

# getByKey

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## Signature

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| 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)
```

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