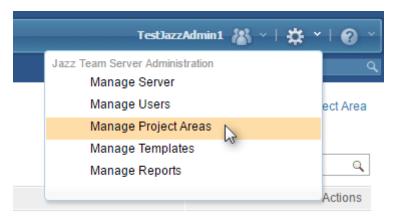
Plugin Configuration in RTC

Configure Stages Workflow Engine Precondition & Follow-up action

The Plug-in has to be activated for a specific operation in the project area configuration. For each operation, several preconditions and follow-up actions can be assigned.

The precondition & follow-up action of the Stages plug-in can be added per operation. If you want to have the plug-in activated for several operations, you have to repeat the following steps for each supported operation.

Log in to Jazz Team Server as a user with administrative privileges for the concerning project area. Select the gear icon and select Manage Project Areas.



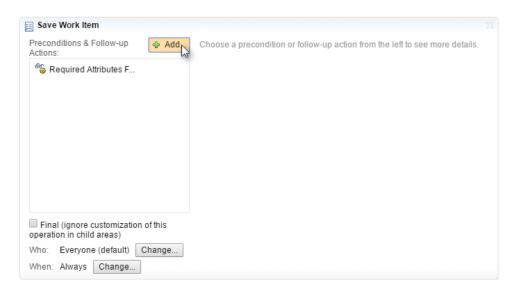
Select the project area you want to prepare for the Stages plug-in usage. On the administration page of the selected project area click on Preconditions & Follow-up Actions.



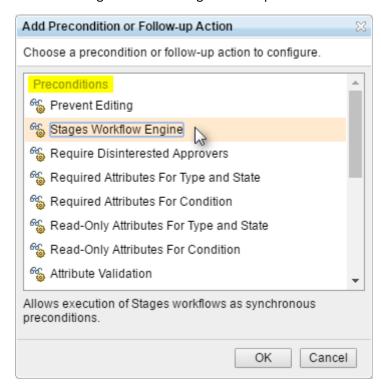
On the Precondition & Follow-Up Actions management page look for the Action Save Work Item. Hover over this action with your mouse and select the edit button.



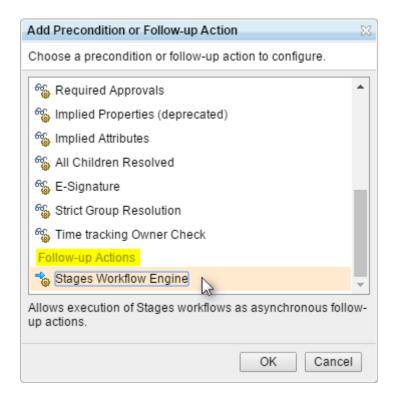
On the action configuration window click on Add.



Select the Stages Workflow Engine under preconditions and click OK.



Back on the action configuration window click on Add again and this time scroll to the follow-up actions at the bottom of the Add Precondition or Follow-up Action window. Select the Stages Workflow Engine again and click OK.



To verify this steps you can check the preconditions and follow-up actions in the overview.



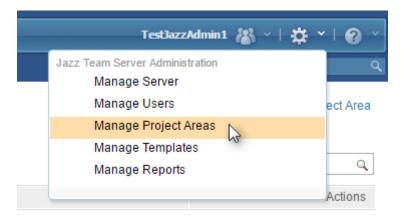
After these steps your project area is ready to use the Stages plug-in for the Jazz Team Server.

Integrate Stages Links in Editor Representations

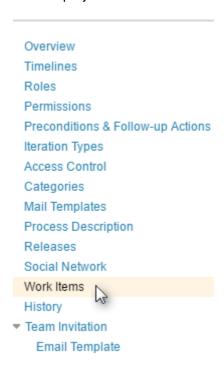
The Stages plug-in for the Jazz Team Server stores links back to the corresponding Stages process element in a hidden attribute of each work item created by the plug-in. This attribute is created automatically and is initially not visible to the user (e.g. in the editor page of a work item of the web application).

If you want to make these links visible for users of the work item editor in the web application follow this steps:

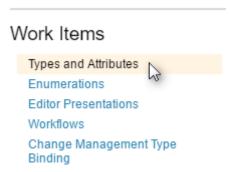
Log in to Jazz Team Server as a user with administrative privileges for the concerning project area. Select the gear icon and select Manage Project Areas.



Select the project area you want change the editor representation. On the administration page of the selected project area click on Work Items.



On the Work Items management page select Types and Attributes.

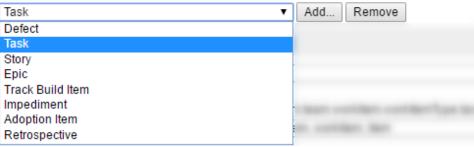


Choose the work item type for which you want to make the links visible. The following steps can be repeated for every work item type you like to visualize the Stages links. This example covers the work item type Task.

Types and Attributes 3

Define work item types, their attributes, and associate workflows and editor presentations

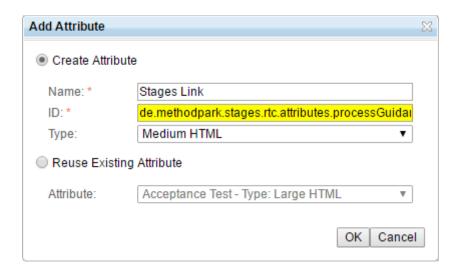
Choose the Work Item Type to edit:



Click on Add... under the attributes section.



Add a custom attribute representing the Stages link.



Property Description

Name (e.g. Stages Link)

Id de.methodpark.stages.rtc.attributes.processGuidanceId

Type Medium HTML

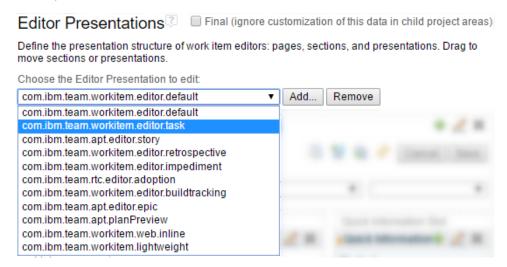
The added attribute should now be visible in the attributes section of the work item type view.



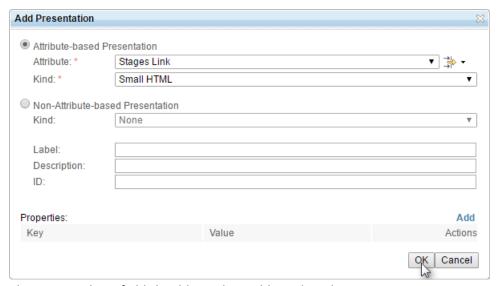
Now, as we have created the new attribute for the work item types, this attribute has to be added for the editor views. To do so, click on the Editor Presentations.

Work Items Types and Attributes Enumerations Editor Presentations Workflows Change Management Type Binding

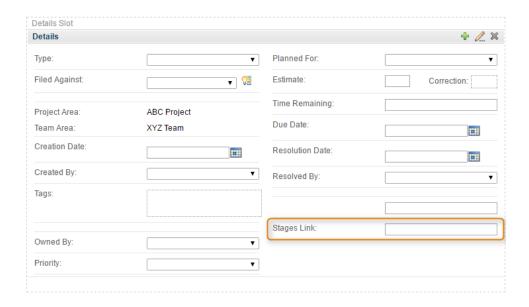
Choose the editor presentation for which you want to make the changes. The following steps can be repeated for every editor presentation you like to visualize the Stages links. This example covers the editor presentation com.ibm.team.workitem.editor.task.



In the editor presentation look for the Details slot and click on the green plus-sign to add a new presentation. Select the attribute you created before, set the kind to Small HTML and confirm.



The new attribute field should now be visible in the editor presentation.



Operations and Workflows in RTC

Operations

Operations are predefined and extensible events on the RTC Server. For each operation several precondition and follow-up actions can be assigned. A Precondition means that the execution of this action is synchronous and the triggering mechanism has to wait until the action is finished. In contrast a Follow-Up condition indicates that the action is executed in the background.

The Stages RTC Plug-in is an extension to such operations.

Precondition & Follow-Up

As mentioned above, actions bound to certain operations can be separated in precondition and follow-up actions. What this means is that the workflows, which were exported to a project area on the RTC System can be executed in two ways:

Precondition

Workflows defined as preconditions are executed synchronously, before any changes are persisted on the RTC server. That means that this workflow can abort the incoming changes and inform the user about the situation.

Follow-Up Action

Workflows defined as follow-up actions are executed asynchronously as a background task. The workflow can alter the content of the changes and add or remove additional content to the work items or make configuration changes on the RTC server, but once the execution is finished the data is persisted. Due to the execution being asynchronous it is not possible to inform the user of its status.

If a script, which is associated to a workflow, should be executed on a specific operation and if it should be executed as a precondition or as a follow-up action, is determined by a simple comment at the beginning of the script.

The following table shows the currently implemented comments, which can be used in the Javascript files:

Operation	Precondition	Follow-up Action	Javascript Comment
Save Work Item	*		// STAGES_SAVE_ITEM_PRECONDITION
Save Work Item		₹	// STAGES_SAVE_ITEM_FOLLOWUP
Save Change Set Links and Comments	*		// MODIFY_CHANGE_SET_PRECOND
Save Change Set Links and Comments		✓	// MODIFY_CHANGE_SET_FOLLOWUP