

# Accessing status categories

It is possible to bind Jira statuses to specific categories as described in Atlassian article [here](#)

You can use the categories in your template, for example, to define a condition when a notification should be sent.

As category-status relationship is 1:N, you can easily access the category like this:

## Template for accessing status category

```
$issue.fields.status.categoryName  
$issue.fields.status.categoryKey
```

The first statement will give you the name of respective category and the second is unique identifier of the category.

In your template you can use the categories like this:

## Status categories - example of use

```
#if ($issue.fields.status.categoryName == "Done")  
  A notification that goes out when an issue is finalized  
#end
```