finish.

**JQL Search Extensions (JSE)**

JSE adds more than 50 new aliases that you can use in Jira.

There are two ways to use the new aliases:

* on the Extended search screen
* in Jira advanced search

In both cases, you just type in the new JQL alias in the search bar along with other JQL clauses. It’s super easy.

At first, keep the documentation or the cheat sheet handy to find the aliases you need. We autocomplete the aliases for you, so you only need to type the first few characters.

**Extended Search**

Extended search is a page where you can not only use the JQL aliases added by the plugin, but also use functions that cannot be used in Jira search. Extended search allows you to create queries that include these functions and save them as filters that you can then use in Jira search.

It’s also a perfect view to get started with new aliases and functions as the cheat sheet with examples is always there for you.

**Where to start?**

Best way to start is to try going through a simple scenario:

1. Go to the Extended search screen (Apps → JQL Search Extensions → Extended Search)
2. In the cheat sheet, find a function (in Extended functions section) and an alias (in any other sections) that you want to use.

**No idea which one to try? Our recommendation is:**
- try **linksCount** alias by creating linksCount>0 query. It will return all issues that have any link.
- try **childrenOfEpicInQuery** function by creating issue in childrenOfEpicsInQuery("resolution is not empty") query. It will return all Stories of Epics that are done. You can enhance this query to issue in childrenOfEpicsInQuery("resolution is not empty") AND resolution is empty and it will return all unfinished Stories of Epics that are done.

3. Type in the query in the search bar on the Extended search screen and click “Search”

4. Now, save the query as a filter by clicking on “Save as filter”

5. Go to Jira advanced search and use your saved filter in the query by typing in filter=”My filter name”.

6. Now try using a few JQL aliases added by JSE simply in Jira advanced search.

How did it go? If you had any trouble with going through this scenario, reach out to us by [posting a support request](https://jqlsearchextensions.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/2/create/18) or [book a demo](https://calendly.com/jse-team/demo?month=2021-04) and get a personalized product tour.