How to Sync Work Item Fields Obtained through a REST API Call in Azure DevOps

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Exalate for Azure DevOps can sync the most common work item fields. You can check them in Azure DevOps: fields and entities available for synchronization.

In Azure DevOps, it is also possible to get a full list of fields through a REST API call. This article shows how to view and sync such fields.

For more information about the REST API call, see Microsoft documentation.

How to Send a REST API Call in Azure DevOps?

To send a REST API call:

- 1. Log in to your Azure DevOps instance.
- 2. Enter the following REST API call in your browser:

https://dev.azure.com/{organization}/{project}/_apis/wit/fields?\$expand={\$expand}&api-version=6.0

Call parameters

| Parameter | Description |
|----------------|--|
| {organization} | Organization name |
| {project} | Project name |
| {\$expand} | Additional fields you want to view. You can use these parameters: extensionFields to view extension fields. includeDeleted to view deleted fields. none to view default fields. |

As a result of the call, you see information about all fields. This example shows the response for the Application Launch Instructions field:

| <pre>{ "name":"Application Launch Instructions", "referenceName":"Microsoft.VSTS.Feedback.ApplicationLaunchInstructions", "description":"Instructions to launch the specified application", "type":"html", "usage":"workItem", "readOnly":false, "canSortBy":false, "isQueryable":true, "supportedOperations":[</pre> |
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| "referenceName":"SupportedOperations.ContainsWords", "name":"Contains Words" }, { "referenceName":"SupportedOperations.NotContainsWords", "name":"Does Not Contain Words" } |
|], "isIdentity":false, "isPicklist":false, "isPicklistSuggested":false, } |

How to Sync Obtained Fields?

This script example shows how to sync the Application Launch Instructions field with the reference name Microsoft.VSTS.Feedback.ApplicationLaunchInstructions.

Outgoing Sync

replica.customKeys."Instructions" = workitem."Microsoft.VSTS.Feedback.ApplicationLaunchInstructions"

Incoming Sync

workitem."Microsoft.VSTS.Feedback.ApplicationLaunchInstructions" = "Press the red button"

This script example shows how to sync Microsoft.VSTS.CodeReview.AcceptedBy to a select list field.

Outgoing Sync

replica.customKeys."Select list custom field name" = workitem."Microsoft.VSTS.CodeReview.AcceptedBy"

Incoming Sync

workitem."Microsoft.VSTS.CodeReview.AcceptedBy" = "User example"

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