

# How to Sync Work Items with a Parent Link in Exalate for Azure DevOps Server & Service

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In Azure DevOps, parent links are used to break down work items into smaller items, for example, break down features into stories or stories into tasks.

With Exalate, you can create a parent relation by using the parent id of the related work item.

## Azure DevOps

### Outgoing sync

```
replica.parentId = workItem.parentId
```

### Incoming sync

```
if (replica.parentId) {  
  def localParent = syncHelper.getLocalIssueKeyFromRemotId(replica.parentId.toLong())  
  if (localParent) {  
    workItem.parentId = localParent.id  
  }  
}
```

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