

# getByKey

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## Signature

Helper	userHelper
Signature	<code>getByKey(String userKey)</code>
Description	Returns a user matching the specified user key or null if the user is not found.
Introduced in	0.12.0

## Example use

```
/* assign the local user to the same assignee as the remote issue assignee
** if user doesn't exist create the user first
*/
if (userHelper.getByKey(replica.assignee.key) == null) {
    // create the user if s/he doesn't exist
    userHelper.createUser(replica.assignee.username,
        "changeme",
        replica.assignee.email,
        replica.assignee.displayName)
}
issue.assignee = userHelper.getByKey(replica.assignee.key)
```

## Comments

You can use it when you have a common [user directory](#) for both source and destination instances.

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