

# Align your Workflows to your Business

## JIRA and Workflows

**JIRA** uses for its Workflow Management, the **OSWorkflow** library that was provided by [OpenSymphony](#), but now this Open source community has been closed, and its projects have been moved to Apache Project or to Java.net Projects.

OSWorkflow distributions (including its documentation) are available on <https://java.net/downloads/osworkflow/>.

This framework provides many mechanisms to define a Workflow, using different concepts : Steps, Status, Action, Conditions, Validators , Post-function ([<OSworkflowDoc>/docs/3.2%20Workflow%20Concepts.html](#)). [Most of them are used and well described in JIRA Documentation.](#)

If you take time to read OSWorkflow Documentation, you will discover that JIRA provides for Workflow design a part of capacities of this library. When you need to do more, you need to go to in the XML of OSWorkflow ([<OSworkflowDoc>/docs/1.%20Your%20first%20workflow.html](#)) !

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## JIRA Community and Workflows

JIRA Community has made different contributions to go beyond JIRA in the Workflow design :

- [JIRA Tip and Tricks](#),
- [Using XML to create a Workflow](#),
- [Edit only some fields from a Step](#),
- [How can I control the editing of issue fields via workflow?](#)
- Minyaa with the usage of Global Actions, Auto-Transitions, ...

## Minyaa and Workflows

Initially, **Minyaa** provided a new **Workflow Designer** developed in Flex. It was able to highlight different existing [concepts](#).

Since, **JIRA** has introduces its own Workflow Designer, based on Flash, and later a new one based HTML5.

With the uncertain future of Flash (and also Flex) and since the **JIRA Workflow Designer** does the Job (at least, related the graphical rendering) it has been decided to stop the support of Minyaa Workflow Designer.

But, since the **JIRA Workflow Designer** does not provide yet feature of the initial **Minyaa Workflow Designer**, it has been decided to reproduce these useful features in an enhanced Workflow Editor (Text Mode).

- [Minyaa Suite](#)



### Useful hint

*See also ...*