



## Documentation for Confluence 6.3

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# Confluence Server documentation

Confluence is where you create, organize and discuss work with your team.

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## Get started

Kick start your Confluence journey with our navigation and space tutorials.

[View guide](#)

## What's new in 6.3

Time to upgrade? Get the low down on the latest and greatest changes in Confluence 6.3.

[View release notes](#)

## Get started

Welcome to the Confluence getting started documentation. In this section, you'll find tutorials and other information that'll be useful for evaluating Confluence, and getting to know it when you're starting out.

### Teams in Space



For each tutorial in this section, we'll use a fictional organization known as 'Teams in Space'. Their mission is to:

"Perform flight research and technology integration to revolutionize aviation and pioneer aerospace technology. Also, land the first humans on Mars by 2020."

You're an astronaut in the 'See Space EZ' team, which is working on the upcoming colonization of Mars.

Go ahead – dive into the tutorials, and let us show you around Confluence and some of its handy features.

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  - [The space directory](#)
  - [The space sidebar](#)
  - [Keyboard shortcuts](#)
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### Tutorial: Navigate Confluence

Confluence is pretty simple to use, once you get to know it. This tutorial aims to get you acquainted with the Confluence user interface, and show you how and where to perform some common tasks.

### Teams in Space



In this tutorial, you'll be working with some new Teams in Space recruits. Let's get to know them.



**Alana Baczewski**  
Tech Lead



**Emma Silveti**  
Launch Specialist



**William Vladinov**  
Aerospace Engineer

Now that you've met your team, let's take a look at your mission.

### Mission brief

Your mission commander has thrown you a curveball: this week you'll be training new recruits at Teams in Space HQ on your collaboration tool – Confluence. You just need to know the basics, so we'll go through the main things you need to know to complete your mission.

Your mission is broken up into the following components:

- Get to know the dashboard
- Find your way in the space directory
- Master the space sidebar
- Impress everyone with keyboard shortcuts

Those new recruits will be here tomorrow; we better get started!

Let's go!

### The dashboard

1. The dashboard
2. The space directory
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5. Complete your mission

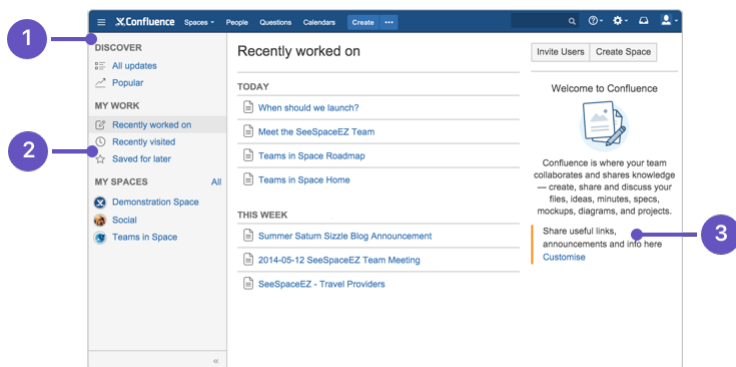
The dashboard is the hub of your Confluence site, providing you with access to information and updates that are important to you. It's also the first thing your new recruits will see, so you need to make a good impression on this one.

You can get to the dashboard from anywhere in Confluence by choosing the **site logo** at the left of the Confluence header.

The dashboard has a collapsible sidebar that helps you get around:

- **Discover**  
Watch the action unfold in real time with **All updates** or check out pages with lots of likes and activity in the **Popular** feed.
- **My Work**  
Get lightning fast access to your recently created and edited pages in **Recently worked on**, get back to that page you stumbled across yesterday in **Recently viewed**, and have mission critical pages on speed dial under **Saved for later**.
- **My Spaces**  
This is where you can keep links to the spaces that you hop in and out of several times a day.

If you're a Confluence admin you can give the dashboard some personality by adding useful announcements, links, or a photo from your last mission (or office party). The whole right hand column is ready and waiting for you to customize.



1. **Discover:** see what's happening in your site.
2. **Your work:** get work done with recent and useful pages at your fingertips.
3. **Customize:** admins can add useful content to welcome people to the site.

Try clicking one of the spaces on the sidebar, then return to the dashboard by clicking the **site logo**. Even when your shuttle is spinning out of control, the dashboard is there to orient you.

You'll discover more about the dashboard as you get to know Confluence, but, for now, let's move on to the space directory.

#### Pro tips

- You can choose to [set any page as your personal home page](#)
- You can always get to the dashboard at `https://yoursite.com/wiki/dashboard.action`
- Your Confluence admin can [customize the global dashboard](#) that all users see

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## The space directory

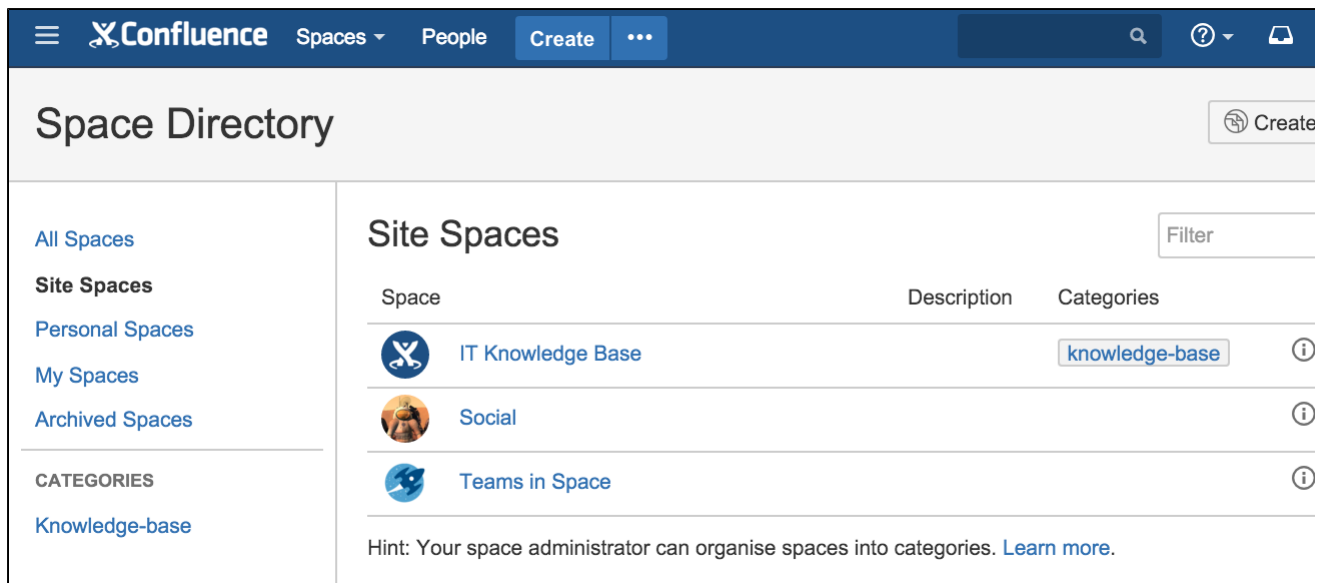
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The space directory won't let you look up ET in the intergalactic phone book, but it *will* let you see and filter all the spaces in your Confluence site. Spaces are places to collect pages with a common theme – you can create as many spaces as you like – and you can find them all in the space directory.

Here are some tasks to get you comfortable using the space directory:

1. **Visit the space directory** – To get to the space directory, choose **Spaces > Space directory** in the Confluence header.
2. **Choose the spaces you'll use the most** – No doubt there'll be a space or two that you'll use on a regular basis. Click the star to the right of a space to make it appear under **My Spaces** on the dashboard.
3. **Choose space categories** – Once you're there, you'll see a list of all the spaces in your Confluence site. Choose the 'My Spaces' category on the left to see only the spaces you marked with a star. Then choose all spaces again.
4. **Filter the list of spaces** – Type part of a space name in the **Filter** field at the top right. That'll quickly narrow down the list of spaces if there are a lot of them.





**Space Directory**

**Site Spaces**

Space	Description	Categories
IT Knowledge Base		knowledge-base
Social		
Teams in Space		

Hint: Your space administrator can organise spaces into categories. [Learn more.](#)

You can also categorize spaces with labels you create yourself. We're not going to cover that here, but, if you'd like to know more, you can check out [Use Labels to Categorize Spaces](#).

Understanding and using the space directory will make it much easier to find pages and blog posts that are relevant to you.

You're ready to impress those new recruits with your knowledge of Confluence's space directory; now it's time to sneak a peek at the space sidebar.

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## The space sidebar

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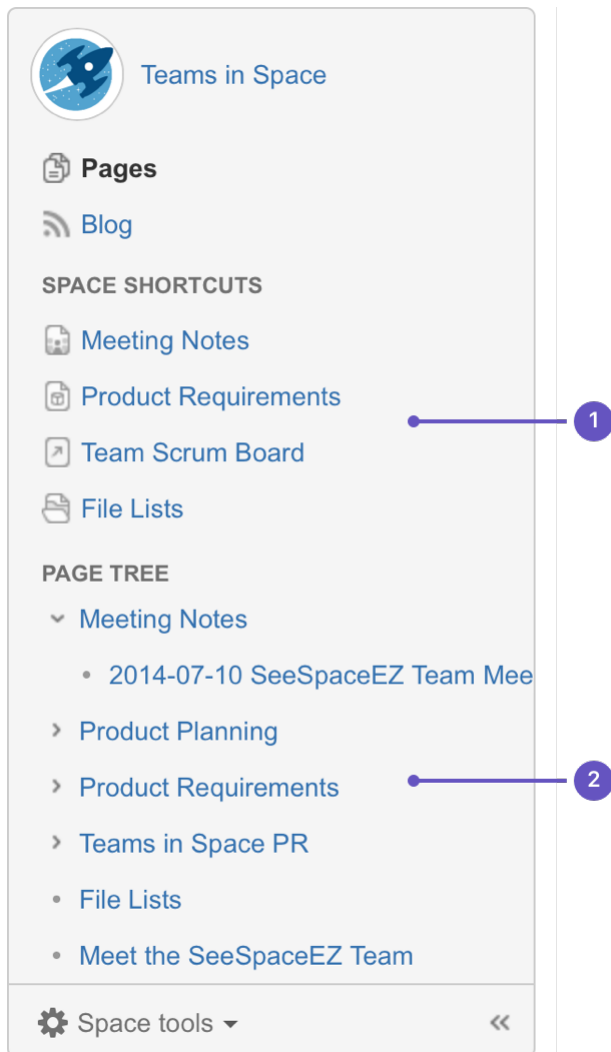
### What's in the sidebar?

The sidebar is a feature of every Confluence space; it's where you'll find the page tree (a hierarchical list of pages in the space), customizable space shortcuts, and a link to the space's blog.

The See Space EZ team will find their meeting notes, decisions, requirements, and other pages in the sidebar. Basically any page you create in the space will appear in the sidebar by default.

When you use certain page templates, like meeting notes, Confluence will automatically add an index page to your space shortcuts. The index page is just a place where you can view all pages of the same type – meeting notes in this example – in one place.

The space's blog is great for announcements and what's new-type updates.



1. **Space shortcuts:** link to Confluence pages or other pages on the web
2. **Page tree:** hierarchical view of pages in this space.

### Configure the sidebar

You can expand or collapse the sidebar using the left square bracket ( [ ) on your keyboard, or by dragging it with your mouse.

There are lots of things you can change in the sidebar, but we'll stick to the basics – just enough to train your new recruits.

You need to be a space admin to complete this task. Take a look, but feel free to skip it if you're not an admin of any space.

Try this out:

1. Choose **Space tools** > **Configure sidebar** from the bottom of the sidebar (or the cog menu if your sidebar is collapsed)
2. Add a space shortcut by clicking **+Add link**  
Shortcuts can be to Confluence pages or spaces, or to any other content on the web. Try linking to [this blog post](#), which mentions Teams in Space (we're always after a plug at Teams in Space HQ!)

You can also hide things – like the space's blog – in the sidebar, if they're of no use in the space.

The sidebar is pretty easy, right? You'll be schooling those recruits in no time. Next up: Impress them with your knowledge of keyboard shortcuts.

## Keyboard shortcuts

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Give a person some space food, and they'll eat for a day; teach a person to rehydrate their own space food, and they're set for the whole mission. Or something like that. Keyboard shortcuts fall into this basket. We could give you a list here, but then you'd need to keep referring to this page. The best way to go is to show you how to find the list of keyboard shortcuts *within Confluence*.

Your recruits also need to work fast, so you'll need to pass this wisdom on to them.

### Find the keyboard shortcuts

To open the list of keyboard shortcuts in Confluence, do any of the following:

- Choose the help icon



at top right of the screen, then choose **Keyboard Shortcuts**

- When viewing a page, press **Shift+?**
- While editing a page, choose the question mark icon



in the editor toolbar

What you'll see is a dialog listing the available keyboard shortcuts in Confluence.

Keyboard Shortcuts

General
Editor
Editor Autoformatting

To configure Autocomplete, [go to your editor settings](#)

Font Formatting

Bold text

\*Bold\*

Underline text

+Underline+

Italic text

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The keyboard shortcuts are broken up into 3 categories:

- **General** – Global, page and blog post shortcuts.
- **Editor** – Text editing and formatting shortcuts.
- **Editor Autoformatting** – Wiki markup and autoformatting shortcuts.

You can turn the 'General' keyboard shortcuts off when you visit the **General** tab in the keyboard shortcuts dialog.

Take some time to open the dialog and take a look at the shortcuts, and maybe find some you'll use a lot. Then, start practising!

Next, we'll wrap up this mission and give you some ideas about where to head from here.

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## Complete your mission

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Well done, astronaut, you've acquitted yourself admirably. I'm sure those new recruits will be mightily impressed with your knowledge of Confluence.

In this tutorial, we've:

- Explored the anatomy of the dashboard
- Navigated using the space directory and favorited a space
- Taken a look at and customized the space sidebar
- Found a handy list of keyboard shortcuts to help you work faster

Just look at your team's adoring faces...



If you'd like to take things to the next level, check out our tutorial on becoming a [space ace](#).

## Tutorial: Space ace

This tutorial will take you on a journey through Confluence to create and customize spaces, and delete them if you want to, so you can achieve the rank of 'Space Ace'!

You'll need to have the 'Create space' and 'Create personal space' permission to complete this tutorial. If you've just set up Confluence, you won't have any trouble; if you're using an existing instance and you're not an admin, speak to your Confluence admin to make sure you have the right permissions.



## Teams in Space

In this tutorial you're a new recruit on the Teams in Space crew, but, even though you're new, you'll be given a lot of responsibility. You need the power to go with it.

### Mission brief

You're in charge of organizing information and resources for the planned mission to Mars. There's going to be plenty of important information, and it must be readily available to the people who need it. Some information, though, will be sensitive, and may be 'for your eyes only.' You'll use the power and flexibility of Confluence spaces to organize information, and make sure it's visible to the right people.

Your mission is broken up into the following components:

- Create a space to house all of the important information related to the mission
- Create your own space to keep yourself organized
- Create a public relations space, where you'll introduce your team the world

## What's a space?

Well, being an astronaut, I hope you know what *space* is, but what's a Confluence space all about? It's really just a place to put related things, like information pages and files. But spaces also give you a place to collaborate with groups of people, whether that's your team, people working on a common project, or the whole world.

Every space has its own permissions, allowing you to grant access and other privileges to the right people. They also have a blog, so you can post important messages and updates to whoever can see the space. You can have as many Confluence spaces as you like, and you can archive or delete spaces when you no longer need them.

Enough about that; let's begin.

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## Create a project space

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3. Create the team's PR space
4. Delete and archive spaces

The Mars colonization crew needs a place to put all their mission-critical information and resources, and you're charged with setting it up. This part is going to be easy, because the information needs to be viewable by the entire Teams in Space organization. That means we can set up the project space without any special permissions.

If you haven't done so already, open up Confluence and log in so we can get started.

### Create the space

1. Choose **Spaces > Create space** from the Confluence header
2. Select the **Blank space** option and choose **Next**
3. Enter a **Space name** – for this space, we'll call it 'Mars Colony', as it's being used for the Mars colonization project.
4. Change the **Space key** to 'MARS' – this step isn't absolutely necessary, but it helps people if they're navigating to this space by name. The space key forms part of the URL, so making it a word or name makes it much easier to associate with your project.
5. Click **Create**

You now have a space set up for the Mars colonization project. Because everyone at Teams in Space HQ needs access to the information in this space, you don't need to do anything with the space's default permissions. It's visible to everyone in your organization, but not to the general public.

Every space has a default home page, which you can customize to suit your needs. Add the following image and text to your space's home page to get things started. Just click **Edit** (or press **E** on your keyboard) to edit the home page, and copy and paste the text. For the image it's best to drag it to your desktop and save it there, then drag it into your page. That'll make sure the image is attached directly to the page.

Hit **Save** when you're happy with the home page.

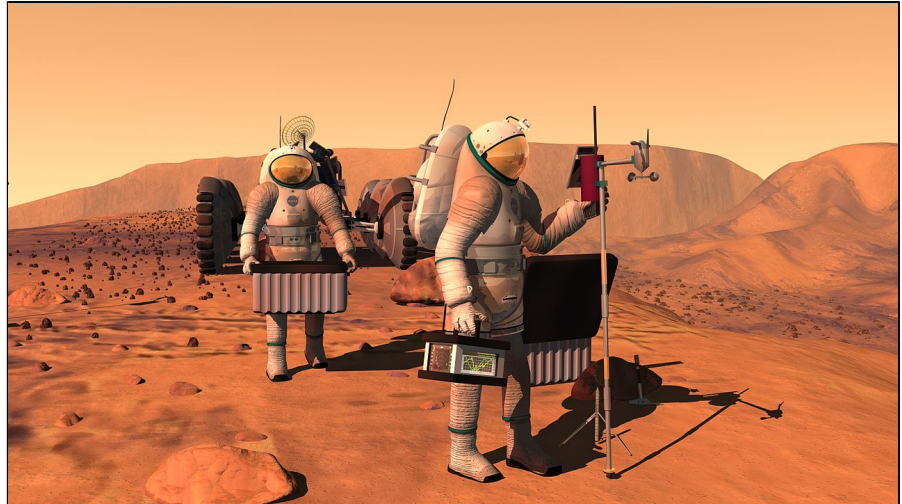
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A **human mission to Mars** has been the subject of [science fiction](#), [engineering](#), and scientific proposals throughout the 20th century and into the 21st century. The plans comprise proposals to land on [Mars](#), eventually [settling on](#) and [terraforming the planet](#), while



exploiting its moons, [Phobos](#) and [Deimos](#).

[Exploration of Mars](#) has been a goal of national space programs for decades. Preliminary work for missions that would involve human explorers has been undertaken since the 1950s, with planned missions typically being cited as taking place 10 to 30 years in the future when they are drafted. The [list of manned Mars mission plans in the 20th century](#) shows the various mission proposals that have been put forth by multiple organizations and [space agencies](#) in this field of [space exploration](#).



Your 'Mars colony' space is ready for your team to add pages to. If you want to find it again, choose **Spaces** in the Confluence header, and select it from the list; to add a page to it, navigate to the space and hit **Create** in the header.

Now it's on to your personal space; a place where you can work in peace, and be sure that no one's looking over your shoulder.

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## Create your personal space

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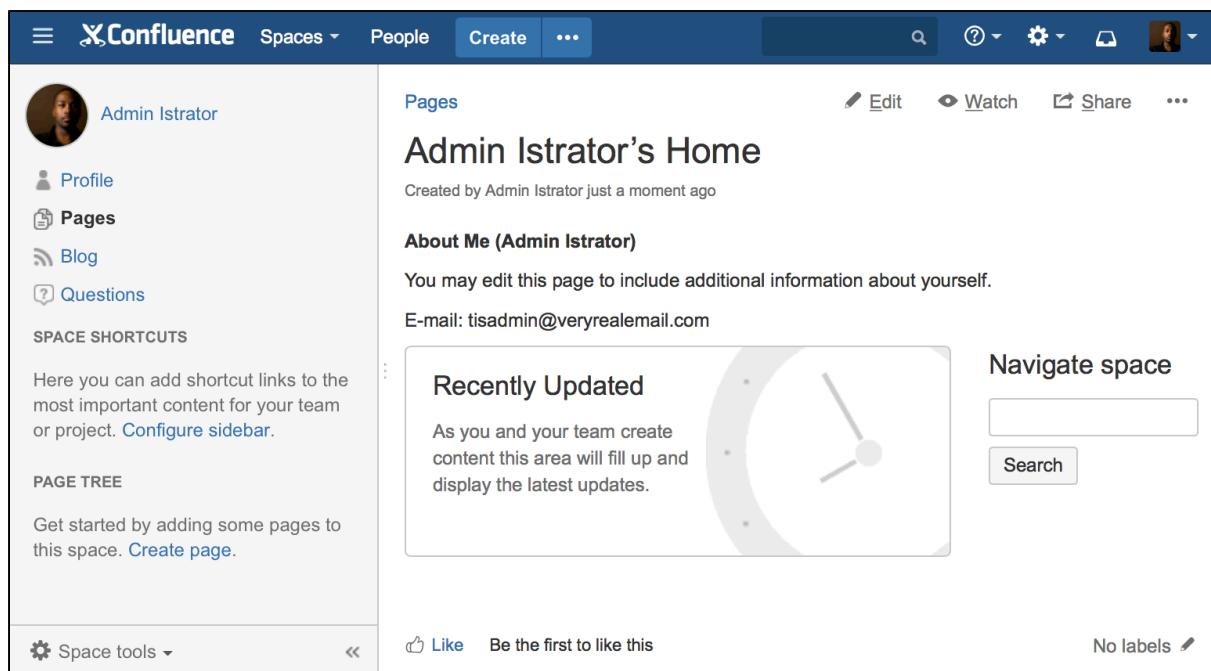
As a newbie on the team, you might want to keep some work to yourself until you're ready to present it. There's always the chance your mission commander will also send you some information that's 'for your eyes only,' and you'll need to keep that in a safe place.

For this part of the mission, we'll be creating a special type of space: a personal space. We'll be using your personal space like a sandbox, at least to start with – somewhere you can play around, draft pages, try out features, and generally see what spaces are capable of.

### Create your personal space

1. Choose your profile picture at the right side of the Confluence header
2. Select **Add Personal Space...**
3. Hit **Create**

You've now got a space that you can call your own. But we still need to lock it down to make sure it's only visible to you.



4. Choose **Space tools** > **Permissions** from the bottom of the sidebar
5. Hit **Edit Permissions** (enter your password if prompted)

You should see the `confluence-users` group listed under **Groups**. To the left of the list of permissions is the **View** permission, which determines whether everyone in that group can see your space.

6. Uncheck **View** and hit **Save all** at the bottom of the page

You're now the only one that can view this space. Feel free to try anything in this space, and store super secret stuff here.

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## Create the team's PR space

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Now it's time to go public; the world needs to know about the mission and its brave participants.

In this step, we'll create a team space and open it up to everyone. That's right – you can open Confluence spaces up to anonymous (not logged in) users.

In order to allow anonymous access to your Confluence site, a site admin needs to grant anonymous users the 'Use Confluence' permission. Don't worry if you can't do that, or if it's not done; it's just something to note if you're opening up your Confluence site for real.

## Create a Team space

1. Choose **Spaces** > **Create space** from the header
2. Select **Team Space** and hit **Next**
3. Enter a **Space name** (let's call it 'Mars PR')



4. Change the **Space key** to 'MarsPR'
5. If there are other people using Confluence with you, feel free to add them as **Team members** (you can remove them later), or just stick with yourself for now
6. Paste this in as the **Description**: Follow the progress of the brave Teams in Space astronauts as they embark on their mission to colonize Mars.

Great! You now have a team space, again with its own home page. This home page is a little different to the project space and your personal space – you'll see any team members you added, listed on the home page.

### Create Team Space

Space name\* Mars PR

Space key\* MarsPR ?

Team members

Admin Istrator x

Alana Grant x

Emma Paris x

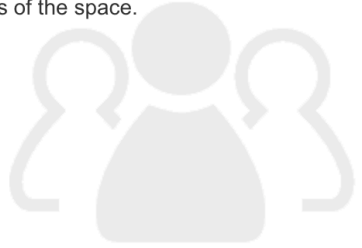
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Description

Follow the progress of the brave Teams in Space astronauts as they embark on their mission to colonise Mars.

### About Team Spaces

Share knowledge and collaborate on projects, processes and procedures with your team. They will be notified about this space and all updates. Team members will be granted permissions and added as watchers of the space.



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Each space you create also has its own blog, so your social media team will be able to create posts in this space and speak directly to all those adoring fans. But none of those fans can see this space. Yet.

#### Allow anonymous access

It's time to let the world in by changing the permissions on this space.

1. Choose **Space tools > Permissions** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Scroll down until you see **Anonymous**, then hit **Edit Permissions**
3. Tick the **View** permission for anonymous users and hit **Save all**

That's it. You can now share the space's URL, which will be `http(s)://<your_confluence_site>/display/MarsPR`. Visitors to that space don't need to log in, or have a license for Confluence.

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#### Delete and archive spaces

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We hope you've had a successful mission, and learned a bit about the power and versatility of Confluence spaces. Flash forward 18 months, and just look how well the colony is coming along!



If you need to clean up old spaces (or destroy the evidence of a failed mission!), you can either archive or delete a space. Archiving just means it won't show up in the regular search, whereas deleting is obviously a lot more permanent.

#### To archive a space:

1. Choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Click **Edit Space Details**
3. Change the **Status** from 'Current' to 'Archived' and hit **Save**

#### To delete a space:

1. Choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Select the **Delete Space** tab

#### What next?

If you'd like to know more about spaces and the permissions that govern them, check out [Spaces](#) and [Permissions and restrictions](#) in the Confluence documentation.

Teams in Space HQ, signing off.

## Spaces

### What is a space?

Spaces are Confluence's way of organizing content into meaningful categories. Think of it like having different folders into which you can put your work.

Spaces come in two main varieties:

- **Site spaces** – These spaces are found in the [Space Directory](#) and are the areas where you create content and collaborate with others. They are sometimes called global spaces.
- **Personal spaces** – Every Confluence user can set up a personal space which they can keep private or make public so others can view and edit. Personal spaces are listed in the [People Directory](#) and found under your personal profile.

### How do I use a space?

**Create** as many spaces as you need to get things done:

#### On this page:

- [What is a space?](#)
- [How do I use a space?](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Create a Space](#)
- [Space Permissions Overview](#)
- [Navigate Spaces](#)
- [Organize your Space](#)
- [Customize your Space](#)
- [Archive a Space](#)
- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)
- [Delete a Space](#)

- **Team spaces** – Give each team (QA, HR, Engineering, Support, ...) their own space so they can focus and make their information easier for everyone to find.
- **Project spaces** – Put all the information related to your project in one place. This allows everyone to work together in Confluence instead of emailing back and forth.
- **Personal space** – Store everything you're working on individually, keep your to-do lists, and polish any content before you move it into another shared space.

### Stay up to date with spaces

- [Watch a space to stay up-to-date with any changes.](#)
- [Add important spaces to your dashboard so that they're easy to find again.](#)

### Administer spaces

If you have admin permissions for a space you can:

- [Change the colors, logo, sidebar and homepage of that space.](#)
- [Control who can view and edit your space.](#)
- [Make your space public to share it with people who don't have access to Confluence.](#)

### Space Permissions

Some things we should make clear about space admin permissions:

- The person who creates a space automatically has admin permissions for that space.
- Space admins can grant admin permissions to others.
- Space admins don't have to be Confluence admins and can have special permissions for a single space. For example, you are the admin for your personal space, no matter what kind of access you have anywhere else.

Want more ideas for using spaces? Check out our kickass guides on how to:

- [Use Confluence as a Knowledge Base](#)
- [Develop Technical Documentation in Confluence](#)
- [Use Confluence as your Intranet](#)
- [Use Confluence for Software Teams](#)

## Create a Space

There's no limit to the number of Spaces you can create on Confluence. You can choose to set up a space for each team, project, or a mix of both depending on your needs.

Each space in Confluence functions autonomously, which means that each space:

- Has its own homepage, blog, pages, comments, files, and RSS feeds.
- Can be customized with different color schemes, logo and sidebar.
- Has its own set of permissions, as set by the space admin.

For example, an IT team can create one overarching space with all their [roadmaps](#), details of sub-teams, and a list of all the people and roles within that team. They could then create a new space for each sub-team, such as Quality Assurance, Developers, and Documentation, with guidelines, long term plans, and knowledge articles within them. Each project that these teams work on could also have its own space, which could be linked to the team spaces using labels.

### Create a personal space

Your personal space is always owned by you, and you can use it to store

your individual work, keep track of tasks, blog about what you've been working on, or just use it to polish your pages before you move them into a site space.

#### On this page:

- [Create a personal space](#)
- [Create a site space](#)
- [Space permissions](#)
- [Linking related spaces](#)
- [Tips](#)

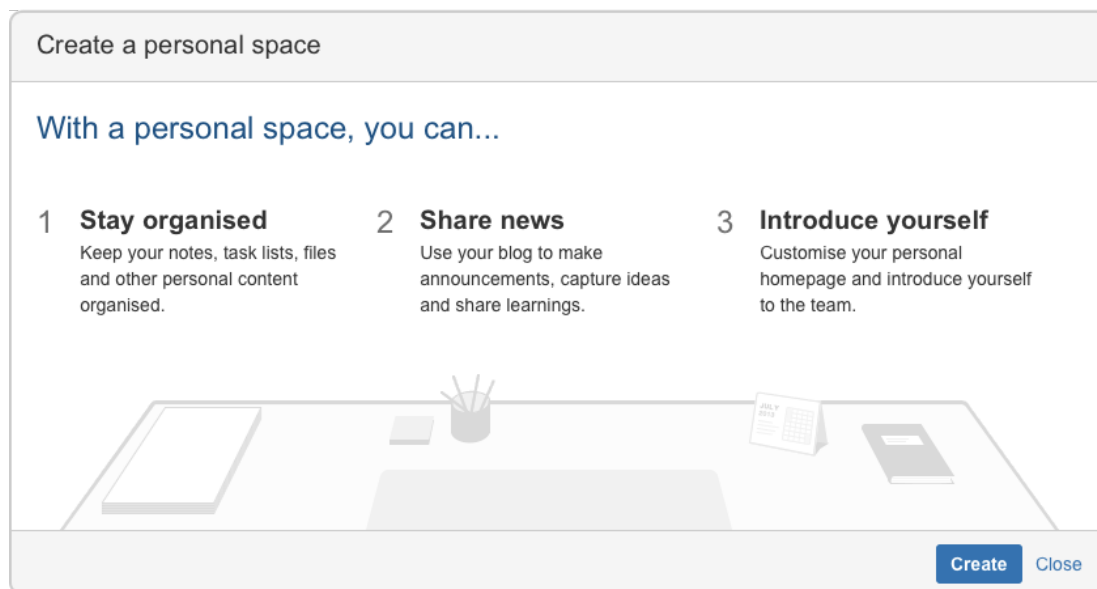
#### Related pages:

- [Spaces](#)
- [Space Keys](#)
- [Create a Space From a Template](#)

1. Choose your **profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Add Personal Space..**
2. Choose **Create**.

You can change the permissions for your space at any time to determine who can and can't access the content. So if you want it to be a private sanctuary, that's no problem.

**i** To create a personal space you need the 'Personal Space' global permission.



### Create a site space

You can create a site space for any team or project that would benefit from having a place where people can work together and store related files. You can create these as blank spaces, or use templates, called [space blueprints](#), to help you create Team spaces, Knowledge Bases spaces, or Documentation spaces quickly and easily.

1. Hit **Spaces > Create space** in the header.
2. Pick a type of space.
3. Enter the required details and create your space.

**!** Choose your space key carefully as you can't change this later.

Each space you create will automatically have a home page that you can customize to display relevant information for people viewing the space. If you use a space blueprint when creating a space, it will customize your home page for you.

**i** To create a site space you need the 'Create Space' global permission.

### Create Team Space

Space name \*

Space key \*

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Team members

Gil Admin ×


Karen User ×

Josh User ×

Description

### About Team Spaces

Share knowledge and collaborate on projects, processes and procedures with your team. They will be notified about this space and all updates. Team members will be granted permissions and added as watchers of the space.



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## Space permissions

Each space is created with a set of default permissions. The user who created a site space is automatically granted 'space admin' permissions for that space, which means that they can then grant permissions to other users and groups. See [Space Permissions Overview](#) for more information.

**i** System Administrators can edit the permissions of spaces in their Confluence site at any time.

## Linking related spaces

You can link related spaces together using labels. This will create categories in the space directory for each label, grouping all spaces with that label together.

Space Directory			
<div>All Spaces</div> <div>Site Spaces</div> <div>Personal Spaces</div> <div>My Spaces</div> <div>Archived Spaces</div> <div>CATEGORIES</div> <div>Confluence</div> <div>Documentation</div>	Documentation		
	Space	Description	Categories
	Confluence Latest	Documentation for the latest version of the Confluence wiki: Installation Guide, User Guide, Admin Guide and other technical documentation	<a href="#">documentation</a>
	Diagrams, Infographics and Screenshots	A repository for graphic assets used in our documentation	<a href="#">documentation</a>
	International Translations	Translating our documentation for international consumption	<a href="#">documentation</a>
Hint: Your space administrator can organise spaces into categories. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>			

- You can also add a [space description](#) to make it easier for visitors to find the right space within each category.
- To help navigate between related spaces, you can use the [Spaces List Macro](#) on a page and filter by category. This will let you insert a list of all the other spaces in a certain category into your space. You can use this, for example, to keep a list in your team space of all the project spaces your team is working on.
- If you want to link to only certain pages of related content, rather than whole spaces, you can use the [Content Report Table Macro](#). You can use this, for example, in a space that functions as a workplace directory, to create a list of all the team pages with everyone's roles and contact details across your organization.

## Tips

- If your needs change, or your spaces grow too big, it's easy to [copy](#) or [move](#) content from one space to another.
- If the content or purpose of your space changes, you can update the [space name](#), [logo](#), [colors](#) and [description](#) to reflect those changes.
- If you no longer need a space, such as when a project has been completed, you can [archive](#) it, which makes it less visible but retains the content on your site so that you can still refer back to it later.

## Create a Space From a Template

Confluence comes with a number of templates, known as **space blueprints**, which have a customized homepage and sidebar, and may contain page blueprints or sample content to help you get started.

### Related pages:

- [Create a Space](#)

This page is about space blueprints. You can also use [Blueprints](#) to create individual pages.

You can find blueprints for creating a **team space**, **knowledge base space**, **documentation space**, or **software project space**.

**i** Your Confluence administrator can customize or disable your blueprint templates. See [Create a Template](#) and [Administering Site Templates](#) for more information on templates.

## Types of Blueprints

### Team space

A great building block if you are using Confluence as an intranet or to manage teams. Team spaces highlight the members of the team, and grants permissions to those users accordingly.

### Knowledge base space

This space blueprint uses search and page labels to make content easier to find, right from the space homepage. It also contains two page blueprints for creating how-to and troubleshooting articles. The templates used in these page blueprints are completely customizable. The Knowledge Base space blueprint also [Use JIRA applications and Confluence together](#).

### Documentation space

This space blueprint displays the full page tree in the sidebar and hides other sidebar features including blogs and shared links. The homepage uses search and page labels to make content easy to find. Add the 'featured' label to any page you want to highlight on the homepage. This space does not include any page blueprints but you can create and promote templates for your documentation authors to use.

### Software project space

This space is designed to help you organize your software project. The purpose-built space home page lets you view and edit your roadmap, see team members, and [Use JIRA applications and Confluence together#JIRA Software](#). Create pages in this space for requirements, meeting notes, decisions, retros, and more.

**i** The software project space blueprint will only appear if you have linked Confluence to your JIRA Software instance.

**Create space** Filter [Help](#)

- Blank space**  
Start with a blank space.
- Knowledge base**  
Capture and share best practices and solutions to common problems.
- Team space**  
Collaborate and share resources with your team.
- Documentation space**  
Create and manage technical documentation for your products.
- Software project space**  
Create software requirements, capture meeting notes, and track decisions.

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- [Use Confluence as your Intranet](#)
- [Confluence for Software Teams](#)

## Space Keys

Each Confluence space has a **space key**, which is a short, unique identifier that forms part of the URL for that space.

### Related pages:

- [Create a Space](#)
- [Create a Space From a Template](#)

**Create Team Space**

Space name

Space key  [?](#)

Team members

Description

**About Team Spaces**  
Share knowledge and collaborate on projects, processes and procedures with your team. They will be notified about this space and all updates. Team members will be granted permissions and added as watchers of the space.

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When you create a site space, Confluence will suggest a space key or you can enter your own key to make it more memorable.

For example, you might give your marketing team's space a key of **MARKETING**. You can then navigate directly to the space using a URL like this - `http://<yoursite>/display/marketing`

**i** Personal spaces always use your username as the space key.

### Choosing a space key

Each space key:

- Must be unique.
- Can contain any alphanumeric character (a-z, 0-9).
- Can be up to 255 characters long.

**!** You can't change the space key after you create your space, so choose your space key carefully!



## Navigate Spaces

### How is content arranged in spaces?

Think of a space as the container that holds all the important stuff a team, group, or project needs to work. These are autonomous – that means that each space has its own pages, blogs, files, comments and RSS feeds.

Each space is automatically created with a homepage - the first page you'll see when you navigate to the space. You can edit your homepage and your sidebar to help people navigate their way around your space.

Spaces can't be nested – you can't have a space within a space – but you can [Use Labels to Categorize Spaces](#). Spaces with the same label will appear together in the the space directory and in the recent activity area of the dashboard.

#### On this page:

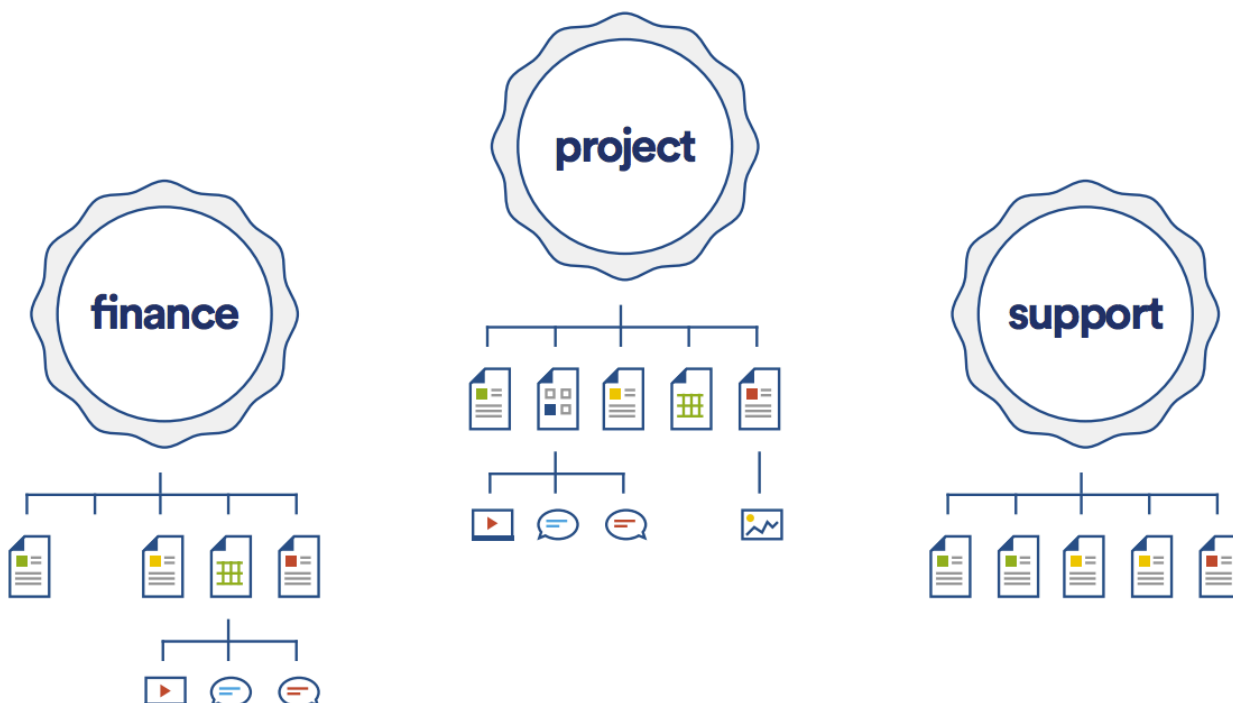
- [How is content arranged in spaces?](#)
- [View all spaces in Confluence](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Organize your Space](#)
- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Pages and blogs](#)
- [Search](#)

Inside the space, you can nest your pages, and you can create as many levels of hierarchy as you need. Each space also has its own blog, which lets you share news and make announcements. Blog posts are a great way to keep people involved in what's going on in your team or project.

You can set different levels of access for each space, and the pages and blogs within it, using [Space Permissions Overview](#).



### View all spaces in Confluence

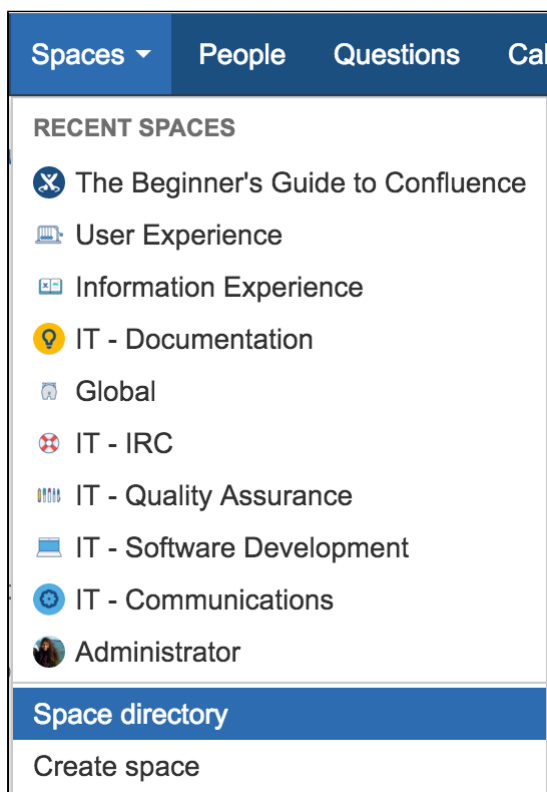
There are two main ways to view spaces in Confluence:

- **The space directory** – choose **Spaces > Space directory** in the Confluence header for a list of all the site and personal spaces you have permission to see. Filter the list of spaces by selecting from the



categories on the left of the space directory.

- **The dashboard** – you can make your most useful spaces appear under **My spaces** on the dashboard. Choose the star icon in the space sidebar or space directory to add a space to **My spaces**



The **spaces menu** in the header also displays a list of your recently viewed spaces, allowing you to quickly navigate to the things you view most often.

The [Spaces List Macro](#) allows you to display a list of spaces on a Confluence page, and lets you filter them by category.

## Space Permissions Overview

Each space in Confluence has its own set of permissions, which can be granted and revoked by a space administrator. The user that creates a space, like when you create your personal space, is automatically an administrator of that space, and they can add other space admins if they want to by adding the **Space Admin** permission to another user or group.

**i** How do you find out who the space admin is for a particular space? Choose **Spaces > Space directory** in the Confluence header, then choose the **Space Details** icon beside a space.

If you're one of those lucky space admins, you can assign permissions for the space to individual users, groups, or anonymous users. To change permissions for a space, choose **Space tools > Permissions** from the bottom of the sidebar, then choose **Edit Permissions** to change permission settings.

Space admins can also manage watchers for that space by choosing **Watch > Manage Watchers** at the top-right of any page in the space.

If you accidentally deny all admin access to a space so that nobody has access to administer the space any more, you can ask someone with Confluence Administrator global permission to recover [Space Permissions](#).

### Related pages:

- [Confluence Groups](#)
- [Assign Space Permissions](#)
- [Page Restrictions](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)

This page is about **Space Permissions**. Confluence also lets you set [Page Restrictions](#).

## Permissions Summary

The following permissions can be assigned for each space:

Permission	Applies to
<b>View</b>	This lets a user view all the content in your <b>space</b> .
<b>Add</b>	This lets a user add and edit <b>pages</b> , <b>blogs</b> , <b>comments</b> and <b>attachments</b> .
<b>Restrict</b>	This lets a user restrict others from viewing or editing a <b>page</b> .
<b>Delete own</b>	This lets a user delete any <b>pages</b> , <b>blogs</b> and <b>attachments</b> they originally created (regardless of whether other users have subsequently edited the content).
<b>Delete</b>	This can be used to let a user delete <b>pages</b> , <b>comments</b> , <b>attachments</b> and <b>mail items</b> .
<b>Export</b>	This lets a user export the whole <b>space</b> . This is different to <b>page</b> exports - anyone who can view a <b>page</b> can also export it.
<b>Admin</b>	This lets a user administer the <b>space</b> , including the ability to pass on admin permissions to other users.

**i** Confluence administrators aren't necessarily space administrators. In order for them to be a space admin, they must belong to a group which has space admin and view permission for the space, or their username must be specifically granted space admin and view permission for the space. People with the System Administrator global permission can choose to grant themselves space admin permissions for any space.

### Space permissions are additive

Space permissions are additive. If a user is granted permissions as an individual or as a member of one or more groups, Confluence will combine these permissions together.

▼ [Here's an example...](#)

Sasha is a member of the `confluence-users` group and the `developers` group. The `confluence-users` group has 'export' permission, but does not have 'restrict' permission. The `developers` group has 'restrict' permission but does not have 'export' permission.

By being a member of these two groups, Sasha can restrict *and* export content. The permissions do not conflict, they combine to determine what Sasha is allowed to do in this space.

## Assign Space Permissions

If you are the administrator of a space, you control the permissions for it. You can choose to assign/revoke permissions on either an individual user basis, or by [Confluence Groups](#).

Confluence Administrators can put users into groups to make it easier to manage permissions. If you are not an administrator and want to know if someone belongs to a group, ask your administrator to check for you.

**i** Permissions in Confluence are additive, so if you belong to different groups with different permissions, you will have the combined permissions of those groups.

**To access the permissions for a space:**

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Permissions** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Edit Permissions**.

The Edit Space Permissions page is divided into the following sections:

**On this page:**

- [Assign space permissions](#)
- [Revoke space permissions](#)
- [Manage and recover space admin permissions](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Space Permissions Overview](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)
- [Make a Space Public](#)
- [Give Access to Unlicensed Users from JIRA Service Desk](#)

- **Licensed Users** - this is where you grant permissions to groups and individual users.
- **Anonymous Access** - this is where you grant permissions to users who are not logged in (essentially making the space public)

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### Licensed Users

#### Groups

Grant permissions for this space to all the members of a group.

	All		Pages		Blog		Attachments		Comments		Restrictions	Mail	Space	
	View	Delete Own	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add/Delete	Delete	Export	Admin
confluence-users	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
developers	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Edit Permissions

#### Individual Users

Grant permissions to individual users, regardless of which groups they are a member of.

	All		Pages		Blog		Attachments		Comments		Restrictions	Mail	Space	
	View	Delete Own	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add/Delete	Delete	Export	Admin
Rachel Robins (rrobins)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Edit Permissions

#### Anonymous Access

If your Confluence site is public, you can grant permissions to people who are not logged in. Anonymous users can be granted almost any permission, but we recommend you limit this to viewing and commenting.

	All		Pages		Blog		Attachments		Comments		Restrictions	Mail	Space	
	View	Delete Own	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add/Delete	Delete	Export	Admin
Anonymous	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Edit Permissions

### Assign space permissions

To add a new user or group to the permissions list, search for either a group or user in their respective sections and choose **Add**. The group or user will appear in the list of groups; select the specific permissions you'd like to apply then choose **Save all**. You can bulk assign or revoke permissions by selecting **Select All** or **Deselect All**.

**i** There is no way to change permissions for multiple spaces at once. Permissions are managed on a space by space basis. However, your Confluence Administrator is able to set default space permissions, which will apply to any new spaces.


Default Space Permissions

Edit Permissions

These are the default permissions that will be assigned to groups when someone adds a new space. The 'confluence-administrators' group always has all permissions for all spaces, and any permissions set for it here will be ignored.

	All		Pages		Blog		Attachments		Comments		Restrictions	Mail	Space	
	View	Delete Own	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add/Delete	Delete	Export	Admin
confluence-users	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗

**To set the default space permissions:**

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Space Permissions.**
2. Choose **Edit Permissions.**

Default permissions are configurable for groups only, not for individual or anonymous users.


**Revoke space permissions**

To remove a user or group from the space permissions list, deselect all the checkboxes for that user or group and save the changes. The user or group won't appear in the list once you save.

**Manage and recover space admin permissions**

If you're a Confluence Administrator and a space admin accidentally denies all admin access to a space, so that nobody has access to administer that space any more, you are able to recover those permissions for them.

**To recover Space Admin permissions:**

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Space Permissions.**
2. Locate the space in the Individual Spaces list and choose **Recover Permissions.**


You can then choose **Manage Permissions**, and add any other appropriate permissions to the space. Requests to recover permissions are recorded in the Confluence audit log.

Users with System Administrator permissions are able to manage permissions for all spaces, they do not need to first recover permissions.

Individual Spaces		
These are the current wiki spaces.		
Name	Key	Operations
<a href="#">Design Team</a>	AUDIT	<a href="#">Manage Permissions</a>
<a href="#">Software project</a>	SCRUM	<a href="#">Manage Permissions</a>

**Make a Space Public**

If you want to share your space with people who are not logged in to Confluence (anonymous users), you can make your space public.

 Making a space public does not let you choose who you want to share it with – a public space can be viewed by anyone inside or outside of your organization.

**Related pages:**

- [Give Access to Unlicensed Users from JIRA Service Desk](#)

In order to make a space public, your administrator must first turn on the global permission for anonymous access.

This permission doesn't automatically grant anonymous users permission to see any of the content on your site, but it does need to be turned on to give space admins the option of granting anonymous users access to their space.


**To make your space public:**


1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Permissions** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Edit Permissions**.
3. Scroll down to the **Anonymous Access** section and select the specific permissions you'd like anonymous users to have.
4. **Save All** to apply the changes.

### Anonymous Access

If your Confluence site is public, you can grant permissions to people who are not logged in. Anonymous users can be granted almost any permission, but we recommend you limit this to viewing and commenting.

	All		Pages		Blog		Attachments		Comments		Restrictions	Mail	Space	
	View	Delete Own	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add/Delete	Delete	Export	Admin
<b>Anonymous</b> <a href="#">Select All</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

 You can't grant space administration or page restriction rights to anonymous users.

 If your Confluence administrator turns off anonymous access to your site, users who are not logged in will no longer be able to see any spaces. However, all logged in users (regardless of their group membership) will be able to see all spaces that have granted space permissions to anonymous users.

**Auditing considerations**

There are some additional things to be aware of if you grant the **Add** page permission to anonymous users.

You won't be alerted, when closing the editor or publishing a page, if the only unpublished changes on the page were made by anonymous users. This means a logged in user may inadvertently publish changes they were not aware had been made to the page.

The changes themselves are visible in the page, but the usual warning dialog will not appear if the only people to have made changes were not logged in.

If there are unpublished changes from both logged in users and anonymous users, the warning dialog will appear, but only the logged in users will be listed in the dialog. Changes made by all users (including anonymous) will be included if you view the changes from that dialog.

**Give Access to Unlicensed Users from JIRA Service Desk**

If you're using Confluence as a knowledge base for JIRA Service Desk, you can choose to allow all active users and customers (that is, logged in users who do not have a Confluence license) to view specific spaces. This can only be [turned on via JIRA Service Desk](#).

When a space is accessible to all active users, you'll see the following message in the space permission screen.

**Related pages:**

- [Make a Space Public](#)

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## Any active user can view this space

Any active user can view pages in this space, including users who don't have a Confluence license. It's enabled through JIRA Service Desk so people can view knowledge articles when raising a help request.

[Edit this permission](#)

**i** This permission overrides all existing space permissions, so any logged in Confluence user will also be able to see the space (regardless of their group membership).

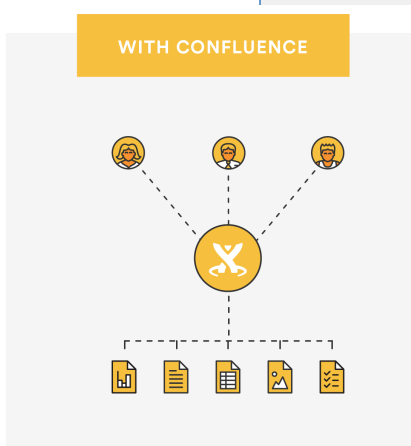
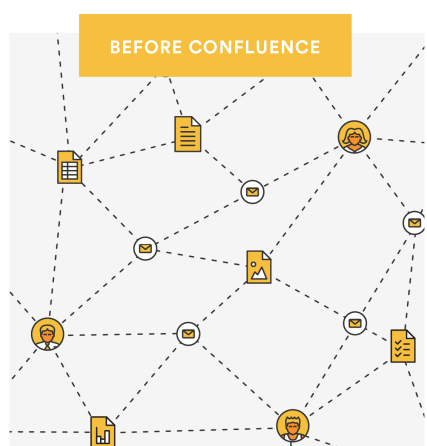
You can edit this permission at any time to revoke access to a space, but it can only be re-enabled from JIRA Service Desk.

Active users who don't hold a Confluence license have very limited access to Confluence. They can view pages, but can't like, comment, edit, view the dashboard, use the space directory, see user profiles or search your full site.

See [Use JIRA applications and Confluence together](#) for more information about JIRA Service Desk integration.

## Organize your Space

Here's a few tips that'll help you organize your space so that everyone can find what they're looking for and stay on top of what's important to them.



### On this page:

- [How do I organize content within my space?](#)
  - [Pages and blogs](#)
  - [Configure the sidebar](#)
  - [Using Labels](#)
  - [How do I keep my space tidy?](#)
  - [Create a set of guidelines](#)
  - [Use page blueprints](#)
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  - [My Spaces](#)
  - [Save for later](#)
  - [Watch a page, blog or space](#)
  - [@mentions](#)

## How do I organize content within my space?

### Pages and blogs

Everything you create in Confluence, from meeting notes to retrospectives and everything in between, takes the form of either pages or blogs.

- Your homepage will be the first thing that visitors to your site see, so to help them find relevant content, start by curating your homepage with useful macros and including information about what is in your space. See [Set up a Space Home Page](#) for more information.
- If you're creating content that is specific mainly to the current time-frame, and isn't going to change

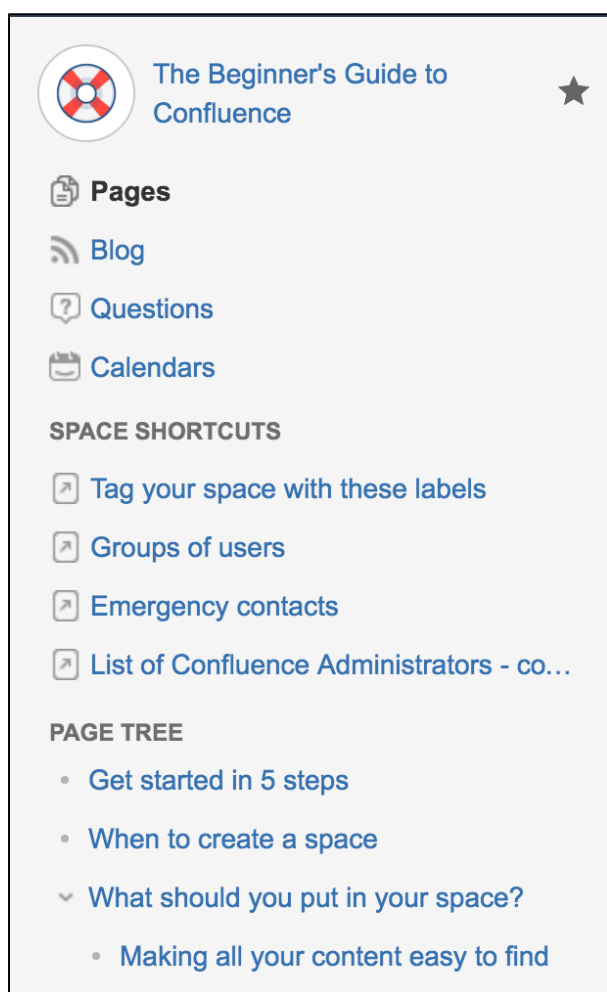
over time, create it as a blog post. Your blog displays as an infinite scroll, so it surfaces the latest news and visitors just need to scroll down if they're interested in older content.

- If you're creating content that you want to last, and possibly evolve over time, then create it as a page. Pages nest, so every page can have its own child pages, which lets you organize your content into categories and subcategories.

### Configure the sidebar

You can [Configure the Sidebar](#) to make it easier to navigate through your space.

- The space shortcuts section of the sidebar lets you link to important content. You can use this to highlight pertinent pages within your space, related content from other spaces, or to external content that is relevant to your space.
- The navigation display lists all of the pages in your space in either a page tree or child pages format. If you only want some content to be visible in the sidebar, you can hide the navigation display and put the pages you want to remain visible under Space shortcuts instead.



Screenshot: My Spaces in the dashboard

### Using Labels

Labels are keywords or tags that you can add to pages, blog posts, and attachments.

- Define your own labels and use them to categorize, identify, or bookmark content in Confluence. For example, if you assign the label 'accounting' to all accounts -related pages on your site, you'll then be able to:
  - a. Browse all pages with that label in a single space or across the site.
  - b. Display a list of pages with that label.
  - c. [Search based on that label](#) .



- Use the [Content by Label Macro](#) to create a table of contents for your space that is organized by label categories.
- Labels aren't exclusive, so you can have as many labels as you want on a page. The page will then appear under each of those categories. See [Use Labels to Categorize Spaces](#) for more information.

### How do I keep my space tidy?

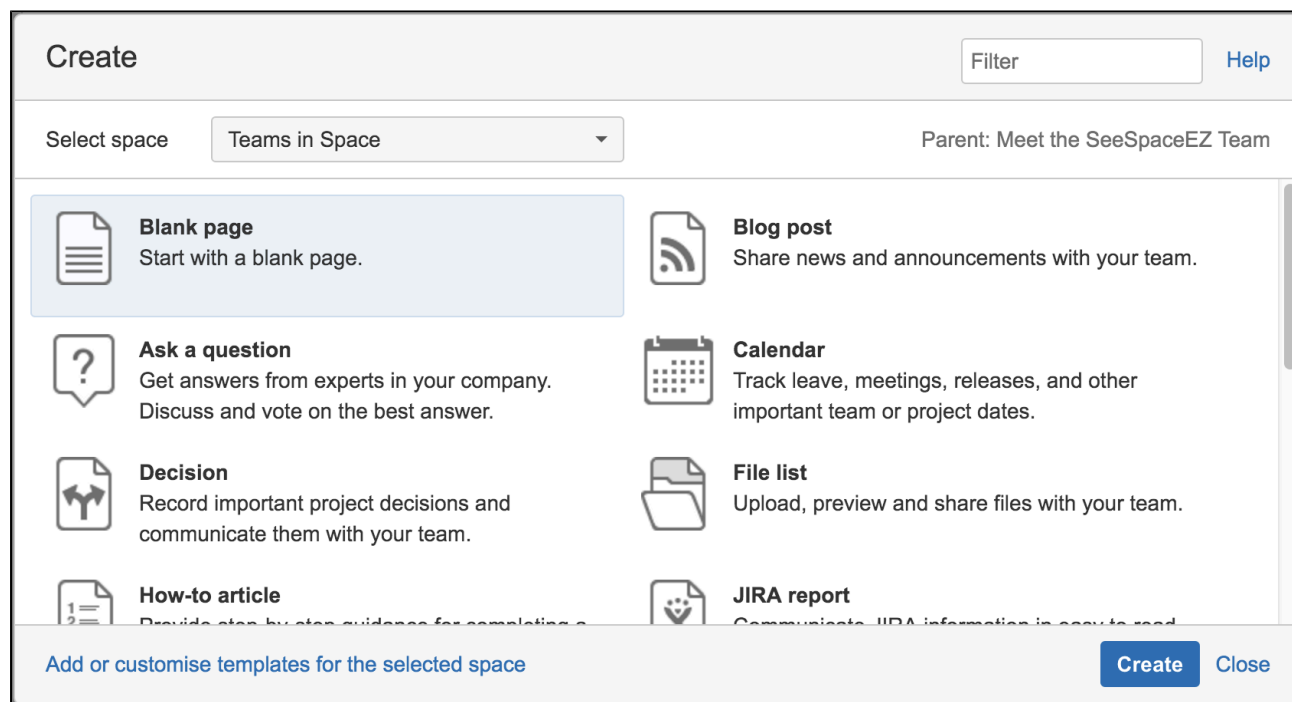
If you have lots of people creating in the same space, things can get messy fast. You can prevent this by taking a few easy steps.

#### Create a set of guidelines

- Let your collaborators know about what parent pages to create their child pages under, so no content gets lost or misplaced.
- Decide on standard labels to add to pages, blogs, and attachments so all content gets neatly categorized.
- Add a link to this in the **Space Shortcuts** section of the sidebar so that it's easy to find.

#### Use page blueprints

[Blueprints](#) are templates that come with formatting, macros and sample content. You can [customize these Blueprints](#) for each space. Everything created from a Blueprint will have its own index in the sidebar, so for example if you use the [Meeting Notes Blueprint](#), you can select 'Meeting Notes' in the sidebar to see a list of all the meeting notes in your space.



Screenshot: Page Blueprints

#### Create from template macro

Make things simpler for other contributors by using the [Create from Template Macro](#). The Create from Template Macro lets you put a button on a page that links to a specific template of your choice. When the button is clicked, the macro opens the editor, ready to add a new page, and adds content to that page based on the given template.

#### Create your own page templates

Create your own templates for any content that you want formatted the same way every time. For example, if you have to create a regular report tracking the same criteria, create a template with headings, variable dates, tables, and spaces for any graphics, so that each time all you have to do is input the new data instead of creating the whole report from scratch.

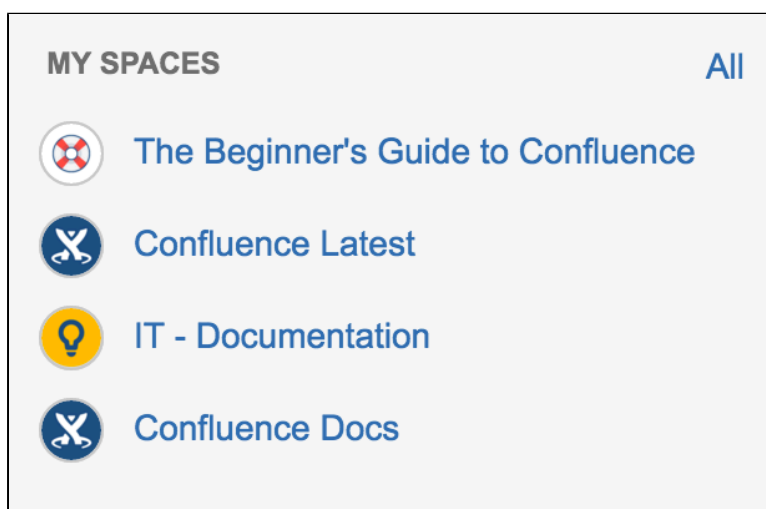
### How do I help my team stay on top of what's important?

If you've got a lot of content on Confluence, staying on top of everything may seem a little daunting – but these features will help your team save and track all the content they care about.

#### My Spaces

Add any spaces that you want to be able to navigate to easily to your list of 'My Spaces'. This list can be found under your dashboard and in the Space Directory, and you can also use the [Spaces List Macro](#) to display it on a page or blog.

To add a space to your list of 'My Spaces', either navigate to that space or find it under the Space Directory, and select the **star icon** next to the Space Name. To remove it from the list, just select the **star icon** again.



Screenshot: My Spaces in the dashboard

#### Save for later

If you only want links to certain pages or blogs rather than a whole space, you can choose **Save for later** and these will appear on your dashboard and under your profile. You can use the [Favorite Pages Macro](#) to display a list of all of everything you've saved for later.



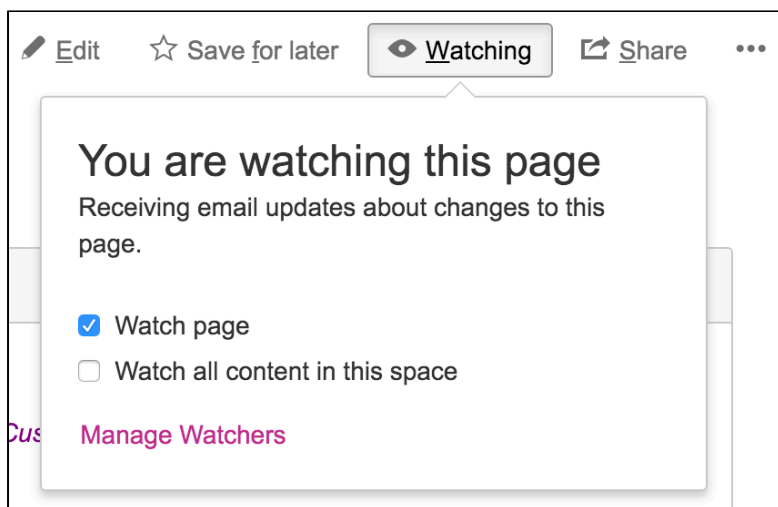
Screenshot: Save for later

#### Watch a page, blog or space

If you want to keep track of all the changes made to a page, blog, or space, you can also [watch](#) them. Watching any content means that you will receive email notifications for all edits, deletions, attachments or comments made to that content.

- To watch a page, navigate to the page you want to watch, then choose **Watch** > **Watch page**, or if you want to watch the whole space, select **Watch all content in this space**.
- To watch a blog, navigate to that blog and choose **Watch this blog**.
- To stop watching something, deselect the relevant tick box.

You can also manage watchers for your own space. This is useful when, for example, you're creating a new project, and want the team members on that project to stay notified of its progress. Go to any page in that space and choose **Watch > Manage Watchers**, then add or delete any names under 'Watching this space'.



Screenshot: Watching a page

#### @mentions

Use @mentions for any work where you need someone else's input or want to assign someone a task. Mentioning someone works like a tag; they'll immediately receive a notification that they've been mentioned, and can click through to that page or blog. If you mention someone when [creating a task](#), it'll assign that task to them and they'll also be able to find it under their profile.

You can use this in place of emails – if you want someone to look something over, add in additional information, or approve anything, simply put that work on Confluence and assign it to them as a task. They'll be able to make any changes or comments within Confluence and let you know when they're done by mentioning you back.

### Set up a Space Home Page

When you create a space, Confluence automatically creates a home page for that space. Spaces created with a blueprint come with a ready-made home page populated with useful macros and sample content specific to the blueprint's use case.

However, even if you've started with a blank space, you can still customize your home page to make it easier for everyone using that space to navigate their way around and find useful content.

#### On this page:

- [Create a kick-ass home page](#)
- [Top macros for common types of spaces](#)
- [Set up your personal space home page](#)
- [Set another page as your home page](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Organize your Space](#)

#### Create a kick-ass home page

- **What is this space about?**

Your home page is the first page visitors will see when they visit your space, so it helps to include some information about what the space is about, and what you're working on. You can use the [Info](#), [Tip](#), [Note](#), and [Warning Macros](#) to create a colored box in which to put this information.

- **What is in this space?**

You can use the [Content Report Table Macro](#) to create a table of contents for your space. You can also set this macro to only display content with a particular label, so if you would like only some content to display, you can do this by adding that label to only those pages and blogs you want listed

on your home page.

- **Organize your space with labels**

You can organize content in your space with labels, so that for example, if you have a Learning and Development space, you can create different labels for online learning resources, upcoming workshops, and training strategy. You can then use the [Labels List Macro](#) to create a list of those labels to make it easy for visitors to your space to find the content relating to each of those topics.

- **Add a search box so that it's easy to find content within your space**

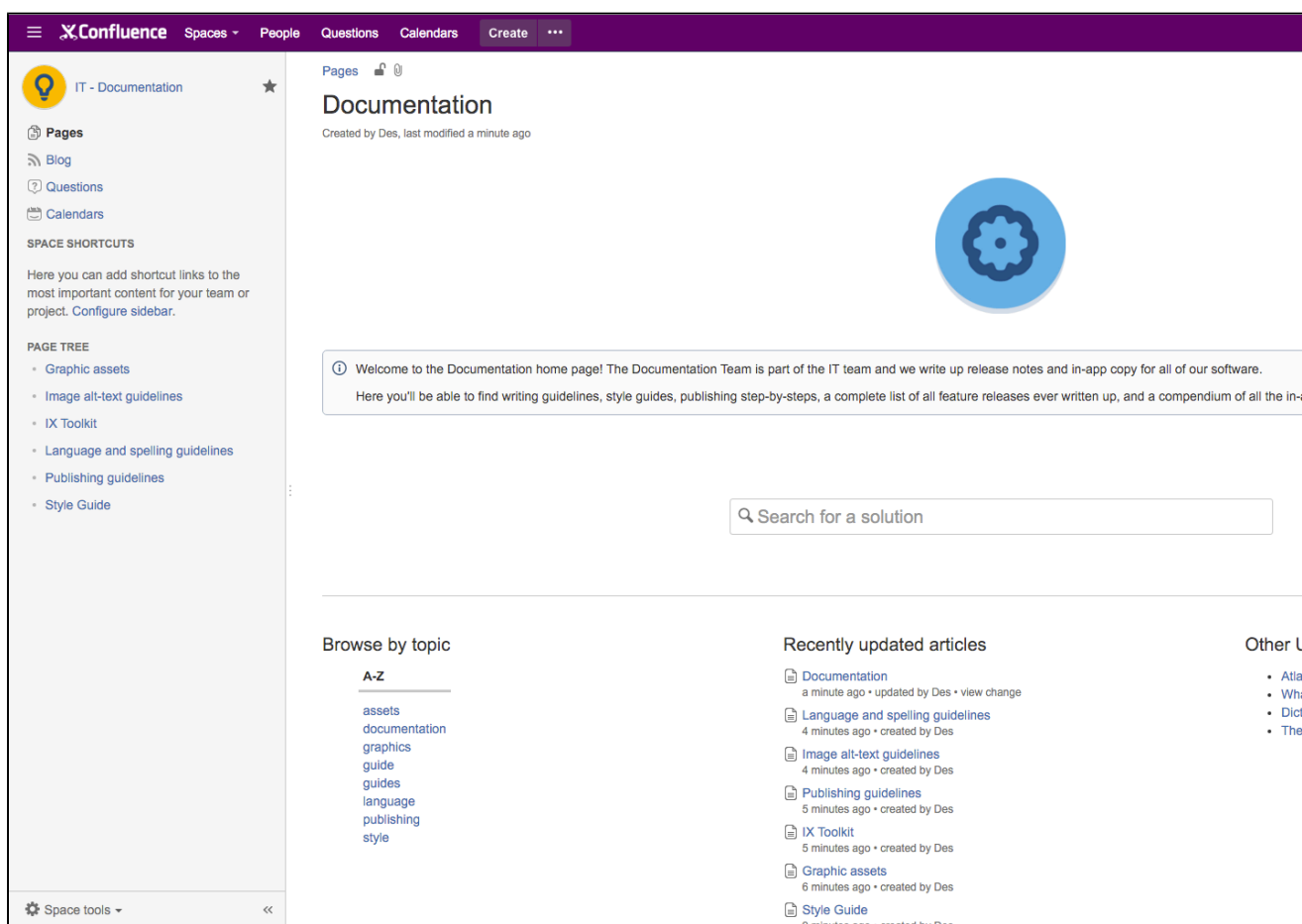
The [Livesearch Macro](#) allows you to add a search box to a Confluence page, and you can set it to only find content within your space.

- **Keep everyone updated about the latest changes within your space**

If it's important for your visitors to know about the latest changes to your space, you can use the [Recently Updated Macro](#) to display a list of the most recently updated content. You can set the space parameter to show this for just your space, or, if you have related spaces, to show the most recently updated content across all of those spaces as well.

- **Using JIRA? Create and display your JIRA issues on Confluence**

If your Confluence site is connected to a JIRA application, you can both create and display your JIRA issues without having to leave Confluence using the [JIRA Issues Macro](#). You can connect Confluence to any JIRA application, including JIRA Software and JIRA Service Desk.



Screenshot: Space Home Page

## Top macros for common types of spaces

### Team Spaces:

- **Introduce the team:** The [User Profile Macro](#) displays a short summary of a given Confluence user's

profile with their role, profile photo and contact details.

- **Share news and announcements with your team:** The [Blog Posts Macro](#) displays a stream of your latest blog posts so your team can easily see what's been going on.

#### Knowledge Base:

- **Have external content that you need on your page?** Embed online videos, slideshows, photo streams, and more, directly into your page with the [Widget Connector Macro](#).
- **Put your own multimedia content onto the page:** The [Multimedia Macro](#) embeds attached video, animation, and other multimedia files on a Confluence page.
- **Create an index of all your content:** The [Page Index Macro](#) creates a hyperlinked alphabetical index of all page titles within the current space.

#### Planning/Project:

- **Keep track of everyone's tasks:** Use the [Task Report Macro](#) to display a list of tasks on a page. Filter the tasks by space, page, user, label, created date and more.
- **Is your project on track?** The [Status Macro](#) displays a colored lozenge (a rounded box) that is useful for reporting project status. You can choose the color of the lozenge and the text that appears inside the lozenge.
- **Let everyone see where you're going:** The [Roadmap Planner Macro](#) creates simple, visual timelines that are useful for planning projects, software releases and much more.

#### Using Macros

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

#### Set up your personal space home page

Whether you're using your personal space as a sandbox to draft and test content, a portfolio to show off what you're working on, a home base to navigate to your content in other spaces, or something completely different, these are some macros that should help you use your space more effectively.

- Use the [Favorite Pages Macro](#) to create a list on your home page of all the pages you've saved for later, so you can easily navigate back to any of them.
- Use the [Content by User Macro](#) to keep track of all the current pages, comments and spaces you've created so you can find everything you've been working on in one place.
- Use the [Task Report Macro](#) to keep track of all tasks assigned to you, and tick them off as you finish them.
- Use the [Recently Updated Dashboard Macro](#) to keep track of all the content across your Confluence site that you're interested in - the Dashboard lets you choose which spaces, users, blogs, pages or files you would like to keep updated about.

#### Set another page as your home page

If at any point you decide that you would like another page within your space to be your home page, you can easily change this from the Edit Space Details tab.

To edit a space's details:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Edit Space Details**.
3. Enter the page you want use in the **Home page** field then choose **Save**.

Space Details
Delete Space

## Edit Space Details


Name:

Description:

Status:

Home page:

The page that displays when users navigate to this space.

 You can change the home page, name and description of your space, but you are not able to change the space key.

### Use Labels to Categorize Spaces

If you've got lots of related spaces, you can use labels to group them together into categories in the **Space Directory**.

For example, if you're in an IT team who work on a number of projects, each in a different space, you could label each space 'IT-projects-open'. Then in the Space Directory you could select IT-projects-open to see all your current IT project spaces.

You can add as many space categories to a space as you need, so that if, for example, two different teams are working on a project together, you can add labels for both teams and space will appear under both categories.

Labels are easy to add or remove, so if your needs change, you can always recategorize your spaces.

#### On this page:

- [Categorize a space](#)
- [View spaces in a category](#)
- [Remove a space from a category](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Add, Remove and Search for Labels](#)

### Categorize a space

You need space administrator permissions to add categories to a space.

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Edit** next to **Space Categories**.
3. Under **Space Categories**, enter your category name and choose **Add**.  
Alternatively, choose a category in the list of **Suggested Space Categories**.
4. Choose **Done**.

**Add a space description**

Help make it easier to find the right space within a category by adding a description to your space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Edit Space Details**.
3. Under the **Description** field, type a short description to tell visitors what your space is about, then choose **Save**.

**View spaces in a category**

To see what spaces are in a category, choose **Spaces > Space directory** in the Confluence header, then select one of the categories from the list.

Space Directory			
All Spaces Site Spaces Personal Spaces My Spaces Archived Spaces  CATEGORIES Confluence Documentation	Documentation		
	Space	Description	Categories
	Confluence Latest	Documentation for the latest version of the Confluence wiki: Installation Guide, User Guide, Admin Guide and other technical documentation	<a href="#">documentation</a>
	Diagrams, Infographics and Screenshots	A repository for graphic assets used in our documentation	<a href="#">documentation</a>
	International Translations	Translating our documentation for international consumption	<a href="#">documentation</a>
Hint: Your space administrator can organise spaces into categories. <a href="#">Learn more</a> .			

*Screenshot: Space Directory*

You can also view spaces by category by using the [Spaces List Macro](#) and filtering by category.

Head to **My Spaces** in the **Space Directory** to see all your favorite spaces. When viewing a space, you can choose the star icon next to the space title in the sidebar to add it to **My Spaces** so that it's easier to find later.

**Remove a space from a category**

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Edit** next to **Space Categories**.
3. Under **Space Categories**, choose the x icon next to each category that you want to remove.

Space Details
Remove Space

### Space Categories

Space Categories will appear inside the categories tab on your dashboard and as tabs in the space directory. They can be used to group together related spaces.

Labels confluence x development x

Add

*Screenshot: Space categories*

If you remove all spaces from a category, the category will no longer appear in the Space Directory. There's no way to bulk remove a category, but you can choose the category in the Space Directory to find all the spaces it appears on, and then remove it from each space.



## Customize your Space

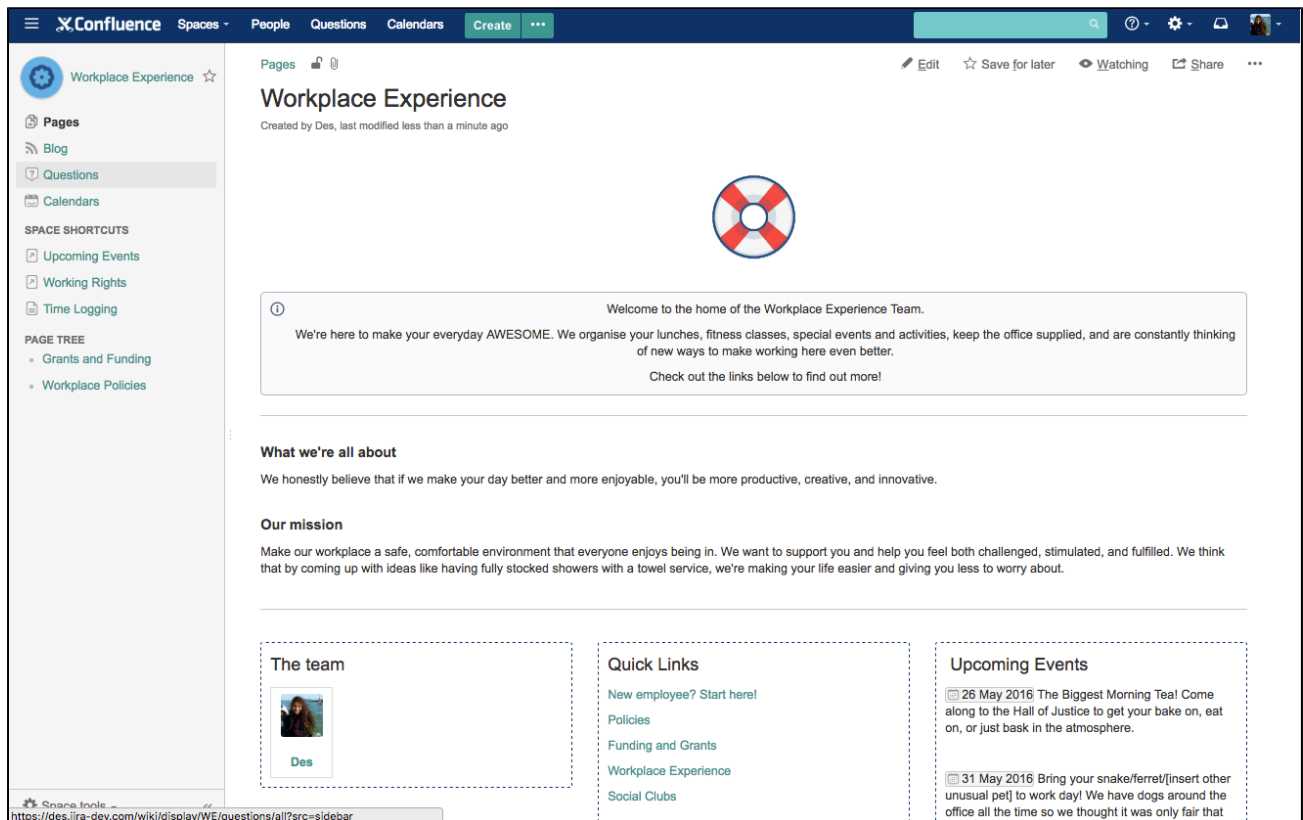
Make your space stand out from the crowd by customizing its appearance.

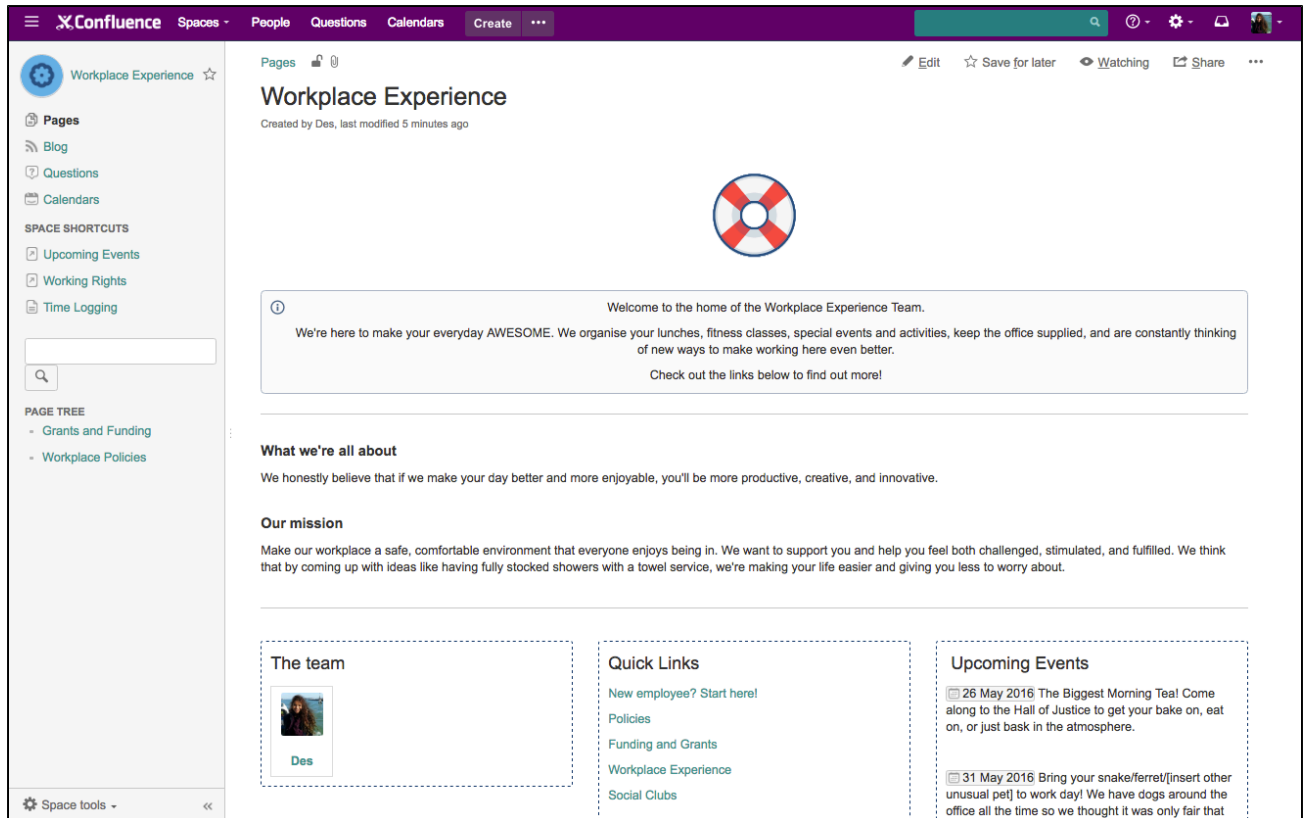
If you have space admin privileges, you can change the color scheme for your space, add your own space logo, choose what shows up in your space's sidebar, or use Atlassian Marketplace themes to change the whole look of your space.

- [Configure the Sidebar](#)
- [Edit a Space's Color Scheme](#)
- [Apply a Theme to a Space](#)
- [Customize Space Layouts](#)

### Related pages:

- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)
- [Styling Confluence with CSS](#)






## Configure the Sidebar

If you have administration permissions for a space, you can customize the space's sidebar to have its own logo, change the way the hierarchy is displayed, and add shortcut links to help navigate to important content quickly.

To start configuring the sidebar, choose **Space tools > Configure sidebar**.

### Change the space name and logo

#### To change the space name:

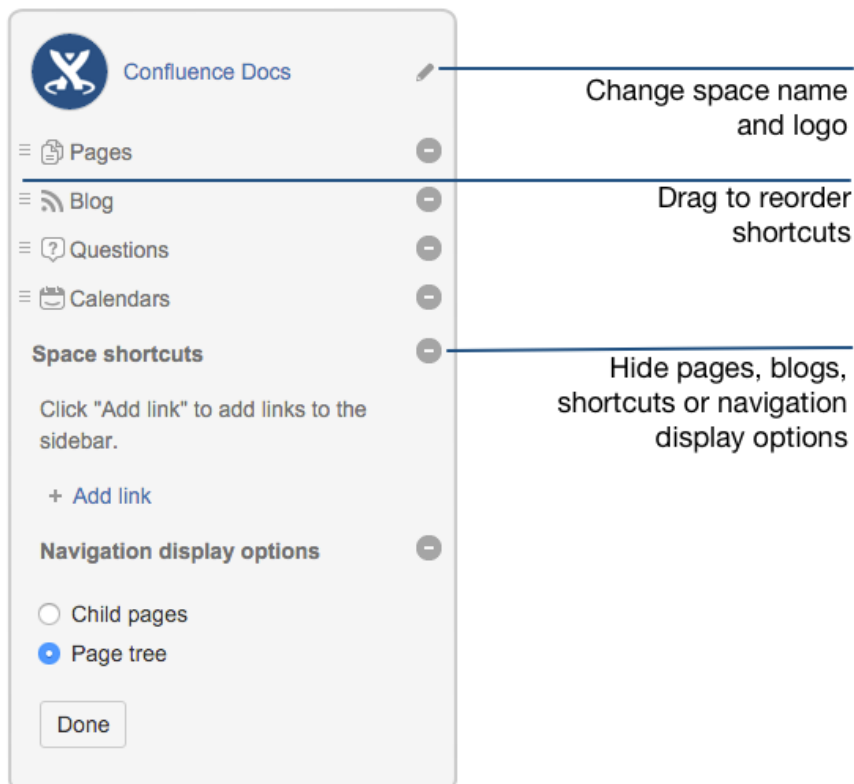
1. Choose  next to the space name.
2. Type in a new space name and **Save**.

#### On this page:


- [Change the space name and logo](#)
- [Configure the sidebar links](#)
- [Adding custom content to a sidebar](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Edit a Space's Color Scheme](#)
- [Organize your Space](#)



### To change the space logo:

1. Choose the  next to the space name.
2. Choose **Upload an image**.
3. Select an image from your computer.
4. Adjust the size of the image to fit within the highlighted circle.
5. Choose **Save**.

### Things you should know:

- Space logos are 48px x 48px. Logos smaller than these dimensions will be centred with whitespace around them.
- You can only change the space logo for a site space. For your personal space, your profile picture is used as the space icon.
- The space logo in the default theme is always round. This cannot be changed.

### Configure the sidebar links

- Choose the icons to show or hide **pages, blogs, shortcuts** or **navigation options**. For example, if you want your space to be used primarily as a blog you can hide the 'Pages' link.
- Add-ons such as [Team Calendars for Confluence Server](#) may add other links in this section of the sidebar and you can also show or hide these.
- Choose **Add link** to add a shortcut link to the sidebar. This could be a link to an important page for your team, or to an external site.
- Drag links to reorder them within each section (you can't move a link from one section to another).

## Change the navigation display options

- Choose **Child pages** to see the current page and its children in the sidebar.
- Choose **Page tree** to see the page tree for the entire space, expanded to the current page.
- You can also choose to completely hide the navigation display options and instead add the pages you want to visible as shortcut links. Alternatively, you can remove the sidebar navigation altogether and use a [Page Tree Macro](#) or [Children Display Macro](#) on your homepage for navigation instead.

### Adding custom content to a sidebar

You can further customize a sidebar using wiki markup to add custom content.

#### To add custom content to your sidebar:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Sidebar, Header and Footer**.
3. Enter your custom content in the **Sidebar** field.

The sidebar, header and footer fields all use wiki markup, check our [guide to wiki markup](#) for help, or check out some common customizations below.

#### ▼ Add a search field to your sidebar...

To add a search field to the sidebar add the following wiki markup for a search macro in the **Sidebar** field.

For the [Livesearch Macro](#) macro:

```
{livesearch}
```

For the [Page Tree Search Macro](#) macro:

```
{pagetreesearch}
```

#### ▼ Add a panel with some content...

To add a panel with some custom content to the sidebar add the following wiki markup for the [Panel Macro](#) in the **Sidebar** field:

```
{panel}This is some custom content to appear in the sidebar{panel}
```

#### ▼ Add your own page tree to replace the default page tree...

To hide the default page tree and add your own, with additional parameters:

1. Add the wiki markup for the [Page Tree Macro](#) in the **Sidebar** field.  
The following example includes parameters to expand the top three levels of the page tree by default and include an **Expand All** and **Collapse All** link above the tree.

```
{pagetree:root=Page Name|startDepth=3|expandCollapseAll=true}
```

2. Go to **Space Tools > Configure sidebar**.
3. Use the **Show** and **Hide** icons to hide the default page tree from the sidebar.

### Edit a Space's Color Scheme

Spaces inherit the global color scheme by default, but if you have admin permissions for a space, you can jazz it up with your very own customizable color scheme.

#### To change the color scheme for a space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar

#### Related pages:

- [Configure the Sidebar](#)
- [Apply a Theme to a Space](#)

2. Choose **Color Scheme**
3. Choose **Select** next to a scheme listed under **Custom Color Scheme** (if not already selected)
4. Choose **Edit**
5. Enter standard HTML/CSS2 color codes or use the color-picker



to choose a new color from the palette provided

### Customizable Elements

The color scheme allows you to edit the colors of UI elements including the top bar, tabs and backgrounds.

Some UI elements below are for specific themes, and color changes may not take effect for other themes.

- **Top Bar** - the top navigation bar background
- **Top Bar Text** - the text on the top navigation bar
- **Header Button Background** - buttons on the top navigation bar (e.g. Create button)
- **Header Button Text** - the text on buttons on the top navigation bar
- **Top Bar Menu Selected Background** - background color of top navigation bar menu items when selected (e.g. spaces)
- **Top Bar Menu Selected Text** - text color of top navigation bar menu items when selected
- **Top Bar Menu Item Text** - text on top navigation bar drop down menus (e.g. help or cog)
- **Menu Item Selected Background** - highlight color on top navigation bar drop down menu items
- **Menu Item Selected Text** - text color on highlighted top navigation bar drop down menu items
- **Search Field Background** - the background color of the search field on the header
- **Search Field Text** - the color of the text in the search field on the header
- **Page Menu Selected Background** - the background color of the drop down page menu when selected
- **Page Menu Item Text** - the text of the menu items in the drop down page menu
- **Heading Text** - all heading tags throughout the space
- **Space Name Text** - the text of the current space name located above the page title
- **Links** - all links throughout the space
- **Borders and Dividers** - table borders and dividing lines
- **Tab Navigation Background** - the background color of the tab navigation
- **Tab Navigation Text** - the text of the tab navigation when highlighted
- **Tab Navigation Background Highlight** - the background color of the tab navigation when highlighted
- **Tab Navigation Text Highlight** - the text of the tab navigation elements when highlighted

*Screenshot: Editing the color scheme*

## Custom Colour Scheme

A custom colour scheme which can be edited.



Edit

The following colours can be customised for this colour scheme.

Top Bar		<input type="text" value="#205081"/>	
Top Bar Text		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	
Header Button Background		<input type="text" value="#3572B0"/>	
Header Button Text		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	
Top Bar Menu Selected Background		<input type="text" value="#3B73AF"/>	
Top Bar Menu Selected Text		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	
Top Bar Menu Item Text		<input type="text" value="#333333"/>	
Menu Item Selected Background		<input type="text" value="#3B73AF"/>	
Menu Item Selected Text		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	
Search Field Background		<input type="text" value="RGBA(0, 0, 0, 0.2)"/>	
Search Field Text		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	
Page Menu Selected Background		<input type="text" value="#3B73AF"/>	
Page Menu Item Text		<input type="text" value="#333333"/>	
Heading Text		<input type="text" value="#333333"/>	
Space Name Text		<input type="text" value="#999999"/>	
Links		<input type="text" value="#3572B0"/>	
Borders and Dividers		<input type="text" value="#CCCCCC"/>	
Tab Navigation Background		<input type="text" value="#3B73AF"/>	
Tab Navigation Text		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	
Tab Navigation Background Highlight		<input type="text" value="#205081"/>	
Tab Navigation Text Highlight		<input type="text" value="#FFFFFF"/>	

Reset

Save

Cancel

### Handy Hint

If you mess things up, just choose **Reset** then try again.

## Apply a Theme to a Space

Themes are used to change the appearance of your space. Confluence comes with two themes - the default theme and documentation theme, or your Administrator can download and install other themes from [The Atlassian Marketplace](#).

Once a theme is installed it can be applied to the whole site or to individual spaces.

### To apply a theme to a space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar  
You'll need [Space Admin permissions](#) to do this.
2. Choose **Themes** and select a theme option.
3. Choose **Confirm**.

#### Related pages:

- [Applying a Theme to a Site](#)
- [Customize your Space](#)
- [Edit a Space's Color Scheme](#)
- [Configure the Sidebar](#)

### What is the global look and feel?

When a new space is created, whichever theme is applied to the whole site will be applied by default to the new space. This is the global look and feel, and any changes made globally will flow through to all spaces that inherit the global look and feel.

If a space has its own theme applied, or if changes have been made to customize the look and feel of the space, it will no longer inherit changes from the global look and feel.

If you want to go back to inheriting the global look and feel choose **Global look and feel** from the **Themes** page.

## Documentation theme migration FAQ

As [previously announced](#), the documentation theme is not available in Confluence 6.0. We know you'll have a lot of specific questions, so we've created this FAQ to help you prepare for upgrading to Confluence 6.0.

If you have further questions, you can ask them at the bottom of the page and we'll do our best to provide an answer.

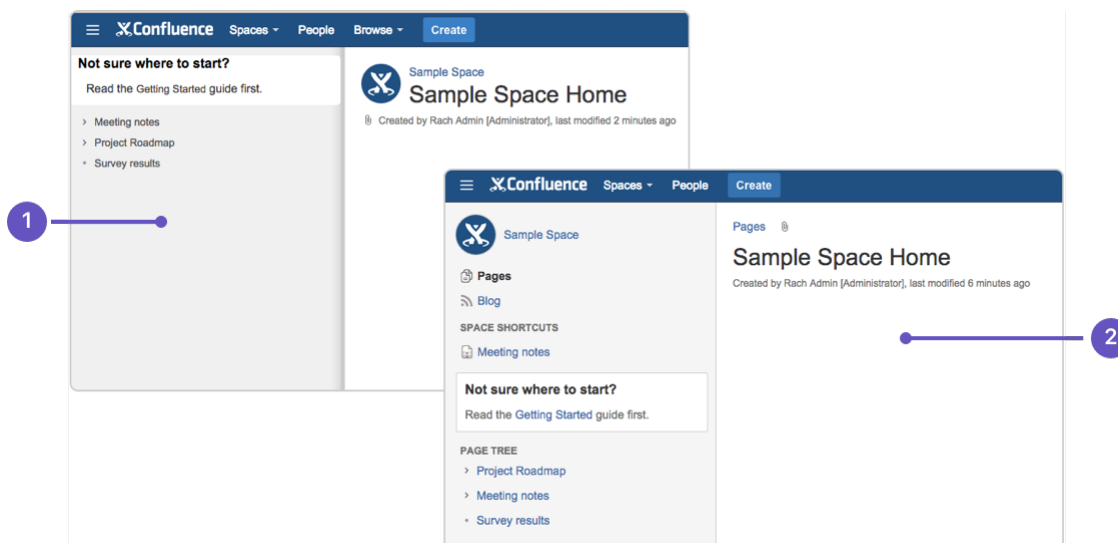
- [What does the default theme look like?](#)
- [How can I check if I am using the documentation theme in my space?](#)
- [How can I check if the documentation theme is being used anywhere in my site?](#)
- [What will happen to my theme customizations during the upgrade?](#)
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- [Why don't child pages appear below the page?](#)
- [Can I restrict search to just this space?](#)



- How do I view the pages in my space alphabetically?
- What will happen if I import a space that uses the documentation theme?

*What does the default theme look like?*

Here's an example of the documentation theme, and default theme with the same custom content side by side:



1. **Documentation theme:** with custom sidebar content.
2. **Default theme:** with the same custom content in the sidebar.

*How can I check if I am using the documentation theme in my space?*

The easiest way to check whether your space is using the documentation theme is to look for a **Browse** menu in the header, near the **Create** button. (If you're using the default theme already, you'll see a Space Tools menu at the bottom of the sidebar instead.)

*How can I check if the documentation theme is being used anywhere in my site?*

There's no simple way to see a list of spaces using the Documentation theme in Confluence itself, however if you have a very large site, your Confluence Administrator can use the following query to get a list of spaces directly from the database.

```
SELECT *
FROM BANDANA B, SPACES S
WHERE B.BANDANAKEY='atlassian.confluence.theme.settings'
AND S.SPACEKEY=B.BANDANACONTEXT
AND B.BANDANAValue LIKE ('%documentation%')
ORDER BY S.SPACENAME;
```

This query will only find spaces that are explicitly using the documentation theme. It doesn't include spaces using the global look and feel (these spaces automatically change when you change the Site Theme, you won't need to change the theme space by space).

*What will happen to my theme customizations during the upgrade?*

During the upgrade we'll automatically turn on the default theme for any spaces that currently use the documentation theme. If you've customized the documentation theme (by adding wiki markup to the sidebar, header or footer) we'll take this wiki markup and drop it into the sidebar, header and footer in the default theme.

The default theme adds some new sections to the sidebar, such as links to pages, blogs and space shortcuts. You can choose to hide these - head to **Space Tools > Configure Sidebar** and use the



button to hide any items you don't want to see.

*Will my space break after the upgrade?*

This depends on the amount of customization you have. In most cases your space sidebar may look a little different but the changes shouldn't be dramatic.

If you've used CSS to change the appearance of your space (either in the space stylesheet or by using the Adaptavist Content Formatting macros like `{style}` and `{div}` in the sidebar, header, or footer of the documentation theme), you may need to make a few changes to some class names in your CSS to get your space looking right. For example, if you specified `#splitter-sidebar` in the doc theme, you'll need to use `.acs-side-bar` for the default theme.

If you have customized default theme layouts through the Confluence UI, you may find that your space looks strange or broken when the default theme is re-applied to spaces previously using the documentation theme.

If you experience problems, you'll need to reset the broken layouts.

▼ [Reset customized layouts through the UI...](#)

This method will only work if you have more than one theme available in your site. You'll need System Administrator global permission to do this.

1. Switch to another theme temporarily.

If you're unable to use the space navigation, use this URL, replacing `YOURSPACEKEY` with the space key for the space.

```
http://<yoursite>/spaces/choosetheme.action?key=YOURSPACEKEY
```

2. In the space administration options go to **Layouts** (if available) or use the following link, replacing `YOURSPACEKEY` with the space key for the space.

```
http://<yoursite>/spaces/listdecorators.action?key=YOURSPACEKEY
```

3. Choose **Reset Default** next to any template that have been customized.
4. Return to the **Themes** page and try applying the default theme again.

Layouts can also be customized for the entire site - head to



> **General Configuration** > **Layouts** if you need to reset the layout for the entire site.

▼ [Remove customized layouts in the database...](#)

If you're unable to reset the layouts via the Confluence UI, you can remove the affected layouts directly in the database. Be sure to take a full database backup before you try this.

First, use the following query to identify customized layouts:

```
Select *
FROM DECORATOR
ORDER BY SPACEKEY
```

Then, you can selectively remove records for spaces that are affected.

*Can I add custom content to the sidebar, header and footer globally?*

Yes. Head to



> **General Configuration** > **Sidebar, Header and Footer**. All spaces that use the global look and feel will inherit your custom content. Any custom content added to the sidebar, header and footer in a particular space will override any custom content added globally.

*Can I still use macros in my sidebar, header or footer?*

Yes! If a macro worked correctly in the documentation theme it'll work in the default theme too.

*Where should I add custom content to the sidebar, header or footer?*

You can add custom content to the sidebar, header and footer in each space individually (**Space Tools > Look and Feel > Sidebar, Header and Footer**) or globally (



> **General Configuration > Sidebar, Header and Footer**).

Confluence displays global custom content in all spaces, except where a space has its own custom content defined (space custom content overrides global custom content). This behavior applies field by field, so a space can display a combination of custom content. For example you could define the content of a footer globally, and content of a header in each space individually, or only in some spaces.

*How do I turn off the Pages and Blogs shortcuts at the top of the sidebar?*

Go to **Space Tools > Configure Sidebar** and use the



icons to hide any items you don't want to see.

*Can I edit the default theme's sidebar globally?*

No. You can add custom content to the sidebar globally, but showing and hiding sections of the sidebar, setting space logos, and adding shortcut links are done on a space by space basis.


*I want to see the page tree, not child pages. how do I do this?*

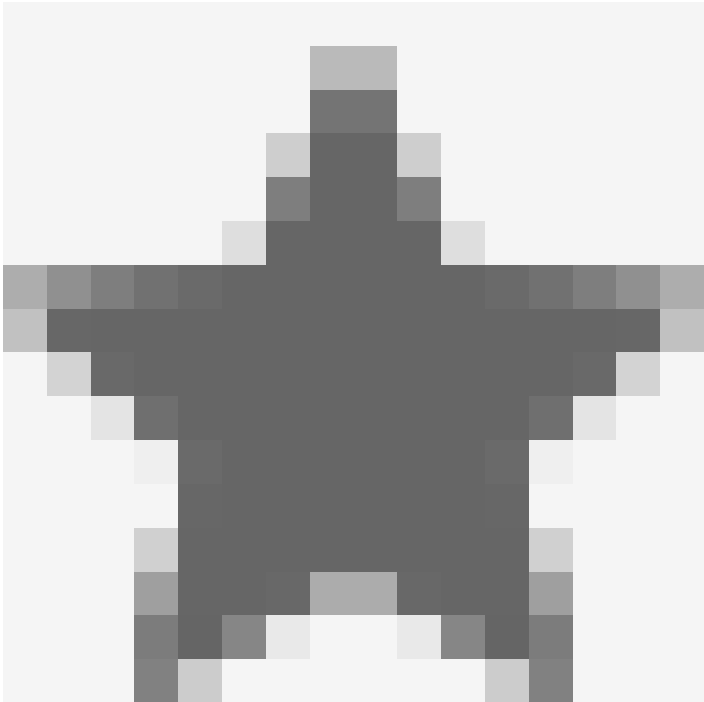
Head to **Space Tools > Configure Sidebar** and select **Page Tree** in the navigation options. The default for all new spaces is Page Tree.

*Where is Space Administration and Space Operations?*

Instead of choosing between Space Operations and Space Administration, the documentation theme has a single **Space Tools** menu that lets you jump right to Permissions, Content Tools, Look and Feel, or Integrations.

▼ [Here's a handy table of where to find everything in your new theme...](#)

Old Space Operations location	New Location in the sidebar
Browse > Pages	Pages on the sidebar or Space Tools > Reorder pages
Browse > Blogs	Blogs on the sidebar
Browse > Labels	Click a label on any page, then use the  menu to see all labels, popular labels or pages from other spaces
Browse > Space Operations > Space Details	Space Tools > Overview
Browse > Space Operations > Orphaned Pages	Space Tools > Content Tools > Orphaned Pages
Browse > Space Operations > Undefined Pages	Space Tools > Content Tools > Undefined Pages
Browse > Space Operations > Attachments	Space Tools > Content Tools > Attachments
Browse > Space Operations > PDF, HTML, XML Export	Space Tools > Content Tools > Export
Browse > Space Operations > RSS Feeds	Space Tools > Content Tools > RSS Feeds

Browse > Space Operations > Watch this space	Pages > Watch this space (or use the Watch button on any page)
Browse > Space Operations > Watch this blog	Blogs > Watch this blog (or use the Watch button on any blog post)
Browse > Space Operations > Remove from My Spaces	Use the  icon in the sidebar (or in the space directory)
Browse > Space Admin > Space Details	Space Tools > Overview
Browse > Space Admin > Space Categories	Space Tools > Overview
Browse > Space Admin > Templates	Space Tools > Content Tools > Templates
Browse > Space Admin > Delete Space	Space Tools > Overview > Delete Space
Browse > Space Admin > Trash	Space Tools > Content Tools > Trash
Browse > Space Admin > Permissions	Space Tools > Permissions
Browse > Space Admin > Restricted Pages	Space Tools > Permissions > Restricted Pages
Browse > Space Admin > Application links	Space Tools > Integrations > Application Links
Browse > Space Admin > Themes	Space Tools > Look and Feel > Themes
Browse > Space Admin > Color Scheme	Space Tools > Look and Feel > Color Scheme
Browse > Space Admin > PDF Layout	Space Tools > Look and Feel > PDF Layout
Browse > Space Admin > PDF Stylesheet	Space Tools > Look and Feel > PDF Stylesheet
Browse > Space Admin > Change Space Logo	Space Tools > Configure Sidebar then choose the edit icon on the space logo
Browse > Space Admin > HipChat Integration	Space Tools > Integrations > HipChat

*Do I have to use wiki markup in the sidebar, header, and footer?*

Yes. Our main focus when adding this feature was to help people move from the documentation theme to the default theme with a minimum of effort. Keeping these fields as wiki markup means that your existing customizations can be pasted straight in.

*Can I hide or change the space logo appearance?*

You can upload any image to use as your space logo, but you can't change how it appears in the sidebar (it's always round and always at the top).

*Can I hide the built in page tree and insert my own?*

Yes! If you want to have complete control over how the page tree appears in your sidebar you can hide the built in page tree, and then add a [Page Tree macro](#) `{pagetree}` in the sidebar custom content.

*How can I make my page titles wrap in the sidebar?*

Page titles do not wrap in the sidebar of the default theme (regardless of whether you're using the built in page tree or have added a `{{pagetree}}` macro as custom content). There's no way to change this.

*Can I change the order in which things appear in the sidebar?*

You can change the order of some items in the sidebar, such as the shortcuts, but the order of the sections themselves can't be changed. Anything that has a



icon can be moved.

Custom content appears above the page tree. You have the option to hide the built in page tree, and then add it back in the custom content area using wiki markup. This can be useful if you want more control over the order of the page tree and your custom content.

*Can I still use the space jump macro?*

No, the space jump macro was provided by the documentation theme and will not be available once the documentation theme is removed. If you've used this macro on a page or in the header or footer of a space, it will show the following error after the upgrade `unknown macro: {spacejump}`.

To find out whether the Space Jump macro is used on any pages in your site, enter `macroName:spacejump` into the search bar. All pages containing the macro will be returned (it won't search the sidebar, header or footer unfortunately).

*Why don't child pages appear below the page?*

The default theme does not list child pages below the sidebar, but you can achieve a similar result by adding a [Children Display macro](#) to the footer.

*Can I restrict search to just this space?*

No, that is one of the features we removed with the documentation theme.

One workaround is to add a [Livesearch macro](#) to the sidebar or space homepage. Use `@self` in the spaces parameter to restrict the search to the current space.

*How do I view the pages in my space alphabetically?*

The default theme does not have an option to view all pages in your space alphabetically.

*What will happen if I import a space that uses the documentation theme?*

You should have no problems importing the space, but it will have the default theme applied and any wiki markup customization in the theme will not be automatically migrated to the default theme. Before exporting the space you should copy the wiki markup contents of the sidebar, header, and footer fields and keep it so that you can add it back in manually after you've successfully imported your space.

## Customize Space Layouts

You can modify Confluence's look and feel by editing the layout files. This page tells you how to customize the layout files for a space. You'll need

the system administrator [global permission](#) plus [space administrator](#) permission for that space.

People with system administrator permissions can also customize the layout of the entire Confluence site. For more information, see [Customizing Site and Space Layouts](#). Site layout customizations modify the default layout of all spaces in the Confluence site.

Any space layout customizations will override the equivalent site customizations.

**Related pages:**

- [Customize your Space](#)
- [Apply a Theme to a Space](#)
- [Styling Confluence with CSS](#)

If you modify the look and feel of Confluence by following these instructions, you'll need to update your customizations when you upgrade Confluence. The more dramatic the customizations are, the harder it'll be to reapply your changes when upgrading. Please take this into account before proceeding with any customizations.

For more information on updating your customizations, please refer to [Upgrading Customized Site and Space Layouts](#).

Confluence is built on top of the Open Source SiteMesh library, a web-page layout system that provides a consistent look and feel across a site. SiteMesh works through 'decorators' that define a page's layout and structure.

To edit the layout of Confluence, you will need to modify these decorator files. A decorator file is a .vmd file and is written in a very simple programming language called **Velocity**. Learn [more about Velocity](#). Once you become familiar with Velocity, you can edit the decorator files to personalize the appearance of Confluence.

The decorator files in Confluence are grouped into the following categories:

- **Site layouts:** These are used to define the controls that surround each page in the site. For example, if you want to make changes to the header and the footer, you will need to modify these layouts.
- **Content layouts:** These control the appearance of content such as pages and blog posts. They do not change the way the pages themselves are displayed, but they allow you to alter the way the surrounding comments or attachments are shown.
- **Export layouts:** These control the appearance of spaces and pages when they are exported to HTML. If you are using Confluence to generate a static website, for example, you will need to modify these layouts.

Learn more about using [decorators](#).

**To edit a decorator file:**

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Layout** (**Layout** is displayed only if you are a Confluence system administrator.)  
You'll see a list of the layouts for the space
3. Click **Create Custom** to edit the default vmd file  
This will open up the vmd file in edit mode. If you only want to view the vmd file, click **View Default**.
4. Make any changes and click **Update**

*Screenshot : Edit Layouts Example*

## Content Layouts

Content layouts control the appearance of content such as pages and blog posts: they don't change the way the pages themselves are displayed, but they allow you to alter the way the surrounding comments or attachments are shown.

Decorator	Operations
<b>Space Layout</b> Controls how a space is displayed.	<a href="#">&lt; default &gt;</a> · <a href="#">Create custom</a> · <a href="#">View Default</a>
<b>Page Layout</b> Controls how a page is displayed.	<a href="#">&lt; default &gt;</a> · <a href="#">Create custom</a> · <a href="#">View Default</a>

## Archive a Space

Archiving a space is useful when you have content that is no longer relevant, but you still want the option of accessing it at a later date. Archived spaces are less visible, but still available on your site. Archiving a space is easy to undo - you can make a space current again at any time.

### Archive a space

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Edit Space Details**.
3. Select **Archived** in the **Status** dropdown menu.
4. Choose **Save**.

#### On this page:

- [Archive a space](#)
- [The effect of archiving a space](#)
- [Change a space from archived to current](#)

#### Related pages:

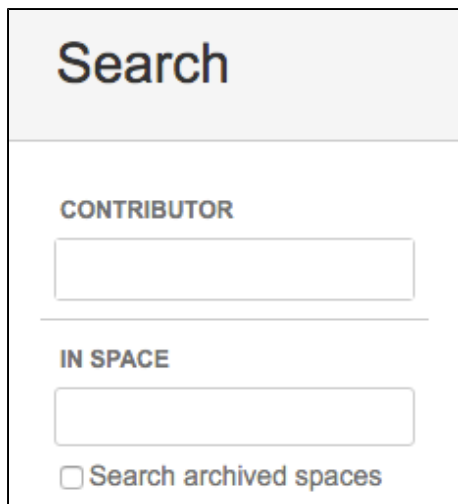
- [Delete a Space](#)
- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)

### The effect of archiving a space

#### If a space is archived, that space and it's contents:

- Won't appear in the Confluence search results unless you select **Search archived spaces**. This option is hidden if there are no archived spaces.
- Won't appear on any dropdown menus, including the Confluence quick navigation, which drops down when you enter text in the search box.
- Won't appear in the general spaces lists in the **Space Directory**, but will instead appear under the **Archived Spaces** list. It will, however, still appear under any categories it was labeled with.
- Won't show up in activity streams when updated.
- Won't appear on your dashboard.





The image shows a search interface with a light gray header containing the word 'Search'. Below the header, there are two input fields. The first is labeled 'CONTRIBUTOR' and the second is labeled 'IN SPACE'. Below the 'IN SPACE' field, there is a checkbox with the text 'Search archived spaces' next to it.

#### These functions remain available for archived spaces:

- You can view the content as usual, by following a link or typing in a URL belonging to the archived space.
- You can edit the content as usual, as determined by the [space permissions](#).
- [RSS feeds](#), [watches](#) and [notifications](#) remain active.

**i** Archiving a space has no effect on search results of external search engines. For example, a public space will still appear in Google search results.

#### Change a space from archived to current

##### Through the space directory:

1. Go to **Spaces > Space directory** in the header.
2. Choose **Archived Spaces** on the left.
3. Find your space and click the **i** on the right.
4. Choose **Edit Space Details**.
5. Change the **Status** from 'Archived' to 'Current' and hit **Save**.

##### Through the archived space:

1. If you know the **space key**, you can navigate straight to the archived space - `http://yoursite/display/SPACEKEY`
2. Choose **Space tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar.
3. Choose **Edit Space Details**.
4. Change the **Status** from 'Archived' to 'Current' and hit **Save**.

## Delete a Space

Deleting a space permanently removes the space and all of its contents, including any calendars and questions linked to that space. Only someone with space admin permissions can delete that space.

**!** Deleting a space is permanent – it does not go to the trash and cannot be undone.

If you're unsure about deleting a space, [create an XML export of the space as a backup](#) before proceeding. You can then restore the space from the XML export file if you need to.

### To delete a space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space Tools > Overview** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Delete Space**.
3. Choose **OK**.

### Related pages:

- [Archive a Space](#)
- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)

Members of the `confluence-administrators` group can also delete spaces, including personal spaces.

## Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML

You can export all or part of a Confluence space to various formats, including Microsoft Word, HTML, PDF and XML.

To use the space export functionality, you need the 'Export Space' permission. See the guide to [space permissions](#).

### Export single pages to PDF

If you need to send content to people who don't have access to Confluence, you can export a single page or blog post as a PDF.

If you've got permission to view the page in Confluence, you'll be able to export it in this way; go to the page and choose **Tools > Export to PDF**.

Only published content is exported. This means you can create PDF exports even while people are still working on the page.

When you export a single page to PDF, the PDF stylesheet customizations are applied, but any PDF layout customizations are not. To make your PDF layout customizations apply to a single page exported to PDF, you'll need to use the 'multiple page' method described below to export the single page. See [Customize Exports to PDF](#).

#### On this page:

- [Export single pages to PDF](#)
- [Export single pages to Word](#)
- [Export to HTML, XML, or PDF](#)
- [Customizing the appearance of PDF exports](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Customize Exports to PDF](#)

### Export single pages to Word

You can also choose to export single pages to a .doc file that can be opened in Microsoft Word.

If you've got permission to view the page in Confluence, you'll be able to export it in this way; go to the page and choose **Tools > Export to Word**.

Only published content is exported. This means you can create Word exports even while people are still working on the page.

Note that due to the format of this file, it can only be opened in Microsoft Word and is not compatible with other applications such as Open Office, Libre Office or Google Docs.

### Export to HTML, XML, or PDF

If you want to export a space – or selected pages in a space – to HTML, XML, or PDF, Confluence can create a zipped archive of the HTML or XML files, or a single, downloadable PDF file.

PDF export is useful you're producing a printable user manual from your documentation space for example. The HTML export can be used to convert your site content to a static website, and finally the XML export can be used to import your space content into another Confluence space (running the same or later version of Confluence).

#### To export pages to HTML, XML, or PDF:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Export**
3. Select either **HTML**, **XML**, or **PDF**, then choose **Next**
4. Select either a normal or custom export for HTML or PDF, or a Full or Custom XML export:
  - **Normal Export (HTML and PDF)** – to produce an HTML file containing all the pages that you have permission to view.
  - **Full Export (XML)** – to produce an XML file containing all the pages in the space, including those that you do not have permission to view.
  - **Custom Export** – if you want to export selected pages only, or if you want to exclude comments from the export.
5. Choose **Export**

When the export process has finished, you can download the zipped archive or PDF.

### What's included in the export?

The following content is included in space exports.

Export type	Pages	Blogs	Comments	Attachments	Unpublished changes
HTML	Yes	No	Optional	Yes	No
PDF	Yes	No	No	Images only	No
XML	Yes	Yes	Optional	Yes	Yes

### Customizing the appearance of PDF exports

You can add a title page, table of contents, and customized headers and footers to the PDF output. For more advanced customizations, you can apply Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) modifications. These customizations are specific to each space, and you need the 'Space Administrator' permission to apply these customizations. For more information, see [Customize Exports to PDF](#).

#### Notes on PDF exporting

- To export a PDF containing international text, see [Create a PDF in Another Language](#)
- Confluence's PDF export feature is designed to handle a wide variety of content, but on rare occasions the PDF Export process may fail due to an unrecognized customization. If that happens, the PDF export screen will indicate the title of the page in which the problem occurred, to help you diagnose the cause of the failure.

#### Notes on HTML exporting

- In the zip file, page attachments are placed in individual folders with names in the following format:  
`...download\attachments\xxxxxxx`  
 where 'xxxxxxx' is the page ID of the page containing the attachments.
- To customize the HTML output, you'll need to modify the file `confluence-x.y.z-jar/com/atlassian/confluence/pages/Page.htmlexport.vm`. To learn how to repackage this file, see [How to Edit Files in Confluence JAR Files](#)

#### Notes on XML exporting

- You can only import a space into the same or later Confluence version. You **can't import a space into an earlier** version.
- If you're doing the export for backup purposes, consider another means of backup. See [Production Backup Strategy](#).
- If you are running Confluence behind Apache HTTP Server and are facing timeout errors, please consider creating the export directly from Tomcat, instead of going through Apache. This will speed up the process and prevent timeouts.
- See [Restoring a Space](#) for notes on restrictions when importing a space into Confluence Server.

### Customize Exports to PDF

Confluence administrators and space administrators can customize the PDF exports for individual spaces.

Please note:

- PDF customizations are unique to each space.
- PDF customization only applies to space exports (not single page exports via **Tools > Export to PDF**)

- Confluence's PDF customizations use a combination of HTML and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets).
- To achieve a particular requirement in the exported PDF file, you make changes in one or both of the following:
  - The **PDF Layout**, where HTML is used to define the structure of the exported content, including features such as the title page, headers and footers.
  - The **PDF Stylesheet**, where CSS is used to define the style of elements in the exported content, such as page size and margins, font, color, and list numbering.

For further customizations, see the [Advanced PDF Export Customizations](#) page.

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### Customizing the PDF Layout

You can add your own HTML to customize the title page, page headers and page footers in the PDF output.

#### Setting a global PDF layout

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **PDF Layout**. You can enter HTML and CSS that will be rendered on the PDF title page, as well as page headers and footers.

#### Setting the PDF layout at space level

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar You'll need [Space Admin permissions](#) to do this.
2. Choose **PDF Layout**.
3. Choose **Edit**.

You can customize the HTML that is generated for the following areas when the space is exported to PDF:

- **PDF Space Export Title Page** – title page.
- **PDF Space Export Header** – page headers.
- **PDF Space Export Footer** – page footers.

Enter your customizations into each text box as required. The PDF layout section accepts HTML code. You can include inline CSS in the HTML too.

### Customizing the PDF Stylesheet

You can adjust the appearance of the PDF pages by customizing the CSS in the PDF Stylesheet screen.

To get started, download the default CSS rules for the PDF stylesheet - [confluencedefaultpdf.css](#).

Any rule defined in this file can be customized and added to the PDF Export Stylesheet section. Your customizations override any default CSS rule. If no customizations are defined, the default CSS rules will be applied.

By default, the export does not include a title page, headers or footers. You can define these in the PDF layout.

### To customize the PDF Stylesheet:

#### Setting a global PDF Stylesheet

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Look and Feel > PDF Stylesheet**. The following screen allows you to enter and save CSS code that will render content on each page.

#### Setting a space PDF stylesheet

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar. You'll need [Space Admin permissions](#) to do this.
2. Choose **PDF Stylesheet**.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Enter your customizations.

The PDF Export Stylesheet field accepts Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) rules. The 'PDF Export Stylesheet' page shows the current (e.g. customized) contents of your PDF stylesheet.

### Example Customizations

This section provides examples of typical customizations that you can add. See also [Advanced PDF Customizations](#).

#### Page Size

The default page size is based on the location of your Confluence server. For example, if this server is located in the US then the default paper size of your PDF export will be US Letter (8.5 inches wide by 11 inches long). If the server is located in Australia, the default paper size will be A4 (210 mm wide by 297 mm long). More information about paper sizes can be found on [Wikipedia](#).

To modify the page size to A4, edit the PDF Stylesheet to add a `size` property to the `CSS@page` rule, like this:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
@page
{
/*The A4 paper size is 210 mm wide by 297 mm long*/
size: 210mm 297mm;
}
```

#### Page Orientation: Landscape or Portrait

To change the page orientation of your PDF document, simply reverse the order of the values declared in the `@page` rule's `size` property. The first and second values of this property represent the width and height of the page, respectively.

For example, to generate PDF space exports in A4-sized landscape orientation, your `@page` rule might look like this:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
@page
{
/*A4-sized pages in landscape orientation are 297 mm wide by 210 mm
long*/
size: 297mm 210mm;
}
```

**Page Margins**

To set all margins to 15 mm, with a paper size of A4, edit the CSS `@page` rule in the PDF Stylesheet, like this:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
@page
{
size: 210mm 297mm;
margin: 15mm;
}
```

To set the margins independently, edit the `@page` rule as follows:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
@page
{
margin-top: 2.54cm;
margin-bottom: 2.54cm;
margin-left: 1.27cm;
margin-right: 1.27cm;
}
```

To set margins to provide a gutter for binding a printed document, use the `:left` and `:right` pseudo-classes, as follows:



**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
@page :left
{
margin-left: 4cm;
margin-right: 3cm;
}
@page :right
{
margin-left: 3cm;
margin-right: 4cm;
}
@page :first
{
margin-top: 10cm /* Top margin on first page 10cm */
}
```

Note the use of the `:first` pseudo-class in the example above to define distinct margins for a cover or title page.

**Page Breaks**

By default, Confluence pages are exported without page breaks, so that shorter pages will appear on the same PDF page.

To make each Confluence page appear on a separate page in the PDF file, add the following rule in the PDF Stylesheet:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
.pagetitle
{
page-break-before: always;
}
```

**Title Page**

You can add a title page to your PDF document by adding HTML to the Title Page section of the PDF Layout screen. The following example creates the title page and adds a title:

**HTML - PDF Layout: Title Page Section**

```
<div class="fsTitlePage">
  
  <div class="fsTitle">Planning for Confluence 4.0</div>
</div>
```

Use CSS rules in the PDF Stylesheet to control the appearance of the title page and the title text:

### CSS - PDF Stylesheet

```
.fsTitlePage
{
margin-left: auto;
margin-top: 50mm;
margin-right: auto;
page-break-after:always
}

.fsTitle
{
font-size: 42px;
font-weight: bold;
margin: 72px 0 4px 0;
text-align:center;
}
```

#### Adding an Image to the Title Page

In the example above, the title page includes an image called 'titlepage.png', centred in the middle of the page. The "590719" in the `src` attribute is the ID number of the page to which the image is attached.

Follow these instructions to include an image on your title page:

1. Attach the image to a Confluence page.
2. View the list of attachments on that page, then right-click the image and copy its location.
3. Paste the link into the appropriate `src=""` attribute in your PDF Stylesheet, as shown above.
4. Edit the image URL so that it is relative, by removing the first part of the URL before `/download/...`

#### Table of Contents

By default, a table of contents will be generated after the title page, or at the beginning of the PDF document if no title page is defined in the PDF Layout. To see the default CSS rules applied to the table of contents, download the default CSS rules ([confluencedefaultpdf.css](#)) and examine the specific rules with `toc` in their name.

To make changes to the appearance of the table of contents, define CSS rules in the PDF Stylesheet.

#### Disabling the Table of Contents

To prevent the table of contents from being generated in your PDF document, add the `div.toc-macro` rule to the PDF Stylesheet and set its `display` property to `none`:

### CSS - PDF Stylesheet

```
div.toc
{
display: none;
}
```

#### Changing the Leader Character in the Table of Contents

The leader character is used to link a heading in the table of contents with its page number. By default, the leader character is the '.' (dot) character. Leader values of `dotted`, `solid` and `space` are allowed. You can also use a string, for example `leader(". . . ")`.

To change the leader character to a solid line, modify the `leader()` value on the `content` property of the CSS rule as follows:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
span.toclead:before
{
content: leader(solid);
}
```

**Headers and Footers**

You can add headers and footers to your PDF pages using the 'Header' and 'Footer' sections of the PDF Layout screen. By default, headers and footers only apply to a space export and not to exports of single pages (however, see [Advanced PDF Export Customizations](#)). The following example adds a simple copyright notice.

**HTML - PDF Layout: Footer Section**

Copyright © 2017, Atlassian Pty Ltd.

**Page Numbering**

To add page numbering, you need to combine customized HTML in the PDF Layout with customized CSS in the PDF Stylesheet.

1. PDF Layout HTML: In the Footer section (or the Header section), use an empty span element with a unique ID, for example `pageNum`, to act as a place holder for the page number.

**HTML - PDF Layout: Footer Section**

```
<span id="pageNum" />
```

2. PDF Stylesheet CSS: Create the following CSS selector rule for the empty span:

**CSS - PDF Stylesheet**

```
#pageNum:before
{
content: counter(page);
}
```

Analyzing the above CSS selector rule in more detail:

- The `#pageNum` rule selects the HTML element with the specified ID of "pageNum", which is the `span` element we created for the header or footer.
- The `:before` part of the selector is a pseudo class that allows the insertion of content before the `span` element is processed.
- The `counter(page)` is a function that returns the current page number as its content.
- The `content` property tells the CSS processor that dynamic content (that is, an incrementing page number) is to be inserted at the `span` tag.

**Wrapping Long Words**

In order to break long words or words that are not separated by whitespace, add a selector to the PDF stylesheet containing the `word-wrap` property with a value of `break-word`:

### CSS - PDF Stylesheet

```
div
{
word-wrap: break-word;
}
```

#### General Formatting


You can use the stylesheet to customize the output of just about anything else that will influence the look and feel of the final document. This includes fonts, tables, line spacing, macros, etc. The export engine works directly from the HTML output produced by Confluence. Therefore, the first step in customizing something is to find a selector for the HTML element produced by Confluence or the Confluence macro. Then add a CSS rule to the PDF stylesheet. Your customization will appear in the PDF export.

#### Notes

- **Demotion of heading elements: h1, h2, and so on.** Due to the hierarchical manner in which a space is exported, Confluence will modify the heading elements to generate a uniform appearance for the entire space export. This means that headings will be demoted. This will affect the application of custom PDF Stylesheets. It is possible to calculate the amount by which a heading will be demoted in order to have the correct CSS styling applied. A heading will be demoted by the value of its depth in the export tree. A page at the first level will be demoted by 1 (all `<h1>` elements will become `<h2>` elements, and so on). A page at the second level will be demoted by 2, and so on.
- **Atlassian support for PDF customization is limited.** We support the mechanism for customizing the PDF layout with HTML and CSS, and we will help if the mechanism is broken or does not work as we say it should in our published examples. But, since custom HTML and CSS offer potentially limitless possibilities, Atlassian will not support issues that are caused by or related to PDF customizations.

#### Advanced PDF Export Customizations

This page provides information about 'advanced' PDF export customizations. These expand upon the regular customizations described in [Customize Exports to PDF](#).

 The information below is for advanced users. Be aware that the advanced customizations described below require knowledge of certain parts of Confluence, and of CSS and HTML. Customizations are not supported by Atlassian, so our support engineers won't be able to help you with these modifications.

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  - [Adding Images to Headers and Footers](#)
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- [Adding a Dynamic Title to the Title Page](#)
- [Hiding Text from the PDF Output](#)
- [Indexing](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Customize Exports to PDF](#)
- [Create a PDF in Another Language](#)

#### Header and Footer

##### Adding Headers and Footers to Single Page Exports

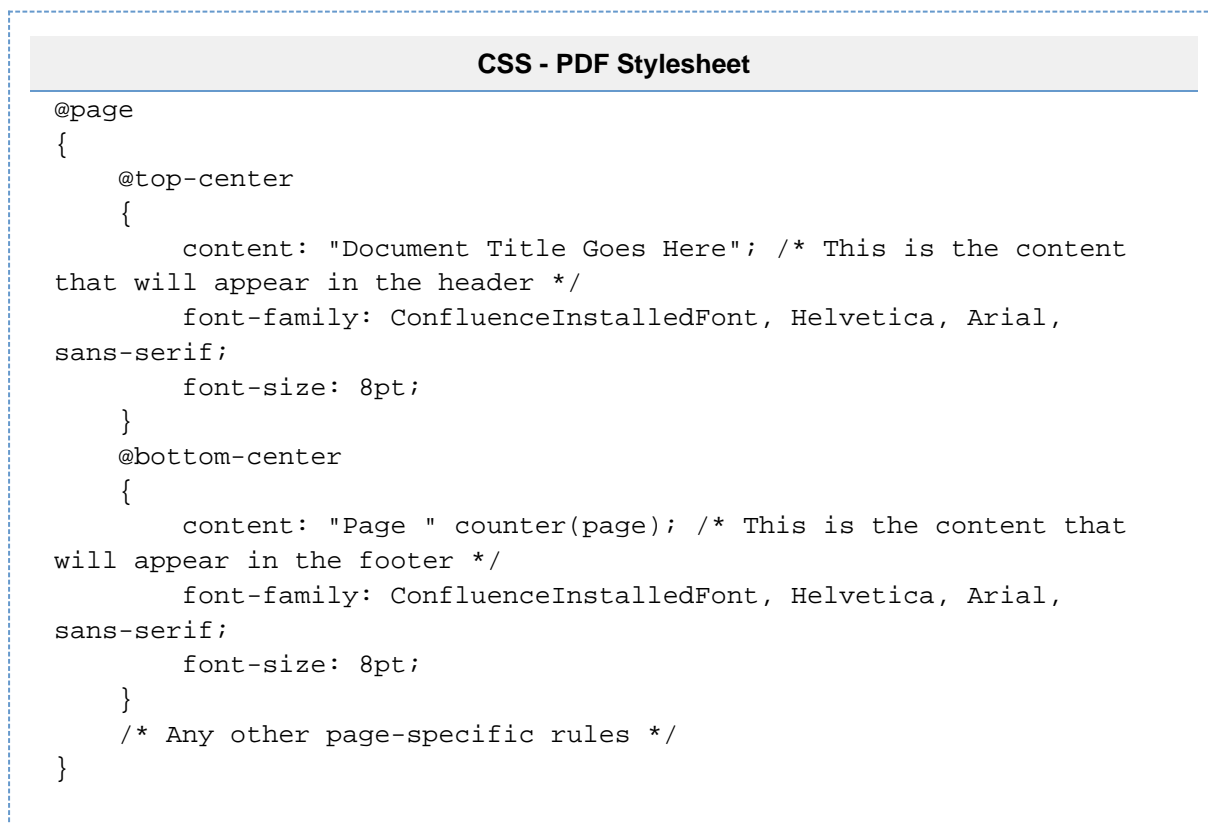
Single page exports don't support [adding HTML headers and footers via the PDF Layout page](#), but you can use CSS rules in the PDF Stylesheet page (**Space tools** > **Look and Feel** > **PDF Stylesheet**) to produce

headers and/or footers for a single page export.

For custom headers, define any of the following rules within your `@page` rule: `@top-left`, `@top-center`, and `@top-right`. These rules allow you to define the content of the left-hand side, centre and right-hand side of your page's header area, respectively.

For custom footers, define `@bottom-left`, `@bottom-center` and `@bottom-right` rules within your `@page` rule.

For example, the following rules add a document title at the centre of the header and a page number at the centre of the footer:



Notes:

- The `font-family` and `font-size` properties ensure that the header and footer text is rendered in the same default font style used for the body text, based on the default CSS rules.
- It is not possible to use this method to insert images (stored as attachments within your Confluence instance) into the headers and footers of single page exports.

#### Adding Images to Headers and Footers

To insert an image into the header or footer, add HTML to the Header or Footer section of the PDF Layout screen.

The following example uses an HTML `img` element with `src` attribute to add an image to the left of the header. The `src` attribute refers to an image attached to a Confluence page. The image element is usually placed within a `div` element container.

### HTML - PDF Layout: Header Section

```
<div style="margin-top: 10.0mm;">
  
</div>
```

In the example above, the header includes an image called 'header-image.png'. The "12346" in the `src` attribute is the ID number of the page to which the image is attached.

Follow these instructions to include an image on your page:

1. Attach the image to a Confluence page.
2. View the list of attachments on that page, then right-click the image and copy its location.
3. Paste the link into the appropriate `src=""` attribute in your PDF Stylesheet, as shown above.
4. Edit the image URL so that it is relative, by removing the first part of the URL before `/download/...`

Notes:

- This example uses an inline CSS property `margin-top` in the `style` attribute to force the image away from the top of the page by 10mm. This comes in handy when your header image is large enough to touch or spill over the top of the page.
- Likewise, for footers, you can use the `margin-bottom: XXmm` property to force an image away from the bottom of the page by 'XX' mm.
- Very large images can spill over into the body of a page or alter the position of text or other elements used within a header or footer. In such situations, it is recommended that you reduce the size of the image and then attach it to your Confluence page again. If you prefer to keep the image size and want to move the content lower instead, you can do so by configuring the `margin-top` properties in the `@page` CSS rule.
- By default, a header or footer image is aligned to the left-hand side of the page. However, you can align this image to the centre or right-hand side of a page by adding either the `text-align:center` or `text-align:right` properties to your `style` attribute. For example, to align the header image to the right-hand side of the page, your `style` attribute would look similar to this: `style="margin-top:10mm; text-align:right"`.

### Incorporating Other Fonts

By default, Confluence provides Times New Roman, Helvetica or Courier fonts for use in PDF exports. You can use your own fonts for PDF exports by declaring them in a `@font-face` CSS rule in your PDF Stylesheet.

The following CSS rule example shows how to declare the Consolas font and apply it to some elements for your PDF export:

### CSS - PDF Stylesheet

```
@font-face { src: url(file:///usr/share/fonts/Consolas.ttf);
-fs-pdf-font-embed: embed; } .code pre, .preformatted pre, tt, kbd,
code, samp { font-family: Consolas, monospace; font-size: 9pt; }
```

The font path specified in the CSS must be the path to the font on the Confluence server.

### Adding a Dynamic Title to the Title Page

When you export an arbitrary set of pages from Confluence, you may like to have a corresponding title added to the cover (or title) page automatically. This can be done (in a somewhat irregular way) by using the top level item from the default table of contents as the title. This method relies on having the exported pages

structured as sub-pages of the top-level page. In other words, the pages to be exported should consist of a page (at the top-level) and all of its child pages. The result is that the title that appears on the cover page changes depending on the top-level page that is used for the export.

The CSS below moves, and styles, the top-level TOC item for use as the title on the cover page, and turns off the leader and page number normally associated with this item in the TOC.

#### CSS - PDF Stylesheet

```
.fsTitlePage { position:relative; left:0px; } /* Turn off the default
section numbering for this TOC item */ .toclvl0:before { content:
' '; counter-reset: chapter 0; } /* Hide the default page
numbering for this TOC item */ .toclvl0 .tocnum { display: none; } /*
Move and style this TOC item */ .toclvl0 { position:absolute;
top:250px; font-size: 42px; font-weight: bold; margin: 72px 0 4px 0;
text-align:center; }
```

#### Hiding Text from the PDF Output

This section describes a way to hide text from your PDF export. In other words, you can have text on the Confluence page that will not appear in the PDF export.

There are three steps:

1. Follow the instructions to [define the NoPrint user macro](#).
2. Use the NoPrint macro to mark some text on a Confluence page.
3. Add the following CSS to your PDF stylesheet to make the PDF export recognize the NoPrint macro:

#### CSS - PDF Stylesheet

```
.noprnt { display: none ; }
```

#### Indexing

To obtain an index at the end of the exported PDF file, consider using the [Scroll Wiki PDF Exporter](#) plugin that is produced by K15t Software GmbH.

#### Notes

If styling is not working as expected, it is useful to look at the intermediary HTML source to which the CSS is applied. This intermediary HTML is created whenever you create an [HTML export](#) that contains **multiple pages**, and is stored in the `temp` directory in Confluence's home directory. For example:

```
/temp/htmllexport-20110308-154047-1/export-intermediate-154047-2.html
```

#### Create a PDF in Another Language

To export a Confluence page written in a language other than English, you'll need the necessary font for that language.

#### Related pages:

- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)

#### Upload a Font File to Confluence

1. Find the appropriate font file:




- **Windows users:** All font files in Windows are stored in a directory called:

```
C:\WINDOWS\Fonts
```

- **Unix users:** All font files in Unix are stored in:

```
/usr/share/fonts
```

- Microsoft True Type core fonts such as Verdana can be downloaded from this page: <http://corefonts.sourceforge.net/>
2. Copy the font file into a temporary folder, for example a folder on your desktop.
  3. Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration, then choose **PDF Export Language Support**.
  4. Upload the file you copied in step 2.
  5. Choose **Install**.

#### Notes

- The only font files supported are *true type fonts* and *true type collections*. The accepted file extensions are \*.ttf and \*.ttc.
- Confluence can only store **one** font file at any one time. Please [create a collection](#) to install more than one \*.ttf files.
- We recommend that you use Unicode font Verdana for correct character encoding and exporting to PDF.
- If the font file size is bigger than your [current attachment size limit](#), you will not be able to upload it. Please increase the [attachment size limit](#) temporarily and re-upload again. An improvement of the error messaging is tracked at [CONFSERVER-24706](#) RESOLVED
- To make use of an installed font in your [PDF Export style sheet \(CSS\)](#) refer to it by the font-family ConfluenceInstalledFont.

## Pages and blogs

Pages and blog posts allow you to capture and share information in Confluence.

Whether it's taking down some quick [notes from a meeting](#), writing a [requirements page](#), or letting your teammates know about the company's latest marketing push – you can create it as a Confluence page or blog post.

[Pages](#) are great for when you want the information to last and evolve over time. If it's a point-in-time update or one-time communication then a [blog post](#) is the way to go. These aren't hard-and-fast rules; they're just pointers to give you a place to start.

Each Confluence space, including your personal space, allows you to create pages in it, and has its own blog where you can create posts. If you're not sure what a space is, or what you can do with spaces, check out our page on [Spaces](#).

Take a look at the below pages to learn more about pages and blog posts in Confluence.

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## Create and Edit Pages

### Create a page

You can create a page from anywhere in Confluence; just choose **Create** in the header and you're ready to go. Pages are the place to capture all your important (and unimportant) information; start with a blank page and use it like a word processor to add rich text, [tasks](#), [images](#), [macros](#) and [links](#), or use one of the useful [blueprints](#) to capture [meeting notes](#), [decisions](#), and more.

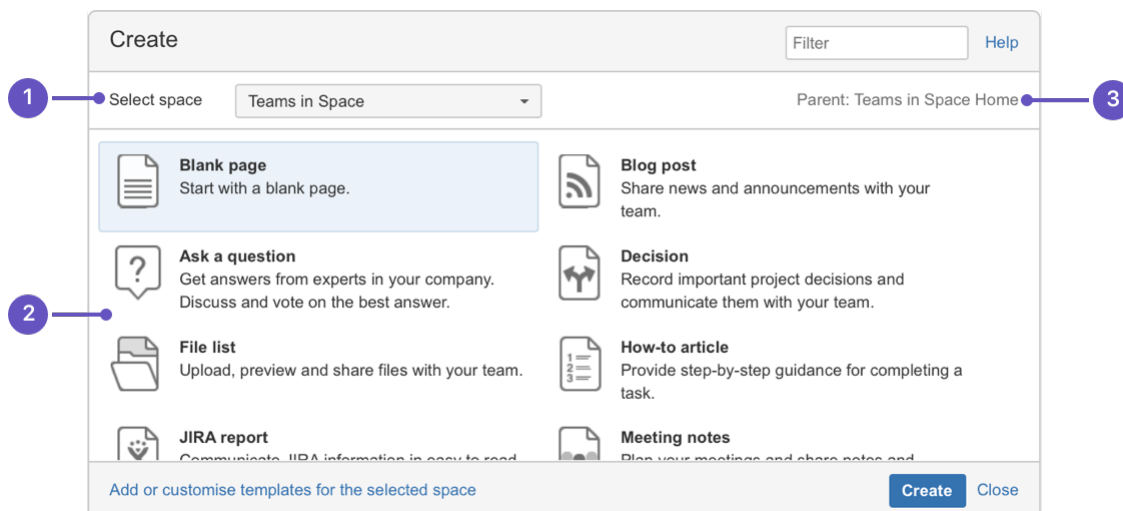
#### On this page:

- Create a page
- Edit together
- Collaborate or restrict
- Organize and move
- Other page actions
  - Notes

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



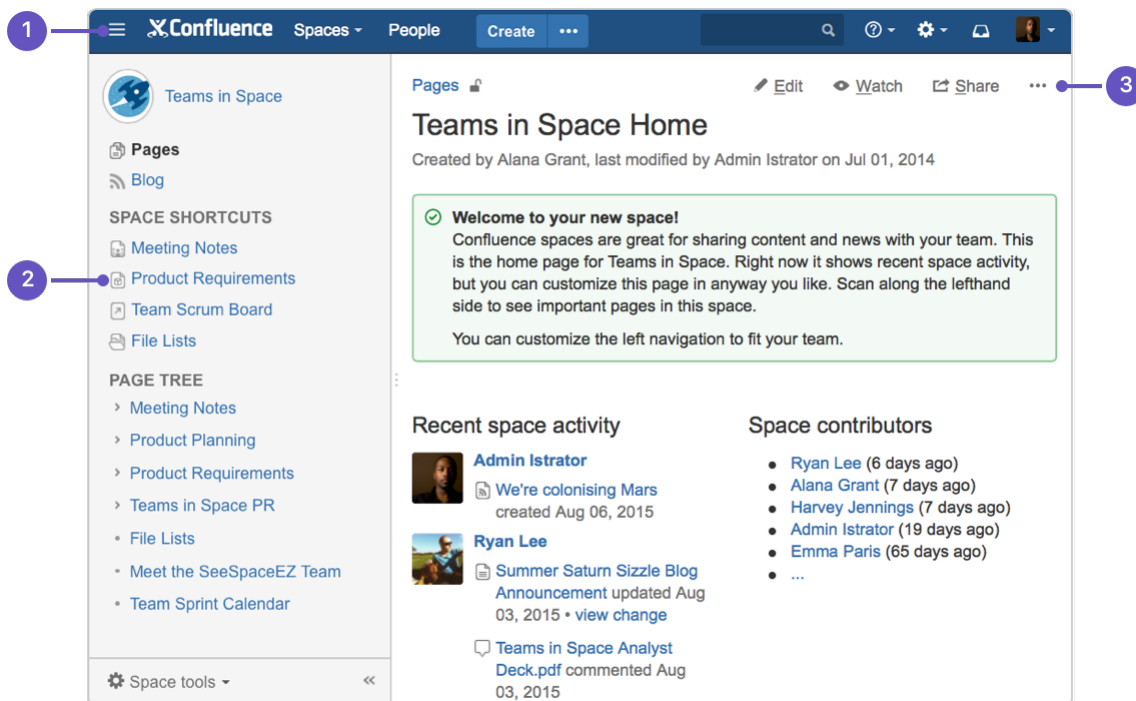
1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**



1. **Select space:** choose the space where you'll create the content.
2. **Page templates:** create a page from a template or create other types of content.
3. **Parent page:** your page will be a child of this page.

Once you decide on a blank page or blueprint, you'll be taken straight into the [Confluence editor](#). The editor is where you'll name or [rename](#) your page, add the content, and format it to look great. When you've added some content, choose **Preview** to take a peek at what your finished page will look like, and **Publish** when you're ready to make it appear in the space.

After you save you'll see the page in 'view' mode. You can re-enter the editor any time by choosing **Edit** or pressing **E** on your keyboard.



1. **Confluence header:** create blank pages, pages from templates and visit spaces or your profile.
2. **Space sidebar:** access pages, blogs and administer the space.
3. **Page tools:** edit or share the page, watch it to get updates and perform more actions.

Another useful way to create a page is to use the [Create from Template Macro](#). This macro allows you to choose a page template, and adds a button to the page allowing one-click page creation. If you want others to create pages using this template, this is a great option.

## Edit together

Need input from your team members? Multiple people can edit your page at the same time.

Hit the **Invite** button in the editor and either grab the link, or enter some people or groups to invite by email (they need the appropriate Confluence and space permissions of course).

See [Collaborative editing](#) for all the ins and outs.

## Collaborate or restrict

Once you've created a page, you can decide if you want to keep it private, using [restrictions](#), or collaborate on it with others using [@mentions](#), [sharing](#), and [comments](#).

## Organize and move


You can also organize pages in a hierarchy, with child and/or parent pages for closely related content. When you navigate to a Confluence page and choose the **Create** button in the header, the page you're creating will by default be a child of the page you're viewing. Have as many child pages and levels in the hierarchy as you need to, and [move pages](#) if you want to change their location.

If you want to view all pages in a Confluence space, choose **Pages** in the sidebar.

Each time you create a page, you're creating it in a [space](#). Spaces are containers used to contain pages with related content, so you can set them up for each team in your organization, for projects, a combination of both, or for any reason you want to group pages together. See [Spaces](#) for more information.

## Other page actions

- [Copy](#) a page and its child pages
- [Delete](#) a page or remove a specific version of a page
- Monitor page updates and other activity through [page notifications](#)
- View [page history](#), and manage and compare versions of a page
- [Search](#) page content, including attachments
- Export pages to [Word](#), [PDF](#), [HTML](#) or [XML](#)
- [Like](#) a page

 We recommend you don't use special characters in page or attachment names, as the page or attachment may not be found by Confluence search, and may cause some Confluence functions to behave unexpectedly.

If you rename a page, Confluence will automatically update all relative links to the page, except in some [macros](#). Links from external sites will be broken, unless they use the permanent URL. See [Working with Links](#) for more information.

## Notes

You may experience problems saving extremely large pages. Confluence can accept approximately 5mb of content (not including attached files) which is roughly equivalent to 800,000 words. If you do experience errors that indicate the page is too large to save, you should break up the page into several smaller pages.

## Blog Posts

Blog posts are an easy way to share announcements, journal entries, status reports, or any other timely information. Others can join in by [commenting](#) on and/or [liking](#) your blog post and, if you get enough of either, your post might make it to the popular feed on the [dashboard](#)!

Each [space](#) in Confluence, including your [personal space](#), has its own blog. To view a space's blog, go to a space and choose **Blog** in the sidebar. You'll see a list of the latest blog posts, and you can click through to earlier posts via the navigation area in the sidebar.

### Create a blog post

You can follow the same process to create a blog post as when you create a Confluence page.

1. Navigate to the space where you want to create your blog post
2. Choose **Create** in the Confluence header and select **Blog post**
3. Add your content and choose **Publish**

You can create blog posts from the Dashboard, but you'll need to make sure you choose the space it's going to appear in in the create dialog.

#### On this page:

- [Create a blog post](#)
- [Move a blog post](#)
- [Restrict a blog post](#)
- [Delete a blog post](#)
- [Export a blog post](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Subscribe to RSS Feeds within Confluence](#)
- [Blog Posts Macro](#)
- [Collaboration](#)
- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)

Blog posts can be attractive and engaging in the same way a page can be, so go ahead and add images, YouTube clips (preferably of cats), and tables to your post to really grab your audience.

To create a blog post, you need the 'Add Blog' permission. See [Space Permissions](#).

### Move a blog post

If you create a blog post in the wrong space, or want to reorganize your spaces, you can move an individual blog post to another space.

To move a blog post, go to the post and choose

...

> **Move** and select the new destination space.

You'll need the 'Delete blog' permission in the current space, and 'Add blog' permission in the new (destination) space to do this.

### Restrict a blog post

You can restrict a blog post so that it is only available to specific users or groups. Blog post restrictions work in the same way as [page restrictions](#).

To restrict a blog post prior to publishing it, choose the **Unrestricted** button in the footer and apply your restrictions. To restrict a blog post after publishing, choose

...

> **Restrictions** and apply your restrictions.

#### Notes:

- Notifications are sent at the point a blog post is created - removing restrictions **does not** trigger a new

- notification.
- As a blog post has no parent, restrictions aren't inherited.

### Delete a blog post

To delete a blog post, choose

...

> **Delete**. Deleting a blog post follows the same rules as [deleting a page](#).

### Export a blog post

You can export individual blog posts to PDF. This is useful, for example, if you want to email an internal blog post to people outside your organization.

See [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#) for more information on exporting blog pages to PDF.

## The Editor

The Confluence editor is what you'll use to create and edit Confluence pages, blog posts, and comments. You can enter content as you would in a Word document, apply formatting, and embed other content and files on the page.

**Note:** To edit a page, you need the 'Add Pages' permission for the space. See [space permissions](#). Someone may also apply [page restrictions](#) that prevent you from editing the page.

### Edit a page or blog post

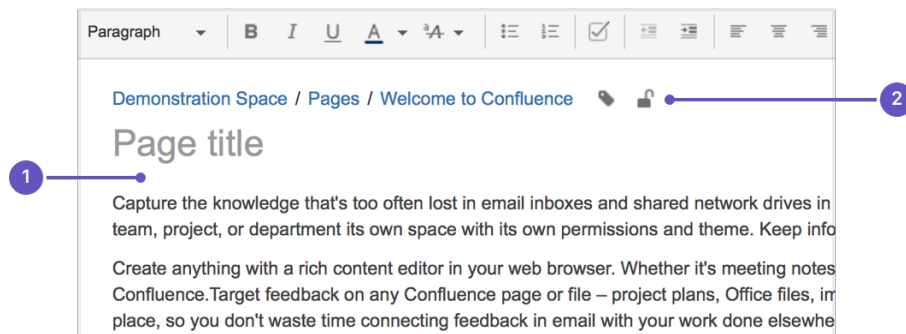
You'll be taken to the editor whenever you create a new [page or blog post](#), or add a [comment](#). To edit an existing page or blog post, choose **Edit** at the top of a page or press **E** on your keyboard.

Confluence automatically saves [drafts](#) of your page as you work. If another user begins editing the same page as you, Confluence will display a message and will try to [merge the changes](#) when you save your page. To see changes between different versions of the page, look at the [history](#) of the page.

### The editor

The editor allows you to enter or change the title of your page; insert content including text, images, and links; and format your content using the toolbar.

If you're renaming your page, there are [some things you should take into account](#).



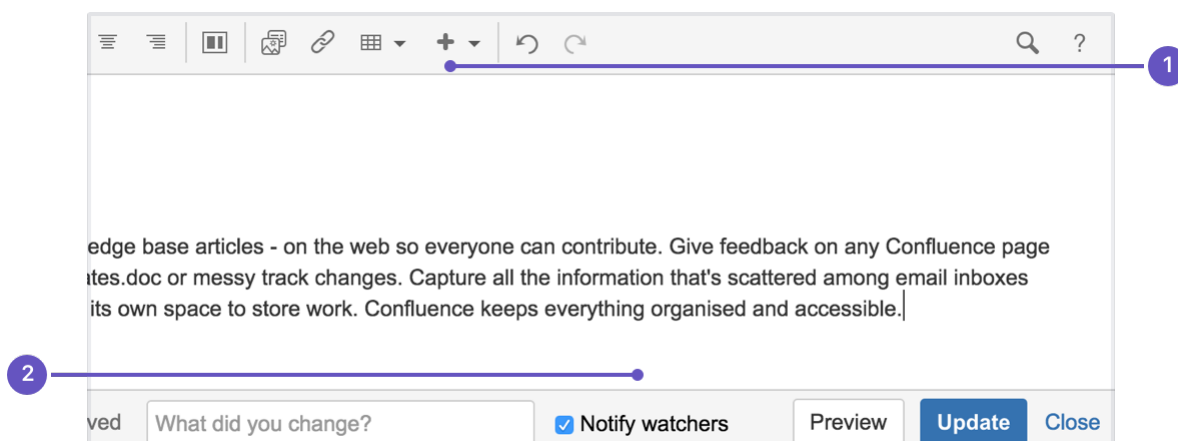
1. **Page content:** add your page title and body text.
2. **Page tools:** add labels or restrict the page.

**On this page:**

- [Edit a page or blog post](#)
- [The editor](#)
- [Editor toolbar](#)
- [Restrictions, labels, and notifications](#)
- [Things to help you work faster](#)
- [Find and replace text](#)
- [Invite people to edit with you](#)
- [Record change comments and notify watchers](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Tables](#)
- [Page Layouts, Columns and Sections](#)
- [Display Files and Images](#)
- [Links](#)
- [Symbols, Emoticons and Special Characters](#)





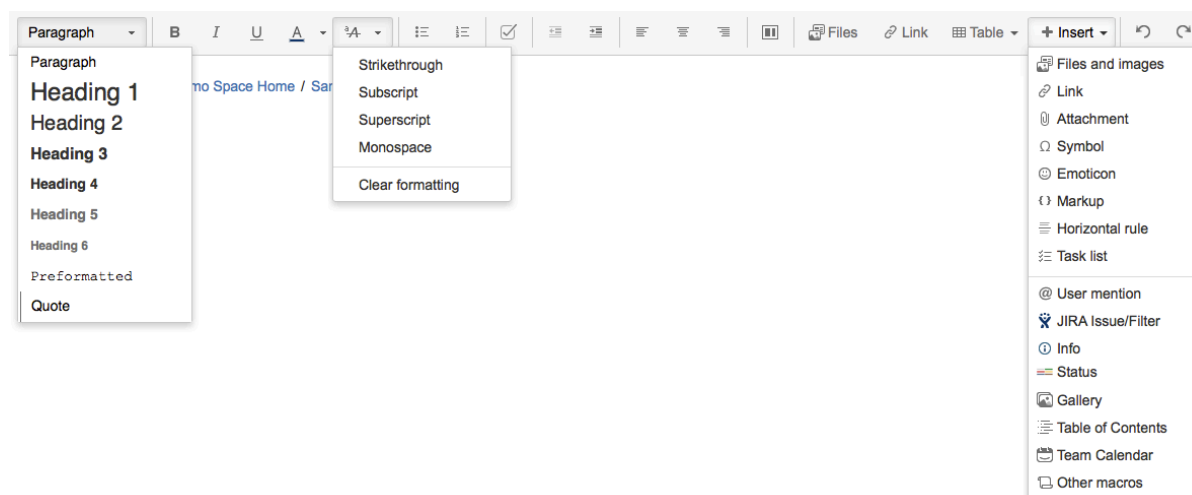
1. **Insert:** add files, links, images, tables and macros
2. **Notify:** notify others and leave a comment when you change a page.

## Editor toolbar

The editor toolbar is where you format your [page layout](#) and text, and add [links](#), [tables](#), [images](#), [attachments](#) and [macros](#). You can also perform a [find and replace](#), or get help using the editor by choosing the help icon



*Screenshot: The editor toolbar*



## The Insert menu

The **Insert** menu is particularly useful. Use the **Insert** menu to include any of the following content types on your page:

- An [image](#)
- A link to another Confluence page or external URL, or a [link to an attachment or image](#)
- An [emoticon](#) or [symbol](#), or a horizontal line
- A [macro](#) (choose a specific macro, or **Other Macros**, from the **Insert** menu)

You can also use keyboard shortcuts to insert links, images, and macros. Try out the shortcuts listed below:

- Type [ (square bracket) to insert a link.
- Type ! (exclamation mark) to insert an image or other media.
- Type { (curly bracket) to insert a macro.

Typing any of the above shortcuts will trigger the autocomplete functionality, prompting you with a list of suggestions to finish off the entry. For more shortcuts, click the help icon



on the editor toolbar.

## Restrictions, labels, and notifications

When editing a page, you may want to set [restrictions](#) on who can view or edit the page, or add [labels](#) to the page to make it easily searchable.

Once you're ready to save, you can enter [change comments](#) to let others know what you've changed, and, if you like, [send an email notification](#) to anyone watching the page.

## Things to help you work faster

### Auto-formatting

You can type [Confluence wiki markup](#) directly into the editor to have Confluence auto-format your text as you type. To learn more, choose help icon



in the toolbar, then choose **Editor Autoformatting**.

#### Autoconvert for pasted links

When you paste certain URLs into Confluence, the editor will analyze what you're pasting and automatically convert it into something that will display well in Confluence. Examples include:

- YouTube videos
- JIRA issue queries
- Google Maps
- Confluence pages, blog posts, comments, user statuses, user profiles.
- Shared screenshot links from Skitch
- And more.

#### Drag-and-drop for external images and files

You can drag files, like images, multimedia, Office files and PDFs, from your computer and drop them directly into the editor. The contents of the file will be embedded into the page or blog post.

#### Drag-and-drop within the editor

In the editor panel, you can drag an image or a macro from one location to another on the page. Hover your cursor over the image or the macro placeholder and your cursor changes to a drag-and-drop icon



. Click the image or macro and drag it to a new location.

#### Keyboard shortcuts

To view the available [keyboard shortcuts](#), choose the help icon



in the editor toolbar.

#### Find and replace text

Click the



icon on the toolbar, or use the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl+F** (Windows) or **Cmd+F** (Mac OS).

Search matches are highlighted in yellow. You can step through the results one by one, replace the matching text strings one by one, or replace all matching strings at once. Find and replace works only within the current page.

#### Invite people to edit with you

Speed up your draft and review cycles and get input from the right people by inviting them to edit the page with you. The page does not need to be published.

Hit the



button in the editor and either grab the link, or add people, groups or email addresses to invite, just like [sharing a page](#).

Sharing or inviting someone to edit a page or blog post does not automatically grant any permissions - they will still need the appropriate Confluence permissions to access Confluence and view or edit the page.

Up to 12 people can edit the same page at the same time (your administrator can change this limit).

### Record change comments and notify watchers

When you finish editing a page, you can add a comment to let others know what you changed. Type a short message in the change comments field in the footer. The comment will be visible in the [page history](#).

If you want to send a notification to people [watching the page](#), select **Notify watchers**. The change comment will be included in the notification email.

The **Notify watchers** checkbox remembers your last selection for each page, so if you choose not to notify people, the checkbox will be deselected for you next time you edit that page.

☒ Notify watchers

### Symbols, Emoticons and Special Characters

You can add various symbols and special characters to Confluence pages. You can also use them in other places that display content, such as blog posts, comments, and the dashboard welcome message.

#### Insert symbols and special characters

1. Edit the page (if you're viewing the page, press **E** on your keyboard)
2. Choose **Insert > Symbol**
3. Choose a symbol to insert it

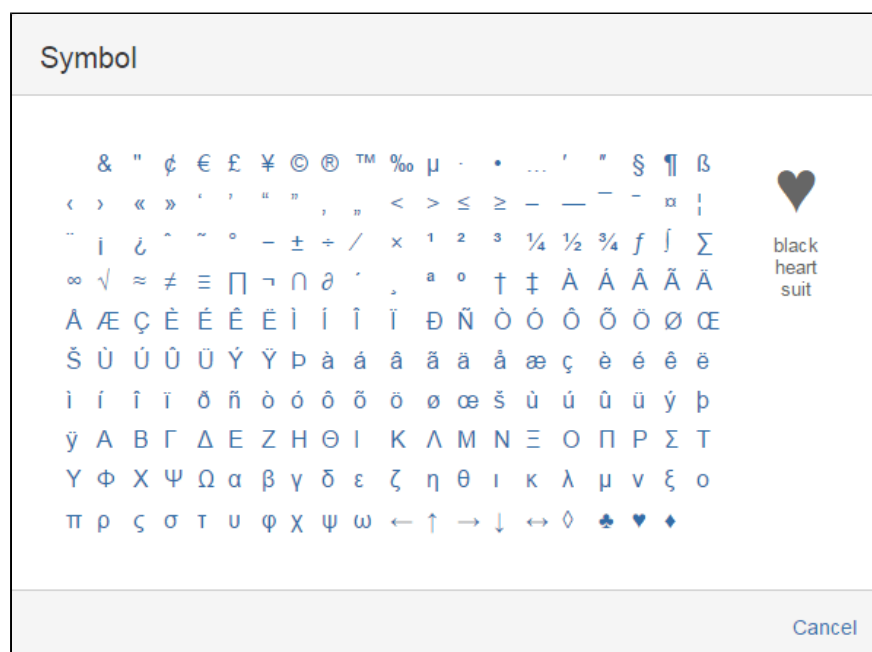
Screenshot : Available symbols

#### On this page:

- [Insert symbols and special characters](#)
- [Insert emoticons](#)
- [Prevent emoticons from appearing](#)

#### Related pages:

- [The Editor](#)



#### Insert emoticons

There are two ways to add an emoticon, or smiley, to your page.

**By choosing an emoticon from those available:**

1. Choose **Insert > Emoticon**

2. Choose an emoticon to insert it

### By typing a character combination:

You can insert emoticons by typing commonly-used character combinations. This table shows the emoticons (and other icons) available in Confluence, and the character combinations that create them:

:)	:(	:P	:D	;)
(y)	(n)	(on)	(off)	(!)
(*)	(*r)	(*g)	(*b)	(*y)
(/)	(x)	(i)	(+)	(-)
(?)	<3	</3		

### Prevent emoticons from appearing

To undo the conversion of a character combination into an emoticon, press **Ctrl+Z** (Windows) or **Cmd+Z** (Mac).

To prevent Confluence from converting text to emoticons automatically, disable 'Autoformatting' in your user profile. See [Edit Your User Settings](#).

## Collaborative editing

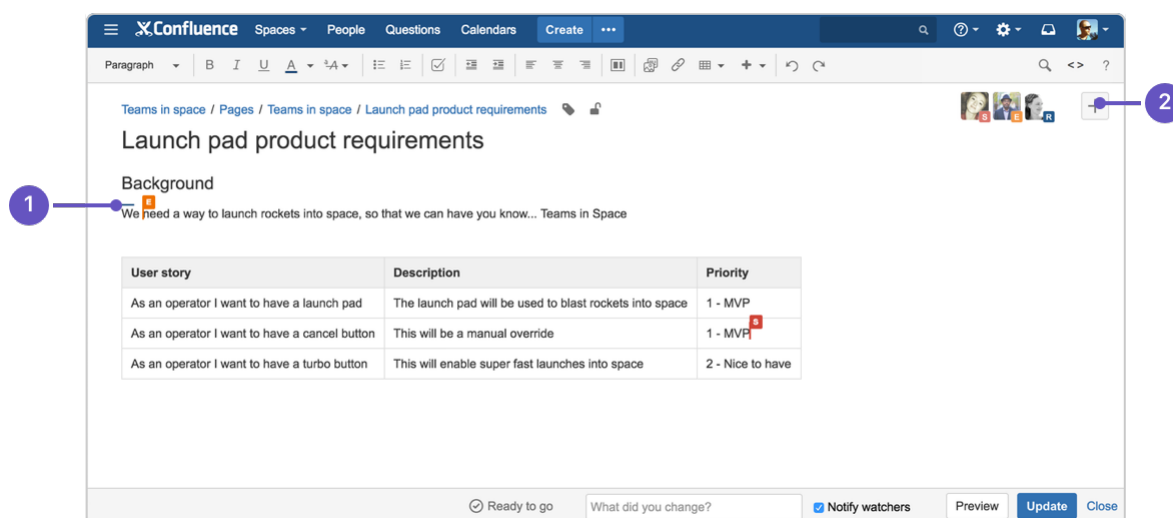
Collaborative editing takes teamwork to the next level by letting you and your team work together in real time on software requirements, meeting notes, retros, and any other Confluence page.

See who's editing a page with you and their cursor position, and see changes as they happen. Colorful avatars show who is editing right now, and grey avatars show people who have made changes and then left the editor. Hit



to invite more people to edit with you.

Changes are automatically synced so that everyone editing sees the same thing. And, because we're saving all the time, there's no need to manually save. Your only decision is when to publish the changes.



1. **Invite more people:** see who is editing the page and invite others to edit with you.
2. **See what they're doing:** watch others edit the page in real time.

Up to 12 people can edit the same page at the same time. Your administrator can change this limit using a [system property](#).

Once you and your team are done editing you can:

- **publish** (or update if the page has previously been published) to make everyone's changes visible
- close the editor and **keep** everyone's work to finish later
- close the editor and **discard** everyone's changes.

We'll warn you if you're about to publish (or discard) other peoples' changes along with your own.

#### Resuming your work

One of the wonderful things about collaborative editing is that you don't need to publish a page before you're ready.

Here's how you can resume working on your unpublished changes:

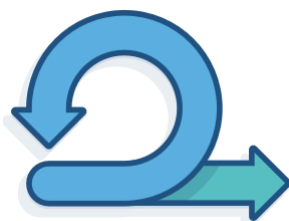
- If the page has been published previously, all you need to do is hit **Edit** and any unpublished changes will be ready and waiting.
- If you created the page, and it has never been published, head to **Profile > Drafts** to resume working on the page.
- If someone else created the page, and it has never been published, you'll need the URL of the editing session to resume working on it (as the page only appears in the original creator's **Drafts** list).

#### So, what's new with collaborative editing?



##### *Real-time collaboration*

Work together with your team and see their changes in real time.



##### *No more merge conflicts*

Collaborative editing uses shared drafts, so there's no need to merge because you're all working on the same page.



##### *No need to save. We're on it*

Changes are auto-saved as you make them, so now your only decision is when to publish.

#### Things you should know



##### *Limited content auditing*

We don't yet have the same auditing capabilities



##### *Changes in drafts aren't versioned*

We're saving all the time in collaborative editing, but

with collaborative editing. All page changes are currently attributed to the person that publishes the page, rather than the person who made each specific change.

we don't save versions in a draft. When restoring an earlier page version, you can only roll back to published versions (the page draft is deleted when you restore a previous version).

### Changes to drafts

Collaborative editing introduces a new type of draft, a *shared* draft. Previously when you edited a page but didn't save it, Confluence would create a draft that was only visible to you (a personal draft). Now, Confluence creates a shared draft whenever anyone edits a page. All page editors work on this same shared draft, and it exists until someone publishes the page.

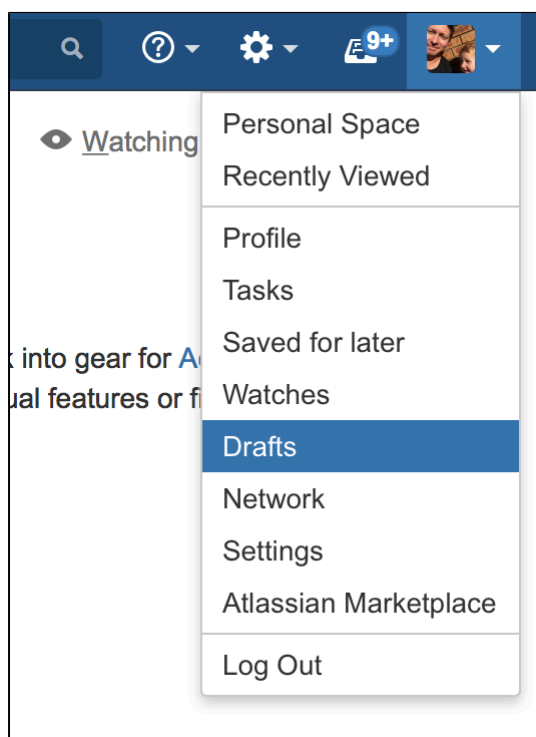
When you publish a shared draft, you're publishing all the changes you have made and changes made by others. Publishing creates a version in the page history.

If you discard a shared draft, you're discarding all changes, including changes made by others. Because shared drafts aren't versioned, there's no way to get a discarded draft back.

#### Accessing your personal drafts

Your personal drafts are still available, but are no longer editable. If you edit a page, you'll see the shared draft of the page, not your personal draft (if one exists).

If you need to get content out of your previous personal drafts head to **Profile > Drafts**, locate your page and copy the contents.



## Move and Reorder Pages

The easiest way to set a page's location in Confluence is to navigate to the space where you want the page to live and, if necessary, find its parent page and choose **Create**. Sometimes though, you'll want to change a page's location either while you're creating it, or after it's been created.

You can also move and [reorder pages](#) in the page tree (hierarchy).

## Set page location or move a page

1. Do either of the following:
  - **While creating a page** – choose the location icon



at the top of the page

- **Once a page is created** – choose



> **Move**

2. Use the tabs on the left of the 'Set Page Location' dialog to help you find the new space and/or parent page for your page (the **Current location** and **New location** breadcrumbs at the bottom of the dialog indicate the current parent page and new parent page)
3. Select **Reorder** if you want to move the page to a different position amongst the child pages (when you choose **Move** in the next step, you'll be able to reorder the page)
4. Choose **Move** (If you're reordering the child pages, choose the new position for the page and choose **Reorder**)

#### On this page:

- [Set page location or move a page](#)
- [Reorder pages within a space](#)
- [Notes about permissions](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Copy a Page](#)
- [Delete or Restore a Page](#)
- [Orphaned Pages](#)

The page – along with any attachments, comments, and child pages – is moved to your chosen location. Confluence will automatically adjust all links to the moved pages, to point to the page(s) in its new location.

When completing the **New parent page** field, you need to select the page suggested by Confluence's autocomplete. Typing or pasting the page name (or using your browser's autocomplete) won't work.

*Screenshot: Setting the location or moving a page*



Set Page Location

Help

Advanced

Search

Recently Viewed

Browse

Specify the new parent page for this page and its children by space and title.

New space:

Confluence Development

New parent page:

Confluence Development home

Start typing a page title to see a list of suggestions.

Current location:

Dev Team › Dev Team › Product requirements › Requirements page

New location:

Confluence Development › Confluence Development home

☐ Reorder

Move

Cancel

## Reorder pages within a space

You can change the location of a page within its space, and reorder pages in the hierarchy. This allows you to:

- Move a single page, or a family of pages, to a different parent within the space.
- Reorder pages that are children of the same parent.

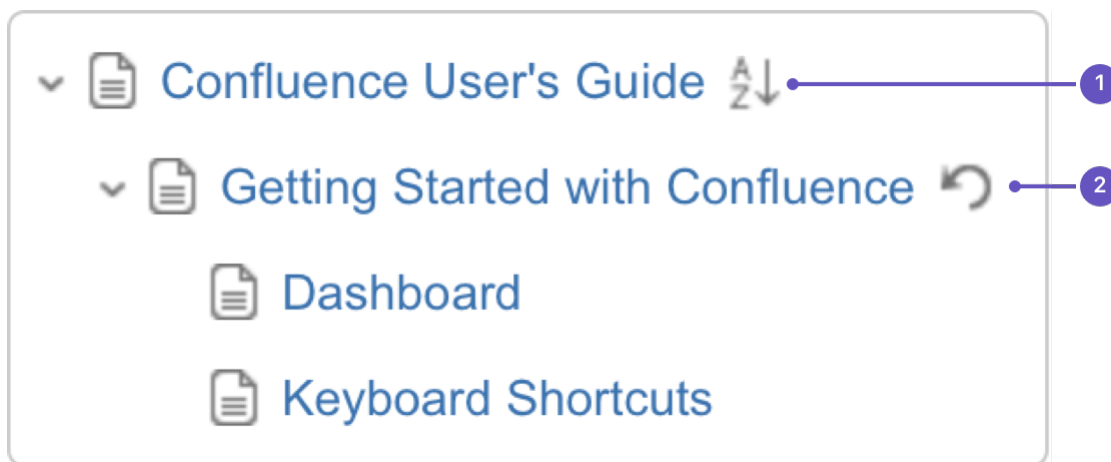
All links to the page are maintained. When you move a parent page, the entire hierarchy of child pages will move too.

### To move or reorder a page:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Reorder pages** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Expand the branches to locate the page you want to move.
3. Drag the page to a new position in the tree.

Alternatively, you can choose to order a group of child pages alphabetically by choosing the **Sort Alphabetically (A-Z)** icon. The **Sort Alphabetically (A-Z)** icon only appears next to the parent page if the page family is currently sorted manually.

If you change your mind, you can use the **Undo Sorting** icon to revert back to the previous manual page order. This option is only available immediately after sorting the page, while you're still on the **Reorder Pages** tab, and haven't performed any other action.



1. **Alphabetical:** sort all child pages alphabetically.
2. **Undo:** undo sorting.

### Notes about permissions

To move a page, you need the following permissions:

- 'Add' permission on the page you're moving, and
- 'View' permission on the page's parent page. If you're moving the page to a different parent, you need 'View' permission on the new parent.

To move a page into a different space, you also need:

- 'Delete' permission on the space you're moving from, and
- 'Add' permission on the space you're moving to.

If the page has restrictions, and you want to keep the page restrictions in the new location, you'll also need 'Restrict' permission on the space you're moving to. Alternatively, remove the page restrictions before performing the move.

## Copy a Page

If you need to duplicate the contents of a page, the easiest way is to copy the page. You can copy pages into the same space or to a different space.

When you copy pages into the same space, you'll need to rename them, as two pages with the same name can't live in the same space. We give you some handy tools to help rename your pages during the copy process.

**i** You need the 'Create Page' permission to copy pages. See [space permissions](#) for more information.

### Copy pages

**To copy a single page:**

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Copy**.
2. Choose a **Location** for the new page.
3. Hit **Copy**.

Confluence will open the copy of the page in the editor and name it 'Copy of [original page title]'. You can then rename the page and work in the editor like any ordinary page.

**To copy a page and all its child pages:**

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Copy**.
2. Choose a **Location** for the new pages.

#### On this page:

- [Copy pages](#)
- [Copy the contents of an entire space](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Move and Reorder Pages](#)

3. Select **Include child pages**.
4. Use the options provided to customize your new page titles.  
You can add a prefix, replace a keyword or phrase in existing titles, or both. The preview will give you a good idea of what your new page hierarchy will look like, and warn you if there are any problems.
5. Deselect any items you do not want to copy over (attached files, labels, restrictions)
6. Hit **Copy**.

You'll find a link to your newly copied pages in the copy complete message.

 **Note:** It's not possible to selectively copy multiple pages. You will be copying the entire hierarchy.

#### What's included when you copy a page?

Here's some more info on what's included when you copy a page.

	Single page	Page and its child pages
Page contents (text, macros)	Yes	Yes
Attached files and images	Yes	Optional - if you choose not to include attachments, you may see 'unknown-attachment' errors on the copied pages.
Comments	No	No
Labels	Yes	Optional
Restrictions	No	Optional - you may not be able to change this option if you don't have appropriate 'Restrict' space permissions.
Watchers	No	No
Saved for later info	No	No
History	No	No
Child pages with view restrictions	-	Yes - if you have permission to see the child pages. No - if you do not have permission to see the child pages.

#### Space permissions and page restrictions

Your space permissions and any existing page restrictions have an impact on what you can copy:

- To copy pages you need the 'Create' page permission in the destination space.
- To copy pages with restrictions in tact, you need the 'Restrict' page permission in the destination space.

When copying a page and its child pages, you also have a choice to copy over any existing page restrictions. This is useful if you need to maintain the current view or edit restrictions. If you don't have 'Restrict' page permission in the destination space, you won't be able to choose this option.

#### Copy the contents of an entire space

Confluence does not provide an option to copy a space, however if your space has less than 1000 pages, you can use copy page to copy all the pages in an existing space to a new space.

#### To copy the contents of a space to a new space:

1. Create a new space.
2. Go the homepage of the space you want to copy, and choose  
...  
> **Copy**.

3. Set your new space as the **Location**.
4. Select **Copy child pages** then hit **Copy**.
5. In the new space, go to **Space Tools > Reorder pages** and drag your copied homepage to the root of the space (so it is no longer a child of the current space homepage).
6. Go to **Space tools > Overview > Edit space details**.
7. Enter the copied space homepage title in the **Home page** field and **Save**.

That's it. You can now delete the homepage that was automatically added when you created the space.

Note that this is a new space, and no space settings (permissions, color schemes, templates etc) will be copied. See [these instructions on copying a space](#) for some other workarounds.

## Delete or Restore a Page

When you delete a Confluence page, we'll move it to the space's trash. It's not permanently deleted, and can be restored by a space admin, until the page is [permanently deleted from the trash](#).

**Don't see a delete option?** Delete only appears if you are allowed to delete the page. Both [space permissions](#) and [page restrictions](#) can prevent you from deleting.

### Delete a single page

When you delete a page in Confluence, you're deleting its page history too. If you only want to delete a specific version of a page, take a look at the instructions below for [deleting a specific version](#).

#### To delete a page:

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Delete**.
2. We'll warn you of any issues, such as incoming links that will break. Choose **Delete** to proceed.

The page will be sent to the trash, where it can be [restored](#) by a space admin.

Any child pages (including any restricted pages that you are not allowed to see) will move up to the nearest parent page.

### Delete a page hierarchy

When deleting a page that has child pages you have the option to delete the entire page hierarchy.

#### To delete a page hierarchy:

1. Navigate to the parent page and choose  
...  
> **Delete**.
2. Choose **Also delete child pages** then hit **Next**.
3. We'll warn you of any issues, such as incoming links that will break. Choose **Delete** to proceed.

The pages will be sent to the trash, where they can be [restored](#) by a space admin.

Any pages that are restricted (that you are not allowed to see or delete) will not be deleted and will move up to the nearest parent page.

### Delete a page version

[Space admins](#) can delete specific versions from the page history. This is useful if you need to prevent older

#### On this page:

- [Delete a single page](#)
- [Delete a page hierarchy](#)
- [Delete a page version](#)
- [Restore deleted pages](#)
- [Empty the trash or permanently delete a page](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Editing or Deleting a Page That Won't Render](#)
- [Copy a Page](#)

versions of a page being restored in future. Deleting a page version is permanent and cannot be undone.

#### To delete a specific version of a page:

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Page History**
2. Choose **Delete** next to the version you want to delete.

Once you've deleted a version, the other versions are re-numbered where necessary.

#### Restore deleted pages

If you're a [space admin](#) you can restore deleted pages back into a space. This is useful if someone accidentally deletes a page and needs to get it back.

#### To restore a deleted page:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Trash**.
3. Choose  
...  
> **Restore** next to the page you wish to restore.

Pages are restored to the root of the space. Head to Space Tools > Reorder Pages to drag your restored page back into the page hierarchy.

#### Empty the trash or permanently delete a page

If you're a [space admin](#) you can permanently delete a page (and all its attached files) by purging it from the trash. Once purged, the page and all its versions and attached files will be gone for good.

#### To purge deleted pages:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Trash**.
3. Choose  
...  
> **Purge** next to a specific page or you can **Purge all** to completely empty the trash.

### Add, Remove and Search for Labels

Labels are key words or tags that you can add to pages, blog posts and attachments. You can define your own labels and use them to categorize, identify or bookmark content in Confluence.

For example, you could assign the label 'accounting' to all accounts-related pages on your site. You can then browse all pages with that label in a single space or across the site, display a list of pages with that label, or [search based on the label](#).

Because labels are user-defined, you can add any word that helps you identify the content in your site.

You can also apply labels (known as categories) to spaces, to help organize your Confluence spaces. See [Use Labels to Categorize Spaces](#).

#### Label a page or blog post

Any user with permission to edit a page can add labels to it. Any existing labels appear at the bottom-right of the page, below the page content.

#### To add a label to a page or blog post:

**On this page:**

- Label a page or blog post
- Label an attachment
- The Labeled content page
- Search by label
- Search for labeled pages using a URL
- Remove labels

**Related pages:**

- Use Labels to Categorize Spaces
- Display Pages with Label Macros

1. Go to the page choose the edit icon



beside the list of labels or press **L** on your keyboard

2. Type in a new label (existing labels are suggested as you type)
3. Choose **Add**

Labels

Help

label x
example x
confluence-label-filter x

Shortcut tip: In page view, pressing **L** also opens this dialog box

Close

If you're editing or creating a page, and you want to add labels, choose the label icon



at the top of the page.

**Label an attachment**

1. Do either of the following:
  - Go to the page that contains the attachment and choose Go to

### > Attachments

- Go to the space and choose **Space tools** > **Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar, then choose **Attachments**

You'll see a list of attachments, with any existing labels listed in the **Labels** column.

- Choose the edit icon



beside the list of labels and type in a new label (existing labels are suggested as you type)

- Choose **Add**

You can also add labels in a list of attachments displayed by the [Attachments macro](#), by choosing the edit icon



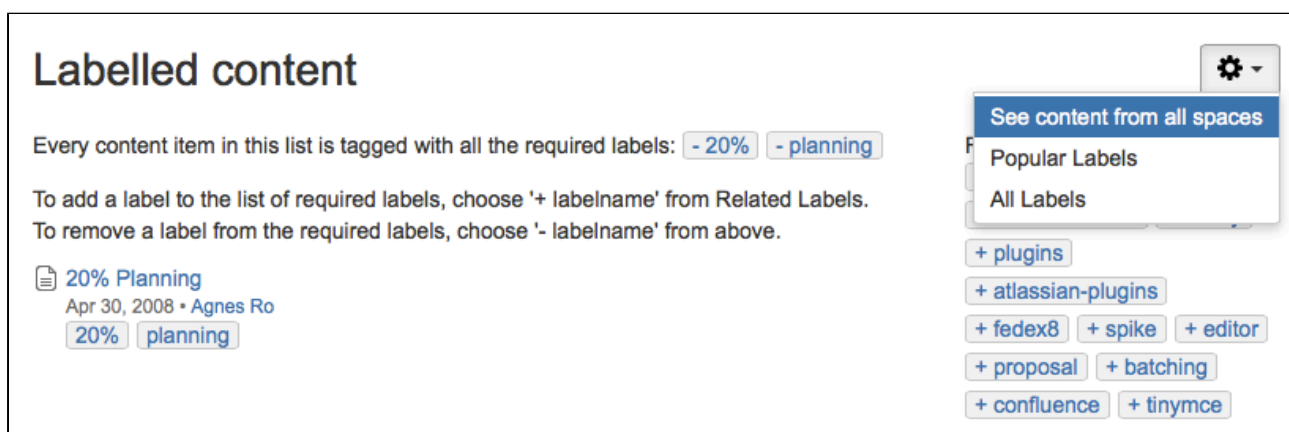
beside each label.

**i** If you add one or more labels to a template, that label will be copied to the page when someone adds a page based on that template. See [Creating a Template](#).

## The Labeled content page

If you're viewing a page or post that has labels or displays the [Attachments macro](#), you can choose any label to go to the **Labeled content** page for the space. Choose **Popular Labels** or **All Labels** from the cog at the top-right – to view the most-used labels or all labels in the space – or choose **See content from all spaces** from the cog to view labeled content from all spaces in your Confluence site.

*Screenshot: The Labeled content page*



The **Popular Labels** option displays a word cloud, where the bigger a label is displayed, the more popular it is. Choose any label to view content tagged with that label.

You can also navigate to the labels view for a space by entering the following URL (replace SPACEKEY with the space's key):

```
<your.Confluence.site>/labels/listlabels-alphaview.action?key=SPACEKEY
```

## Search by label

You can use the 'labelText: ' prefix to search specifically for content that has a specific label. For example, if you're looking for pages with the label 'chocolate', type labelText:chocolate into the search field in the Confluence header. For more examples of searching by label, see [Confluence Search Syntax](#).

## Search for labeled pages using a URL

Entering a URL with an appended label or labels is another way to search for pages with particular labels.



In your browser's address bar, enter the following URL and press enter: `http://<your.Confluence.site>/label/foo+bar`

The **Labeled content** page will load, showing search results for pages with the **both** labels, 'foo' and 'bar'. Replace 'foo' and 'bar' with the label(s) you want to search for, and separate multiple labels with a + symbol.

### Adding a label to your results:

Once you're on the **Labeled content** page, you can add more labels to your search by choosing them from the **Related Labels** list at the top-right of the page. Each label is listed with a plus (+) sign.

If you want to remove labels from your search, locate the included labels at the top of the page and choose the label(s) you want to remove. Each included label will be listed with a minus (–) sign.

### Remove labels

When viewing page, blog post, or attachment labels, an **x** appears alongside each label. Choose the **x** to remove the label.

If you have deleted pages that contain a label, you may need to [purge](#) the deleted pages from the space's trash to ensure that the label disappears too.

## Display Pages with Label Macros

Using labels and macros, you can categorize pages and then display them in Confluence in a number of ways.

As an example, you could label all pages relevant to the marketing team with 'marketing', and then add more specific labels like 'online', 'mobile', and 'physical' to different pages where required.

You could then use the [Content by Label Macro](#) to display different combinations of pages with the marketing label. Some combinations you could use would be:

- All pages with the label 'marketing'.
- Pages with all of the following labels: 'marketing', 'mobile', and 'online'.
- Pages with either the 'mobile' or 'online' labels, in the Marketing space.

### Related pages:

- [Add, Remove and Search for Labels](#)
- [Macros](#)
- [Use Labels to Categorize Spaces](#)

There are a lot of ways you can filter the content, making it easier for you to find content that's relevant to you.

### Other label macros

Here are some other macros that use labels, and can help you categorize and display your content.

#### Navigation Map macro

The [Navigation Map macro](#) renders the list of pages associated with a specified label as a navigation map.

#### Related Labels macro

The [Related Labels macro](#) lists labels commonly associated with the current page's labels.

#### Content by Label macro

The [Content by Label macro](#) displays a list of content marked with specified labels.

#### Content Report Table macro

The [Content Report Table macro](#) displays a set of pages and blog posts in tabular format, based on the specified labels.

### Labels List macro

The [Labels List macro](#) lists all labels of a space, grouped alphabetically.

### Recently Used Labels macro

The [Recently Used Labels macro](#) lists labels most recently used in a specified scope - global (site), space, or personal.

### Popular Labels macro

The [Popular Labels macro](#) displays popular labels in a list or in a heatmap (also called a cloud).

## Drafts

A draft is a version of a page with unpublished changes. Confluence creates a draft whenever you create or edit a page or blog post but haven't yet published the changes.

When you're working on a new page – one that you've never published – Confluence creates it as a draft. If you get interrupted and close your tab or navigate away, your content lives on in your drafts page ready for you to resume editing or publish.

You can even bring in other people to help you edit your draft - either use the **Invite** button in the editor or just share the URL with them (they'll need the appropriate Confluence and space permissions of course).

If you're editing a page that's previously been published, but you don't want to publish your changes yet, simply hit **Close** to close the editor. Your changes are safely preserved in a draft version of the page. For example, you might be editing a page with your team, and no one wants to publish until all the changes are in. The last person to finish editing will publish the page, or everyone else uses **Close** to leave the editor without publishing.

### Find page drafts

Pages that you have created, but have not yet published, are kept in the drafts section of your user profile. To see them, head to your **profile picture** at top right of the screen and choose **Drafts**.

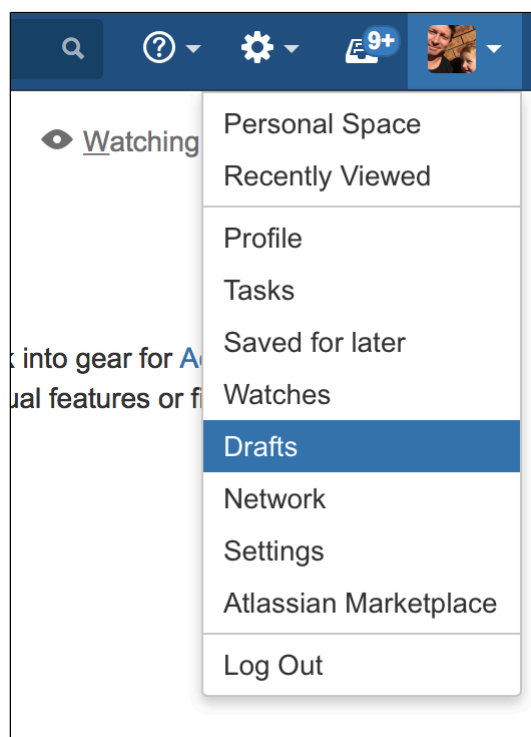
If you didn't enter a page title, the draft will be called '*Untitled*'.

### Resuming your work

One of the wonderful things about collaborative editing is that you don't need to publish a page before you're ready.

Here's how you can resume working on your unpublished changes:

- If the page has been published previously, all you need to do is hit **Edit** and any unpublished changes will be ready and waiting.
- If you created the page, and it has never been published, head to **Profile > Drafts** to resume working on the page.
- If someone else created the page, and it has never been published, you'll need the URL of the editing session to resume working on it (as the page only appears in the original creator's **Drafts** list).



**Recently worked on** on the dashboard is a great way to get back to pages you've edited recently.

### Concurrent Editing and Merging Changes

This page covers the concurrent editing behavior in Confluence 6.0 or later when your administrator has chosen to **disable collaborative**

editing.

In most cases, this won't apply to your Confluence site.

#### Related pages:


- [Page History and Page Comparison Views](#)
- [Drafts](#)

Sometimes, another user may edit the same page as you're editing, at the same time you do. When this happens, Confluence will do its best to ensure nobody's changes are lost.

#### How will I know if someone else is editing the same page as I am?

If another user is editing the same page as you, Confluence will display a message above your edit screen letting you know who the other user is and when the last edit was made.

*Screenshot: Concurrent editing notification*

 This page is also being edited by [Ewan User](#). Your changes will be merged with theirs when you save. 

#### What happens if two of us are editing the same page and the other user saves before I do?

If someone else has saved the page before you, when you click **Save**, Confluence will check if there are any conflicts between your changes and theirs. If there are no conflicting changes, Confluence will merge the changes.

If there are conflicts, Confluence will display them for you and give you the option to:

- **Continue editing** - Continue to edit the page; useful if you want to manually merge the changes.
- **Overwrite** - Replace the other person's edits with yours (their edits will not be included in the latest version).
- **Cancel** - Discard your changes and exit the editor, keeping the other person's edits.

#### Example Scenario

For example, Alice and Bob both edit the same page at the same time.

If Alice clicks save before Bob, Bob is now effectively editing an out-of-date version of the page. When Bob clicks save, Confluence will examine his changes to see if any overlap with Alice's. If the changes don't overlap (i.e. Alice and Bob edited different parts of the page), Bob's changes will be *merged* with Alice's automatically.

If Bob's changes overlap with Alice's, Confluence will display an error message to Bob showing where Alice has changed the page, and giving Bob the options to overwrite Alice's changes with his own, to re-edit the document to incorporate Alice's work, or to cancel his own changes entirely, maintaining Alice's changes.

## Page Restrictions

Page restrictions allow you to control who can view and/or edit individual pages in a space. So, if you're working on a page that shouldn't be viewed by just anybody, it's easy to lock it down to the people who need to know. You can add restrictions for individuals or for [Confluence groups](#).

To add or remove page restrictions, you'll need to have permissions to edit the page and 'Restrict' or 'Admin' permission in the space.


#### On this page:

- [Restrict a page or blog post](#)
- [Remove restrictions from a page](#)
- [Request and grant access a restricted page](#)
- [View all restricted pages in a space](#)
- [Notes](#)

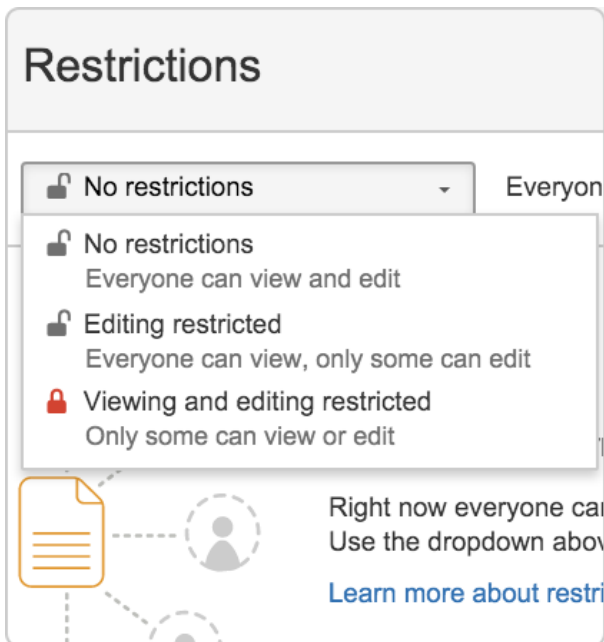
#### Restrict a page or blog post

To restrict who can view or edit a page or blog post:

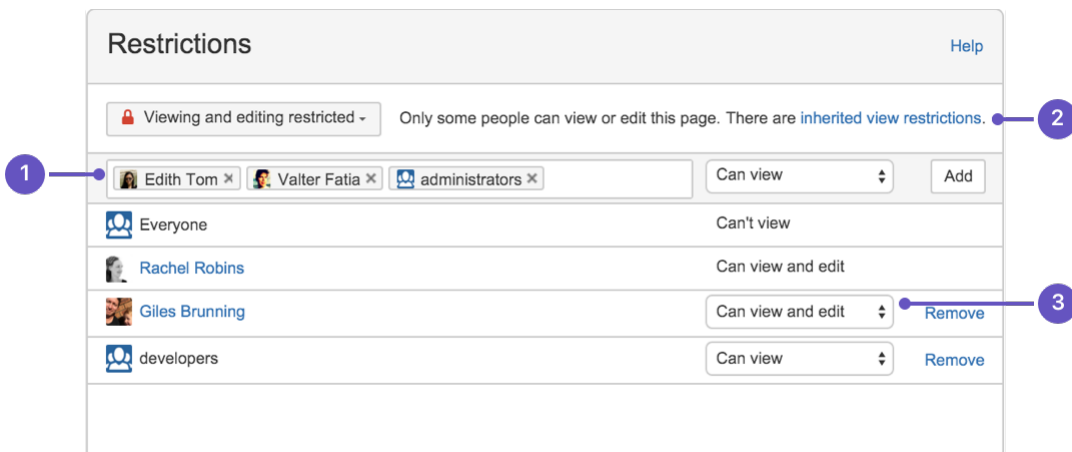
### 1. Chose the Restrictions

1.  icon at the top of the page.
2. Choose whether you just want to limit only who can **Edit**, or who can **View and / or Edit**.
3. Enter users or groups then click **Add** to add them to the list.  
If you chose **Viewing and Editing restricted** you can further specify for each person or group whether they can edit or just view the page.
4. **Apply** the restrictions.

You can add as many users and/or groups as you need. You can apply page restrictions to published and unpublished (draft) pages.



In this example, some users and groups can view only, others can also edit, plus there are inherited restrictions that might impact who can view the page.



1. **Speed it up:** apply the same restriction to multiple people and groups.
2. **Watch out:** restrictions on other pages can affect this one.
3. **Be specific:** choose exactly what each group or person can do.

### Who is 'everyone'?

When we say "everyone can view this page" *everyone* means all the people who can view the page by default. There's two things that can affect who can view a page - the space permissions, and view restrictions on any parent pages that are being inherited.

Restrictions don't override a person's space permission. For example, if you say a person 'can view' in the restrictions dialog and they don't have 'view' permissions for the space, they won't be able to see the page.

### How do inherited restrictions work?

View restrictions are inherited, which means a restriction applied to one page will cascade down to any child pages. Edit restrictions are not inherited, which means pages need to be restricted individually.

The restrictions dialog will tell you when there are inherited restrictions that might affect who can view your page.

Here's the basics:




- If you restrict **viewing** to a person or group, only they will be able to see that page and all its child pages (unless there are further restrictions on the child pages).
- If you restrict **editing** to a person or group, they'll be able to see and edit that page, plus see its child pages.
- Parent pages (higher up in the page hierarchy) can have their own view restrictions that may prevent people from viewing your page.

If the person you've listed as a viewer or editor can't see the page, check to make sure:

- they have **View space permission** for that space, or
- there's no view restriction on a page higher up the page hierarchy that prevents them seeing any children of that page.

### View current page restrictions

The restrictions icon at the top of the page gives you a clue that the page has restrictions:

	Viewing this page is not restricted. Everyone can see this page (but editing may be restricted).
	The page is restricted. Click the icon to see the list of who can view and edit this page.
	The page is inheriting restrictions from another page. Click the icon then choose Inherited Restrictions to see a list of pages this page is inheriting restrictions from.

### Remove restrictions from a page

Removing restrictions is easy. Choose **No restrictions** to remove all restrictions, or click **Remove** next to each person or group in the list if you want to change who can view or edit the page.

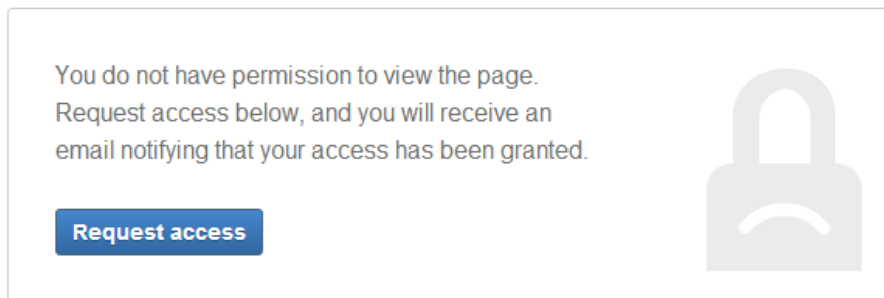
### Request and grant access a restricted page

If you navigate to a page that you're not able to view or edit because it has page restrictions applied (for example from a link or page URL) you may be able to request access to the page.

#### To request access to a restricted page:

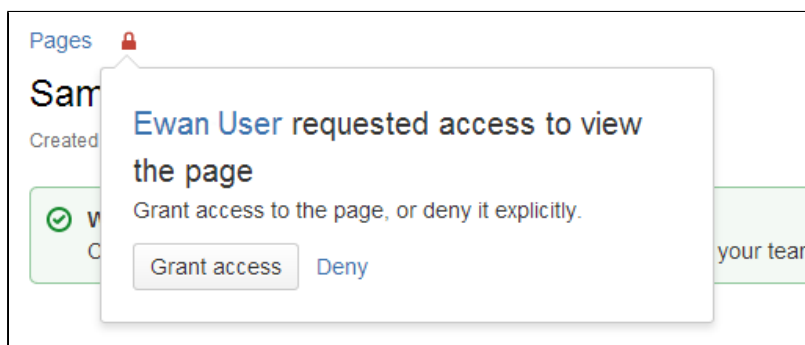
1. On the restricted page choose **Request access**.
2. Wait for an email confirming that access has been granted.

If the request access message doesn't appear, you're not able to request access for that particular page. This usually is because the page has inherited view restrictions from a parent page, or you may not have adequate space permissions.

**To grant access to a restricted page:**

1. In the request access email, choose **Grant access**  
You'll be taken to the restricted page, and a dialog will appear with the access request.
2. Choose **Grant access**.

The user will receive an email confirming that access has been granted.



This process is the same as navigating to

...

> **Restrictions** and adding a 'View' restriction for the user.

**Who can grant access?**

To grant access to a restricted page you will need to have permission to edit that page, and have the 'Restrict' or 'Admin' permission for the space.

Confluence will send an email to a user who can grant permissions. The sequence that Confluence will use to search for the appropriate user is:

1. The last person to edit the page.
2. **All** non-admin users that can set permissions on the page (given that an admin user can always set permissions).
3. The page creator.
4. **All** the space administrators.

Confluence will try each of these roles in turn, emailing the first user that has appropriate permissions.

**View all restricted pages in a space**

You need space admin permissions to view the list of restricted pages in a space.

**To view restricted pages:**








1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Permissions** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Restricted Pages**.

*Screenshot: Restricted pages in a space*

Permissions

Restricted Pages

This report shows all the pages where access is restricted to specific groups or users by page level permissions.

Title (Space)	Type	Permitted User/Group	Creator	Created	Operations
 <a href="#">Induction plan - Sophie User (Stars)</a>	Edit	leah	<a href="#">Leah Admin</a>	Feb 18, 2013	
 <a href="#">Induction plan - Ewan User (Stars)</a>	Edit	leah	<a href="#">Leah Admin</a>	Feb 18, 2013	
 <a href="#">Draft status report (Stars)</a>	View	admin	<a href="#">Rach Admin</a>	Feb 18, 2013	
	View	sophie	<a href="#">Rach Admin</a>	Feb 18, 2013	

## Notes

- **You can't exclude yourself**  
When you apply a restriction, Confluence will automatically add you to the list. You can't remove yourself from this list.
- **Space Admin and System Administrator access to restricted pages**  
Users with 'Admin' permissions in a space, or users with the System Administrator global permission can remove restrictions from pages, even if the page restriction prevents them from viewing the page. Go to **Space Administration > Restricted Pages**.

## Links

You can create links to pages, blog posts, anchors, attachments, external websites, JIRA issues and more. Links can be text or images, and can be added in many different ways.

Links to pages within your Confluence site are relative, which means that you can move pages and rename pages without breaking links.

This page explains the most common ways to create links.

### Insert a text link

To insert a link on a page:

1. Select some text or position your cursor where you want to insert the link
2. Choose **Link** on the toolbar or use the [keyboard shortcut Ctrl+K](#)
3. Select a page, blog post or attachment, or enter an external URL (see [below](#) for how to link to particular types of content)
4. Enter or modify the link text (this is the text that will appear on the page. If this field is left blank, the page name or URL will be used as the link text.)
5. Choose **Insert**

Alternatively you can type **[** followed by the page or attachment name. [Autocomplete](#) will suggest matching items for you.

### On this page:

- [Insert a text link](#)
- [Insert an image link](#)
- [Modify a link](#)
- [Remove a link](#)
- [Link to specific types of content](#)
- [Link to Confluence pages from other websites](#)
- [Link to a comment](#)
- [Using shortcut Links](#)
- [Trackback](#)

### Related pages:

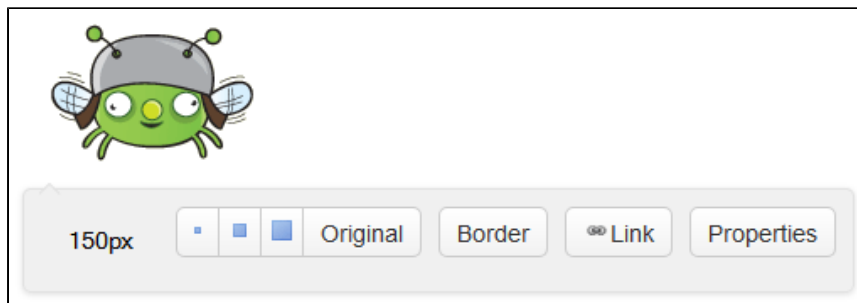
- [Anchors](#)
- [Inserting JIRA Issues](#)
- [The Editor](#)



You can also paste a URL directly onto your page. Confluence will automatically create the link, and if the URL is for a page in the current site, the page name will be set as the link text.

### Insert an image link

1. Select an image on your page
2. Choose **Link** on the Image Properties toolbar
3. Select a page, blog post or attachment, or enter an external URL (see [below](#) for how to link to particular types of content)
4. Choose **Insert**

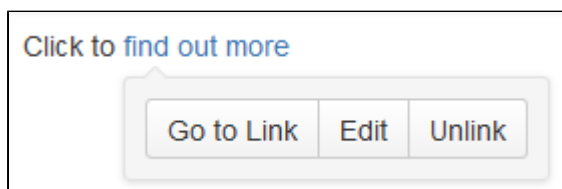


### Modify a link

1. Select the link text or image
2. Choose **Edit** from the link properties toolbar
3. Modify the link and choose **Save**

### Remove a link

1. Select the link text or image
2. Choose **Unlink** from the properties toolbar



### Link to specific types of content

Confluence supports many methods for creating links. Some of the common ones are listed here.

Type of link	Ways to do this
Link to a page	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Search</b> then enter part of the page name.</p> <p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Recently viewed</b> and select a page from the list.</p> <p>Type <b>[</b> and enter part of the page name then select the page from the list.</p> <p>Paste the URL of the page onto your page (Confluence will automatically create the link).</p>

Link to a page in another space	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Search</b> enter part of the page name and select <b>All Spaces</b> from the drop down.</p> <p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Advanced</b> then enter the space key followed by the page name <code>spacekey:mypage</code>.</p> <p>Type <code>[</code> and enter part of the page name then select the page from the list. (you can hover over each suggestion to see which space the page is from).</p>
Link to a blog post	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Search</b> and enter part of the blog post name.</p> <p>Type <code>[</code> and enter part of the blog post name then select the blog post from the list.</p>
Link to an attachment or image on this page	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Attachment</b> then upload or select an attachment from the list.</p> <p>Type <code>[</code> and enter part of the attachment file name then select the attachment from the list.</p>
Link to an attachment on another page	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Search</b> and enter part of the attachment name.</p> <p>Type <code>[</code> and enter part of the attachment file name then select the attachment from the list (you can hover over each suggestion to see which space the page is from).</p>
Link to a website	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Web Link</b> then enter the website URL.</p> <p>Type or paste the URL onto the page (Confluence will automatically create the link).</p>
Link to an email address	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Web Link</b> then enter the email address.</p> <p>Type or paste the email address onto the page (Confluence will automatically create a 'mailto:' link).</p>
Link to an anchor on a page	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Advanced</b> then enter the anchor name in one of the formats below.</p> <p>For an anchor on this page: <code>#anchor name</code>.</p> <p>For an anchor on another page in this space: <code>page name#anchor name</code>.</p> <p>For an Anchor on another page in another space: <code>spacekey:page name#anchor name</code>.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Anchors</a> for more information on using anchors.</p>
Link to a heading on a page	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Advanced</b> then enter the heading in one of the formats below. Heading text is case sensitive and must be entered without spaces.</p> <p>For a heading on this page: <code>#MyHeading</code>.</p> <p>For a heading on another page in this space: <code>Page Name#MyHeading</code>.</p> <p>For a heading on another page in another space: <code>spacekey:Page Name#MyHeading</code>.</p> <p>Be aware that these links will break if you edit the heading text. Consider using the <a href="#">Table of Contents</a> macro or an <a href="#">Anchor</a> instead.</p>
Link to a comment on a page	<p>Go to the comment, right click the <b>Date</b> at the bottom of the comment and copy the link. Paste the link directly onto your page or choose <b>Link &gt; Web Link</b> and paste in the URL.</p> <p>Type <code>[\$</code> then enter the Comment ID ('12345' in this example): <code>[\$12345]</code></p>

Link to an undefined page (a page that does not exist yet)	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Advanced</b> then enter the new page name (a page will be created on click).</p> <p>Type <b>[</b> then enter the new page name then choose <b>Insert link to create page</b> .</p> <p>See <a href="#">Undefined Page Links</a> for more information on undefined pages.</p>
Link to a personal space or user profile	<p>Choose <b>Link &gt; Search</b> then enter the user's name and select their personal space homepage or their profile from the list.</p> <p>Type <b>[</b> then enter the user's name and select their personal space homepage or their profile from the list.</p>
Link to a JIRA issue (where Confluence is connected to JIRA)	Paste the JIRA issue URL - Confluence will automatically create a JIRA Issue macro.

### Link to Confluence pages from other websites

The best way to link to a Confluence page from outside Confluence, for example from another site or in an email, is to use the share link which is a permanent URL. This ensures that the link to the page is not broken if the page name changes.

To access the permanent URL for a page:

1. View the page you wish to link to.
2. Choose **Share**.
3. Copy the **Share link**.

You do not need to use the share link to link to pages within your Confluence site. Confluence automatically updates links when you rename or move a page to another space.

If you want to link to specific content such as anchors, headings or comments you need to use the following link syntax. Note that there are no spaces in the page name, anchor name or heading text.

In the examples below, the anchor name is 'InsertLinkAnchor' and the heading text is 'Insert a link'.

Purpose	Link syntax
Link to an anchor (from an external website)	<p><code>http://myconfluence.com/display/spacekey/pagename#pagename-anchorname</code></p> <p>Example from this page:</p> <p><code>https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/DOC/Working+with+Links#Workingw:</code></p>
Link to a heading (from an external website)	<p><code>http://myconfluence.com/display/spacekey/pagename#pagename-headingtext</code></p> <p>Example from this page:</p> <p><code>https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/DOC/Working+with+Links#Workingw:</code></p>
Link to a comment (from an external website)	<p><code>http://myconfluence.com/display/spacekey/pagename?focusedCommentId=commentId</code></p> <p>Example from this page:</p> <p><code>https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/DOC/Working+with+Links?focusedC</code></p>

Some things to note when linking to anchors from a website or email message:

- The page name is repeated in the URL, after the # sign. The second occurrence of the page name is concatenated into a single word, with all spaces removed.
- There is a single dash (hyphen) between the concatenated page name and the anchor name.

- The anchor name in the full URL is concatenated into a single word, with all spaces removed.
- The anchor name is case sensitive. You must use the same pattern of upper and lower case letters as you used when creating the [Anchor](#).

### Link to a comment

You can add a link to a comment by using the comment URL (a permanent link), or by using wiki markup to link to the Comment ID.

To find out the comment URL and comment ID:

1. Go to the comment you wish to link to
2. Choose the **Date** at the bottom of the comment and examine the URL

The number after 'comment-' is the Comment ID. An example is shown here.

```
https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/DOC/Working+with+Links?focus  
edCommentId=368640803#comment-368640803
```

You can use wiki markup directly in the editor to link to a comment. Enter **[\$** followed by the Comment ID, for example `[ $12345 ]` where '12345' is the Comment ID.

### Using shortcut Links

If you have [configured shortcut links](#) on your Confluence site, then you can link to an external site using a shortcut link that looks like this: `CONF-17025@jira`.

Our Confluence site (where this documentation is housed) is configured to allow shortcut links to our JIRA site, using the shortcut `@jira`. So the shortcut link `CONF-17025@jira` produces [this link](#).

To add a shortcut link using the 'Insert Link' dialog:

1. Choose **Link > Advanced** and enter or paste the shortcut link into the **Link** field (shortcut links are case-insensitive)
2. Modify or enter link text (this is the text that will appear on the page)
3. Choose **Insert**

You can also type '[' and choose **Insert Web Link > Advanced** to enter a shortcut link.

See [Configuring Shortcut Links](#) for more details.

### Trackback

Trackback enables two sites can stay informed each time one site refers to the other using trackback 'pings'.

In Confluence, Trackback can be enabled by a site administrator in the Administration Console. When Trackback is enabled, any time you link to an external webpage that supports Trackback Autodiscovery, Confluence will send a Trackback ping to that page to inform it that it has been linked to.

Confluence pages also support Trackback Autodiscovery, and when Trackback is enabled, can receive trackback pings sent by other sites.

To see who has sent a Trackback ping to a Confluence page:

1. Go to the page
2. Choose **Tools > Page Information**

Any Trackback pings the page has received will be listed under the page's **Incoming Links**.

Confluence incoming trackback pings only work with referenced pages that are public (anonymously viewable).

### Anchors

You can use anchors to enable linking to specific locations on a page, and they can be especially useful for allowing your readers to navigate to specific parts of a long document. Anchors are invisible to the reader when the page is displayed.

There are two steps to using an anchor:

Step 1: Create the anchor

Step 2: Create a link to the anchor

### Step 1: Create the anchor

Add the **Anchor Macro** to mark the location you want to link to:

- Do either of the following in the Confluence editor:
  - Choose **Insert > Other Macros**, then find and select the Anchor macro
  - Type { and the beginning of the macro name, then select the Anchor macro
- Enter the **Anchor Name** (For example, 'bottom' or 'important information')
- Choose **Insert**

#### Macro options (parameters)

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Anchor Name</b>	None	<p>This is the anchor name that you will use when creating the link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The anchor name can include spaces. Confluence will remove the spaces automatically when building a URL that points to this anchor.</li> <li>The anchor name is case sensitive. You must use the same pattern of upper and lower case letters when creating the link as you used when creating the Anchor macro.</li> </ul>

### Step 2: Create a link to the anchor

You can link to an anchor from:

- A page on the same Confluence site. The link may be on the same page as the anchor, another page in the same space, or a page in another space on the same Confluence site.
- Another web page or another Confluence site, using a specifically formatted URL.

#### Link to an anchor on the same Confluence site:

- Select some text or position your cursor where you want to insert the link
- Choose **Link** in the toolbar or press **Ctrl+K**
- Choose **Advanced** and enter the anchor name in the **Link** field, following the format below.

Anchor location	Link syntax for anchor	Examples
Same page	#anchor name	#bottom #important information
Page in same space	page name#anchor name	My page#bottom My page#important information

#### On this page:

- Step 1: Create the anchor
- Step 2: Create a link to the anchor
- Notes

#### Related pages:

- Links

Page in different space	spacekey:page name#anchor name	DOC:My page#bottom DOC:My page#important information
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4. Enter or modify the **Link Text** (this is the text that will appear on the page. If this field is left blank, the page name or URL will be used as the link text)
5. Choose **Save**

- Anchor names are case sensitive
- Enter page and anchor names with spaces when you link to them in the same Confluence site
- If you're linking to an anchor on a different page that has special characters in its name, where the URL displays a page ID rather than a name, you should still enter the page name when linking to it

*Screenshot: The 'Advanced' option in the link dialog*

Edit link
Help

Search
Recently viewed
Attachments
Web link
**Advanced**
Browse

Here you can insert a link into the page using [wiki markup](#).

Link

To insert a link to a new page, type in the desired page title.  
To insert an anchor link, type #anchormame.

Link text

Hint: type "[i]" in the editor to see a list of suggested pages and insert a link.

Save
Cancel

### Link to an anchor from another web page or another Confluence site:

Use a full URL in the following format:

Link syntax	Examples
<code>http://myconfluence.com/display/spacekey/pagename#pagename-anchormame</code>	<code>http://myconfluence.com/display/spacekey/pagename#pagename-anchormame</code> <code>http://myconfluence.com/display/spacekey/pagename#pagename-anchormame</code>

Notes about the full URL:

- The page name is repeated in the URL, after the # sign. The second occurrence of the page name is concatenated into a single word, with all spaces removed.
- There is a single dash (hyphen) between the concatenated page name and the anchor name.
- The anchor name in the full URL is concatenated into a single word, with all spaces removed.
- The anchor name is case sensitive.

### Notes

- **Table of contents on a page:** Consider using the [Table of Contents Macro](#) to generate a list of links pointing to the headings on the page. The list of links will appear on the page, and will be automatically updated each time someone changes the wording of a heading.
- **Linking to headings:** You can link directly to the headings of a page. See [Links](#). However, if someone changes the wording of a heading, those direct links will be broken. Use the Anchor macro to ensure a lasting link within the body of a page.
- **Site welcome message:** If you are adding an anchor to a page that you are using in the site welcome message, you can only link to that anchor from another page. Internal links within that page will not work.
- **Templates:** When you are previewing a template, a link to an anchor is displayed as a 'broken' link.

However, when you create a page using the template the resulting page will have the correct link.

## Tables

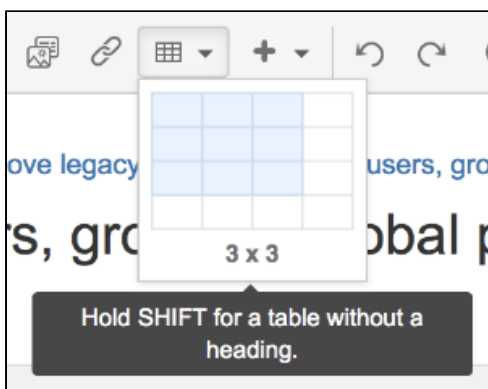
Confluence tables allow you to present important information and discuss it with your team. Use familiar table formatting options –resizing columns, coloring cells, rows and columns, and sorting the table by clicking the column headers – to view the information the way you like it.

### Insert a table

#### To create a table:

1. Hit the **Table** button in the toolbar
2. Click a cell in the drop-down to set the number of columns and rows in your table

*Screenshot: Insert a table with 3 rows and 3 columns*



### Edit your table

To resize table columns, just click and drag the column's border. To make other changes to your table, click inside it to reveal the table toolbar.

Here's a summary of the table tools:

	<b>Column width modes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responsive</b> – The table will expand as you add content, and you can drag to resize the columns. It'll also resize itself to fit the page-viewer's window size (within reason).</li> <li>• <b>Fixed width</b> – Drag column borders to set width. Columns appear at your set size, regardless of content and window size.</li> </ul>
	<b>Rows</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insert rows before or after the current row</li> <li>• Delete the current row</li> <li>• Cut, copy and paste the current row</li> <li>• Mark a row as a header row (shaded with bold text)</li> </ul>



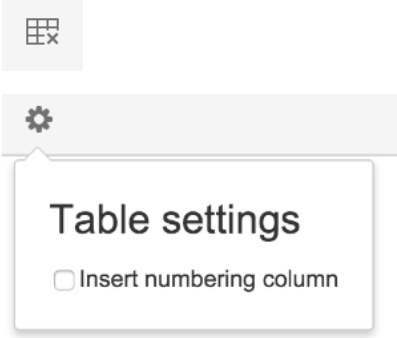
#### On this page:

- [Insert a table](#)
- [Edit your table](#)
- [Shortcut keys](#)
- [Sort the table in view mode](#)
- [Sticky table headers in view mode](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Page Layouts, Columns and Sections](#)
- [The Editor](#)



	<b>Columns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insert columns before or after the current column</li> <li>• Delete the current column</li> <li>• Cut, copy and paste the current column</li> <li>• Mark a column as a header column (shaded with bold text)</li> </ul>
	<b>Cells</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merge selected cells</li> <li>• Split selected cells</li> <li>• Change cell color</li> </ul>
	<b>Table</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delete table</li> <li>• Add a numbering column to automatically number each row</li> </ul>

### Shortcut keys

Windows	Action	Mac OS X
Ctrl+Shift+c	Copy the current table row, or the selected rows.	Cmd+Shift+c
Ctrl+Shift+i	Insert a table. (Opens the Insert Table dialog.)	Cmd+Shift+i
Ctrl+Shift+v	Paste the table rows from your clipboard, placing them above the current row.	Cmd+Shift+v
Ctrl+Shift+x	Cut the current table row, or the selected rows.	Cmd+Shift+x
Alt+Up Arrow	Add a row above the current row.	Alt+Up Arrow
Alt+Down Arrow	Add a row below the current row.	Alt+Down Arrow

For more editor keyboard shortcuts, see [Keyboard shortcuts](#).

### Sort the table in view mode

When viewing a table on a page, you can sort it by clicking the sort icons in the header row.

*Screenshot: A colorful, sortable table*

Document	Author	Reviewer
Getting Started	Sandy	Joan
Installation Guide	Sandy	Pete
Upgrade Guide	Juan	Lise

### Sticky table headers in view mode

In some instances table header rows will stick to the top when you're viewing a page, making those *really* long tables easier to read. There are a few exceptions, though. Table headers aren't sticky when your table:

- Is inside a page layout, or inside another table.
- Has no header row or there are cells in the top row that aren't marked as headers.
- Has a header column, instead of a header row, and scrolls horizontally.
- Contains another table, that has its own header row.

## Add, Assign, and View Tasks

Keep track of the things that need to get done with tasks. With the ability to give each task an assignee and due date, and plenty of ways to see your tasks, you can make sure nothing slips through the cracks.

### On this page:

- [Add a task](#)
- [View tasks](#)
- [Notes](#)

### Add a task

You can add tasks on any page in Confluence. For example, you might add tasks under action items on a [meeting notes](#) page, or in a [project planning](#) page – anywhere you need a lightweight task management solution.

To create a task:

1. In the editor, choose the **Task list**



button or use the keyboard shortcut [ **T** ]

2. Start typing your task – [@mention](#) someone to assign the task to them, and type **//** and choose a due date

The first person you mention in a task is the assignee; you can even assign tasks to yourself.

**Note:** If you assign a task to someone who doesn't have permission to view the page or space, they won't see the task.

### View tasks

There are a number of ways to keep track of tasks assigned to you, or tasks you've created for others.

#### On a page

The simplest way to see a task is on the page it was originally created on. It's easy to see if a task is complete, who it's assigned to, and when it's due. If a task is nearing or passed its due date, the color of the date will change (red for overdue, orange for due in the next 7 days).

## Action items




- ☒ @Rach Admin to decide on name of project space
- ☐ @Ewan User to finish creating the new project space by 15 Apr 2014
- ☒ @Sophie to investigate venues for offsite and prepare costings for at least three different options by 02 Apr 2014
- ☐ @Sophie User distribute agenda for offsite 23 Apr 2014

### In your profile

The tasks page in your profile gives you a place to see all the tasks relevant to you. Easily keep track of the status of tasks assigned to you, and tasks you've created and assigned to others.

To view the tasks page, go to **Profile > Tasks**. Use the filters to show tasks that were assigned to you or created by you in the last 6 months, and toggle between complete or incomplete tasks.

Assigned to me Created by me Incomplete Complete

Description	Due date	Task appears on
<input type="checkbox"/> Organise venue for project offsite  07 Apr 2014 @Sophie User	07 Apr 2014	2014-04-09 Meeting notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Organise customer interviews - @Sophie User  17 Apr 2014	17 Apr 2014	Project Offsite
<input type="checkbox"/> @Sophie schedule a follow up meeting  30 Apr 2014	30 Apr 2014	2014-03-25 Meeting notes
<input type="checkbox"/> @Sophie to prepare talk about new campaign		Project Offsite

Prev 1 Next

For a custom view create a task report

If you need to see more than just your last 6 months of tasks, use a Task Report.

### In a Task Report

If you're looking for a more custom view of tasks, the [Task Report blueprint](#) is a great way to track tasks assigned to a specific team or project.

To create a task report:

1. Choose **Create > Task Report**
2. Select the type of report:
  - **Assigned to my team** – for tasks assigned to particular people.
  - **In my project** – for tasks that appear in a specific space or page.
  - **Custom** – for a wide range of filtering options, including by date or page label.
3. Follow the prompts to create the report.

This blueprint uses the [Task Report Macro](#). You can also choose to use this macro on an existing page, for example, on a project or team space homepage.

Meeting actions this month			
Created and last modified by Rach Admin a minute ago			
Description	Due date ▾	Assignee	Task appears on
<input type="checkbox"/> @Leah Admin to schedule a follow up meeting		Leah Admin	2014-03-25 Meeting notes
<input type="checkbox"/> @Ewan User to finish creating the new project space by 10 Mar 2014	10 Mar 2014	Ewan User	2014-03-25 Meeting notes
<input type="checkbox"/> @Josh User add designs to the project space's file list by 02 Apr 2014	02 Apr 2014	Josh User	2014-03-29 Meeting notes

### Notes

- The date picker can be triggered by typing // or by typing a date in the format dd/mm/yyyy or dd-mm-yyyy. Typing other date formats in the editor won't trigger the date picker.
- Personal Tasks (created in the Workbox in older versions of Confluence) don't appear in the Tasks view or Task Report. To migrate any incomplete personal tasks, go to **Workbox > Personal Tasks** and follow the prompts.
- The wiki markup based [Tasklist Macro](#) has been removed from the macro browser. If you have a Tasklist macro on a page it will continue to work, but you will be unable to add new Tasklists using this macro.

## Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions

When using the Confluence editor, you can type a trigger character or press a [keyboard shortcut](#) to see a list of suggested [links](#), [files](#) or [macros](#) to add to your page, or to [mention another user](#) (and automatically notify them of this).

### Summary of autocomplete

What you want to do	Trigger character	Keyboard shortcut	Description
Add a link on your page	[	Ctrl+Shift+K	See a list of suggested pages or other locations to link to from your page. <a href="#">More...</a>
Display an image, video, audio file or document on your page	!	Ctrl+Shift+M	See a list of suggested images, multimedia files and documents to embed in your page. <a href="#">More...</a>
Add a macro on your page	{	None	See a list of suggestions as you begin typing a macro name. <a href="#">More...</a>
Notify another user by email that you have mentioned them on your page	@	None	See a list of suggested users to mention. <a href="#">More...</a>

#### On this page:

- [Summary of autocomplete](#)
- [Using autocomplete for links](#)
- [Using autocomplete for images, videos, audio files and documents](#)
- [Using autocomplete for macros](#)
- [Using autocomplete for mentions](#)
- [Canceling autocomplete](#)
- [Enabling and disabling autocomplete](#)
- [Ignoring autocomplete](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Links](#)
- [Using Images](#)
- [Macros](#)
- [Keyboard shortcuts](#)
- [Your profile and settings](#)

### Using autocomplete for links

Type '[', or press Ctrl+Shift+K, to see a list of suggested pages or other locations to link to from your page. You can link to pages, user profiles, images, documents and other file attachments.

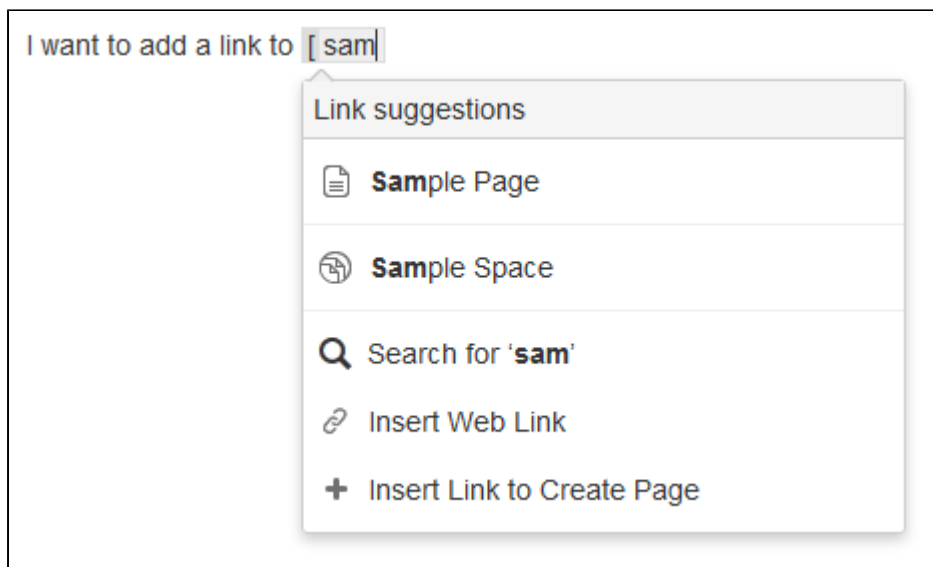
#### To autocomplete a link:

1. Edit the page.
2. Click where you want to insert a link and do one of the following:
  - Type '[' and then the first few characters of the page title, user's name, image name or file name.
  - Type the first few characters of the page title, user's name, image name or file name (or select relevant text) and then press Ctrl+Shift+K.
3. Click the relevant link from the list of suggestions.

If the item you need is not in the list, either:

- Choose **Search for 'xxx'** to continue looking for the page within Confluence, or
- Choose **Insert Web Link** to insert a link to an external web page using the link browser.


*Screenshot: Autocomplete for a link*



#### Using autocomplete for images, videos, audio files and documents

You can use the autocomplete as a fast way of embedding images, videos, audio files and documents into your page. Type an exclamation mark or press Ctrl+Shift+M to see a list of suggested images, multimedia files and documents to display on your page. You can use autocomplete to embed the following file types:

- Images – any format that Confluence supports.
- Videos, audio files and all multimedia formats that Confluence supports.
- Office documents supported by the Confluence Office Connector: Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- PDF files.

 Autocomplete works most efficiently for files that are already attached to the Confluence page.

#### To embed an image, video, audio file or document:

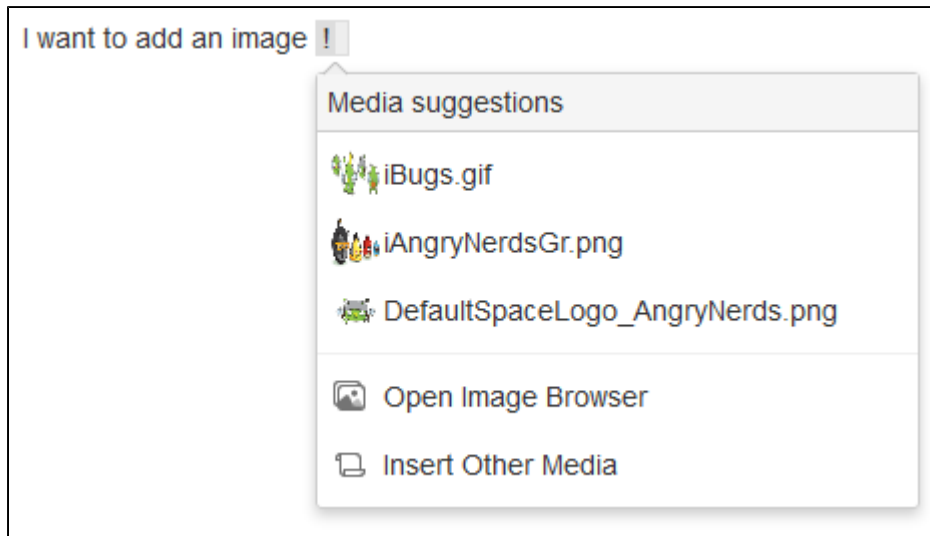
1. Edit the page.
2. Click where you want to insert the image, video, audio file or document and do one of the following:
  - Type '!' and then the first few characters of the image, file or document name.
  - Type the first few characters of the name of the image, file or document (or select relevant text) and then press Ctrl+Shift+M.
3. Choose the relevant file from the list of suggestions.

If the item you need is not in the list, either:

- Choose **Open Image Browser** to find images and documents using the image browser, or
- Choose **Insert Other Media** to embed videos, audio and other multimedia files using the macro

browser. Insert the 'Multimedia' macro to display your multimedia file.

*Screenshot: Autocomplete for an image or document*



### Using autocomplete for macros

Type '{' to see a list of suggested macros to add to your page.

Autocomplete provides access to all available macros in your Confluence site, including any user macros that your administrator has added and made visible to all.

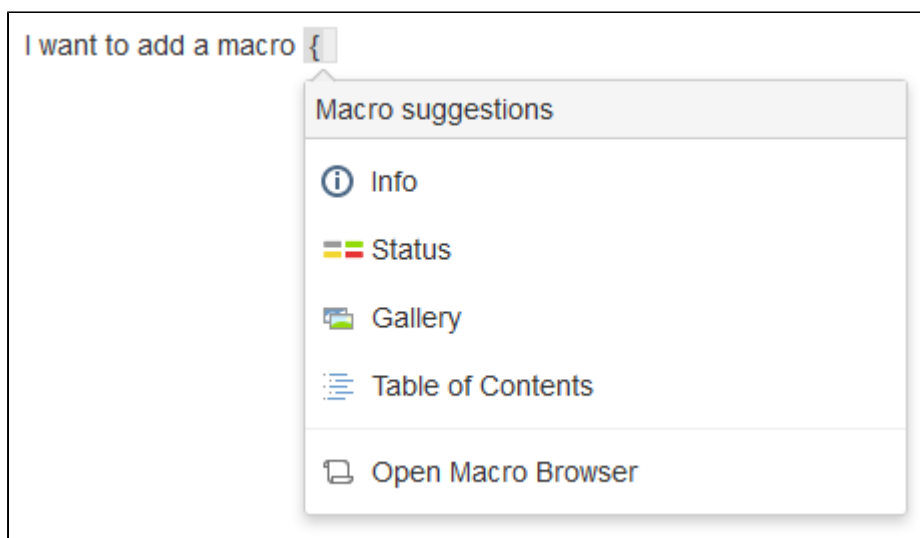
**i** You need to know the name of macro. Autocomplete for macros will only match the name of the macro, not the description.

#### To autocomplete a macro using '{':

1. Edit the page.
2. Click where you want to insert the macro.
3. Type '{' and then the first few characters of the macro name.
4. Choose the relevant macro from the list of suggestions.
5. Configure the macro by completing the form fields as prompted.

If the macro you need is not in the list, choose **Open Macro Browser** in the list of suggestions to continue looking for the macro in the macro browser. See [Macros](#).

*Screenshot: Autocomplete for a macro*



## Using autocomplete for mentions

You can use autocomplete to automatically notify another Confluence user that you have mentioned them in a page, blog post, or comment. Type '@' and part of the person's name, to see a list of suggested users.

**Note:** Use the person's full name. Autocomplete will recognize users' full names only, not their usernames.

## Canceling autocomplete

The autocomplete starts automatically when you press the trigger characters. You may want to close the autocomplete menu or escape from autocomplete once it has started.

There are a few different ways to stop the autocomplete once it has started:

- Press the escape key, 'Esc', on your keyboard.
- Click somewhere else in the editor panel.
- Press an arrow key to move out of the autocomplete area.
- For the *link* autocomplete only: enter a right-hand square bracket, like this: **]**

## Enabling and disabling autocomplete

You can turn off the triggering of autocomplete by the '[' and '!' characters. This will prevent the autocomplete from starting automatically when you press one of the trigger characters. You can also turn it back on again.

Notes:

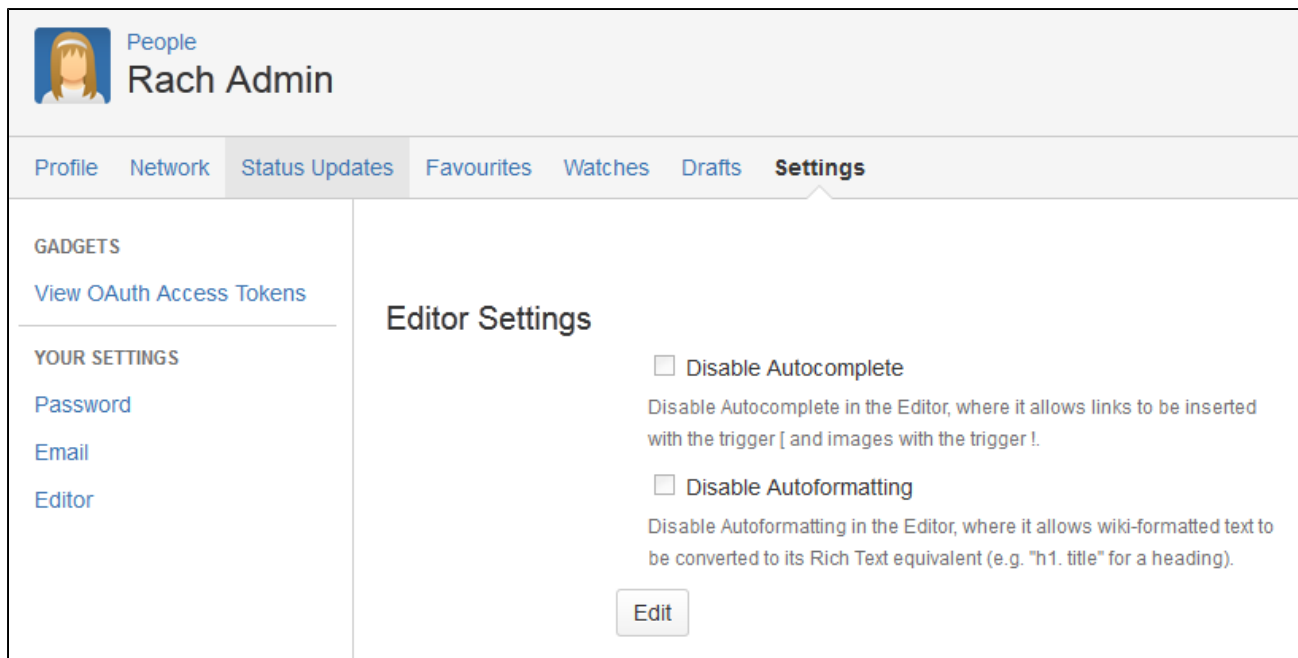
- This setting does not affect the keyboard shortcuts for autocomplete (Ctrl+Shift+K and Ctrl+Shift+M). Even if the trigger characters are disabled, you can still use the keyboard shortcuts for autocomplete.
- This setting affects only you. Other people using Confluence can enable or disable the setting on their user profiles independently.
- Note that autocomplete is enabled by default.

### To enable or disable the autocomplete trigger characters:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Choose **Editor** under 'Your Settings' in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Either:
  - Disable autocompletion by selecting **Disable Autocomplete**.
  - Enable autocompletion by clearing **Disable Autocomplete**.
5. Choose **Submit**.

*Screenshot: User settings for the editor*





### Ignoring autocomplete

You can add macros, links and images by [wiki markup](#) alone. Type the macro, including its parameters and the closing curly bracket. Add a link, such as an anchor link, and end it with a square bracket. Insert an image or other embedded object, enclosed between exclamation marks. As soon as you close the macro, link, or embedded image, Confluence will convert it to rich text format and add it to the page.

For more information about mouse-free macros, links and images, choose **Help**



> **Keyboard Shortcuts** from the Confluence header.

## Page Layouts, Columns and Sections

The layout of your pages can have a big impact on how they're read, and layouts, used well, allow you to position text, images, macros, charts, and much more, to have the best visual impact.

There are two ways to modify the layout of a Confluence page:

- Use page layouts to add sections and columns
- Use macros to add sections and columns.

Page layouts provide a simple, visual representation of your page layout in the editor, while the macros are more flexible and allow for greater complexity in your layout.

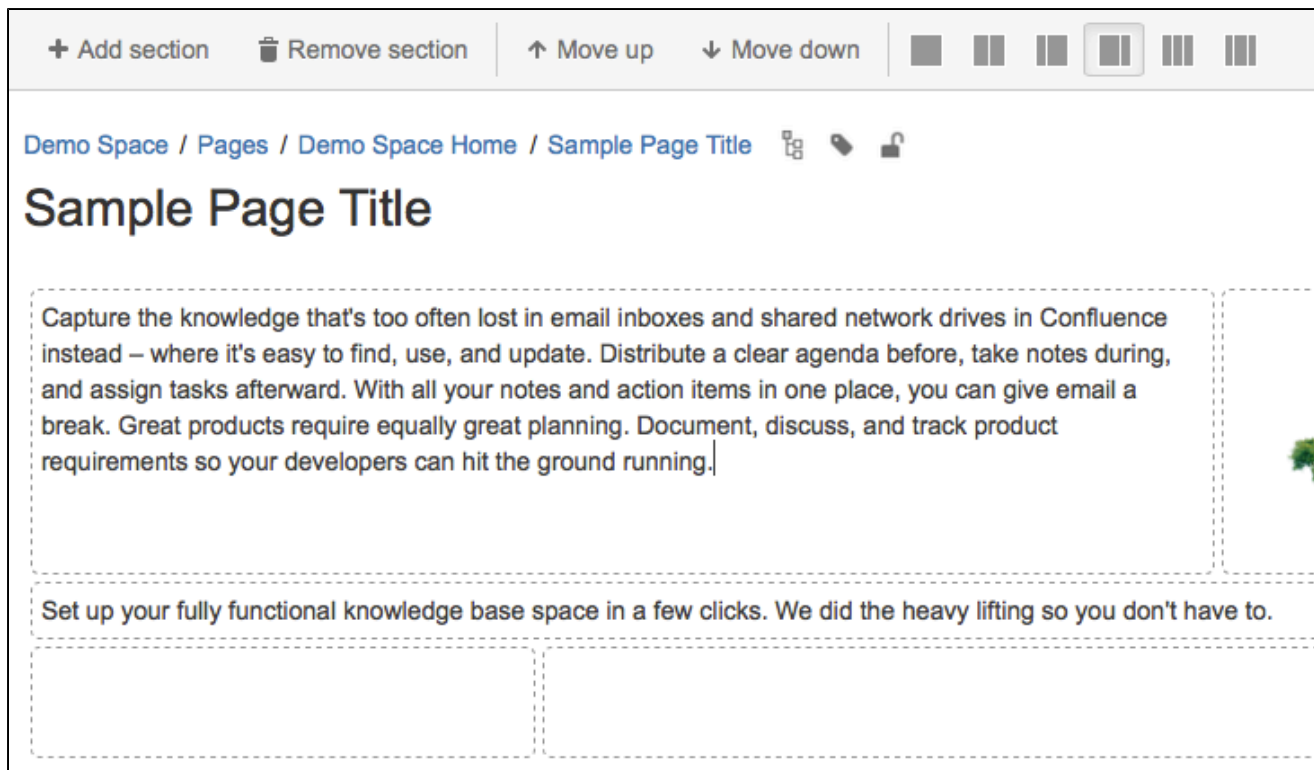
### Use page layouts

The page layouts tool allows you to structure your page using horizontal sections and vertical columns. By adding multiple sections with different column configurations you can build quite complex layouts very easily.

*Screenshot: Editor view of a page showing three sections with different column configurations.*

#### On this page:

- [The Section and Column macros](#)



Start by adding a horizontal section to your page.

#### To add a section:

1. Choose the **Page Layout**



button in the toolbar

The Page Layout toolbar appears.

2. Choose **Add Section**

The new section appears below your current content, with the boundaries of the section(s) indicated by dotted lines (the dotted lines aren't visible when you view the page).

#### To change the column layout in a section:

1. Place your cursor in the section you wish to change
2. Choose a layout from the page layout toolbar (for example, two columns or three columns)

Any text, images or macros in your section are not lost when you change the column layout. When you decrease the number of columns, Confluence will move your content to the left. When you increase the number of columns, Confluence will add blank columns to the right of your existing content.

#### To move a section to another part of the page:

1. Place your cursor in the section you wish to move
2. Choose the **Move up** or **Move down** buttons

The section and all of its content will be moved above or below other sections on the page.

#### To delete a section:

1. Place your cursor in the section you wish to remove
2. Choose **Remove section**

The section and all of its content will be removed.

#### Notes about Page Layouts

- **Column width** – The width of the columns are fixed. If you need more than three columns, or columns of a specific width, you should use the Section and Column macros described below.

- **Very wide tables** – The width of each column is set to a percentage of the page width. The icons in the drop-down menu indicate the relative widths for each layout. In most cases, Confluence will adapt the width of the columns to fit the width of the page. If a column includes an item that's too wide for it, you'll see a horizontal scroll bar when viewing the page.

## The Section and Column macros

You can use the Section and Column macros to add a set of columns to the page. The Section macro defines an area that will contain the columns. You can have as many sections as you like. Within each section, you can have as many columns as you like.

The Section and Column macros are useful if you want to define a specific percentage or pixel width for each column.

### To add a section and some columns to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find the **Section** macro, select it and insert it onto the page
3. Choose **Insert > Other Macros** again
4. Find and insert the **Column** macro
5. Add your content to the column

Insert as many columns as you like within the section.

You should always have at least one column macro within a section macro. Using a section macro without any column macros can negatively affect page loading time.

*Screenshot: A section and two columns in the editor*



When you see the page in view mode, the above layout is displayed like this:

Content for column 1 goes here  
Content for column 2 goes here

### Macro parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

*Parameters of the Section macro*

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Show Border</b>	false	Select this option to draw a border around the section and columns. <b>Note:</b> Without a Column macro , the border will not be displayed correctly.

*Parameters of the Column macro*

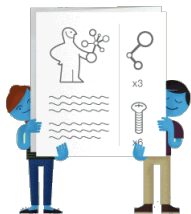
Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Column Width</b>	100% of the page width, divided equally by the number of columns in the section.	Specify the width of the column, in pixels (for example, 400px) or as a percentage of the available width (for example, 50%).

All content within your section must be enclosed within a Column macro, otherwise the section layout will not work as expected.

## Create Beautiful and Dynamic Pages

Confluence has a number of features that help you build attractive pages to engage your readers and give them the opportunity to interact with up-to-date information. This page summarizes those features and provides links to detailed instructions.

### Add visual appeal



**Pictures, photographs and screenshots.** Confluence pages can display images from your Confluence site and from other websites. To put an image into Confluence, you can upload it and attach it to a page or blog post, then display it on any page, blog post or comment.

Alternatively, display a remote image using its web address (URL). See [Displaying Images](#).

**Galleries.** Use the [Gallery Macro](#) to display a set of images. When viewing the page, people can click any of the pictures to zoom in and view the images as a slide show.

**People.** Add a [Profile Picture Macro](#) to show a picture of a Confluence user, or a [User Profile Macro](#) to show a summary of the person's profile as well as their avatar.

**Multimedia.** You can display movies, animations and videos, and embed audio files on your Confluence page. For example, Confluence supports Adobe Flash, MP3, MP4, and various other movie formats. See [Embedding Multimedia Content](#).

**Social video and image sharing.** The Widget macro displays live content from social sites such as [YouTube](#) and other video sharing sites, and [Flickr](#) for shared photographs. See the guide to the [Widget Connector Macro](#).

### Bring numbers to life

The [Chart Macro](#) offers a variety of graphs and charts that you can use to illustrate statistics and other

#### On this page:

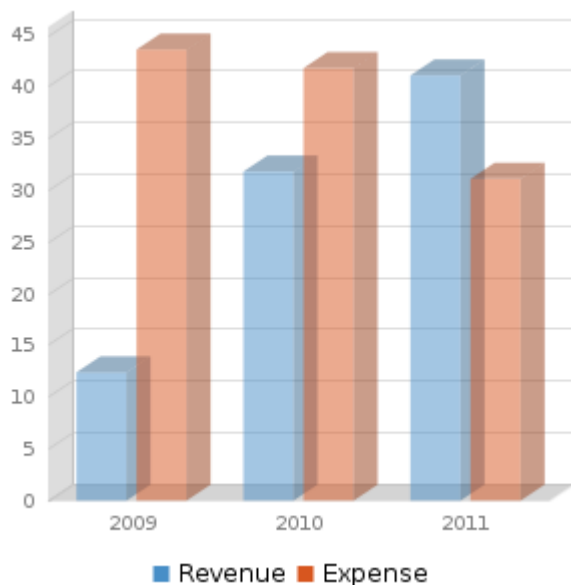
- [Add visual appeal](#)
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- [Show activity streams](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Macros](#)
- [The Editor](#)
- [Create and Edit Pages](#)

numerical data.

*Illustration: A 3-dimensional bar chart produced by the Chart macro*



## Display presentations and documents

Display your Office documents and other presentations directly in Confluence.

- Attach your Office documents to a Confluence page then display them on the page, using the [View File Macro](#). This works for Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations and Word documents.
- Display PDF files in Confluence too, also with the [View File Macro](#).
- Use the [Widget Connector Macro](#) to show slide decks hosted on SlideShare and other online presentation sites.



*Illustration: A PowerPoint slide deck*

## Pull in content from JIRA applications

Many project teams and customers also use JIRA applications such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk. Rather than copying and pasting issues onto your Confluence page, you can display it directly from the source, thus ensuring that the information shown in Confluence is always up to date.

Link to a feature request in your issue tracker, or display a list of fixed issues – useful for release notes and project planning. See the [JIRA Issues Macro](#).

## Tell a story in pictures

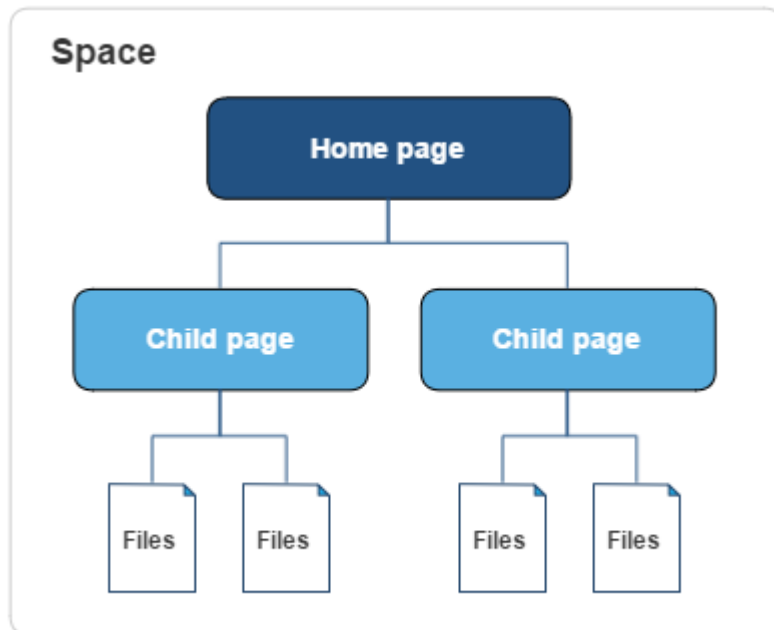
A number of Confluence add-ons provide sophisticated tools for creating diagrams and mockups.

For example:

- [Balsamiq Mockups for Confluence](#)
- [Creately for Confluence](#)
- [Gliffy Confluence Plugin](#)
- [Graphviz Plugin for Confluence](#)
- [Lucidchart for Confluence](#)

Search the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) for more add-ons.

*Before installing an add-on (also called a plugin) into your Confluence site, please check the add-on's information page to see whether it is supported by Atlassian, by another vendor, or not at all. See our guidelines on [add-on support](#).*



*Illustration: A Gliffy diagram*

### Vary the structure of your pages

You can build up a custom layout by using the page layout tool to add sections and columns to your page. See the detailed guidelines to [Page Layouts, Columns and Sections](#).

Do you need to display tabular data, which your readers can sort when viewing the page? See [Tables](#).

Use other macros to highlight and format sections of your page:

- [Panel](#)
- [Info, Tip, Note, and Warning](#)
- [Code block](#)
- [Noformat](#)

### Integrate your content with social media

People share information on various social sites. You can make Confluence a focal point where people collect their shared information and see what is happening in the areas that matter to them.

Use the [Widget Connector](#) macro:

- Show a live stream of tweets from a Twitter user, or tweets matching a Twitter search.
- Display a video from YouTube or other online movie sites.
- Share photographs from Flickr.
- See what else the [Widget Connector](#) macro can do.

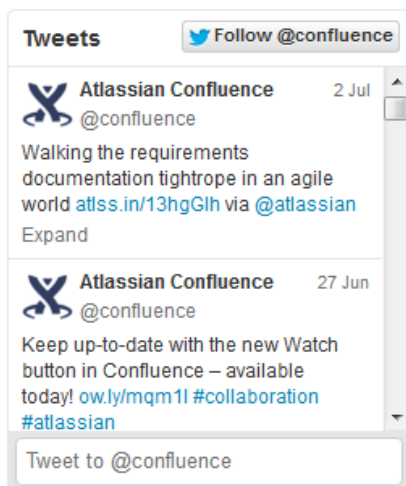


Illustration: Twitter stream via the Widget macro

## Show activity streams

Make your Confluence pages dynamic and interactive with:

- An activity stream showing updates and comments on Confluence and other linked applications. See [Gadgets](#).
- An RSS feed from within Confluence or an external site. See [Subscribe to RSS Feeds within Confluence](#).
- A list of recent blog posts from within Confluence. See [Blog Posts Macro](#).

## Page Templates

When you add a new page, you don't have to start from scratch. Instead, you can base your new page on a template – a Confluence page with predefined content. Some templates are provided by blueprints or add-ons, and you can even [create your own templates](#).

Some examples of useful templates are:

- The [meeting notes template](#) will help you and your team collaborate on notes and follow-up tasks
- The [requirements template](#) allows you to capture your software/hardware product requirements, and create related JIRA issues from the page

## Global templates and space templates

In Confluence, there are two categories of page templates:

- **Space templates:** These page templates are available in a specific space only. If you have [space administrator permission](#), you can define templates via the space administration screen.
- **Global templates:** These page templates are available in every space on your site. If you have [Confluence Administrator permission](#), you can define global templates via the Confluence Administration Console.

If you're a system administrator, you can also [download predefined templates](#).



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- [Templates provided by blueprints](#)
- [Promote templates in the Create dialog](#)
- [System templates](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Create a Template](#)
- [Administering Site Templates](#)
- [Importing Templates](#)
- [Create a Page from a Template](#)

## Create a template

You can write your template using the Confluence editor. You can also add special variables to the page, if you want to include fields that the author will complete when adding the page. See [Create a Template](#) for more information.

## Use a template

Page templates are used only when adding a page. It is not possible to apply a template to an already-existing page. Once a page has been added using a template, the template is no longer linked to the page. All further editing is performed as if the template was never used. Some plugins provide enhanced template functionality. You can search the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) for template add-ons. See [Create a Page from a Template](#) for more information.

## Templates provided by blueprints

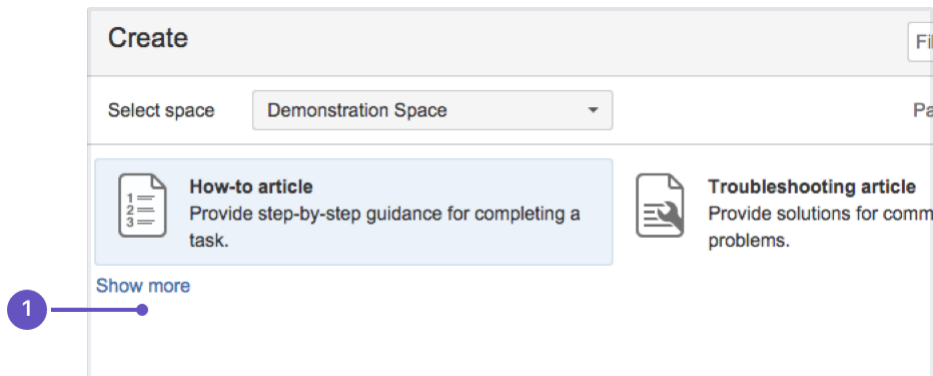
A [blueprint](#) is a page template with added functionality to help you create, manage and organize content in Confluence, and there's a collection of predefined ones that ship with Confluence. You can also download additional blueprints from the [Atlassian Marketplace](#). You can customize the blueprint templates to suit your individual needs, disable particular blueprints or even develop your own blueprints.

## Promote templates in the Create dialog

If you're a space administrator, you can choose to promote specific templates and blueprints in the Create dialog. Promoting items can help ensure consistency in a space by encouraging users to create particular

types of content, instead of blank pages.

The promoted templates or blueprints will appear at the top, with all other content types, including Blank Page and Blog Post collapsed under them. To view the other types of content available choose the **Show more** link.



1. **Show more**: see more templates and blueprints.

#### To promote a template or blueprint:

1. Go to **Space Tools > Content Tools**
2. Choose **Promote** next to the templates or blueprints you want to appear in the Create dialog

Remember, by promoting a blueprint or template you'll be hiding all other items, including blank page and blog post, under the **Show more** link.

If you use the **Show more** link in the create dialog more than three times in a single space, the dialog will show you all templates by default from then on.

### System templates

Confluence also provides 'system templates' containing content like the site welcome message and default space content. See [Administering Site Templates](#).

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#### Add a template

##### To create a new space template:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Templates > Create new template**.

##### To create a new global template:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration Global Templates and Blueprints**.
2. Choose **Add New Global Template**

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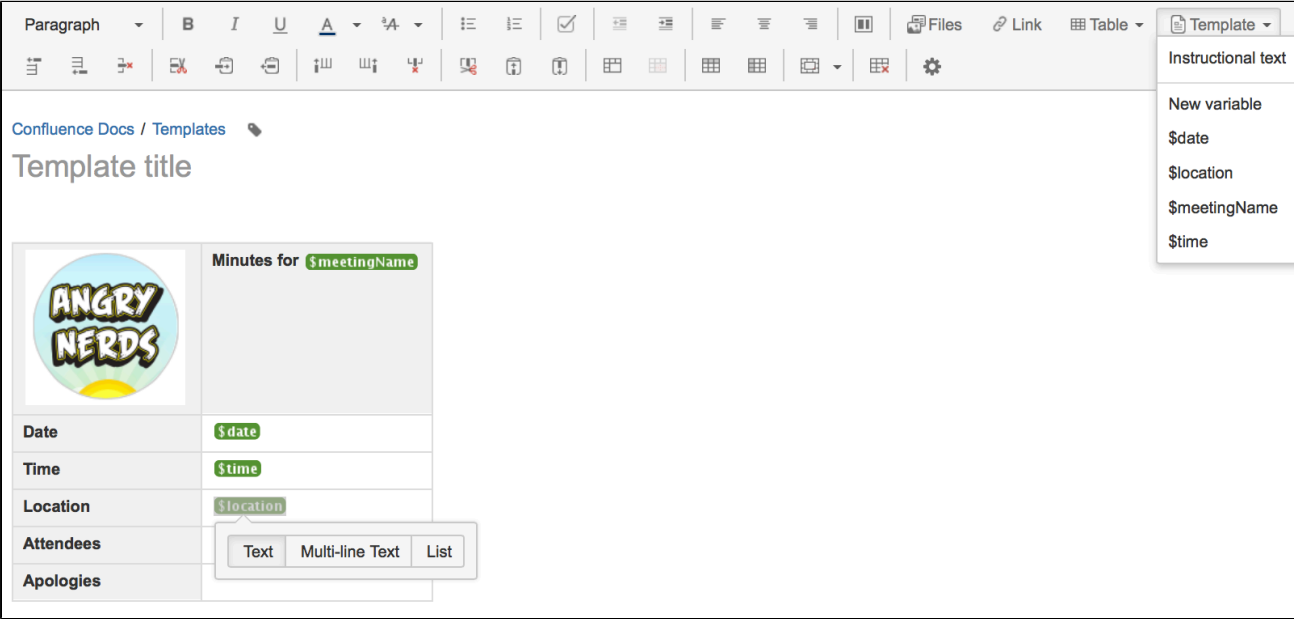
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- [Page Templates](#)
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- [Macros](#)
- [The Editor](#)

Check out the article [How to document releases and share release notes](#) to see how helpful creating templates in Confluence can be.

**The template editor**

When you create or edit a template, you'll be [using the editor](#) in much the same way as when you edit a page or blog post. In addition you can add variables, which will produce a form for data collection when anyone adds a page based on the template.

Screenshot: The template editor with an image, table, text, and variables



Screenshot: The form displayed when you create a page based on the template

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# Page Template Wizard

## Step 2: Fill in template variables

The information you supply will become part of the content in your new page.

	<b>Minutes for</b> <input type="text"/> (meetingName)
<b>Date</b>	<input type="text"/> (date)
<b>Time</b>	<input type="text"/> (time)
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Meeting room 1"/> (location)
<b>Attendees</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Apologies</b>	<input type="text"/>

## Minutes

- Add your first meeting minute, here.

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### Template variables

When you add variables to your template, they will act as form fields. When you create a page based on a template, you'll see a text entry box for each field. Enter data into each field, and it'll be added to the page.

You can add the same variable more than once in the same template, which is useful if you need the same information in more than one place on the page.

### To insert a variable into a template:

1. Choose **Template > New Variable** from the editor toolbar (or choose an existing variable to add it to the page)
2. Enter a name for the variable
3. Press **Enter** (by default this will create a single-line text input field)

To change the variable type, click the variable placeholder and the variable's property panel will appear. Choose one of the variable types: **Text**, **Multi-line Text**, or **List**.

You can change the number of lines and width in characters of a **Multi-line Text** field. If you choose **List**, enter each of the items in your list, separated by commas.

The screenshot shows two sections of the Confluence template editor. The top section, labeled '\$comments', contains a configuration bar with a dropdown set to '5', a multiplier 'x', another dropdown set to '100', and three radio buttons: 'Text' (selected), 'Multi-line Text', and 'List'. The bottom section, labeled '\$options', contains a text input field with the value 'kick-off,standup,sparring' and three radio buttons: 'Text' (selected), 'Multi-line Text', and 'List'.

**Hint:** Type **\$** and the variable name, then press **Enter** to add a new variable or to select an existing variable from a list of suggestions. The suggestions dialog shows variables already defined in this template.

### Labels

If you'd like all pages created using this template to have one or more labels, choose the labels icon



next to the breadcrumbs at the top of the page to add them.

### Images and other attachments

You can't upload an image or other file into a template directly. First you'll need to upload the file to a page in your site, then in your template, choose **Insert** > **Files** > **Search on other pages** to embed the file or image.

### Instructional text

Instructional text is placeholder content in a template, and is only visible while you're editing the page. Use it to give guidance to whoever is creating a page from the template.

#### To insert instructional text:

1. Choose **Template** > **Instructional Text** in the toolbar
2. Type in your instructional text (for example, *Insert an image of the interface here.*)

Instructional text appears in italics with a shaded background, to distinguish it from normal paragraph text.

You can also change the placeholder type from **Text** to either:

- **User mention** – Opens the user mention dialog.
- **JIRA Macro** – Opens a dialog that allows you to create a new JIRA issue, or search for one or more JIRA issues to include on the page.

### Add a description to your template

The template description displays in the 'Create' dialog, and is useful for explaining the purpose of your template to other users.

#### To add a description to a template:

- Go to the space or global templates page (as described [above](#))
- Choose the **Edit** icon in the 'Description' column
- Enter your description and choose **Save**

User Created Templates					Create New Template
Name	Description	Last Updated By	Updated	Operations	
<a href="#">Meeting Minutes Template</a>	My new meeting minutes template. 	Gil User	Aug 27, 2014	<a href="#">Promote</a> · <a href="#">Edit</a> · <a href="#">Delete</a>	

1. **Edit:** use the pencil icon to edit your template's description.

#### Edit or delete a template

If you need to change anything about your template, or want to delete it, navigate to either your space or global template (as described [above](#)) and choose either **Edit** or **Delete**.

#### Notes

- Page templates are used only when adding a page. It is not possible to apply a template to an already-existing page. Once a page has been added using a template, the template is no longer linked to the page. All further editing is performed as if the template was never used. Some plugins provide enhanced template functionality. You can search the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) for template add-ons.
- When you use a [Table of Contents macro](#) in a template, you'll see an error when you preview the template, but the Table of Contents macro works on the pages that people create from the template.
- The editor for templates is available only in **Confluence 4.3 and later**. Please refer to the [earlier documentation](#) for a description of the wiki markup editor templates.
- Confluence also provides 'system templates' containing content like the site welcome message and default space content. See [Administering Site Templates](#).

### Create a Page from a Template

You can create a page based on a global template (available to all spaces) or a space template (available only to that space).

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

#### Information copied from the template to the page

When you create a page based on a template, Confluence will copy the following content and information from the template to the new page:

- Labels
- Text and styles
- Layouts and formatting
- Macros
- Embedded images and other files. Note that you cannot attach an image or other file to a template. But if the template displays an image or file from another page, the new page will display that image or file too.

#### Form fields displayed by the template

If the template author included variables in the template, Confluence will display a form prompting you to

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supply values for the variables when you add the page.

#### Using a template to create a page

##### To create a page based on a template:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header


2. Select a **space** and the **template** you want to use and choose **Next**  
If the template contains variables, you'll see a form allowing you to add values for the form variables.
3. Type the relevant information into the form fields, and choose **Next**  
Now you'll see a new page based on the template. If you added information in the form fields, the page content will include that information.
4. Name your page, add content or make any other changes required and hit **Save**

*Screenshot: Form showing template variables when creating a page from a template*

## Page Template Wizard

### Step 2: Fill in template variables

The information you supply will become part of the content in your new page.

	<h3>Minutes for</h3> <div>Status Meeting (MeetingName)</div>
<b>Date</b>	<div>15/02/2013 (Date)</div>
<b>Time</b>	<div>9:00 AM (Time)</div>
<b>Location</b>	<div>Meeting Room 1 (Location)</div>
<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Apologies</b>	

### Minutes

- Add the first item here...

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#### Notes

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already-existing page. Once a page has been added using a template, the template is no longer linked to the page. All further editing is performed as if the template was never used. Some plugins provide enhanced template functionality. You can search the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) for template add-ons.

## Blueprints

### What's a blueprint?

A blueprint is a set of page templates with added functionality to help you create, manage and organize content in Confluence more easily.

Create meeting notes, shared file lists and requirements documentation out of the box, and [Customize the blueprint templates](#) to suit your individual needs. You can even [develop your own blueprints](#).

### Create content using a blueprint

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select a blueprint from the create dialog
3. Hit **Create**

The editor will open, and, depending on the blueprint selected, a prompt to enter information or the page will appear. You can now follow the instructions built in to the blueprint to add content.

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#### Related pages:

- [Page Templates](#)
- [Request Add-ons](#)

The first time a blueprint is used in a space, Confluence creates an index page and adds a shortcut to your sidebar (if you're using the default theme). The index displays a list of pages made with the blueprint, and information selected information from your blueprint pages. For example, the meeting notes index displays a list of all meeting notes pages in the space, who created them, and when they were last modified. Here's the index page for the Meeting Notes blueprint:

**Meeting notes**  
Created by Rachel Robins [Atlassian Technical Writer] a minute ago

Create meeting note

Incomplete tasks from meetings

Description	Due date	Assignee	Task appears on
@Giles Brunning to arrange venue for team outing		Giles Brunning	2015-06-01 Meeting notes

All meeting notes

Title	Creator	Modified
2015-06-01 Meeting notes	Rachel Robins [Atlassian Technic...	less than a minute ago
2015-06-04 Meeting notes	Rachel Robins [Atlassian Technic...	a minute ago

Like Be the first to like this

No labels

1. **Easy to find:** notes from all your meetings are listed here.
2. **Start a new meeting:** create a new meeting notes page here.

### Customize blueprint templates

Blueprints are made up of templates that can be customized for an individual space or the whole site. This means you can adapt the content of the blueprint pages to suit your specific needs. For example, you might update the Meeting Notes blueprint templates to include a heading for apologies.

If you have [space administrator permissions](#), you can customize blueprint templates for the spaces you are an administrator of. You must be a Confluence Administrator to customize blueprint templates for a whole site. See [Administering Site Templates](#) for more information.

#### To customize a blueprint template for a space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Edit** beside the blueprint template you wish to edit
3. Make your changes to the template and choose **Save**

Editing a blueprint template is very similar to editing a page template, except:

- Be careful not to remove any macros that the blueprint page or index page may use to store and display information
- You can't remove a blueprint template or change the template name

#### To reset a blueprint template back to the default:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Reset to default** beside the blueprint template you wish to reset

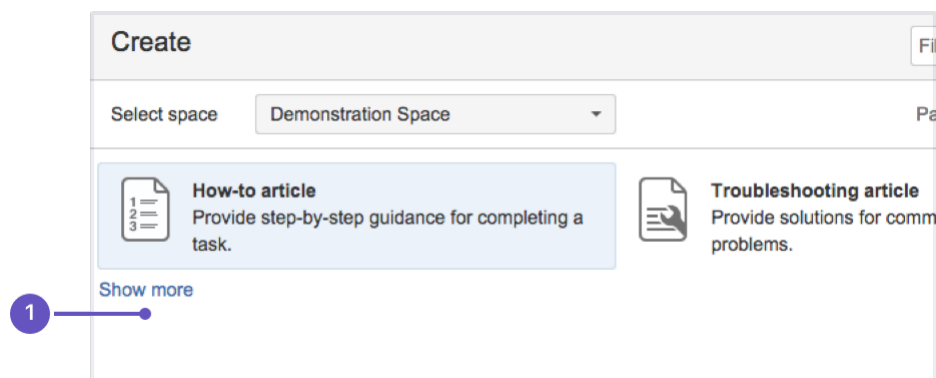
See [Working With Templates](#) and [Administering Site Templates](#) for more information on templates.

As with user created space and site templates, editing a blueprint template will not change existing pages, but any new blueprint pages will be based on the updated template.

#### Promote blueprints in the Create dialog

If you're a space administrator, you can choose to promote specific templates and blueprints in the Create dialog. Promoting items can help ensure consistency in a space by encouraging users to create particular types of content, instead of blank pages.

The promoted templates or blueprints will appear at the top, with all other content types, including Blank Page and Blog Post collapsed under them. To view the other types of content available choose the **Show more** link.



1. **Show more**: see more templates and blueprints.

#### To promote a template or blueprint:

1. Go to **Space Tools > Content Tools**
2. Choose **Promote** next to the templates or blueprints you want to appear in the Create dialog

Remember, by promoting a blueprint or template you'll be hiding all other items, including blank page and blog post, under the **Show more** link.

If you use the **Show more** link in the create dialog more than three times in a single space, the dialog will show you all templates by default from then on.

#### Add more blueprints

You can find more blueprints for Confluence in the [Atlassian Marketplace](#). Blueprints are managed using add-ons (also known as plugins).

See [Request Add-ons](#) for information on how you can search for new blueprint add-ons and send a request to your System Administrator.

If you are a System Administrator, see [Managing Add-ons or Plugins](#) for information on how to install new blueprint add-ons.

You can also develop your own blueprints. See our developer documentation on [Writing a Blueprint](#).

## Disable a blueprint


You may want to disable particular blueprints. For example, you may not want to see the Product Requirements blueprint in the create dialog in an HR or Social space. If you are a Confluence Administrator you can also disable particular page and space blueprints for the whole site.

### To disable a blueprint in a space:

- Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
- Choose **Disable** next to the blueprint you wish to disable in that space

You can re-enable the blueprint at any time.

### To disable a blueprint across a whole site:

- Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration (You need Confluence Administrator permissions to do this)
- Choose **Global Templates and Blueprints**
- Choose **Disable** next to the page or space blueprint you wish to disable

The blueprint will not appear in the 'Create' or 'Create Space' dialogs.

## Full list of blueprints

Here's the full list of blueprints bundled with Confluence.

Page blueprints	Space blueprints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Meeting notes</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">File list</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Decision</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How-to article</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Troubleshooting article</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">JIRA report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Product requirements</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Retrospective</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Share a link</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Task report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DACI decision</a> (Atlassian Team Playbook)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Experience canvas</a> (Atlassian Team Playbook)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Health Monitor</a> (Atlassian Team Playbook)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Project poster</a> (Atlassian Team Playbook)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation space</li> <li>• Team space</li> <li>• Knowledge base space</li> </ul>

## Decisions Blueprint

The Decisions blueprint helps you make decisions and record the outcomes with your team.

The first time you use the Decisions blueprint in a space, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut on your space sidebar (if you're using the default theme). The index acts as your Decision Register and lists all the decisions in that space.

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

#### Related pages:

- Blueprints
- File List Blueprint
- Meeting Notes Blueprint
- Product Requirements Blueprint

#### To create a decision page:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **Decision** and hit **Next**
3. Enter information about the decision and relevant stakeholders (the blueprint will prompt you) and hit **Create**

Once you save your first decision page, Confluence will create a decision register page for the space you're in, and add a shortcut to it in the space's sidebar.

Here's how the decisions page looks in the editor:

## What is our target launch date?

Page properties | label

Status	IN PROGRESS
Stakeholders	Rosie Admin, Josh User, Sophie User
Outcome	What did you decide?
Due date	19 Mar 2015
Owner	Rosie Admin

### Background

- Summit will be on again in 2015, so we need to be locked-in well in advance.
- Rosie Admin will be on leave in February, so that may hold things up. Can Josh User take on the leadership role?
- We have 4 teams working on this throughout that period. Is this enough?

Once you save your first decision page, Confluence will create a decision register page for the space you're in, and add a shortcut to it in the space's sidebar. The decision register lists all the decisions in that space.

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## Decision register

Created by Rachel Robins, last modified on Aug 15, 2013

Create decision

Decision	Status	Stakeholders	Outcome	Due date	Owner
How should we divide up confluence teams between writers	DECIDED	@Rachel Robins, @Giles Brunning, @Nick Doherty	Split for 5.7 onwards decided here	08 Oct 2014	@Rachel Robins
Should we retire Planning for Confluence 4 and 5 doc from the latest space	DECIDED	@Rachel Robins, @Giles Brunning	Move pages with comments to CONF40 and CONF50 archive spaces.	03 Oct 2014	@Rachel Robins
Where should CQ developer doc live	IN PROGRESS			03 Oct 2014	@Rachel Robins

1. **Decision pages:** your existing decisions appear here.
2. **More decisions:** create new pages using the decision template.

The Decisions blueprint uses these Confluence features:

- [Page Properties](#) and [Page Properties Report](#) macro - content that you enter within the page properties macro can appear on the index page.
- [Mentions](#) - add a user as a stakeholder, owner or @mention them on the page and they will be notified in their workbook.

For an example of the Decisions Blueprint, and some other great page elements, check out: [How to make better decisions as a development team](#).

### Customizing this blueprint

You can customize the templates that are used by the Decisions blueprint - see [Customizing the blueprint templates](#). For example, you might choose to edit the decisions **index page** in a space to change the columns displayed by the Page Properties Report macro.

You can also edit the **page template** to add headings or instructional text to the background section, or even add rows to the Page Properties macro. For example, a row for the date the decision was made.

See [Instructional text](#) to find out more about using instructional text in templates.

### File List Blueprint

The File List blueprint helps you to create lists of files to share with your team. Great for organizing documents, images and presentations.

The first time you use the File List blueprint in a space, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut to your space sidebar (if you're using the default theme). The index page lists the latest File List pages in that space. You can have as many File List pages as you need.

#### Related pages:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [Meeting Notes Blueprint](#)
- [Product Requirements Blueprint](#)

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

#### To create a file list:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **File List** and hit **Next**
3. Enter the details for your file list and hit **Create**
4. Drag files from your desktop or choose **browse for files** to search for files on your computer

Here's an example of a file list page:

**Presentations**  
Created by Rosie Admin 32 minutes ago

File	Modified ^
> [i] Atlassian presentation graphic assets.key.zip	30 minutes ago by Rosie Admin
> [i] IX Image Tools.key.zip	30 minutes ago by Rosie Admin
> [i] 10 tech writing tips .key.zip	30 minutes ago by Rosie Admin
1 [i] 10 tech writing tips .pptx	24 minutes ago by Frank Admin

**Labels**  
No labels

**Version history**

Version	Modified by	Modified
Version 3 (current version)	Frank Admin	24 minutes ago
Version 2	Administrator	26 minutes ago
Version 1	Rosie Admin	29 minutes ago

View Edit in Office Properties Delete

Drag and drop to upload or [browse for files](#)

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1. **Expand:** view each file's details and preview.
2. **Upload and download:** drop files to upload, and download all files.
3. **Version history:** see and manage other file versions.

Attachments appear on the page, and you can expand each attachment to preview the file and/or view its details.

In this example, we've created three file list pages to store project-related presentations, images and customer feedback. Confluence looks after the versioning of the files, so there's no need to use the document file name to mark version numbers.

Once you save your page, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut to your space sidebar. The index page lists the latest File List pages in the space. Create as many File List pages as you need.

**Blue Sky Project**

Pages / Blue Sky Project Home

**File lists**  
Created by Rosie Admin 16 minutes ago

Create file list

Title	Creator	Modified
<a href="#">Customer Feedback</a>	Frank Admin	a minute ago
<a href="#">Project Images</a>	Frank Admin	a minute ago
<a href="#">Presentations</a>	Rosie Admin	16 minutes ago

1. **Space shortcut:** a quick way to find all of your file lists in this space.
2. **Create a new list:** create more file lists in this space.
3. **Current file lists:** see all the file lists in this space.

### Customizing this blueprint

You can customize the templates that are used by the File List blueprint - see [Customizing blueprint](#)



templates.

The File List blueprint template uses the [attachments macro](#). You can customize the macro to change the sort order or hide features such as version history and the upload attachment fields.

You can also edit the [Content Report Table](#) macro used on the Index page to specify the number of pages you want to display.

## Meeting Notes Blueprint

The Meeting Notes blueprint helps you to plan your meetings and share notes and actions with your team.

The first time you use the Meeting Notes blueprint in a space, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut on your space sidebar (if you are using the default theme). The index page lists the latest Meeting Notes pages in that space.

### Related pages:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [File List Blueprint](#)
- [Product Requirements Blueprint](#)

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

### To create a meeting notes page:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **Meeting Notes** and hit **Next**
3. Enter the information required by the template and hit **Create**
4. **Save** your page and get ready to attend your meeting

You can edit the page during or after your meeting, and enter your notes, action items and [@mention](#) users to assign tasks to them.

*Screenshot: A Meeting Notes index page*

Apr 14, 2015

*Screenshot: A blank Meeting Notes page showing instructional text*

☐ *Type your task here. Use "@" to assign a user and "/" to select a due date.*

The Meeting Notes blueprint uses some cool Confluence features:

- [Instructional text](#) - this handy text prompts you to enter information and disappears when you start typing or view the page.
- [Mentions](#) - @mention a user on the page and they will be notified in their workbox.
- [Task lists](#) - @mention a user in a task to assign it to them – the task will appear as a personal task in their workbox. You can also add a due date by typing //, then choosing a date from the calendar.

### Customizing this blueprint

You can customize the templates that are used by the Meeting Notes blueprint – see [Customizing the blueprint templates](#).

You might choose to edit the headings or add additional headings, or change the instructional text that prompts users to enter information to suit your context. To find out more about using instructional text in a template, see [Instructional text](#).

You can also edit the [Content Report Table](#) macro used on the Index page to specify the number of pages you want to display.

## Product Requirements Blueprint

The Product Requirements blueprint helps you to define, scope and track requirements for your product or feature.

The first time you use the Product Requirements blueprint in a space, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut on your space sidebar (shortcut only available in the default theme). The index lists all the Product Requirements pages in that space, and displays a summary of the information on each page (such as status and owner). You can have as many Product Requirements pages as you need.

### Related pages:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [File List Blueprint](#)
- [Meeting Notes Blueprint](#)

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

### To create a requirements page:

1. Choose **Create from template**

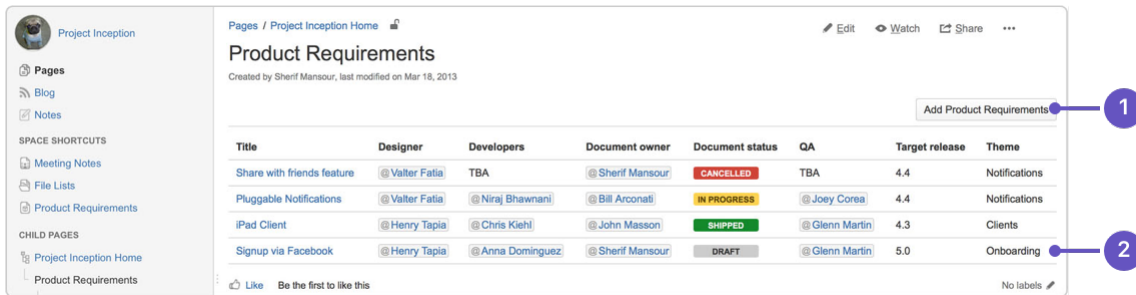


in the Confluence header

2. Select **Product Requirements** and hit **Next**
3. Enter information about your product or feature (the instructional text will prompt you) and hit **Create**

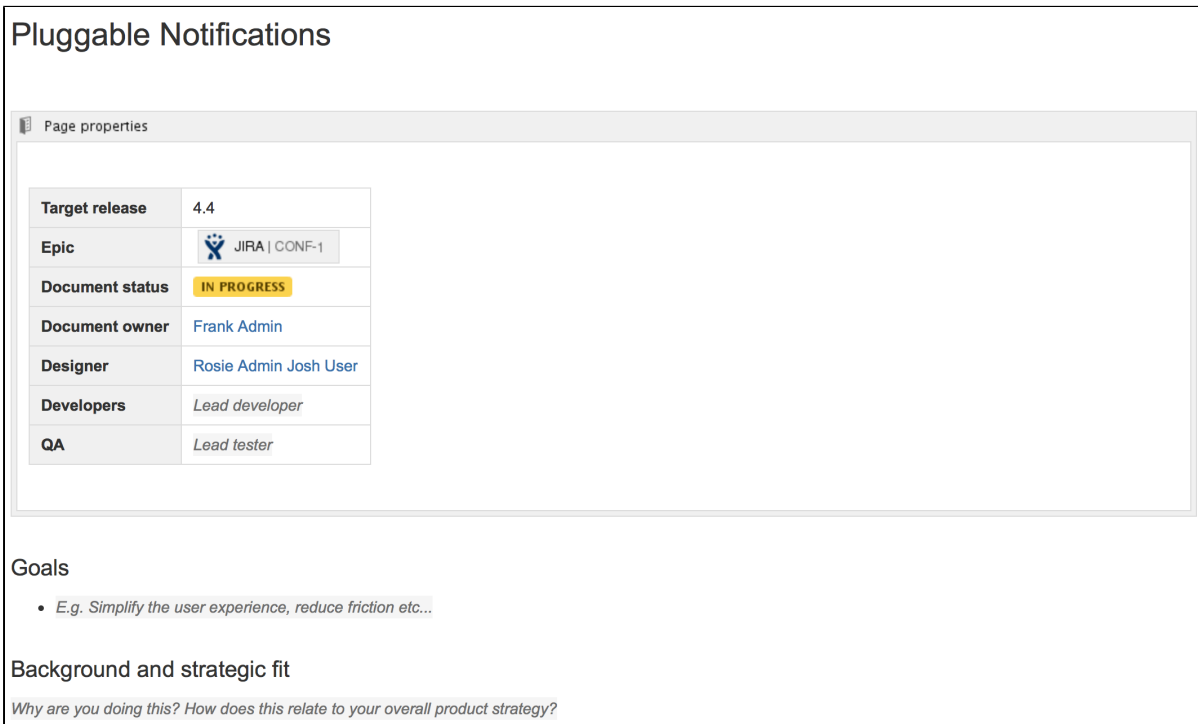
You can [@mention](#) team members to bring them into the conversation about the page.

In this example we've created a series of Product Requirements pages. The index page shows summary information about each one.



1. **New requirements:** create more requirements pages in this space.
2. **Requirements pages:** see the existing requirements pages in this space.

Here's how a requirements page looks in the editor:



The Product Requirements blueprint uses these Confluence features:

- **Page Properties** and **Page Properties Report** macro - content that you enter within the page properties macro can appear on the index page.
- **Instructional text** - this handy text prompts you to enter information or create a JIRA issue and disappears when you start typing or view the page.
- **Mentions** - @mention a user on the page and they will be notified in their workbox.

### Customizing this blueprint

As no two products or projects are alike, you can customize the templates that are used by the Product Requirements blueprint - see [Customizing the blueprint templates](#).

You might choose to edit the **index** page in a space to change the columns to be displayed by the Page Properties Report macro.

You might choose to edit the **page template** to:

- edit the headings or add additional headings
- change the instructional text that prompts users to enter information to suit your context
- add or remove rows within the Page Properties macro.

See [Instructional text](#) to find out more about using instructional text in templates.

### Shared Links Blueprint

The Shared Links blueprint helps you take content from the web and share it

with your team. You can use Shared Links to share and collaborate on web content, or to create a centralized repository of useful links.

The first time you use the Shared Links blueprint in a space, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut on your space sidebar (if you're using the default theme). The index lists all the shared links in that space.

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

#### Related pages:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [Decisions Blueprint](#)
- [File List Blueprint](#)
- [Meeting Notes Blueprint](#)
- [Product Requirements Blueprint](#)

#### To create a shared links page:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **Share a link** and hit **Next**
3. Enter the URL of the web content you want to share, then hit **Create**

You can also:

- Include topics to help categorize your links – these are added as labels to your page.
- Share the link immediately with another user or group – users will receive a notification.
- Add a comment to start the discussion.

To make sharing links even faster, you can add a **Share on Confluence** button to your browser's toolbar. Click this button and the webpage you're currently viewing will be added as a shared link!

#### To add the Share on Confluence button to your browser:

1. Choose **Create from template**



, then select **Share a link**

2. Drag the Share on Confluence button to your browser toolbar

Now, when you want to share a link in Confluence, choose the **Share on Confluence** button in your browser and follow the prompts.

*Screenshot: Share a link from the Create dialog.*

## Share a Link

Link\*

Title\*

Topics

Share with

Comment

### About sharing Links

Share links to anything you find on the web. To make sharing easier, drag this bookmarklet to your bookmarks bar.

Share on Confluence

It will appear like this in your browser.

Back

Create

Close

## JIRA Report Blueprint

The JIRA Report blueprint helps you create easy to read reports to communicate the progress of your JIRA Software projects and releases. You can choose from a Change Log report that generates a list of JIRA issues or a Status Report that includes charts to visually communicate your progress.

The first time you use the JIRA Reports blueprint in a space, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut on your space sidebar (if you're using the default theme).

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

### On this page:

- [Create a Change Log](#)
- [Create a Status Report](#)
- [Customizing this blueprint](#)

To use the JIRA Report Blueprint your Confluence and JIRA application (such as JIRA Software) must be connected via [Application Links](#).

## Create a Change Log

The Change Log report displays a list of issues from your JIRA application. This list can be static or dynamic, automatically updating as the status of your issues change in JIRA.

### To create a static change Log:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **JIRA report** and hit **Next**
3. Select a **Change log** and hit **Next**
4. Enter the information required for the change log and hit **Create**

A report page will be created with sample text and a list of all issues for the project and fix versions selected, organized by issue type. This list of issues is static; it won't be updated when the issues are updated, and is visible to users who don't have JIRA access or permissions to view that project.

*Screenshot: Creating a Change Log in simple mode.*

**Change log**

Server: JAC

Project: Confluence

Fix Version(s): 5.4 x

[Switch to advanced](#)

Title: Confluence 5.4

**About Change Log**

Keep a log of your teams progress or communicate deliverables. Generate a static or dynamic list of JIRA issues from a saved search, JIRA URL or JQL query.

[Back](#) [Create](#) [Close](#)

*Screenshot: Static list of JIRA Issues displaying in the Change Log.*

**All updates for this release**

**Improvement**

- [CONF-29057](#) (Resolved): Automatically embed WuFoo forms and Reports in Confluence when pasting a URL

**Bug**

- [CONF-31163](#) (Resolved): Cursor doesn't appear in editor in Chrome 30
- [CONF-27451](#) (Resolved): Login should say "Log in"

**To create a dynamic change log:**

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **JIRA report** and hit **Next**
3. Select a **Change log** and hit **Next**
4. Choose **Switch to advanced**
5. Enter a JQL query or paste in the URL of a JIRA search (find out about using JQL in the [JIRA Documentation](#))
6. Hit **Create**

A report page will be created with sample text and a JIRA issues macro that's configured to show your issues. The macro is dynamic and will update when the issues are updated. For more information on changing the information displayed, refer to the [JIRA Issues macro](#).

*Screenshot: Dynamic list of JIRA Issues displaying in the Change Log.*



## All updates for this release

Key	Summary	Type	Updated	Priority	Status
CONF-31163	Cursor doesn't appear in editor in Chrome 30		Oct 21, 2013		Resolved
CONF-29057	Automatically embed WuFoo forms and Reports in Confluence when pasting a URL		Oct 18, 2013		Resolved
CONF-27451	Login should say "Log in"		Oct 02, 2013		Resolved

3 issues Refresh

## Create a Status Report

The Status Report displays the progress of a JIRA project and fix version in pie charts by status, priority, component and issue type. The Status Report uses the JIRA Chart macro, and is dynamic.

## To create a status report:

1. Choose **Create from template**



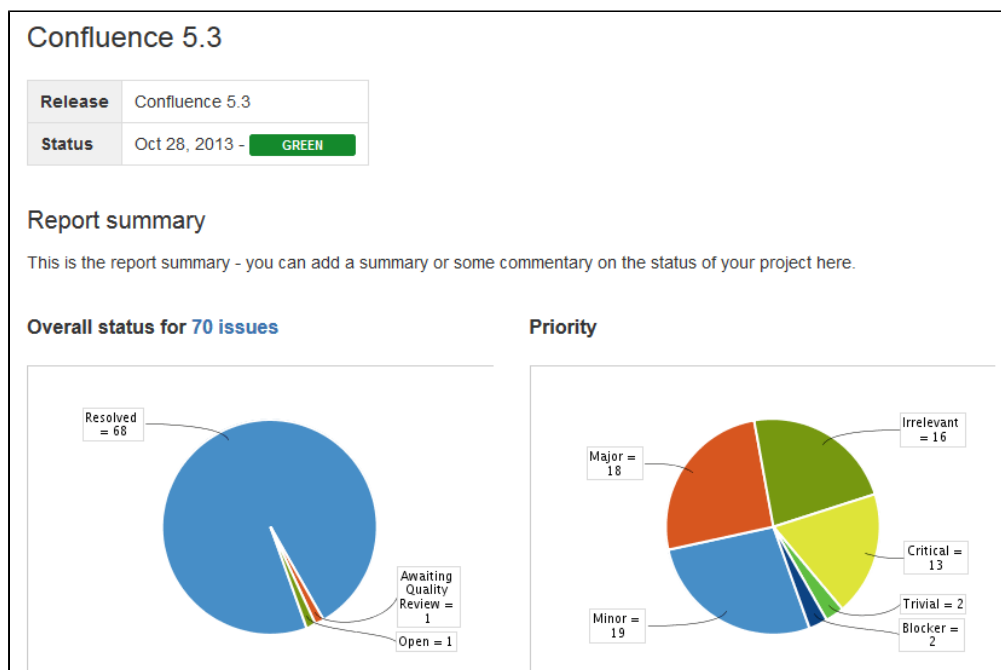
in the Confluence header

2. Select **JIRA report** and hit **Next**
3. Select a **Status report** and hit **Next**
4. Enter the information required for the report and hit **Create**

A report page will be created with sample text and a series of pie charts, using the JIRA Chart macro. The macro is dynamic and will update when the issues in JIRA are updated. For more information refer to the [JIRA Chart macro](#).

As with the Change Log, you can switch to Advanced mode and use JQL or paste in a JIRA URL to search for issues to display in the report.

*Screenshot: Excerpt from the Status Report.*



## Customizing this blueprint

You can customize the templates used by this blueprint. The Change Log uses the **Snapshot JIRA Report Template** (for static list of issues) and the **Dynamic JIRA Report Template**, and the Status Report uses the **Status Report Template**. See [Customizing the blueprint templates](#). Variables represent the JIRA Issues and JIRA Chart Macros. While these can't be edited, they can be moved around the page or deleted if you don't want every chart to be included.

You can also choose to edit the **page template** to modify the format of the page, change some headings, or modify the instructional text. To See [Instructional text](#) to find out more about using instructional text in templates.

## Retrospective Blueprint

Retrospective pages help you track team successes and opportunities after projects or at the end of a sprint. Use this blueprint to document what went well, what needed improvement, and assign actions for the future.

The first time you create a retrospective page in a space, Confluence will automatically create an 'index' page, which will list all retrospectives in the space, and add a shortcut to it in the space sidebar.

### Related pages:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [File List Blueprint](#)
- [Meeting Notes Blueprint](#)

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

### To create a retrospective page:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **Retrospective** and hit **Next**
3. Add participants, change the title if you want to and click **Create**

Run a Retrospective

Title

Participants

**About retrospectives**

Brainstorm and vote on what went well and what could be improved in your last sprint or project with your team, then set out some action items.

Back Create Close

Screenshot: The 'retrospective' template page

2014-10-13 Retrospective

Page properties

Date

14 Oct 2014

Participants

Rosie Admin Josh User

Retrospective

Panel

What did we do well?

- List all items that you did well.

Panel

What should we have done better?

- List all items that you should have done better.

Actions

☐ @mention a person to assign them an action item

The Retrospective blueprint uses the following Confluence features:

- [Page Properties](#) and the [Page Properties Report](#) macro make content listed within the macro visible on the index page.
- [Instructional text](#) prompts you to enter information and disappears when you start typing or view the page.
- [Mention](#) a user on the page to notify them in their workbox.

Check out how the retrospectives blueprint can be used in the article [Create sprint retrospective and demo pages \(like a BOSS\)](#).

### Customize this blueprint

Every team conducts retrospective meetings differently, so you can customize the Retrospective blueprint template to match your team's culture and practices. You can:

- Edit headings and pre-populated text
- Add instructional text to capture specific information
- Add additional sections and content

See [Customize blueprint templates](#) for instructions.

### How-To Article Blueprint

The How-To Article blueprint helps you to provide step-by-step guidance for completing a task.

#### To create a How-To Article page:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **How-To Article** and hit **Next**
3. Enter the article name and some labels and hit **Create**

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.

1

Create

...

2

1. Create blank page

2. Create from template

Related pages:

• Blueprints

• Troubleshooting Article Blueprint

• Create Technical and Onboarding Documentation

• Use Confluence as a Knowledge Base

Screenshot: A blank How-To Article page showing instructional text

How to prepare for Winter

Describe when someone would need this information. For example "when connecting to wi-fi for the first time".

Step-by-step guide

Add the steps involved:

1. Insert your steps.

2. You can also copy and paste or drag and drop images into your instructions.

Info

You may also want to use visual panels to communicate related information, tips or things users need to be aware of.

Related articles

Related articles appear here based on the labels you select. Click to edit the macro and add or change labels.

Content by Label | cql = label = "kb-how-to-ar...

Page properties | hidden = true

Related issues

Once you save your page, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut to your space sidebar. The index lists all the How-To Article pages in that space, and displays a summary of the information on each page (such as creator and modified).

How-to articles

Created by Desiree Conceicao yesterday at 3:01 PM

Add how-to article

Title	Creator	Modified
<a href="#">How to groom a direwolf</a>	<a href="#">Desiree Conceicao</a>	yesterday at 3:01 PM
<a href="#">How to grow a weirwood</a>	<a href="#">Desiree Conceicao</a>	yesterday at 3:01 PM

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The How-To Article blueprint uses some cool Confluence features:

- [Instructional text](#) - Prompts you to enter information and disappears when you start typing or view the page.
- [Content by Label Macro](#) - Displays lists of pages that have particular labels, to let you collect related pages together.
- [Page Properties Macro](#) - This works together with the [Page Properties Report Macro](#) to automatically create a list of 'related issues' on each article.

### Customizing this blueprint

You can customize the templates used by the How-To Article blueprint - see [Customizing the blueprint templates](#). For example, you might choose to edit the How-to **index page** in a space to change the columns displayed by the Page Properties Report macro.

You can also edit the **page template** to add headings or instructional text to the background section, or even add rows to the Page Properties macro. For example, a row for the date the How-To Article was created.

See [Instructional text](#) to find out more about using instructional text in templates.

### Troubleshooting Article Blueprint

The Troubleshooting Article blueprint helps you to provide solutions for commonly-encountered problems.

#### To create a Troubleshooting Article page:

1. Choose **Create from template**



in the Confluence header

2. Select **Troubleshooting Article** and hit **Next**
3. Enter the article name and some labels and hit **Create**

#### Related pages:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [How-To Article Blueprint](#)
- [Create Technical and Onboarding Documentation](#)
- [Use Confluence as a Knowledge Base](#)

If you want to quickly create a blank page, hit the **Create** button in the header; if you want to create a page from a template, hit the **Create from template** button.



1. **Create blank page**
2. **Create from template**

*Screenshot: A blank Troubleshooting Article page showing instructional text*

## Winter is coming

### Problem

Describe the problem as the user would experience it. For example "Level 7 printer is flashing red and wont print".

### Solution

Provide steps that the user can take to solve the problem. For example "The level 7 printer will flash red when it is out of paper. Add paper to tray 1".

Panel

You may want to use a panel to highlight important steps.

1. Use numbered lists to provide step-by-step help.
2. Copy and paste or drag and drop images to add them to this page.

### Related articles

Related articles appear here based on the labels you select. Click to edit the macro and add or change labels.

Content by Label | cql = label = "kb-troublesh...

Page properties | hidden = true

Related issues

Once you save your page, Confluence will create an index page and add a shortcut on your space sidebar. The index lists all the Troubleshooting Article pages in the space, and displays a summary of the information on each page (such as creator and modified).

## Troubleshooting articles

Created by Desiree Conceicao, last modified 10 minutes ago

Add troubleshooting article

Title	Creator	Modified
<a href="#">Winter is coming</a>	<a href="#">Desiree Conceicao</a>	less than a minute ago
<a href="#">The wall is understaffed</a>	<a href="#">Desiree Conceicao</a>	2 minutes ago
<a href="#">Ghost is hungry</a>	<a href="#">Desiree Conceicao</a>	4 minutes ago

The Troubleshooting Article blueprint uses some cool Confluence features:

- **Instructional text** - Prompts you to enter information and disappears when you start typing or view the page.
- **Content by Label Macro** - Displays lists of pages that have particular labels, to let you collect related pages together.
- **Page Properties Macro** - This works together with the **Page Properties Report Macro** to automatically create a list of 'related issues' on each article.

### Customizing this blueprint

You can customize the templates used by the Troubleshooting Article blueprint - see [Customizing the blueprint templates](#). For example, you might choose to edit the decisions **index page** in a space to change the columns displayed by the Page Properties Report macro.

You can also edit the **page template** to add headings or instructional text to the background section, or even add rows to the Page Properties macro. For example, a row for the date the Troubleshooting Article was created.

See [Instructional text](#) to find out more about using instructional text in templates.

You can also edit the [Content Report Table](#) macro used on the Index page to specify the number of pages you want to display.

## Create a Blueprint-Style Report

Using a combination of templates and macros you can make a wide range of reports for managing anything from customer interviews, product requirements to IT service catalogs and more. In this tutorial we'll guide you through the process of creating a blueprint-style report.

In this example, we'll create a multi-team status report. Here's the scenario we'll use for this tutorial.

The Design, Development and QA teams working on the Blue Sky Project need to produce a short status update page each week, containing the focus area for the week, contact person, risks and overall status for each team. They like the way the Product Requirements blueprint works and want to be able to manage their status updates in a similar way.

What do each of the players want out of this report?

- **Project Lead** – Wants an at-a-glance report that shows only the status for each team.
- **Team Leads** – Want a summary report, including the focus areas and risk, just for their team.
- **All team members** – Want it to be easy to create the new page each week.
- **Management Team** – Want to see all the details for a week on one page, and don't want to have to look at a different page for each team.

With this scenario in mind, this tutorial will guide you through how to:

1. [Create a status update template](#) containing a separate page properties macro for each team's section of the report.
2. [Create a high level status report](#), showing just the status of all teams.
3. [Create a summary report for each team](#).
4. [Create your first status update page](#).

You'll need Space Administrator permissions to complete some of the steps in this tutorial.

### Part 1: Create a status update template

First we'll create a page template and add the Page Properties macros.

1. Go to **Space Admin > Content Tools > Templates**
2. Choose **Create Template**
3. Give the template a name (in this example the template will be called 'Status Update')
4. Add the skeleton of your status report to the page
5. Choose the label icon



at the top of the page to add a label to the template (in this example, we'll add the label: 'status-update')

*Screenshot: Adding teams to our status update template*



Heading 2

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Gil User / Templates

## Status update

### Executive Summary

*Text summary of the week's status, to be completed by the project lead.*

### Design Team

### Development Team

### QA Team

Preview

Save

Cancel

Now we'll add a Page Properties macro to record the status of the Design team.

6. Choose **Insert > Other Macros > Page Properties** to add the Page Properties macro to the page
7. In the macro body create a two column table and remove the heading row
8. In the left column enter the column headings for your report (these are known as metadata 'keys')  
In this example we'll add 'Design Focus', 'Design Status', 'Design Contact' and 'Design Risks').
9. In the right column, leave the cells blank, or enter some instructional text to prompt your users (Choose **Template > Instructional Text**)  
We've also added a status macro.
10. **Edit** the Page Properties macro and enter a **Page Properties ID** for this macro (in this example we'll use 'status-update-design'. This will allow us to report on the status of just the Design team later on)  
Repeat this process for the Development and QA teams, remembering to specify a different ID for each macro (we used 'status-update-dev' and 'status-update-qa').
11. Finally, add any other headings, instructional text or content to your template and **Save**.  
You can enter a **Description** for your template - this appears in the Create dialog.

*Screenshot: Our status update template*

### Design Team

Page properties | id = status-update-design

Design Focus	What was your team's main focus this week?
Design Status	STATUS
Design Contact	Who is the contact person?
Design Risks	Risks that have emerged this week

### Development Team

Page properties | id = status-update-dev

Dev Focus	What was your team's main focus this week?
Dev Status	STATUS
Dev Contact	Who is the contact person?
Dev Risks	Risks that have emerged this week

## Part 2: Create a report showing the high level status of each team

Next we'll create an index page, just like you see in many blueprints.

1. In your space create a new blank page (this will be our 'Status Report - all teams' page, showing just the status of each team)
2. Choose **Insert > Other Macros > Page Properties Report** to add the Page Properties Report macro to the page
3. Enter the **Label** to report on (in this example, it'll be the 'status-update' label we added to the template page)
4. Leave the **Display options > Page Properties ID** field blank (we want to report on all the macros on the page)
5. In the **Columns to Show** field, list the 'keys' from each macro that you want to include in the report (in this example, we only want to show the values of 'Design Status', 'Dev Status', 'QA Status')
6. Choose **Save** to add the macro to the page

*Screenshot: The page properties report macro on the 'Status Report - all teams' page*

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Status

Page pr

### Edit 'Page properties report' Macro

Help

**Options** [Hide](#)

Page properties ID (optional)

Title column heading

Change the heading of the Title column which contains links to pages. Maximum 35 characters.

Columns to show

Design Status, Dev Status, QA Sta

Comma separated list of columns to include in the table. Page title is always shown.

Number of items to display

[Select macro](#)

**Preview**

Title

No content found.

[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

Now we'll add a button to the page to allow team leads to easily create new status update pages from the template we created earlier.

7. Choose **Insert > Other Macros > Create from Template** to add the Create from Template macro to the page
8. Enter the text for the button (in this example we'll call the button 'New Status Update Page')
9. Select the template from the **Template Name** drop down (in this example our template was called 'Status Update')
10. Specify the title of any pages to be created (This is a great way to keep your titles consistent. In this example we'll call the page 'Status update week ending @currentDate', which will append the current date when the page is created, as in the meeting notes blueprint)
11. Choose **Insert**
12. Add any other content, links or images to the page and **Save**
13. Choose **Space Tools > Configure Sidebar > Add Link** to add a shortcut to the page on the sidebar

### Part 3: Create a separate report for each team

Now we'll create some index pages that show a more detailed summary for each team, starting with the Design team.

1. Create a new blank page – this will be the 'Design Status Report' index page, showing just information for that team.
2. Choose **Insert > Other Macros > Page Properties Report** to add the Page Properties Report macro to the page
3. Enter the **Label** (the page label is once again 'status-update', the label we added to the template)
4. Expand the **Display options** and enter the **Page Properties ID** that was specified in the Page Properties macro in the template (in this example it was 'status-update-design') – this allows us to report on just information in that macro.
5. Leave all of the other fields blank (we want to show all columns from this Page Properties macro)
6. Choose **Save** to add the macro to the page

*Screenshot: The page properties report macro on the 'Design Status Report' index page*

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### Edit 'Page properties report' Macro

Help

Label \*

status-update ×

In space ×

Current space ×

Add a field

Options Hide

Page properties ID (optional)

status-update-design

Title column heading

Change the heading of the Title column which contains links to pages. Maximum

Select macro

Preview

Title

No content found.

Save Cancel

7. Add any other content, links or images to the page and **Save**
8. Choose **Space Tools > Configure Sidebar > Add Link** to add a shortcut to the page on the sidebar
9. Create a new page and repeat this process for each team  
Remember to specify a different Page Properties ID each time (in this example 'status-report-dev' and 'status-report-qa').

If your Design, Dev and QA teams have their own team spaces, this summary report could even be created in their team spaces. Just be sure to specify the space where the Status Updates pages are created in the **Restrict to spaces** field, to make sure the macro can find the pages to report on.

#### Part 4: Create your first status update page


That's it! **Create from template**



in the Confluence header, then select **Status Update**, or use the **Create a new status update** button to make your first status update page. Just like a blueprint, but 100% made by you.

Here's how our finished pages look.

*Screenshot: Team Leads and the management team still have a single page for the weekly status update*



Blue Sky Project

Pages

Blog

SPACE SHORTCUTS

Status Report - all teams

PAGE TREE

Status Report - all teams

Status update week ending 2014-03-08

Status update week ending 2014-03-01

Status update week ending 2014-02-21

Status Report - Design

Status Report - Development

Status Report - QA

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Edit

Watch

Share

...

Status update week ending 2014-03-08

Created and last modified by Rach Admin on Feb 28, 2014

Executive Summary

This week saw the release of Widgets 5.0. Support activity was higher than usual.

Teams are moving on to their Q3 focus areas from this week.

Design Team

Design Focus	ADG in all modal dialogs
Design Status	ON TRACK
Design Contact	@Josh User
Design Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No time to polish new designs</li></ul>

Development Team

Dev Focus	Warranty bugs
Dev Status	DELAYED
Dev Contact	@Unknown User (sophie)
Dev Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No time to implement new designs</li><li>Introduce new bugs</li></ul>

QA Team


QA Focus	Visual regressions
QA Status	ON TRACK
QA Contact	@Ewan User
QA Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None identified this week</li></ul>

Space tools

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status-update

Screenshot: The Project Lead can see the status of each team, each week, at a glance in the All Teams status report.



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Status update week ending 2014-03-08

Status update week ending 2014-03-01

Status update week ending 2014-02-21

Status Report - Design

Status Report - Development

Status Report - QA

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...

Status Report - all teams


Created and last modified by Rach Admin on Feb 28, 2014

New Status Update Page

Title	Design Status	Dev Status	QA Status
Status update week ending 2014-02-21	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS
Status update week ending 2014-03-08	ON TRACK	DELAYED	ON TRACK
Status update week ending 2014-03-01	BEHIND TARGET	AT RISK	ON TARGET

Like Be the first to like this

No labels



Write a comment...

Screenshot: Each team can see their focus, risks and status at a glance in their status report.

Pages / Blue Sky Project Home

**Status Report - Design**  
Created and last modified by Rach Admin 18 minutes ago

Title	Design Contact	Design Focus	Design Risks	Design Status
Status update week ending 2014-02-21				STATUS
Status update week ending 2014-03-08	@Josh User	ADG in all modal dialogs	• No time to polish new designs	ON TRACK
Status update week ending 2014-03-01	@Josh User	Sentence case all the things	• Team members not available	BEHIND TARGET

Like Be the first to like this

status-update

Write a comment...

Remember, these concepts don't just apply to status updates – you can use them for any purpose at all.

## Import Content Into Confluence

There are a number of ways you can get existing content, such as text, images and other content into Confluence.

### Import content from other Confluence sites

To import content from another Confluence site you can:

- Import a backup of the entire Confluence site
- Import an XML export of an individual space. Page history, attachments, and page content will be preserved.

See [Restoring a Site](#) and [Restoring a Space](#) for more information.

### Import content from a Microsoft Word document

The Office Connector allows you to create pages by importing Word documents. The document content is copied onto one or more Confluence pages. See [Import a Word Document into Confluence](#).

### Import web content

To displaying web content on a page:

- Use the [Widget Connector Macro](#) to display videos, slide shows, twitter chats, documents and more, sourced from other web sites and displayed on your Confluence page.
- Embed an external web page into Confluence with the [HTML Include macro](#).
- Use HTML code in a page with the [HTML macro](#).

### Import other content

Importing non-wiki markup into Confluence requires a conversion process:

- Text with basic formatting can be pasted directly into the editor. This includes simple Word documents or web pages.
- Confluence pages saved to disk can be [imported from disk](#).
- Files can be uploaded in bulk using the Confluence WebDav Plugin. See [Use a WebDAV Client to Work with Pages](#).
- Build your own import solution using the [Confluence APIs](#).

#### On this page:


- [Import content from other Confluence sites](#)
- [Import content from a Microsoft Word document](#)
- [Import web content](#)
- [Import other content](#)

## Import a Word Document into Confluence

The Office Connector allows you to import Word documents and create one or more Confluence pages from the content.

You can create a single page, or divide the contents up into multiple pages, based on the headings in your document.

This is useful if you have a lot of content stored in existing documents, or if you are migrating from another system or platform that allows you to export to Word format.

 The Office Connector is only available for some browsers, operating systems and applications, so you'll need to check the [Office Connector Prerequisites](#) before you start.


### On this page:

- [Import a Word document](#)
- [Import options](#)

### Related pages:

- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)

## Import a Word document

1. Create a page in Confluence or go to an existing page (you want to view the page, not edit it).
2. Choose 
  - > **Import Word Document**
3. Choose **Browse** and locate the Word document you want to import then choose **Next**. The import document options appear.
4. Enter a **title** for the new page (useful if you do not want to use the file name as your page title).
5. Choose **where** you want to import the file (as a brand new page, or overwriting an existing page with the same title).
6. Choose how to handle **title conflicts** (rename the new pages or replace existing pages).
7. Choose whether to create a single page or multiple pages based on the heading styles in the file (this option is only available if the file contains heading styles).
8. Click **Import**.

When the upload has finished, pages will be created with the content of the Word documents. You can then view and edit this page as normal. There's no connection between the original Word document and this page.

### Import options

There are a number of options when importing a Word document that control how pages are created, whether the import should overwrite existing pages in the space, and how it should handle page name conflicts.

Option	Description
<b>Root page title</b>	This is the title of the page that will be created or updated by the import.
<b>Where to import</b>	Controls whether the document is imported into the current page (the page you were viewing when you selected Tools > Import) or created as a new page. Choose from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Import as a new page in the current space</b> - a new page will be created as a child of the space home page.</li> <li>• <b>Replace &lt;page name&gt;</b> - content will be imported into the current page. The title of this page will change to the title you specified in the Root page title field.</li> <li>• <b>Delete existing children of &lt;pagename&gt;</b> - any existing children of the current page will be removed when the content of the page is replaced.</li> </ul>

<b>Title conflicts</b>	<p>Controls how page name conflicts (a page with the same title already exists in the space) are handled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rename imported pages if page name already exists</b> - new pages get a new name (a number added to the end of the page title). Existing pages will be unchanged.</li> <li>• <b>Replace existing pages with imported pages of the same title</b> - overwrite the content of existing pages. The change will be shown in the Page History for the page.</li> <li>• <b>Remove existing pages with the same title as imported pages</b> - remove original pages and then create new pages. The change is not shown in the Page History for the page.</li> </ul>
<b>Split by heading</b>	<p>If the document contains Word heading styles you can choose to create multiple pages based on the heading. Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Don't split</b> - creates a single page.</li> <li>• <b>Level Headings</b> - creates multiple pages in a hierarchy based on the heading levels in the document.</li> </ul> <p>A preview of the pages that will be created appears under <b>Document Outline</b>.</p>

Screenshot: Import Word options for a document that contains multiple heading levels.

### Import Word Document: Configuration

Root page title:

Where to import: ☐ Import as a new page in the current space  
☒ Replace Importing Word  
☐ Delete existing children of Importing Word

Title conflicts: ☒ Rename imported pages if page name already exists  
☐ Replace existing pages with imported pages of the same title  
☐ Remove existing pages with the same title as imported pages

Split by heading:

Document Outline: Importing Word  
 Example Word document  
 Splitting by Headings

## Orphaned Pages

An orphaned page is a page without any incoming links and is located at what's called the 'root of the space', meaning it sits alongside the space's home page. This means that, unless you know the page exists, you're not likely to come across it during the natural course of navigation.

There may be a legitimate reason you want to have a page at the root of a space. For example, you may be effectively hiding it in the navigation. If you don't want orphaned pages though, you can easily view all orphaned pages in a space so you can tidily delete the pages or reorganize them so they're no longer orphaned.

### To view the orphaned pages in a space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Orphaned Pages**.

While in the orphaned pages view, you can do any of the following:

#### Related pages:

- [Undefined Page Links](#)
- [Create and Edit Pages](#)



- Delete an orphaned page by choosing the 'trash can' icon next to the page name.
- Edit a page by choosing the 'pencil' icon next to the page name.
- Give an orphaned page a parent — see [Move and Reorder Pages](#).

#### Screenshot: Managing orphaned pages

Publishing	Templates	Reorder Pages	Orphaned Pages	Undefined Pages	Attachments	Trash	Export	RSS Feeds
This report shows all the 'orphaned' pages which are not linked to by other pages.								
Title (Space)	Creator	Created	Last Updated By	Updated	Operations			
<a href="#">Appendix A - Extending JIRA</a> (Atlassian OnDemand Documentation)	<a href="#">Atlassian Documentation Bot</a>	Sep 25, 2012	<a href="#">Atlassian Documentation Bot</a>	Jul 10, 2014				
<a href="#">_InclusionsLibrary</a> (Atlassian OnDemand Documentation)	<a href="#">Andrew Lui</a> [Atlassian Technical Writer]	Oct 22, 2008	<a href="#">Andrew Lui</a> [Atlassian Technical Writer]	Oct 22, 2008				
<a href="#">Enterprise Hosted Service Deactivation</a> (Atlassian OnDemand Documentation)	<a href="#">Christine Burwinkle</a> [Atlassian Technical Writer]	Apr 04, 2013	<a href="#">Andrew Lui</a> [Atlassian Technical Writer]	Jul 09, 2014				
<a href="#">_Redirects</a> (Atlassian OnDemand Documentation)	<a href="#">Christine Burwinkle</a> [Atlassian Technical Writer]	Feb 07, 2013	<a href="#">Andrew Lui</a> [Atlassian Technical Writer]	Sep 24, 2013				

## Undefined Page Links

You can add links to pages that don't yet exist in Confluence, but you intend to create later. Known as links to 'undefined pages', they allow you to create a link which, when clicked, will create a page with the name you specify in the link.

#### Related pages:

- [Orphaned Pages](#)
- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Links](#)

### Create an undefined page link

1. Choose **Insert > Link** or press **Ctrl+K** on your keyboard.
2. Choose **Advanced**.
3. Enter the name of the page to be created in the **Link** field.

A link to an undefined page is shown in dark red while in the editor. When anyone clicks the link, Confluence will create a new page with the name you typed in the **Link** field.

### View undefined pages in a space

The **Undefined Pages** view shows you all undefined pages in your space.

The undefined page links are badged with a



icon to remind you that those pages are yet to be created.

#### To view a list of the undefined links in a space:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Undefined Pages**.

You can choose the link for an undefined page to create the page and add content to it.

Links to pages that are in the trash are not considered undefined links, and will not appear in this list.

## View Page Information

The Page Information view for a page shows you useful information about the page.

#### To see the information about the page:

1. View the page.
2. Choose

...


> **Page Information**

You will see the following information:

- **Page details:** Title, author, date of creation, date of last modification and the tiny link (permalink) of the page.
- **Page hierarchy:** Parent-child relationships of the page.
- **Incoming links:** Lists other pages in your Confluence Site that have links to this page, or reference this page in an Include Page or Excerpt Include macro.
- **Labels:** Any labels (tags) that have been applied to this page. See [Add, Remove and Search for Labels](#).
- **Page Permissions:** Displays page-level security restrictions that apply to the page (if present). See [Page Restrictions](#).
- **Hot Referrers:** The external website pages which send the most viewers to the page. See [Trackback and External Referrers](#).
- **Recent Changes:** Links to the five most recent versions of the page along with the name of the editor and the date of modification. See [Page History and Page Comparison Views](#). Choose **View page history** to see the page history view, all the versions of the page in reverse chronological order and allows you to compare versions or to restore a previous version.
- **Outgoing links:** A summary of the links contained on this page, pointing to other pages on the Confluence site or to external websites.

Note: if there is no information to report (for example the page has no restrictions or no incoming links), that section of the Page Information won't appear.

Screenshot: *Page information for this page*


Confluence Latest / ... / Viewing Page Information
View Page ...

## Page Information

<b>Title:</b> Viewing Page Information <b>Author:</b> Vidya Madabushi Jul 24, 2005 <b>Last Changed by:</b> Sarah Maddox [Atlassian] Feb 18, 2013 <b>Tiny Link:</b> (useful for email) <a href="https://confluence.stg.internal.atlassian.com/x/kCAC">https://confluence.stg.internal.atlassian.com/x/kCAC</a> <b>Export As:</b> Word <b>Operations:</b> Copy	<b>Recent Changes</b> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Time</th> <th>Editor</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Feb 18, 2013 21:05</td> <td>Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]</td> <td>View Changes</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Migrated to Confluence 5.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 18, 2013 21:05</td> <td>Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]</td> <td>View Changes</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Updated for Confluence 5.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec 21, 2012 03:26</td> <td>Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]</td> <td>View Changes</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Removed obsolete link</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep 07, 2011 06:19</td> <td>Paul Watson [Atlassian]</td> <td>View Changes</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Corrected links that should have been relative instead of absolute.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep 07, 2011 06:19</td> <td>Paul Watson [Atlassian]</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">View Page History</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Time	Editor		Feb 18, 2013 21:05	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	View Changes	Migrated to Confluence 5.3			Feb 18, 2013 21:05	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	View Changes	Updated for Confluence 5.0			Dec 21, 2012 03:26	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	View Changes	Removed obsolete link			Sep 07, 2011 06:19	Paul Watson [Atlassian]	View Changes	Corrected links that should have been relative instead of absolute.			Sep 07, 2011 06:19	Paul Watson [Atlassian]		View Page History		
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**Incoming Links**

Confluence Latest (2)

- Page History and Page Comparison Views
- Recording Change Comments

Confluence 4.1 (1)

- Recording Change Comments

**Hierarchy**

Parent Page

- Working with Pages

**Labels**

Global Labels (3)

metadata referrers incoming-links

**Page Permissions**

Page restrictions:

- Only users in group **atlassian-staff** can **edit** this page. (set by Anonymous at Jul 07, 2014 22:07)

**Outgoing Links**

Confluence Latest (8)

- Page Restrictions
- Page History and Page Comparison Views
- Confluence User's Guide
- Working with Confluence Labels
- Working with Pages
- Viewing Page Information
- Managing External Referrers
- Confluence Glossary

## Page History and Page Comparison Views

Confluence tracks the history of changes to each page by creating a new version of the page each time it's modified. You can view the changes between different versions, and roll back to a previous version if you need to.

### Access the page history

To view the history of a page:

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Page History**
2. Choose a version number to view the content of that version

Screenshot: *Page history*

The screenshot shows the 'Page History' interface for the page 'Launch pad product requirements'. It includes a breadcrumb trail 'Pages / Teams in space / Launch pad product requirements', navigation links 'View Page' and 'Save for later', and a 'Compare selected versions' button. The main table lists three versions: 'CURRENT (v. 3)' published on Sep 02, 2016 at 07:56, 'v. 2' published on Sep 01, 2016 at 14:05, and 'v. 1' published on Sep 01, 2016 at 10:33. Each row shows the version number, publication date, the user who made the change (represented by an avatar), a comment, and actions like 'Restore' and 'Delete'. A 'Return to Page Information' link is at the bottom.

Version	Published	Changed By	Comment	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CURRENT (v. 3)</b>	Sep 02, 2016 07:56		Fixing typos	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>v. 2</b>	Sep 01, 2016 14:05		Team review	<a href="#">Restore</a> · <a href="#">Delete</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>v. 1</b>	Sep 01, 2016 10:33			<a href="#">Restore</a> · <a href="#">Delete</a>

[Return to Page Information](#)

### On this page:

- [Access the page history](#)
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### Related pages:

- [View Page Information](#)
- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)

Hover over each avatar to see the names of people who contributed changes in that version. It is not possible to view the individual changes made by each person in a single page version.

### View an older version

When you select a previous version of the page, you'll see a header like this at the top of the page:

The screenshot shows a yellow warning banner at the top of the page. It contains a warning icon, the text 'You are viewing an old version of this page. View the [current version](#).', and three links: 'Compare with Current', 'Restore this Version', and 'View Page History'. Below the banner is a navigation bar with three buttons: '« Previous', 'Version 2' (which is highlighted), and 'Current »'.

**i** If you want to send this page version to someone, copy and paste the URL from your browser. The link will look something like this: `http://confluence.atlassian.com/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=12345`.


When you're viewing a specific version of the page, the following functions are available:

Function	Description
<b>current version</b>	View the latest version of the page.

<b>Compare with Current</b>	Compare the differences between the version of the page you are viewing and the current version.
<b>Restore this Version</b>	Roll back the content of the page to the previous version that you are viewing.
<b>View Page History</b>	Return to the list of page versions.
<b>&lt;&lt; Previous and Next &gt;&gt;</b>	View the previous or next version of the page.

### Restore a previous version

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Page History**
2. Choose **Restore this version** beside the version you want to restore (or at the top of the page if you've opened the version)
3. Change the default change comment if necessary, and choose **OK**

 All page history is retained; restoring an older version creates a copy of that version. For example, if you restore version 39, Confluence will create a copy of version 39 and the copy will become the new, current version.

If the page has an unpublished draft, the content of the draft will be lost when you restore a previous version. We'll warn you if there is an unpublished draft.

### Delete a specific version

Choose **Delete** next to a version in the page history, to remove that version.

### View the changes made

Using the page history view or the [page information view](#), you can see the recent changes made to a page.

#### To view recent changes made to a page:

1. Choose  
...  
> **Page Information**  
In the section titled 'Recent Changes' you'll see the most recent versions of the page, along with the date of their modification and the name of the modifying author.
2. Choose **View Changes** beside the required version  
The page comparison view is displayed, showing the differences between the selected and previous versions.

### Compare two versions

1. Go to the page and choose  
...  
> **Page History**
2. Choose the versions you want to compare by selecting the check boxes beside them
3. Choose **Compare selected versions**

You'll see the page comparison view showing the differences between the selected versions. Changes are highlighted as follows:

Highlighted color	Meaning
Green	Added content
Red	Deleted content
Blue	Changed formatting

Screenshot: Comparing changes

**Versions Compared**

6 Administrator less than a minute ago

Current Administrator less than a minute ago

**Key**

- This line was added.
- This line was removed.
- Formatting was changed.

[View Page History](#)

Add this line.

~~Remove this line.~~

Reformat this line,

### More about the comparison view

When you view a page comparison, all large sections of unchanged text are hidden and reduced to an ellipsis (. . .).

You can view page changes between versions which are adjacent to your current page comparison view. Click the link containing:

- << to view the page comparison with the earlier adjacent version
- >> to view the page comparison with the more recent adjacent version

For example, if your page comparison view is between v. 30 and v. 34 of a page, you can view changes between:

- v. 29 and v. 30 by clicking << **Changes from 29 to 30**
- v. 34 and v. 35 by clicking **Changes from 34 to 35** >>

## Confluence Markup

This section describes two types of markup found in Confluence:

- **Confluence storage format.** Confluence stores the content of pages and blog posts in an XHTML-based format. Advanced users can view the storage format of a page and even edit it, provided their Confluence site is configured to allow that.
- **Wiki markup.** Confluence allows data entry via a shorthand code called wiki markup. Some parts of the Confluence administration interface also accept wiki markup for defining content. For a description of the wiki markup syntax, see [Confluence Wiki Markup](#).

Wiki markup code examples for macros can be found in the documentation for each [macro](#).

#### Related pages:

- [Macros](#)
- [The Editor](#)

Confluence Storage Format

This page describes the XHTML-based format that Confluence uses to store the content of pages, page templates, blueprints, blog posts and comments. This information is intended for advanced users who need to interpret and edit the underlying markup of a Confluence page.

We refer to the Confluence storage format as 'XHTML-based'. To be correct, we should call it XML, because the Confluence storage format does not comply with the XHTML definition. In particular, Confluence includes custom elements for macros and more. We're using the term 'XHTML-based' to indicate that there is a large proportion of HTML in the storage format.

You can view the Confluence storage format for a given page by choosing ...

> **View Storage Format**. This option is only available if one of the following is true:

- You are a Confluence administrator.
- Your Confluence site has the [Confluence Source Editor](#) plugin installed and you have permission to use the source editor.
- If you would like to edit the storage format for a page, your Confluence system administrator will need to install the [Confluence Source Editor](#) plugin.
- Clarification of terminology: If you choose ...
  - > **View Source**, you'll see the format used within the editor panel, not the storage format of the page.

On this page:

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Macros

Storage format and wiki markup examples have been included in the documentation for each [macro](#).

Headings

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later	What you will get	
Heading 1	h1. Heading 1	<div>&lt;h1&gt;Heading 1&lt;/h1&gt;</div>	<b>Heading 1</b>	Underlined in the Documentation Theme
Heading 2	h2. Heading 2	<div>&lt;h2&gt;Heading 2&lt;/h2&gt;</div>	<b>Heading 2</b>	Underlined in the Documentation Theme
Heading 3	h3. Heading 3	<div>&lt;h3&gt;Heading 3&lt;/h3&gt;</div>	<b>Heading 3</b>	

Headings 4 to 6 are also available and follow the same pattern				
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## Text effects

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later
strong/bold	<code>*strong*</code>	<code>&lt;strong&gt;strong text&lt;/strong&gt;</code>
emphasis	<code>_emphasis_</code>	<code>&lt;em&gt;Italics Text&lt;/em&gt;</code>
strikethrough	<code>-strikethrough-</code>	<code>&lt;span style="text-decoration: line-through;"&gt;strikethrough&lt;/span&gt;</code>
underline	<code>+underline+</code>	<code>&lt;u&gt;underline&lt;/u&gt;</code>
superscript	<code>^superscript^</code>	<code>&lt;sup&gt;superscript&lt;/sup&gt;</code>
subscript	<code>~subscript~</code>	<code>&lt;sub&gt;subscript&lt;/sub&gt;</code>
monospace	<code>{{monospaced}}</code>	<code>&lt;code&gt;monospaced&lt;/code&gt;</code>

preformatted	n/a	<pre>&lt;pre&gt;preformatted text&lt;/pre&gt;</pre>
block quotes	bq. block quote or {quote}  block quote  {quote}	<pre>&lt;blockquote&gt; &lt;p&gt;block quote&lt;/p&gt;&lt;/blockquote&gt;</pre>
text color	<pre>{color:red}red text{color}</pre>	<pre>&lt;span style="color: rgb(255,0,0);"&gt;red text&lt;/span&gt;</pre>
small	n/a	<pre>&lt;small&gt;small text&lt;/small&gt;</pre>
big	n/a	<pre>&lt;big&gt;big text&lt;/big&gt;</pre>
center-align	n/a	<pre>&lt;p style="text-align: center;"&gt;centered text&lt;/p&gt;</pre>
right-align	n/a	<pre>&lt;p style="text-align: right;"&gt;right aligned text&lt;/p&gt;</pre>

#### Text breaks

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later	What you will get
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New paragraph	Paragraph 1 (empty line) Paragraph 2	<pre>&lt;p&gt;Paragraph 1&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;Paragraph 2&lt;/p&gt;</pre>	Paragraph 1 Paragraph 2
Line break	Line 1 \\ Line 2	<pre>Line 1 &lt;br /&gt; Line 2</pre> Note: Created in the editor using Shift + Return/Enter	Line 1 Line 2
Horizontal rule	----	<pre>&lt;hr /&gt;</pre>	<hr/>
— symbol	---	<pre>&amp;mdash;</pre>	—
– symbol	--	<pre>&amp;ndash;</pre>	–

### Lists

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later
Unordered list – round bullets	* Round bullet list item	<pre>&lt;ul&gt; &lt;li&gt;round bullet list item&lt;/li&gt; &lt;/ul&gt;</pre>
Ordered list (numbered list)	# Ordered list item	<pre>&lt;ol&gt; &lt;li&gt;numbered list item&lt;/li&gt; &lt;/ol&gt;</pre>

Task Lists	<code>[] Task list item</code>	<pre> &lt;ac:task-list&gt;   &lt;ac:task&gt;     &lt;ac:task-status&gt;incomplete&lt;/ac:task-status&gt;     &lt;ac:task-body&gt;task list item&lt;/ac:task-body&gt;   &lt;/ac:task&gt; &lt;/ac:task-list&gt; </pre>
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## Links

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later
Link to another Confluence page	<code>[Link to another Confluence page Page Title]</code>	<pre> &lt;ac:link&gt; &lt;ri:page ri:content-title=" &lt;ac:plain-text-link-body&gt;   &lt;![CDATA[Link to another C &lt;/ac:plain-text-link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt; </pre>
Link to an attachment	<code>[Link to an attachment^atlassian_logo.gif]</code>	<pre> &lt;ac:link&gt; &lt;ri:attachment ri:filename= &lt;ac:plain-text-link-body&gt;   &lt;![CDATA[Link to a Conflue &lt;/ac:plain-text-link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt; </pre>
Link to an external site	<code>[Atlassian http://www.atlassian.com/]</code>	<pre> &lt;a href="http://www.atlassi </pre>
Anchor link (same page)	<code>[Anchor Link #anchor]</code>	<pre> &lt;ac:link ac:anchor="anchor"   &lt;ac:plain-text-link-body&gt;     &lt;![CDATA[Anchor Link]]&gt;   &lt;/ac:plain-text-link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt; </pre>
Anchor link (another page)	<code>[Anchor Link pagetitle#anchor]</code>	<pre> &lt;ac:link ac:anchor="anchor"   &lt;ri:page ri:content-title   &lt;ac:plain-text-link-body&gt;     &lt;![CDATA[Anchor Link]]&gt;   &lt;/ac:plain-text-link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt; </pre>

Link with an embedded image for the body	[!google.png! pagetitle#anchor]	<pre>&lt;ac:link ac:anchor="Anchor"   &lt;ac:link-body&gt;     &lt;ac:image&gt;&lt;ri:url ri:value="http://confluence /&gt;&lt;/ac:image&gt;   &lt;/ac:link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt;</pre> <p>For rich content like <i>images</i>, you need</p>
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#### A note about link bodies

All links received from the editor will be stored as plain text by default, unless they are detected to contain the limited set of mark up that we allow in link bodies. Here are some examples of markup we support in link bodies.

An example of different link bodies
<pre>&lt;ac:link&gt;   &lt;!-- Any resource identifier --&gt;   &lt;ri:page ri:content-title="Home" ri:space-key="SANDBOX" /&gt;   &lt;ac:link-body&gt;Some &lt;strong&gt;Rich&lt;/strong&gt; Text&lt;/ac:link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt; &lt;ac:link&gt;   &lt;ri:page ri:content-title="Plugin developer tutorial stuff" ri:space-key="TECHWRITING" /&gt;   &lt;ac:plain-text-link-body&gt;&lt;![CDATA[A plain &lt;text&gt; link body]]&gt;&lt;/ac:plain-text-link-body&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt; &lt;ac:link&gt;   &lt;ri:page ri:content-title="Plugin developer tutorial stuff" ri:space-key="TECHWRITING" /&gt;   &lt;!-- A link body isn't necessary. Auto-generated from the resource identifier for display. --&gt; &lt;/ac:link&gt;</pre>

The markup tags permitted within the `<ac:link-body>` are `<b>`, `<strong>`, `<em>`, `<i>`, `<code>`, `<tt>`, `<sub>`, `<sup>`, `<br>` and `<span>`.

#### Images

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In

Attached image	!atlassian_logo.gif!
External image	!http://confluence.atlassian.com/images/logo/confluence_48_trans.png!

Supported image attributes (some of these attributes mirror the equivalent HTML 4 IMG element):

Name	Description
ac:align	image alignment
ac:border	Set to "true" to set a border
ac:class	css class attribute.
ac:title	image tool tip.
ac:style	css style
ac:thumbnail	Set to "true" to designate this image as a thumbnail.
ac:alt	alt text
ac:height	image height
ac:width	image width
ac:vspace	the white space on the top and bottom of an image
ac:hspace	the white space on the left and right of an image

#### Tables

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later	What you will get
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Two column, two row (top header row)	<table><tr><td>Table Heading Cell 1</td><td>Table Heading Cell 2</td></tr><tr><td>Cell 1</td><td>Normal Cell 2</td></tr></table>	Table Heading Cell 1	Table Heading Cell 2	Cell 1	Normal Cell 2	<pre>&lt;table&gt;  &lt;tbody&gt;  &lt;tr&gt;  &lt;th&gt;Table Heading Cell 1&lt;/th&gt;  &lt;th&gt;Table Heading Cell 2&lt;/th&gt; &lt;/tr&gt;  &lt;tr&gt;  &lt;td&gt;Normal Cell 1&lt;/td&gt;  &lt;td&gt;Normal Cell 2&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;/tbody&gt; &lt;/table&gt;</pre>	<table><tr><th>Table Heading Cell 1</th><th>Table Heading Cell 2</th></tr><tr><td>Normal Cell 1</td><td>Normal Cell 2</td></tr></table>	Table Heading Cell 1	Table Heading Cell 2	Normal Cell 1	Normal Cell 2
Table Heading Cell 1	Table Heading Cell 2										
Cell 1	Normal Cell 2										
Table Heading Cell 1	Table Heading Cell 2										
Normal Cell 1	Normal Cell 2										
Two column, three rows, 2nd and third with merged cells in first row	N/A	<pre>&lt;table&gt;  &lt;tbody&gt;  &lt;tr&gt;  &lt;th&gt;Table Heading Cell 1&lt;/th&gt;  &lt;th&gt;Table Heading Cell 2&lt;/th&gt; &lt;/tr&gt;  &lt;tr&gt;  &lt;td rowspan="2"&gt;Merged Cell&lt;/td&gt;  &lt;td&gt;Normal Cell 1&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt;  &lt;tr&gt;  &lt;td colspan="1"&gt;Normal Cell 2&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;/tbody&gt; &lt;/table&gt;</pre>	<table><tr><th>Table Heading Cell 1</th><th>Table Heading Cell 2</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Merged Cell</td><td>Normal Cell 1</td></tr><tr><td>Normal Cell 2</td></tr></table>	Table Heading Cell 1	Table Heading Cell 2	Merged Cell	Normal Cell 1	Normal Cell 2			
Table Heading Cell 1	Table Heading Cell 2										
Merged Cell	Normal Cell 1										
	Normal Cell 2										

## Page layouts

Confluence supports [page layouts](#) directly, as an alternative to macro-based layouts (using, for example, the [section and column](#) macros). This section documents the storage format XML created when these layouts are used in a page.

### Notes:

- Page layouts were originally introduced in Confluence 4.2, and are not available in earlier versions of Confluence. If you are using Confluence 4.2 - 5.1 you should refer to the documentation for your version of Confluence:
  - [Confluence Storage Format \(Confluence 4.2\)](#)
  - [Confluence Storage Format \(Confluence 4.3\)](#)
  - [Confluence Storage Format \(Confluence 5.0\)](#)
  - [Confluence Storage Format \(Confluence 5.1\)](#)
- Pages with a layout created in the old format will be converted to 5.2 format.
- Confluence 5.2 provides more flexible layouts with a more concise storage format.

Element name	In Confluence 5.2 and later	Attributes
<code>ac:layout</code>	Indicates that the page has a layout. It should be the top level element in the page.	None
<code>ac:layout-section</code>	Represents a <i>row</i> in the layout. It must be directly within the <code>ac:layout</code> tag. The type of the section indicates the appropriate number of cells and their relative widths.	<code>ac:type</code>
<code>ac:layout-cell</code>	Represents a <i>column</i> in a layout. It must be directly within the <code>ac:layout-section</code> tag. There should be an appropriate number of cells within the layout-section to match the <code>ac:type</code> .	None

The recognized values of `ac:type` for `ac:layout-section` are:

<code>ac:type</code>	Expected number of cells	Description
<code>single</code>	1	One cell occupies the entire section.
<code>two_equal</code>	2	Two cells of equal width.
<code>two_left_sidebar</code>	2	A narrow (~30%) cell followed by a wide cell.
<code>two_right_sidebar</code>	2	A wide cell followed by a narrow (~30%) cell.
<code>three_equal</code>	3	Three cells of equal width.
<code>three_with_sidebars</code>	3	A narrow (~20%) cell at each end with a wide cell in the middle.

The following example shows one of the more complicated layouts from the old format built in the new. The word `{content}` indicates where further XHTML or Confluence storage format block content would be entered, such as `<p>` or `<table>` tags.

```

<ac:layout>
  <ac:layout-section ac:type="single">
    <ac:layout-cell>
      {content}
    </ac:layout-cell>
  </ac:layout-section>
  <ac:layout-section ac:type="three_with_sidebars">
    <ac:layout-cell>
      {content}
    </ac:layout-cell>
    <ac:layout-cell>
      {content}
    </ac:layout-cell>
    <ac:layout-cell>
      {content}
    </ac:layout-cell>
  </ac:layout-section>
  <ac:layout-section ac:type="single">
    <ac:layout-cell>
      {content}
    </ac:layout-cell>
  </ac:layout-section>
</ac:layout>

```

## Emoticons

Format type	In Confluence 3.5 and earlier	In Confluence 4.0 and later	What you will get
Emoticons	:)	<pre> &lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="smile" /&gt; </pre>	
	:(	<pre> &lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="sad" /&gt; </pre>	
	:P	<pre> &lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="cheeky" /&gt; </pre>	
	:D	<pre> &lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="laugh" /&gt; </pre>	

	;)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="wink" /&gt;</pre>	
	(y)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="thumbs-up" /&gt;</pre>	
	(n)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="thumbs-down" /&gt;</pre>	
	(i)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="information" /&gt;</pre>	
	(/)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="tick" /&gt;</pre>	
	(x)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="cross" /&gt;</pre>	
	(!)	<pre>&lt;ac:emoticon ac:name="warning" /&gt;</pre>	

### Resource identifiers

Resource identifiers are used to describe "links" or "references" to resources in the storage format. Examples of resources include pages, blog posts, comments, shortcuts, images and so forth.

Resource	Resource identifier format
Page	<pre>&lt;ri:page ri:space-key="FOO" ri:content-title="Test Page" /&gt;</pre> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>ri:space-key</code>: (optional) denotes the space key. This can be omitted to create a relative reference.</li> <li><code>ri:content-title</code>: (required) denotes the title of the page.</li> </ul>

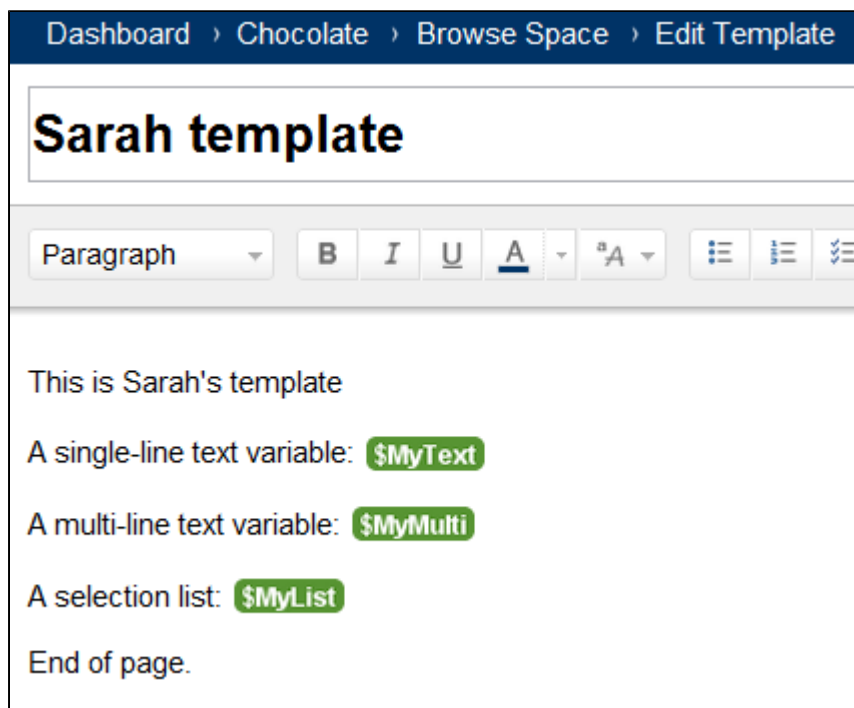


Blog Post	<pre data-bbox="368 141 1390 282">&lt;ri:blog-post ri:space-key="FOO" ri:content-title="First Post" ri:posting-day="2012/01/30" /&gt;</pre> <p data-bbox="327 304 405 331">Notes:</p> <ul data-bbox="339 353 1377 488" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ri:space-key</code>: (optional) denotes the space key. This can be omitted to create a relative reference.</li> <li>• <code>ri:content-title</code>: (required) denotes the title of the page.</li> <li>• <code>ri:posting-day</code>: (required) denotes the posting day. The format is YYYY/MM/DD.</li> </ul>
Attachment	<pre data-bbox="368 515 1390 728">&lt;ri:attachment ri:filename&gt; ... resource identifier for the container of the attachment ... &lt;/ri:attachment&gt;</pre> <p data-bbox="327 750 405 777">Notes:</p> <ul data-bbox="339 799 1390 934" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ri:filename</code>: (required) denotes the name of the attachment.</li> <li>• the body of the <code>ri:attachment</code> element should be a resource identifier denoting the container of the attachment. This can be omitted to create a relative attachment reference (similar to [foo.png] in wiki markup).</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="327 956 453 983">Examples:</p> <div data-bbox="389 1028 1369 1084"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Relative Attachment Reference</b></p> <pre data-bbox="413 1088 1075 1115">&lt;ri:attachment ri:filename="happy.gif" /&gt;</pre> </div> <div data-bbox="389 1209 1369 1400"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Absolute Attachment Reference</b></p> <pre data-bbox="413 1270 1235 1400">&lt;ri:attachment ri:filename="happy.gif"&gt;   &lt;ri:page ri:space-key="TST" ri:content-title="Test Page" /&gt; &lt;/ri:attachment&gt;</pre> </div>
URL	<pre data-bbox="368 1496 1390 1608">&lt;ri:url ri:value="http://example.org/sample.gif"/&gt;</pre> <p data-bbox="327 1630 405 1657">Notes:</p> <ul data-bbox="339 1680 995 1706" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ri:value</code>: (required) denotes the actual URL value.</li> </ul>
Shortcut	<pre data-bbox="368 1738 1390 1850">&lt;ri:shortcut ri:key="jira" ri:parameter="ABC-123"&gt;</pre> <p data-bbox="327 1872 405 1899">Notes:</p> <ul data-bbox="339 1921 1337 2056" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ri:key</code>: (required) represents the key of the Confluence shortcut.</li> <li>• <code>ri:parameter</code>: (required) represents the parameter to pass into the Confluence shortcut.</li> <li>• The example above is equivalent to [ABC-123@jira] in wiki markup.</li> </ul>

User	<pre>&lt;ri:user ri:userkey="2c9680f7405147ee0140514c26120003"/&gt;</pre> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>ri:userkey</code>: (required) denotes the unique identifier of the user.</li> </ul>
Space	<pre>&lt;ri:space ri:space-key="TST"/&gt;</pre> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>ri:space-key</code>: (required) denotes the key of the space.</li> </ul>
Content Entity	<pre>&lt;ri:content-entity ri:content-id="123"/&gt;</pre> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>ri:content-id</code>: (required) denotes the id of the content.</li> </ul>

#### Template variables

This screenshot shows a simple template:



The template contains the following variables:

Variable name	Type	Values
\$MyText	Single-line text	
\$MyMulti	Multi-line text	Size: 5 x 100
\$MyList	List	List items: Apples, Pears, Peaches

The XML export produces the following code for the template:

```

<at:declarations>
  <at:string at:name="MyText" />
  <at:textarea at:columns="100" at:name="MyMulti" at:rows="5" />
  <at:list at:name="MyList">
    <at:option at:value="Apples" />
    <at:option at:value="Pears" />
    <at:option at:value="Peaches" />
  </at:list>
</at:declarations>

<p>This is Sarah's template</p>

<p>A single-line text variable:&nbsp;<at:var at:name="MyText" /></p>

<p>A multi-line text variable:&nbsp;<at:var at:name="MyMulti" /></p>

<p>A selection list:&nbsp;<at:var at:name="MyList" /></p>

<p>End of page.</p>

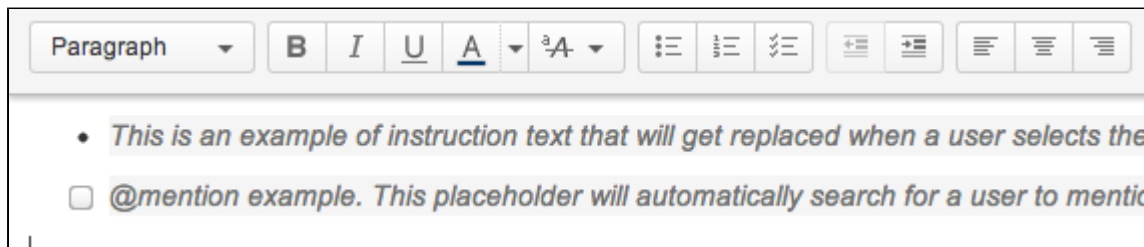
```

### Instructional Text

Instructional text allows you to include information on how to fill out a template for an end-user (the person using creating a page from the template). Instructional text will:

- automatically clear all *instructional text* as the user types in a specific text block, and
- automatically trigger a @mention prompt for user selection (for 'mention' type instructional text).

*Screenshot: Example of instructional text.*



```

<ul>
  <li><ac:placeholder>This is an example of instruction text that will
  get replaced when a user selects the text and begins
  typing.</ac:placeholder></li>
</ul>
<ac:task-list>
  <ac:task>
    <ac:task-status>incomplete</ac:task-status>
    <ac:task-body><ac:placeholder ac:type="mention">@mention
    example. This placeholder will automatically search for a user to
    mention in the page when the user begins
    typing.</ac:placeholder></ac:task-body>
  </ac:task>
</ac:task-list>

```

## Confluence Wiki Markup

This page describes the wiki markup used on some administration screens in Confluence.

Wiki markup is useful when you want to do one of the following:

- Type wiki markup directly into the editor. Confluence will convert it to the rich text editor format as you type.
- Create [links](#) using the **Advanced** tab of the Links Browser.
- Add custom content to the **sidebar**, **header** or **footer** of a space.
- Insert a block of wiki markup (or markdown) into the Confluence editor. (Choose **Insert** > **Markup**.)

**Note: You cannot edit content in wiki markup.** Confluence does not store page content in wiki markup. Although you can enter wiki markup into the editor, Confluence will convert it to the rich text editor format immediately. You will not be able to edit the wiki markup after initial entry.

Can I type wiki markup into the editor?

### On this page:

- Can I type wiki markup into the editor?
- Can I insert markdown?
- Headings
- Lists
- Tables
- Text Effects
- Text Breaks
- Links
- Images
- Page Layouts
- Macros

Yes. You can type wiki markup directly into the editor, and Confluence will convert it as you type. (You cannot edit the wiki markup after conversion.) **See it in action in this video:**

Can I insert markdown?

Confluence supports inserting content in markdown. This is often used in ReadMe files. See [Markdown syntax guide](#) for some examples of markdown syntax.

**To insert markdown in the editor:**

1. Choose **Insert** > **Markup**
2. Select **Markdown**
3. Type or paste your text - the preview will show you how it will appear on your page
4. Choose **Insert**.

As with wiki markup, Confluence will convert your markdown to the rich text editor format. You will not be able to edit your content using markdown.

### Headings

To format a line as a heading, type "hn." at the start of your line, where n can be a number from 1 to 6.

What you need to type	What you'll get
h1. Biggest heading	<b>Biggest heading</b>
h3. Big heading	<b>Big heading</b>
h5. Small heading	<b>Small heading</b>

## Lists

Wiki markup allows you to create bulleted or numbered lists, and is flexible enough to allow a combination of the two list types.

**i** If you need to separate the text within lists using line breaks, make sure you do so using a double slash (/). Empty lines may disrupt the list.

### Simple lists

Use the hyphen (-) to create simple lists with square bullets. Make sure there's a space between the hyphen and your text.

What you need to type	What you'll get
<pre>- some - bullet - points</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ some</li><li>■ bullet</li><li>■ points</li></ul>

### Bulleted lists

Use the asterisk (\*) to create bullets. For each subsequent level, add an extra asterisk. Make sure there is a space between the asterisk and your text.

What you need to type	What you'll get
<pre>* some * bullet ** indented ** bullets * points</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• some</li><li>• bullet<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• indented</li><li>• bullets</li></ul></li><li>• points</li></ul>

### Numbered lists

Use the hash (#) to create numbered lists. Make sure there is a space between the hash and your text.

What you need to type	What you'll get
<pre># a # numbered # list</pre>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. a</li><li>2. numbered</li><li>3. list</li></ol>

A second level of hashes will produce a sub-list, such as the **alphabetical** sub-list shown below.

What you need to type	What you'll get
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<pre># Here's a sentence. ## This is a sub-list point. ## And a second sub-list point. # Here's another sentence.</pre>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Here's a sentence. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This is a sub-list point.</li> <li>b. And a second sub-list point.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Here's another sentence.</li> </ol>
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You can use a third level of hashes to produce a sub-sub-list.

What you need to type	What you'll get
<pre># Here's a sentence. ## This is a sub-list point. ### Third list level. ### Another point at the third level. ## And a second sub-list point. # Here's another sentence.</pre>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Here's a sentence. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This is a sub-list point. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Third list level.</li> <li>ii. Another point at the third level.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. And a second sub-list point.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Here's another sentence.</li> </ol>

**Note:** In numbered lists as described above, the format of the 'number' displayed at each list level may be different, depending upon your browser and the style sheets installed on your Confluence instance. So in some cases, you may see letters (A, B, C, etc; or a, b, c, etc) or Roman numerals (i, ii, iii, etc) at different list levels.

#### Mixed lists

What you need to type	What you'll get
<pre># Here #* is #* an # example #* of #* a # mixed # list</pre>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is</li> <li>• an</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of</li> <li>• a</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. mixed</li> <li>4. list</li> </ol>

#### Tables

You can create two types of tables.

##### Table Type 1

Allows you to create a simple table with an optional header row. Once you've added this type of table, you can set the width of the columns using the [table controls in the toolbar](#).

Use double bars for a table heading row.

**What you need to type:**

```
| |heading 1| |heading 2| |heading 3| |
|cell A1|cell A2|cell A3|
|cell B1|cell B2|cell B3|
```

**What you'll get:**

heading 1	heading 2	heading 3
cell A1	cell A2	cell A3
cell B1	cell B2	cell B3

You can also use a vertical header.

**What you need to type:**

```
| |heading 1| col A1| col A2| col A3|
| |heading 2| col B1| col B2| col B3|
```

**What you'll get:**

heading 1	col A1	col A2	col A3
heading 2	col B1	col B2	col B3

Table Type 2

This method uses section and column macros to create the table, and allows you to specify the width of the columns in the markup.

**What you need to type**

```
{section:border=true}
{column:width=30%}
Text for this column goes here. This is the smaller column with a
width of only 30%.
{column}
{column:width=70%}
Text for this column goes here. This is the larger column with a
width of 70%.
{column}
{section}
```

**What you'll get**

Text for this column goes here.

This is the smaller column with a width of only 30%.

Text for this column goes here. This is the larger column with a width of 70%.

 For more details please see the [Column Macro](#) and the [Section Macro](#).

Advanced Formatting

Color and Other Formatting

To add color and other formatting to your tables, you can use the [Panel Macro](#) within columns. More table-formatting options may be available if your Confluence administrator has installed additional macros.

### Lists

Here's an example of how to embed lists in a table:

#### What you need to type

```
||Heading 1||Heading 2||
|* Item 1
* Item 2
* Item 3|# Item 1
# Item 2
# Item 3|
```

#### What you'll get

Heading 1	Heading 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 1</li> <li>Item 2</li> <li>Item 3</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 1</li> <li>Item 2</li> <li>Item 3</li> </ol>

### Text Effects

Use the markup shown in the examples below to format text.

What you need to type	What you'll get
<code>*strong*</code>	<b>strong</b>
<code>*bold text*</code>	<b>bold text</b>
<code>_emphasis_</code>	<i>emphasis</i>
<code>_italics_</code>	<i>italics</i> <i>Hint:</i> To italicize parts of a word, add braces (curly brackets) around the underscore. For example, Thing{_ gives you this: Thingx
<code>??citation??</code>	— <i>citation</i>
<code>-deleted-</code>	<del>deleted</del>
<code>+inserted+</code>	<u>inserted</u>



Text with <sup>superscript</sup>	Text with <sup>superscript</sup>  Hint: There are two ways to make superscripts work, when used directly after another word or character: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add a space before the superscript. For example, kg /m ^3^ gives you this: kg/m <sup>3</sup></li><li>• Add braces (curly brackets) around the superscript markup. For example, kg/m{^3^} gives you this: kg/m<sup>3</sup></li></ul>
Text with~subscript~	Text with <sub>subscript</sub>
{ {monospaced} }	monospaced
bq. Here's how you make a paragraph appear as a block quotation.	<i>Here's how you make a paragraph appear as a block quotation.</i>
{color:red}look ma, red text!{color}	look ma, red text!

## Text Breaks

### Paragraph Break

In wiki markup, a paragraph is a continuous line of text ending in two carriage returns. This is equivalent to a continuous line of text followed by a blank line.

When rendered into HTML, the result is a line of text wrapped in a set of `<p></p>` tags.

### Line Break

Confluence provides two options for forcing a line break within a paragraph of text:

- Implicitly, by entering a single carriage return at its end.
- Explicitly, by entering two consecutive backslashes: `\\`

When rendered into HTML, the result is a paragraph of text that is split into separate lines by `<br>` tags, wherever a forced line break appears.

**i** For most purposes, explicit line breaks are not required because a single carriage return is enough.

The examples below show how to use explicit line breaks.

What you need to type	What you'll get
here is some text \\ divided \\ using line \\    \\ breaks\\	here is some text divided using line  breaks

This is a short list: * Point 1 Text to go with point 1 * Point 2  \ \    \ \  Text to go with point 2 with a break	This is a short list:  • Point 1 Text to go with point 1 • Point 2  Text to go with point 2 with a break
--	--

If you wish to use multiple consecutive line breaks, each should be separated by a space character. For example, use this for two consecutive line breaks:

\ \ \

#### Horizontal Rule

To create a horizontal line across the width of your page or content block, type four dashes (like this: ----) at the beginning of a line, then press Enter or space.

Make sure that the dashes are on a separate line from the rest of the text.

What you need to type	What you'll get
here is some text  ----  divided by a horizontal rule	here is some text <hr/> divided by a horizontal rule

#### Links

You can use wiki markup to add hyperlinks to your text.

What you need to type	What you'll get
[#anchor]	A link to an anchor on the same page.
[Confluence Wiki Markup^attachment.ext]	A link to a file attached to the page.
[pagetitle]	A link to a page.
[pagetitle#anchor]	A link to an anchor on another page.
[pagetitle^attachment.ext]	A link to a file attached to another page.
[spacekey:pagetitle]	A link to a page in another space.
[spacekey:pagetitle#anchor]	A link to an anchor on a page in another space.
[spacekey:pagetitle^attachment.ext]	A link to a file attached to a page in another space.
[/2004/01/12/blogposttitle]	A link to a blog post. Note: blogposttitle is the title of the blog as it appears on the page.
[spacekey:/2004/01/12/blogposttitle]	A link to a blog post in another space. Note: blogposttitle is the title of the blog as it appears on the page.
[/2004/01/12]	A link to a whole day's blog posts.
[spacekey:/2004/01/12]	A link to a whole day's blog posts in another space.

[spacekey:]	A link to the space homepage (or the space summary page of the space).
[~username]	A link to the user profile page of a particular user.
[phrase@shortcut]	A shortcut link to the specified shortcut site. Shortcuts are configured by the site administrator.
[http://confluence.atlassian.com]	A link to an external resource.
[mailto:legendaryservice@atlassian.com]	A link to an email address.
[file://z:/file/on/network/share.txt]	A link to a file on your computer or on a network share that you have mapped to a drive. <i>This only works on Internet Explorer.</i>
[!http://external/image.png! http://external/link.html]	Displays an external image and links to an external URL.

Note that Confluence treats headings as anchors, so you can link to headings using this pattern: [spacekey:pagename#headingname], where headingname is case-sensitive and must be entered without spaces.

For each of these link forms:

- You can prepend a link alias, so that alternate text is displayed on the page. Example: [link alias|pagetitle#anchor]
- You can append a link tip, which appears as a tooltip. Example: [pagetitle#anchor|link tip]

## Images

You can display images from attached files or remote sources.

What you need to type	What you'll get
!http://www.host.com/image.gif!	An image from a remote source is displayed on the page. Uses a fully qualified URL.
!attached-image.gif!	An image file attached to the page is displayed.
!pageTitle^image.gif!	An image file attached to a different page is displayed.
!spaceKey:pageTitle^image.gif!	An image file attached to a page in a different space is displayed.
!/2010/05/23/My Blog Post^image.gif!	An image file attached to a blog post is displayed.
!image.jpg thumbnail!	The image is displayed as a thumbnail on the page (only works with images that are attached to the page). Users can click on the thumbnail to see the full-sized image. Thumbnails must be enabled by the site administrator for this to work.
!image.gif align=right, vspace=4!	For any image, you can specify attributes of the HTML image tag as a comma separated list of name=value pairs.

Available HTML image tags include:

Image tag	Details
align	Available values are 'left', 'right', 'bottom', 'center', 'top'.
border	Specifies the width of the border (in pixels).

bordercolor	Use with the 'border' tag. Specify colors by name or hex value.
hspace	Specifies the amount of whitespace to be inserted to the left and right of the image (in pixels).
vspace	Specifies the amount of whitespace to be inserted above and below the image (in pixels).
width	Specifies the width of the image (in pixels). This will override the natural width of the image.
height	Specifies the height of the image (in pixels). This will override the natural height of the image.
title	Specifies alternate text for the image, which is displayed when the pointer hovers over the image.
alt	Specifies alternate text for the image. This text is retrievable via search, and contributes to accessibility of the page for text-only viewing.

### Page Layouts

There is no wiki markup representation for page layouts.

### Macros

Storage format and wiki markup examples have been included in the documentation for each [macro](#).

## Files

Share your team's PDFs, Office documents, images, and more in one place by uploading your files to Confluence. Automatic versioning, instant previews, permissions, and full-text search, means shared network drives can be a thing of the past for your team.

When you upload a file it is *attached* to the current page or blog post. This is why files are often referred to as *attachments* in Confluence.

You can attach anything from project plans and design mockups to video and audio files. You and your colleagues can also collaborate by [commenting on files](#) displayed on Confluence pages.

### Using Files

- [Upload Files](#)
- [Display Files and Images](#)
- [Manage Files](#)
- [Share and Comment on Files](#)
- [Edit Office Files](#)

### Permissions

The 'Add Attachment' and 'Delete Attachment' permissions are used to control who can upload and delete attachments in a space.

Users with 'Add Page' or 'Add Blog' permissions can insert existing attachments to their pages, but not upload new attachments unless they also have the 'Add Attachment' permission.

There is no permission that controls downloading attachments. See our knowledge base article about [disabling the download of attachments](#) if you need to do this.

## Upload Files

When you upload a file, such as an image or document, it will be attached to the current page.

#### On this page:

- [Using Files](#)
- [Permissions](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring Attachment Size](#)
- [Configuring your Attachment Storage](#)

You can then choose to display the file on the page as a link, an image or embed it in the page (using a macro).

To upload a file you'll need the 'Add Attachments' space permission.

### Upload a file

There are many ways to attach a file to a page.

In the editor you can:

- Drag the file directly onto the page.
- Go to **Insert > Files and images** and upload a file.

When viewing a page you can:

- Drag the file directly onto the page.
- Go to  
...  
> **Attachments** and upload a file.

You can attach multiple files at a time.

### Accepted file types and size

Confluence allows you to attach most file types, but you cannot attach a folder of files (including folders created by applications like Keynote - you'll need to export your presentation to zip or other format).

Although just about any file type can be attached to a page, not all file types can be displayed on or embedded in a page. See [Display Files and Images](#) to find out more.


The maximum file size you can upload to Confluence is set by your system administrator. By default it is 10mb, but your administrator may have increased or reduced this limit.

### File versions

If you upload a file with the same name as an existing attachment on the same page, Confluence will overwrite the existing attachment. Version history is kept for all attachments. See [Manage Files](#) to find out more.

Any changes you make to the source file will not affect the copy that was uploaded to Confluence. To update the Confluence copy, you need to upload the new version of the file.

### Notes

 We recommend you don't use special characters in page or attachment names, as the page or attachment may not be found by Confluence search, and may cause some Confluence functions to behave unexpectedly.

## Display Files and Images

Files can be displayed on a page as a thumbnail or as a link. There are a few different ways to [Upload Files](#).

You can control how the file appears on your page. The options available depend on the type of file.

#### On this page:

- [Upload a file](#)
- [Accepted file types and size](#)
- [File versions](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

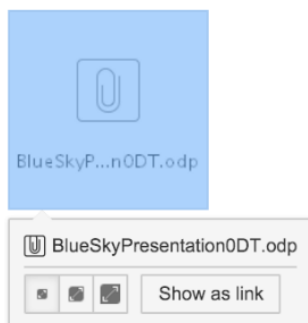
- [Files](#)
- [Configuring Attachment Size](#)
- [Display Files and Images](#)
- [Manage Files](#)

## Insert a file into your page

There's a few ways to insert a file into your page:

- Go to **Insert > Files** on the editor toolbar and select any of the previously uploaded files, or
- Drag the file directly into the editor (this will upload and insert the file in one step), or
- Type ! and choose an attached file from the autocomplete drop down.

Your file will appear on your page as a thumbnail. Click the thumbnail to resize it or to switch to showing the file as a link.



## Insert a file attached to another page

You can display a file that's attached to a different page of the same Confluence site, if you know the name of the file.

### To display an image attached to a different page:

1. Go to **Insert > Files** and choose the **Search on other pages**.
2. Enter the name of the file.
3. Choose whether to search the current space or **All Spaces** and choose **Search**.
4. Select the file from the search results and choose **Insert**.

## Insert an image file from the web

You can display an image from a remote web page on your Confluence page, without needing to attach it to your page. You need to know the URL for the image, not for the web page it appears on. This is only available for image files, not other types of files (like documents).

### To display an image from a web page:

1. While editing the page, position the cursor where you want to place the image.
2. Choose **Insert > Files** and choose **Images from the web**.
3. Enter a URL for the image. (example: <http://atlassian.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/AtlassianBushRegeneration-12January2012-083-trunc.jpg>)
4. Choose **Preview** to check that the URL and image are correct.
5. Choose **Insert**.

## Delete files from your page

If you delete a file or image in the editor, the attached file will not be deleted. Go to ...

> **Attachments** to delete the attachment completely from the page.

Seeing an 'unknown attachment' placeholder on your page? This means that the attached file has been deleted from the page (or another page).

### On this page:

- [Insert a file into your page](#)
  - [Insert a file attached to another page](#)
  - [Insert an image file from the web](#)
  - [Delete files from your page](#)
- [Preview a file](#)
- [Office and PDF files](#)
- [Image files](#)
- [Multimedia files](#)
- [Show a list of files on a page](#)

### Related pages:

- [Links](#)
- [Manage Files](#)

Preview a file

Click an image, file thumbnail or link when viewing a page to launch the preview.

The preview includes images from the web that are displayed on the page and files that are attached to the page (even if they are not currently displayed on the page).

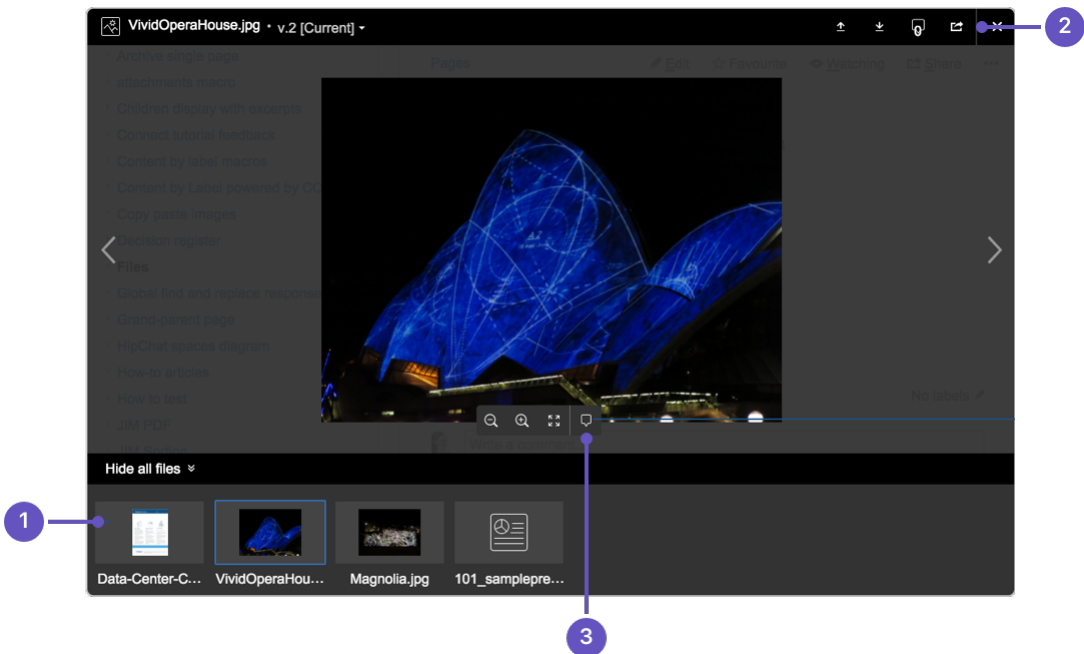
In the preview you can:

- Download the image file.
- Upload a new version of the file (attached files only).
- Comment on the file.
- Zoom in, out or fit the image to the width of your browser.
- Browse like a slideshow using the next and back buttons.
- See other files attached to the page and select a thumbnail to preview that file.
- Switch to a full screen presentation mode.

Many file types can be previewed, including Office files, PDFs and many image types.

Which files can be previewed?

Images files	Office files	Other files
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JPEG</li><li>• PNG</li><li>• TIFF</li><li>• PSD</li><li>• WMF</li><li>• EMF</li><li>• ICO</li><li>• ICNS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DOC</li><li>• DOCX</li><li>• PPT</li><li>• PPTX</li><li>• XLS</li><li>• XLSX</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PDF</li><li>• MP3</li><li>• MP4</li></ul>



1. **See more files:** see other files also attached to this page.
2. **Manage this file:** download the file, upload a new version or share with your team.
3. **Add a comment:** drag the pin to comment on the file.

Office and PDF files

Inserting a file in a page is a great way to make useful documents, spreadsheets, presentations and other files available to your team.

As with all file types, you can choose to insert the file as a link, or as a thumbnail. The thumbnail shows a

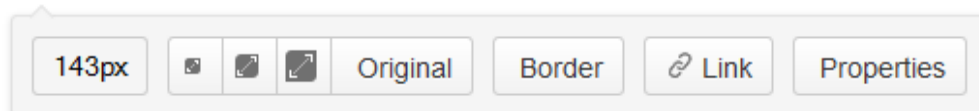
preview of the document's contents, and can be resized.

To view an Office or PDF file, click the link or thumbnail to see the full preview (no need to have Excel, Word or PowerPoint installed). Alternatively, use the Download button in the preview to download the file and view offline.

You can even [comment on Office and PDF files](#).

## Image files

When editing the page, select an image to show the image properties panel. The panel allows you to set the display size, add a border and effects and link the image to other pages.



From the image properties panel you can:

- Choose a **preset size** for the image
- Enter a **width** for the image (between 16px and 900px)
- Add a **border** around the image
- **Link** the image to a page or URL
- **Align** the image (you can use the left and right align buttons to make the text wrap around the image too)
- Add a title, which is shown when you hover over the image (go to **Properties > Title**)
- Add alt text, which is used by screen readers and when the image can't be shown (go to **Properties > Title**)
- Add **effects** to the image such as drop shadow or snapshot (go to **Properties > Effects**).

## To add a caption to an image using the Instant Camera effect:

- Choose **Effects** in the image properties panel and choose the **Instant Camera** image effect.
- Save the page.
- Go to  
...  
> **Attachments** to go to the 'Attachments' view of the page.
- Choose **Properties** next to the image file.
- Add a **comment** to the attachment. The text in your comment will appear as the image caption.

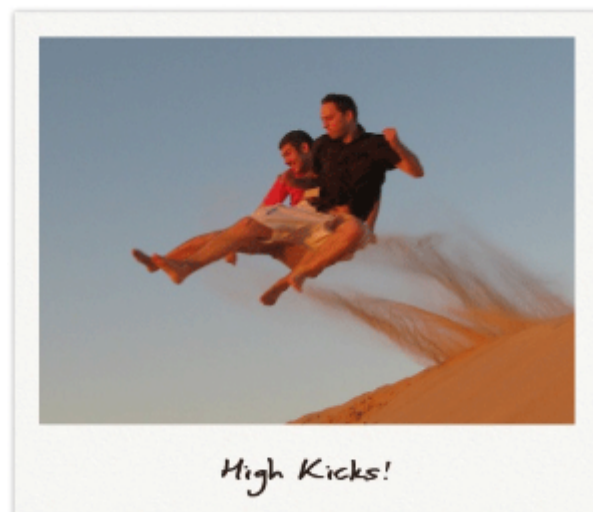
You will need to re-enter the comment each time you upload a new version of the image.

Note: The Instant Camera effect only works with Latin character languages, due to a lack of handwriting style fonts in multi-byte languages.

### Note about image effects

Displaying image effects can be resource intensive. Confluence limits the threads that are dedicated to displaying image effects so that it does not impact your whole instance. If a thread is not available, Confluence will display the image without the effect.

The following knowledge base article provides information if you need to adjust the number of threads - [Image effects are not displayed in Confluence 5.5 or later](#).



## Multimedia files



The file preview also supports MP3 audio and MP4 video files. It uses HTML5 to play attached audio and video files. This means the file types people can play in the preview depends on the audio and video formats their browser supports.

You can also display a wider range of multimedia files (video, audio and animation) using the [Multimedia Macro](#).

Display online video (such as YouTube or Vimeo videos) using the [Widget Connector Macro](#).

### Show a list of files on a page

There are several ways you can display a list of files on a page. You can:

- Use the [Attachments Macro](#) to show files attached to the current page.
- Use the [Space Attachments Macro](#) to show all files in a space.
- Use the [Gallery Macro](#) to show thumbnails of images attached to a page.

You can also use the [File List blueprint](#) for uploading, viewing and managing lists of files.

## Manage Files

Files are attached to Confluence pages. See [Upload Files](#) to find out about attaching files to pages.

Once attached you can download, delete and edit these files, for example if you need to upload a new version of the file, or change the page it is attached to.

### Download attached files

Any user with permission to view a page can also download any files attached to that page.

To download an individual file:

- Click the **Download** button in the file preview, or
- Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**
- and then right click on the file name and save the link.

To download all files attached to a page as a zip file:

1. Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**
2. Click **Download All**.

There's no option to download all attachments in a space.

### Delete an attached file

You'll need the 'Delete Attachment' space permission to delete an attached file.

To delete all versions of an attached file:

1. Go to the page that contains the attachment.
2. Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**

#### On this page:

- [Download attached files](#)
- [Delete an attached file](#)
- [Upload a new version of an attached file](#)
- [Move a file to another page](#)
- [Edit properties of an attached file](#)
- [View all attached files in a space](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Files](#)
- [Display Files and Images](#)

3. Choose **Delete** next to the attachment you want to delete.
4. Choose **Delete** to confirm your action.

Deleted files can be restored from the trash. You'll need to be a space admin to do this.

Space Admins can also delete a specific versions of an attachment:

1. Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**
2. Click the expand arrow next to the attachment name to see the list of attachment versions
3. Choose **Delete** next to the version you want to delete.

Deleted file versions are not recoverable from the trash.

*Screenshot: Attachments and attachment versions*

Attachments								
Name	Size	Creator	Creation Date	Labels			Comment	
▼  penguin.png	5 kB	Rach Admin	Feb 15, 2013 15:33	penguin	chocolate		Updated colours	Properties   Delete
Version 2 (current)	5 kB	Rach Admin	Feb 15, 2013 15:33				Updated colours	Delete
Version 1	5 kB	Josh User	Feb 14, 2013 10:58					Delete
▶  iBugs.gif	22 kB	Josh User	Feb 15, 2013 14:51	useful	logo			Properties   Delete
▶  sitelogo.png	2 kB	Josh User	Feb 15, 2013 14:51	logo	confluence			Properties   Delete

## Upload a new version of an attached file

There are two ways up upload a new version of an attached file. You can:

- Upload a file with the same file name to the page.
- Use the **Upload a new version**



button in the file preview to upload a file with a different name (for images and PDFs only).

To view attachment versions:

- Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**
- Click the expand arrow next to the attachment name.

All earlier versions of the file will appear.

You can't revert to an earlier version of the file, but you can choose to remove earlier versions if you have Space Administrator permissions.

## Move a file to another page

You'll need the 'Add Page', 'Add Attachment' and 'Remove Attachment' space permissions to move an attached file to another page.

To change the page that a file is attached to:

- Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**
- Choose **Properties** next to the attachment you want to move.
- Enter the name of the page you want to move the attachment to (for example `My Destination Page`).
- Choose **Save**.

If you want to move the file to a page in another space, add the space key before the page name (for example DOC:My Destination Page).

### Edit properties of an attached file

You'll need the 'Add Attachment' permission in the space to edit the file properties.

To edit the properties of an attached file:

- Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**
- Click **Properties** beside the attachment you want to edit.

You can:

- change the file name
- add a comment (used in the version list and also by the Snapshot image effect)
- change the MIME type
- move the attachment to another page
- add a label.

Changing the MIME type may cause your file to display incorrectly.

### View all attached files in a space

There are two ways you can view all files in a space. You can:

- Use the [Space Attachments macro](#) to display the list of files on a page.
- Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar Then choose **Attachments**.

You can use the filters to only show files with a particular label or file extension.

*Screenshot: Space attachments macro*

Sample Page						
@ 3 Added by Rach Admin, last edited by Rach Admin on Feb 15, 2013 (view change)						
Attachments in this space - displayed via the space attachments macro.						
Filter By File Extension: <input type="text"/>		Filter By Label: <input type="text"/>		<input type="button" value="Filter"/>		
Name	Size	Creator	Creation Date	Last Modification Date	Labels	Attached To
penguin.png	5 kB	Rach Admin	20 minutes ago	20 minutes ago	penguin chocolate	Sample Page
iBugs.gif	22 kB	Josh User	about an hour ago	about an hour ago	useful logo	Sample Page
sitelogo.png	2 kB	Josh User	about an hour ago	about an hour ago	logo confluence	Sample Page
DefaultSpaceLogo_AngryNerds.png	10 kB	Rach Admin	Feb 13, 2013	Feb 13, 2013	No labels	Fancy Page

## Share and Comment on Files

Collaboration doesn't just happen on pages; often you'll need to collaborate with your team on documents, presentations, images and spreadsheets. Whether it's mockups for a new marketing campaign or a full project plan, you can simplify your team's feedback loop by working together on files in Confluence.

### Share a file

Do you have lots of files on a page and want to get a team member's input on just one of them? You can share the file with them directly.

It works just like sharing a page:

1. Click the thumbnail or link to preview the file
2. Choose the **Share** button
3. Enter an email address, user name or group name, add your message and send

Your team members will get an email with your message and a link to view the file.

**On this page:**

- [Share a file](#)
- [Comment on a file](#)
- [Edit a file](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Files](#)
- [Display Files and Images](#)
- [Comment on pages and blog posts](#)

Share notifications are only sent by email, they won't appear in the workbook



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## Comment on a file

Whether it's an image – like a mockup of the new marketing campaign that needs feedback – a PDF, a presentation, or any other file you can preview in Confluence, you can drop a pin anywhere on the preview and add your comment to start a conversation.

To comment on a file:

1. Click the thumbnail or link to preview the file
2. Drag the pin icon from the bottom of the preview and drop it where you want to comment
3. Add your comment and **Save**

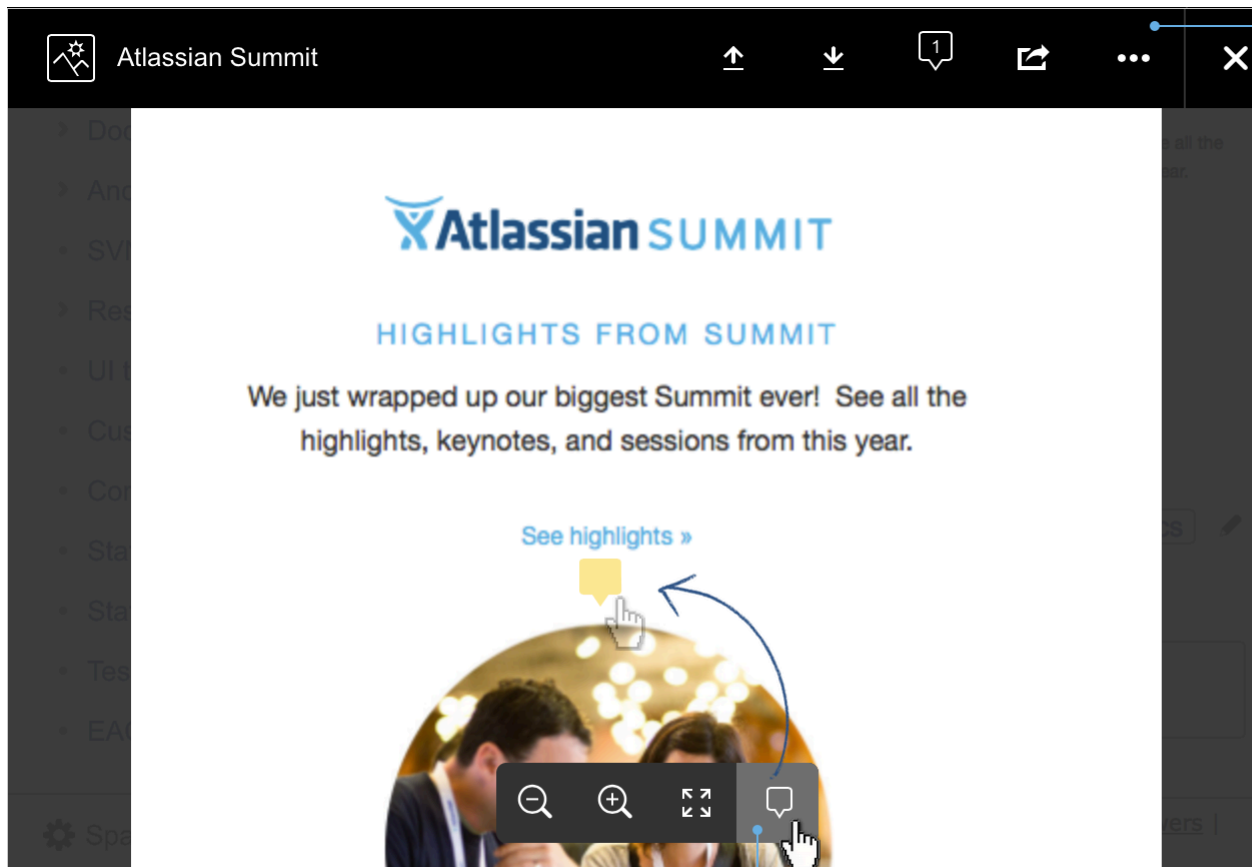
Pinned comments work just like [inline comments](#) on pages. You can use [@mentions](#) and [links](#), and drop as many pins as you need on any part of the file. You can even add simple [macros](#) such as the code macro using wiki markup autocomplete. Anyone with permission to add comments to the page can add and reply to comments on a file.

When you preview a file, you'll see pins for any existing comments. Select a pin to view the comment.

Once the conversation is finished, you can resolve the comment to hide it (and any replies) from view. If you need to see resolved comments again, you can reopen them. Go to



> **Resolved comments** in the preview.



Drag a pin onto a file to comment.  
Drag more pins to make more comments.

You can't comment on files that are hosted on a web server and added to Confluence using their URL, or on files that can't be viewed in the preview (such as videos, zip files, and some other file types).

## Edit a file

Need to go beyond commenting on files? You can even edit some files right from the Confluence page. See [Edit Office Files](#) to find out about supported file types and applications.

## Edit Office Files

The Office Connector allows you to edit attached office files in their native application (such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint or OpenOffice) and save the file right back to the Confluence page. No need to download and re-upload the file.

**!** The Office Connector is only available for some browsers, operating systems and applications, check the [Office Connector Prerequisites](#) before you start for the combination that will work best for you.

### On this page:

- [Edit an attached document](#)
- [Other ways to edit](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

### Related pages:


- [Office Connector Prerequisites](#)
- [Office Connector limitations and known issues](#)
- [Configuring the Office Connector](#)

## Edit an attached document

To edit an Office document attached to a Confluence page:

1. Go to  
...  
> **Attachments**

2. Choose **Edit in Office** beside the attachment you want edit.  
Your browser will ask you to confirm that you want to open the file.
3. Choose **OK**.  
You may also see a security warning or be asked to log in to your Confluence server - enter your Confluence username and password, then choose **OK**.
4. The file will open in your Office application - make your changes then save the document. It will be saved back to Confluence.

 Edit in Office will not work on files that have special characters (such as ' # @ or €) in the filename.

Screenshot: Edit in Office option on the attachments page



The screenshot shows the 'Attachments' page in Confluence. It features a table with columns: Name, Size, Creator, Creation Date, Labels, and Comment. Two attachments are listed: 'Meeting agenda - IE 11.docx' and 'Spreadsheet.xls'. A circular callout highlights the context menu for the first attachment, showing options: View, Edit in Office, Properties, and Delete.

Name	Size	Creator	Creation Date	Labels	Comment
>  Meeting agenda - IE 11.docx	44 kB	Rach Admin	Oct 14, 2014 09:33	No labels 	
>  Spreadsheet.xls	7 kB	Rach Admin	Oct 14, 2014 09:03	No labels 	

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## Other ways to edit

Edit options also appear in the:

- [Attachments macro](#) (choose **Edit in Office** beside each attached office file)
- File preview (choose  **> Edit in Office**)

## Troubleshooting

Check out the [Office Connector Prerequisites](#) for the combinations of browsers, operating systems and office applications that are supported. Here's some common issues:

- **Using Chrome?** You can't edit Office documents as Chrome does not support WebDAV clients. See [CONFSERVER-23322](#) [OPEN](#)
- **Using Firefox?** You'll need to install the WebDAV add-on. See [Installing the Firefox Add-On for the Office Connector](#).
- **Using Internet Explorer?** You can only edit documents in Microsoft Office. OpenOffice is not supported.
- **Using Linux?** You can only edit documents in OpenOffice. Microsoft Office is not supported. See [CONFSERVER-17250](#) [OPEN](#)
- **Using Mac OS X?** You can't currently edit documents. See [CONFSERVER-25594](#) [RESOLVED](#)
- **Special characters in the filename?** Edit in Office does not work for files with special characters (like ' # @ €) in the filename. See [CONFSERVER-22403](#) [OPEN](#)
- **Not seeing the Office Connector options?** Your system administrator may have disabled all or part of the Office Connector. See [Configuring the Office Connector](#).

You can find more troubleshooting info in the [Office Connector Limitations and Known Issues](#) knowledge base article.

## Office Connector Prerequisites

The Office Connector allows you to **import**, and **edit** office documents (such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint) within Confluence.

The browser, operating system and applications required depend on what you are trying to do with an office file.

### On this page:

- [Viewing Office files](#)
- [Importing Word documents as pages](#)
- [Editing Office files attached to a page](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

### Viewing Office files

You can upload, insert and preview Office files in the same way as any other file. You don't need to have an Office application installed on your computer in order to view Office files in Confluence.

### Importing Word documents as pages

Confluence can import the content from Microsoft Word 97-2013 documents ( .doc and .docx ).

### Editing Office files attached to a page

The Office Connector allows you to edit Office files that are attached to pages.

You'll need to use a browser, operating system and application (either [Microsoft Office](#) or [OpenOffice](#)) as described in the compatibility matrix below.

Here's a few common issues:

- **Using Chrome?** You can't edit Office documents as Chrome does not support WebDAV clients. See [CONFSERVER-23322](#) [OPEN](#)
- **Using Firefox?** You'll need to install the WebDAV add-on. See [Installing the Firefox Add-On for the Office Connector](#).
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### Configuration matrix

You need one of the following software combinations to edit Office files from your Confluence page.

Software	Operating System	Browser
Microsoft Office 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows 7</li> <li>• Windows 8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Explorer 11</li> <li>• Firefox – latest stable version</li> </ul>
Microsoft Office XP, 2003, 2007, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows 7</li> <li>• Windows Vista</li> <li>• Windows XP (Service Pack 2 or 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Explorer 11</li> <li>• Firefox – latest stable version</li> </ul>



OpenOffice 2.x – 3.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows 7</li> <li>• Windows Vista</li> <li>• Windows XP (Service Pack 2 or 3)</li> <li>• Linux</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firefox – latest stable version</li> <li>• Internet Explorer 11 (Windows Platforms only)</li> </ul>
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Note: The only known supported Office editor for Linux is OpenOffice. But in theory it should work with any WebDAV-aware application.

If you experience problems editing documents using the Office Connector (using an application, operating system and browser combination above) please [raise an issue](#) and tell us as much as you can about your operating system, application version, document version (if its different to the version of Office / Open Office you're using to open the document) and browser.

### Troubleshooting


Having problems with the Office Connector?

- The **WebDAV plugin** must be enabled, because the Office Connector uses WebDAV to transfer information to and from Office documents. The WebDAV plugin is bundled with Confluence, and can be enabled or disabled by the [System Administrator](#). If necessary, refer to the instructions on [enabling plugins](#) and [configuring the WebDAV options](#).
- Ensure that your Confluence server's **base URL** is set correctly (see [Configuring the Server Base URL](#) to find out how to check this). When a user edits a Confluence page in Word and then uploads the page back to the Confluence server, the base URL determines where the document will be saved. If the base URL is incorrect, the documents may be saved to a different Confluence server.
- **Using Office 2013?** Your administrator will need to enable 'Allow authentication tokens in the URL path' in the Office Connector configuration. See [Configuring the Office Connector](#).

See the [Office Connector Limitations and Known Issues](#) knowledge base article for more troubleshooting tips.

### Install the Firefox Add-On for the Office Connector

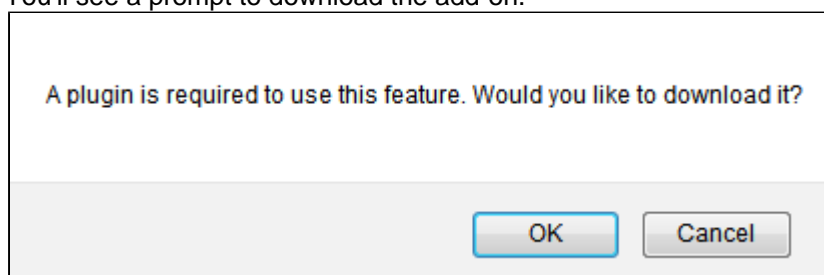
If you are using Firefox as your browser, you will need to install an add-on into Firefox (the [Firefox WebDAV Launcher](#)) in order to use some features of the Office Connector. You will be prompted to install the add-on the first time you try to use a function which requires it.

 For more information on the browsers, operation systems and application combinations required to use the Office Connector see [Office Connector Prerequisites](#).

#### Installing the Firefox Add-On

The first time you try to edit an attached Office document in Firefox you'll be prompted to install a WebDAV add-on for your browser. Without this add-on you can't edit Office documents from Firefox.

1. Choose **Edit in Office** or **Edit Document** next to the document you wish to edit. You'll see a prompt to download the add-on.



2. Choose **OK**. Your browser will ask you to confirm that you want to allow the add-on.

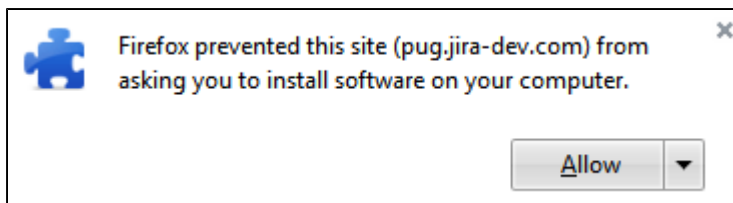
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- [Installing the Firefox Add-On](#)
- [Configuring the Add-On](#)
- [Security Risks](#)
- [Information about this Firefox add-on](#)

#### Related pages:

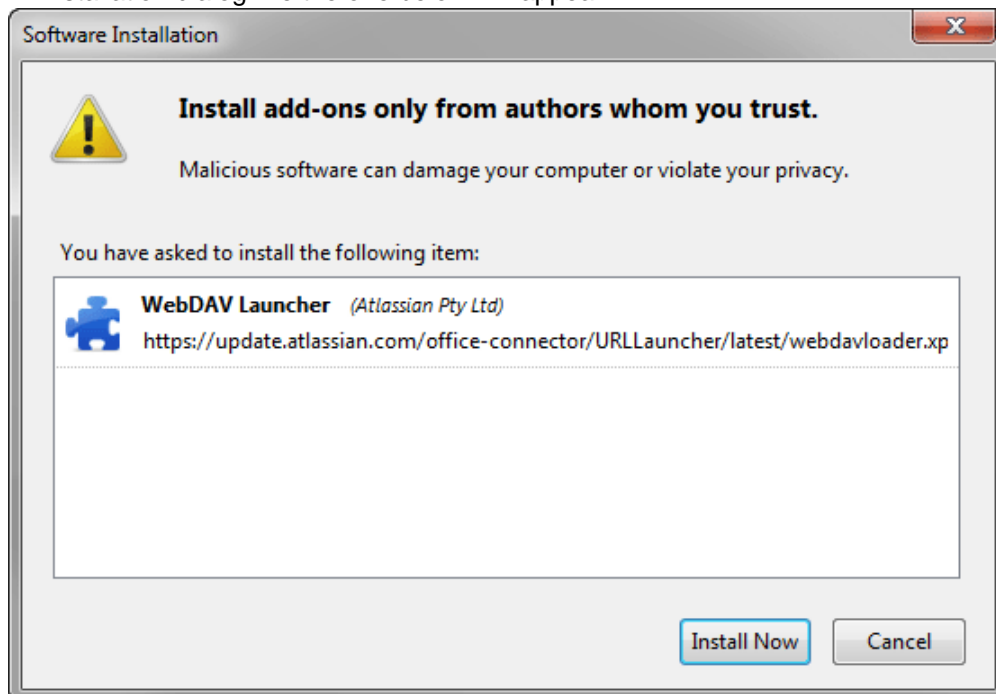
- [Edit Office Files](#)





3. Choose **Allow**.

An installation dialog like the one below will appear.



4. Choose **Install Now**.

Once the installation is complete you'll be prompted to restart Firefox. Make sure you've saved any open pages or other work in your browser before you restart.

5. Next you need to configure the add-on, and tell it which applications to use.

### Configuring the Add-On

After installing the add-on you need to configure it, to tell the add-on which desktop applications to launch for each file type.

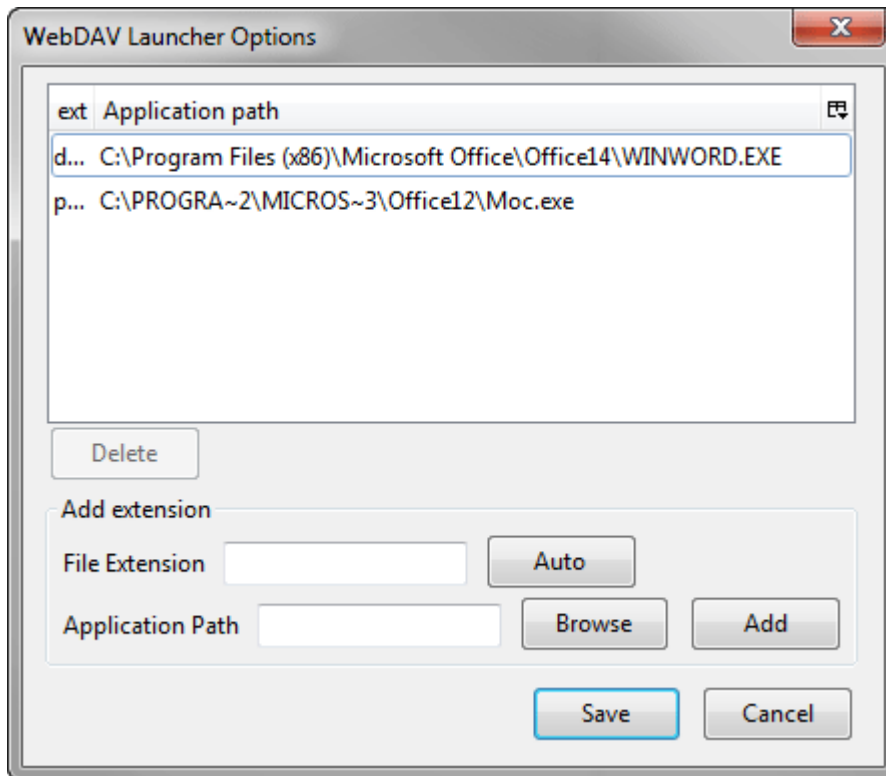
Configuring the add-on is slightly different in each operating system.

#### Configuring the add-on in Windows

In most cases the add-on will automatically configure itself, based on information from the system registry. The first time you edit a new file type, the add-on will look up the default editor for that file type and make that the permanent setting.

If you want to override the registry settings, or the automatic configuration is not working, you can configure the Firefox add-on manually.

1. In Firefox locate the **WebDAV Launcher** add-on and choose **Options**.  
The WebDAV Launcher Options dialog, like the one below, will appear.

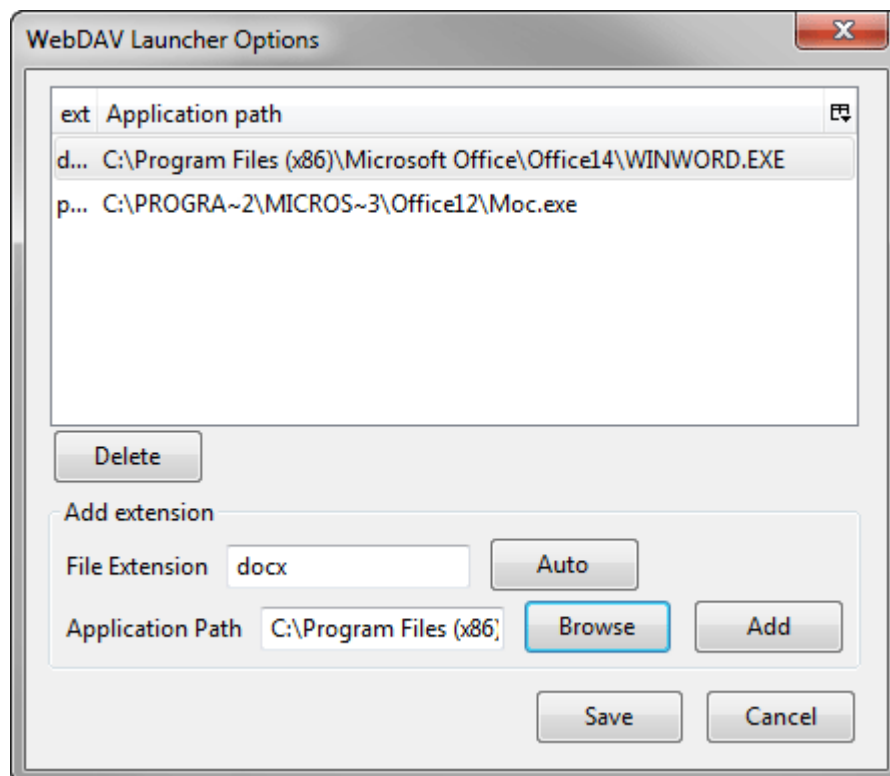


2. Enter a file extension in the **File Extension** field. Do not include the leading period in the extension name.  
For example, to associate the 'doc' file extension with Microsoft Word 2003 you would type `doc` in the **File Extension** field.

**Using Office 2007 or later?**

You should configure the WebDAV launcher to open both Office 2003 file extensions (doc, ppt and xls) and Office 2007 and later file extensions (docx, xlsx and pptx).

3. Enter the **Application Path** - you can either:
  - Choose **Auto** to load the associated application from the Windows registry, or
  - Choose **Browse** to find the application on your computer, or
  - Manually enter the path to the application's executable file.



4. Choose **Add** to add the file extension association to the list. Repeat this process for all the file extensions you need.

#### Configuring the Add-On in Mac OS X

The configuration procedure is similar to Windows, as shown above. Note that there is no 'Auto' button in Mac OS X.

You can't currently edit documents in Mac OS X. See [CONFSERVER-25594](#) **RESOLVED**.

#### Configuring the Add-On in Linux

The only known supported Office editor for Linux is [OpenOffice](#) (see [Office Connector Prerequisites](#)).

There is no automatic configuration on Linux. You will need to associate each file type with your Office editor in Firefox. Note that there is no 'Auto' button in Linux.

The configuration procedure is similar to Windows. For both Ubuntu and OpenSUSE, the configuration will look something like this:

File Extension	Application Path
doc and docx	/usr/bin/oowriter
ppt and pptx	/usr/bin/ooimpress
xls and xlsx	/usr/bin/oocalc

#### Security Risks

Please be aware that there are security risks in installing this add-on to Firefox. Internet Explorer is exposed to the same risks, because it can directly open Office documents.

Summary of the risks:

- Office documents can contain macro viruses. Before opening an Office document, make sure that you trust the source of the document.

- There are known flaws in the Office file formats and Microsoft Office that an attacker can exploit to gain control of your machine. Microsoft has fixed the known exploits in the latest Service Packs for all Microsoft Office versions, but new exploits may arise at any time. Be sure that you trust the source of a document before opening it.

The add-on reduces the risk by supporting:

- **Same origin policy** - the add-on can only open documents from the same host that initiated the action.
- **Digital signature** - the add-on is digitally signed. When you install the add-on please verify that it is signed by Atlassian.
- **Prompt the user for confirmation** - You will always be warned before a file is opened. **Please read these warnings carefully before opening a file.** The warning tells you the complete URL of the file as well as the complete application path of the application opening the file.

#### Information about this Firefox add-on

<b>Add-on name:</b>	WebDAV Launcher
<b>Description:</b>	Adds the ability to launch a WebDAV URL directly in a WebDAV-aware client.
<b>Latest version:</b>	See the <a href="#">WebDAV Launcher add-on page at Mozilla</a>
<b>Compatible with:</b>	All versions of Firefox, up to and including the latest stable version.
<b>Author:</b>	Atlassian Pty Ltd

## Confluence Mobile

This page is about Confluence mobile web. If you're a Confluence Cloud customer, head over to our Cloud documentation to find out about the [Confluence Cloud app for iOS and Android](#).

When you access Confluence on a mobile device, you'll see a version of Confluence which is optimized for mobile viewing. Confluence chooses the mobile or desktop interface based on your device, but you can still switch to the desktop site on your mobile by choosing menu



then choosing **Switch to desktop version**.

You can also swap from the desktop view to the mobile view if you're on a mobile device, by choosing **Switch to Confluence Mobile** at the top of the page.

On your supported mobile device, you can:

- View the Confluence dashboard, pages, blog posts, and user profiles.
- Add or reply to a comment on a page or blog post.
- Like a page, blog post or comment.
- Watch a page or blog post.
- See your notifications and tasks.

You can't add or edit pages or blog posts, or edit existing comments, using the mobile interface.

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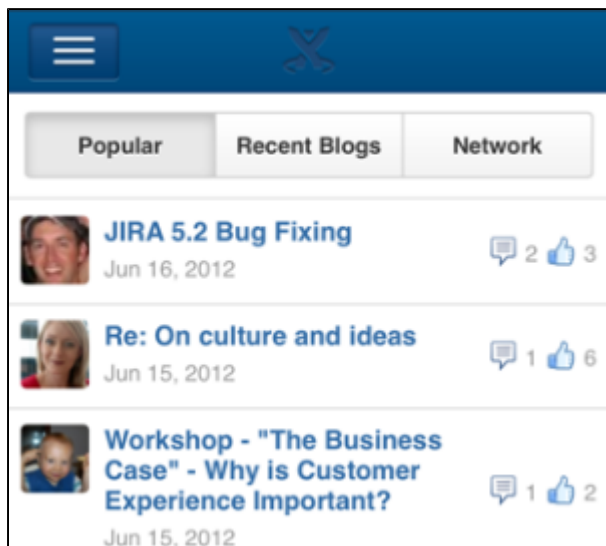
- [The dashboard – the first thing you see](#)
- [Searching for content and people](#)
- [Viewing pages, blog posts and comments](#)
- [Viewing people's profiles](#)
- [Following up on notifications](#)
- [Viewing tasks](#)
- [More things you may need to know](#)

### The dashboard – the first thing you see

Choose a tab to see:

- Popular content – what people like in your wiki.
- Recent blogs – the latest blog posts.
- Network – updates by people in your network.

Tap the links to view the full content of a page, blog post or comment.

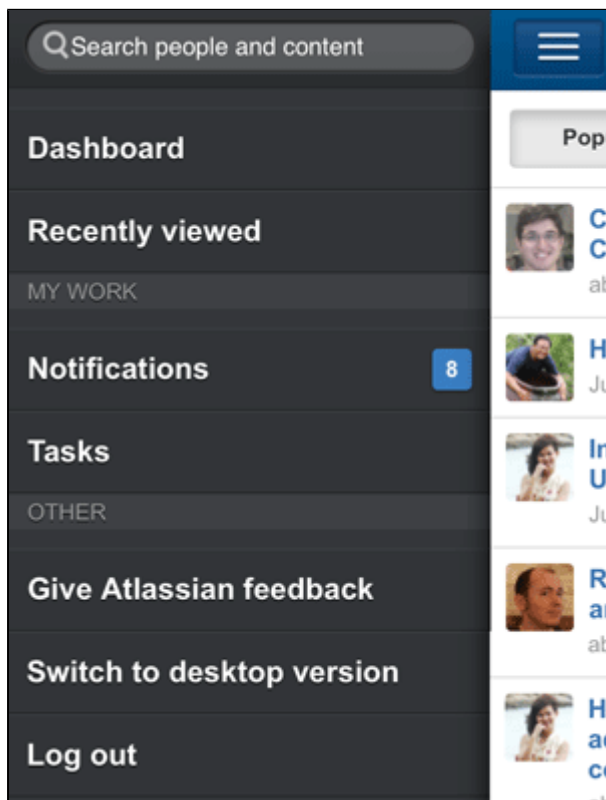


## Searching for content and people

Tap the menu icon



to open the menu panel on the left of the page. Then type text or a person's name in the **Search** box. The mobile interface offers the quick navigation search, which returns matches on page title only. (See [Search](#).) To use the full search, switch to desktop mode.



## Viewing pages, blog posts and comments

Tap a link on the dashboard or on any other page. Confluence will display the linked page, blog post or

comment.

You can:

- View the content, tap a link to move to another page, and interact with the page using the standard functionality supported by mobile browsers.
- Like or unlike a page, blog post or comment.
- Watch or stop watching a page or blog post.
- Add or reply to a comment.

### Viewing people's profiles

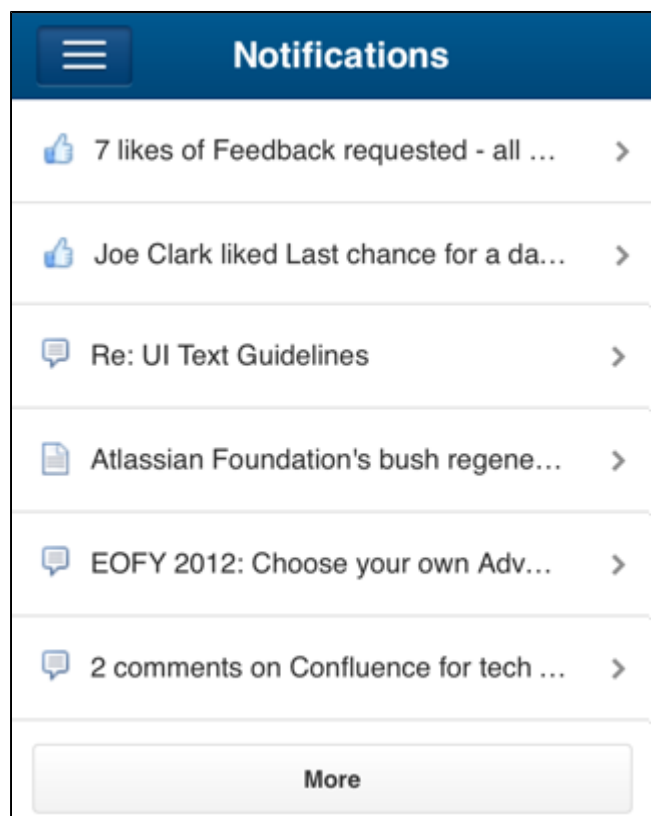
Search for a person's name, then view that person's user profile. Tap the options to phone, SMS or email a colleague directly from your mobile device.

### Following up on notifications

You can view and respond to your notifications on your phone or other mobile device. Tap the menu icon



to open the menu panel on the left of the page. Choose **Notifications**, and tap a notification to see its details. You can reply, watch or like via the inline actions. Tap **Open** to open the page or blog post in a new page. For full details, see [Workbox Notifications](#).

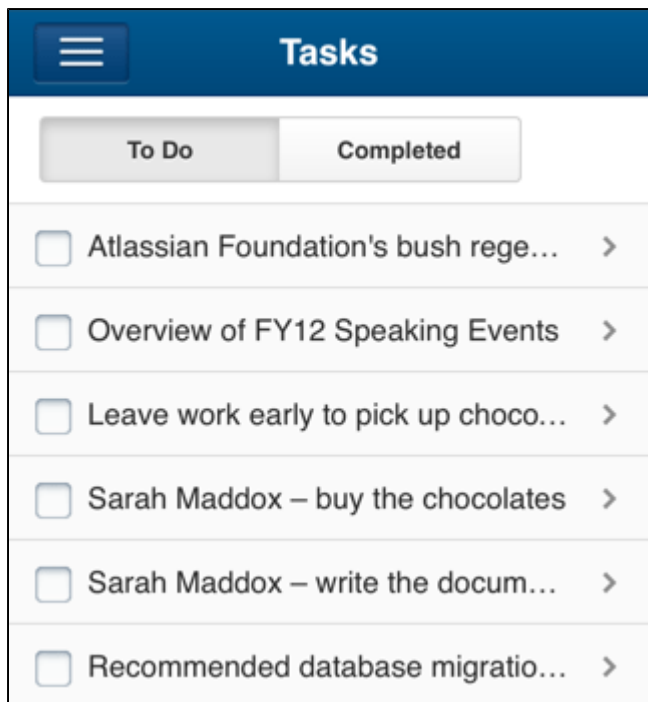


### Viewing tasks

You can view and manage your tasks on your phone or other mobile device too. Tap the menu icon



to open the menu panel on the left of the page. Choose **Tasks** then tap a task to see its details.



### More things you may need to know

#### Some macros may not appear

Confluence macros are not yet fully supported in Confluence mobile. If you view a page that contains an unsupported macro, you will see a message inviting you to click through to the desktop version of the page.

*Screenshot: Macro not rendered in Confluence mobile*



### Administrators can disable Confluence mobile on your site

The mobile functionality is provided by a system add-on called the 'Confluence Mobile Plugin'. To remove the functionality from your site, you can disable the plugin.

In Confluence versions 5.9 and **above**, disabling the Confluence Mobile Plugin will also disable the Workbox - Host Plugin plugin. This issue is being tracked at

**CONFSERVER-40782** - Disabling the Confluence Mobile Plugin also disables the Workbox - Host Plugin in Confluence 5.9.X [OPEN](#)

### Native Confluence mobile app

The [Confluence iOS app](#) is available for Confluence Cloud sites only. It cannot be used with Confluence Server.

You can access Confluence Server on any device using a browser. Confluence will detect your device's size and switch to the mobile web version when necessary.

See [Supported Platforms](#) for supported mobile browsers.

## Macros

Using macros helps you to expand the capabilities of your Confluence pages, allowing you to add extra functionality or include dynamic content. For example, use the [Attachments macro](#) to list files attached to a page, or use the [Widget Connector macro](#) to include things like a YouTube video or Twitter feed.

### Add a Macro to your Page

#### Including Macros with the Macro Browser

#### To add a macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

#### Macro Parameters

Many macros have optional parameters you can use to control the macro's output.

With the Attachments Macro, for instance, you have two optional parameters allowing you to:

- Specify the file formats of the attachments displayed
- Choose whether or not you want old versions of the attachments displayed

#### Macro Placeholders

Macro placeholders are displayed in the editor where you have added a macro to the page.

When editing a page, you can:

- Double-click a macro placeholder (or click the placeholder and choose **Edit**) to open the macro dialog window and edit the macro's parameters
- Select a macro placeholder to cut, copy and paste the macro

### Confluence macros

Below is a list of the macros currently bundled with Confluence. Click a macro name for details of the usage, including optional parameters and examples.

- [Activity Stream Macro](#)
- [Anchor Macro](#)
- [Attachments Macro](#)
- [Blog Posts Macro](#)
- [Change-History Macro](#)
- [Chart Macro](#)
- [Cheese Macro](#)
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- [Gadget Macro](#)
- [Gallery Macro](#)
- [Global Reports Macro](#)
- [HTML Include Macro](#)
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- [IM Presence Macro](#)
- [Include Page Macro](#)
- [Info, Tip, Note, and Warning Macros](#)
- [JIRA Chart Macro](#)
- [JIRA Issues Macro](#)
- [JUnit Report Macro](#)
- [Labels List Macro](#)
- [Livesearch Macro](#)
- [Loremipsum Macro](#)
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- [Office Excel Macro](#)
- [Office PowerPoint Macro](#)
- [Office Word Macro](#)
- [Page Index Macro](#)
- [Page Properties Macro](#)
- [Page Properties Report Macro](#)
- [Page Tree Macro](#)
- [Page Tree Search Macro](#)
- [Panel Macro](#)
- [PDF Macro](#)
- [Popular Labels Macro](#)
- [Profile Picture Macro](#)
- [Recently Updated Dashboard Macro](#)
- [Recently Updated Macro](#)
- [Recently Used Labels Macro](#)
- [Related Labels Macro](#)
- [Roadmap Planner Macro](#)
- [RSS Feed Macro](#)
- [Search Results Macro](#)
- [Section Macro](#)
- [Space Attachments Macro](#)
- [Space Details Macro](#)
- [Spaces List Macro](#)
- [Status Macro](#)
- [Table of Contents Macro](#)
- [Table of Content Zone Macro](#)
- [Task Report Macro](#)
- [User List Macro](#)
- [User Profile Macro](#)
- [View File Macro](#)
- [Widget Connector Macro](#)

## Creating your own macros

Users with System Administrator permissions can create user macros - see [Writing User Macros](#).

If you want to create something more complex, you can develop your own plugin - see [Writing Confluence Plugins](#).

### Getting more macros from The Marketplace

You can find a wide range of Atlassian and third party macros at [The Marketplace](#). These are distributed as add-ons and can be installed by a Confluence Administrator.

### Macro usage statistics

Confluence administrators can check how often each macro is used in your site.

To see how often a macro is used, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Macro Usage**. This lists how often each macro is used in current spaces but doesn't include any macros used on pages in archived spaces or macros provided by disabled add-ons.

### Activity Stream Macro

The Activity Stream macro is a specific instance of the Gadget macro. It inserts an Activity Stream gadget onto your page. For instructions, see [Activity Stream Gadget](#).

#### Related pages:

- [Activity Stream Gadget](#)
- [Gadget Macro](#)

### Anchor Macro

Allows you to link to a specific part of a page. For more information on using anchors see [Anchors](#).

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** anchor

**Macro body:** None.

```
{anchor:here}
```

### Attachments Macro

The Attachments macro displays a list of files attached to a page.

It also allows users (with appropriate permissions) to:

- upload a file to the page, directly from the list
- edit attachment properties and labels
- delete an attached file (this deletes all versions of the file)
- preview image attachments
- edit attached Office and PDF documents using the [Office Connector](#).
- download all files attached to the page.

Note: you can use the macro parameters to turn off previews if you have very large attachments.

*Screenshot: The Attachments macro, showing details of an attachment*

Pages / Ewan User's Home
Edit Share Tools

## Customer Feedback

3 Added by Ewan User, last edited by Ewan User on Mar 12, 2013 (view change)

Have you received feedback from our customers? Add it to this page.

File	Modified
>  CustomerFeedbackJApr.pdf	Mar 12, 2013 by Sophie User
>  CustomerFeedbackMarch.pdf	Mar 12, 2013 by Ewan User
▼  FeedbackSpreadsheet.xls	Mar 12, 2013 by Ewan User

**Labels**

positive-feedback

**Version history**

Version	Created by	Modified
Version 1 (current version)	Ewan User	Mar 12, 2013

View
Edit in Office
Properties
Delete

Drag and drop to upload or [browse for files](#)

Download All

## Using the Attachments Macro

### To add the Attachments macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

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**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Filename Patterns</b> (patterns)	all	<p>A comma-separated list of regular expressions, used to filter the attachments by file name. Note that the parameter values must be regular expressions. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To match a file suffix of 'jpg', use <code>. *jpg</code> (not <code>*.jpg</code>).</li> <li>• To match file names ending in 'jpg' or 'png', use <code>. *jpg, . *png</code></li> </ul>

<b>Attachment Labels</b> (labels)	(none)	A list of labels, used to filter the attachments to display. If you wish to enter more than one label, separate the labels with commas. Confluence will show only attachments that have <b>all</b> the labels specified. (The match is an AND, not an OR.) For information on labeling the attachments, see <a href="#">Add, Remove and Search for Labels</a> .
<b>Include Old Attachment Versions</b> (old)	false	A value of <code>true</code> will include previous attachment versions in the list.
<b>Sort By</b> (sortBy)	date	The sort order for attachments. Note that people viewing the page can change the sort order by clicking the column headings. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>date</b> – sorts by updated date in reverse chronological order (newest first)</li> <li>• <b>size</b> – sorts largest to smallest</li> <li>• <b>name</b> – sorts alphabetically</li> <li>• <b>created date</b> - sorts by creation date in reverse chronological order (newest first)</li> </ul>
<b>Sort Order</b> (sortOrder)	ascending	Used in combination with the <b>Sort By</b> parameter, to sort the attachments in ascending or descending order.
<b>Allow Upload</b> (upload)	true	If selected, the list of attachments will include options allowing users to browse for, and attach, new files.
<b>Page Title</b> (page)	(none)	Used to display attachments from another page. If you do not enter a page title, the macro will display the files attached to the current page.
<b>Show Previews</b> (preview)	true	Used to display a preview of the attached file. If true, preview will be visible when the list item is expanded.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** attachments

**Macro body:** None.

```
{attachments:old=false|patterns=.*png,.*jpg|sortBy=name|page=My page
about
chocolate|sortorder=descending|labels=chocolate,cookies|upload=false|pre
view=false}
```

## Blog Posts Macro

The Blog Posts macro allows you to display blog posts on a Confluence page. Clicking on a title takes you to the blog post.

### Using the Blog Posts Macro

**To add the Blog Posts macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
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Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
<b>Content Type to Display</b> (content)	No	<b>titles</b>	Available values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>titles</b> — Display the title, creator, space, and created date stamp for each blog post.</li> <li><b>excerpts</b> — Display a short excerpt from each blog post. If the post contains an Excerpt macro, the Blog Posts macro will display the content defined in the Excerpt macro. If the post does not contain an Excerpt macro, the Blog Posts macro will display the first few sentences of the post.</li> <li><b>entire</b> - Display the whole content of each blog post.</li> </ul>
<b>Time Frame</b> (time)	No	no limit	Specify how far back in time Confluence should look for the blog posts to be displayed.  Available values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>m</b> — Minutes</li> <li><b>h</b> — Hours, so '12h' displays blog posts created in the last twelve hours.</li> <li><b>d</b> — Days, so '7d' displays blog posts created in the last seven days.</li> <li><b>w</b> — Weeks</li> </ul>
<b>Restrict to these Labels</b> (label)	No	None	Filter the results by label. The macro will display only the blog posts which are tagged with the label(s) you specify here.  You can specify one or more label values, separated by a comma or a space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To exclude content which matches a given label, put a minus sign (-) immediately in front of that label value. For example: If you specify a label value of <code>-badpage</code> you will get only content which is not labeled with 'badpage'.</li> <li>To indicate that the results <b>must</b> match a given label value, put a plus sign (+) immediately in front of that label value. For example: If you specify a label value of <code>+superpage, +goodpage</code> you will get only content which has at least two labels, being 'superpage' and 'goodpage'.</li> </ul>
<b>Restrict to these Authors</b> (author)	No	None	Filter the results by author. The macro will display only the blog posts which are written by the author(s) you specify here.

<b>Restrict to these Spaces</b> (spaces)	No	@self, i.e. the space which contains the page on which the macro is coded	<p>This parameter allows you to filter content by space. The macro will display only the pages which belong to the space(s) you specify here.</p> <p>You can specify one or more space keys, separated by a comma or a space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To exclude content in a specific space, put a minus sign (-) immediately in front of that space key. For example: If you specify a space key of <code>-BADSPACE</code> you will get only content which is not in the BADSPACE.</li> <li>To indicate that the results <b>must</b> come from a specific space, put a plus sign (+) immediately in front of that space key. For example: If you specify a space key of <code>+GOODSPACE</code> you will get only content in GOODSPACE. (Note that this is not particularly useful, because each content item belongs to one space only. If you put a plus sign next to one space key and list other space keys too, the other space keys will be ignored.)</li> </ul> <p>Special values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>@self</code> — The current space.</li> <li><code>@personal</code> — All <a href="#">personal</a> spaces.</li> <li><code>@global</code> — All <a href="#">site</a> spaces.</li> <li><code>@favorite</code> — The spaces you have marked as <a href="#">favorite</a>.</li> <li><code>@favourite</code> — The same as <code>@favorite</code> above.</li> <li><code>@all</code> — All spaces in your Confluence site.</li> <li><code>*</code> — The same as <code>@all</code> above.</li> </ul> <p>When specifying a personal space, remember to use the tilde (~) sign in front of the username, such as <code>~jbloggs</code> or <code>~jbloggs@example.com</code>.</p>
<b>Maximum Number of Blog Posts</b> (max)	No	15	Specify the maximum number of results to be displayed. Note that the results are sorted first, and then the maximum parameter is applied.
<b>Sort By</b> (sort)	No	creation	<p>Specify how the results should be sorted. If this parameter is not specified, the sort order defaults to descending order (newest first) based on the creation date.</p> <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>title</b> — Sort alphabetically by title.</li> <li><b>creation</b> — Sort by the date on which the content was added.</li> <li><b>modified</b> — Sort by the date on which the content was last updated.</li> </ul>
<b>Reverse Sort</b> (reverse)	No	false	<p>Select to change the sort from descending to ascending order (oldest first). Use this parameter in conjunction with the <b>Sort By</b> parameter. This parameter is ignored if the <b>Sort By</b> parameter is not specified.</p> <p>In storage format and wikimarkup a value of <code>true</code> changes the sort order.</p>

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `blog-posts`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{blog-posts:content=titles|spaces=@self,ds|author=jsmith|time=4w|reverse=true|sort=creation|max=10|label=chocolate,cookies}
```

## Change-History Macro

The Change-History macro shows the history of updates made to a page: version number, author, date and comment. It displays the information inline.

*Screenshot: The Change-History macro in Confluence*

This is the change history macro		
Version	Date	Comment
<b>Current Version (v. 4)</b>	<b>Feb 19, 2013 16:27</b>	<b>Rach Admin:</b> Formatting change
v. 3	Feb 19, 2013 16:27	<b>Rach Admin:</b> Added the change history macro
v. 2	Feb 19, 2013 16:26	<b>Rach Admin:</b> Added a macro
v. 1	Feb 19, 2013 16:25	<b>Rach Admin</b>

**To add the Change-History macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

**Note:** There are no parameters for this macro.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** change-history

**Macro body:** None.

```
{change-history}
```

## Chart Macro

The Chart macro allows you to display a chart based on tabular data. When you add the macro to a page, you:

- supply the data to be charted by the macro as a table in the placeholder of the macro.
- edit the macro parameters in the Macro Browser to configure the format of the chart.

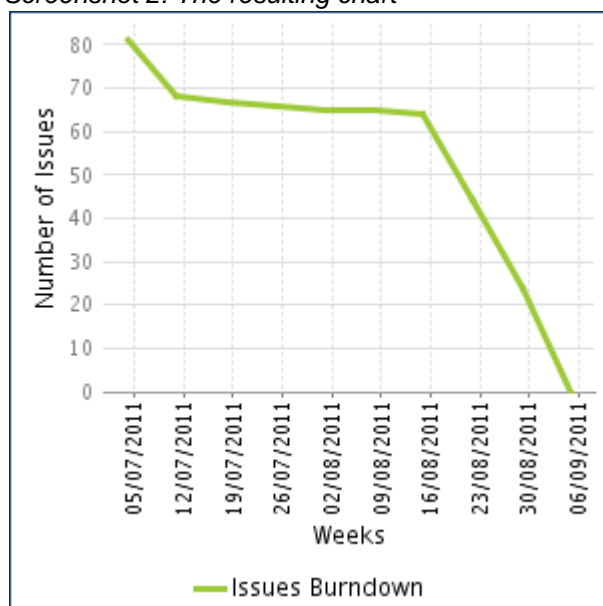
*Screenshot 1: A table of data in the Chart macro*

placeholder

Chart | type = timeSeries | columns = Weeks, Issues Burndown | dataOrientation = vertical | tim...

Weeks	Issues Burndown
04/07/2011	81
11/07/2011	68
18/07/2011	67
25/07/2011	66
01/08/2011	65
08/08/2011	65
15/08/2011	64
22/08/2011	44
29/08/2011	24
05/09/2011	0

Screenshot 2: The resulting chart



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## Using the Chart Macro

### To add the Chart macro to a page:

1. Edit the page and use autocomplete to add the Chart macro. (Type '{chart}'.)
2. Enter your chart data as one or more tables in the body of the macro placeholder. (See the [screenshot](#) above.)
3. Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**.
4. Select a chart type using the **Type** parameter (see below).
5. Choose other parameter settings in the macro browser, as described below.
6. Click **Refresh** in the 'Preview' area, to check that the chart appears as you expect.
7. Click **Save** to add the chart to your page.
8. Click **Save** again when you are ready to save the page.

## Parameters

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### Chart Type Parameters

These parameters determine the type of chart to display and the way the chart looks.

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Type</b>	<b>pie</b>	<p>The type of chart to display. XY charts have numerical x- and y-axes. The x values may optionally be time-based (see the <b>Time Series</b> parameter).</p> <p><i>Standard</i> — pie, bar, line, area</p> <p><i>XY Plots</i> — xyArea, xyBar, xyLine, xyStep, xyStepArea, scatter, timeSeries</p> <p><i>Other</i> — gantt</p>
<b>Display Orientation</b>	<b>vertical</b>	<p>Applies to area, bar and line charts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>vertical</b> — y-axis is vertical</li> <li>• <b>horizontal</b> — x-axis is vertical</li> </ul>
<b>Show in 3D</b>	false	Applies to area, bar and line charts.
<b>Stacked Values</b>	false	Applies to area and bar charts.
<b>Show shapes</b>	true	Applies to line charts. Shapes are shown at each data point.
<b>Opacity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75 percent for 3D charts</li> <li>• 50 percent for non-stacked area charts</li> <li>• 100 percent for all other charts</li> </ul>	A percentage value between 0 (transparent) and 100 (opaque) that determines how opaque the foreground areas and bars are.

#### Display Control Parameters

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Width</b>	300	The width of the chart in pixels.
<b>Height</b>	300	The height of the chart in pixels.
<b>Display rendered data</b>	false	<p>Sets whether to display the rendered body of the macro (usually the data tables). By default, the chart data table isn't rendered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>before</b> — the data are displayed before the chart.</li> <li>• <b>after</b> — the data are displayed after the chart.</li> </ul>
<b>Image format</b>	<b>png</b>	<p>The image format to be used for the chart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>png</b></li> <li>• <b>jpg</b></li> </ul>

#### Title and Label Parameters

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Chart Title</b>	none	The title of the chart.
<b>Chart Subtitle</b>	none	A subtitle for the chart, using a smaller font than for <b>Title</b> .
<b>Horizontal-axis Label</b>	none	The label for the x-axis (domain).
<b>Vertical-axis Label</b>	none	The label for the y-axis (range).

<b>Show Legend</b>	true	Show a legend or key.
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### Data Specification Parameters

The data for the chart is taken from tables found when the macro body is rendered. These options control how this data is interpreted. By default, numeric and date values are interpreted according to the Confluence global default language (locale) formats. If conversion fails, other languages defined in Confluence will be tried. Additional conversion options can be specified using the parameters below.

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Tables</b>	all first level tables	Comma separated list of table ids and/or table numbers (starting at 1) contained within the body of the macro that will be used as the data for the chart. If data tables are embedded in other tables, then table selection will be required. This occurs when more complex formatting is done (for example using section and column macros).
<b>Columns</b>	all columns	Comma separated list of column labels and/or column titles and/or column numbers for tables used for chart data. This applies to all tables processed. Columns are enumerated starting at 1. Column label is the text for the column in the header row. Column title is the (html) title attribute for the column in the header row.
<b>Content Orientation</b>	<b>horizontal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>vertical</b> — data table columns will be interpreted as series.</li> <li><b>horizontal</b> — data tables rows will be interpreted as series.</li> </ul>
<b>Time Series</b>	false	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>true — the x values in an XY plot will be treated as time series data and so will be converted according to date formats.</li> </ul>
<b>Date format</b>	Confluence language defined date formats	For time series data, the date format allows for additional customization of the conversion of data to date values. If a <b>Date format</b> is specified, it will be the first format used to interpret date values. Specify a format that matches the time series data. See <a href="#">simple date format</a> .
<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Day</b>	The time period for time series data. Defines the granularity of how the data is interpreted. Valid values are: <b>Millisecond</b> , <b>Second</b> , <b>Minute</b> , <b>Hour</b> , <b>Day</b> , <b>Week</b> , <b>Month</b> , <b>Quarter</b> , <b>Year</b> .
<b>Language</b>	none	Use in combination with the <b>Country</b> parameter to form a locale. These additional number and date formats will be used for data conversion before the default languages. Valid values are 2 character <a href="#">ISO 639-1 alpha-2 codes</a> .
<b>Country</b>	none	Use in combination with the <b>Language</b> parameter to form a locale. Valid values are 2 character <a href="#">ISO 3166 codes</a> .
<b>Forgive</b>	true	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>true — the macro tries to convert numeric and date values that do not totally match any of the default or user-specified formats.</li> <li>false — enforce strict data format. Data format errors will cause the chart to not be produced.</li> </ul>

### Color Parameters

Colors are specified using hexadecimal notation or HTML color names.

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Background Color</b>	White	Background of the chart.

<b>Border Color</b>	no border	Border around the chart.
<b>Colors</b>		Comma-separated list of colors used to customize category, sections, and series colors.

### Axis Parameters

Depending on the chart type, the range and domain axis may be customized. These values are automatically generated based on the data but can be overridden by specifying one or more more of these parameters.

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Range Minimum Value</b>	none	Range axis lower bound.
<b>Range Maximum Value</b>	none	Range axis upper bound.
<b>Range Axis Tick Unit</b>	none	Range axis units between axis tick marks.
<b>Range Axis Label Angle</b>	none	Angle for the range axis label in degrees.
<b>Domain Axis Lower Bound</b>	none	Only applies to XY plots. Domain axis lower bound. For a date axis, this value must be expressed in the date format specified by the <b>Date format</b> parameter.
<b>Domain Axis Upper Bound</b>	none	Only applies to XY plots. Domain axis upper bound. For a date axis, this value must be expressed in the date format specified by the <b>Date format</b> parameter.
<b>Domain Axis Tick Unit</b>	none	Only applies to XY plots. Domain axis units between axis tick marks. For a date axis, this value represents a count of the units specified in the <b>Time Period</b> parameter. The <b>Time Period</b> unit can be overridden by specifying a trailing character: y (years), M (months), d (days), h (hours), m (minutes), s (seconds), u (milliseconds).
<b>Domain Axis Label Angle</b>	none	Only applies to XY plots. The angle for the domain axis label, in degrees.
<b>Category Label Position</b>	none	Placement of the axis label text for categories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>up45</code> — 45 degrees going upward</li> <li>• <code>up90</code> — 90 degrees going upward</li> <li>• <code>down45</code> — 45 degrees going downward</li> <li>• <code>down90</code> — 90 degrees going downward</li> </ul>

<b>Date Tick Mark Position</b>	<b>start</b>	Placement of the date tick mark. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>start</code> — tick mark is at the start of the date period.</li> <li>• <code>middle</code> — tick mark is in the middle of the date period.</li> <li>• <code>end</code> — tick mark is at the end of the date period.</li> </ul>
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#### Pie Chart Parameters

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Pie Section Label</b>	Show only the pie section key value	Format for how pie section labels are displayed. The format uses a string with special replacement variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>%0%</code> is replaced by the pie section key.</li> <li>• <code>%1%</code> is replaced by the pie section numeric value.</li> <li>• <code>%2%</code> is replaced by the pie section percent value.</li> </ul> Example 1: " <code>%0% = %1%</code> " would display something like "Independent = 20" Example 2: " <code>%0% (%2%)</code> " would display something like "Independent (20%)"
<b>Pie Section Explode</b>	No exploded sections	Comma separated list of pie keys that are to be shown exploded. Note: requires jFreeChart version 1.0.3 or higher.

#### Attachment Parameters

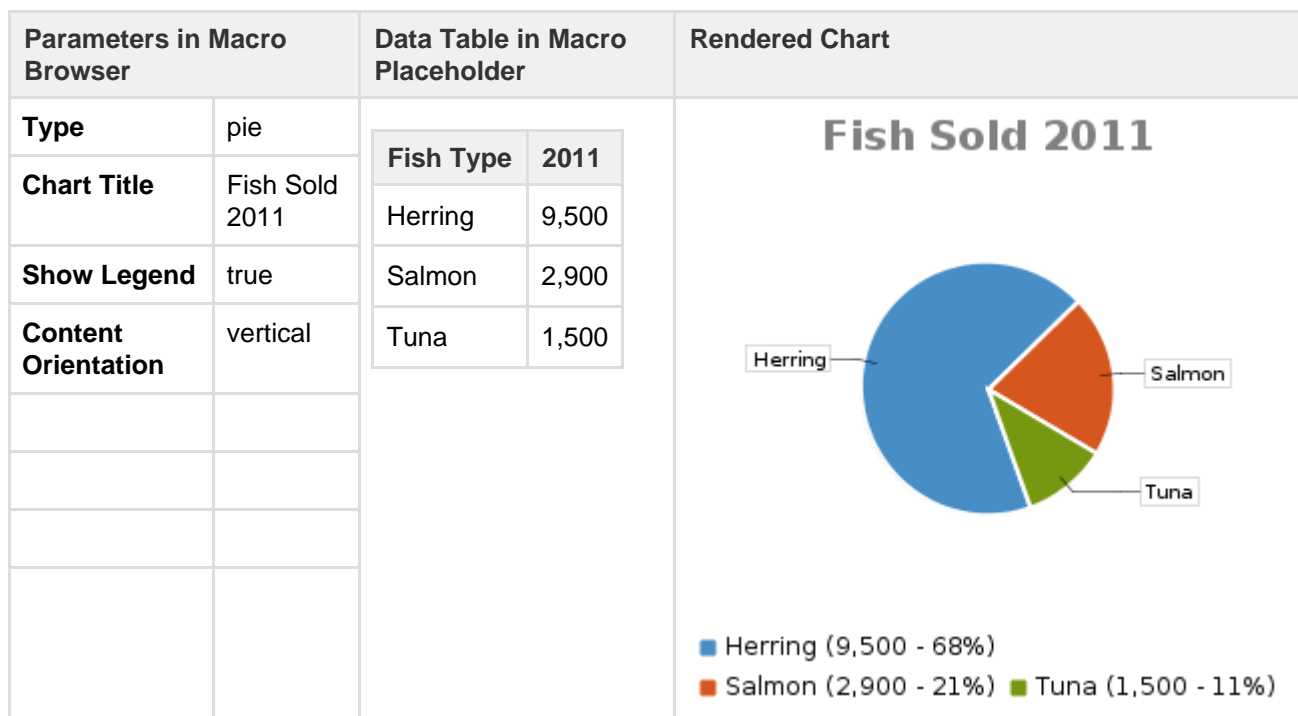
These are advanced options that can be used for chart versioning, to enable automation and to improve performance. Use these options carefully! Normally, the chart image is regenerated each time the page is displayed. These options allow for the generated image to be saved as an attachment and have subsequent access re-use the attachment. This can be useful especially when combined with the Cache Plugin to improve performance. Depending on the options chosen, chart images can be versioned for historical purposes.

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Attachment</b>	none	The name and location with which the chart image will be saved as an attachment. The user must be authorized to add attachments to the page specified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>^attachmentName.png</code> — the chart is saved as an attachment to the current page.</li> <li>• <code>page^attachmentName.png</code> — the chart is saved as an attachment to the page name provided.</li> <li>• <code>space:page^attachmentName.png</code> — the chart is saved as an attachment to the page name provided in the space indicated.</li> </ul>
<b>Attachment Version</b>	new	Defines the the versioning mechanism for saved charts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>new</code> — creates new version of the attachment.</li> <li>• <code>replace</code> — replaces all previous versions of the chart. To replace an existing attachment, the user must be authorized to remove attachments for the page specified.</li> <li>• <code>keep</code> — only saves a new attachment if an existing export of the same name does not exist. An existing attachment will not be changed or updated.</li> </ul>
<b>Attachment Comment</b>	none	Comment used for a saved chart attachment.
<b>Thumbnail</b>	false	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>true</code> — the chart image attachment will be shown as a thumbnail.</li> </ul>

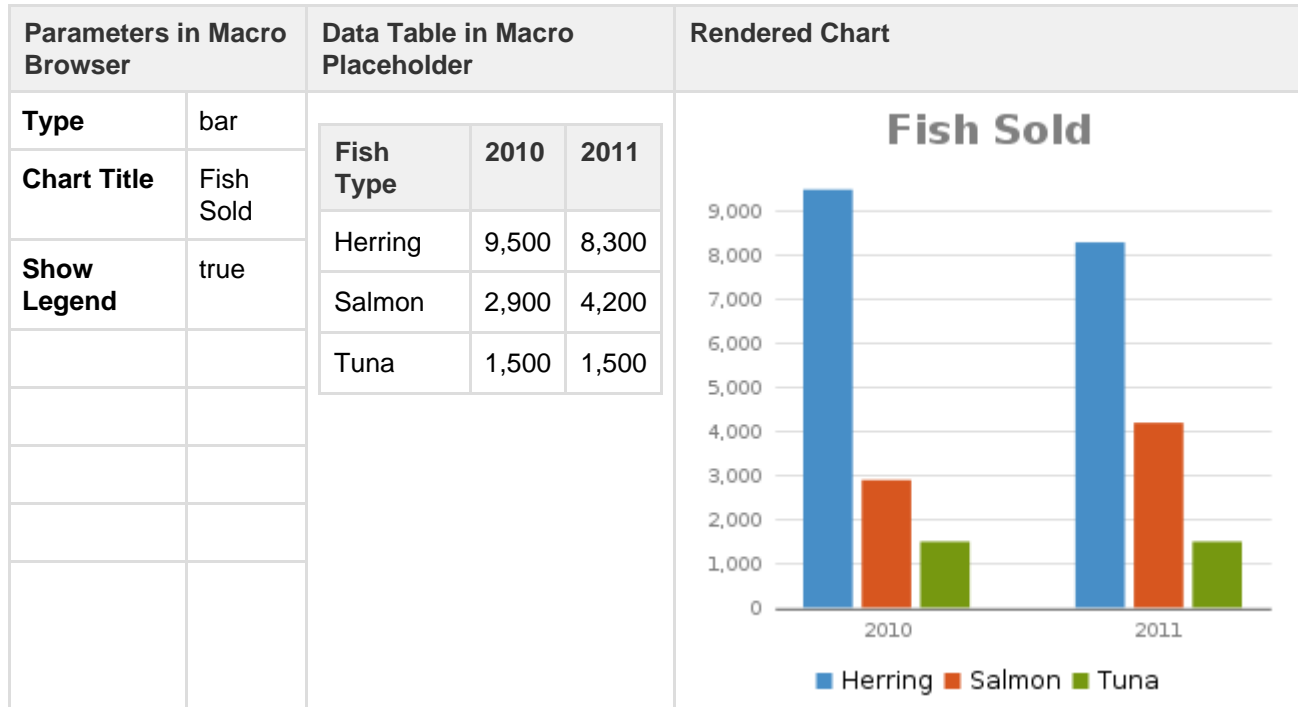
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## Examples

## Pie Chart

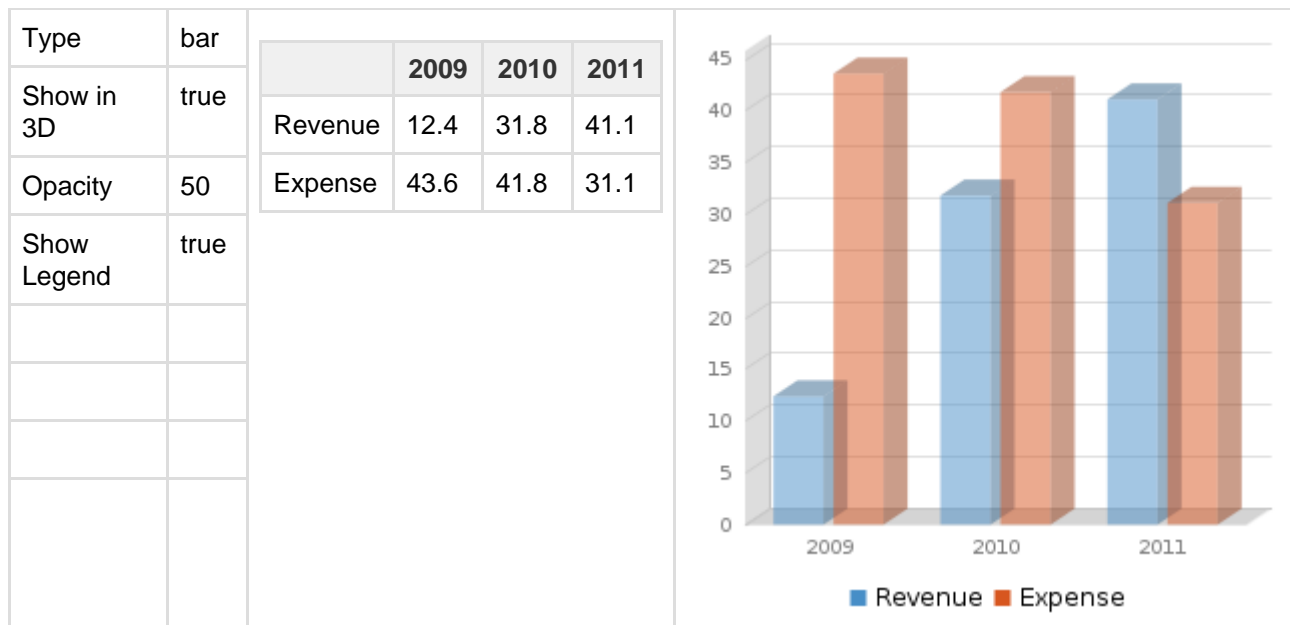


## Bar Chart

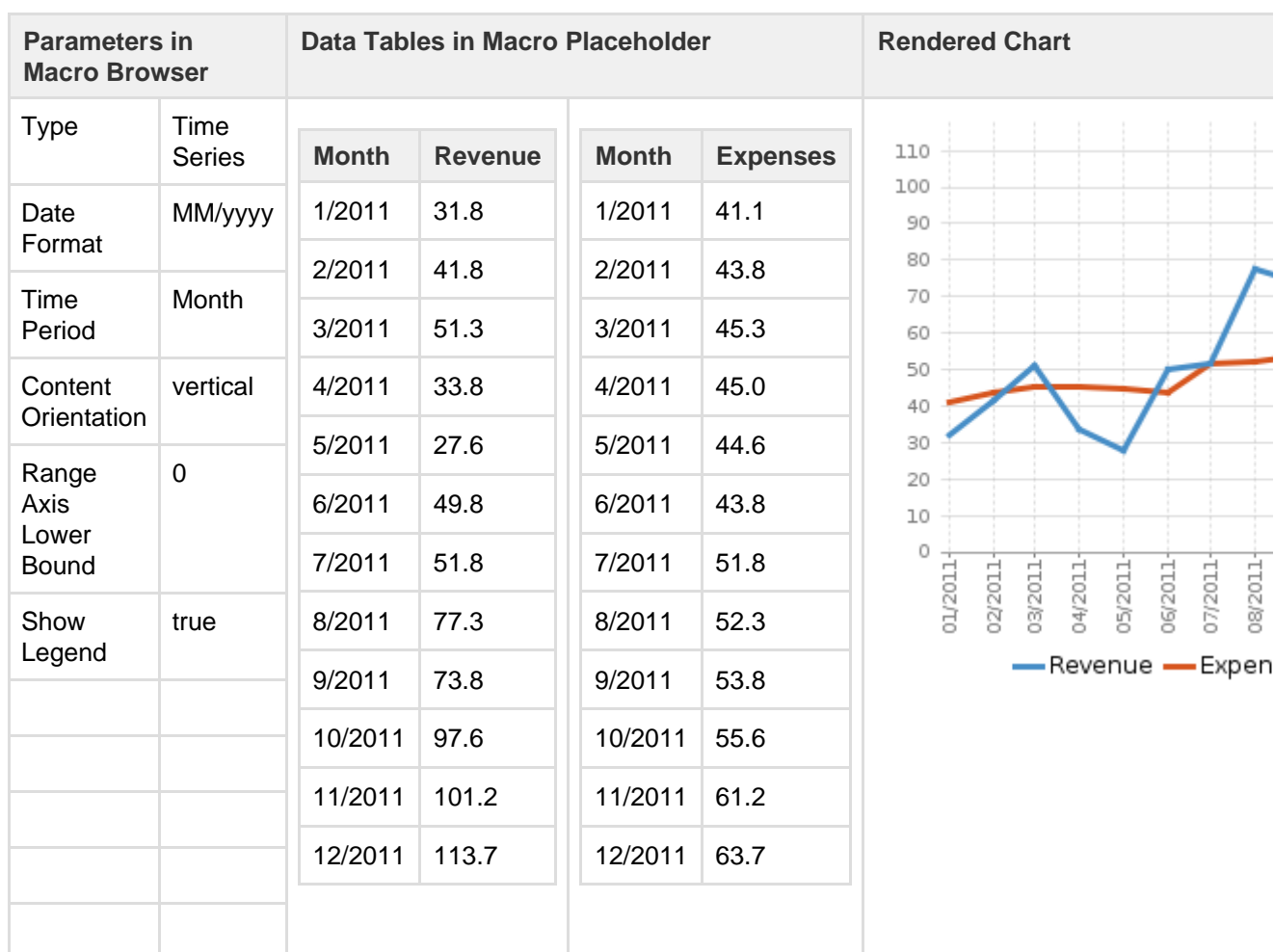


## 3D Bar Chart

Parameters in Macro Browser	Data Table in Macro Placeholder	Rendered Chart
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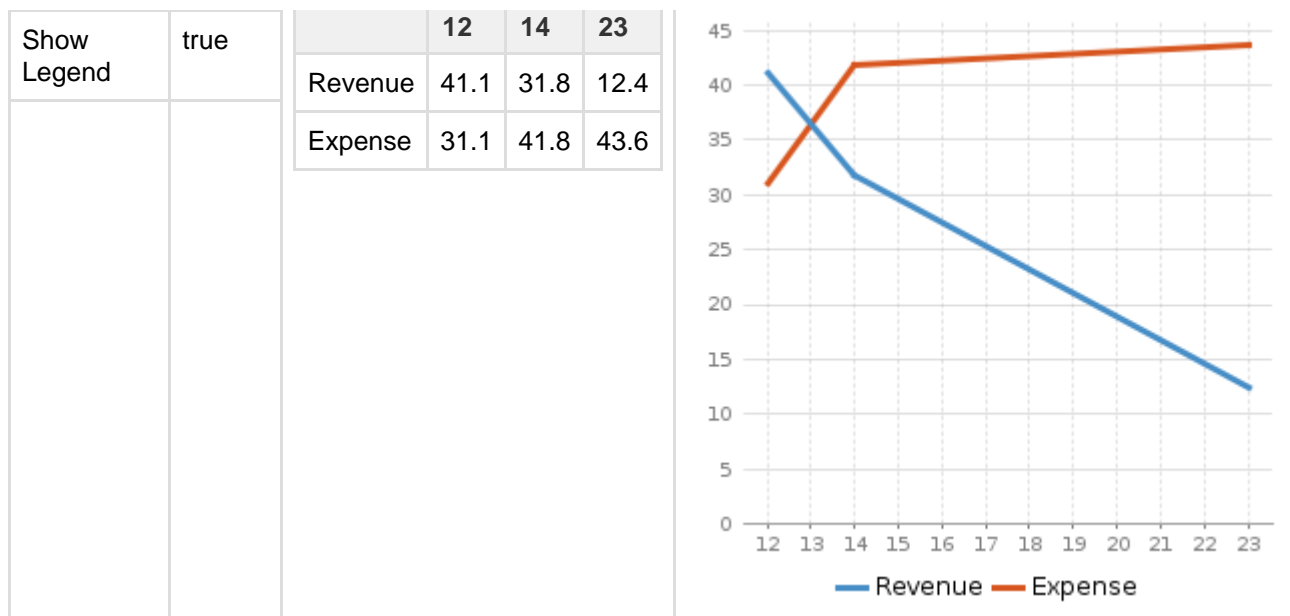


### Time Series Chart

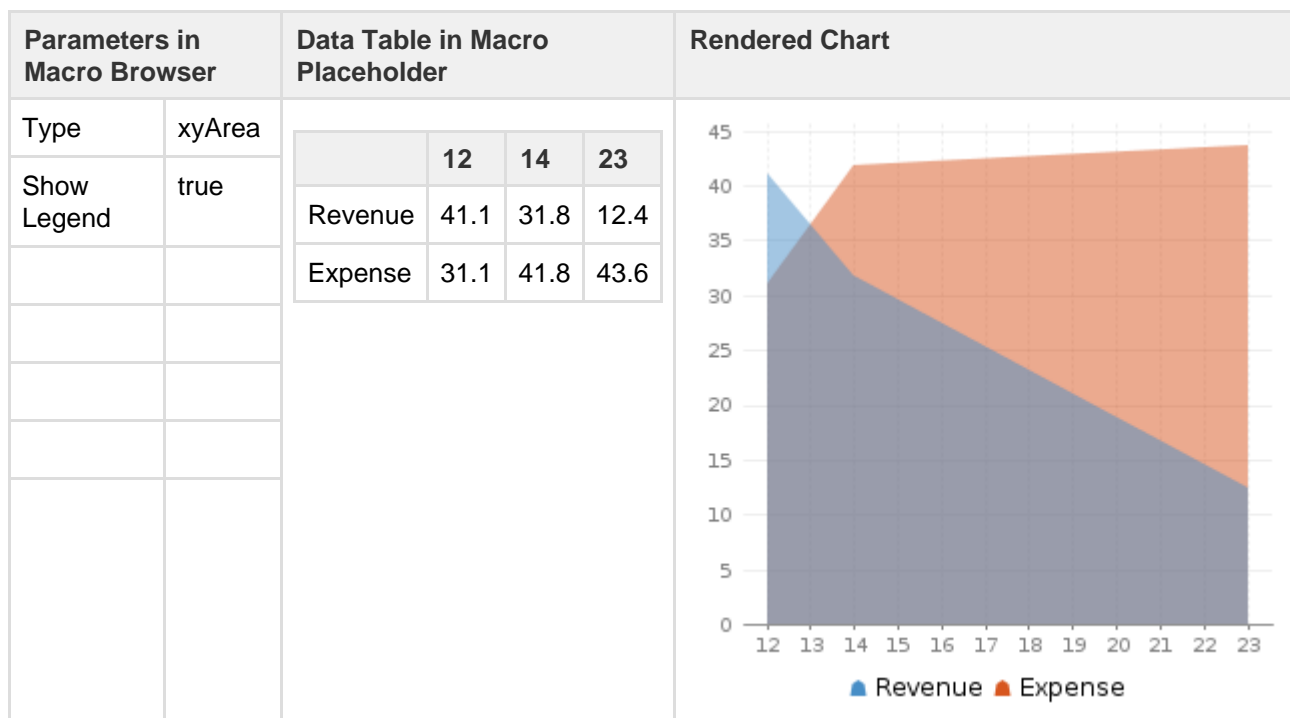


### XY Line Chart

Parameters in Macro Browser		Data Table in Macro Placeholder	Rendered Chart
Type	xyLine		

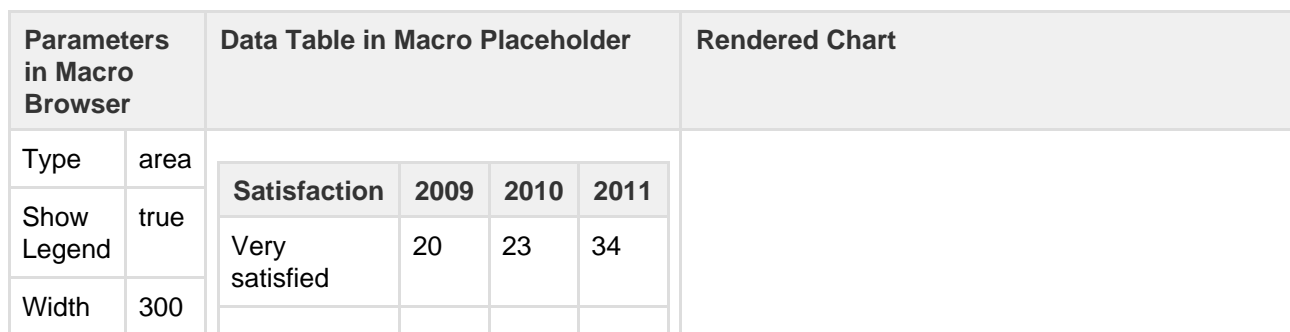


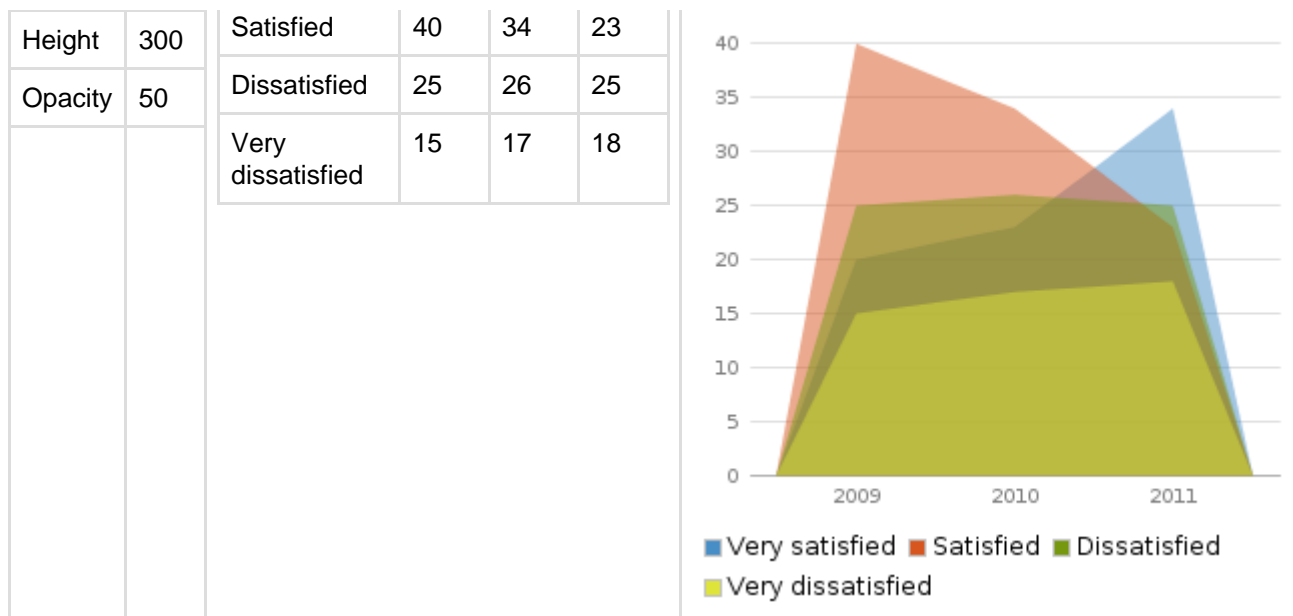
### XY Area Chart



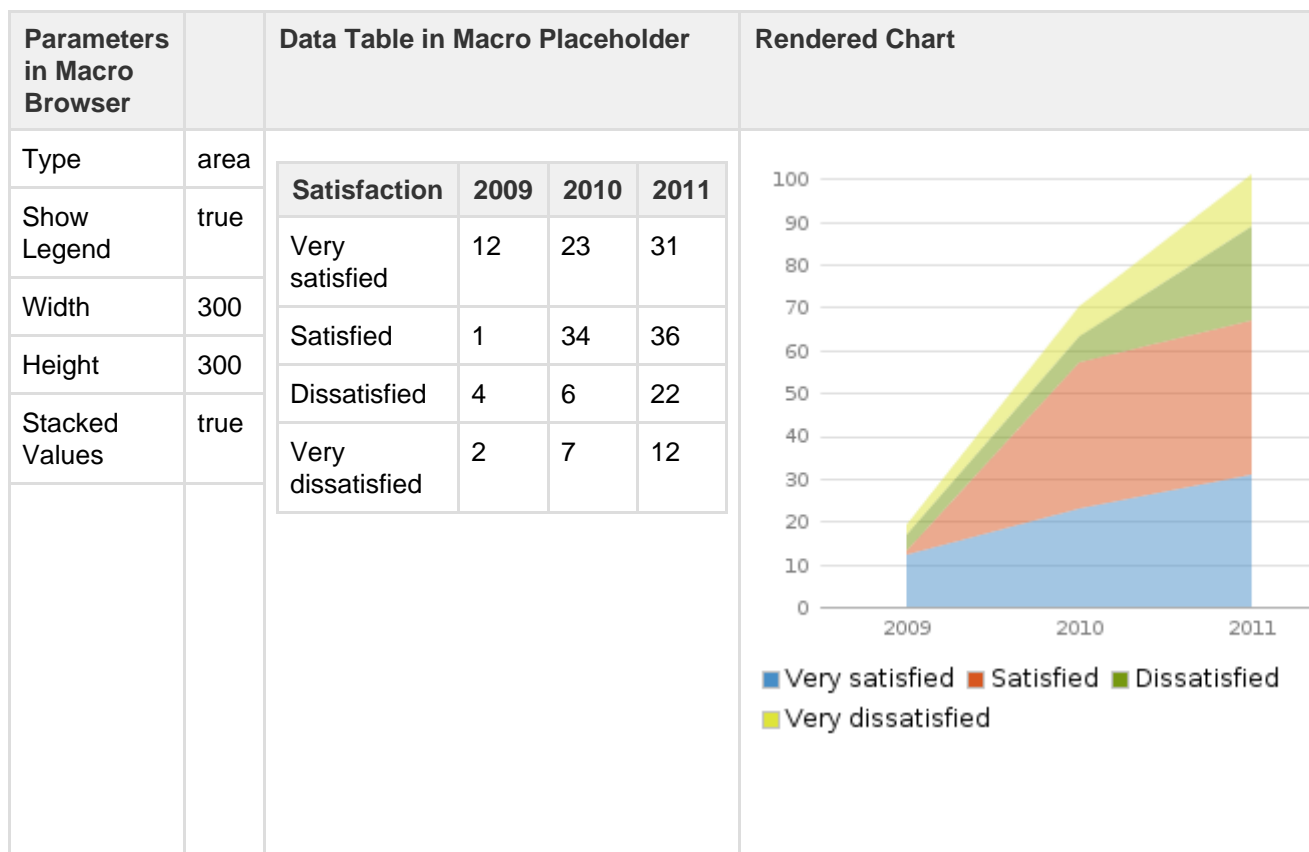
### Area Charts

#### Example 1

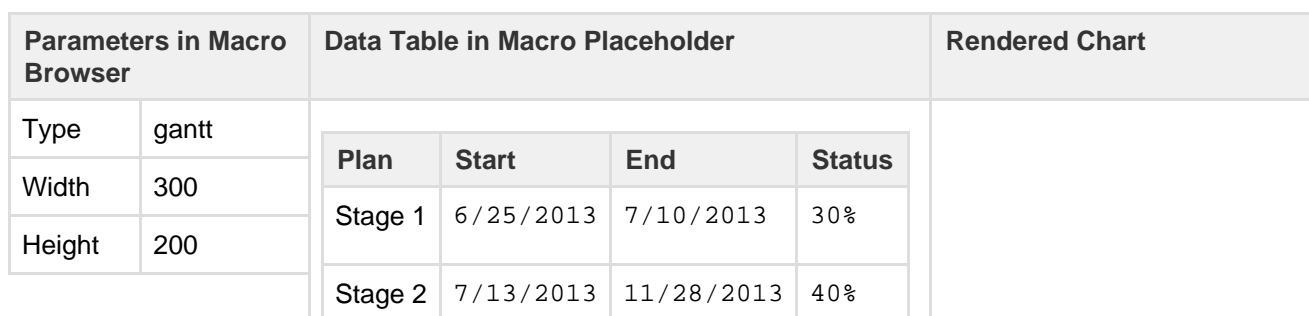




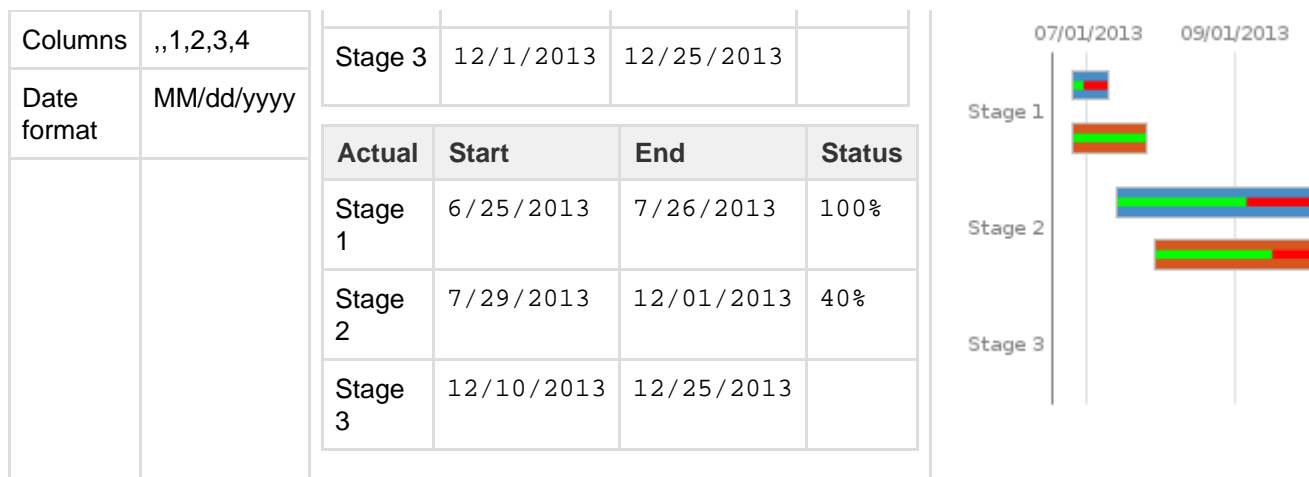
Example 2



Gantt Chart







**i** You must include the two leading commas in the column parameter (for example , , 1 , 2 , 3 , 4) for the chart to be created correctly.

### Code examples

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** chart

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text, consisting of tables that hold the chart's data.

This macro recognizes a large number of parameters, listed here by type.

▼ [See all parameters...](#)

#### Chart type parameters

These parameters determine the type of chart to display and how the chart looks.

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
type	No	pie	<p>The type of chart to display. XY charts have numerical x- and y-axes. The x values may optionally be time-based. See the <code>timeSeries</code> parameter.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Standard charts</i> – <code>pie</code>, <code>bar</code>, <code>line</code>, <code>area</code></li> <li><i>XY plots</i> – <code>xyArea</code>, <code>xyBar</code>, <code>xyLine</code>, <code>xyStep</code>, <code>xyStepArea</code>, <code>scatter</code>, <code>timeSeries</code></li> <li><i>Other charts</i> – <code>gantt</code></li> </ul>
orientation	No	vertical	<p>The display orientation. Applies to area, bar and line charts.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>vertical</code> – y-axis is vertical</li> <li><code>horizontal</code> – x-axis is vertical</li> </ul>
3D	No	false	Show in three dimensions. Applies to area, bar and line charts.
stacked	No	false	Stacked values. Applies to area and bar charts.
showShapes	No	true	Applies to line charts. Shapes are shown at each data point.

opacity	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75 percent for 3D charts</li> <li>50 percent for non-stacked area charts</li> <li>100 percent for all other charts</li> </ul>	A percentage value between 0 (transparent) and 100 (opaque) that determines how opaque the foreground areas and bars are.
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**Chart display parameters**

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
width	No	300	The width of the chart in pixels.
height	No	300	The height of the chart in pixels.
dataDisplay	No	false	<p>Determines whether to display the body of the macro, consisting of the data table. By default, the chart data table is not displayed.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>false – the data is not displayed.</li> <li>true or after – the data is displayed after the chart.</li> <li>before – the data is displayed before the chart.</li> </ul>
imageFormat	No	png	<p>The image format to be used for the chart.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>png</li> <li>jpg</li> </ul>

**Chart title and label parameters**

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
title	No	(None)	The title of the chart.
subTitle	No	(None)	A subtitle for the chart.
xLabel	No	(None)	The label for the x-axis (domain).
yLabel	No	(None)	The label for the y-axis (range).
legend	No	false	Determines whether to show a legend (key) for the chart.

**Chart data parameters**

The data for the chart is taken from tables found in the macro body. The parameters below control how this data is interpreted. By default, numeric and date values are interpreted according to the Confluence global default language (locale) formats. If conversion fails, other languages defined in Confluence will be tried. You can specify additional conversion options using the parameters below.

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
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tables	No	All first level tables	You can supply a comma-separated list of table IDs and/or table numbers (starting at 1) contained within the body of the macro that will be used as the data for the chart. If data tables are embedded in other tables, then table selection will be required. This occurs when more complex formatting is done (for example using section and column macros).
columns	No	All columns	You can supply a comma-separated list of column labels and/or column titles and/or column numbers for tables used for chart data. This applies to all tables processed. Columns are enumerated starting at 1. Column label is the text for the column in the header row. Column title is the HTML title attribute for the column in the header row.
dataOrientation	No	horizontal	<p>The content orientation. By default, the data tables will be interpreted as columns (horizontally) representing domain and x values.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>vertical</code> – data table columns will be interpreted as series.</li> <li><code>horizontal</code> – data tables rows will be interpreted as series.</li> </ul>
timeSeries	No	false	If 'true', the x values in an XY plot will be treated as time series data and so will be converted according date formats.
dateFormat	No	Confluence language defined date formats	For time series data, the date format allows for additional customization of the conversion of data to date values. If a <code>dateFormat</code> is specified, it will be the first format used to interpret date values. Specify a format that matches the time series data. See <a href="#">simple date format</a> .
timePeriod	No	day	<p>The time period for time series data. Defines the granularity of how the data is interpreted.</p> <p>Available values: <code>millisecond</code>, <code>second</code>, <code>minute</code>, <code>hour</code>, <code>day</code>, <code>week</code>, <code>month</code>, <code>quarter</code>, <code>year</code></p>
language	No	(None)	<p>Use in combination with the <code>country</code> parameter to form a locale. These additional number and date formats will be used for data conversion before the default languages.</p> <p>Available values are the two-character <a href="#">ISO 639-1 alpha-2 codes</a>.</p>
country	No	(None)	<p>Use in combination with the <code>language</code> parameter to form a locale. Valid values are the two-character <a href="#">ISO 3166 codes</a>.</p>

forgive	No	true	<p>Determines whether the macro will forgive (allow) some data formatting errors.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>true</code> — the macro tries to convert numeric and date values that do not totally match any of the default or user-specified formats.</li> <li><code>false</code> — the macro enforces strict data formatting. If there are data format errors, the chart will not be produced.</li> </ul>
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#### Chart color parameters

Colors are specified using hexadecimal notation or HTML color names.

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
bgColor	No	White	Background color of the chart.
borderColor	No	No border	Color of the border around the chart.
colors	No		A comma-separated list of colors used to customize the colors of categories, sections, and series.

#### Chart axis parameters

Depending on the chart type, the range and domain axis may be customized. These values are automatically generated based on the data but can be overridden by specifying one or more more of these parameters.

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
rangeAxisLowerBound	No	(None)	Minimum value for the range axis.
rangeAxisUpperBound	No	(None)	Maximum value for the range axis.
rangeAxisTickUnit	No	(None)	Range axis units between axis tick marks.
rangeAxisLabelAngle	No	(None)	Angle for the range axis label in degrees.
domainAxisLowerBound	No	(None)	Only applies to XY plots. Domain axis lower bound. For a date axis, this value must be expressed in the date format specified by the <code>dateFormat</code> parameter.
domainAxisUpperBound	No	(None)	Only applies to XY plots. Domain axis upper bound. For a date axis, this value must be expressed in the date format specified by the <code>dateFormat</code> parameter.
domainAxisTickUnit	No	(None)	Only applies to XY plots. Domain axis units between axis tick marks. For a date axis, this value represents a count of the units specified in the <code>timePeriod</code> parameter. The <code>timePeriod</code> unit can be overridden by specifying a trailing character: <code>y</code> (years), <code>M</code> (months), <code>d</code> (days), <code>h</code> (hours), <code>m</code> (minutes), <code>s</code> (seconds), <code>u</code> (milliseconds).
domainAxisLabelAngle	No	(None)	Only applies to XY plots. The angle for the domain axis label, in degrees.

categoryLabelPosition	No	(None)	Placement of the axis label text for categories.  Available values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>up45</code> — 45 degrees going upward</li> <li>• <code>up90</code> — 90 degrees going upward</li> <li>• <code>down45</code> — 45 degrees going downward</li> <li>• <code>down90</code> — 90 degrees going downward</li> </ul>
dateTickMarkPosition	No	<code>start</code>	Placement of the date tick mark.  Available values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>start</code> — tick mark is at the start of the date period.</li> <li>• <code>middle</code> — tick mark is in the middle of the date period.</li> <li>• <code>end</code> — tick mark is at the end of the date period.</li> </ul>

#### Pie chart Parameters

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
pieSectionLabel	No	Show only the pie section key value	Format of pie section labels. The format uses a string with special replacement variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>%0%</code> is replaced by the pie section key.</li> <li>• <code>%1%</code> is replaced by the pie section numeric value.</li> <li>• <code>%2%</code> is replaced by the pie section percent value.</li> </ul> Example 1: To display something like 'Independent = 20': <div style="border: 1px solid #add8e6; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <code>%0% = %1%</code> </div> Example 2: To display something like 'Independent (20%)': <div style="border: 1px solid #add8e6; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <code>%0% (%2%)</code> </div>
pieSectionExplode	No	No exploded sections	A comma-separated list of pie keys that are to be shown exploded. Note: requires jFreeChart version 1.0.3 or higher.

#### Chart attachment parameters

These are advanced options that can be used for chart versioning, to enable automation and to improve performance. Use these options carefully! Normally, the chart image is regenerated each time the page is displayed. These options allow for the generated image to be saved as an attachment and have subsequent access to re-use the attachment. This can be useful especially when combined with the Cache plugin to improve performance. Depending on the options chosen, chart images can be versioned for historical purposes.

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
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attachment	No	(None)	<p>The name and location where the chart image will be saved as an attachment. The user must be authorized to add attachments to the page specified.</p> <p>Available syntax for this parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>^attachmentName.png</code> — the chart is saved as an attachment to the current page.</li> <li><code>page name^attachmentName.png</code> — the chart is saved as an attachment to the page name provided.</li> <li><code>name^attachmentName.png</code> — the chart is saved as an attachment to the page name provided in the space indicated.</li> </ul>
attachmentVersion	No	new	<p>Defines the the versioning mechanism for saved charts.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>new</code> — creates new version of the attachment.</li> <li><code>replace</code> — replaces all previous versions of the chart. To replace an existing attachment, the user must be authorized to remove attachments for the page specified.</li> <li><code>keep</code> — only saves a new attachment if an existing export of the same name does not exist. An existing attachment will not be changed or updated.</li> </ul>
attachmentComment	No	(None)	Comment used for a saved chart attachment.
thumbnail	No	false	If <code>true</code> , the chart image attachment will be shown as a thumbnail (small, expandable) image.

### Wiki markup example

Below is a simple example of a pie chart. See more examples in [Wiki Markup Examples for Chart Macro](#).

```
{chart:type=pie|title=Fish Sold}
|| Fish Type || 2004 || 2005 ||
|| Herring | 9,500 | 8,300 |
|| Salmon | 2,900 | 4,200 |
|| Tuna | 1,500 | 1,500 |
{chart}
```

### Wiki Markup Examples for Chart Macro

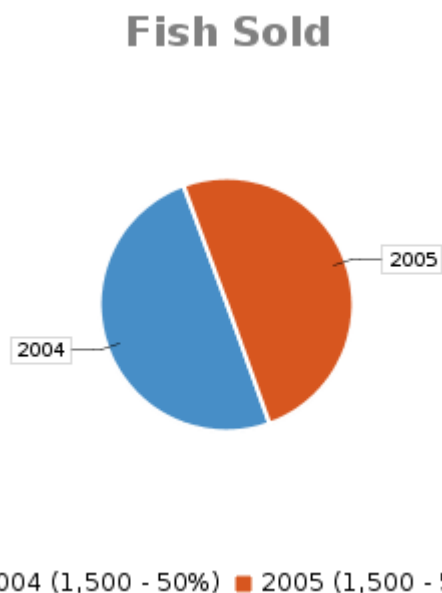
This page is an extension of the documentation for the [Chart Macro](#). This page contains additional examples for the Chart macro.

#### Pie chart

Here is a simple example of a pie chart.

#### Wiki markup

```
{chart:type=pie|title=Fish Sold}
|| Fish Type || 2004 || 2005 ||
|| Herring | 9,500 | 8,300 |
|| Salmon | 2,900 | 4,200 |
|| Tuna | 1,500 | 1,500 |
{chart}
```

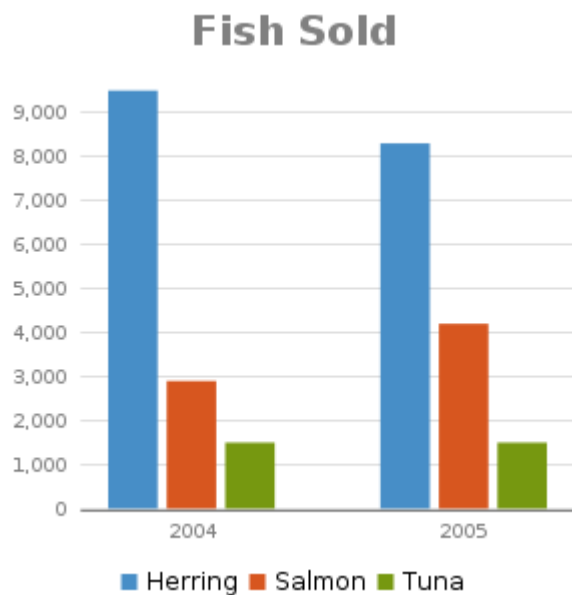
**Resulting chart****Bar chart**

Here is a simple example of a bar chart.

**Wiki markup**

```
{chart:type=bar|title=Fish Sold}
|| Fish Type || 2004 || 2005 ||
|| Herring | 9,500 | 8,300 |
|| Salmon | 2,900 | 4,200 |
|| Tuna | 1,500 | 1,500 |
{chart}
```

**Resulting chart**



#### Time series chart

Here is an example of a time series chart.

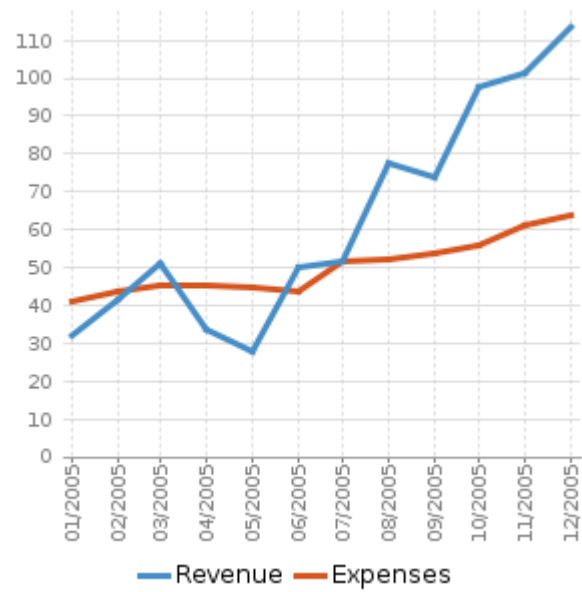
#### Wiki markup

```
{chart:type=timeSeries|dateFormat=MM/yyyy|timePeriod=Month|
dataOrientation=vertical|rangeAxisLowerBound=0|domainaxisrotateticklabel
=true}
|| Month || Revenue ||
| 1/2005 | 31.8 |
| 2/2005 | 41.8 |
| 3/2005 | 51.3 |
| 4/2005 | 33.8 |
| 5/2005 | 27.6 |
| 6/2005 | 49.8 |
| 7/2005 | 51.8 |
| 8/2005 | 77.3 |
| 9/2005 | 73.8 |
| 10/2005 | 97.6 |
| 11/2005 | 101.2 |
| 12/2005 | 113.7 |

|| Month || Expenses ||
| 1/2005 | 41.1 |
| 2/2005 | 43.8 |
| 3/2005 | 45.3 |
| 4/2005 | 45.0 |
| 5/2005 | 44.6 |
| 6/2005 | 43.8 |
| 7/2005 | 51.8 |
| 8/2005 | 52.3 |
| 9/2005 | 53.8 |
| 10/2005 | 55.6 |
| 11/2005 | 61.2 |
| 12/2005 | 63.7 |
{chart}
```



Resulting chart



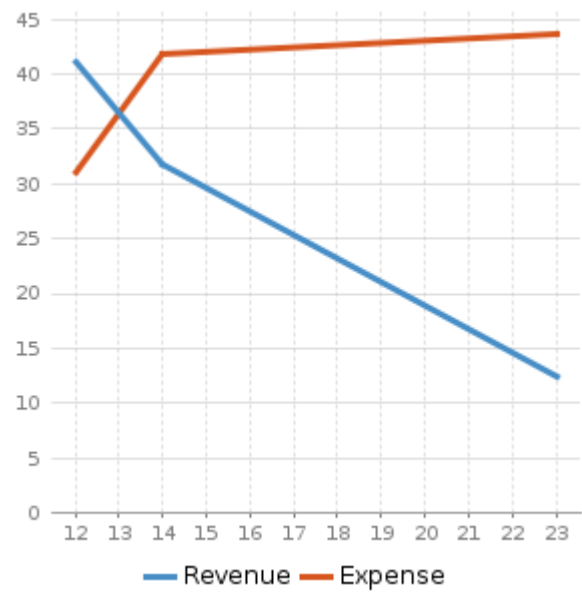
XY line chart

Here is an example of an XY line chart.

Wiki markup

```
{chart:type=xyline}
|| || 12 || 14 || 23 ||
| Revenue | 41.1 | 31.8 | 12.4 |
| Expense | 31.1 | 41.8 | 43.6 |
{chart}
```

Resulting chart



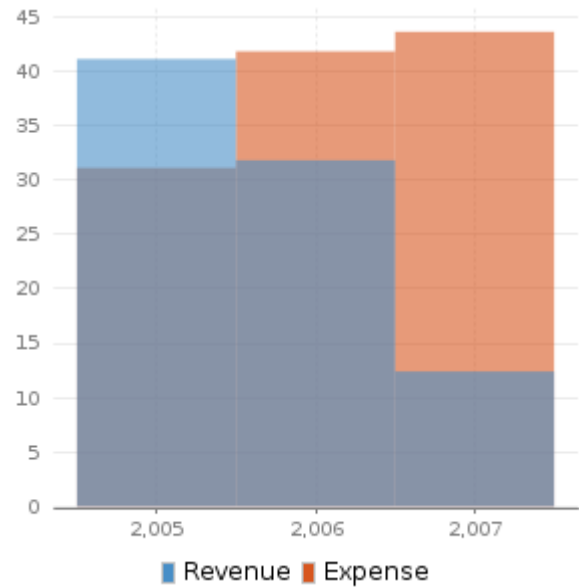
XY bar chart

Here is an example of an XY bar chart.

Wiki markup

```
{chart:type=xybar|opacity=60}
|| || 2005 || 2006 || 2007 ||
| Revenue | 41.1 | 31.8 | 12.4 |
| Expense | 31.1 | 41.8 | 43.6 |
{chart}
```

Resulting chart



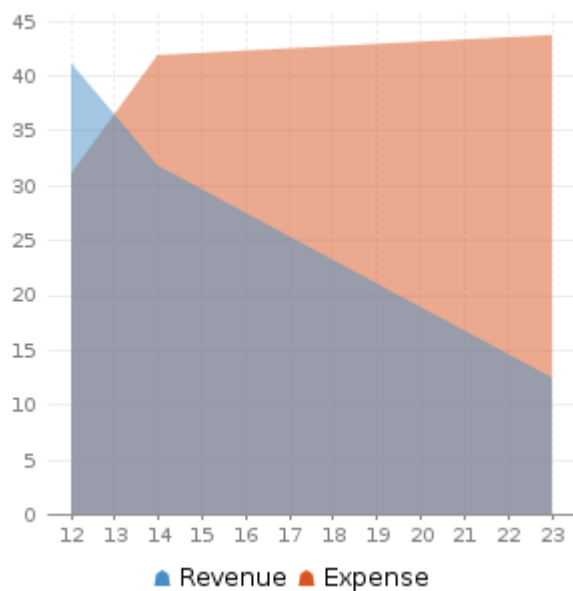
XY area chart

Here is an example of an XY area chart.

Wiki markup

```
{chart:type=xyarea}
|| || 12 || 14 || 23 ||
| Revenue | 41.1 | 31.8 | 12.4 |
| Expense | 31.1 | 41.8 | 43.6 |
{chart}
```

Resulting chart



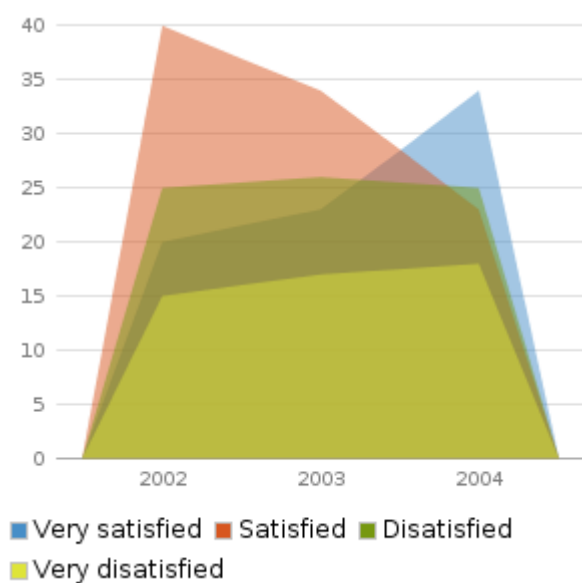
### Area chart

Here are two examples of area charts.

#### Wiki markup for area chart 1

```
{chart:type=area|dataDisplay=true|legend=true|width=300|height=300|opacity=50}
|| Satisfaction || 2002 || 2003 || 2004 ||
| Very satisfied | 20 | 23 | 34 |
| Satisfied      | 40 | 34 | 23 |
| Dissatisfied   | 25 | 26 | 25 |
| Very dissatisfied | 15 | 17 | 18 |
{chart}
```

#### Resulting area chart 1



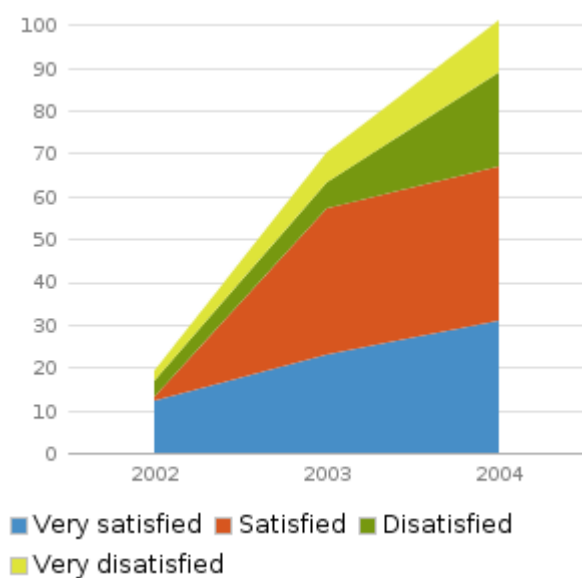
Satisfaction	2002	2003	2004
Very satisfied	20	23	34

Satisfied	40	34	23
Disatisfied	25	26	25
Very disatisfied	15	17	18

#### Wiki markup for area chart 2

```
{chart:type=area|dataDisplay=true|legend=true|width=300|height=300|stack
ed=true}
|| Satisfaction || 2002 || 2003 || 2004 ||
| Very satisfied | 12 | 23 | 31 |
| Satisfied | 1 | 34 | 36 |
| Disatisfied | 4 | 6 | 22 |
| Very disatisfied | 2 | 7 | 12 |
{chart}
```

#### Resulting area chart 2



Satisfaction	2002	2003	2004
Very satisfied	12	23	31
Satisfied	1	34	36
Disatisfied	4	6	22
Very disatisfied	2	7	12

## Cheese Macro

The Cheese macro simply displays the words "I like cheese!" You can use this macro to test the Confluence macro functionality. 😊

#### To add the Cheese macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

**Note:** There are no parameters for this macro.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** cheese

**Macro body:** None.

```
{cheese}
```

## Children Display Macro

Use the Children Display macro to list the child pages of a page and the further descendants (children's children). By default, the macro displays links to the child pages as shown in the screenshot below. People viewing the page will see only the links for pages that they have permission to view.

*Screenshot: The Children Display macro in Confluence*



This is the Children Display macro

- [Step 1 - download the game](#)
- [Step 2 - Play](#)
- [Step 3 - share your favourite nerd](#)
- [Sample page](#)
- [Games as a communication medium](#)

### Using the Children Display macro

**To add the Children Display macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Example

This list of child pages is generated by a Children Display macro on this page:

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Show Descendants (all)</b>	false	Choose whether to display all the parent page's descendants.  If <b>true</b> shows the complete tree of pages underneath the parent page, regardless of <b>Depth of Descendants</b>
<b>Parent Page (page)</b>	current	Specify the page to display children for, from either the current space or a different space. Enter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>' / ' — to list the top-level pages of the current space, i.e. those without parents.</li> <li>'pageName' — to list the children of the specified page.</li> <li>'spacekey:' — to list the top-level pages of the specified space.</li> <li>'spacekey:pageName' — to list the children of the specified page in the specified space.</li> </ul>
<b>Number of Children (first)</b>	none	Restrict the number of child pages that are displayed at the top level.
<b>Depth of Descendants (depth)</b>	none	Enter a number to specify the depth of descendants to display. For example, if the value is 2, the macro will display 2 levels of child pages.  This setting has no effect if <b>Show Descendants</b> is enabled.
<b>Heading Style (style)</b>	none	Choose the style used to display descendants.
<b>Include Excerpts (excerpt)</b>	none	Allows you to include a short excerpt under each page in the list. Choose between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>None</b> - no excerpt will be displayed</li> <li><b>Simple</b> - displays the first line of text contained in an Excerpt macro on any of the returned pages. If there is not an Excerpt macro on the page, nothing will be shown.</li> <li><b>Rich content</b> - displays the contents of an Excerpt macro, or if there is not an Excerpt macro on the page, the first part of the page content, including formatted text, images and some macros.</li> </ul>
<b>Sort Children By (sort)</b>	Manual if manually ordered, otherwise alphabetical	Optional. Choose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>creation</b> — to sort by content creation date</li> <li><b>title</b> — to sort alphabetically on title</li> <li><b>modified</b> — to sort of last modification date.</li> </ul>
<b>Reverse Sort (reverse)</b>	false	Use with the <b>Sort Children By</b> parameter. When set, the sort order changes from ascending to descending.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** children

**Macro body:** None.

```
{children:reverse=true|sort=creation|style=h4|page=Home|excerpt=none|first=99|depth=2|all=true}
```

#### Code Block Macro

The Code Block macro allows you to display source code in your page with syntax highlighting, like the one below:

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    System.out.println("Hello World!");
}
```

### Add the Code Block Macro

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

You type the code block directly into the macro placeholder in the editor. Note that any white space contained in the placeholder *is not* manipulated in any way by the Code Block macro. This is to provide the writer with flexibility over code indentation.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Syntax highlighting</b> ( <code>language</code> )	java	<p>Specifies the language (or environment) for syntax highlighting. The default language is Java but you can choose from one of the following languages/environments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ActionScript</b></li> <li>• <b>AppleScript</b></li> <li>• <b>Bash</b></li> <li>• <b>C#</b></li> <li>• <b>C++</b></li> <li>• <b>CSS</b></li> <li>• <b>ColdFusion</b></li> <li>• <b>Delphi</b></li> <li>• <b>Diff</b></li> <li>• <b>Erlang</b></li> <li>• <b>Groovy</b></li> <li>• <b>HTML and XML</b></li> <li>• <b>Java</b></li> <li>• <b>Java FX</b></li> <li>• <b>JavaScript</b></li> <li>• <b>Plain Text</b></li> <li>• <b>PowerShell</b></li> <li>• <b>Python</b></li> <li>• <b>Ruby</b></li> <li>• <b>SQL</b></li> <li>• <b>Sass</b></li> <li>• <b>Scala</b></li> <li>• <b>Visual Basic</b></li> </ul>
<b>Title</b>	none	Adds a title to the code block. If specified, the title will be displayed in a header row at the top of the code block.
<b>Collapsible</b> ( <code>collapse</code> )	false	If selected, the code macro's content will be collapsed upon visiting or refreshing the Confluence page. Clicking the <b>expand source</b> link allows you to view this content. If false, the code macro's content is always displayed in full.
<b>Show line numbers</b> ( <code>linenumbers</code> )	false	If selected, line numbers will be shown to the left of the lines of code.
<b>First line number</b> ( <code>firstline</code> )	1	When <b>Show line numbers</b> is selected, this value defines the number of the first line of code.
<b>Theme</b>	Default	<p>Specifies the color scheme used for displaying your code block. Many of these themes are based on the default color schemes of popular integrated development environments (IDEs). The default theme is <b>Confluence</b> (also known as <b>Default</b>), which is typically black and colored text on a blank background. However, you can also choose from one of the following other popular themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Django</b></li> <li>• <b>Emacs</b></li> <li>• <b>FadeToGrey</b></li> <li>• <b>Midnight</b></li> <li>• <b>RDark</b></li> <li>• <b>Eclipse</b></li> <li>• <b>Confluence</b></li> </ul>

### Configure the Code Block macro



You can configure the Code Block macro to use a specific language and theme by default and also upload new languages. You need **Confluence Administrator** permissions to change the default theme and language and **System Administrator** permissions to upload new languages.

#### To set the default appearance of code blocks in your site:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Configure Code Macro**
3. Select a **Default Theme** and **Default Language**
4. Choose **Save**

All new code blocks will use the default theme and language unless you specify otherwise. Existing code blocks will be unchanged.

#### To add an additional language:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Configure Code Macro**
3. Choose **Add a new language**
4. Locate your language file and enter a **Name** for the new language (this will appear when selecting the language)
5. Choose **Add**

Language files must be correctly formatted JavaScript files and adhere to the [Custom Brush syntax](#).

#### To disable or remove a user-installed language:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Manage Add-ons**
3. Go to **User-installed Add-ons** and locate the add-on for your uploaded language - it will appear like this 'Custom Code Macro Highlighting for...'
4. Choose **Uninstall** or **Disable**

The language will no longer appear in the Code Macro.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** code

**Macro body:** Accepts plain text.

```
{code:title=This is my
title|theme=FadeToGrey|linenumbers=true|language=java|firstline=0001|col
lapse=true}
This is my code
{code}
```

## Column Macro

Used with the Section macro to define columns on a page. See [Working with page layouts and columns and sections](#).

#### Parameters

Parameter name	Required	Default	Parameter description and accepted values
width	No	100% of the page width, divided equally by the number of columns in the section.	The width of the column. Can be specified either in pixels (for example, 400px) or as a percentage of the available page width (for example, 50%).

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** column

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text.

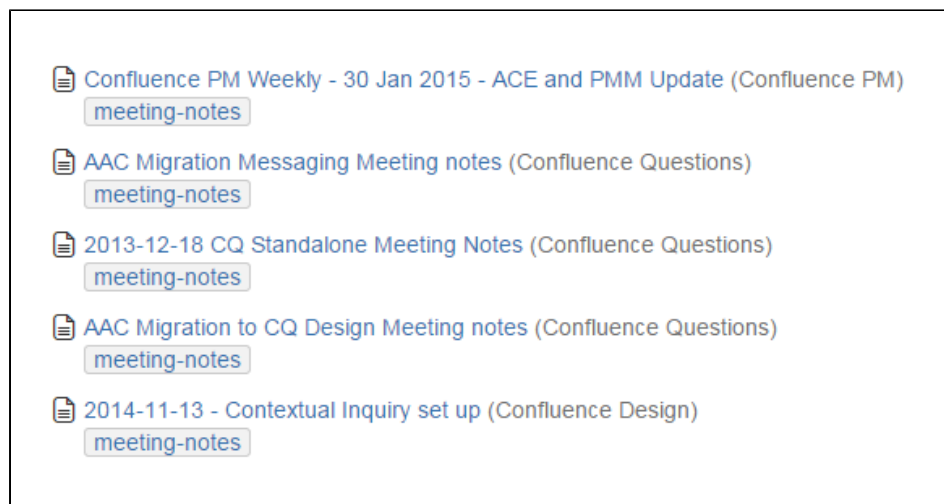
```
{column:width=100px}
This is the content of *column 1*.
{column}
```

## Content by Label Macro

The Content by Label macro is used to display lists of pages, blog posts or attachments that have particular labels. It's great for collecting related pages together and filtering out content that you don't want to see.

For example, you could use this macro to display a list of all pages that have the label 'feature-shipped' and include the word 'Blueprint', or to list any pages with the label 'meeting-notes' that you've been mentioned in.

Here's how the macro looks on your page:



And here's how you would set it up in the macro browser:

## Using the Content by Label Macro

### To add the Content by Label macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## CQL filters

CQL (Confluence Query Language) is a query language developed for Confluence, which you can use in some macros and the Confluence search. Confluence search and CQL-powered macros allow you to add filters to build up a search query, adding as many filters as you need to narrow down the search results.

Use the **Add a filter** link to add more filters to your query.

### ▼ Use AND, OR, and NOT operators

- For an OR search, specify multiple values in the same field.  
So to show pages with 'label-a', 'label-b' or both you'd put 'label-a' and 'label-b' in the same Label field, like this:

- For an AND search, add more than one filter and specify a single value in each.  
To show only pages with label-a and label-b you'd put 'label-a' in one label field, then add a second Label field to the macro, and put 'label-b' in the second one, like this:

Put simply, OR values are entered in the same filter, AND values are entered in different filter. Only some filters support AND. If the filter doesn't support the AND operator, you won't be able to add that filter more than once.

- For a NOT search, enter a minus sign (-) before the label. This'll exclude everything with that label.

You can use the following CQL filters to build your query:

Filter	Description	Operators
<b>Label*</b>	Include pages, blog posts or attachments with these labels.	OR (multiple values in the same filter) AND (multiple Label filters)
<b>With ancestor</b>	Include pages that are children of this page. This allows you to restrict the macro to a single page tree.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Contributor**</b>	Include pages or blog posts that were created or edited by these people.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Creator</b>	Include items created by these people.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Mentioning user</b>	Include pages and blog posts that @mention these people.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>With parent</b>	Include only direct children of this page (further sub-pages won't be included)	EQUALS (one page only)
<b>In space**</b>	Include items from these spaces.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Including text**</b>	Include items that contain this text.	CONTAINS (single word or phrase)
<b>With title</b>	Include items that contain this text in the title.	CONTAINS (single word or phrase)
<b>Of type**</b>	Include only pages, blogs or attachments.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)

\* This field is required in CQL-powered macros.

\*\* You can add these filters in CQL-powered macros but in search they're part of the standard search filters, so they don't appear in the **Add a filter** menu.

### Macro display options

These options control how the macro appears on your page.

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Sort by</b>	Modified	Sort the list by title, the date it was created, or the date it was last modified. If you don't select an option, CQL default ordering by relevancy is used.
<b>Reverse sort</b>	False	Sort the list descending instead of ascending (Z - A, earliest - latest)
<b>Maximum number of pages</b>	15	Limit the number of items to include in the list. This can be any value up to 500 pages.
<b>List title</b>	Blank	Include an optional heading for the macro
<b>Show labels for each page</b>	True	Show or hide the labels applied to each item
<b>Show space name for each page</b>	True	Show or hide the space name for each item
<b>Display excerpts</b>	False	<p>Allows you to include a short excerpt under each page in the list. Choose between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None</b> - no excerpt will be displayed.</li> <li>• <b>Simple</b> - displays the first line of text contained in an Excerpt macro any of the returned pages. If there is not an Excerpt macro on the page, nothing will be shown.</li> <li>• <b>Rich content</b> - displays the contents of an Excerpt macro, or if there is not an Excerpt macro on the page, the first part of the page content, as formatted text, including images and some macros.</li> </ul>

## Content by User Macro

The Content by User macro generates a tabulated list of the content items, throughout the Confluence installation, that have been created by a specified Confluence user. The list includes all current pages, comments and spaces created by the user. Each item in the table is linked to its corresponding page, page comment or space dashboard.

Note that items for page comments contain a link to the page, followed by a second link to the comment itself, with these separated by a greater-than sign (>).

### Using the Content by User macro

**To add the Content by User macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
<b>Username</b> (name)	yes	none	The Confluence username for a person who has created content. Parameter is unnamed in wikimarkup.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** content-by-user

**Macro body:** None.

```
{content-by-user:jsmith}
```

## Content Report Table Macro

The Content Report Table macro displays a set of pages and blog posts in tabular format, based on the labels specified in the macro parameters.

#### A working example

Below is a working example of the Content Report Table macro, displaying content with the label 'LDAP'.

Title	Creator	Modified
<a href="#">Connecting to LDAP or JIRA applications or Other Services via SSL</a>	Nick Faiz	about an hour ago
<a href="#">Configuring the LDAP Connection Pool</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	about an hour ago
<a href="#">Managing Nested Groups</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	Feb 21, 2017
<a href="#">User Management Limitations and Recommendations</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	Feb 01, 2017
<a href="#">Managing Multiple Directories</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	Nov 09, 2016
<a href="#">Configuring an SSL Connection to Active Directory</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	Nov 08, 2016
<a href="#">Synchronizing Data from External Directories</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	May 27, 2016
<a href="#">Connecting to an Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	May 27, 2016
<a href="#">Requesting Support for External User Management</a>	Matt Ryll	Oct 07, 2015
<a href="#">Diagrams of Possible Configurations for User Management</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	Oct 07, 2015
<a href="#">Configuring User Directories</a>	Sarah Maddox [Atlassian]	Oct 07, 2015

## Using the Content Report Table Macro

### To add the Content Report Table macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
<b>Label(s)</b> ( <code>labels</code> )	Yes	None	This parameter is required. Specify one or more labels, separated by a comma. The macro will display the content tagged with any of the label(s) specified here.  For example, if you specify labels 'A' and 'B', the macro will display all pages that have the label 'A', and all pages that have the label 'B', and all pages that have both those labels.
<b>Space(s)</b> ( <code>spaces</code> )	No	(All spaces)	Specify one or more space keys, separated by a comma or a space. The macro will display only the content which belongs to the space(s) specified here.  When specifying a personal space, remember to use the tilde (~) sign in front of the username, such as ~jbloggs or ~jbloggs@example.com.
<b>Maximum Number of Pages</b> ( <code>maxResults</code> )	No	20	Define the maximum number of pages that the macro will show in a single set of results. If there are more pages to be shown, the macro will display a link labeled 'Find more results'. People viewing the page can choose the link to go to a search view, which shows all pages tagged with the specified label(s).  Which pages will appear? Before displaying the results, Confluence will sort them by the date the page was last modified. The most-recently created/updated pages will appear first.

### Wiki markup

Wiki markup is not available for this macro. You cannot add this macro via wiki markup.

## Contributors Macro

The Contributors macro displays a list of Confluence users who have made a contribution of some type to a page. It can also be used to list watchers of the page.

The scope of this macro can be extended to include the immediate children or descendants of the specified page. The list of contributors can be based on people who have:

- authored or edited the page(s)
- contributed comments or added labels to the page(s), or
- are simply watching the page(s).

Screenshot: Example list of Contributors



In this example, the **Display Format** parameter has been set to **list**.

## Using the Contributors Macro

To add the Contributors macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Contribution Type</b> ( <i>include</i> )	authors	Filters by either the type of contribution made to a page (and optionally its descendant pages), or the watches on the page. Contribution types are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>authors</b> - includes people who created or have edited the page(s)</li><li>• <b>comments</b> - includes people who have added comments to the page(s)</li><li>• <b>labels</b> - includes people who have added labels to the page(s)</li><li>• <b>watches</b> - includes people who are watching the page(s).</li></ul> You can specify one or more contribution types, separated by commas.
<b>Sort By</b> ( <i>order</i> )	count	Specifies the criteria used to sort contributors. Sort criteria are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>count</b> - sorts people based on the total number of contributions to the page(s)</li><li>• <b>name</b> - sorts people into alphabetical order</li><li>• <b>update</b> - sorts people based on the date of their last contribution to the page(s).</li></ul>
<b>Reverse Sort</b> ( <i>reverse</i> )	false	Reverses the sort order of contributors in the list. Must be used in conjunction with the <b>Sort By</b> parameter.



<b>Maximum Number of Contributors</b> ( <code>limit</code> )	no limit	Limits the number of contributors in the list. If a number is not specified, all contributors are included.
<b>Display Format</b> ( <code>mode</code> )	inline	Sets how the list of contributor's names is formatted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>inline</b> — a comma-separated list</li> <li>• <b>list</b> — a bullet list.</li> </ul>
<b>Show Anonymous Contributions?</b> ( <code>showAnonymous</code> )	false	Sets whether to include those who contributed anonymously to a page.
<b>Show Count?</b> ( <code>showCount</code> )	false	Sets whether to show the number of times each person made a contribution of the specified <b>Contribution Type</b> .
<b>Show Last Contribution Time?</b> ( <code>showLastTime</code> )	false	Sets whether to show the last time each person made a contribution of the specified <b>Contribution Type</b> .
<b>Page Name</b> ( <code>page</code> )	current	Specifies the page to use when generating the list of contributors. If <b>Page Name</b> and <b>Space(s)</b> are left blank, the current page is assumed.
<b>Label(s)</b> ( <code>labels</code> )	none	Filters the list of contributors to those who created the specified labels from a page. You can specify one or more labels, separated by commas.
<b>Space(s)</b> ( <code>spaces</code> )	current	<p>Specifies the space key of the Confluence space that contains the page set in <b>Page Name</b> or alternatively, specifies the spaces to search. Space keys are case-sensitive.</p> <p>This parameter also takes special values, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>@global</code> — All <a href="#">site</a> spaces.</li> <li>• <code>@personal</code> — All <a href="#">personal</a> spaces.</li> <li>• <code>@all</code> — All spaces in your Confluence site.</li> </ul> <p>You can specify one or more space keys or special values, separated by commas.</p> <p>If no <b>Page Name</b> and <b>Label(s)</b> are specified, all pages from the specified set of spaces are included.</p>
<b>Content Type</b> ( <code>contentType</code> )	both pages and blog posts	<p>Restricts the content type to use when generating the list of contributors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>pages</b> — pages</li> <li>• <b>blogposts</b> — blog posts.</li> </ul>
<b>Blog Post Date</b> ( <code>publishDate</code> )	none	Specifies the publish date for a blog post. The date format required is: YYYY/MM/DD.
<b>Include Page Hierarchy</b> ( <code>scope</code> )	specified page only	<p>Specifies additional pages to include when generating the list of contributors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>children</b> — just the child pages of the specified page</li> <li>• <b>descendants</b> — all descendants of the specified page.</li> </ul>
<b>Show Selected Pages</b> ( <code>showPages</code> )	false	Sets whether to show a list of the pages used to generate the list of contributors.

<b>Custom "None Found" Message</b> (noneFoundMessage)	default message	Specifies the message to be used to override the default message that is displayed when no contributors are found.
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**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** contributors

**Macro body:** None.

This example specifies a content type of blog posts:

```
{contributors:limit=10|spaces=ds,@personal|reverse=true|labels=chocolate,cake|showPages=true|noneFoundMessage=Oh dear, no contributors found|showCount=true|contentType=blogposts|include=authors,comments,labels,watches|mode=list|showAnonymous=true|order=update|showLastTime=true|publishDate=2012/06/30}
```

This example specifies a content type of pages:

```
{contributors:limit=10|spaces=ds,@personal|reverse=true|scope=descendants|labels=chocolate,cake|showPages=true|noneFoundMessage=Oh dear, no contributors found|showCount=true|contentType=pages|include=authors,comments,labels,watches|mode=list|showAnonymous=true|order=update|page=ds:Advanced Topics|showLastTime=true}
```

**Contributors Summary Macro**

The Contributors Summary macro displays a table of contribution-based statistics for a set of pages. These statistics can be grouped according to individual pages or individual contributors.

The default scope for this macro is an individual page, but this can be extended to include the immediate children or descendants of a specified page. The statistics cover the following types of contributions:

- edits to the page(s)
- comments added to the page(s)
- labels added to the page(s)
- people watching the page(s)

A simple example of the Contributors Summary macro is shown in the screenshot below. It lists statistics for the number of times each contributor has edited, added comments and added labels to this page.

*Screenshot: Example Contributors Summary table of statistics*

User	Edits	Comments	Labels
Sarah Maddox	2	2	0
Edwin Dawson	2	0	0
Giles Gaskell	2	0	0
Rosie Jameson	2	0	0
Andrew Lui	2	0	1
Charles Miller	1	0	0
Andrew Prentice	0	0	1

In this example, all default parameter settings are used. For more information about this macro's parameters, refer to the [Parameters](#) section below.

### Using the Contributors Summary Macro

**To add the Contributors Summary macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Group By</b> (groupby)	contributors	Specifies the basis for grouping contribution-based statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>contributors</b> — group by the people who have contributed</li><li>• <b>pages</b> — group by the pages used to find contributors.</li></ul>

<b>Columns to Display</b> (columns)	edits,comments,labels	<p>Sets the columns that should appear in the table. The statistics or type of information presented depends on the basis for grouping set with the <b>Group By</b> parameter. Statistics may be calculated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>edits</code> — the number of times each contributor has edited the page(s) or the number of edits made to each page.</li> <li>• <code>edited</code> — a list of the pages edited by each contributor or a list of contributors who have edited each page.</li> <li>• <code>comments</code> — the number of times each contributor has added comments to the page(s) or the number of comments on each page.</li> <li>• <code>commented</code> — a list of pages to which each contributor has added comments or a list of contributors who have commented on each page.</li> <li>• <code>labels</code> — the number of times each contributor has added labels to the page(s) or the number of labels on each page.</li> <li>• <code>labeled</code> — a list of pages to which each contributor has added labels or a list of contributors who have added a label to each page.</li> <li>• <code>labellist</code> — a list of labels either added by each contributor or on each page.</li> <li>• <code>watches</code> — the number of pages being watched by each contributor/person or the number of contributors/people watching each page.</li> <li>• <code>watching</code> — a list of pages being watched by each contributor/person or a list of contributors/people watching each page.</li> <li>• <code>lastupdate</code> — the last time each contributor made an update or when each page was last updated. Valid updates can include edit, comment or label modifications to a page.</li> </ul> <p>One or more columns can be used.</p>
<b>Sort By</b> (order)	edits	<p>Sets the criterion used for sorting items in the table. The items sorted depend on the basis for grouping set with the <b>Group By</b> parameter. Sort criteria are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>edits</code> — sorts items in the table based on the total number of edits made, either by a contributor or to a page.</li> <li>• <code>name</code> — sorts items in the table in alphabetical order, either by contributor or page name.</li> <li>• <code>editTime</code> — sorts items in the table based on when the contributor last edited a page (or a specified set of pages) or when the page was last edited.</li> <li>• <code>update</code> — sorts items in the table based on when the contributor last made any contribution to a page (or a specified set of pages) or when the page last had any contribution made to it.</li> </ul>
<b>Reverse Sort</b> (reverse)	false	Reverses the sort order of items in the table, as specified using the <b>Sort By</b> parameter. (Used only in conjunction with the <b>Sort By</b> parameter.)
<b>Maximum Number of Items</b> (limit)	no limit	Limits the number of contributors or pages in the table to the value specified. If no number is specified, all items are included.

<b>Show Anonymous Contributions?</b> ( <code>showAnonymous</code> )	false	Includes individuals who have made anonymous contributions to a page.
<b>Show Zero Counts?</b> ( <code>showZeroCounts</code> )	false	Sets whether contributors or pages are included for which a calculated statistic is zero.
<b>Page Name</b> ( <code>page</code> )	current	Sets the page for which to calculate the contribution-based statistics. If no values for <b>Page Name</b> and <b>Space(s)</b> are specified, the current page is assumed.
<b>Label(s)</b> ( <code>labels</code> )	none	Restricts the contribution-based statistics to the specified labels only. You can specify one or more labels, separated by commas.
<b>Space(s)</b> ( <code>spaces</code> )	current	<p>Specifies the space key of the Confluence space which contains the specified page name or alternatively, specifies a scope of spaces to search. Space keys are case-sensitive.</p> <p>This parameter also takes special values, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>@global</code> — All <a href="#">site</a> spaces.</li> <li>• <code>@personal</code> — All <a href="#">personal</a> spaces.</li> <li>• <code>@all</code> — All spaces in your Confluence site.</li> </ul> <p>You can specify one or more space keys or special values, separated by commas.</p> <p>If no <b>Page Name</b> and <b>Label(s)</b> are specified, all pages from the specified set of spaces are included.</p>
<b>Content Type</b> ( <code>contentType</code> )	both pages and blog posts	<p>Restricts page types to either pages (<b>pages</b>) or blog posts (<b>blogposts</b>). If no value is specified in the Macro Browser, both pages and blog posts are included.</p> <p>Available values <code>pages</code> and <code>blogposts</code>.</p>
<b>Blog Post Date</b> ( <code>publishDate</code> )	none	Specifies the publish date for a blog post. The date format required is: YYYY/MM/DD.
<b>Include Page Hierarchy</b> ( <code>scope</code> )	specified page only	Includes either the immediate <b>children</b> or all <b>descendants</b> of the specified page. If no value is indicated in the Macro Browser, only the specified page is included.

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `contributors-summary`

**Macro body:** None.

This example specifies a content type of blog posts:

```
{contributors-summary:limit=10|spaces=ds,@personal|reverse=true|showAnonymous=true|order=update|labels=chocolate,cake|columns=edits,comments,labels,lastupdate|groupby=pages|contentType=blogposts|showZeroCounts=true|publishDate=2012/06/07}
```

This example specifies a content type of pages:

```
{contributors-summary:limit=10|spaces=ds,@personal|reverse=true|showAnonymous=true|scope=descendants|order=update|page=ds:Advanced Topics|labels=chocolate,cake|columns=edits,comments,labels,lastupdate|groupby=pages|contentType=pages|showZeroCounts=true}
```

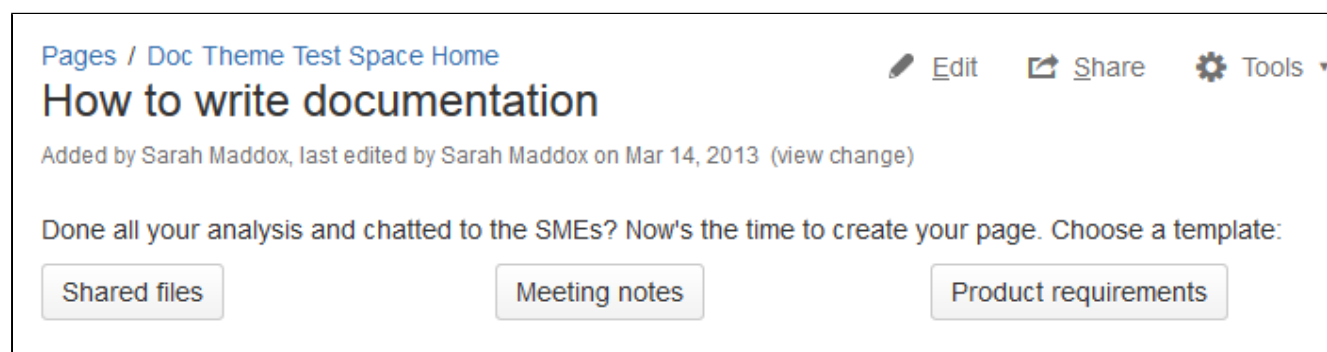
## Create from Template Macro

The Create from Template macro displays a button on a page, linked to a specific template. When someone clicks the button, the macro opens the editor, ready to add a new page, and adds content to the page based on the given template.

When adding the macro to the page, you can specify a blueprint or a user-created template in the macro. You will also specify the name of the button displayed, and the space in which the new page will appear.

### Example

*Screenshot: A page with three buttons, all displayed by the 'Create from Template' macro*



## Using the Create from Template Macro

**To add the Create from Template macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
<b>Button Text</b>		'Create from Template'	The description that people will see when viewing this macro on the page.
<b>Template Name</b>		None	Select the template or blueprint to base the new page on. Only global and user-created templates for the current space appear (unless you have specified a different space in the 'Space Key' field).
<b>Template Title</b>		Blank	Specify a default title for pages created using this macro (optional). You can include @currentDate, @spaceName and @spaceKey variables in the title.
<b>Space Key</b>		The space where the current page is located	Supply the unique space identifier (space key), to determine where the new page will be created when someone uses this macro to create a page.

#### Wiki markup

Wiki markup is not available for this macro. You cannot add this macro via wiki markup.

## Create Space Button Macro

The Create Space Button macro displays a create space icon that links to the 'Create Space' page. To see this icon, viewers need the 'Create Space' permission which is assigned by a [site administrator](#).

### Using the Create Space Button macro

#### To add the Create Space Button macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Icon Size size</b>	large	Specify whether to use large or small icon. Available values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>large</b></li> <li>• <b>small</b></li> </ul>

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** create-space-button

**Macro body:** None.

```
{create-space-button:size=small}
{create-space-button:height=50px|width=50px}
```

The following additional parameters are available in wiki markup.

▼ [See all parameters...](#)

Parameter name	Required	Default	Parameter description and accepted values
width	No	Natural size of icon  (1:1 pixel ratio)	The width of the icon to be displayed, specified in pixels. Confluence will stretch or shrink the width of the icon to the number of pixels specified.  Note: This parameter is not available via the macro browser.
height	No	Natural size of icon  (1:1 pixel ratio)	The height of the icon to be displayed, specified in pixels. Confluence will stretch or shrink the height of the icon to the number of pixels specified.  Note: This parameter is not available via the macro browser.

## Excerpt Include Macro

The Excerpt Include macro is used to display 'excerpted' (that is, a segment of) content from one page in another.

Before you can use this macro, the excerpt must have been defined using the [Excerpt macro](#). Note that you can have more than one Excerpt Include macro on a page (although you can have only one Excerpt macro on a page).

### Example

The paragraph below shows an example of an Excerpt Include macro, containing content from an excerpt which we have defined on the [Excerpt Macro](#) page. On the Excerpt Include macro below, we have set the options to show both the title of the page and the panel surrounding the content.

### Using the Excerpt Include Macro

**To add the Excerpt Include macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro



browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Page Containing the Excerpt</b> ( <code>default-parameter</code> )	none	<p>Type the name of the page that contains the excerpt to be displayed. You can use an excerpt from a page in the same space or another space in the same wiki.</p> <p>When you type the name of the page into the Excerpt Include macro dialog, Confluence will offer a list of matching pages, including those from other spaces.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can type the space key followed by a colon (:) and the page name, like this:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #add8e6; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0; text-align: center;">SPACEKEY:Page name</div> <p>This parameter is unnamed in wikimarkup.</p>
<b>Remove Surrounding Panel</b> ( <code>nopanel</code> )	false	Determines whether Confluence will display a panel around the excerpted content. The panel includes the title of the page containing the excerpt, and the border of the panel. By default, the panel and title are shown.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `excerpt-include`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{excerpt-include:My page name|nopanel=true}
```

## Excerpt Macro

The Excerpt macro is used to mark a part of a page's content for re-use. Defining an excerpt enables other macros, such as the [Excerpt Include](#) and [Blog Posts](#) macros, to display the marked content elsewhere.

You can only define one excerpt per page. In other words, you can only add the Excerpt macro once to a page.

### Using the Excerpt Macro

#### To add the Excerpt macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

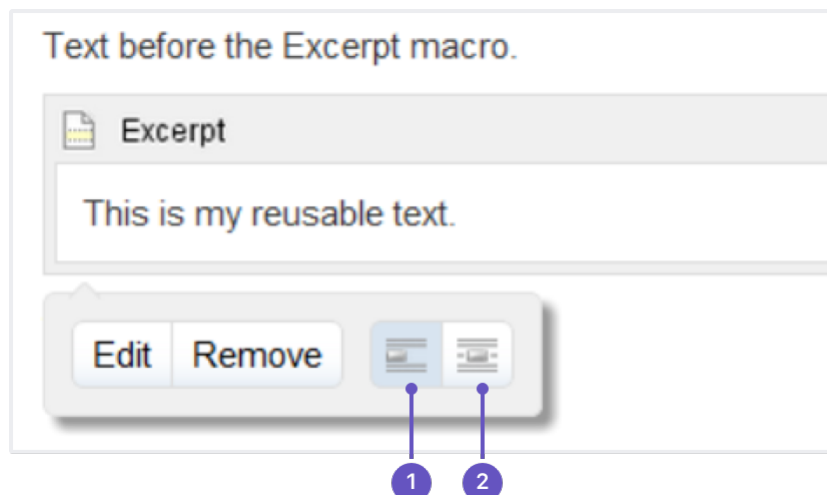
**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

#### To add reusable content to the macro:

1. Add your content inside the Excerpt macro placeholder.
2. Choose the macro placeholder to see the options panel, and select the option to **Display on new line** or to **Display inline**. The default is to display the content of the macro on a new line. If you choose the inline option, the content of the macro will form part of the same paragraph as the text preceding and following

it. Note that this option affects only the page that contains the Excerpt macro. It does not affect any pages where the content is reused.

*Screenshot: The Excerpt macro placeholder and options panel*



1. **New line**
2. **Inline**

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Hide Excerpted Content</b> ( <i>hidden</i> )	false	Controls whether the page content contained in the Excerpt macro placeholder is displayed on the page.  Note that this option affects only the page that contains the Excerpt macro. It does not affect any pages where the content is reused.

## Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `excerpt`

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text.

```
{excerpt:hidden=true|atlassian-macro-output-type=BLOCK}
This is the *text* I want to reuse in other pages. This text is inside
an Excerpt macro.
{excerpt}
```

## Expand Macro

The Expand macro displays an expandable/collapsible section of text on your page.

Here is an example:

▼ [Expand me...](#)

This text is hidden until you expand the section.

## Using the Expand Macro

To insert the **Expand** macro into a page using the macro browser:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Title</b>	Click here to expand...	Defines the text that appears next to the expand/collapse icon.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `expand`

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text.

```
{expand:This is my message}
This text is _hidden_ until you expand it.
{expand}
```

### Notes

- **Text is expanded in PDF and HTML exports.** When you export the page to PDF or HTML, the text between the macro tags is expanded so that readers can see it in the PDF and HTML versions of the page.
- **Nesting your Expand macros.** You can put one Expand macro inside another, and Confluence will correctly show and hide the contents of all Expand macros, including the nested ones.

## Favorite Pages Macro







Use the Favorite Pages macro to list the pages you've [saved for later](#) on a Confluence page. You can also get to your saved pages from the Dashboard.

*Screenshot: The Favorite Pages Macro in Confluence*

This is the Favourite Pages macro

## Favourite Pages

Displaying pages recently added to your favourites list.

-  [Why I loved Angry Nerds](#) (Angry Nerds) 
-  [Which nerd are you?](#) (Angry Nerds) 
-  [Our new logo](#) (Angry Nerds) 

## Using the Favorite Pages Macro

### To insert the favorite pages macro into a page using the Macro Browser:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

There are no parameters for this macro.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** favpages

**Macro body:** None.

```
{favpages}
```

## Gadget Macro

Gadgets are small applications that can offer dynamic content. They are typically served from a web application server and can be re-used in many other web applications. In Confluence, use the Gadget macro to add gadgets to pages or blog posts.

Confluence comes bundled with a few of its [own gadgets](#) that you can add to your pages or blog posts. However, you can access additional gadgets in this list if your Confluence Administrator has:

- Installed additional gadgets in Confluence (typically as a Confluence plugin) or
- Registered gadgets served from an external web application or website (such as those from a JIRA application).

Unlike other macros, the name of each gadget macro is unique and follows the convention "**<gadget-name> macro**", where **<gadget-name>** is the name supplied by the gadget itself.

### Inserting gadgets into a Confluence page or blog post

#### To add a gadget to a page:

1. Edit your page or blog post.
2. Choose **Insert > Other Macros**.
3. Click **External Content** to see a list of gadgets configured for use in your Confluence installation. (Some Confluence macros like the [JIRA Issues](#), [RSS Feed](#), and [Widget Connector](#) macros also appear in this category because they can also access external content.)

4. Click the desired gadget to access its parameters and properties.  
Almost all gadgets allow you to set basic parameters (listed below), which appear in the macro dialog. Some gadgets also have their own set of parameters, that can only be set in the gadget itself. You can use the preview in the macro browser to access them.
5. Set the parameters to your requirements.
6. Click **Refresh** to preview your changes.
7. Click **Insert** to add the gadget to the page.

## Editing gadgets on a Confluence page or blog post

### To edit an existing gadget on a page or blog post:

1. Edit your page or blog post.
2. Click the Gadget macro placeholder and choose **Edit** (or double-click the placeholder).
3. Set the gadget's parameters to your requirements.
4. Click **Refresh** to preview your changes.
5. **Save** the gadget.

## Standard gadget parameters

Almost all gadgets allow you to set basic parameters (listed below), which appear on the right of the macro dialog. Each gadget may also have its own set of parameters, which appear on the left of the macro dialog.

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Width</b>	450 pixels	Set the width of the gadget, using one of the following conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Width in pixels, using <code>px</code> or plain numbers. For example, <code>500px</code> or <code>500</code></li> <li>• A percentage of the page width, using <code>%</code>. For example, <code>50%</code></li> <li>• Automatic resizing of the gadget to fit 100% of the page width: <code>auto</code></li> </ul>
<b>Border</b>	true	Places a thin grey border around the gadget.

## Contents of a Gadget macro

In the addition to the standard parameters, the gadget macro contains 'parameter-like' content, which represents specific property settings that are particular to each gadget. Hence they are not documented here. Typically, this content would only be changed by customizing the gadget's default properties using the macro browser.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** gadget

**Macro body:** None.

This example shows the Confluence Page gadget:

```
{gadget:width=500|border=false|url=rest/gadgets/1.0/g/com.atlassian.confluence.plugins.gadgets:confluence-page-gadget/gadgets/confluence-page-gadget.xml}
spaceName=Documentation&spaceKey=DOC&quickfind-space=Documentation&pageId=753666&pageName=Documentation%20Home&quickfind-page=Documentation%20Home&isEditable=true&isConfigured=true&refresh=15&showLink=false {gadget}
```

This example shows the Confluence News gadget:

```
{gadget:url=rest/gadgets/1.0/g/com.atlassian.confluence.plugins.gadgets:confluence-news-gadget/gadgets/confluence-news-gadget.xml} {gadget}
```

The following additional parameters are available in wiki markup.

▼ [See additional parameters...](#)

Parameter name	Required	Default	Parameter description and accepted values
url	Yes	(none)	This is the location of the gadget specification (XML file).
preferences	No	(Gadget-dependent)	Specific property settings that are particular to each gadget.

**A note about editing a gadget's properties (preferences) in markup:** It is possible to edit the values of these properties directly in the wiki markup or storage format. However, this will allow the entry of invalid values. If a gadget property supports a certain set of values, the macro browser will restrict the user to selecting only valid values for that property. For that reason, we recommend that you use the macro browser to edit a gadget's properties.

## Gallery Macro

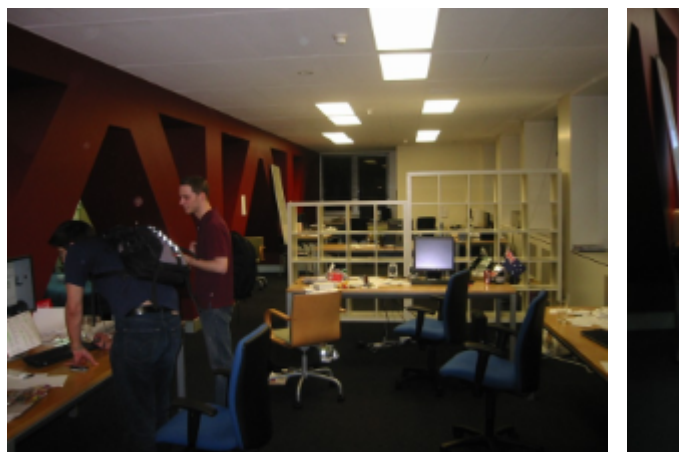
The Gallery macro displays a collection of thumbnail images in a table, based on the images attached to a Confluence page. When viewing the page, a user can click a thumbnail image to zoom into a screen-sized image and then view the images as a slide show.

### Overview:

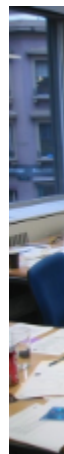
- The images shown in the gallery are taken from the files attached to the Confluence page. You can also specify a different page where the attachments are located. For information about attaching images to a page, see [Upload Files](#).
- The captions below the images are drawn from the comments on the attachments. For information about adding comments to attachments, see [Upload Files](#).
- By default, the gallery will include all the images attached to the page. You can also exclude or include images using parameters.
- You can sort your images into a particular order.
- You can specify a title for the gallery and also configure how many columns you want for the table in which your images are displayed.

*Illustration: Live example of the Gallery macro*

**Some office photos, and a waterfall**







## Using the Gallery macro

To insert the Gallery macro onto a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

The full list of parameters is shown in the following table. If the name of an attached file or page contains a comma, you can refer to it in the relevant parameters below by enclosing it in single or double quotes, for example "this,that.jpg", theother.png

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Gallery Title</b> (title)	Nothing	Specify a title for your gallery.
<b>Number of Columns</b> (columns)	4	Specify the number of columns for your table.
<b>Images to Exclude</b> (exclude)	No exclusions. Include all the pictures on the page.	The gallery will ignore any pictures specified. You can specify more than one picture, separated by commas. Note: The filename and filetype for this parameter are case-sensitive. For example, 'my picture.PNG' will not be recognized as 'my picture.png'.
<b>Include these Images Only</b> (include)	Include all the pictures on the page.	If you specifically include one or more pictures, the gallery will show only those pictures. You can specify more than one picture, separated by commas. Note: The filename and filetype for this parameter are case-sensitive. For example, 'my picture.PNG' will not be recognized as 'my picture.png'.
<b>Exclude Images with these Labels</b> (excludeLabel)	No exclusions. Include all the pictures on the page.	The gallery will ignore any pictures that have the specified label. You can specify more than one label, separated by commas. For information on labeling the attachments, see <a href="#">Add, Remove and Search for Labels</a> .
<b>Include Images with these Labels Only</b> (includeLabel)	None. The images are not filtered by label.	Filters the images to display, based on a list of labels. If you wish to enter more than one label, separate the labels with commas. Confluence will show only images that have <b>all</b> the labels specified. (The match is an AND, not an OR.) For information on labeling the attachments, see <a href="#">Add, Remove and Search for Labels</a> .
<b>Use Images in these Pages</b> (page)	If no page is specified, the gallery macro displays the images attached to the page on which the macro is used.	Specify the title of the page which contains the images you want displayed. You can specify more than one page name, separated by commas. To specify a page in a different space, use the following syntax: SPACEKEY:Page Title
<b>Sort Images By</b> (sort)	None. The sort order is unspecified and therefore unpredictable.	Specify an attribute to sort the images by. Sort order is ascending, unless you select the <b>Reverse Sort</b> parameter (see below). Options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>name</b> – file name.</li> <li>• <b>comment</b> – comment linked to the attached file.</li> <li>• <b>date</b> – date/time last modified.</li> <li>• <b>size</b> – size of the attached file.</li> </ul>



<b>Reverse Sort</b> (reverse)	Off. Sort order is ascending	<p>Used in combination with the <b>Sort Images By</b> parameter above. Use <b>Reverse Sort</b> to reverse the sort order, from ascending to descending.</p> <p>Available values in storage format and wikimarkup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>true</code> – Sort order is descending.</li> <li>• <code>false</code> – Sort order is ascending.</li> </ul>
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## Image file formats

You can attach image files of any format to a page. Confluence supports the following image formats in the Gallery macro and when displaying an image on a page:

- gif
- jpeg
- png
- bmp (depending on browser support)

## Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** gallery

**Macro body:** None.

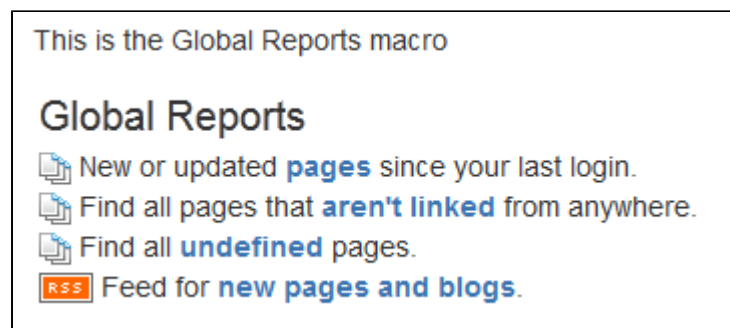
```
{gallery:title=My holiday pictures|reverse=true|sort=size|page=My page1,
ds>Welcome to Confluence|excludeLabel=badlabel1,
badlabel2|columns=3|exclude=badpicture.png}
```

## Global Reports Macro

The Global Reports macro displays a list of links to some reports about content on your site.

These reports include a list of new or updated pages, [orphan pages](#), [undefined pages](#), and [RSS feeds](#) for new pages and blog posts.

*Screenshot: The Global Reports macro*



## Using the Global Reports Macro

**To add the Global Reports macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Width of Table</b> (width)	99%	Specify the width of the table in which the links are displayed, as a percentage of the window width.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** global-reports

**Macro body:** None.

```
{global-reports:width=50%}
```

## HTML Include Macro

The HTML Include macro allows you to include the contents of an external HTML file (a webpage) in a Confluence page.

### HTML macros are disabled by default

The HTML macro will only be available if it has been enabled by an administrator. Enabling these macros can make your Confluence site vulnerable to cross-site scripting attacks.

### Using the HTML Include Macro

**To insert the HTML Include macro into a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
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<b>HTML Page's URL</b> (url)	Yes	None	The URL of the page to include.
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## Enabling the HTML Include Macro

The HTML Include macro is disabled by default. You'll need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions to enable this macro.

**⚠** Enabling these macros can make your Confluence site vulnerable to cross-site scripting attacks. You should only turn on these macros if you trust all your users not to attempt to exploit them. We strongly recommend leaving this macro disabled if you allow self-signed up or anonymous users to create content.

### To enable the HTML Include macro:

1. Go to  > **Add-ons**
2. Select **System** from the drop down and search for the **Confluence HTML Macros** add-on.
3. Expand the add-on and enable the **html-include (html-include-xhtml)** module.

Administrators can also choose to use the [whitelist](#) to restrict URLs that can be displayed in the HTML Include macro.

## Troubleshooting

- Administrators can define a [whitelist of trusted URLs](#). If a URL is not in the whitelist, you will see an error message in the HTML Include macro.
- You can only use the HTML Include macro for pages with absolute links. If you use the macro to include an HTML page that has relative links, you will see a 'Page Not Found' error. See

**CONFSERVER-6567** - HTML Include macro should rewrite relative links to point to remote site  
**RESOLVED**

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** html-include

**Macro body:** None.

```
{html-include:url=http://www.example.com}
```

## HTML Macro

The HTML macro allows you to add HTML code to a Confluence page.

### HTML macros are disabled by default

The HTML macro will only be available if it has been enabled by an administrator. Enabling these macros can make your Confluence site vulnerable to cross-site scripting attacks.

## Using the HTML Macro

### To add the HTML macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of

suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).


**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

There are no parameters for this macro.


Enter the HTML code into the body of the macro placeholder.

### Enabling the HTML Macro

The HTML macro is disabled by default. You'll need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions to enable this macro.

 Enabling these macros can make your Confluence site vulnerable to cross-site scripting attacks. You should only turn on these macros if you trust all your users not to attempt to exploit them. We strongly recommend leaving this macro disabled if you allow self-signed up or anonymous users to create content.

#### To enable the HTML macro:

1. Go to  **> Add-ons**.
2. Select **System** from the drop down and search for the **Confluence HTML Macros** add-on.
3. Expand the add-on and enable the **html (html-xhtml)** module.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** html

**Macro body:** Text, consisting of HTML code.

```
{html}<a href="http://www.atlassian.com">Click here</a> to see the  
<b>Atlassian</b> website.{html}
```

### IM Presence Macro

The IM Presence macro indicates graphically when a contact is signed into an Instant Messaging (IM) service. The IM Presence macro appears as a small icon on the page.

#### Using the IM Presence Macro

##### To add the IM Presence macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

#### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro

browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Description
User ID/Screen Name	Identify the user by their ID, account name or screen name.
Service (service)	aim – <a href="#">AOL Instant Messenger</a> gtalk – <a href="#">Google Talk</a> icq – <a href="#">ICQ</a> jabber – <a href="#">Jabber</a> msn – <a href="#">MSN Instant Messenger</a> sametime – <a href="#">IBM Lotus Sametime</a> skype – <a href="#">Skype</a> . Note: Skype requires 'Show my status on the web' to be checked under 'Privacy' preferences skypeme – <a href="#">Skype</a> wildfire – <a href="#">Openfire Server</a> yahoo – <a href="#">Yahoo! Messenger</a>
Show User ID (showid)	Shows or hides the User ID of the contact.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** im

**Macro body:** None.

```
{im:MySkypeName|service=skype|showid=false}
```

## Include Page Macro

You can use the Include Page macro to display the contents of one Confluence page or blog post in another page or blog post.

### Using the Include Page Macro

**To add the Include Page macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro

browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Page to Include</b>	None	<p>This is the name of the Confluence page or blog post that you want to include in the current page. Start typing a page title, and Confluence will suggest matching pages from the current space and other spaces.</p> <p>Alternatively you can specify the page as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the page or blog post is located in another space, add the space key and a colon in front of the page name. For example, <code>DOC:My page name</code>. The space key is case sensitive.</li> <li>• To include a blog post, specify the date as well as the title of the blog post. For example: <code>/2010/12/01/My blog post</code>.</li> <li>• You can include pages from personal spaces using <code>~username</code> as the space key, where 'username' is the person's username. For example, <code>~jsmith:My page name</code>.</li> </ul>

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `include`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{include:DOC:My chocolate page}
```

#### Notes

- If you want to include part of a page rather than the whole page, use the [Excerpt](#) and [Excerpt Include](#) macros.
- To display a page's contents, you need 'View' permission for that page. Similarly, people who view the page will need 'View' permissions for the embedded page as well as the page into which it is embedded. See [space permissions](#) or contact your Confluence space administrator for more information.
- If you want to embed an external page into a Confluence page, you need the [HTML Include Macro](#).

#### Sample Include Page


Start of sample page content


Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aliquam fermentum vestibulum est. Cras rhoncus. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas. Sed quis tortor. Donec non ipsum. Mauris condimentum, odio nec porta tristique, ante neque malesuada massa, in dignissim eros vel at tellus. Donec et risus in ligula eleifend consectetur. Donec volutpat eleifend augue. Integer gravida sodales leo. Nunc vehicula neque ac erat. Vivamus non nisl. Fusce ac magna. Suspendisse euismod libero eget mauris.


End of sample page content


#### Info, Tip, Note, and Warning Macros

The Info, Tip, Note, and Warning macros allow you to highlight information on a Confluence page. They create a colored box surrounding your text, like this:

 **Info macro example**  
This text is rendered inside the info macro.

 **Note macro example**  
This text is rendered inside the note macro.

 **Tip macro example**  
This text is rendered inside the tip macro.

 **Warning macro example**  
This text is rendered inside the warning macro.

### To add an Info, Tip, Note, or Warning Macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Optional Title</b> ( <i>title</i> )	none	The title of the box. If specified, the title text will be displayed in bold next to the icon.
<b>Show information/tip/Exclamation Mark/Warning icon</b> ( <i>icon</i> )	true	If "false", the icon will not be displayed.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** info/tip/note/warning

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text.

```
{info:title=This is my title|icon=false}
This is _important_ information.
{info}
```

## JIRA Chart Macro

If your Confluence site is connected to a JIRA application, you can display issues as charts on Confluence pages. You can connect Confluence to any JIRA application, including JIRA Software and JIRA Service Desk.

Before you can use this macro, your Confluence and JIRA applications must be connected via [Application Links](#). People viewing the page will see charts for publicly accessible issues. If your JIRA application

### On this page:

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has restricted viewing (that is, people need permission to view issues) then they'll need to authenticate before seeing the charts. This macro is compatible with JIRA 5.x and later.

## Adding the JIRA Chart macro to a page

To add a JIRA chart to your page:

1. In the editor choose **Insert** > **Other macros** > **JIRA Chart**.
2. Choose the type of report you want to create (for example Pie, Created vs Resolved)
3. Select your JIRA server.  
If you have multiple JIRA servers linked to Confluence the drop down will default to the primary application link.
4. Search for issues - you can enter the query in JQL or paste a JIRA URL directly into the search field.
5. Choose **Preview** to generate the chart.
6. Choose **Display Options** to further control how your chart appears.
7. Choose **Insert**.

To find out more about searching for issues see [Displaying issues using JIRA Query Language \(JQL\)](#).

*Screenshot: The JIRA Chart Macro in the macro browser*

**Insert JIRA Chart**

**Pie Chart**  
More to come...

Project = 'CONF' AND fixVersion = '5.4'

JAC

Preview

Search using any issue key, search URL, JIRA link, JQL or plain text

Resolved = 19

Awaiting Merge = 1

Quality Review = 1

Display options

Chart by: Status

Width: 90%

Enter a width in pixels, percent or leave blank to automatically resize

☐ Show border

☐ Show chart information

Select Macro

Insert Cancel

## Pie chart

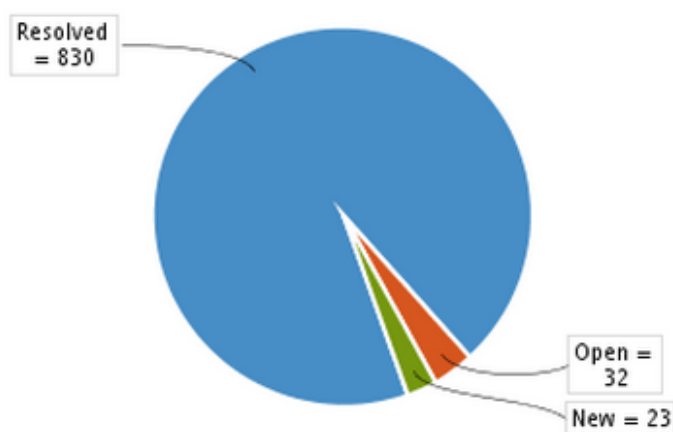
Pie charts can be used to report on issue status, priority, assignee and more.

To further control how this chart appears on your page. Choose **Display options**:

- **Chart by** - select the field you want to segment the pie chart by such as:
  - Status
  - Fix version
  - Assignee name
  - Priority
  - Component
  - Issue type
- **Width** - define the total width of the chart area. You can enter values in pixels, percent or leave blank to auto fit.
- **Show border** - add a border around the chart area.



- **Show chart information** - include a text summary under the chart with the total issues count and chart by value.

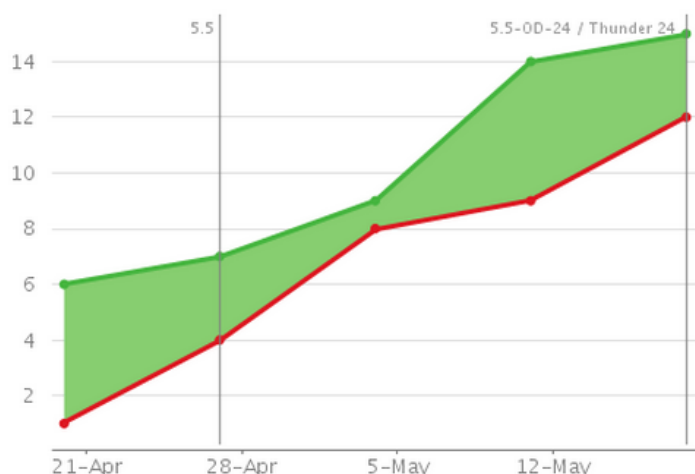


### Created vs Resolved chart

Created vs Resolved charts can be used to show the difference between the number of issues created versus the number of issues resolved over time.

To further control how this chart appears on your page choose **Display options**:

- **Period** - choose a time frame to report by (week, month, quarter etc).
- **Days previously** - the total number of days to report on (counting back from today).
- **Cumulative totals** - choose to progressively add totals or report individual values for each period.
- **Show unresolved trend** - add a subplot showing unresolved issues over time.
- **Show versions** - indicate version release dates as a vertical line on the chart.
- **Width** - define the total width of the chart area. Enter values in pixels, percent or leave blank to auto fit.
- **Show border** - add a border around the chart area
- **Show chart information** - include a text summary under the chart with the total issues count and chart by value.



### Two Dimensional Chart

Two Dimensional Charts can be used to show issue statistics in a matrix. You can configure the X and Y axes to display these issue fields:





- Status
- Priority
- Assignee
- Fix version

- Component
- Issue type.

For example you could use the chart to show issue types by status (as shown above).

To configure the chart axes choose **Display options**:

- **X Axis** - the issue field to display on the X axis (columns).
- **Y Axis** - the issue field to display on the Y axis (rows).
- **Rows to display** - the maximum number to display in the chart.

Issue Type	Status					
	OPEN	RESOLVED	CLOSED	TECHNICAL REVIEW	NEW	T:
 Bug	13	121	41	1	0	176
 Improvement	3	105	30	0	3	141
 New Feature	1	11	2	0	1	15
 Sub-task	0	169	430	0	0	599
<b>Total Unique Issues:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1539</b>

Showing 4 of 6 statistics. [Show more](#)  
[View in JIRA](#)

### Disabling the JIRA Chart macro

The functionality is provided by an add-on (plugin) called 'JIRA Macros'. This macro is also used for the JIRA Issues macro. To make the macro unavailable on your site, you can disable the add-on. See [Disabling and enabling add-ons](#).

### Notes

**HTTPS:** The JIRA Chart macro can access a JIRA site running under SSL provided the Confluence server is configured to accept the JIRA SSL certificate. See [Connecting to LDAP or JIRA applications or Other Services via SSL](#).

**Authentication:** If the query includes issues that require authentication (issues that are not visible to anonymous users in JIRA), users will be prompted to authenticate to view charts on the Confluence page.

In order to search for issues in the macro browser you may need to authenticate. With JIRA 5.x you will be able to search for unrestricted issues as an anonymous user, however with JIRA 6.x you must be authenticated to search for any issues.

## JIRA Issues Macro

If your Confluence site is connected to a JIRA application, you can create and display JIRA issues on Confluence pages. You can connect Confluence to any JIRA application, including JIRA Software and JIRA Service Desk.

Before you can use this macro, your Confluence and JIRA application must be connected via [Application Links](#). People viewing the page will see the publicly accessible issues from the JIRA site. If your JIRA site has restricted viewing (that is, people need permission to view issues) then they will need to authenticate before seeing the restricted issues. See more about restricted JIRA issues [below](#).

### What you can do with the JIRA Issues macro

Using the JIRA Issues macro, you can:

- Display a list of issues on your page, based on a [JIRA Query Language \(JQL\)](#) search, filter or URL.
- Display a single issue.
- Display a count of issues.

- Create new issues and display the issues on your page without leaving Confluence.

## Adding and updating the JIRA Issues macro – an overview

Quick guide to using the macro on a Confluence page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

*Screenshot: Example of JIRA issues macro on a Confluence page*

Key	Summary	T	Updated ▾	P	Status	Resolution
CONF-30894	User is not prompted before overwriting changes of another user if attempting to save after an editor error is thrown		Oct 22, 2013		RESOLVED	Fixed
CONF-30866	TableOfContents Macros navigation is not working in Firefox 23.x / 24.x and Opera 12.16		Sep 24, 2013		RESOLVED	Fixed
CONF-30663	Left panel overlaps custom banner in Chrome		Sep 23, 2013		RESOLVED	Fixed
CONF-30690	Dashboard popular stream won't render when it contains content from an anonymous user		Sep 19, 2013		RESOLVED	Fixed
4 issues  Refresh						

## Displaying issues via a JIRA Query Language (JQL) search

You can use the macro to display a table of issues on your page, based on the results of a search using JIRA Query Language (JQL).

JQL is a simple query language that is similar to SQL. A basic JQL query consists of a *field*, followed by an *operator* (such as = or >), followed by one or more *values* or *functions*.

Examples:

- The following query will find all issues in the 'TEST' project:

```
project = "TEST"
```

- The following query will find all issues in the 'documentation' component of the 'CONF' project:

```
project = CONF and component = documentation
```

For more information about JQL syntax, see [Advanced searching](#) in the JIRA Software documentation.

### To display a table of issues based on a JQL search:

1. Insert the JIRA Issues macro onto your Confluence page, as described [above](#).
2. Choose a JIRA server next to the **Search** button.
3. If prompted, log in to the JIRA server.
4. Enter the JQL query into the **Search** box.

5. Choose **Search**.
6. If you want to customize the display, choose **Display options** and adjust the columns and number of issues that will appear in your table of issues.
7. Choose **Insert**.

*Screenshot: Display options in the JIRA Issues macro browser.*

**Display options**

Display as

- ☐ Single issue  
Display the macro as a single issue.
- ☐ Total issue count  
Display total number of issues as a link. E.g. **22 issues**
- ☒ Table  
Customise your columns below.

Maximum issues   
Leave empty to get all issues.

Columns to display

Key x	Summary x	Issue Type x	Created x
Updated x	Due Date x	Assignee x	Reporter x
Priority x	Status x	Resolution x	

## Displaying issues via a JIRA URL

You can paste any of the following JIRA application URLs into the JIRA Issues macro. Confluence will immediately convert the URL to a JQL search.

- Any URL for an issue search or filter.
- A URL for a single issue.
- The URL of the XML view of a search.

**Auto-convert:** You can paste URLs directly into the Confluence editor (without calling up the macro browser). Confluence will automatically convert the URL into a JIRA Issues macro.

## Displaying a single issue, or selected issues

**To display a single JIRA issue**, choose one of the following methods:

- Paste the URL of the issue directly onto the Confluence page. (There is no need to use the macro browser.) Confluence will auto-convert the link to a JIRA Issues macro.
- Or: Add the JIRA issues macro to the page as described [above](#), and choose **Recently Viewed** to see the issues you have visited recently. Select an issue and choose **Insert**.
- Or: Add the JIRA issues macro to the page as described [above](#), and paste the issue URL into the search box in the macro browser.
- Or: Add the JIRA issues macro to the page, define your search criteria in the macro browser via JQL as described [above](#), then select the check box next to the issue in the search results, within the macro browser.

You can choose to show just the issue key, or the issue key and a summary. Select the macro placeholder and choose Show Summary or Hide Summary.

**To display a subset of JIRA issues from your search results:**

1. Add the JIRA issues macro to the page.
2. Define your search criteria in the macro browser via JQL, as described [above](#).
3. Select the check boxes next to the required issues in the search results, within the macro browser.

*Screenshot: Selecting a subset of issues to display*

## Insert JIRA Issue

Search

Create New Issue

Recently Viewed

Search using any issue key, search URL, JIRA link, JQL or plain text

<input type="checkbox"/> Key	Summary
<input type="checkbox"/> CONF-31418	Error getting content from PDF document
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONF-31417	Page Properties Report Macro should offer filters on specifi...
<input type="checkbox"/> CONF-31415	Special Characters Entered into Link Macro Causes Link to ...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONF-31414	Add Attachments Macro (and Tools->Attachments) plugin po...
<input type="checkbox"/> CONF-31413	Code Block Macro creates hyperlinks from URLs when set t...
<input type="checkbox"/> CONF-31411	Activity Stream gadget doesn't respect the Look and Feel s...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONF-31410	Editor: Control of the Insert pull-down menu
<input type="checkbox"/> CONF-31409	Use NoCookie directive in Multimedia Widgets for external c...
<input type="checkbox"/> CONF-31408	Merge Two Pages and Preserve the Incoming Links for Both

Display options

Select Macro

Hint: type "Ctrl+Shift+J" in the editor to quickly access this dialog.

### Displaying a count of issues

You can choose to display the number of issues returned by your search, rather than a table of issues. The JIRA Issues macro will display a count of issues, linked to the search in your JIRA application.

*Screenshot: The JIRA Issues macro displaying an issue count on a Confluence page*



#### To display an issue count:

1. Add the JIRA Issues macro to the page.
2. Define your search criteria in the macro browser via JQL, as described [above](#).
3. Choose **Display options**, then choose **Total issue count** next to 'Display options' in the macro browser.
4. Choose **Insert**.

### Creating a new issue

While editing a Confluence page, you can create an issue in JIRA and display it on your Confluence page, without leaving the Confluence editor.

#### To create an issue and add it to your page:

1. Add the JIRA Issues macro to the page, as described [above](#).
2. Choose **Create New Issue**.
3. Supply the information about your JIRA server, project, and issue, as prompted.
4. Choose **Insert**.

Confluence will send a request to your JIRA application, to create the issue, then display the newly created issue

on your page.

## Limitations

The JIRA Issues macro will notify you if it is unable to create an issue in the selected project. This may be because the project has a required field, field configuration or other customization that is not supported by the JIRA Issues macro. In this situation you will need to create the issue directly in your JIRA application.

## Configuring application links to display restricted issues

Before you can use this macro, your Confluence and JIRA sites must be connected via [Application Links](#).

If the JIRA site allows anonymous users to view issues, you must configure an application link, but there's no need to configure any incoming or outgoing authentication between the JIRA application and Confluence. People viewing the Confluence page will see the publicly accessible issues.

If your JIRA site has restricted viewing, or if some projects or issues are restricted to viewing by certain people, then people will be prompted to **Log in & Approve** before seeing the restricted issues.

## Rendering HTML from JIRA applications

Formatted fields from JIRA can be displayed in Confluence if you set up a Confluence-to-JIRA application link. Otherwise, such formatted fields will be escaped within the output of the JIRA issues macro. This is to prevent the possibility of malicious HTML being served by an untrusted JIRA server. The most likely field where you will notice this is in the description field.

This example shows how a description column may be displayed in JIRA:

Description
This is <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the description</li><li>of my issue</li></ul>

If there is no application link between JIRA and Confluence, the description will appear in the JIRA issues macro like this:

Description
<p>This is<ul><li>the description</li><li>of my issue</li></ul></p>

## Disabling the JIRA Issues macro

The functionality is provided by an add-on (plugin) called 'JIRA Macros'. To make the macro unavailable on your site, you can disable the add-on. See [Disabling and enabling add-ons](#).

## Notes

**HTTPS:** The JIRA Issues macro can access a JIRA application running under SSL provided the Confluence server is configured to accept the JIRA SSL certificate. See [Connecting to LDAP or JIRA applications or Other Services via SSL](#).

Custom fields can be added as columns to the table simply by using the name of the field with no quotes. Earlier versions of the macro required you to use the custom field id, e.g. `customfield_10100`.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `jiraissues`

**Macro body:** None.

This example uses a JIRA filter.

```
{jiraissues:anonymous=true|url=https://jira.atlassian.com/issues/?filter=41225}
```

A number of additional parameters that are not available via the macro browser are available in storage format and wiki markup.

▼ [See additional parameters...](#)

Parameter name	Required	Default	Parameter description and accepted values
anonymous	No	false	<p>If this parameter is set to 'true', your JIRA application will return only the issues which allow unrestricted viewing. That is, the issues which are visible to anonymous viewers. If this parameter is omitted or set to 'false', then the results depend on how your administrator has configured the communication between the JIRA application and Confluence. By default, Confluence will show only the issues which the user is authorized to view.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This parameter is available only if you insert the macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format of the page. The macro browser does not offer this parameter.</p>
baseurl	No	The value of the 'url' parameter	<p>If you specify a 'baseurl', then the link in the header, pointing to your JIRA application, will use this base URL instead of the value of the 'url' parameter. This is useful when Confluence connects to JIRA with a different URL from the one used by other users.</p>
columns	No	<p>By default, the following columns are shown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• type</li><li>• key</li><li>• summary</li><li>• assignee</li><li>• reporter</li><li>• priority</li><li>• status</li><li>• resolution</li><li>• created</li><li>• updated</li><li>• due</li></ul>	<p>A list of JIRA column names, separated by semi-colons (;). You can include many columns recognized by your JIRA application, including custom columns.</p> <p>Some columns, such as those that need to be calculated by JIRA like 'work ratio' or 'time to resolution', can't be viewed in Confluence.</p>
count	No	false	<p>If this parameter is set to 'true', the issue list will show the number of issues in JIRA. The count will be linked to your JIRA site.</p>



cache	No	on	<p>The macro maintains a cache of the issues which result from the JIRA query. If the 'cache' parameter is set to 'off', the relevant part of the cache is cleared each time the macro is reloaded. (The value 'false' also works and has the same effect as 'off'.)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This parameter is available only if you insert the macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format of the page. The macro browser does not offer this parameter.</p>
height	No	480 (if render mode is dynamic)	<p>The height in pixels of the table displaying the issues. Note that this height specification is ignored in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the 'renderMode' parameter (see below) is set to 'static'.</li> <li>• When the issues are displayed in a PDF or Word document, in an email message or in an RSS feed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> This parameter is available only if you insert the macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format of the page. The macro browser does not offer this parameter.</p>
renderMode	No	static	<p>If the value is 'dynamic', the JIRA Issues macro offers an interactive display which people can manipulate as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the column headers to sort the output.</li> <li>• Drag and drop the columns into a different order.</li> <li>• Temporarily remove a column from the display.</li> <li>• View a page of issues at a time, for faster response times.</li> </ul> <p>A value of 'static' will disable the dynamic display features.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This parameter is available only if you insert the macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format of the page. The macro browser does not offer this parameter.</p>
title	No	JIRA Issues	<p>You can customize the title text at the top of the issues table with this parameter. For instance, setting the title to 'Bugs-to-fix' will replace the default 'JIRA Issues' text. This can help provide more context to the list of issues displayed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This parameter is available only if you insert the macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format of the page. The macro browser does not offer this parameter.</p>
url	Yes	none	<p>The URL of the XML view of your selected issues.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If the URL in the 'url' parameter does not contain a <code>tempMax</code> argument, then the value of <code>tempMax</code> will default to 500. If your JIRA server is version 3.12 or earlier, this means that the JIRA Issues macro will return a maximum of 500 issues. If your JIRA server is version 3.13 or later, a value of 500 means that the JIRA Issues macro will return a maximum of 500 issues per page.</p>
width	No	100%	<p>The width of the table displaying the issues. Can be entered as a percentage (%) or in pixels (px).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This parameter is available only if you insert the macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format of the page. The macro browser does not offer this parameter.</p>

## JUnit Report Macro

The JUnit Report macro displays a summary of JUnit test results from a directory accessible by the Confluence




server. **JUnit** is a unit testing framework which allows programmers to ensure that individual units of Java source code are functioning correctly.

For security reasons JUnit test result files can only be imported from a specified location in the Confluence server's file system. We recommend administrators create a folder in their Confluence home directory, add the [system property](#) `confluence.junit.report.directory` and specify the location for JUnit test result files to be imported from. JUnit Test result files cannot be imported from the server until this system property is set.

The JUnit Report macro appears as shown in the screenshot below.

*Screenshot: The JUnit Report macro in Confluence*

Test			Time	Messages
MoneyTest	100%		00:03.391	Tests:Failures:Exceptions: 1 0 0
▶ testAdd			00:03.0	

**Note:**When generating reports from the JUnit Report macro, set the Apache Ant formatter to 'XML'.

## Using the JUnit Report macro

**To add the JUnit Report macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
<b>URL of the test result XML file</b> ( <code>url</code> )	Must include either the <code>directory</code> or the <code>url</code> parameter	None	<p>URL of a particular test result XML file. Is overridden by the <b>Direct your test result files</b> parameter if you use both.</p> <p>Example, from a Confluence instance: <code>http://yourConfluence.com/download/attachments/&lt;page id&gt;/file.xml</code></p> <p>For Confluence installations without anonymous user access, you can logon credentials as part of this parameter in the form of URL parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>os_username</code> — The username of a Confluence user with permission access to the JUnit test results.</li> <li><code>os_password</code> — The password of the Confluence user specific to the <code>os_username</code> parameter.</li> </ul>
<b>Directory (URL) of your test result files</b> ( <code>directory</code> )	Must include either the <code>directory</code> or the <code>url</code> parameter	None	<p>URL of a directory containing your test result files. This must be a directory and <b>not</b> the XML file itself. Overrides the <b>URL of the test result XML file</b> parameter if you use both.</p> <p>Example, file: <code>file:///C:/TEMP/</code></p> <p>Example, for a network drive: <code>http://*host*/*path*</code></p>

<b>Report Detail</b> (reportdetail)	No	<b>all</b>	Detail for the report. Can be <b>all</b> , <b>fixture</b> , <b>summary</b> or <b>failuresonly</b> .
<b>Debug</b> (debug)	No	None	Shows the content of failures, as well as the error messages.

### Wiki markup examples

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** junitreport

**Macro body:** None.

Loading JUnit reports from a local drive:

```
{junitreport:directory=file:///C:/TEMP/}
```

Loading JUnit reports from a network drive:

```
{junitreport:url=http://*host*/*path*}
```

Loading JUnit reports from a Confluence site:

```
{junitreport:url=http://yourConfluenceInstance.com/download/attachments/
<page id>/file.xml}
```

Loading JUnit reports from a Confluence site that requires authentication:

If your Confluence site is not accessible by anonymous users, specify login credentials with the `os_username` and `os_password` URL parameters (as part of the macro's `url` parameter). In this case, we are specifying a username of 'admin' and a password of 'secret'.

```
{junitreport:url=http://yourConfluenceInstance.com/download/attachments/
<page id>/file.xml?os_username=admin&os_password=secret}
```

## Labels List Macro

The Labels List macro displays a list of all labels within the current space. Each label in the list links to a page that displays all pages in the current space that contain that label.

### Using the Labels List macro

**To add the Labels List macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter name	Required	Default	Parameter description and accepted values
<b>Restrict to this Space Key</b> (spaceKey)	No	Current space	The key of the space whose labels you want to display.
<b>Excluded label(s)</b> (excludedLabels)	No	Blank	The labels that you do not want to appear in the list.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** listlabels

**Macro body:** None.

```
{listlabels:spaceKey=DOC}
```

## Livesearch Macro

The Livesearch macro allows you to add a search box to a Confluence page. When users enter a search term into the search box, Confluence will dynamically display matching results as they type.

### Using the Livesearch macro

**To add the Livesearch macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Restrict to this Space Key</b> (spaceKey)	all spaces	Specify a space key to limit the search to the given space. Case-sensitive. Alternatively, use @self to restrict the search to the current space.

<b>Restrict to label(s)</b> (labels)		Specify labels to limit the search to content with that label. If unspecified will search all content regardless of label.
<b>Size</b> (size)	medium	Choose a medium or large search field size.
<b>Placeholder text</b> (placeholder)		Specify the placeholder text to appear in the search field, for example 'Search this space'
<b>Type</b> (type)	all	Specify the content types to be included in the search - choose from pages, blogs, comments, space descriptions, or all content types.
<b>Additional</b> (additional)	space name	Display the space name, a page excerpt or nothing under the search result.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `livesearch`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{livesearch:spaceKey=DOC|size=large|placeholder=Search this space}
```

## Loremipsum Macro

The Loremipsum macro displays paragraphs of pseudo-Latin text ([more information](#)). You can use this macro to generate more-or-less meaningless text for demonstration purposes in pages showing a draft layout or arrangement of page elements. The text is deliberately non-meaningful so that it does not influence the viewer's perception of the page arrangement or design.

A basic example of the Loremipsum text:

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aliquam fermentum vestibulum est. Cras rhoncus. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas. Sed quis tortor. Donec non ipsum. Mauris condimentum, odio nec porta tristique, ante neque malesuada massa, in dignissim eros velit at tellus. Donec et risus in ligula eleifend consectetur. Donec volutpat eleifend augue. Integer gravida sodales leo. Nunc vehicula neque ac erat. Vivamus non nisl. Fusce ac magna. Suspendisse euismod libero eget mauris.

### Using the Loremipsum macro

**To add the Loremipsum macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Number of Paragraphs</b>	3	Determines the amount of pseudo-Latin (space-filler) text to display. The macro will display a maximum number of 30 paragraphs.  Parameter is unnamed in storage format and wikimarkup.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** loremipsum

**Macro body:** None.

```
{loremipsum:2}
```

## Multimedia Macro

Use the multimedia macro to embed attached video, animation, and other multimedia files to your page. The macro uses the HTML5 `<video>` tag, so the type of video your page viewers can see depends on the video formats their browser supports with the HTML5 `<video>` tag. For example, Quicktime videos (.mov or .qt) can only be viewed in Safari, as that file type is not supported by other browsers.

If you want to display online multimedia content, like YouTube and Vimeo videos, take a look at the [Wid get Connector Macro](#).

The [file preview](#) also supports MP3 audio and MP4 video files. This is handy when you want to play a video in a larger format.

#### To add the Multimedia macro to your page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

#### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter name	Required	Default	Parameter description and accepted values
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<b>Page name</b> ( page )	No	Current page	The name of the page to which the multimedia file is attached. Start typing the name of the page and then select it from list of suggested pages. Include the spacekey if you want to specify a page in another space (for example, MYSPACE:My Page Title)
<b>File*</b> ( name )	Yes	None	File name of the attached multimedia file.
<b>Width</b>	No	If not specified, the browser will determine the width based on the file type.	Width of the movie window to be displayed on the page. By default, this value is specified in pixels. You can also choose to specify a percentage of the window's width, or any other value accepted by HTML.
<b>Height</b>	No	If not specified, the browser will determine the height based on the file type.	Height of the movie window to be displayed on the page. By default, this value is specified in pixels. You can also choose to specify a percentage of the window's height, or any other value accepted by HTML.
<b>Autoplay</b> ( au tostart )	No	false	If the parameter is set to true then the video or audio file will start playing as soon as the page is loaded. If this option is set to false then the file will not play until the user clicks the icon or image on the page.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** multimedia

**Macro body:** None.

```
{multimedia:space=DOC|page=My macros|name=ninjas.swf|autostart=true}
```

## Navigation Map Macro

The Navigation Map macro displays a navigable map of the pages tagged with a given label.

### Using the Navigation Map Macro

**To add the Navigation Map macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Label</b>	none	Specify the label associated with the pages you want to show in the navigation map.  This parameter is unnamed in storage format and wikimarkup.
<b>Map Title</b> (title)	none	Specify a title for the navigation map.
<b>Number of Cells Per Row</b> (wrapAfter)	5	Specify the number of cells in a row
<b>Cell Width (Pixels)</b> (cellWidth)	90	Specify the cell width (enter a number only, don't include px)
<b>Cell Height (Pixels)</b> (cellHeight)	60	Specify the cell height (enter a number only, don't include px)
<b>Navigation Map Theme</b> (theme)	Confluence	Define a theme for the navmap (Server only).  If you want to create your own navmap 'look and feel' (for example, one with rounded corners), you need to add a customized navmap macro theme file to the <code>WEB-INF/classes/templates/macros</code> directory. The file name convention to use is <code>navmap-mytheme.vm</code> . Use the name of your choice for the <code>mytheme</code> part of the file name, which is also the value you use for this parameter. Hence, if your theme was called <code>navmap-roundededges.vm</code> , use the value of <code>roundededges</code> for this parameter.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** navmap

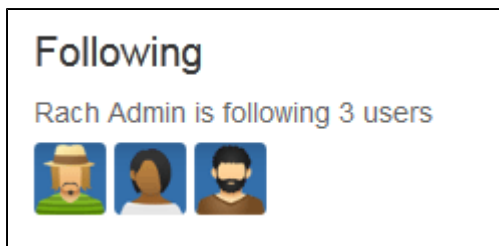
**Macro body:** None.

```
{navmap:mylabel|wrapAfter=4|title=My map
name|cellHeight=50px|theme=navmap-mytheme.vm|cellWidth=80px}
```

## Network Macro

The Network macro displays a list of [Network](#) activity on a Confluence page or blog post. You can specify the user whose network activity you wish to show. These interactions include the users that the specified user is following or users who are following the specified user. The Network macro shows each listed user by their profile picture. It also provides a choice of two themes and the ability to limit the number of users in the list.

*Screenshot: Network macro*



## Using the Network macro

### To add the Network macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Username</b>	Current user's username	The username of the Confluence user whose network interactions you wish to show. If no username is specified, then current user's (that is, your) network interactions are shown.
<b>Mode</b>	<b>following</b>	Determines which users are listed, with respect to the specified user: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>following</b> – those who the user is following.</li> <li>• <b>followers</b> – those who are following the user.</li> </ul> This parameter is unnamed in storage format and wikimarkup.
<b>Theme</b>	<b>full</b>	Determines how the user's network is displayed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>full</b> – shows a large version of user's profile pictures and, if the <b>following</b> mode is set, provides an entry field function to follow more users.</li> <li>• <b>tiny</b> – shows only the small version of user's profile pictures.</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum Results</b> ( <b>max</b> )	No limit imposed up to a maximum of 30	Restricts the number of users displayed. If the number of users exceeds the specified maximum, then a <b>Show All</b> link is provided. This link leads to the specified user's <a href="#">Network view</a> , showing the complete list of network interactions.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `network`

**Macro body:** None.



```
{network:followers|username=admin|max=10|theme=full}
```

## Disabling the Network macro

The Network macro is provided by the 'network' module in the 'Profile Macros' plugin. To remove the macro from your site, you can disable the module in the plugin. See [Disabling and enabling add-ons](#).

## Noformat Macro

The Noformat macro displays a block of text in monospace font with no other formatting.

## Using the Noformat Macro

### To add the Noformat macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

Enter the content that is to be unformatted into the body of the macro placeholder.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>No Panel</b> (nopanel)	False	Removes the panel around the content.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** noformat

**Macro body:** Accepts plain text.

```
{noformat:nopanel=true}http://www.example.com{noformat}
```

## Office Excel Macro

**The Office Excel macro is going away in a future release**

Read more about [this change](#) or find out about a better way to [insert and preview Excel files](#).

The Office Excel macro displays the content of an Excel spreadsheet on a wiki page. First attach the spreadsheet to a Confluence page, then use the macro to display the content. When viewing the page, people will see the content of the spreadsheet, without needing to have Office installed.

For details, see the [View File Macro](#).

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** viewxls

**Macro body:** None.

```
{viewxls:col=5|page=Docs|name=My
document.xls|grid=false|sheet=mysheet|row=5}
```

**Office PowerPoint Macro****The Office PowerPoint macro is going away in a future release**

Read more about [this change](#) or find out about a better way to [insert and preview PowerPoint files](#).

The Office PowerPoint macro displays the content of a PowerPoint presentation on a wiki page. First attach the presentation to a Confluence page, then use the macro to display the content. When viewing the page, people will see the content of the presentation, without needing to have Office installed.

For details, see the [View File Macro](#).

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** viewppt

**Macro body:** None.

```
{viewppt:height=20%|page=Docs|width=20%|name=My document.ppt|slide=4}
```

**Office Word Macro****The Office Word macro is going away in a future release**

Read more about [this change](#) or find out about a better way to [insert and preview Word files](#).

The Office Word macro displays the content of a Word document on a wiki page. First attach the document to a Confluence page, then use the macro to display the content. When viewing the page, people will see the content

of the document, without needing to have Office installed.

For details, see the [View File Macro](#).

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** viewdoc

**Macro body:** None.

```
{viewdoc:page=Docs|name=My document.doc}
```

## Page Index Macro

The Page Index macro creates an alphabetical index of all pages in the current space.

The top section provides the total number of pages in the space, followed by a count of pages for each letter. Click any letter to jump to the bottom section, which lists all the pages in the space alphabetically. The first few lines of each page will be included if there are less than 200 pages in the space.

The Page Index macro can be quite memory hungry in large spaces. To prevent it causing out of memory errors in your site, we don't show page excerpts when there are more than 200 pages in the space, and don't list any pages if there are more than 5000 in the space.

*Screenshot: Page Index macro (partial view)*

### Space Index

**Total number of pages: 9**

<a href="#">0-9 ... 1</a>	<a href="#">A ... 1</a>	<a href="#">B ... 1</a>	<a href="#">C ... 1</a>	<a href="#">D ... 0</a>	<a href="#">E ... 0</a>
<a href="#">F ... 0</a>	<a href="#">G ... 1</a>	<a href="#">H ... 0</a>	<a href="#">I ... 1</a>	<a href="#">J ... 0</a>	<a href="#">K ... 0</a>
<a href="#">L ... 0</a>	<a href="#">M ... 0</a>	<a href="#">N ... 0</a>	<a href="#">O ... 1</a>	<a href="#">P ... 0</a>	<a href="#">Q ... 0</a>
<a href="#">R ... 0</a>	<a href="#">S ... 1</a>	<a href="#">T ... 1</a>	<a href="#">U ... 0</a>	<a href="#">V ... 0</a>	<a href="#">W ... 0</a>
<a href="#">X ... 0</a>	<a href="#">Y ... 0</a>	<a href="#">Z ... 0</a>	<a href="#">!@\$ ... 0</a>		

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[Angry Nerds Home](#)  
Welcome to Angry Nerds, a sample Confluence space. We think you're gonna like it here!

**B**

[Blog ideas](#)  
Do users need to be told left side / right side of screen Macros and what you can do with them

**C**

[Confluence hints and tips](#)  
What hints and tips do you share with other Confluence users?

**D**

**E**

## Using the Page Index macro

**To add the Page Index macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

This macro accepts no parameters.

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** index

**Macro body:** None.

```
{index}
```

**Page Properties Macro**

The Page Properties and Page Properties Report macro work together to show summary information from one page on another page. You can see examples of these two macros in action in the [Decisions](#) and [Product Requirements](#) blueprints.

**Adding the Page Properties macro to a page**

The Page Properties macro uses key/value pairs.

To add the Page Properties macro to a page:

1. In the editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros > Page Properties**
2. In the macro body create a two column table
3. In the left column list your 'keys' – these will be the column headings in your report table
4. In the right column list the value for each key – these will populate the rows in your report table
5. Add a **label** to your page (you'll need to specify this label in the page properties report macro)
6. Save your page

**On this page:**

- [Adding the Page Properties macro to a page](#)
- [Using multiple Page Properties macros on one page](#)
- [Parameters](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Page Properties Report Macro](#)
- [Decisions Blueprint](#)
- [Product Requirements Blueprint](#)

Next you need to add the [Page Properties Report macro](#) to another page.

Here's an example of the Page Properties macro in the editor. Deadline, Current Status, and Team will be column headings in the report.

Page properties	
Deadline	1 June
Current Status	Not Started
Team	Purple Monkeys

Here's what the example above will look like in the Page Properties Report.

Title	Current status	Deadline	Team
Project DEF	Not started	1 June	Purple Monkeys
Project ABC	In Progress	15 November	Green Parrots

You can also set up the Page Properties macro horizontally. To do this:

- Create a two *row* rather than two *column* table, and ensure the first row has the heading row style applied.



- List your keys in the first row, and values in the second row.

The Page Properties Report Macro will be able to pull this information accurately even if you're using the Page Properties Macro vertically elsewhere.

### Using multiple Page Properties macros on one page

You can add multiple Page Properties macros on a single page, and choose whether to include all or only specific macros in the report. You might use multiple macros because you want the information in the macro to display in context with the rest of the page, or because you want to be able to report on individual Page Properties macros separately.

The Page Properties macro includes an optional ID parameter that can be used to identify specific Page Properties macros.

To show the contents of **all** Page Properties macros in the report:

1. Add a label to the page containing the Page Properties macros
2. Specify this label in the Page Properties Report macro

To show the contents of **selected** Page Properties macros in the report:

1. Add a label to the page containing the Page Properties macros
2. Specify an ID in the Page Properties macro that you want to report on
3. Specify both the label and ID in the Page Properties Report macro

**Note:** The Page Properties Report macro can only accept one page label, and one ID.

See the Page Properties macro in action in [How to document product requirements in Confluence](#). This powerful macro lets you create a summary page that pulls in information from multiple pages.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Page Properties ID</b>	(None)	Optional ID used to identify a particular Page Properties macro on a page. Specify this ID in the Page Properties Report to include summary information from macros with this ID only.
<b>Hidden</b>	False	Determines whether the data in the Page Properties macro will be displayed on the current page. This setting does not affect the display of the detail in the Page Properties Report macro.

## Notes

- You can't use macros in the left column as the data in this column is used to populate the column headings in your Page Properties Report macro.
- It is not possible to reference the metadata using the metadata key from within the page, or anywhere else on a Confluence page.
- There is a known issue where the Page Properties Report macro does not correctly display content

from multiple Page Properties macros. See

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for more information.

## Page Properties Report Macro

The Page Properties and Page Properties Report macro work together to enable you to show summary information from one page on a another page. You can see examples of these two macros in action on the [Decision](#) and [Product Requirements](#) blueprints.

This macro was previously known as the Details Summary macro.

### Adding the Page Properties Report macro to a page

To add the Page Properties Report macro to a page:

- In the editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros > Page Properties Report**.
- Enter the **Labels** you want to report on - this is the label added to pages containing the Page Properties macro.
- Further narrow down your search by adding more fields, or specifying a Page Properties ID (more info on this below)
- Choose **Insert**.

#### On this page:

- Adding the Page Properties Report macro to a page
- Reporting on specific Page Properties macros
- CQL fields
- Macro display options
- Troubleshooting

#### Related pages:

- Page Properties Macro
- Decisions Blueprint
- Product Requirements Blueprint

Here's how the macro looks on your page:

Title	Current status	Deadline	Team
<a href="#">Project DEF</a>	Not started	1 June	Purple Monkeys
<a href="#">Project ABC</a>	In Progress	15 November	Green Parrots

And here's how you would set it up in the macro browser:

### Insert 'Page properties report' Macro [Help](#)

Label \*

project x

current x

In space

Current space x

Add a field

Options

Show

Preview

Title	Current status	Deadline	Team
<a href="#">Project DEF</a>	Not started	1 June	Purple Monkeys
<a href="#">Project ABC</a>	In Progress	15 November	Green Parrots

Select macro

Insert

Cancel

## Reporting on specific Page Properties macros

It's possible to add multiple Page Properties macros on a page, and choose whether to include all or only specific macros in the report. The Page Properties macro includes an optional ID parameter that can be used to identify specific Page Properties macros.

To show the contents of:

- **Selected Page Properties macros** in the report - specify the label for the page and the ID of the particular Page Properties macro (under Options)
- **All Page Properties macros** in the report - specify just the label for the page - leave the Page Properties ID field blank.

**Note:** The Page Properties Report macro can only accept **one** ID.

## CQL fields

CQL (Confluence Query Language) is a query language developed for Confluence, which you can use in some macros and the Confluence search. Confluence search and CQL-powered macros allow you to add filters to build up a search query, adding as many filters as you need to narrow down the search results.

Use the **Add a filter** link to add more filters to your query.

### ▼ Use AND, OR, and NOT operators

- For an OR search, specify multiple values in the same field.

So to show pages with 'label-a', 'label-b' or both you'd put 'label-a' and 'label-b' in the same Label field, like this:

- For an AND search, add more than one filter and specify a single value in each. To show only pages with label-a and label-b you'd put 'label-a' in one label field, then add a second Label field to the macro, and put 'label-b' in the second one, like this:

Put simply, OR values are entered in the same filter, AND values are entered in different filter. Only some filters support AND. If the filter doesn't support the AND operator, you won't be able to add that filter more than once.

- For a NOT search, enter a minus sign (-) before the label. This'll exclude everything with that label.

You can use the following CQL filters to build your query:

Filter	Description	Operators
<b>Label*</b>	Include pages, blog posts or attachments with these labels.	OR (multiple values in the same filter) AND (multiple Label filters)
<b>With ancestor</b>	Include pages that are children of this page. This allows you to restrict the macro to a single page tree.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Contributor**</b>	Include pages or blog posts that were created or edited by these people.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Creator</b>	Include items created by these people.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Mentioning user</b>	Include pages and blog posts that @mention these people.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>With parent</b>	Include only direct children of this page (further sub-pages won't be included)	EQUALS (one page only)
<b>In space**</b>	Include items from these spaces.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)
<b>Including text**</b>	Include items that contain this text.	CONTAINS (single word or phrase)
<b>With title</b>	Include items that contain this text in the title.	CONTAINS (single word or phrase)
<b>Of type**</b>	Include only pages, blogs or attachments.	OR (multiple values in the same filter)

\* This field is required in CQL-powered macros.



\*\* You can add these filters in CQL-powered macros but in search they're part of the standard search filters, so they don't appear in the **Add a filter** menu.

## Macro display options

These options control how the macro appears on your page.

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Page Properties ID</b>	Blank	If not specified, the report will show data from all Page Properties macros on a page, where there are multiple macros. Specify an ID to include only data from Page Properties macros with the same ID.
<b>Title column heading</b>	Title	The heading to display on the first column in the report table. This column contains links to pages displayed by the report. The default column heading is 'Title'.
<b>Columns to show</b>		If not specified, the report will show all columns. You can specify a comma separated list of columns to include.  If your column heading includes commas, use double quotes around the column name. If your column heading includes quotes, use double quotes. For example, A column, "My ""new"" column, yes", Third column
<b>Number of items to display</b>	30	Number of items to display in the table before displaying pagination options for additional items.
<b>Sort by</b>	Modified	Sort the table by a specific column heading. Enter the column name, exactly as it appears in the corresponding Page Properties macro.  Select the <b>Reverse Sort</b> check box to sort the table in reverse order.
<b>Show Comments Count</b>	No	Displays the number of comments for each page in the table.
<b>Show Likes Count</b>	No	Displays the number of likes for each page in the table.

## Troubleshooting

If your report is empty, check:

- You have entered the label correctly and that the label does appear on pages containing a Page Properties macro.
- The [Page Properties macros](#) on each page are configured correctly.
- Any other fields you have specified have not narrowed your search too far (for example there are no pages with that label under the Parent page you've specified).
- There is a known issue where the Page Properties Report macro does not correctly display content

from multiple Page Properties macros. See [CONFSERVER-34141](#) **RESOLVED** for more information.

## Page Tree Macro

The Page Tree macro displays a dynamic, hierarchical list of pages starting from a specified parent (root) page. It can act as a table of contents or a list of related topics. When viewing the page tree, your reader can click a link to view the relevant page. The page's current position is highlighted in the page tree.

## Using the Page Tree Macro

### To add the Page Tree macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

Click **Refresh** in the Macro Browser to see the effect of changes to the macro parameters.

### Macro Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Root Page</b> ( <i>root</i> )	The home page of the space	<p>Specify the parent page for the page tree. The tree will include all children of the given page, plus their children and grand-children etc. The tree will <i>not</i> include the root page itself.</p> <p>Specify the page title or a special value as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your page title — to specify a page name for the parent or root of the tree. The tree will include all children and grand-children of the specified root. The tree will <i>not</i> include the specified root page itself.</li> <li>• '@home' — will include all pages under the home page of the space (default).</li> <li>• '@self' — will include all pages under the current page.</li> <li>• '@parent' — will include all pages under the parent of the current page, including the current page.</li> <li>• '@none' — will include all pages in the space, including orphaned pages and the home page.</li> </ul>
<b>Sort Pages By</b> ( <i>sort</i> )	<b>position</b>	<p>Specify the order to display the pages in the tree. This sort order is for display purposes only. It does not permanently re-arrange the page order. The value may be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>bitwise</b> — sort alphabetically, for example: title1, title10, title2.</li> <li>• <b>creation</b> — sort by date of creation.</li> <li>• <b>modified</b> — sort by order of date last modified.</li> <li>• <b>natural</b> — sort in 'natural' alphabetical order, for example: title1, title2, title10.</li> <li>• <b>position</b> — sort by the default Confluence sorting rules. If your pages have been ordered manually, this sort will respect the defined order. Otherwise the pages will be displayed in the 'natural' alphabetical order, such as: title1, title2, title10.</li> </ul>
<b>Include Excerpts in Page Tree</b> ( <i>excerpt</i> )	false	Select if you want the page tree to show excerpts from each page. The excerpts must be defined on each page by the <a href="#">Excerpt macro</a> .
<b>Reverse Order</b> ( <i>reverse</i> )	false	Select to show the pages in reverse (descending) natural order. Must be used in combination with the <b>Sort Pages By</b> parameter.

<b>Include Search Box above Page Tree</b> (searchBox)	false	Select if you want to include a search box above the page tree. The search box allows your readers to search within the page tree for the specified value.
<b>Show Expand/Collapse Links</b> (expandCollapseAll)	false	Select if you want to display the 'expand all' and 'collapse all' links at the top of your page tree. Your readers can click these links to open or close all branches of the tree at once.  Available values in wikimarkup and storage format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>true – Show the 'expand all' and 'collapse all' options.</li> <li>false – Do not show the options.</li> </ul>
<b>Start Depth</b> (startDepth)	1	Enter any number greater than 0 to set how many levels of children the tree should show when it opens for the first time.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** pagetree

**Macro body:** None.

```
{pagetree:root=Page
Name|sort=natural|excerpt=true|reverse=false|startDepth=3|expandCollapse
All=true|searchBox=true}
```

## Page Tree Search Macro

Using the Page Tree Search macro, you can add a search box to your Confluence page. When a viewer enters a search term, Confluence will search a hierarchy of pages starting from a specified parent (root) page and return the search results.

You can also add a search box as part of a dynamic page tree, which looks like a table of contents. See the [Page Tree macro](#).

### Using the Page Tree Search macro

**To add the Page Tree Search macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Name of Root Page (root)</b>	none	The name of the root page whose hierarchy of pages will be searched by this macro. If this not specified, the root page is the current page.  <b>Note:</b> Unlike the Page Tree macro, the Page Tree Search macro does not accept the special values that start with an @ sign, such as @home or @self.
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#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

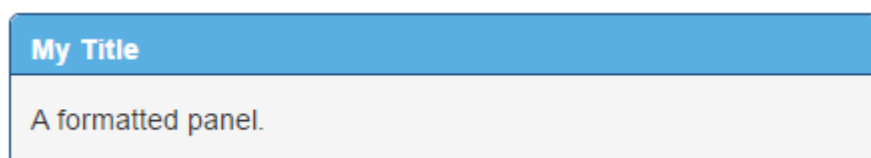
**Macro name:** pagetreesearch

**Macro body:** None.

```
{pagetreesearch:root=My page name}
```

## Panel Macro

The Panel macro displays a block of text within a customizable panel, like this:



**Handy hint:** You can use panels within [columns](#), in table cells and in the sections defined by page layouts.

### Using the Panel macro

**To add the Panel macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Panel Title (title)</b>	none	The title of the panel. If specified, this title will be displayed in its own title row.
<b>Border Style (borderStyle)</b>	solid	The style of the panel's border. Accepted values are <code>solid</code> , <code>dashed</code> and other valid CSS border styles.
<b>Border Color (borderColor)</b>		The color of the panel's border. Colors can be specified as HTML color names or hexadecimal codes.

<b>Border Pixel Width (Value Only) (borderWidth)</b>		The width of the panel's border (in pixels).
<b>Background Color (bgColor)</b>		The background color of the panel. Colors can be specified as HTML color names or hexadecimal codes.
<b>Title Background Color (titleBGColor)</b>		The background color of the title row of the panel. Colors can be specified as HTML color names or hexadecimal codes.
<b>Title Text Color (titleColor)</b>		The color of the text in the title row of the panel. Colors can be specified as HTML color names or hexadecimal codes.

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** panel

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text.

```
{panel:title=My
title|borderStyle=dashed|borderColor=blue|titleBGColor=#00a400|titleColor=white|bgColor=#72bc72}
A formatted panel
{panel}
```

**PDF Macro****The PDF macro is going away in a future release**

Read more about this change or find out about a better way to insert and preview PDF files.

The PDF macro displays the content of a PDF document on a page. First attach the document to a Confluence page, then use the macro to display the document.

For details, see the [View File Macro](#).

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** viewpdf

**Macro body:** None.

```
{viewpdf:page=Docs|name=My document.pdf}
```

**Popular Labels Macro**

The Popular Labels macro displays the most popular labels used throughout your Confluence site or within a space. A popular label is a label that has been added to many pages.

## Using the Popular Labels Macro

To add the Popular Labels macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Number of Labels to Display</b> (count)	100	Specifies the total number of labels to display in the heatmap.
<b>Restrict Labels to this Space Key</b> (spaceKey)	none	Restricts the list of popular labels to the specified space.
<b>Style of Labels</b> (style)	list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>list</b> – displays the popular labels as a bulleted list, ordered by popularity (highest first).</li> <li>• <b>heatmap</b> – displays the popular labels using different font sizes for each label depending on the label's popularity, ordered by label names.</li> </ul>

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** popular-labels

**Macro body:** None.

```
{popular-labels:style=heatmap|count=20|spaceKey=ds}
```

## Profile Picture Macro

You can use the Profile Picture macro to display a user's profile picture on a page, and it's useful for things like creating team pages that show all members of a project team.

Hover your mouse-over the picture to see the Hover Profile for the user, and choose the user's picture or name to view their user profile. When editing the page, you can also select the macro and choose **View User Profile** to see the [profile](#) for the user.

Here's an example of how to use the Profile Picture macro: [How to build a release planning page in Confluence](#).

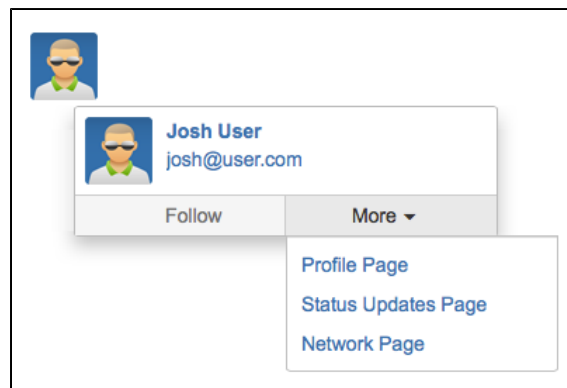
### Add the Profile Picture Macro

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Oth**

### er Macros

2. Find and select the 'Profile picture' macro
3. Search for and select the user and choose **Save**

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type `{` and the beginning of the macro name, then select the macro from a list of suggested macros. For more information, see [Using Autocomplete](#).



### Wiki markup

Wiki markup is not available for this macro. You cannot add this macro via wiki markup.

## Recently Updated Dashboard Macro

The Recently Updated Dashboard macro displays a list of the most recently changed pages, blogs and files in your site. It is similar to the [Recently Updated macro](#) but with tabs to allow you to see all updates, updates from your favorite spaces or updates from your network (the people you follow).

### Using the Recently Updated Dashboard macro

**To add the Recently Updated Dashboard macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type `{` and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Space(s)</b> (spaces)	The space which contains the page on which the macro is added	Filter content by space. The macro will display only the pages etc which belong to the space(s) you specify here. You can specify one or more space keys, separated by commas.  Use '*' for all spaces.
<b>Include these Content Types Only</b> (types)	all types	Filter content by type. You can specify one or more types, separated by commas. Available types are: page, blogpost or news, spacedesc, attachment, comment, mail, userinfo.
<b>Label(s)</b> (labels)	none	Filter content by label. The macro will display only the pages etc which are tagged with the label(s) you specify here. You can specify one or more labels, separated by commas. <i>Note:</i> If there are <b>no</b> pages matching any of the specified labels, then Confluence will ignore the labels and will list all recently updated pages.



<b>User(s)</b> (users)	all users	Filter by username of the user who updated the content. The macro will only display content created and updated by the user(s) you specify here. You can specify one or more usernames separated by commas.
<b>Width of Table</b> (width)	100%	Specify the width of the macro display, as a percentage of the window width.
<b>Show User Profile Pictures</b> (showProfilePic)	false	Select whether profile pictures of the users who updated the content are displayed.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** recently-updated-dashboard

**Macro body:** None.

```
{recently-updated-dashboard:spaces=ds|users=admin|width=50%|showProfilePic=true|labels=choc|types=page}
```

## Recently Updated Macro

The Recently Updated macro displays a list of the most recently changed content within Confluence.

### Using the Recently Updated Macro

**To add the Recently Updated macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Author(s) by username</b> (author)	None specified. That is, display all content	Filter the results by author. The macro will display only the pages etc which were last modified by the author(s) you specify here.  You can specify multiple users.



<b>Space(s)</b> (spaces)	@self  That is, the space which contains the page on which the macro is used	<p>This parameter allows you to filter content by space. The macro will display only the pages etc which belong to the space(s) you specify here.</p> <p>You can specify one or more space keys, separated by a comma or a space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To exclude content in a specific space, put a minus sign (-) immediately in front of that space key. For example: If you specify a space key of -BADSPACE you will get only content which is not in the BADSPACE.</li> <li>To indicate that the results <b>must</b> come from a specific space, put a plus sign (+) immediately in front of that space key. For example: If you specify a space key of +GOODSPACE you will get only content in GOODSPACE. (Note that this is not particularly useful, because each content item belongs to one space only. If you put a plus sign next to one space key and list other space keys too, the other space keys will be ignored.)</li> </ul> <p>Special values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>@self — The current space.</li> <li>@personal — All <a href="#">personal</a> spaces.</li> <li>@global — All <a href="#">site</a> spaces.</li> <li>@favorite — The spaces you have marked as <a href="#">favorite</a>.</li> <li>@favourite — The same as @favorite above.</li> <li>@all — All spaces in your Confluence site.</li> <li>* — The same as @all above.</li> </ul> <p>When specifying a personal space, remember to use the tilde (~) sign in front of the username, such as ~jbloggs or ~jbloggs@example.com.</p>
<b>Label(s)</b> (labels)	None specified i.e. display all content	<p>Filter the results by label. The macro will display only the pages etc which are tagged with the label(s) you specify here.</p> <p>You can specify one or more label values, separated by a comma or a space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To exclude content which matches a given label, put a minus sign (-) immediately in front of that label value. For example: If you specify a label value of -badpage you will get only content which is not labeled with 'badpage'.</li> <li>To indicate that the results <b>must</b> match a given label value, put a plus sign (+) immediately in front of that label value. For example: If you specify a label value of +superpage, +goodpage you will get only content which has at least two labels, being 'superpage' and 'goodpage'.</li> </ul> <p>The labels parameter only applies to the <code>page</code> and <code>blog</code> content types.</p>
<b>Width of Table</b> (width)	100%	Specify the width of the macro display, as a percentage of the window width.

<b>Include these Content Types Only</b> (types)	All types	<p>This parameter allows you to filter content by content type. The macro will display only the content of the type you specify here.</p> <p>You can specify one or more types, separated by a comma or a space.</p> <p>To exclude content of a given content type, put a minus sign (-) immediately in front of that content type. For example: If you specify a content type of <code>-blogpost</code> you will get pages and all other content except for blog posts.</p> <p>Available values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>page</code> — <a href="#">Pages</a>.</li> <li>• <code>blogpost</code> or <code>news</code> — <a href="#">Blog posts</a>, also known as news items.</li> <li>• <code>comment</code> — <a href="#">Comments</a> on pages and blog posts.</li> <li>• <code>attachment</code> — <a href="#">Attachments</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum Number of Results</b> (max)	15	Specify the maximum number of results to be displayed. If this parameter is omitted, then a maximum of 15 results are displayed. The theoretical maximum value that this parameter can accept is 2 to the power of 31, minus 1 (or 2147483647), though this has been limited to 200 in the code, for performance reasons. More details are <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>theme</b> (theme)	concise	<p>Choose the appearance of this macro:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>concise</code> — the default list, showing the names of pages which were updated or commented on, the users who made the page modifications and time when the modifications occurred.</li> <li>• <code>social</code> — lists recent modifications in reverse chronological order, but groups them by user into short time segments. A 'sub' list appears within each user's time segment, showing the names of pages which they updated or commented on and time when these modifications occurred.</li> <li>• <code>sidebar</code> — lists recent updates in reverse chronological order, showing the names of pages which were updated or commented on and time when the page modifications occurred. This theme does not show authorship.</li> </ul>
<b>Show User Profile Pictures</b> (showProfilePic)	false	Specify <code>showProfilePic=true</code> to display the profile pictures of the users who updated the content.
<b>Hide Title</b> (hideHeading)	False	<p>Determines whether the macro hides or displays the text 'Recently Updated' as a title above the list of content. Only available in wikimarkup and storage format.</p> <p>Accepted values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>true</code> — Title is hidden.</li> <li>• <code>false</code> — Title is shown.</li> </ul>

## Notes

- The [Recently Updated Dashboard macro](#) is similar to this macro, but is intended for display on the Confluence dashboard.
- If you would like to change the wording displayed by the Recently Updated macro, please refer to the document on [modifying the Confluence interface text](#).

## Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the

sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `recently-updated`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{recently-updated:spaces=ds|author=admin|max=10|hideHeading=true|width=50%|theme=sidebar|showProfilePic=true|labels=choc|types=page}
```

## Recently Used Labels Macro

The Recently Used Labels macro displays a list of the labels that have been most recently added to a page, blog post or attachment. You can define the number of labels to be displayed and the scope (the current space, your personal space or site spaces, also known as 'global' spaces).

### Using the Recently Used Labels macro

**To add the Recently Used Labels macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type `{` and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters of this macro

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Number of Labels to Display</b> (count)	10	Specifies the total number of labels to display in the list.
<b>Scope for Retrieving Labels</b> (scope)	global	Specifies the scope of labels to be displayed in the list. Valid values include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>global</b> — covers all site spaces (non-personal) in the Confluence installation.</li> <li>• <b>space</b> — the current space.</li> <li>• <b>personal</b> — your own personal space.</li> </ul>
<b>List Style</b> (style)	list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>list</b> — displays the list of labels horizontally.</li> <li>• <b>table</b> — includes additional information such as the page to which the label was added and the user who added it.</li> </ul>
<b>Table Title</b> (title)	none	Adds a title to the top of the list in table style. Titles are only visible when the <b>List Style</b> parameter has been set to <b>table</b> .

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `recently-used-labels`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{recently-used-labels:title=My title|scope=space|style=table|count=20}
```

## Related Labels Macro

The Related Labels macro lists all labels from every page which has one or more labels in common with the current page.

### Using the Related Labels Macro

**To add the Related Labels macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Restrict to these Labels</b> (labels)	none	Specify the labels for which you want to view related labels. For example, <code>documentation,my:stuff</code> .

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `related-labels`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{related-labels:labels=choc,cake}
```

## Roadmap Planner Macro

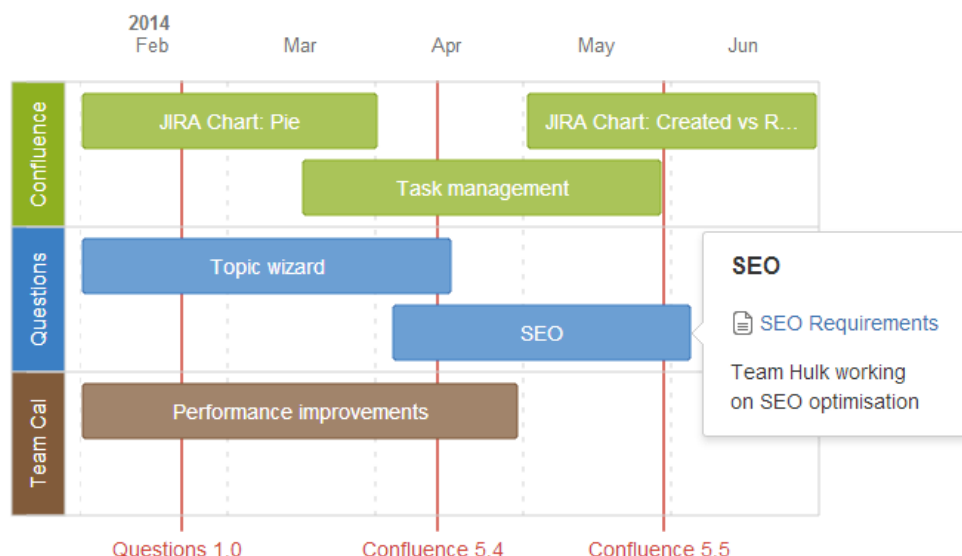
Create simple, visual timelines that are useful for planning projects, software releases and much more with the Roadmap macro.

Roadmaps are made up of:

- **bars** to indicate phases of work
- **lanes** to differentiate between teams, products or streams
- **markers** to highlight important dates and milestones
- a **timeline** showing months or weeks.

You can provide more information about items on your roadmap by linking a bar to a page.

Here's how it appears on a page:



## Adding the Roadmap macro

To add the Roadmap macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

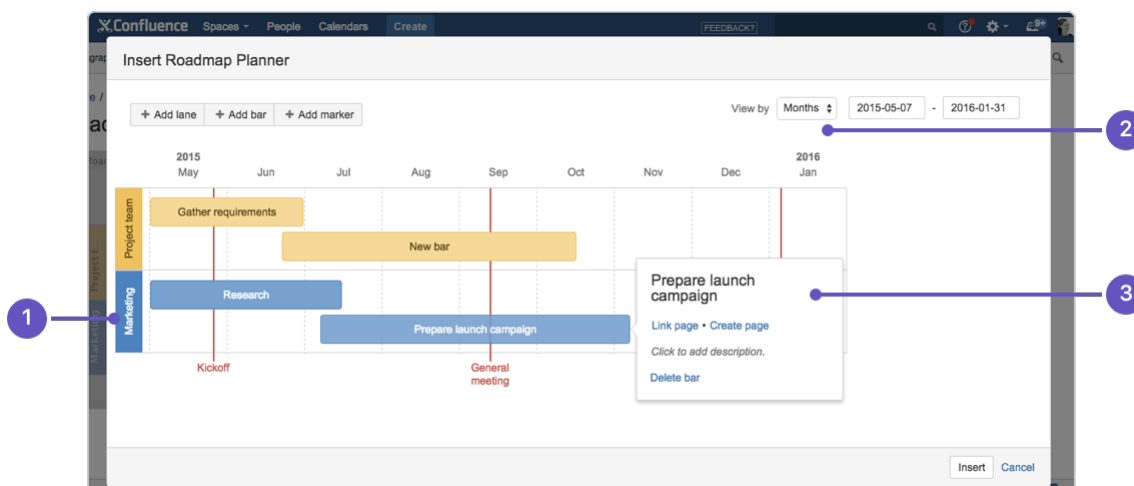
**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Editing your Roadmap

To edit your roadmap:

- Select the roadmap and choose **Edit**.
- **Add** lanes, bars and markers.
- Drag lanes, bars and markers to the desired location on the roadmap.
- Select lanes, bars and markers to add text, change colors and remove from the roadmap.
- Select bars to add links to existing pages, create new pages or add a description.
- Set the start and end dates for the roadmap and choose to display it by weeks or months.

Here's how the roadmap planner appears in the editor:



1. **Add lanes:** to differentiate your teams or streams of work.

2. **Date range:** display the plan by weeks or months.
3. **Add bar info:** to provide more info or link a bar to a page.

## Parameters

This macro does not use the macro browser to set parameters. You also cannot add this macro via wiki markup or by editing the storage format directly.

## Notes

The Roadmap macro was previously available as an add-on from [The Marketplace](#). The macro has changed significantly. If you had an older version of the macro installed you will be able to view your existing roadmaps but not edit them.

## RSS Feed Macro

The RSS Feed macro embeds an [RSS feed](#) on a page. It can display the contents of external feeds, or of internal feeds generated by Confluence. To display blog posts or to list recently updated pages in a space, use the [Feed Builder](#) to create an internal feed, then render it using this macro.

### **CAUTION: Including unknown HTML inside a webpage is dangerous.**

HTML inside an RSS feed can contain active scripting components. This means that it would be possible for a malicious attacker to present a user of your site with script that their web browser would believe came from you. Such code could be used, for example, to steal a user's authentication cookie and give the attacker their Confluence login password.

The RSS Feed macro may be disabled by your Confluence administrator. Also, your Confluence administrator can define a [whitelist of trusted URLs](#). You will see an error message on the Confluence page, if the included URL is not in the whitelist.

## Using the RSS Feed macro

### To add the RSS Feed macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>RSS Feed URL</b> ( <b>url</b> )	none	The URL of the RSS feed link you want to show.
<b>Maximum Number of Entries</b> ( <b>max</b> )	15	Limit the number of entries displayed.

<b>Show Item Titles Only</b> ( <code>showTitlesOnly</code> )	false	Show only the titles of the news items, not the content.
<b>Show Name/Title of RSS Feed</b> ( <code>titleBar</code> )	true	Hide the feeds title bar.

### How up to date is the feed?

By default, the RSS Feed macro caches the feed results for 60 minutes before fetching the data again.

If you wish to change the default caching, use the [Cache macro](#) to define how often the RSS Feed macro fetches the feed updates. You will need to install the [Cache plugin](#) onto your Confluence site.

### What happens to a page containing a disallowed URL?

Your Confluence Administrator can set up a whitelist of allowed URLs. If this is the case, you may see an error on the pages which contain the RSS Feed macro.

A user can add the [RSS Feed macro](#) or the [HTML-include macro](#) to a Confluence page. The macro code includes a URL from which the content is drawn. When the page is displayed, Confluence will check the URL against the whitelist. If the URL is not allowed, Confluence will display an error message on the page.

The error message says that Confluence "could not access the content at the URL because it is not from an allowed source" and displays the offending URL. If the person viewing the page is a Confluence Administrator, they will also see a link to the Administration page where they can configure the URL whitelist.

Here is an example of the error message, including the link shown only to Confluence Administrators:

**Could not access the content at the URL because it is not from an allowed source.**  
<http://ffeathers.wordpress.com>  
[Configure whitelist >>](#)

Here is an example of the error message, but without the link.

**Could not access the content at the URL because it is not from an allowed source.**  
<http://ffeathers.wordpress.com>  
 You may contact your site administrator and request that this URL be added to the list of allowed sources.

## Authentication

### Private feeds from external sites

RSS feeds which require authentication cannot be accessed using the RSS Feed macro.

### Accessing internal HTTPS feeds

This applies only to Confluence instances which have [enabled HTTPS for all content](#). If your site is fully HTTPS, the RSS Feed macro cannot access internal feeds. To enable the RSS Feed macro to access internal feeds without affecting your HTTPS setup, enable local-only HTTP access:

1. Shut down Confluence.
2. Consult the [SSL guide](#) to enable HTTP access to Confluence. You'll want to ensure that you have an HTTP connector and an SSL connector, both commented in. This means that Confluence will be accessible via both HTTP and HTTPS. However, you should *not* have a redirect port, nor rules in web.xml to redirect all traffic.
3. Instead of using web.xml to redirect traffic, insert a firewall rule to redirect all HTTP requests not from the




Confluence server to the equivalent HTTPS URL. This ensures that users will only be able to access Confluence via HTTPS, as intended. If you have still left HTTP access for attachments enabled (to avoid the [IE download bug](#)) you must selectively enable those URLs as well.

4. Modify your Confluence RSS Feed macro feed link to use the HTTP URL, and restart Confluence.

### Enabling the RSS Feed macro

The RSS Feed macro is disabled by default.

**To enable the RSS Feed macro:**

1. Go to  > **Add-ons**.
2. Select **System** from the drop down and search for the **Confluence HTML Macros** add-on.
3. Expand the add-on and enable the **rss (rss-xhtml)** module.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** rss

**Macro body:** None.

```
{rss:max=10|showTitlesOnly=true|url=http://myblog.com/feed|titleBar=false}
```

## Search Results Macro

The Search Results macro searches your Confluence site based on search terms specified in the macro parameters, and displays the results on the wiki page.

### Using the Search Results macro

**To add the Search Results macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Search Terms</b> ( <b>query</b> )	none	<p>The search terms which this macro will use to generate its results.</p> <p>You can refine your search query by using operators such as 'AND' and 'OR'. For example: <code>my_query1 AND my_query2</code></p> <p>For more information, take a look at the documentation on the <a href="#">Confluence search syntax</a>.</p>
<b>Maximum Number of Results</b> ( <b>maxLimit</b> )	10	Set a limit to the number of search results displayed.
<b>Restrict to this Space Key</b>	all	Start typing the space name to find the space, or specify the key of the space you want to search in. Note that the key is case sensitive.
<b>Content Type</b> ( <b>type</b> )	all	Specify the content type. The content types are: <b>page</b> , <b>comment</b> , <b>blogpost</b> , <b>attachment</b> , <b>userinfo</b> (the content of user profiles only) and <b>spacedesc</b> (the content of space descriptions only).
<b>Last Modified</b> ( <b>lastModified</b> )	all	<p>Specify a period of time in weeks, days, hours and/or minutes, to see the content modified within that time frame.</p> <p>These are the values you can use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• w = weeks</li> <li>• d = days</li> <li>• h = hours</li> <li>• m = minutes</li> </ul> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2h 35m</li> <li>• 3d 30m</li> </ul> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If no time category is specified, Confluence assumes minutes.</li> <li>• If you specify more than one time period (for example, weeks and days), you must separate the periods with a space. You can put them in any order.</li> <li>• The time categories are not case sensitive. For example, '4d' is the same as '4D'.</li> </ul>
<b>Restrict to this Username</b> ( <b>contributor</b> )	all	Specify the username of a Confluence user, to show only content created or updated by that user.

## Notes

**Permissions:** When a user views the page containing the Search Results macro, the search results will show only pages and other content types for which the user has 'View' permission.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `search`

**Macro body:** None.

```
{search:lastModified=3w|query=choc|contributor=admin|maxLimit=10|type=page|spacekey=ds}
```

## Section Macro

Used with the Column macro to define columns on a page. See [Working with page layouts and columns and sections](#).

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** section

**Macro body:** Rich text, consisting of one or more Column macros.













```
{section:border=true}
{column:width=100px}
This is the content of *column 1*.
{column}
{column}
This is the content of *column 2*.
{column}
{section}
```

## Space Attachments Macro

The Space Attachments macro displays a list of all files attached to pages in a space. It shows details of the file and the includes a link to the page a file is attached to.

Filters allow you to show only files with a particular label or file extension.

*Screenshot: The Space Attachments macro*

Sample Page						
@ 3 Added by Rach Admin, last edited by Rach Admin on Feb 15, 2013 (view change)						
Attachments in this space - displayed via the space attachments macro.						
Filter By File Extension: <input type="text"/> Filter By Label: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Filter"/>						
Name	Size	Creator	Creation Date	Last Modification Date	Labels	Attached To
 <a href="#">penguin.png</a>	5 kB	<a href="#">Rach Admin</a>	20 minutes ago	20 minutes ago	<a href="#">penguin</a> <a href="#">chocolate</a> 	 <a href="#">Sample Page</a>
 <a href="#">iBugs.gif</a>	22 kB	<a href="#">Josh User</a>	about an hour ago	about an hour ago	<a href="#">useful</a> <a href="#">logo</a> 	 <a href="#">Sample Page</a>
 <a href="#">sitelogo.png</a>	2 kB	<a href="#">Josh User</a>	about an hour ago	about an hour ago	<a href="#">logo</a> <a href="#">confluence</a> 	 <a href="#">Sample Page</a>
 <a href="#">DefaultSpaceLogo_AngryNerds.png</a>	10 kB	<a href="#">Rach Admin</a>	Feb 13, 2013	Feb 13, 2013	No labels 	 <a href="#">Fancy Page</a>

## Using the Space Attachments macro

**To add the Space Attachments macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

**Parameters**

The Space Attachments macro displays a list of all the attachments in a space. You can choose to show attachments from the current space, or another space.

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Space</b>	(none)	Selects the Confluence space to display attachments for. If you do not specify a space, the current space will be used.
<b>Show Filter Controls</b> (showFilter)	true	Determines whether or not the filter panel is shown. If you select this option, people viewing the page will be able to filter the list of attachments by file type (extension) and by label.

**Wiki markup example**

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** space-attachments

**Macro body:** None.

```
{space-attachments:showFilter=false|space=ds}
```

**Space Details Macro**

The Space Details macro displays the details of a Confluence space, including the space name, description, and more.

**Using the Space Details macro****To add the Space Details macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

**Parameters**

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Width of Table</b> (width)	100%	The width of the space details table, specified as a percentage (%) of the page width.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** space-details

**Macro body:** None.

```
{space-details:width=50%}
```

## Spaces List Macro

Use the Spaces List macro to display a list of spaces on a page.

### Using the Spaces List macro

**To add the Spaces List macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Required?	Default	Description
Scope of spaces	no	all	<p>The view from which spaces are listed. Available options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(blank)</b> - All spaces in your site, with tabs.</li> <li>• <b>all</b> – All spaces in your Confluence site.</li> <li>• <b>category</b> – Spaces grouped according to space categories.</li> <li>• <b>favorite</b> – Spaces which you have added to My Spaces.</li> <li>• <b>new</b> – spaces created within the last 7 days.</li> </ul> <p>This parameter is unnamed in wiki markup and storage format.</p>
Width of List (width)	no	100%	The width of the spaces list, specified as a percentage (%) of the window width.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** spaces

**Macro body:** None.

```
{spaces:favourite|width=80%}
```

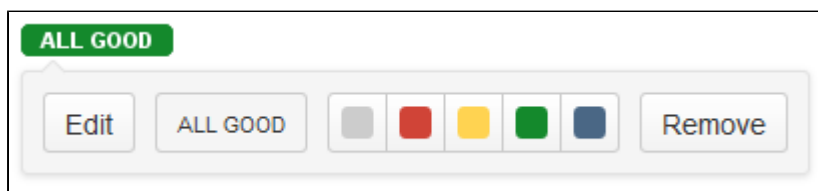
## Status Macro

The Status macro displays a colored lozenge (a rounded box) that is useful for reporting project status. You can choose the color of the lozenge and the text that appears inside the lozenge. The macro also displays its current status in the editor, and you can change the status directly in the editor.

See the Status macro put to excellent use in [How to build a release planning page in Confluence](#).

**ALL GOOD**

*Screenshot: Click on the Status macro lozenge to change the status.*



## Using the Status macro

**To add the Status macro to a page using the Macro Browser:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (*example*).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Color</b> (colour)	Grey	The color of the lozenge. The following colors are available: <b>Grey</b> , <b>Red</b> , <b>Yellow</b> , <b>Green</b> and <b>Blue</b> .
<b>Title</b> (title)	The color that you select.	The text that will appear inside the lozenge. If you do not specify any text, the title will be the color of the lozenge, that is 'Grey', 'Red', 'Yellow', 'Green' or 'Blue'.

<b>Use outline style (subtle)</b>	False	The style of the lozenge and its border. The default style lozenge is a solid background color with white text. The outline style lozenge is white with a colored border and colored text as shown here <b>ALL GOOD!</b>
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#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** status

**Macro body:** None.

```
{status:colour=Green|title=On track|subtle=true}
```

## Table of Contents Macro

The Table of Contents macro scans the headings on the current Confluence page to create a table of contents based on those headings. This helps readers find their way around lengthy pages, by summarizing the content structure and providing links to headings.

Want to see the Table of Contents macro in action? Check out how it's used in [Creating insightful customer interview pages](#).

### Using the Table of Contents macro

**Hint:** For quick access from the editor toolbar, choose **Insert > Table of Contents**.

**To add the Table of Contents macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Macro parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Output Type (type)</b>	list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>list</b> — produces a typical list-type table of contents.</li> <li>• <b>flat</b> — produces a horizontal menu-type series of links.</li> </ul>
<b>Display Section Numbering (outline)</b>	clear	Select the check box to apply outline numbering to your headings, for example: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3.

<b>List Style</b> (style)	disc	<p>Select the style of bullet point for each list item. You can use any valid CSS style. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none — no list style is displayed</li> <li>• circle — the list style is a circle</li> <li>• disc — the list style is a filled circle. This is the typical bullet list, and is used for this example list.</li> <li>• square — the list style is a square</li> <li>• decimal — the list is numbered (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</li> <li>• lower-alpha — the list is lower-case, alphabetized (a, b, c, d, e)</li> <li>• lower-roman — the list style is lower roman numerals (i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi)</li> <li>• upper-roman — the list style is upper roman numerals (I, II, III, IV, V, VI)</li> </ul>
<b>Heading Indent</b> (indent)		Sets the indent for a <b>list</b> according to CSS quantities. Entering 10px will successively indent heading groups by 10px. For example, level 1 headings will be indented 10px and level 2 headings will be indented an additional 10px.
<b>Separator</b> (separator)	brackets	<p>This parameter applies to <b>flat</b> lists only. You can enter any of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• brackets — Each item is enclosed by square brackets: [ ].</li> <li>• braces — Each item is enclosed by braces: { }.</li> <li>• parens — Each item is enclosed by parentheses: ( ).</li> <li>• pipe — Each item is separated by a pipe:</li> <li>• anything — Each item is separated by the value you enter. You can enter any text as a separator, for example "****". If using a custom separator, be aware that text displays exactly as entered, with no additional white space to further separate the characters.</li> </ul>
<b>Minimum Heading Level</b> (minLevel)	1	Select the highest heading level to start your TOC list. For example, entering 2 will include levels 2, and lower, headings, but will not include level 1 headings.
<b>Maximum Heading Level</b> (maxLevel)	7	Select the lowest heading level to include. For example, entering 2 will include levels 1 and 2, but will not include level 3 headings and below.
<b>Include Headings</b> (include)		Filter headings to include according to specific criteria. You can use wildcard characters. See <a href="#">Sun's Regex documentation</a> for examples of constructing regular expression strings.
<b>Exclude Headings</b> (exclude)		Filter headings to exclude according to specific criteria. You can use wildcard characters. See <a href="#">Sun's Regex documentation</a> for examples of constructing regular expression strings.
<b>Printable</b> (printable)	checked	By default, the TOC is set to print. If you clear the check box, the TOC will not be visible when you print the page.
<b>CSS Class Name</b> (class)		If you have custom TOC styles in your CSS style sheet, use this parameter to output the TOC inside <div> tags with the specified class attribute.
<b>Absolute URL</b> (absoluteURL)		By default, the links in the TOC are relative URLs pointing to the current page. If checked, the links in the TOC will be full URLs. This setting is useful when you are including a page with a Table of Contents in another page, and want to control where the links should take the user.

## Examples

The examples below are based on this table of contents:

- [Places](#)
  - [Favourite Places](#)
  - [Unknown Places](#)
- [Foods](#)
  - [Favourite Foods](#)
  - [Unknown Foods](#)
- [Things](#)
  - [Favourite Foods](#)
  - [Unknown Foods](#)

### Filtered Table of Contents

This example filters the headings to include those that contain 'Favorite', but excludes headings which end with 'Things'. The list is styled with Roman numerals.

Parameter	Value
<b>List Style</b>	upper-roman
<b>Include Headings</b>	Favourite.*
<b>Exclude Headings</b>	.*Things

The resulting table of contents is:

- I. [Favourite Places](#)
- II. [Favourite Foods](#)

### Flat List

This example filters all headings to render a flat list of 'Unknowns' enclosed in square brackets (the default list style).

Parameter	Value
<b>Output Type</b>	flat
<b>Maximum Heading Level</b>	2
<b>Include Headings</b>	Unknown.*

The resulting table of contents is:

- [ [Unknown Places](#) ] [ [Unknown Foods](#) ] [ [Unknown Foods](#) ]

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in



the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `toc`

**Macro body:** None.

This example shows a list-type table of contents.

```
{toc:printable=true|style=square|maxLevel=2|indent=5px|minLevel=2|class=bigpink|exclude=[1//2]|type=list|outline=true|include=.*}
```

This example shows a flat table of contents.

```
{toc:printable=true|maxLevel=2|minLevel=2|class=bigpink|exclude=[1//2]|type=flat|outline=true|separator=pipe|include=.*}
```

## Notes

- When you use a Table of Contents macro in a **template**, you will see an error when you preview the template itself. But the Table of Contents macro works on the pages that people create from the template – the table of contents shows up after they have saved the page. (This is probably because the template is not defined as a page, and the Table of Contents macro works for pages only.)
- The Table of Contents macro only displays page or blog post content. You can't use it to add a table of contents of headings in a comment for example.
- Due to an outstanding issue in the Table of Contents macro ([CONF-10619](#)), the macro browser's **Refresh** function does not render any parameter modifications. Currently, the rendering of parameter value modifications to the Table of Contents macro occurs only after the page is saved.
- Using HTML heading markup with the Table of Contents macro**  
The Table of Contents macro cannot handle HTML heading markup on its own. Hence, if you use the [HTML](#) and [HTML Include](#) macros to render HTML heading markup in a Confluence page, the Table of Contents macro will not create a contents list out of these headings. However, if you insert an HTML anchor into each HTML heading on your page (based on the following syntax), the Table of Contents macro will incorporate these headings into your contents list.

```
<h2><a name="pagename-headingname"></a>Heading Name</h2>
```

The syntax for the anchor name is the page name and heading name separated by a hyphen. Remove all spaces and convert all text to lower case. Convert all punctuation marks to their URL-encoded equivalent.

## Table of Content Zone Macro

You can use the Table of Content Zone macro to mark out a section (zone) within the page from which to create a table of contents. You can style the headings as a flat list, and place the list of links at the top and bottom of the section or page, to provide navigation bars similar to web navigation.

### Using the Table of Content Zone macro

**To add the Table of Content Zone macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type `{` and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open,

where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>location</b> (location)	both	Specifies where in the zone the output list is displayed: <b>top</b> , <b>bottom</b> , or <b>both</b> , which encloses the page zone content.
<b>Output Type</b> (type)	list	Specifies the layout for the table of contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>list</b> – produces a vertical list, typical of a TOC.</li> <li>• <b>flat</b> – produces a horizontal menu-type series of links, for example: [Heading 1] [Heading 2] [Heading 3].</li> </ul>
<b>Display Section Numbering</b> (outline)	false	Select to apply outline numbering to your headings, for example: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3.
<b>List Style</b> (style)	none	Specifies the style of bullet point for each list item. You can use any valid CSS style. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>none</b> — no list style is displayed</li> <li>• <b>circle</b> --- the list style is a circle</li> <li>• <b>disc</b> — the list style is a filled circle. This is the typical bullet list, and is the one we're using for this example list</li> <li>• <b>square</b> — the list style is a square</li> <li>• <b>decimal</b> — the list is numbered (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</li> <li>• <b>lower-alpha</b> — the list is lower-case, alphabetized (a, b, c, d, e)</li> <li>• <b>lower-roman</b> — the list style is lower roman numerals (i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi)</li> <li>• <b>upper-roman</b> — the list style is upper roman numerals (I, II, III, IV, V, VI)</li> </ul>
<b>Heading Indent</b> (indent)		Sets the indent for a <b>list</b> output type, according to CSS quantities. Entering "10px" will successively indent list heading levels by 10px. For example, h1 headings will be indented 10px and h2 headings will be indented an additional 10px.
<b>Separator</b> (separator)	brackets	Only applies to the <b>flat</b> output type. Specifies the display style of the links. You can enter any of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>brackets</b> — Each item is enclosed by square brackets: [ ].</li> <li>• <b>braces</b> — Each item is enclosed by braces: { }.</li> <li>• <b>parens</b> — Each item is enclosed by parentheses: ( ).</li> <li>• <b>pipe</b> — Each item is separated by a pipe:</li> <li>• <b>anything</b> — Each is separated by the value you enter. You can enter any text as a separator, for example "****". If using a custom separator, be aware that text displays exactly as entered, with no additional white space to further separate the characters.</li> </ul>
<b>Minimum Heading Level</b> (minLevel)	1	Select the largest heading level to start your TOC list. For example, 2 will list h2, h3, and h4 headings, but will not include h1 headings.

<b>Max Heading Level</b> ( <code>maxLevel</code> )	7	Select the smallest heading level to include in the TOC. For example, 2 will list h1 and h2, but will not include h3 and below.
<b>Include Headings</b> ( <code>include</code> )		Filter the included headings according to specific criteria. You can use wildcard characters. See <a href="#">Sun's Regex documentation</a> for examples of constructing regular expression strings.
<b>Exclude Headings</b> ( <code>exclude</code> )		Exclude headings according to specific criteria. You can use wildcard characters. See <a href="#">Sun's Regex documentation</a> for examples of constructing regular expression strings.
<b>Printable</b> ( <code>printable</code> )	true	By default, the TOC is set to print. If you clear this parameter, the TOC will not be visible when you print the page.
<b>CSS Class Name</b> ( <code>class</code> )		If you have a custom TOC in your CSS style sheet, you can use this parameter to output the TOC with the specified "class" attribute.

## Examples

The examples are based on a page with the following headings:

- [Places](#)
  - [Favourite Places](#)
  - [Unknown Places](#)
- [Foods](#)
  - [Favourite Foods](#)
  - [Unknown Foods](#)
- [Things](#)
  - [Favourite Foods](#)
  - [Unknown Foods](#)

### Filtered Table of Contents

This example will filter all headings to include those that contain "Favorite", but will exclude any heading which ends with the word "Things". The list is styled with upper-case Roman numerals.

Parameter	Value
<b>Output Type</b>	list
<b>List Style</b>	upper-roman
<b>Include Headings</b>	Favourite.*
<b>Exclude Headings</b>	.*Things

Screenshot: Filtered TOC 'zone' headings

I. <a href="#">Favourite Places</a>
II. <a href="#">Favourite Foods</a>

### Flat List

This example will filter all headings to render a flat list of "Unknowns" enclosed in square brackets.

Parameter	Value
Output Type	flat
Separator	brackets
Max Heading Level	2
Include Headings	Unknown.*

*Screenshot: Filtered TOC 'zone' headings displayed as a flat list*

[ Unknown Places ] [ Unknown Foods ] [ Unknown Foods ]

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** toc-zone

**Macro body:** Accepts rich text.

```
{toc-zone:printable=false|maxLevel=2|minLevel=2|location=top|type=flat|outline=true|separator=pipe}
Only headings within this block are included in the table of contents.
{toc-zone}
```

### Notes

- Due to an outstanding issue in the Table of Content Zone macro ([CONF-10619](#)), the Macro Browser's **Refresh** function does not render any parameter modifications. Currently, the rendering of parameter value modifications to the Table of Content Zone macro occurs only after the page is saved.
- Using HTML heading markup with the Table of Content Zone macro — The Table of Content Zone macro cannot handle HTML heading markup on its own. Hence, if you used the [HTML](#) and [HTML Include](#) macros to render HTML heading markup in a Confluence page, the Table of Content Zone macro will not create a contents list out of these headings. (For more information on about this issue, please refer to [TOC-93](#).)

However, if you insert an HTML anchor into each HTML heading on your page (based on the following syntax), the Table of Content Zone macro will incorporate these headings into your contents list.

```
<h2><a name="pagename-headingname"></a>Heading Name</h2>
```

The syntax for the anchor name is the page name and heading name separated by a hyphen. Remove all spaces and convert all text to lower case. Convert all punctuation marks to their URL-encoded equivalent.

### Task Report Macro

Use the Task Report macro to display a list of tasks on a page. Filter the tasks by space, page, user, label, created date and more.

See [Add, Assign, and View Tasks](#) for more information on creating and assigning tasks. You can also use the Task Report blueprint, which will

create a page and add this macro for you.

## Using the Task Report macro

### To add the Content Report Table macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### On this page:

- [Using the Task Report macro](#)
- [Parameters](#)

### Related pages:

- [Add, Assign, and View Tasks](#)

*Task Report macro showing incomplete tasks, on pages with the label 'meeting-notes'.*

Meeting actions this month				
Created and last modified by Rach Admin a minute ago				
Description	Due date	Assignee	Task appears on	
<input type="checkbox"/> @Leah Admin to schedule a follow up meeting		Leah Admin	2014-03-25 Meeting notes	
<input type="checkbox"/> @Ewan User to finish creating the new project space by 10 Mar 2014	10 Mar 2014	Ewan User	2014-03-25 Meeting notes	
<input type="checkbox"/> @Josh User add designs to the project space's file list by 02 Apr 2014	02 Apr 2014	Josh User	2014-03-29 Meeting notes	

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Required	Default	Description
<b>Space(s) and Page(s)</b> (spaceAndPage)	No	None	Filter by the task location. The macro will only display tasks in the pages or spaces specified. You can enter a combination of spaces and pages.
<b>Label(s)</b> (labels)	No	None	Filter by Label. The macro will only display tasks on pages with this label. You can enter multiple labels, separated by a comma.
<b>Assigned to</b> (assignee)	No	None	Filter by Assignee. The macro will only display tasks assigned to the users specified.
<b>Created by</b> (creator)	No	None	Filter by Creator. The macro will only display tasks created by the users specified.

<b>Created after</b> (createddateFrom)	No	None	Filter by created date. The macro will only display tasks created on or after the date specified. Date must be entered as dd-mm-yyyy.
<b>Task status</b> (status)	Yes	Incomplete	Show complete or incomplete tasks.
<b>Number of tasks to display</b> (pageSize)	No	20	The number of tasks to display on each page of results in the table. Choose from 10, 20 or 40.
<b>Display columns</b> (columns)	No	description,duedate,assignee,location	Columns to include in the table. Available columns include <a href="#">description</a> , <a href="#">duedate</a> , <a href="#">assignee</a> , <a href="#">location</a> , <a href="#">completedate</a> and <a href="#">labels</a> .
<b>Sort by</b> (sortBy)	No	Due date	Sort tasks by due date, assignee or page title.  Select the Reverse Sort check box to sort the table in reverse order.

#### Wiki markup

Wiki markup is not available for this macro. You cannot add this macro via wiki markup.

## User List Macro

The User List macro displays a list of Confluence users, based on their group membership. The macro can also indicate when users are online or offline.

### Using the User List macro

**To add the User List macro to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

### Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
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<b>Group(s)</b> (groups)	none	Specify the group name. Specify multiple groups separated by a comma, or use * to show all users in Confluence.  See <a href="#">this knowledge base page</a> for more information about controlling which users can see the details of other users.
<b>Display Online/Offline Users</b> (online)	All registered users	List online or offline users. Leave blank to show all users, irrespective of status.  Accepted values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unspecified – The macro will show all registered users.</li> <li>• <code>true</code> – The macro will show only online users.</li> <li>• <code>false</code> – The macro will show only offline users.</li> </ul> See below for information on how to configure this macro to display online / offline users.

#### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** `userlister`


**Macro body:** None.

```
{userlister:groups=confluence-users|online=false}
```

#### Configuring the User List macro

In order to use the **Display Online / Offline Users** parameter to indicate whether users are currently logged in to Confluence, you will need to enable the User Log In Listener component in the add-on that provides this macro. You'll need Confluence Administrator permissions to do this.


**To enable the Display Online/Offline Users filter in the User List macro:**

1. Go to  **> Add-ons**
2. Select **System** from the drop down and search for the **User Lister** add-on
3. Expand the add-on and enable the **User Log In Listener** module.
4. Restart Confluence for the change to take effect.

#### User Profile Macro

The User Profile macro displays a short summary of a given Confluence user's profile. This is the same summary that appears in a Hover Profile, which appears whenever you mouse over a user's name in the Confluence interface.

*Screenshot: Example of the User Profile macro*



**Leah Admin**  
sample@email.com.au

“Updating Confluence documentation”

**Position:** Tech Writer

**Department:** Department of Awesome

**Location:** Atlassian, Sydney

## Using the User Profile macro

### To add the User Profile macro to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Default	Description
<b>Username</b> (user)	none	The username of the Confluence user whose profile summary you wish to show.

### Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** profile

**Macro body:** None.

```
{profile:user=admin}
```

## View File Macro



**The View File macros are going away in a future release**

[Read more about this change](#) or find out about a better way to [insert Office and PDF files](#)

The View File macros allow you to embed an Office or PDF document on a page. First attach the document to a page and then use one of the View File macros to display the document's content.

When people view the page, they will see the content of the Office or PDF document. They do not need to have Office installed in order to see the content of the file.



For a full list of Office Connector prerequisites and limitations, please refer to:

- [Office Connector Prerequisites](#)
- [Office Connector Limitations and Known Issue](#)

## Displaying an Office or PDF Document in Confluence

To display an Office or PDF document in a page, use one of the following View File macros in the macro browser:

- Office Excel
- Office PowerPoint
- Office Word
- PDF

**To add one of the View File macros to a page:**

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type { and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters for the Office and PDF macros

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Macro	Parameter	Default	Description
All View File macros	<b>Page Name</b>	The page which contains the macro	Enter a page name, if you wish to display a document which is attached to another Confluence page.
	<b>File Name</b>	none	The file name of the Office or PDF document to be displayed. The document must be attached to a page on your Confluence site.
Office Excel	<b>Show Grid?</b>	true	Select to show grid lines around each cell of the Excel spreadsheet. Clear to hide these grid lines.
	<b>Worksheet Name</b>	Last worksheet viewed in the spreadsheet	The name of the worksheet that you want displayed.
	<b>Last Row</b>	Last row with content	The number of the last row you want displayed, starting from '0' as the first row.
	<b>Last Column</b>	Last column with content	The number of the last column you want displayed, starting from '0' as the first column.  <b>Hint for reducing the size of the spreadsheet:</b> Use the <b>Last Column</b> and <b>Last Row</b> parameters to reduce the size of the spreadsheet displayed on the wiki page. This is especially useful to prevent the display from showing empty cells. This will also help to prevent 'out of memory' errors.

Office PowerPoint	<b>Height</b>		Specify the height of the display, in pixels (default) or as a percentage of the window's height.
	<b>Slide Number</b>	none	Specify the number of the slide that you want displayed on the Confluence page, where the first slide is numbered zero. Instead of a slide show, the page will display just the single slide, represented as a JPEG image. If not specified, all slides display as a slideshow.
	<b>Width</b>		Specify the width of the display, in pixels (default) or as a percentage of the window's width.

## Editing an Office document

You can launch your Office application and edit Office documents displaying in the view file macros directly from your Confluence page.

- **Word** and **Excel** - choose the **Edit Document** link above the content
- **PowerPoint** - choose the edit icon on the viewer.

You will find more information and other methods for editing attached Office documents in [Edit Office Files](#).

## Troubleshooting

Problems? Please refer to our guide to the [Office Connector limitations and known issues](#).

## Widget Connector Macro

Embed online videos, slideshows, photostreams and more directly into your page with the Widget Connector macro.

The macro currently supports content from these sites:

- YouTube
- Vimeo
- MySpace Video
- Flickr
- Twitter
- Slide Rocket
- Google Calendar

### On this page:

- [Using the Widget Connector](#)
- [Parameters](#)
- [Examples](#)
  - [YouTube](#)
  - [Vimeo](#)
  - [MySpace Video](#)
  - [Flickr](#)
  - [Twitter](#)
  - [SlideRocket](#)
  - [Google Calendar](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)
- [Wiki markup example](#)

## Using the Widget Connector

### To add the Widget Connector to a page:

1. In the Confluence editor, choose **Insert > Other Macros**
2. Find and select the required macro

**Speeding up macro entry with autocomplete:** Type `{` and the beginning of the macro name, to see a list of suggested macros. Details are in [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#).

**To edit an existing macro:** Click the macro placeholder and choose **Edit**. A macro dialog window will open, where you can edit the parameters of the macro.

## Parameters

Parameters are options that you can set to control the content or format of the macro output. Where the parameter name used in Confluence storage format or wikimarkup is different to the label used in the macro browser, it will be listed below in brackets (example).

Parameter	Description
<b>Web Site's Widget URL</b> (url)	This is the external site's URL. In some sites this will be the URL shown in the address bar of your browser, and in other sites you may need to click a Share or Link button to get the URL.
<b>Pixel Height</b> (Value Only) (height)	The height of the display, in pixels.
<b>Pixel Width</b> (Value Only) (width)	The width of the display, in pixels.

## Examples

Every site is a little different, so we've put together some info on what you'll need to do to embed each site's content on a page.

### YouTube

The fastest way to embed a YouTube video is to paste the URL into the editor. Confluence will autoconvert the link and insert the macro for you, like magic. Autoconvert works with both long and short YouTube URLs.

If you're pasting the URL into the Widget Connector macro URL field manually, you'll need to use the long URL (from the address bar). Long URLs look something like this `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6lK5hlBlnQ`.



- If you're not able to see the video in some browsers, try using https rather than http in your link.
- Links that contain a parameter to start a video at a particular time won't autoconvert or work in the Widget Connector macro, like this link: `https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=15&v=LhHKkodOPFo`. Paste in the short sharing URL to be sure it works.

### Vimeo

The fastest way to embed a Vimeo video is to paste the URL into the editor. Confluence will autoconvert the link and insert the macro for you.

You can use the URL from the address bar in your browser or the **Share** button in Vimeo.

### MySpace Video

We don't autoconvert MySpace videos, so you'll need to add the Widget Connector macro to your page first, and then paste the video's URL into the URL field.

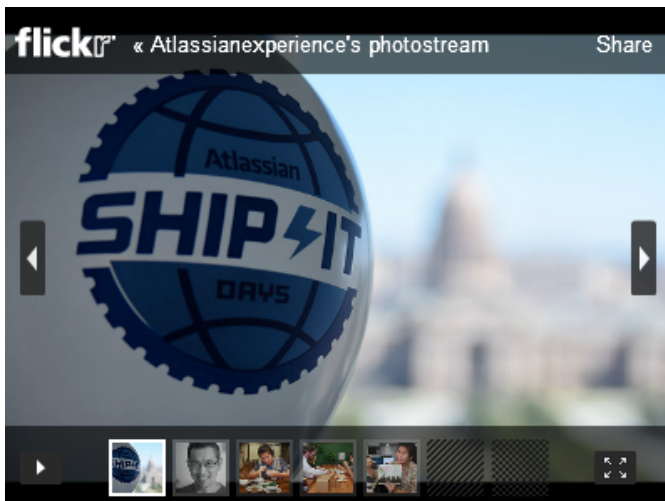
You can use the URL from the address bar in your browser or the **Sharing options** in MySpace.

### Flickr

You can embed a single photo, a set, an entire user's photo stream or collection of photos with a particular tag.

The fastest way is to paste a URL into the editor. This works for sets and tags. For other URLs you'll need to add the Widget Connector macro to the page first and then paste your link into the URL field.

Use the URL from the address bar in your browser.



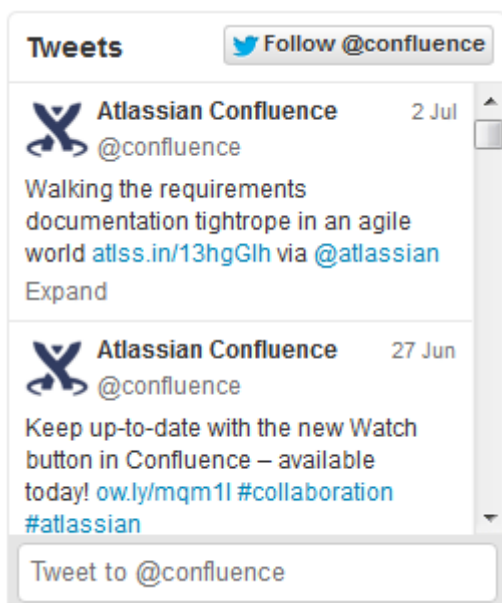
### Twitter

To embed a single tweet you'll need to click the **Details** link on the tweet so you can grab the URL for just that tweet. The URL will look something like `https://twitter.com/atlassian/status/346976521250037760`.



To embed a dynamic list of tweets you'll need to create a Widget in Twitter first:

1. In Twitter, go to **Settings and Privacy > Widgets** and create a new widget (search).
2. In Search Query, choose if want to search for a hashtag or a profile (for example, #atlassian, @atlassian).
3. Create widget and copy only the data-widget-id from the HTML code generated (it should look something like this example "854765133465255939").
4. The URL that you want for the Widget Connector Macro should look something like this <https://twitter.com/settings/widgets/854765133465255939> (the numbers after the slash will be different, you must change for the ones that you're going to generate in Twitter widget).
5. In Confluence, paste the URL into the Widget Connector.
6. The list of tweets will display, like this one below.



### SlideRocket

We don't autoconvert SlideRocket presentations, so you'll need to add the Widget Connector macro to your page first, and then paste the video's URL into the URL field.

You can get the URL from the **Sharing** button on the SlideRocket player.

### Google Calendar

We don't autoconvert Google Calendars, so you'll need to add the Widget Connector macro to your page first, and then paste the calendar address into the URL field.

You can only embed public calendars. To get your calendar's URL, in Google Calendar go to **Calendar Settings > Calendar Address** and click the **HTML** button.

The URL will look something like this: `https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=en.australian%23holiday%40group.v.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia/Sydney`

## Troubleshooting

If the Widget Connector can't display content from the external site, the macro will look like this:



We rely on the external website's APIs to display content in the Widget Connector macro. APIs do change from time to time and this can cause the Widget Connector macro to stop rendering content.

If you experience problems, you can [raise an issue](#) about it to let us know.

## Wiki markup example

This example is useful when you want to add a macro outside the editor, for example as custom content in the sidebar, header or footer of a space.

**Macro name:** widget

**Macro body:** None.

```
{widget:height=400|width=400|url=http://youtube.com/watch?v=23pLByj_q5U}
```

## Your profile and settings

Confluence is very flexible – not only in the many ways you can create and share content, but also in how you can tailor your own Confluence experience. Things like your [profile picture](#), [favorite spaces and pages](#), and your [personal space](#) can say a lot about you, and can also make navigating Confluence much quicker and easier. Even a simple thing like [adding shortcut links to the sidebar](#) of your personal space, can save you a lot of time in finding the things you use all the time.

[Set up your personal space](#), and take a look at any of the pages below, to start making Confluence feel like home.

- [Your User Profile](#)
- [Change Your Password](#)
- [Edit Your User Settings](#)
- [Set Your Profile Picture](#)
- [Choose Your Home Page](#)
- [Save for later](#)
- [View and Revoke OAuth Access Tokens](#)

### Related pages:

- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Create a Space](#)
- [Save for later](#)

## Your User Profile

Your user profile contains basic information about you, which other Confluence users can see. It's also displayed to other users when they click your name in the [People Directory](#), if you haven't set up your [personal space](#).

In your own profile, you can access account management features and

update information about yourself, like your name, email address, and [password](#). You can also view other users' profiles.

## Find your user profile

### To find your user profile:

Choose your profile picture at top right of the screen, then choose **Profile**, or choose the **Profile** link in the sidebar of your personal space.

### To find someone else's user profile:

#### On this page:

- [Find your user profile](#)
- [Edit your user profile](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Set Your Profile Picture](#)
- [Create a Personal Space](#)

Hover your mouse pointer over a user's linked name or profile picture and choose the user's linked name to open their user profile. Alternatively, you can choose the **Profile** link in the sidebar of their personal space, or go directly to this URL:

```
http://your.confluence.site/users/viewuserprofile.action?username=USERNAME
```

*Screenshot: User profile screen for the current user*

The screenshot shows the user profile page for 'Josh User'. At the top, there is a header with a profile picture, the name 'Josh User', and an 'Edit profile' button. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: Profile, Network, Favourites, Watches, Drafts, and Settings. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled 'Personal Space', contains links for PROFILE, Details, Picture, and Password. The middle column, titled 'About Me', contains a bio: 'Hi there, I'm Josh and unfortunately I am completely fictional. If I was a real live person I think I would quite like to be a tech writer.' Below this is an 'Activity' section with three items: 'Josh User' (profile updated about 5 hours ago), 'Josh User's Home' (created about 5 hours ago), and 'Josh User' (created about 5 hours ago). The right column, titled 'Personal', contains fields for Full Name (Josh User), Email (sample@email.com.au), Phone (+55 987 654 321), IM, and Website (http://www.atlassian.com). Below this is a 'Company' section with fields for Position (Tech Writer), Department (Confluence), and Location (Sydney).

From your user profile, you can access the following:

#### Profile

- View and [edit your personal details](#), such as your name and email address details and optionally, your photograph and other personal information. Note that as a security precaution, in order to change your email address, you will be required to re-enter your password.
- Upload a [profile picture](#) (optional).
- Change your [password](#).

<b>Network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View the recent activity of users that you are following via the <a href="#">Network view</a>.</li> <li>Follow other users from this view.</li> </ul>
<b>Favorites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View a list of your <a href="#">favorite</a> spaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Watches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View a list of the pages and spaces you are currently <a href="#">watching</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Drafts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retrieve any pages you were in the process of editing. See <a href="#">Working with Drafts</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Settings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edit your <a href="#">General Settings</a> (homepage, language and timezone).</li> <li>Subscribe to <a href="#">email notifications</a>.</li> <li>View and revoke your <a href="#">OAuth access tokens</a>.</li> </ul>

## Edit your user profile

1. Choose your profile picture at top right of the screen, then choose **Profile**  
Or, choose the **Profile** link in the sidebar of your personal space.
2. Choose **Edit Profile**
3. Enter details about yourself in the form displayed
4. Choose **Save**

### Fields in your user profile:

Detail	Description
<b>Full Name</b>	Your name as you'd like it to appear in your profile.
<b>Email</b>	Your email address that will be used to send you mail notifications.
<b>Phone</b>	Your phone number.
<b>IM</b>	Your Instant Messenger (IM) details. To suit a variety of IM applications, this option accepts any string value. For example, you can enter IM details in the form of an email address, or a user ID, like '123456789'.
<b>Website</b>	Your website's URL.
<b>About me</b>	Information about yourself that other users can view (such as your professional information, hobbies, and other interests). You can use <a href="#">Confluence wiki markup</a> in this field.
<b>Position</b>	Your title or position within your organization.
<b>Department</b>	The name of your department or team.
<b>Location</b>	Your location. This can be your town, city, region or country.

#### Handy Hint

Confluence administrators can configure Confluence to mask email addresses (e.g. 'example at atlassian dot com'), protecting your email address from search engine spiders and the like.

## Notes

The 'Administer User' link is visible to Confluence administrators only. The administrator can click this link to go directly to the user management screen in the Administration Console.

## Change Your Password

There are two scenarios where you may want to change your Confluence password:



- You're logged in, but you want or need to change your password
- You've forgotten your password and can't log in, so you need to reset your password

### Change your password when you're logged in:

1. Choose your profile picture at top right of the screen, then choose **Profile**
2. On your **Profile** tab, click **Password** in the left-hand column
3. Enter your current password and your new password in the form displayed
4. Click **Submit**

#### Related Topics:

- [Your User Profile](#)
- [Set Your Profile Picture](#)
- [Create a Personal Space](#)

### Reset your password from the login page:

If you've forgotten your password and need to reset it, you can do so from the Confluence login page. Choose the 'Forgot your password?' link and Confluence will step you through the process to reset your password.

## Edit Your User Settings

If you want to make Confluence fit *you*, like a well-worn pair of sneakers, you can set some preferences that will make you feel more at home:

- [General preferences](#) such as home page, language and time zone
- [Editor settings](#)
- [Email settings for subscriptions to email reports.](#)
- [OAuth access tokens](#) that you have granted from your Confluence user account.

#### On this page:

- [General User Preferences](#)
- [More about Language](#)
- [Editor Preferences](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Your User Profile](#)
- [Set Your Profile Picture](#)
- [Create a Personal Space](#)
- [Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions](#)

### General User Preferences

#### To edit your general user settings:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Choose **Edit** and update the settings
3. Choose **Submit**

Setting	Description
<b>Site Homepage</b>	Select the page that you would like to see whenever you log into Confluence.
<b>Language</b>	Select your language. See <a href="#">below</a> .
<b>Time zone</b>	Select your time zone.
<b>Use Keyboard Shortcuts</b>	Enable <a href="#">keyboard shortcuts</a> , other than for the editor.
<b>Text select</b>	Turn off the popup options panel when highlighting text.

Screenshot: Editing your user profile settings

**People**  
Rach Admin

Profile Network Favourites Watches Drafts **Settings**

**GADGETS**  
[View OAuth Access Tokens](#)

**YOUR SETTINGS**  
[Password](#)  
[Email](#)  
[Editor](#)

### Settings

Site Homepage

Language   
This feature is currently in development. [Learn More](#)

Time zone

Keyboard Shortcuts ☒ Enable  
Enable keyboard shortcuts (does not apply to editor shortcuts).  
"Keyboard Shortcuts" from the Browse menu to see available shortcuts

Text select ☒ Show option panel when text is selected

## More about Language

Setting your language preference in your user profile is described in the section [above](#). This section gives more information about that setting and other settings that affect the language Confluence will use.

Individual users can choose the language that Confluence will use to display screen text and messages. Note that the list of supported languages depends on the language packs installed on your Confluence site.

The language used for your session will depend on the settings below, in the following order of priority from highest to lowest:

- The language preference defined in your user profile. Note that you need to be logged in for this setting to take effect.
- The language that you choose by clicking an option at the bottom of the Confluence login screen. Confluence stores this value in a cookie. When the cookie expires, the setting will expire too.
- The language set in your browser. The browser sends a header with a prioritized list of languages. Confluence will use the first supported language in that list. Confluence administrators can disable this option by setting the `confluence.browser.language.enabled` [system property](#) to `false`.
- The default language for your site, as defined by your Confluence site administrator.

## Editor Preferences

You can set some options that determine the way the Confluence editor works. Note that these settings affect only you. Other people using Confluence can enable or disable the settings on their user profiles independently.

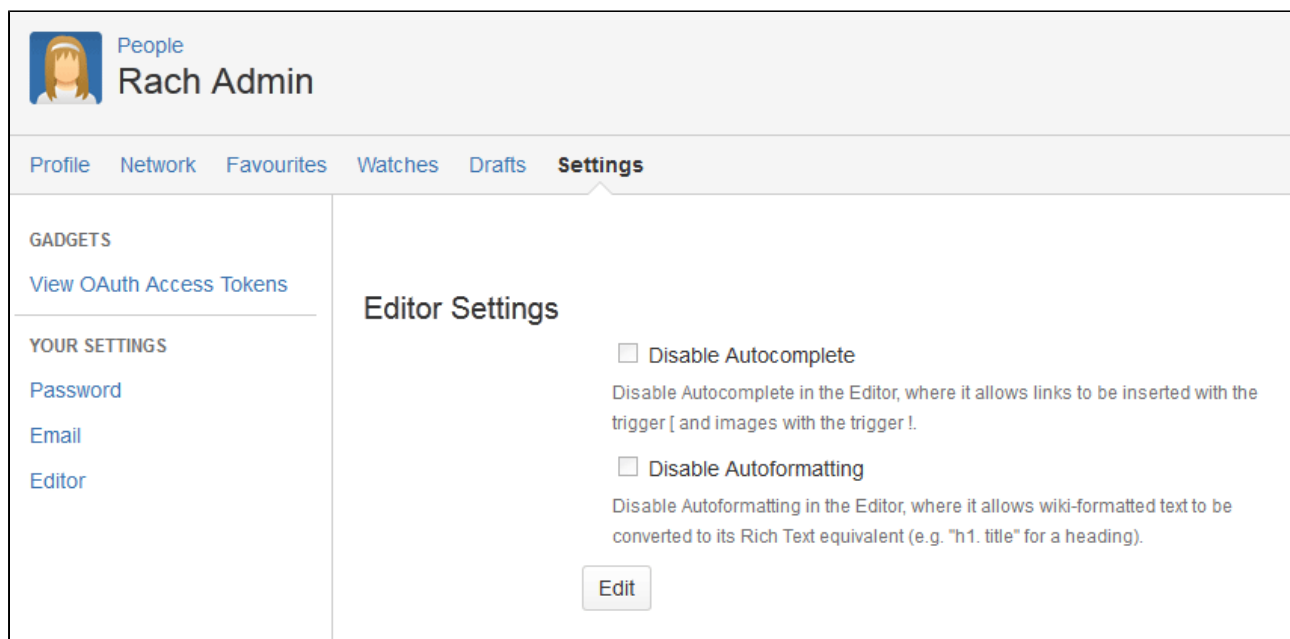
### To change your editor preferences:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Click **Editor** under 'Your Settings' in the left-hand panel
3. Click **Edit** and make your changes

4. Click **Submit**

Setting	Description
<b>Disable Autocomplete</b>	Select to disable <a href="#">autocomplete</a> when you press one of the trigger characters.
<b>Disable Autoformatting</b>	Select to disable autoformatting when you type wiki markup in the editor. Click ? on the editor toolbar to learn more.

Screenshot: User settings for the editor



## Set Your Profile Picture

Your profile picture is used as the icon for your [personal space](#), to represent you in the [People Directory](#), and to illustrate your [comments](#). It also appears in various other places next to your name, such as in the list of recent updates on the dashboard.

When you upload your profile picture, you can resize and reposition it to make sure it looks great.

### Upload and adjust your profile picture:

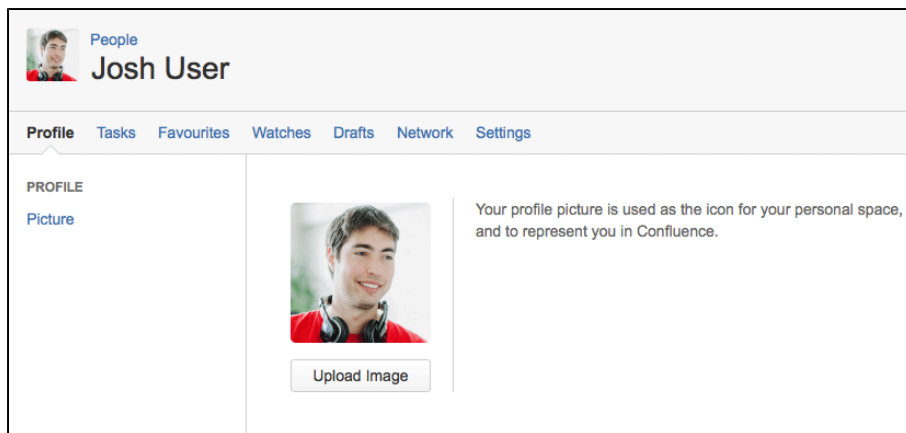
1. Choose your profile picture at top right of the screen, then choose **Profile**
2. Choose **Picture** on the left
3. Choose **Upload image > Upload an image**
4. Locate and select the picture on your computer or file server
5. Adjust the size and position of your photo, then choose **Save**

Screenshot: Choosing a profile picture

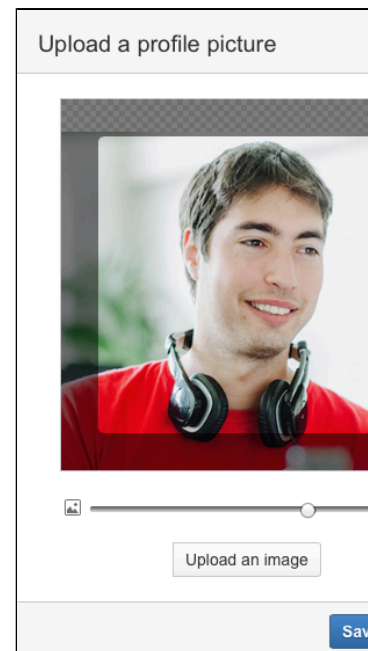
### Related pages:

- [Your User Profile](#)
- [Create a Personal Space](#)
- [Your profile and settings](#)

Screenshot: Resize your profile picture



You can't remove your profile picture, but you can upload a new one any time.



## Choose Your Home Page

The dashboard is the default landing page when you log into Confluence. It gives you easy access to what's happening in your site, and helps you get back to pages you recently viewed and worked on.

You can choose to personalize your experience, and use an existing space home page as your landing page.

### Related pages:

- [Your profile and settings](#)
- [Your User Profile](#)

### To set your home page:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Choose **Edit**
3. Choose an option from the **Site Homepage** drop down.  
Only spaces you're allowed to view will appear.
4. Choose **Submit**.

You'll be directed to your new home page the next time you log in. You can change your personal home page at any time.

Alternatively, if your Confluence administrator has set a space home page as the landing page for the whole site, you can choose **Dashboard** from the **Site Homepage** drop down to use the dashboard as your landing page.

*Screenshot: Profile Settings*

**People**  
Sophie Staunton

Profile Network Favourites Watches Drafts **Settings**

**GADGETS**  
[View OAuth Access Tokens](#)

**YOUR SETTINGS**  
[Password](#)  
[Email](#)  
[Editor](#)

**Settings**

Site Homepage: Site Default (Dashboard)

Language: Automatically detect browser settings  
 Find more language packs on the [Atlassian Marketplace...](#)

Time zone: Site Default ((GMT+1000) Sydney)

☒ Use Keyboard Shortcuts  
 Enable keyboard shortcuts (does not apply to editor shortcuts). Select "Keyboard Shortcuts" from the Browse menu to see available shortcuts.

[Submit](#) [Cancel](#)

**i** You can access the dashboard at any time using the dashboard URL. It'll look something like this: `https://yoursite.com/wiki/dashboard.action`.

## Save for later

Saving pages for later helps you access them quickly from the dashboard or from your profile.

No time to read that page now? No problem, hit **Save for later** and it'll be waiting for you on the dashboard when you have more time. It's also a great place to store those pages that you use on a day to day basis.

Save for later was previously called Favorites.

### Save a page for later

To save a page for later, hit the **Save for later** button at the top of the page.

The star icon will change to dark grey to indicate the page is saved. Hit the button again if you want to remove the page from the list.

### Get back to your saved pages

To view your saved pages:

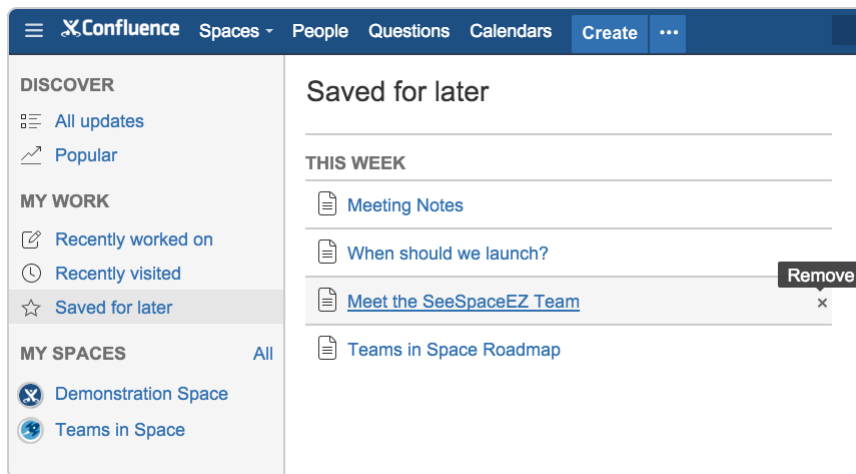
- Choose **Saved for later** on the dashboard sidebar.
- Choose **your profile picture** at top-right of the screen, then choose **Saved for later** – there's a list of your saved pages, and the spaces that you've added to **My spaces**.

You can also use the [Favorite Pages Macro](#) to include a list of your saved pages on any page.

*Screenshot: Viewing and removing saved pages from the dashboard*

#### On this page:


- [Save a page for later](#)
- [Get back to your saved pages](#)



## View and Revoke OAuth Access Tokens

OAuth access tokens allow you to use a Confluence gadget on an external web application or website (also known as the 'consumer') *and* grant this gadget access to Confluence data which is restricted or privy to your Confluence user account.

OAuth access tokens will only appear in your user profile if the following conditions have been met:

1. Your Confluence Administrator has established an OAuth relationship between your Confluence site and the consumer.  
Confluence Administrators should refer to [Configuring OAuth](#) for more information about establishing these OAuth relationships.
2. You have accessed a Confluence gadget on the consumer and have conducted the following tasks:
  - a. Logged in to your Confluence user account via the gadget and then,
  - b. Clicked the 'Approve Access' button to allow the gadget access to data that is privy to your Confluence user account.  
 Confluence will then send the consumer an OAuth 'access token', which is specific to this gadget. You can view the details of this access token from your Confluence site's user account.

An OAuth access token acts as a type of 'key'. As long as the consumer is in possession of this access token, the Confluence gadget on the consumer will be able to access Confluence data that is both publicly available and privy to your Confluence user account. As a Confluence user, you can revoke this access token at any time. Furthermore, all access tokens expire after seven days. Once the access token is revoked or has expired, the Confluence gadget will only have access to publicly available Confluence data.

### On this page:


- [View your OAuth Access Tokens](#)
- [Revoke your OAuth Access Tokens](#)

### Related pages:

- [Configuring OAuth for Confluence Admins](#)

## View your OAuth Access Tokens

**To view all of your Confluence user account's OAuth access tokens:**

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Click **View OAuth Access Tokens**. A view similar to [screenshot below](#) is displayed. Refer to [OAuth Access Token Details](#) below for information on interpreting this table.  
 If no access tokens have been set, then 'None specified' is shown.

*Screenshot: Viewing your OAuth Access Tokens*

## Authorised Applications

The following applications are using your account to access Confluence data:

Consumer	Consumer Description	Issued on	Actions
Atlassian JIRA Special Projects	Atlassian JIRA at https://atlassian.com/jira	Jan 23, 2013 expires in 1,801 days	<a href="#">Revoke Access</a>

## OAuth Access Token Details

Your list of OAuth access tokens is presented in a tabular format, with each access token presented in separate rows and each property of these tokens presented in a separate columns:

Column Name	Description
Consumer	The name of the Confluence gadget that was added on the consumer.
Consumer Description	A description of this consumer application. This information would have been obtained from the consumer's own OAuth settings when an OAuth relationship was established between Confluence and that consumer. If the consumer is another Atlassian application, this information is obtained from the <a href="#">Consumer Info</a> tab's 'Description' field of the OAuth Administration settings. The application's administrator can customize this Consumer Info detail.
Issued On	The date on which the OAuth access token was issued to the consumer by Confluence. This would have occurred immediately after you approved this gadget access to your Confluence data (privy to your Confluence user account).
Expires On	The date when the OAuth access token expires. This is seven days after the 'Issued On' date. When this date is reached, the access token will be automatically removed from this list.
Actions	The functionality for <a href="#">revoking the access token</a> .

## Revoke your OAuth Access Tokens

### To revoke one of your OAuth access tokens:

1. View your Confluence user account's OAuth access tokens ([described above](#)).
2. Locate the Confluence gadget whose OAuth access token you wish to revoke and click **Revoke OAuth Access Token** next to it.

The gadget's access token is revoked and the Confluence gadget on the consumer will only have access to publicly available Confluence data.

## Collaboration

Confluence is all about encouraging team collaboration to get the best results, so we've built in a number of ways you can notify other people about content that may be of interest to them.

You can:

- [Work together with your team](#) on a page or blog and see their changes in real time
- [Share a link](#) to a page or blog post via email
- [Mention](#) a user when you write a page, blog post, comment, or add a task
- [Like](#) a page, blog post or comment

Whenever you mention another user, they'll receive an email notification; if

### Related pages:

- [Pages and blogs](#)
- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#)



you like a page, blog post, or comment, the author will be notified that you *like* the content.

Other users can also find out about changes to content in Confluence by [watching](#) pages and spaces.

Another way to share Confluence content is by [exporting it to other formats](#) such as XML, HTML, Microsoft Word and PDF.

## Network Overview

You can Create a *network* of users who are important to you, to make sure you're always up-to-date with their Confluence activity. You might want to follow your boss or teammates, to see what they're working on, or whoever creates the most entertaining blog posts.

When someone's part of your network, you'll be able to see when they:

- Add or edit [pages](#) or [blog posts](#)
- [Comment](#) on a page or blog post or edit existing comments
- Update their [user profile](#)

### Follow another user

You can follow another user by using either their Hover Profile or your Network view.

To follow a user with their **Hover Profile**, hover your mouse over their profile picture when it appears in a page and choose **Follow**.

#### On this page:

- [Follow another user](#)
- [Access your network view](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Network Macro](#)
- [Subscribe to a Network RSS Feed](#)
- [Email Notifications](#)

### To follow a user from your Network view:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Network**  
Alternatively, choose **More** in the **Network** section of your profile sidebar.
2. Search for and select the user in the **Following** field
3. Choose **Follow**

If you now refresh or revisit your Network view, the profile picture(s) of the user(s) you just followed will appear within the **Following** list on the right. Their tracked activities will also start appearing in the **Recent Activity** list.

### Access your network view

If you want to see what's been happening in your network, access your network view as described above.

You can access another user's Network view using the Hover Profile by choosing **More > Network Page**.

*Screenshot: Example of the Network view*



The screenshot shows a Confluence user profile for 'Rach Admin'. The profile has tabs for Profile, Network, Favourites, Watches, Drafts, and Settings. The 'Network' tab is active, showing 'Recent activity of the users you are following'. This section lists three users: Ewan User, Josh User, and Sophie User, each with their recent activity. To the right, there are sections for 'Following' (showing 3 users) and 'Followers' (showing 1 follower). A search bar and a 'Follow' button are also visible.

## Notes

- **RSS feeds:** you can subscribe to any Confluence user's network RSS feed and receive summaries on the activities of other users they're following in their network. See [Subscribe to a Network RSS Feed](#).
- **Email notifications:** you can request email notifications of any activity in your network. See [Email Notifications](#).

## Likes and Popular Content

Has someone written a good blog post or page on Confluence? Or made a comment you agree with? Click the **Like** button to them know.



When you like a page, blog post or comment, the author of the content receives a notification. If enough people like the content, it'll appear on the **Popular** tab of the [dashboard](#).

### Disabling the 'like' feature

The *like* functionality is provided by a plugin called the 'Confluence Like Plugin'. To remove the *like* functionality from your site, [disable the plugin](#).

### Disabling notifications when your content is 'liked'

There are two ways to turn the 'someone likes your page' notifications off.

Do either of the following:

- Open an email notification of a like, and click **Manage Notifications**
- Go to `<your confluence URL>/plugins/likes/view-notifications.action`

## Mentions

Mentions (often known as @mentions) are a seamless way of drawing someone's attention to a page or comment, or assigning a [task](#) to them. When you mention a user, they'll receive a notification by email and in their workbox; if you mention them in a task, the task is assigned to them and appears in their [tasks list](#).

There are two ways to mention someone: using [autocomplete](#), or via the

### On this page:

- [Disabling the 'like' feature](#)
- [Disabling notifications when your content is 'liked'](#)

### Related pages:

- [The dashboard](#)
- [Email Notifications](#)
- [Network Overview](#)

Insert menu in the editor toolbar.

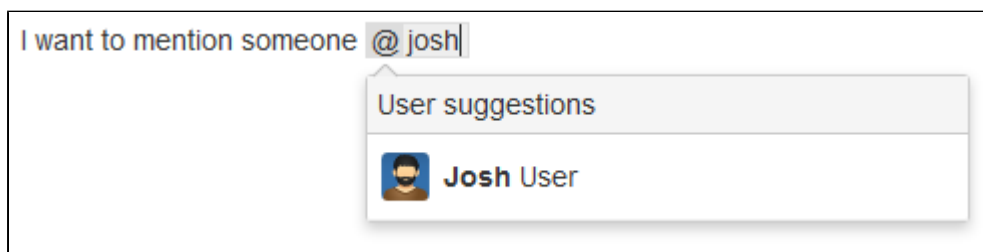
## Use autocomplete

### Related pages:

- The Editor
- Autocomplete for links, files, macros and mentions
- Keyboard shortcuts
- Workbox Notifications

To mention someone using autocomplete, type '@' in the editor then start typing their name. Choose the person you want to mention from the list of suggestions.

*Screenshot: Autocomplete for mentions*



The order Confluence suggests people is influenced by your [network](#) and the people you interact with on a regular basis. People you follow or who are following you will be suggested first.

## Use the Insert menu

If you'd rather use the **Insert** menu, choose **Insert > User Mention** then search for and select the user you want to mention.

## Notes

- **Disable the user mention feature** – The functionality is provided by a plugin called the 'Confluence Mentions Plugin'. If you need to remove the user mention functionality from your site, you can disable the plugin. See [Disabling or Enabling a Plugin](#).
- **Mentioning groups** – You can only mention individual users. There's a feature request to allow mentions for groups: [CONFSERVER-23015](#) - Extend 'Mentions' to work with groups as well [OPEN](#)
- **Link to a user profile** – You can use a square bracket '[' and a person's name to trigger Confluence autocomplete and link to a person's user profile or personal space. Confluence will send the person a notification just as if you had used @mention (unless the administrator has disabled the user mention feature).

## Share a Page or Blog Post

Use the **Share** button when viewing a page or blog post to email anyone a link to that page or blog post. You can either grab the short URL from the share dialog, or enter a Confluence user, group or email address.

### To share a page or blog post by email:

1. Go to the page or blog post you wish to share.
2. Choose **Share**.
3. Enter a username, group or email address, and select the appropriate user, group or email address from the list of suggestions. Repeat this process to add multiple recipients to the list (or use the

- trash icons to remove people from the list).
4. Enter an optional message.
  5. Choose **Share** to send the link via email.

**Related pages:**

- [Workbox Notifications](#)
- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Blog Posts](#)
- [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#)

In addition to an email, Confluence users will also receive a notification in their Confluence workbox. See [Workbox Notifications](#).

You can also share pages from inside the editor. Hit the



button in the editor to invite people to edit the page with you.

**Notes:**

- The option to add people is only available if your site has a mail server configured.
- Sharing or inviting someone to edit a page or blog post does not automatically grant any permissions - they will still need the appropriate Confluence permissions to access Confluence and view or edit the page.

Watching
Share
...

### Share this page

Share link

Copy

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Add people

Alex Yakovlev
trash icon

marketing
trash icon

Include a message

Share
Cancel

## Comment on pages and blog posts

Comments are a great way to bring others into the conversation about a page or blog post. They allow you to remark on content, add important information, ask questions, and generally drive collaboration and teamwork.

You can add a [comment](#) at the bottom of any page or blog post, or add an [in line comment](#) by highlighting specific text on the page.

### Add a page or blog post comment

1. Type your comment in the comment field at the bottom of the page
2. Optionally, choose **Preview** to see how your comment will appear
3. By default, **Watch this page** is ticked (This means you'll start receiving [notifications](#) about the page. Uncheck it if you don't want to [watch the page](#).)
4. Choose **Save** (Ctrl+S or +S)

Other users can reply and/or like your comment, and you or a space administrator can edit your comment(s).


**On this page:**

- [Add a page or blog post comment](#)
- [Add an inline comment](#)
- [Resolve inline comments](#)
- [Rich comments](#)
- [Link to a comment](#)
- [Comment permissions](#)
- [Notes](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Blog Posts](#)
- [Share and Comment on Files](#)
- [Share a Page or Blog Post](#)

**Add an inline comment**

1. Highlight the text you want to comment on
2. Choose the add comment  button that appears above the highlighted text
3. Type your comment and choose **Save** (Ctrl+S or +S)

The selected text will appear with a yellow highlight indicating an inline comment; choose any highlighted text on the page to display the related comment(s).

Just like page and blog post comments, others can reply to, or like, your inline comments, and you'll be notified when they do.



### Resolve inline comments

Hit **Resolve** to hide a set of inline comments once the conversation's finished. If you want to view resolved comments, choose

...

> **Resolved comments**; to reopen a resolved comment, choose **Reopen** at the bottom left.

### Rich comments

Inline and page comments might look simple, but they support rich text (like **bold**, underline, and *italics*), bulleted and numbered lists, [links](#), and [@mentions](#). You can also drop images into any comment, to really illustrate your point.

### Link to a comment

You can link directly to a comment on a page. See [Links](#) for more information.

If you don't see a popup when you highlight text, check that [Text Select](#) is enabled in your profile settings.

### Comment permissions

- **Add a comment** – You need the 'Add Comments' permission in the space.
- **Edit a comment** – You need the 'Add Comments' permission. Space administrators can edit all comments within their space. The date on a comment always indicates the time the comment was last edited.
- **Delete a comment** – You need the 'Remove Comments' permission. Deleted comments cannot be restored. If you don't have the 'Remove Comments' permission, you can delete your own comments, but only if there are no replies to your comment.
- **Disable comments** – If you don't want comments in a particular space, remove the 'Add Comments' permission from the 'confluence-users' or 'users' group, anonymous users and all other users and groups. The option to add comments will no longer appear on pages or blog posts in that space.

See [Space permissions](#) for more information. There is no permission that controls comments across the entire site.

### Notes

- Choose **Watch** at the top-right of the page to receive an email notification whenever anyone edits or

- adds a comment to the page.
- On blog posts only, an 'Author' lozenge will appear on any comments made by the original author of the post.
- It's not possible to delete all comments on a page simultaneously, or change the order of comments.

## Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs

You can 'watch' a Confluence page, blog post or space. Confluence will then send you a notification email whenever anyone updates your watched content.

You'll receive email notifications for:

- Edits (unless the author clears the 'Notify watchers' check box).
- Deletions.
- Attachments, including new versions or deletions of an existing attachment.
- Comments, including new comments, edits of existing comments or deletions of existing comments.

By default, Confluence will assign you as a watcher of any page or blog post that you create or edit. This behavior is called '[autowatch](#)'.

There's no daily digest for email notifications. You'll receive immediate emails for important notifications (like mentions and new pages), but when lots of changes are being made at the same time, you'll only receive a single email with all the changes (within a 10 minute window).

You **will not** receive email notifications for content changes due to the output of a macro, because the page content itself hasn't been edited.

You need 'View' permission for the page, blog post or space to receive notifications.

### Watching a page or blog post

To start watching a page or blog post:

1. Go to the page or blog post.
2. Choose **Watch** and select the relevant check box.

To stop watching the page or post, deselect the relevant check box.

### Watching an entire space

You can choose to watch all the pages and blog posts in a particular space.

The quickest way is to use the **Watch** option on a page or blog post, as described above.

To stop watching the space, deselect the relevant check box.

Alternatively, choose **Pages** in the space sidebar, then choose **Watch this space** at the top right.

### Watch for new blog posts in a space

You can choose to receive a notification whenever someone adds a blog post in the space. You will not receive notification of updates to or deletions of blog posts, nor of comments on the blog posts.

To watch for new posts:

#### On this page:

- [Watching a page or blog post](#)
- [Watching an entire space](#)
- [Watch for new blog posts in a space](#)
- [Watch all spaces on the site](#)
- [Watching for all new blog posts on the site](#)
- [Manage watches from your user profile](#)
- [Manage watches from the email message](#)
- [Autowatch and other notification options](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Manage Watchers](#)
- [Email Notifications](#)
- [Your User Profile](#)

1. Go to a blog post in the space.
2. Choose **Watch** and select **Watch all blog posts in this space**.

To stop watching for new blog posts, deselect the relevant check box. Alternatively, choose **Blog** in the space sidebar, then choose **Watch this blog** at the top right.

### Watch all spaces on the site

You can receive notifications about changes to the content of pages, blog posts and comments from all spaces on a Confluence site.

To start watching for content changes across the whole site:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Choose **Email**.
3. Choose **Edit** then choose **Subscribe to daily updates**.
4. Choose **Submit**.

### Watching for all new blog posts on the site

You can choose to watch for all new blog posts in all spaces on the Confluence site. You will not receive notification of updates to or deletions of blog posts, nor of comments on the blog posts.

To start watching for all new blog posts:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Choose **Email**.
3. Choose **Edit** then choose **Subscribe to all blog posts**.
4. Choose **Submit**.

### Manage watches from your user profile

The '**Watches**' page in your user profile displays a list of all pages and spaces you are currently watching.

**To manage your watches:**

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Watches**.
2. Choose **Stop Watching** for any unwanted spaces or pages.

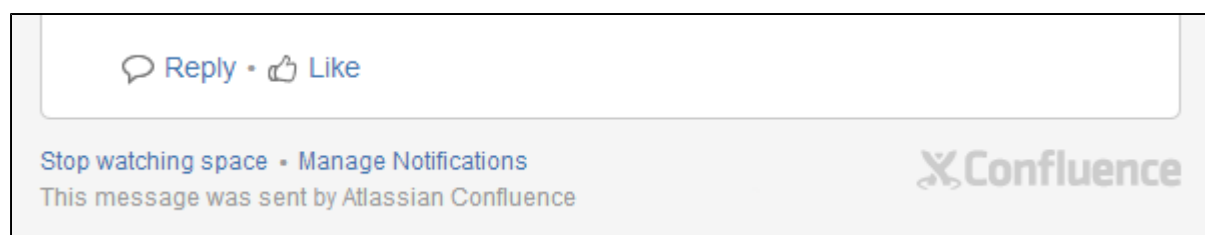
### Manage watches from the email message

The email notifications that you receive from Confluence have some useful links at the bottom of the email message. The links in each message vary, depending on the context. In general, the links allow you to view the page online, reply to a comment, and so on.

In particular with respect to setting your notification preferences, you will see one or more of the following links:

- **Stop watching page** – Click this link to stop watching the page that triggered the email notification.
- **Stop watching space** – Click this link to stop watching the space that triggered the email notification.
- **Stop following this user** – Click this link to stop following the user whose update triggered the email notification.
- **Manage Notifications** – Click this link to go to the email settings page in your user profile.

*Screenshot: Example email notification footer showing links*



## Autowatch and other notification options

By default, Confluence will assign you as a watcher of any page or blog post that you create or edit. This behavior is called 'autowatch'. You can turn autowatch on or off, and set other notification options, in the email settings section of your user profile. See [Edit Your User Settings](#).

## Manage Watchers

As a [space admin](#), you may want to control who's notified about changes and updates to pages and posts within a space. You'll do this by managing the watchers of specific pages and posts, or of the entire space.

Take the example of a new member starting on your team, who should see when changes are made in the team space – you can add them as a space watcher so they get updates when any page or post in the space is changed. If someone no longer needs to be notified, you can remove them as a watcher just as easily.

### Related pages:

- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Email Notifications](#)
- [Your profile and settings](#)


### To manage the watchers of a page or blog post:

1. Go to the page or blog post for which you want to manage the watchers
2. Choose **Watch > Manage Watchers**  
The left-hand column of the 'Manage Watchers' dialog shows the users watching the page or blog post. The right-hand column shows the users watching the space.
3. Do either of the following:
  - Add someone as a watcher of the page, post, or space – type their username in the relevant search box and hit **Add**
  - Remove an existing page, post, or space watcher – choose the trash icon next to their name

### Manage Watchers


#### Watching this page

These people are notified when the page is changed.

 Gil Admin (gbrunning)

#### Watching this space

These people are notified when any content in the space is changed.

 Gil Admin (gbrunning)



## Email Notifications

You can 'watch' a page, blog post or space. Confluence will then send you a notification by email whenever anyone adds or updates content on that page or space. You'll receive immediate emails for important notifications (like mentions and new pages), but when lots of changes are being made at the same time, you'll only receive a single email with all the changes (within a short window, usually 10 minutes).

You can also subscribe to daily email reports and other notifications of various updates, as described below.

You'll only receive notifications for content that you have permission to view. Users that have been disabled by an administrator will not receive email notifications.

### Subscribing to email notifications

You can subscribe to be notified when:

- A blog post is added or changed in a space that you have permission to view.
- Someone you're following makes an update in a space that you have permission to view.
- Someone follows you.

You can also subscribe to these summary reports:

- A daily report of the 30 most popular updates to all spaces that you have permission to view.
- A daily or weekly report of recommended updates, in all spaces that you have permission to view.

### To edit your email notification settings:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Settings**
2. Click **Email** in the left-hand panel
3. Click **Edit**

Here's an explanation of all the email settings.

Setting	Description	Content
Autowatch	<b>Option:</b> Do you want Confluence to automatically add you as a watcher on each page or blog post that you add or update? If you are a watcher of a page or a post, you will receive notification of future changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pages and blog posts that you create, edit or comment on.</li></ul>

#### On this page:

- [Subscribing to email notifications](#)
- [Notes for administrators](#)


#### Related pages:

- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Subscribe to RSS Feeds within Confluence](#)
- [Your profile and settings](#)
- [Edit Your User Settings](#)

<b>Subscribe to daily updates</b>	<p>Receive daily email reports showing changes to content in all spaces that you have permission to view.</p> <p><i>Note: Daily email reports do not include information about attachments on a page or blog post that are added, edited or deleted. Up to 30 updates will be included, sorted by popularity.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages and blog posts that are added, edited or deleted.</li> <li>• Comments on a page or blog post that are added, edited or deleted.</li> <li>• Updates by users who have <a href="#">changed their personal profile</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Subscribe to all blog posts</b>	<p>Receive email notifications for changes to blogs in your Confluence installation that you have permission to view.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blog posts added, edited or deleted.</li> </ul>
<b>Subscribe to network</b>	<p>Receive email notifications for changes to content by all users that you are <a href="#">following</a>, which you have permission to view.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages being added, edited or deleted.</li> <li>• Blog posts being added, edited or deleted.</li> <li>• Comments being added, edited or deleted.</li> </ul>
<b>Subscribe to new follower notifications</b>	<p>Receive an email message when anyone chooses to follow you.</p>	
<b>Notify on my actions</b>	<p><b>Option:</b> Do you want to receive email notifications for your own changes?</p> <p><i>Note: If you have not subscribed to any email notifications and are not watching any pages/spaces, then selecting 'Notify on my actions' will not do anything.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All pages and spaces that you are watching.</li> <li>• This affects all subscriptions set.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Show changed content</b></p>	<p><b>Option:</b> Do you want your notifications to include details of the changes made to the content?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you do not select this option, your notifications will include only the title of the page, and any comment the author made when updating the page.</li> <li>If you do select this option, your notifications will show the differences between the current and previous versions of the page. See <a href="#">Page History and Page Comparison Views</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edits to pages and blog posts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subscribe to recommended updates</b></p>	<p>Receive a daily or weekly email message showing the top content that is relevant to you from spaces that you have permission to view.</p> <p>How do you set the frequency of the mail message? A link in the email message allows you to choose daily or weekly notifications.</p> <p>How do you enable and disable the notification? You can turn off the notification by clicking a link in the email message. You can also turn the notification on or off by setting the 'Subscribe to recommended updates' option in your user profile.</p>	<p>Confluence chooses the content to display, based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pages and blog posts that people have recently <a href="#">liked</a>.</li> <li>Pages and blog posts that people have recently commented on.</li> <li>Pages and blog posts that have recently been created.</li> </ul> <p>'Recent' means any activity that occurred since the last recommended updates message was sent to you.</p> <p>The activities are listed in order of popularity, with the most popular at the top. Likes, comments and content creations are scored equally. Activity that involves people in your <a href="#">network</a> ranks higher than activity not involving your network. Content from My spaces also ranks higher than content in other spaces. The recommended updates summary does not include any content that you created yourself, and it gives a lower ranking to content that you have participated in, for example by adding a comment or updating the page.</p> <p>If there is no activity to report, Confluence will not send the email message.</p>

### Notes for administrators

- To enable Confluence to send email notifications, a System Administrator must configure an email server. See [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#).
- System Administrators can change the batching window for changes and comments on the same page or blog post in the **Send batched notifications scheduled job**. Increase the time for fewer emails or reduce the time if more immediate notifications are essential in your site.
- Confluence Administrators can set the default options for the recommended updates notification. Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration. Click **Recommended Updates Email** in the left-hand panel. See [Configuring the Recommended Updates Email Notification](#).

## Subscribe to RSS Feeds within Confluence

An RSS feed is a format for delivering summaries of regularly changing web content. Subscribing to an RSS feed allows you to stay informed of the latest content from sites that you are interested in.

RSS is not designed to be read in a regular web browser. Specialized RSS newsreader programs can check RSS files every so often, and tell you what's new on a site. Your reader may be on a website, an add-on to your browser, part of your email program, or a stand-alone program.

Confluence generates its own RSS feeds for tracking updates to content within Confluence. You will need an RSS reader which can grab the RSS feeds from Confluence and display them for you.


Confluence's [RSS macro](#) allows you to display the contents of an RSS feed on a Confluence page. The feeds may come from a Confluence feed generator or from external sites. In this way, Confluence can act as an RSS reader.

### Confluence RSS feeds

RSS feeds allow you to track updates to content within Confluence. You will need an RSS newsreader to read a feed.

You can create a customized RSS feed using the RSS Feed Builder or subscribe to one of the pre-specified feeds generated by Confluence.

#### What would you like to do?

- [Create and subscribe to customized RSS feeds using the RSS Feed Builder](#) – Create a customized RSS feed. For example, you can filter your feed using a label, specify the number of items and days to include in your feed, and so on.
- [Subscribe to pre-specified RSS feeds](#)  
 – Generate an RSS feed automatically in a minimal number of steps.
- [Subscribe to a feed of any Confluence user's network](#) – Track the activities of users the selected person is following.

### Remove an RSS feed

There is no need to try to delete or remove an RSS feed built by the Confluence [RSS feed builder](#).

Explanation: The feeds generated by the RSS Feed Builder are dynamically generated via the parameters included in the feed URL (address). For example, take a look at the following feed URL:

```
http://confluence.atlassian.com/createrssfeed.action?types=page&sort=modified&showContent=true...
```

The above feed URL will generate a list of pages ('types=page'), sorted by the modification date and showing the page content. The feed is generated at the time when the URL is fetched and there is no RSS feed information stored on the database. For that reason, there is no need to remove anything.

### Subscribe to pre-specified RSS feeds

This page tells you how to get hold of an RSS feed which Confluence has predefined for you.

**To subscribe to predefined RSS feeds for a particular space:**

#### On this page:

- [Confluence RSS feeds](#)
- [Remove an RSS feed](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [RSS Feed Macro](#)


1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **RSS Feeds**
3. Copy and paste the link for one of the feeds into your RSS newsreader

Feeds include:

- Pages
- Blog
- Mail
- Comments
- Attachments
- All content

#### To subscribe to predefined RSS feeds for a particular page (where available):

Note that the word 'page' here means a part of the Confluence user interface, rather than a page that contains Confluence content. For example, your [Network](#) view offers an RSS feed.

1. Go to the page
2. Locate the following icon, which is available in the top-right corner of certain pages:  

3. Copy and paste the icon's link into your RSS newsreader

#### Notes

The predefined RSS feed will return no more than 10 entries within the last 5 days, if you want to customize your Confluence RSS feed (for example, use a label to filter your feed), use the [RSS Feed builder](#) instead of the above instructions.

### The RSS Feed Builder


Using the RSS feed builder, you can create customized RSS feeds to subscribe to changes within Confluence.

Wondering what an RSS feed is? See [more information about RSS Feeds](#).

#### Build an RSS feed

Follow the steps below to build your feed, choosing the type of content and the time period you want to monitor.

#### To create a customized RSS feed:

1. Choose the help icon  
  
at top right of the screen, then choose **Feed Builder**
2. Select the content types you want in your feed  
  
Check **Mail** if you want to know when the email archive is updated. (See the [overview of mail archives in Confluence](#).)
3. Select one or more spaces from the list
4. Click **Advanced Options** to set the following:

Option	Description
<b>Feed Name</b>	The default name is based on the name of your Confluence installation. For example, 'Extranet RSS Feed'.

#### Related pages:

- [The RSS Feed Builder](#)
- [RSS Feed Macro](#)
- [Network Overview](#)

#### On this page:

- [Build an RSS feed](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Subscribe to RSS Feeds within Confluence](#)

<b>With these labels</b>	Enter one or more labels separated by spaces or commas. Confluence returns all content (of the selected types) that matches one or more of the labels. See the <a href="#">hint below</a> about using labels to customize your feeds.
<b>Exclude these spaces</b>	Exclude specific spaces from those already selected.
<b>Sorted by</b>	Sort content by either the date or creation or the date they were last updated.
<b>Limit to</b>	Specify the number of items returned in your feed.
<b>Within the last</b>	Specify how old items returned can be.
<b>Include content for pages</b>	Specify whether the entire page is displayed in the feed.

5. Choose **Create RSS Feed**
6. Drag or copy the link into your RSS reader

## Hints

- **Separate feeds.** Try building separate feeds, one for pages only and one that includes comments as well. This allows you to monitor only pages if you are short of time, and to read the comments when you have more time.
- **Labels to customize your feed.** You can use the RSS feed builder to track updates to labeled pages and comments on those pages. Here is an idea for customizing your RSS feed by using your own personal label(s). This is useful if you want to track updates to specific pages or blog posts, and you do not want to deal with emails. You can use this method as an alternative to watching pages.
  - Build an RSS feed that returns pages, blog posts and comments labeled with a personal label, such as 'my:feed'.
  - Each time you want to 'watch' a page, just label it with 'my:feed'.
  - All updates and comments will automatically come through your RSS feed.

## Notes

- **Removing an RSS feed:**

There is no need to try to delete or remove an RSS feed built by the Confluence [RSS feed builder](#).

Explanation: The feeds generated by the RSS Feed Builder are dynamically generated via the parameters included in the feed URL (address). For example, take a look at the following feed URL:

```
http://confluence.atlassian.com/createrssfeed.action?types=page&
sort=modified&showContent=true...
```

The above feed URL will generate a list of pages ('types=page'), sorted by the modification date and showing the page content. The feed is generated at the time when the URL is fetched and there is no RSS feed information stored on the database. For that reason, there is no need to remove anything.

- **Feed authentication options:** Confluence can offer you the option of an anonymous feed or a feed that requires authentication.
  - An **anonymous** feed will show only the content that is visible to anonymous users. The feed URL does not contain the `&os_authType` parameter mentioned below. This feed is useful only if your Confluence site allows anonymous access. If a feed is anonymous, you only get anonymously-viewable content in the feed regardless of whether you are a Confluence user or not.
  - An **authenticated** feed requires you to log in to Confluence before you can retrieve the content. The feed URL contains the following parameter: `&os_authType=basic`.
  - The option to choose between an anonymous and an authenticated feed is currently not available on the feed builder screen. The feed builder offers only **authenticated** feeds. See [CO NF-21601](#) for details and a workaround.


## Subscribe to a Network RSS Feed

You can create an RSS Feed from any user's [network](#) view, allowing you to receive summaries on the activities of users they are following in their network. The types of activities tracked in these RSS feed summaries include:

- Additions or edits to [pages](#) or [blog posts](#)
- [Comments](#) added to a page or blog post or edits to existing comments
- Updates to a user's [profile](#)

### Subscribe to a user's network feed

#### To subscribe to a user's network RSS feed:

1. Locate the RSS icon  

, which is available from the top-right of:
  - The 'Recent activity of the users you are following' section of your network page, or
  - The 'Activity of followed users' section of another user's network page.
2. Copy and paste the icon's link into your RSS newsreader

#### On this page:

- [Subscribe to a user's network feed](#)
- [Customize your network RSS feed](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Network Overview](#)
- [Subscribe to RSS Feeds within Confluence](#)
- [Your profile and settings](#)

### Customize your network RSS feed

Confluence does not provide a way of customizing a network RSS feed via the user interface. However, you can modify the maximum number of results and type of content displayed in these feeds by directly editing the RSS feed link in your RSS newsreader.

#### To modify the maximum number of results displayed in your RSS feed:

1. Edit the RSS feed link in your RSS newsreader.
2. Change the value of the `max` parameter from its default value of 40 to a value of your choice.  
 Example:  
`http://confluence.atlassian.com/feeds/network.action?username=MYNAME&max=60&publicFeed=false&os_authType=basic&rssType=atom`
3. Save the modified link in your RSS newsreader.

#### To modify the type of content displayed in your RSS feed:

1. Edit the RSS feed link in your RSS newsreader.
2. Append the parameter `contentType` to the end of the link, followed by an equals sign (=) and then add the appropriate content type value of your choice:
  - `PAGE` — restricts the RSS feed to page additions or updates.
  - `BLOG` — restricts the RSS feed to blog post additions or updates.
  - `ATTACHMENT` — restricts the RSS feed to attachment additions or updates.
  - `COMMENT` — restricts the RSS feed to comment additions or updates.



Content type values are case-sensitive. Ensure that each parameter is separated from the other by an ampersand (&).

Example:

```
http://confluence.atlassian.com/feeds/network.action?username=ggaskell&max=40&publicFeed=false&os_authType=basic&rssType=atom&contentType=BLOG
```

3. Save the modified link in your RSS newsreader.

### Notes

It is not possible to filter for more than one type of content by adding multiple values to the `contentType` parameter.

## Workbox Notifications

The Confluence workbox



displays all notifications collected from Confluence page watches, shares, mentions, and tasks. From your workbox you can reply to comments, like a comment or page, watch a page, or open the relevant page or blog post.

If your Confluence site is linked to a [JIRA](#) application such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk, you'll also see notifications from your JIRA application in the workbox.

Looking to manage your notification email messages instead? See [Email Notifications](#).

### On this page:

- [Manage your notifications](#)
- [Which notifications are included?](#)
- [Keyboard shortcuts](#)
- [Manage notifications with Confluence mobile](#)
- [Notes](#)

### Related pages:

- [Configuring Workbox Notifications](#)
- [Email Notifications](#)
- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [Likes and Popular Content](#)

## Manage your notifications

1. Choose the workbox icon

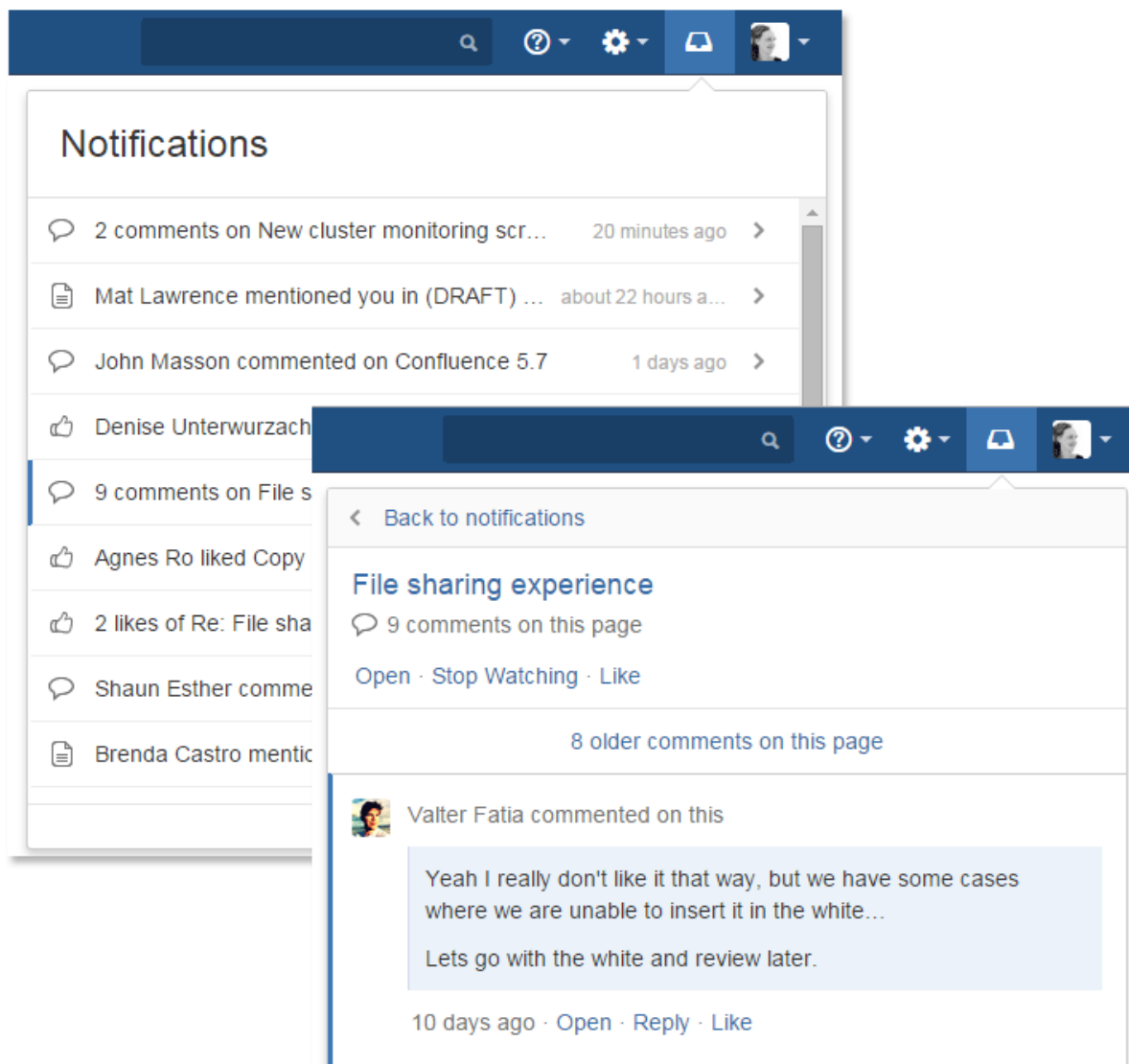


in the header.

- A number will appear the workbox icon, to indicate the number of unread notifications waiting for your attention.
  - You can use the keyboard shortcut: Type **g** then **n**. (When in the Confluence editor, click outside the editor before pressing the keyboard shortcut keys.)
2. Choose a notification from the list, to see the notification details. You can then:
    - **Open** the related page, blog post, or comment.
    - **Like** or **Unlike** the page, blog post, or comment.
    - **Watch** or **Stop Watching** to receive notifications, or stop receiving notifications, about a page or blog post.
    - **Reply** a comment, without leaving the workbox.

*Screenshot: Your Confluence notifications in the workbox*





### Which notifications are included?

The workbox displays a notification when someone does one of the following in Confluence:

- [Shares](#) a page or blog post with you.
- [Mentions](#) you in a page, blog post, comment or task.
- Comments on a page or blog post that you are [watching](#).
- [Likes](#) a page or blog post that you are watching.

The workbox does **not** show notifications triggered because you are watching a space. Only watches on pages and blog posts are relevant here.

The notification in your workbox appears as 'read' if you have already viewed the page or blog post.

If your Confluence site is linked to a JIRA application, you will also see the following JIRA notifications in your workbox:

- Comments on issues that you are watching.
- Mentions.
- Shares of issues, filters and searches.

### Keyboard shortcuts


Shortcut	Action
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g then n	Open the Confluence workbox.
j	Move down to the next entry in the notification list.
k	Move up to the previous entry in the notification list.
n	Move down to the next notification for a particular page or blog post.
p	Move up to the previous notification for a particular page or blog post.
Enter	Open the selected notification.
u	Return to the notification list after opening a particular notification.

### Manage notifications with Confluence mobile

You can also view and respond to notifications on your phone or other mobile device. See [Confluence Mobile](#) for more about mobile platforms.

### Notes

- Read notifications are automatically deleted after 2 weeks.
- Unread notifications are automatically deleted after 4 weeks.
- You cannot delete your notifications yourself.
- If a new notification arrives while you have workbox open, the count appears on the workbox icon  but the notification is not added to the workbox. You need to close workbox and re-open it to see the new notification.
- The ability to receive notifications from JIRA or another Confluence site is available in **Confluence 4.3.3 and later**. To receive JIRA notifications, you need **JIRA 5.2 or later**.
- Administrators can enable and disable the workbox on your Confluence site. They can also connect a JIRA site or another Confluence site, so that notifications from those sites appear in your workbox too. See [Configuring Workbox Notifications](#).
- The Confluence workbox is provided by a set of plugins. To remove the personal notifications and tasks functionality from your site, you can disable the following plugins. See [Disabling or Enabling a Plugin](#) for instructions. Disabling these plugins will disable the entire workbox . It is not possible to disable only tasks or only notifications:
  - Workbox - Common Plugin
  - Workbox - Host Plugin
  - Workbox - Confluence Provider Plugin
- If you want to re-enable the plugins, do so in the following order: Common Plugin, Host Plugin, Confluence Provider Plugin.
- There is no option to disable the workbox for an individual user.

## Search

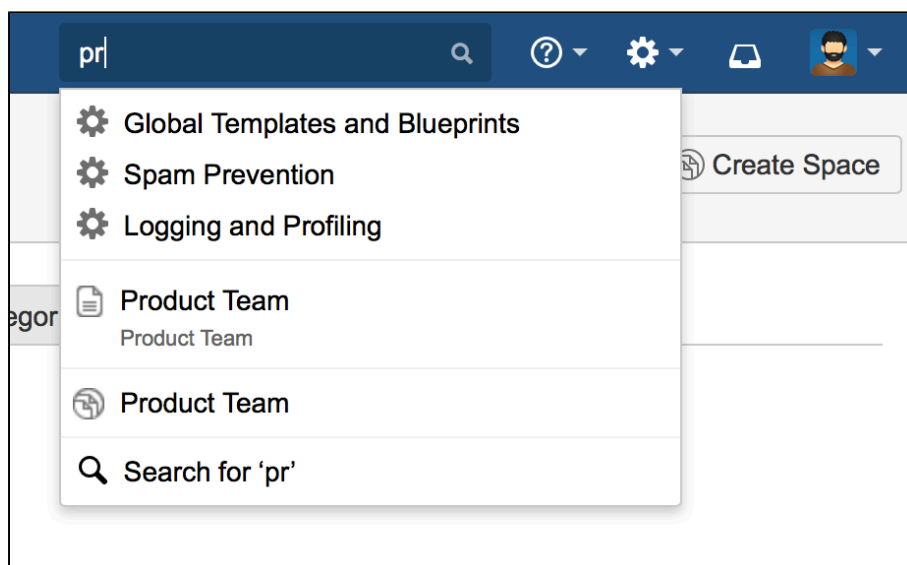
Confluence gives you a few ways to find what you're looking for. Here's an overview of Confluence search, and a few tips to help you find things more easily.

### Quick search

To perform a quick search in Confluence, choose the search field at the top-right of every page or type **/** on your keyboard to place your cursor in the search field. Type the name of a page, blog post, person, file/attachment, or space and choose from the list of options displayed.

If you don't immediately see what you need in the quick search, hit **Enter** or

choose the **Search for** option at the bottom of the search results to do a [full search](#).



#### On this page:

- [Quick search](#)
- [Full search](#)
- [Filter your search results](#)
- [Filter with CQL](#)
- [Advanced search](#)
- [Search Confluence from your browser's search field](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Confluence Search Syntax](#)
- [Confluence Search Fields](#)
- [Recently Viewed Pages and Blog Posts](#)
- [Search Results Macro](#)
- [Livesearch Macro](#)
- [Search the People Directory](#)

You can also search for administrative options in the quick search. For example, type 'general' into the search field to go to the General Configuration screen.

More information about quick navigation:

- Matching items are grouped by type so that you can quickly find the type you want. Confluence shows a maximum of 3 administrative items, 6 pages and/or blog posts, 2 attachments, 3 people and 2 spaces
- Items are ordered with the most recently updated first
- Permissions determine the admin options that appear in the search results. You'll only see the options you have permission to perform.

## Full search

The full search allows you to search all content in all spaces (site and personal), mail, personal profiles, attachments and space descriptions, or filter the results to show only what you're after.

The search will also look at the content of the following types of attachments:

- Word
- Text
- PowerPoint
- Excel
- PDF
- HTML

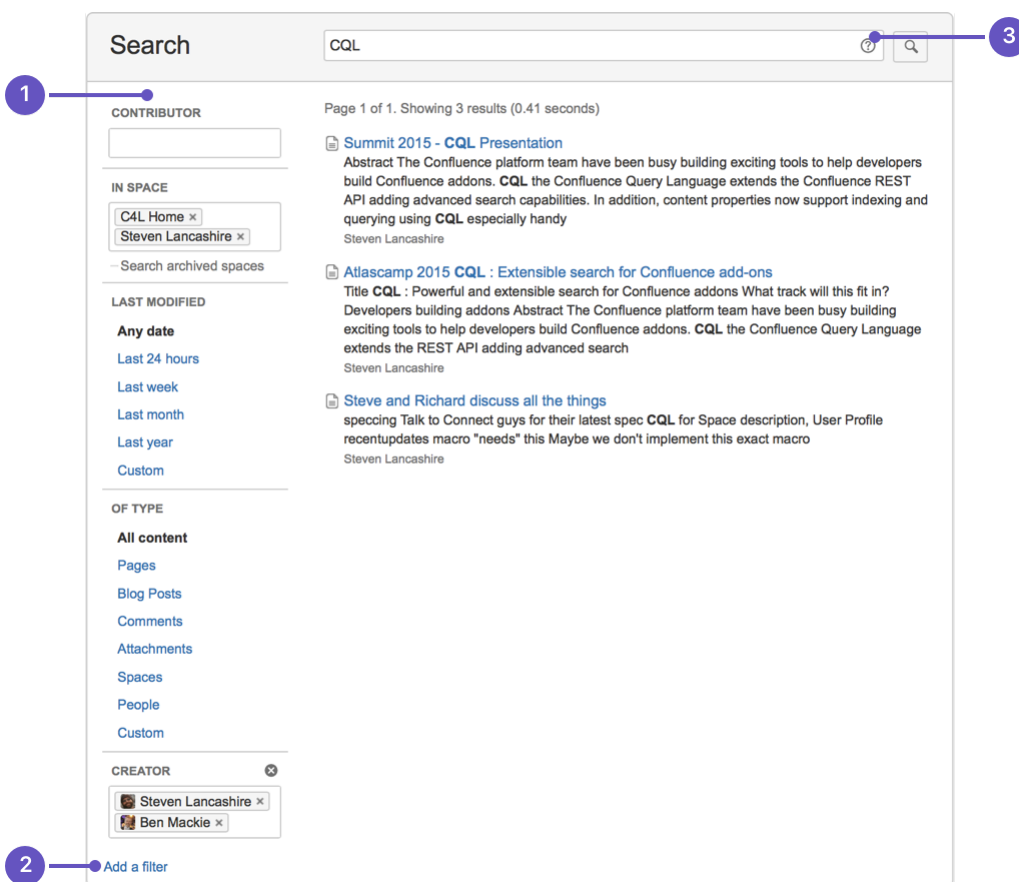
To search the content of other attachment types, you will need to use an attachment content extractor plugin. For more information, take a look at the following:

- Existing extractor plugins which you can install on your Confluence site. See this [search on Atlassian Marketplace](#).
- Guidelines on developing your own attachment content extractor plugin. See our [developer documentation on extractor plugins](#).

### To use the full search:

1. Type your query into the search field at the top-right corner of every screen (or at the top of the Search screen)
2. Hit the **Enter** key

*Screenshot: Search results page*



1. **Search filters:** narrow your search by using and adding filters.
2. **CQL filters:** add CQL filters for even more precise search.
3. **Search help:** get tips effective searching and advanced search methods.

**!** We recommend you don't use special characters in page or attachment names, as the page or attachment may not be found by Confluence search, and may cause some Confluence functions to behave unexpectedly.

## Filter your search results

On the left of the search results page are options that allow you to filter the search results.

You'll can filter using the following fields:

- **Contributor** – Restrict your search to content that's been modified (created, edited, or commented on) by a particular person. Start typing the person's username or part of their name and Confluence will offer you a list of possible matches.

You need to enter at least two letters. For example, if you enter just 'john s', the filter will look for users called 'john' and will ignore the 's'.

- **In space** – Only search in a particular space or list of spaces. There are also preset groups of spaces – favorite (my spaces), site, and personal spaces – which you can choose from the list of suggested spaces. Tick the checkbox to include [archived spaces](#) if you need to.
- **Last modified** – Choose or enter a date range to only show content updated within a particular period of time.
- **Of type** – Only return content of a certain type, like pages, blog posts, or comments.

## Filter with CQL

Confluence search supports adding CQL filters to refine your results.

### ▼ What's CQL, and how do I use it?

CQL (Confluence Query Language) is a query language developed for Confluence, which you can use in some macros and the Confluence search. Confluence search and CQL-powered macros allow you to add filters to build up a search query, adding as many filters as you need to narrow down the search results.

Use the **Add a filter** link to add more filters to your query.

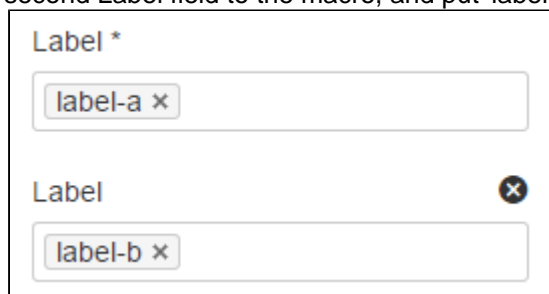
### ▼ Use AND, OR, and NOT operators

- For an OR search, specify multiple values in the same field. So to show pages with 'label-a', 'label-b' or both you'd put 'label-a' and 'label-b' in the same Label field, like this:



The screenshot shows a search filter labeled 'Label \*'. Below the label is a single input field containing two values: 'label-a' and 'label-b', each followed by a small 'x' icon to indicate it can be removed. This represents an OR search where both labels are included in the same filter.

- For an AND search, add more than one filter and specify a single value in each. To show only pages with label-a and label-b you'd put 'label-a' in one label field, then add a second Label field to the macro, and put 'label-b' in the second one, like this:



The screenshot shows two separate search filters. The first filter is labeled 'Label \*' and contains the value 'label-a'. The second filter is labeled 'Label' and contains the value 'label-b'. A small 'x' icon is visible next to the second filter's label, indicating it can be removed. This represents an AND search where both filters must be satisfied.

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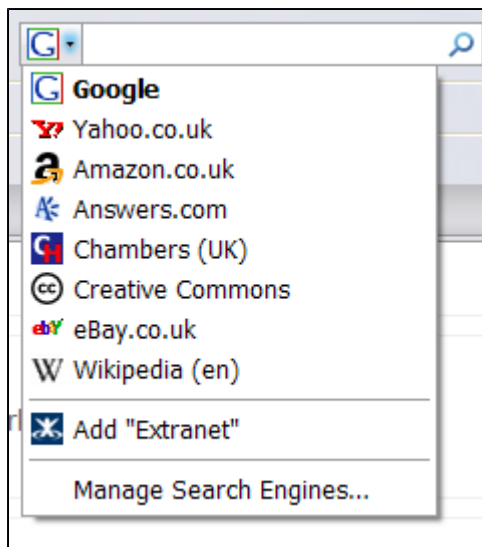
## Advanced search

Still need more ways to search? For more advanced search syntax, check out [Confluence Search Syntax](#) for more ways to refine the text you enter in the search field. You can also read [Confluence Search Fields](#) for special parameters you can use to search various types of content metadata.

## Search Confluence from your browser's search field

If you're using Firefox or Internet Explorer, you can add your Confluence site as a search provider using the dropdown menu next to the browser's search field.

The example below shows the 'Extranet' Confluence site offered for inclusion as a search engine in the browser's search field.



Information about OpenSearch:

- Confluence supports the autodiscovery part of the [OpenSearch](#) standard, by supplying an [OpenSearch description document](#). This is an XML file that describes the web interface provided by Confluence's search function.
- Any [client applications](#) that support OpenSearch will be able to add Confluence to their list of search engines.
- Your [Confluence Administrator](#) can enable or disable the Open Search feature using the Confluence Administration Console.

## Confluence Search Syntax

This page describes the special words and punctuation marks you can use to refine your search.

### Matched phrase search

Use double quotes to search for content that contains the phrase 'cheese one', or a phrase where 'cheese' and 'one' are the major words:

"cheese one"

**Note:** Confluence will ignore common words ([stop words](#)), including 'and', 'the', 'or', and more, even if they are included within double quotes. See the default list of stop words used by Confluence's search engine, Lucene, in the [Lucene documentation](#).

For example:

1. Searching for "cheese one" returns only pages in which 'one' appears as the first word after 'cheese'.
2. Searching for "the one" returns all pages containing 'one' because 'the' is a stop word.

If you'd like to override Lucene's tokenization and stemming, cast your vote on this improvement request:

**CONFSERVER-14910** - Provide ability to override Lucene tokenisation and stemming and search for exact text [OPEN](#)

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## OR search

To search for content that contains one of the terms, 'chalk' or 'cheese', use the operator OR in capital letters :

```
chalk OR cheese
```

## AND search

To search for content that contains both the terms 'chalk' and 'cheese', use the operator AND in capital letters:

```
chalk AND cheese
```



## NOT search

To search for content that contains 'chalk' but NOT 'cheese', use the operator NOT in capital letters:

```
chalk NOT cheese
```

## Excluded term search

To search for content that contains 'chalk' and 'butter' but not 'cheese':

```
chalk butter -cheese
```

## Group search terms

To search for content that must contain 'chalk' but can contain either 'cheese' or 'butter', use brackets to group the search terms:

```
(cheese OR butter) AND chalk
```

## Title search

To search for pages and posts with certain words in the title, use the **Add a filter** option at the bottom left of the page and choose **With title**. Enter the words you're looking for, in any order, and hit enter.

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## Date range search

To search for content modified within a certain date range, pick a timeframe in the **Last modified** section on the left. If you're looking for something created within a particular date range, use the **Add a filter** option at the bottom left of the page and choose **Created**. For either option, you can pick from some predefined options, like last 24 hours and last week.

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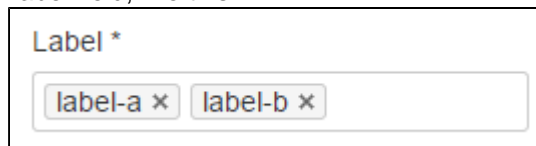
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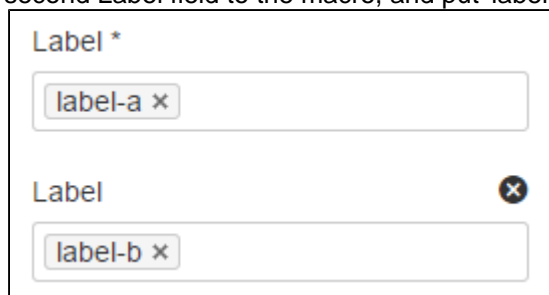
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## Wildcard searches

You can use one or more wildcard characters in your search. For example, you could search for `http*.atlassian.*` to find <https://www.atlassian.com> or <http://www.atlassian.jp>.

### Leading wildcards

Lucene doesn't allow wildcards at the beginning of your search, but you can format your search as a regular expression as a workaround. For example, you can't search for `*hum*` or `?hum*`, as they begin with a wildcard, but you can search for `/.*hum.*/` and find things like `hum`, `human`, and `inhumane`.

Wildcards can either replace a single character in your search, or multiple characters.

### Single character

To replace a single character in your search, use a question mark (?) as a wildcard. For example, to search for 'butter', 'bitter', 'better', or 'batter'.

```
b?tter
```

### Multiple characters

To replace multiple characters in your search, use an asterisk (\*) as a wildcard. For example, to search for 'chicken' or 'chickpea':

```
chick*
```

## Multiple wildcards

Use multiple wildcards in your search. The following query will search find 'chick', 'coconut', or 'chickpea':

```
c*c*
```

You can also combine wildcard characters in one search. For example, the search term below will return

'chick' but not 'chickpea':

```
c*c?
```

Note: Confluence doesn't support leading wildcards. This means searching for `*heese` will not return cheese.

### Proximity searches

Use a tilde character followed by a number, to find two words within a certain number of words of each other.

For example, the following search will return 'Octagon blog post', but not 'Octagon team blog post':

```
"octagon post"~1
```

The following search isn't valid, because you can't search for two words within zero words of each other. If you think the words are next to each other, use the [matched phrase search](#).

```
"octagon post"~0
```

### Range search

Use the operator 'TO', in capital letters, to search for names that fall alphabetically within a specified range:

```
[adam TO ben]
```

**Note:** You can't use the AND keyword inside this statement.

### Fuzzy search

Use a tilde (~) character to find words spelled similarly.

If you want to search for octagon, but you're not sure how it's been spelt, type the word followed by a tilde:

```
octogan~
```

### Combined search

You can also combine various search terms together:

```
o?tag* AND past~ AND ("blog" AND "post")
```

### Searching for macros

You can search Confluence content to find where a macro is used. Start your search string with `macroName` : and type the macro name after the colon. For example, to search for all excerpt-include macros:

```
macroName:excerpt-include*
```

For more information about `macroName` and other search fields, see [Confluence Search Fields](#).

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## Confluence Search Fields

This page gives an overview of the [Apache Lucene](#) search fields used in Confluence.

### Filter with CQL

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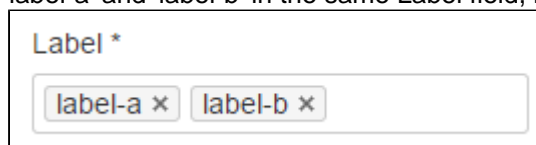
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### Searching for content in specific fields

Confluence data is stored in fields which can be specified in the search. To search a specific field, type the name of the field followed by a colon ':' and then the term you are looking for.

Preliminary examples:

```
title:"Some Title"
```

```
labelText:chalk
```

The field specification applies only to the term directly preceding the colon. For example, the query below will look for "Some" in the title field and will search for "Heading" in the default fields.

```
title:Some Heading
```

### Confluence search fields

Below are the fields which can be searched, listed by content type.

#### Personal Information

Name	Indexed	Stored	Tokenized	Notes
handle	true	true	false	
type	true	true	false	
urlPath	true	true	false	
fullName	true	true	true	
title	true	true	false	
labelText	true	true	true	

<b>modified</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>created</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>contentBody</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	

*Pages*

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<b>title</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
<b>spacekey</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
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<b>contentBody</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
<b>macroName</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	The name of a macro used on the page

*Blog*

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<b>handle</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>type</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>urlPath</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
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<b>contentBody</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
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*Attachments*

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<b>type</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>urlPath</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>filename</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	

<b>title</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>comment</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
<b>spacekey</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>modified</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>created</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>contentBody</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	

*Mail items*

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<b>type</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>urlPath</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>title</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
<b>spacekey</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>messageid</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>inreplyto</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>recipients</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
<b>labelText</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	
<b>modified</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>created</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	
<b>contentBody</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>true</b>	

**Useful plugins**

Before installing an add-on (also called a plugin) into your Confluence site, please check the add-on's information page to see whether it is supported by Atlassian, by another vendor, or not at all. See our guidelines on [add-on support](#).

This plugin extends the Confluence search, so that you can search for macro parameter names and values: the [Confluence Macro Indexer plugin](#).

**Notes**

To find out the version of Lucene Confluence is using go to `<installation directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` and locate the Lucene jar files. The Lucene version number will be part of the filename.

**Search the People Directory**

The people directory displays a list of people who are authorized to log in to your Confluence site.

The people directory includes anybody who has logged into Confluence or who has had a user account created for them in Confluence.

The people directory does not include users who can log into Confluence using [external user management](#) if they have never yet logged in.

### View the people directory

Choose **People** at the top of the screen.

#### On this page:

- [View the people directory](#)
- [Search for people](#)
- [Follow people's activities](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Create a Personal Space](#)
- [Editing your User Profile](#)
- [Set Your Profile Picture](#)

### Search for people

To search for a particular person, type their first name and/or last name into the search box and choose **Search**.

- To see everyone who uses your Confluence site, choose **All People**.
- To see just those people who have set up a [personal space](#), choose **People with Personal Spaces**.

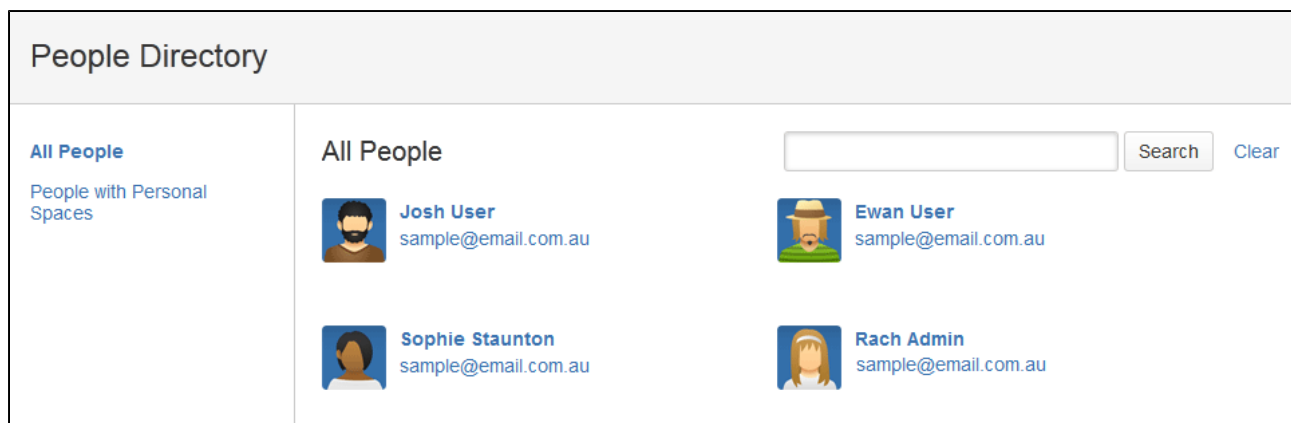
### Follow people's activities

Confluence's network features allow you to 'follow' (that is, keep track of) other people's activities in your Confluence site. For more information, please refer to [Network Overview](#). You can use the hover profile feature in the people directory to start following other people.

- To start following someone, move your mouse over their name or profile picture and choose **Follow** in their profile popup.
- To stop following someone, move your mouse over their name or profile picture and choose **Stop Following** in their profile popup.

Once you start following another person, their activities will start appearing in your [network view](#).

*Screenshot: The people directory*



### Notes

- The [people directory](#) uses the hCard microformat for simple integration with a variety of microformat-enabled tools. hCard is an open data format for representing people, companies, organizations, and places. Read more about [microformats](#) and [hCard](#).
- By default, deactivated users (disabled user accounts) are excluded from the people directory. You can include them by adding the `showDeactivatedUsers` parameter to the URL. For example:

```
http://my.confluence.com/dopeopledirectorysearch.action?showDeactivatedUsers=true
```

- By default, externally deleted users (for example, users deleted from an LDAP repository) are excluded from the people directory. You can include them by adding the `showExternallyDeletedUsers` parameter to the URL. For example:

```
http://my.confluence.com/dopeopledirectorysearch.action?showExternallyDeletedUsers=true
```

- The Confluence administrator can [hide the people directory](#). If it is hidden, you will not see the **People Directory** option.

## Recently Viewed Pages and Blog Posts

The **Recently Viewed** list in Confluence keeps track of pages and blog posts you've recently visited, and allows you to easily navigate back to them.

### To view your recently viewed content:

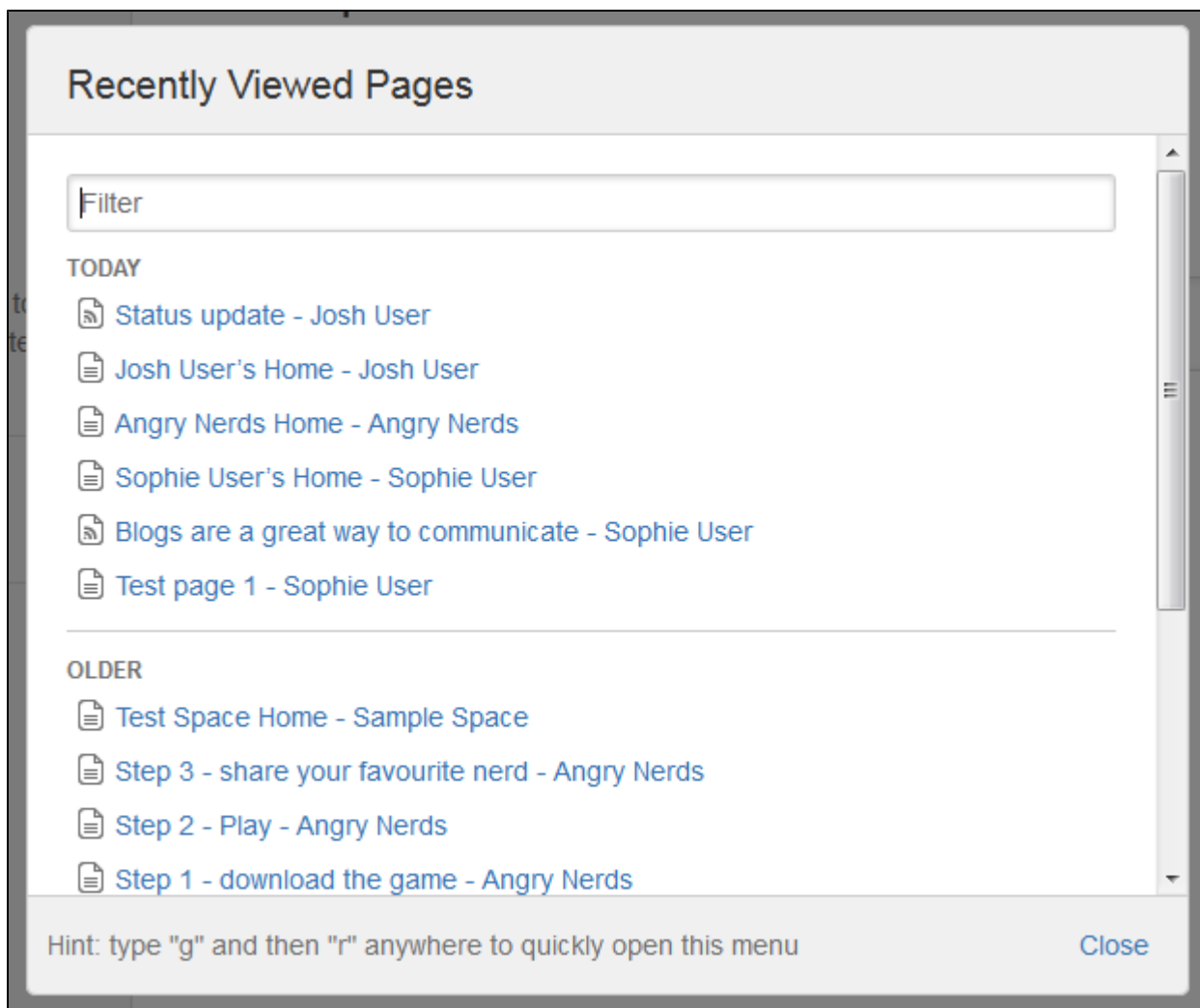
1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Recently Viewed**
2. Choose the title of the page you want to revisit

To filter the list, type part of a page title or user's name in the **Filter** field.

Your last ten recently viewed pages also appear when you click in Confluence's **Search** field before you start typing a search query.

### Related pages:

- [Create and Edit Pages](#)
- [Your profile and settings](#)



## Permissions and restrictions

As a tool for communication and collaboration, we believe Confluence is at its best when everyone can participate fully. Confluence keeps a history of all changes to pages and other content, so it's easy to see who has changed what, and reverse any changes if you need to.

Confluence does, however, give you the choice to make your site, spaces, and pages as open or closed as you want to.

### Levels of permission

There are three levels of permissions in Confluence: [Global permissions](#), [space permissions](#), and [page restrictions](#).

#### Global permissions

[Global permissions](#) are site-wide permissions, and can be assigned by either a [System](#) or [Confluence administrator](#).

These permissions are pretty broad, and don't really interact with space permissions or page restrictions.

#### On this page:

- [Levels of permission](#)
  - [Global permissions](#)
  - [Space permissions](#)
  - [Page restrictions](#)
- [How do permissions and restrictions interact?](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Confluence Groups](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)
- [Space Permissions Overview](#)
- [Page Restrictions](#)
- [Configuring Confluence Security](#)
- [Confluence Security Overview and Advisories](#)

For full details, check out the [overview of global permissions](#) in the *Administrator's Guide*.

### Space permissions

Every space has its [own independent set of permissions](#), managed by the space admin(s), which determine the access settings for different users and groups.

They can be used to [grant or revoke permission](#) to view, add, edit, and delete content within that space, and can be applied to groups, users, and even to anonymous users (users who aren't logged in) if need be.

One thing to watch out for is where a user is a member of multiple groups. You may have revoked permission for that individual user to add pages, for example, but if they're a member of a groups that *is* allowed to add pages, they'll still be able to create new pages in the space.

If you can't get the result you want from space permissions, or you're not sure, check with one of your Confluence administrators to determine what permissions you should apply to individuals and groups.

### Page restrictions

Page restrictions work a little differently to global and space permissions. Pages are open to viewing or editing by default, but you can [restrict either viewing or editing](#) to certain users or groups if you need to. Page restrictions can be applied to published or unpublished pages and blog posts (drafts).

Don't forget, every page in Confluence lives within a space, and space permissions allow the [space admin](#) to revoke permission to view content for the whole space. Even the ability to apply restrictions to pages is controlled by the 'restrict pages' space permission.

### How do permissions and restrictions interact?

You can restrict viewing of a page or blog post to certain users or groups, so that even if someone has the 'view' permission for the space, they won't be able to view the content of the page or blog post.

If someone's a space admin and you've used page restrictions to prevent them viewing a page, they won't be able to see the page when they navigate to it. As a space admin though, they can see a list of restricted pages in the space and remove the restrictions.

### What about links?

Space permissions and page restrictions affect how [links between Confluence pages](#) are displayed.

- If someone doesn't have 'View' space permission, links to pages in that space will be visible, but they'll get a "page not found" message. The space key is not revealed in the link URL.
- If someone has the "View" space permission, but the page has view restrictions, the link will be visible but they'll get an "access denied" message when they click the link.

[Links to attachments](#) are also affected. If the visitor doesn't have permission to view the page the attachment lives on, the link won't be rendered.

## Confluence Groups

For Confluence administrators, [grouping users in Confluence](#) is a great way to cut down the work required when managing permissions and restrictions. Groups are also very useful, however, to anyone who's a [space admin](#), or can apply page restrictions.

If you're a space admin, you can assign a set of [space permissions](#) to a group rather than to each individual user. And as a page creator with 'Add/Delete Restrictions' permission, you can also add and remove [page](#)

[restrictions](#) for groups.

## Default Confluence groups

There are some default groups in every Confluence instance but, beyond that, Confluence administrators are free to set up and edit groups in any way they see fit.

### On this page:

- [Default Confluence groups](#)
- [Anonymous Users](#)
- [Unlicensed users from linked applications](#)

### Related Pages:

- [Space Permissions Overview](#)
- [Assign Space Permissions](#)
- [Page Restrictions](#)
- [Confluence Groups for Administrators](#)

The two special groups in Confluence are:

- **confluence-administrators** – Can perform most of the Confluence administrative functions, like assign permissions to other users, but they can't perform any functions that could compromise the security of the Confluence system. They can also access the Confluence Admin console.
- **confluence-users** - this is the default group into which all new users are assigned. Permissions defined for this group will be assigned to all new Confluence users.

## Anonymous Users

All users who don't log in when they access Confluence are known as 'anonymous' users. By default, anonymous users don't have access to view or change any content in your Confluence instance, but Confluence admins can assign permissions to this group if it's required.

### Overlapping group and user permissions

When a user is assigned more than one permission, the more powerful permission will prevail.

Further explanation:

- A user may be assigned a permission specifically to their username. They may also be assigned a permission by belonging to a group, or even several groups.
- The user will then be able to perform all functions assigned to them.
- So if a user is allowed to do something over and above what the group can do, the user will be able to do it. And if the group is allowed to do something over and above the specific permissions granted to the user, the user will still be able to do it.
- If anonymous users are allowed to do something over and above what the user or group can do, the user will be able to do it, (even while logged in).



## Unlicensed users from linked applications

If you're using Confluence as a knowledge base for JIRA Service Desk, your JIRA Service Desk administrator can choose to allow all active users and customers (that is logged in users who do not have a Confluence license) to view specific spaces.

These users have very limited access, and cannot be granted permissions in the same way as an individual or group. However, it's important to note that this permission overrides all existing space permissions, so any logged in Confluence user will also be able to see the space (regardless of their group membership). This is due to the way Confluence inherits permissions.

## Add-ons and integrations

Confluence has a wide range of features on its own, but you can also extend those features with add-ons, and by integrating Confluence with other applications. Integrating with [JIRA](#) applications and [HipChat](#) can really take your Confluence experience to the next level by improving the way your teams communicate and collaborate, track vital work, and plan and release new products.

If there's an extra piece of functionality you need, the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) is the place to look for useful [Confluence add-ons](#) (or add-ons for other Atlassian products). Whether you need to create diagrams, like the ones you can create with [Gliffy](#), or you want to make awesome mockups and wireframes with [Balsamiq](#), there are heaps of great add-ons in the marketplace. You may even find a really useful add-on you never knew you needed, but now can't live without.

### In this section:

- [Use JIRA applications and Confluence together](#)
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## Use JIRA applications and Confluence together

Confluence and JIRA are like bacon and eggs; coffee and cake; Simon and Garfunkel. Separately, they're great, but together, they're amazing!

If your Confluence and JIRA sites are connected using [Application Links](#), you can display and create JIRA issues and more from within Confluence.

What you can do with Confluence and JIRA depends on the JIRA application and version you have. Find out about the [required applications and versions](#) later in this page.

### For every project or team

#### Display issues on a page

You can display JIRA issues on a Confluence page using the JIRA Issues macro. Display a single issue, a list of issues, or show the total number of issues.

The simplest way to add a JIRA issue to Confluence is to paste a JIRA URL on a Confluence page.

▼ [Here's some examples...](#)

### On this page:





- [For every project or team](#)
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  - [Create knowledge base articles](#)
  - [Allow any active user to see knowledge base spaces](#)
- [JIRA applications required](#)

- `<yourjirasite.com>/browse/CONF-1234` will insert the JIRA Issues macro and display a single issue.
- `<yourjirasite.com>/issues/?filter=56789` will insert the JIRA Issues macro and display a list of issues matching the saved filter.
- `<yourjirasite.com>/issues/?jql=project%20%3D%20CONF` will insert the JIRA Issues macro and display a list of issues matching the JIRA search.

Alternatively, you can add the [JIRA Issues Macro](#) to the page and search for issues directly:

1. In the editor choose **Insert > JIRA Issue**.
2. Follow the prompts in the macro browser to choose a project and search for an issue – you can even use [JIRA Query Language \(JQL\)](#).

Once you've added the macro, you can customize how the issue or list of issues appears on the page, including how much information to display, how many issues, [and more](#).

T	Key	Summary	Status
	CONF-26791	PDF Export Table Hidden by Margin	RESOLVED
	CONF-35848	Roadmap time period only showing months	RESOLVED
	CONF-25846	Automated row numbering in tables	RESOLVED
3 issues  Refresh			

### Create reports and charts

Reporting on information stored in JIRA is simple in Confluence. In addition to the JIRA Issues Macro, you can use the JIRA Report blueprint or JIRA Chart macro to show information from your JIRA application visually. It's the best way to give your stakeholders a snapshot of your team or project's progress.


You can:

- Use the [JIRA Report blueprint](#) to create a Change Log or Status report.
- Use the [JIRA Chart Macro](#) to display data as a chart, including pie charts, created vs resolved, and two dimensional charts.
- Use JIRA [Gadgets](#) to display detailed JIRA reports and charts on pages.

### Create issues from inside Confluence

You can create issues while viewing a page or from the within the editor. This is really useful if you use Confluence for planning and gathering requirements.

#### To create an issue when viewing a page:

1. Highlight some text on your page and choose the  **Create JIRA issue** icon that appears above the highlighted text.
2. Enter your **server** (if you have multiple JIRA sites connected to Confluence), **project**, **issue type** and **description**. Your highlighted text will populate the issue **summary** automatically.
3. Choose **Create**.

The issue will be created in JIRA and added to your page. If your text is in a table, you'll have the option to create multiple issues using text from the same column.

If you don't see a popup when you highlight text, check that [Text Select](#) is enabled in your profile settings.

#### To create an issue in the editor:

1. In the editor choose **Insert > JIRA Issue > Create new issue**.
2. Enter your **server** (if you have multiple JIRA sites connected to Confluence), **project**, **issue type**, **summary**, and **description**.
3. Choose **Insert**.

The issue will be created in JIRA and added to your page.

There are some limitations when creating JIRA issues from Confluence. The JIRA Issues macro or Create JIRA Issue dialog will notify you if it's unable to create an issue in the selected project. You can find out more in the [JIRA Issues Macro](#) page.

#### Move between JIRA and Confluence

Whenever you add a link to JIRA issues in Confluence, or link to a Confluence page from your JIRA application, the **JIRA Links** button appears at the top of the Confluence page. This makes it really easy to jump from Confluence to JIRA and vice versa, speeding up your workflow.

The number on the JIRA Links button indicates the total number of issues, epics, and sprints connected to that page, regardless of whether you have permission to view them. The dropdown, however, will only show details of issues, epics, and sprints that you have JIRA permissions to view.

The button doesn't detect links from issues displayed in the JIRA Issues macro in table format.

The screenshot shows a Confluence page titled "Mobile Web Requirements" created by Mitch Davis. A sidebar on the left contains metadata: Target release (1.0), Epic (MDT-18 - Mobile optimized web app), Document status (DRAFT), Document owner (@Mitch Davis), Designer (@Cassie Owens), Developers (@Harvey Jennings), and QA (@Kevin Campbell). Below this is a "Requirements" table with one row: Facebook Integration. A "JIRA links" button at the top right shows "6 JIRA links". A dropdown menu is open, listing "Epics" (MDT-18: Mobile optimized web app) and "Issues" (MDT-17: TO DO: Twitter Integration, MDT-16: TO DO: API, MDT-15: TO DO: Post Updates, MDT-14: TO DO: Activity Stream, MDT-13: TO DO: Facebook Integration).

#### For software teams

Here's some suggestions to help you get the most out of Confluence and JIRA Software and unleash the potential in your agile development team.

#### Define your requirements

Confluence is the perfect place to start defining your requirements. You can use the [Product Requirements Blueprint](#) to capture your requirements, then create your JIRA epic and other issues right from the requirements page in Confluence.

Here's how it works:

1. Create a Confluence page using the [Product Requirements Blueprint](#).
2. Choose the placeholder text 'Link to JIRA epic or feature' and choose **Create new issue** to create your epic in JIRA.

3. Collaborate with your team to define your stories and save the page.
4. Highlight text on your requirements page and choose the **Create JIRA issue**



link to create stories in JIRA, and automatically link them to your epic.

5. Track the progress of the stories from the Confluence page or from within JIRA.

The screenshot shows a 'Create Issue' modal window. At the top, it says 'Server: Atlassian J...'. Below that, there's a dropdown for 'Target' set to 'Angry Nerds' and another for 'Docu' set to 'Story'. The 'Summary' field contains 'Require no work' and the 'Description' field is empty. A checkbox labeled 'Link to epic' is checked, with a link icon and the text 'ANERDS-4575'. At the bottom are 'Create' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the background, a Confluence page titled 'Awesome new product requirements' is visible, showing a sidebar with 'Target', 'Epic', 'Docu', 'Desi', 'Deve', and 'QA' sections.

The tight integration between Confluence and JIRA Software means you can easily access issues from the Confluence page and see their status at a glance, and from within JIRA Software you can see links to related Confluence pages. All the information you need is right there.

### Manage your sprints

There's often a lot of material in Confluence that provides useful context for your team during a sprint. These might be requirements documents, designs, tech specs, customer research and more. By linking these pages to epics, you make them easy for your team to find during the sprint.

Here's how you can use Confluence to support your sprint from within JIRA Agile:

- In JIRA Software, create a Confluence page to plan your sprint. The page is created using the [Meeting Notes Blueprint](#) – a handy template that helps capture the details you need – and is automatically linked to the sprint.
- In an epic, link to useful Confluence pages, including requirements, designs, and more.
- Report on your progress to stakeholders using the [JIRA Report blueprint](#) in Confluence.
- Use the [Retrospective Blueprint](#) in Confluence at the end of your sprint to take stock of what went well and not so well.

For people who work mostly in JIRA Software, the integration means that useful Confluence pages are only a click away.

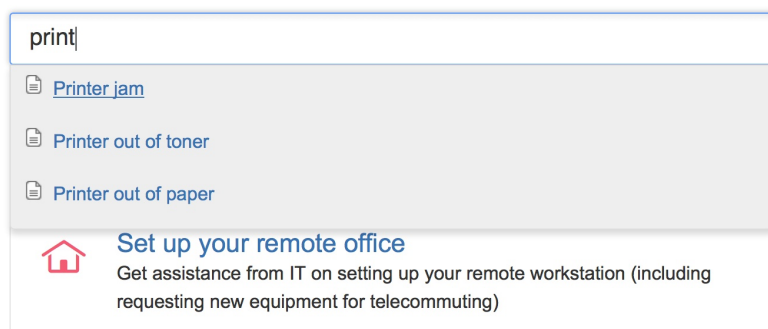
### For service desk teams

#### Provide self help resources for your customers

If you use JIRA Service Desk, you can help your customers resolve their issues without creating a request by connecting your Service Desk project to a knowledge base in Confluence.

In Service Desk, head to **Project settings > Knowledge base** to connect or create a Confluence space.

When Service Desk customers search in the Customer Portal, pages in the linked knowledge base space will be suggested, allowing customers to help themselves.



### Create knowledge base articles

The Knowledge Base space blueprint, along with templates for how-to and troubleshooting articles make creating new knowledge base articles super simple for your Service Desk agents.

The templates used in the how-to and troubleshooting blueprints are completely [customizable](#) too. Set up the template with all your standard information and let your agents take it from there.

### Allow any active user to see knowledge base spaces

If your Confluence instance is not public, you can still make a knowledge base space available via the customer portal.

When you link your JIRA Service Desk project to a Confluence space, you can choose to allow all active users and customers to see pages in the linked space, even if they don't have a Confluence license. These people get very limited Confluence access.

Unlicensed users can:

- View pages via the JIRA Service Desk customer portal.
- Follow a URL to a page and then navigate within the linked space.

Unlicensed users can't:

- Like, comment on or edit pages (or be granted permission to do this).
- See the dashboard, user profiles, the people directory or space directory.
- Search the whole site.

This permission can only be enabled via JIRA Service Desk, but you can revoke access to the whole site or to particular spaces via Confluence's global permissions or space permissions.

#### ▼ [A note about Confluence permissions...](#)

Allowing all active users and customers to view a space will override all existing space permissions, so any logged in, licensed Confluence user will also be able to see the space (regardless of their group membership). This is due to the way Confluence inherits permissions.

### JIRA applications required

As you've seen, Confluence has many integration points, some of which are only available in particular JIRA applications or versions.

This matrix outlines the specific JIRA applications you'll need for each feature. We've also included the minimum legacy JIRA Server version (plus any add-ons) that you'll need if you're not using the latest JIRA applications.

Feature	JIRA Core	JIRA Software	JIRA Service Desk	Minimum legacy version
Display issues using JIRA issues macro				JIRA 4.3
Display issue and project information using JIRA chart macro				JIRA 5.0

Display issue and project information using the JIRA Report blueprint	✓	✓	✓	JIRA 5.0
Create an issue from JIRA issues macro				JIRA 4.3
Create issues by highlighting text on a Confluence page				JIRA 6.3.1
Create issue by highlighting text on a Confluence page and automatically link issues to an epic				JIRA 6.3.1 and JIRA Agile 6.3.5
Link and create Confluence pages from epics and sprints				JIRA 6.3.1 and JIRA Agile 6.3.5
View linked issues with the JIRA links button in Confluence				JIRA 6.3.1
Create a space using the Software Project space blueprint				JIRA Software 7.0
Use a Confluence space as a knowledge base in the customer portal				JIRA 5.2 and JIRA Service Desk 1.0
Allow Service Desk customers to view knowledge base articles without a Confluence license				JIRA Service Desk 3.1
Search for an existing Confluence page within the JIRA link dialog				JIRA 4.3
Delegate user management to JIRA				JIRA 4.3
Add a JIRA gadget to a Confluence page				JIRA 4.3

That's it? Time to jump into Confluence and give some of these great features a try with your team or project. Want to find out more about how to connect your JIRA application to Confluence? Check out [Integrating JIRA and Confluence](#).

## Use HipChat and Confluence together

HipChat is a group messaging and video chat app for team communication.

Connect a Confluence space to a HipChat room to get instant updates about changes in the space, send realtime notifications to the room, and share what you've been working on with your team.

Don't have HipChat yet? [Sign up for free](#) and start chatting right away.

### Connect Confluence and HipChat

You'll need to be a site admin with global permissions for both Confluence and HipChat to set up the initial connection between Confluence and your HipChat group. Go to



> **General Configuration** > **HipChat Integration** and choose **Connect HipChat**.

### Connect spaces to rooms

#### On this page:

- [Connect Confluence and HipChat](#)
- [Connect spaces to rooms](#)
- [Send space notifications to HipChat](#)
- [Get Confluence in your HipChat sidebar](#)
- [Need to chat? See from Confluence if someone's online on HipChat](#)
- [Spice up your pages with HipChat emoticons](#)
- [Create HipChat rooms from Confluence](#)
- [Invite users to HipChat from Confluence](#)



If you're a space admin, connect your space to a HipChat room by going to **Space Tools > Integration > Hip Chat** and selecting which rooms you'd like to connect. A space can be connected to as many HipChat rooms as you like, and a HipChat room can be connected to multiple spaces.

### Send space notifications to HipChat

When choosing which rooms to connect, you can also choose which notifications you'd like to send to each room.

1. **Pick a room:** choose a HipChat room to send notifications to.
2. **Decide what to send:** select the type of notifications to send to the room.

Notifications appear in realtime, and clicking on them takes you straight to Confluence.

You can choose different notification settings for each space-room connection. A design team working on a specific project could choose to get updates from that project's space whenever a page is updated, so they can keep close track of its progress. From their team space, though, they might choose to be notified only when there's a new a blog post, so they're up to date on important team news but don't get interrupted by any other changes in that space.

Change the notification settings whenever you like by going to **Space Tools > Integration > HipChat**, and clicking on **Edit Notifications** next to the room name.

#### Permissions and restrictions

Want to keep something private? Don't worry, rooms are never notified about the creation or update of any content with view restrictions on it.

### Get Confluence in your HipChat sidebar

Find content you've viewed or worked on in Confluence in your HipChat sidebar, so you can easily resume, share or discuss work with your team. Once a space has been linked to a room, you can find this in your sidebar either under the space name or, if you have multiple spaces linked to your room, under the name of your instance.

Select the name of your space or instance, then follow the prompts to authenticate your account. This will let you open up a Confluence glance in your sidebar. Switch tabs to view either all **Updates** from the space linked to that room, or **My Work** from across Confluence.

The **My Work** tab lets you filter all the content from Confluence that you've been **Mentioned in**, **Recently**

**Worked on, Recently Visited** or **Saved for later**. Now, when you want to share an important piece of information with your team, ask them to review your work or collaborate with you, you can find and link them to relevant content directly from HipChat.

### Need to chat? See from Confluence if someone's online on HipChat

Got questions about something someone else has worked on? Once your Confluence instance is linked to your HipChat group, you can hover over a user mention or a byline in Confluence to see if the user is available in HipChat. Green for **available**, yellow for **away**, or red for **do not disturb**.



### Spice up your pages with HipChat emoticons

In the editor go to **Insert > Emoticons** to bring your pages to life with



emoticons. You can also type them right into the editor like this (success)



All HipChat's [default emoticons](#) can be found here, along with any custom ones people in your organization have added.



### Create HipChat rooms from Confluence

Setting up a new team or project? Create a new HipChat room at the same time, through Confluence. If you're a space admin, go to **Space Tools > Integration > HipChat** and instead of selecting an existing room in the dropdown, type in the name of the new room you want to create and hit **Add**.

### Invite users to HipChat from Confluence

If you're a global admin for both Confluence and HipChat, you can send users HipChat invites directly from Confluence. Go to



> **General Configuration > HipChat Integration > Invite users to HipChat.**

You'll need at least one space integrated with a room to see the **Invite users** link.

### Request Add-ons

The [Atlassian Marketplace](#) website offers hundreds of add-ons that the administrator of your Atlassian application can install to enhance and extend Confluence. If the add-on request feature is enabled for your Confluence instance, you can submit requests for add-ons from the Marketplace to your Confluence administrator.

The 'Atlassian Marketplace for Confluence' page provides an integrated view of the Atlassian Marketplace from within your Confluence instance. The page offers the same features as the Marketplace website, such as searching and category filtering, but tailors the browsing experience to Confluence.

This in-product view of the Marketplace gives day-to-day users of the Atlassian applications, not just

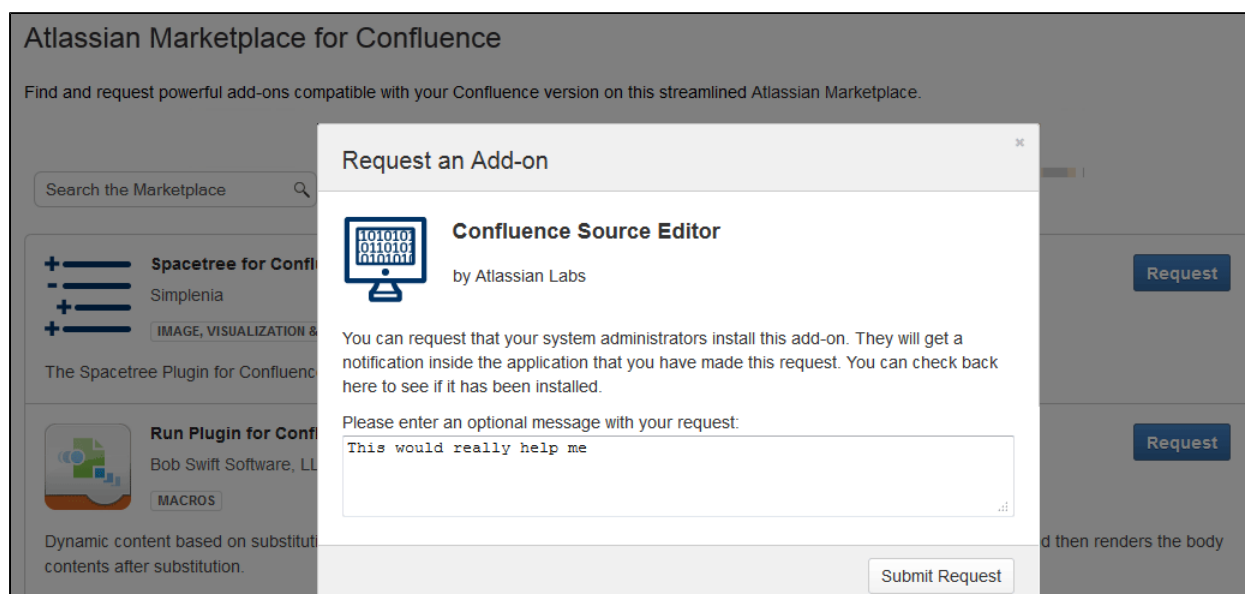


administrators, an easy way to discover the add-ons that can help them work. When you find an add-on of interest, you can submit a request with just a few clicks.

### Submit an add-on request

To browse for add-ons in the Atlassian Marketplace, follow these steps:

1. Choose **your profile picture** at top right of the screen, then choose **Atlassian Marketplace**.
2. In the Atlassian Marketplace page, use the search box to find add-ons or use the category menus to browse or filter by add-ons by type, popularity, price or other criteria. You can see what your fellow users have requested by choosing the **Most Requested** filter.
3. When you find an add-on that interests you, click **Request** to generate a request for your administrator.
4. Optionally, type a personal message to your administrators in the text box. This message is visible to administrators in the details view for the add-on.



5. When ready, click **Submit Request**.
6. Click **Close** to dismiss the 'Success!' message dialog box.

At this point, a notification appears in the interface your administrators use to administer add-ons. Also your request message will appear in the add-on details view, visible from the administrator's 'Find New Add-ons' page. From there, your administrator can purchase the add-on, try it out or dismiss requests.

### Update an add-on request

After submitting the request, you can update your message at any time. Click the **Update Request** button next to the listing in the Atlassian Marketplace page to modify the message to your administrator.

The administrator is not notified of the update. However, your updated message will appear as you have modified it in the details view for the add-on immediately.

### Use a WebDAV Client to Work with Pages

Create, move and delete pages and attachments in Confluence using a file manager like Finder (OS X), Explorer (Windows) or Dolphin (Linux) or other WebDAV compatible local client like CyberDuck.

For example, if you need to delete a lot of pages you can bulk delete them in your local file manager (like Finder or Explorer), rather than one by one in your browser.

Access to Confluence through a native client is provided by the WebDAV plugin. Your administrator may have disabled the WebDAV plugin, or may have restricted the actions that you can perform using a local client. See [Configuring a WebDAV client for Confluence](#) for more information on how to set it up.

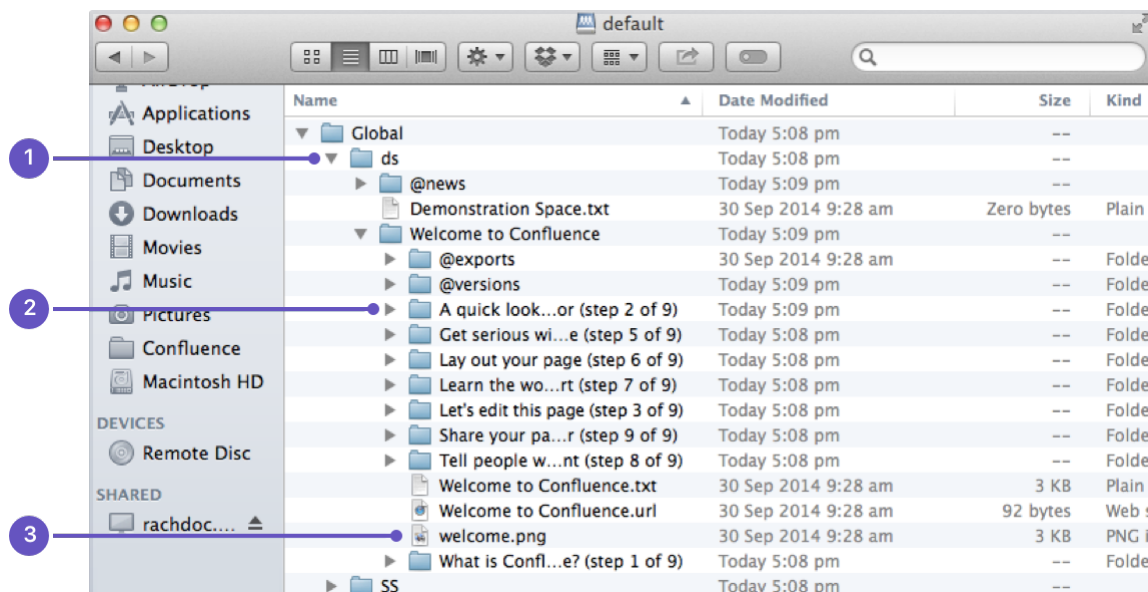
## Manage pages and files in a native client

Accessing Confluence through a native client is useful for performing bulk actions. Before you can start creating and moving things around, it's useful to understand how the content is organized.

The hierarchy in the file system looks like this:

- Type of space (global or personal)
  - Space (folder name is the spacekey)
    - Homepage (and other top level pages)
      - Child pages (folder name is the name of the page)
        - Attachments (filename of the attachment)

Essentially the file structure is the same as the page tree in your space. Here's how the Confluence demonstration space looks in Finder.



1. **Space key**
2. **Page title**
3. **Attached file**

Here's some things you might choose to do in a local client, rather than in your browser:

- **Move pages to another space**  
Select the page folders, and drag them into the other space's folder (drag them from Space A to Space B)
- **Delete multiple pages**  
Select all the page folders you want to delete and delete them.
- **Delete multiple attachments from a page**  
Navigate down to the page folder, select the attachments you want to delete and delete them.
- **Upload multiple attachments**  
Navigate to the page folder, and drag the files into the folder (note you can attach multiple files through the insert dialog as well).

## Mail Archives

Confluence allows you to collect and archive mail within each [space](#). It's useful for storing the email messages that relate to a particular project – you can put them in the same Confluence space as the content for that project.

You can download mail from one or more POP or IMAP accounts, or import mail from an mbox file on your local system or on the Confluence server.

You need [space administration](#) permissions to manage the mail archives.

### Related pages:

- [Spaces](#)
- [Add a Mail Account](#)

Confluence mail archiving is an optional feature. This means that the 'Mail' options may be disabled and will therefore not appear in the Confluence user interface. Mail archiving features are contained

in a bundled plugin. To activate mail archiving features in Confluence, enable the plugin – choose



> **General Configuration** > **Manage Add-ons**. Then choose **System** in the drop down, and enable the **Confluence Mail Archiving Plugin**.

#### To see archived mail:

- Go to a space and choose **Space tools** > **Integrations** > **Mail**
- Choose a message to see its contents, or choose **Next**, **Previous** and other options to navigate around the mail archives.

#### Manage mail archives:

- [Add a Mail Account](#)
- [Delete and Restore Mail](#)
- [Import Mail from an mbox](#)

*Screenshot: Viewing a message in the mail archive*

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## Tom's on annual leave today (Monday)

Add ▾

Subject: **Tom's on annual leave today (Monday)** ([find more](#))

From: Tom Davies <tomdaves@exemail.com.au> ([find more](#))

Date: Oct 22, 2006 16:12

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I'll see you all on Tuesday.

Tom

Mail Operations

- ⇒ [Next By Date](#)
- ⇐ [Previous By Date](#)
- [Remove Mail](#)
- [Mail Archive](#)

#### Notes

- Only **site spaces** – not personal spaces – can store mail archives. See [Spaces](#) for information on site and personal spaces.
- You can also search the mail messages and their attachments. See [Search](#).
- Confluence mail archiving is an optional feature. This means that the 'Mail' options may be disabled and will therefore not appear in the Confluence user interface. Mail archiving features are contained in a bundled plugin. To activate mail archiving features in Confluence, enable the plugin – choose



> **General Configuration** > **Manage Add-ons**. Then choose **System** in the drop down, and enable the **Confluence Mail Archiving Plugin**.

#### Add a Mail Account

When you add a mail account, you're configuring Confluence to download mail from that account and archive it within the space.

You need space administration permissions to add a mail account. See [Space Permissions Overview](#).

**⚠ Note:** Confluence will remove email messages from an email account when it transfers them to the mail archive. You must therefore configure Confluence to poll a **clone** email account rather than the actual account. For

example, to archive the actual account `sales@company.com` to your Confluence Sales space, you must first create a clone account such as `conf-sales@company.com` that contains the same email content.

#### Add a mail account

##### Step 1. Create a clone email account on the mail server

1. Add a new email account on the mail server with the clone email address.
2. Copy all existing email messages from the actual account to the clone account.
3. Set up the actual account to bcc sent email messages to the clone account.
4. Set up the actual account to forward received email messages to the clone account.

#### On this page:

- [Add a mail account](#)
- [Fetching Mail](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Mail Archives](#)
- [How do I check which spaces have email accounts?](#)
- [How do I disable automatic mail polling?](#)

##### Step 2. Configure Confluence to archive the clone account

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Integrations** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Mail Accounts > Add mail account**.
3. Enter configuration details for the account:
  - **Account Name:** Enter a name for this account by which it will be known in Confluence.
  - **Description:** Provide a description for this account (optional).
  - **Protocol:** Choose from POP, IMAP, POPS or IMAPS.
  - **Hostname:** Enter the host name of the mail server on which the account resides.
  - **Port:** Don't edit this field. The mail server's port number will be displayed by default.
  - **Username:** Enter a username that has permission to retrieve mail from this account.
  - **Password:** Enter the account's password.
4. Choose **Test Connection** to verify the details
5. Choose **Create** to add the account to Confluence

For each mail account you add, you can perform these actions in the **Mail Accounts** tab:

- **Edit:** Change the configuration settings for the mail account.
- **Remove:** Remove the account permanently.
- **Disable/Enable:** Temporarily disable the account, or enable a disabled account.

### Fetching Mail

Confluence automatically fetches mail from the server once every 30 minutes. You can manually retrieve new mail from the configured mail accounts by selecting the **Mail** tab and choosing **Fetch new mail**.

You need to be a space administrator to manually retrieve mail. See [Space Permissions](#).

### Notes

- Only **site spaces** – not personal spaces – can store mail archives. See [Spaces](#) for information on site and personal spaces.
- Confluence mail archiving is an optional feature. This means that the 'Mail' options may be disabled and will therefore not appear in the Confluence user interface. Mail archiving features are contained in a bundled plugin. To activate mail archiving features in Confluence, enable the plugin – choose **> General Configuration > Manage Add-ons**. Then choose **System** in the drop down, and enable the **Confluence Mail Archiving Plugin**.
- Once mail is fetched it will be removed from the server.

### Delete and Restore Mail

To delete mail from a space, you need 'Delete Mail' permission.

Only a space administrator can delete all email messages in the space simultaneously.

#### To delete mail from a space:

1. Go to a space and choose **Space tools > Integrations > Mail**  
A list of email messages in the space is displayed in reverse chronological order.

#### Related pages:

- [Mail Archives](#)
- [Add a Mail Account](#)

2. Do either of the following:

- Delete an individual email message by choosing the trash



icon beside it.

- Delete all email messages within the space by choosing **Delete All**.

Email messages deleted using the 'Delete All' option can't be restored.

Space administrators can restore deleted email messages, provided they were deleted individually.

#### To restore deleted mail:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Trash**  
You'll see a list of email messages and other content deleted from the space.
3. Choose **Restore** beside the email message you want to restore.

#### Import Mail from an mbox

Confluence allows you to import mail from mbox files located either on your local system or in a specified location on the Confluence server. Confluence will store the imported email messages in the space's mail archive.

You need to be a space administrator to import mail for a space. See [Space Permissions](#).

NB: You may need to enable the **Confluence Mail Archiving Plugin** as it is disabled by default.

#### Related pages:

- [Mail Archives](#)
- [Add a Mail Account](#)

#### To import mail from an mbox file:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Integrations** from the bottom of the sidebar.
2. Choose **Mailbox Import**.
  - To import from a location on your file system: Browse to the location of the mbox file, select the file and then choose **Import**.
  - To import from the Confluence server: Enter the location of the mbox file on the server, then choose **Import**.

#### Notes

- Only **site spaces** can store mail archives. Personal spaces cannot. See [Spaces](#) for an explanation of site spaces and personal spaces.
- Confluence mail archiving is an optional feature. This means that the 'Mail' options may be disabled and will therefore not appear in the Confluence user interface. Mail archiving features are contained in a bundled plugin. To activate mail archiving features in Confluence, enable the plugin – choose



> **General Configuration > Manage Add-ons**. Then choose **System** in the drop down, and enable the **Confluence Mail Archiving Plugin**.

- For security reasons mail can only be imported from a specified location in the Confluence server's file system. We recommend administrators create a folder in their Confluence home directory, add the system property `confluence.mbox.directory` and specify the location for mailboxes to be imported from. Mail cannot be imported from the server until this system property is set. See [Configuring System Properties](#).

#### Gadgets

Gadgets allow you to add dynamic content to a Confluence page or JIRA application dashboard. Confluence can display gadgets that support the [OpenSocial](#) specification, including third party gadgets.

For more information about Atlassian gadgets, see the [introduction to Atlassian gadgets](#) and the [big list of Atlassian gadgets](#).

To see a list of available gadgets in your Confluence site go to **Help > Available Gadgets**.

The following gadgets are bundled with Confluence.

Name	Description
<b>Confluence Page Gadget</b>	The Confluence page gadget allows you to show content from a page on your Confluence site in a gadget. You can optionally configure the gadget to display links to view and/or edit the page on your Confluence site. The page gadget can also be displayed in canvas view, so that it takes up all of the space provided by your dashboard.
<b>Activity Stream Gadget</b>	The activity stream gadget is similar to the <a href="#">recently updated macro</a> and shows a list of the most recently changed content within your Confluence site.
<b>Confluence News Gadget</b>	The Confluence news gadget is an example of a 'news feed' gadget that shows a list of recent <a href="#">Confluence Product Blogs</a> and <a href="#">events at Atlassian</a> .
<b>Confluence Quicknav Gadget</b>	The Confluence QuickNav gadget provides the <a href="#">Quick Navigation Aid</a> functionality for searching the Confluence site. For more information on how to use this feature, refer to the <a href="#">Quick Navigation Aid section of Search</a> .

#### On this page:

- [Add a Confluence gadget to a page](#)
- [Add a JIRA gadget to a page](#)
- [Add a Confluence gadget to your JIRA application dashboard](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Gadget Macro](#)
- [All Atlassian gadgets](#)
- [External Gadgets](#)

### Add a Confluence gadget to a page

Where a similar result can be achieved using standard Confluence macros (for example using the [Include Page Macro](#) instead of [Confluence Page Gadget](#)), we recommend using macros as they have better performance and are easier to configure than gadgets.

To add a Confluence gadget to a page:

- In the editor go to **Insert > Other Macros**.
- Select the gadget you wish to add, and use the preview area to configure the gadget.
- Choose **Insert**.

See [Gadget Macro](#) for more information on adding the macro to your page, configuring the gadget itself and display options.

### Add a JIRA gadget to a page

For displaying basic JIRA information, such as issues and charts, we recommend using the [JIRA Issues Macro](#) and [JIRA Chart Macro](#) as these macros have better performance and are easier to configure than gadgets.

If the JIRA information you want to display is not available from either of these macros a gadget will likely do the trick.

To add a JIRA Gadget to a Confluence page:

- In the editor go to **Insert > Other Macros**.



- Select the gadget you wish to add, and use the preview area to configure the gadget.
- Choose **Insert**.

See [Gadget Macro](#) for more information on adding the macro to your page, configuring the gadget itself and display options.

If you don't see any JIRA Gadgets in the macro browser, ask your Confluence administrator to add the JIRA Gadget urls to the list of authorized [external gadgets](#) in Confluence, and check that the application link between Confluence and your JIRA application is configured correctly.

## Add a Confluence gadget to your JIRA application dashboard

To add a Confluence gadget to your JIRA dashboard:

1. Go to the dashboard by selecting the **Dashboard** link in the header.
2. On the dashboard, Click **Add Gadget**.
3. Use the gadget wizard to choose the gadgets you want to add.

If you don't see any Confluence gadgets in the JIRA gadget directory, ask your JIRA administrator to add the gadget URLs as follows.

To add a Confluence gadget to your JIRA application's gadget directory:

1. In Confluence, go to **Help > Available Gadgets** and copy the gadget URL for the gadget you want to make available in JIRA.
2. In JIRA, go to the dashboard and choose **Add Gadget**.
3. Choose **Manage Gadgets** or **Add Gadget to Directory** (depending on your JIRA application and version)
4. Paste in the Confluence gadget URL and choose **Add Gadget**.

The gadget will now be available from the JIRA Gadget Directory.

## Activity Stream Gadget

The activity stream gadget is similar to the [recently updated macro](#) and shows a list of the most recently changed content within your Confluence site.

In addition to showing a list of most recently changed content, the activity stream gadget also groups activities by separate date, and provides an RSS feed link to its content in the top-right corner.

### Activity Stream Gadget Properties

Properties are settings for Confluence gadgets that allow the user to control the content or presentation of data retrieved by the gadget. These are similar to a Confluence macro's parameters. The table below lists relevant properties for this gadget.

These properties are located in the **preview** panel in the macro browser.

Property	Required?	Default	Description
<b>Title</b>	Yes	None	Adds a title to the top of the Activity Stream.



<b>Global filters</b>	No	None	Allows you to add filters to the gadget including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• space</li> <li>• username</li> <li>• update date</li> <li>• JIRA issue key (if your Confluence instance is integrated with a JIRA application)</li> </ul>
<b>Available streams</b>	Yes	All	If you have application links to other sites, JIRA or another Confluence site, you can choose to include activity from those streams also.
<b>Display options: limit</b>	No	10	Specify the maximum number of results to be displayed. A maximum of 10 results will be displayed by default. The maximum value that this property can accept is 100.
<b>Display options: Refresh Interval</b>	No	Never/false	Specify the time interval between each 'refresh' action undertaken by the activity stream gadget. A refresh makes the activity stream gadget reflect any new activity that has been conducted on the Confluence site.

### Confluence News Gadget

The Confluence news gadget is an example of a 'news feed' gadget that shows a list of recent [Confluence Product Blogs](#) and [events at Atlassian](#).

Clicking an item in the Confluence news gadget takes you directly to the selected blog post of the [Confluence Product Blogs](#) feed or event details on the [events at Atlassian](#) page.

Clicking **More news** takes you to the [Confluence Product Blogs](#) feed page and clicking **More events** takes you to the [events at Atlassian](#) page.

Screenshot: *The News Gadget*

#### News


- [Confluence 5 Highlights: 4 Improvements to User and Content Manageme](#)
- [Confluence 5 Highlights: Automagic Theming](#)
- [How-to: Building a Company Glossary with Confluence – Part Three](#)

[More news...](#)

#### Events

- [INTRA.NET Reloaded](#) When: Thu Apr 25, 2013 to Fri Apr 26, 2013
- [Facebook Conference](#) When: Tue Mar 12, 2013 5am to 10:30am PDT
- [Zertifizierungsschulungen zum JIRA Professional von SEIBERT MEDIA](#) WI

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**Confluence: News Gadget Properties**

Properties are settings for Confluence gadgets that allow the user to control the content or presentation of data retrieved by the gadget. These are similar to a Confluence macro's parameters. The table below lists relevant properties for this gadget.

Property	Required?	Default	Description
<b>Show News?</b>	No	True	Shows a short list of the most recent <a href="#">Confluence Product Blogs</a> .
<b>Show Events?</b>	No	True	Shows a short list of the most recent <a href="#">events at Atlassian</a> .
<b>Show Banners?</b>	No	True	Shows any banner advertisements (if available).

**Confluence Page Gadget**

The Confluence page gadget allows you to show content from a page on your Confluence site in a gadget. You can optionally configure the gadget to display links to view and/or edit the page on your Confluence site. The page gadget can also be displayed in canvas view, so that it takes up all of the space provided by your dashboard.

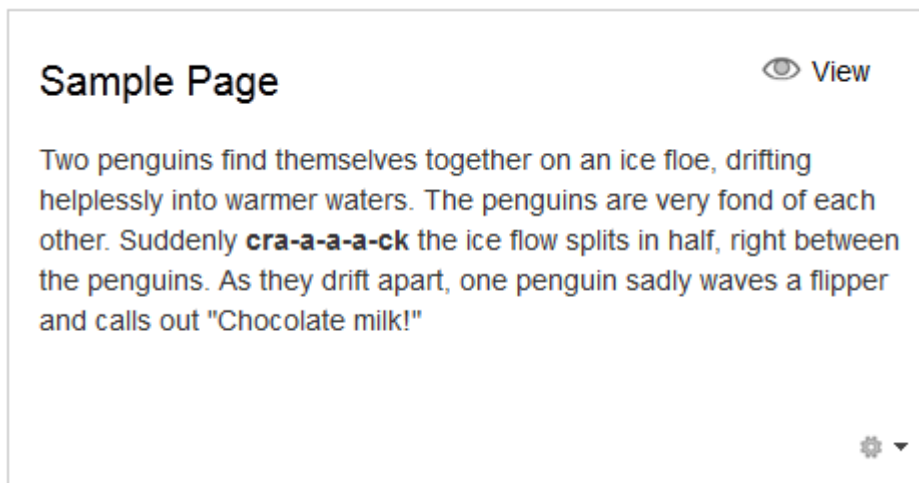
**On this page:**

- [Confluence Page Gadget Properties](#)
- [Working Macros](#)

**Macros that work with the page gadget**

Please note, not all macros work with the page gadget. Please refer to the [Working Macros](#) section below for more information.

*Screenshot: The Confluence page gadget displaying a sample page*

**Confluence Page Gadget Properties**

Properties are settings for Confluence gadgets that allow the user to control the content or presentation of data retrieved by the gadget. These are similar to a Confluence macro's parameters. The table below lists relevant properties for this gadget.

Property	Required?	Default	Description
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<b>Space</b>	No	None	Specify the space that your desired page is located in. Suggestions will display in a dropdown when you start typing. (Note, this property is only used to make searching for pages easier. It is not required.)
<b>Page</b>	Yes	None	Specify the page that you want to display in your gadget. Suggestions will display in a dropdown when you start typing.
<b>Show View Link</b>	No	Yes	Select whether to display a link to view the page on your Confluence site. Clicking the link will open the page in Confluence.
<b>Show Edit Link</b>	No	No	Select whether to display a link to edit the page on your Confluence site. Clicking the link will open the page for editing in Confluence.
<b>Refresh Interval</b>	No	Never/false	Specify the time interval between each 'refresh' action undertaken by the page gadget. A refresh makes the activity stream gadget reflect any new activity that has been conducted on the Confluence site.

### Working Macros


The Confluence page gadget will only render a subset of the macros that are used in Confluence correctly. Refer to the table below for the list of macros that work and do not work with the page gadget and known limitations.

Some of the issues with macros in the page gadget can be worked around, if you are comfortable developing in Confluence. Please see [Troubleshooting Macros in the Page Gadget](#) for more information.

#### Key:

-  Works with the page gadget
-  \* Partially works with the page gadget
-  Does not work with the page gadget

Macro	Works with page gadget?	Limitations
<a href="#">Activity Stream</a>		You cannot have another gadget embedded within the Confluence Page Gadget
<a href="#">Anchor</a> (within a page)	*	Opens in a new page
<a href="#">Attachments</a>		N/A
<a href="#">Blog Posts</a>		N/A
<a href="#">Chart</a>		N/A
<a href="#">Children Display</a>		N/A
<a href="#">Content By Label</a>		N/A
<a href="#">Content By User</a>		N/A

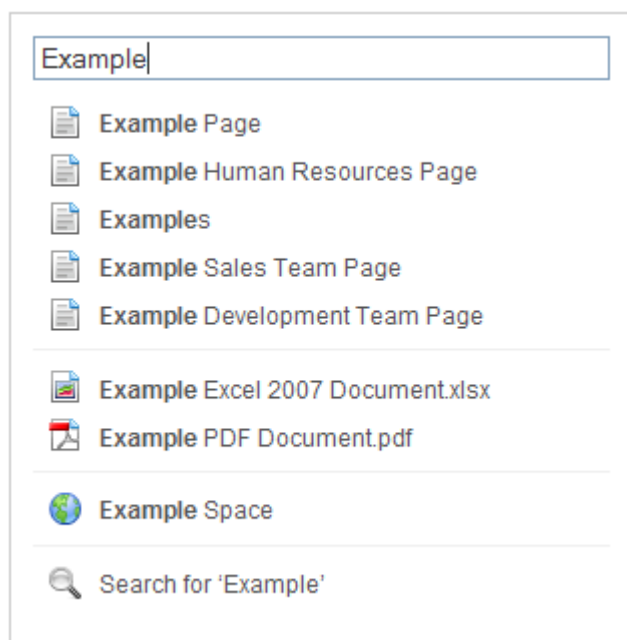
Excerpt		N/A
Gallery		N/A
Include Page		N/A
Info		N/A
Labels List		N/A
Livesearch		N/A
Note		N/A
Metadata		N/A
Metadata Summary		N/A
Pagetree Search		N/A
Pagetree		N/A
Panel		N/A
Quick Nav		You cannot have another gadget embedded within the Confluence Page Gadget
Recently Updated		N/A
RSS Feed		N/A
Section & Column		N/A
Spaces List		N/A
Table of Contents	*	Works, however links will be opened in a new browser window when clicked.
Team Calendars for Confluence Server		See here for the Improvement Request: <div><b>CONFSERVER-51407</b> - Make Team Calendars display in a Confluence Page Gadget, for use on a JIRA Dashboard <a href="#">OPEN</a></div>
View File (PDF or PPT)	*	Works, but you may need to refresh the gadget the first time (see <a href="#">CONF-19932</a> ) .
Widget Connector	*	Only works for some content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Works:</b> blip.tv, Episodic, Flickr, Google Calendar, presentations on Google Docs, MySpace Video, Scribd, Skitch.com, SlideRocket, SlideShare, Viddler, Vimeo, YouTube, Dailymotion, Metacafe, FriendFeed, Yahoo Video, Wufoo HTML Form Builder</li> <li><b>Does not work:</b> FriendFeed, Google Gadgets, Google Video (consumer service discontinued), Twitter, Widgetbox, DabbleDB, BackType</li> </ul>

### Confluence Quicknav Gadget

The Confluence QuickNav gadget provides the [Quick Navigation Aid](#) functionality for searching the Confluence

site. For more information on how to use this feature, refer to the [Quick Navigation Aid](#) section of [Search](#).

*Screenshot: Using the QuickNav Gadget*



#### Confluence QuickNav Gadget Properties

This gadget has no properties and cannot be customized.

## Confluence use-cases

This section describes some specific use cases for Confluence.

- **Using Confluence for technical documentation**  
A technical communicator's guide to using Confluence – see [Develop Technical Documentation in Confluence](#).
- **Setting up a knowledge base**  
A support engineer's guide to using Confluence as a knowledge base – see [Use Confluence as a Knowledge Base](#). You can also check out our handy guides on writing [how-to](#) and [troubleshooting](#) articles.
- **Setting up an intranet**  
A quick guide to setting up an intranet wiki – see [Use Confluence as your Intranet](#).
- **Confluence for software teams**  
A series of blog posts to help your agile team get the most out of Confluence. See [Confluence for Software Teams](#).

#### Related pages:

- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)
- [Add-ons and integrations](#)

You may also be interested in:

- **Confluence markup formats**  
The syntax and usage of Confluence wiki markup and the Confluence XHTML-based storage format – see [Confluence Markup](#).
- **Gadgets**  
How to add gadgets to a wiki page, or use Confluence gadgets on other sites – see [Gadgets](#).

## Develop Technical Documentation in Confluence

Confluence is a flexible platform with a range of features and add-ons that

can help you capture, distribute, and update your technical documentation. Below are some tips to help you get your technical documentation site started, and to save you time and effort managing your documentation's life cycle.

## Create your Documentation Space

Creating spaces in Confluence is quick and easy. All you need to do to get your documentation started is choose **Spaces** > **Create space** from the Confluence header. To make things even easier, choose the 'Documentation Space' option in the create space dialog; it'll give you a custom home page with a search box (the [livesearch macro](#)) to search just your documentation space, a [recently updated macro](#), and a few other goodies.

Give your space a name, and Confluence will automatically create the home page and space key for it (change the space key if you're not happy with the one Confluence chooses for you). Feel free to customize the home page at any time; what it looks like is completely up to you!

## Save time by re-using content

If there's something you're going to use multiple times in your documentation space – whether it's a word, sentence or paragraph; an image; a product version number; or anything else – you can create it once and include it on as many pages as you like (or use it in the header and/or footer). Inclusions not only save you typing the same thing many times, they also make it easier when things change – it's much better to update the info in one place, than 47!

There are 3 macros that allow you to re-use content:

- The **Excerpt macro** to define a re-usable section, or 'excerpt', on a page – add content inside this macro, and you can reuse it on as many pages as you like.
- The **Excerpt Include macro** (`excerpt-include`) to include the contents of an excerpt on another page.
- The **Include Page macro** (`include`) to include the entire content of a page on another page.

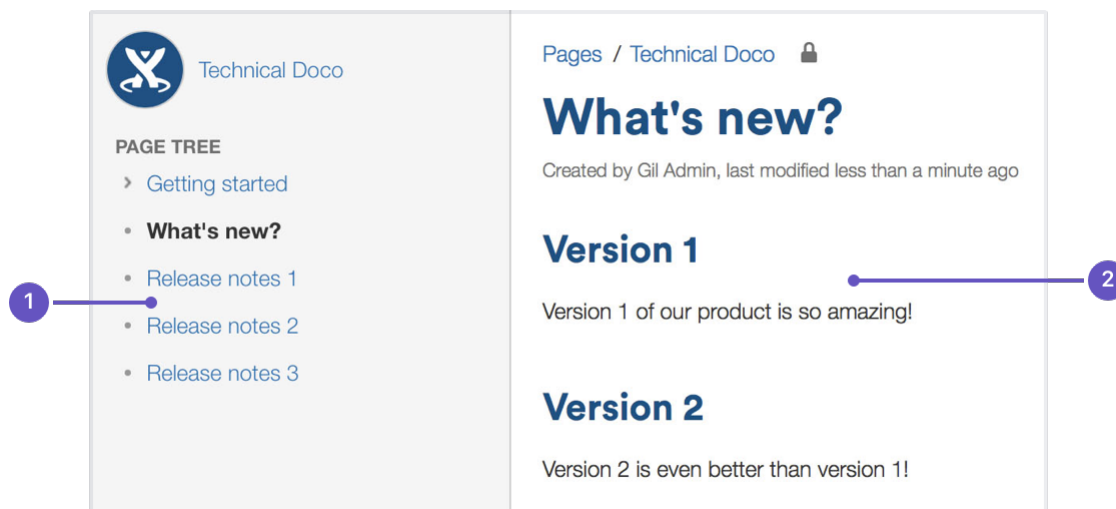
For example, let's say you create release notes for each major release of your product, and you want to include the intro from each release notes page on a 'what's new' page. Place each release notes intro in an **Excerpt macro**, then add an **Excerpt Include macro** for each set of release notes to the what's new page. Your intros will magically appear on the what's new page, and if you update the release notes it'll automatically update the what's new.

### On this page:

- [Create your Documentation Space](#)
- [Save time by re-using content](#)
- [Use page templates](#)
- [Draft your work](#)
- [Use links and anchors](#)
- [Useful macros](#)
- [Keep track of page updates](#)
- [Customize PDF export](#)
- [Other useful tools and add-ons](#)
- [Documentation theme \(discontinued\)](#)

### Related pages:

- [Spaces](#)



1. **Excerpts:** the intros to these pages are in excerpt macros.
2. **Excerpt include:** these are excerpt include macros.

Another example is one of the ways we use the **Include Page macro**. Whenever the ellipsis (

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) appears in our documentation – for example, go to

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> **Copy** – it's actually an **Include Page macro**. We have a page with just that image on it, so we can include it whenever we need an ellipsis.

Why do we do use an **Include Page macro** for one tiny image? Well, just in case that UI element is ever changed. If we attach the image to every page, there might be 50 pages we need to update when things change; if we use an **Include Page macro**, we update once and it's changed everywhere. Doing it this way also allows us to know how many pages we're using the image on. By going to

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> **Page Information**, we can see how many incoming links there are to this page, and that tells us how many pages use the image.

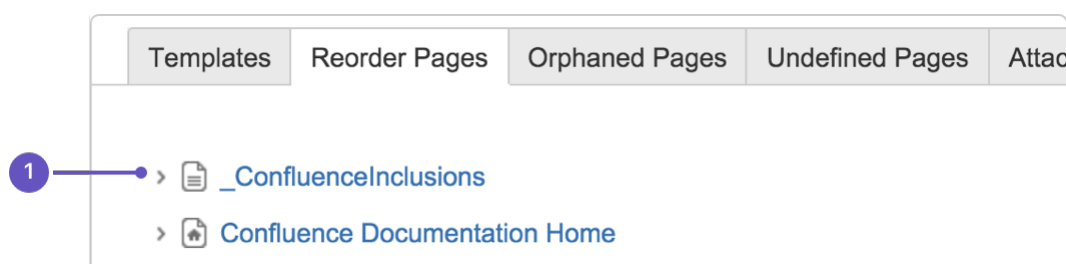
### Create an inclusions library (optional)

You can include content from any Confluence page, but you may want to create an 'inclusions library' to hold content that's specifically for re-use. The inclusions library isn't a specific feature of Confluence; the pages in the inclusions library are just like any other Confluence page. This is just a *technique* you can use if you want a place to store content that's specifically for re-use.

To create your inclusions library:

1. Choose **Create** and create a new page in your space
2. Enter a suitable title. We use '\_ConfluenceInclusions' (the underscore before the title helps to let people know this page is special)
3. Enter some content and **save** the page  
We enter text explaining the purpose of the inclusions library and how to re-use the content
4. Choose **Space tools** > **Reorder pages** and drag your new page *above* the space homepage
5. Go to your new inclusions page and choose **Create** to add child pages containing your re-usable content

Because you've moved the pages to the *root* of the space, they won't appear in the page tree in the sidebar. The pages will be picked up by other searches though, as they're normal Confluence pages.






1. **Inclusions library location:** drag your inclusions library here, above the rest of your documentation.

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## Use page templates

Creating one or more page templates can be a real time-saver if you're creating a lot of pages with the same layout. If you're constantly adding the same macros, like panels and table of contents, save yourself from RSI and put them into a template – you can start with one, but make as many as you need to maximize your efficiency.

To create a page template that's available in all spaces:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration**
2. Select **Global Templates and Blueprints** from the list on the left
3. Choose the **Add global page template** button at the top-right
4. Create your template page and choose **Save**

For detailed info on page templates, see [Create a Template](#).

To get to **Global Templates and Blueprints**, or any other admin page quickly, hit / on your keyboard and start typing the name of the admin page you're looking for.

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## Draft your work

When you're creating a new page in your documentation, you'll likely want to do it over time, saving as you go, and have a select few people review it to provide feedback. A loose description of this workflow is 'draft, review, publish'.

You don't want any half-finished pages being seen by your users, and most documentation needs to be reviewed before it's finalized, so here's a technique for drafting pages and allowing for review:

1. Create a page and [restrict its permissions](#)  
For example, you might restrict viewing to a group of people such as your team, or a few select individuals. On a public site, you might restrict viewing to staff members, so that the general public can't see the page.
2. Write your page content
3. [Share the page](#) with your reviewers and ask them for feedback (make sure you haven't restricted them from seeing the page!)  
The reviewers can [add comments](#) to the bottom of the page or highlight text to add a comment inline. If you give them permission, they can also edit the page content directly.
4. Publish the page when ready, by doing the following:
  - a. Delete any comments on the page
  - b. Remove page restrictions so that your audience can see it

You've now published your page. The space permissions and site permissions now determine who can see and/or update the page.

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## Use links and anchors

### Add links

In any documentation site, it's essential to be able to link from one page to another, and often to specific sections on a page. You can add any URL to a Confluence page and Confluence will automatically detect



it and turn it into a link.

If you paste the URL for another page in your Confluence site, Confluence will display the link text as the page name and turn it into a relative link, meaning if the name of the page changes, Confluence will adjust the link so it doesn't break.

#### *Add and link to anchors*

The [anchor macro](#) allows you to create anchors in your documentation, which can be linked to from anywhere. I've added an anchor at the top of this page so you can click to go [back to the top](#).

#### **To add a macro and link to it from the same page:**

1. Type `{anchor}` in the editor, select the anchor macro and give your anchor a name (`top` in my example)
2. Select the text that'll link to the macro and hit `Ctrl+K` (Windows) or `Cmd+K` (Mac) (this opens the link dialog)
3. Choose **Advanced** from the options on the left and type `#` followed by your anchor name (`#top` in my example)

Check out our documentation for [links](#) and [anchors](#) to get the full rundown on linking to anchors on other pages and other anchor goodness.

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### Useful macros

Confluence ships with a great range of [macros](#), and there are a few that are particularly useful in technical documentation. Here's a few:

#### *Table of contents macro*

The [Table of Contents macro](#) helps people navigate lengthy pages by summarizing the content structure and providing links to headings used on the page. The best part is, you don't need to do anything except add the macro; once you've added it, it'll automatically detect headings and add them to the table of contents.

#### *Tip, Note, Info, Warning, and Panel macros*

Often when creating documentation, there are elements of a page that you want to highlight or draw the viewers' attention to. Confluence ships with the [Tip](#), [Info](#), [Warning](#), [Note](#) and [Panel](#) macros, which will help you focus a viewer's attention on a particular part of your content.

#### **Tip of the day**

Use the tip macro to give your readers handy hints!

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### Keep track of page updates

In Confluence, it's quite usual for a number of different people to update a single page. Technical writers need to know what happens to our documents, both during review and after publication.

#### *Watch pages or the space*

So that you know when changes are made, it's a good idea to [watch](#) pages or even the entire space. That way, when changes are made to pages you're watching, or someone comments on them, you'll get an email notification letting you know who changed what.

Whenever you're on a page in your documentation space, choose the **Watch** button at the top-right of the page. From there, you can choose to watch just that page, or all pages in the space.

### **View page history**

Confluence creates a new version of the page every time someone edits the page. The [page history](#) shows all the versions, with date, author, and any comments made on the update.

To view page history, go to the page and choose

...

#### **> Page History**

On the page history view, you can:

- View the content of a specific version of the page.
- Revert to (restore) a specific version.
- Select any two versions and ask for a comparison, to see what has changed between those two versions.

Take a look at [Page History](#) and [Page Comparison Views](#) for a detailed explanation.

### **Show a list of contributors**

If you want to see at a glance who's updated a page or pages, you can add the [contributors macro](#). This macro displays a customizable list of people who've contributed by creating, editing, or, optionally, commenting on the page.

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## **Customize PDF export**

If you're planning to provide a PDF version of your documentation – whether it be for email, download, print, or any other form of delivery – you can customize the look of the PDF by adding a title page, header, and footer.

The process you take depends on whether you're trying to [customize the PDF export](#) for one space or for your whole site, so, if you're keen to make these changes, take a look at our page on [Customize Exports to PDF](#) for more detailed instructions.

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## **Other useful tools and add-ons**

Confluence is already a great tool for technical documentation, but you can still add to it depending on your documentation and workflow needs. Here are some useful add-ons available on the [Atlassian Marketplace](#), most of which we use ourselves, which can extend the functionality of Confluence.

### **Scroll Versions (supported)**

[Scroll Versions](#), by K15t, allows you to tie versions of your documentation to versions of your product, so that when a new version of your product ships you can publish that version of your documentation. Create as many versions of your documentation as you like, make the changes you need to, and keep them up your sleeve until release time. You can even publish different variations of your documentation – like if you have versions of your documentation for different operating systems – to different spaces or Confluence instances.

### **Copy Space (unsupported)**

The [Copy Space add-on](#), by Atlassian Labs, does what its name suggests; it allows a space administrator to copy a space, including the pages within the space. Great for when you want a space template that you can copy to create other spaces.

This plugin is also useful when you need to archive a copy of a current space at a particular point in time, like when you're moving from one version of your product to the next – copy the space, give it a new name, and keep it wherever you like, all without losing the existing space.

 At this point this plugin won't copy page history, blog posts and email.

### **Scroll PDF Exporter (supported)**

If you're going to produce a PDF of your documentation space, wouldn't you like it to be professionally formatted? The [Scroll PDF Exporter](#), by K15t, lets you style single pages or whole spaces for export, using handy PDF templates.

### **Gliffy (supported)**

Create diagrams, wireframes, flowcharts and more with [Gliffy](#). Gliffy features a highly intuitive drag-and-drop interface, and allows you to export your diagrams in multiple formats, including: JPEG, PNG and SVG. Add Gliffy flowcharts, UI wireframes, and network diagrams directly to your Confluence pages to communicate your ideas visually, making them easy to understand and faster to spread through your team.

### **Lucidchart (supported)**

Lucidchart is available in versions for [Cloud](#) and [Server](#), and allows you to create and insert diagrams within your Confluence Cloud environment. Quickly draw flowcharts, wireframes, UML diagrams, mind maps, and more inside our feature-rich editor.

The server version also comes with a free Visio viewer, so you can view Microsoft Visio (.vsd) files, Visio stencils (.vss) and it also supports exporting back to Visio.

### **Documentation theme (discontinued)**

Confluence historically provided a theme specifically for documentation. This theme was removed in Confluence 6.0. A number of the original Documentation theme features, such as headers, footers and the ability to add custom content to the sidebar, are now available in Confluence's more modern default theme, which make it a great choice for your documentation space.

## **Use Confluence as a Knowledge Base**

A knowledge base is a repository for how-to and troubleshooting information. Knowledge Bases are commonly used by IT Support teams, but can be useful for procedural and troubleshooting information in any organization or team.

What do people want out of a knowledge base? Using an IT Support team as an example:

- Customers want fast access to a solution, and relevant search results.
- Help desk staff want to be able to create new articles quickly.
- Help Desk team leads wants the space to be self curating, and do not want to spend a lot of time manually organizing content.
- Everyone wants a way to be notified when articles they are interested in have been updated or important notices are added.

### **Create a knowledge base space**

 You'll need the Create Space global permission to do this.

#### **To create your knowledge base space:**

1. Choose **Spaces > Create space > Knowledge base space**
2. Choose **Space Tools > Permissions** to set permissions for the space, including anonymous access
3. Choose **Create > How-to** or **Troubleshooting** and follow the prompts to create your first knowledge base article

The knowledge base space blueprint includes everything you need to get started, including article templates, and a pre-configured homepage with [Livsearch](#) and [Content By Label](#) macros.

Page [labels](#) are essential in knowledge base spaces. These are used to add topics to your articles, and

allows your knowledge base to become self-organizing over time.

Users will generally find articles by searching, and using the topic navigation on the homepage and end of each article, rather than navigating through a tree-like page hierarchy.

When starting off your knowledge base space, it's a good idea to brainstorm a few topics to get started.

## Customize your knowledge base space

You'll need Space Admin permissions to do this.

To make it easy for your users to create knowledge base articles, such as your help desk or support team, we recommend customizing the how-to and troubleshooting article templates to make them relevant for your organization. The more guidance and structure you can put in your template, the faster it will be for your team to create great articles.

### To edit the article templates:

1. Go to **Space Admin > Content Tools > Templates**.
2. Edit the **How-to** or **Troubleshooting** article templates.
3. Add headings and instructional text (choose **Template > Instructional Text**).

You can also add additional templates, such as a policy or procedure page templates.

We also recommend customizing the [look and feel](#) of your space. Simple changes like a space logo and welcome message can make a huge difference.

To change the look and feel:

- Add a space logo and useful shortcuts to the sidebar (choose **Space Tools > Configure Sidebar**)
- Edit the homepage to add a custom welcome message.
- Edit the color scheme (choose **Space Tools > Look and Feel > Color Scheme**).

## Provide communication and notification options

Channels of communication with your audience, internal or external, are essential in a good knowledge base. Here are some out-of-the-box options:

- **Blog** - blog updates and important notices, and encourage people to watch for new blogs in your space.
- **Watch** - encourage people to watch pages that interest them, or watch the entire space.
- **Comments** - allow logged in users (or even anonymous users) to comment on knowledge base articles. This is a simple way to connect with your end users.
- **RSS** - create an RSS feed and add the link to your knowledge base homepage (choose **Help > Feed Builder**). Alternatively encourage users to create their own feed - useful if they want to keep up with particular topics (labels), rather than receive notifications for the whole space.

## Integrating your knowledge base with other Atlassian products

If your Confluence site is connected to another Atlassian product (via an [application link](#)), you can make use of these great integration features:

- **If you use any JIRA application** - add a [JIRA Issues macro](#) to your troubleshooting article to provide quick access to known issues. This has the added advantage of automatically updating when an issue is resolved or its status changes. One simple way to do this would be to add some labels to JIRA to indicate the issue should appear in the knowledge base (for example 'printer-kb'), and then add a JIRA Issues macro with a query like 'label = 'printer-kb and status <> resolved' on all articles with the printer topic.
- **If you use JIRA Service Desk** - link a Confluence space to be used as a knowledge base. Users (including those without a Confluence license) can search your knowledge base directly from within the Service Desk customer portal.
- **If you use Questions for Confluence Server** - add a Questions list macro to troubleshooting articles,

to highlight the top questions with the same topic as the article, and an Ask a Question button to the knowledge base homepage.

### Extending your knowledge base with third party add-ons

The [Atlassian Marketplace](#) has a large number of add-ons for Confluence. A common addition to Knowledge Base spaces is a survey or form tool, which enables you to get feedback on the usefulness or usability of your knowledge base articles.

Search for 'knowledge base' on Marketplace and see if there is an add-on that's right for your knowledge base.

## Use Confluence as your Intranet

Your intranet is the hub of your organization. When choosing your intranet platform, you need to ensure that the system is simple enough for non-technical users, information and content can be shared easily, and access is restricted to those within your organization.

Confluence has a host of great out-of-the-box features that allow you to share and collaborate with your colleagues, while keeping your information secure. Share things like procedures, specifications and important files – or organize company events and functions – and get your teams working together. It's one place to share, find, and collaborate to get work done.

### Create your community

It's quick and easy to add users to your Confluence site. Allow people to [add themselves as users](#) of the site; invite people to sign up by [sending them an invitation link](#); [add new users](#) manually; or [use an existing directory](#) – like an LDAP directory – for authentication and to manage users and groups.

Whichever way you choose, you can quickly build a community of Confluence users and give them access to your intranet; you'll also have a ready-made [people directory](#).

### Match your company branding

[Upload your company logo](#), and Confluence's auto look and feel will change the color scheme to match. It'll make your intranet feel more familiar to your colleagues, and help with adoption.

### A space for everything, and everything in its space

A [Confluence space](#) is essentially a container for a group of pages and blog posts with related content.

When you're starting out with Confluence, the easiest way to organize things is to create a space for each team or department within your organization. Each team's space is then a place for them to create and share pages, blog posts, meeting notes, files, and much more – and becomes the *place to go* for team members to get the information they need.

Just choose **Spaces** > **Create space** from the header, and Confluence provides a list of space blueprints to help get you started.

**Create Team Space**

Space name


Space key  ?

Team members

Description

**About Team Spaces**

Share knowledge and collaborate on projects, processes and procedures with your team. They will be notified about this space and all updates. Team members will be granted permissions and added as watchers of the space.



Each space can have its own color scheme and has a customizable home page, which you can edit to suit your purpose – like displaying and tracking team goals and displaying a list of team members. Use the built-in 'Team Space' template to automatically add all members of the team to the homepage, to help everyone get to know each other.

You can [set permissions for each space](#), so if there's sensitive information that should only be seen by certain users or groups, it's easy to secure it with Confluence.

Don't feel restricted to creating spaces for teams though; you can also create spaces for projects (large or small), events, and anything else where you want to collect information under a common heading or permissions structure.

Once you have some spaces set up, create some pages and blog posts to give your colleagues an example of how Confluence can be used, then invite them to create their own pages and blogs.

### Add a personal space

Every Confluence user, including you, can also [create their own personal space](#); it can be a place to keep your own work, add shortcuts to your most used content, and you even get your own blog for sharing your ideas and opinions with the rest of your organization (or just those that you want to see them).

### Create pages, meeting notes and more

You can [create pages](#) for anything you want in Confluence - meeting notes, project plans, decisions, and more. Pages are editable so others can contribute and keep them up to date after you create them. Choose **Create** from the Confluence header and choose a blank page, or use a template to get you started.

Type your page, change its layout, add images and links, and do it all without any specialist skills or training. You can also attach files – allowing everyone in a team access to assets that are critical to the project – like mockups and requirements. You and your colleagues can like the page, and comment on it to start a conversation about the content.

Confluence also offers a series of useful built-in [page blueprints](#), which help you with the content and formatting of the page. The [meeting notes](#) and [decisions blueprints](#) are two that can be really useful when others need to be in-the-know about what happened, and why it happened.

### Avoid the reply-all and blog about it

Each space you create in Confluence has its own [blog](#), where you and your teams can share news and events, discuss important projects and developments, or congratulate a teammate for a special effort; blogging is a great way to foster company culture and celebrate achievements across your organization.

You can watch any blog to make sure you get updated when there's a new post. Blog posts are automatically organized by date, and grouped by year and month, so they're also easy to find.

### Share stuff that matters



If you need to be sure that the right people see a page or blog post, Confluence offers a range of ways to make sure you can get their attention. Type the @ symbol and the name of a Confluence user to [mention](#) them in a page, blog post, or comment. They'll get an email notification that you've mentioned them, with a link to the page, post or comment.

There's also a **Share** button at the top right of every page. Type the name or email address of a user or group and send them a short message with a link to the content you're sharing.

### Watch and learn

Don't miss out on important updates. [Watching spaces, pages, and blogs](#) is a great way to stay up-to-date with what's happening in your own team, or any other team or person you need to keep up with. When you watch something, you'll get email updates when changes are made or a comment is added.

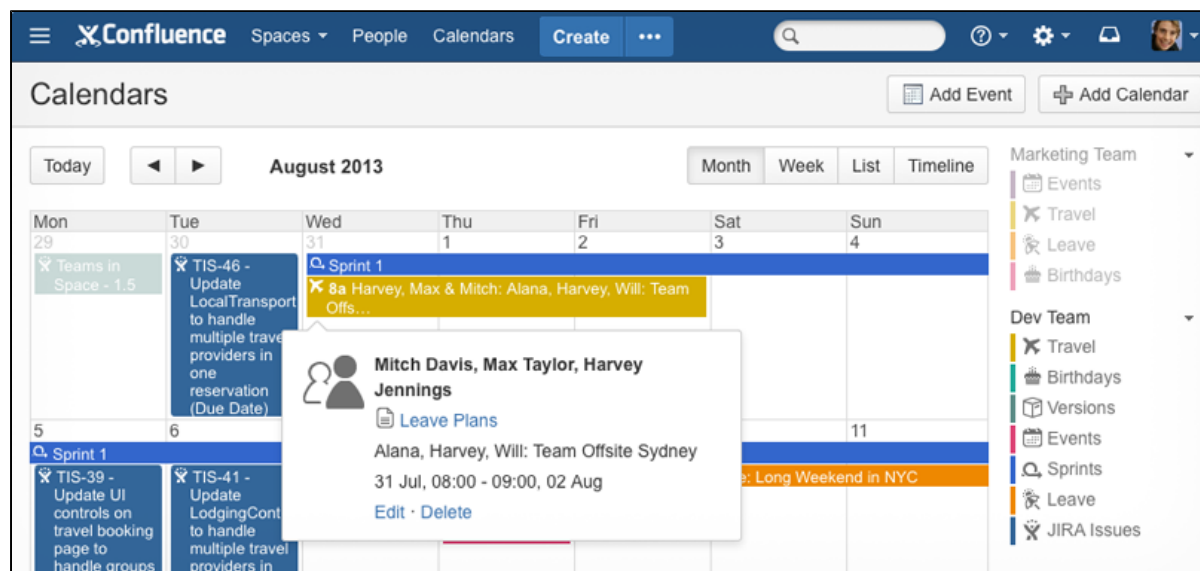
The [Confluence dashboard](#) also has a recent activity feed, which allows you and your team to see what's trending throughout the company or in your [network](#).

### Let team collaboration take on a life of its own

If you want to communicate in-the-moment, [HipChat](#) – our private service for chat, video, and screen sharing – is built for teams. Share ideas and files in persistent group chat rooms, or chat 1-1 for that personal touch. [HipChat integrates with Confluence](#), so you can get real-time notifications in HipChat whenever new information is shared in Confluence pages and blogs.

Got a question (that's not rhetorical)? Why not ask your team? [Questions for Confluence](#) is an add-on for Confluence that gives you knowledge sharing with your own Q&A service. Run company-wide polls to gauge reaction to a new marketing initiative, or let people vote on the venue for the Christmas party. Ask questions, get answers, and identify experts.

You can also try [Team Calendars for Confluence](#) for organizing and sharing team events, leave, and other important appointments. [Embed each team's calendar](#) on their home page so that everyone knows what's happening, and when.



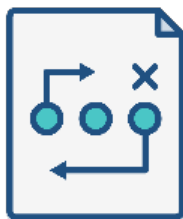
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Welcome to the Software Team's guide to using Confluence.

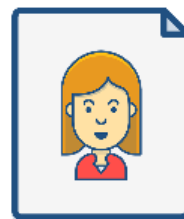
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## Confluence administrator's guide

### About the Confluence administrator's guide

This guide covers features and functions that are only available to administrators.



For information on creating and administering spaces, See [Spaces](#).

This guide assumes that you are using the Confluence default theme. If your Confluence site has been customized the header may look different, and menu items appear in different locations to the examples given in this guide.

- [Getting Started as Confluence Administrator](#)
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  - [Restore Passwords To Recover Admin User Rights](#)
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## Other resources

[Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

[Confluence Knowledge Base](#)

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- [Configuring the Whitelist](#)
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- [Performance Tuning](#)
  - [Cache Performance Tuning](#)
  - [Memory Usage and Requirements](#)
  - [Requesting Performance Support](#)
  - [Compressing an HTTP Response within Confluence](#)
  - [Garbage Collector Performance Issues](#)
  - [Troubleshooting Slow Performance Using Page Request Profiling](#)
- [Data Collection Policy](#)
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## Getting Started as Confluence Administrator

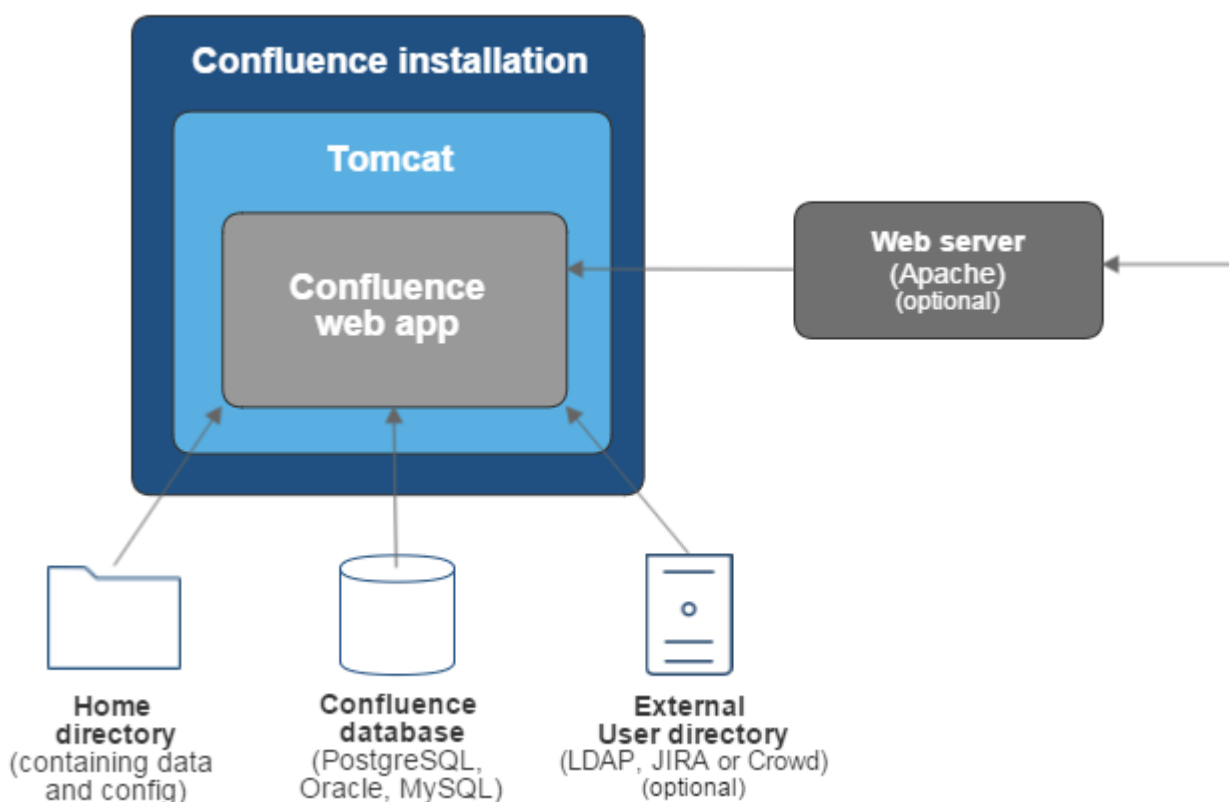
If you're just starting out as Confluence administrator, this page is for you. You'll find this page useful if your Confluence site is brand new, or if you're learning to administer an existing site.

Confluence is a Java-based web application. For the [supported environments](#), there is an installer that will set up an application server and copy the application files to the designated directories on your server machine. If you prefer, you can install Confluence from a zip file. See the [Confluence Installation Guide](#) for details.

### On this page:

- [Quick access to administrative functions via Confluence search](#)
- [How to administer and configure Confluence](#)
- [Getting started on a new Confluence site](#)
- [Getting to know an existing Confluence site](#)

Diagram: A Confluence installation

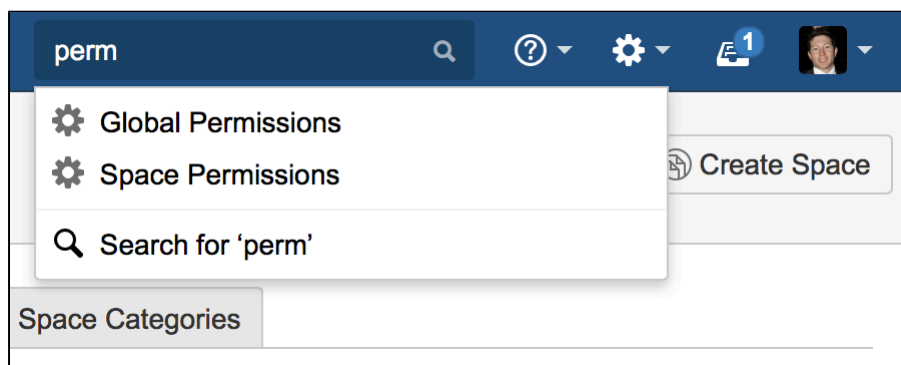


## Quick access to administrative functions via Confluence search

**Quick tip for getting to administration screens:** Start typing what you want to do into the Confluence search box at top right of the screen. The matching administrative functions will appear with a cog icon at the top of the dropdown search results.

**Even faster via /:** Press / on your keyboard then continue typing the action you want. Notes about finding admin options via quick search:

- Pressing / puts your cursor in the search field (as it does in JIRA applications).
- System admin, Confluence admin, and space admin options may appear in the search results.
- Confluence permissions determine the admin options that appear in search results. You'll only see the options you're allowed to perform.



### How to administer and configure Confluence

After installing Confluence, you will perform the initial configuration via a web interface called the [Confluence Setup Wizard](#). **Introducing the Confluence Administration Console:** From this point onwards, many of the admin functions are available from the Confluence Administration Console, which is part of the Confluence web interface. If you have administrative permissions, you'll have access to the Confluence Administration Console via your web browser, using the standard Confluence URL for your site.

#### To access the Confluence Administration Console:

1. Open your Confluence URL in your web browser
2. Choose



> **General Configuration** in the header

**For further configuration options,** you can edit the XML and properties files that are part of your Confluence installation directory. To get started, take a look at the [Confluence Home and other important directories](#). The Confluence administration guide will lead you through tasks such as [configuring the log files](#) and [configuring system properties](#).

### Getting started on a new Confluence site

Is this a new Confluence site? Here are some things to get started with:

- Decide whether you want to allow public (anonymous) access to your site. See [Setting Up Public Access](#).
- Add a space and some content. See [Create a Space](#) then [Pages and blogs](#).
- Invite some users to your site. See [Add and Invite Users](#).
- Decide whether you will manage your users in Confluence or hook up an external LDAP directory. See [Configuring User Directories](#).
- Make sure you have set up an email server. The above task list will include this step, but it is worth mentioning it here again. Email notifications are an important part of collaborating on Confluence. See

### Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail.

Now you can continue getting to know your site, as described in the next section.

## Getting to know an existing Confluence site

Has the site been around a while, but you are new to Confluence administration? Take a look at these topics:

- Understand the Confluence permission scheme. See [Permissions and restrictions](#).
- Get to know the power of add-ons (also called plugins), for extending and customizing your Confluence site. See [Managing Add-ons or Plugins](#).
- Investigate more ways of customizing Confluence. See [Customizing your Confluence Site](#).

## Manage Users

A Confluence user is a person who can read or update a Confluence site. You can choose whether your Confluence site is accessible to anonymous users (people who have not logged in) or only to logged-in users. See [Setting Up Public Access](#).

### Confluence user management

You can add users to Confluence, and then assign them permissions that determine their access to the content and administrative functions in your Confluence site. You can also collect users into groups, and assign the permissions to groups for easier management. See the following topics:

- [Add and Invite Users](#)
- [Delete or Disable Users](#)
- [Managing Site-Wide Permissions and Groups](#)

By default, Confluence stores its users and groups in the Confluence database. This is called the internal directory. You can choose to connect Confluence to an external userbase instead, such as Microsoft Active Directory or another LDAP server. You can also use Atlassian [Crowd](#) and [JIRA](#) applications as directory managers. When you add a user or group to Confluence, it will be added to the external directory too, based on your configuration options. See [Configuring User Directories](#).

### Authentication

#### Seraph

Almost all authentication in Confluence (and JIRA applications) is performed through [Seraph](#), Atlassian's open source web authentication framework. The goal of Seraph is to provide a simple, extensible authentication system that we can use on any application server.

Seraph is implemented as a servlet filter. Its sole job is, given a web request, to associate that request with a particular user (or no user if the request is anonymous). It supports several methods of authentication, including HTTP Basic Authentication, form-based authentication, and looking up credentials already stored in the user's session.

Seraph itself performs no user management functions. It merely checks the credentials of the incoming request and delegates any user management functions (looking up a user, checking a user's password) to Confluence's user management system.

If you want to integrate Confluence with your own single sign-on (SSO) infrastructure, you would do so by installing [Atlassian Crowd](#) or by writing a [custom Seraph authenticator](#). See our developer documentation on [HTTP authentication with Seraph](#).

#### XML-RPC and SOAP authentication

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  - [XML-RPC and SOAP authentication](#)
  - [Password authentication](#)
  - [SAML single sign-on](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring Confluence Security](#)

Normally, requests for [Confluence's XML-RPC and SOAP APIs](#) (deprecated) will include an authentication token as the first argument. With this method of authentication, XML-RPC and SOAP authentication requests are checked directly against the user management framework, and tokens are assigned directly by the remote API subsystem. These requests do not pass through Seraph authenticators.

However, if the token argument is blank, Seraph will be used as a fallback authentication method for remote API requests. So, to use a custom Seraph authenticator with XML-RPC or SOAP requests, ensure that you pass an empty string as the authentication token to remote API methods.

### Password authentication

By default, password authentication is delegated from Seraph to the user management system. This is not necessary, however. Single sign-on systems may have no password authentication at all, and get all the necessary credentials from the SSO provider.

### SAML single sign-on

If you have a Confluence Data Center license you can connect Confluence to your SAML 2.0 identity provider for authentication and single sign-on.

See [SAML SSO for Confluence Data Center](#) for more information.

## Add and Invite Users

There are a number of ways to add users to Confluence:

- **By user signup:** If [user signup](#) is enabled on your Confluence site, people can add themselves as users of the site.
- **Via an invitation link:** You can [invite people to sign up](#) by sending them an invitation link. You can copy and paste the link, or prompt Confluence to send the link in an email message.
- **By adding users manually:** If you have Administrator or System Administrator [permission](#), you can [manually add new users](#).
- **Via an external user directory:** See [Configuring User Directories](#).

You may also be interested in information about [allowing anonymous users access to your site](#). Anonymous users don't count against your Confluence license totals.

### Allow user signup

If you enable user signup, a 'Sign Up' option will appear on the Confluence screens. The option will be on the login screen, and also in the header on public sites. People can choose the option to create their own usernames on Confluence.

You can restrict the signup to people whose email addresses are within a given domain or domains. This is useful if you want to ensure that only people within your organization can add their own usernames.

You will still be able to add or invite users manually, whether user signup is enabled or not.

You need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator [permissions](#) to change the signup options.

### To set the user signup options:

1. Choose

#### On this page:

- [Allow user signup](#)
- [Manage user signup notifications](#)
- [Invite people to sign up](#)
- [Reset the invitation link](#)
- [Add users manually](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Manage Users](#)
- [Setting Up Public Access](#)
- [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#)




> **User management**

2. Select the **User Signup Options** tab
3. Choose **Allow people to sign up to create their account**
4. Choose one of the following options:
  - **Restricted by domain(s)** – Note: You need to set up a [mail server](#) for Confluence before you can configure domain restricted signup. When you choose this option, you'll see a text box. Enter one or more domains, separated by commas. People will only be able to sign up if their email address belongs to one of the domains specified here. Confluence will send the person an email message, asking them to click a link to confirm their email address.  
For example: mydomain.com, mydomain.net
  - **No restrictions** – Anyone will be able to sign up to Confluence. Confluence will not send any email message requesting confirmation.
5. Choose **Notify administrators by email when an account is created** if you want Confluence to send an email message to all administrators (people with Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions) every time someone signs up to Confluence

### Manage user signup notifications

By default, Confluence will send an email notification to all Confluence administrators whenever someone signs up to your Confluence site. The administrators (people with Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions) will receive this message when someone signs up either by clicking the 'Sign Up' link or by clicking the invitation URL sent by an administrator.

#### To disable this notification:

1. Choose 
  - > **User management**
2. Select the **User Signup Options** tab
3. Remove the tick from **Notify administrators by email when an account is created**
4. Choose **Save**

*Screenshot: User signup options*

## Users

List Users
Add Users
Invite Users
User Signup Options

The user signup mode defines if and how your users are able to create their own accounts without relying on an administrative action. [Read more about Confluence's signup options.](#)

☒ Allow people to sign up to create their account

☒ Restricted by Domain(s)

Only people with an email address that matches the specified domain(s) will be able to create their own account.

Separate multiple domains with commas, semicolons or white spaces

☐ No restrictions

Everyone will be able to create their own account.

☐ Notify administrators by email when an account is created

Save

### Invite people to sign up

You can invite new users to the site by sending them a signup URL, called an 'invitation link'. You can copy the invitation link and paste it onto a page or into an email message, or you can prompt Confluence to send an email message containing the same link.

The option to send invitations is independent of the signup options. You can send invitations if signup is open to all, restricted by domain, or disabled entirely. Even if signup is restricted or disabled, a person who has received an invitation will be able to sign up.

When someone visits the invitation link in a browser, a Confluence signup screen will appear.

### To invite people to sign up:

1. Choose



> **User management**

2. Select the **Invite Users** tab

3. Do either of the following:

- Copy the **Invitation Link** and paste it into an email message, or onto a page on your intranet, for example
- Alternatively, prompt Confluence to send an email message for you:
  - a. Enter one or more email addresses in the field labeled **Email To**  
Separate the addresses with commas. For example: john@example.com, sarah@example.com
  - b. Change the **Message** if you want to
  - c. Choose **Send**

### Reset the invitation link

The invitation link includes a security token, like this:



```
http://confluence.example.com/signup.action?token=d513a04456312c47
```

This security token is a shared token – individual invitations don't have unique tokens. Anyone who obtains this token will be able to sign up to Confluence.

You can change the token at any time, by choosing **Reset**. The previous invitation link will then become unusable.

*Screenshot: Inviting users*

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Inviting users is the easiest way to get your team collaborating on Confluence. Just share the link below with your team, either by copying and pasting it, or by using the email option below.

Invitation Link <http://localhost:8090/signup.action?token=25bee249fe9fe7e1>

[Reset](#)

Resetting the invitation URL will stop people from signing up via a previously-sent URL.

Email To

Message

Hi,

Join me and the rest of the team on Sample Site!

It's the one place to create, share, discuss and store our ideas, projects and documents.

You will send less email, have fewer meetings and get more done.

Please accept this invitation to get started!

[Send](#)

### Add users manually

#### To add a new user:

1. Choose



> **User management**

2. Select the **Add Users** tab
3. Enter the user's details
4. Choose whether Confluence should send an **email** message informing the person of their new



username

The email message will contain a link that the person can use to reset their password.

5. Choose **Create**

Screenshot: Adding users

**Users**

List Users Add Users Invite Users User Signup Options

**Add a User**

Username\*

Usernames must be lower case.

Full Name\*

Email\*

☐ Send an email to the user you have just created, which will allow them to set up their password.

Password\*

Confirm Password\*

**Add**


## Notes

- **Multiple directories** – You can define multiple user directories in Confluence, so that Confluence looks in more than one place for its users and groups. For example, you could use the default Confluence **internal directory** and connect to an **LDAP** directory server. In that case, you can define the **directory order** to determine where Confluence looks first when processing users and groups.

Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:

- The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
- Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

See [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

- **Email server required for domain restricted signup and for invitations** – You need to set up a [mail server](#) for Confluence, before you can configure domain restricted signup or send email invitations to users.
- **Are the user management options not visible?** If you have external user management turned on, internal user management is disabled. To configure external user management, go to  **> General Configuration> Security Configuration**. See [Disabling the Built-In User Management](#).
- **Avoid hash, slash and question characters in usernames** - there is a known issue where users

with #, ? or / in their username cannot create spaces. See [CONFSERVER-43494](#) **OPEN** and

**CONFSERVER-13479****OPEN**

for more information.

## Delete or Disable Users

You can **delete** a user from Confluence if they haven't yet added or edited any content on the site. Content includes pages and blog posts, and edits and comments on existing pages.

If a user has contributed content, you should **disable** their user account. Disabling a user account won't remove the content they've created.

### Related pages:

- [Manage Users](#)
- [Configuring User Directories](#)

Someone with a disabled user account can no longer log in to Confluence, and they don't add to your license count.

### To delete or disable a user:

1. Choose



> **User management**

2. Search for a user or click **Show all users**
3. Select the user
4. Do either of the following:
  - Choose **Delete** if the user hasn't contributed any content
  - Choose **Disable** to deactivate a user account if the user has contributed content

*Screenshot: Administering a user*

## View User: ewan

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User ewan

Full Name Ewan User

Email [sample@email.com.au](mailto:sample@email.com.au)

Directory Crowd Repository

Created Apr 24, 2013 10:36

Last Updated Apr 24, 2013 10:36

Login **Last Login:** Apr 26, 2013 15:21  
**Current Failed Login Count:** 0

Groups [confluence-users](#)

[View Profile](#) [Edit Groups](#) [Edit Details](#) [Set Password](#) [Delete](#) [Disable](#)

### Notes

- The **Administer User** link is only visible if you are logged in as an administrator.
- You can also delete or disable users using the [Administration Console](#).
- You can [edit the groups](#) that a user belongs to, to change their permissions without completely preventing their access to Confluence.

- **Multiple user directories** – You can define multiple user directories in Confluence, so that Confluence looks in more than one place for its users and groups. For example, you could use the default Confluence **internal directory** and connect to an **LDAP** directory server. In that case, you can define the **directory order** to determine where Confluence looks first when processing users and groups.

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See [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

- **Number of users and your license** – The Confluence '[License Details](#)' screen tells you how many users your Confluence instance is licensed to support, and how many are currently registered. The number of registered users includes only users who have the 'Can Use' global permission. Deactivated users, as described above, aren't included. Choose **Refresh** to make sure you see the latest count.
- If the user resides in a Read Only external directory, the option to disable the user won't appear.

## Restore Passwords To Recover Admin User Rights

If you're unable to log in to Confluence as an administrator (for example, you've lost the administrator password) you can follow these steps to recover admin user rights.

These instructions will not work for you if:

- **Confluence is configured for SSO through Crowd.**  
These instructions cover how to recover administration rights from the local 'Confluence Internal Directory' only. You won't be able to authenticate as a local Confluence administrator while Crowd SSO is enabled. See [Integrating Crowd with Atlassian Confluence](#) for info on how to configure or disable Crowd SSO.
- **You're using Confluence 3.4 or earlier.**  
Please refer to the older documentation if you're still using [OSUser](#) or [AtlassianUser](#).

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- [Step 3. Put the Internal Directory in First Position](#)
- [Step 4. Clean Up](#)

### Before you Start

The following instructions include example SQL that should work on MySQL and PostgreSQL. You may need to customize the queries for other databases or for your installation.

We **strongly** recommend testing the queries on a test database before modifying your production database.

If you know the admin username with a valid email address, and you have outgoing mail configured, you can reset the password using the forgot password link on the log in screen.

We'll send a link to your admin email account to reset your password.

### Get access to your database

If you're using the embedded H2 database, you can find the files containing your database in `<confluence-home-directory>/database`. See [Embedded H2 Database](#) for information on how to connect.

If you're using an external production database, connect to the database with your normal tools. You'll need to have permission to run queries and update data in the database.

### Step 1. Identify Administrator

To find out which usernames have admin privileges, connect to your database using a database admin tool such as [DBVisualiser](#). Download a database admin tool now if you don't have one installed already. Then connect to your database and retrieve the list of administrator usernames and IDs with:

```
select u.id, u.user_name, u.active from cwd_user u
join cwd_membership m on u.id=m.child_user_id join cwd_group g on
m.parent_id=g.id join cwd_directory d on d.id=g.directory_id
where g.group_name = 'confluence-administrators' and
d.directory_name='Confluence Internal Directory';
```

If there are multiple results, choose one ID/username combination to use for the following steps.  
If there are no results, skip down to [If No Local Administrator Exists](#).

It's important to make sure that the "active" field contains a value of "T". Without this flag, trying to authenticate with this user is a non starter.

To set active to true run the following query replacing "<user\_name>" with the username from the previous query

```
UPDATE cwd_user
SET active = 'T'
WHERE user_name = '<user_name>';
```

#### If No Local Administrator Exists

There may be no administrators in your Internal Directory. If this is the case, you need to add one:

1. Add a new admin user by running:

```
insert into cwd_user(id, user_name, lower_user_name, active,
created_date, updated_date, first_name, lower_first_name,
last_name, lower_last_name, display_name, lower_display_name,
email_address, lower_email_address, directory_id, credential)
values (1212121, 'admin', 'admin', 'T', '2009-11-26 17:42:08',
'2009-11-26 17:42:08', 'A. D.', 'a. d.', 'Ministrator',
'ministrator', 'A. D. Ministrator', 'a. d. ministrator',
'admin@example.com', 'admin@example.com', (select id from
cwd_directory where directory_name='Confluence Internal
Directory'),
'x61Ey612Kl2gpFL56FT9weDnpSo4AV8j8+qx2AuTHdRyY036xxzTTrw10Wq3+4q
QyB+XURPWxlONxp3Y3pB37A==');

insert into user_mapping values
('2c9681954172cf5600000000000000001', 'admin', 'admin');
```

2. Add new groups by running:

```
insert into cwd_group(id, group_name, lower_group_name, active,
local, created_date, updated_date, description, group_type,
directory_id)
values (
'888888','confluence-administrators','confluence-administrators'
,'T','F','2011-03-21 12:20:29','2011-03-21
12:20:29',NULL,'GROUP',(select id from cwd_directory where
directory_name='Confluence Internal Directory'));
insert into cwd_group(id, group_name, lower_group_name, active,
local, created_date, updated_date, description, group_type,
directory_id)
values (
'999999','confluence-users','confluence-users','T','F','2011-03-
21 12:20:29','2011-03-21 12:20:29',NULL,'GROUP',(select id from
cwd_directory where directory_name='Confluence Internal
Directory'));
```

### 3. Add group memberships into cwd\_membership:

```
insert into cwd_membership (id, parent_id, child_user_id) values
(888888, (select id from cwd_group where
group_name='confluence-users' and directory_id=(select id from
cwd_directory where directory_name='Confluence Internal
Directory')), 1212121);
insert into cwd_membership (id, parent_id, child_user_id) values
(999999, (select id from cwd_group where
group_name='confluence-administrators' and directory_id=(select
id from cwd_directory where directory_name='Confluence Internal
Directory')), 1212121);
```

If you're using an Oracle database, use **sysdate** instead of a string for the **created\_date** column.

## Step 2. Replace Administrator Password

Confluence doesn't store passwords in plain text in the database, but uses hashes computed from the original password. You'll need to insert a hash, rather than the plain password, over the existing password in the database. Below is the hash for the password `admin`

```
x61Ey612Kl2gpFL56FT9weDnpSo4AV8j8+qx2AuTHdRyY036xxzTTrwl0Wq3+4qQyB+XU
RPWx1ONxp3Y3pB37A==
```

To change the password to `admin` for a given username:

1. Shut down Confluence
2. Connect to your database
3. Run the following SQL:

```
update cwd_user set credential =  
'x61Ey612Kl2gpFL56FT9weDnpSo4AV8j8+qx2AuTHdRyY036xxzTTrw10Wq3+4q  
QyB+XURPWx1ONxp3Y3pB37A== '  
where id=<id from Stage 1>;
```

### Step 3. Put the Internal Directory in First Position

Start Confluence, and try logging in with the username of the user you updated/created and the password 'admin'. If this works, skip to Step 4; otherwise, your Internal Directory doesn't have high enough priority.

#### To put your Internal Directory in first position:

1. Find the directory names and their order:

```
select d.id, d.directory_name, m.list_index from cwd_directory d  
join cwd_app_dir_mapping m on d.id=m.directory_id;
```

2. Take note of the ID with list\_index 0, and the list\_index and ID of the Confluence Internal Directory
3. Switch the order of the directories:

```
update cwd_app_dir_mapping set list_index = 0 where directory_id  
= <Internal Directory id>;  
update cwd_app_dir_mapping set list_index = <Noted Internal  
Directory list_index> where directory_id = <Directory id that  
had list_index 0>;
```

4. Check to see if the directory is active (the 'active' column should be set to 'T'):

```
select id, directory_name, active from cwd_directory where id =  
<Internal Directory id>;
```

5. If necessary, activate the directory:

```
update cwd_directory set active = 'T' where id = <Internal  
Directory id>;
```

### Step 4. Clean Up

#### To tidy up:

1. Start Confluence
2. Log in with your modified/created username and use password admin
3. Change your password

**Don't leave your password as admin; if you do, your instance won't be secure.**

4. If you created a new user in Stage 2, create a new admin via the UI and delete the admin you created in Stage 2
5. If you followed Stage Three, go to



> **General Configuration** > **User Directories** and rearrange your directories so they're correctly configured again.

## Edit User Details

You can view and edit the details of Confluence users, including their name, password, email address, group membership, and ability to access Confluence.

### Edit a user's details

1. Choose



> **User management**

2. Do either of the following:

- Choose **Show all users** to list everyone in the 'confluence-users' or 'users' group
- Enter a username, full name or email address in the **Find User** field and hit **Search**

If you're already viewing someone's profile, choose **Administer User** in the sidebar.

2. Select the user you want to manage

Now you'll see the person's current details and links allowing you to edit them.

- **View Profile** — View the user's profile.
- **Edit Groups** — [Add or remove](#) this user from a group.
- **Edit Details** — Change details such as the user's name, email address, contact details and team or department information. In some instances you may be able to change usernames as well. See [Change a Username](#) for information.
- **Set Password** — Edit the user's password details.
- **Delete** — You can [delete](#) a user permanently if the user has not added or edited any content on the site.
- **Disable** — You can [disable](#) (i.e. deactivate) access for a user who has already added or edited any content on the site.

### On this page:


- [Edit a user's details](#)
- [Reset login count](#)

### Related pages:

- [Delete or Disable Users](#)
- [Adding or Removing Users in Groups](#)
- [Add and Invite Users](#)

## View User: juser

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User	juser
Full Name	Josh User
Email	<a href="mailto:josh@user.com">josh@user.com</a>
Directory	Confluence Internal Directory
Created	Feb 24, 2015 10:13
Last Updated	Feb 24, 2015 10:13
Login	<b>Last Login:</b> Jun 22, 2015 10:56 <b>Current Failed Login Count:</b> 0
Groups	 <a href="#">confluence-users</a>
<a href="#">View Profile</a> <a href="#">Edit Groups</a> <a href="#">Edit Details</a> <a href="#">Set Password</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> <a href="#">Disable</a>	

### Reset login count

Confluence records the number of failed logins attempts made against each user account. When the login attempts exceed a preset number, the user is prompted to authenticate using CAPTCHA until they successfully log in.

If the user you're administering has any failed login attempts, you can manually set the failed login count for a user back to zero by clicking **Reset Failed Login Count**.

### Multiple user directories

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See [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

### Change a Username

As a Confluence administrator, you can change a user's username. This could be for any reason, but might happen when someone changes their name, for example.

Each active users must have a unique username, so no two *active* users can have the same username. You can, however, assign the username of a [disabled user](#) to another active user.

The procedure for changing a username depends on where you manage



your users. See [Configuring User Directories](#) for more info.


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- [Confluence-managed users](#)
- [Users managed in an external directory](#)
- [Notes](#)

### Confluence-managed users

If you manage your users in the Confluence internal directory, you can rename your user in Confluence. You'll need Confluence Administrator permissions to change a username.

#### To change a username:

1. Choose  **> User management**
2. Search for the user or choose **Show all users**
3. Select the user you'd like to edit and choose **Edit Details**
4. Enter the new username and choose **Submit**

That person will need to use their new username to log in to Confluence from now on. The new username will also be reflected throughout Confluence, including in [@mentions](#).

### Users managed in an external directory

If you don't manage your users in the Confluence internal directory, you may still be able to change someone's username. Confluence can't update external users, but it will detect changes in usernames coming from *some* external directories.

The following table shows the instances where you may be able to change a username in your external directory and have the change detected in Confluence.

User directory	Where to rename the user
Internal directory with LDAP authentication	Rename the user in the LDAP directory, Confluence will detect the renamed user.  Note: you must have 'Copy User on Login' enabled. See <a href="#">Copying Users on Login</a> for more information.
JIRA 6.1 or later	Rename the user in JIRA, Confluence will automatically detect the renamed user.
Atlassian Crowd 2.7 or later	Rename the user in Crowd, Confluence will automatically detect the renamed user.
LDAP	Rename the user in your LDAP directory, Confluence will automatically detect the renamed user.

### Notes

Some important things to note about changing usernames:

- **Mentions and page history** – Any user mentions in current pages will automatically reflect the user's new username, but any mentions in page versions created prior to Confluence 5.3 will include the user's old username.

- **Personal Spaces** – If a Confluence Administrator renames a user who has a personal space, the space key for that space will remain as the original username. For example, if jsmith's username is changed to jbrown, their personal space key will remain ~jsmith.

## Managing Site-Wide Permissions and Groups

Permissions determine what people can do on your Confluence site. Confluence recognizes permissions at [site level](#) and at [space level](#), as well as [page-level restrictions](#).

You can create [groups](#) and allocate people to them, so that you can assign permissions to a number of people at once. It's quicker to give a group access to Confluence than giving every member access individually.

You can also set the access levels for [anonymous users](#) or deny access to unlicensed users from linked applications, such as JIRA Service Desk.

### Related pages:

- [Confluence Security Overview and Advisories](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)

## Confluence Groups for Administrators

[Grouping users](#) in Confluence is a great way to cut down the work required when managing permissions and restrictions. Once you have a group of users, you can assign that group a set of [global permissions](#). For example, if you don't want that group of users to be able to create spaces, you can revoke the 'Create Space(s)' permission.

Other users can also take advantage of Confluence groups. [Space admins](#) can assign a set of [space permissions](#) to a group rather than to each individual user, and other users with the 'Add/Delete Restrictions' space permission can add and remove [page restrictions](#) for groups.

### Special groups

There are three special default groups in Confluence:

1. **system-administrators (sys admin)** – The user that sets up a Confluence instance will be the first sys admin; they can also appoint other sys admins by granting them the 'System Administrator' [global permission](#). They can perform all Confluence administrative functions, including assigning permissions to other users.
2. **confluence-administrators**: This is a group of 'super-users' who can access the Confluence administration screens ('administration console') and perform site-wide administration. Members of this group can also see all spaces in the Confluence site. Any user who is a member of this group has site-wide administration powers, regardless of any other setting. The settings on the [global permissions screen](#) do **not** affect the powers allowed to members of this group.
3. **confluence-users**: This is the default group for all new users. Permissions you assign to this group will be assigned to all newly created users.

### On this page:

- [Special groups](#)
- [Anonymous users](#)
- [Add or delete groups](#)
- [Confluence Administrator permission vs confluence-admin group comparison](#)
- [Notes](#)

### Related pages:

- [Manage Users](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)

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[View the comparison table.](#)

### Anonymous users

All users who don't log in when they access Confluence are considered 'anonymous'. You can [grant anonymous users the 'Use Confluence' permission](#) via the Global Permissions screen if you need to. This will allow non-registered users to access pages and spaces in Confluence. A space administrator can further control anonymous access per space via the [space permissions](#).


#### Add or delete groups

##### To add a new group:

1. Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Groups** in the left-hand panel
3. Choose **Add Group**
4. Enter a name for your group and choose **Save**

You're now ready to start [adding users](#) to the group.

##### To delete a group:

1. Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Groups** in the left-hand panel  
You will see a list of all existing groups along with links to remove them.
3. Choose **Delete** next to the group you want to remove

#### Confluence Administrator permission vs confluence-admin group comparison



Granting the Confluence Administrator permission to someone allows them access to many, but not all, options in the administration console (





> **General configuration**). Expand the comparison table to view the options available to people granted the Confluence Administrator permission, and to those in the confluence-admin group.

▼ [Click to view the comparison table](#)

Administration option	Confluence Admin permission	confluence-administrators group
<b>CONFIGURATION</b>		
General Configuration		
Further Configuration		
Manage Referrers		
Languages		
Shortcut Links		
Global Templates and Blueprints		
Import Templates		
Mail Servers		
Recommended Updates Email		
User Macros		
In-app Notifications		

HipChat Integration		
Attachment Storage		
Spam Prevention		
PDF Export Language Support		
Configure Code Macro		
WebDAV Configuration		
Office Connector		
<b>ATLASSIAN MARKETPLACE</b>		
Find new add-ons		
Manage add-ons		
Purchased add-ons		
<b>USERS &amp; SECURITY</b>		
Users		
Groups		
Security Configuration		
Global Permissions		
Space Permissions		
User Directories		
Whitelist		
<b>LOOK AND FEEL</b>		
Themes		
Color Scheme		
Layouts		
Stylesheet		
Site Logo and Favicon		
PDF Layout		
PDF Stylesheet		
Default Space Logo		
		Custom HTML
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
System Information		
Backup & Restore		

Content Indexing		
Mail Queue		
Cache Management		
Scheduled Jobs		
License Details		
Logging and Profiling		
Thread Dump		
Application Links		
Application Navigator		
Analytics		
Import from Another Wiki		
Atlassian Support Tools		
Clustering		

### Notes

- **Multiple user directories:** You can define multiple user directories in Confluence, so that Confluence looks in more than one place for its users and groups. For example, you could use the default Confluence **internal directory** and connect to an **LDAP** directory server. In that case, you can define the **directory order** to determine where Confluence looks first when processing users and groups.

Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:

- The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
- Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

See [Managing Multiple Directories](#).


## Adding or Removing Users in Groups

If you are a [Confluence Administrator](#), you can add users and groups, and assign users to groups, in order to determine their permissions.

This page tells you how to add a user to a group or remove a user from a group. For an overview of users and groups, please refer to [Confluence Groups](#) and [Manage Users](#).

You can edit group membership in two places:

- From the group management screen
- From the user management screen for a particular user

 If you're using Confluence Cloud head to [Manage users and groups](#) to find out how to do this in your site.

**Add and remove members via group management**

### On this page:


- [Add and remove members via group management](#)
- [Edit group membership via user management](#)

### Related pages:


- [Manage Users](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)

This is the recommended method. It allows you to manage the group membership for a number of users at the same time.

To add members to a group:

1. Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Groups** in the left-hand panel
3. Choose the group to which you want to add users
4. Choose **Add Members**
5. Type the username(s) of the people you want to add to the group
  - If you want to add more than one member, separate the usernames with commas
  - You can also search for and select users by choosing the search icon
6. Choose **Add** to add the member(s) to the group

To remove members from a group:

1. Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Groups** in the left-hand panel
3. Choose the group from which you want to remove the user
4. Choose the **Delete user from group** icon next to the user whose group membership you want to remove

*Screenshot: Adding members*



Group Members: techwriters

[Groups](#) [Cancel](#)


techwriters

Add Members   Enter a comma separated list of user names to add users to this group

#### **Edit group membership via user management**

You can update a user's group membership from the user management screen. This functionality allows you to update one user at a time.

To add a user to a group or remove a user from a group:

1. Go to the user management screen for the user concerned. There are two ways to do this:
  - Either,
    - Go to the user's [Profile](#) and choose **Administer User** on the user's profile screen.
  - Or, Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
    - a. Choose **Users** in the left-hand panel
    - b. Choose **Show all users**, or search for a specific user by entering all or part of their username, full name or email address
    - c. Choose the username you want to edit
2. Choose **Edit Groups**
3. Select the group(s) for this user
 

To remove a user from a group, remove the tick mark in the relevant check box.

*Screenshot: Editing a user's groups*

## Edit User Groups : connie

« [Return to view user: connie](#)

Select group memberships for **connie**

☐ confluence-administrators

☒ confluence-users

☐ developers

☐ techwriters

[Select All Groups](#) · [Deselect All Groups](#)

You can define multiple user directories in Confluence, so that Confluence looks in more than one place for its users and groups. For example, you could use the default Confluence **internal directory** and connect to an **LDAP** directory server. In that case, you can define the **directory order** to determine where Confluence looks first when processing users and groups.

Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:

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See [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

### Global Permissions Overview

Global Permissions determine the actions which a user is allowed to perform in Confluence at a site level. To assign global permissions to a user or group you need Confluence Administrator or greater permissions.

**Note:** The first system administrator is defined during initial setup. During the initial configuration of Confluence, the Setup Wizard asks for the username of the System Administrator. This user will have the 'System Administrator' permission and will be a member of the 'confluence-administrators' group.

#### On this page:

- [Overview of global permissions](#)
- [Comparing the System Administrator permission with the Confluence Administrator permission](#)
- [Comparing the confluence-administrators group with the administrator permissions](#)
- [Updating global permissions](#)
- [Revoking access for unlicensed users from JIRA Service Desk](#)
- [Error messages you may see](#)

#### Overview of global permissions

The following global permissions can be applied to groups and individuals.

Global Permission	Description
Can Use	This is the most basic permission that allows users to access the site. Users with this permission count towards the number of users allowed by your license.

Attach Files to User Profile	This allows the user to upload files to be stored in their user profile.  This feature was made obsolete by the introduction of personal spaces in Confluence 2.2. Hence, this permission is no longer relevant. Attachments can be accessed from a user profile view (for example, an image within the 'About Me' field of a profile view) by attaching these files to a page within that user's personal space and referencing them using appropriate wiki markup code.
Personal Space	This permission allows the user to create a personal space.
Create Space(s)	This permission allows users to create new spaces within your Confluence site. When a space is created, the creator automatically has the 'Admin' permission <a href="#">for that space</a> and can perform space-wide administrative functions.
Confluence Administrator	This permission allows users to access the 'Administration Console' that controls site-wide administrative functions. Users with this permission can perform most, but not all, of the Confluence administrative functions. See the comparison of 'System Administrator' and 'Confluence Administrator' below.
System Administrator	This permission allows users to access the 'Administration Console' that controls site-wide administrative functions. Users with this permission can perform all the Confluence administrative functions, including the ones which the 'Confluence Administrator' permission does not allow. See the comparison of 'System Administrator' and 'Confluence Administrator' below. Refer also to the note about the 'confluence-administrators' group below.

#### *Comparing the System Administrator permission with the Confluence Administrator permission*

Confluence recognizes two levels of administrator:

- **System Administrator** – Users with this permission can perform all the Confluence administrative functions, including the ones which the 'Confluence Administrator' permission does not allow.
- **Confluence Administrator** – Users with this permission can perform most, but not all, of the Confluence administrative functions.

The two-tier administration is useful when you want to delegate some administrator privileges to project managers or team leaders. You can give 'Confluence Administrator' permission to users who should be able to perform most administrative functions, but should not be able to perform functions that can compromise the security of the Confluence system.

The following functions are granted to the 'System Administrator' permission but excluded from the 'Confluence Administrator' permission:

Administration Screen	Excluded from Confluence Administrator permission
General Configuration	The following functionality is disallowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Server Base URL</li> <li>• Public Signup</li> <li>• Connection Timeouts</li> </ul>
Further Configuration	The following functionality is disallowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote API plugin</li> </ul>



Security Configuration	<p>The following functionality is disallowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External user management</li> <li>• Append wildcards to user and group searches</li> <li>• Enable Custom Stylesheets for Spaces</li> <li>• Show system information on the 500 page</li> <li>• Maximum RSS Items</li> <li>• XSRF Protection</li> </ul>
Plugins	<p>The following functionality is disallowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade</li> <li>• Install</li> <li>• Confluence Upgrade Check</li> </ul>
Daily Backup Admin	This function is disallowed entirely.
Mail Servers	This function is disallowed entirely.
User Macros	This function is disallowed entirely.
Attachment Storage	This function is disallowed entirely.
Layouts	This function is disallowed entirely.
Custom HTML	This function is disallowed entirely.
Backup & Restore	This function is disallowed entirely.
Logging and Profiling	This function is disallowed entirely.
Cluster Configuration	This function is disallowed entirely.
Scheduled Jobs	This function is disallowed entirely.
Application Links	<p>People with the 'Confluence Administrator' permission can add, modify and remove application links and project links. For example, they can link Confluence to JIRA. However, Confluence administrators can configure only OAuth authentication for application links.</p>
Office Connector configuration	This function is disallowed entirely.

### ***Comparing the confluence-administrators group with the administrator permissions***

The 'confluence-administrators' group defines a set of 'super-users' who can access the Confluence administration console and perform site-wide administration. Members of this group can also see the content of all pages and spaces in the Confluence instance, regardless of [space permissions](#). They cannot immediately see the pages that exclude them via [page restrictions](#) without knowing the direct URL to the page. They can remove the page restrictions via the Space Administration screen if need be. For example, they will not see restricted pages displayed by the [children macro](#). But they are able to access restricted pages directly using the page URL.

The settings on the 'Global Permissions' screen do not affect the powers allowed to members of the 'confluence-administrators' group .

Granting the 'System Administrator' or 'Confluence Administrator' permission to a user will *not* automatically grant the user access to all spaces in the site. These permissions will only give access to the administration console.

Be aware, however, that users with 'System Administrator' can add themselves to the 'confluence-administrators' group and become a super-user.

**The Confluence Administrator permission and the 'confluence-administrators' group are not related.**

Going by the names, you would think the 'confluence-administrators' group and the 'Confluence Administrator' permission are related – but they are not. Granting a user or a group 'Confluence Administrator' permission is *not* the same as granting them membership of the 'confluence-administrators' group. Granting the 'Confluence Administrator' permission enables access to only a subset of the administrative functions. Granting membership to the 'confluence-administrators' group gives complete access.

*Updating global permissions*

**To view the global permissions for a group or user:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Global Permissions** in the left-hand panel. The 'View Global Permissions' screen appears.

Add or edit group and user permissions as follows:

**To add permissions for a group:**

1. First add the group to Confluence, if you have not already done so.
2. Choose **Edit Permissions**. The 'Edit Global Permissions' screen appears.
3. Enter the group name in the **Grant browse permission to** box in the 'Groups' section. You can search for the group name.
4. Choose **Add**.
5. The group will appear in the list and you can now edit its permissions.

**To add permissions for a specific user:**

(Consider adding the user to a group and then assigning the permissions to the group, as described above, instead of assigning permissions to the specific user.)

1. First add the user to Confluence, if you have not already done so.
2. Choose **Edit Permissions**. The 'Edit Global Permissions' screen appears.
3. Enter the username in the **Grant browse permission to** box in the 'Individual Users' section. You can search for the username.
4. Choose **Add**.
5. The username will appear in the list and you can now edit its permissions.

**To add or edit the permissions for a user or group:**

1. Select, or clear, the check box under the relevant permission in the row for the relevant user/group. A selected check box indicates that the permission is granted.
2. To allow anonymous access to your Confluence site, select the 'Use Confluence' and 'View User Profile' options in the 'Anonymous Access' section.
3. Choose **Save All** to save your changes.

*Screenshot: Editing global permissions*

## Edit Global Permissions

Global permissions define what people can do in your site. You can grant permissions to groups and individuals, and choose to open up your site to anonymous users.

See [Global Permissions overview](#) to find out more about managing permissions for your entire Confluence site.

### Licensed Users

#### Groups

Grant permissions for the entire site to all the members of a group.

		Attach Files to User Profile <a href="#">[?]</a>	Personal Space <a href="#">[?]</a>	Create Space(s) <a href="#">[?]</a>	Confluence Administrator <a href="#">[?]</a>	System Administrator <a href="#">[?]</a>
administrators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
confluence-users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
site-admins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
system-administrators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Grant browse permission to

#### Individual Users

Grant permissions to individual users, regardless of which groups they are a member of.

No users currently have individual global permissions.

Grant browse permission to

### Anonymous Access

Make your Confluence site public. You can choose which spaces anonymous users can access. Anonymous users are not included in your license count.


	Use Confluence <a href="#">[?]</a>	View User Profiles <a href="#">[?]</a>
Anonymous	<input type="checkbox"/> can use	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Cancel](#)

### Revoking access for unlicensed users from JIRA Service Desk

If you're using Confluence as a knowledge base for JIRA Service Desk, you can choose to allow all active users and customers (that is logged in users who do not have a Confluence license) to view pages in specific spaces. This permission can only be turned on via JIRA Service Desk.

To revoke access for unlicensed users:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Global Permissions.**
2. Choose **Edit Permissions**
3. Deselect the '**Can Use**' permission under **Unlicensed Access.**

Unlicensed users will no longer be able to access pages in your Confluence site. This can only be re-enabled via JIRA Service Desk.

You can also choose to revoke access for individual spaces from the Space Permissions screen in each space.

*Screenshot: Unlicensed access section of the Global Permissions page.*

### Unlicensed Access

Allow any active user, including those who don't have a Confluence license, to view spaces (for example, users from JIRA Service Desk). You can choose which spaces unlicensed users can view. If you disable this permission, it can only be enabled again through JIRA Service Desk.

Use Confluence [?]

View User Profiles [?]

Unlicensed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> can use	<input type="checkbox"/>
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This section only appears on the Global Permissions page in Confluence if you have linked a space to your Service Desk project (as a Knowledge base), and chosen to allow all active users and customers to access without a Confluence license. See [Serving customers with a knowledge base](#) in the Service Desk documentation for more info.

#### Error messages you may see

Confluence will let you know if there is a problem with some permissions. In rare situations, you may see the following error messages below a permission:

- 'User/Group not found' - This message may appear if your LDAP repository is unavailable, or if the user/group has been deleted after the permission was created.
- 'Case incorrect. Correct case is: xxxxxx' - This message may appear if the upper/lower case in the permission does not match the case of the username or group name. If you see a number of occurrences of this message, you should consider running the [routine supplied to fix the problem](#).

## Setting Up Public Access

You can enable anonymous access (also known as public access) to your Confluence site by granting the 'Use Confluence' permission to 'anonymous' users. An 'anonymous' user is someone who has not logged in to the Confluence site. The 'Use Confluence' permission is also called 'can use'.

This user category gives you an easy way to administer users who have not logged into the site. Permissions assigned to this category apply to all anonymous users of the site.

#### Enabling anonymous access to the site

If you want to make your site visible to everyone, including people who have not logged in, you must enable anonymous access at site level.

To enable anonymous access to your site:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Global Permissions** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit Permissions**.
4. In the 'Anonymous Access' section, select the **can use** check box to enable anonymous access to the content on your site.
5. If you want to allow anonymous users to see [user profiles](#), select the check box in the **View User Profiles** section.  
*Note:* You must grant the 'can use' permission as well, if you want to grant the 'View User Profiles' permission.
6. Choose **Save All**.

#### Disabling anonymous access to the site

#### On this page:

- [Enabling anonymous access to the site](#)
- [Disabling anonymous access to the site](#)
- [Granting public access to a space](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring Captcha for Spam Prevention](#)
- [Add and Invite Users](#)
- [Global Permissions Overview](#)

To disable anonymous access to your site, deselect the **can use** check box, then choose **Save All**. People will not be able to see the content on the site until they have logged in.

### Granting public access to a space

To enable public access to a Confluence space, you must grant the following permissions to anonymous users:

- The site-wide 'can use' permission, as described above.
- The relevant [space permissions](#). If you want a space to be publicly accessible, the anonymous user must have at least the 'View Space' permission. To set space permissions, choose **Browse > Space Admin > Permissions**.

### Notes

- We **severely warn against** giving anonymous users any administrative privileges, either within a space, or especially over the Confluence site. Giving administrative privileges to untrusted users may lead to a serious security compromise of your site.
- You can allow people to sign up for usernames themselves, and choose other options for user signup and invitations. See [Add and Invite Users](#).


## Configuring User Directories

A user directory is a place where you store information about users and groups. User information includes the person's full name, username, password, email address and other personal information. Group information includes the name of the group, the users that belong to the group, and possibly groups that belong to other groups.

The **internal** directory stores user and group information in the Confluence database. You can also connect to **external** user directories, and to Atlassian **Crowd** and **JIRA** applications as directory managers.

### Configuring User Directories in Confluence

#### To configure your Confluence user directories:

1. Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Click '**User Directories**' in the left-hand panel.

#### On this page:

- [Configuring User Directories in Confluence](#)
- [Connecting to a Directory](#)
- [Updating Directories](#)

#### Related pages

- [Configuring the Internal Directory](#)
- [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#)
- [Connecting to an Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication](#)
- [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#)
- [Managing Multiple Directories](#)
- [Managing Nested Groups](#)
- [Synchronizing Data from External Directories](#)
- [Diagrams of Possible Configurations for User Management](#)
- [User Management Limitations and Recommendations](#)
- [Requesting Support for External User Management](#)
- [Disabling the Built-In User Management](#)
- [Add and Invite Users](#)
- [Managing Site-Wide Permissions and Groups](#)

### Connecting to a Directory

You can add the following types of directory servers and directory managers:

- Confluence's internal directory. See [Configuring the Internal Directory](#).
- Microsoft Active Directory. See [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#).
- Various other LDAP directory servers. See [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#).
- An LDAP directory for delegated authentication. See [Connecting to an Internal Directory with LDAP](#)

#### Authentication.

- Atlassian Crowd or JIRA 4.3 or later. See [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#).

You can add as many external user directories as you need. Note that you can define the **order** of the directories. This determines which directory Confluence will search first, when looking for user and group information. See [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

### Updating Directories

#### Limitations when Editing Directories

You cannot edit, disable or remove the directory your user belongs to. This precaution is designed to prevent administrators from locking themselves out of the application by changing the directory configuration in a way that prevents them logging in or removes their administration permissions.

This limitation applies to all directory types. For example:


- You cannot disable the internal directory if your user is an internal user.
- You cannot disable or remove an LDAP or a Crowd directory if your user comes from that directory.

In some situations, reordering the directories will change the directory that the current user comes from, if a user with the same username happens to exist in both. This behavior can be used in some cases to create a copy of the existing configuration, move it to the top, then remove the old one. Note, however, that duplicate usernames are not a supported configuration.

You cannot remove the internal directory. This precaution aligns with the recommendation below that you always keep an administrator account active in the internal directory.

#### Recommendations

The recommended way to edit directory configurations is to log in as an internal user when making changes to external directory configuration.

 We recommend that you keep either an administrator or system administrator user active in your internal directory for troubleshooting problems with your user directories.

#### Enabling, Disabling and Removing Directories

You can enable or disable a directory at any time. If you disable a directory, your configuration details will remain but the application will not recognize the users and groups in that directory.

You have to disable a directory before you can remove it. Removing a directory will remove the details from the database.

### User Directories

The table below shows the user directories currently configured for Confluence.

The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups. Changes to users and groups will be made in the first directory where Confluence has permission to make changes. It is recommended that users only exist in a single directory.

Directory Name	Type	Order	Operations
Confluence Internal Directory	Internal	↑ ↓	
OpenLDAP	OpenLDAP (Read-Write)	↑ ↓	<a href="#">Disable</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Synchronise</a> Last synchronised at 14/01/11 3:07 PM (took 65s).
Crowd	Atlassian Crowd	↑ ↓	<a href="#">Disable</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Synchronise</a> Last synchronised at 14/01/11 2:39 PM (took 0s).

[Add Directory](#)

#### Additional Configuration

- [LDAP Connection Pool Configuration](#)

Screenshot above: Configuring user directories

### Configuring the Internal Directory

The internal directory stores user and group information in the Confluence database.

#### Overview

The internal directory is enabled by default at installation. When you create the first administrator during the setup procedure, that administrator's username and other details are stored in the internal directory.

If needed, you can configure one or more additional user directories. This is useful if you want to grant access to users and groups that are stored in a corporate directory or other directory server.

#### Diagram of Possible Configuration

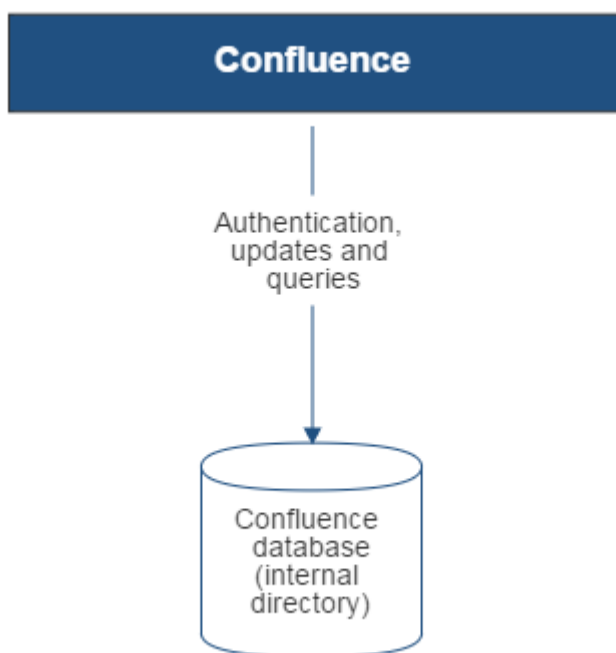


Diagram above: Confluence using its internal directory for user management.

### Connecting to an LDAP Directory

You can connect your Confluence application to an LDAP directory for authentication, user and group management.

#### Overview

An LDAP directory is a collection of data about users and groups. LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) is an Internet protocol that web applications can use to look up information about those users and groups from the LDAP server.

We provide built-in connectors for the most popular LDAP directory servers:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- Apache Directory Server (ApacheDS)
- Apple Open Directory

#### On this page:

- [Overview](#)
- [Diagram of Possible Configuration](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring User Directories](#)
- [How to Reenable the Internal Directory \(Knowledge base article\)](#)



- Fedora Directory Server
- Novell eDirectory
- OpenDS
- OpenLDAP
- OpenLDAP Using Posix Schema
- Posix Schema for LDAP
- Sun Directory Server Enterprise Edition (DSEE)
- A generic LDAP directory server

**When to use this option:** Connecting to an LDAP directory server is useful if your users and groups are stored in a corporate directory. When configuring the directory, you can choose to make it read only, read only with local groups, or read/write. If you choose read/write, any changes made to user and group information in the application will also update the LDAP directory.

#### On this page:

- Overview
- Connecting to an LDAP Directory in Confluence
- Server Settings
- Schema Settings
- Permission Settings
  - Adding Users to Groups Automatically
- Advanced Settings
- User Schema Settings
- Group Schema Settings
- Membership Schema Settings
- Diagrams of Some Possible Configurations

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring User Directories](#)

### Connecting to an LDAP Directory in Confluence

#### To connect Confluence to an LDAP directory:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **User Directories** in the left-hand panel.
3. **Add** a directory and select one of these types:
  - **Microsoft Active Directory** – This option provides a quick way to select AD, because it is the most popular LDAP directory type.
  - **LDAP** – You will be able to choose a specific LDAP directory type on the next screen.
4. Enter the values for the settings, as described below.
5. Save the directory settings.
6. Define the **directory order** by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory on the 'User Directories' screen. Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:
  - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.
  - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups (by default Confluence aggregates group membership from all directories, so the order does not impact membership itself).

For details see [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

#### Server Settings

Setting	Description
Name	Enter a meaningful name to help you identify the LDAP directory server. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Example Company Staff Directory</li> <li>• Example Company Corporate LDAP</li> </ul>
Directory Type	Select the type of LDAP directory that you will connect to. If you are adding a new LDAP connection, the value you select here will determine the default values for many of the options on the rest of screen. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Active Directory</li> <li>• OpenDS</li> <li>• And more.</li> </ul>



Hostname	<p>The host name of your directory server. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ad.example.com</code></li> <li>• <code>ldap.example.com</code></li> <li>• <code>opens.example.com</code></li> </ul>
Port	<p>The port on which your directory server is listening. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 389</li> <li>• 10389</li> <li>• 636 (for example, for SSL)</li> </ul>
Use SSL	<p>Check this if the connection to the directory server is an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) connection. Note that you will need to configure an SSL certificate in order to use this setting.</p>
Username	<p>The distinguished name of the user that the application will use when connecting to the directory server. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn=administrator,cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</code></li> <li>• <code>cn=user,dc=domain,dc=name</code></li> <li>• <code>user@domain.name</code></li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>By default, all users can read the <code>uSNChanged</code> attribute; however, only administrators or users with relevant permissions can access the Deleted Objects container. The specific privileges required by the user to connect to LDAP are "Bind" and "Read" (user info, group info, group membership, update sequence number, deleted objects), which the user can obtain by being a member of the Active Directory's built-in administrators group.</p> <p>Note that the incremental sync will fail silently if the Active Directory is accessed by a user without these privileges. This has been reported as <a href="#">CWD-3093</a>.</p> </div>
Password	<p>The password of the user specified above.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Connecting to an LDAP server requires that this application log in to the server with the username and password configured here. As a result, this password cannot be one-way hashed - it must be recoverable in the context of this application. The password is currently stored in the database in plain text without obfuscation. To guarantee its security, you need to ensure that other processes do not have OS-level read permissions for this application's database or configuration files.</p>

### Schema Settings

Setting	Description
Base DN	<p>The root distinguished name (DN) to use when running queries against the directory server. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>o=example,c=com</code></li> <li>• <code>cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</code></li> <li>• For Microsoft Active Directory, specify the base DN in the following format: <code>dc=domain1,dc=local</code>. You will need to replace the <code>domain1</code> and <code>local</code> for your specific configuration. Microsoft Server provides a tool called <code>ldp.exe</code> which is useful for finding out and configuring the the LDAP structure of your server.</li> </ul>
Additional User DN	<p>This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading users. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ou=Users</code></li> </ul>

Additional Group DN	<p>This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading groups. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ou=Groups</li> </ul>
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If no value is supplied for **Additional User DN** or **Additional Group DN** this will cause the subtree search to start from the base DN and, in case of huge directory structure, could cause performance issues for login and operations that rely on login to be performed.

### Permission Settings

**Note:** You can only assign LDAP users to local groups when 'External Management User Management' is not selected.

Setting	Description
Read Only	LDAP users, groups and memberships are retrieved from your directory server and can only be modified via your directory server. You cannot modify LDAP users, groups or memberships via the application administration screens.
Read Only, with Local Groups	<p>LDAP users, groups and memberships are retrieved from your directory server and can only be modified via your directory server. You cannot modify LDAP users, groups or memberships via the application administration screens. However, you can add groups to the internal directory and add LDAP users to those groups.</p> <p>Note for Confluence users: Users from LDAP are added to groups maintained in Confluence's internal directory the first time they log in. This is only done once per user. There is a known issue with Read Only, with Local Groups in Confluence that may apply to you. See <a href="#">CONFSERVER-28621</a> - User Loses all Local Group Memberships If LDAP Sync is Unable to find the User, but the User appears again in subsequent syncs <b>RESOLVED</b></p>
Read/Write	LDAP users, groups and memberships are retrieved from your directory server. When you modify a user, group or membership via the application administration screens, the changes will be applied directly to your LDAP directory server. Please ensure that the LDAP user specified for the application has modification permissions on your LDAP directory server.

### Adding Users to Groups Automatically

Setting	Description
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Default Group Memberships	<p><i>Option available in Confluence 3.5 and later, and JIRA 4.3.3 and later.</i> This field appears if you select the 'Read Only, with Local Groups' permission. If you would like users to be automatically added to a group or groups, enter the group name(s) here. To specify more than one group, separate the group names with commas.</p> <p><i>In Confluence 3.5 to Confluence 3.5.1:</i> Each time a user logs in, their group memberships will be checked. If the user does not belong to the specified group(s), their username will be added to the group(s). If a group does not yet exist, it will be added locally.</p> <p><i>In Confluence 3.5.2 and later, and JIRA 4.3.3 and later:</i> The first time a user logs in, their group memberships will be checked. If the user does not belong to the specified group(s), their username will be added to the group(s). If a group does not yet exist, it will be added locally. On subsequent logins, the username will <i>not</i> be added automatically to any groups. This change in behavior allows users to be removed from automatically-added groups. In Confluence 3.5 and 3.5.1, they would be re-added upon next login.</p> <p>Please note that there is no validation of the group names. If you mis-type the group name, authorization failures will result – users will not be able to access the applications or functionality based on the intended group name.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• confluence-users</li> <li>• confluence-users, jira-administrators, jira-core-users</li> </ul>
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### Advanced Settings

Setting	Description
Enable Nested Groups	Enable or disable support for nested groups. Some directory servers allow you to define a group as a member of another group. Groups in such a structure are called <i>nested groups</i> . Nested groups simplify permissions by allowing sub-groups to inherit permissions from a parent group.
Manage User Status Locally	If true, you can activate and deactivate users in Crowd independent of their status in the directory server.
Filter out expired users	<p>If true, user accounts marked as expired in ActiveDirectory will be automatically removed. For cached directories, the removal of a user will occur during the first synchronization after the account's expiration date.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This is available in Embedded Crowd 2.0.0 and above, but not available in the 2.0.0 m04 release.</p>
Use Paged Results	Enable or disable the use of the LDAP control extension for simple paging of search results. If paging is enabled, the search will retrieve sets of data rather than all of the search results at once. Enter the desired page size – that is, the maximum number of search results to be returned per page when paged results are enabled. The default is 1000 results.
Follow Referrals	Choose whether to allow the directory server to redirect requests to other servers. This option uses the node referral (JNDI lookup <code>java.naming.referral</code> ) configuration setting. It is generally needed for Active Directory servers configured without proper DNS, to prevent a 'javax.naming.PartialResultException: Unprocessed Continuation Reference(s)' error.

Naive DN Matching	<p>If your directory server will always return a consistent string representation of a DN, you can enable naive DN matching. Using naive DN matching will result in a significant performance improvement, so we recommend enabling it where possible.</p> <p>This setting determines how your application will compare DN's to determine if they are equal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this checkbox is selected, the application will do a direct, case-insensitive, string comparison. This is the default and recommended setting for Active Directory, because Active Directory guarantees the format of DN's.</li> <li>• If this checkbox is not selected, the application will parse the DN and then check the parsed version.</li> </ul>
Enable Incremental Synchronization	<p>Enable incremental synchronization if you only want changes since the last synchronization to be queried when synchronizing a directory.</p> <p>Please be aware that when using this option, the user account configured for synchronization must have read access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <code>uSNChanged</code> attribute of all users and groups in the directory that need to be synchronized.</li> <li>• The objects and attributes in the Active Directory deleted objects container.</li> </ul> <p>If at least one of these conditions is not met, you may end up with users who are added to (or deleted from) the Active Directory not being respectively added (or deleted) in the application.</p> <p>This setting is only available if the directory type is set to "Microsoft Active Directory".</p>
Synchronization Interval (minutes)	<p>Synchronization is the process by which the application updates its internal store of user data to agree with the data on the directory server. The application will send a request to your directory server every x minutes, where 'x' is the number specified here. The default value is 60 minutes.</p>
Read Timeout (seconds)	<p>The time, in seconds, to wait for a response to be received. If there is no response within the specified time period, the read attempt will be aborted. A value of 0 (zero) means there is no limit. The default value is 120 seconds.</p>
Search Timeout (seconds)	<p>The time, in seconds, to wait for a response from a search operation. A value of 0 (zero) means there is no limit. The default value is 60 seconds.</p>
Connection Timeout (seconds)	<p>This setting affects two actions. The default value is 0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The time to wait when getting a connection from the connection pool. A value of 0 (zero) means there is no limit, so wait indefinitely.</li> <li>• The time, in seconds, to wait when opening new server connections. A value of 0 (zero) means that the TCP network timeout will be used, which may be several minutes.</li> </ul>

#### User Schema Settings

Setting	Description
User Object Class	<p>This is the name of the class used for the LDAP user object. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>user</code></li> </ul>
User Object Filter	<p>The filter to use when searching user objects. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>(&amp;(objectCategory=Person)(sAMAccountName=*))</code></li> </ul> <p>More examples can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

User Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the username. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn</code></li> <li>• <code>sAMAccountName</code></li> </ul> <p>NB: In Active Directory, the 'sAMAccountName' is the 'User Logon Name (pre-Windows 2000)' field. The User Logon Name field is referenced by 'cn'.</p>
User Name RDN Attribute	<p>The RDN (relative distinguished name) to use when loading the username. The DN for each LDAP entry is composed of two parts: the RDN and the location within the LDAP directory where the record resides. The RDN is the portion of your DN that is not related to the directory tree structure. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn</code></li> </ul>
User First Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the user's first name. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>givenName</code></li> </ul>
User Last Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the user's last name. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>sn</code></li> </ul>
User Display Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the user's full name. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>displayName</code></li> </ul>
User Email Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the user's email address. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>mail</code></li> </ul>
User Password Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading a user's password. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>unicodePwd</code></li> </ul>
User Unique ID Attribute	<p>The attribute used as a unique immutable identifier for user objects. This is used to track username changes and is optional. If this attribute is not set (or is set to an invalid value), user renames will not be detected — they will be interpreted as a user deletion then a new user addition.</p> <p>This should normally point to a UUID value. Standards-compliant LDAP servers will implement this as 'entryUUID' according to <a href="#">RFC 4530</a>. This setting exists because it is known under different names on some servers, e.g. 'objectGUID' in Microsoft Active Directory.</p>

### Group Schema Settings

Setting	Description
Group Object Class	<p>This is the name of the class used for the LDAP group object. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>groupOfUniqueNames</code></li> <li>• <code>group</code></li> </ul>
Group Object Filter	<p>The filter to use when searching group objects. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>(&amp;(objectClass=group)(cn=*))</code></li> </ul>
Group Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the group's name. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn</code></li> </ul>

Group Description Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the group's description. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>description</code></li></ul>
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#### Membership Schema Settings

Setting	Description
Group Members Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the group's members. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>member</code></li></ul>
User Membership Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the user's groups. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>memberOf</code></li></ul>
Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the user's group membership	Check this if your directory server supports the group membership attribute on the user. (By default, this is the 'memberOf' attribute.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If this checkbox is selected, your application will use the group membership attribute on the user when <b>retrieving the list of groups to which a given user belongs</b>. This will result in a more efficient retrieval.</li><li>• If this checkbox is not selected, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('member' by default) for the search.</li><li>• If the <b>Enable Nested Groups</b> checkbox is selected, your application will ignore the <b>Use the User Membership Attribute</b> option and will use the members attribute on the group for the search.</li></ul>
Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the members of a group	Check this if your directory server supports the user membership attribute on the group. (By default, this is the 'member' attribute.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If this checkbox is selected, your application will use the group membership attribute on the user when <b>retrieving the members of a given group</b>. This will result in a more efficient search.</li><li>• If this checkbox is not selected, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('member' by default) for the search.</li></ul>

#### Diagrams of Some Possible Configurations

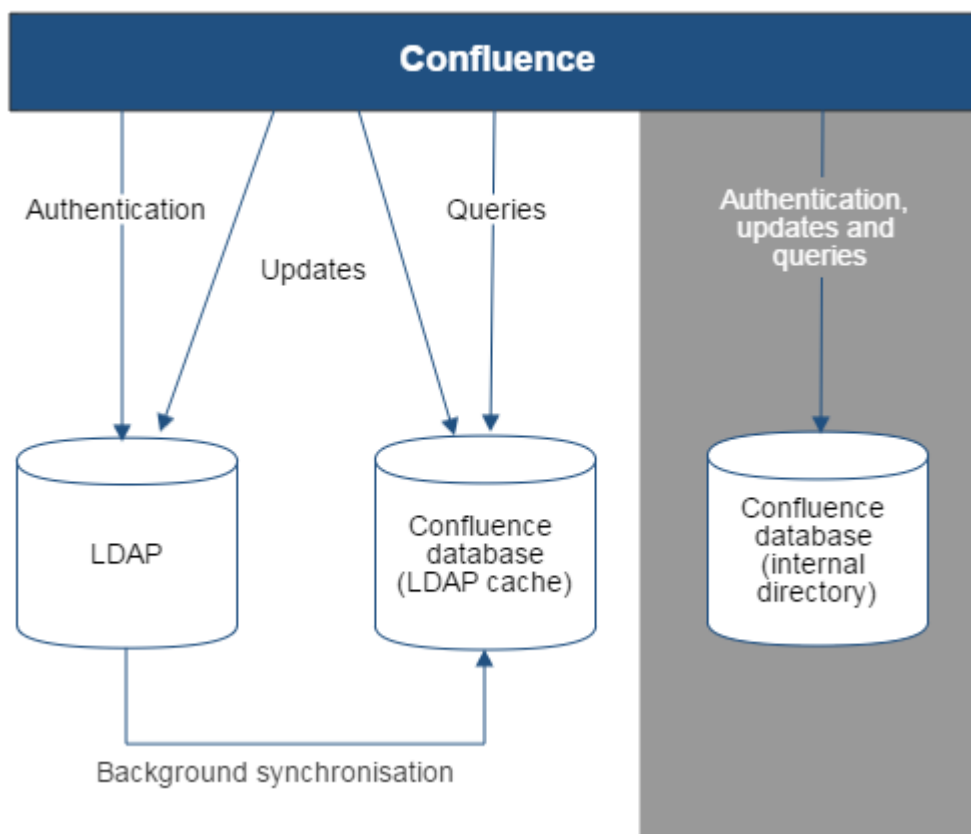


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory.

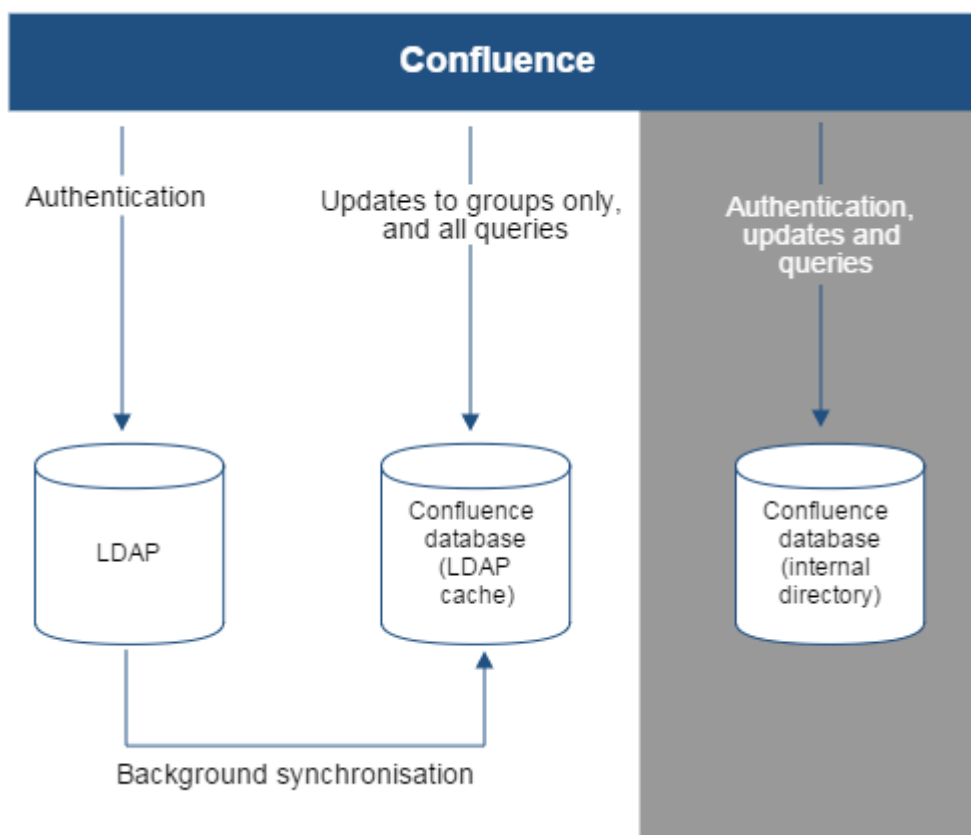


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory with permissions set to read only and local groups.

#### Configuring the LDAP Connection Pool

When connection pooling is enabled, the LDAP directory server maintains a pool of connections and assigns them as needed. When a connection is closed, the directory server returns the connection to the pool for future use. This can improve performance significantly.

**Related pages:**

- [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#)
- [Configuring User Directories](#)

**To configure your LDAP connection pool:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click '**User Directories**' in the left-hand panel.
3. Click '**LDAP Connection Pool Configuration**' in the 'Additional Configuration' section.

Setting	Description	Default Value
Initial Pool Size	The number of LDAP connections created when initially connecting to the pool.	1
Preferred Pool Size	The optimal pool size. LDAP will remove idle connections when the number of connections grows larger than this value. A value of 0 (zero) means that there is no preferred size, so the number of idle connections is unlimited.	10
Maximum Pool Size	The maximum number of connections. When the number of connections reaches this value, LDAP will refuse further connections. As a result, requests made by an application to the LDAP directory server will be blocked. A value of 0 (zero) means that the number of connections is unlimited.	0
Pool Timeout (seconds)	The length of time, in seconds, that a connection may remain idle before being removed from the pool. When the application is finished with a pooled connection, the connection is marked as idle, waiting to be reused. A value of 0 (zero) means that the idle time is unlimited, so connections will never be timed out.	30
Pool Protocol	Only these protocol types will be allowed to connect to the LDAP directory server. If you want to allow multiple protocols, enter the values separated by a space. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plain</li> <li>• ssl</li> </ul>	plain ssl (Both plain and ssl)
Pool Authentication	Only these authentication types will be allowed to connect to the LDAP directory server. If you want to allow multiple authentication types, enter the values separated by a space. See <a href="#">RFC 2829</a> for details of LDAP authentication methods. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> <li>• simple</li> <li>• DIGEST-MD5</li> </ul>	simple

**Notes:**

- The connection pool settings are system wide and will be used to create a new connection pool for every configured LDAP directory server.
- You must restart your application server for these settings to take effect.

**Configuring an SSL Connection to Active Directory**

If you want to configure a read/write connection with Microsoft Active Directory, you will need to install an SSL certificate, generated by your Active Directory



server, onto your Confluence server and then install the certificate into your JVM keystore.

**On this page:**

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Step 1. Install the Active Directory Certificate Services](#)
- [Step 2. Obtain the Server Certificate](#)
- [Step 3. Import the Server Certificate](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#)
- [Configuring User Directories](#)

There's a [Confluence SSL plugin](#) that facilitates this process.

Updating user, group, and membership details in Active Directory requires that your Atlassian application be running in a JVM that trusts the AD server. To do this, we generate a certificate on the Active Directory server, then import it into Java's `keystore`.

**Prerequisites**

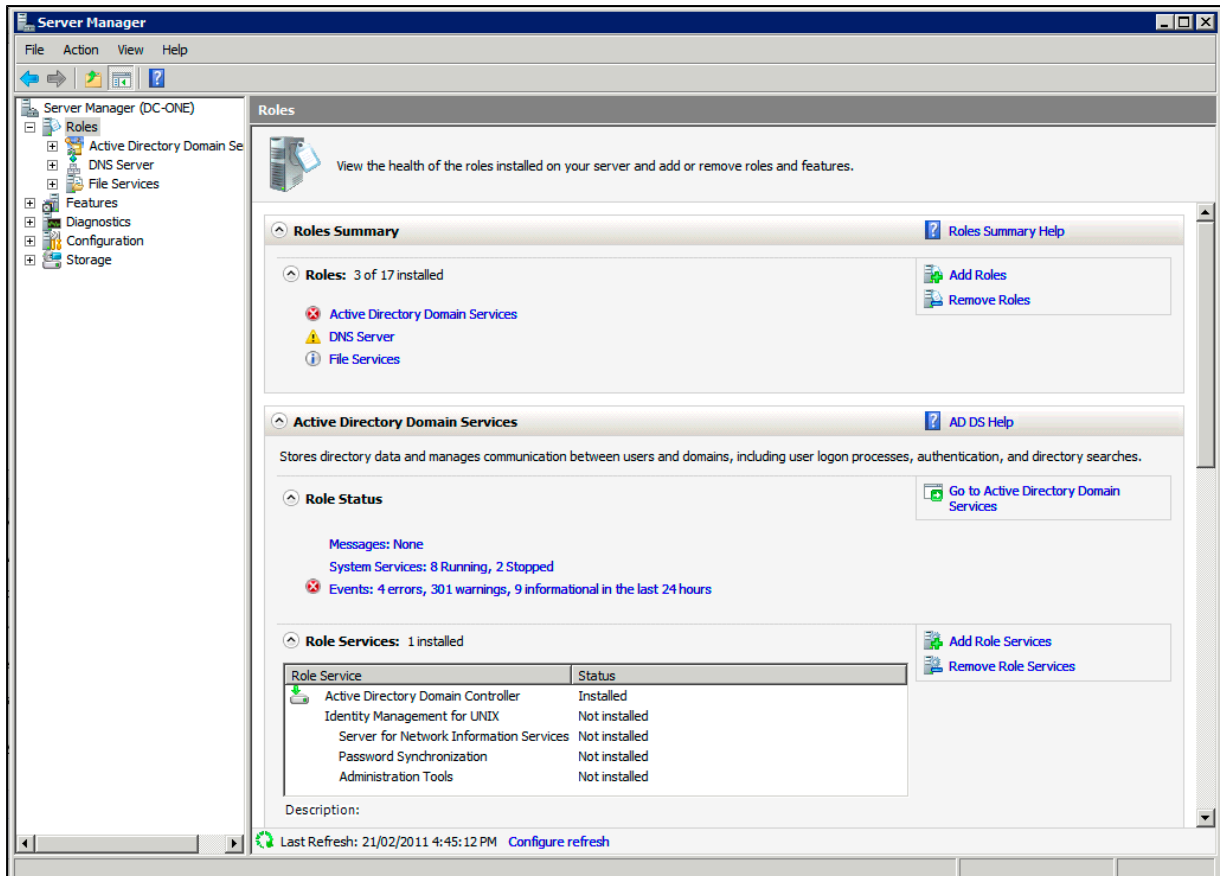
To generate a certificate, you need the following components installed on the Windows Domain Controller to which you're connecting.

Required Component	Description
Internet Information Services (IIS)	This is required before you can install Windows Certificate Services.
Windows Certificate Services	This installs a certification authority (CA) which is used to issue certificates. Step 1, below, explains this process.
Windows 2000 Service Pack 2	Required if you are using Windows 2000
Windows 2000 High Encryption Pack (128-bit)	Required if you are using Windows 2000. Provides the highest available encryption level (128-bit).

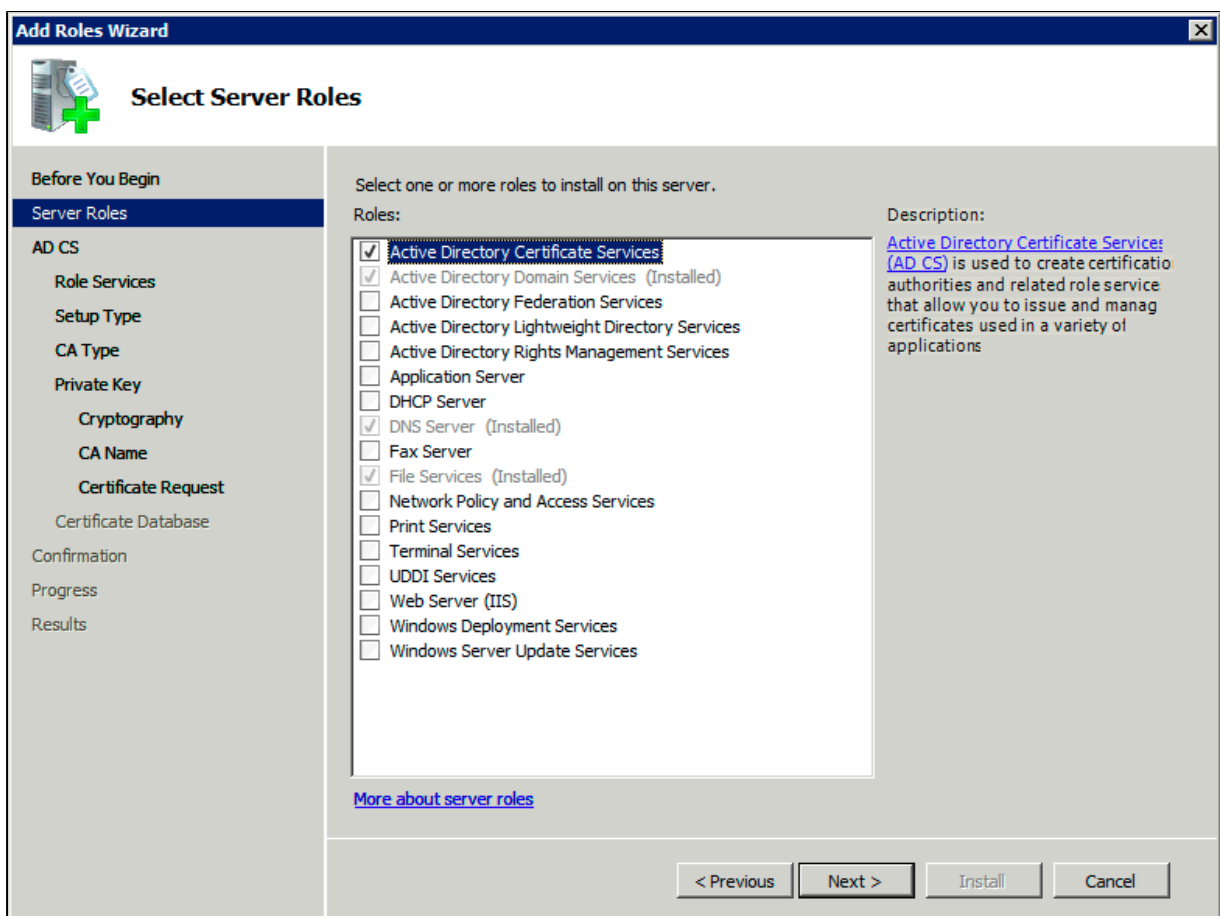
**Step 1. Install the Active Directory Certificate Services**

If Certificate Services are already installed, skip to step 2, below. The screenshots below are from Server 2008, but the process is similar for Server 2000 and 2003.

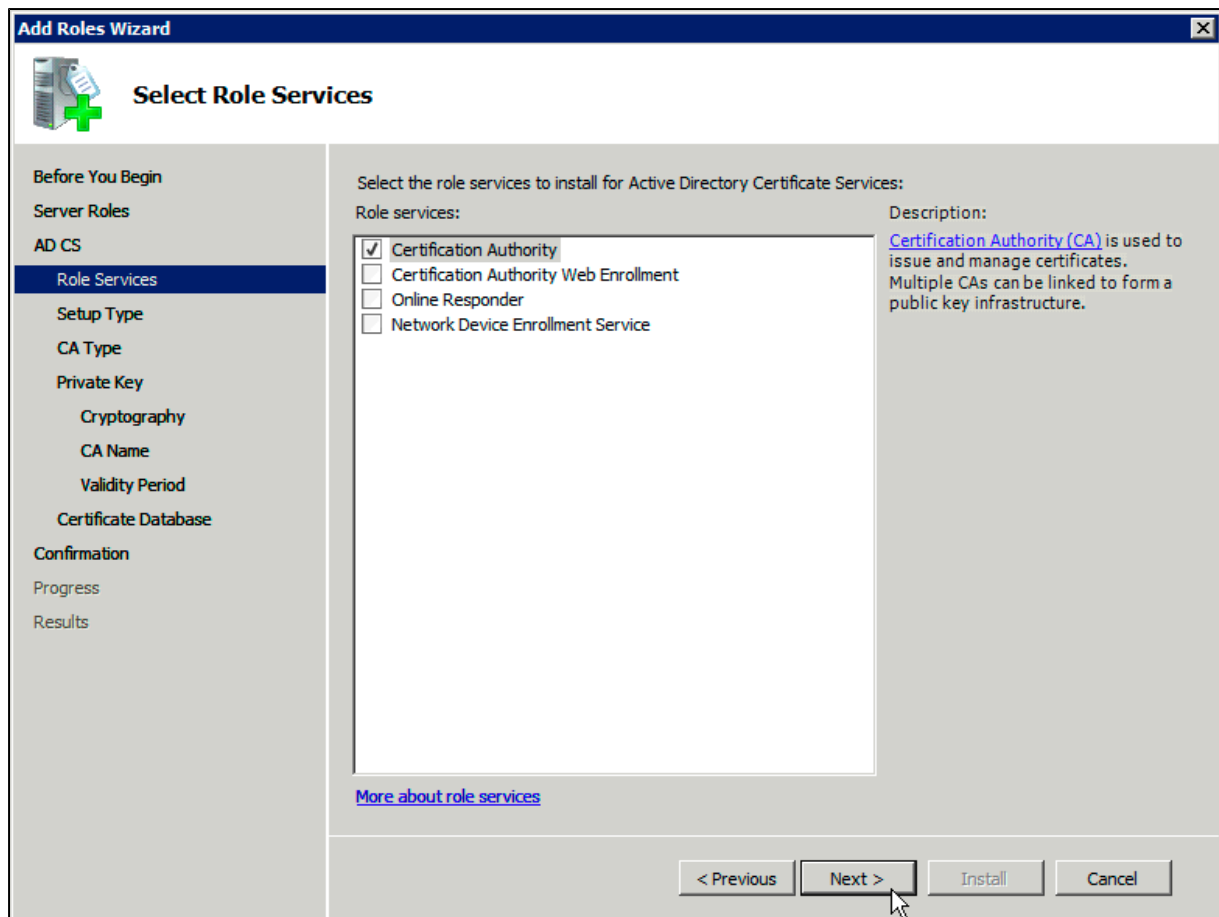
1. Log in to your Active Directory server as an administrator.
2. Click **Start**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Server Manager**.
3. In the **Roles Summary** section, click **Add Roles**.



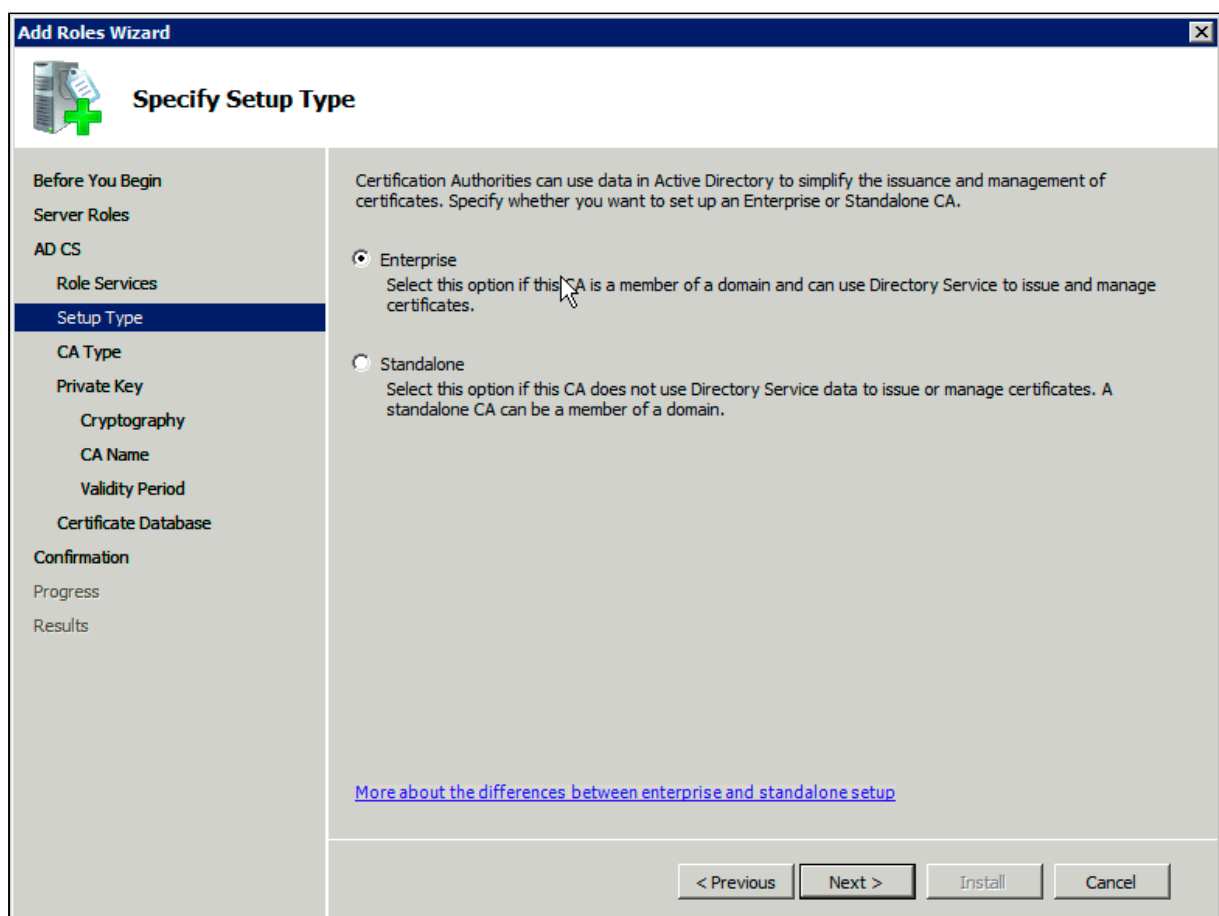
4. On the **Select Server Roles** page, select the **Active Directory Certificate Services** check box. Click **Next** twice.



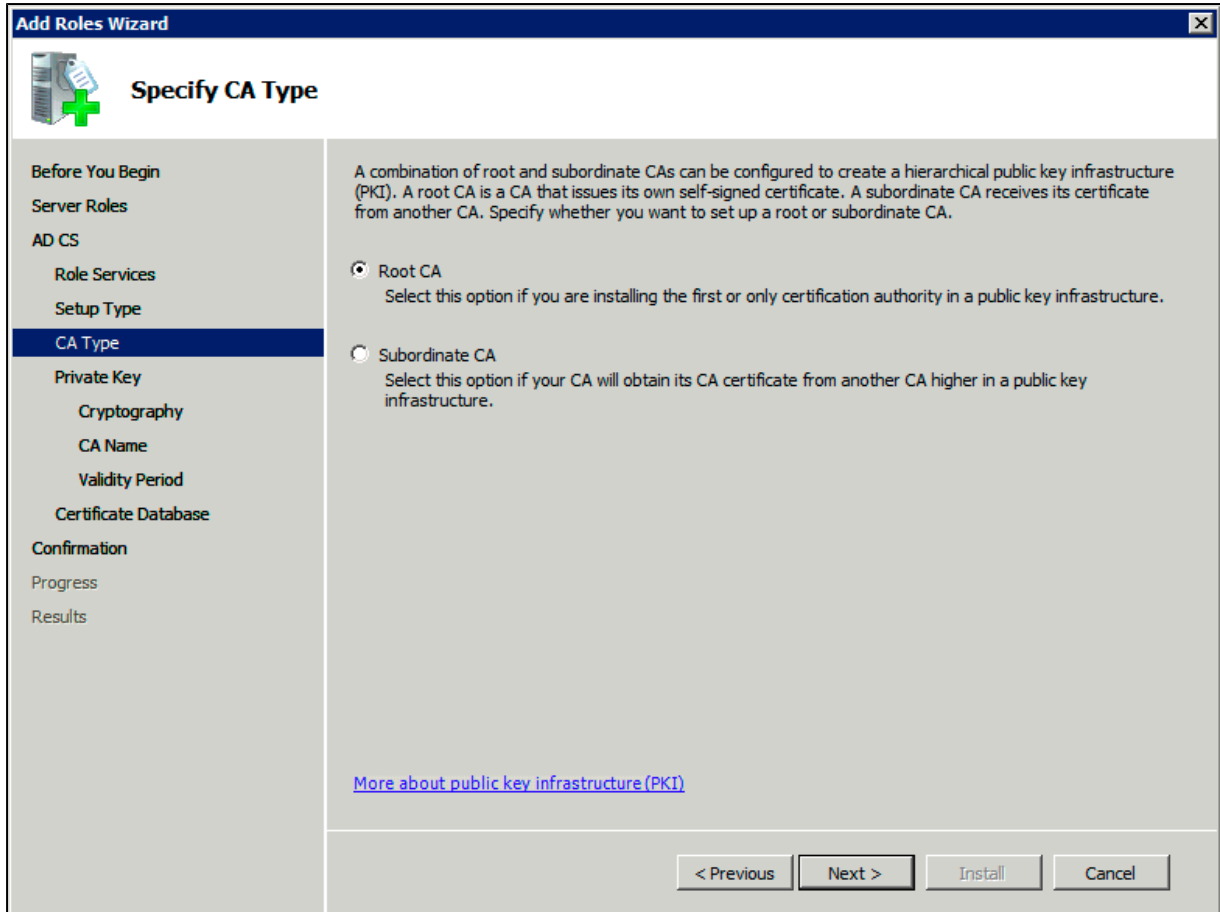
5. On the **Select Role Services** page, select the **Certification Authority** check box, and then click **Next**



6. On the **Specify Setup Type** page, click **Enterprise**, and then click **Next**.



7. On the **Specify CA Type** page, click **Root CA**, and then click **Next**.



**Add Roles Wizard**

**Specify CA Type**

**Before You Begin**

Server Roles

AD CS

Role Services

Setup Type

**CA Type**

Private Key

Cryptography

CA Name

Validity Period

Certificate Database

Confirmation

Progress

Results

A combination of root and subordinate CAs can be configured to create a hierarchical public key infrastructure (PKI). A root CA is a CA that issues its own self-signed certificate. A subordinate CA receives its certificate from another CA. Specify whether you want to set up a root or subordinate CA.

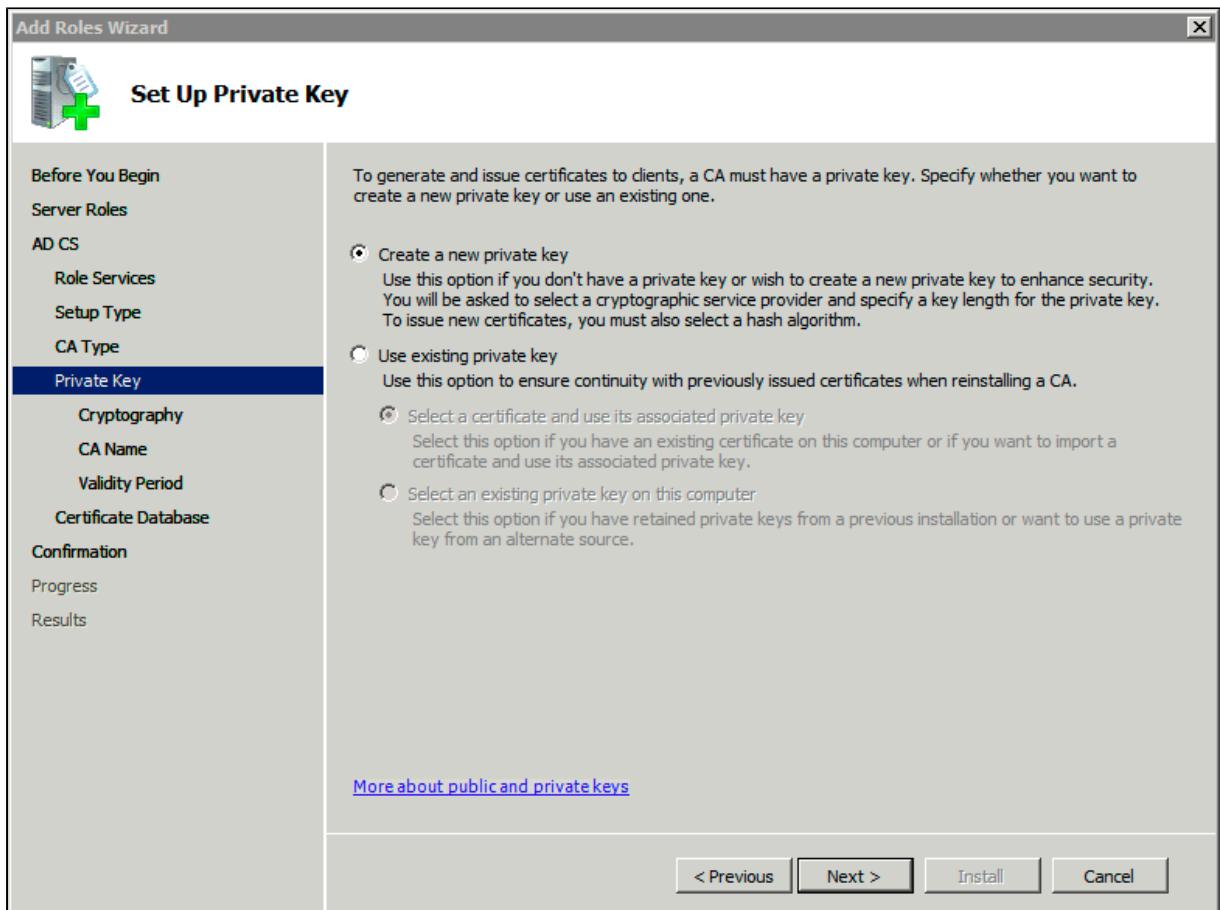
☒ Root CA  
Select this option if you are installing the first or only certification authority in a public key infrastructure.

☐ Subordinate CA  
Select this option if your CA will obtain its CA certificate from another CA higher in a public key infrastructure.

[More about public key infrastructure \(PKI\)](#)

< Previous   Next >   Install   Cancel

8. On the **Set Up Private Key** and **Configure Cryptography for CA** pages, you can configure optional configuration settings, including cryptographic service providers. However, the default values should be fine. Click **Next** twice.



**Add Roles Wizard**

**Set Up Private Key**

**Before You Begin**

Server Roles

AD CS

Role Services

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To generate and issue certificates to clients, a CA must have a private key. Specify whether you want to create a new private key or use an existing one.

☒ Create a new private key  
Use this option if you don't have a private key or wish to create a new private key to enhance security. You will be asked to select a cryptographic service provider and specify a key length for the private key. To issue new certificates, you must also select a hash algorithm.

☐ Use existing private key  
Use this option to ensure continuity with previously issued certificates when reinstalling a CA.

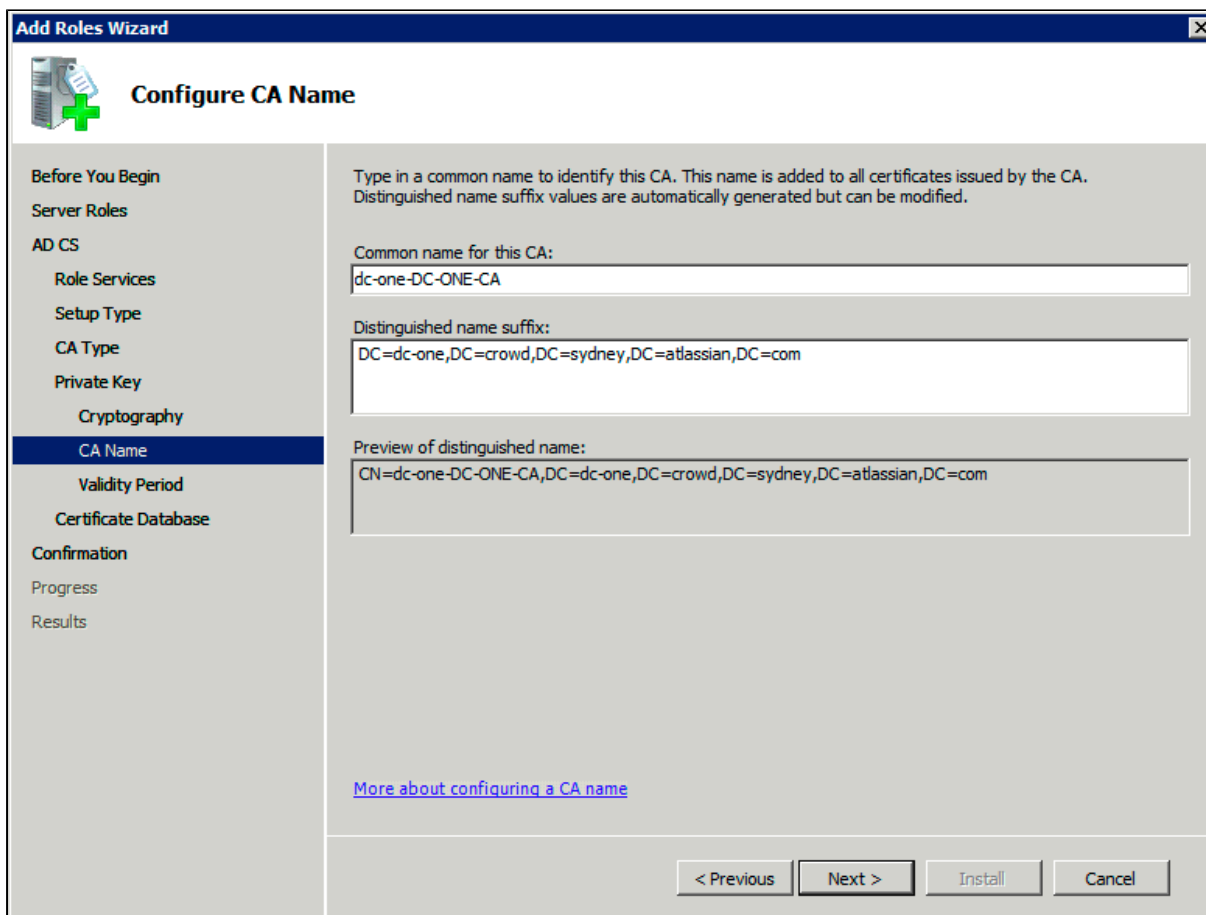
☒ Select a certificate and use its associated private key  
Select this option if you have an existing certificate on this computer or if you want to import a certificate and use its associated private key.

☐ Select an existing private key on this computer  
Select this option if you have retained private keys from a previous installation or want to use a private key from an alternate source.

[More about public and private keys](#)

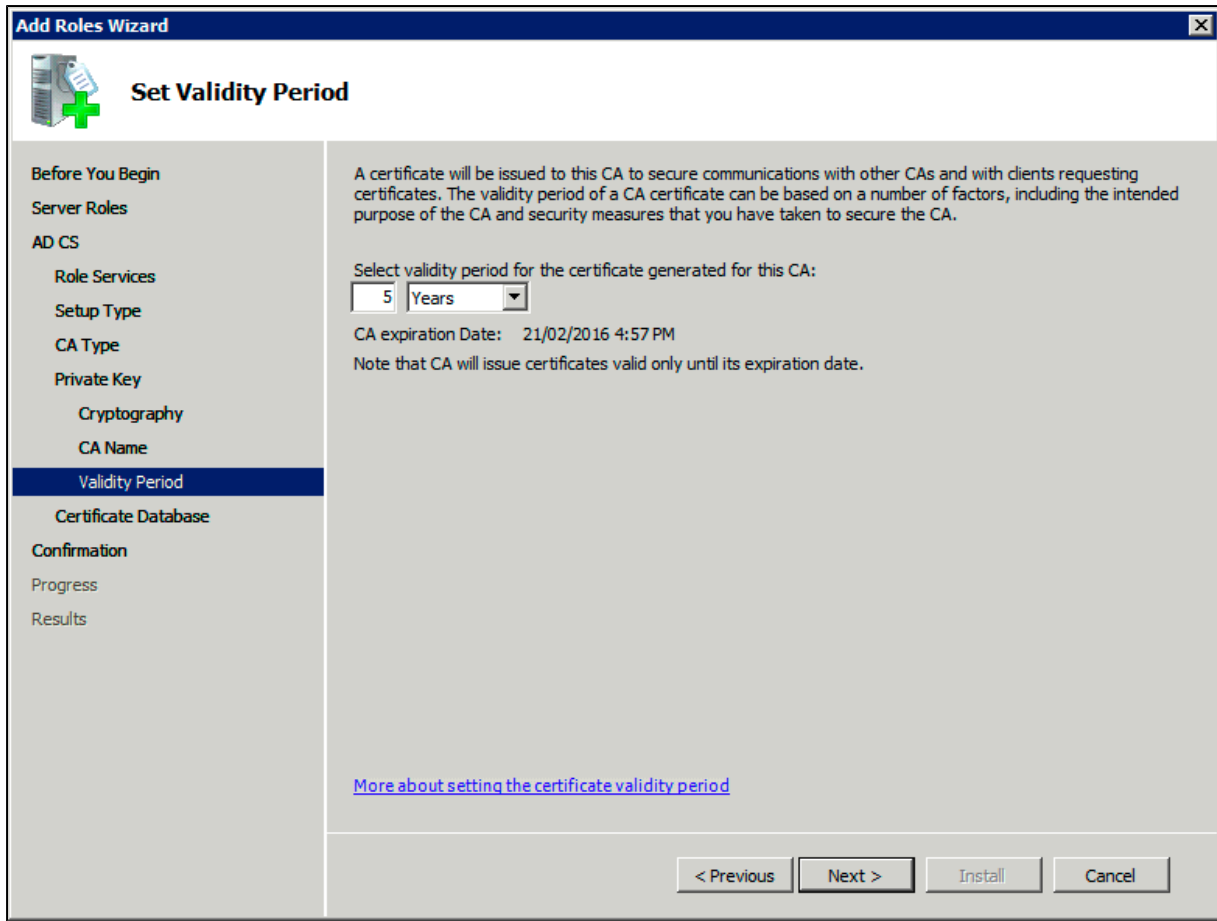
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9. In the **Common name for this CA** box, type the common name of the CA, and then click **Next**.



The screenshot shows the 'Add Roles Wizard' window with the title bar 'Add Roles Wizard' and a close button. The main window has a left-hand navigation pane and a right-hand content area. The navigation pane includes the following items: 'Before You Begin', 'Server Roles', 'AD CS' (expanded), 'Role Services', 'Setup Type', 'CA Type', 'Private Key', 'Cryptography', 'CA Name' (selected), 'Validity Period', 'Certificate Database', 'Confirmation', 'Progress', and 'Results'. The content area is titled 'Configure CA Name' and contains the following text: 'Type in a common name to identify this CA. This name is added to all certificates issued by the CA. Distinguished name suffix values are automatically generated but can be modified.' Below this text are three input fields: 'Common name for this CA:' with the value 'dc-one-DC-ONE-CA', 'Distinguished name suffix:' with the value 'DC=dc-one,DC=crowd,DC=sydney,DC=atlassian,DC=com', and 'Preview of distinguished name:' with the value 'CN=dc-one-DC-ONE-CA,DC=dc-one,DC=crowd,DC=sydney,DC=atlassian,DC=com'. At the bottom of the content area is a link: '[More about configuring a CA name](#)'. At the bottom of the window are four buttons: '< Previous', 'Next >', 'Install', and 'Cancel'.

10. On the **Set Validity Period** page, accept the default values or specify other storage locations for the certificate database and the certificate database log, and then click **Next**.



**Add Roles Wizard**

### Set Validity Period

**Before You Begin**

**Server Roles**

**AD CS**

- Role Services
- Setup Type
- CA Type
- Private Key
  - Cryptography
  - CA Name
- Validity Period**
- Certificate Database
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- Results

A certificate will be issued to this CA to secure communications with other CAs and with clients requesting certificates. The validity period of a CA certificate can be based on a number of factors, including the intended purpose of the CA and security measures that you have taken to secure the CA.

Select validity period for the certificate generated for this CA:

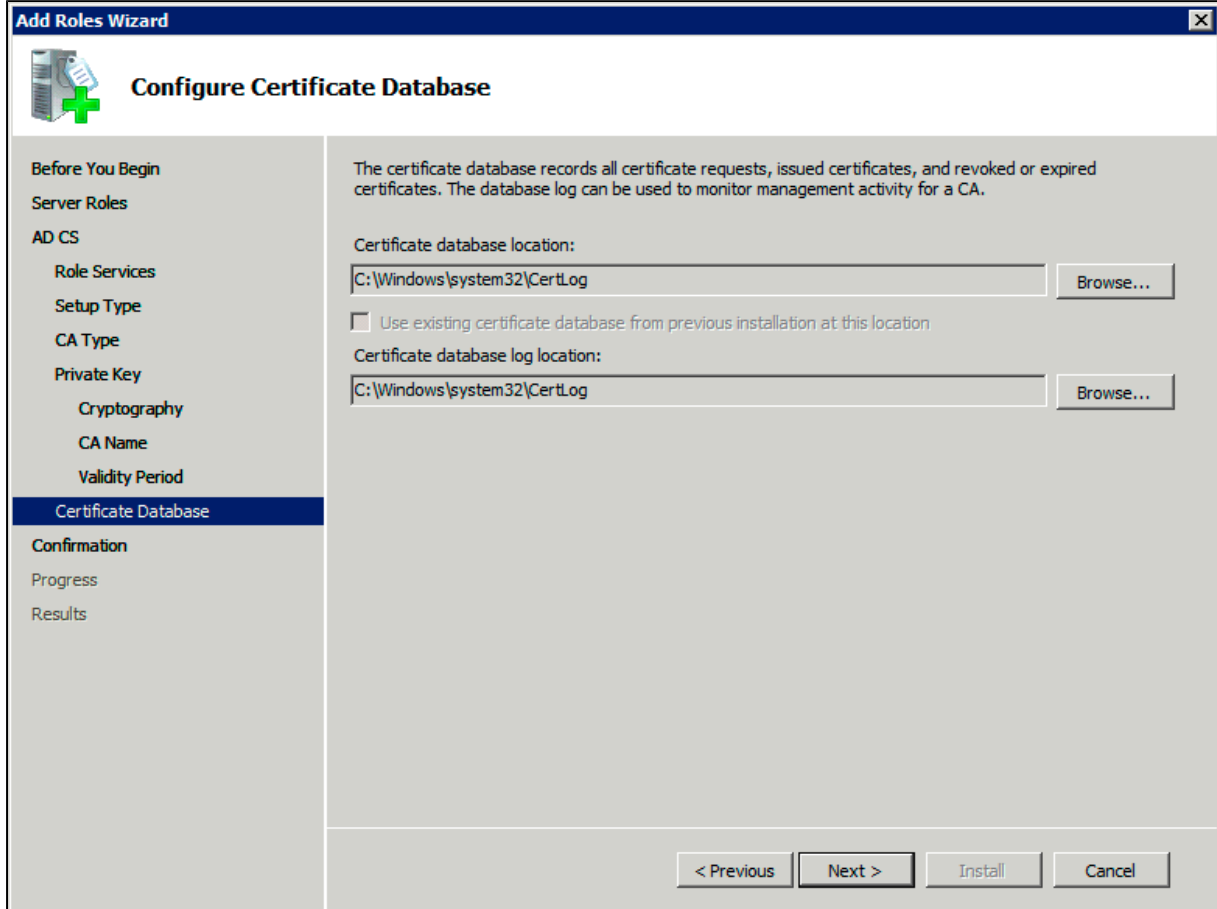
5 Years

CA expiration Date: 21/02/2016 4:57 PM

Note that CA will issue certificates valid only until its expiration date.

[More about setting the certificate validity period](#)

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**Add Roles Wizard**

### Configure Certificate Database

**Before You Begin**

**Server Roles**

**AD CS**

- Role Services
- Setup Type
- CA Type
- Private Key
  - Cryptography
  - CA Name
- Validity Period
- Certificate Database**
- Confirmation
- Progress
- Results

The certificate database records all certificate requests, issued certificates, and revoked or expired certificates. The database log can be used to monitor management activity for a CA.

Certificate database location:

C:\Windows\system32\CertLog   Browse...

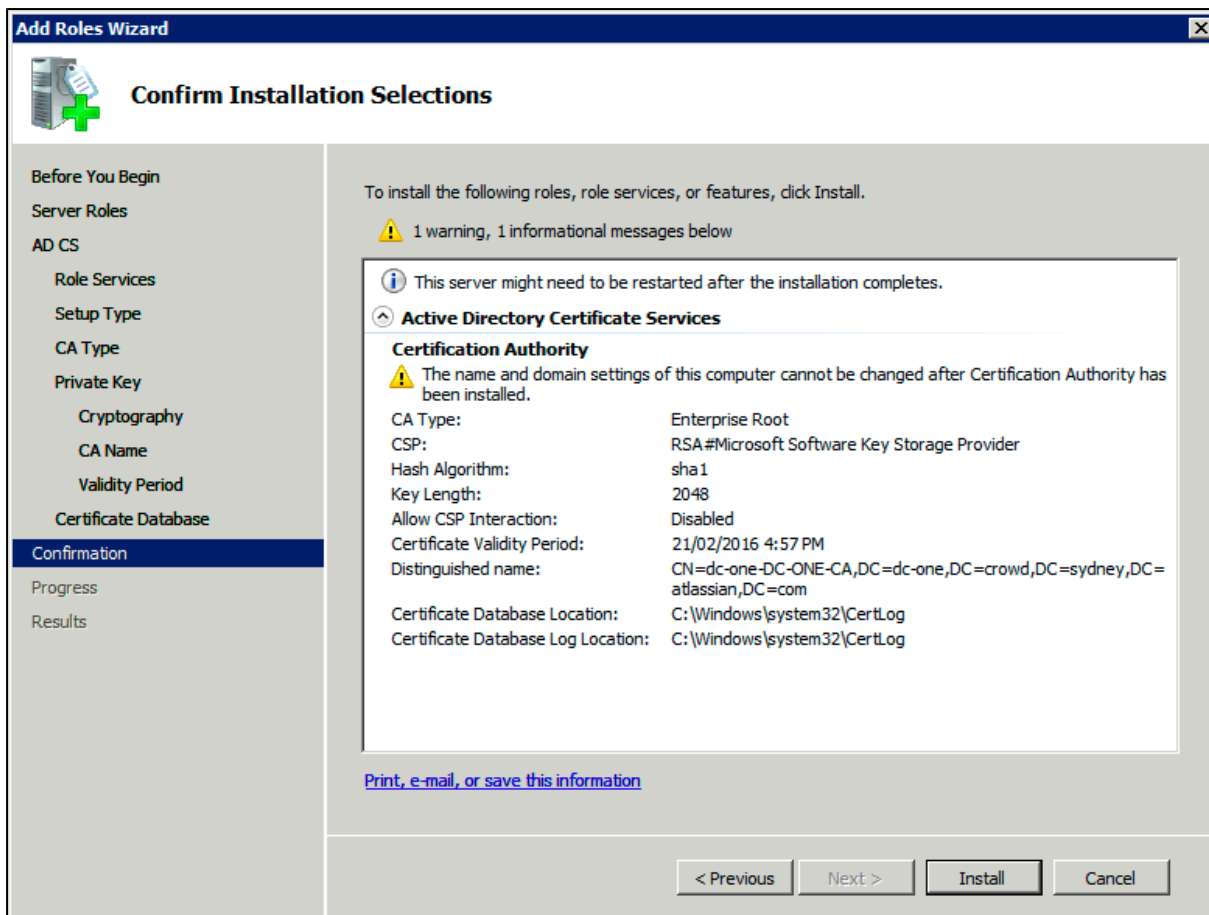
☐ Use existing certificate database from previous installation at this location

Certificate database log location:

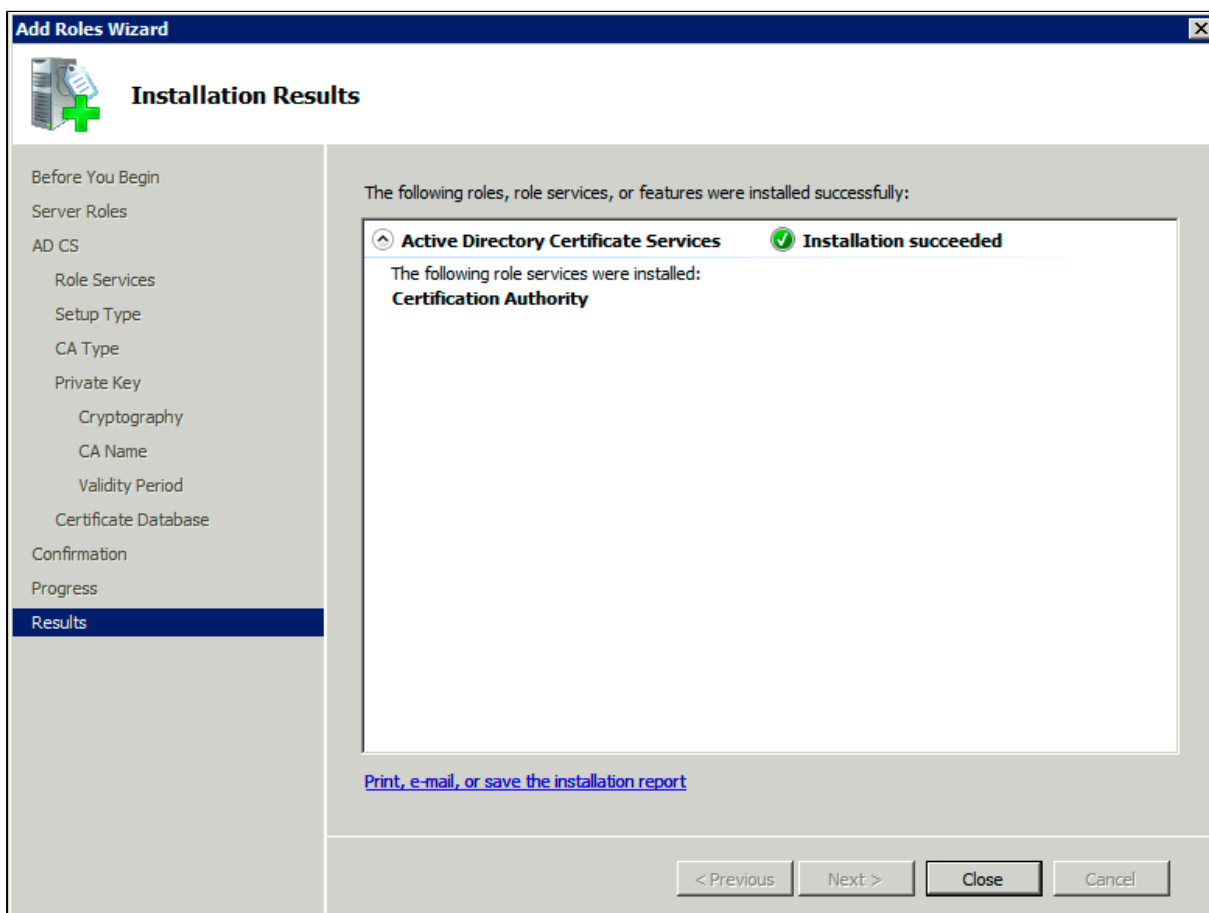
C:\Windows\system32\CertLog   Browse...

< Previous   Next >   Install   Cancel

11. After verifying the information on the **Confirm Installation Selections** page, click **Install**.



12. Review the information on the results screen to verify that the installation was successful.



**Step 2. Obtain the Server Certificate**

The steps above describe how to install the certification authority (CA) on your Microsoft Active Directory server. Next, you will need to add the Microsoft Active Directory server's SSL certificate to the list of accepted certificates used by the JDK that runs your application server.

The Active Directory certificate is automatically generated and placed in root of the C:\ drive, matching a file format similar to the tree structure of your Active Directory server. For example: c:\ad2008.ad01.atlassian.com\_ad01.crt.

You can also export the certificate by executing this command on the Active Directory server:

```
certutil -ca.cert client.crt
```

You might still fail to be authenticated using the certificate file above. In this case, Microsoft's [LDAP over SSL \(LDAPS\) Certificate](#) page might help. Note that you need to:

1. Choose "No, do not export the private key" in step-10 of [Exporting the LDAPS Certificate and Importing for use with AD DS](#) section
2. Choose "DER encoded binary X.509 (.CER)" in step-11 of [Exporting the LDAPS Certificate and Importing for use with AD DS](#) section. This file will be used in the following step.

### Step 3. Import the Server Certificate

For an application server to trust your directory's certificate, the certificate must be imported into your Java runtime environment. The JDK stores trusted certificates in a file called a keystore. The default keystore file is called `cacerts` and it lives in the `jre\lib\security` sub-directory of your Java installation.

In the following examples, we use `server-certificate.crt` to represent the certificate file exported by your directory server. You will need to alter the instructions below to match the name actually generated.

Once the certificate has been imported as per the below instructions, you will need to restart the application to pick up the changes.

Windows

1. Navigate to the directory in which Java is installed. It's probably called something like `C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.5.0_12`.

```
cd /d C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.5.0_12
```

2. Run the command below, where `server-certificate.crt` is the name of the file from your directory server:

```
keytool -importcert -keystore .\jre\lib\security\cacerts -file  
server-certificate.crt
```

3. `keytool` will prompt you for a password. The default keystore password is `changeit`.
4. When prompted `Trust this certificate? [no]:` enter `yes` to confirm the key import:



```

Enter keystore password:  changeit
Owner: CN=ad01, C=US
Issuer: CN=ad01, C=US
Serial number: 15563d6677a4e9e4582d8a84be683f9
Valid from: Tue Aug 21 01:10:46 ACT 2007 until: Tue Aug 21
01:13:59 ACT 2012
Certificate fingerprints:
    MD5:  D6:56:F0:23:16:E3:62:2C:6F:8A:0A:37:30:A1:84:BE
    SHA1:
73:73:4E:A6:A0:D1:4E:F4:F3:CD:CE:BE:96:80:35:D2:B4:7C:79:C1
Trust this certificate? [no]:  yes
Certificate was added to keystore

```

You may now change '**URL**' to use LDAP over SSL (i.e. ldaps://<HOSTNAME>:636/) and use the '**Secure SSL**' option when connecting your application to your directory server.

UNIX

1. Navigate to the directory in which the Java used by JIRA is installed. If the default JAVA installation is used, then it would be

```
cd $JAVA_HOME
```

2. Run the command below, where `server-certificate.crt` is the name of the file from your directory server:

```
sudo keytool -importcert -keystore ./jre/lib/security/cacerts
-file server-certificate.crt
```

3. `keytool` will prompt you for a password. The default keystore password is `changeit`.
4. When prompted Trust this certificate? [no]: enter `yes` to confirm the key import:

```

Password:
Enter keystore password:  changeit
Owner: CN=ad01, C=US
Issuer: CN=ad01, C=US
Serial number: 15563d6677a4e9e4582d8a84be683f9
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Trust this certificate? [no]:  yes
Certificate was added to keystore

```

You may now change '**URL**' to use LDAP over SSL (i.e. ldaps://<HOSTNAME>:636/) and use the '**Secure SSL**' option when connecting your application to your directory server.

Mac OS X

1. Navigate to the directory in which Java is installed. This is usually

```
cd /Library/Java/Home
```

2. Run the command below, where `server-certificate.crt` is the name of the file from your directory server:

```
sudo keytool -importcert -keystore ./jre/lib/security/cacerts
-file server-certificate.crt
```

3. `keytool` will prompt you for a password. The default keystore password is `changeit`.
4. When prompted `Trust this certificate? [no]:` enter `yes` to confirm the key import:

```
Password:
Enter keystore password:  changeit
Owner: CN=ad01, C=US
Issuer: CN=ad01, C=US
Serial number: 15563d6677a4e9e4582d8a84be683f9
Valid from: Tue Aug 21 01:10:46 ACT 2007 until: Tue Aug 21
01:13:59 ACT 2012
Certificate fingerprints:
    MD5:  D6:56:F0:23:16:E3:62:2C:6F:8A:0A:37:30:A1:84:BE
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73:73:4E:A6:A0:D1:4E:F4:F3:CD:CE:BE:96:80:35:D2:B4:7C:79:C1
Trust this certificate? [no]:  yes
Certificate was added to keystore
```

You may now change '**URL**' to use LDAP over SSL (i.e. `ldaps://<HOSTNAME>:636/`) and use the '**Secure SSL**' option when connecting your application to your directory server.

## Connecting to an Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication

You can connect your Confluence application to an LDAP directory for delegated authentication. This means that Confluence will have an internal directory that uses LDAP for authentication only. There is an option to create users in the internal directory automatically when they attempt to log in, as described in the settings section.

### Overview

An internal directory with LDAP authentication offers the features of an internal directory while allowing you to store and check users' passwords in LDAP only. Note that the 'internal directory with LDAP authentication' is separate from the default 'internal directory'. On LDAP, all that the application does is to check the password. The LDAP connection is read only. Every user in the internal directory with LDAP authentication must map to a user on LDAP, otherwise they cannot log in.

**When to use this option:** Choose this option if you want to set up a user and group configuration within your application that suits your needs, while checking your users' passwords against the

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### Related pages:

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corporate LDAP directory. This option also helps to avoid the performance issues that may result from downloading large numbers of groups from LDAP.

### Connecting Confluence to an Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication

#### To connect to an internal directory but check logins via LDAP:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click '**User Directories**' in the left-hand panel.
3. **Add** a directory and select type '**Internal with LDAP Authentication**'.
4. Enter the values for the settings, as described below.
5. Save the directory settings.
6. If you want LDAP users to be used in place of existing internal users, move the 'Internal with LDAP Authentication' directory to the top of the list. You can define the **directory order** by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory on the '**User Directories**' screen. Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:
  - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.
  - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups (by default Confluence aggregates group membership from all directories, so the order does not impact membership itself).

For details see [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

7. Add your users and groups in Confluence. See [Add and Invite Users](#) and [Managing Site-Wide Permissions and Groups](#).

#### Server Settings

Setting	Description
Name	A descriptive name that will help you to identify the directory. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal directory with LDAP Authentication</li> <li>• Corporate LDAP for Authentication Only</li> </ul>
Directory Type	Select the type of LDAP directory that you will connect to. If you are adding a new LDAP connection, the value you select here will determine the default values for some of the options on the rest of screen. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Active Directory</li> <li>• OpenDS</li> <li>• And more.</li> </ul>
Hostname	The host name of your directory server. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ad.example.com</li> <li>• ldap.example.com</li> <li>• opens.example.com</li> </ul>
Port	The port on which your directory server is listening. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 389</li> <li>• 10389</li> <li>• 636 (for example, for SSL)</li> </ul>
Use SSL	Check this box if the connection to the directory server is an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) connection. Note that you will need to configure an SSL certificate in order to use this setting.

Username	The distinguished name of the user that the application will use when connecting to the directory server. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn=administrator,cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</code></li> <li>• <code>cn=user,dc=domain,dc=name</code></li> <li>• <code>user@domain.name</code></li> </ul>
Password	The password of the user specified above.

#### Copying Users on Login

Setting	Description
Copy User on Login	<p>This option affects what will happen when a user attempts to log in. If this box is checked, the user will be created automatically in the internal directory that is using LDAP for authentication when the user first logs in and their details will be synchronized on each subsequent log in. If this box is not checked, the user's login will fail if the user wasn't already manually created in the directory.</p> <p>If you check this box the following additional fields will appear on the screen, which are described in more detail below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default Group Memberships</li> <li>• Synchronize Group Memberships</li> <li>• User Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)</li> </ul>
Default Group Memberships	<p>This field appears if you check the <b>Copy User on Login</b> box. If you would like users to be automatically added to a group or groups, enter the group name(s) here. To specify more than one group, separate the group names with commas. Each time a user logs in, their group memberships will be checked. If the user does not belong to the specified group(s), their username will be added to the group(s). If a group does not yet exist, it will be added to the internal directory that is using LDAP for authentication.</p> <p>Please note that there is no validation of the group names. If you mis-type the group name, authorization failures will result – users will not be able to access the applications or functionality based on the intended group name.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>confluence-users</code></li> <li>• <code>bamboo-users,jira-administrators,jira-core-users</code></li> </ul>
Synchronize Group Memberships	<p>This field appears if you select the <b>Copy User on Login</b> checkbox. If this box is checked, group memberships specified on your LDAP server will be synchronized with the internal directory each time the user logs in.</p> <p>If you check this box the following additional fields will appear on the screen, both described in more detail below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)</li> <li>• Membership Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)</li> </ul>

Note: 'Copy Users on Login' must be enabled if you want to be able to [change usernames](#).

#### Schema Settings

Setting	Description
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Base DN	<p>The root distinguished name (DN) to use when running queries against the directory server. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>o=example,c=com</code></li> <li>• <code>cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</code></li> <li>• For Microsoft Active Directory, specify the base DN in the following format: <code>dc=domain1,dc=local</code>. You will need to replace the <code>domain1</code> and <code>local</code> for your specific configuration. Microsoft Server provides a tool called <code>ldp.exe</code> which is useful for finding out and configuring the the LDAP structure of your server.</li> </ul>
User Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the username. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn</code></li> <li>• <code>sAMAccountName</code></li> </ul>

### Advanced Settings

Setting	Description
Enable Nested Groups	Enable or disable support for nested groups. Some directory servers allow you to define a group as a member of another group. Groups in such a structure are called <i>nested groups</i> . Nested groups simplify permissions by allowing sub-groups to inherit permissions from a parent group.
Use Paged Results	Enable or disable the use of the LDAP control extension for simple paging of search results. If paging is enabled, the search will retrieve sets of data rather than all of the search results at once. Enter the desired page size – that is, the maximum number of search results to be returned per page when paged results are enabled. The default is 1000 results.
Follow Referrals	Choose whether to allow the directory server to redirect requests to other servers. This option uses the node referral (JNDI lookup <code>java.naming.referral</code> ) configuration setting. It is generally needed for Active Directory servers configured without proper DNS, to prevent a 'javax.naming.PartialResultException: Unprocessed Continuation Reference(s)' error.

### User Schema Settings

Note: this section is only visible when **Copy User on Login** is enabled.

Setting	Description
Additional User DN	<p>This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading users. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ou=Users</code></li> </ul>
User Object Class	<p>This is the name of the class used for the LDAP user object. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>user</code></li> </ul>
User Object Filter	<p>The filter to use when searching user objects. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>(&amp;(objectCategory=Person)(sAMAccountName=*))</code></li> </ul>
User Name RDN Attribute	<p>The RDN (relative distinguished name) to use when loading the username. The DN for each LDAP entry is composed of two parts: the RDN and the location within the LDAP directory where the record resides. The RDN is the portion of your DN that is not related to the directory tree structure. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn</code></li> </ul>
User First Name Attribute	<p>The attribute field to use when loading the user's first name. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>givenName</code></li> </ul>

User Last Name Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the user's last name. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>sn</code></li> </ul>
User Display Name Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the user's full name. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>displayName</code></li> </ul>
User Email Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the user's email address. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>mail</code></li> </ul>

### Group Schema Settings

Note: this section is only visible when both **Copy User on Login** and **Synchronize Group Memberships** are enabled.

Setting	Description
Additional Group DN	This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading groups. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ou=Groups</code></li> </ul>
Group Object Class	This is the name of the class used for the LDAP group object. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>groupOfUniqueNames</code></li> <li>• <code>group</code></li> </ul>
Group Object Filter	The filter to use when searching group objects. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>(objectCategory=Group)</code></li> </ul>
Group Name Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the group's name. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cn</code></li> </ul>
Group Description Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the group's description. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>description</code></li> </ul>

### Membership Schema Settings

Note: this section is only visible when both **Copy User on Login** and **Synchronize Group Memberships** are enabled.

Setting	Description
Group Members Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the group's members. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>member</code></li> </ul>
User Membership Attribute	The attribute field to use when loading the user's groups. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>memberOf</code></li> </ul>
Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the user's group membership	Check this box if your directory server supports the group membership attribute on the user. (By default, this is the 'memberOf' attribute.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this box is checked, your application will use the group membership attribute on the user when <b>retrieving the members of a given group</b>. This will result in a more efficient retrieval.</li> <li>• If this box is not checked, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('member' by default) for the search.</li> </ul>

### Diagrams of Possible Configurations

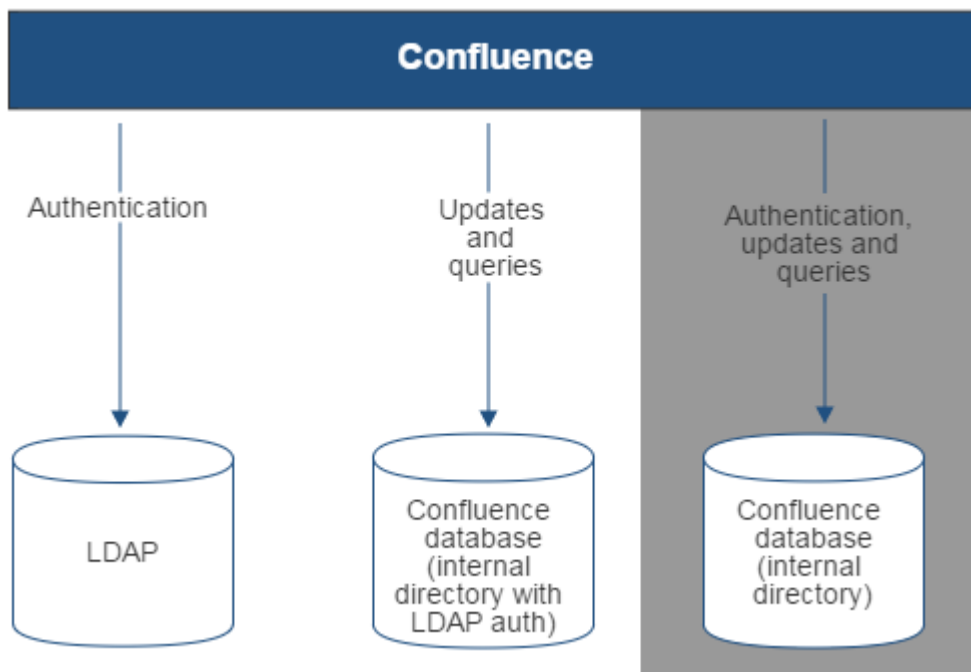


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory for authentication only.

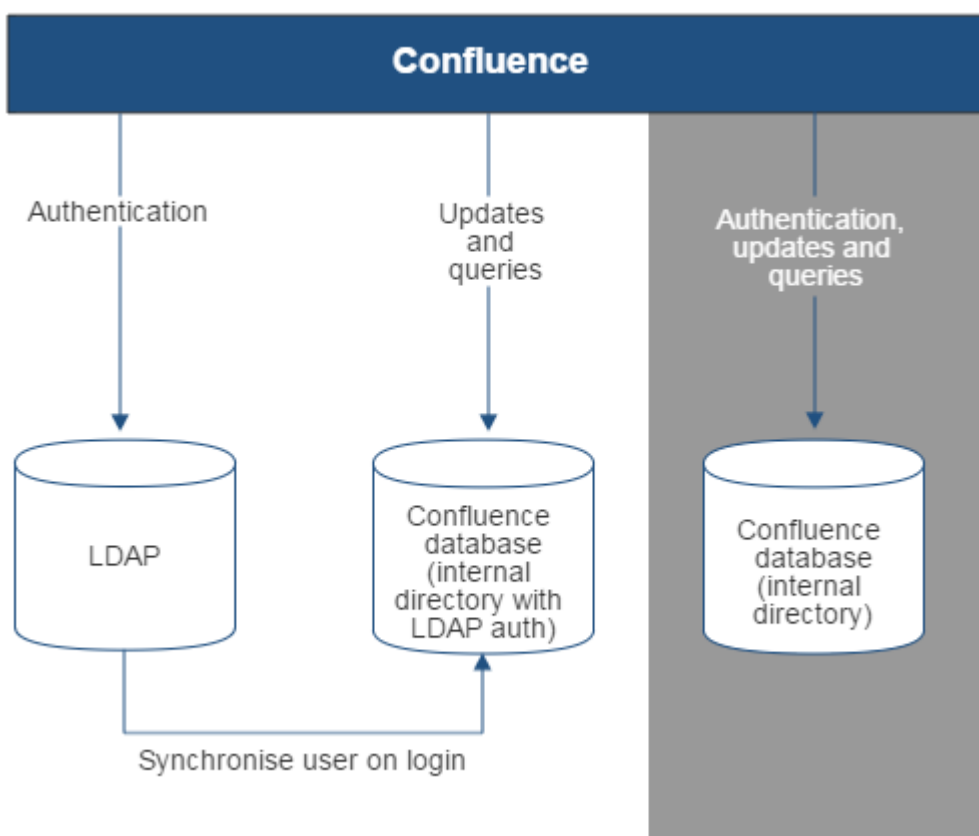


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory for authentication only, with each user synchronized with the internal directory that is using LDAP authentication when they log in to Confluence.

### Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management

You can connect your Confluence application to Atlassian Crowd or to a JIRA application (version 4.3 or later) for management of users and groups, and



for authentication.

### Connecting Confluence to Crowd for User Management

Atlassian Crowd is an application security framework that handles authentication and authorization for your web-based applications. With Crowd you can integrate multiple web applications and user directories, with support for single sign-on (SSO) and centralized identity management. The Crowd Administration Console provides a web interface for managing directories, users and their permissions. See the [Administration Guide](#).

**When to use this option:** Connect to Crowd if you want to use the full Crowd functionality to manage your directories, users and groups. You can connect your Crowd server to a number of directories of all types that Crowd supports, including custom directory connectors.


#### On this page:

- [Connecting Confluence to Crowd for User Management](#)
- [Connecting Confluence to JIRA applications for User Management](#)
- [Diagrams of Some Possible Configurations](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring User Directories](#)

To connect Confluence to Crowd:

1. Go to your **Crowd Administration Console** and define the Confluence application to Crowd. See the Crowd documentation: [Adding an Application](#).
2. Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
3. Click '**User Directories**' in the left-hand panel.
4. **Add** a directory and select type '**Atlassian Crowd**'. Enter the settings as described below.
5. Save the directory settings.
6. Define the **directory order** by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory on the '**User Directories**' screen. Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:
  - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.
  - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups (by default Confluence aggregates group membership from all directories, so the order does not impact membership itself).
 For details see [Managing Multiple Directories](#).
7. If required, configure Confluence to use Crowd for single sign-on (SSO) too. See the Crowd documentation: [Integrating Crowd with Atlassian Confluence](#).

Crowd Settings in Confluence

Setting	Description
Name	A meaningful name that will help you to identify this Crowd server amongst your list of directory servers. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowd Server</li> <li>• Example Company Crowd</li> </ul>
Server URL	The web address of your Crowd console server. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.example.com:8095/crowd/">http://www.example.com:8095/crowd/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://crowd.example.com">http://crowd.example.com</a></li> </ul>
Application Name	The name of your application, as recognized by your Crowd server. Note that you will need to define the application in Crowd too, using the Crowd administration Console. See the Crowd documentation on <a href="#">adding an application</a> .



Application Password	The password which the application will use when it authenticates against the Crowd framework as a client. This must be the same as the password you have registered in Crowd for this application. See the Crowd documentation on <a href="#">adding an application</a> .
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Note: There is a known issue where the password is not saved in some instances

**CONFSERVER-33979** - New JIRA/Crowd password not saved after test

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when configuring

Confluence to use JIRA/Crowd as a external user directory.

#### Crowd Permissions

Setting	Description
Read Only	The users, groups and memberships in this directory are retrieved from Crowd and can only be modified via Crowd. You cannot modify Crowd users, groups or memberships via the application administration screens.
Read/Write	The users, groups and memberships in this directory are retrieved from Crowd. When you modify a user, group or membership via the application administration screens, the changes will be applied directly to Crowd. Please ensure that the application has modification permissions for the relevant directories in Crowd. See the Crowd documentation: <a href="#">Specifying an Application's Directory Permissions</a> .

#### Advanced Crowd Settings

Setting	Description
Enable Nested Groups	Enable or disable support for nested groups. Before enabling nested groups, please check to see if the user directory or directories in Crowd support nested groups. When nested groups are enabled, you can define a group as a member of another group. If you are using groups to manage permissions, you can create nested groups to allow inheritance of permissions from one group to its sub-groups.
Enable Incremental Synchronization	Enable or disable incremental synchronization. Only changes since the last synchronization will be retrieved when synchronizing a directory. Note that full synchronization is always executed when restarting FishEye.
Synchronization Interval (minutes)	Synchronization is the process by which the application updates its internal store of user data to agree with the data on the directory server. The application will send a request to your directory server every x minutes, where 'x' is the number specified here. The default value is 60 minutes.

#### Connecting Confluence to JIRA applications for User Management

Note that the license tiers for your JIRA application and Confluence do not need to match to use this feature. For example, you can manage a Confluence 50 user license with JIRA Software, even if JIRA Software only has a 25 user license.

Subject to certain limitations, you can connect a number of Atlassian applications to a single JIRA application for centralized user management.

**When to use this option:** You can connect to a server running **JIRA 4.3** or later, **JIRA Software 7.0** or later, **JIRA Core 7.0** or later, or **JIRA Service Desk 3.0** or later. Choose this option as an alternative to Atlassian Crowd, for simple configurations with a limited number of users.

## To connect Confluence to a JIRA application:

1. In your JIRA application go to



> **User Management** > **JIRA User Server**.

(For JIRA 6.4 and earlier go to your JIRA administration screen then **Users** > **JIRA User Server**)

- Click **Add Application**.
  - Enter the **application name** and **password** that Confluence will use when accessing JIRA.
  - Enter the **IP address** or addresses of your Confluence server. Valid values are:
    - A full IP address, e.g. 192.168.10.12.
    - A wildcard IP range, using CIDR notation, e.g. 192.168.10.1/16. For more information, see the introduction to [CIDR notation on Wikipedia](#) and [RFC 4632](#).
  - **Save** the new application.
2. Set up the JIRA user directory in Confluence:
    - Choose the **cog icon**

, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
    - Click '**User Directories**' in the left-hand panel.
    - **Add** a directory and select type '**Atlassian JIRA**'.
    - Enter the settings as described below. When asked for the **application name** and **password**, enter the values that you defined for your Confluence application in the settings on JIRA.
    - Save the directory settings.
    - ⚠ Don't change the directory order until you have done the next step or you may accidentally lock yourself out of the Confluence admin console.
  3. In order to use Confluence, users must be a member of the `confluence-users` group or have Confluence 'can use' permission. Follow these steps to configure your Confluence groups in your JIRA application:
    - a. Add the `confluence-users` and `confluence-administrators` groups in your JIRA application.
    - b. Add your own username as a member of both of the above groups.
    - c. Choose one of the following methods to give your existing JIRA users access to Confluence:
      - Option 1: In your JIRA application, find the groups that the relevant users belong to. Add the groups as members of one or both of the above Confluence groups.
      - Option 2: Log in to Confluence using your JIRA account and go to the Confluence **Administration Console**. Click '**Global Permissions**' and assign the '**can use**' permission to the relevant JIRA groups.
  4. In Confluence you can now define the **directory order** by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory on the '**User Directories**' screen. Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:
    - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
    - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

For details see [Managing Multiple Directories](#).

Ensure that you have added Confluence URL into JIRA Whitelist in JIRA Administration >> System >> Security >> Whitelist. For example: <https://confluence.atlassian.com/> or refer to this guide: [Configuring the whitelist](#).

### JIRA Settings in Confluence

Setting	Description
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Name	A meaningful name that will help you to identify this JIRA server in the list of directory servers. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JIRA Service Desk Server</li><li>• My Company JIRA</li></ul>
Server URL	The web address of your JIRA server. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>http://www.example.com:8080</code></li><li>• <code>http://jira.example.com</code></li></ul>
Application Name	The name used by your application when accessing the JIRA server that acts as user manager. Note that you will also need to define your application to that JIRA server, via the ' <b>Other Applications</b> ' option in the 'Users, Groups & Roles' section of the 'Administration' menu.
Application Password	The password used by your application when accessing the JIRA server that acts as user manager.

#### JIRA Permissions

Setting	Description
Read Only	The users, groups and memberships in this directory are retrieved from the JIRA server that is acting as user manager. They can only be modified via that JIRA server.

#### Advanced JIRA Settings

Setting	Description
Enable Nested Groups	Enable or disable support for nested groups. Before enabling nested groups, please check to see if nested groups are enabled on the JIRA server that is acting as user manager. When nested groups are enabled, you can define a group as a member of another group. If you are using groups to manage permissions, you can create nested groups to allow inheritance of permissions from one group to its sub-groups.
Synchronization Interval (minutes)	Synchronization is the process by which the application updates its internal store of user data to agree with the data on the directory server. The application will send a request to your directory server every x minutes, where 'x' is the number specified here. The default value is 60 minutes.

#### Diagrams of Some Possible Configurations

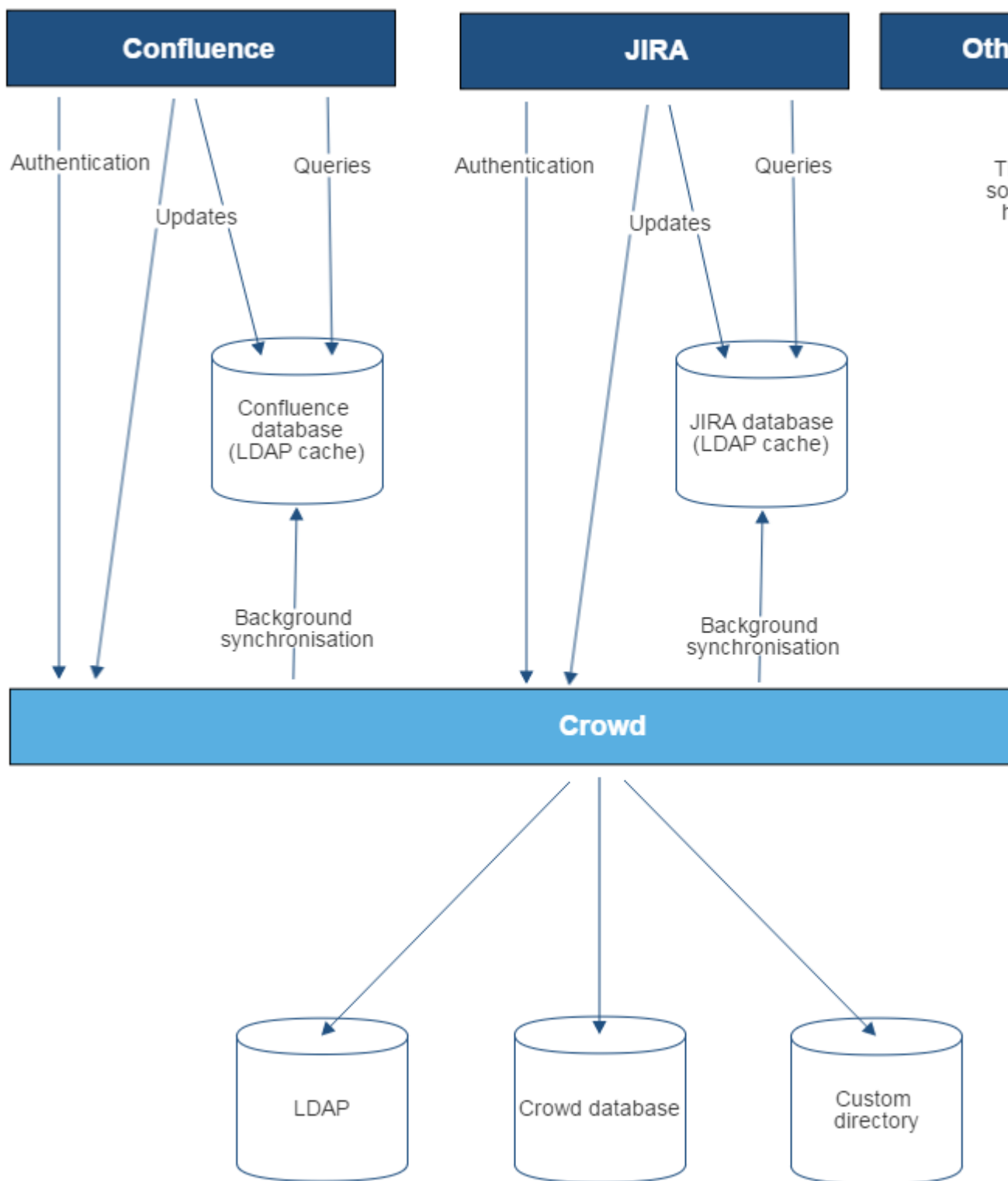


Diagram above: Confluence, JIRA and other applications connecting to Crowd for user management.

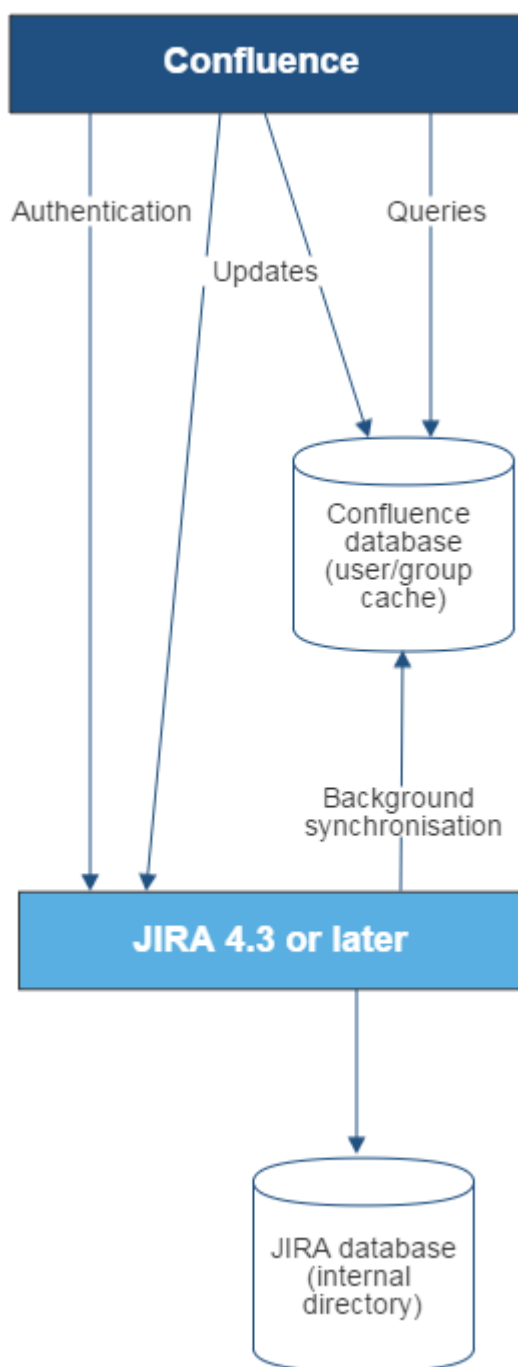


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to JIRA for user management.

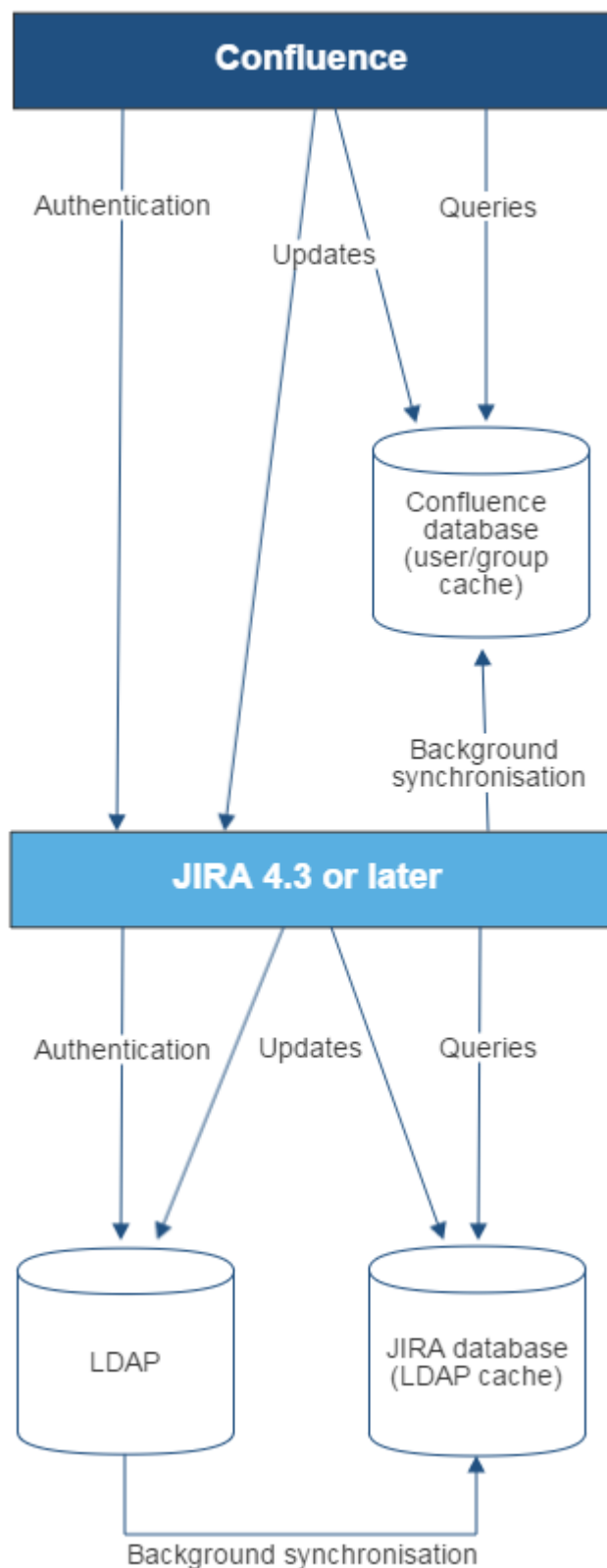


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to JIRA for user management, with JIRA in turn connecting to LDAP.

### Troubleshooting

Below are some error messages you may encounter. If you run into problems, you should turn on WARN logging for the relevant class. See [Configuring Logging](#).

Error	Message	Cause
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error.jirabaseurl.connection.refused	Connection refused. Check if an instance of JIRA is running on the given url	This may be because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JIRA url is incorrect</li> <li>• JIRA instance is not running on the specified url.</li> <li>• JIRA instance running on the specified url is not 4.3 or later.</li> </ul>
error.applicationlink.connection.refused	Failed to establish application link between JIRA server and Confluence server.	Unable to create an application link between JIRA and Confluence. This may be because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confluence or JIRA url is incorrect</li> <li>• the instance is not running on the specified url</li> <li>• credentials are incorrect.</li> </ul> Refer to the Confluence log files for further troubleshooting information.
error.jirabaseurl.not.valid	This is not a valid url for a JIRA application.	A runtime exception has occurred. Refer to the Confluence log files for further troubleshooting information.

#### Reverting from Crowd or JIRA applications to Internal User Management

If your Confluence site currently uses Crowd or a JIRA application for user management, you can revert to internal user management as described below. If your Confluence instance has only a few users, it is easier to recreate the users and groups in Confluence manually. If you have a large number of users and groups, it is more efficient to migrate the relevant users and groups into the Confluence Internal directory.

##### On this page:

- [Option 1 – Manually Recreate Users and Groups in Confluence](#)
- [Option 2 – Transfer Crowd/JIRA application Users and Groups to the Confluence Database](#)

Both options provided below will reset the affected users' passwords. When done, be sure to notify them to use the 'Reset My Password' link on the Confluence log in page before they attempt to log in.

#### Option 1 – Manually Recreate Users and Groups in Confluence

Use this option if you have only a few users and groups.

1. Log in to Confluence as a Confluence system administrator.
2. Go to the user directories administration screen and move the **internal** directory to the top of the list of directories, by clicking the arrows in the '**Order**' column.
3. Make sure that you have at least one user from the **internal** directory in each of the `confluence-users` and `confluence-administrators` groups.
4. Make sure that you have a username in the **internal** directory with Confluence system administrator permissions.
  - If you do not have such a user, add a new one now, and log out of Confluence.
  - Log back in as the user you just added, and go back to the user directories administration screen.
5. Disable the '**Atlassian Crowd**' directory.
6. Manually add the required users and groups in Confluence. They will be added to the internal directory, because you have moved it to the top of the list of directories.
  - If you have assigned Confluence permissions to a group which exists in your JIRA application, you must create a group in Confluence with the same name.

- If a user who exists in your JIRA application has created content or has had permissions assigned to them in Confluence, you must also create that user in Confluence.
7. Add the users to the required groups.

#### Option 2 – Transfer Crowd/JIRA application Users and Groups to the Confluence Database

Use this option to migrate External Application (Crowd or JIRA applications) users into the Confluence database. You need a knowledge of SQL to perform this task.

The SQL commands given below are tailored for **MySQL**. If you are using a database other than MySQL, you will need to modify the SQL to work in your database.

##### Step 1. Create Backups

Creating backups is the only way to restore your data if something goes wrong.

1. From Confluence, create a full XML site backup including attachments.
2. Stop Confluence.
3. Make a backup copy of the Confluence home and installation directories.
4. Repeat the above steps for your External Application.
5. From your MySQL administration tool, create a database backup for the Crowd/JIRA application and Confluence databases.

##### Step 2. Replace Confluence User Management

Use the SQL below to move groups and users from your External Application to Confluence by transferring table content. The SQL provided is specific to MySQL and must be modified for other databases.

Find the IDs for your Directories

1. Run the following command and take note of the resulting number. It will be referenced throughout the following instructions as <Confluence Internal ID>.

```
select id from cwd_directory where directory_name='Confluence
Internal Directory';
```

2. From the User Directories administration page, find the name of the directory who's users/groups you want to move. Run the following command and take note of the resulting number. It will be referenced throughout the following instructions as <External Application ID>.

```
select id from cwd_directory where directory_name='<External
Directory Name>';
```

#### Move Groups to Confluence

1. It is possible that you have several groups in your Internal Directory that have the same name as groups in your External Application. To find these, run:

```
select distinct a.id, a.directory_id, a.group_name,
d.directory_name from cwd_group a join cwd_group b on
a.group_name=b.group_name join cwd_directory d on
d.id=a.directory_id where a.directory_id != b.directory_id;
```

- a. If you have results from the previous query, for each of the group names that have duplicates, find the id for the group in the Confluence Internal Directory (<internal group id>) and the External Application (<external group id>). Run the following:



```
update cwd_group_attribute set group_id=<internal group id>, directory_id=<Confluence Internal Id> where
group_id=<external group id>;
update cwd_membership set child_group_id=<internal group id> where child_group_id=<external group id>;
update cwd_membership set parent_id=<internal group id> where parent_id=<external group id>;
delete from cwd_group where id=<external group id>;
```

2. Move all the groups in the External Application to the Confluence Internal Directory.

```
update cwd_group set directory_id=<Confluence Internal ID> where
directory_id=<External Application ID>;
```

### Move Users to Confluence

1. It is possible that you have several users in your Internal Directory that have the same name as users in your External Application. To find these, run:

```
select distinct a.id, a.directory_id, a.user_name,
d.directory_name from cwd_user a join cwd_user b on
a.user_name=b.user_name join cwd_directory d on
d.id=a.directory_id where a.directory_id != b.directory_id;
```

- a. If you have results from the previous query, for each of the user names that have duplicates, find the id for the user in the Confluence Internal Directory (<internal user id>) and the External Application (<external user id>). Run the following:

```
update cwd_membership set child_user_id=<internal user id>
where child_user_id=<external user id>;
update cwd_user_credential_record set user_id=<internal user id> where user_id=<external user id>;
update cwd_user_attribute set user_id=<internal user id>,
directory_id=<Confluence Internal ID> where
user_id=<external user id>;
delete from cwd_user where id=<external user id>;
```

2. Move all the users in the External Application to the Confluence Internal Directory.

```
update cwd_user set directory_id=<Confluence Internal ID> where
directory_id=<External Application ID>;
```

### Delete the External Application directory

1. You need to change the order of your directories so that the Internal directory is at the top, and active.
  - a. If you have only two directories - the Internal and the External Application directory you are deleting, then do the following:

```
update cwd_app_dir_mapping set list_index = 0 where
directory_id = <Confluence Internal ID>;
```

- b. If you have more than two directories, you need to rearrange them so the Internal Directory is at the top (list\_index 0) and the External Application directory you are deleting is at the bottom.

- List the directories and their order using

```
select d.id, d.directory_name, m.list_index from
cwd_directory d join cwd_app_dir_mapping m on
d.id=m.directory_id order by m.list_index;
```

- Change the list indexes so that they are in the order you want. Directory order can be rearranged using

```
update cwd_app_dir_mapping set list_index = <position>
where directory_id = <directory id>;
```

- c. Check that the internal directory is enabled.

- List the internal directory. An enabled directory will have its 'active' column set to 'T'

```
select id, directory_name, active from cwd_directory
where id = <Internal Directory id>;
```

- If the internal directory is not active, activate it by

```
update cwd_directory set active = 'T' where id =
<Internal Directory id>;
```

2. When the directories are ordered correctly, delete the External Application directory from the directory order:

```
delete from cwd_app_dir_operation where app_dir_mapping_id =
(select id from cwd_app_dir_mapping where directory_id =
<External Application ID>);
delete from cwd_app_dir_mapping where directory_id = <External
Application ID>;
```

3. The External Application directory is referenced in several other tables in the database. You need to remove the remaining references to it:

```
delete from cwd_directory_attribute where directory_id=<External
Application ID>;
delete from cwd_directory_operation where directory_id=<External
Application ID>;
```

4. All references to the External Directory should now have been removed. Delete the directory using:

```
delete from cwd_directory where id = <External Application ID>;
```

### Reset passwords

1. All users who were in the External Directory you deleted, including admins, will be unable to log in. Their passwords need to be reset by choosing the 'Forgot your password?' link on the login page. Alternatively, use the instructions at [Restore Passwords To Recover Admin User Rights](#) to reset the administrator password, then set the users' passwords for them via the Manage Users page in the administration screen.

## Managing Multiple Directories

This page describes what happens when you have defined more than one user directory in Confluence. For example, you may have an internal directory and you may also connect to an LDAP directory server and/or other types of user directories. When you connect to a new directory server, you also need to define the **directory order**.

**Avoid duplicate usernames across directories.** If you are connecting to more than one user directory, we recommend that you ensure the usernames are unique to one directory. For example, we do not recommend that you have a user `jsmith` in both 'Directory1' and 'Directory2'. The reason is the potential for confusion, especially if you swap the order of the directories. Changing the directory order can change the user that a given username refers to.





### Overview

Here is a summary of how the directory order affects the processing:

- The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
- Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

### Configuring the Directory Order

You can change the order of your directories as defined to Confluence. Select '**User Directories**' from the Confluence Administration Console and click the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory.

Directory Name	Type	Order
Confluence Internal Directory	Internal	 
OpenLDAP	OpenLDAP (Read-Write)	 

### Notes:

- Please read the rest of this page to understand what effect the directory order will have on authentication (login) and permissions in Confluence, and what happens when you update users and groups in Confluence.
- Before you move an external directory above Confluence's internal directory, make sure you (and your admin users) are members of a group called `confluence-administrators` in your external directory or you may accidentally lock yourself out of the Confluence admin console.

### Effect of Directory Order

This section summarizes the effect the order of the directories will have on login and permissions, and on the updating of users and groups.

### On this page:

- [Overview](#)
- [Configuring the Directory Order](#)
- [Effect of Directory Order](#)
  - [Login](#)
  - [Permissions](#)
  - [Updating Users and groups](#)

## Login

The directory order is significant during the authentication of the user, in cases where the same user exists in multiple directories. When a user attempts to log in, the application will search the directories in the order specified, and will use the credentials (password) of the *first occurrence of the user* to validate the login attempt.

## Permissions

### Aggregating membership (default)

The directory order **is not** significant when granting the user permissions based on group membership as Confluence uses an aggregating membership scheme by default. If the same username exists in more than one directory, the application will aggregate (combine) group membership from all directories where the username appears.

Example:

- You have connected two directories: The Customers directory and the Partners directory.
- The Customers directory is first in the directory order.
- A username `jsmith` exists in both the Customers directory and the Partners directory.
- The user `jsmith` is a member of group `G1` in the Customers directory and group `G2` in the Partners directory.
- The user `jsmith` will have permissions based on membership of both `G1` and `G2` regardless of the directory order.

For administrators upgrading to Confluence 5.7 or later:

How group memberships are determined for users that belong to multiple user directories (such as LDAP, Active Directory, Crowd) changed in Confluence 5.7. Group memberships are now aggregated from *all* directories, not the first one the user appears in. In most cases, this change will have no impact as users generally only exist in one directory, or their memberships are correctly synchronized between user directories. In some rare cases, where group memberships are out of synch, the change may lead to users gaining permissions to view spaces and pages (if they are a member a group in a user directory that was previously being ignored by Confluence).

▼ [Here's an example scenario...](#)



This is Issac. Something went wrong a while ago, so he's got the same username in two user directories, but belongs to different groups.

Right now, the user directories in his organization's Confluence site look like this:

### Confluence User Directories

Active Directory	1
Confluence internal directory	2

and Issac's group memberships in each directory looks like this:

1 Active Directory		Confluence internal directory 2
confluence-users sydney		confluence-users <b>developers</b> sydney

The 'Dev Team' page is restricted to the developers group.

- In Confluence 5.6 and earlier, Issac couldn't see this page as we determined his group membership from Active Directory - because it's the first directory in the list it had the highest priority.
- In Confluence 5.7 and beyond, Issac will see the page because we determine his group

membership from *all* directories, not just the highest one.

To Confluence his group membership looks like this:



This means after the 5.7 upgrade he can see any pages and spaces that are restricted to the 'developers' group.

#### Non-aggregating membership

It is possible to use the REST API to tell Confluence to use a non-aggregating membership scheme as follows:

##### Turning on non-aggregating membership...

The REST resource supported JSON and XML. You'll need to be a system administrator and logged in to do this.

```
# To GET the current setting
curl -H 'Accept: application/json' -u <username>
<base-url>/rest/crowd/latest/application

# To PUT the setting
curl -H 'Content-type: application/json' -X PUT -d
'{"membershipAggregationEnabled":true}' -u <username>
<base-url>/rest/crowd/latest/application
```

If you've chosen non-aggregating membership, the directory order is significant. If the same username exists in more than one directory, the application will look for group membership only in the first directory where the username appears, based on the directory order.

Example:

- You have connected two directories: The Customers directory and the Partners directory.
- The Customers directory is first in the directory order.
- A username `jsmith` exists in both the Customers directory and the Partners directory.
- The user `jsmith` is a member of group `G1` in the Customers directory and group `G2` in the Partners directory.
- The user `jsmith` will have permissions based on membership of `G1` only, not `G2`.

#### Updating Users and groups

If you update a user or group via the application's administration screens, the update will be made in the first directory where the application has write permissions.

Example 1:

- You have connected two directories: The Customers directory and the Partners directory.
- The application has permission to update both directories.
- The Customers directory is first in the directory order.
- A username `jsmith` exists in both the Customers directory and the Partners directory.
- You update the email address of user `jsmith` via the application's administration screens.
- The email address will be updated in the Customers directory only, not the Partners directory.

## Example 2:

- You have connected two directories: A read/write LDAP directory and the internal directory.
- The LDAP directory is first in the directory order.
- All new users will be added to the LDAP directory. It is not possible to add a new user to the internal directory.

## RELATED TOPICS

## Configuring User Directories

- [Configuring the Internal Directory](#)
- [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#)
- [Connecting to an Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication](#)
- [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#)
- [Managing Multiple Directories](#)
- [Managing Nested Groups](#)
- [Synchronizing Data from External Directories](#)
- [Diagrams of Possible Configurations for User Management](#)
- [User Management Limitations and Recommendations](#)
- [Requesting Support for External User Management](#)
- [Disabling the Built-In User Management](#)

## Managing Nested Groups

Some directory servers allow you to define a group as a member of another group. Groups in such a structure are called *nested groups*. Nested groups simplify permissions by allowing sub-groups to inherit permissions from a parent group.

This page describes how Confluence handles nested groups that exist in one or more of your directory servers.

**Enabling Nested Groups**

You can enable or disable support for nested groups on each directory individually. Go to the '**User Directories**' section of the Confluence Administration Console, **edit** the directory and select '**Enable Nested Groups**'. See [Configuring User Directories](#).

## Notes:

- Before enabling nested groups for a specific directory type in Confluence, please make sure that your directory server supports nested groups.
- Please read the rest of this page to understand what effect nested groups will have on authentication (login) and permissions in Confluence, and what happens when you update users and groups in Confluence.
- You can't edit the directory you are currently logged in via. This means that in most cases you need to log in with an administrator account stored in the internal directory.

**Effect of Nested Groups**

This section explains how nested groups affect logging in, permissions, and viewing and updating users and groups.

**On this page:**

- [Enabling Nested Groups](#)
- [Effect of Nested Groups](#)
  - [Login](#)
  - [Permissions](#)
  - [Viewing lists of group members](#)
  - [Adding and updating group membership](#)
- [Examples](#)
  - [Example 1: User is member of sub-group](#)
  - [Example 2: Sub-groups as members of the jira-developers group](#)
- [Notes](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Configuring User Directories](#)

### Login

When a user logs in, they can access the application if they belong to an authorized group or any of its sub-groups.

### Permissions

The user can access a function if they belong to a group that has the necessary permissions, or if they belong to any of its sub-groups.

### Viewing lists of group members

If you ask to view the members of a group, you will see all users who are members of the group and all users belonging its sub-groups, consolidated into one list. We call this a *flattened* list.

You can't view or edit the nested groups themselves, or see that one group is a member of another group.

### Adding and updating group membership

If you add a user to a group, the user is added to the named group and not to any other groups.

If you try to remove a user from a [flattened](#) list, the following will happen:

- If the user is a member of the top group in the hierarchy of groups in the flattened list, the user is removed from the top group.
- Otherwise, you see an error message stating that the user is not a direct member of the group.

### Examples

#### Example 1: User is member of sub-group

Imagine the following two groups exist in your directory server:

- staff
- marketing

Memberships:

- The **marketing** group is a member of the **staff** group.
- User **jsmith** is a member of **marketing**.

You will see that **jsmith** is a member of both **marketing** and **staff**. You will not see that the two groups are nested. If you assign permissions to the **staff** group, then **jsmith** will get those permissions.

#### Example 2: Sub-groups as members of the jira-developers group

In an LDAP directory server, we have the groups **engineering-group** and **techwriters-group**. We want to grant both groups developer-level access to the JIRA. We will have a group called **jira-developers** that has developer-level access.

- Add a group called **jira-developers**.
- Add the **engineering-group** as a sub-group of **jira-developers**.
- Add the **techwriters-group** as a sub-group of **jira-developers**.

Group memberships are now:

- **jira-developers** — sub-groups: **engineering-group**, **techwriters-group**
- **engineering-group** — sub-groups: **dev-a**, **dev-b**; users: **pblack**
- **dev-a** — users: **jsmith**, **sbrown**
- **dev-b** — users: **jsmith**, **dblue**
- **techwriters-group** — users: **rgreen**

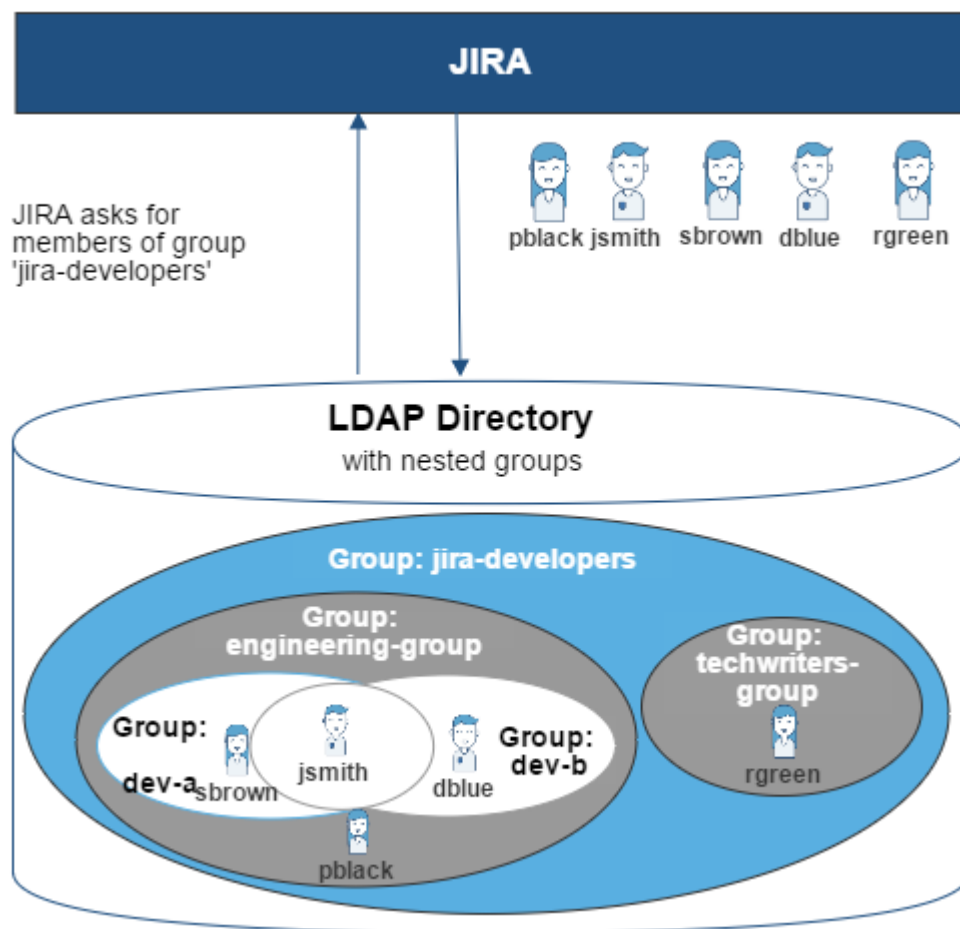
When the JIRA application requests a list of users in the **jira-developers** group, it receives the following list:

- **pblack**
- **jsmith**
- **sbrown**
- **dblue**



- rgreen

*Diagram: Sub-groups as members of the **jira-developers** group*



#### Notes

- **Possible impact on performance.** Enabling nested groups may result in slower user searches.
- **Definition of nested groups in LDAP.** In an LDAP directory, a nested group is a child group entry whose DN (Distinguished Name) is referenced by an attribute contained within a parent group entry. For example, a parent group **Group One** might have an `objectClass=group` attribute and one or more `member=DN` attributes, where the DN can be that of a user or that of a group elsewhere in the LDAP tree:

```
member=CN=John Smith,OU=Users,OU=OrgUnitA,DC=sub,DC=domain
member=CN=Group
Two,OU=OrgUnitBGroups,OU=OrgUnitB,DC=sub,DC=domain
```

#### Synchronizing Data from External Directories

For certain directory types, Confluence stores a cache of directory information (users and groups) in the application database, to ensure fast recurrent access to user and group data. A synchronization task runs periodically to update the internal cache with changes from the external directory.



**On this page:**

- [Affected Directory Types](#)
- [How it Works](#)
- [Finding the Time Taken to Synchronize](#)
- [Manually Synchronizing the Cache](#)
- [Configuring the Synchronization Interval](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Configuring User Directories](#)

***Affected Directory Types***

Data caching and synchronization apply to the following user directory types:

- **LDAP** (Microsoft Active Directory and all supported LDAP directories) where permissions are set to **read only**.
- **LDAP** (Microsoft Active Directory and all supported LDAP directories) where permissions are set to **read only, with local groups**.
- **LDAP** (Microsoft Active Directory and all supported LDAP directories) where permissions are set to **read/write**.
- **Atlassian Crowd**.
- **Atlassian JIRA**.

Data caching and synchronization do not occur for the following user directory types:

- **Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication**.
- **Internal Directory**.

***How it Works***

Here is a summary of the caching functionality:

- The caches are held in the application database.
- When you connect a new external user directory to the application, a synchronization task will start running in the background to copy all the required users, groups and membership information from the external directory to the application database. This task may take a while to complete, depending on the size and complexity of your user base.
- Note that a user will not be able to log in until the synchronization task has copied that user's details into the cache.
- A periodic synchronization task will run to update the database with any changes made to the external directory. The default synchronization interval, or polling interval, is one hour (60 minutes). You can change the synchronization interval on the directory configuration screen.
- You can manually synchronize the cache if necessary.
- If the external directory permissions are set to read/write: Whenever an update is made to the users, groups or membership information via the application, the update will also be applied to the cache and the external directory immediately.
- All authentication happens via calls to the external directory. When caching information from an external directory, the application database does not store user passwords.
- All other queries run against the internal cache.

***Finding the Time Taken to Synchronize***

The '**User Directories**' screen shows information about the last synchronization operation, including the length of time it took.

***Manually Synchronizing the Cache***

You can manually synchronize the cache by clicking '**Synchronize**' on the '**User Directories**' screen. If a synchronization operation is already in progress, you cannot start another until the first has finished.

Screen snippet: User directories, showing information about synchronization

OpenLDAP	OpenLDAP (Read-Write)	 	<a href="#">Disable</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Synchronise</a> Last synchronised at 14/01/11 3:07 PM (took 65s).
Crowd	Atlassian Crowd	 	<a href="#">Disable</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Synchronise</a> Last synchronised at 14/01/11 2:39 PM (took 0s).

**Configuring the Synchronization Interval**

**Note:** The option to configure the synchronization interval for Crowd and JIRA directories is available in **Confluence 3.5.3 and later**. Earlier versions of Confluence allow you to configure the interval for LDAP directories only.

You can set the '**Synchronization Interval**' on the directory configuration screen. The synchronization interval is the period of time to wait between requests for updates from the directory server.

The length you choose for your synchronization interval depends on:

- The length of time you can tolerate stale data.
- The amount of load you want to put on the application and the directory server.
- The size of your user base.

If you synchronize more frequently, then your data will be more up to date. The downside of synchronizing more frequently is that you may overload your server with requests.

If you are not sure what to do, we recommend that you start with an interval of 60 minutes (this is the default setting) and reduce the value incrementally. You will need to experiment with your setup.

**Diagrams of Possible Configurations for User Management**

The aim of these diagrams is to help people understand each directory type at a glance. We have kept the diagrams simple and conceptual, with just enough information to be correct.

Some things that we do **not** attempt to show:

- In most cases, we do not attempt to show that you can have multiple directory types mapped to Confluence at the same time. We illustrate that fact in just the first two LDAP diagrams.
- We have not included a diagram for Confluence's legacy connection to JIRA database.
- We do not attempt to show all of the possible configurations and layered connections that are available now that you can use JIRA as a directory manager.

**On this page:**

- [Confluence Internal Directory](#)
- [Confluence with Read/Write Connection to LDAP](#)
- [Confluence with Read-Only Connection to LDAP, with Local Groups](#)
- [Confluence Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication](#)
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**Confluence Internal Directory**

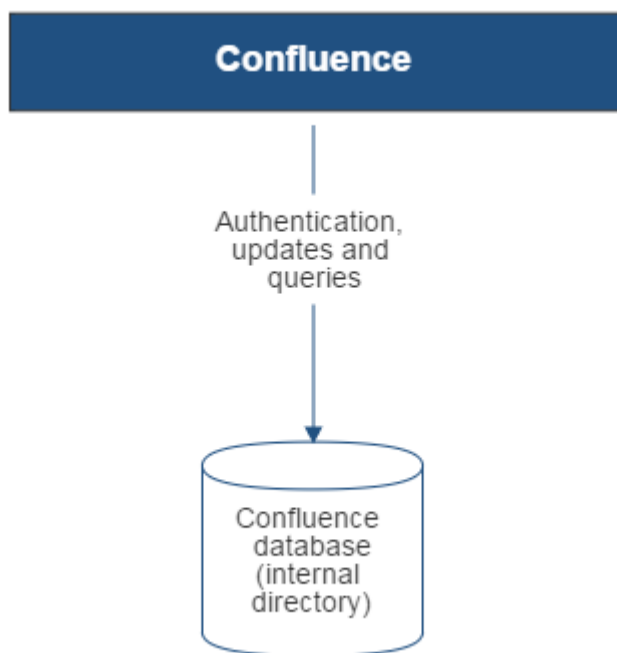


Diagram above: Confluence using its internal directory for user management.

**Confluence with Read/Write Connection to LDAP**

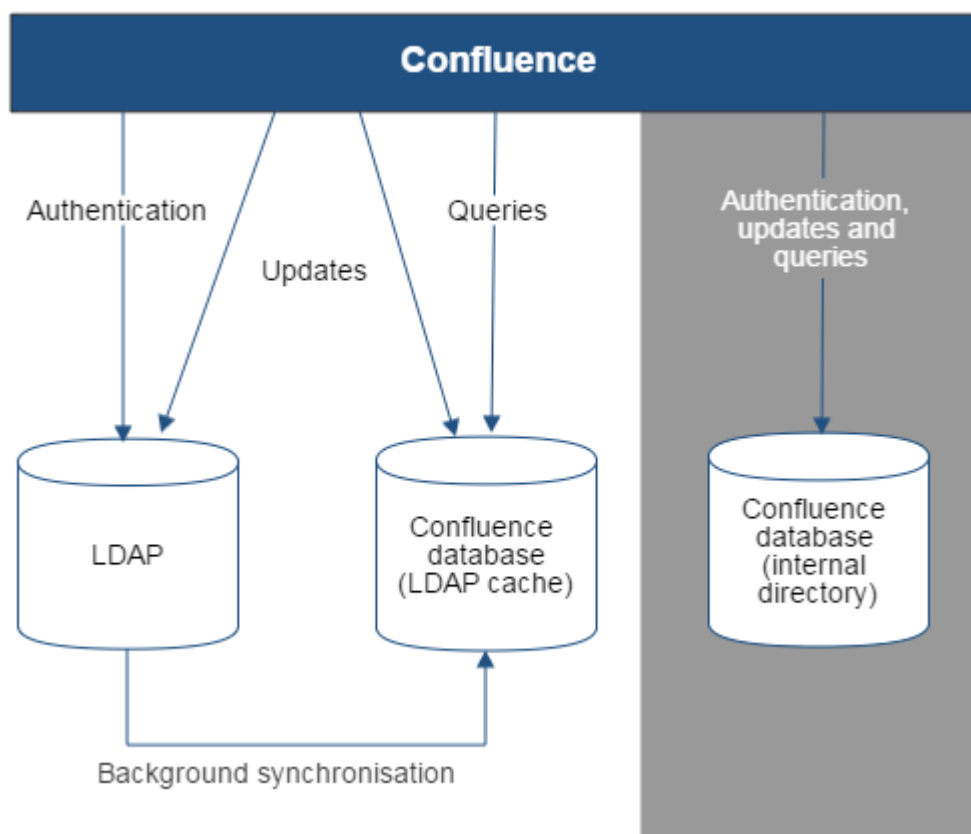


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory.

**Confluence with Read-Only Connection to LDAP, with Local Groups**

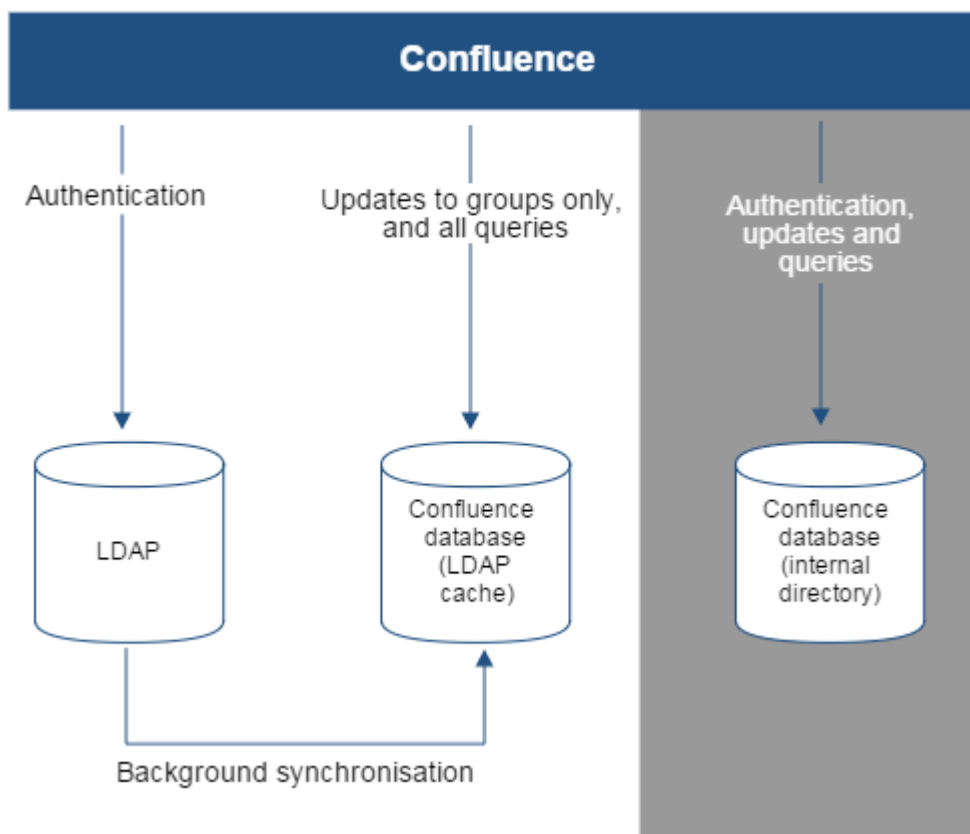


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory with permissions set to read only and local groups.

#### Confluence Internal Directory with LDAP Authentication

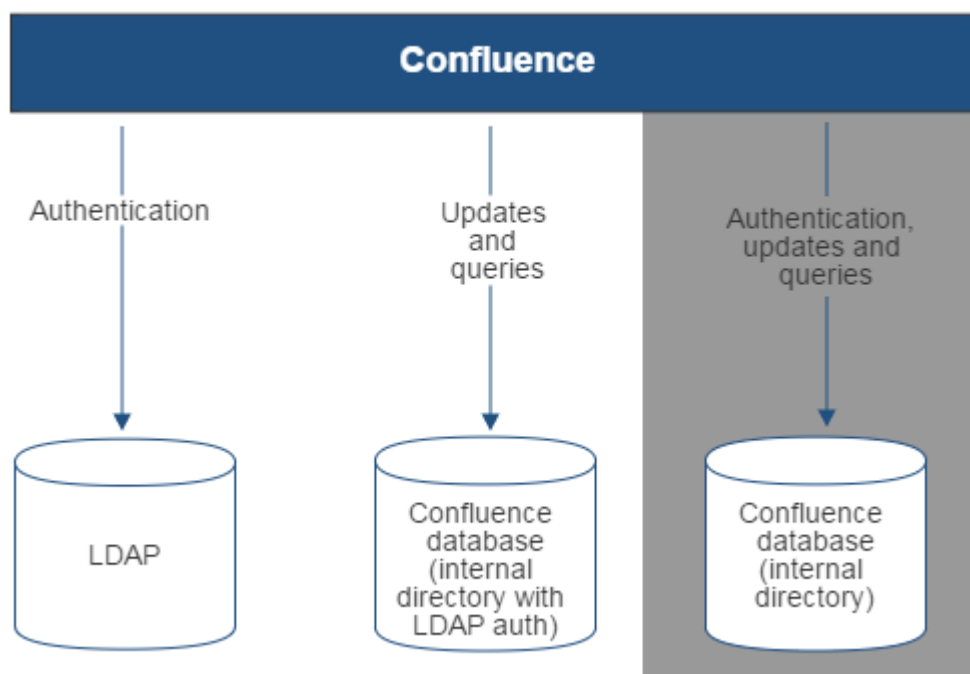


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory for authentication only.

#### Confluence with LDAP Authentication, Copy Users on First Login

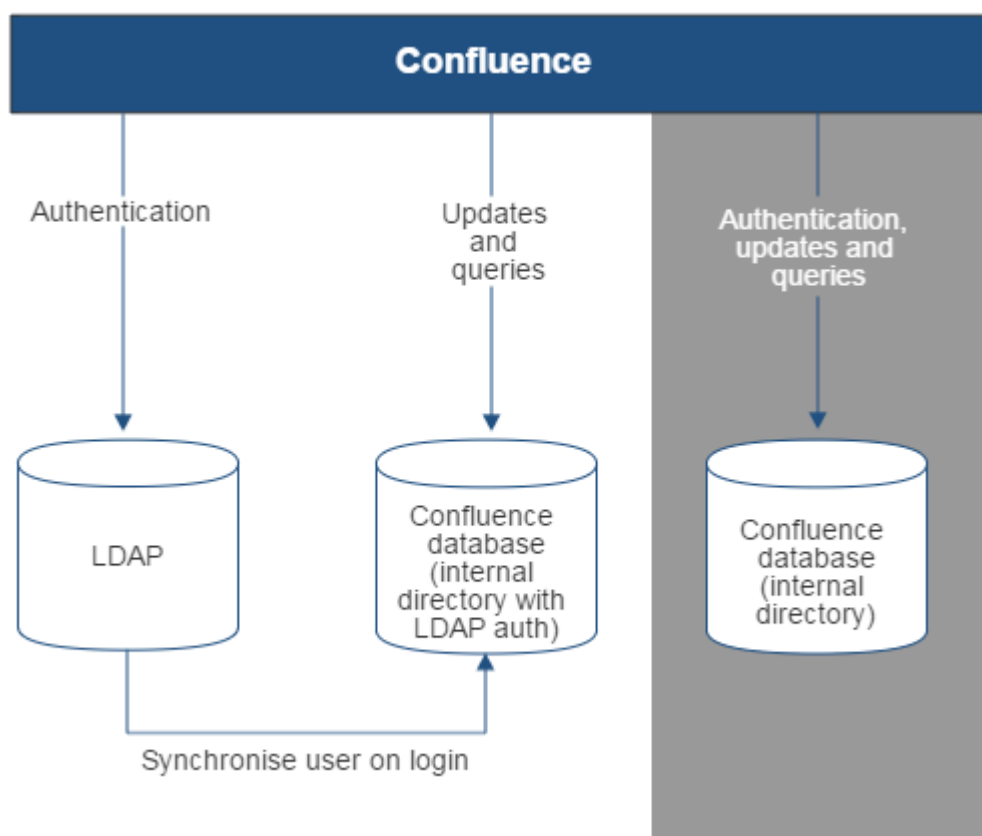


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to an LDAP directory for authentication only, with each user synchronized with the internal directory that is using LDAP authentication when they log in to Confluence.

#### Confluence Connecting to JIRA

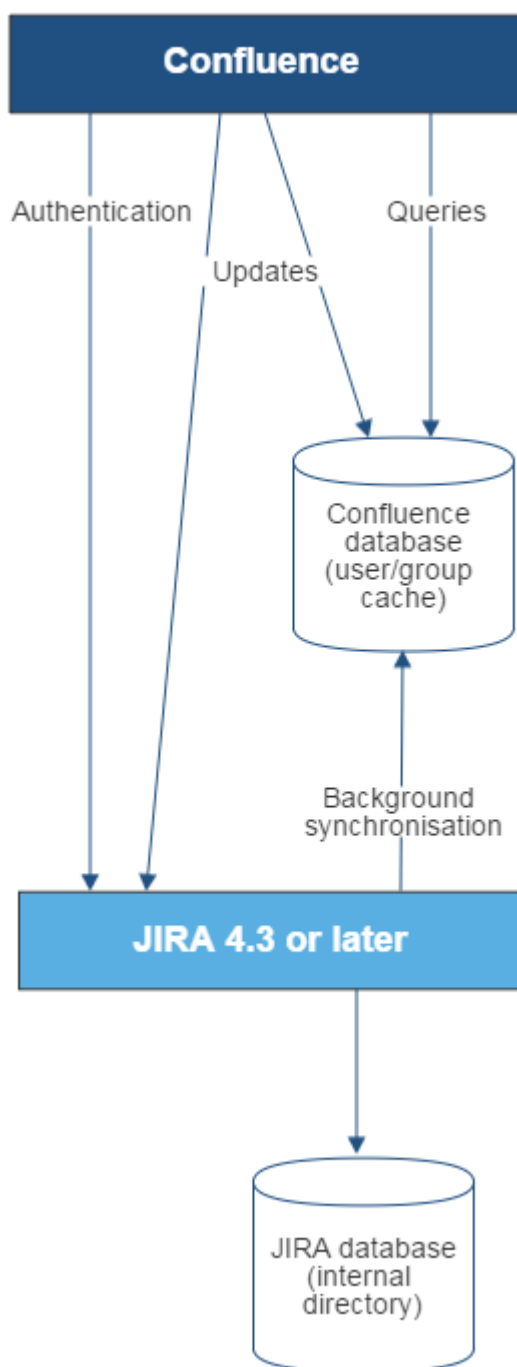


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to JIRA for user management.

**Confluence Connecting to JIRA and JIRA Connecting to LDAP**

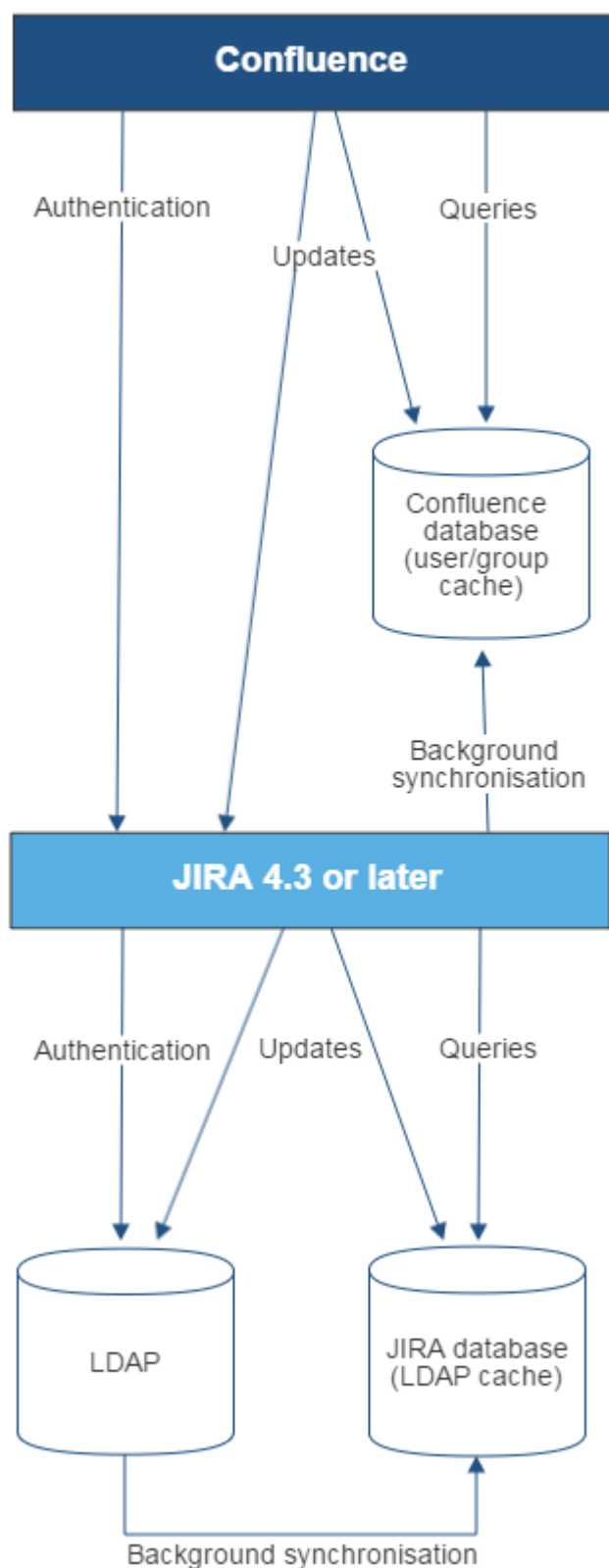


Diagram above: Confluence connecting to JIRA for user management, with JIRA in turn connecting to LDAP.

#### **Confluence and JIRA Connecting to Crowd**

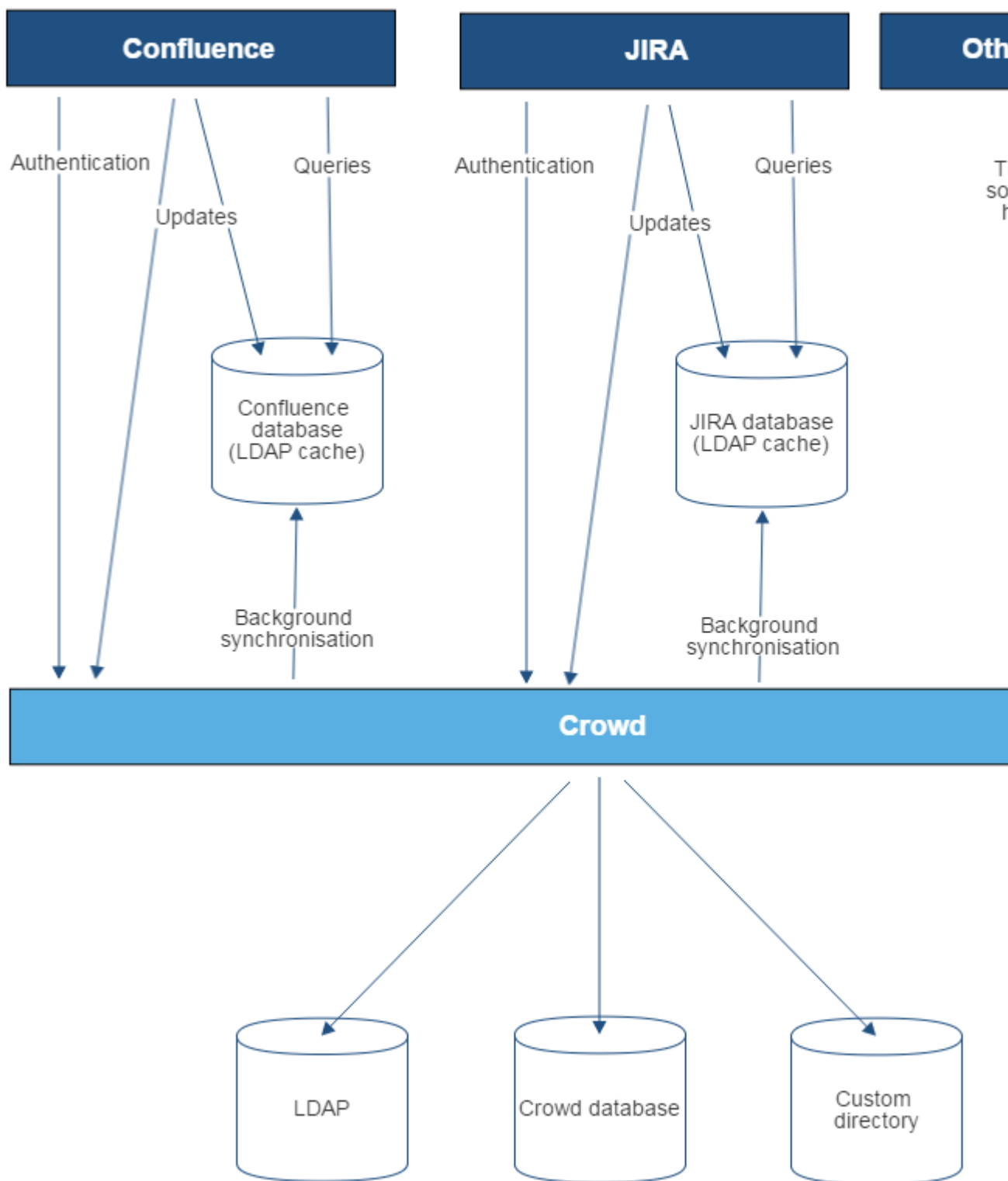


Diagram above: Confluence, JIRA and other applications connecting to Crowd for user management.

### User Management Limitations and Recommendations

This page describes the optimal configurations and limitations that apply to user management in Confluence.

#### General Recommendations



- **Avoid duplicate usernames across directories.** If you are connecting to more than one user directory, we recommend that you ensure the usernames are unique to one directory. For example, we do not recommend that you have a user `jsmith` in both 'Directory1' and 'Directory2'. The reason is the potential for confusion, especially if you swap the order of the directories. Changing the directory order can change the user that a given username refers to.
- **Be careful when deleting users in remote directories.** If you are connecting to an LDAP directory, a Crowd directory or a JIRA directory, please take care when deleting users from the remote directory. If you delete a user that is associated with data in Confluence, this will cause problems in Confluence.
- **Avoid hash, slash and question characters in usernames** - there is a known issue where users with `#`, `?` or `/` in their username cannot create spaces. See



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for more  
information.

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- [General Recommendations](#)
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  - [Custom Application Connectors are Not Supported](#)
  - [Custom Directories are Not Supported](#)
  - [Load on your JIRA instance](#)
  - [JIRA Cloud applications not supported](#)
  - [Recommendations](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#)
- [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#)
- [Configuring User Directories](#)

### Recommendations for Connecting to LDAP

Please consider the following limitations and recommendations when connecting to an LDAP user directory.

#### Optimal Number of Users and Groups in your LDAP Directory

The connection to your LDAP directory provides powerful and flexible support for connecting to, configuring and managing LDAP directory servers. To achieve optimal performance, a background synchronization task loads the required users and groups from the LDAP server into the application's database, and periodically fetches updates from the LDAP server to keep the data in step. The amount of time needed to copy the users and groups rises with the number of users, groups, and group memberships. For that reason, we recommended a maximum number of users and groups as described below.

This recommendation affects connections to LDAP directories:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- All other LDAP directory servers

The following LDAP configurations are **not** affected:

- Internal directories with LDAP authentication
- LDAP directories configured for 'Authentication Only, Copy User On First Login'

Please choose one of the following solutions, depending on the number of users, groups and memberships in your LDAP directory.

Your environment	Recommendation
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Up to 10 000 (ten thousand) users, 1000 (one thousand) groups, and 20 (twenty) groups per user	Choose the ' <b>LDAP</b> ' or ' <b>Microsoft Active Directory</b> ' directory type. You can make use of the full synchronization option. Your application's database will contain all the users and groups that are in your LDAP server.
More than the above	Use LDAP filters to reduce the number of users and groups visible to the synchronization task.

### Our Test Results

We performed internal testing of synchronization with an AD server on our local network consisting of 10 000 users, 1000 groups and 200 000 memberships.

We found that the initial synchronization took about 5 minutes. Subsequent synchronizations with 100 modifications on the AD server took a couple of seconds to complete.

Please keep in mind that a number of factors come into play when trying to tune the performance of the synchronization process, including:

- **Size of userbase.** Use LDAP filters to keep this to the minimum that suits your requirements.
- **Type of LDAP server.** We currently support change detection in AD, so subsequent synchronizations are much faster for AD than for other LDAP servers.
- **Network topology.** The further away your LDAP server is from your application server, the more latent LDAP queries will be.
- **Database performance.** As the synchronization process caches data in the database, the performance of your database will affect the performance of the synchronization.
- **JVM heap size.** If your heap size is too small for your userbase, you may experience heavy garbage collection during the synchronization process which could in turn slow down the synchronization.

### Redundant LDAP is Not Supported

The LDAP connections do not support the configuration of two or more LDAP servers for redundancy (automated failover if one of the servers goes down).

### Specific Notes for Connecting to Active Directory

When the application synchronizes with Active Directory (AD), the synchronization task requests only the changes from the LDAP server rather than the entire user base. This optimizes the synchronization process and gives much faster performance on the second and subsequent requests.

On the other hand, this synchronization method results in a few limitations:

1. **Externally moving objects out of scope or renaming objects causes problems in AD.** If you move objects out of scope in AD, this will result in an inconsistent cache. We recommend that you do not use the external LDAP directory interface to move objects out of the scope of the sub-tree, as defined on the application's directory configuration screen. If you do need to make structural changes to your LDAP directory, manually synchronize the directory cache after you have made the changes to ensure cache consistency.
2. **Synchronizing between AD servers is not supported.** Microsoft Active Directory does not replicate the uSNChanged attribute across instances. For that reason, we do not support connecting to different AD servers for synchronization. (You can of course define multiple different directories, each pointing to its own respective AD server.)
3. **Synchronizing with AD servers behind a load balancer is not supported.** As with synchronizing between two different AD servers, Microsoft Active Directory does not replicate the uSNChanged attribute across instances. For that reason, we do not support connecting to different AD servers even when they are load balanced. You will need to select one server (preferably one that is local) to synchronize with instead of using the load balancer.
4. **You must restart the application after restoring AD from backup.** On restoring from backup of an AD server, the uSNChanged timestamps are reverted to the backup time. To avoid the resulting confusion, you will need to flush the directory cache after a Active Directory restore operation.
5. **Obtaining AD object deletions requires administrator access.** Active Directory stores deleted objects in a special container called cn=Deleted Objects. By default, to access this container you need to connect as an administrator and so, for the synchronization task to be aware of deletions, you must use administrator credentials. Alternatively, it is possible to change the permissions on the cn=Deleted Objects container. If you wish to do so, please see [this Microsoft KB Article](#).

6. **The User DN used to connect to AD must be able to see the uSNChanged attribute.** The synchronization task relies on the uSNChanged attribute to detect changes, and so must be in the appropriate AD security groups to see this attribute for all LDAP objects in the subtree.

#### **Recommendations for Connecting to JIRA for User Management**

Please consider the following limitations and recommendations when connecting to a JIRA server for user management.

##### **Single Sign-On Across Multiple Applications is Not Supported**

When you connect to a JIRA application for user management, you will not have single sign-on across the applications connected in this way. JIRA, when acting as a directory manager, does not support SSO.

##### **Custom Application Connectors are Not Supported**

JIRA applications, Confluence, FishEye, Crucible and Bamboo can connect to a JIRA server for user management. Custom application connectors will need to use the new REST API.

##### **Custom Directories are Not Supported**

Earlier versions of JIRA supported OSUser Providers. It was therefore possible write a special provider to obtain user information from any external user directory. This is no longer the case.

##### **Load on your JIRA instance**

If your JIRA instance is already under high load, then using it as a User Server will increase that load.

##### **JIRA Cloud applications not supported**

You cannot use JIRA Cloud applications to manage standalone users. Cloud users and users within your self-hosted Atlassian applications need to be managed separately.

##### **Recommendations**

Your environment	Recommendation
<p>If <b>all</b> the following are true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your JIRA application is not under high load.</li><li>• You want to share user and group management across just a few applications, such as one JIRA Software server and one Confluence server, or two JIRA servers.</li><li>• You do not need single sign-on (SSO) between your JIRA application and Confluence, or between two JIRA servers.</li><li>• You do not have custom application connectors. Or, if you do have them, you are happy to convert them to use the new REST API.</li><li>• You are happy to shut down all your servers when you need to upgrade your JIRA application.</li></ul>	<p>Your environment meets the optimal requirements for using a JIRA application for user management.</p>

<p>If <b>one or more</b> of the following are true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your JIRA application is already under high load.</li> <li>• You want to share user and group management across more than 5 applications.</li> <li>• You need single sign-on (SSO) across multiple applications.</li> <li>• You have custom applications integrated via the Crowd SOAP API, and you cannot convert them to use the new REST API.</li> <li>• You are not happy to shut down all your servers when you need to upgrade JIRA.</li> </ul>	<p>We recommend that you install <a href="#">Atlassian Crowd</a> for user management and SSO.</p>
<p>If you are considering creating a custom directory connector to define your own storage for users and groups...</p>	<p>Please see if one of the following solutions will work for you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have written a custom provider to support a specific LDAP schema, please check the supported LDAP schemas to see if you can use one of them instead.</li> <li>• If you have written a custom provider to support nested groups, please consider enabling nested groups in the supported directory connectors instead.</li> <li>• If you have written a custom provider to connect to your own database, please consider loading the data into the application's database instead.</li> <li>• If you need to keep the custom directory connection, please consider whether <a href="#">Atlassian Crowd</a> meets your requirements. See the documentation on <a href="#">Creating a Custom Directory Connector</a>.</li> </ul>

## Requesting Support for External User Management

This page gives guidelines on how to request help from the Atlassian support team if you are having problems with external user management. External user management includes connections to Active Directory, other LDAP servers, Atlassian Crowd or a JIRA application for user management. The information on this page is provided in addition to the more general page on [Troubleshooting Problems and Requesting Technical Support](#).

The cause of such problems may be:

- The LDAP server is not responding.
- The application password is incorrectly configured, causing the LDAP server or other directory to return an authentication error.
- Other LDAP settings are incorrectly configured.

### *Troubleshooting the Connection to your External User Directory*

The configuration screen for external directories in Confluence has a '**Test Settings**' button. This will help you to diagnose problems with user management in Active Directory and other LDAP servers.

### To test your directory connection:

1. Choose the **cog icon**

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- [Troubleshooting the Connection to your External User Directory](#)
- [Problems During Initial Setup](#)
- [Complex Authentication or Performance Problems](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Troubleshooting Problems and Requesting Technical Support](#)
- [Configuring User Directories](#)



- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Click '**User Directories**' in the left-hand panel.
3. **Edit** the relevant directory.
4. Click '**Test Settings**'.
5. The results of the test will appear at the top of the screen.

Please refer to our knowledge base articles for [troubleshooting user management and login issues](#).

If the above resources do not help, continue below.

### **Problems During Initial Setup**

Raise a [support request](#) and include the following information.

- Download an LDAP browser to make sure you have the right settings in your LDAP directory. Atlassian recommends [LDAP Studio](#). Include screenshots of your user and group DNs.
- If you can start up Confluence and access the Administration Console, review your directory settings. See [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#). Attach screenshots of all your settings.

### **Complex Authentication or Performance Problems**

Raise a [support request](#) and include the following information.

#### **Confluence Server**

Log in to Confluence and access the Administration Console.

- Take a screenshot of the '**System Information**' screen, or save the page as HTML.
- Take a screenshot of the '**Global Permissions**' screen, if people are having problems with logging in.
- Go to '**Space Admin**' for the relevant space and take a screenshot of the '**Permissions**' page, if you are having problems with space or page permissions.

#### **Confluence Configuration Files**

- If you have implemented a custom authenticator or in any way modified `seraph-config.xml` or `seraph-paths.xml`, please provide the modified file.

#### **User Management System**

- Include the name and version of your LDAP server.
- Does your LDAP server use dynamic or static groups?
- Review your directory settings. See [Connecting to an LDAP Directory](#). Attach screenshots of all your settings.

#### **Diagnostics**

- Enable profiling. See [Performance Tuning](#).
- Enable detailed user management logging, by editing `confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties`.

Change this section:

```
###
# Atlassian User
###
#log4j.logger.com.atlassian.user=DEBUG
#log4j.logger.com.atlassian.confluence.user=DEBUG
#log4j.logger.bucket.user=DEBUG
#log4j.logger.com.atlassian.seraph=DEBUG
#log4j.logger.com.opensymphony.user=DEBUG
```

Remove the '#' signs at the beginning of the lines, so that it looks like this:

```
###
# Atlassian User
###
log4j.logger.com.atlassian.user=DEBUG
log4j.logger.com.atlassian.confluence.user=DEBUG
log4j.logger.bucket.user=DEBUG
log4j.logger.com.atlassian.seraph=DEBUG
log4j.logger.com.opensymphony.user=DEBUG
```

- After enabling both the above, please attempt a Confluence LDAP account login and attach a copy of the log files that are produced when the problem occurs. To do this, locate your install directory, then zip the full `/logs` directory into a single file for us to examine. The logs directory is located in your Confluence Home directory.

## Disabling the Built-In User Management

In some circumstances you may want to disable Confluence's built in user management, and delegate all user management to an external application, such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk. You can disable internal user management by turning on Confluence's **External User Management** setting. You'll need to be a [system administrator](#) to do this.

You might disable Confluence's internal user management:

- When [Crowd's directory permissions](#) are configured so that Confluence cannot update the Crowd directories (as a system error will occur when Confluence attempts to write data into Crowd). See [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#) for more information.
- If you are using a JIRA application for user management. This centralizes all user management in that JIRA app. See [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#).

To disable management of users and groups within Confluence:



1. > **General Configuration** > **Security Configuration**.
2. Click **Edit**.
3. Select the **External user management** checkbox then **Save** your change.

**Note:** If you turn on **External user management**:

- You will not be able to add users or groups in Confluence.
- You will not be able to use public signup in your site.
- The **Forgot Password** link will not appear on the Confluence login page.
- Users will not be able to reset their password in Confluence.

## SAML SSO for Confluence Data Center

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) is an XML-based data format that allows a service to exchange authorization data with an identity provider (IdP). The most common use case is allowing a user to sign in to multiple software applications using the same authentication details, usually a username and password. This is referred to as single sign-on (SSO).

We provide the functionality for Confluence Data Center to connect to your IdP so that you can provide your users with an SSO experience. This *only* handles authentication. Application access and any required authorizations, such as ensuring that users belong to the appropriate groups/roles and

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- [Set up your identity provider](#)
- [Configure SAML Authentication in your Atlassian application](#)
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have the necessary permissions, should be configured in the user directory and/or the application itself.

### Supported Identity Providers

SAML single sign-on should work with any identity provider implementing the SAML 2.0 Web Browser SSO Profile, using the HTTP POST binding.

We currently perform tests with the following identity providers:

- [Microsoft Active Directory \(using ADFS 3.0\)](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Active Directory](#)
- [OneLogin](#)
- [Okta](#)
- [PingIdentity](#)

### Set up single sign-on

You'll need to configure your application and your IdP to provide single sign-on for your users.

### Set up SSL/TLS

To make sure that SAML authentication is secure and private, you need to set up SSL/TLS in the application. See [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#) for more information.

Once set up, you need to make sure that the application's [configured base URL](#) is using the HTTPS protocol.

If you want to use a **reverse proxy**, check out the following guides:

- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Apache HTTP Server \(mod\\_proxy\\_http\)](#)
- [Securing your Atlassian applications with Apache using SSL](#)

When using a reverse proxy that terminates SSL/TLS, you need to make sure that the request URL the application server sees matches the fully-qualified domain name for the reverse proxy. This is usually achieved by configuring the `<Connector>` directive with the appropriate `proxyName`, `proxyPort`, `secure` and `scheme` settings. Please check the documentation above for specific examples.

### Set up your identity provider

If you want Confluence to provide SSO, you'll need to add it to your IdP. The exact process varies depending on the IdP, but you'll usually need to:

- Define an 'application' in your IdP
- Provide some data about the application, including data you can access on your application's [Authentication](#) screen
- Make sure the NameID attribute of the users in your IdP is set to the username in your Atlassian application
- Give the appropriate users permission to use the application

At the end of the setup process your IdP will provide you with a set of data that you'll need to configure your Atlassian application.

### Configure SAML Authentication in your Atlassian application

To configure SAML authentication in Confluence:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **SAML Authentication**.
2. Select **SAML single sign-on**.

Configure the following settings:

Setting	Notes
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Single sign-on issuer	<p>This value is provided by your IdP, as part of setting up SAML. It's sometimes also called 'Entity ID'</p> <p>The issuer is the IdP your application will be accepting authentication requests from</p>
Identity provider single sign-on URL	<p>This value is provided by your IdP, as part of setting up SAML.</p> <p>It defines the URL your users will be redirected to when logging in.</p>
X.509 Certificate	<p>This value is provided by your IdP, as part of setting up SAML. This is sometimes referred to as a 'Signing certificate'. The key usually starts with '-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----'.</p> <p>This contains the public key we'll use to verify that all received SAML authentication requests have been issued by your IdP.</p>
Login mode	<p>This defines how your users can use single-sign on. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use SAML as secondary authentication</b> – the default way to log in will be the standard application login form. You can log in using SAML if you go to your IdP and select your application, or by using the this URL to log in: <i>BASE-URL/plugins/servlet/external-login</i>. We recommended this method so you can test that everything is configured correctly, and that users can log in using SSO.</li> <li>• <b>Use SAML as primary authentication</b> – in this mode, all browser-based users will be redirected from the application's login screen to the IdP to log in. It's still possible to authenticate by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Auth</li> <li>• Form-based auth via dedicated REST endpoint</li> <li>• Existing Remember Me tokens</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>You should only enable this mode once you've verified that SAML authentication is working as expected.</p>
Remember user logins	<p>When checked, successful user logins will be remembered in the user's browser. When browsing to their application, users will be logged in automatically without having to authenticate again using SAML.</p> <p>Confluence Data Center uses 'remember me' to enable users to move seamlessly between nodes. Turning <b>Remember user logins</b> off in this screen can override this Confluence behaviour and lead to users needing to log in again each time they move to another node. We recommend keeping <b>Remember user logins</b> enabled.</p>

3. The following information is provided on the Authentication screen, and will be required to configure your IdP:

Setting name	Notes
Assertion Consumer Service URL	This is the URL the IdP will return SAML authentication requests to.
Audience URL (Entity ID)	This is the URL the IdP will prepare SAML authentication requests for.

4. Click **Save configuration**.

Once you've configured both your application and your IdP, you're ready to start using SSO.

#### Best practices

- SAML authentication requests are only valid for a limited time. You should make sure the clocks on the server running your application/s and the IdP are synchronised.
- If users and groups in your application are configured using [User Directories](#), you'll usually want to use



the same LDAP directory to be the source of users for both your IdP and Atlassian application. Users need to exist in the user directory *before* they can log in using SSO.

### Troubleshooting

- If you make a mistake configuring the SAML authentication, or are unable to log in using your IdP, you can restore login form authentication by using issuing a DELETE request (using a username and password for an administrator configured in your user directory):

```
curl -u admin_user:admin_password -X DELETE
http://base-url/product/rest/authconfig/1.0/saml
```

- If an authentication error occurs, the user will only see basic details about what went wrong. For security reasons, the details about the underlying problem are not shown. You'll need to check the application logs to see the cause of the problem.
- In some cases you might also experience errors shown by your IdP. For those you will need to use the support and tools provided by your IdP, rather than Atlassian support.
- When using **SAML as primary authentication** and you have CAPTCHA enabled in the application, users that use HTTP basic authentication (for example in REST resource calls) may get locked out if they enter an incorrect password too many times. In these cases, an administrator will need to reset the user's CAPTCHA in the user list screen.

## Managing Add-ons or Plugins

An **add-on** is a separately installed component that provides Confluence functionality. The terms 'plugin' and 'add-on' are often used interchangeably.

There are two main types of add-ons:

- System add-ons - these are bundled with Confluence and provide core functionality
- User installed add-ons - these are usually downloaded from [The Marketplace](#) and may have been created by Atlassian or by a third party developer.

For information about developing your own add-ons for Confluence, see the [Confluence Server Developer documentation](#).

### About the Universal Plugin Manager

Add-ons are managed via the Universal Plugin Manager (known as the UPM). The UPM can be found in most Atlassian applications, and provides a consistent experience for administering add-ons. To visit the UPM, go to



> **Add-ons** in the Confluence header.

The UPM allows you to:

- Discover and install new add-ons from the [Atlassian Marketplace](#).
- Install or remove add-ons.
- Configure add-on settings.
- Enable or disable add-ons and their component modules.
- Confirm add-on compatibility before upgrading Confluence.

You'll need Confluence Administrator permissions to access the UPM. See [Request Add-ons](#) for information on how users can find and request add-ons.

See the [Universal Plugin Manager documentation](#) for more information on using the UPM.

### Disable and uninstall add-ons

You can disable or unsubscribe from user installed add-ons that are no longer being used on your site. See [Disabling and enabling add-ons](#) to find out how to do this.

Once the add-on is disabled, its features are immediately unavailable. If the add-on included macros, pages that

contained those macros will show an 'unknown macro' error. To avoid this, you can check which macros are being used on your site before disabling an add-on by checking the macro usage statistics.

Go to



> **General Configuration > Macro Usage.**

## Writing User Macros

User macros are useful if you want to create your own custom macros. These can be to perform specific actions, apply custom formatting and much more.

User macros are created and managed within Confluence itself, you do not need to develop an add-on. You will need some coding skills though.

You'll need System Administrator permissions to create and manage user macros.

### On this page:


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### Related Pages:

- [User Macro Module](#) (Developer documentation)

## Create a User Macro

To add a new user macro:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration > User Macros**
2. Choose **Create a User Macro**
3. Enter the macro details (see table below)
4. Click **Add**


Macro details field	Description
<b>Macro name</b>	This is the name of the macro, as it appears in the code.
<b>Visibility</b>	<p>This controls who can see this macro in the macro browser or auto-complete. Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visible to all users</li><li>• Visible only to system administrators</li></ul> <p>Note that if you select Visible only to system administrators, users will still see the output of the macro on a page, and the macro placeholder will still be visible when a user edits a page. It is only hidden in the macro browser and autocomplete.</p> <p>All macro information is discoverable, including the macro title, description, parameter names and other metadata. Do not include confidential data anywhere in the definition of a user macro, even if it is marked as visible only to system administrators.</p>
<b>Macro Title</b>	This is the title that will appear in the macro browser and auto-complete.
<b>Description</b>	This is the description that will appear in the macro browser. The macro browser's search will pick up matches in both the title and description.
<b>Categories</b>	Select one or more macro browser categories for your macro to appear in.
<b>Icon URL</b>	Enter an absolute URL (for example <code>http://mysite.com/mypath/status.png</code> ) or path relative to the Confluence base URL (for example <code>/images/icons/macrobrowser/status.png</code> ) if you want the macro browser to display an icon for your macro.

<b>Documentation URL</b>	If you have documentation for your macro, enter the URL here.
<b>Macro Body Processing</b>	<p>Specify how Confluence should process the body before passing it to your macro.</p> <p>The macro body is the content that is displayed on a Confluence page. If your macro has a body, any body content that the user enters will be available to the macro in the <code>\$body</code> variable.</p> <p>Options for processing the macro body include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No macro body</b> Select this option if your macro does not have a body.</li> <li>• <b>Escaped</b> Confluence will add escape characters to the HTML markup in the macro body. Use this if you want to show actual HTML markup in the rendered page. For example, if the body is <code>&lt;b&gt;Hello World&lt;/b&gt;</code> it will render as <code>&lt;b&gt;Hello World&lt;/b&gt;</code>.</li> <li>• <b>Unrendered</b> HTML in the body will be processed within the template before being output. Ensure that HTML is ultimately output by the template.</li> <li>• <b>Rendered</b> Confluence will recognize HTML in the macro body, and render it appropriately. For example, if the body is <code>&lt;b&gt;Hello World&lt;/b&gt;</code> it will render as <b>Hello World</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Template</b>	<p>This is where you write the code that determines what the macro should do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use HTML and Confluence-specific XML elements in the macro template.</li> <li>• You can use the <a href="#">Velocity</a> templating language. Here is more information on <a href="#">the Velocity project</a>.</li> <li>• If your macro has a body, your template can refer to the macro body text by specifying <code>'\$body'</code>.</li> <li>• Each parameter variable you use must have a matching metadata definition. Use <code>@param</code> to define metadata for your macro parameters.</li> <li>• When using the information passed using parameters, refer to your parameters as <code>\$paramXXX</code> where 'XXX' is the parameter name that you specified in the <code>@param</code> metadata definition.</li> <li>• Use <code>@noparams</code> if your macro does not accept parameters.</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">User Macro Template Syntax</a> for more information and examples.</p>


**Do you need a plugin instead?**

If you want to distribute your user macro as a plugin, please refer to the developer's guide to the [User Macro plugin module](#). If you want to create more complex, programmatic macros in Confluence, you may need to write a [Macro plugin](#).

**Edit a user macro****To edit a user macro:**

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > User Macros**
2. Click **Edit** next to the relevant macro
3. Update the macro details
4. Click **Save**

**Delete a user macro****To delete a user macro:**

1. Go to  > **General Configuration > User Macros**
2. The currently configured user macros will appear
3. Click **Delete** next to the relevant macro

Before deleting a user macro, you should [search](#) for all occurrences of the macro in pages and blog posts. Users will see an 'unknown macro' error if you delete a user macro that is still in use on a page.

## Best practices

This section contains tips and suggestions for best practices when creating your own user macros.

### Add a descriptive header to your macro template

We recommend that you include a short description as a comment at the top of the **Template** field as shown below.

```
## Macro title: My macro name
## Macro has a body: Y or N
## Body processing: Selected body processing option
## Output: Selected output option
##
## Developed by: My Name
## Date created: dd/mm/yyyy
## Installed by: My Name

## Short description of what the macro does
```

### Expose your parameters in the macro browser

The macro browser is the easiest way for users to configure your macro. You can specify the macro category, link to an icon, define the parameters that the macro browser will use to prompt the user for information, and more.

### Supply default values for macro parameters

As you can't guarantee that a user has supplied parameters, one of the first things to do in the macro is check that you have received some value if you expect to rely on it later on in the macro code.

In the example below, the macro expects three parameters, and substitutes sensible defaults if they are not supplied.

```
#set($spacekey= $paramspacekey)
#set($numthreads= $paramnumthreads)
#set($numchars= $paramnumchars)

## Check for valid space key, otherwise use current
#if (!$spacekey)
    #set ($spacekey=$space.key)
#end

## Check for valid number of threads, otherwise use default of 5
#if (!$numthreads)
    #set ($numthreads=5)
#end

## Check for valid excerpt size, otherwise use default of 35
#if (!$numchars)
    #set ($numchars=35)
#end
```

### Example user macros

#### ▼ Hello World

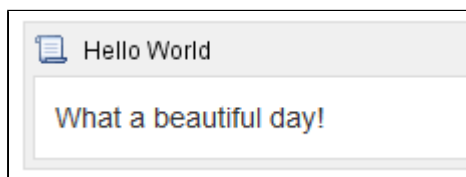
This example demonstrates how to create a user macro that displays the text 'Hello World!' and any text that the user places in the body of the macro.

Field	Value
<b>Macro name</b>	helloworld
<b>Visibility</b>	Visible to all users in the Macro Browser
<b>Macro Title</b>	Hello World
<b>Description</b>	Displays "Hello World" and the macro body.
<b>Categories</b>	Confluence Content
<b>Icon URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Documentation URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Macro body processing</b>	Rendered

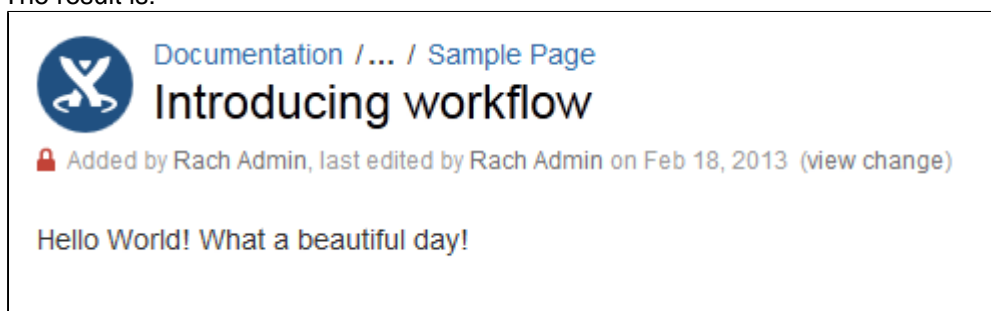
<b>Template</b>	<p>Enter the code below in the template field - this example will print the text straight onto the page.</p> <pre>## @noparams Hello World! \$body</pre> <p>If you wanted the text to appear in a panel you could include the relevant <a href="#">AUI message class</a> as shown here.</p> <pre>## @noparams &lt;div class="aui-message closeable"&gt; Hello World! \$body &lt;/div&gt;</pre>
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#### Using the 'Hello World' macro on a page

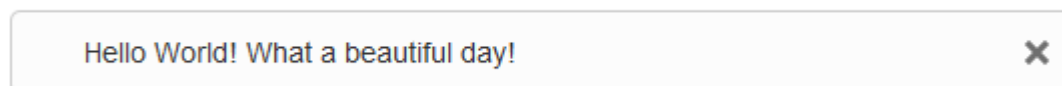
Now you can add the macro to your Confluence page using the Macro Browser, or by typing {hello in the editor and selecting the macro from the list of suggestions.



The result is:



If you chose to include a panel, the result would be:



#### ▼ NoPrint

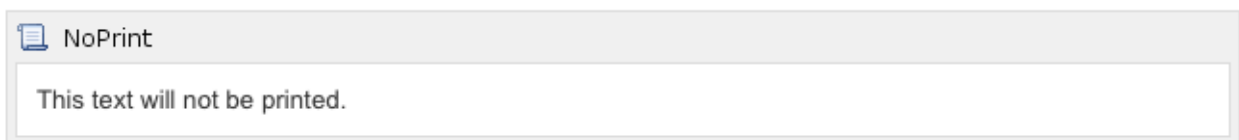
This example demonstrates how to create a user macro that can contain text that is visible when viewing a page, but does not print.

Field	Value
<b>Macro name</b>	noprint
<b>Visibility</b>	Visible to all users in the Macro Browser

<b>Macro Title</b>	No Print
<b>Description</b>	Hides text from printed output.
<b>Categories</b>	Confluence Content
<b>Icon URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Documentation URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Macro body processing</b>	Rendered
<b>Template</b>	<p>Enter the code below in the template field.</p> <pre>## @noparams &lt;div class="noprint"&gt;\$body&lt;/div&gt;</pre>

### Using the 'NoPrint' Macro on a page

Now you can add the macro to your Confluence page using the Macro Browser. Text entered into the body of the macro placeholder will not be printed, but will appear when the page is viewed online.



### Making the PDF export recognize the NoPrint macro

See [Advanced PDF Export Customizations](#).

### ▼ Color and Size

This example demonstrates how you can pass parameters to your macro. We'll create a font style macro which has two parameters to allow the user to specify the color and size of the text contained in the macro body.

Field	Value
<b>Macro name</b>	stylish
<b>Visibility</b>	Visible to all users in the Macro Browser
<b>Macro Title</b>	Stylish
<b>Description</b>	Applies colour and size to text.
<b>Categories</b>	Confluence Content
<b>Icon URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Documentation URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Macro body processing</b>	Rendered

<b>Template</b>	<p>Enter the code below in the template field. If your macro requires more than one parameter, you can use variables \$param0 to \$param9 to represent them.</p> <pre>## @param 0:title=colour type=string ## @param 1:title=size type=string &lt;span style="color: \$param0; font-size: \$param1"&gt;\$body&lt;/span&gt;</pre> <p>Alternatively, you can also use explicitly-named parameters in your macro. These macro parameters will appear as variables with the name \$param&lt;x&gt; where &lt;x&gt; is the name of your parameter.</p> <pre>## @param Colour:title=colour type=string ## @param Size:title=size type=string &lt;span style="color: \$paramColour; font-size: \$paramSize"&gt;\$body&lt;/span&gt;</pre>
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#### Formatted Panel

This example demonstrates how to write a user macro that creates a panel that is preformatted with specific colors. It will create a panel that looks like this:

(Title)

**Note:** The panel's title will be empty if the user does not give a value for the title parameter.

Field	Value
<b>Macro name</b>	formpanel
<b>Visibility</b>	Visible to all users in the Macro Browser
<b>Macro Title</b>	Formatted Panel
<b>Description</b>	Creates a panel preformatted with specific colors
<b>Categories</b>	Formatting
<b>Icon URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Documentation URL</b>	You can leave this field blank
<b>Macro body processing</b>	Escaped



<b>Template</b>	<p>Enter the code below in the template field. See below for a more detailed explanation of</p> <pre>## @param Title:title=Title type=string desc=Title &lt;ac:structured-macro ac:name="panel"&gt;   &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="titleBGColor"&gt;#ccc&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;   &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="borderStyle"&gt;solid&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;   &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="borderColor"&gt;#6699CC&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;   &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="borderWidth"&gt;2&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;   &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="titleColor"&gt;#000000&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;   &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="title"&gt;\${!paramTitle}&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;   &lt;ac:rich-text-body&gt;\$body&lt;/ac:rich-text-body&gt; &lt;/ac:structured-macro&gt;</pre>
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#### Explanation of the code in the macro template

Below is a breakdown of the user macro template code.

Item	Description
## @param Title:title=Title type=string desc=Title	<p>@param defines the metadata for your macro parameters.</p> <p>@param Title</p> <p>This parameter is called "Title".</p> <p>title=Title</p> <p>defines the parameter title that will appear in the macro browser as "Title".</p> <p>type=string</p> <p>defines the field type for the parameter as a text field.</p> <p>desc=Title</p> <p>defines the description of the parameter in the macro browser.</p>

<pre>&lt;ac:structured-macro ac:name="panel"&gt;</pre>	<p>This calls the Confluence <a href="#">Panel</a> macro.</p> <p>The easiest way to find out the code name of a Confluence macro by viewing the Storage Format of a page containing the macro. You'll need Confluence Administrator permissions to view the storage format.</p>
<pre>&lt;ac:parameter ac:name="titleBGColor"&gt;#ccc&lt;/ac:parameter&gt; &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="borderStyle"&gt;solid&lt;/ac:parameter&gt; &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="borderColor"&gt;#6699CC&lt;/ac:parameter&gt; &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="borderWidth"&gt;2&lt;/ac:parameter&gt; &lt;ac:parameter ac:name="titleColor"&gt;#000000&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;</pre>	<p>Sets the parameters for the macro: the background color, border style, border color, border width and title color.</p> <p>To discover the names of the parameters for a Confluence macro, view the storage format as described above.</p>
<pre>&lt;ac:parameter ac:name="title"&gt;\${!paramTitle}&lt;/ac:parameter&gt;</pre>	<p>Enters the value stored in the 'Title' parameter into the title section of the macro.</p> <p>The ! tells the macro to leave the title blank, when there is no data in the "Title" parameter.</p>
<pre>&lt;ac:rich-text-body&gt;\$body&lt;/ac:rich-text-body&gt;</pre>	<p>Users can enter data that is stored in the body of the macro. This line enables the macro to access and store the body content passed to your macro.</p>
<pre>&lt;/ac:structured-macro&gt;</pre>	<p>This command marks the end of the macro.</p>

### User Macro Template Syntax

See [Writing User Macros](#) for an introduction to writing a user macro.

This page provides information about the code you can enter in a user macro template.

### Accessing your macro's body

Use the `$body` object within your user macro template to access the content passed to your macro in the macro body.

The `$body` object is available if you have specified that your macro has a body (in other words, if you have *not* selected **No macro body**).

**Example:** Let's assume your macro is called `hello world`.

Enter the following code in your template:

```
Hello World: $body
```

A user, when editing a Confluence page, chooses your macro in the macro browser and then enters the following in the macro placeholder that is displayed in the edit view:

```
From Matthew
```

The wiki page will display the following:

```
| Hello World: From Matthew
```

### Using parameters in your user macro

You can specify parameters for your macro, so that users can pass it information to determine its behavior on a Confluence page.

#### How your macro parameters are used on a Confluence page

When adding a macro to a Confluence page, the macro browser will display an input field for each macro parameter. The field type is determined by the parameter type you specify.

#### Defining the parameters

A parameter definition in the template contains:

- `@param`
- The parameter name
- A number of attributes (optional).

Format:

```
## @param MYNAME:title=MY TITLE|type=MY TYPE|desc=MY  
DESCRIPTION|required=true|multiple=true|default=MY DEFAULT VALUE
```

Additional notes:

- The order of the parameters in the template determines the order in which the macro browser displays the parameters.
- We recommend that you define the parameters at the top of the template.
- There may be additional attributes, depending on the parameter type you specify.

The sections below describe each of the attributes in detail.

#### On this page:

- [Accessing your macro's body](#)
- [Using parameters in your user macro](#)
- [Objects available to your macro](#)
- [Controlling parameter appearance in the editor placeholder](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Writing User Macros](#)

Attribute name	Description	Required / Recommended / Optional
(an unnamed, first attribute)	A unique name for the parameter. The parameter name is the first attribute in the list. The name attribute itself does not have a name. See the section on <a href="#">name</a> below.	Required
title	The parameter title will appear in the macro browser. If you do not specify a title, Confluence will use the parameter name.	Recommended
type	The field type for the parameter. See the section on <a href="#">type</a> below.	Recommended
desc	The parameter description will appear in the macro browser.	Optional
required	Specifies whether the user must enter information for this parameter. Defaults to false.	Optional
multiple	Specifies whether the parameter accepts multiple values. Defaults to false.	Optional
default	The default value for the parameter.	Optional

#### Parameter name

The parameter name is the first attribute in the list. The name attribute itself does not have a name.

**Example:** The following code defines 2 parameters, named 'foo' and 'bar':

```
## @param foo
## @param bar
```

#### Parameter type

The field type for the parameter. If you do not specify a type, the default is `string`.

Parameter type	Description
boolean	Displays a checkbox to the user and passes the value 'true' or 'false' to the macro as a string.
enum	Offers a list of values for selection. You can specify the values to appear in a dropdown in the macro browser. Example of specifying the enum values: <div data-bbox="496 1597 1471 1662" data-label="Text"> <pre>## @param colour:title=Colour   type=enum   enumValues=Grey,Red,Yellow,Green</pre> </div> <p><i>Note about i18n:</i> Confluence does not support internationalization of the enum values. The user sees is the one passed to the macro as the parameter value, with the capitalization case 'Grey', 'Red', etc.</p>

string	<p>A text field. This is the default type. Example with a required field:</p> <pre>## @param status:title=Status type=string required=true desc=Status to display</pre>
confluence-content	<p>Offers a control allowing the user to search for a page or blog post. Example:</p> <pre>## @param page:title=Page type=confluence-content required=true desc=S a page do use</pre>
username	<p>Search for user.</p> <pre>## @param user:title=Username type=username desc=Select user to display</pre>
spacekey	<p>Offers a list of spaces for selection. Passes the space key to the macro. Example:</p> <pre>## @param space:title=Space type=spacekey</pre>
date	<p>Confluence accepts this type, but currently treats it in the same way as 'string'. Example:</p> <pre>## @param fromDate:title=From Date type=date desc=Date to st from. Format: dd/mm/YYYY</pre> <p><i>Note about dates:</i> A user can enter a date in any format, you should validate the date for user macro.</p>
int	<p>Confluence accepts this type, but treats it in the same way as 'string'. Example with a default value:</p> <pre>## @param numPosts:title=Number of Posts type=int default=15 desc=Number of posts to display</pre>
percentage	<p>Confluence accepts this type, but treats it in the same way as 'string'. Example:</p> <pre>## @param pcent:title=Percentage type=percentage desc=Number posts to display</pre>

### Using the parameters in your macro code

The parameters are available in your template as `$paramfoo`, `$parambar` for parameters named "foo" and "bar".

Normally, a parameter like `$paramfoo` that is missing will appear as '`$paramfoo`' in the output. To display nothing when a parameter is not set, use an exclamation mark after the dollar sign like this: `$!paramfoo`

### Using no parameters

If your macro does not accept parameters, you should use `@noparams` in your template.

If the user macro contains no parameters and does not specify `@noparams`, then the macro browser will display a free-format text box allowing users to enter undefined parameters. This can be confusing if the macro does not accept parameters.

**Example:** Add the following line at the top of your template:

```
## @noparams
```

### Objects available to your macro

Including the macro body and parameters, the following Confluence objects are available to the macro:

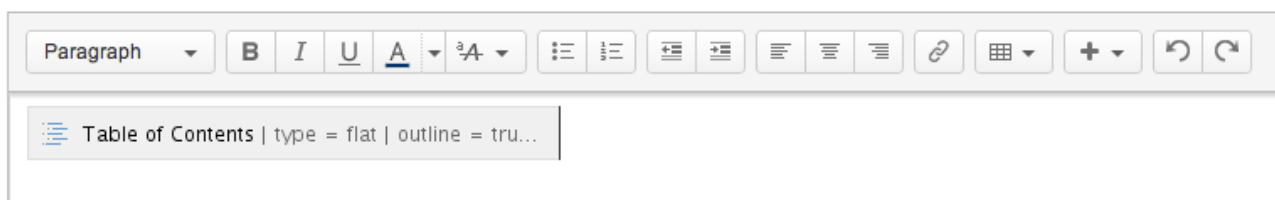
Variable	Description	Class Reference
<code>\$body</code>	The body of the macro (if the macro has a body)	String
<code>\$paramfoo</code> , <code>\$parambar</code> , ... <code>\$param&lt;name&gt;</code>	Named parameters ("foo", "bar") passed to your macro.	String
<code>\$config</code>	The <code>BootstrapManager</code> object, useful for retrieving Confluence properties.	<a href="#">BootstrapManager</a>
<code>\$renderContext</code>	The <code>PageContext</code> object, useful for (among other things) checking <code>\$renderContext.outputType</code>	<a href="#">PageContext</a>
<code>\$space</code>	The <code>Space</code> object that this content object (page, blog post, etc) is located in (if relevant).	<a href="#">Space</a>
<code>\$content</code>	The current <code>ContentEntity</code> object that this macro is a included in (if available).	<a href="#">ContentEntityObject</a>

Macros can also access objects available in the default Velocity context, [as described in the developer documentation](#).

### Controlling parameter appearance in the editor placeholder

You can determine which macro parameters should appear in the placeholder in the Confluence editor.

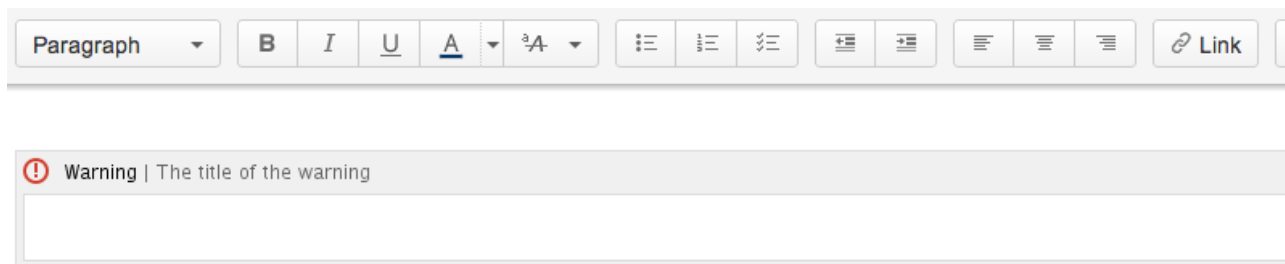
By default as many parameters as can fit will be displayed in the placeholder, as shown here:



You can control which parameters you want to display here, to ensure the most relevant information is visible to the author.

For example, the Confluence Warning macro has two parameters, *title* and *icon*. We consider *title* to be the most interesting parameter, so we have configured the Warning macro to show only the value of the *title* parameter.

Let's assume an author adds the Warning macro to a page, and gives it a title of 'The title of the warning'. The macro configuration leads to a placeholder as shown here:



To configure the macro placeholder for a user macro, you will add attributes to the `@param` entry in the template.

For example, if our Warning macro is a user macro, the configuration for the *title* parameter is as follows:

```
## @param
title:type=string|option-showNameInPlaceholder=false|option-showValueInPlaceholder=true
```

The attribute `showNameInPlaceholder` specifies that the *title* parameter's *name* should not be shown.

The attribute `showValueInPlaceholder` specifies that the *title* parameter's *value* should be shown.

If none of the parameters in a macro include any of the above attributes, then the default behavior is to show all the parameters that fit in the placeholder: full title and value.

If one or more parameters has either attribute set, then all parameters that do not include the attributes will default to false (that is, they will not be shown).

## Customizing your Confluence Site

This page is an introduction to customizing Confluence at site level. This is of interest to Confluence administrators – people with System Administrator or Confluence Administrator permissions.

For guidelines on customizations at a personal and space level, see [Your User Profile](#) or [Customize your Space](#).

We've documented the customizations under two broad headings:

- You can change the **appearance** of Confluence by customizing the dashboard, adjusting the colors, adding a site logo, and more. See [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#).
- You can determine the **default behavior** by setting various options, or define the **default content** that appears in new spaces, on the dashboard, and in other Confluence locations. See [Changing the Default Behavior and Content in Confluence](#).

### Related pages:

- [Integrating Confluence with Other Applications](#)
- [Tracking Customizations Made to your Confluence Installation](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

## Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence

You can change the appearance, or look and feel of Confluence for the whole site (globally) or for individual spaces.

Changes you make to the whole site will also apply to all spaces that are inheriting the global look and feel. Users with space administrator permissions can further customize the appearance of a

### Related pages:

- [Administering Site Templates](#)
- [Working With Decorator Macros](#)
- [Customizing a Specific Page](#)
- [Upgrading Customized Site and Space Layouts](#)

space and override the global look and feel for that space. See [Customize your Space](#) for more.

#### Ways to customize the look and feel of your site:

- Add your own site logo. See [Changing the Site Logo](#).
- Change the **color scheme** of the user interface. See [Customizing Color Schemes](#).
- Use **themes** for advanced layout customization. See [Working with Themes](#).
- Change the **site or space layouts**, which determine how the controls are laid out in the site. This does not change the actual page layouts, but it does change the way the surrounding controls appear in the page. See [Customizing Site and Space Layouts](#).

### Customizing the Confluence Dashboard

The dashboard is the default landing page for your Confluence site. It gives people all the tools they need to discover pages, resume their work and quickly jump to their favorite spaces and pages.

#### *Editing the site welcome message*

The site welcome message appears on the right hand side of the dashboard and is the perfect place to inject some of your organization's personality.

See [Editing the Site Welcome Message](#) to find out how to add announcements, useful links, images, macros and more.

You'll need Confluence administrator permissions to edit the site welcome message.

#### *Using a page as the site landing page*

If you want more control, you can choose to use an ordinary Confluence page as your site landing page, instead of sending people to the dashboard. See [Configuring the Site Home Page](#) to find out more.

Using a page instead of the dashboard can be useful if most people will be reading, rather than creating, pages in your site. However, for sites where you want to encourage teams to collaborate, the dashboard provides the best tools for resuming work in progress and keeping up with what is happening in the site.

#### *Advanced customizations*

You can further customize the dashboard by editing the global layout file. See [Customizing Site and Space Layouts](#) for more information on how to do this. You'll need some knowledge of [Velocity](#) to modify the layout files.

There are two locations that you can add content to:

- Web panels added to `atl.dashboard.secondary` will appear below the site welcome message.
- Web items added to `system.dashboard.button` will appear next to the Create space and Invite users button at the top right of the dashboard.

If you modify layouts in Confluence you will need to reapply your modifications each time you upgrade Confluence. The more dramatic your customizations are, the harder it may be to reapply the changes when upgrading. See [Upgrading Customized Site and Space Layouts](#) to find out what will be involved before modifying the layouts.

### Changing the Site Logo

You can customize the look and feel of your Confluence site by changing the logos.

You can change:

#### On this page:

- [Editing the site welcome message](#)
- [Using a page as the site landing page](#)
- [Advanced customizations](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Save for later](#)
- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)



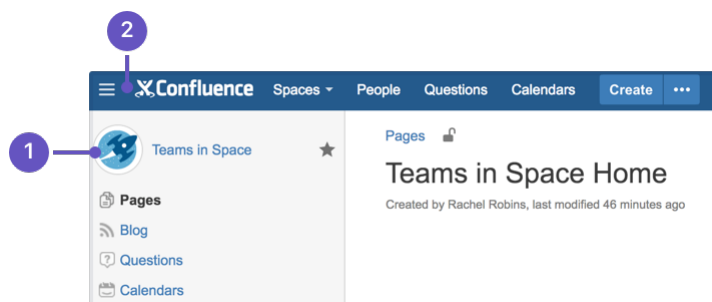
- the **site logo**
- the **default space logo** for all spaces
- the **space logo** for individual spaces.

**On this page:**

- [Changing the site logo](#)
- [Changing the site icon \(favicon\)](#)
- [Changing the default space logo](#)
- [Changing a specific space logo](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)



1. **Space logo:** appears in the sidebar and on the dashboard.
2. **Site logo:** always visible, click the logo to go to the dashboard (or site homepage).

**Changing the site logo**

The Site Logo appears in the header and is visible throughout Confluence. You need Confluence Administrator permissions to change the site logo.

**To change the site logo:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

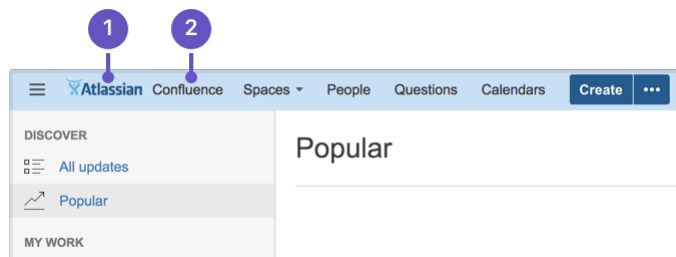
2. Choose **Site Logo and Favicon**.
3. Choose **Browse** to upload a new logo.
4. Choose **Show Logo Only** or **Show Logo and Title** depending on whether you wish the Site Title to display in the header.
5. Choose **Save**.

Confluence's Auto Look and Feel will detect the colors in your new logo, and change the site color scheme to match.

If you would prefer to use the default [color scheme](#) with your custom logo go to




> **General Configuration** > **Color Scheme** > **Edit** and then choose **Reset** to revert back to the default scheme.



1. **Site logo:** auto look and feel has updated the header colours to complement the logo.
2. **Site title:** this is the name of your site.

### Changing the site icon (favicon)

You can also change the site favicon (the icon that appears in your browser tab). You need Confluence Administrator permissions to do this.

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Site Logo and Favicon**.
2. Locate your image file and choose **Upload**.


You can upload PNG, GIF, JPEG, or ICO files. For best results images should be square, and at least 48x48 pixels.

### Changing the default space logo

The Space Logo appears in the sidebar and as an icon in the Sites Directory. The default space logo applies to all spaces that do not have a custom space logo applied - see [Configure the Sidebar](#).

You need to be a Confluence Administrator to change the default space logo.

#### To change the default space logo:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Default Space Logo**.
2. Choose **Logo:ON**
3. Choose **Browse** to upload a new logo
4. Choose **Upload Logo**
5. Choose **Save**.

### Changing a specific space logo



Space Administrators can change the logo for their space. This overrides the default space logo and any changes to the default space logo will not appear in these spaces. See example above - 'Sample Space' has a custom logo.

See [Configure the Sidebar](#) to find out how to change the logo in a specific space.

## Customizing Color Schemes

Confluence administrators can configure a new color scheme for the site. The default color scheme for the site will also become the default for all spaces within it.

#### To change the site's color scheme:

1. Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Color Scheme** in the left-hand panel
3. Click **Edit**
4. Enter standard HTML/CSS2 color codes, or use the color-picker  to choose a new color from the palette provided.
5. Hit **Save**

Any changes you make will immediately be reflected across the Confluence site.

### Reset your color scheme after uploading a site logo

When you upload a site logo, Confluence automatically detects the colors in your logo and customizes the color scheme for you.

You can change the color scheme as above, or reset your color scheme back to the default (and still keep

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- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)

your new site logo).

To reset the color scheme:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Color Scheme** in the left-hand panel
3. Click **Edit**
4. Hit **Reset**

## Styling Confluence with CSS

This page explains the facility for changing the look and feel of Confluence with CSS.

### Introduction

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) are an industry-standard way of styling a web page. The content of a page is rendered with HTML, and its look and feel is determined by CSS files. You can upload a CSS text file, or simply type in a stylesheet, and apply it to a space or even a whole Confluence site.

**Note:** By default, only system administrators can edit the CSS for a space or for the site. To allow any user with Space Admin permissions to edit the CSS for a space, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Security Configuration** and select **Custom Stylesheets for Spaces**.

Creating CSS styles that work seamlessly across different browsers is a delicate task for basic web sites, and reasonably challenging when customizing web applications like Confluence. It is important to test each change that you make and ensure it works as expected in all areas of Confluence – for example, on the Confluence dashboard as well as on regular pages.

In order to get you started, we have compiled this introduction, a [basic styling tutorial](#).

## Considerations for Using Custom CSS

### CSS Knowledge is Required

If you are not familiar with CSS, see the links in the [CSS Resources](#) section below. You should spend some time to become confident with Cascading Style Sheets before you start editing your Confluence style sheets.

Custom CSS can be used to inject scripts into a page, opening the risk of cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks. With this feature enabled, space administrators could upload styles that steal other users' login credentials, trick their browsers into performing actions on the wiki without their knowledge, or even obtain global administration privileges. As such, this feature is disabled by default. Confluence administrators should only enable custom CSS if they are comfortable with the risks listed in this paragraph.

### Scaling

Each page needs to scale. Depending on the resolution of the user's screen, the content should render intelligently. Your designs need to degrade gracefully. Try resizing each page that exists in Confluence. There are quite a few pages in the browse-space-section, like drafts, labels, page hierarchy, and so on. Your style has to work everywhere, not just in the first page you happen to be looking at.

### Features Cannot Be Disabled

It is easy to turn off certain links, headers, or even menu items by simply setting their style to 'hidden'. This can help you to roll out Confluence to users that may not be very Wiki-savvy yet. The simpler the UI, the easier it may be for them to use. However, please remember that removing the link to a part of the

### On this page:

- [Introduction](#)
- [Considerations for Using Custom CSS](#)
- [Getting Started](#)
- [CSS Resources](#)

### Related pages:

- [Basic Styling Tutorial](#)
- [Styling Fonts in Confluence](#)

application does not mean that the functionality is not available. Every user can still change their style from within their browsers, or access the URL directly. Don't rely on CSS to disable parts of Confluence.

#### Features Should Not Be Disabled

Users familiar with Confluence will expect to find the same controls that they are accustomed to. Removing buttons or controls from the interface is not advised as it may frustrate your users and cause them to circumvent your design by using direct URL access, as mentioned above.

Custom CSS does not apply to Admin screens

Any CSS styling applied to your site will not be applied to the Administration console. This is to ensure changes to CSS do not prevent administrators from accessing Admin functions in future.

#### Confluence Version Compatibility

Be aware of any plans to upgrade your Confluence instance. Future versions of Confluence may not be compatible with your custom CSS — this may cause your CSS to break, requiring maintenance when Confluence is upgraded. Ask your Confluence administrator for more information.

#### Test on Different Web Browsers

As a rule you should test your modifications on different web browsers. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera and Safari (on Mac OS X) are some of the more popular browsers.

**Note about supported web browsers:** Please ensure that you are using one of the web browsers supported by Confluence. If you are using an unsupported browser or browser version, some features may not work correctly. Check the [Supported Platforms](#) page to find the list of supported web browsers and browser versions on this page.

#### CSS Customization is Not Supported

As creating custom CSS has potentially limitless possibilities, Atlassian will not support issues that are caused by or related to CSS customization.


### Getting Started

#### Editing the CSS

##### To edit a space's CSS style sheets:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Stylesheet** then **Edit**.
3. Paste your custom CSS into the text field.
4. Save your changes. The new CSS will be visible on all content pages in the space.

##### To edit your global CSS stylesheet:

1. Choose the **cog icon**  
 , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Stylesheet**.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Paste your custom CSS into the text field.
5. Choose **Save**.

#### Note:

- The new CSS will be visible across all spaces, provided they do not define their own custom stylesheet and are not using a theme. This CSS will also overwrite all styles defined in custom global themes.
- You may be able to add CSS to your site by choosing **Custom HTML** in the administration section, and adding your CSS definitions to the HEAD or BODY of the page. You should only use this option if you cannot achieve the desired results via the global stylesheet.

Follow the Tutorial

Follow the examples in the [Basic Styling Tutorial](#) to get started.

#### CSS Resources

- [W3C CSS Standards](#)
- [Mozilla Developer Network](#)

- [W3resource.com](http://W3resource.com)

## Basic Styling Tutorial

This page contains instructions on how to get started with custom CSS styling in Confluence.

### CSS Editing Quick-Start

#### To edit a space's CSS style sheets:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Stylesheet** then **Edit**.
3. Paste your custom CSS into the text field.
4. Save your changes. The new CSS will be visible on all content pages in the space.

#### On this page:

- [CSS Editing Quick-Start](#)
- [Tutorial: Changing the Header Background](#)
- [CSS Editing Tips](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Styling Confluence with CSS](#)

### Tutorial: Changing the Header Background

The header is the menu area at the top of a default Confluence page where the **Breadcrumb Links**, **Browse** menu, **User** menu and the **Quick Search** box reside. In this example, we are going to change the background of the header to include a custom graphic.

1. Create a custom graphic. For this example, we created a custom header graphic of 1046 x 61 pixels.
2. Upload the custom graphic to a page in the space that you are customizing.
3. Note the page ID of the page where you uploaded the new graphic. (in this example, the page ID was '658833839').
4. Compose your custom CSS for the header. The example below loads the new graphic (called 'header.png') from a specific page (denoted by page ID '658833839') in the same space.

```
#header .aui-header {  
  
background-image:url('../download/attachments/658833839/header.png');  
background-repeat: no-repeat;  
}
```

5. Log in as the Space Administrator.
6. Open the Space Admin page.
7. Click **Stylesheet**.
8. Click **Edit** to change the code in the text field.
9. Paste your custom CSS into the text field.
10. Click **Save** and then reload the page (you may have to shift-reload). The background of the header will change.
11. The custom header will be visible on all content pages in the space. To revert your change, simply delete the custom code from the 'Stylesheet' page and click **Save**.

### CSS Editing Tips

#### Begin With a Space Stylesheet

A space stylesheet is a good starting point for CSS customization, as it already includes all of the elements that can be changed. When you work on the space stylesheet it styles all content pages in the space. Build and test it at space-level, before considering applying the new stylesheet to your entire site. Once you are

satisfied with your space design, test it thoroughly until you are confident that it has no problems. Then, you can look into advanced customization of the Confluence CSS such as adjusting the Search page, the Dashboard and other integral pages.

Use the Right Tools

As the Confluence CSS is reasonably sophisticated, web development applications will help you to understand how the page styles have been created. In particular, you will need to view the existing source for the pages you're starting to work on. If you don't already have some, tools such as the following free applications will allow you to do this.

#### 1. Firebug

Firebug, a plugin for the Firefox web browser, allows you to take a look at the style of each element on your page. This is very useful to see what styles are currently applied, for example styles applied to the header only.

#### 2. Web Developer

The Web Developer plugin for Firefox allows you to edit CSS inline and create new page designs.

#### 3. CSS Edit

CSS Edit is a stand-alone CSS editor for Macintosh that extracts all existing styles from a given page and allows you to overwrite these.

Edit Simple Elements First

Begin by editing simple elements and checking that they work. By making changes, then checking that each one worked, you can easily isolate any CSS code that is causing problems. Be aware that some page elements are more suited to customization than others. For example, adding a gradient to the toolbar is less likely to 'break' the page than changing the page width. Editing reasonably static elements such as background graphics will render more predictably than designs which attempt to completely change the user interface or the Javascript-powered drop-down menus (which we don't recommend editing).

#### Notes

**Note:** By default, only system administrators can edit the CSS for a space or for the site. To allow any user with Space Admin permissions to edit the CSS for a space, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Security Configuration** and select **Custom Stylesheets for Spaces**.

### Styling Fonts in Confluence

Confluence provides the ability to adjust its visual style via Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). This tutorial shows you to change the fonts and font sizes of a Confluence page, using a few lines of CSS.

Below is the code for the custom font. Copy and paste it into the Space Stylesheet form within the Space Administration section.

#### Changing the fonts

In order to customize the fonts in Confluence, you first need to set the body font to the font you want. Secondly, you may want to adjust the font size because different fonts have different relative sizes.

The relevant CSS is shown below. It changes Confluence's font from the default of Helvetica/Arial – *sans serif* to Times/Times New Roman – *serif*. To adjust for the fact that Times is a bit smaller than Helvetica, we increase the font size to 14 pixels. The many styles that 'wiki-content' in their definition are necessary to change the font size for all the tags in the wiki content.

#### Related pages:

- [Basic Styling Tutorial](#)
- [Styling Confluence with CSS](#)

```
body {
    font-family: Times, "Times New Roman", serif;
    font-size: 14px;
}
.wiki-content,
.wiki-content p,
.wiki-content table,
.wiki-content tr,
.wiki-content td,
.wiki-content th,
.wiki-content ol,
.wiki-content ul,
.wiki-content li {
    font-size: 14px;
}
```

#### Notes

**Note:** By default, only system administrators can edit the CSS for a space or for the site. To allow any user with Space Admin permissions to edit the CSS for a space, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Security Configuration** and select **Custom Stylesheets for Spaces**.


## Working with Themes

Themes are used to change the appearance of your Confluence site or spaces.

Confluence comes with a single default theme installed, or you can download and install other themes from [The Atlassian Marketplace](#).

Once a theme is installed it can be applied to the whole site or to individual spaces.

### To see the themes installed in your site:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Themes**.
2. You'll see a list of all the themes installed in your site.

When a new space is created, whichever theme is applied to the whole site will be applied by default to the new space. The space theme can then be changed by anyone with space administrator permissions for that space.

#### *Note about the Documentation theme*

The Documentation theme was available in Confluence 5.9 and earlier. Many of the Documentation theme features are now available in the Confluence default theme. Check out [Develop Technical Documentation in Confluence](#) for more information about using Confluence for documentation using the default theme.

## Applying a Theme to a Site

Themes are used to change the appearance of your Confluence site. See [Working with Themes](#) for an overview of how themes apply to your whole site, and how you can add more themes. **To apply a theme across the site:**

1. Go to

#### Related pages:

- [Apply a Theme to a Space](#)
- [Applying a Theme to a Site](#)
- [Creating a Theme](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Apply a Theme to a Space](#)





> **General Configuration** > **Themes**.

2. The screen will display all available themes. Choose a theme.
3. Choose **Confirm**.

All spaces that have the **Global look and feel** applied as their space theme will inherit this theme and any customizations you make to it.

### Creating a Theme

If you want to create your own theme, you will need to write a Confluence plugin. Please refer to the following pages in our developer documentation:

- Get started with [plugin development](#).
- Follow the developer's tutorial for [writing a Confluence theme](#).
- Create a theme using the [theme plugin module](#).

#### Related pages:

- [Applying a Theme to a Site](#)
- [Apply a Theme to a Space](#)

### Customizing Site and Space Layouts

You can modify Confluence's look and feel by editing layout files (also known as decorators). Editing these files allows you to change the look and feel of the whole Confluence site, or just an individual space.

When you edit a site layout, you'll be modifying the default decorators in every space in your site, except for those that have already been edited in a space. See [Customize Space Layouts](#) for more information on how to edit the decorators for a single space.

You'll need [System Administrator](#) permissions to edit site layouts.

#### On this page:

- [Editing a site decorator file](#)
- [Using Velocity macros](#)
- [Advanced customizations](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Velocity Template Overview](#)
- [Basic Introduction to Velocity](#)
- [Customizing your Confluence Site](#)

If you modify layouts in Confluence you will need to reapply your modifications each time you upgrade Confluence. The more dramatic your customizations are, the harder it may be to reapply the changes when upgrading. See [Upgrading Customized Site and Space Layouts](#) to find out what will be involved before modifying the layouts.

Confluence is built on top of the open source [SiteMesh](#) library, a web-page layout system.

To edit the layout of Confluence, you will need to modify these decorator files. A decorator file is a `.vmd` file and is written in Velocity. You can learn more from the [Velocity User Guide](#).

Once you are familiar with Velocity, you can edit the decorator files to personalize the appearance of Confluence.


The decorator files in Confluence are grouped into the following categories:

- **Site layouts:** These are used to define the controls that surround each page in the site. For example, the header, footer and dashboard.
- **Content layouts:** These control the appearance of content such as pages and blog posts. They do not change the way the pages themselves are displayed, but allow you to alter the way the surrounding comments or attachments are displayed.
- **Export layouts:** These control the appearance of spaces and pages when they are exported to HTML.

#### Editing a site decorator file



**To edit a site decorator:**

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Layouts** (under **Look and Feel**)
2. Click **Create Custom** next to the decorator .vmd file you want to modify.
3. Make your changes and click **Update**.

**If something goes wrong:** Hit **Reset Default** to revert to the original layouts.

*Using Velocity macros*

When editing Custom Decorator Templates, there are a number of macros available to define complex or variable parts of the page such as menus and breadcrumbs. You may insert these macros anywhere in your templates. More information on [Working With Decorator Macros](#).

*Advanced customizations**Overriding Velocity templates*

The `velocity` directory is at the front of Confluence's Velocity template search path. As such, you can override *any* of Confluence's Velocity templates by placing an identically named file in the right place. While we don't recommend you do this unless you know exactly what you're doing, it does give you complete control over the look of every aspect of Confluence. It also means that you can edit your templates in a text-editor if you wish, rather than through the web interface.

*Caching*

Velocity is configured to cache templates in memory. When you edit a page from within Confluence, it knows to reload that page from disk. If you are editing the pages on disk, you will either have to turn off velocity's caching temporarily in `WEB-INF/classes/velocity.properties`, or restart the server to make your changes visible.

*Location of Velocity files*

You will find the Velocity files in your Confluence installation directory. The primary Velocity files are located in the `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION>\confluence\decorators` directory. For example, you will find the following files in that directory: `main.vmd`, `space.vmd`, `form-aui.vmd`, `global.vmd`, and more.

*Finding the layout via the URL*

If the layout has changed so extensively as to not be visible, you can browse to the URL directly:

```
http://<confluence base url>/admin/resetdecorator.action?decoratorName=decorators/main.vmd
```

Substitute the base URL and the appropriate .vmd file.

**Upgrading Customized Site and Space Layouts**

As Confluence evolves, so do the default site and space layouts that drive the rendering of every page. As new functionality is added or current functionality is changed, the default layouts are modified to support these changes.

**Related pages:**

- [Customizing Site and Space Layouts](#)

If you are using [custom layouts](#) based on defaults from a previous Confluence version, you run the risk of **breaking functionality**, or worse, **missing out on great new features!**

Take care on each new release of Confluence to reapply your changes to the new default templates.

To reapply your custom layouts, you need to:

1. Obtain the source of your custom layouts from your current version of Confluence.

## 2. Reapply your customizations to the new default layouts.

### Step 1. Obtain your Custom Layouts

Ideally, you should keep a record of each customization you have applied to each of your Confluence site or space layouts.

If not, you should be able to find your customizations using the following method. This method extracts all site- and space-level layouts from your Confluence site as a single output. From this output, you should be able to identify your customizations.

This method is handy to use if you have:

- Many spaces with space layout customizations, or
- Do not have an independent record of your site or space layout customizations.

Custom layouts are stored in the `DECORATOR` table within your Confluence database. You can `SELECT` for the source of the layout using SQL like this:

```
mysql> select SPACEKEY,DECORATORNAME,BODY from DECORATOR;
+-----+-----+-----+
| SPACEKEY | DECORATORNAME | BODY |
+-----+-----+-----+
| NULL     | decorators/main.vmd | ... |
+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.03 sec)
```

*This example was tested on **MySQL**, but should be applicable to all SQL databases.*

### Step 2. Reapply your Customizations

When you upgrade Confluence to another major release of Confluence, you will need to manually reapply any customizations you made to any site-wide or space-specific layouts. Unless otherwise stated, you should not need to reapply customizations after conducting a minor release upgrade of Confluence.

**What are 'major' and 'minor' releases?** Major release upgrades are ones where the 1st digit of Confluence's version number or the 1st digit after the 1st decimal place differ after the upgrade, for example, when upgrading from Confluence 3.0 to 3.1, or 2.8 to 3.0. Minor release upgrades are ones where the 1st digit of Confluence's version number and the 1st digit after the 1st decimal place remain the same after the upgrade, for example, when upgrading Confluence 3.0 to 3.0.1.

If you have made Confluence site-wide layout customizations:

#### 1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select **Layouts** in the left-hand navigation panel. The decorators are grouped under **Site**, **Content** and **Export** layouts.
3. Ensure you have all your customizations available (preferably in a form which can be copied and pasted).
4. Click **Reset Default** next to the layout whose customizations need to be reapplied.
5. Click **Create Custom** next to the same layout and reapply your customizations (by copying and pasting them) into the appropriate locations within the new default layout.
6. Click the **Save** button.
7. Repeat this procedure from step 4 for each layout whose customizations need to be reapplied.

If you have made space-specific layout customizations:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Look and Feel** from the bottom of the sidebar
2. Choose **Layout**. The decorators are grouped under **Site**, **Content** and **Export** layouts.
3. Ensure you have all your customizations available (preferably in a form which can be copied and pasted).

4. Click **Reset Default** next to the layout whose customizations need to be reapplied.
5. Click **Create Custom** next to the same layout and reapply your customizations (by copying and pasting them) into the appropriate locations within the new default layout.
6. Click the **Save** button.
7. Repeat this procedure from step 5 for each layout whose customizations need to be reapplied.

### Step 3. Test your Modifications Carefully

Changes may interact unpredictably with future versions of Confluence. When upgrading, you should always test your custom modifications thoroughly before deploying them on a live site. It's beyond the scope of Atlassian Support to test and deploy these changes.

### Turning Off Caching

Velocity is configured to cache templates in memory. When you edit a page from within Confluence, it knows to reload that page from disk. If you are editing the pages on disk, you will either have to turn off Velocity's caching temporarily in `WEB-INF/classes/velocity.properties`, or restart the server to make your changes visible.

The `velocity.properties` file is available in the `confluence-x.x.x.jar` file, where `x.x.x` is the Confluence version number. The JAR file is located in the `WEB-INF/lib` directory. If you wish to make modification to the files in the JAR, we recommend the following steps:

1. Stop Confluence.
2. Make a backup copy of the JAR file.
3. Un-jar the file
4. Locate and edit the appropriate file that you wish to modify.
5. Re-jar the `confluence-x.x.x.jar` file.
6. Relocate the JAR file to the appropriate directory.
7. Restart Confluence.

### Working With Decorator Macros

Decorator Macros are [Velocity](#) macros which are used to draw complex or variable parts of the page such as menus and breadcrumbs when editing [Custom decorators](#). Decorator macros can be inserted anywhere in your templates.

The macro is called by inserting a string of the form: `#macroName("argument1" "argument2" "argument3")`. There are no commas between the arguments. Unless otherwise noted, these macros take no arguments.

**NOTE:** These macros will only work reliably when customizing `main.vmd`. They may not work in other Velocity decorators. Decorator macros will not work inside normal confluence pages.

Macro	Usage
<code>#breadcrumbs()</code>	Draws the "You are here" breadcrumbs list, like the one found above the page name in the default template.
<code>#includePage(pageTitle)</code>	Includes a confluence page with the specified title. If you have 2 or more pages with the same title across multiple spaces, this macro will include the page belonging to the space you are currently viewing.
<code>#searchbox()</code>	Inserts a search box into the page, like the one to the far right of the breadcrumbs in the default template.
<code>#globalnavbar(type)</code>	Draws the global navigation bar, as found in the top right-hand corner of the default template. The navigation bar can be displayed in two modes:
<code>#globalnavbar("table")</code>	Displays the navigation bar in its default mode: drawn as a table of links with colored backgrounds and mouse-over effects.
<code>#globalnavbar("text")</code>	Displays the navigation bar as series of text links separated by   characters.

<code>#usernavbar()</code>	Draws the user-specific navigation-bar. This bar contains the links to the user's profile and history, or to the login and signup pages if the user is not logged in.
<code>#helpicon()</code>	Draws the help icon, and link to the Confluence help page.
<code>#printableicon()</code>	On pages where a printable version is available, draws the printable page icon, linking to the printable version of the page. Otherwise, draws nothing
<code>#pagetitle(class)</code>	When you are viewing a page in a Confluence space, draws the name of the space that page is in. Otherwise, writes the word "CONFLUENCE". The "class" argument is the CSS class that the title should be drawn in. Unless you have customized your Confluence installation's CSS file, you should call this with "spacename" as the class: <code>#pagetitle("spacename")</code>
<code>#poweredby()</code>	Writes out the "Powered by Confluence" and Confluence version-number boilerplate found at the bottom of the default template.
<code>#bottomshadow()</code>	Draws the fading shadow-effect found at the bottom of the content area in the default template.
<code>#dashboardlink()</code>	Inserts a link to the dashboard page.

## Custom Decorator Templates

### About Decorators

Confluence is built on top of the Open Source SiteMesh library, a web-page layout system that provides a consistent look and feel across a site. SiteMesh works through "decorators" that define a page's layout and structure, and into which the specific content of the page is placed. If you are interested, you can read more in the [SiteMesh](#) documentation.

What this means for Confluence is that you can customize the look and feel of parts of your Confluence site through editing decorators, for example:

- The "Main" decorator defines the generic header and footer
- The "Page" decorator defines how a page is displayed
- The "Printable" decorator defines the look and feel of the printable versions of pages.

You can view and edit these decorators from within Confluence. Changes to the decorators will affect all spaces in that Confluence installation.

The decorator that is used to draw Confluence's administrative pages cannot be edited from within Confluence. This means that if you make a mistake that renders the rest of the site unuseable, the administrative pages should still be available for you to fix the template.

### Browsing the Default Decorators

At any time, you can browse the default decorators that come packaged with Confluence by following the "View Default" links on the "Site Layouts" page. The template browser also allows you to view the "#parsed" templates that are included within the template when it is compiled. While you can't edit these included templates, you will probably have to copy some or all of them into your custom template as you do your customization.

### Editing Custom Decorators

To edit Confluence decorators you will need a good knowledge of [HTML](#), and some understanding of the [Velocity templating language](#).

To edit a decorator:

1. Go to **Confluence Admin > Layouts**.
2. Choose **Create Custom** beside the decorator you wish to edit.
3. Save your changes.

If you make a mistake or want to undo your changes, choose **Reset Default** beside the edited decorator.

Alternatively, the custom templates are stored in the DECORATOR table in the database. If you have somehow managed to render Confluence completely unuseable through editing your templates, delete the relevant entries from the DECORATOR table.

#### Macros

Some parts of the page are drawn using Velocity macros, including the navigation bar. The macros you should know about when editing decorators are described in [Working With Decorator Macros](#).

#### For Advanced Users

The `velocity` directory is at the front of Confluence's velocity template search path. As such, you can override any of Confluence's velocity templates by placing an identically named file in the right place.

While we don't recommend you do this, it does give you complete control over the look of every aspect of Confluence. It also means that you can edit your templates in a text-editor if you wish, rather than through your browser.

There are, however, two important caveats:

1. Velocity is configured to cache templates in memory. When you edit a page from within Confluence, it knows to reload that page from disk. If you are editing the pages on disk, you will either have to turn off velocity's caching temporarily in `WEB-INF/classes/velocity.properties`, or restart the server to make your changes visible.
2. Changes may interact unpredictably with future versions of Confluence. When upgrading, you should always test your custom modifications thoroughly before deploying them on a live site.

### Customizing a Specific Page

If you'd like to change the appearance of a specific page, you can modify the corresponding Velocity template. Here's how to find out which one:

1. Access the page. Note the name of the action. For example, the "Contact Administrators" page is `<baseUrl>/administrators.action`.
2. Browse to `<confluence-install>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib/confluence-x.y.jar`. Copy the file.
3. Unzip or unjar the file using a standard unzipper or the [java jar utility](#).
4. Open `xwork.xml`. Search the file for the name of the action corresponding to the page you'd like to modify. You'll see an entry like:

```
<action name="administrators"
class="com.atlassian.confluence.user.actions.AdministratorsAction">
    <interceptor-ref name="defaultStack"/>
    <result name="success"
type="velocity">/administrators.vm</result>
</action>
```

5. The file to look for is the `vm` or `vmd` file. In the above example, it's `administrators.vmd`. Because there is no context path (just a `/` before the name of the file), it's in the root of the Confluence webapp. For the stand-alone, that's `<confluence-install>/confluence` folder.
6. Modify the file.

For details on how to configure the file, check the [Velocity Template Overview](#).

### Customizing the Login Page

This page gets you started on customizing the Confluence login page, to add your own logo or custom text. This will not customize the login *process*, just what users sees when they log in.

#### Notes:

- Customizations to the Confluence login page will need to be reapplied when you upgrade Confluence. Consider this before

making drastic changes to the layout, and be sure to keep a list of what you have changed for your upgrade process later.

- Please test your changes on a **test** Confluence site first.

Only administrators with access to the server where Confluence is running can modify the Confluence login page.

**Related pages:**

- [Changing the Site Logo](#)
- [Velocity Template Overview](#)
- [Customizing Site and Space Layouts](#)
- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)
- [Modify Confluence Interface Text](#)

**To change the login page:**

1. Shut down your Confluence server.
2. In the Confluence installation directory, find the file `confluence/login.vm`.
3. Make a copy of this file as a backup.
4. Edit the file with a text editor to make the required changes. The content contains a mixture of HTML and Velocity. See [Velocity Template Overview](#) (in our developer documentation).
5. Start Confluence and test your changes.

The same process can be applied to modify most of the templates in the Confluence web application. Be careful to test your changes before applying them to a live site. The templates contain code that is vital for Confluence to function, and it is easy to accidentally make a change that prevents use of your site.

**Modify Confluence Interface Text**

All Confluence UI text is contained in a single Java properties file. This file can be modified to change the default text, and also to translate Confluence into languages other than English.

The UI text file is `ConfluenceActionSupport.properties`. From your Confluence install directory:

```
\confluence\WEB-INF\lib\confluence-x.x.x.jar
```

Replace "x.x.x" with your Confluence version, for example for 4.3.2, it will be named "confluence-4.3.2.jar".

Within this File, the relevant file to edit is

```
:\com\atlassian\confluence\core\ConfluenceActionSupport.properties.
```

Refer to [Editing jar files](#) for reference.

The file contains parameters with `name=value` pairs, in the format:

```
parameter.name=Parameter value
```

Parameter names are any text before the '=' character and should never be modified. Any text after the '=' character is the parameter value, which can be modified freely and can also contain variables. An example involving variables is:



```
popular.labels=The three most popular labels are {0}, {1} and {2}.
```

For more information on replacing values, check out [Translating ConfluenceActionSupport Content](#). Note that plugins store their text internally, so you must modify plugin text individually.

#### Steps For Modification

1. Stop Confluence
2. Under your install directory, open `\confluence\WEB-INF\lib\confluence-x.x.x.jar\com\atlassian\confluence\core\ConfluenceActionSupport.properties`
3. Search for the text you wish to modify, replace it and save the file in `<Confluence-Install>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\com\atlassian\confluence\core`. Please create this folder structure, if it does not exist already.

If you re-bundle the JAR file, rather than re-deploy the class in the `WEB-INF\classes` directory, make sure to move the backup JAR file out of the `/lib` directory, or the backup may be deployed by mistake.

4. Restart Confluence

#### Modify Keyboard Shortcuts

Confluence provides a set of [keyboard shortcuts](#). You could customize the shortcuts by making modifications inside the `ConfluenceActionSupport.properties` file.

- To disable a particular shortcut, you can simply just comment out a respective line of code. One may like to disable the shortcut to one of the navigation links: *View*, *Edit*, *Attachments*, *Info*. For instance, to disable shortcut to *Attachments* one would comment out the following line:

```
#navlink.attachments.accesskey=a
```

- To modify an access key, one could simply just change the letter, bearing in mind the fact that the letter must be unique.

#### Customizing Email Templates

Customizing the Confluence email templates is **not supported**. If you do decide to edit the templates we strongly recommend you use a test instance of Confluence.

Any customizations you make to the Confluence email notification templates will need to be reapplied after upgrading Confluence.

Email notification templates are contained within the `confluence-email-notifications` plugin, which is a bundled plugin (add-on) that is installed automatically when you install Confluence.

Only administrators with access to the Confluence installation directory can modify the Confluence email templates.

Confluence uses Soy templates (also known as Closure templates) for email notifications. You can find out more in the [Google Developer docs](#) or see our [developer tutorial](#) which contains a short introduction to using Soy templates.

#### To change the email notification templates:

1. In the Confluence web application folder, find the file `/confluence/WEB-INF/atlassian-bundled-plugins/confluence-email-notifications-plugin-x.x.jar`  
Note: This plugin is independently versioned, the version number will not necessarily match Confluence's version number.
2. Copy this file to a working location and extract the jar file. Find out more about how to [edit files within .jar](#)

[archives](#).

3. Within the jar file, templates are stored in the `/templates/` folder. Edit the Soy templates to make your changes.
4. Zip all the files and change the file extension to `.jar` (or refer to the [guide on editing files within .jar archives](#) for other methods).
5. Drop the new jar file into the `/confluence/WEB-INF/atlassian-bundled-plugins` folder (replacing the original file - you might want to make a copy of the original file for easy roll back) and then restart your instance.
6. Test your changes carefully before installing the updated plugin in production.

We strongly recommend you use a test instance for editing the templates contained within the plugin. If you are unable to enable the plugin, check the Confluence logs for information, it may be that there are problems with your edits to the Soy templates.

#### RELATED TOPICS

- [Customizing Site and Space Layouts](#)
- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)
- [Modify Confluence Interface Text](#)

### Changing the Default Behavior and Content in Confluence

Confluence comes with some handy default settings that determine what people see when they first enter the Confluence site, and the default content that is put into new spaces and other areas of Confluence.

Confluence administrators can change the settings to customize the behavior and the default content of their Confluence site:

#### Related pages:

- [Changing the Look and Feel of Confluence](#)

- [Administering Site Templates](#)
- [Importing Templates](#)
- [Changing the Site Title](#)
- [Choosing a Default Language](#)
- [Configuring the Administrator Contact Page](#)
- [Configuring the Site Home Page](#)
- [Customizing Default Space Content](#)
- [Editing the Site Welcome Message](#)

### Administering Site Templates


A template is a predefined page that can be used as a prototype when creating new pages. Templates can be created by users, or provided by a blueprints. See [Page Templates](#) and [Blueprints](#).

Administrators can import templates, to make them available to other people using Confluence. See [Importing Templates](#).

Confluence also provides 'system templates' which contain default content for the site welcome message (see [Editing the Site Welcome Message](#)) and [default space content](#) (see [Customizing Default Space Content](#)).

Administrators can also disable templates and blueprints, to stop them appearing in the Create and Create Space dialogs anywhere in their Confluence site.

To **disable** a template or blueprint across the entire Confluence site:

- Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
- Choose **Global Templates and Blueprints**.
- Choose **Disable** next to the template, page blueprint or space blueprint you wish to disable.

Administrators can re-enable these templates and blueprints at any time.

### Importing Templates

A template is a predefined page that can be used as a prototype when creating new pages. Templates are useful for giving pages a common style or



format.

You can create your own templates within Confluence. See [Create a Template](#).

In addition, you can download pre-defined templates from the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) in the form of a template bundle. Each template bundle contains one or more templates, created by Atlassian or third parties. Here is a summary of the steps required:

- Download the template bundle from the Atlassian Marketplace.
- Install the template bundle into your Confluence site.
- Make the templates available by importing them into the site or into an individual space.

You need 'System Administrator' permission to install template bundles into your Confluence site. You need 'Confluence Administrator' permission to manage the existing template bundles on your Confluence site. See [Global Permissions Overview](#).

#### **Step 1. Check the template bundles installed on your Confluence site**

**To see the template bundles that are currently available for import on your Confluence site:**

1. Log in to Confluence as a System Administrator or Confluence Administrator.
2. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

3. Choose **Import Templates** in the left-hand panel. You will see a list of the template bundles installed on your Confluence site, and the templates included in each bundle.

#### **Step 2. (Optional) Download and install additional template bundles from the Atlassian Marketplace**

Follow the steps below if you want to add more template bundles to your site.

*Before installing an add-on (also called a plugin) into your Confluence site, please check the add-on's information page to see whether it is supported by Atlassian, by another vendor, or not at all. See our guidelines on [add-on support](#).*

**To upload more templates:**

1. Go to the [Atlassian Marketplace](#) and download the template bundle that you need. It will be in the form of a JAR file. Save the JAR file somewhere in your file system.
2. Log in to Confluence as a System Administrator.
3. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

4. Choose **Manage Add-ons** in the left-hand panel.
5. Choose **Upload Add-on**.
6. Browse to find the template bundle that you downloaded, and upload it to Confluence. The template bundle will appear in the list under 'User-installed Add-ons'.

#### **Step 3. Import the templates to make them available to users**

You now have one or more template bundles on your site. The templates are not available until you have 'imported' them.

**To import a template:**

1. Log in to Confluence as a System Administrator or Confluence Administrator.
2. Choose the **cog icon**



#### **On this page:**

- [Step 1. Check the template bundles installed on your Confluence site](#)
- [Step 2. \(Optional\) Download and install additional template bundles from the Atlassian Marketplace](#)
- [Step 3. Import the templates to make them available to users](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### **Related pages:**

- [Pages and blogs](#)
- [Page Templates](#)

- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
- Choose **Import Templates** in the left-hand panel. You will see the template bundles installed on your Confluence site and the templates included in each bundle.  
Note: You can see a preview of the template by choosing the template name.
  - Select the templates to be imported by ticking the check boxes next to the relevant template names.
  - Choose the import destination for the templates in the **Import To** dropdown menu. If you want the templates to be available to only a specific space, choose the name of the space, otherwise choose **Global Templates** to make the templates available to all spaces.
  - Choose **Import**.

*Screenshot: Importing a template*

#### Notes

- **Building your own template bundles.** You can build a template bundle as an add-on (also called a 'plugin') and then upload it to your Confluence site. You can then import the templates from your custom template bundle, as described above. You will need some programming knowledge to develop a template bundle. See [Creating A Template Bundle](#).
- **Duplicate template names.** If a template with the same name already exists on import, a duplicate template of the same name will be created. You will need to check the templates and rename them manually.
- **Removing the template.** Removing the add-on that contains a template will not remove the template from your Confluence site if you have already imported it. You will need to remove the template manually via the administration console or space administration screen.

#### Changing the Site Title

The site title appears in your browser's title bar. By default, it is set to 'Confluence'.

#### To change the title of your Confluence site:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose '**General Configuration**' in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose '**Edit**' at the top of the '**Site Configuration**' screen.
4. Enter a new title for your site in the input field next to '**Site Title**'.
5. Choose '**Save**'.

#### Related pages:

- [Changing the Site Logo](#)
- [Editing the Site Welcome Message](#)
- [Customizing your Confluence Site](#)
- [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#)

## Choosing a Default Language

Administrators can define a default language to be applied to all spaces in your Confluence site. Note that individual users can select a language preference for their session.

### Setting the default language

To change the default language for the Confluence site:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Select '**Languages**' in the 'Configuration' section of the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit** and select the language you want to use as the default language for your Confluence site.

#### Related pages:

- [Edit Your User Settings](#)
- [Recognized System Properties](#)
- [Configuring Indexing Language](#)
- [Installing a Language Pack](#)

Confluence comes with the following languages installed and ready to use:

- Deutsch (Deutschland)
- Eesti (Eesti)
- English (UK)
- English (US)
- Español (España)
- Français (France)
- Íslenska (Ísland)
- Italiano (Italia)
- Norsk (Norge)
- Português (Brasil)
- Român (România)
- Slovenina (Slovenská republika)
- Suomi (Suomi)
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### Other settings that affect the language

Individual users can choose the language that Confluence will use to display screen text and messages. Note that the list of supported languages depends on the language packs installed on your Confluence site.

The language used for your session will depend on the settings below, in the following order of priority from highest to lowest:

- The language preference defined in your user profile. Note that you need to be logged in for this

- setting to take effect.
- The language that you choose by clicking an option at the bottom of the Confluence login screen. Confluence stores this value in a cookie. When the cookie expires, the setting will expire too.
- The language set in your browser. The browser sends a header with a prioritized list of languages. Confluence will use the first supported language in that list. Confluence administrators can disable this option by setting the `confluence.browser.language.enabled` [system property](#) to `false`.
- The default language for your site, as defined by your Confluence site administrator.

### Showing User Interface Key Names for Translation

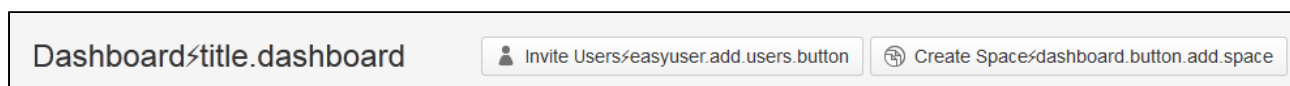
This feature is useful if you are working on creating translations of the Confluence user interface. After opening the Confluence dashboard, you can add the following action to the end of your Confluence URL:

```
?i18ntranslate=on
```

For example `http://myconfluencesite.com?i18ntranslate=on`

This will cause each element of the user interface to display its special **key name**. This makes it easier to find the context for each key within the user interface. You can then search for the key on <http://translations.atlassian.com> where you can enter an appropriate translation for your custom language pack.

The key names are displayed with a 'lightning bolt' graphic. For example:



To turn off the translation view, add the following to the end of the Confluence URL:

```
?i18ntranslate=off
```

## Configuring the Administrator Contact Page

The administrator contact page is a form that allows a user of Confluence to send a message to the administrators of their Confluence site. (In this context, administrators are the members of the default administrators group.)

See the explanation of [Confluence Groups for Administrators](#).

The title of the administrator contact page is 'Contact Site Administrators'. Typically, Confluence users may get to this page by clicking a link on an error screen such as the '500 error' page.

### Customizing the Administrator Contact Message

You can customize the message that is presented to the user on the '**Contact Site Administrators**' page. **To edit the administrator contact message:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **General Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit** at the top of the 'Site Configuration' section.
4. Enter your text in the **Custom Contact Administrators Message** box. You can enter any text or [Confluence wiki markup](#).
5. Choose **Save**.

*The Default Administrator Contact Message*

### On this page:

- [Customizing the Administrator Contact Message](#)
- [Disabling the Administrator Contact Form](#)
- [Configuring Spam Prevention](#)

### Related pages:

- [Configuring Captcha for Spam Prevention](#)

By default, the 'contact administrators message' looks much like the highlighted area in the screenshot below, starting with 'Please enter information...'.  
 Screenshot: The default 'Contact Site Administrators' message

**Contact Site Administrators**

Please enter information about your request for the site administrators. If you are reporting an error please be sure you include information on what you were doing and the time the problem occurred.

↑

To

From

Subject\*

Request Details\*

To restore the message to its default simply remove the custom message you entered when following the instructions [above](#), so that the 'Custom Contact Administrators Message' field is empty.

#### Disabling the Administrator Contact Form

If you prefer to disable the ability for users to send an email message to the site administrators, you can disable the form portion of this screen. You can only disable the form if you first provide a 'Custom Contact Administrators Message' as described [above](#).

**To enable or disable the administrator contact form:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **General Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit** at the top of the 'Site Configuration' section.
4. Select **on** or **off** for the 'Contact Administrators Form'.
5. Choose **Save**.

#### Configuring Spam Prevention

You can configure Confluence to use Captcha to help prevent spam, including the spamming of Confluence administrators. The administrator contact form is covered by the site-wide Captcha settings as documented in [Configuring Captcha for Spam Prevention](#).

#### Configuring the Site Home Page

The dashboard is the default home page for your site, but you can choose to use a space homepage as the landing page for your site.


This can be useful if most people will be reading, rather than creating, pages in your site. However, for sites where you want to encourage teams to collaborate, the dashboard provides the best tools for resuming work in progress and keeping up with what is happening in the site.

Users can also choose to override the site homepage and use the dashboard or a different page as their landing page in their [personal settings](#).

#### Related pages:

- [Editing the Site Welcome Message](#)
- [Changing the Site Title](#)
- [Changing the Site Logo](#)

**To use a page as your site home page:**

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Further Configuration**.
2. Choose **Edit**.
3. Select a space from the **Site Homepage** dropdown menu.  
When users log in or click the site logo, Confluence will go to the home page of the space you choose here.
4. Choose **Save**.

**Note about permissions**


Before changing the site homepage you should check that the default 'confluence-users' or 'users' groups have permissions to view the space the page was created in, and that the page itself is not restricted to particular people or groups.

If your site is public, you'll also need to make sure anonymous users have permissions to view the space, otherwise anonymous users will be directed to the dashboard instead.

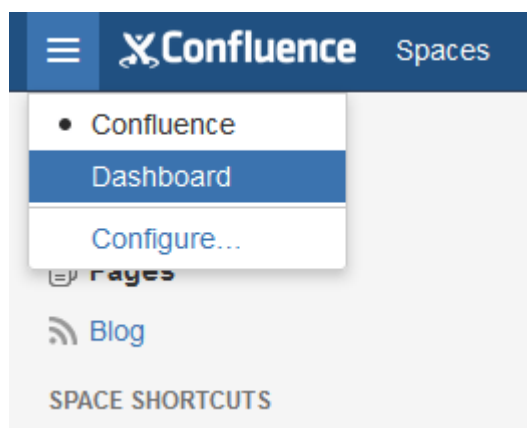
**Accessing the dashboard with a site homepage set**

If you choose to set a page as your site homepage but would like your users to still be able to access the Confluence dashboard, you can add a link to the Application Navigator.

**To add the Confluence Dashboard to the Application Navigator:**

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Application Navigator**.
2. Enter the name for your link, for example, 'Dashboard'.
3. Enter the URL for your site dashboard, for example, `https://yoursite.com/wiki/dashboard.action`.
4. Choose **Add**.

A link to the dashboard will now appear in the Application Navigator.

**Customizing Default Space Content**

[Confluence Administrators](#) can edit the template that is used to create the home page for new sites. This default content appears on the home page when a new space is created. There is a different template for site spaces, personal spaces and space blueprints.

The default content in the template only appears for new spaces (those that are created after you have defined the content). Changes to the template do not affect existing home pages.

**Edit the default home page for a blank space**



**To edit the default (blank) space content template:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Global Templates and Blueprints** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit** next to 'Default Space Content' or 'Default Personal Space Content' depending on whether you want to customize the content for new site space or personal space home pages.
4. Enter the content that you want to appear on the home page for new blank spaces. you can add variables, macros and other content in the same way as edited a page template.
5. Choose **Save**.

**On this page:**

- [Edit the default home page for a blank space](#)
- [Reset the original default content](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Spaces](#)
- [Page Templates](#)

The following variables are available to be added to the default space content templates.

- **\$spaceKey** - inserts the space key into the site space homepage
- **\$spaceName** - inserts the space name into the site space homepage
- **\$userFullName** - inserts the user (owner of the personal space) into the personal space homepage
- **\$userEmail** - inserts the email address of the user (owner of the personal space) into the personal space homepage.

Default space templates differ from ordinary page templates in that they do not present the user with a form to complete, so variables should be limited to those listed in the **Variables** menu.

Some macros, such as the Table of Contents macro, may not display correctly when you preview the template as they are designed to work on a page. The macros will display correctly on the home page when you create a new space. For more information on editing a template, including adding macros see - [Adding Content to a Template](#).

***Reset the original default content*****To reset the original default content:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Global Templates and Blueprints** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Reset to default** next to the template you wish to reset.

From this point on, all new space home pages will be created with the original default content.

**Editing the Site Welcome Message**

Give your site's landing page some personality by editing the site welcome message.

The site welcome message appears on the right hand side of the dashboard and is perfect for adding announcements, useful links, or a fun photo from your last office party or team outing.

You'll need Confluence administrator permissions to edit the site welcome message.

**To edit the site welcome message:**

Confluence administrators can either click the **Edit** link below the site welcome message on the dashboard, or:

1. Go to

**On this page:**

- [Hints for using the template editor](#)
- [Allowing other people to edit the site welcome message](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Configuring the Site Home Page](#)
- [Changing the Site Title](#)
- [Changing the Site Logo](#)

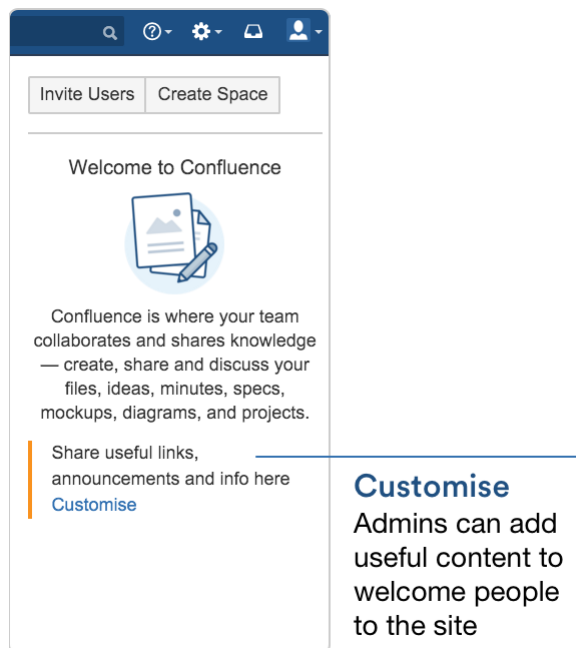


> **General Configuration** > **Global Templates and Blueprints**.

2. Scroll down to the System templates and choose **Edit** next to **Default Welcome Message**.
3. Add your content and choose **Save**.

You can go back to the original welcome message at any time - choose **Reset to Default** next to the **Default welcome message** template.

*Screenshot: Default site welcome message*



#### *Hints for using the template editor*

The site welcome message is a template, not a page, so you'll be using the template editor to make your changes.

You can add text, links and macros, as you would in any Confluence page, but the process for adding files, including images is a little different.

You can't upload an image or other file into a template directly. First you'll need to upload the file to a page in your site, then in your template, choose **Insert** > **Files** > **Search on other pages** to embed the file or image.

You can't use template variables in the site welcome message.

#### *Allowing other people to edit the site welcome message*

You can allow people who are not Confluence administrators to edit the site welcome message by using the [Include Page](#) macro to include content from elsewhere in your site, rather than adding content directly to the template.

#### **To include content from a page in the site welcome message:**

1. Create a new page in a space that is visible to all users. It's important that all users can see content in that space - if a person does not have permissions to view the space where you've created the page, they won't be able to see the page content on the dashboard.
2. Add some text, images or macros, then save the page.
3. [Restrict](#) who can edit the page (this is optional, but useful if you only want to allow some people to change the content).
4. Edit the site welcome message template (as described above) and use the [Include page](#) macro to include the contents of your newly created page.
5. Save the template.



People with permission to edit the page will now be able to make changes at any time, and their changes will be visible on the dashboard as soon as the page is saved.

## Integrating Confluence with Other Applications

You can integrate Confluence with other applications using **Application Links**. The Application Links feature allows you to link Confluence to applications such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk.

Linking two applications allows you to share information and access one application's functions from within the other. For example, you can display a list of issues on a Confluence page using the [JIRA Issues Macro](#).

### Related Topics

- [Linking to Another Application](#)
- [Configuring Workbox Notifications](#)
- [Integrating JIRA and Confluence](#)
- [Registering External Gadgets](#)
- [Configuring the Office Connector](#)

### Linking to Another Application

Application Links (sometimes called "AppLinks") is a bundled plugin that allows you to link Atlassian applications to each other. Linking two applications allows you to share information and access one application's functions and resources from within the other.

Atlassian recommends only using OAuth authentication for application links, because of the greater security inherent with that protocol. We no longer recommend the Trusted Applications and Basic authentication types.

Linking Confluence to other applications allows you to include information from those applications in pages or blogs that you create in Confluence. For example, you could link Confluence to JIRA Software and display issues on a Confluence page using the [JIRA Issues Macro](#).

1. Go to



> **General Configuration > Application links.**

The Application Links configuration page appears and lists any links you already have set up.

2. Enter the URL of the application you want to link to, then click **Create new link**.
  - If you check **The servers have the same set of users...** then this link will be configured using OAuth (with impersonation) authentication.
  - If you are *not* an admin on both servers you won't be able to set up a 2-way (reciprocal) application link. If you want to go ahead and create a 1-way link anyway, clear the **I am an administrator on both instances** checkbox.
3. Use the wizard to finish configuring the link. If the application you are linking to does not have the Application Links plugin, you must supply additional information to set up a link with OAuth authentication.

When you complete the wizard, the Application Links plugin will create the link between your applications using the most secure authentication method that is supported between the two applications. See the [Application Links User Guide](#) for more information.

The new link will appear on the "Configure Application Links" page, where you can:

- Edit the settings of the application link (for example, to [change the authentication type](#) of the link) using the **Edit** icon.
- Specify the default instance if you have multiple links to the same type of application (for example, to multiple JIRA servers) using the **Make Primary** link. See [Making a primary link for links to the same application type](#) for more information.

#### Having trouble integrating your Atlassian products with application links?

We've developed a [guide to troubleshooting application links](#), to help you out. Take a look at it if you need a hand getting around any errors or roadblocks with setting up application links.

### Configuring Workbox Notifications

You can view and manage in-app notifications and tasks in your Confluence workbox. In addition, you

can receive notifications from JIRA applications and other Confluence servers in your Confluence workbox. To make this possible, your Confluence server must be linked to the other server(s) via [application links](#).

Possible configurations:

- Your Confluence server provides in-app notifications and displays them in its own workbox. There are two sub-configurations here:
  - This Confluence server is the only server involved.
  - Alternatively, this Confluence server displays its own in-app notifications, and also displays notifications from JIRA and/or other Confluence servers.
- Your Confluence server does not provide or display in-app notifications.
- Your Confluence server sends in-app notifications to another Confluence server.

Notes:

- **Workbox includes notifications and tasks:** When you enable in-app notifications, personal tasks are also enabled in the workbox. When you disable in-app notifications, the workbox no longer appears and personal tasks are therefore not available on this server.

#### On this page:

- [Which notifications are included?](#)
- [Configuring the polling intervals](#)
- [Including notifications from JIRA](#)
- [Stopping JIRA applications from sending notifications to Confluence](#)
- [Including notifications from another Confluence server](#)
- [Sending Confluence notifications to another Confluence server](#)
- [Disabling workbox and in-app notifications in Confluence](#)

#### Which notifications are included?

The workbox displays a notification when someone does one of the following in Confluence:

- [Shares](#) a page or blog post with you.
- [Mentions](#) you in a page, blog post, comment or task.
- Comments on a page or blog post that you are [watching](#).
- [Likes](#) a page or blog post that you are watching.

The workbox does **not** show notifications triggered because you are watching a space. Only watches on pages and blog posts are relevant here.

The notification in your workbox appears as 'read' if you have already viewed the page or blog post.

If your Confluence site is linked to a JIRA application, you will also see the following JIRA notifications in your workbox:

- Comments on issues that you are watching.
- Mentions.
- Shares of issues, filters and searches.

#### Configuring the polling intervals

The polling intervals are used by the Confluence server that displays in-app notifications and tasks in its workbox.

Option	Description
Active polling interval	This is the number of seconds that Confluence will wait before checking (polling) for new notifications relevant to the page that the user is currently viewing. This setting applies to the page open in the browser tab that currently has focus. It does not matter whether the user has the workbox open or not.

Inactive polling interval	<p>This is the number of seconds that Confluence will wait before checking (polling) for new notifications relevant to all pages that are not currently in focus. These pages may be on the Confluence server that displays the workbox, or on other Confluence or JIRA servers that send their notifications to this server.</p> <p>This setting defines an upper limit. For inactive pages, Confluence starts with a polling interval equal to the active polling interval, then gradually increases the interval between polls until it reaches the limit defined here.</p>
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### Including notifications from JIRA

If your Confluence site is connected to a JIRA application, you can include notifications from your JIRA application, for example JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk.

#### To include notifications from a JIRA application:

Your JIRA application and Confluence must be connected via an application link with OAuth authentication (without impersonation). See [Linking to Another Application](#).

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **In-app Notifications** in the left-hand panel of the Confluence administration console.
3. Choose **displays in-app notifications from other servers**.

- Your JIRA application will appear in the list of linked applications below this option.
- People will see JIRA notifications in their workbox, as described in [Workbox Notifications](#).

#### Notes:

- JIRA sends its notifications to the Confluence server that is configured as the **primary** application link.
- Your JIRA server must be running **JIRA 5.2 or later**.
- The following plugins must be present and enabled in JIRA. The plugins are shipped with JIRA 5.2 and later:
  - 'Workbox – Common Plugin'
  - 'Workbox – JIRA Provider Plugin'
- You do not need to configure JIRA. The plugins are enabled by default in JIRA, and JIRA will automatically send notifications to Confluence.
- The application link must use OAuth authentication (without impersonation). If you don't see your JIRA application listed, you will need to edit the application link (in both applications) to change the authentication type.
- Confluence can display notifications from more than one server.

*Screenshot: This Confluence server displays in-app notifications from itself and from JIRA*

**This Confluence server:**

☒ displays in-app notifications from other servers

Linked applications send notifications to this server. These are:

Application	URL
Your Company JIRA	http://pyko:2991/jira-client

[Modify linked applications](#)

Active polling interval  seconds  
Time to wait before checking for new notifications on the page the user is currently viewing.

Inactive polling interval  seconds  
Time to wait before checking for new notifications when the user isn't focused on a page.

☐ does not provide in-app notifications

In-app notifications are disabled on this server.

### Stopping JIRA applications from sending notifications to Confluence

You may wish to configure Confluence to display its own notifications in its workbox, but prevent notifications from JIRA applications from appearing in the workbox, even when JIRA applications and Confluence are linked via application links.

The JIRA administration interface does not offer a way of disabling notifications sent to Confluence.

**To stop JIRA applications from sending notifications to Confluence:** Disable the following plugins in JIRA. (See the [Universal Plugin Manager guide to disabling plugins](#).)


- 'Workbox – Common Plugin'
- 'Workbox – JIRA Provider Plugin'

### Including notifications from another Confluence server

Confluence workbox can include notifications from another Confluence server.

Let's assume that you have two Confluence servers, *ConfluenceChatty* and *ConfluenceQuiet*. Let's also assume that you want *ConfluenceChatty* to display a workbox, and to include notifications from *ConfluenceQuiet*.

**To include notifications from other Confluence servers:**

1. Connect *ConfluenceChatty* and *ConfluenceQuiet* via application links. In *ConfluenceChatty*:
  - Choose the **cog icon**  , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
  - Choose **Application Links** in the left-hand panel.
  - Set up the link as described in [Linking to Another Application](#).
2. Configure the notification settings in *ConfluenceChatty*:
  - Choose **In-app Notifications** in the left-hand panel of the Confluence administration console.
  - Choose **displays in-app notifications from other servers**.
3. Configure the notification settings in *ConfluenceQuiet*:
  - Choose **In-app Notifications** in the left-hand panel of the Confluence administration console.
  - Choose **sends in-app notifications to another server**.
  - Select the Confluence server that will display the workbox – in our example, this is *ConfluenceChatty*. (The entry for *ConfluenceChatty* will appear here only if you have already configured *ConfluenceChatty* to display in-app notifications.)

**Notes:**

- Your Confluence servers must be running **Confluence 4.3.3 or later**.
- Confluence can display notifications from more than one server.
- Confluence can send notifications to only one server.
- Only one of the linked Confluence servers can display the in-app notifications.

*Screenshot: This Confluence server displays in-app notifications from itself, from JIRA, and from another Confluence server*

**This Confluence server:**

☒ displays in-app notifications from other servers

Linked applications send notifications to this server. These are:

Application	URL
Your Company JIRA	http://pyko:2991/jira-client
pyko	http://pyko:1991/confluence-client

[Modify linked applications](#)

Active polling interval  seconds  
Time to wait before checking for new notifications on the page the user is currently viewing.

Inactive polling interval  seconds  
Time to wait before checking for new notifications when the user isn't focused on a page.

☐ sends in-app notifications to another server  
Notifications from this Confluence server are sent to the specified server.

☐ does not provide in-app notifications  
In-app notifications are disabled on this server.

### Sending Confluence notifications to another Confluence server

You can configure Confluence to send all notifications to a different Confluence server. In this case, the current Confluence server will not display the workbox.

**To send notifications to another Confluence server:** Follow the instructions in our example for *ConfluenceQuiet* [above](#).

*Screenshot: This Confluence server sends its in-app notifications to another Confluence server*

**This Confluence server:**

☐ displays in-app notifications from other servers  
Linked applications send notifications to this server.

☒ sends in-app notifications to another server  
Notifications from this Confluence server are sent to the specified server.

Application	URL
<input checked="" type="radio"/> pyko	http://pyko:1991/confluence-client

☐ does not provide in-app notifications  
In-app notifications are disabled on this server.

## Disabling workbox and in-app notifications in Confluence

If you choose **does not provide in-app notifications**:

- The Confluence workbox icon will no longer be visible and people will be unable to access their workboxes on this server.
- This Confluence server will no longer send notifications to its workbox, and will not send notifications to any other Confluence server.

## Integrating JIRA and Confluence

JIRA applications and Confluence complement each other. Collect your team's thoughts, plans and knowledge in Confluence, track your issues in your JIRA application, and let the two applications work together to help you get your job done.

Here's some ways you can get JIRA and Confluence working together.

### On this page:

- [Installing JIRA and Confluence together](#)
- [Use JIRA and Confluence together](#)
- [Delegate user management to JIRA](#)
- [Connect JIRA and Confluence with an application link](#)

## Installing JIRA and Confluence together

We recommend running JIRA and Confluence in separate stand-alone instances behind an Apache Web Server. The following documentation will guide you through the installation processes:

- [Installing Confluence](#)
- [Installing JIRA applications](#)
- [Running Confluence behind Apache](#)
- [Integrating JIRA with Apache](#)

We don't support deploying Confluence and any other application (including JIRA) in the same Tomcat container. See [Can Multiple Atlassian Products Be Deployed in a Single Tomcat Container?](#) for more information.

## Use JIRA and Confluence together

This is the fun stuff. Check out [Use JIRA applications and Confluence together](#) to find out about all the integration points, great time saving features, and to check exactly which JIRA application and version you'll need.

## Delegate user management to JIRA

If you already have a JIRA application you can choose to delegate user management to JIRA, and manage all your users in one place. You can control which JIRA groups also have permissions to use Confluence. Your license tiers for each application do not need to be the same.

See [Configuring JIRA Integration in the Setup Wizard](#) to delegate user management to JIRA when installing Confluence for the first time.

See [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#) to delegate user management to JIRA for an existing Confluence site.

## Connect JIRA and Confluence with an application link

See [Linking to Another Application](#) to find out how to connect Confluence to your JIRA application using an application link. This only needs to be done once.

If you delegated user management to JIRA as part of Confluence's setup process, an application link to JIRA will be all set up and ready to go.

### Having trouble integrating your Atlassian products with application links?

We've developed a [guide to troubleshooting application links](#), to help you out. Take a look at it if you



need a hand getting around any errors or roadblocks with setting up application links.

## Registering External Gadgets

You can register gadgets from external sites (such as [JIRA](#) applications), so the gadgets appear in the [macro browser](#) and people can add them to Confluence pages using the [gadget macro](#).

There's two ways to register external gadgets:

- **Subscribe to all of the external application's gadgets:** You can add all the gadgets from your [JIRA](#) application, [Bamboo](#), [FishEye](#) or [Crucible](#) site – or from another Confluence site – to your Confluence gadget directory. People can then pick and choose the gadgets to add to their Confluence pages.
- **Register the external gadgets one by one:** If you cannot subscribe to an application's gadgets, you will need to add the gadgets one by one. This is necessary for applications and websites that do not support gadget subscription, and for applications where you cannot establish a trusted relationship via Application Links.

Both methods are described below. First, consider whether you need to set up a trust relationship between Confluence and the other application.

### Setting up a trust relationship with the other application

In addition to registering the external gadgets, we recommend that you set up an OAuth or Trusted Application relationship between the application that serves the gadget (the service provider) and Confluence (the consumer). The trust relationship is required for gadgets that access restricted data from the external web application.

See how to configure OAuth or Trusted Applications Authentication, using [Application Links](#).


If the external web application provides anonymous access to all the data you need in the gadgets, then you do not need a trust relationship.

For example, if your gadgets will retrieve data from JIRA and your JIRA server includes projects and issues that are restricted to logged-in users, then you will need a trust relationship between Confluence and JIRA. If you do not set up the trust relationship, then the gadgets will show only the information that JIRA makes visible to anonymous users.

### Subscribing to all of the application's gadgets

You can add all the gadgets from your [JIRA](#), [Bamboo](#), [FishEye](#) or [Crucible](#) site – or from another Confluence site – to your Confluence gadget directory. People can then pick and choose the gadgets to add to their Confluence pages.

#### To subscribe to another site's gadgets:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > External Gadgets**
2. Choose the **Gadget Feeds** tab.
3. Enter the base URL of the application you want to subscribe to, for example, `http://example.com`

#### On this page:

- [Setting up a trust relationship with the other application](#)
- [Subscribing to all of the application's gadgets](#)
- [Registering individual gadgets](#)
- [Removing access to external gadgets](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring the Whitelist](#)
- [The big list of Atlassian gadgets](#)
- [Linking to Another Application](#)

/jira or <http://example.com/confluence>.

4. Choose **Add**. Confluence will convert the URL to a gadget feed and place it in the list of 'Added Gadget Feeds'.

*Screenshot: Subscribing to a gadget feed*

## External Gadgets

Only add gadgets that you trust! Gadgets can allow unwanted or malicious code onto your web page.

Gadget Specifications
Gadget Feeds
Gadget Whitelist

### Add a new Gadget Feed

Gadget Feed URL

Add

### Added Gadget Feeds

Gadget Feed URL	Actions
<a href="https://pug.jira.com/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/feed">https://pug.jira.com/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/feed</a>	Delete
<a href="https://pug.jira.com/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/feed/">https://pug.jira.com/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/feed/</a>	Delete

### Registering individual gadgets

If you cannot subscribe to an application's gadgets, you will need to register the gadgets one by one. This is necessary for applications and websites that do not support gadget subscription, and for applications where you cannot establish a trusted relationship via Application Links.

First you will need to get the gadget URL and copy it to your clipboard.

Getting a gadget's URL from an Atlassian application

If your application is another Atlassian application:

A gadget's URL points to the gadget's XML specification file. In general, a gadget's URL looks something like this:

```
http://example.com/my-gadget-location/my-gadget.xml
```

If the gadget is supplied by a plugin, the URL will have this format:

```
http://my-app.my-server.com:port/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/my-plugin.key:my-gadget/my-path/my-gadget.xml
```

For example:

```
http://mycompany.com/jira/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/com.atlassian.streams.streams-jira-plugin:activitystream-gadget/gadgets/activitystream-gadget.xml
```

### To find a gadget's URL in JIRA:

- Go to your dashboard by clicking the **Dashboards** link at the top left of the screen.
- Click **Add Gadget** to see the list of gadgets in the directory.
- Find the gadget you want, using one or more of the following tools:
  - Use the scroll bar on the right to move up and down the list of gadgets.
  - Select a category in the left-hand panel to display only gadgets in that category.
  - Start typing a key word for your gadget in the **Search** textbox. The list of gadgets will change as you type, showing only gadgets that match your search term.



- Right-click the **Gadget URL** link for that gadget and copy the gadget's URL into your clipboard.

#### To find a gadget's URL in Confluence:

- Choose **Help > Confluence Gadgets** to see the list of available Confluence gadgets.
- Find the gadget you want.
- Right-click the **Gadget URL** link for that gadget and copy the gadget's URL into your clipboard.


#### Getting a gadget's URL from another application

If the gadget comes from a non-Atlassian web application or web site, please consult the relevant documentation for that application to get the gadget URL.

#### Registering the gadget for use in Confluence

Now that you have the gadget's URL, you can register it in Confluence, so that people can add it to their pages. You need system administrator permissions to register a gadget.

#### To register the gadget in Confluence:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > External Gadgets**
2. Paste your gadget's URL into the **Gadget Specification URL** field in the 'Add a new Gadget' section.
3. Choose **Add**. Your gadget will be shown in the list of registered gadgets below and it will also become available in the [macro browser](#).

*Screenshot: Registering external gadgets one by one*

## External Gadgets

**Only add gadgets that you trust! Gadgets can allow unwanted or malicious code onto your web page.**

Gadget Specifications
Gadget Feeds
Gadget Whitelist

You can add gadgets from Atlassian applications such as Confluence, JIRA and others. You can also add gadgets from other websites such as iGoogle. Many public gadgets will work on a Confluence page. Some gadgets may rely on specific OpenSocial features that will not work properly in Confluence.

If you are adding gadgets from another Atlassian Application you need to either setup the other application to trust Confluence using Trusted Applications (make sure you add the '/rest' path to the allowed URL paths) or add Confluence as an OAuth Consumer to the other application.

A gadget's URL looks something like this: `http://example.com/my-gadget-location/my-gadget.xml`

### Add a new Gadget

Gadget Specification URL

Add

### Added Gadgets

Gadget Specification URL	Actions
<code>https://pug.jira.com/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/com.atlassian.streams.streams-jira-plugin:activitystream-gadget/gadgets/activitystream-gadget.xml</code>	<div>Delete</div>
<code>https://pug.jira.com/rest/gadgets/1.0/g/com.atlassian.jira.gadgets:created-vs-resolved-issues-chart-gadget/gadgets/createdvsresolved-gadget.xml</code>	<div>Delete</div>

#### Removing access to external gadgets

To remove a single gadget from Confluence, click the **Delete** button next to the gadget URL.

If you have subscribed to an application's gadgets, you will need to remove the entire subscription. You cannot unregister a single gadget. Click the **Delete** button next to the gadget feed URL.

The gadget(s) will no longer be available in the macro browser, and people will not be able to add them using the Gadget macro. Any pages that already use the gadget will show a broken gadget link.

## Configuring the Office Connector

The Office Connector allows Confluence users to view, edit and import content from Microsoft Office and Open Office files attached to a page.

The Office Connector add-on is bundled with Confluence, but a [System Administrator](#) can enable or disable parts of the Office Connector and can configure options.

### On this page:

- [Enabling and disabling the Office Connector](#)
- [Configuring the Office Connector Options](#)


### Related pages:

- [Office Connector Prerequisites](#)
- [Office Connector Limitations and Known Issues](#)

### Enabling and disabling the Office Connector

If you want to limit access to all or part of the Office Connector you can disable the add-on, or some modules in the add-on.

#### To enable or disable the Office Connector modules:


1. Go to  **> Add-ons**
2. Choose **System** from the filter drop down and then search for **Office Connector**
3. Expand the Office Connector add-on listing. From here you can:
  - Choose **Configure** to specify preferences for the Office Connector (this opens the configuration screen described [below](#))
  - Click **Disable** to disable all modules of the add-on
  - Expand the **modules** list to enable or disable selected Office Connector modules

Note: only some Office Connector modules can be disabled. Modules that are integral to the operation of the add-on cannot be disabled, and do not have an **Enable** or **Disable** button. Modules that can be disabled include the button and provide a brief, on-screen description of the module.

### Configuring the Office Connector Options

Users with System Administrator permissions can configure the behavior of the Office Connector.

#### To set the configuration options for the Office Connector:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Office Connector**  
*Screenshot: Configuring the Office Connector options*

## Configure Office Connector plugin

### User Interface

Edit in word button location: ☒ Page action icon  
☐ View page tab

### Importing From Word

Warnings: ☐ Show a warning before allowing a user to perform an import

Advanced Formatting Options: ☐ Use the footnote macro for Word footnotes

Maximum imported image size:  height (pixels)  
 width (pixels)

### System Resource Usage

Temporary storage for viewfile macro: ☒ Confluence home directory: C:\Program Files\Atlassian\Application Data\Confluence\viewfile  
☐ No directory specified in the properties file. Please set a correct value in resources/directories.properties.

Maximum file space for cache(MB):


Number of Conversion Queues:  [Manage Queues](#)

### Security

Authentication: ☐ Allow authentication tokens in the URL path

2. Set the configuration options as described in the table below

Option	Default Value	Description
Edit in word button location	Page action icon	Where the button for editing the content in Word is located. You can configure action icon or from the view page tab. <b>Note:</b> This setting has no effect in the Confluence default theme.
Warnings: Show a warning before allowing a user to perform an import	Disabled	If this option is enabled, the user will receive a warning when importing a Word user when they are about to overwrite existing content.

Advanced Formatting Options: Use the footnote macro for Word footnotes	Disabled	<p> <b>Note:</b> This feature requires a third party add-on that is not supported for Confluence.</p> <p>If this option is enabled, a Confluence page created from an imported Word document from <a href="#">Adaptavist</a> to render any footnotes contained in the document. Note that you need to add this add-on onto your Confluence site. For more information about this add-on and how to install it, see the <a href="#">add-on</a>.</p>
Authentication: Allow authentication tokens in the URL path	Disabled	<p>If this option is enabled, the Office Connector will use authentication tokens in the URL path. This needs to be enabled to edit Office 2013 documents.</p>
Temporary storage for viewfile macro	The Confluence Home directory.	<p>The {viewfile} macro will cache data temporarily. This option allows you to set the following settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confluence home directory</b> – The temporary file will be stored in your Confluence home directory.</li> <li>• <b>A directory specified in the <code>directories.properties</code> file</b> – You can specify a directory in the Office Connector's <code>directories.properties</code> file: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Locate the <code>OfficeConnector-x.xx.jar</code> file (where x.xx is the version number) in the Confluence Home directory and copy it to a temporary location</li> <li>2. Unzip the JAR file and find the <code>resources/directories.properties</code> file. Edit the file like this: <pre>#Complete the following line to set a custom cache directory #If resetting to blank, don't delete anything before the '=' com.benryan.confluence.word.edit.cacheDir=</pre> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Edit the last line, adding the path to your required temporary location directory. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Windows: <pre>com.benryan.confluence.word.edit.cacheDir=c:\temp\</pre> </li> <li>• On Linux: <pre>com.benryan.confluence.word.edit.cacheDir=/home/temp/</pre> </li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Save the file, recreate the JAR and put it back in your Confluence Home directory.</li> </ol>
Maximum file space for cache (MB)	500	This is the maximum size of the cache used by the {viewfile} macro. (See above for more details)
Number of Conversion Queues	6	<p>This is the maximum number of threads used to convert PowerPoint, Excel files. This setting is used to manage Confluence performance, by limiting the number of threads. A higher number does not consume too many resources.</p> <p>Click <b>Manage Queues</b> to view attachments that are still pending conversion.</p>

## Managing your Confluence License

Your license entitles you to run Confluence and be eligible for support and upgrades for a specified period of time.

period. It also defines the number of users who are entitled to use Confluence.

To quickly check the status of your license you can go to




> **General Configuration > Support Tools.**

You'll need need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions to view and edit your license.

### Viewing your license details

#### To view your Confluence license:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration.**
2. Choose **License Details** in the left-hand panel.

The License Details page tells you:


- The type of license (for example: Commercial, Academic, Community, or Evaluation).
- Number of users you are licensed for, and how many are currently in use.
- Your license expiry date, for support and upgrade eligibility.
- Your server ID which is generated when you install Confluence for the first time and remains the same for the life of the installation (including after upgrades or changes to your license).
- Your support entitlement number (SEN).

### Updating your license

*Screenshot: License details*

If you change your license (for example to a license with more users), or migrate from Confluence Cloud and you will need to update your license.

#### To update your Confluence license:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration > License Details**
2. Enter your new license in the **License** field.
3. Choose **Save**.

### Understanding the user count for your license

The number of registered users allowed on your Confluence site may be limited, depending on your license type.

The License Details page will indicate the number of users currently signed up (your registered user count). It:

- includes only users who have the 'can use' [global permissions](#) for the Confluence site.
- does not include anonymous users, who may access your Confluence site if you have [allowed anonymous access](#).
- does not include [deactivated users](#).

#### On this page:

- [Viewing your license details](#)
- [Updating your license](#)
- [Understanding the user count for your license](#)
- [Exceeding your licensed user count](#)
- [Reducing your user count](#)
- [Downgrading your license](#)
- [Finding your Support Entitlement Number \(SEN\)](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Upgrading Beyond Current Licensed Period](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

**License Details**

This page shows your current licensing information.

You can use the form below to update the license Confluence is running with.

Organisation	Atlassian Docs
Date Purchased	Dec 08, 2013
License Type	Confluence: Developer
Users	25 (5 signed up currently)
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>
Support Period	Your commercial Confluence support and updates are available until <b>Dec 08, 2014</b> .
Support Entitlement Number	SEN-L2180
Server ID	BC1S-1234-8T5O-ABCD (Atlassian sales or support may ask you to provide this ID)

## Exceeding your licensed user count

If you exceed the number of users included in your license, your Confluence instance will become read-only, that means no users will be able to create or edit content until you reduce the number of users.

## Reducing your user count

You can reduce your user count by removing or deactivating users who do not require access to Confluence. See [Delete or Disable Users](#).

If you have [connected Confluence to an LDAP directory](#), you may want configure Confluence to only synchronize a subset of users from LDAP rather than all users. See [How to change the number of users synchronized from LDAP to Confluence](#) in the Knowledge Base. This can be a complicated process and we recommend that you only use this method if necessary.


## Downgrading your license

If you decide to downgrade your Confluence license to pay for fewer users you need to ensure that the number of users currently signed up (as shown on the License Details page) is lower than the number allowed by your new license before you apply the new license.

If you have more users than your new license allows you will need to reduce your user count before applying the new license.

## Finding your Support Entitlement Number (SEN)

You can find your Support Entitlement Number (SEN) in three places:

- In Confluence - go to  > **General Configuration > License Details**)
- At [my.atlassian.com](https://my.atlassian.com)
- On your Atlassian invoice.

See [How to find your Support Entitlement Number \(SEN\)](#) for more general information about how Atlassian Support uses this number.

## Managing Confluence Data

This page is an overview of recommended techniques for managing the data on your Confluence site. This is of interest to Confluence administrators – people with System Administrator or Confluence Administrator permissions.

- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Site Backup and Restore](#)
- [Attachment Storage Configuration](#)
- [Confluence Data Model](#)
- [Finding Unused Spaces](#)
- [Data Import and Export](#)
- [Import a Text File](#)
- [Audit log](#)

### Related pages:

- [Managing Add-ons or Plugins](#)
- [Integrating Confluence with Other Applications](#)
- [Getting Started as Confluence Administrator](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

## Database Configuration

This document provides information on connecting Confluence to an external database.

### Choosing an external database

**Note:** Take time to choose your database wisely. The XML backup built into Confluence is not suited for migration or backup of large data sets. If you need to migrate later, you'll need to use a third party database migration tool.

Below is more information on selecting and migrating to an external database:

- [Migrating to a Different Database](#)
- [Supported Databases](#)
- [Database Troubleshooting](#)

### About the embedded H2 database

Your Confluence installation includes an embedded H2 database, to enable you to try Confluence without setting up an external database. The embedded H2 database is **only** supported while you are evaluating Confluence. You must migrate to a [supported](#) external database before using Confluence as a production system.

To find out if you are still using the embedded database, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools**.

### Database setup

Here are the setup instructions for the supported databases:

- [Database Setup for Oracle](#)
- [Database Setup For MySQL](#)
- [Database Setup for PostgreSQL](#)
- [Database Setup for SQL Server](#)

### Database troubleshooting

For solving database-related problems:

- [Troubleshooting External Database Connections](#)
- [How to Interpret DB2 Error Codes](#)
- [Database Troubleshooting](#)

Obtain technical support from [Troubleshooting Problems and Requesting Technical Support](#).

### Notes

Issue **CONFSERVER-12599** - "Migrate to new database" feature

[OPEN](#)

requests a more robust strategy for migrating large Confluence sites.

### On this page:

- [Choosing an external database](#)
- [About the embedded H2 database](#)
- [Database setup](#)
- [Database troubleshooting](#)
- [Notes](#)

### Related pages:

- [Database JDBC Drivers](#)
- [Supported Platforms](#)
- [Embedded H2 Database](#)
- [Managing Confluence Data](#)

## Database JDBC Drivers

This page provides the download links for the JDBC drivers for all databases currently supported for Confluence. You will need to make the driver available to your application server, as described in the appropriate [setup guide](#).



**Note:** We bundle some JDBC drivers with Confluence, as shown below. If you are using a direct JDBC connection, you don't need to download or install drivers that are bundled. If you are connecting via a datasource, or if you are using a database whose driver is not bundled, you will need to download and install the drivers manually.

**Related pages:**

- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Supported Platforms](#)

Database	JDBC driver bundled with Confluence?	JDBC drivers	Notes	More information
PostgreSQL		<a href="#">9.4-1202 JDBC 41 driver download</a>	We recommend that you use the bundled JDBC 4 driver.  If you want to use a later driver, you can download it from the <a href="#">PostgreSQL website</a> . The JDBC 41 driver will work under the 1.8 JVM.	<a href="#">Database Setup for PostgreSQL</a>
Microsoft SQL Server		<a href="#">JTDS 1.3.1 driver download</a>	We recommend you use the bundled JTDS driver.  If you decide to use a later version, we may not be able to provide support for any problems you encounter.	<a href="#">Database setup for Microsoft SQL Server</a>
MySQL		<a href="#">Connector/J 5.1.42 driver download</a>	Due to licensing constraints, MySQL drivers are not bundled with Confluence.	<a href="#">Database setup for MySQL</a>
Oracle		<a href="#">JDBC driver downloads</a>	Due to licensing constraints, Oracle drivers are not bundled with Confluence.  For Oracle 12c use the 12.2.0.x driver (ojdbc8.jar)  We recommend using the thin drivers only. See the <a href="#">Oracle JDBC driver FAQ</a> .	<a href="#">Database setup for Oracle</a>

If you attempt to use an unsupported or custom JDBC driver (or a `driverClassName` from an unsupported or custom driver in your JINDI datasource connection) collaborative editing will fail. You must use a supported driver.

### Database Setup for Oracle

This page provides instructions for configuring Confluence to use an Oracle database. The setup process involves configuration of your Oracle server and your Confluence site.

#### Step 1. Check the prerequisites

Check the following before you start:

- Make sure your version of Oracle is supported. See [Supported Platforms](#). If your version of Oracle is not supported, please



upgrade to a supported version before installing Confluence.

- If you have been evaluating Confluence and wish to transfer your data to a new database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).
- If you are migrating from another database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).
- **Note:** This database can only be set up by an Oracle database administrator (DBA). Oracle is difficult to set up. If you are not a DBA, and you do not have access to an experienced Oracle DBA, we recommend that you choose an alternative database. For a list of supported databases, see [Supported Platforms](#). If you are evaluating Confluence, we recommend that you start with an alternative database and only consider migrating to Oracle after approval from your DBA. If you request Atlassian's technical support for difficulties with Oracle setup, we will assume you have the high level of skill required for an Oracle setup.

### Step 2. Install your Oracle server

If you do not already have an operational Oracle database server, download the installation package from the [Oracle download page](#) and follow the instructions in the [Oracle documentation](#).

Then follow the steps below, to deploy Confluence to a schema in your Oracle server.

Note: Your database should be configured to use the same character encoding as Confluence. The recommended encoding is AL32UTF8 (the Oracle equivalent of Unicode UTF-8). See [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#).

### Step 3. Set up your Oracle user with schema-creation privileges

In this step you will create a Confluence user in Oracle and grant the appropriate roles to the user, so that the user can set up a connection, can create objects in its own schema, and can configure the schema.

#### To create the user and assign its privileges:

1. Access the command line interface to Oracle via the 'sqlplus' command.

```
sqlplus user/password <as sysdba|as sysoper>
```

You must add the 'as sysdba' or 'as sysoper' option if you are logging in with the user 'sys'. This determines which sys role you are using.

Once logged in, you can type arbitrary SQL commands.

2. Create a Confluence user (<user>) in Oracle, and grant the appropriate roles only to the user:
  - `connect` role is required to set up a connection.
  - `resource` role is required to allow the user to create objects in its own schema.
  - `Create table`, `sequence` and `trigger` are required to configure the schema.

#### On this page:

- [Step 1. Check the prerequisites](#)
- [Step 2. Install your Oracle server](#)
- [Step 3. Set up your Oracle user with schema-creation privileges](#)
- [Step 4. Install Confluence](#)
- [Step 5. Determine your JDBC URL](#)
- [Step 6. Download and install the Oracle database driver](#)
- [Step 7. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Known Issues for Oracle](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

```
create user <user> identified by <password> default
tablespace <tablespace_name> quota unlimited on
<tablespace_name>;
grant connect to <user>;
grant resource to <user>;
grant create table to <user>;
grant create sequence to <user>;
grant create trigger to <user>;
```

**Notes:**

- It is very important that the user is granted the exact privileges indicated above. Confluence requires only these privileges so you should *grant specific privileges* to the user, and *not assign a role* to the user.
  - Do not grant the user the `select any table` permission. That permission can cause problems with other schemas. See the bug report [CONF-3613](#).
  - When you create a user, specify the `tablespace` for the table objects as shown above.
3. Add a local `all_objects` view to the user's schema, to prevent a conflict that can occur when a table exists in another schema with the same name as one of the Confluence tables. This is a workaround for the bug [CONF-3613](#):

```
create view <user>.all_objects as
select *
from sys.all_objects
where owner = upper('<user>');
```

**Step 4. Install Confluence**

Install Confluence if you have not done so already. See the [Confluence Installation Guide](#). **Stop immediately after the installation, before opening the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser**, and follow the steps below.

If you have already got part-way through the Confluence Setup Wizard, stop at the database setup step and follow the steps below. You will be able to restart the setup wizard at the same step later.

**Step 5. Determine your JDBC URL**

The JDBC thin driver for Oracle use three different styles of URL:

- New style:

**New Style**

```
jdbc:oracle:thin:@//[HOST][:PORT]/SERVICE
```

- Old style:

**Old Style**

```
jdbc:oracle:thin:@[HOST][:PORT]:SID
```

- 'tnsnames' style:

**tnsnames**

```
jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=
    (SDU=32768)
    (enable=broken)
    (LOAD_BALANCE=yes)
    (FAILOVER=yes)
    (ADDRESS=
        (PROTOCOL=TCP)
        (HOST=dbserver1.example.com)
        (PORT=1525))
    (ADDRESS=
        (PROTOCOL=TCP)
        (HOST=dbserver2.example.com)
        (PORT=1525))
    (CONNECT_DATA=
        (SERVICE_NAME=CONFDB)))
```

**Notes:**

- The `tnsnames` style is required for connecting to an Oracle RAC cluster. For easy reading, we have split the example above over multiple lines, but you should compact it into a single line. These values may need more analysis than documented here, so you should seek the assistance of an experienced DBA.
- If you use the new style URL, then `SERVICE` can be either an SID or Service Name.
- If you use the old style URL, then `SERVICE` can only be the SID.

To determine the host, port, service name, and/or SID, execute the following command as the user running Oracle. (By default, the user is "oracle"):

```
lsnrctl status
```

For reference, here is a sample output:

```

SNRCTL for Linux: Version 11.2.0.2.0 - Beta on 29-JUN-2012 15:20:59
Copyright (c) 1991, 2010, Oracle. All rights reserved.
Connecting to
(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=IPC)(KEY=EXTPROC_FOR_XE)))
STATUS of the LISTENER
-----
Alias                               LISTENER
Version                             TNSLSNR for Linux: Version 11.2.0.2.0 -
Beta
Start Date                          06-JUN-2012 08:36:34
Uptime                              23 days 6 hr. 44 min. 25 sec
Trace Level                          off
Security                            ON: Local OS Authentication
SNMP                                OFF
Default Service                      XE
Listener Parameter File
/u01/app/oracle/product/11.2.0/xe/network/admin/listener.ora
Listener Log File
/u01/app/oracle/diag/tnslsnr/<HOSTNAME>/listener/alert/log.xml
Listening Endpoints Summary...
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=ipc)(KEY=EXTPROC_FOR_XE)))
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=<HOSTNAME>)(PORT=1521)))

  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=<HOSTNAME>)(PORT=8080))(Pre
sentation=HTTP)(Session=RAW))
Services Summary...
Service "PLSExtProc" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "PLSExtProc", status UNKNOWN, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "XE" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "XE", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
Service "XEXDB" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "XE", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
The command completed successfully

```

#### Notes:

- The host and port are determined by the line containing `PROTOCOL=tcp`, **without** `Presentation=HTTP`.
- Under `Services Summary`, each service which has an instance with `READY` status is a connectable service. The name following `Service` is a service name for connecting to the database name following `Instance` on the next line.
- The `SID` is the name of the database instance, as defined by the `$ORACLE_SID` variable when you have sourced the Oracle environment to your shell.

For example, assuming that you are running Confluence on the same server as the Oracle database, with the above `lsnrctl` status output, you would use one of the following URLs:

```

jdbc:oracle:thin:@//localhost:1521/XE
jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:XE

```

The URL can be used in either a direct JDBC connection or using a Tomcat datasource.

For further information on Oracle JDBC URLs, see [the Oracle JDBC FAQ](#).

#### Step 6. Download and install the Oracle database driver

Decide whether you will set up a **direct JDBC connection** or a **datasource connection** to Oracle, to suit your environment. If unsure, choose direct JDBC.

##### To set up a direct JDBC connection:

If you plan to set up a direct JDBC connection to Oracle, you will need to copy the Oracle JDBC driver to your Confluence installation.

1. Download the latest compatible database driver. Links to the appropriate database drivers are available on this page: [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
2. Copy the driver JAR file to the `<Confluence installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` folder in your new Confluence installation.

##### To set up a datasource connection:

If you plan to set up a datasource connection to Oracle, follow the steps described in [Configuring an Oracle Datasource in Apache Tomcat](#).

#### Step 7. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard

Start Confluence, and go to the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser. Follow these steps to set up the new configuration:

1. Follow the initial steps in the [Confluence Setup Guide](#).
2. When prompted to choose an evaluation or production installation, choose **production installation**.
3. When prompted to choose an embedded or external database, select **Oracle xx** from the dropdown list, where 'xx' is your Oracle version, and choose **External Database**.
4. Choose either the direct JDBC or the datasource connection, to suit the choice you made earlier when setting up the Oracle database driver.
  - For the JDBC connection: Enter the **database URL** to match the JDBC URL you determined in the previous section. Enter the **user name** (for example, `confluenceuser`) and **password** you chose when adding the Confluence database to Oracle.
  - For a datasource connection: Set the JNDI name to `java:comp/env/jdbc/confluence`.
5. Wait a while, as Confluence will create the schema in Oracle.

Congratulations! Confluence is now using your Oracle database to store its data.

#### Troubleshooting

- The following page contains common issues encountered when setting up your Oracle database to work with Confluence: [Known Issues for Oracle](#).
- If Confluence complains that it is missing a class file, you may have placed the JDBC driver in the wrong folder.
- If none of the above describes your issue, please create a support ticket at <http://support.atlassian.com> and be sure to include your logs (found in `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION>/logs` and `<CONFLUENCE-HOME>/logs`).

#### Configuring an Oracle Datasource in Apache Tomcat

This page tells you how to set up an Oracle datasource connection for Confluence.

##### Step 1. Shut down Confluence

1. Run `bin/stop-confluence.sh` or `bin/stop-confluence.bat` to bring Confluence down while you are making these changes.
2. Make a backup of your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file and your `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml` file, so that you can easily revert if you have a problem.

**Step 2. Install the Oracle database driver**

1. Download the Oracle JDBC driver. See [Database JDBC Drivers](#) for links to drivers.
2. Copy the driver JAR file to the `/lib` directory of your Confluence installation directory.

**On this page:**

- [Step 1. Shut down Confluence](#)
- [Step 2. Install the Oracle database driver](#)
- [Step 3. Configure Tomcat](#)
- [Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application](#)
- [Step 5. Restart Confluence](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Database Setup For Oracle](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

**Step 3. Configure Tomcat**

1. Edit the `conf/server.xml` file in your installation directory.
2. Find the following lines:

```
<Context path="" docBase="../../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="true">
<!-- Logger is deprecated in Tomcat 5.5. Logging configuration
for Confluence is
specified in confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties -->
```

3. Insert the following `DataSource` `Resource` element directly after the lines above (inside the `Context` element, directly after the opening `<Context.../>` line, before `Manager`).

```
<!-- If you're using Confluence 5.7 or earlier; change maxTotal
to maxActive -->
<Resource
name="jdbc/confluence"
auth="Container"
type="javax.sql.DataSource"
driverClassName="oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver"
url="jdbc:oracle:thin:@hostname:port:sid"
username="<username>"
password="<password>"
connectionProperties="SetBigStringTryClob=true"
accessToUnderlyingConnectionAllowed="true"
maxTotal="60"
maxIdle="20"
maxWaitMillis="10000"
/>
```

4. Replace `<username>` and `<password>` with your actual Oracle credentials.
5. Replace the `url` with the URL for your Oracle database. See [how to find your Oracle URL](#). For example:

```
jdbc:oracle:thin:@example.atlassian.com:1521:conflencedb
```

6. `maxTotal` and `maxIdle` define the number of database connections that will be allowed at one time, and the number that will be kept open when there is no database activity. These can be adjusted

based on your requirements. See the [Apache Tomcat 8 Datasource documentation](#) for more information.

Notes:

- If switching from a direct JDBC connection to datasource, you can find the above details in your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
- Here are the configuration properties for Tomcat's standard data source resource factory (`org.apache.tomcat.dbcp.dbcp.BasicDataSourceFactory`):
  - `driverClassName` — Fully qualified Java class name of the JDBC driver to be used.
  - `maxTotal` — The maximum number of active instances that can be allocated from this pool at the same time.
  - `maxIdle` — The maximum number of connections that can sit idle in this pool at the same time.
  - `maxWaitMillis` — The maximum number of milliseconds that the pool will wait (when there are no available connections) for a connection to be returned before throwing an exception.
  - `password` — Database password to be passed to our JDBC driver.
  - `url` — Connection URL to be passed to our JDBC driver. (For backwards compatibility, the property `driverName` is also recognized.)
  - `user` — Database username to be passed to our JDBC driver.
  - `validationQuery` — SQL query that can be used by the pool to validate connections before they are returned to the application. If specified, this query **MUST** be an SQL SELECT statement that returns at least one row.
- Why is the `validationQuery` element needed? When a database server reboots, or there is a network failure, all the connections in the connection pool are broken and this normally requires a Application Server reboot. However, the Commons DBCP (Database Connection Pool) which is used by the Tomcat application server can validate connections before issuing them by running a simple SQL query, and if a broken connection is detected, a new one is created to replace it. To do this, you will need to set the "validationQuery" option on the database connection pool.

#### Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application

Configure Confluence to use this datasource:

1. Edit `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/confluence/WEB-INF/web.xml`.
2. Insert the following element just before `</web-app>` near the end of the file:

```
<resource-ref>
  <description>Connection Pool</description>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/confluence</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
```

**If you are changing an existing Confluence installation over to using a Tomcat datasource:**

1. Edit the `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
2. Delete any line that contains a property that begins with `hibernate`.
3. Insert the following at the start of the `<properties>` section:

```
<property name="hibernate.setup"><![CDATA[true]]></property>
<property
name="hibernate.dialect"><![CDATA[org.hibernate.dialect.OracleIn
tlDialect]]></property>
<property
name="hibernate.connection.datasource"><![CDATA[ java:comp/env/jd
bc/confluence]]></property>
```

#### Step 5. Restart Confluence

Run `bin/start-confluence.sh` or `bin/start-confluence.bat` to start Confluence with the new



settings.

## Database Setup for PostgreSQL

This page provides instructions for configuring Confluence to use a PostgreSQL database.

### Step 1. Check the prerequisites

Check the following before you start:

- Check that your version of PostgreSQL is supported. See [Supported Platforms](#). If your version is not supported, please upgrade to a supported version of PostgreSQL before installing Confluence.
- If you have been evaluating Confluence and wish to transfer your data to a new database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).
- If you are migrating from another database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).

### Step 2. Install PostgreSQL

If you do not already have an operational PostgreSQL database, install it now.

#### On this page:

- [Step 1. Check the prerequisites](#)
- [Step 2. Install PostgreSQL](#)
- [Step 3. Set up your PostgreSQL database and user](#)
- [Step 4. Install Confluence and the PostgreSQL database driver](#)
- [Step 5. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard](#)
- [Notes](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Known issues for PostgreSQL](#)

1. Download and install [PostgreSQL](#). Please note the following information when installing PostgreSQL:
  - The **password** that you are prompted to provide during the installation process is for the 'postgres' account, which is the database root-level account, sometimes called the super user ('postgres'). Remember this username and password. You will need it each time you log in to the database.
  - The **default port** for PostgreSQL is 5432. If you decide to change the default port, please ensure that your new port number does not conflict with any services running on that port. You will also need to remember to update all further mentions of the database port.
  - Choose the **locale** that best fits your geographic location.
  - Do **not** launch **Stack Builder** at the completion of the installer.

### Step 3. Set up your PostgreSQL database and user

Next you need to create a database within PostgreSQL to hold your Confluence data, and a database user with authority to access that database.



1. Create a database user (for example `confluenceuser`)
  - Your new user must be able to **create database objects** and must have **can login** permission.
2. Create a database (for example `confluence`)
  - **Owner** is your new database user (for example `confluenceuser`)
  - **Character encoding** should be `utf8` encoding.

You can use [pgAdmin](#) as an alternative to the command line to complete this step. If you used the graphical installer when installing PostgreSQL, pgAdmin will be already installed on your computer.

#### Step 4. Install Confluence and the PostgreSQL database driver

Decide whether you will set up a **direct JDBC connection** or a **datasource connection** to PostgreSQL, to suit your environment. If unsure, choose direct JDBC.

Install Confluence if you have not done so already. See the [Confluence Installation Guide](#).

- If you plan to set up a **direct JDBC connection** to PostgreSQL, you can run the Confluence installation and move directly on to the Confluence Setup Wizard, as described [below](#). The PostgreSQL JDBC driver is bundled with Confluence, as documented on this page: [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
- If you plan to set up a **datasource connection** to PostgreSQL:
  - Stop immediately after the Confluence installation, before opening the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser. If you have already got part-way through the Confluence Setup Wizard, stop at the database setup step. You will be able to restart the setup wizard at the same step later.
  - Follow the steps described in [Configuring a PostgreSQL Datasource in Apache Tomcat](#).

#### Step 5. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard

Start Confluence, go to the [Confluence Setup Wizard](#) in your browser, and follow these steps:

1. When prompted to choose an evaluation or production installation, choose **production installation**.
2. When prompted to choose an embedded or external database, select **PostgreSQL** from the dropdown list and choose **External Database**.
3. Choose either the **direct JDBC** or the **datasource connection**, to suit the choice you made earlier.
  - **For the JDBC connection:**

- When prompted for a **Driver Class Name**, enter:

```
org.postgresql.Driver
```

- When prompted for the **Database URL**, use this format:

```
jdbc:postgresql://<server>:<port>/<database>
```

For example: `jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/confluence`

**Note:** If you need to connect to an SSL database, add the `ssl=true` parameter in the database URL. For example: `jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/confluence?ssl=true`

- Enter the username (for example `confluenceuser`) and password you chose earlier when setting up your Confluence database.
- **For a datasource connection:** Set the **Datasource Name** to the following: `java:comp/env/jdbc/confluence`

That's it - Confluence is now using your PostgreSQL database to store its data.

#### Notes

- If the server that is hosting the PostgreSQL database is not the same server as Confluence, then please ensure that the Confluence server can contact the database server. Please also refer to the [Po](#)

[stgreSQL documentation on how to set up pg\\_hba.conf](#). If the `pg_hba.conf` file is not set properly, remote communication to the PostgreSQL server will fail.

- Running SQL queries: For ongoing maintenance of your server, you can continue to use PGAdmin III as your SQL browser.

### Troubleshooting

- If you get the following error message, verify that you have given the `confluenceuser` user all the required database permissions when connecting from `localhost`.

```
Could not successfully test your database: : Server connection
failure during transaction. Due to underlying exception:
'java.sql.SQLException: Access denied for user
'confluenceuser'@'localhost' (using password: YES)'
```

- If Confluence complains that it is missing a class file, you may have placed the JDBC driver in the wrong folder.
- If you are unable to connect to the database from Confluence and they are on different machines, most likely you have a firewall in between the two machines or your `pg_hba.conf` file is misconfigured. Verify that your firewall is set to allow connections through 5432 or double check your [hba configuration](#).
- The following page contains common issues encountered when setting up your PostgreSQL database to work with Confluence: [Known issues for PostgreSQL](#).
- If none of the above describes your issue, please create a support ticket at <http://support.atlassian.com> and be sure to include your logs (found in `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION>/logs` and `<CONFLUENCE-HOME>/logs`).

### Configuring a PostgreSQL Datasource in Apache Tomcat

This page tells you how to set up a PostgreSQL datasource connection for Confluence.

#### Step 1. Shut down Confluence

1. Run `bin/stop-confluence.sh` or `bin/stop-confluence.bat` to bring down Confluence while you are making these changes.
2. Make a backup of your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file and your `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml` file, so that you can easily revert if you have a problem.

#### Step 2. Install the PostgreSQL Server database driver

1. Download the PostgreSQL Server JDBC driver JAR file.
  - Links are available on this page: [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
  - Alternatively, you can get the driver from your Confluence installation: `/confluence/WEB-INF/lib/postgresql-x.x-x.jdbcx.jar`, where 'x' represents a version number.
2. Copy the driver JAR file to the `/lib` directory of your Confluence installation directory.

#### Step 3. Configure Tomcat

1. Edit the `conf/server.xml` file in your Confluence installation directory.
2. Find the following lines:

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- [Step 5. Restart Confluence](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Database Setup for PostgreSQL](#)

```
<Context path="/" docBase="../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="true">
<!-- Logger is deprecated in Tomcat 5.5. Logging configuration
for Confluence is
specified in confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties -->
```

3. Insert the following `DataSource` `Resource` element directly after the lines above (inside the `Context` element, directly after the opening `<Context.../>` line, before `Manager`)

```
<!-- If you're using Confluence 5.7 or below; change maxTotal to
maxActive -->
<Resource name="jdbc/confluence" auth="Container"
type="javax.sql.DataSource"
    username="postgres"
    password="postgres"
    driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"

    url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/yourDatabaseName"
    maxTotal="60"
    maxIdle="20"
    validationQuery="select 1" />
```

- Replace 'postgres' in the `username` and `password` parameters with the actual credentials for your database.
- In the `url` parameter, replace 'yourDatabaseName' with the name of the database your Confluence data will be stored in.
- `maxTotal` and `maxIdle` define the number of database connections that will be allowed at one time, and the number that will be kept open when there is no database activity. These can be adjusted based on your requirements. See the [Apache Tomcat 8 Datasource documentation](#) for more information.

#### Notes:

- If switching from a direct JDBC connection to datasource, you can find the above details in your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
- Here are the configuration properties for Tomcat's standard data source resource factory (`org.apache.tomcat.dbcp.dbcp.BasicDataSourceFactory`):
  - `driverClassName` — Fully qualified Java class name of the JDBC driver to be used.
  - `maxTotal` — The maximum number of database connections in the pool at the same time.
  - `maxIdle` — The maximum number of connections that can sit idle in this pool at the same time.
  - `maxWaitMillis` — The maximum number of milliseconds that the pool will wait (when there are no available connections) for a connection to be returned before throwing an exception.
  - `password` — Database password to be passed to our JDBC driver.
  - `url` — Connection URL to be passed to our JDBC driver. (For backwards compatibility, the property `driverName` is also recognized.)
  - `user` — Database username to be passed to our JDBC driver.
  - `validationQuery` — SQL query that can be used by the pool to validate connections before they are returned to the application. If specified, this query MUST be an SQL SELECT statement that returns at least one row.
- Why is the `validationQuery` element needed? When a database server reboots, or there is a network failure, all the connections in the connection pool are broken and this normally requires a Application Server reboot. However, the Commons DBCP (Database Connection Pool) which is used by the Tomcat application server can validate connections before issuing them by running a simple SQL query, and if a broken connection is detected, a new one is created to replace it. To do this, you will need to set the "validationQuery" option on the database connection pool.

**Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application**

1. Edit the `confluence/WEB-INF/web.xml` file in your Confluence installation directory.
2. Insert the following element just before `</web-app>` near the end of the file:

```
<resource-ref>
  <description>Connection Pool</description>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/confluence</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
```

**If you are changing an existing Confluence installation over to using a Tomcat datasource:**

1. Edit the `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
2. Delete any line that contains a property that begins with `hibernate`.
3. Insert the following at the start of the `<properties>` section:

```
<property name="hibernate.setup"><![CDATA[true]]></property>
<property
name="hibernate.dialect"><![CDATA[net.sf.hibernate.dialect.PostgreSQLDialect]]></property>
<property
name="hibernate.connection.datasource"><![CDATA[java:comp/env/jdbc/confluence]]></property>
```

**Step 5. Restart Confluence**

Run `bin/start-confluence.sh` or `bin/start-confluence.bat` to start Confluence with the new settings.

**Database Setup for SQL Server**

This page provides instructions for configuring Confluence to use the Microsoft SQL Server database.

**Step 1. Check the prerequisites**

Check the following before you start:

- Check that your version of SQL Server is supported. See [Supported Platforms](#). If your version is not supported, please upgrade to a supported version of SQL Server before installing Confluence.
- If you have been evaluating Confluence and wish to transfer your data to a new database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).
- If you are migrating from another database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).

**Step 2. Install SQL Server**

If you do not already have an operational SQL Server database, download the installation package from the [Microsoft SQL Server download page](#) and follow the instructions on [MSDN](#).

**Step 3. Set up your SQL Server database and user****On this page:**

- [Step 1. Check the prerequisites](#)
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- [Step 3. Set up your SQL Server database and user](#)
- [Step 4. Install Confluence and the SQL Server database driver](#)
- [Step 5. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Known issues for SQL Server](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

In this step you will create a database within SQL Server to hold your Confluence data, and a database user with authority to access that database. The database user should be in the `db_owner` role.

1. Identify which character encoding to use. To do this, check the encoding currently used by your [application server](#) and [Confluence](#). All three must use compatible encoding. For example, the default SQL Server encoding of UCS-2 is compatible with UTF-8.
2. Using your SQL administrator permissions, create a new database in SQL Server.
3. If you set your application server and Confluence to use an encoding incompatible with UCS-2, specify that character encoding for the database.
4. Set the default collation for the database to be 'SQL\_Latin1\_General\_CP1\_CS\_AS' (**case sensitive**). You can do this by issuing the following SQL query:

```
ALTER DATABASE <database_name> COLLATE
SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CS_AS
```

Note: if you receive an error stating 'The database could not be exclusively locked to perform the operation', you may need to prevent other connections by setting the mode to single user for the transaction:

```
ALTER DATABASE <database_name> SET SINGLE_USER WITH ROLLBACK
IMMEDIATE;
<your ALTER DATABASE query>
ALTER DATABASE <database_name> SET MULTI_USER;
```

5. Configure the database to use the isolation level, 'Read Committed with Row Versioning'. You can do this by issuing the following SQL query:

#### Determine if READ\_COMMITTED\_SNAPSHOT is enabled

```
SELECT is_read_committed_snapshot_on FROM
sys.databases WHERE name= 'YourDatabase'
```

Return value:

1 = READ\_COMMITTED\_SNAPSHOT option is ON. Read operations under the read-committed isolation level are based on snapshot scans and do not acquire locks.

0 = READ\_COMMITTED\_SNAPSHOT option is OFF (default). Read operations under the read-committed isolation level use share locks.

```
ALTER DATABASE <database_name>
SET READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT ON
WITH ROLLBACK IMMEDIATE;
```

6. Using your SQL administrator permissions, **create a new SQL user account for Confluence** (for example, `confluenceuser`). Give this user full create, read and write permissions for the database tables. Note that Confluence must be able to create its own schema. Refer to the documentation for your database for more information on how to create a new database user.

#### Step 4. Install Confluence and the SQL Server database driver

Decide whether you will set up a **direct JDBC connection** or a **datasource connection** to SQL Server, to suit your environment. If unsure, choose direct JDBC.

Install Confluence if you have not done so already. See the [Confluence Installation Guide](#).

- If you plan to set up a **direct JDBC connection** to SQL Server, you can run the Confluence installation and move directly on to the Confluence Setup Wizard, as described [below](#). The SQL Server JDBC driver is bundled with Confluence, as documented on this page: [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
- If you plan to set up a **datasource connection** to SQL Server:
  - Stop immediately after the Confluence installation, before opening the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser. If you have already got part-way through the Confluence Setup Wizard, stop at the database setup step. You will be able to restart the setup wizard at the same step later.
  - Follow the steps described in [Configuring a SQL Server Datasource in Apache Tomcat](#).

#### Step 5. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard

Start Confluence, and go to the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser. Follow these steps to set up the new configuration:

1. Follow the initial steps in the [Confluence Setup Guide](#).
2. When prompted to choose an evaluation or production installation, choose **production installation**.
3. When prompted to choose an embedded or external database, select **Microsoft SQL Server** from the dropdown list and choose **External Database**.
4. Choose either the direct JDBC or the datasource connection, to suit the choice you made earlier when setting up the SQL Server database driver.
  - For the JDBC connection:
    - When prompted for a **Driver Class Name**, enter the following:

```
net.sourceforge.jtds.jdbc.Driver
```

- When prompted for the **Database URL**, use this format:

```
jdbc:jtds:sqlserver://<server>:<port>/<database>
```

- Enter the username (for example, `confluenceuser`) and password you chose earlier.
- For a datasource connection: Set the **Datasource Name** to `java:comp/env/jdbc/confluence`

Congratulations! Confluence is now using your SQL Server database to store its data.

#### Troubleshooting

- If you get the following error message, verify that you have given the `confluenceuser` user all the required database permissions when connecting from `localhost`.

```
Could not successfully test your database: : Server connection failure during transaction. Due to underlying exception: 'java.sql.SQLException: Access denied for user 'confluenceuser'@'localhost' (using password: YES)'
```

- The following page contains common issues encountered when setting up your SQL Server database to work with Confluence: [Known Issues for SQL Server](#).
- Additional ports may be required to be opened. See [this support document](#) from Microsoft about the ports required for SQL Server.
- If Confluence complains that it is missing a class file, you may have placed the JDBC driver in the wrong folder.



- If none of the above describes your issue, please create a support ticket at <http://support.atlassian.com> and be sure to include your logs (found in `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION>/logs` and `<CONFLUENCE-HOME>/logs`).

### Configuring a SQL Server Datasource in Apache Tomcat

This page tells you how to set up a SQL Server datasource connection for Confluence.

#### Step 1. Shut down Confluence

1. Run `bin/stop-confluence.sh` or `bin/stop-confluence.bat` to bring down Confluence while you are making these changes.
2. Make a backup of your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file and your `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml` file, so that you can easily revert if you have a problem.

#### On this page:

- [Step 1. Shut down Confluence](#)
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- [Step 3. Configure Tomcat](#)
- [Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application](#)
- [Step 5. Restart Confluence](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Database Setup for SQL Server](#)
- [Confluence Home and other important directories](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

#### Step 2. Install the SQL Server database driver

1. Download the SQL Server JDBC driver:
  - Links are available on this page: [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
  - Unpack the archive file you have downloaded, and find the JAR file called something like this: `jtds-x.x.x.jar`, where `x.x.x` is a version number.
2. Alternatively, you can get the driver from your Confluence installation: `/confluence/WEB-INF/lib/jtds-x.x.x.jar`.
3. Copy the driver JAR file to the `/lib` directory of your Confluence installation directory.

#### Step 3. Configure Tomcat

1. Edit the `conf/server.xml` file in your Confluence installation directory.
2. Find the following lines:

```
<Context path="" docBase="../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="true">
<!-- Logger is deprecated in Tomcat 5.5. Logging configuration
for Confluence is
specified in confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties -->
```

3. Insert the following `DataSource` `Resource` element directly after the lines above (inside the `Context` element, directly after the opening `<Context.../>` line, before `Manager`).

⚠ If you're using Confluence 5.7 or below, change **maxTotal** to **maxActive**.

```
<!-- If you're using Confluence 5.7 or below; change maxTotal to
maxActive -->
<Resource name="jdbc/confluence" auth="Container"
type="javax.sql.DataSource"
    username="yourDatabaseUser"
    password="yourDatabasePassword"
    driverClassName="net.sourceforge.jtds.jdbc.Driver"

url="jdbc:jtds:sqlserver://localhost:1433/yourDatabaseName"
    maxTotal="60"
    maxIdle="20"
    validationQuery="select 1" />
```

- Replace `yourDatabaseUser` and `yourDatabasePassword` with the actual credentials for your database.
- In the `url` parameter, replace `'yourDatabaseName'` with the database server and database name your Confluence data will be stored in.
- `maxTotal` and `maxIdle` define the number of database connections that will be allowed at one time, and the number that will be kept open when there is no database activity. These can be adjusted based on your requirements. See the [Apache Tomcat 8 Datasource documentation](#) for more information.

#### Notes:

- If switching from a direct JDBC connection to datasource, you can find the above details in your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
- Here are the configuration properties for Tomcat's standard data source resource factory (`org.apache.tomcat.dbcp.dbcp.BasicDataSourceFactory`):
  - `driverClassName` — Fully qualified Java class name of the JDBC driver to be used.
  - `maxTotal` — The maximum number of active instances that can be allocated from this pool at the same time.
  - `maxIdle` — The maximum number of connections that can sit idle in this pool at the same time.
  - `maxWaitMillis` — The maximum number of milliseconds that the pool will wait (when there are no available connections) for a connection to be returned before throwing an exception.
  - `password` — Database password to be passed to our JDBC driver.
  - `url` — Connection URL to be passed to our JDBC driver. (For backwards compatibility, the property `driverName` is also recognized.)
  - `user` — Database username to be passed to our JDBC driver.
  - `validationQuery` — SQL query that can be used by the pool to validate connections before they are returned to the application. If specified, this query MUST be an SQL SELECT statement that returns at least one row.
- Why is the `validationQuery` element needed? When a database server reboots, or there is a network failure, all the connections in the connection pool are broken and this normally requires a Application Server reboot. However, the Commons DBCP (Database Connection Pool) which is used by the Tomcat application server can validate connections before issuing them by running a simple SQL query, and if a broken connection is detected, a new one is created to replace it. To do this, you will need to set the "validationQuery" option on the database connection pool.

#### Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application

1. Edit the `confluence/WEB-INF/web.xml` file in your Confluence installation directory.
2. Insert the following element just before `</web-app>` near the end of the file:



```
<resource-ref>
  <description>Connection Pool</description>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/confluence</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
```

### If you're changing an existing Confluence installation over to using a datasource:

1. Edit the `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
2. Delete any line that contains a property that begins with `hibernate`.
3. Insert the following at the start of the `<properties>` section.

```
<property name="hibernate.setup">true</property>
<property
name="hibernate.dialect">net.sf.hibernate.dialect.SQLServerInt1D
ialect</property>
<property
name="hibernate.connection.datasource">java:comp/env/jdbc/conflu
ence</property>
```

#### Step 5. Restart Confluence



Run `bin/start-confluence.sh` or `bin/start-confluence.bat` to start Confluence with the new settings.

## Database Setup For MySQL

This page provides instructions for configuring Confluence to use the [MySQL database](#).

### Step 1. Check the prerequisites

Check the following before you start:

- Check that your version of MySQL is supported. See [Supported Platforms](#).
  - ▼ [Note about MariaDB and Percona Server...](#)  
We do not currently support MariaDB or Percona Server. Both are known to have issues with Confluence. See  and  for more information.
- If you have been evaluating Confluence using the embedded database and wish to transfer your data to a new database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).
- If you are migrating from another database, consult the following guide first: [Migrating to Another Database](#).

### Step 2. Install MySQL Server

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- [Step 4. Set up your MySQL database and user](#)
- [Step 5. Install Confluence](#)
- [Step 6. Download and install the MySQL database driver](#)
- [Step 7. Check settings for internationalization](#)
- [Step 8. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#)
- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Known issues for MySQL](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

If you do not already have an operational MySQL database server, install 'MySQL Community Edition'. Download the installation package from the [MySQL download page](#) and follow the instructions in the [MySQL documentation](#).

### Step 3. Configure MySQL Server

In this step, you will configure your MySQL database server.

**Note:** If you intend to connect Confluence to an existing MySQL database server, we strongly recommend that you reconfigure this database server by running through the configuration steps in the MySQL installation wizard as described below.

#### To configure MySQL Server:

1. Run the MySQL installation wizard:
  - a. If you are connecting Confluence to your existing MySQL server, choose **Reconfigure Instance**.
  - b. Choose **Advanced Configuration**.
  - c. Choose the **type of MySQL Server** that best suits your hardware requirements. This will affect the MySQL Server's usage of memory, disk and CPU resources. Refer to the [MySQL documentation](#) for further information.
  - d. Choose **Transactional Database Only** to ensure that your MySQL database will use **InnoDB** as its default storage engine.  
*It is **highly recommended** that you only use the InnoDB storage engine with Confluence. Avoid using the MyISAM storage engine as this can lead to data corruption.*
  - e. Set the **InnoDB Tablespace** settings to your requirements. (The default settings are acceptable.)
  - f. Set the approximate **number of concurrent connections** permitted to suit your Confluence usage requirements. You can use one of the presets or enter a number manually. Refer to the [MySQL documentation](#) for further information.
  - g. For the **networking options**, ensure the **Enable TCP/IP Networking** and **Enable Strict Mode** options are selected (default). Refer to the MySQL documentation on setting the [networking](#) and [server SQL modes](#) for further information.
  - h. For the MySQL server's **default character set**, choose **Best Support For Multilingualism** (in other words, UTF-8). This will ensure Confluence's support for internationalization. For more information, see [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#).
  - i. For the Windows configuration option, choose whether or not to install the MySQL Server as a Windows service. If your hardware is going to be used as a dedicated MySQL Server, you may wish to choose the options to **Install As Windows Service** (and **Launch the MySQL Server automatically**). Refer to the [MySQL documentation](#) for further information.  
**Note:** If you choose not to install the MySQL Server as a Windows Service, you will need to ensure that the database service has been started before running Confluence.
  - j. Select **Modify Security Settings** to enter and set your MySQL Server (root) access password.
2. Edit the `my.cnf` file (`my.ini` on Windows operating systems) in your MySQL server. Locate the `[mysqld]` section in the file, and add or modify the following parameters:  
(Refer to [MySQL Option Files](#) for detailed instructions on editing `my.cnf` and `my.ini`.)  
Locate the `[mysqld]` section in the file, and add or modify the following parameters:
  - Specify the default character set to be UTF-8:

```
[mysqld]
...
character-set-server=utf8
collation-server=utf8_bin
...
```

- Set the default storage engine to InnoDB:

```
[mysqld]
...
default-storage-engine=INNODB
...
```

- Specify the value of `max_allowed_packet` to be at least 256M:

```
[mysqld]
...
max_allowed_packet=256M
...
```

- Specify the value of `innodb_log_file_size` to be at least 2GB:

```
[mysqld]
...
innodb_log_file_size=2GB
...
```

- Ensure the `sql_mode` parameter does not specify `NO_AUTO_VALUE_ON_ZERO`

```
// remove this if it exists
sql_mode = NO_AUTO_VALUE_ON_ZERO
```

- Ensure that the global transaction isolation level of your Database had been set to `READ-COMMITTED`.

```
[mysqld]
...
transaction-isolation=READ-COMMITTED
...
```

3. Restart your MySQL server for the changes to take effect:

- On Windows, use the Windows Services manager to restart the service.
- On Linux:
  - Run one of the following commands, depending on your setup: `'/etc/init.d/mysql stop'` or `'/etc/init.d/mysql stop'` or `'service mysql stop'`.
  - Then run the same command again, replacing `'stop'` with `'start'`.
- On Mac OS X, run `'sudo /Library/StartupItems/MySQLCOM/MySQLCOM restart'`.

#### Step 4. Set up your MySQL database and user

In this step you will create a database within MySQL to hold your Confluence data, and a database user with authority to access that database.

##### To create the database and user privileges:

1. Run the `'mysql'` command as a MySQL super user. The default user is `'root'` with a blank password.
2. Create an empty Confluence database schema by running this command:

```
CREATE DATABASE confluence CHARACTER SET utf8 COLLATE utf8_bin;
```

3. Create the Confluence database user by running this command. Replace 'confluenceuser' and 'confluencepass' with a username and password of your choice. If Confluence is not running on the same server as your MySQL database server, replace 'localhost' with the hostname or IP address of the Confluence server:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON confluence.* TO  
'confluenceuser'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'confluencepass';
```

### Step 5. Install Confluence

Install Confluence if you have not done so already. See the [Confluence Installation Guide](#). **Stop Confluence immediately after the installation, before opening the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser**, and follow the steps below.

If you have already got part-way through the Confluence Setup Wizard, stop Confluence at the database setup step and follow the steps below. You will be able to restart the setup wizard at the same step later (if you installed Confluence as a service you'll need to restart the service before continuing with step 8 below).

### Step 6. Download and install the MySQL database driver

If you are **upgrading Confluence to a later version, and you are already using the recommended MySQL driver** (JDBC Connector/J 5.1), you can skip the instructions in this section. The Confluence upgrade task will automatically copy over your existing driver to the upgraded installation.

If you are installing Confluence, or you are upgrading Confluence and not using the recommended MySQL driver (JDBC Connector/J 5.1), follow the steps below.

Choose whether you will set up a **direct JDBC connection or a datasource connection** to MySQL, to suit your environment. If unsure, choose direct JDBC.

#### To set up a direct JDBC connection:

If you plan to set up a direct JDBC connection to MySQL, you will need to copy the MySQL JDBC driver to your Confluence installation.

1. Get the MySQL driver:
  - If you are **installing Confluence**, download the recommended MySQL driver . Links to the appropriate database drivers are available on this page: [Database JDBC Drivers](#). You can download either the .tar.gz or the .zip archive. Extract the driver JAR file (for example, mysql-connector-java-x.x.x-bin.jar, where x.x.x is a version number) from the archive.
  - If you are **upgrading Confluence to a later version, and you are not using the recommended MySQL driver** (JDBC Connector/J 5.1), copy the driver JAR file from your existing Confluence installation before you upgrade. The driver will be in the <Confluence installation> /confluence/WEB-INF/lib folder.
2. Copy the driver JAR file to the <Confluence installation> /confluence/WEB-INF/lib folder in your new or upgraded Confluence installation.

#### To set up a datasource connection:

If you plan to set up a datasource connection to MySQL, follow the steps described in [Configuring a MySQL Datasource in Apache Tomcat](#).

### Step 7. Check settings for internationalization

If you are using an existing database, use the `status` command to verify database character encoding information. The results should be UTF-8. See [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#).

**Step 8. Set up your database connection in the Confluence Setup Wizard**

Start Confluence (if you're running Confluence as a service, restart the service), and go to the Confluence Setup Wizard in your browser. Follow these steps to set up the new configuration:

1. Follow the initial steps in the [Confluence Setup Guide](#).
2. When prompted to choose an evaluation or production installation, choose **production installation**.
3. When prompted to choose an embedded or external database, select **MySQL** from the dropdown list and choose **External Database**.  
(**Note:** you'll see a warning that a driver is required. You downloaded or copied the driver in step 6 so you can ignore this warning)  
Choose either the direct JDBC or the datasource connection, to suit the choice you made earlier when setting up the MySQL database driver.
  - For the JDBC connection: Enter the username (for example, `confluenceuser`) and password you chose earlier.
  - For a datasource connection: Set the JNDI name to `java:comp/env/jdbc/confluence`

Congratulations! Confluence is now using your MySQL database to store its data.

**Troubleshooting**

- If you get the following error message, verify that you have given the `confluenceuser` user all the required database permissions when connecting from `localhost`.

```
Could not successfully test your database: : Server connection
failure during transaction. Due to underlying exception:
'java.sql.SQLException: Access denied for user
'confluenceuser'@'localhost' (using password: YES)'
```

- The following page contains common issues encountered when setting up your MySQL database to work with Confluence: [Known issues for MySQL](#)
- If Confluence complains that it is missing a class file, you may have placed the JDBC driver in the wrong folder.
- If none of the above describes your issue, please create a support ticket at <http://support.atlassian.com> and be sure to include your logs (found in `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION>/logs` and `<CONFLUENCE-HOME>/logs`).

**Configuring a MySQL Datasource in Apache Tomcat**

This page tells you how to set up a MySQL datasource connection for Confluence.

**Step 1. Shut down Confluence**

1. Run `bin/stop-confluence.sh` or `bin/stop-confluence.bat` to bring down Confluence while you are making these changes.
2. Make a backup of your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file and your `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml` file, so that you can easily revert if you have a problem.

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- [Step 1. Shut down Confluence](#)
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- [Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application](#)
- [Step 5. Restart Confluence](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Database Setup For MySQL](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

**Step 2. Install the MySQL database driver**

1. Download the MySQL JDBC driver. See [Database JDBC Drivers](#) for links.
2. Unpack the archive file you have downloaded, and find the JAR file called something like `mysql-connector-java-x.x.x-bin.jar`, where `x.x.x` is a version number.
3. Copy the driver JAR file to the `/lib` directory of your Confluence installation directory.

**Step 3. Configure Tomcat**

1. Edit the `conf/server.xml` file in your Confluence installation directory.
2. Find the following lines:

```
<Context path="/" docBase="../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="true">
<!-- Logger is deprecated in Tomcat 5.5. Logging configuration
for Confluence is
specified in confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties -->
```

3. Insert the following `DataSource` `Resource` element directly after the lines above (inside the `Context` element, directly after the opening `<Context.../>` line, before `Manager`)

```
<!-- If you're using Confluence 5.7 or below; change maxTotal to
maxActive -->
<Resource name="jdbc/confluence" auth="Container"
type="javax.sql.DataSource"
    username="yourusername"
    password="yourpassword"
    driverClassName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver"

url="jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/confluence?useUnicode=true&
characterEncoding=utf8"
    maxTotal="60"
    maxIdle="20"
    defaultTransactionIsolation="READ_COMMITTED"
    validationQuery="Select 1" />
```

- Replace `yourusername` and `yourpassword` with the actual credentials for your database.
- In the `url` parameter, replace 'confluence' with the name of the database your Confluence data will be stored in.
- `maxTotal` and `maxIdle` define the number of database connections that will be allowed at one time, and the number that will be kept open when there is no database activity. These can be adjusted based on your requirements. See the [Apache Tomcat 8 Datasource documentation](#) for more information.

#### Notes

- If switching from a direct JDBC connection to a datasource connection, you can find the above details in your `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
- The configuration properties for Tomcat's standard datasource resource factory (`org.apache.tomcat.dbcp.dbcp.BasicDataSourceFactory`) are as follows:
  - `driverClassName` – Fully qualified Java class name of the JDBC driver to be used.
  - `maxTotal` – The maximum number of database connections in the pool at the same time.
  - `maxIdle` – The maximum number of connections that can sit idle in this pool at the same time.
  - `maxWaitMillis` – The maximum number of milliseconds that the pool will wait (when there are no available connections) for a connection to be returned before throwing an exception.
  - `password` – Database password to be passed to your JDBC driver.
  - `url` – Connection URL to be passed to your JDBC driver. (For backwards compatibility, the property `driverName` is also recognized.)
  - `user` – Database username to be passed to your JDBC driver.
  - `validationQuery` – SQL query that can be used by the pool to validate connections before they are returned to the application. If specified, this query must be an SQL SELECT statement that returns at least one row.
- Why is the `validationQuery` element needed? When a database server reboots, or there is a



network failure, all the connections in the connection pool are broken and this normally requires an application server reboot. However, the Commons DBCP (Database Connection Pool) which is used by the Tomcat application server can validate connections before issuing them by running a simple SQL query, and if a broken connection is detected, a new one is created to replace it. To do this, you will need to set the `validationQuery` option on the database connection pool.

#### Step 4. Configure the Confluence web application

1. Edit the `confluence/WEB-INF/web.xml` file in your Confluence installation directory.
2. Insert the following element just before `</web-app>` near the end of the file:

```
<resource-ref>
  <description>Connection Pool</description>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/confluence</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.DataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
</resource-ref>
```

#### If you are changing an existing Confluence installation over to using a Tomcat datasource:

1. Edit the `<CONFLUENCE_HOME>/confluence.cfg.xml` file.
2. Delete any line that contains a property that begins with `hibernate`.
3. Insert the following at the start of the `<properties>` section.

```
<property name="hibernate.setup"><![CDATA[true]]></property>
<property
name="hibernate.dialect"><![CDATA[com.atlassian.hibernate.dialect.
MySQLDialect]]></property>
<property
name="hibernate.connection.datasource"><![CDATA[java:comp/env/jdbc/
confluence]]></property>
```

#### Step 5. Restart Confluence

Run `bin/start-confluence.sh` or `bin/start-confluence.bat` to start Confluence with the new settings.

### Embedded H2 Database

To enable you to try Confluence without setting up an external database, your Confluence installation includes an embedded H2 database.

The embedded H2 database is used by default when you choose the **Trial** installation path.

The embedded database files are stored in your Confluence home directory `<confluence-home>/database`.

The embedded H2 database is **only** supported while you are evaluating Confluence. You must migrate to a [supported](#) external database before using Confluence as a production system.

To find out if you are still using the embedded database, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools**.

*Connect to the embedded H2 database using DB Visualizer*

[DBVisualizer](#) is just one database administration tool. You can use any administration tool that supports embedded H2 databases. The steps will be similar.

#### Related pages:

- [Confluence Home and other important directories](#)
- [Database Configuration](#)

1. Shut down Confluence.
2. Back up your `<confluence-home>/database` directory.
3. Launch [DBVisualizer](#).
4. Choose **Create new database connection** and follow the prompts to set up the connection.

The information you'll need is:

- **Database driver:** H2 embedded
- **Database Userid:** sa
- **Database password:** leave this field blank
- **Database filename:** `<confluence-home>/database/h2db`

⚠ leave off the `.h2.db` file extension.

5. Connect to the database.

Refer to the [DBVisualizer documentation](#) for help using DBVisualizer.

#### **Connect to the embedded H2 database using the H2 console**

Alternatively you can connect using the browser based H2 console. The easiest way to access the console is to double click the H2 database jar file at `<installation-directory>\confluence\WEB-INF\lib\h2-x.x.x.jar`.

### **Migrating to Another Database**

This document describes how to migrate your Confluence data from your existing database to another database. The instructions are designed primarily for migrating from an evaluation to a production database.

Large data sets will require third party database migration tools.

This page covers the following scenarios:

- Moving from the embedded, trial database to a supported external database.
- Moving from one external database to another, for example from Oracle to PostgreSQL (provided your dataset is not large)
- Upgrading to a new version of the same external database. Note: you don't need to migrate your data if you're upgrading the database in place.

**Note:** If you are moving your database from one server to another you can change the JDBC URL in `<confluence.home>/confluence.cfg.xml` (if you are using a direct JDBC connection) or in the definition of your datasource (if you are connecting via a datasource).



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**Related pages:**

- [Database Configuration](#)
- [Confluence Home and other important directories](#)

***Limitations of database migration***

**Note:** The XML export built into Confluence is not suited for the backup or migration of large data sets. There are a number of third party tools that may be able to assist you with the data migration. If you would like help in selecting the right tool, or help with the migration itself, we can put you in touch with one of the [Atlassian Experts](#).

### *Database migration*

There are two ways you can perform the migration, both described on this page:

1. **Method one** is the standard procedure.
2. Use **method two** if the total size of attachments in your installation exceeds 500MB.

#### *Method one – standard procedure*

##### *Step 1: Take note of your add-ons*

Take note of the add-ons (plugins) currently installed and enabled in Confluence, so that you can reinstate them later. Make a note of the following for each add-on:

- Add-on name
- Version
- Enabled or disabled status. This is useful if you have enabled or disabled modules yourself, making your configuration differ from the default.

##### *Step 2: Back up your data*

1. Create an XML backup of your existing data, via the **Confluence administration console**. See [Manually Backing Up the Site](#). Make a note of the location where you put the XML file. You will need it later to import your Confluence data into your new database.
2. Shut down Confluence.
3. Make a copy of the [Confluence Home](#) directory. This is a precautionary measure, to ensure you can recover your data if it is mistakenly overwritten.
4. If you are using an external database, make a separate backup using the utilities that were installed with that database. This also is a precautionary measure.

##### *Step 3: Set up the new database*

Choose the [database setup instructions](#) for your new database, and follow those instructions to do the following:

- Install the database server.
- Perform any required configuration of the database server, as instructed.
- Add the Confluence database and user. Make a note of the username and password that you define in this step. You will need them later, when running the Confluence Setup Wizard.

##### *Step 4. Install Confluence (same version number) in a new location*

Now you will install Confluence again, with a different home directory path and installation path.

**Note:** You must use the same version of Confluence as the existing installation. (If you want to upgrade Confluence, you must do it as a separate step.) For example, if your current site is running Confluence 5.1.2, your new installation must also be Confluence 5.1.2.

When running the [Confluence installer](#):

- Choose **Custom Install**. (Do **not** choose to upgrade your existing installation.)
- Choose a **new destination directory**. This is the installation directory for your new Confluence. It must not be the same as the existing Confluence installation.
- Choose a **new home directory**. This is the data directory for your new Confluence. It must not be the same as the existing Confluence installation.

##### *Step 5. Download and install the database driver if necessary*

Note that Confluence bundles some database drivers, but you'll need to install the driver yourself if it is not bundled. Follow the [database setup instructions](#) for your new database, to download and install the database driver if necessary.

*Step 6. Run the Confluence setup wizard and copy your data to your new database*

When running the [Confluence setup wizard](#):

- Enter your license key, as usual.
- Choose **Production Installation** as the installation type.
- In the database configuration step, choose your new database type from the dropdown menu, then choose **External Database**.
- Choose the connection type: **Direct JDBC** or **Datasource**. If you are not sure which, choose 'Direct JDBC'. This is the most common connection type.
- When prompted for the database **user and password**, supply the credentials you defined earlier when adding the Confluence database to your database server.
- On the load content step, choose **Restore From Backup**. This is where you will import the data from your XML backup. There are two options for accessing the XML file:
  - Browse to the location of your XML backup on your network, and choose **Upload and Restore**.
  - Alternatively, put the XML file in the Confluence home directory of the new site (`<CONFLUENCE-HOME-DIRECTORY>\restore`) then choose **Restore**.

**Note:** If you choose not to restore during the Confluence setup wizard, you can do the import later. Go to the Confluence administration console and choose to restore an XML backup. See [Site Backup and Restore](#).

*Step 7. Re-install your add-ons*

Re-install any add-ons (plugins) that are not bundled with Confluence.

- Use the same version of the add-on as on your old Confluence site.
- The data created by the add-ons will already exist in your new Confluence site, because it is included in the XML backup.

*Step 8. Check settings for new machine*

If you are moving Confluence to a different machine, you need to check the following settings:

- Configure your new base URL. See [Configuring the Server Base URL](#).
- Check your application links. See [Linking to Another Application](#).
- Update any gadget subscriptions from external sites pointing to this Confluence site. For example, if your JIRA site subscribes to Confluence gadgets, you will need to update your JIRA site.
- Review any other resources that other systems are consuming from Confluence.

*Method two – for installations with a large volume of attachments**Before you start*

These instructions only apply to attachments stored in the file system. If you store attachments in the database see [Attachment Storage Configuration](#) to find out how to migrate between different attachment storage methods.

*Step 1: Take note of your add-ons*

Take note of the add-ons (plugins) currently installed and enabled in Confluence, so that you can reinstate them later. Make a note of the following for each add-on:

- Add-on name
- Version
- Enabled or disabled status. This is useful if you have enabled or disabled modules yourself, making your configuration differ from the default.

*Step 2: Back up your data*

1. Create an XML backup of your existing data, via the **Confluence administration console**. See [Manually Backing Up the Site](#). Make a note of the location where you put the XML file. You will need it later to import your Confluence data into your new database.
2. Shut down Confluence.
3. Make a copy of the attachments directory (`<CONFLUENCE-HOME-DIRECTORY>\attachments`) in your Confluence Home directory. You will need it later to copy your Confluence attachments data into your new Confluence installation.

4. If you are using an external database, make a separate backup using the utilities that were installed with that database. This also is a precautionary measure.

#### *Step 3: Set up the new database*

Choose the [database setup instructions](#) for your new database, and follow those instructions to do the following:

- Install the database server.
- Perform any required configuration of the database server, as instructed.
- Add the Confluence database and user. Make a note of the username and password that you define in this step. You will need them later, when running the Confluence Setup Wizard.

#### *Step 4. Install Confluence (same version number) in a new location*

Now you will install Confluence again, with a different home directory path and installation path.

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**Note:** If you choose not to restore during the Confluence setup wizard, you can do the import later. Go to the Confluence administration console and choose to restore an XML backup. See [Site Backup and Restore](#).

#### *Step 7: Copy your attachments across*

Copy the contents of the attachments directory (<CONFLUENCE-HOME-DIRECTORY>\attachments) from your old Confluence Home directory to your new Confluence Home directory.

#### *Step 8. Re-install your add-ons*

Re-install any add-ons (plugins) that are not bundled with Confluence.

- Use the same version of the add-on as on your old Confluence site.
- The data created by the add-ons will already exist in your new Confluence site, because it is included

in the XML backup.

#### Step 9. Check settings for new machine

If you are moving Confluence to a different machine, you need to check the following settings:

- Configure your new base URL. See [Configuring the Server Base URL](#).
- Check your application links. See [Linking to Another Application](#).
- Update any gadget subscriptions from external sites pointing to this Confluence site. For example, if your JIRA site subscribes to Confluence gadgets, you will need to update your JIRA site.
- Review any other resources that other systems are consuming from Confluence.

#### A note about case sensitivity in your database

'Collation' refers to a set of rules that determine how data is sorted and compared. Case sensitivity is one aspect of collation. Other aspects include sensitivity to kana (Japanese script) and to width (single versus double byte characters).

Case sensitive or case insensitive collation – how should you create your Confluence database? What about when you are migrating your existing Confluence instance from one database to another?

#### Setting up a New Confluence Instance

For new Confluence instances, we recommend using case sensitive collation for your Confluence database. This is the default collation type used by many database systems.

Note: Even if the database is configured for case sensitive collation, Confluence reduces all usernames to lower case characters before storing them in the database. For example, this means that 'joebloggs', 'joeBloggs' and 'JoeBloggs' will be treated as the same username.

#### Migrating an Existing Confluence Instance to a Different Database

The default Confluence configuration uses case sensitive database collation. This is typical of databases created under default conditions. If you are migrating from this type of configuration to a new database, we recommend that the new database uses case sensitive collation. If you use case insensitive collation, you may encounter data integrity problems after migration (for example, via an XML import) if data stored within your original Confluence site required case sensitive distinctions.

#### Troubleshooting

See our [troubleshooting guide](#) if you're unable to restore your XML backup.

### Configuring Database Character Encoding

The database used with Confluence should be configured to use the same character encoding as Confluence. **The recommended encoding is Unicode UTF-8 (the equivalent for Oracle databases is AL32UTF8).**

There are two places where character encoding may need to be configured:

- when creating the database
- when connecting to the database (JDBC connection URL or properties).

The configuration details for each type of database are different. Some examples are below.

#### JDBC connection settings

##### MySQL

Append "useUnicode=true to your JDBC URL:

#### On this page:

- [JDBC connection settings](#)
- [Creating a UTF-8 database](#)
- [Updating existing database to UTF-8](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring Character Encoding](#)
- [Known issues for MySQL](#)

```
jdbc:mysql://hostname:port/database?useUnicode=true&characterEncoding=utf8
```


If you are modifying `confluence.cfg.xml` directly rather than via the Confluence Installation GUI, you'll need to escape out the `&` in the URL string as this is a reserved XML token and will break the syntax when the XML is parsed. An effective URL could be similar to:

```
<property  
name="hibernate.connection.url">jdbc:mysql://hostname:port/data  
base?useUnicode=true&amp;characterEncoding=utf8</property>
```

### Creating a UTF-8 database

#### MySQL

1. Create a UTF-8 database with binary UTF-8 collation.

 Binary UTF-8 provides case-sensitive collation.

```
CREATE DATABASE confluence CHARACTER SET utf8 COLLATE utf8_bin;
```

2. You will also need to set the Server Characterset to utf8. This can be done by adding the following in `my.ini` for Windows or `my.cnf` for other OS. It has to be declared in the Server section, which is the section after `[mysqld]`:

```
[mysqld]  
default-character-set=utf8
```

If the above option does not work, try using `character_set_server=utf8` in lieu of `default-character-set=utf8`

3. Use the **status** command to verify database character encoding information.

Screenshot: Using the Status Command to Verify Database Character Encoding

```
mysql> CREATE DATABASE confluence CHARACTER SET utf8 COLLATE utf8_bin;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)

mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| confluence |
| confluencedb |
| mysql |
| test |
+-----+
5 rows in set (0.02 sec)

mysql> use confluence;
Database changed
mysql> status;
-----
C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.0\bin\mysql.exe  Ver 14.12 Distrib 5.0.83,
for Win32 (ia32)

Connection id:          1800
Current database:       confluence
Current user:           root@localhost
SSL:                    Not in use
Using delimiter:        ;
Server version:         5.0.83-community-nt MySQL Community Edition (GPL)
Protocol version:       10
Connection:              localhost via TCP/IP
Server characterset:     utf8
Db characterset:         utf8
Client characterset:     utf8
Conn. characterset:      utf8
TCP port:                3306
Uptime:                  20 hours 56 min 23 sec
```

4. In some cases, the individual tables collation and character encoding may differ from the one that the database as a whole has been configured to use. Please use the command below to ensure all tables within your Confluence database are correctly configured to use UTF-8 character encoding and binary UTF-8 collation:

```
use confluence;
show table status;
```

Check for the value listed under the **Collation** column, to ensure it has been set to `utf8_bin` (that is, case-sensitive) collation for all tables.

If not, then this can be changed by the following command, executed for each table in the Confluence database:

```
ALTER TABLE tablename CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8 COLLATE
utf8_bin;
```

Please substitute the <tablename> above, with each table within the confluence database.

Relevant MySQL manual for more detailed explanation:

- [Specifying Character Sets and Collations documentation.](#)
- [Connection Character Sets and Collations.](#)
- [SHOW TABLE STATUS Syntax.](#)
- [ALTER TABLE Syntax.](#)

#### PostgreSQL

```
CREATE DATABASE confluence WITH ENCODING 'UNICODE';
```

Or from the command-line:



```
$ createdb -E UTF8 confluence
```

For more information see the [PostgreSQL documentation](#).

#### *For PostgreSQL running under Windows*

Please note that international characters sets are only fully supported and functional when using PostgreSQL 8.1 and above under Microsoft Windows.

#### *For PostgreSQL running under Linux*

Please make sure you check the following to ensure proper handling of international characters in your database

When PostgreSQL creates an initial database cluster, it sets certain important configuration options based on the host environment. The command responsible for creating the PostgreSQL environment `initdb` will check environment variables such as `LC_CTYPE` and `LC_COLLATE` (or the more general `LC_ALL`) for settings to use as database defaults related to international string handling. As such it is important to make sure that your PostgreSQL environment is configured correctly **before you install Confluence**.

To do this, connect to your PostgreSQL instance using `psql` and issue the following command:

```
SHOW LC_CTYPE;
```

If `LC_CTYPE` is set to either "C" or "POSIX" then certain string functions such as converting to and from upper and lower case will not work correctly with international characters. Correct settings for this value take the form `<LOCALE> . <ENCODING>` (`en_AU.UTF8` for example).

If your `LC_CTYPE` is incorrect please check the [PostgreSQL documentation for information on configuring database localization](#). It is not easy to change these settings with a database that already contains data.

#### **Updating existing database to UTF-8**

##### *MySQL database with existing data*

#### **For an existing database**

If you're using an existing database, confirm the Character Encoding by executing the query: `SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'character%';` and `SHOW VARIABLES LIKE 'collation%';`. The results should be UTF-8.

Before proceeding with the following changes, please **backup your database**.

This example shows how to change your database from latin1 to utf8, where your database is named "confluence".

1. Dump the database (except the `plugindata` table) to a text file using the [mysqldump](#) tool from the command-line :

```
mysqldump -p --default-character-set=latin1 -u <username>
--skip-set-charset --ignore-table='`confluence`.plugindata'
--ignore-table='`confluence`.attachmentdata' confluence >
confluence_database.sql
```
2. Dump the `plugindata` and `attachmentdata` tables to a text file using `mysqldump` separately. This is done separately as the `recode` step below can corrupt the binary data in these tables :

```
mysqldump -p --default-character-set=latin1 -u <username>
--skip-set-charset confluence attachmentdata plugindata >
confluence_blobtables.sql
```



3. copy `confluence_database.sql` to `confluence_utf8.sql`
4. Open `confluence_utf8.sql` in a text editor and change all character sets from 'latin1' to 'utf8'
5. Encode all the latin1 characters as UTF-8:  
`recode latin1..utf8 confluence_utf8.sql` (the `recode` utility is described at <http://directory.fsf.org/recode.html>; and is available for Ubuntu via `apt-get`)

In MySQL:

1. `DROP DATABASE confluence;`
2. `CREATE DATABASE confluence CHARACTER SET utf8 COLLATE utf8_bin;`

Reimport the UTF-8 text file, and also the `plugindata` and `attachmentdata` dumps:

1. `mysql -u <username> -p --default-character-set=utf8 --max_allowed_packet=64M confluence < /home/confluence/confluence_utf8.sql`
2. `mysql -u <username> -p --default-character-set=latin1 --max_allowed_packet=64M confluence < /home/confluence/confluence_blobtables.sql`

To support large imports, the parameter '`--max_allowed_packet=64M`' used above sets the maximum size of an SQL statement to be very large. In some circumstances, you may need to increase it further, especially if attachments are stored in the database.

Finally, since the `plugindata` and `attachmentdata` tables were not actually converted before, you need to instruct MySQL to convert all the text fields manually:

1. `ALTER TABLE plugindata CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8;`
2. `ALTER TABLE attachmentdata CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8;`

#### Testing database encoding

See [Troubleshooting Character Encodings](#) for a number of tests you can run to ensure your database encoding is correct.

### Configuring database query timeout

If database queries are taking too long to perform, and your application is becoming unresponsive, you can configure a timeout for database queries. There is no default timeout in Confluence. To configure a database query timeout, do the following on your test server:


1. Shut down Confluence.
2. Extract `databaseSubsystemContext.xml` from the `confluence-x.x.x.jar` that is in `confluence/WEB-INF/lib/`, and put a copy in `confluence/WEB-INF/classes/`.
3. Edit `confluence/WEB-INF/classes/databaseSubsystemContext.xml` to add the `defaultTimeout` property to the "transactionManager" bean:

```
<bean id="tenantedTransactionManager"
class="org.springframework.orm.hibernate.HibernateTransactionManager"
plugin:available="true">
    <property name="sessionFactory" ref="sessionFactory"/>
    <property name="defaultTimeout" value="120"/>
</bean>
```

The timeout is measured in seconds and will forcibly abort queries that take longer than this. In some cases, these errors are not handled gracefully by Confluence and will result in the user seeing the Confluence error page.

4. Start Confluence.

Once the timeout is working properly in your test environment, migrate the configuration change to Confluence.

 You will need to reapply these changes when upgrading Confluence, as the original `databaseSubsystemContext.xml` file changes from version to version.

## Troubleshooting External Database Connections

A common administration issue when configuring Confluence is identifying database connectivity problems. This page tells you about a helper utility, in the form of a JSP page, that can help you to isolate database connectivity issues. It checks whether you can connect to a database with your application server. If your application server cannot connect to the database, Confluence will not be able to connect to the database either.

### Introduction to the Atlassian Database Check Utility

You can use this utility to:

- Check that your application server can successfully query your database, either via immediate JDBC connectivity or a datasource in the context of your application server.
- Pinpoint problems in your configuration which may occur if the above is failing.

This is what the utility does:

- Check that a JDBC driver can be loaded into memory and view what is already loaded.
- Connect to a JDBC URL and do a 'select 1' from the database.
- Find a DataSource in the JNDI environment and do the above.
- View the System classpath (to ensure that the JDBC JAR file is there).

### Using the Utility

#### *If you have already set up Confluence completely*


1. Download the attached [testdatabase.jsp](#) to your <confluence-install>\confluence directory.
2. Restart Confluence
3. Go to <http://MY-CONF-SERVER:MY-CONF-PORT/testdatabase.jsp>.
4. Check that your database driver is loaded into memory. If not, check the system classpath for the JDBC driver file, and that the driver is in the <confluence-install>\lib directory (for Confluence version 2.10 onwards) or <confluence-install>\common\lib (for earlier versions). Here are some [instructions](#).
5. Enter the DB settings Confluence is using and test the database. If an error appears, check that the db service is running, the location matches, and that any users specified actually exist with the right login and permissions. You may be able to find a workaround by Googling the error.

#### *If you cannot set up Confluence because of an error in 'Configuring Database'*

1. Record the DB settings you are using for your direct JDBC or datasource connection in the 'Configure Database' step of your setup.
2. Download the attached [testdatabase.jsp](#) to your <confluence-install>\confluence directory.
3. Rename your <confluence-install>\confluence\WEB-INF\web.xml file to backup web.xml. This disables redirection.
4. Restart Confluence.
5. Go to <http://MY-CONF-SERVER:MY-CONF-PORT/testdatabase.jsp>.
6. Check that your database driver is loaded into memory. If not, check the system classpath for the JDBC driver file, and that the driver is in the <confluence-install>\common\lib directory as described in [these instructions](#).
7. Enter the DB settings you recorded and test the database. If an error appears, check that the db service is running, the location matches, and that any users specified actually exist with the right login and permissions. You may be able to find a workaround by Googling the error.
8. After correcting the error, rename <confluence-install>\confluence\WEB-INF\backup web.xml back to web.xml.

### Notes

If you use this utility, please let us know ways in which we could improve it or leave helpful hints for others here.

 For a comprehensive set of database instructions that might be helpful for troubleshooting, please refer to the following links:

- [PostgreSQL](#)
- [MySQL](#)

### Requesting Technical Support

If you are still stuck after attempting the suggestions above, [raise a request with our support team](#) with information on your database setup.

### Surviving Database Connection Closures

When a database server reboots or a network failure has occurred, all connections in the database connection pool are broken. To overcome this issue, Confluence would normally need to be restarted.

However, database connections in the database connection pool can be validated by running a simple SQL query. If a broken database connection is detected in the pool, a new one is created to replace it.

To do this, you can specify an optional validation query for your database connection. Depending on whether you are using a direct JDBC URL, or a data source, this is configured differently.

#### Determining the validation query SQL for your database type

Different database types have slightly different SQL syntax requirements for their validation query. The validation query should be as simple as possible, as this is run every time a connection is retrieved from the pool.

The following validation queries are recommended for the following types of databases:

Database Type	Validation Query
MySQL	<code>select 1</code>
Microsoft SQL Server	<code>select 1</code>
Oracle	<code>select 1 from dual</code>
PostgreSQL	<code>select 1</code>

#### Enabling validation query using direct JDBC

**To ensure Confluence validates database connections in the database connection pool:**

1. Shut down Confluence
2. Edit the `confluence.cfg.xml` file at the root of your [Confluence Home and other important directories](#)
3. Add the property `"hibernate.c3p0.validate"` and set it to `"true"`, and add the property `"hibernate.c3p0.preferredTestQuery"` and set it to the value of the query you determined above for your database type. See this excerpt of the file with the two added properties for details:

```
confluence.cfg.xml (excerpt)

...
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.acquire_increment">1</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.idle_test_period">100</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.max_size">60</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.max_statements">0</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.min_size">20</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.timeout">30</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.validate">true</property>
<property name="hibernate.c3p0.preferredTestQuery">select
1</property>
...
```

4. Save `confluence.cfg.xml`
5. If you're using Confluence 5.10.3 or earlier you'll need to add the following [system property](#) with the validation query for your database.  
For example:

```
-Dc3p0.preferredTestQuery="select 1"
```

## 6. Restart Confluence

### Ensuring validation query using a data source

#### To ensure Confluence validates database connections in the database connection pool:

1. Shut down Confluence (or the Tomcat installation running Confluence).
2. Edit the `conf/server.xml` file in your Confluence Install Directory, or in the Tomcat installation's CATALINA\_HOME directory.
3. Find the Resource element for your data source, and add the "validationQuery" field, with the value of the query you determined above for your database type. See this excerpt of the file with this added for details:

#### server.xml (excerpt)

```
...  
<Resource name="jdbc/confluence" auth="Container"  
  type="javax.sql.DataSource"  
    username="postgres"  
    password="postgres"  
    driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"  
    url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/yourDatabaseName"  
    maxTotal="60"  
    maxIdle="20"  
    validationQuery="select 1" />  
...
```

4. Save `conf/server.xml`
5. Restart Confluence (or the Tomcat installation running Confluence).

### Results and Considerations

You should now be able to recover from a complete loss of all connections in the database connection pool without the need to restart Confluence or the application server running Confluence.

#### Performance Considerations:

- Setting this option has a performance impact. The overall decrease in performance should be minimal, as the query itself is quick to run. In addition, the query will only execute when you make a connection. Thus, if the connection is kept for the duration of a request, the query will only occur once per request.
- If you are running a large Confluence installation, you may wish to assess the performance impact of this change before implementing it.

### Site Backup and Restore

Atlassian recommends establishing a [backup strategy using a native database tool](#) for production installations of Confluence.


By default, Confluence backs up all data and attachments once a day to an XML backup file. These files are called XML site backups, and are stored in the `backups` directory of Confluence home. You can also create XML site backups manually. This mechanism is intended for small to medium-sized deployments of Confluence. It is not intended for use with large deployments with lots of pages and attachments (see below).

- [Restore your site from an XML site backup](#)
- [Manually create an XML site backup](#)
- [Configuring Backups](#)

- [User Submitted Backup & Restore Scripts](#)

XML site backups are fine for most small to medium-sized instances of Confluence, containing a few thousand pages and attachments. However, large instances of Confluence may find that backups become slow to create and use large amounts of disk space.

**Note:** Plugins are not included in the XML backup. After importing your backup into a new Confluence site, you will need to re-install all plugins (add-ons) that are not bundled with Confluence. (The `plugindata` table is not backed up in a manual backup.)

 The information on this page *does not apply to* Confluence Cloud.

### Backups for large installations

XML site backups are unsuitable for installations of Confluence that contain thousands of pages, as XML backups take progressively longer to complete as the amount of text increases. Another issue with XML site backups is that Confluence instances with gigabytes of attachments will consume disk space rapidly. This is because each site backup contains all content needed for a site restore. For example, if a 1 GB instance of Confluence is backed up daily, it will create 30 GB of backups per month if left unattended. When administering a large instance, you can reduce disk space by setting XML site backups to exclude attachments, then manually scheduling a backup of your attachments from the Confluence [home directory](#) or database. The backup manager can save space by saving changed files instead of all content.

Creation Delay	Disk Usage	Recommended Backup Method
Acceptable	Acceptable	XML site backup with attachments
Acceptable	Unacceptable	XML site backup minus attachments, plus manual backup of attachments
Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Manual backup of database and attachments

**Creation Delay** is the time it takes to create an XML site backup *minus attachments*.

**Disk Usage** can be estimated by multiplying the frequency of your XML site backups by their current size.

### Manual backups

Confluence's [Attachment Storage Configuration](#) can be set to store attachments in the Confluence [home directory](#), or in the database.

### Database backup

Use your Database Administration Tool to create a backup of your Confluence database. If your database is storing your attachments, importing this later will restore all content. For instances with big attachments, please note that currently Confluence migrate attachments in a single transaction: [CONF-9888](#).

### Attachment backup

If stored on the filesystem, attachments are placed under the `attachments` directory of your Confluence home directory. Copy this directory to create a backup of all attachments.

To restore from these backups, please refer to [Restoring Data from other Backups](#).

### Production Backup Strategy

Confluence automatic daily XML backup is suitable if you:

- are evaluating Confluence
- do not have database administration familiarity, and your Confluence installation is small

Once your Confluence installation reaches more than a few thousand pages, the XML backup facility can be inefficient compared to your database's own

backup tools. The built in backup functionality requires a lot of memory to run and is less reliable when restoring data.

### *Establishing a production system backup solution*


Atlassian recommends establishing an alternative database backup strategy:

#### On this page:

- [Establishing a production system backup solution](#)
- [Which files need to be backed up?](#)
- [How do I back up?](#)
- [How do I restore?](#)
- [Other processes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Site Backup and Restore](#)

- Create a backup or dump of your database using tools provided by your database  
 To avoid any data inconsistency and corruption, it is recommended to shut down Confluence before creating a database backup or dump.
- Create a file system backup of your Confluence home directory
- Create a file system backup of your shared home directory (Clustered instances only)

Once this is in place, disable the daily backups through the [scheduled jobs](#) feature via '**Administration Console > Administration > Scheduled Jobs**'.

We want to stress that creating these two backups is *better* than having a Confluence XML backup. It is more robust and far more reliable for large production instances. You will be able to restore your whole site, including all data, attachments and configuration information intact with these two backups. See [Restoring Data from other Backups](#).

### *Which files need to be backed up?*

Backing up the whole home directory is the safest option, however most files and directories are populated on startup and can be ignored. At minimum, these files/directories *must* be backed up:

- **<conf-home>/confluence.cfg.xml**
- **<conf-home>/attachments**

The rest of the directories will be auto-populated on start up. You may also like to backup these directories:

- **<conf-home>/config** – if you have modified your ehcache.xml file.
- **<conf-home>/index** – if your site is large or reindexing takes a long time – this will avoid the need for a full reindex when restoring.

The location of the home directory is configured on installation and is specified in the `confluence.init.properties` file. For installation created with the automatic installer the default locations are:

- Windows `C:\Program Files\Atlassian\Application Data\Confluence`
- Linux `/var/atlassian/application-data/confluence`

**For Clustered instances only:** Backing up the whole shared home directory is the safest option, however some files and directories are populated at runtime and can be ignored:

- **<conf-home>/thumbnails**
- **<conf-home>/viewfile.**

### *How do I back up?*

The commands to back up your database will vary depending on your database vendor, for example the command for PostgreSQL is `pg_dump dbname > outfile`.

You should refer to the documentation for your particular database to find out more.

### *How do I restore?*

Our guide on [Migrating Confluence Between Servers](#) has instructions on restoring a backup using this technique.



### Other processes

XML backups are described and used for other processes in Confluence, like upgrading and moving servers. Using the backup strategy described above will work for those processes too.

- Our [upgrade guide](#) does not require the use of an XML backup (although the earlier Confluence upgrade procedure, and the JIRA upgrade guide, do use XML backups).
- Our [migrate server procedure](#)— used to set up a test server — can use a SQL dump as well.
- The [database migration](#) procedure uses the XML backup for small data sets. Large data sets will require third party database migration tools.

**Note:** The XML export built into Confluence is not suited for the backup or migration of large data sets. There are a number of third party tools that may be able to assist you with the data migration. If you would like help in selecting the right tool, or help with the migration itself, we can put you in touch with one of the [Atlassian Experts](#).

## Configuring Backups

Confluence backs up your data regularly into a zipped XML file. By default, this backup is performed at 2.00 a.m. each day and the backup files are stored in the `backups` folder under the [Confluence Home directory](#). The default naming convention for the backup files is `'backup-yyyy_MM_dd'`.

Confluence can write backups to both local and mapped network drives.

### On this page:

- [Configuring Confluence Backups](#)
- [Enabling Backup Path Configuration](#)
- [Notes](#)

From the **Backup Administration** section of Confluence's administration console, you can:

- Include or exclude attachments in backups.
- Configure a different path to store backup files. (By default, this option is not available. See [below](#) for information about enabling the configuration option.)
- Change the naming format used for the files.

✓ You can also change the schedule of this backup using Confluence's [scheduled jobs](#) feature.

i You need to have [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to configure these options.

### Configuring Confluence Backups

To configure Confluence backups:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **'Backup Administration'** in the **'Configuration'** section.
3. Click the **'Edit'** button on the **'Backup Administration'** screen.
4. Now you can do the following:
  - To use a different naming prefix format — Enter the new format in the **'Backup File Prefix'** input field.
  - To use a different date format — Enter the date format in the **'Backup File Date Pattern'** input field using the syntax described in [simple date format](#).
  - To exclude attachments from backups — Deselect **'Backup Attachments'**. By default, this feature is 'On'.
  - To specify an alternate path to store backup files (if enabled) — Select **'Custom'** and then enter the path. The directory must be on either a local drive or a [mounted network drive](#).
5. **'Save'** your changes.

#### i Notes:

- By default, this option is not available. See [below](#) for information about enabling the configuration option.
- Please ensure the mapped drive is on a physical server, not a Virtual Machine image.

✓ You can disable Confluence backups through the [scheduled jobs](#) feature.

## Backup Administration

Perform a backup of your site daily to a chosen directory on your filesystem.

### Backup Settings

Backup File Prefix

backup-

Backup File Date Pattern

yyyy\_MM\_dd

Backup Path

Custom backup paths are not enabled. [More about custom backup paths](#)

☒ Backup Attachments

Submit

Cancel

Screenshot above: Editing the Backup Configuration

### Enabling Backup Path Configuration

By default, it is not possible to specify a backup path via the Confluence Administration Console. This feature is disabled by default for security reasons. Administrators can restore this functionality by updating the relevant configuration property as described below. However, we recommend that you turn the feature **off** in production environments. For production environments, please review our [Production Backup Strategy](#).

#### To enable the configuration option:

1. Edit the `confluence.cfg.xml` file found in the [Confluence Home and other important directories](#).
2. Set the value of property `admin.ui.allow.daily.backup.custom.location` to 'true' (without the quotation marks).

```
confluence.cfg.xml

<property
name="admin.ui.allow.daily.backup.custom.location">true</propert
y>
```

3. Restart Confluence.

If the value of the above configuration property is 'true', it will be possible to specify a backup path via the Confluence Administration Console. If the value of this property is 'false' or the property is not present in the configuration file, the backup path is not configurable.

If you choose to enable the configuration option, and then later migrate your Confluence site to a new server or change your architecture, you will need to update your backup location through the Confluence Admin console (simply changing the location of your home directory will not change the backup location if this option is enabled).

### Notes

Time is derived from the Confluence server

The time zone is taken from the server on which Confluence is running.

#### To check the time according to the server, do the following:

1. Choose the **cog icon**





- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Click '**System Information**' in the left-hand panel and look at the '**System Time**'.

#### Backup strategy for large Confluence sites

Consider using the [production backup strategy](#) if your Confluence site is large or you are encountering problems with your automated backup.

#### User Submitted Backup & Restore Scripts

These scripts are user-submitted and should be used with caution as they are not covered by Atlassian technical support. If you have questions on how to use or modify these scripts, please [post them to Atlassian Answers](#).

#### Delete Old Backups - Wscript Script On Windows

This script examines backup filename and deletes them if necessary, it may need to be edited.

```
'If you want 3 day old files to be deleted then insert 3 next to Date -
"your number here"
'This script will search out and delete files with this string in them
".2005-12-04-" This of course depends on the number you enter.
'You can always do a wscript.echo strYesterday or strFileName to see
what the script thinks you are searching for.

dtmYesterday = Date - 3

strYear = Year(dtmYesterday)

strMonth = Month(dtmYesterday)
If Len(strMonth) = 1 Then
    strMonth = "0" & strMonth
End If

strDay = Day(dtmYesterday)
If Len(strDay) = 1 Then
    strDay = "0" & strDay
End If

strYesterday = strYear & "-" & strMonth & "-" & strDay

strFileName = "C:\test*." & strYesterday & "-*"

Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
objFSO.DeleteFile(strFileName)
```

#### Delete Old Backups - Basic Bash Script For Linux

Old XML backups can be deleted automatically by inserting a nightly or weekly automation script or cron similar to the following:

```
ls -t <path to your backup dir>/* | tail -n +6 | xargs -i rm {}
```

Or, using the older form of the `tail` command if your system does not support the standard form:

```
ls -t <path to your backup dir>/* | tail +6 | xargs -i rm {}
```

#### Delete Old Backups - Advanced Bash Script For Linux

Old XML backups can be deleted automatically by inserting a nightly or weekly automation script or cron similar to the following. Set the BACKUP\_DIR and DAYS\_TO\_RETAIN variables to appropriate values for your site. Between runs, more files than DAYS\_TO\_RETAIN builds up.

```
#!/bin/sh

# Script to remove the older Confluence backup files.
# Currently we retain at least the last two weeks worth
# of backup files in order to restore if needed.

BACKUP_DIR="/data/web/confluence/backups"
DAYS_TO_RETAIN=14

find $BACKUP_DIR -maxdepth 1 -type f -ctime +$DAYS_TO_RETAIN -delete
```

#### Manual Database & Home Backup - Bash Script For Linux

This backs up a MySQL database and the Confluence home directory.

```
#!/bin/bash
CNFL=/var/confluence
CNFL_BACKUP=/backup/cnflBackup/`date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S`

rm -rf $CNFL/temp/*
mkdir $CNFL_BACKUP
mysqldump -uroot -p<password> confluence|gzip >
$CNFL_BACKUP/confluence.mysql.data.gz
tar -cjvf $CNFL_BACKUP/data.bzip $CNFL > $CNFL_BACKUP/homedir.status
```

#### Backup by Date - Postgres

```
export d=`date +%u`
mkdir -p /home/backup/postgres/$d

sudo -u postgres pg_dumpall | bzip2 > /home/backup/postgres/$d/sql.bz2
```

### Manually Backing Up the Site

Confluence is configured to back up its data automatically, as a zipped XML file. You can also manually perform this backup from the **Administrati on Console**.

You'll need [System Administrator](#) permissions to do this.

#### Related pages:

- [Restoring a Site](#)
- [Configuring Backups](#)
- [Production Backup Strategy](#)


#### Good to know:

- We recommend you use the [Production backup strategy](#), especially if you have a large or mission critical site, rather than relying on XML exports as your main backup method.
- Add-ons are not included in the XML export. After importing your site export file into a new Confluence site, you'll need to re-install all add-ons that are not bundled with Confluence as the `plugindata` table is not backed up in a manual backup.
- You can't import a site export file into a version of Confluence that is earlier than the one it

was exported from.

### Create the site export file

#### To create an XML export of your site:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Backup & Restore.**
2. Choose **Archive to backups folder** to store a copy of the backup in the same folder as Confluence's backups.  
If you do not archive the backup it will be made available for you to download, and then deleted from the server after 24 hours.
3. Choose **Backup attachments** to include attachments in your backup.
4. Choose **Backup.**  
The process can take some time.

If you repeatedly experience timeout errors, try creating the export directly from Tomcat. This will speed up the process and prevent timeouts.

For example, your URL might normally be something like `http://<domain>.com`. To bypass this and access Tomcat directly, use this URL: `http://localhost:8090/confluence/admin/backup.action` . directly from your server.

#### What's included in the export?

The site export includes spaces (including pages, blogs, comments, attachments, and unpublished changes), users and groups. Essentially everything in your site except add-ons.

#### Retrieving the site export file

Confluence will create the backup as a zipped XML file in your `<home-directory>/backups` directory. You'll need access to the Confluence server itself in order to retrieve this file.

#### Allow export files to be downloaded from within Confluence

By default, you can't retrieve the backup file from within Confluence. This feature is disabled for security reasons, but you can choose to enable it. Once enabled, Confluence will prompt you to download the backup file when the backup process finished. We recommend that you keep this feature **off** in production environments.

#### To enable download of the backup file from within Confluence:

1. Stop Confluence.
2. Edit the `<confluence-home>\confluence.cfg.xml` file.
3. change `admin.ui.allow.manual.backup.download` to `true`.
4. Restart Confluence.

If the value of the above configuration property is 'true', it will be possible to download the backup file after manually backing up the site via the Confluence Administration Console. If the value of this property is 'false' or the property is not present in the configuration file, you will need to retrieve the backup file from the file system on the Confluence server. By default, the value is 'false'.

#### Restoring the site export file

There are some restrictions on which Confluence versions you will be able to import this file into. The most important is that you **can't import into an earlier version of Confluence**. See [Restoring a Site](#) for more information and troubleshooting tips.

### Restoring a Site

This page describes how to restore data from an XML site export file into an existing Confluence site.

If you want to import data into a new site, see [restoring from backup during setup](#).

You need [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to perform this function.

**On this page:****Related pages:**

- [Production Backup Strategy](#)
- [Exporting a site](#)
- [Importing a Space](#)

Importing a site export file will:


- Overwrite all existing Confluence content in your database. Back up your database before you start.
- Log you out of Confluence. Make sure you know the login details contained in the file you're about to import.

Before you start:

- **All content replaced.** Importing a site will replace all your content and users. Back up your database before you start.
- **Selective space restoration not possible.** You can't select a single space to restore from the entire site backup.
- **Version compatibility.** Confluence accepts site backups from many previous Confluence versions. You can check which versions are accepted in the Backup and Restore screen. You can only import into a **later version** of Confluence, not an earlier one.
- **For best results**, export from and import into the same Confluence version.
- **XML export files should not be used to upgrade Confluence.** Upgrade Confluence by following [Upgrading Confluence](#).

Check your export is compatible

To check that your site export can be successfully restored:

1. Start up the Confluence site you'll be importing into.
2. Go to  **> General Configuration > Backup and Restore.**
3. Check the accepted Confluence version - it's listed under **Upload and restore a site/space backup.**

Here's what it looks like for Confluence 5.9. The accepted versions for your Confluence version may be different.

**Upload and restore a site/space backup.**

This site accepts full site imports from Confluence 4.0 and later, and space imports from Confluence 5.3 and later.

To allow you to search your data, Confluence needs to build an index. You can postpone this to later by unchecking the box below.

☒ Build Index

No file selected.

You can't import into an **earlier version** of Confluence.


For example, if your site export was generated from Confluence 5.9, you can't import it into Confluence 5.5.

If your export is from Confluence Cloud you can **only** import it into Confluence 6.0 or later.


**[Import a Confluence site](#)**

There are two ways to import a site - by uploading a file, or from a directory on your Confluence server. Uploading a file is only suitable for small sites. For best results, we recommend importing from the restore directory.

#### To upload and import a small site:

1. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Backup and Restore**.
2. Choose **Choose File** and browse for the site export file.
3. Uncheck **Build Index** if you want to create the index at a later stage.
4. Choose **Upload and Restore**.

#### To import a site from the restore directory:

1. Copy your export file to `<confluence-home>/restore`.  
(If you're not sure where this directory is located, the path is listed in the **Backup and Restore** screen)
2. Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Backup and Restore**.
3. Select your site export file under **Restore a backup from the Confluence Home Directory**.
4. Uncheck **Build Index** if you want to create the index at a later stage.
5. Choose **Restore**.

Building the index is optional during the import process. The content of your site won't be searchable until the index is created, but if you have a very large site, you may choose to [rebuild the index manually](#) after the import is complete.

##### Using Confluence Data Center?

If you're using Confluence Data Center with collaborative editing enabled there are a few extra steps. You need to stop Synchrony completely, and we also recommend performing the import with just one Confluence node running, and directing traffic away from that node.

Once the import is complete, you can restart Synchrony, and then restart your remaining nodes (one at a time).

#### Troubleshooting

If you have problems importing a site, check out these hints.

- **Is your file too large to upload?**  
This is a very common problem. It happens when the file can't be uploaded to the server in time. To avoid this problem, drop your export file into the `<confluence-home>/restore` directory and import it from there.
- **Are you trying to import into an earlier version of Confluence?**  
This is not possible. You can only import a site into the same version or a later compatible version.
- **Is the import timing-out or causing out of memory errors?**  
If the site to be imported is large, you may need to temporarily increase the memory available to Confluence. See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).
- **Is your username or password not recognized?**  
All user data was overwritten during the import process. You need to log in with a system administrator account from the site that was exported. If you don't know the password, you'll need to reset it from the database. See [Restore Passwords To Recover Admin User Rights](#).
- **Is your site export from Confluence Cloud?**  
You can only import into Confluence 6.0 or later. The username and password for the system administrator account will be `sysadmin / sysadmin`. As soon as the import is complete, you must change this password. See [Migrate from Confluence Cloud to Server](#).
- **Did you download the export file on a Mac?**

If you get an error saying that Confluence can't find the `exportDescriptor.properties` file, chances are OS X has unzipped the backup for you and sent the original zipped file to the trash. You need to retrieve the original zip file from the trash and then try the import again.

- **Importing into a Confluence Data Center site?**

You must stop Synchrony before commencing the site import.

#### *Note about using site exports as backups*

- **Production backup strategy preferred.** We recommend that you follow the [Production Backup Strategy](#) (which involves backing up your database and home directory) for your production Confluence site, because Confluence XML exports are not recommended as the sole backup mechanism.
- **Restoring from other backups.** If your daily backup zip files can't be restored for some reason, but you have backups of both your database and your Confluence home directory, you'll be able to [restore from these backups](#).

## Restoring a Space

You can [export a space](#) – including pages, comments and attachments – to a zip that contains an XML file and, optionally, all the attachments in the space. To import the space to another Confluence site, restore the zip as described below.

You need [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to restore a space from an XML zip file.

#### *Export and import compatibility*

To find out which versions your current Confluence version can accept space exports from, go to



> **General Configuration > Backup and Restore.**

If you need to import a space from Confluence 5.3 or earlier, you'll need to [follow a workaround](#).

#### **On this page:**

- [Export and import compatibility](#)
- [Importing a space from an XML backup](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)
- [Workaround for restoring spaces from Confluence 5.3 and earlier](#)

#### **Related pages:**

- [Restoring a Site](#)

You can't import into an **earlier version** of Confluence.


For example, if you export a space from Confluence 5.9, you can't import it into Confluence 5.5.

If your export is from Confluence Cloud, you can only import it into Confluence 6.0 or later.

#### *Importing a space from an XML backup*


There are two ways to import a space – by uploading a file, or from a directory on your Confluence server. Uploading a file is only suitable for small spaces. For best results, we recommend importing from the restore directory.

#### **To upload and import a small space:**

1. Go to  > **General Configuration > Backup and Restore.**
2. Click **Choose File** and browse for your space export file.

3. Uncheck **Build Index** if you want to create the index at a later stage.
4. Choose **Upload and Restore**.

#### To import a space from the restore directory:

1. Copy your space export file to `<confluence-home>/restore`.  
(If you're not sure where this directory is located, the path is listed in the **Backup and Restore** screen)
2. Go to  **> General Configuration > Backup and Restore**.
3. Select your space export file under **Restore a backup from the Confluence Home Directory**.
4. Uncheck **Build Index** if you want to create the index at a later stage.
5. Choose **Restore**.

Building the index is optional during the import process. The content of your imported space won't be searchable until the index is created, but, if you have a very large site, rebuilding the index can take a long time and impact your site's performance. Alternatively, you can [rebuild the index manually](#) at a low peak time.

#### Troubleshooting

If you have problems importing a space, check out these hints.

- **Is your file too large to upload?**  
This is a very common problem. It happens when the file can't be uploaded to the server in time. To avoid this problem, drop your export file into the `<confluence-home>/restore` directory and import it from there.
- **Are you trying to import into an earlier version of Confluence?**  
This is not possible. You can only import a space into the same version or a later compatible version.
- **Is your space export file from Confluence Cloud?**  
You can only import this file into Confluence 6.0 or later. Trying to import into earlier versions can cause major problems.
- **Does a space with the same space key already exist?**  
Space keys are unique, so if you already have a space with the same key, you'll need to delete the existing space before importing the new one.
- **Is the import timing-out or causing out of memory errors?**  
If the space to be imported is very large, you may need to temporarily increase the memory available to Confluence. See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).
- **Did you download the export file on a Mac?**  
If you get an error saying that Confluence can't find the `exportDescriptor.properties` file, chances are OS X has unzipped the backup for you and sent the original zipped file to the trash. You need to retrieve the original zip file from the trash and then try the import again.

#### Workaround for restoring spaces from Confluence 5.3 and earlier

If you need to import a space from a version prior to Confluence 5.3 into a later version of Confluence, you can use a temporary Confluence installation to upgrade the space export to the right version number:

1. Download the same version of Confluence as the version you exported the space from (you can get older versions of Confluence at the [Confluence Downloads Archive](#)).
2. Install that version of Confluence on a temporary server.
3. Import the space into this temporary Confluence site.
4. Upgrade Confluence on your temporary site to the same version as the site where you want to import the space (see [Upgrading Confluence](#) for instructions).
5. Export the space from your temporary Confluence site (it'll now have the right version number).
6. Import the space into your production Confluence site.


#### Restoring a Test Instance from Production



See [Migrating Confluence Between Servers](#) for a more comprehensive explanation.

Many Confluence administrators will have a production instance running the "live" version of Confluence, as well as a test instance for testing upgrades and so on. In this situation, it's quite common that the two instances are running different versions of Confluence. This document describes how to copy the data from a production instance to a test instance, where the production version may be different to the test version.

Before proceeding with this guide, ensure you have read and understood the [normal procedure for upgrading Confluence](#).

 *The information on this page **does not** apply to Confluence Cloud.*

#### Upgrading a test Confluence instance with production data

Essentially, we are copying both the production home directory and database to the test instance. We then update the database details on the test instance to point to the test database, leaving all other instance metadata (most importantly the Confluence *build number*) the same as production.

1. Shut down your test instance.
2. Restore the production database to the test database server.
3. Create a backup of the `confluence.cfg.xml` file found in the home directory of the test instance.
4. Copy the production confluence-home directory to the test application server.
5. Open the `confluence.cfg.xml` which has been copied in a text editor. Change the database settings to match the test database server. **Ensure you do not point to your production database.** (You can compare with the backup you made in Step 3 if you need to get the database settings. Don't just copy this file – you need the build number unchanged from production to indicate the database is from an older version of Confluence.)

Before starting your test instance, you need to do the following steps to ensure no contact with production systems.

#### Ensuring no contact with production systems

To ensure no contact with external systems, you will need to disable both inbound and outbound mail services.

1. Disable global outbound mail by running the following database query:

```
SELECT * FROM BANDANA WHERE BANDANAKEY =  
'atlassian.confluence.smtp.mail.accounts';
```

2. Disable space-level mail archiving by running the following database query:

```
SELECT * FROM BANDANA WHERE BANDANAKEY =  
'atlassian.confluence.space.mailaccounts';
```

Change the 'SELECT \*' to a 'DELETE' in the above queries once you are sure you want to remove the specified accounts.

Once this is done, you can start your test instance without any mails being sent or retrieved. Think carefully about other plugins which may access production systems (SQL macro, etc.). These should be disabled promptly after starting the test instance.

You can create a [developer](#) license for this server and update the License Details after starting up.

See also

[Upgrading Confluence](#)  
[Migrating Confluence Between Servers](#)



## Restoring to a Test Instance of Confluence from Production

### Restoring Data from other Backups

Typically, Confluence data is restored from the [Administration Console](#) or from the [Confluence Setup Wizard](#).

If you are experiencing problems restoring from a zipped XML backup file, it is still possible to restore provided you have:

1. A backup of your home directory.
2. A backup of your database (if you're using an external database).

Instructions for this method of restoring differ depending on whether you are using the embedded database or an external database (like Oracle, MS SQL Server, MySQL or Postgres).

#### Embedded Database

If you are running against the embedded database, the database is located inside the `database` folder of your Confluence Home Directory. Hence, all you need to do is:

1. Retrieve the most recent backup of your home directory.
2. Unpack the Confluence distribution and point the `confluence-init.properties` file to this directory.

#### External Database

If you're using an external database, you need to do the following.


1. Prepare backups of your home directory and database (preferably backups that are dated the same). That is, make sure the home directory is accessible on the filesystem and the database available to be connected to.
2. If this database happens to have a different name, or is on a different server, you need to modify the `jdbc url` in the `confluence.cfg.xml` file inside the Confluence Home Directory. The value of this property is specified as `hibernate.connection.url`.
3. Unpack the Confluence distribution and point the `confluence-init.properties` file to the home directory.

### Retrieving File Attachments from a Backup

File attachments on pages can be retrieved from a backup without needing to import the backup into Confluence. This is useful for recovering attachments that have been deleted by users.

Both [automated](#) and [manual](#) backups allow this, as long as the 'Include attachments' property was set. If you want to restore pages, spaces or sites, see the [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#) instead.

Before following the instructions for recovering attachments below, we will review how backups store file and page information.

 *The information on this page **does not** apply to Confluence Cloud.*

#### How Backups Store File and Page Information

The backup zip file contains `entities.xml`, an XML file containing the Confluence content, and a directory for storing attachments.

#### Backup Zip File Structure

Page attachments are stored under the attachments directory by page and attachment id. Here is an example listing:

```
Listing for test-2006033012_00_00.zip
\attachments\98\10001
\attachments\98\10002
\attachments\99\10001
entities.xml
```

Inside the attachment directory, each numbered directory inside is one page, and the numbered file inside is one attachment. The directory number is the page id, and the file number is the attachment id. For example, the file \attachments\98\10001 is an attachment with page id 98 and attachment id 10001. You can read entities.xml to link those numbers to the original filename. Entities.xml also links each page id to the page title.

#### Entities.xml Attachment Object

Inside the entities.xml is an Attachment object written in XML. In this example, the page id is **98**, the attachment id is **10001** and the filename is **myimportantfile.doc**. The rest of the XML can be ignored:

```
<object class="Attachment" package="com.atlassian.confluence.pages">
  <id name="id">98</id>
  <property name="fileName"><![CDATA[myimportantfile.doc]]></property>
  ...
  <property name="content" class="Page"
    package="com.atlassian.confluence.pages"><id name="id">10001</id>
  </property>
  ...
</object>
```

#### Entities.xml Page Object

This XML describes a page. In this example, the page id is **98** and the title is **Editing Your Files**. The rest of the XML can be ignored:

```
<object class="Page" package="com.atlassian.confluence.pages">
  <id name="id">98</id>
  <property name="title"><![CDATA[Editing Your Files]]></property>
  ...
</object>
```

### Instructions for Recovering Attachments

Each file must be individually renamed and re-uploaded back into Confluence by following the instructions below. Choose one of the three methods:

#### Choice A - Recover Attachments By Filename

Best if you know each filename you need to restore, especially if you want just a few files:

1. Unzip the backup directory and open entities.xml.
2. Search entities.xml for the filename and find the attachment object with that filename. Locate its page and attachment id.
3. Using the page and attachment id from entities.xml, go to the attachments directory and open that directory with that page id. Locate the file with the attachment id.
4. Rename the file to the original filename and test it.
5. Repeat for each file.
6. To import each file back into Confluence, upload to the original page by attaching the file from within Confluence.

#### Choice B - Restore Files By Page

Best if you only want to restore attachments for certain pages:

1. Unzip the backup directory and open entities.xml.
2. Search entities.xml for the page title and find the page object with that title. Locate its page id.
3. Go to the attachments directory and open that directory with that page id. Each of the files in the directory is an attachment that must be renamed.
4. Search entities.xml for attachment objects with that page id. Every attachment object for the page will

- have an attachment id and filename.
- 5. Rename the file with that attachment id to the original filename and test it.
- 6. Repeat for each page.
- 7. To import each file back into Confluence, upload to the original page by attaching the file from within Confluence.

#### Choice C - Restore All Files

Best if you have a small backup but want to restore many or all the attachments inside:

Following process is applicable to **space** export only. Site xml backups do not require page id to be updated manually due to the nature of persistent page\_id's.

1. Unzip the backup directory and open entities.xml.
2. Go to the attachments directory and open any directory. The directory name is a page id. Each of the files in the directory is an attachment that must be renamed.
3. Search entities.xml for attachment objects with that page id. When one is found, locate the attachment id and filename.
4. Rename the file with that attachment id to the original filename and test it.
5. Find the next attachment id and rename it. Repeat for each file in the directory.
6. Once all files in the current directory are renamed to their original filenames, search entities.xml for the page id, eg directory name. Find the page object with that page id and locate its page title.
7. Rename the directory to the page title and move on to the next directory. Repeat for each un-renamed directory in the attachments directory.
8. To import each file back into Confluence, upload to the original page by attaching the file from within Confluence.

#### Troubleshooting failed XML site backups

XML site backups are only necessary for migrating to a new database. [Setting up a test server](#) or [Establishing a reliable backup strategy](#) is better done with an SQL dump.

#### Related pages:

- [Enabling detailed SQL logging](#)

Seeing an error when creating or importing a backup?

Problem	Solution
Exception while creating backup	Follow instructions below
Exception while importing backup	Follow <a href="#">Troubleshooting XML backups that fail on restore</a> instead

#### Common problems

- **Is the export timing out or causing out of memory errors?**  
If your site is large, you may need to temporarily increase the memory available to Confluence. See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).

#### Resolve Errors With Creating An XML Backup

The errors may be caused by a slightly corrupt database. If you're seeing errors such as '[Couldn't backup database data](#)' in your logs, this guide will help you correct the error on your own. We strongly recommend that you backup your database and your Confluence home directory beforehand, so that you can [restore your site from those](#) if required. If you are unfamiliar with SQL, we suggest you contact your database administrator for assistance.

#### Preferable solution

The [Production Backup Strategy](#) is a very reliable and more efficient way to do backups. If you are running into problems with XML backups - whether memory related or because of problems like the one described

here - use the native backup tool as an alternate solution.

#### To Identify And Correct The Problem

To work out where the data corruption or problems are, increase the status information reported during backup, then edit the invalid database entry:

1. Stop Confluence.
2. If you have an external database, use a database administration tool to create a manual database backup.
3. Backup your Confluence home directory. You will be able to [restore your whole site](#) using this and the database backup.
4. Open the `my_confluence_install/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties` and add this to the bottom and save:

```
log4j.logger.com.atlassian.confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatab  
inder=DEBUG, confluencelog  
log4j.additivity.com.atlassian.confluence.importexport.impl.XMLD  
atabinder=false
```

5. Find your [atlassian-confluence.log](#). Move or delete all existing Confluence logs to make it easier to find the relevant logging output.
6. Restart Confluence and login.
7. Begin a backup so that the error reoccurs.
8. You must now check your log files to find out what object could not be converted into XML format. Open `confluence-home/logs/atlassian-confluence.log`. Scroll to the bottom of the file.
9. Do a search for 'ObjectNotFoundException'. You should see an error similar to this:

```

01 2005-08-24 00:00:33,743 DEBUG
[DOCPRIV2:confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatabinder] Writing
object: com.atlassian.confluence.core.ContentPermission with ID:
5 to XML.
02 2005-08-24 00:00:33,743 DEBUG
[DOCPRIV2:confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatabinder] Writing
property: type
03 2005-08-24 00:00:33,743 DEBUG
[DOCPRIV2:confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatabinder] Writing
property: group
04 2005-08-24 00:00:33,743 DEBUG
[DOCPRIV2:confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatabinder] Writing
property: expiry
05 2005-08-24 00:00:33,743 DEBUG
[DOCPRIV2:confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatabinder] Writing
property: content
06 [DOCPRIV2:ERROR] LazyInitializer - Exception initializing
proxy <net.sf.hibernate.ObjectNotFoundException: No row with the
given identifier exists: 2535,
07 of class:
com.atlassian.confluence.core.ContentEntityObject>net.sf.hiberna
te.ObjectNotFoundException:
08 No row with the given identifier exists: 2535, of class:
com.atlassian.confluence.core.ContentEntityObject
09 at
net.sf.hibernate.ObjectNotFoundException.throwIfNull(ObjectNotFo
undException.java:24)
10 at
net.sf.hibernate.impl.SessionImpl.immediateLoad(SessionImpl.java
:1946)
11 at
net.sf.hibernate.proxy.LazyInitializer.initialize(LazyInitializ
er.java:53)
12 at
net.sf.hibernate.proxy.LazyInitializer.initializeWrapExceptions(
LazyInitializer.java:60)
13 at
net.sf.hibernate.proxy.LazyInitializer.getImplementation(LazyIni
tializer.java:164)
14 at
net.sf.hibernate.proxy.CGLIBLazyInitializer.intercept(CGLIBLazyI
nitializer.java:108)
15 at
com.atlassian.confluence.core.ContentEntityObject$$EnhancerByCGL
IB$$cc2f5557.hashCode(<generated>)
16 at java.util.HashMap.hash(HashMap.java:261)
17 at java.util.HashMap.containsKey(HashMap.java:339)
18 at
com.atlassian.confluence.importexport.impl.XMLDatabinder.toGener
icXML(XMLDatabinder.java:155)

```

10. Open a DBA tool such as DbVisualizer and connect to your database instance. Scan the table names in the schema. You will have to modify a row in one of these tables.
11. To work out which table, open `catalina.out`, check the first line of the exception. This says there

was an error writing the `ContentPermission` object with id 5 into XML. This translates as *the row with primary key 5 in the CONTENTLOCK table* needs fixing. To work out what table an object maps to in the database, here's a rough guide:

- Pages, blogposts, comments --> CONTENT table
  - attachments --> ATTACHMENTS table
  - More information can be found in the [schema documentation](#)
12. Now you must find the primary key of the incorrect row in this table. In this case, you can check the first line and see that the row has a primary key of 5.
  13. Each property is written to a column, so the last property that was being written has the incorrect value. The row being written to when the exception was thrown was `CONTENT` (line 5) with a value of 2535 (line 6). Now you know the column and value. This value 2535 is the id of an entry that no longer exists.
  14. Using a database administrative tool, login to the Confluence database. Locate the row in the relevant table and correct the entry. Check other rows in the table for the default column value, which may be null, 0 or blank. Overwrite the invalid row value with the default.
  15. Restart Confluence.
  16. Attempt the backup again. If the backup fails and you are stuck, please [lodge a support request](#) with your latest logs.

#### Troubleshooting "Duplicate Key" related problems

If you are encountering an error message such as:

```
could not insert:
[bucket.user.propertyset.BucketPropertySetItem#bucket.user.propertyse
t.BucketPropertySetItem@a70067d3]; SQL []; Violation of PRIMARY KEY
constraint 'PK_OS_PROPERTYENTRY314D4EA8'. Cannot insert duplicate key
in object 'OS_PROPERTYENTRY'.; nested exception is
java.sql.SQLException: Violation of PRIMARY KEY constraint
'PKOS_PROPERTYENTRY_314D4EA8'. Cannot insert duplicate key in object
'OS_PROPERTYENTRY'.
```

this indicates that the Primary Key constraint 'PK\_OS\_PROPERTYENTRY\_314D4EA8' has duplicate entries in table 'OS\_PROPERTYENTRY'.

You can locate the constraint key referring to 'PK\_OS\_PROPERTYENTRY\_314D4EA8' in your table 'OS\_PROPERTYENTRY' and locate any duplicate values in it and remove them, to ensure the "PRIMARY KEY" remains unique. An example query to list duplicate entries in the 'OS\_PROPERTYENTRY' table is:

```
SELECT ENTITY_NAME,ENTITY_ID,ENTITY_KEY,COUNT(*) FROM
OS_PROPERTYENTRY GROUP BY ENTITY_NAME,ENTITY_ID,ENTITY_KEY HAVING
COUNT(*)>1
```

#### To Help Prevent This Issue From Reoccurring

1. If you are using the embedded database, be aware that it is bundled for evaluation purposes and does not offer full transactional integrity in the event of sudden power loss, which is why an external database is recommended for production use. You should [migrate to an external database](#).
2. If you are using an older version of Confluence than [the latest](#), you should consider [upgrading](#) at this point.

#### Troubleshooting XML backups that fail on restore

XML site backups are only necessary for migrating to a new database. [Upgrading Confluence](#), [Setting up a test server](#) or [Production Backup Strategy](#) is better done with an SQL dump.

Seeing an error when creating or importing a site or space backup?

Problem	Solution
Exception while creating backup	See <a href="#">Troubleshooting failed XML site backups</a>
Exception while importing backup	See instructions below

#### On this page:


- [Common problems](#)
- [Resolve Errors When Attempting To Restore An XML Backup](#)
  - [Troubleshooting "Duplicate Entry" for key "cp\\_" or "cps\\_"](#)
  - [Troubleshooting "Duplicate Key" related problems](#)
  - [Troubleshooting "net.sf.hibernate.PropertyValueException: not-null" related problems](#)
  - [To Help Prevent this Issue from Recurring](#)

#### Related Topics:


- [Troubleshooting failed XML site backups](#)

#### Common problems

#### To upload and import a small site:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Backup and Restore.**
2. Choose **Choose File** and browse for the site export file.
3. Uncheck **Build Index** if you want to create the index at a later stage.
4. Choose **Upload and Restore.**

#### To import a site from the restore directory:

1. Copy your export file to `<confluence-home>/restore.`  
(If you're not sure where this directory is located, the path is listed in the **Backup and Restore** screen)
2. Go to  **> General Configuration > Backup and Restore.**
3. Select your site export file under **Restore a backup from the Confluence Home Directory.**
4. Uncheck **Build Index** if you want to create the index at a later stage.
5. Choose **Restore.**

#### Resolve Errors When Attempting To Restore An XML Backup

The errors may be caused by a slightly corrupt database. You will need to find the XML backup file entry that is violating the DB rules, modify the entry and recreate the XML backup:

1. On the instance being restored, follow the instructions to disable batched updates (for simpler debugging), log SQL queries and log SQL queries **with parameters** at [Enabling Detailed SQL Logging](#).
2. Once all three changes have been made, restart Confluence.
3. Attempt another restore.
4. Once the restore fails, check your log files to find out what object could not be converted into XML format. For Confluence distribution users, check your Confluence install directory under the `/logs/` and check both `atlassian-confluence.log` and `catalina.out` file. The correct file will contain SQL debug output.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the file and identify the last error relating to a violation of the database constraint. For example:



```

2006-07-13 09:32:33,372 ERROR
[confluence.importexport.impl.ReverseDatabinder] endElement
net.sf.hibernate.exception.ConstraintViolationException:
    could not insert:
[com.atlassian.confluence.pages.Attachment#38]
net.sf.hibernate.exception.ConstraintViolationException: could
not insert: [com.atlassian.confluence.pages.Attachment#38]
...
Caused by: java.sql.SQLException: ORA-01400: cannot insert NULL
into ("CONFUSER"."ATTACHMENTS"."TITLE")
at
oracle.jdbc.driver.DatabaseError.throwSQLException(DatabaseError
.java:112)
at oracle.jdbc.driver.T4CTTIoer.processError(T4CTTIoer.java:331)
at oracle.jdbc.driver.T4CTTIoer.processError(T4CTTIoer.java:288)

```

This example indicates a row in your attachment table with ID = 38 that has a null title.

6. Go to the server that the backup was created on. You must have a copy of the database from which the backup was created. If you do not have this, use a DBA tool to restore a manual backup of the database.
7. Open a DBA tool and connect to the original database instance and scan the table names in the schema. You will have to modify a row in one of these tables.
8. To work out which table, open `catalina.out`, check the first line of the exception. To work out what table an object maps to in the database, here's a rough guide:
  - Pages, blogposts, comments --> CONTENT table.
  - attachments --> ATTACHMENTS table.
9. To correct the example error, go to the attachment table and find that attachment object with id 38. This will have a a null title. Give a title using the other attachments titles as a guide. You may have a different error and should modify the database accordingly.
10. Once the entry has been corrected, create the XML backup again.
11. Import the backup into the new version.
12. If the import succeeds, revert the changes made in your [SQL logging](#) to re-enable disable batched updates and turn off log SQL queries and log SQL queries with parameters.
13. Restart Confluence.

#### *Troubleshooting "Duplicate Entry" for key "cp\_" or "cps\_"*

If you are encountering an error message such as:

```

com.atlassian.confluence.importexport.ImportExportException: Unable
to complete import because the data does not match the constraints in
the Confluence schema. Cause:
MySQLIntegrityConstraintViolationException: Duplicate entry
'1475804-Edit' for key 'cps_unique_type'

```

This indicates that the XML export came from a version of Confluence with a corrupt permissions database, caused by some 3rd party plugin. This is an issue that was fixed when [CONF-22123](#) was implemented in Confluence 3.5.2. The simplest workaround is to export the space again after upgrading the instance to 3.5.2 or above. If that is not an option, then either the export will need to be edited manually to remove the duplicate permission entries or the source instance will need to have the offending entries removed. The following SQL queries can be used to look for such entries:



```
SELECT * FROM CONTENT_PERM WHERE USERNAME IS NULL AND GROUPNAME IS
NULL;

SELECT cp.ID, cp.CP_TYPE, cp.USERNAME, cp.GROUPNAME, cp.CPS_ID,
cp.CREATOR,
cp.CREATIONDATE, cp.LASTMODIFIER, cp.LASTMODDATE
FROM CONTENT_PERM cp
WHERE cp.USERNAME IS NOT NULL AND cp.GROUPNAME IS NOT NULL;

SELECT cps1.ID, cps1.CONTENT_ID, cps1.CONT_PERM_TYPE FROM
CONTENT_PERM_SET cps1, CONTENT_PERM_SET cps2
WHERE cps1.ID <> cps2.ID AND
cps1.CONTENT_ID = cps2.CONTENT_ID AND
cps1.CONT_PERM_TYPE = cps2.CONT_PERM_TYPE
ORDER BY cps1.CONTENT_ID, cps1.CONT_PERM_TYPE, cps1.CREATIONDATE ASC;

SELECT cp.ID, cp.CP_TYPE, cps.CONTENT_ID,
(SELECT scps.ID FROM CONTENT_PERM_SET scps WHERE scps.CONTENT_ID =
cps.CONTENT_ID AND scps.CONT_PERM_TYPE = cp.CP_TYPE) AS
suggested_cps_id
FROM CONTENT_PERM cp, CONTENT_PERM_SET cps
WHERE cp.CPS_ID = cps.ID AND
cp.CP_TYPE <> cps.CONT_PERM_TYPE;

SELECT DISTINCT cp1.ID, cp1.CP_TYPE, cp1.USERNAME, cp1.GROUPNAME,
cp1.CPS_ID,
cp1.CREATOR, cp1.CREATIONDATE, cp1.LASTMODIFIER, cp1.LASTMODDATE
FROM CONTENT_PERM cp1, CONTENT_PERM_SET cps1, CONTENT_PERM cp2,
CONTENT_PERM_SET cps2
WHERE
cp1.CPS_ID = cps1.ID AND
cp2.CPS_ID = cps2.ID AND
cp1.ID <> cp2.ID AND
cps1.CONTENT_ID = cps2.CONTENT_ID AND
cp1.CP_TYPE = cp2.CP_TYPE AND
cp1.USERNAME = cp2.USERNAME
ORDER BY cp1.CPS_ID, cp1.CP_TYPE, cp1.USERNAME, cp1.CREATIONDATE;

SELECT DISTINCT cp1.ID, cp1.CP_TYPE, cp1.USERNAME, cp1.GROUPNAME,
cp1.CPS_ID,
cp1.CREATOR, cp1.CREATIONDATE, cp1.LASTMODIFIER, cp1.LASTMODDATE
FROM CONTENT_PERM cp1, CONTENT_PERM_SET cps1, CONTENT_PERM cp2,
CONTENT_PERM_SET cps2
WHERE
cp1.CPS_ID = cps1.ID AND
cp2.CPS_ID = cps2.ID AND
cp1.ID <> cp2.ID AND
cps1.CONTENT_ID = cps2.CONTENT_ID AND
cp1.CP_TYPE = cp2.CP_TYPE AND
cp1.GROUPNAME = cp2.GROUPNAME
ORDER BY cp1.CPS_ID, cp1.CP_TYPE, cp1.GROUPNAME, cp1.CREATIONDATE;

SELECT * FROM CONTENT_PERM_SET
WHERE ID NOT IN (SELECT DISTINCT CPS_ID FROM CONTENT_PERM);
```

Remove all matching entries and perform the export again.

#### *Troubleshooting "Duplicate Key" related problems*

If you are encountering an error message such as:

```
could not insert:
[bucket.user.propertyset.BucketPropertysetItem#bucket.user.propertyse
t.BucketPropertysetItem@a70067d3]; SQL []; Violation of PRIMARY KEY
constraint 'PK_OS_PROPERTYENTRY314D4EA8'. Cannot insert duplicate key
in object 'OS_PROPERTYENTRY'.; nested exception is
java.sql.SQLException: Violation of PRIMARY KEY constraint
'PKOS_PROPERTYENTRY_314D4EA8'. Cannot insert duplicate key in object
'OS_PROPERTYENTRY'.
```

This indicates that the Primary Key constraint 'PK\_OS\_PROPERTYENTRY\_314D4EA8' has duplicate entries in table 'OS\_PROPERTYENTRY'.

You can locate the constraint key referring to 'PK\_OS\_PROPERTYENTRY\_314D4EA8' in your table 'OS\_PROPERTYENTRY' and locate any duplicate values in it and remove them, to ensure the "PRIMARY KEY" remains unique. An example query to list duplicate entries in the 'OS\_PROPERTYENTRY' table is:

```
SELECT ENTITY_NAME, ENTITY_ID, ENTITY_KEY, COUNT(*) FROM
OS_PROPERTYENTRY GROUP BY ENTITY_NAME, ENTITY_ID, ENTITY_KEY HAVING
COUNT(*) > 1
```

#### *Troubleshooting "net.sf.hibernate.PropertyValueException: not-null" related problems*

If you're receiving a message like:

```
ERROR [Importing data task]
[confluence.importexport.impl.ReverseDatabinder] endElement
net.sf.hibernate.PropertyValueException: not-null property references
a null or transient value:
com.atlassian.user.impl.hibernate.DefaultHibernateUser.name
```

This means there's an unexpected null value in a table. In the above example, the error is in the name column in the USERS table. We've also seen them in the ATTACHMENTS table.

Remove the row with the null value, redo the xml export, and reimport.

#### *To Help Prevent this Issue from Recurring*


1. If you are using the embedded database, be aware that it is bundled for evaluation purposes and does not offer full transactional integrity in the event of sudden power loss, which is why an external database is recommended for production use. You should [migrate to an external database](#).
2. If you are using an older version of Confluence than [the latest](#), you should consider [upgrading](#) at this point.

The problem with different settings for case sensitivity varies between databases. The case sensitivity of the database is usually set through the collation that it uses. Please vote on the existing [issue](#)

## Attachment Storage Configuration

By default Confluence stores attachments in the home directory (e.g. in a file system).

To configure Confluence attachment storage:

- Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
- Choose **Attachment Storage**.

#### On this page:

- [Attachment Storage Options](#)
  - [Local File System](#)
  - [Database \(deprecated\)](#)
  - [WebDav \(deprecated\)](#)
- [Migrating to a supported attachment storage option](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Working with Confluence Logs](#)

### Attachment Storage Options

Earlier Confluence versions allowed attachments to be stored in WebDav or the Confluence database. This is not an option for new installations.

#### Local File System

By default, Confluence stores attachments in the `attachments` directory within the configured Confluence home folder.

#### Database (deprecated)

Confluence 5.4 and earlier gives administrators the option to store attachments in the database that Confluence is configured to use.

While storing attachments in the database can offer some advantages (such as ease of backup, and avoiding issues with some characters in attachment filenames), please be aware that the amount of space used by the database will increase because of greater storage requirements.

#### WebDav (deprecated)

WebDav is no longer available as an attachment storage option.

This has no impact on your ability to [configuring a WebDAV client](#) to access spaces, pages or attachments in your Confluence site.


### Migrating to a supported attachment storage option

If you are storing attachments in WebDav or your database, you can migrate to storing attachments in the file system. When migrating attachments from your database to a filesystem, the attachments are removed from the database after migration.

When the migration occurs, all other users will be locked out of the Confluence instance. This is to prevent modification of attachments while the migration occurs. Access will be restored as soon as the migration is complete.

To improve logging during the migration, add the package `com.atlassian.confluence.pages.persistence.dao` with level `DEBUG`. See [Configuring Logging](#) for more information.

To migrate, follow the steps below:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Attachment storage**.
2. Click **Edit** to modify the configuration.
3. Select **Locally in Confluence home directory**.
4. Click **Save** to save the changes.
5. A screen will appear, asking you to confirm your changes. Clicking 'Migrate' will take you to a screen

that displays the progress of the migration.

*Screenshot: migration warning*

## Attachment Migration

**WARNING:**

Changing your attachment storage location from the current setting will result in a migration occurring. This may take time (depending on the amount of attachments).

During the migration process, users will not be able to access the system.

**Migration Notes:**


Prior to migration, all records in the Attachment data database table will be removed.  
Are you sure you want to perform this migration?

The following external website provides further information on migrating attachments from database to file system storage that you might find helpful - <https://www.scandio.de/blog/de/2013/05/confluence-attachment-migration-the-safe-way-2>.

## Configuring Attachment Size

You can limit the size of files that can be uploaded and attached in Confluence.

**To configure the maximum file size that can be uploaded:**

1. Go to  > **General Configuration**.
2. Choose **Edit**.
3. Enter the maximum size next to **Attachment Maximum Size**.  
The default is 100 MB.
4. Choose **Save**.

### Related pages:

- [Recognized System Properties](#)
- [Files](#)

### How attachments are indexed

When a file is uploaded, Confluence will attempt to extract and index its text. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename. This process is quite memory intensive and can cause out of memory errors when very large files are uploaded. Confluence has a number of safeguards to prevent this happening:

- If the uploaded file is larger than 100 MB, Confluence will not attempt to extract text or index the file contents. Only the filename will be searchable.
- If the uploaded file is one of the following types, Confluence will only extract up to:
  - 1 MB of text from Excel (.xlsx)
  - 8 MB of text from PDF (.pdf)
  - 10 MB of text from other text files (including .txt, .xml, .html, .rtf etc)
  - 16 MB of text from Word (.docx)
- If the text extracted from the file was greater than 1 MB, it will be searchable, but Confluence will not show this text as an excerpt with the search result.

If Confluence stops extracting text, only a portion of the file's content will be searchable.

Confluence will only attempt to extract and index the file once. If it fails, it will not try again.

Some of the values above are configurable via [system properties](#). If you experience out of memory errors when people upload large files, you may want to reduce these limits further, using the following properties:

- `atlassian.indexing.attachment.maxsize`
- `officeconnector.excel.extractor.maxlength`
- `officeconnector.textextract.word.docxmaxsize`
- `atlassian.indexing.contentbody.maxsize`

## Hierarchical File System Attachment Storage

The way attachments are stored changed significantly in Confluence 3.0. If you are upgrading from Confluence 2.10 or earlier see [Upgrading Confluence](#) for recommended upgrade paths, and read the version of the [Hierarchical File System Attachment Storage](#) page in our Confluence 3.0 documentation which provides more detail about migrating to the new file system structure.

Confluence stores attachments, such as files and images, in a file system. Confluence's attachment storage layout is designed to:

1. Limit the number of entries at any single level in a directory structure (as some file systems have a limit on the number of files that can be stored in a directory).
2. Partition attachments per space making it possible for a system admin to selectively back up attachments from particular spaces.

Attachments in Confluence have a number of identifying attributes: *content id of the file itself*, the *space id* and *content id of the page the file is attached to*. This means the file logically belongs to a piece of content which logically belongs in a space (not all content belongs to a space). For files within a space in Confluence, the directory structure is typically 8 levels, with the name of each directory level based on the following algorithm:

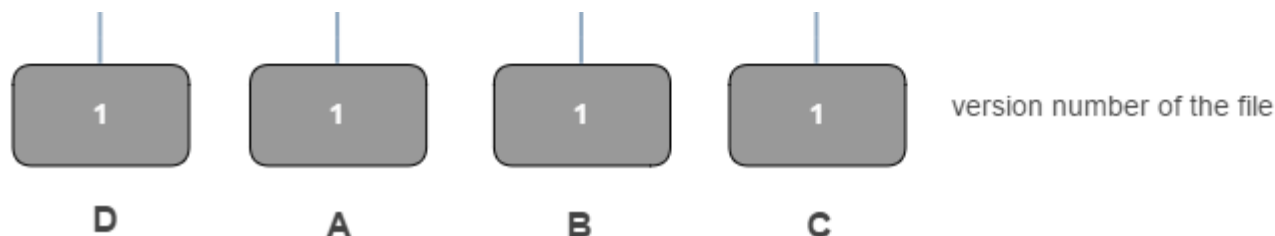
level	Derived From
1 (top)	Always 'ver003' indicating the Confluence version 3 storage format
2	The least significant 3 digits of the <i>space id</i> , modulo 250
3	The next 3 least significant digits of the <i>space id</i> , modulo 250
4	The full <i>space id</i>
5	The least significant 3 digits of the <i>content id</i> of the page the file is attached to, modulo 250
6	The next 3 least significant digits of the <i>content id</i> of the page the file is attached to, modulo 250
7	The full <i>content id</i> of the page the file is attached to
8	The full <i>content id</i> of the attached file

The **modulo** calculation is used to find the remainder after division, for example  $800 \text{ modulo } 250 = 50$ .

Within the 8th level will be a file for each version of that attachment, named to match the version number e.g. 1

An example:





To find the directory where attachments for a particular space are stored, go to `<confluence url>/admin/findspaceattachments.jsp` and enter a space key. It will return the directory on the file system where attachments for that space are stored.

File D in the above diagram is stored in a slightly different structure. Files that are not conceptually within a space replace the level 2 - 4 directories with a single directory called 'nonspaced'. Examples of such files are the global site logo and attachments on unsaved content.

### Confluence Data Model

This document provides a diagram of the Confluence schema and a conceptual overview of the data model.

#### Notes:

- The Hibernate mapping files are the authoritative reference for the Confluence data model. These are the \*.hbm.xml files which you will find in the main Confluence JAR file (`<CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION>\confluence\WEB-INF\lib\confluence-5.1.1.jar`).
- The tables, columns and other attributes are likely to change with each major release of Confluence. To find the exact DDL of your Confluence site, please run a query after installation.

#### On this page:

- [Database diagrams](#)
- [Database tables and references](#)
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- [Miscellaneous](#)

### Database diagrams

#### Detailed diagrams

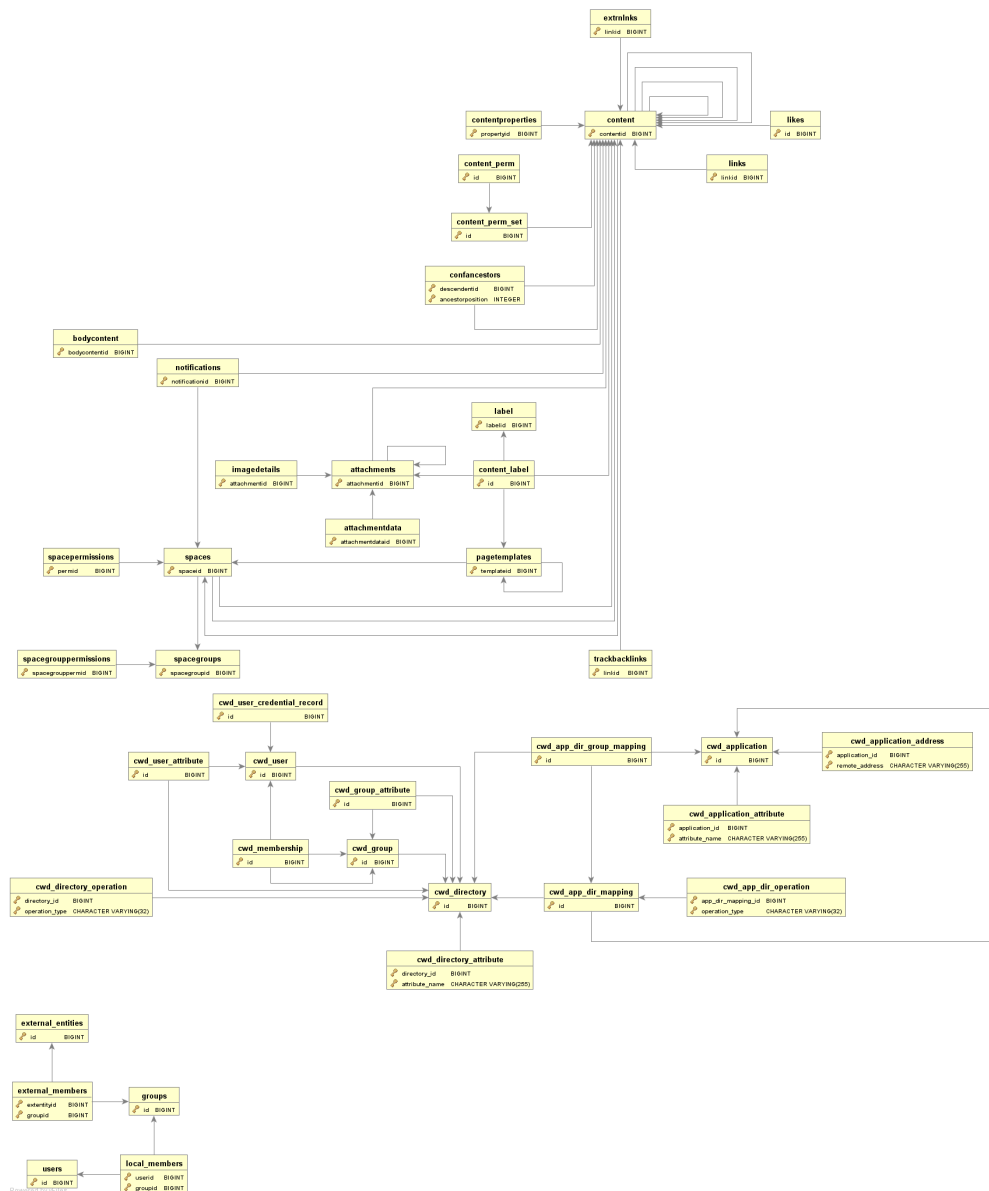
The following SVG images (Scalable Vector Graphics) include all the tables in the Confluence database. Click the links below to open the images in your browser, or download the SVG files for later use. You can use the browser's zoom (Ctrl++ or Cmd++) to see more detail in the diagrams:

- [ConfluenceTables-KeysOnly.svg](#) – Shows all tables, with primary keys only for each table.
- [ConfluenceTables-AllColumns.svg](#) – Shows all tables, and all columns for each table.

#### Overview diagram

This image shows the core tables. Note that the image is very large. You may need to download it (right-click on the image) and view it in an image viewer. Alternatively, use the SVG images linked in the previous section.

▼ [Click here to show/hide the image...](#)



### Database tables and references

Expand the link below to see a table of the primary and foreign keys for each table.

▼ [Click here to show/hide the table...](#)

Primary key table name	Primary key column name	Foreign key table name	Foreign key column name	Foreign
AO_9412A1_AOUSER	ID	AO_9412A1_USER_APP_LINK	USER_ID	fk_ao_94
attachments	attachmentid	attachmentdata	attachmentid	fk9dc3e3
attachments	attachmentid	attachments	prevver	fk54475f
attachments	attachmentid	content_label	attachmentid	fkf0e743
attachments	attachmentid	imagedetails	attachmentid	fka76804
content	contentid	attachments	pageid	fk54475f
content	contentid	bodycontent	contentid	fka898d4
content	contentid	confancestors	ancestorid	fk9494e2



content	contentid	confancestors	descendentid	fk9494e2
content	contentid	content	prevver	fk6382c0
content	contentid	content	parentid	fk6382c0
content	contentid	content	parentcommentid	fk6382c0
content	contentid	content	pageid	fk6382c0
content	contentid	content_label	contentid	fkf0e743
content	contentid	content_perm_set	content_id	fkbf45a7
content	contentid	contentproperties	contentid	fk984c5e
content	contentid	extrnlInks	contentid	fk97c10f
content	contentid	likes	contentid	fk4514b5
content	contentid	links	contentid	fk451575
content	contentid	notifications	pageid	fk594acc
content	contentid	spaces	homepage	fk922824
content	contentid	spaces	spacedescid	fk922824
content	contentid	trackbacklinks	contentid	fkf6977a
content_perm_set	id	content_perm	cps_id	fkbd74b3
cwd_app_dir_mapping	id	cwd_app_dir_group_mapping	app_dir_mapping_id	fk_app_c
cwd_app_dir_mapping	id	cwd_app_dir_operation	app_dir_mapping_id	fk_app_c
cwd_application	id	cwd_app_dir_group_mapping	application_id	fk_app_c
cwd_application	id	cwd_app_dir_mapping	application_id	fk52050e
cwd_application	id	cwd_application_address	application_id	fk_applic
cwd_application	id	cwd_application_attribute	application_id	fk_applic
cwd_directory	id	cwd_app_dir_group_mapping	directory_id	fk_app_c
cwd_directory	id	cwd_app_dir_mapping	directory_id	fk_app_c
cwd_directory	id	cwd_directory_attribute	directory_id	fk_direct
cwd_directory	id	cwd_directory_operation	directory_id	fk_direct
cwd_directory	id	cwd_group	directory_id	fk_direct
cwd_directory	id	cwd_group_attribute	directory_id	fk_group
cwd_directory	id	cwd_user	directory_id	fk_user_
cwd_directory	id	cwd_user_attribute	directory_id	fk_user_
cwd_group	id	cwd_group_attribute	group_id	fk_group
cwd_group	id	cwd_membership	parent_id	fk_paren
cwd_group	id	cwd_membership	child_group_id	fk_child_
cwd_user	id	cwd_membership	child_user_id	fk_child_

cwd_user	id	cwd_user_attribute	user_id	fk_user_
cwd_user	id	cwd_user_credential_record	user_id	fk76f874
external_entities	id	external_members	extentityid	fk d8c8d8
groups	id	external_members	groupid	fk d8c8d8
groups	id	local_members	groupid	fk6b8fb4
keystore	keyid	trustedapp	public_key_id	fkddb119
label	labelid	content_label	labelid	fkf0e743
os_group	id	os_user_group	group_id	fk932472
os_user	id	os_user_group	user_id	fk932472
pagetemplates	templateid	content_label	pagetemplateid	fkf0e743
pagetemplates	templateid	pagetemplates	prevver	fkbc7ce9
spacegroups	spacegroupid	spacegrouppermissions	spacegroupid	fk487d9f
spacegroups	spacegroupid	spaces	spacegroupid	fk922824
spaces	spaceid	content	spaceid	fk6382cc
spaces	spaceid	notifications	spaceid	fk594acc
spaces	spaceid	pagetemplates	spaceid	fkbc7ce9
spaces	spaceid	spacepermissions	spaceid	fk d33f23
trustedapp	trustedappid	trustedapprestriction	trustedappid	fke8496b
users	id	local_members	userid	fk6b8fb4

The following sections describe the principal tables involved in each logical area of Confluence – authentication, content, system information, and so on.

### Authentication

This section describes the tables involved in user authentication, which is implemented via the Atlassian Crowd framework embedded in Confluence.

Table	Description
cwd_user	Information for each user in Confluence.
cwd_group	The groups to which users can belong.
cwd_membership	Mapping the membership of users to groups.
cwd_directory	The user directories in your Confluence site. Examples of directories are the Confluence internal directory, or an LDAP directory.
cwd_application	The applications (JIRA, Confluence, and so on) defined in the authentication framework.

### Content

This section describes the tables involved in storing content. Content is the information that Confluence users are storing and sharing.

Table	Description
attachmentdata	The binary data for attached files. This table is only used when Confluence is configured to store attachments in the database. Otherwise, attachments are stored in the local file system.
attachments	Metadata for the files attached to Confluence pages.
bodycontent	The content of Confluence pages. No version information or other metadata is stored here. That is all in the <code>content</code> table.
content	A persistence table for the <code>ContentEntityObject</code> class of objects. The subclass is indicated by the <code>contenttype</code> column.
content_label	Arbitrary text labels for content.
label	The other half of the <code>content_label</code> system.
content_perm	Content-level permissions objects.
content_perm_set	A one-to-many mapping for content items and their permissions, with added metadata.
pagetemplates	The back end of the templates feature.
likes	The pages and other content liked by a particular user.
follow_connections	A mapping of users who are following other users.

### Clustering

The following table contains information about clustered Confluence sites.

Table	Description
clustersafety	Normally, this table only contains one row. The value of the <code>safetynumber</code> is what Confluence uses to find out whether another Confluence site is sharing its database without being part of the cluster.

### System information

These tables store data related to the status and configuration of the Confluence site.

Table	Description
confversion	Used by the upgrade system to determine what to expect from the database, so as to negotiate upgrades.
plugindata	A record of the plugins that have been installed, and when. data is a blob of the actual plugin JAR file. This is principally cluster-related.

### Spaces

This table is related to the management of spaces.

Table	Description
spaces	Information about the spaces themselves: key, human-friendly name and numeric ID.

## Appearance

The following table contains information about the look and feel of your Confluence site.

Table	Description
decorator	The custom display templates used to customize Velocity layouts.

## Miscellaneous

This section includes other tables worth commenting on.

Table	Description
os_propertyentry	Arbitrary association of entities and properties.
bandana	A catch-all persistence layer. This table contains things like user settings and space- and global-level configuration data, and is used as storage by plugins such as the Dynamic Task List plugin. Essentially, for storing arbitrary data that doesn't fit anywhere else.
extrnlinks	Referral links.
hibernate_unique_key	Used by the high/low ID generator – the subsystem which generates our primary keys.  If you interfere with this table, you may not be able to create objects in Confluence.
indexqueueentries	Manages full-content indexing across the system. The table generally contains the last 12 hours (approximately) of updates, to allow re-syncing of cluster nodes after restarts.
keystore	Used by the trusted apps framework to store the server's private key, and other servers' public keys.
links	Tracks links within the server (that is, across and within spaces).
notifications	Stores page- and space-level watches.
trackbacklinks	Trackback links.
confancestors	Used to speed up permissions checks, by allowing quick lookup of all a page's ancestors.

## Finding Unused Spaces

Sometimes, you want to know what is *not* being used. It's great to know what's getting most attention, but what about stagnant pages, or even entire spaces that are no longer active?

While [viewing space activity](#) can provide hints, it doesn't always provide enough detail. It is possible to find out this information directly from the database.

The following query identifies the last date on which content was modified in each space within a single Confluence instance:

```
SELECT spaces.spacename, MAX(content.lastmoddate)
FROM content, spaces
WHERE content.spaceid = spaces.spaceid
GROUP BY spaces.spacename;
```

It returns a list of space names, and the last date and time at which any content was added or changed.

Alternatively, this query identifies spaces where the content hasn't changed since a specified date:

```
SELECT spaces.spacename
FROM content, spaces
WHERE content.spaceid = spaces.spaceid
GROUP BY spaces.spacename
HAVING MAX(content.lastmoddate) < '2006-10-10';
```

The result is a simple list of space names.

### Data Import and Export

Confluence administrators and users can import data into Confluence from a number of sources. The permissions required differ, depending on the scope of the import. See [Import Content Into Confluence](#).

You can also export Confluence content to various formats. See [Export Content to Word, PDF, HTML and XML](#).

#### Related pages:

- [Managing Confluence Data](#)
- [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#)

### Import a Text File

Confluence allows you to import text files from a directory on the Confluence server, and convert them into Confluence pages. Each file is imported as a separate Confluence page with the same name as the file.

- The text file may contain plain text, HTML or Confluence storage format
  - You need to be part of the `confluence-administrators` group or a System Administrator to import text files
  - You can import pages from disk into site spaces, but not into personal spaces
- Please see [Spaces](#) for information about differences between site spaces and personal spaces.

#### Related pages:

- [Import Content Into Confluence](#)
- [Site Backup and Restore](#)

To make sure Confluence maintains the formatting of the text document, add `<pre>` to the beginning and `</pre>` to the end. This will let Confluence know that it should treat the text as pre-formatted.

If you're working in a Unix-like environment, you can add the opening and closing tags to all files in a particular directory by following these steps:

1. Go to the directory containing the files
2. Run the following command in the terminal:

```
for i in $(ls); do echo "<pre>" >> m$i; cat $i >> m$i; echo
"</pre>" >> m$i; mv m$i $i; done
```

#### To import text files:

1. Go to the space and choose **Space tools > Content Tools** from the bottom of the sidebar
  2. Choose **Import**.
  3. Type the directory path into the **Import directory** box.
  4. Select **Trim file extensions** to remove file extensions from the page titles when converting the files to Confluence pages
- The Confluence pages will take their titles from the files' names (including their extensions). To avoid having page titles with a suffix like `.txt` check this box.

5. Select **Overwrite existing pages** if you want to replace existing Confluence pages with the same title with the one you're importing.
6. Choose **Import**.

Screenshot: Importing text files

You can use this action to import text files from a directory on the Confluence server.

These text files become pages in Confluence, with the following features:

- The page title is taken from the filename
- The content is the entire page body

Import directory

Trim file extensions ☐

Overwrite existing pages ☐

## Audit log

The audit log allows administrators to look back at changes that have been made in your site. This is useful when you need to troubleshoot a problem or if you need to keep a record of important events, such as changes to global permissions. You'll need Confluence Administrator permissions to view the audit log.

To view the audit log



> **General Configuration** > **Audit log**.

You can then filter the log by keyword and time to narrow down the results. Here's how it looks.

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### Audit Log

The audit log gives you a history of changes to your Confluence site. It can be very useful for tracking down things like permissions, global settings, or add-on changes.

Prev 1 2 3 Next

Time	User	Event type	Change	Item affected	Actions
13 May, 2016 15:41:17	Administrator	Global Administration	Global settings changed		<a href="#">Show more</a>
13 May, 2016 15:41:17	Administrator	Global Administration	Color scheme modified		<a href="#">Show more</a>
13 May, 2016 15:41:17	Administrator	Global Administration	Site logo changed		<a href="#">Show more</a>
13 May, 2016 15:39:16	Ewan User	Users and groups	User added to group	Group: developers	<a href="#">Show more</a>
13 May, 2016 15:38:59	Ewan User	Users and groups	Group created	Group: developers	<a href="#">Show more</a>
13 May, 2016 15:38:59	Ewan User	Users and groups	Group created	Group: developers	<a href="#">Show more</a>
13 May, 2016 15:38:13	Administrator	Spaces	Space created	Space: Audit log space	<a href="#">Show more</a>

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1. **Filter it:** dig into the log by keyword or by time.
2. **More control:** export the whole log or change how long to keep events
3. **Get detailed:** see the details of each change.

The audit log records information about the following events. This is not an exhaustive list, but gives you an idea of what to expect in the log.

## Spaces

- Create and delete a space.

- Edit space details, theme, color scheme or stylesheet.
- Change space permission, including changing anonymous access.
- Export and import a space.
- Empty trash.

### Users, groups and permissions

- Add, delete, deactivate or reactivate a user.
- Edit user details.
- Change group membership.
- Add or delete a group.
- Modify permissions for a user or group.
- Change global anonymous access.

### Global administration

- Modify global settings such as base URL, mail server, license, user directory, application links and more.
- Modify global look and feel such as color scheme theme, site logo, favicon, custom HTML and more.
- Install, uninstall, enable or disable add-ons or add-on modules.

The audit log **doesn't** record information directly relating to pages such as page edits (you can see these in the page history) location, or changes to page restrictions.

By default, events are removed from the log after 3 years. You can choose how long to keep events in the log settings (up to 10 years).

You can also export the log to CSV format if you'd like to explore it in more detail, or if you need to maintain a longer term record.

## Configuring a Confluence Environment

This section describes the external setup of your Confluence installation. It includes information on configuring the web server, application server, directories and files – everything to do with the environment that Confluence runs in. For guidelines on modifying settings inside the application, see [Configuring Confluence](#) instead.

Confluence is a J2EE web application. On the client side, users access Confluence primarily via a web browser.

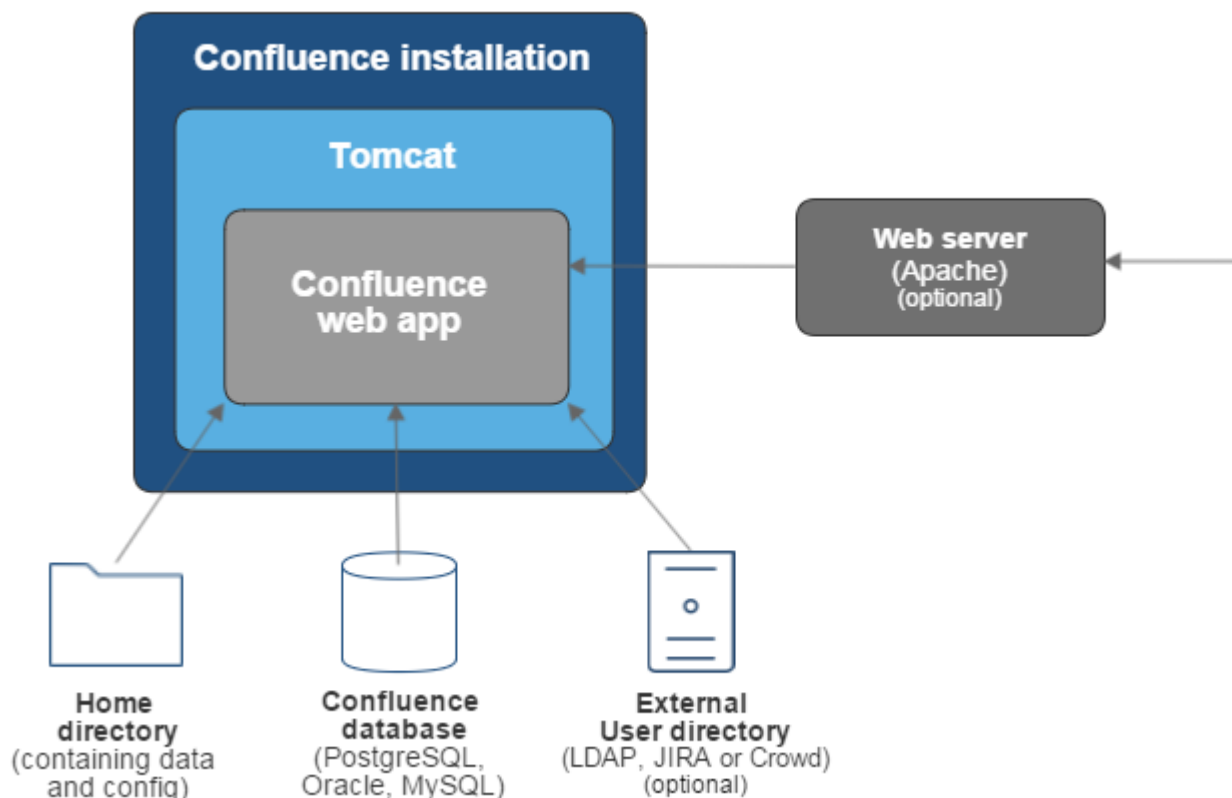
This section contains the following guidelines:

- [Confluence Home and other important directories](#)
- [Application Server Configuration](#)
- [Web Server Configuration](#)
- [Starting Confluence Automatically on System Startup](#)

*Diagram: A Confluence installation*

#### Related pages:

- [Getting Started as Confluence Administrator](#)
- [Supported Platforms](#)



## Confluence Home and other important directories

### Confluence installation directory

The 'Confluence Installation directory' is the directory where Confluence was installed. This directory is also sometimes called the 'Confluence Install directory'.

Important files in the installation directory:

- `bin/setenv.bat` or `bin/setenv.sh`  
This file is used to edit `CATALINA_OPTS` memory and garbage collection settings and define system properties.
- `confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties`  
This file contains the location of the Confluence Home directory.

### Confluence home directory

The Confluence Home directory is the folder where Confluence stores its configuration information, search indexes and page attachments. Another term for 'Home directory' would be 'data directory'.

### Finding the home directory

The location of the Confluence home directory is defined when you install Confluence. This location is stored in the `confluence-init.properties` file, which is located in the `confluence/WEB-INF/classes` directory of your Confluence Installation directory.

When Confluence is running you can find the location of the home directory in



#### On this page:

- [Confluence installation directory](#)
- [Confluence home directory](#)
- [Changing the location of the home directory](#)
- [Database](#)
- [Temp directory](#)



## > General Configuration > System Information > Confluence Information - Confluence Home.

If your Confluence instance is clustered, you will also have a shared home directory which will contain some data (such as attachments and backups) that would otherwise reside in the home directory.

### Contents of the home directory

The Confluence home directory contains some of the configuration data used by Confluence. This section outlines the purpose of the files and directories in the Confluence home directory.

File or directory	Purpose
<code>confluence.cfg.xml</code>	This file contains all of the information necessary for Confluence to start up, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product license</li> <li>• Context path</li> <li>• Database details, such as location and connection pool settings</li> <li>• Paths to important directories</li> </ul>
<code>attachments/</code>	This directory contains every version of each attachment stored in Confluence. You can specify an alternative directory for attachment storage by setting the <code>attachments.dir</code> property in <code>confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
<code>backups/</code>	Confluence will place its daily backup archives in this directory, as well as any manually generated backups. Backup files in this directory take the following form <code>daily-backup-YYYY_MM_DD.zip</code> . You can specify an alternative directory for backups by setting the <code>daily.backup.dir</code> property in <code>confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
<code>bundled-plugins/</code>	Confluence includes a set of <i>bundled</i> plugins. The <code>bundled-plugins</code> directory is where Confluence will unpack its bundled plugins when it starts up. This directory is refreshed on every restart, so removing a plugin from this directory will not uninstall the plugin, as it will be replaced the next time Confluence starts up.
<code>database/</code>	This is where Confluence stores its database when configured to run with the <a href="#">Embedded H2 Database</a> . In such cases this directory contains all Confluence runtime data. Installations configured to run using an external database such as MySQL will not use this directory. The H2 database is provided for evaluating Confluence and is not supported as a production database.
<code>index/</code>	The Confluence index is heavily used by the application for content searching and recently updated lists and is critical for a running Confluence instance. If data in this directory is lost or corrupted, it can be restored by running a full reindex from within Confluence. This process can take a long time depending on how much data is stored Confluence's database. An alternative directory may be specified for the index by setting the <code>lucene.index.dir</code> property in <code>confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
<code>journal/</code>	Entries are added to the journal when changes occur (such as a comment, like, new page). Journal entries are then processed and the entries added to the index (about every 5 seconds). In a cluster, the journal keeps the indexes on each node in sync.
<code>logs/</code>	Confluence's application logs are stored in this directory.

<code>plugin-cache/</code>	All Confluence plugins are stored in the database. To allow for quicker access to classes contained within the plugin JARs, Confluence will cache these plugins in the <code>plugin-cache</code> directory. This directory is updated as plugins are installed and uninstalled from the system and is completely repopulated from the database every time Confluence is restarted. Removing plugins from this directory does not uninstall them.
<code>resources/</code>	The <code>resources</code> directory stores any space logos used in your Confluence instance. Space logos are stored in directories named with the spacekey.
<code>temp/</code>	<p>The <code>temp</code> directory is used for runtime functions such as exporting, importing, file upload and indexing. Files in this directory are temporary and can be safely removed when Confluence is offline. A daily job within Confluence deletes files that are no longer needed.</p> <p>An alternative directory may be specified for temporary data by setting the <code>webwork.multipart.saveDir</code> property in <code>confluence.cfg.xml</code>.</p>
<code>thumbnails/</code>	Stores temporary files for image thumbnails. This directory is essentially a thumbnail cache, and files deleted from this directory will be regenerated the next time the image is accessed.

### Changing the location of the home directory

When Confluence first starts up, it reads the `confluence-init.properties` file to determine where to look for the Home directory.

To change the location of the home directory edit the `confluence.home` property in the `confluence-init.properties` file as follows:

- **Windows**

In Windows, the path `C:\confluence\data` would be written as:

```
confluence.home=C:/confluence/data
```

Note that all backslashes (\) are written as forward slashes (/)

- **Linux / Solaris**

On any Linux-based system, the property is defined using the normal directory syntax:

```
confluence.home=/var/confluence/
```

### Symbolic links

There can be no symbolic links within the Confluence home directory. You must define an absolute path. If disk space is an issue, place the entire `confluence.home` directory on a disk partition where there is enough space. The absolute path of generated files (such as exports) is compared with the absolute path of the `confluence.home` directory when constructing URLs. When a sub-directory has a different path, the URL will be incorrect, and you may receive "Page not found" errors. These measures are in place to prevent "directory traversal" attacks.

### Fixing the Confluence Configuration

The Confluence configuration file: `confluence-cfg.xml` inside the home directory may contain references to the original location of your Confluence home. You will need to edit this file to update these references to also point to the new location. The two properties in this file that need to change are:

- `daily.backup.dir` if you have not configured your backups to be placed elsewhere already
- `hibernate.connection.url` if you are using the embedded HSQL database.

### Database

All other data, including page content, is kept in the database. If you installed Confluence as a trial, or chose to use the [embedded HSQL database](#) during setup, the database will store its files under `database/` in

the Confluence Home Directory. Otherwise, the database management system you are connecting to is responsible for where and how your remaining data is stored.

### Temp directory

The temp directory is configured in the Java runtime and some Confluence components write temporary files or lockfiles into this directory.

The temp directory is located in the installation directory as `/temp`.

To change the location of this directory, start the Java Virtual Machine in which confluence is running with the argument:

```
-Djava.io.tmpdir=/path/to/your/own/temp/directory.
```

## Application Server Configuration


The following pages contain information about configuring your application server for Confluence:

- [Configuring URL Encoding on Tomcat Application Server](#)
- [Managing Application Server Memory Settings](#)
- [Switching to Apache Tomcat](#)
- [Java Policy Settings for Enterprise or Webhosting Environments](#)

### Configuring URL Encoding on Tomcat Application Server

Application servers may have different settings for character encodings. We strongly recommend **UTF-8** where possible.

By default, Tomcat uses ISO-8859-1 character encoding when decoding URLs received from a browser. This can cause problems when Confluence's encoding is UTF-8, and you are using international characters in the names of attachments or pages.

 The Tomcat installation that is currently shipped with Confluence is already configured for UTF-8, so the below changes are not required in recent versions.

#### To configure the URL encoding in Tomcat:

1. Edit `conf/server.xml` and find the line where the `Coyote HTTP Connector` is defined. It will look something like this, possibly with more parameters:

```
<Connector port="8090" />
```

2. Add a `URIEncoding="UTF-8"` property to the connector:

```
<Connector port="8090" URIEncoding="UTF-8" />
```

3. Restart Tomcat

*If you are using mod\_jk*

You should apply the same `URIEncoding` parameter as above to the AJP connector if you are using `mod_jk`, and add the following option to your Apache `mod_jk` configuration:

```
<Connector port="8009" protocol="AJP/1.3" URIEncoding="UTF-8" />
```

```
JkOptions +ForwardURISCompatUnparsed
```

*More information using Apache with Tomcat*

For comprehensive examples of how to use Tomcat and Apache with Confluence, see [Running Confluence behind Apache](#).

## Managing Application Server Memory Settings

The minimum and maximum JVM heap space allocated to the application server affects performance. Confluence administrators may wish to modify this value from the defaults [depending on their server load](#). This document only provides guidelines rather than rules, so administrators optimizing for performance should use this document as a starting point only.

For a comprehensive overview of memory management, and memory tuning in Confluence under Sun JRE, please read [Garbage Collector Performance Issues](#)

### Testing For Optimum Memory Settings

In the general case, both JIRA & Confluence users will benefit from setting the minimum and maximum values identical. In larger installations, there is benefit to memory tuning, if there is a perceived performance issue. If you are experiencing Out of Memory Heap errors, try increasing the -Xmx and -Xms values for your installation to see if this resolves or helps resolve your issue. It's best to increase in small increments (eg 512mb at a time), to avoid having too large a heap, which can cause different problems. If increasing the memory does not help, please lodge a support ticket as there may be other factors contributing.

Memory usage is most likely to be maximized under peak load, and when [creating a site XML backup](#). In many cases, the backup can be the cause of the OOM, so increase -Xmx values and verify if a backup was occurring at the time of OOM. A quick rule of thumb for gauging the success of a memory adjustment is using simple anecdotal evidence from users. Is it snappier? The same? How does it handle while a backup is occurring?

Atlassian recommends in normal use, to disable the XML backup and use a [Production Backup Strategy](#).

- If you normally perform manual XML site backups on your server, test your maximum memory requirements by performing a site XML backup while the server is under maximum load
- If you do not create manual XML site backups, simply monitor the server while under maximum load

### Applying Memory Settings

See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).

### Related Topics

- [Garbage Collector Performance Issues](#)
- [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#)
- [Server Hardware Requirements Guide](#)
- [Performance Tuning](#)
- [Troubleshooting Slow Performance Using Page Request Profiling](#)
- [Tomcat JVM options and Modify the Default JVM Settings](#)

## Switching to Apache Tomcat

Apache Tomcat is the only application server supported for Confluence. To move Confluence from an application server (e.g. WebSphere) to Tomcat using the same database, follow the instructions below.

Follow these instructions:

- [1. Before You Start](#)
- [2. Backing Up](#)
- [3. Switching Application Servers](#)
- [4. Applying Customizations](#)
  - [Confluence Server](#)
  - [Plugins](#)
  - [Look and Feel](#)
  - [Performance](#)
  - [Advanced Customizations](#)


- [5. Testing Confluence](#)

### 1. Before You Start


1. The following instructions will only work if you are running the same major version of Confluence on both application servers. If you are running different major versions of Confluence, you will need to [upgrade Confluence](#) before you can switch to Tomcat.
2. Note that you need current [software maintenance](#), as the process for changing application servers involves installing Confluence.
3. If the environment (e.g. the database system, the operating system and so on) that you are running Confluence in has changed, please ensure it still complies with the Confluence [System Requirements](#).
4. If you are using an external database, familiarize yourself with all [known issues](#) for your specific database. Also make sure the Confluence database connector principal (the database user login) has sufficient permissions to modify the database schema.
5. Note any customizations that you have made to Confluence, e.g. enabled/installed plugins, modified layouts, custom themes, etc. You will need to reapply these after you have switched to Tomcat. You can view the list of customizations in the [Reapplying Customizations](#) section below.
6. We recommend that you **do not** run any other applications in your Tomcat application server that is running Confluence, to prevent performance issues.

### 2. Backing Up

Before you switching to Tomcat, you must back up the following:

1. **Back up your Confluence Home directory.** The location of the Home directory is stored in a configuration file called `confluence-init.properties`, which is located inside the `confluence/WEB-INF/classes` directory in your Confluence Installation directory.
2. **Back up your database.** Perform a manual backup of your external database before proceeding with the upgrade and check that the backup was created properly. If you are not a database expert or unfamiliar with the backup-restore facilities of your database, you should try to restore the backup to a different system to ensure that the backup worked before proceeding. This recommendation is not specific to Confluence usage, but it is good practice to ensure that your database backup is not broken.  
 The 'embedded database' is the HSQLDB database supplied with Confluence for evaluation purposes, you don't need to back it up since it is stored in the home directory. But you should not use this database for production systems anyway, so if you happen to accidentally still use HSQLDB in a production system, please [migrate to a proper database](#) before the upgrade.
3. **Back up your Confluence Installation directory.**

### 3. Switching Application Servers

1. Install Confluence on your new application server. We recommend that you [download Confluence](#) as a stand alone archive (rather than using the installer).  
 **Important:** At this stage, just unzip the standalone file to a location of your choice - this will be your new installation directory. You should not start Confluence until directed to in step 3 below.
2. Copy the following files from your old Confluence installation to your new one:
  - `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALL>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties`
  - `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALL>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\atlassian-user.xml`
  - `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALL>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\osuser.xml` (*copy this over if you are using JIRA user management*)
  - `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALL>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\seraph-config.xml` (*copy this over if you using custom SSO*)
  - `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALL>\confluence\WEB-INF\web.xml` (*copy this over if you have previously modified it, e.g. to configure a datasource*)
3. Start Confluence (make sure you shutdown the old server before you start up the new one)
4. If you are running the new application server on a different machine to the old one, carry out the following actions as soon as you start the new server:
  - [Re-index your data.](#)
  - Make sure that the [attachments location](#) is valid for the new server.
5. If you have applied special settings to their Confluence server and/or Confluence look and feel, you will need to reapply these customizations as described in [below](#).

#### 4. Applying Customizations

After switching to Tomcat, you need to review any customizations and other special configurations you previously used for your Confluence instance, and re-apply if necessary. This section also contains some Tomcat-specific customizations that you may wish to considering applying, if you haven't used Confluence with Tomcat before.

##### Before you apply customizations

Please ensure that your Confluence installation works correctly on Tomcat without any customizations before you apply any of customizations listed below. This will make it easier to identify problems, if you run into trouble during the switch to Tomcat.

##### Confluence Server

- For long-term use, we recommend that you configure Confluence to start automatically when the operating system restarts. For Windows servers, this means [configuring Confluence to run as a Windows service](#).
- If you are using the Confluence edition and you have previously defined a **CATALINA\_HOME environment variable**, please check that it points to the correct path for the new Confluence Tomcat server.
- If you were previously running **Confluence on a non-standard port**, edit your new `<Installation-Directory>\conf\server.xml` file as described in [Change listen port for Confluence](#).

##### Plugins

- If you were previously using any **plugins**, install the latest compatible version and disable any plugins that are incompatible with your new instance of Confluence. The easiest way to do this is to use the [Universal Plugin Manager](#) in the Confluence Administration Console.

##### Look and Feel

- If you are using any **customized themes**, please check that they are displaying as expected. Some further customization may be required to ensure compatibility with your new version of Confluence.
- If you had previously customized the **default site or space layouts**, you will need to reapply your changes to the new defaults as [described here](#). Please do not just copy your VM (velocity) files across. Ensure that Confluence works without your custom layouts then apply the layout via the Confluence Administration console.

##### Performance

- If the load on your Confluence instance is high, you may need more simultaneous connections to the database. Read more about this in the [Performance Tuning](#) guide.
- If you had previously modified the **memory flags** (`Xms` and `Xmx`) in either the `<Installation-Directory>\bin\setenv.sh` or the `setenv.bat` file, you may want to make the modifications in your new installation. The parameters are specified in the `CATALINA_OPTS` variable. See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#) for more information.

##### Advanced Customizations

- If you were previously running **Confluence over SSL**, you will need to reapply your configuration as described in [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#).
- If you were using a custom SSO authenticator, change `seraph-config.xml` to the correct authenticator.
- If you had changed the [Confluence interface text](#), you will need to copy over the `ConfluenceActionSupport.properties` file.
- If you had previously modified the Confluence **source code**, you will need to reapply your changes to the new version.

#### 5. Testing Confluence

Make sure you **test Confluence on the new server** before deploying it in production.

The [Working with Confluence Logs](#) document contains the locations for the application logs, if you need to refer to them.



## Java Policy Settings for Enterprise or Webhosting Environments

Confluence relies on a number of Java libraries. Some of these libraries make use of features of the Java language that may be restricted by Java security policies.

This does not normally cause any problems. The default security configuration of most application servers will happily run Confluence. However, in some shared-hosting or enterprise environments, security settings may be such that Confluence cannot function.

### Related pages:

- [Application Server Configuration](#)
- [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#)

When you attempt to run Confluence, you may get the following error:

```
java.security.AccessControlException: access denied
(java.lang.RuntimePermission accessDeclaredMembers)
    at
    java.security.AccessControlContext.checkPermission(AccessControlContext.
    java(Compiled Code))
    at
    java.security.AccessController.checkPermission(AccessController.java(Com
    piled Code))
    at
    java.lang.SecurityManager.checkPermission(SecurityManager.java(Compiled
    Code))
```

The permissions required by Confluence to run are detailed in the sample policy file below. You may need to give this information to your systems administrator so that they can be deployed with the Confluence application.

```
grant codeBase "file:${catalina.home}/webapps/confluence/-" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};

grant {
    permission java.lang.RuntimePermission "accessDeclaredMembers";
    permission java.lang.reflect.ReflectPermission "suppressAccessChecks";
    permission java.lang.RuntimePermission "defineCGLIBCClassInJavaPackage";
};
```

## Web Server Configuration

- [Configuring Web Proxy Support for Confluence](#)
- [Running Confluence behind Apache](#)
  - [General Apache Configuration Notes](#)
  - [Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#)
  - [Using Apache with virtual hosts and mod\\_proxy](#)
  - [Using Apache with mod\\_jk](#)
  - [Using mod\\_rewrite to Modify Confluence URLs](#)
  - [Configuring Apache to Cache Static Content via mod\\_disk\\_cache](#)

## Configuring Web Proxy Support for Confluence

The content on this page relates to platforms which are not supported. Consequently, Atlassian Support **cannot guarantee providing any support for it**. Please be aware that this material is provided for your information only and using it is done so at your own risk.

Some of Confluence's macros, such as `{rss}` and `{jiraissues}` need to make web requests to remote servers in order to retrieve data. If Confluence is deployed within a data centre or DMZ, it may not be able to access the Internet directly to make these requests. If you find that the `{rss}` macro does not work, ask your network administrator if Confluence needs to access the Internet through a web proxy.

#### Configuring an outbound HTTP proxy in Confluence

Proxy support is configured by passing certain [system properties](#) to the Java Virtual Machine on startup.

- `http.proxyHost`
- `http.proxyPort` (default: 80)
- `http.nonProxyHosts` (default: <none>)
- `https.proxyHost`
- `https.proxyPort`

At a minimum, you need to define `http.proxyHost` to configure an HTTP proxy, and `https.proxyHost` to configure an HTTPS proxy. System property configuration is described in the [Configuring System Properties](#).

Properties `http.proxyHost` and `http.proxyPort` indicate the proxy server and port that the http protocol handler will use, and `https.proxyHost` and `https.proxyPort` indicate the same for the https protocol handler.

```
-Dhttp.proxyHost=proxy.example.org -Dhttp.proxyPort=8080
-Dhttps.proxyHost=proxy.example.org -Dhttps.proxyPort=8080
```

Property `http.nonProxyHosts` indicates the hosts which should be connected to directly and not through the proxy server. The value can be a list of hosts, each separated by a pipe character `|`. In addition, a wildcard character (asterisk) `*` can be used for matching. For example:

```
-Dhttp.nonProxyHosts=*.foo.com|localhost
```

If you're using Confluence 6.0 or later with Synchrony, you'll need to pass the following to ensure Confluence can connect directly to Synchrony. Replace `localhost|127.0.0.1` with your Synchrony IP if you have used the `synchrony.host` [system property](#) to change the IP Synchrony uses.

```
-Dhttp.nonProxyHosts=localhost|127.0.0.1
-Dhttps.nonProxyHosts=localhost|127.0.0.1
```

**Note:** You may need to escape the pipe character `|` in some command-line environments.

If the `http.nonProxyHosts` property is not configured, all web requests will be sent to the proxy.

Please note that any command line parameters set are visible from the process list, and thus anyone who has the appropriate access to view the process list will see the proxy information in the clear. To avoid this, you can set these properties in the `catalina.properties` file, located in `confluence-install/conf/`. Add this to the end of the file:

```
http.proxyHost=yourProxyURL
http.proxyPort=yourProxyPort
http.proxyUser=yourUserName
http.proxyPassword=yourPassword
https.proxyHost=yourProxyURL
https.proxyPort=yourProxyPort
https.proxyUser=yourUserName
https.proxyPassword=yourPassword
```



### Configuring HTTP proxy authentication

Proxy authentication is also configured by providing [system properties](#) to Java in your application server's configuration file. Specifically, the following two properties:

- `http.proxyUser` – username
- `http.proxyPassword` – secret

### HTTP proxy (Microsoft ISA) NTLM authentication

Confluence supports NTLM authentication for outbound HTTP proxies when Confluence is running on a Windows server.

This means that the `{rss}` and `{jiraissues}` macro will be able to contact external websites if requests have to go through a proxy that requires Windows authentication. This support is not related to logging in Confluence users automatically with NTLM, for which there is a user-contributed authenticator available.

To configure NTLM authentication for your HTTP proxy, you need to define a domain [system property](#), `http.auth.ntlm.domain`, in addition to the properties for host, port and username mentioned above:

```
-Dhttp.auth.ntlm.domain=MYDOMAIN
```

### Configuring authentication order

Sometimes multiple authentication mechanisms are provided by an HTTP proxy. If you have proxy authentication failure messages, you should first check your username and password, then you can check for this problem by examining the HTTP headers in the proxy failure with a packet sniffer on the Confluence server. (Describing this is outside the scope of this document.)

To set the order for multiple authentication methods, you can set the [system property](#) `http.proxyAuth` to a comma-separated list of authentication methods. The available methods are: `ntlm`, `digest` and `basic`; this is also the default order for these methods.

For example, to attempt Basic authentication before NTLM authentication, and avoid Digest authentication entirely, you can set the `http.proxyAuth` property to this value:

```
-Dhttp.proxyAuth=basic,ntlm -Dhttps.proxyAuth=basic,ntlm
```

### Troubleshooting

1. There's a diagnostic jsp file in [CONF-9719](#) for assessing the connection parameters.
2. **'Status Code [407]'** errors are described in [APR-160](#).
3. Autoproxies are not supported. See [CONF-16941](#).

### Running Confluence behind Apache

Error rendering macro 'viewport-redirect' : null

This page documents a configuration of Apache, rather than of Confluence itself. Atlassian will support Confluence with this configuration, but we cannot guarantee to help you debug problems with Apache. Please be aware that this material is provided for your information only, and that you use it at your own risk.

### Introduction

For improved performance in high-load environments, you should run Confluence behind a web server. In general, web server caching and thread management is far superior to that provided by your application server's HTTP interface.

To run Confluence behind the [Apache httpd web server](#), there are two main configuration options: **mod\_jk** or **mod\_proxy**.

Connection type	Unique features	Common features to both mod_proxy and mod_jk
mod_proxy (also known as reverse proxy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>recommended connection method</b></li> <li>• simple HTTP proxy to application server</li> <li>• works with all application servers</li> <li>• if application paths are consistent, there is minimal load on the web server</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• application paths must be consistent to avoid complex and slow URL rewriting</li> <li>• works with name-based virtual hosting, both on web server and app server</li> <li>• web server keeps a pool of connections to application server</li> </ul>
mod_jk (also known as AJP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses the AJP binary protocol</li> <li>• provides failover (and load balancing, which Confluence supports only with a clustered license)</li> <li>• only works with some application servers (typically Tomcat)</li> <li>• if application paths are consistent, there is some load on the web server to translate requests to AJP</li> </ul>	

#### Configuration Guides

Please choose one configuration. Trying to configure for both mod\_proxy and mod\_jk will only lead to confusion and tears.

- [Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#)
- [Using Apache with mod\\_jk](#)
- [Using Apache with virtual hosts and mod\\_proxy](#)

#### Mod\_jk2 not supported

The misleadingly-named mod\_jk2 is an older method of connecting to Tomcat from Apache. Since mod\_jk2 is [no longer supported by the Apache Foundation](#), we do not support this configuration, and are not updating our [mod\\_jk2 documentation](#). Mod\_jk2 also has unresolved problems with Unicode URLs; you need to use either mod\_proxy or mod\_jk for international characters to work correctly in Confluence.

#### Caching static content via mod\_disk\_cache

To improve performance of a large Confluence site, we recommend that you move the caching of static content from the JVM into Apache. This will prevent the JVM from having a number of long running threads serving up static content. See [Configuring Apache to Cache Static Content via mod\\_disk\\_cache](#).

#### Other related documentation

- [Configuring Tomcat's URI encoding](#)
- [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#)

#### General Apache Configuration Notes

#### On this page:

- [Prefer Apache mod\\_deflate to Confluence's built-in gzip implementation](#)
- [Ensure keepalive is enabled](#)
- [Enable keepalive for recent MSIE user agents](#)

#### Prefer Apache mod\_deflate to Confluence's built-in gzip implementation

1. Disable gzip in confluence. See [Compressing an HTTP Response within Confluence](#).
2. Enable gzip compression in Apache. For RedHat distributions this can be achieved by adding the

following lines:

```
AddOutputFilterByType DEFLATE text/html text/plain text/xml
text/css application/x-javascript

# ensure sensible defaults
DeflateBufferSize 8192
DeflateCompressionLevel 4
DeflateMemLevel 9
DeflateWindowSize 15
```

Ensure keepalive is enabled

```
KeepAlive On
```

Enable keepalive for recent MSIE user agents

The standard Apache SSL configuration is very conservative when it comes to MSIE and SSL. By default all keepalives are disabled when using HTTPS with MSIE. While MSIE will always be *special*, the issues with SSL and MSIE have been solved since [Service Pack 2 for Windows XP](#), released over 4 years go. For anyone using an XP machine SP2 or above, it is safe to allow keepalive for MSIE 6 and above.

Remove the following lines:

```
SetEnvIf User-Agent ".*MSIE.*" \
    nokeepalive ssl-unclean-shutdown \
    downgrade-1.0 force-response-1.0
```

Add these in their place:

```
BrowserMatch "MSIE [1-5]" nokeepalive ssl-unclean-shutdown downgrade-1.0
force-response-1.0
BrowserMatch "MSIE [6-9]" ssl-unclean-shutdown
```

## RELATED TOPICS

[Running Confluence behind Apache](#)

[Configuring Tomcat's URI encoding](#)

[Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#)

[Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#)

Atlassian applications allow the use of reverse-proxies, however Atlassian Support does not provide assistance for configuring them. Consequently, Atlassian **can not guarantee providing any support for them.**

If assistance with configuration is required, please raise a question on [Atlassian Answers](#).

This page describes one possible way to use Apache HTTP Server 2.4 to proxy requests for Confluence running in a standard Tomcat container. You can find additional documentation that explains how to use [NGINX](#) for the same purpose.

You might use this configuration when:

- You have an existing Apache website, and want to add Confluence (for example, **http://www.example.com/confluence**).
- You have two or more Java applications, each running in their own application server on different ports, for example, **http://example:8090/confluence** and **http://example:8080/JIRA** and want to make them both available on the regular HTTP port (80) (for example, at **http://www.example.com/confluence** and **http://www.example.com/jira**). Each application can be restarted, managed and debugged separately.

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#### On this page:

- Base configuration
  - 1 Set the context path
  - 2 Set the URL for redirection
  - 3 Configure mod\_proxy
  - 4 Restart Apache
  - 5 Disable HTTP Compression
  - 6 Change the Confluence Base URL
- Adding SSL
- This guide for integrating Apache and SSL is now obsolete
- More information

#### Base configuration

In these examples, we use the following:

**http://www.example.com/confluence** - your intended URL

**http://example:8090** - the hostname and port Confluence is currently installed to

**http://example:8091** - the hostname and port Synchrony, the service that powers collaborative editing, defaults to

**/confluence** - the intended context path for Confluence (the part after hostname and port)

**/synchrony** - the context path for Synchrony, the process that powers collaborative editing

You'll need to replace these URLs with your own URLs.

##### 1 Set the context path

 If you want to access Confluence without a context path, such as **www.example.com**, skip this step.

Set your Confluence application path (the part after hostname and port) in Tomcat. In this example the context path will be `/confluence`.

Edit `<installation-directory>conf/server.xml`, locate the "Context" definition:

```
<Context path="" docBase="../../confluence" debug="0" reloadable="true">
```

and change it to:

```
<Context path="/confluence" docBase="../../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="true">
```

Restart Confluence, and check you can access it at **http://example:8090/confluence**.

##### 2 Set the URL for redirection

Next, set the URL for redirection. In the same `<installation-directory>conf/server.xml` file, locate this code segment:

```
<Connector port="8090" connectionTimeout="20000" redirectPort="8443"
           maxThreads="48" minSpareThreads="10"
           enableLookups="false" acceptCount="10" debug="0"
           URIEncoding="UTF-8"
           protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
/>
```

And add **proxyName**, **proxyPort** and **Scheme** as shown in the last line below:

```
<Connector port="8090" connectionTimeout="20000" redirectPort="8443"
           maxThreads="48" minSpareThreads="10"
           enableLookups="false" acceptCount="10" debug="0"
           URIEncoding="UTF-8"
           protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"

           proxyName="www.example.com" proxyPort="80"
           scheme="http" />
```

If you're using SSL, the scheme will be **"https"**.

### 3 Configure `mod_proxy`

Use one of the examples below to edit your Apache `http.conf` file to proxy requests to the application server.

 You will need to enable the following required Apache modules if they are not already enabled:

- `mod_proxy`
- `mod_proxy_http`
- `proxy_wstunnel`
- `mod_rewrite`


(`proxy_wstunnel` and `mod_rewrite` are new requirements in Confluence 6.0)

The format of the `http.conf` file, and location of the modules may differ on your operating system. We recommend Windows users specify the absolute path to the module files.

Example 1: Configuration with context path

Use this example if you set a context path in step 1, and will access Confluence with a context path like this **http://www.example.com/confluence**.

In this example, users will connect to Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, directly via WebSockets.

 The order of directives in the config is important.

#### Apache HTTP server 2.4

```
# Put this after the other LoadModule directives
LoadModule proxy_module /usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module
/usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule proxy_wstunnel_module
/usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_proxy_wstunnel.so
LoadModule rewrite_module /usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_rewrite.so

# Put this in the main section of your configuration (or virtual
host, if using Apache virtual hosts)
ProxyRequests Off
ProxyPreserveHost On

<Proxy *>
    Require all granted
</Proxy>

ProxyPass /synchrony http://localhost:8091/synchrony
<Location /synchrony>
    Require all granted
    RewriteEngine on
    RewriteCond %{HTTP:UPGRADE} ^WebSocket$ [NC]
    RewriteCond %{HTTP:CONNECTION} Upgrade$ [NC]
    RewriteRule .* ws://localhost:8091%{REQUEST_URI} [P]
</Location>

ProxyPass /confluence http://<domain>:8090/confluence
ProxyPassReverse /confluence http://<domain>:8090/confluence


<Location /confluence>
    Require all granted
</Location>
```

**Note:** It's not possible to use Apache HTTP Server 2.2 with Confluence 6.0 or later. If you plan to use SSL, you will need version 2.4.10 or later.

Example 2: Configuration without context path

Use this example if you skipped step 1, and will access Confluence without a context path like this **http://www.example.com**.

As in the previous example, users will connect to Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, directly via WebSockets.

 The order of directives in the config is important.

#### Apache HTTP server 2.4

```
# Put this after the other LoadModule directives
LoadModule proxy_module /usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module
/usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule proxy_wstunnel_module
/usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_proxy_wstunnel.so
LoadModule rewrite_module /usr/lib/apache2/modules/mod_rewrite.so

# Put this in the main section of your configuration (or virtual
host, if using Apache virtual hosts)

ProxyRequests Off
ProxyPreserveHost On

RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} !^/synchrony
RewriteRule ^/(.*) http://<domain>:8090/$1 [P]

<Proxy *>
    Require all granted
</Proxy>

ProxyPass /synchrony http://<domain>:8091/synchrony

<Location /synchrony>
    Require all granted
    RewriteEngine on
    RewriteCond %{HTTP:UPGRADE} ^WebSocket$ [NC]
    RewriteCond %{HTTP:CONNECTION} Upgrade$ [NC]
    RewriteRule .* ws://<domain>:8091%{REQUEST_URI} [P]
</Location>

ProxyPass / http://<domain>:8090
ProxyPassReverse / http://<domain>:8090

<Location />
    Require all granted
</Location>
```

**Note:** It's not possible to use Apache HTTP Server 2.2 with Confluence 6.0 or later. If you plan to use SSL, you will need version 2.4.10 or later.

#### 4 Restart Apache

This is needed to pick up on the new configuration. To restart Apache, run the following command:

```
sudo apachectl graceful
```

#### 5 Disable HTTP Compression

Having compression run on both the proxy and Tomcat can cause problems integrating with other Atlassian applications, such as JIRA. Please disable HTTP compression as per our [Compressing an HTTP Response within Confluence](#) docs.

## 6 Change the Confluence Base URL

The last stage is to set the [Base URL](#) to the address you're using within the proxy, for example **http://www.example.com/confluence**.

### Adding SSL

This guide for integrating Apache and SSL is now obsolete

We've created a much better guide for [Securing your Atlassian applications with Apache using SSL](#).

You may also be interested in our other Reverse Proxy Setup Guides:

- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Apache HTTP Server \(mod\\_proxy\\_http\)](#)
- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Apache HTTP Server \(mod\\_proxy\\_ajp\)](#)
- [Reverse Proxy and Application Link Troubleshooting Guide](#)

### More information

- The [mod\\_proxy\\_html](#) site has documentation and examples on the use of this module in the complex configuration.
- [Apache Week has a tutorial](#) that deals with a complex situation involving two applications and ProxyHTMLURLMap.

### Using Apache with virtual hosts and mod\_proxy

Error rendering macro 'viewport-redirect' : null

### Using Apache with mod\_jk

- It's not possible to use only mod\_jk to proxy Confluence 6.0 or later. This is because Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, cannot accept AJP connections. The preferred configuration is [Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#).
- If you are unable to switch to mod\_proxy, see [How to configure Apache mod\\_jk to proxy Confluence 6.x or later](#) for a workaround.

### Using mod\_rewrite to Modify Confluence URLs

**Note:** This page documents a configuration of Apache, rather than of Confluence itself. Atlassian will support Confluence with this configuration, but we cannot guarantee to help you debug problems with Apache. Please be aware that this material is provided for your information only, and that you use it at your own risk.

Confluence requires URL rewriting for proper functionality, if Confluence is accessible via different domain names. If Confluence is configured for multiple domains *without* URL rewriting, you will experience an array of problems. See [Various Issues Caused when Server Base URL Does Not Match the URL Used to Access Confluence](#).

An example of why you may want to access Confluence from different domains:

- From an internal network:  
`http://wiki`
- The externally visible domain:  
`http://wiki.domain.com`

### Using URL rewriting to access Confluence over multiple domains

#### To configure Confluence over multiple domains:

1. Add a DNS entry mapping `http://wiki` to the externally visible IP address of the Confluence server.
2. Set Confluence's [server base URL](#) to `http://wiki.domain.com`.
3. Add Apache HTTP proxy, using the instructions from [Running Confluence behind Apache](#).
4. Add the [mod\\_rewrite](#) module to change the URL.

### Further information



You may be interested in the [UrlRewriteFilter](#) that is Java web filter that works in a similar way of the **Apache's mod\_rewrite**.

#### Configuring Apache to Cache Static Content via mod\_disk\_cache

##### Redirection Notice

This page will redirect to [KB:Proxying Atlassian Server applications](#).

To improve performance of a large Confluence site, we recommend that you move the caching of static content from the JVM into Apache. This will prevent the JVM from having a number of long running threads serving up static content.

Static content in Confluence includes most JavaScript, CSS and image files which are included with the application or an installed plugin. This content will be cached by Apache in this configuration. User-provided content like space logos, attachments or embedded images are not considered static content and will not be cached.

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#### Configuring Apache mod\_disk\_cache

##### To configure Apache to cache static Confluence content:

1. Add a `mod_disk_cache` stanza to the virtual host configuration:

```
<IfModule mod_disk_cache.c>
  # "/s" is where Confluence serves "static" stuff. Instruct Apache
  to cache it:
  CacheEnable disk /s
  CacheIgnoreHeaders Set-Cookie
  CacheRoot "/var/cache/mod_proxy"
</IfModule>
```

2. Configure Apache to load `mod_disk_cache`. For example, in our server configuration this is done in `/etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf`:

```
LoadModule disk_cache_module modules/mod_disk_cache.so
```

3. Restart Apache after both modifications are complete.

#### Notes

- Please refer to the Apache documentation for [mod\\_disk\\_cache](#).
- If you encounter problems where users are served stale content, you may need to purge the Apache cache directory (`/var/cache/mod_proxy` in the above configuration) after a Confluence or plugin upgrade. This is a simple 3 step process:
  - Shut down Apache.
  - Clear the cache directory. For example: `sudo rm -r /var/cache/mod_proxy/*`
  - Restart Apache.
- Ensure that you are running the `htcacheclean` daemon in order to prevent excessive use of disk space. In our situation we ran it like this:

```
sudo htcacheclean -d30 -n -t -p /var/cache/mod_proxy -l 512M
```

This will purge content once the cache reaches 512M every 30 minutes. See the Apache documentation for [htcacheclean](#) for details of the options.

## Starting Confluence Automatically on System Startup

You can configure Confluence to start automatically on system startup, allowing it to recover automatically after a reboot.

### Content by label

There is no content with the specified labels



## Start Confluence Automatically on Linux

On Linux/Solaris, the best practice is to install, configure and run each service (including Confluence) as a dedicated user with only the permissions they require.

To install, configure and run Confluence automatically on Linux/Solaris:

1. Create a `confluence` user for instance, using the following command:


```
sudo useradd --create-home -c "Confluence role account" confluence
```

2. Create a directory to install Confluence into. In this example we're using `/usr/local/confluence`.

```
sudo mkdir /usr/local/confluence
sudo chown confluence: /usr/local/confluence
```

3. Log in as the `confluence` user to install Confluence:

```
sudo su - confluence
cd /usr/local/confluence/
tar zxvf /tmp/confluence-5.6.4.tar.gz
ln -s confluence-5.6.4/ current
```

4. Edit `<<CONFLUENCE_INSTALL_DIRECTORY>>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties` file, and set `confluence.home=/usr/local/confluence/<Confluence_Data_Home>` (ensure you have removed the comment '#')
5. Then back as root, create the file `/etc/init.d/confluence` (code shown below), which will be responsible for starting up Confluence after a reboot (or when manually invoked).  
 If you are running Ubuntu Jaunty (or later) do not perform this step. Please use the [instructions](#) further down this page.

```
#!/bin/sh -e
# Confluence startup script
#chkconfig: 2345 80 05
#description: Confluence

# Define some variables
# Name of app ( JIRA, Confluence, etc )
APP=confluence
# Name of the user to run as
USER=confluence
# Location of Confluence install directory
CATALINA_HOME=/usr/local/confluence/current
# Location of Java JDK
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-7-oracle

case "$1" in
    # Start command
    start)
        echo "Starting $APP"
        /bin/su -m $USER -c "$CATALINA_HOME/bin/start-confluence.sh &>
/dev/null"
        ;;
    # Stop command
    stop)
        echo "Stopping $APP"
        /bin/su -m $USER -c "$CATALINA_HOME/bin/stop-confluence.sh &>
/dev/null"
        echo "$APP stopped successfully"
        ;;
    # Restart command
    restart)
        $0 stop
        sleep 5
        $0 start
        ;;
    *)
        echo "Usage: /etc/init.d/$APP {start|restart|stop}"
        exit 1
        ;;
esac

exit 0
```


6. Make this file executable:

```
sudo chmod +x /etc/init.d/confluence
```

7. Set this file to run at the appropriate runlevel. For example, use `sudo chkconfig --add confluence` on Redhat-based systems, `sudo update-rc.d confluence defaults` or `rcconf` on Debian-based systems.
8. You should now be able to start Confluence with the init script. A successful startup output typically looks like this:

```
$ sudo /etc/init.d/confluence start
Starting Confluence:
If you encounter issues starting up Confluence, please see the
Installation guide at
http://confluence.atlassian.com/display/DOC/Confluence+Installation
+Guide
Using CATALINA_BASE:   /usr/local/confluence/current
Using CATALINA_HOME:   /usr/local/confluence/current
Using CATALINA_TMPDIR: /usr/local/confluence/current/temp
Using JRE_HOME:        /usr/lib/jvm/java-1.7.0-oracle
done.
```

You should then see this running at <http://<server>:8090/>

 The port for this will be whatever is defined in your Confluence `server.xml` file.

#### *Adding Confluence as a service for Ubuntu Jaunty (or later)*

To continue configuring Confluence to start automatically as a service on Ubuntu Jaunty (or later):

1. After **logging in** as the confluence user to install Confluence, create start and stop scripts in `/usr/local/confluence`:

Example startscript:

```
#!/bin/bash
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-7-oracle-1.7.0.71/
export JDK_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-7-oracle-1.7.0.71/
cd /usr/local/confluence/current/bin
./startup.sh
```

Example stopscript:

```
#!/bin/bash
export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-7-oracle-1.7.0.71/
export JDK_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-7-oracle-1.6.0.71/
cd /usr/local/confluence/current/bin
./shutdown.sh
```

2. Make both of these scripts executable. For example, by issuing the command: `sudo chmod a+x /usr/local/confluence/start /usr/local/confluence/stop`.
3. Karmic and later: Create two text files in `/etc/init/` called `confluence-up.conf` and `confluence-down.conf`:

`confluence-up:`

```
start on runlevel [2345]

script

date >> /tmp/confluence-startup.out
exec sudo -u confluence /usr/local/confluence/start >>
/tmp/confluence-startup.out 2>&1

end script
```

confluence-down:

```
start on runlevel [16]

expect fork
respawn

exec sudo -u confluence /usr/local/confluence/stop >>
/tmp/confluence-shutdown.out 2>&1
```

... and make them readable to all users:

```
sudo chmod a+r /etc/init/confluence-up.conf /etc/init/confluence-down.conf
```

1. Jaunty, Intrepid: Create two text files in `/etc/event.d/` called `confluence-up` and `confluence-down`:

confluence-up:

```
start on runlevel 2
start on runlevel 3
start on runlevel 4
start on runlevel 5

exec sudo -u confluence /usr/local/confluence/start >>
/tmp/confluence-startup.out 2>&1
```

confluence-down:

```
start on runlevel 1
start on runlevel 6

exec sudo -u confluence /usr/local/confluence/stop >>
/tmp/confluence-shutdown.out 2>&1
```

... and make them readable to all users:

```
sudo chmod a+r /etc/event.d/confluence-up /etc/event.d/confluence-down
```

RELATED TOPICS

## Starting Confluence Automatically on System Startup

### Start Confluence Automatically on Windows as a Service

For long-term use, we recommend that you configure Confluence to start automatically when the operating system restarts. For Windows servers, this means configuring Confluence to run as a Windows service.

There are two ways to install the Confluence distribution as a service: using the [Confluence installer](#) or manually as described below.

#### On this page:

- [Reasons for Starting Confluence as a Service](#)
- [Changing the User Running the Service](#)
- [Manually Installing the Confluence Distribution as a Service](#)
- [Managing Confluence as a Service](#)
- [Upgrading Confluence](#)
- [Troubleshooting Confluence while Running as a Windows Service](#)
- [Requesting Support](#)

#### Problem with 64-bit Windows

If you are running 64-bit Windows, please note that you may encounter problems with Apache Tomcat running as a Windows service if you are using a 64-bit JDK. Refer to our [knowledge base article](#) for more information.

#### Reasons for Starting Confluence as a Service

Installation as a Windows service offers these advantages:

- Reduced risk of shutting down Confluence by accident (If you start Confluence manually, a console window opens and there is a risk of someone accidentally shutting down Confluence by closing the window).
- Automated Confluence recovery after server restart.
- Improved troubleshooting through logging server output to file.

You can read more about Windows services in the [Microsoft Developer Network](#).

#### Changing the User Running the Service

If you wish to run the service as a non-administrator user for security, or if you are using network drives for backups, attachments or indexes, you can run the service as another user. To change users, open the Apache Tomcat Confluence properties, go to the 'Log On' tab and enter the required username and password. Go to your Windows Control Panel -> User Accounts and confirm that the user has write permissions for the <CONFLUENCE-INSTALL> and <CONFLUENCE-HOME> directories, and all subfolders. Note that any network drives must be specified by UNC and not letter mappings (eg. \\backupserver\confluence not z:\confluence).

For more detail, see [Creating a Dedicated User Account on the Operating System to Run Confluence](#).

#### Manually Installing the Confluence Distribution as a Service

In Windows:

1. Open a command prompt and change directory to the <CONFLUENCE-INSTALL>/bin directory. You'll need to run the command prompt using 'Run as administrator' so that you can complete some of these steps.
2. Confirm that the JAVA\_HOME variable is set to the JDK base directory with the command:

```
echo %JAVA_HOME%
```

If you installed the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) or used the Confluence installer, replace JAVA\_HOME with JRE\_HOME. See [Setting the JAVA\\_HOME Variable in Windows](#) for more info.

Note that any directory in the path with spaces (eg. C:\Program Files must be converted to its eight-character equivalent (e.g. C:\Progra~1).

3. Use the following command to install the service with default settings:

```
service.bat install Confluence
```

The service will be called **Atlassian Confluence** and will be configured to start automatically by default, but will not automatically start up until the next server reboot.

4. If you have a large Confluence installation, you can increase the maximum memory Confluence can use (the default is 1024MB). For example, you can set the maximum memory to 2048MB using:

```
tomcat8 //US//Confluence --JvmMx 2048
```

5. If you don't have any JVM parameters that you pass to your distribution of Confluence, you can skip this step. If you do, add them to the service using:

```
tomcat8 //US//Confluence ++JvmOptions="-Djust.an.example=True"
```

Alternatively you can use the following command to launch the service properties dialog then navigate to the Java tab to add more JVM parameters.

```
tomcat8w //ES//Confluence
```

For further configuration options, please refer to the [Tomcat Windows Service How-To](#) guide.

6. Go to **Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services > Atlassian Confluence** and right-click **Properties** to verify the settings are correct. Start the Confluence service with the command:
7. Finally, start the Confluence service. From now on this will happen automatically after the a server reboot.

```
net start Confluence
```

### Managing Confluence as a Service

You can manage the Confluence service from the command prompt.

- Stop Confluence with:

```
net stop Confluence
```

- Uninstall the Confluence service with:

```
service.bat remove Confluence
```

### Upgrading Confluence

After upgrading Confluence, you can either uninstall and reinstall the Windows service or change the StartPath parameter to your new folder. Refer to the [Tomcat documentation](#) for help.

### Troubleshooting Confluence while Running as a Windows Service

- Check the Knowledge Base articles:
  - [Getting 'The image file tomcat6.exe is valid, but is for a machine type other than the current machine'](#)
  - [Unable to start Confluence Windows service after allocating JVM memory](#)
  - [Confluence Does Not Start Due to Windows Firewall](#)
  - [Unable to Configure Confluence to Run as a Service on Tomcat 5](#)
  - [Unable to Install Service on Windows Vista](#)
- If none of the above solves your problem, please refer to the complete [list of known issues](#) in our Knowledge Base.
- When investigating memory issues or bugs, it may be useful to view information from Confluence's garbage collection. To turn on the verbose garbage collection see [How to Enable Garbage Collection \(GC\) Logging](#).
- You can use a [Sysinternals tool](#) called **Procmon.exe** from the The Microsoft Windows Sysinternals Team, to check that the error occurred at the specific time when the Confluence service started. You need to match the time when Tomcat failed, as captured by this tool, against the time in the Windows Event Viewer.

#### Note

We do not recommend that you run this tool for too long as it may disrupt other Atlassian applications. Once you have captured the required information you will need to press **Ctrl + E** to stop capturing.

### Requesting Support

If, after following the troubleshooting guide above, you still cannot make Confluence run as a Windows Service or if there is an error when setting the JVM configuration for the service, you can [create a support request](#).

Please provide the following information when creating your support request, because we will need it to assist you:

- Give us the result of running **java -version** from Windows command line console.
- A screen shot of your Windows Registry setting for Tomcat.
- If you have modified **service.bat**, please give us a copy of this file for review.
- Your [atlassian-confluence.log](#) file.

### Configuring Confluence

This section focuses on settings and configurations within the Confluence application.

For guidelines on external configuration, see [Configuring a Confluence Environment](#).

- [Viewing System Information](#)
- [Configuring the Server Base URL](#)
- [Configuring the Confluence Search and Index](#)
- [Configuring Mail](#)
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- [Working with Confluence Logs](#)
- [Configuring Confluence Security](#)
- [Scheduled Jobs](#)
- [Configuring the Whitelist](#)
- [Configuring the Time Interval at which Drafts are Saved](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Customizing your Confluence Site](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

### Viewing System Information

The System Information screen provides information about Confluence's configuration, and the environment in



which Confluence has been deployed.

### To view your system information:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **System Information** in the left-hand panel.

### Notes:

- The handy **memory graph** helps you keep track of Confluence's memory usage.
- Your system configuration information is helpful to Atlassian Support when diagnosing errors you may face using Confluence. When logging a **support request** or **bug report**, please provide as much detail as possible about your installation and environment.

#### Related pages:

- [Cache Statistics](#)
- [Live Monitoring Using the JMX Interface](#)
- [Tracking Customizations Made to your Confluence Installation](#)

## Live Monitoring Using the JMX Interface

JMX ([Java Management Extensions](#) API) allows you to monitor the status of your Confluence instance in real time. JMX uses objects called MBeans (Managed Beans) to expose data and resources from your application, providing useful data such as the resource usage of your instance and its database latency, allowing you to diagnose problems or performance issues.

In this page we'll guide you through how to use [JConsole](#) to monitor Confluence locally and remotely. JConsole is included in the Java Development Kit (JDK), but you can use any JMX client.

### Monitor Confluence locally using JConsole

If you are troubleshooting a particular issue, or only need to monitor Confluence for a short time, you can use local monitoring. Local monitoring can have a performance impact on your server, so its not recommended for long term monitoring of your production system.

To monitor locally:

1. Start JConsole (you'll find it in the `bin` directory of the JDK installation directory)
2. Select **Local Process**.
3. Select the Confluence process. It will be called something like `org.apache.catalina.startup.Bootstrap start`

See [Using JConsole](#) for more information on local monitoring.

### Monitor Confluence remotely using JConsole

Remote monitoring is recommended for production systems, as it does not consume resources on your Confluence server.

To monitor remotely:

1. Add the following properties to your `setenv.sh` / `setenv.bat` file. The port can be any port that is not in use.

```
set CATALINA_OPTS=-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote %CATALINA_OPTS%
set CATALINA_OPTS=-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote.port=8099
%CATALINA_OPTS%
```

2. Decide how you will secure your remote connection. See [Remote Monitoring and Management](#) for more information.  
Although it is possible to disable authentication, we do not recommend doing this on a production system.

3. Start JConsole (you'll find it in the `bin` directory of the JDK installation directory).
4. Select **Remote Process**.
5. Enter your hostname and port (this is the port you specified earlier, not the Confluence port).
6. Click **Connect**.

See [Using JConsole](#) for more information on remote monitoring.

### Confluence MBeans

You can use the following Confluence MBeans to see live information about your Confluence instance.

#### CacheStatistics

This MBean shows information about Confluence caches. This info can also be found on the [Cache Statistics](#) page.

#### IndexingStatistics

This MBean shows information related to search indexing. Here's some useful attributes.

Property name	Function	Values
Flushing	Indicate whether the cache is currently flushing	True/False
LastElapsedMilliseconds	Time taken during last indexing	Milliseconds
TaskQueueLength	Shows number of tasks in the queue	Integer
ReIndexing	Indicates whether Confluence is currently reindexing	True/False

#### SystemInformation

This MBean shows information such as the Confluence version and uptime. This info can also be found on the [System Information](#) page.

Property name	Function	Values
DatabaseExampleLatency	Shows the latency of an example query performed against the database	Milliseconds

#### RequestMetrics

This MBean shows information related to system load and error pages served.

Property name	Function	Values
AverageExecutionTimeForLastTenRequests	Average execution time for the last ten requests.	Milliseconds
CurrentNumberOfRequestsBeingServed	Number of requests being served at this instant.	Integer
ErrorCount	Number of times the Confluence error page was served.	Integer
NumberOfRequestsInLastTenSeconds	The number of requests in the last ten seconds.	Integer

#### MailServer-SMTPServer

This MBean shows information related to email dispatch attempts and failures. There will be an MBean for every SMTP Mailserver that has been configured in the Confluence instance.

Property name	Function	Values
EmailsAttempted	The number of email messages Confluence has tried to send.	Integer
EmailsSent	The number of email messages sent successfully.	Integer

**MailTaskQueue**

This MBean shows information related to the email workload.

Property name	Function	Values
ErrorQueueSize	Number of errors in the queue.	Integer
Flushing	Shows state (i.e. flushing, or not)	True/False
FlushStarted	Time that operation began.	Time
RetryCount	The number of retries that were performed.	Integer
TaskSize	Number of email messages queued for dispatch.	Integer

**SchedulingStatistics**

This MBean shows information related to current jobs, scheduled tasks and the time that they were last run.

Property name	Function	Values
AllJobNames	Shows information on current scheduled jobs including the time they were last run	String
CurrentlyRunningJobNames	Lists the scheduled jobs that are currently running	List

**Additional MBeans**

To also monitor Hibernate and Hazelcast (Confluence Data Center only) you will need to add the following properties to your `setenv.sh` / `setenv.bat` file first.

```
set CATALINA_OPTS=-Dconfluence.hazelcast.jmx.enable=true %CATALINA_OPTS%
set CATALINA_OPTS=-Dconfluence.hibernate.jmx.enable=true %CATALINA_OPTS%
```

This will make the Hibernate and Hazelcast MBeans available in your JMX client.

**Monitoring high CPU consuming threads**

The [Top Threads Plugin](#) for JConsole is useful for monitoring whether the CPU is spiking. Use the following command to start JConsole with this plugin:

```
JConsole -pluginpath /pathto/topthreads.jar
```

**Tracking Customizations Made to your Confluence Installation**

The '**Modification**' section of the Confluence '**System Information**' screen lists the files that have been changed since your Confluence application was installed. You will find this information particularly useful when upgrading Confluence to a new version, because you will need to re-apply all customizations after the upgrade.

To see the modifications made to files in your Confluence installation:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select '**System Information**' in the 'Administration' section of the left-hand panel.
3. Scroll down to the section titled '**Modification**'.

Screenshot: Modifications tracker on the Confluence System Information screen

Modification	
Modified	decorators/main.vmd, pages/page-breadcrumbs.vm, template/includes/macros.vm, decorators/mail.vmd, decorators/space.vmd, template/includes/personal-sidebar.vm
Removed	No files removed

#### Notes

- The modification tracker does not detect changes to class files from the `confluence.jar` or other JAR files. If you modify classes, the Confluence modification detection does not report the modification.

#### View Space Activity

Space activity information is **disabled by default**, and the 'Activity' tab won't be visible unless the Confluence Usage Stats plugin is enabled. See notes [below](#).

If enabled, the space activity screen displays statistics on the activity in each space. These include:

- How many pages and blog posts have been viewed, added or updated over a given period.
- Which content is the most popular (most frequently viewed).
- Which content is the most active (most frequently edited).
- Which people are the most active contributors/editors of content.

#### To view the activity in a space:

- Go to the space and choose **Space Tools** at the bottom of the sidebar
- Choose **Activity**

#### Related pages:

- [Page History and Page Comparison Views](#)
- [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#)
- [How do I get more statistics from Confluence?](#)

You'll see a graphic display of the number of pages and blog posts that have been viewed, added, and edited, showing trends over a period of time.

Screenshot: The Space Activity tab

## Space Activity

[Overview](#)
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[Activity](#)

Activity

### Activity for week starting 10 February 2013

Period: [month](#) | **[week](#)** | [day](#)    Week: << [Previous](#) | [Now](#) | [Next](#) >>

**See also:** [Global Confluence activity](#)

In addition to the graphical representation of Views and Edits, the top ten most popular and most active pages and/or blog posts will be listed, with a link to each.

Screenshot: Popular content, active content, and active contributors.

Most popular content (Views)	Most active content (Edits)	Most active contributors (Edits)
1.  Angry Nerds Home (6)	1.  Ideas for Angry Nerds 2 - revenge of the... (2)	1.  Josh User (5)
2.  Which nerd are you? (3)	2.  Why I loved Angry Nerds (1)	2.  Ewan User (3)
3.  Step 1 - download the game (2)	3.  Which nerd are you? (1)	3.  Rach Admin (1)
4.  Why I loved Angry Nerds (2)	4.  Step 2 - Play (1)	
5.  Step 2 - Play (2)	5.  Status update (1)	
6.  Ideas for Angry Nerds 2 - revenge of the... (2)	6.  Games as a communication medium (1)	
7.  Status update (1)		
8.  Games as a communication medium (1)		

### Notes

- To view Space Activity the **Confluence Usage Stats** system plugin must be enabled. This plugin is known to cause performance problems on large installations and in Confluence Cloud, and is **disabled by default**. System administrators can enable this plugin (go to **add-ons**, select **System add-ons** and search for 'Confluence Usage Stats').
- The plugin collects data only when it's activated.
- If you're using [Confluence Data Center](#), space activity information isn't available.
- Page hits aren't unique - the graph on the Space Activity screen includes all page hits, including multiple visits by the same user.

### Viewing Site Statistics

Note that the site activity information is **disabled by default**. See notes [below](#).

If enabled, the global activity screen displays statistics on the activity in your Confluence site. These include:

- How many pages and blog posts have been viewed, added or updated over a given period.
- Which spaces are the most popular (most frequently viewed).
- Which spaces are the most active (most frequently edited).
- Which people are the most active contributors/editors of content.

#### Related pages:

- [How do I get more statistics from Confluence?](#)
- [Cache Statistics](#)
- [View Space Activity](#)
- [Live Monitoring Using the JMX Interface](#)

### To view the activity on your site:

- Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

- Choose **'Global Activity'** in the 'Administration' section of the left-hand panel (only appears if enabled - see [below](#)).

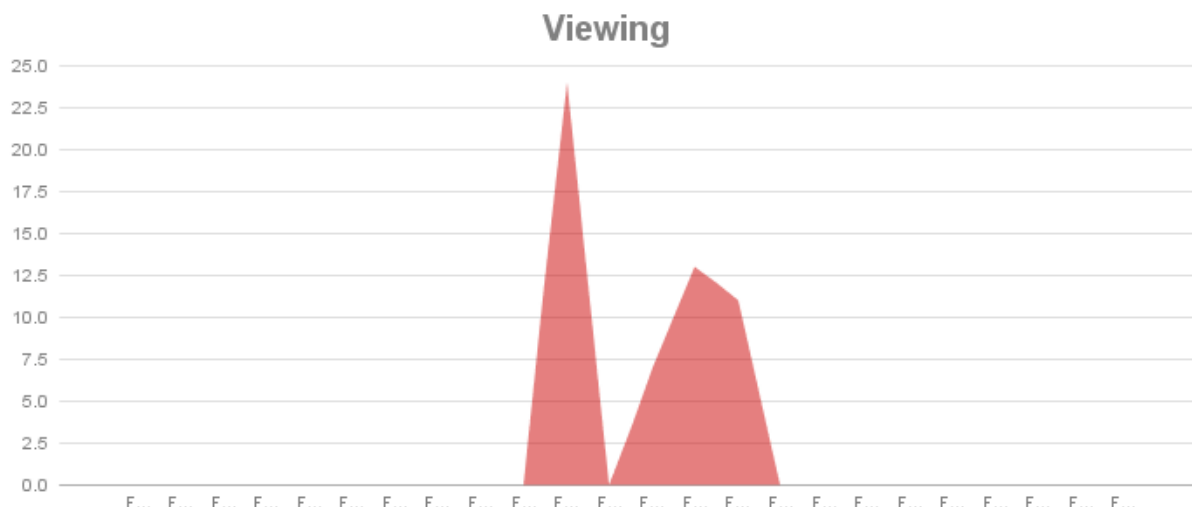
*Screenshot: Global Activity*

## Global Activity

Activity for 15 February 2013

Period: [month](#) | [week](#) | [day](#)

Day: [<< Previous](#) | [Now](#) | [Next >>](#)



This graph shows how many times pages and blog posts have been viewed over the current time period.



This graph shows how many pages, blog posts and comments have been created or updated over the current time period.

#### Most popular spaces (Views)

1. Angry Nerds (39)
2. Documentation (8)
3. Sample Space (6)
4. Stars (1)
5. Josh User (1)

#### Most active spaces (Edits)

1. Angry Nerds (16)
2. Documentation (4)
3. Sample Space (2)

#### Most active contributors (Edits)

1. Rach Admin (8)
2. Josh User (7)
3. Sophie Staunton (4)
4. Ewan User (3)

The top ten most popular and most active pages and/or blog posts will be listed, with a link to each.

#### Notes

- The [Confluence Usage Stats](#) plugin, which provides the 'Global Activity' screen, is known to cause

performance problems on large installations. This plugin is **disabled by default**. A status report on the progress of the performance issues with this plugin is available in this issue:



**USGTRK-15** - [Authenticate](#) to see issue details .

- Your Confluence system administrator can enable the plugin, but please be aware of the possible impact upon your site's performance.
- The plugin is sometimes called 'Confluence Usage Tracking'.
- If your Confluence site is clustered, the global activity information will not be available.

## Viewing System Properties

After adding memory, setting a proxy, or changing other Java options, it can be difficult to diagnose whether the system has picked them up. This page tells you how to view the system properties that your Confluence site is using.

You can see the expanded system properties on the 'System Information' screen of the Confluence Administration Console. You do not need to restart Confluence before viewing the information.

To see the system properties recognized by your Confluence installation:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **System Information** in the left-hand panel.
3. Scroll down to the section titled **System Properties**.

## Configuring the Server Base URL

The **Server Base URL** is the URL via which users access Confluence. The base URL **must** be set to the same URL by which browsers will be viewing your Confluence site.

Confluence will automatically detect the base URL during setup, but you may need to set it manually if your site's URL changes or if you set up Confluence from a different URL to the one that will be used to access it publicly.

You need to have [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to perform this function.

### To configure the Server Base URL:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **General Configuration** in the left-hand panel
3. Choose **Edit**
4. Enter the new URL in the **Server Base URL** text box
5. Choose **Save**

### Example

If Confluence is installed to run in a non-root context path (that is, it has a context path), then the server base URL should include this context path. For example, if Confluence is running at:

```
http://www.foobar.com/confluence
```

then the server base URL should be:

```
http://www.foobar.com/confluence
```

### Notes



- **Using different URLs.** If you configure a different base URL or if visitors use some other URL to access Confluence, it is possible that you may encounter errors while viewing some pages.
- **Changing the context path.** If you change the context path of your base URL, you also need to make these changes:
  1. Stop Confluence.
  2. Go to the Confluence installation directory and edit `<installation-directory>\conf\server.xml`.
  3. Change the value of the `path` attribute in the `Context` element to reflect the context path. For example, if Confluence is running at `http://www.foobar.com/confluence`, then your `path` attribute should look like this:

```
<context path="/confluence" docBase=" ../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="false" useHttpOnly="true">
```

4. Save the file.
5. Go to the Confluence home directory and edit `<confluence-home>\confluence.cfg.xml`

Change the value of the `confluence.webapp.context.path` to reflect the new context path. For example if Confluence is running at `http://www.foobar.com/confluence` your property would look like this:

```
<property
name="confluence.webapp.context.path">/confluence</property>
```

6. Save the file.
  7. Restart Confluence.
- **Proxies.** If you are running behind a proxy, ensure that the proxy name matches the base URL. For example: `proxyName="foobar.com" proxyPort="443" scheme="https"`. This will make sure we are passing the information correctly.
  - This information needs to be added in the `Connector` element at `{CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION}\conf\server.xml`.

## Configuring the Confluence Search and Index

Confluence administrators can adjust the behavior of the Confluence search, and manage the index used by the search.

- [Configuring Indexing Language](#)
- [Configuring Quick Navigation](#)
- [Content Index Administration](#)
- [Enabling OpenSearch](#)
- [Rebuilding the Ancestor Table](#)
- [Setting Up Confluence to Index External Sites](#)
- [Setting Up an External Search Tool to Index Confluence](#)

### Related pages:

- [Search](#)
- [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#)

## Configuring Indexing Language

Changing the indexing language defined in Confluence may improve the accuracy of Confluence search results, if the majority of the content of your site is in some language other than English. Confluence supports content indexing in English (default), German, Russian, Chinese, CJK, Custom Japanese, French, Portuguese, Czech and Greek.

### Related pages:

- [Choosing a Default Language](#)
- [Installing a Language Pack](#)
- [Content Index Administration](#)
- [How to rebuild the content indexes from scratch on Confluence server](#)



**To configure the indexing language:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **General Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Select the **Indexing Language** from the dropdown list in the **Formatting and International Settings** section.
5. Choose **Save**.

**Configuring Quick Navigation**

When a user is searching Confluence (see [Searching Confluence](#)) the quick navigation aid automatically offers a dropdown list of pages and other items, matched by title to the search query. By default, this feature is enabled, with the maximum number of simultaneous quick navigation requests set to 40. These options can be modified as described below.

The maximum number of simultaneous quick navigation requests defines the maximum number of individuals who can use this feature simultaneously on the same Confluence server. If your Confluence server serves a large number of individuals who use this feature regularly, some of whom are being denied access to it, you may wish to increase this value.

To configure quick navigation:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Further Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. To disable Quick Navigation, deselect the **Quick Navigation** checkbox.
5. To modify the maximum number of simultaneous quick navigation requests, enter the appropriate number in the field beside **Max Simultaneous Requests**.
6. Choose **Save**.

**Related pages:**

- [Search](#)

**Content Index Administration**

The content index, also called the search index, supports Confluence's search functionality. It is also used for a number of related functions such as building email threads in the mail archive, the [space activity](#) feature, and lists of recently-updated content. The [Gliffy plugin](#) also uses the index for some of its functionality.

For reasons of efficiency, Confluence does not immediately add content to the index. New and modified Confluence content is first placed in a queue and the queue is processed once every five seconds (by default).

*Viewing the content index summary*

**To see information about your Confluence site's content indexing:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**

**On this page:**

- [Viewing the content index summary](#)
- [Rebuilding the search index](#)
- [The 'Did You Mean' index is no longer relevant](#)
- [Slow reindexing](#)
- [Viewing the index browser](#)
- [More hints and tips](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Scheduled Jobs](#)
- [Search](#)
- [Configuring the Confluence Search and Index](#)



- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose '**Content Indexing**' under the heading '**Administration**' in the left-hand panel.

Screenshot: Index summary

## Search Index

The search index allows searching of Confluence content. If you are having troubles with search, you may need to rebuild the search index. Please note, rebuilding the search index can severely affect the performance of your instance - it can take hours for some large instances.

**BUILT**

100%

Rebuild

## Did You Mean Index

You will need to build this index to make "Did You Mean" work. After this has finished, "Did You Mean" will be automatically turned on. **Please note, this feature only provides suggestions for the English language.**

**NOT BUILT**

0%

Build

### Rebuilding the search index

The search index is maintained automatically, but you may need to rebuild it manually if your searching and mail threading are malfunctioning, or if directed to in the upgrade notes for a new version.

#### To rebuild the search index:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose '**Content Indexing**' under the heading '**Administration**' in the left-hand panel.
  3. Choose the '**Rebuild**' button in either the 'Search Index' section.  
(If the indexes have never been built, its button will indicate 'Build' instead of 'Rebuild'.)

Screenshot: Content indexing

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IN PROGRESS...

0% (Elapsed Time: 00:00:00)

Rebuild

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**'Did You Mean' index build temporarily disabled while Search Index build is in progress.**

NOT BUILT

0%

### The 'Did You Mean' index is no longer relevant

The 'Did You Mean' feature is no longer available in Confluence. This index is therefore redundant, and will be removed at some time in the future.

### Slow reindexing

Does the reindexing take a long time to complete? The length of time depends on the following factors:

- Number of pages in your Confluence instance.
- Number, type and size of attachments.
- Amount of memory allocated to Confluence.
- Disk throughput.

It may help to increase the heap memory allocation of Confluence by following the instructions here [Increasing JIRA application memory](#). The process is basically the same for Confluence or JIRA applications.

If you are running an older version of Confluence and find that the index rebuild is not progressing, you may need to shut down Confluence, and restart it with the following *Java system property* set: `bucket.indexing.threads.fixed=1`. This will cause the re-indexing to happen in a single thread and be much more stable (but slower).


### Viewing the index browser

Confluence uses a search engine called Lucene. If you need to see more details of the indexed pages in your Confluence site, you can download and run [Luke](#). Luke is a development and diagnostic tool that accesses existing Lucene indexes and allows you to display and modify their content in several ways.

Start Luke and use it to open the `index` directory, located in your [Confluence Home directory](#). For example: `c:\confluence\data\confluence-home\index`.

**Note:** Confluence 5.2 (and later) use Lucene 4.3 (or later). If the [Luke](#) library has not been updated to support the latest version of Lucene, you can compile Luke yourself, from the [fork on Github](#) – please read the warnings and notes in the README file of that repository.

### More hints and tips

- If you are still experiencing problems after performing the above rebuild, the next step might be to [remove the index and rebuild it from scratch](#).
-  The [space activity](#) feature uses the index to store data. If you remove the index file, the existing

activity data will disappear.

- A tip for the development community: If you have the Confluence source, you can look for references to the SmartListManager to find the screens and lists that rely on the content index.

## Enabling OpenSearch

With OpenSearch autodiscovery, you can add Confluence search to your Firefox or IE7 search box (see [Searching Confluence from your Browser's Search Box](#)). By default, OpenSearch autodiscovery is enabled. This feature can be enabled or disabled as described below.

### To enable or disable OpenSearch autodiscovery:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Further Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Select the **Open Search** checkbox to enable this feature (deselect to disable).
5. Choose **Save**.

### Related pages:

- [Search](#)
- [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#)

## Rebuilding the Ancestor Table

This process could take hours in a production instance and new content may not be save-able during this process. **It is highly recommended that you take a full backup of your database and then execute this process during a maintenance window.**

There is also a known issue in Confluence 5.7 to 5.9 that can prevent the page tree from displaying correctly after the ancestor table is rebuilt. See

**CONFSERVER-41411** - Rebuilding ancestors table is returning an inverse order **RESOLVED** for more.

### Related pages:

- [Search](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

In Confluence, the ancestor table defines what pages are ancestors or descendants of other pages (which can be used by search restrictions with the ancestorids restriction). Occasionally, the ancestor table will become out of sync. When this happens, you can rebuild the table to restore everything to normal.

Access this URL:

```
http://yoursite/admin/permissions/pagepermsadmin.action
```

After rebuilding the ancestor table, you'll need to flush the "Inherited Content Permissions" cache in [Cache Statistics](#), otherwise the inherited permissions may not be applied immediately to all pages. You may also need to [rebuild the content index](#) so that the permissions take effect in search results.

*Screenshot: Page level permissions*

## Page Level Permissions

[Rebuild Ancestor Table](#)

## Setting Up Confluence to Index External Sites

Confluence cannot easily index external sites, due to the way [Lucene](#) search works in Confluence, but there are two alternatives:

1. [Embed External Pages Into Confluence](#)
2. [Replace Confluence Search](#)

### Related pages:

- [Setting Up an External Search Tool to Index Confluence](#)
- [Configuring the Confluence Search and Index](#)

### Embedding external pages into Confluence

If you only have a small number of external sites to index, you may prefer to enable the [HTML-include Macro](#) and use it to embed the external content inside normal Confluence pages.

### Replacing the Confluence search

Use your own programmer resources to replace Confluence's internal search with a crawler that indexes both Confluence and external sites. This advanced option is easier than modifying the internal search engine. It requires removing Confluence internal search from all pages and replacing the internal results page with your own crawler front-end.

1. Setup a replacement federated search engine to index the Confluence site, as well as your other sites, and provide the results that way. You would need to host a web crawler, such as these [open-source crawlers](#). Note that you can perform a search in Confluence via the [Confluence API](#).
2. Replace references to the internal search by [modifying the site layout](#) so that it links to your search front-end
3. Host another site containing the search front-end. You may wish to insert it into a suitable context path in your application server so that it appears to be from a path under Confluence. Tomcat sets Confluence's paths from the Confluence install\confluence\WEBINF\web.xml file.

## Setting Up an External Search Tool to Index Confluence

Any web crawler can be configured to index Confluence content. If a login is required to view content that will be indexed, you should create a Confluence user specifically for the search crawler to use. Grant this user view rights to all content you wish to index, but deny that user all delete and administration rights. This ensures that an aggressive crawler will not be able to perform actions that could modify the site.

External applications can also use the search function in the [Confluence APIs](#).

### Related pages:

- [Setting Up Confluence to Index External Sites](#)
- [Configuring the Confluence Search and Index](#)

## Configuring Mail

- [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#)
- [Setting Up a Mail Session for the Confluence Distribution](#)
- [Configuring the Recommended Updates Email Notification](#)
- [The Mail Queue](#)
- [Customizing Email Templates](#)

### Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail

Configuring your Confluence server to send email messages allows your Confluence users to:

- [Receive emailed notifications and daily reports of updates.](#)
- [Send a page via email.](#)

You can personalize email notifications by configuring the 'From' field to include the name and email address of the Confluence user who made the change.

You need [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to configure Confluence's email server settings.

**On this page:**

- [Configuring Confluence to send email messages](#)
- [Testing the email settings](#)

**Related pages:**

- [The Mail Queue](#)
- [Setting Up a Mail Session for the Confluence Distribution](#)

**Configuring Confluence to send email messages****To configure Confluence to send outgoing mail:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select **Mail Servers** under **Configuration** in the left-hand panel. This will list all currently configured SMTP servers.
3. Click **Add New SMTP Server** (or **edit** an existing server).
4. Edit the following fields as required:
  - **Name:** By default, this is simply 'SMTP Server'.
  - **From Address:** Enter the email address that will be displayed in the 'from' field for email messages originating from this server. This field is mandatory. You will not be able to complete the Confluence mail server configuration until this field has been specified.
  - **From Name:** Enter the name that will be displayed in the 'from' field for email messages originating from this server. This is the text which appears before the user's registered email address (in square brackets). This field accepts the following variables, which reference specific details defined in the relevant Confluence user's profile:

Variable	Description
<code>\${fullname}</code>	The user's full name.
<code>\${email}</code>	The user's email address.
<code>\${email.hostname}</code>	The domain/host name component of the user's email address.

The default is '`${fullname}` (Confluence)'.

Hence, if Joe Bloggs made a change to a page he was watching and the Confluence site's 'From Address' was set to `confluence-administrator@example-company.com`, then the 'From' field in his email notification would be: Joe Bloggs (Confluence)

`<confluence-administrator@example-company.com>`.

- **Subject Prefix:** Enter some text to appear at the beginning of the subject line.
5. Enter your **Hostname**, **Port**, **User name** and **Password** details.

If your SMTP host uses the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol select **Use TLS**.

**OR**

Specify the **JNDI location** of a mail session configured in your application server. For more information on how to set up a JNDI mail session, see [Setting Up a Mail Session for the Confluence Distribution](#).

**Testing the email settings**

A Confluence administrator can test the email server as follows:

1. Set up a mail server as described above.
2. Click **Send Test Email** to check that the server is working. Check that you get the test email in your inbox.
3. You can flush the email queue to send the email message immediately. Go to **Mail Queue**, and click **Flush Mail Queue**. See [The Mail Queue](#).

A user can test that notifications are working as follows:

1. Go to your user profile (using the **Settings** link) and edit your email preferences. See [Email Notifications](#).
2. Enable **Notify On My Actions**. (By default, Confluence does not send you notifications for your own changes.)
3. Go to a page you wish to get notifications about.
4. Choose **Watch** at the top-right of the page. See [Watch Pages, Spaces and Blogs](#).
5. Edit the page, make a change, and save the page.
6. Check your email inbox. You may need to wait a while for the email message to arrive.

### Setting Up a Mail Session for the Confluence Distribution


The simplest way to set up a mail server through the Confluence Administration console. See [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#).

If you want to add different options or parameters you can also set up a mail session for the Confluence distribution. In the example below we'll set up Gmail.

To set up a mail session for the Confluence distribution:

1. Stop Confluence.
2. Move (don't copy) `mail-x.x.x.jar` from `<confluence-install>\confluence\WEB-INF\lib` to `<confluence-install>\lib` (`x.x.x` represents the version numbers on the jar files in your installation).  
Don't leave a renamed backup of the jar files in `\confluence\WEB-INF\lib`. Even with a different file name, the files will still be loaded as long as it remains in the directory.
3. Edit the `<confluence-install>\conf\server.xml` file and add the following at the end of the Confluence `<context>` tag, just before `</Context>`.  
Note: you're editing the `<context>` tag that contains the *Confluence* context path, not the one that contains the *Synchrony* context path.

```
<Resource name="mail/GmailSMTPServer"
  auth="Container"
  type="javax.mail.Session"
  mail.smtp.host="smtp.gmail.com"
  mail.smtp.port="465"
  mail.smtp.auth="true"
  mail.smtp.user="yourEmailAddress@gmail.com"
  password="yourPassword"
  mail.smtp.starttls.enable="true"
  mail.transport.protocol="smtps"
  mail.smtp.socketFactory.class="javax.net.ssl.SSLSocketFactory"
/>
```

4. Restart Confluence.
5. Go to  **> General Configuration > Mail Servers**.
6. Choose either **Edit an existing configuration**, or **Add a new SMTP mail server**.
7. Edit the server settings as necessary, and set the **JNDI Location** as:

```
java:comp/env/mail/GmailSMTPServer
```

Note that the JNDI Location is case sensitive and must match the resource name specified in `server.xml`.

8. Save your changes and send a test email.

### Configuring the Recommended Updates Email Notification

Confluence sends a regular email report to subscribers, containing the top



content that is relevant to the person receiving the message, from spaces they have permission to view. This is called the 'Recommended Updates' notification.

If you have Confluence Administrator or System Administrator [permissions](#), you can configure the default settings that determine how often the Recommended Updates notification is sent. When new users are added to Confluence, the default settings will be applied to their user profiles.

Confluence users can choose their personal settings, which will override the defaults. See [Email Notifications](#).

#### *Initial settings of the defaults*

When you install Confluence, the initial values of the default settings are as follows:

- The default frequency is weekly.
- If your Confluence site has public signup enabled, the Recommended Updates notification is disabled by default. If public signup is not enabled, the notification is enabled by default.

You can change the above settings, specifying a different default value for the site.

#### **Notes:**

- The Recommended Updates notification is sent only to people who have a user profile in Confluence. If your Confluence site uses external user management, such as LDAP, then people will receive the report only after they have logged in for the first time. (The first login creates their user profile.)
- The daily email message is sent at 1 p.m. in the user's configured time zone.
- The weekly email message is sent at 1 p.m. on Thursdays in the user's configured time zone.

#### *Configuring the Recommended Updates notification*

You can set the default send option (send / do not send) and the default schedule (daily or weekly).

#### **To configure the Recommended Updates email notification:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **Recommended Updates Email** in the left-hand panel.

#### *Disabling the Recommended Updates notification for the entire site*

You can also turn off the **recommended updates** notification for the entire site, by disabling the 'Confluence daily summary email' plugin. See [Disabling and enabling add-ons](#).

### **The Mail Queue**

Email messages waiting to be sent are queued in a mail queue and periodically flushed from Confluence once a minute. A Confluence administrator can also manually flush messages from the mail queue.

If there is an error sending messages, the failed email messages are sent to an error queue from which you can either try to resend them or delete them.

#### **To view the mail queue:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Mail Queue** in the left-hand panel. This will display the email messages currently in the queue.

#### **On this page:**

- [Initial settings of the defaults](#)
- [Configuring the Recommended Updates notification](#)
- [Disabling the Recommended Updates notification for the entire site](#)

#### **Related pages:**


- [Email Notifications](#)



3. Choose **Flush Mail Queue** to send all email messages immediately.
4. Choose **Error Queue** to view failed email messages. You can try to **Resend** the messages, which will flush the mails back to the mail queue, or you can **Delete** them from here.

**Related pages:**

- [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#)
- [Setting Up a Mail Session for the Confluence Distribution](#)

 *The information on this page **does not apply** to Confluence Cloud.*

## Configuring Character Encoding

This page explains the encoding settings that are applicable in Confluence and how they relate to application behavior.

To avoid problems with character encoding, make sure the encoding used across the different components of your system are the same. In general, **always set all character encodings to UTF-8**:

- Confluence character encoding – described below.
- Database – see [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#).
- Application server – see [Configuring URL Encoding on Tomcat Application Server](#)

### Configuring the Confluence character encoding

By default, Confluence uses UTF-8 character encoding to deliver its pages.

**Note:** While it is possible to change the character encoding, we recommend that you leave this as it is unless you are certain of what you are doing.

In summary: Changing the Confluence character encoding will change your HTTP request and response encoding and your filesystem encoding as used by exports and Velocity templates.

### To change the Confluence character encoding via the UI:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **General Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Enter the new character encoding of your choice in the text box next to **Encoding**.
5. Choose **Save**.

**Note:** At runtime, the character encoding is available in `Settings.defaultEncoding`.

### More details about character encoding

There are three places where character encoding matters to Confluence:

**On this page:**

- [Configuring the Confluence character encoding](#)
- [More details about character encoding](#)
  - [Java character encoding](#)
  - [Confluence character encoding](#)
  - [Database encoding](#)
  - [Filesystem encoding](#)
- [Problems with character encodings](#)
- [Notes](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Configuring Confluence](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)
- [Application Server Configuration](#)
- [Database Configuration](#)

1. **Database encoding** - usually the most important; it is where almost all user data is stored.
2. **Filesystem encoding** - important for attachment storage (pre-2.2), reading Velocity templates and writing exported files.
3. **HTTP request and response encoding** - important for form parsing, correct rendering by the browser and browser interpretation of encoded URLs.

Problems generally arise when Confluence thinks one of the above encoding is different to what it actually is. For example, Confluence might believe the database is using ISO-8859-1 encoding, when in fact it is UTF-8 encoded.

In certain cases (for example, Microsoft Windows), it might not be possible to use a fully Unicode filesystem (that is, a default Windows installation does not support Unicode filenames properly). If so, keep UTF-8 for the other two and be aware that your operating system might have limitations around international attachments (pre-2.2), backup and restore of international data, etc.

#### *Java character encoding*

Java *always* uses the multibyte UTF-16 character encoding for all `String` data\*. This means that each of the encodings above defines how, at that particular point, characters are converted to and from Java's native UTF-16 format into some other format that the browser, filesystem or database might understand.

So when a request comes in to Confluence, we convert it from the request encoding to UTF-16. Then we store that data into the database, converting from UTF-16 to the database's encoding. Retrieving information from the database and sending it back to the browser is the same process in the opposite direction.

\*A `char` represents single Unicode code point from the Base Multilingual Plane (BMP), encoded as UTF-16. Multiple `chars` are used as surrogate pairs for characters beyond U+FFFF.

#### *Confluence character encoding*

The Confluence character encoding is used in the following parts of the system:

- `ConfluenceWebWorkConfiguration` sets `webwork.i18n.encoding` to the this encoding, which `WebWork` uses in the response Content-Type header.
- `AbstractEncodingFilter` sets the HTTP request encoding to this encoding. This seems unnecessary, since the Content-Type header from the client should include the encoding used. This affects form submissions and file uploads.
- `VelocityUtils` reads in Velocity templates using this encoding when reading templates from disk.
- `AbstractXmlExporter` creates its output using this encoding.
- `GeneralUtil` uses this encoding when doing `URLEncode` and `URLDecode`. Different browsers have different support for character sets in URLs, so it's uncertain how much benefit this provides.

See [Configuring Confluence Character Encoding](#) (described above.)

#### *Database encoding*

The database encoding is the responsibility of your JDBC drivers. The drivers are responsible for reading and writing from the database in its native encoding and translating this data to and from Java Strings (which are UTF-16). For some drivers, such as [MySQL](#), you must set Unicode encoding explicitly in the JDBC URL. For others, the driver is smart enough to determine the database encoding automatically.

Ideally, your database itself should be in a Unicode encoding (and we recommend [doing this](#) for the simplest configuration), but that is not necessary as long as:

- the database encoding supports all the characters you want to store in Confluence
- your JDBC drivers can properly convert from the database encoding to UTF-16 and vice-versa.

See [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#).

#### *Filesystem encoding*

The filesystem encoding is mostly ignored by Confluence, except for the cases where the above configuration setting above plays a part (exports, velocity). When attachments are uploaded, they are written as a stream of bytes directly to the filesystem. It is the same when they are downloaded: the bytes from the file `InputStream` are written directly to the HTTP response.

In some places in Confluence, we use the *default filesystem encoding* as determined by the JVM and stored

in the `file.encoding` system property (it can be overridden by setting this property at startup). This encoding is used by the Java `InputStreamReader` and `OutputStreamWriter` classes by default. This encoding should probably never be used; for consistent results across all filesystem access we should be using the encoding set in the General Configuration.

In certain cases we explicitly hard-code the encoding used to read or write data to the filesystem. Two important examples are:

- importing Mbox mailboxes which are known to be ISO-8859-1
- Confluence Bandana config files are always stored as UTF-8.

Some application servers, Tomcat for example, have an encoding setting that modifies Confluence URLs before they reach the application. This can prevent access to international pages and attachments (really anything with international characters in the URL). See [configuring your Application Server URL encoding](#).

### Problems with character encodings

If Confluence has the wrong idea about encoding for one of the above, it manifests itself in different ways:

1. Incorrect database encoding - user data is corrupted between saving and restoring from the database. This often happens after a delay, as we cache data as it is written to the database and only later retrieve the corrupted copy from the database.
2. Incorrect/non-Unicode filesystem encoding - international filenames break attachment download/upload/removal (pre-2.2); exports break with international content or attachments.
3. Incorrect HTTP encoding - incorrect encoding selected by browser, resulting in incorrect rendering of characters. Changing browser encoding causes page to render properly. Broken URLs when linking to pages or attachments with non-ASCII characters.

See [Troubleshooting Character Encodings](#).

### Notes

- Mac users please note that **MacRoman** encoding is compatible with UTF-8. You do not need to change your encoding settings if you are already using MacRoman.
- This is a good article by Joel Spolsky: [The Absolute Minimum Every Software Developer Absolutely, Positively Must Know About Unicode and Character Sets \(No Excuses!\)](#)

## Troubleshooting Character Encodings

Often users may have problems with certain characters in a Confluence instance. Symptoms may include:

- Non-ASCII characters appearing as question marks (?)
- Page links with non-ASCII characters not working
- Single characters being displayed as two characters
- Garbled text appearing

In most cases, it is due to a mis-configuration in one of the components that Confluence uses.

Follow these steps to diagnose the problem.

### 1. Run the encoding test

Confluence includes an encoding test that can reveal problems with your configuration.

To perform the test, access the Encoding Test page via the `<confluence base-url>/admin/encodingtest.action` page on your Confluence instance. You will be required to copy and paste a line of text and submit a form. The test will take the text and pass it through Confluence, the application server and the database, and return the results.

You should also test pasting some sample text (Japanese for example) if you are experiencing problems with a specific language.

Example:

```
http://confluence.atlassian.com/admin/encodingtest.action
```

or

```
http://<host address>:<port>/admin/encodingtest.action
```

If the text displayed in the encoding test is different to what was entered, then there are problems with your character encoding settings.

A successful test looks like the following:

*Screenshot: Successful encoding test*

## Character Encoding Test Results

The encoding test has now been run. Below, you can compare the raw text delivered from Confluence against the text returned by your browser in web forms, and the text as it appears after a round-trip through the database. All the test results should appear identical.

**İñtërnâtiônàlizætiøn** This image is how the sample text below *should* appear. If it does not, please file a support request at <http://support.atlassian.com>, including a screenshot of this page, and all of your [System Information](#).

### Test 1: Raw text

This is the test string generated in Confluence

İñtërnâtiônàlizætiøn

### Test 2: Form submission

This is the test string pasted by you into the web form and submitted back to Confluence

İñtërnâtiônàlizætiøn

### Test 3: Database round-trip (select as lower-case)

**This is the string from Test 2 after being stored in the database and then retrieved as lower-case**

İñtërnâtiônàlizætiøn

**Expected result (converting Java string to lowercase)**

İñtërnâtiônàlizætiøn

### Test 4: Database round-trip (select as upper-case)

**This is the string from Test 2 after being stored in the database and then retrieved as upper-case**

İÑTËRNÂTIÔNÀLIZÆTIØN

**Expected result (converting Java string to uppercase)**

İÑTËRNÂTIÔNÀLIZÆTIØN

### Test 5: International file name support

**Try to write a file to the confluence home directory with the test string as the file name**

✔ **File was written successfully**

### Test 6: Detect international file name mangling

**Detect whether the file system is mangling the file name when it is saved**

✔ **The file name has been preserved**

### MySQL 3.x

MySQL 3.x is known to have some problems with the upper- and lower-casing of some characters, and may fail the last two tests. For more information, see [MySQL 3.x Character Encoding Problems](#).

2. Ensure the same encoding is used across all components

As mentioned in the [Configuring Encoding](#) document, the same character encoding should be used across the database, application server and web application (Confluence).

- To change the character encoding used in **Confluence**, see [Configuring Character Encoding](#).
- To change the character encoding used in the **application server**, please ensure you set the [Application Server URL encoding](#) and view your application server's documentation on any other settings required to enable your encoding.
- To change the character encoding used in the **database**, see [Configuring Database Character Encoding](#).

### 3. Requesting support

If there are still problems with character encoding after following the above steps, [create a support request](#), and our support staff will aid in solving your problem.

Entering in the following details will help us to identify your problem:

- Attach screenshots of the problem
- Attach the results of the encoding test (above)
- Select which application server (and version) you are using
- Select which database (and version) you are using
- Copy the contents of the [System Information](#) page into the 'Description' field

#### "€" Euro character not displaying properly

The [€ \(euro\) symbol](#) is a three byte character, with byte values in file (UTF-8) of 0xE2, 0x82, 0xAC.

Sometimes, if the character encoding is not set consistently among all participating entities of the system, Confluence, server and the database, one may experience strange behavior.

...

I write a page with a Euro sign in it (€). All is well, the Euro sign shows up in the wiki markup text-box, and the preview, and the display of the saved page.

One day later, the Euro sign has changed into a question mark upside down!

...

What is going on? Why does the Euro sign mysteriously change? How do I prevent it?

Interestingly enough the character encoding test passes with no problems, demonstrating that Confluence and the connected Database both recognize the € symbol.

There are two potential reasons for this behavior:

Database and Confluence is using utf-8 encoding. The connection is not.

When data transferred to it via the connection which does not use utf-8 encoding gets encoded incorrectly. Hence, updating the connection encoding may resolve this problem from now on, yet it probably would not affect already existing data.

Database is not using utf-8. Confluence and your connection are.

If your Database encoding is not set to UTF-8, yet is using some other encoding such as *latin1*, it could be one of the potential reasons why you lose the "€" characters at some stage. It could be occurring due to **caching**. When Confluence saves data to the database, it may also keep a local cached copy. If the database encoding is set incorrectly, the Euro character may not be correctly recorded in the database, but Confluence will continue to use its cached copy of that data (which is encoded correctly). The encoding error will only be noticed when the cache expires, and the incorrectly encoded data is fetched from the database.

For instance the *latin1* encoding would store and display all 2-byte UTF8 characters correctly except for the euro character which is replaced by '?' before being stored. As Confluence's encoding was set to UTF-8, the 2-byte UTF-8 characters were stored in *latin1* database assuming that they were two *latin1* different characters, instead of one utf8 character. Nevertheless, this is not the case for 3-byte utf8 characters, such as the Euro symbol.

Please ensure that you set the character encoding to UTF-8 for all the entities of your system as advised in this [guide](#).

### MySQL 3.x Character Encoding Problems

MySQL 3.x is known to have some problems upper- and lower-casing certain (non-ASCII) characters.

#### Diagnosing the problem


1. Follow the instructions for [Troubleshooting Character Encodings](#).
2. If the upper- and lower-cased strings displayed on the Encoding Test are different, then your database is probably affected.

An example (faulty) output of the Encoding Test is shown below:

*Screenshot: Encoding Test Output (excerpt)*

**Test 4: Database round-trip (select as upper-case)**

**This is the string from Test 2 after being stored in the database and then retrieved as upper-case**

**INtERNAtIONAlIZæTION** 

**Expected result (converting Java string to uppercase)**

**INtERNAtIONAlIZæTION**

### Solution

Upgrade to a newer version of MySQL. (4.1 is confirmed to work.)

### Other Settings

- [Configuring a WebDAV client for Confluence](#)
- [Configuring HTTP Timeout Settings](#)
- [Configuring Number Formats](#)
- [Configuring Shortcut Links](#)
- [Configuring Time and Date Formats](#)
- [Enabling the Remote API](#)
- [Enabling Threaded Comments](#)
- [Installing a Language Pack](#)
- [Installing Patched Class Files](#)

### Configuring a WebDAV client for Confluence

WebDAV allows users to access Confluence content via a WebDAV client, such as 'My Network Places' in Microsoft Windows. Provided that the user has permission, they will be able to read and write to spaces, pages and attachments in Confluence. Users will be asked to log in and the standard Confluence content access permissions will apply to the equivalent content available through the WebDAV client.

Mapping a Confluence WebDAV network drive requires a set of specific criteria to be met. For specific information, please see [Windows Network Drive Requirements](#).

#### *Introduction to Confluence's WebDAV Client Integration*

By default, all WebDAV clients have permission to write to Confluence. Write permissions include the ability for a WebDAV client to create, edit, move or delete content associated with spaces, pages and attachments in a Confluence installation.

On the '**WebDAV Configuration**' screen in the Confluence Administration Console, you can:

- [Deny a WebDAV client write permissions to a Confluence installation](#) using a regular expression

#### On this page:

- [Introduction to Confluence's WebDAV Client Integration](#)
- [Using a WebDAV Client to Work with Pages](#)
- [Restricting WebDAV Client Write Access to Confluence](#)
- [Disabling Strict Path Checking](#)
- [Virtual Files and Folders](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Global Permissions Overview](#)
- [Disabling and enabling add-ons](#)
- [Disabling or Enabling Confluence Add-ons](#)
- [Attachment Storage Configuration](#)



- (regex)
- [Disable or enable strict path checking](#)
- [Enable or disable access to specific virtual files/folders](#)

**Note:**

- The 'WebDav Configuration' page is only available if the WebDAV plugin has been enabled. This plugin is bundled with Confluence, and can be enabled or disabled by the System Administrator.
- The settings on the 'WebDav Configuration' page **do not apply** to external attachment storage configuration.

**Using a WebDAV Client to Work with Pages**

The following sections tell you how to set up a WebDAV client natively for a range of different operating systems. WebDAV clients typically appear as drives in your operating system's file browser application, such as Windows Explorer in Microsoft Windows, or Konqueror in Linux.

**Accessing Confluence in Finder on Mac OSX**

You can successfully connect but you can't see content when using HTTPS, so this technique won't work for Confluence Cloud. Use a third-party WebDAV client instead.

To use Finder to view and manage Confluence content:

1. In Finder choose **Go > Connect to Server**
2. Enter your Confluence URL in this format:

```
http://<confluenceURL>/plugins/servlet/confluence/default
```

For example if your Confluence URL is <http://ourconfluence.atlassian.net/wiki> you would enter:

```
http://ourconfluence.atlassian.net/wiki/plugins/servlet/confluence/default
```

3. Enter your **Confluence** username and password and click **Connect**

Use your username (jsmith), not your email address, unless your email address is your username.

Confluence will appear as a shared drive in Finder. You can use the same URL to connect using a third party WebDav client, like CyberDuck.

**Accessing Confluence in Explorer in Microsoft Windows**

This section covers the two methods for configuring a WebDAV client natively in Microsoft Windows:

- As a network drive
- As a web folder

If possible, use the network drive method as this will enable more comprehensive WebDAV client interaction with Confluence than that provided by a web folder. However, your Confluence instance must meet several environmental constraints if you use this method. If you cannot configure your instance to meet these requirements, then use the web folder method or third-party WebDAV client software.

If you're using SSL you may need to add @SSL to the end of your server URL, for example:

```
http://<confluence server  
url>@SSL/confluence/plugins/servlet/confluence/default
```

If you run into any problems with the procedures in this section, please refer to the [WebDAV Troubleshooting](#) page.

#### *Windows Network Drive*

To map a Confluence WebDAV client network drive, your Confluence instance must be configured so that *all* of the following criteria is met:

- Has no context root
- There's an issue that can prevent Network Drives from being mapped. Please use the Network Folders steps below as a workaround.

The reason for these restrictions results from limitations in Microsoft's Mini-Redirector component. For more information, please refer to Microsoft's [server discovery issue](#).

#### **To map a Confluence WebDAV client network drive in Microsoft Windows:**

1. In Windows XP, go to **My Computer** -> **Tools menu** -> **Map Network Drive**  
In Windows Vista, go to **Computer** -> **Map Network Drive**
2. Specify the following input to map the WebDAV client as a network drive:
  - **Drive:** <Any drive letter> (for example, Z:)
  - **Folder:** \\<hostname>\webdav (for example, \\localhost\webdav)
3. Click **Finish**

When prompted for login credentials, specify your Confluence username and password.

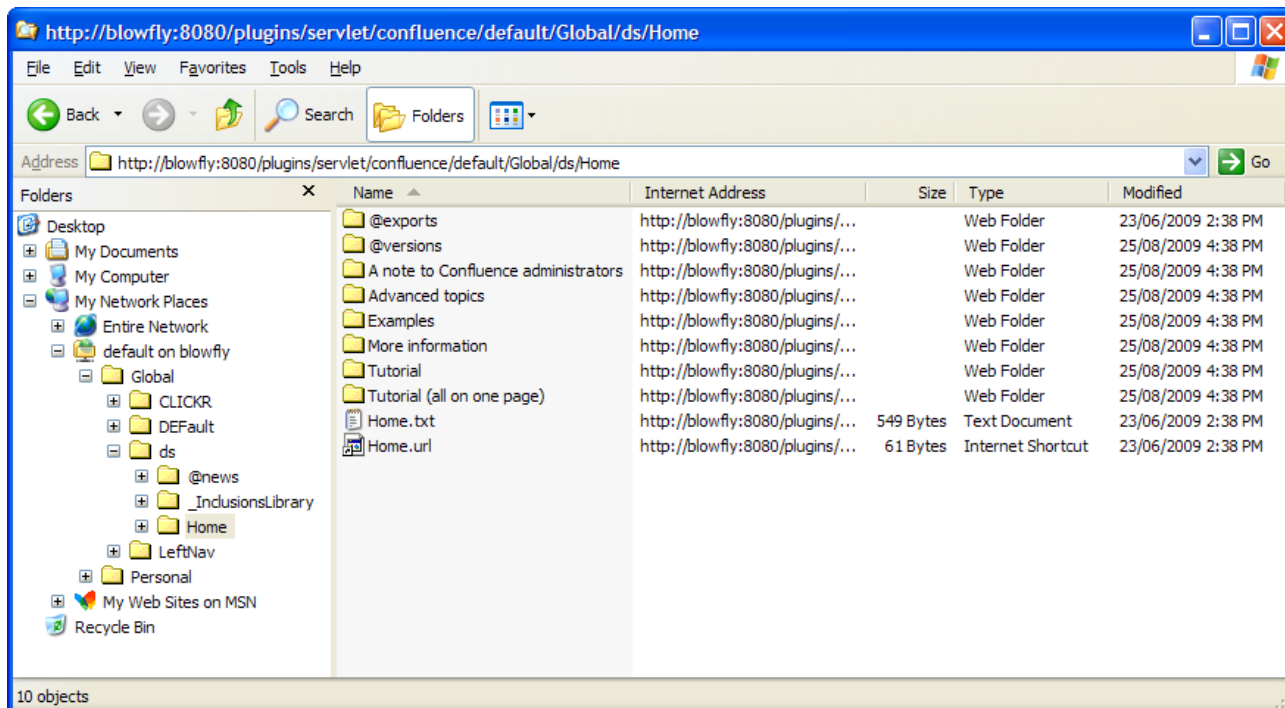
#### *Windows Web Folder*

#### **To map a Confluence WebDAV client web folder in Windows XP:**

1. Go to **My Network Places** and choose **Add a network place** and click **Next**
2. Ensure that **Choose another network location** is selected and click **Next** again
3. In the 'Internet or network address' field, enter the URL for the Confluence WebDAV location (for example, `http://<confluence server url>/confluence/plugins/servlet/confluence/default` or `http://<confluence server url>/plugins/servlet/confluence/default`) and click **Next**
4. Enter your Confluence username and password
5. Provide a meaningful name for your web folder and proceed with the wizard
6. Click **Finish**

*Screenshot: A Confluence WebDAV Client Web Folder in Windows XP*





### To map a Confluence WebDAV client web folder in Windows Vista:

This procedure is very similar to the one for Windows XP. However, the following procedure includes the slight interface differences that are specific to Windows Vista.

1. Open the 'Map Network Drive' dialog box (refer to first step of the procedure above for mapping a network drive) and choose **'Connect to a Web site that you can use to store your documents and pictures'**
2. Click **'Next'**
3. Ensure that **Choose a custom network location** is selected and click **Next** again
4. In the 'Internet or network address' field, enter the URL for the Confluence WebDAV location (for example, `http://<confluence server url>/confluence/plugins/servlet/confluence/default` or `http://<confluence server url>/plugins/servlet/confluence/default`) and then click **Next**
5. Enter your Confluence username and password
6. Provide a meaningful name for your network location/web folder and proceed with the wizard
7. Click **Finish**

### Setting up a WebDAV client in Linux or Solaris

There are many tools and mechanisms available for configuring WebDAV clients in these operating systems. Therefore, we have chosen to demonstrate this using the file manager [Konqueror](#), which is part of the Linux [K Desktop Environment](#).

### To set up a Confluence WebDAV client in Konqueror:

1. Open Konqueror
2. In the 'Location' field, enter the URL for the Confluence WebDAV location using the 'protocol' `webdav`s (for example, `webdavs://<confluence server url>/confluence/plugins/servlet/confluence/default` or `webdavs://<confluence server url>/plugins/servlet/confluence/default`) and press **Enter**.
3. Enter your Confluence username and password if prompted

You should be able to click to load many, but not all files. In practice, you would normally save a modified file locally, then drag it to the Konqueror window to upload it to Confluence.

### Restricting WebDAV Client Write Access to Confluence

In earlier versions of the WebDAV plugin, separate options for restricting a WebDAV client's write

permissions (that is, create/move, edit and delete actions), were available. However, in the current version of this plugin, they have been simplified and combined into a general write permission restriction that covers all of these actions.

WebDAV clients are now denied write permission to your Confluence installation by setting a regex that matches specific content within the WebDAV client's user agent header. Upon setting a regex, it will be added to a list of restricted WebDAV clients. Any WebDAV clients whose user agent header matches a regex in this list will be denied write permission to your Confluence installation.

*Example: A PROPFIND method header generated by a Microsoft Web Folder WebDAV client, showing the user agent header field:*

```
PROPFIND /plugins/servlet/confluence/default HTTP/1.1
Content-Language: en-us
Accept-Language: en-us
Content-Type: text/xml
Translate: f
Depth: 1
Content-Length: 489
User-Agent: Microsoft Data Access Internet Publishing Provider DAV
Host: 127.0.0.1:8082
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

Unlike earlier versions of the WebDAV plugin, which could only restrict write permissions for **all** WebDAV clients, the current version of this plugin allows you to restrict write permissions to specific WebDAV clients.

#### To restrict a WebDAV client's write access permissions to your Confluence installation:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose '**WebDav Configuration**' in the left panel
3. Enter a regex that matches a specific component of the user agent header sent by the WebDAV client you want to restrict.
4. Click the '**Add new regex**' button  
Repeat steps 3 and 4 to add a regex for each additional WebDAV client you want to restrict.
5. Hit **Save**

#### To restore one or more restricted WebDAV client's write access permissions to your Confluence installation:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **WebDav Configuration** under 'Configuration' in the left panel
3. Select the regex(es) from the list that match(es) the user agent header sent by the restricted WebDAV client(s) you want to restore
4. Click the **Remove selected regexes** button
5. Hit **Save**

*Screenshot: WebDAV configuration*

## WebDAV Configuration

### Denying Modifications From WebDAV Clients

You can deny certain WebDAV clients from writing to Confluence. To do that, please add a regular expression matching the clients [user agent](#) headers. For instance, "Microsoft.\*" will deny write operations by Microsoft WebDAV clients.

Add new regex

Remove selected regexes

### Disable Strict Path Checking

Strict path checking is enabled by default to respect the file system hierarchy that the plugin exposes. Unfortunately, that can cause problems like [WBDV-175](#). The problem is related to corrupt page ancestor data and we recommend that users affected by the problem fix it by [rebuilding the ancestor table](#). If that does not fix the problem or if the approach can't be taken for any reason, users can disable the strict path checking here.

**Please note that disabling strict path checking may cause other problems with certain WebDAV clients.** This is a highly experimental workaround.

Disable strict path check : ☐

Save

### Disabling Strict Path Checking

If you observe any idiosyncrasies with your WebDAV client, such as a folder that does exist on your Confluence site but is missing from the client, you can disable the WebDAV plugin's strict path checking option, which may minimize these problems.

**To disable the WebDAV plugin's strict path checking option:**

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **WebDav Configuration** under 'Configuration' in the left panel
3. Clear the 'Disable strict path check' check box
4. Hit **Save**

### Virtual Files and Folders

In the unlikely event that you have problems with the WebDAV client's performance or stability, you can enable access to automatically generated (that is, virtual) files and folders.

#### Note:

By default, these options are hidden on the 'WebDAV Configuration' page. To make them visible, append the parameter `?hiddenOptionsEnabled=true` to the end of your URL and reload the page. For example:

```
<Confluence base  
URL>/admin/plugins/webdav/config.action?hiddenOptionsEnabled=true
```

*Screenshot: The Hidden Virtual Files and Folders Option*

## Virtual Files and Folders

You can choose to either hide or show generated files or folders.

.url	@exports	@versions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Save

### To enable or disable access to virtual files and folders:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **WebDav Configuration** under 'Configuration' in the left panel
3. Amend your URL as described in the note above and reload the 'WebDav Configuration' page
4. Select or clear the check box options in the 'Virtual Files and Folders' section as required
5. Hit **Save**

## Configuring HTTP Timeout Settings

When macros such as the [RSS Macro](#) make HTTP requests to servers which are down, a long timeout value is used. You can set this timeout value through a system parameter to avoid this.

### To configure the HTTP Timeout Settings:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select '**General Configuration**' under the 'Configuration' heading in the left-hand panel.
3. Find the '**Connection Timeouts**' section in the lower portion of the screen.
4. Click '**Edit**' to adjust the settings:
  - **Adjust External connections enabled:** This setting allows system administrators to disable external connections so macros like the [RSS Macro](#) won't be allowed to make connections to an external server. It provides protection against external servers providing insecure HTML, timing out or causing performance problems. The default setting is 'true'.
  - **Connection Timeout (milliseconds):** Sets the maximum time for a connection to be established. A value of zero means the timeout is not used. The default setting is ten seconds (10000).
  - **Socket Timeout (milliseconds):** Sets the default socket timeout ([SO\\_TIMEOUT](#)) in milliseconds, which is the maximum time Confluence will wait for data. A timeout value of zero is interpreted as an infinite timeout. The default setting is ten seconds (10000).

## Configuring Number Formats

There are two number format settings in Confluence:

- Long number format. For example: #####
- Decimal number format. For example: #####.#####

Confluence uses the guidelines in this Java document from Oracle: [Class NumberFormat](#).

### To change the number formats in Confluence:

1. Choose



> **General Configuration**

2. Choose **Edit**
3. Update the **Long Number Format** and **Decimal Number Format** to suit your requirements
4. Choose **Save**

## Configuring Shortcut Links

Shortcut links provide a quick way of linking to resources that are frequently referenced from Confluence. When you create a shortcut link, you assign a key to an URL so that, when editing, a user can type just the key instead of the complete URL.

### Example: Creating a shortcut to Google

Most Google searches look like this: <http://www.google.com/search?q=>. If you create a shortcut for this search with the key 'google', every time a user needs to use <http://www.google.com/search?q=searchterms>, they can just type [ **search terms**@google ] instead.


Here is a screenshot showing the shortcuts currently defined on <http://confluence.atlassian.com>:

Key	Expanded Value	Default Alias	Operations
cache	<a href="http://www.google.com/search?q=cache:">http://www.google.com/search?q=cache:</a>		<a href="#">Remove</a>
imdb	<a href="http://us.imdb.com/Title?">http://us.imdb.com/Title?</a>		<a href="#">Remove</a>
jira	<a href="http://jira.atlassian.com/secure/QuickSearch.jsps?searchString=">http://jira.atlassian.com/secure/QuickSearch.jsps?searchString=</a>	JIRA Issue %s	<a href="#">Remove</a>
googlegroups	<a href="http://groups.google.com/groups?q=">http://groups.google.com/groups?q=</a>		<a href="#">Remove</a>
google	<a href="http://www.google.com/search?q=">http://www.google.com/search?q=</a>		<a href="#">Remove</a>
dictionary	<a href="http://www.dict.org/bin/Dict?Database=*&amp;Form=Dict1&amp;Strategy=*&amp;Query=">http://www.dict.org/bin/Dict?Database=*&amp;Form=Dict1&amp;Strategy=*&amp;Query=</a>		<a href="#">Remove</a>

Shortcut links are added and maintained by Confluence administrators from the **Administration Console**.

### Creating shortcut links

To create a shortcut link:

1. Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Shortcut Links** in the left-hand panel.
3. Enter a **Key** for your shortcut. This is the shortcut name a user will use to reference the URL.
4. Enter the **Expanded Value**. This is the URL for the link. You can use '%s' in the URL to specify where the user's input is inserted. If there is no '%s' in the URL, the user's input will be put at the end.
5. Enter a **Default Alias**. This is the text of the link which will be displayed on the page where the shortcut is used, with the user's text being substituted for '%s'.
6. Choose **Submit**.

### Using shortcut links

Enter a shortcut link on the **Advanced** tab of the Insert Link dialog. See [Links](#) for details.

Specify in the link what should be appended to the end of the shortcut URL, followed by an at-sign (@) and the key of the shortcut. Shortcut names are case-insensitive. So, for example, using the keys shown in the above screenshot:

To link to...	Type this	Resulting URL
a JIRA issue	CONF-1000@JIRA	<a href="http://jira.atlassian.com/secure/QuickSearch.jsps?searchString=CONF-1000">http://jira.atlassian.com/secure/QuickSearch.jsps?searchString=CONF-1000</a>
a Google search	Atlassian Confluence@Google	<a href="http://www.google.com/search?q=Atlassian+Confluence">http://www.google.com/search?q=Atlassian+Confluence</a>

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#### Related pages:

- [Links](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

### Deleting shortcut links

Shortcut links are listed on the **Shortcut Links** tab of the Administration Console. Click **Remove** to delete the shortcut.

## Configuring Time and Date Formats

You can localize the formats that Confluence uses to display dates and times within the web interface.

The settings use the syntax of Java's `SimpleDateFormat` class, as described in this document: [Java SimpleDateFormat](#).

There are three time and date format settings:

- **Time format:** Used when displaying only the time of day. For example, when a blog post is published. Example of configuration: `h:mm a`
- **Date time format:** Used when displaying both the date and the time of day. For example, in historical versions of pages. Example of configuration: `MMM dd, yyyy HH:mm`
- **Date format:** Used when displaying only the date. For example, the creation and most recent modification dates of pages. Example of configuration: `MMM dd, yyyy`

### Related pages:

- [Choosing a Default Language](#)
- [Installing a Language Pack](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

### To change the time and date formats:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **General Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Enter the values for **Time Format**, **Date Time Format** and **Date Format**, to suit your requirements.
5. Choose **Save**.

## Enabling the Remote API

XML-RPC and SOAP remote APIs were deprecated in Confluence 5.5. We recommend using the fully supported [Confluence Server REST API](#) wherever possible.

To use the XML-RPC and SOAP remote APIs you need to enable the APIs from the **Administration Console**. You'll need [System Administrator](#) permissions to do this.

### To enable the remote API:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **Further Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Click **Edit**.
4. Click the check box next to **Remote API (XML-RPC & SOAP)**.
5. Click **Save**.

## Enabling Threaded Comments

Comments on pages or blog posts are displayed in one of two views:

- **Threaded:** Shows the comments in a hierarchy of responses. Each reply to a comment is indented to indicate the relationships between the comments.
- **Flat:** Displays all the comments in one single list and does not



indicate the relationships between comments.

By default, comments are displayed in **threaded** mode. A Confluence Administrator (see [Global Permissions Overview](#)) can enable or disable the threaded view for the entire Confluence site.

#### To enable or disable the threaded view:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select **Further Configuration** in the left-hand panel
3. Choose **Edit**
4. Select or unselect the **Threaded Comments** checkbox to enable or disable threaded mode
5. Choose **Save**

#### Related pages:

- [Comment on pages and blog posts](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

### Installing a Language Pack

Confluence ships with a number of bundled language packs. These languages appear as options on the 'Language Configuration' screen in the Administration Console when [choosing a default language](#) and as 'Language' options for users in their [user settings](#).

Confluence is available in these languages right out of the box:

- Deutsch (Deutschland)
- Eesti (Eesti)
- English (UK)
- English (US)
- Español (España)
- Français (France)
- Íslenska (Ísland)
- Italiano (Italia)
- Norsk (Norge)
- Português (Brasil)
- Român (România)
- Slovenina (Slovenská republika)
- Suomi (Suomi)
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#### Related pages:

- [Choosing a Default Language](#)
- [Configuring Indexing Language](#)
- [Installing add-ons](#)

You can make additional languages available by installing language pack add-ons. You'll need to be a Confluence administrator to install a language pack.

#### *Installing a language pack add-on*

To install a language pack using the Universal Plugin Manager:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Find New Add-ons** in the left-hand panel.
3. Find the language pack on the Atlassian Marketplace.
4. Choose **Install** to install the language pack.

#### *Installing a language pack manually*

To install a language pack manually, you will need to upload the language pack plugin as described below. The language pack plugin will be enabled by default once you have installed it.

Plugins are distributed as JAR or OBR (OSGi Bundle Repository) files. To install a plugin:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Manage Add-ons**.
3. Choose **Upload Plugin**.
4. Choose **Browse** to find the plugin file you wish to install from your hard drive and select it, or enter a network location by URL.
5. Choose **Upload**.  
The plugin will be uploaded to Confluence and will be automatically installed.
6. Check the list of user-installed plugins to ensure that the add-on is available.
7. Enable the plugin if necessary. (Some plugins will be enabled by default when they are installed. Others will have to be manually enabled from the 'Manage Add-ons' page.)

### Finding more Language Packs

- You can download official language packs from the [Atlassian Marketplace](#). You can also download language packs developed by the Confluence user community from <https://translations.atlassian.com>.

### Showing User Interface Key Names for Translation

This feature is useful if you are working on creating translations of the Confluence user interface. After opening the Confluence dashboard, you can add the following action to the end of your Confluence URL:

```
?i18ntranslate=on
```

For example `http://myconfluencesite.com?i18ntranslate=on`

This will cause each element of the user interface to display its special **key name**. This makes it easier to find the context for each key within the user interface. You can then search for the key on <http://translations.atlassian.com> where you can enter an appropriate translation for your custom language pack.

The key names are displayed with a 'lightning bolt' graphic. For example:

Dashboard⚡`title.dashboard`

Invite Users⚡`easyuser.add.users.button`

Create Space⚡`dashboard.button.add.space`

To turn off the translation view, add the following to the end of the Confluence URL:

```
?i18ntranslate=off
```

### Installing Patched Class Files

Atlassian support or the Atlassian bug-fixing team may occasionally provide patches for critical issues that have been resolved but have not yet made it into a release. Those patches will be class files which are attached to the relevant issue in our [JIRA bug-tracking system](#).

#### Installation Instructions for the Confluence Distribution

Follow these steps to install a patched class file:

1. Shut down your confluence instance.
2. Copy the supplied class files to `<installation-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/<subdirectories>`, where:
  - `<installation-directory>` must be replaced with your Confluence Installation directory. (If you need more information, read about the [Confluence Installation Directory](#).)
  - `<subdirectories>` must be replaced by the value specified in the relevant JIRA issue. This value will be different for different issues. In some cases, the subdirectories will not exist and you



will need to create them before copying the class files. Some issues will contain the patch in the form of a ZIP file which will contain the desired directory structure.

3. Restart your Confluence instance for the changes to become effective.

**i** Class files in the `/WEB-INF/classes` directory of a web application will be loaded before classes located in JAR files in the `/WEB-INF/lib` directory. Therefore, classes in the first directory will effectively replace classes of the same name and package which would otherwise be loaded from the JAR files.

### Reverting the patch

To revert the patch, simply remove the class files from the `<installation-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/` folder (taking care to only remove those that apply to the patch you wish to revert), then restart the instance.

Once the issue that the patch relates to is resolved, you should upgrade to the version of Confluence that contains the fix, and revert the patch. Patches are often naive and untested and may not solve the problem in the most efficient way. As such, an official fix should be preferred in all cases.

## Configuring System Properties

This page describes how to set Java properties and options on startup for Confluence.

See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#) for specific instructions for OutOfMemory Errors.

### Linux

#### To configure System Properties in Linux installations:

1. Edit the `<installation-directory>/bin/setenv.sh` file.
2. Find the section **CATALINA\_OPTS=** (this is `JAVA_OPTS=` in Confluence 5.5 and earlier)
3. Refer to the list of parameters [below](#).

**i** Add all parameters in a space-separated list, inside the quotations.

#### On this page:

- [Linux](#)
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- [Windows Service](#)
- [Confluence Data Center deployed in AWS](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Recognized System Properties](#)
- [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#)

### Windows (starting from .bat file)

#### To Configure System Properties in Windows Installations When Starting from the .bat File:

1. Edit the `<installation-directory>/bin/setenv.bat` file.
2. Find the section **set CATALINA\_OPTS=%CATALINA\_OPTS%** (this is `JAVA_OPTS=%JAVA_OPTS%` in Confluence 5.5 and earlier)
3. Refer to the list of parameters [below](#).

**i** Add all parameters in a space-separated list. Make sure to keep the string `%CATALINA_OPTS%` in place.

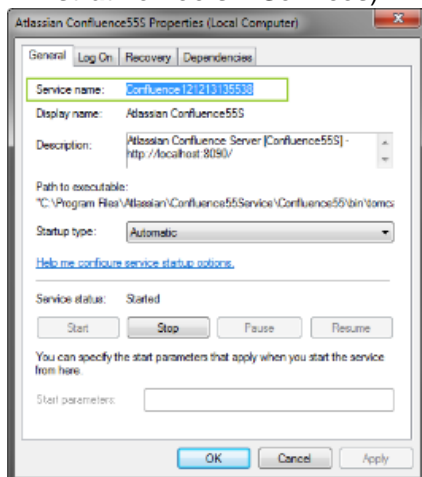
### Windows Service

There are two ways to configure system properties when you [Start Confluence Automatically on Windows as a Service](#), either via [command line](#) or in the [Windows Registry](#)

### Setting Properties for Windows Services via Command Line

To set properties for Windows Services via a command line:

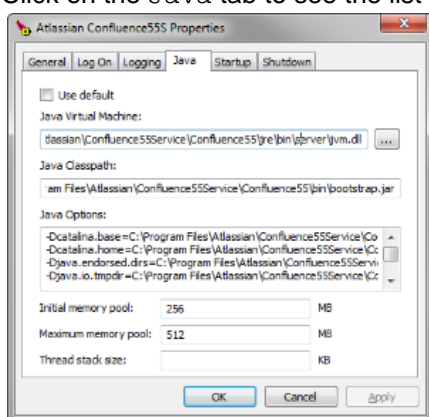
1. Identify the name of the service that Confluence is installed as in Windows (Go to **Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services**):



- i In the above example, the service name is *Confluence121213135538*.
2. Open the command window (Choose **Start > cmd.exe**)
3. `cd` to the `bin` directory of your Confluence instance and run the following command:

```
tomcat8w //ES//<SERVICENAME>
```

- i In the above example, it would be `tomcat8w //ES//Confluence121213135538`  
The Tomcat version number may be different if you are using an earlier version of Confluence.
4. Click on the **Java** tab to see the list of current start-up options:

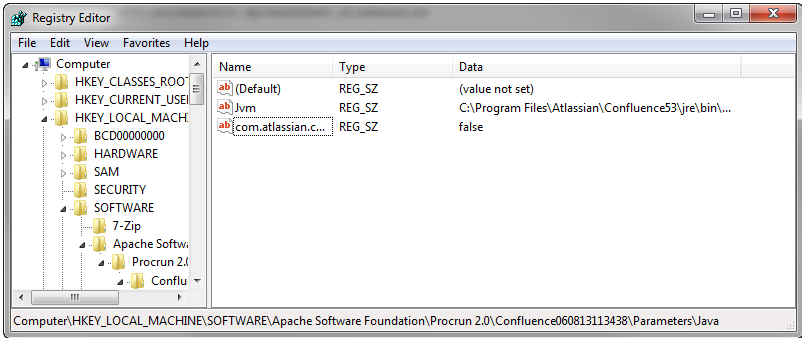


5. Append any new option on its own new line by adding to the end of the existing Java Options. Refer to the list of parameters [below](#).

### Setting Properties for Windows Services via the Windows Registry

In some versions of Windows, there is no option to add Java variables to the service. In these cases, you must add the properties by viewing the option list in the registry.

1. Go to the Registry Editor (**Start > regedit.exe**).
2. Find the Services entry:  
`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE >> SOFTWARE >> Apache Software Foundation >> Procrun 2.0 >> Confluence service name`



- 3. To change existing properties double-click the appropriate value.
- 4. To change additional properties, double-click options.
- 5. Refer to the list of parameters [below](#). Enter each on a separate line.

Confluence Data Center deployed in AWS

If you've used the Quick Start or CloudFormation template to deploy Confluence Data Center in AWS, you will pass system properties via the Cloud Formation Template, and not using the methods described above.

- 1. In the AWS Console, choose **Update Stack**
- 2. Under **Advanced**, enter system properties in the Catalina Properties field as follows:

```
-Xms1024m -Xmx1024m -Dsystemproperty=value
```

- 3. Changes are applied when a new nodes are provisioned.

Verifying Your Settings

To see what Confluence is using, check [Viewing System Properties](#).

Recognized System Properties

Since	Default Value	Module...	Effect
<b>atlassian.forceSchemaUpdate</b>			
1.0	false	atlassian-config	By default, Confluence will only run its database schema update when it detects that it has been upgraded. This flag will force Confluence to perform the schema update on system startup.
<b>confluence.home</b>			
1.0	Any filesystem path	Confluence and atlassian-config	If this system property is set, Confluence will ignore the contents of the <code>confluence-init.properties</code> file, and use this property as the setting for the Confluence Home directory.
<b>confluence.dev.mode</b>			

1.0	false	Confluence	Enables additional debugging options that may be of use to Confluence developers (additionally it changes spring bean creation to use lazy initialization by default to decrease startup time). Do not enable this flag on a production system.
<b>confluence.disable.mailpolling</b>			
2.4	false	Confluence	If set to "true", will prevent Confluence from retrieving mail for archiving within spaces. Manually triggering "check for new mail" via the web UI will still work. This property has no effect on outgoing mail
<b>confluence.i18n.reloadbundles</b>			
1.0	true	Confluence	Setting this property will cause Confluence to reload its i18n resource bundles every time an internationalized string is looked up. This can be useful when testing translations, but will make Confluence run <i>insanely slowly</i> .
<b>confluence.ignore.debug.logging</b>			
1.0	true	Confluence	Confluence will normally log a severe error message if it detects that DEBUG level logging is enabled (as DEBUG logging generally causes a significant degradation in system performance). Setting this property will suppress the error message.
<b>confluence.jmx.disabled</b>			
3.0	false	Confluence	If set to "true", will disable Confluence's JMX monitoring. This has the same effect as setting the "enabled" property to false in WEB-INF/classes/jmxContext.xml
<b>confluence.optimize.index.module</b>			
2.2	20	Confluence	Number of index queue flushes before the index is optimized.
<b>confluence.plugins.bundled.disable</b>			
2.9	false	Confluence	Starts confluence without bundled plugins. May be useful in a development environment to make Confluence start quicker, but since bundled plugins are necessary for some of Confluence's core functionality, this property should not be set on a production system.
<b>atlassian.indexing.contentbody.maxsize</b>			

3.0	1048576	atlassian	<p>When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.</p> <p>If the amount of content extracted from the file exceeds the limit set by this property (default is 1MB, in bytes), the file's contents will still be indexed and searchable, but will not appear when the file is returned in search results. Increasing this limit may make displaying search results slower. See <a href="#">Configure Attachment Size</a> for more info.</p>
<b>atlassian.mail.fetchdisabled</b>			
3.5	false	Confluence	Disables mail fetching services for IMAP and POP
<b>atlassian.mail.senddisabled</b>			
3.5	false	Confluence and atlassian-mail	Disables sending of mail
<b>atlassian.disable.caches</b>			
2.4	true	atlassian-plugins, atlassian-cache-servlet	Setting this property will disable conditional get and expires: headers on some web resources. This will significantly slow down the user experience, but is useful in development if you are frequently changing static resources and don't want to continually flush your browser cache.
<b>confluence.html.encode.automatic</b>			
2.9		Confluence	Setting this property forces the antixss encoding on or off, overriding the behavior dictated by settings. The default behavior differs between Confluence versions.
<b>org.osgi.framework.bootdelegation</b>			
2.10	empty	atlassian-plugins	Comma-separated list of package names to provide from application for OSGi plugins. Typically required when profiling Confluence. For example: "com.jprofiler., <b>com.yourkit</b> ".
<b>confluence.diff.pool.size</b>			
3.1	20	Confluence	Maximum number of concurrent diffs. When that number is exceeded, additional attempts by RSS feeds to create diffs are ignored and logged. (The RSS requests succeed, they are just missing diffs).
<b>confluence.diff.timeout</b>			
3.1	1000	Confluence	Number of milliseconds to wait for a diff operation (comparing two page versions) to complete before aborting with an error message.

<b>confluence.html.diff.timeout</b>			
4.0	10000	Confluence	Number of milliseconds to wait for a diff operation (comparing two page versions) to complete before aborting with an error message.
<b>atlassian.user.experimentalMapping</b>			
2.10	false	Confluence	Setting this property changes the relationship between local users and local groups to reduce performance degradation when adding a local user to a local group with a large number of users. Please note, setting this property can slow down other user management functions. We recommend that you set it only if you are experiencing performance problems when adding local users to large local groups. Please refer to <a href="#">CONF-12319</a> , fixed in Confluence 3.1.1.
<b>confluence.import.use-experimental-importer</b>			
3.2	false	Confluence	Setting this property changes Confluence to use the Experimental XML Importer. It is designed to be a more stable implementation but, at the time of the release of 3.2, the importer is largely untested and thus not supported.
<b>atlassian.webresource.disable.minification</b>			
3.3	false	atlassian-plugins	Disables automatic minification of JavaScript and CSS resources served by Confluence.
<b>index.queue.thread.count</b>			
3.3	See "Effect"	Confluence	<p>Sets the number of threads to be used for the reindex job. The value has to be in the range of 1 to 50 (inclusive), i.e. at least one thread but no more than 50 threads will be used. There is no default value, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you don't set <code>index.queue.thread.count</code>, the number of threads to be used are calculated based on the number of objects that need to be reindexed and the number of processors available (a maximum of 50 threads will be used).</li> <li>• If you set <code>index.queue.thread.count=2</code>, then two threads will be used to reindex the content (regardless of the number of objects to be reindexed or the number of processors available)</li> <li>• If you set <code>index.queue.thread.count=200</code>, then ten threads (the maximum allowed) will be used to reindex the content.</li> </ul> <p>Note: For Confluence versions from 3.3 to 5.6 the maximum threads is 10.</p>

<b><i>index.queue.batch.size</i></b>			
3.3	1500	Confluence	Size of batches used by the indexer. Reducing this value will reduce the load that the indexer puts on the system, but indexing takes longer. Increasing this value will cause indexing to be completed faster, but puts a higher load on the system. Normally this setting does not need tuning.
<b><i>password.confirmation.disabled</i></b>			
3.4	false	Confluence	This property disables the password confirmation functionality that Confluence uses as an additional security measure. With this property set, Confluence will <i>not</i> require password confirmation for the following actions: <a href="#">administrative actions</a> , change of email address and <a href="#">Captcha for failed logins</a> . Disabling password confirmations is useful if you are using a custom authenticator.
<b><i>confluence.browser.language.enabled</i></b>			
3.5	true	Confluence	Setting this property to "false" disables the detection of browser language headers, effectively restoring Confluence behavior to that of earlier releases. Setting this property to "true" enables the detection of the language headers sent by the browser. Confluence will change the UI language based on the browser headers. See documentation on how users can <a href="#">choose a language preference</a> .
<b><i>upm.pac.disable</i></b>			
Universal Plugin Manager 1.5	false	Universal Plugin Manager (UPM)	When this property is set to true, then UPM will not try to access the <a href="#">The Atlassian Marketplace</a> . This is useful for application servers that do not have access to the Internet. See the <a href="#">UPM documentation</a> .
<b><i>confluence.reindex.documents.to.pop</i></b>			
3.5.9	20	Confluence	Indicates how many objects each indexing thread should process at a time during a full re-index. Please note that this number does not include attachments
<b><i>confluence.reindex.attachments.to.pop</i></b>			
3.5.9	10	Confluence	Indicates how many attachments each indexing thread should process at a time during a full re-index.
<b><i>confluence.upgrade.active.directory</i></b>			

3.5.11	false	Confluence	Forces Confluence to treat any LDAP directories it migrates as Active Directory, rather than relying on looking for sAMAccountName in the username attribute. This is necessary if you are upgrading from before Confluence 3.5, and need to use an attribute other than sAMAccountName to identify your users and are seeing LDAP: error code 4 - Sizelimit Exceeded exceptions in your logs. For more details, see <a href="#">Unable to Log In with Confluence 3.5 or Later Due to 'LDAP error code 4 - Sizelimit Exceeded'</a>
<b>confluence.context.batching.disable</b>			
4.0	false	Confluence	Disables batching for web resources in contexts (e.g. editor, main, admin). Useful for diagnosing the source of javascript or CSS errors.
<b>com.atlassian.logout.disable.session.invalidation</b>			
4.0	false	Confluence	Disables the session invalidation on log out. As of 4.0 the default behavior is to invalidate the JSession assigned to a client when they log out. If this is set to true the session is kept active (but the user logged out). This may be valuable when using external authentication systems, but should generally not be needed.
<b>officeconnector.spreadsheet.xlsxmaxsize</b>			
4.0.5	2097152	Office Connector	Indicates the maximum size in bytes of an Excel file that can be viewed using the viewxls macro. If empty, the maximum size defaults to 2Mb. See <a href="#">CO NF-21043</a> for more details.
<b>com.atlassian.confluence.extra.calendar3.display.events.calendar.maxpercalendar</b>			
	200	Team Calendars	Specifies the maximum number of events per calendar. This property is effective only if the <a href="#">Team Calendars</a> plugin is installed on your Confluence site.
<b>com.atlassian.confluence.allow.downgrade</b>			
4.3.2, 5.0-OD-10	false	Confluence	Allows Confluence to start up against the home directory of a newer version of Confluence. Note that running Confluence like that is unsupported. You should only turn this on if you know what you are doing. See <a href="#">After Downgrading, Confluence Will No Longer Run</a> for details.
<b>confluence.skip.reindex</b>			



	false		When true, allows Confluence to skip rebuilding the search index when Confluence is upgraded. This can be useful if you have a very large site and wish to delay rebuilding the index until a time after the upgrade is complete.
<b><i>reindex.thread.count</i></b>			
5.2		Confluence	Sets the number of threads to be used for a one-off reindex job. The value has to be in the range of 1 to 50 (inclusive), i.e. at least one thread but no more than 50 threads will be used. There is no default value. This system property does not affect the incremental indexing that Confluence does.
<b><i>reindex.attachments.thread.count</i></b>			
5.2	4	Confluence	Sets the number of threads to be used for reindexing attachments specifically, and allows you to reduce the concurrency for these more memory intensive index items.
<b><i>confluence.mbox.directory</i></b>			
5.4.1		Confluence	Setting this property defines the directory on your Confluence Server where mailboxes can be imported from (for use with the Confluence Mail Archiving add-on). Mailboxes are not able to be imported from any other location. We recommend administrators create a directory in the Confluence Home directory specifically for this purpose. Mail cannot be imported from the server until this system property is set.
<b><i>confluence.search.max.results</i></b>			
5.5	1000	Confluence	Setting this property changes the maximum number of items Confluence Search will return.
<b><i>confluence.upgrade.recovery.file.enabled</i></b>			
5.5	true	Confluence	By default, Confluence creates an upgrade recovery file before and after an upgrade. The operation can take long time on large databases and can be safely turned off if there is a process to back up database and verify the backup before performing an upgrade. Setting this property to false will disable upgrade recovery file creation.
<b><i>confluence.junit.report.directory</i></b>			

5.5		Confluence	Setting this property defines the directory on your Confluence Server where JUnit Reports can be imported from (for use in the JUnit Report Macro). No other locations are permitted. We recommend administrators create a directory in the Confluence Home directory specifically for this purpose. JUnit Test result files cannot be imported from the server until this system property is set.
<b><i>officeconnector.textextract.word.docxmaxsize</i></b>			
5.5.3	16777216	Confluence	<p>When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.</p> <p>Confluence will only extract content from a Word document up to the limit set by this property (defaults to 16MB, in bytes), before proceeding to index it. This will mean that only part of file's contents are searchable. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.</p>
<b><i>cluster.login.rememberme.enabled</i></b>			
5.6	False		<p>In a cluster, setting this property to <code>True</code> will enable the 'Remember Me' checkbox on the login page. This is not recommended in a cluster, and is disabled by default (i.e. 'Remember me' is always on and users can move seamlessly between nodes).</p> <p>This system property has no effect in standalone Confluence.</p>
<b><i>confluence.cluster.hazelcast.listenPort</i></b>			
5.6	5801		In a cluster, this property can be used to override the default port that Hazelcast will bind to, for example, if the port is unavailable, or you need to run more than one node on the same host (not recommended). It defaults to 5801.
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.threads</i></b>			
5.7		Confluence	The number of threads allocated to the file conversion service is calculated dynamically based on the amount of memory assigned to the instance and the number of CPU cores (usually 4 to 6 threads). This property can be used to change the number of threads. Decrease threads to resolve OOME issues, increase threads to resolve problems with documents spending too long in the queue.
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.threads.wait</i></b>			

5.7	1000	Confluence	Set this property to change the maximum number of items that can be queued for conversion. Any file conversion requests that are made when this maximum limit has been reached are aborted.
<b><i>confluence.cluster.node.name</i></b>			
5.7		Confluence	Set this property to give each node in your Data Center cluster a human readable name (displayed in email notifications and in the footer). If left unset, Confluence will assign a node identifier to each node.
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.fontpath</i></b>			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to define a directory where you can add additional fonts to be used when rendering files (in previews and thumbnails).</p> <p>This is useful if you need to support previewing files with specific fonts, or fonts with multibyte characters (such as Japanese).</p>
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.words.defaultfontname</i></b>			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering Word (.doc and .docx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.slides.defaultfontname.regular</i></b>			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering regular fonts in Powerpoint (.ppt and .pptx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.slides.defaultfontname.asian</i></b>			
5.8.7	TakaoPGothic	Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering asian fonts in Powerpoint (.ppt and .pptx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
<b><i>confluence.document.conversion.slides.defaultfontname.symbol</i></b>			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering symbols in Powerpoint (.ppt and .pptx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>This is the font that will be used for bullets and other symbols when the font Symbol is not found.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>

<b>confluence.clickjacking.protection.disable</b>			
5.8.15	false	Confluence	Security features prevent Confluence from being embedded in an <code>&lt;iframe&gt;</code> . To disable this protection, set this property to <code>true</code> which will allow Confluence to be embedded in an <code>&lt;iframe&gt;</code> .
<b>confluence.cluster.index.recovery.query.timeout</b>			
5.9.1	10		In Confluence Data Center, the amount of time, in seconds, that a confluence node needing index recovery will wait for another node to offer an index snapshot, before it gives up and stops attempting to recover the index.
<b>confluence.cluster.index.recovery.generation.timeout</b>			
5.9.1	120		In Confluence Data Center, the amount of time, in seconds, that a confluence node needing index recovery will wait for an index snapshot to be created by another node, before it gives up and stops attempting to recover the index.
<b>confluence.cluster.index.recovery.num.attempts</b>			
5.9.1	1		In Confluence Data Center, the number of times that a node needing index recovery will attempt to recover its index. Set this property to 0 to disable index recovery on that node (for example, when you want to force a node to automatically rebuild its own index on startup).
<b>com.atlassian.confluence.officeconnector.canary.memory_value</b>			
5.9.1	1024	Confluence	Sets the memory (in megabytes) available to the Office Connector Canary process, which is a workaround for a known issue with the Import from Word option. See <a href="#">JVM crashes during Import from Word in Confluence</a> for more information.
<b>com.atlassian.confluence.officeconnector.canary.timeout</b>			
5.9.1	120000	Confluence	Sets the maximum timeout (in milliseconds) for the Office Connector Canary process, which is a workaround for a known issue with the Import from Word option. See <a href="#">JVM crashes during Import from Word in Confluence</a> for more information.
<b>atlassian.plugins.enable.wait</b>			
5.9.5	300		Set this property to increase the default time to wait for plugins to start up. This is useful if you have problems with plugins not starting up in time, causing Confluence to fail to start.

<b>confluence.cluster.hazelcast.max.no.heartbeat.seconds</b>			
5.9.7	30	Confluence	In Confluence Data Center, this sets how long (in seconds) a node can be out of communication with the cluster before it's removed from the cluster. See <a href="#">balancing uptime and data integrity</a> for more info on when you may want to change this setting.
<b>confluence.startup.remigration.disable</b>			
5.10.8	False		Set this property to true if you repeatedly experience issues with Confluence creating a new page version as it attempts to migrate pages containing unmigrated wiki-markup macros each time a plugin is install or updated. See <b>CONFSERVER-37710</b> <span>RESOLVED</span> for more details.
<b>cluster.safety.time.to.live.split.ms</b>			
6.0.0	60000		In Confluence Data Center, this is the amount of time (in milliseconds) that the cluster safety job will wait to allow the nodes to rejoin after a split brain is detected. If the node still can't find the cluster safety number in the cache after this time, the node will panic.
<b>confluence.cph.max.entries</b>			
6.0.0	2000	Confluence	This is the maximum number of pages that can be copied when you copy a page and its child pages. Increase this if you need to copy a page with more than the default number of child pages.
<b>confluence.cph.batch.size</b>			
6.0.0	10	Confluence	This is the number of pages copied in each batch when you copy a page and its children. Increase or reduce this number if you experience problems copying a page with many child pages.
<b>synchrony.port (formerly known as reza.port)</b>			
6.0.0	8091		This is the port that Synchrony, the service that powers collaborative editing, runs on. You should only need to change this if port 8091 is not available. For Confluence Data Center system properties see <a href="#">Configuring Synchrony for Data Center</a> . From 6.0.4, Confluence Server will accept either <code>reza.port</code> or <code>synchrony.port</code> .
<b>synchrony.memory.max (formerly reza.memory.max)</b>			

6.0.0	1g		<p>This is the maximum heap size (Xmx) allocated to Synchrony, the service that powers collaborative editing. Change this value if you need to increase or decrease the heap size. For Confluence Data Center system properties see <a href="#">Configuring Synchrony for Data Center</a>.</p> <p>From 6.0.4, Confluence Server will accept either <code>reza.memory.max</code> or <code>synchrony.memory.max</code>.</p>
<b><i>synchrony.stack.space</i></b>			
6.0.0	2048k		<p>This sets the stack size (Xss) of the Synchrony JVM. Increase if you experience stack overflow errors, or decrease if you experience out of memory errors from Synchrony.</p>
<b><i>synchrony.enable.xhr.fallback</i></b>			
6.0.0	True		<p>XML HTTP Request (XHR) fallback allows a user, who cannot connect to Synchrony via a WebSocket, to use the Confluence Editor. From Confluence 6.1 this is enabled by default, and only used when a WebSocket connection is not available. You should not need to disable this, unless directed by our support team.</p>
<b><i>synchrony.database.test.connection.on.checkin</i></b>			
6.0.0	True		<p>Verifies the connection to the database is valid at every connection checkin. Atlassian Support may suggest you set this property to False if you experience performance issues in sites that have very frequent page edits.</p>
<b><i>synchrony.proxy.enabled</i></b>			
6.0.0	True		<p>By default, Confluence uses an internal proxy to communicate between the Confluence JVM and Synchrony JVM. See <a href="#">Administering Collaborative Editing</a> for more information.</p> <p>In Confluence 6.0, set this property to <code>true</code> to manually enable the internal proxy (useful if you have configured a reverse proxy and want to also use the internal Synchrony proxy).</p> <p>In Confluence 6.1 or later it should <b>not be necessary</b> to use this system property, as Confluence intelligently determines when to use the proxy.</p>
<b><i>synchrony.bind (formerly known as reza.bind)</i></b>			

6.0.0	0.0.0.0		This is the specific network interface that Synchrony listens on. It is unlikely that you will need to change this in Confluence Server. In Confluence Data Center this should be set to the same value as <code>synchrony.cluster.bind</code> . From 6.0.4, Confluence Server will accept either <code>reza.bind</code> or <code>synchrony.bind</code> .
<b><i>synchrony.context.path</i></b>			
6.0.0	/synchrony		This is the context path for Synchrony. There should be no need to change this in Confluence Server.
<b><i>confluence.flyingpdf.default.characters.per.line</i></b>			
6.0.3	80		If the total characters in a table column heading exceeds the value of this property, Confluence will automatically adjust the width of the other table columns so that all columns will fit within one page when the page is exported to PDF.
<b><i>synchrony.host</i></b>			
6.0.4	127.0.0.1		This is the IP that Confluence uses to connect to Synchrony. It defaults to localhost. Change this if you need to allow Confluence to contact Synchrony via a custom hostname or IP address.
<b><i>synchrony.proxy.healthcheck.disabled</i></b>			
6.1.0	false		The Synchrony proxy health check is used to check whether the Synchrony proxy is running and responding to requests. It requires a http connection. If a http connector is not present in your <code>server.xml</code> (for example you're using a https or AJP connector) the health check will fail even if the Synchrony proxy is operational. You can use this system property to disable the health check if necessary.
<b><i>page.index.macro.max.pages</i></b>			
6.1.4	5000		Sets the maximum number of pages that the Page Index macro can display. The Page Index macro can significantly slow down your Confluence instance and cause out of memory errors when used in a space with a large number of pages. If the number of pages in the space exceeds this limit, the Page Index macro will show a page count, and a message that there are too many pages to display.
<b><i>atlassian.indexing.attachment.maxsize</i></b>			

6.2.2	104857600		<p>When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.</p> <p>If the uploaded file is larger than the limit set by this property (default is 100MB, in bytes), text extraction and indexing will be skipped. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.</p>
<b>officeconnector.excel.extractor.maxlength</b>			
6.2.2	1048576		<p>When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.</p> <p>Confluence will only extract content from an Excel spreadsheet up to the limit set by this property (default is 1MB, in bytes), before proceeding to index it. This will mean that only part of file's contents are searchable. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.</p>
<b>confluence.collab.edit.user.limit</b>			
6.3.0	12		<p>When collaborative editing is enabled, this sets the maximum number of users that can simultaneously edit a page. Reduce this number if you experience degraded performance when many people are editing.</p>

## Recognized System Properties

Confluence supports some configuration and debugging settings that can be enabled through Java system properties. System properties are usually set by passing the `-D` flag to the Java virtual machine in which Confluence is running. See the full instructions: [Configuring System Properties](#).

Since	Default Value	Module...	Effect
<b>atlassian.forceSchemaUpdate</b>			
1.0	false	atlassian-config	By default, Confluence will only run its database schema update when it detects that it has been upgraded. This flag will force Confluence to perform the schema update on system startup.
<b>confluence.home</b>			
1.0	Any filesystem path	Confluence and atlassian-config	If this system property is set, Confluence will ignore the contents of the <code>confluence-init.properties</code> file, and use this property as the setting for the Confluence Home directory.
<b>confluence.dev.mode</b>			
1.0	false	Confluence	Enables additional debugging options that may be of use to Confluence developers (additionally it changes spring bean creation to use lazy initialization by default to decrease startup time). Do not enable this flag on a production system.



confluence.disable.mailpolling			
2.4	false	Confluence	If set to "true", will prevent Confluence from retrieving mail for archiving within spaces. Manually triggering "check for new mail" via the web UI will still work. This property has no effect on outgoing mail
confluence.i18n.reloadbundles			
1.0	true	Confluence	Setting this property will cause Confluence to reload its i18n resource bundles every time an internationalized string is looked up. This can be useful when testing translations, but will make Confluence run <i>insanely slowly</i> .
confluence.ignore.debug.logging			
1.0	true	Confluence	Confluence will normally log a severe error message if it detects that DEBUG level logging is enabled (as DEBUG logging generally causes a significant degradation in system performance). Setting this property will suppress the error message.
confluence.jmx.disabled			
3.0	false	Confluence	If set to "true", will disable Confluence's JMX monitoring. This has the same effect as setting the "enabled" property to false in <code>WEB-INF/classes/jmxContext.xml</code>
confluence.optimize.index.modulo			
2.2	20	Confluence	Number of index queue flushes before the index is optimized.
confluence.plugins.bundled.disable			
2.9	false	Confluence	Starts confluence without bundled plugins. May be useful in a development environment to make Confluence start quicker, but since bundled plugins are necessary for some of Confluence's core functionality, this property should not be set on a production system.
atlassian.indexing.contentbody.maxsize			
3.0	1048576	atlassian	<p>When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.</p> <p>If the amount of content extracted from the file exceeds the limit set by this property (default is 1MB, in bytes), the file's contents will still be indexed and searchable, but will not appear when the file is returned in search results. Increasing this limit may make displaying search results slower. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.</p>
atlassian.mail.fetchdisabled			
3.5	false	Confluence	Disables mail fetching services for IMAP and POP
atlassian.mail.senddisabled			

3.5	false	Confluence and atlassian-mail	Disables sending of mail
atlassian.disable.caches			
2.4	true	atlassian-plugins, atlassian-cache-servlet	Setting this property will disable conditional get and expires: headers on some web resources. This will significantly slow down the user experience, but is useful in development if you are frequently changing static resources and don't want to continually flush your browser cache.
confluence.html.encode.automatic			
2.9		Confluence	Setting this property forces the antixss encoding on or off, overriding the behavior dictated by settings. The default behavior differs between Confluence versions.
org.osgi.framework.bootdelegation			
2.10	empty	atlassian-plugins	Comma-separated list of package names to provide from application for OSGi plugins. Typically required when profiling Confluence. For example: "com.jprofiler., <b>com.yourkit.</b> ".
confluence.diff.pool.size			
3.1	20	Confluence	Maximum number of concurrent diffs. When that number is exceeded, additional attempts by RSS feeds to create diffs are ignored and logged. (The RSS requests succeed, they are just missing diffs).
confluence.diff.timeout			
3.1	1000	Confluence	Number of milliseconds to wait for a diff operation (comparing two page versions) to complete before aborting with an error message.
confluence.html.diff.timeout			
4.0	10000	Confluence	Number of milliseconds to wait for a diff operation (comparing two page versions) to complete before aborting with an error message.
atlassian.user.experimentalMapping			
2.10	false	Confluence	Setting this property changes the relationship between local users and local groups to reduce performance degradation when adding a local user to a local group with a large number of users. Please note, setting this property can slow down other user management functions. We recommend that you set it only if you are experiencing performance problems when adding local users to large local groups. Please refer to <a href="#">CONF-12319</a> , fixed in Confluence 3.1.1.
confluence.import.use-experimental-importer			
3.2	false	Confluence	Setting this property changes Confluence to use the Experimental XML Importer. It is designed to be a more stable implementation but, at the time of the release of 3.2, the importer is largely untested and thus not supported.

atlassian.webresource.disable.minification			
3.3	false	atlassian-plugins	Disables automatic minification of JavaScript and CSS resources served by Confluence.
index.queue.thread.count			
3.3	See "Effect"	Confluence	<p>Sets the number of threads to be used for the reindex job. The value has to be in the range of 1 to 50 (inclusive), i.e. at least one thread but no more than 50 threads will be used. There is no default value, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you don't set <code>index.queue.thread.count</code>, the number of threads to be used are calculated based on the number of objects that need to be reindexed and the number of processors available (a maximum of 50 threads will be used).</li> <li>If you set <code>index.queue.thread.count=2</code>, then two threads will be used to reindex the content (regardless of the number of objects to be reindexed or the number of processors available)</li> <li>If you set <code>index.queue.thread.count=200</code>, then ten threads (the maximum allowed) will be used to reindex the content.</li> </ul> <p>Note: For Confluence versions from 3.3 to 5.6 the maximum threads is 10.</p>
index.queue.batch.size			
3.3	1500	Confluence	Size of batches used by the indexer. Reducing this value will reduce the load that the indexer puts on the system, but indexing takes longer. Increasing this value will cause indexing to be completed faster, but puts a higher load on the system. Normally this setting does not need tuning.
password.confirmation.disabled			
3.4	false	Confluence	This property disables the password confirmation functionality that Confluence uses as an additional security measure. With this property set, Confluence will <i>not</i> require password confirmation for the following actions: <a href="#">administrative actions</a> , change of email address and <a href="#">Captcha for failed logins</a> . Disabling password confirmations is useful if you are using a custom authenticator.
confluence.browser.language.enabled			
3.5	true	Confluence	Setting this property to "false" disables the detection of browser language headers, effectively restoring Confluence behavior to that of earlier releases. Setting this property to "true" enables the detection of the language headers sent by the browser. Confluence will change the UI language based on the browser headers. See documentation on how users can <a href="#">choose a language preference</a> .
upm.pac.disable			

Universal Plugin Manager 1.5	false	Universal Plugin Manager (UPM)	When this property is set to true, then UPM will not try to access the <a href="#">The Atlassian Marketplace</a> . This is useful for application servers that do not have access to the Internet. See the <a href="#">UPM documentation</a> .
confluence.reindex.documents.to.pop			
3.5.9	20	Confluence	Indicates how many objects each indexing thread should process at a time during a full re-index. Please note that this number does not include attachments
confluence.reindex.attachments.to.pop			
3.5.9	10	Confluence	Indicates how many attachments each indexing thread should process at a time during a full re-index.
confluence.upgrade.active.directory			
3.5.11	false	Confluence	Forces Confluence to treat any LDAP directories it migrates as Active Directory, rather than relying on looking for sAMAccountName in the username attribute. This is necessary if you are upgrading from before Confluence 3.5, and need to use an attribute other than sAMAccountName to identify your users and are seeing LDAP: error code 4 - Sizelimit Exceeded exceptions in your logs. For more details, see <a href="#">Unable to Log In with Confluence 3.5 or Later Due to 'LDAP error code 4 - Sizelimit Exceeded'</a>
confluence.context.batching.disable			
4.0	false	Confluence	Disables batching for web resources in contexts (e.g. editor, main, admin). Useful for diagnosing the source of javascript or CSS errors.
com.atlassian.logout.disable.session.invalidation			
4.0	false	Confluence	Disables the session invalidation on log out. As of 4.0 the default behavior is to invalidate the JSession assigned to a client when they log out. If this is set to true the session is kept active (but the user logged out). This may be valuable when using external authentication systems, but should generally not be needed.
officeconnector.spreadsheet.xlsxmaxsize			
4.0.5	2097152	Office Connector	Indicates the maximum size in bytes of an Excel file that can be viewed using the <code>viewxls</code> macro. If empty, the maximum size defaults to 2Mb. See <a href="#">CONF-21043</a> for more details.
com.atlassian.confluence.extra.calendar3.display.events.calendar.maxpercalendar			
	200	Team Calendars	Specifies the maximum number of events per calendar. This property is effective only if the <a href="#">Team Calendars</a> plugin is installed on your Confluence site.
com.atlassian.confluence.allow.downgrade			

4.3.2, 5.0-OD-10	false	Confluence	Allows Confluence to start up against the home directory of a newer version of Confluence. Note that running Confluence like that is unsupported. You should only turn this on if you know what you are doing. See <a href="#">After Downgrading, Confluence Will No Longer Run</a> for details.
confluence.skip.reindex			
	false		When true, allows Confluence to skip rebuilding the search index when Confluence is upgraded. This can be useful if you have a very large site and wish to delay rebuilding the index until a time after the upgrade is complete.
reindex.thread.count			
5.2		Confluence	Sets the number of threads to be used for a one-off reindex job. The value has to be in the range of 1 to 50 (inclusive), i.e. at least one thread but no more than 50 threads will be used. There is no default value. This system property does not affect the incremental indexing that Confluence does.
reindex.attachments.thread.count			
5.2	4	Confluence	Sets the number of threads to be used for reindexing attachments specifically, and allows you to reduce the concurrency for these more memory intensive index items.
confluence.mbox.directory			
5.4.1		Confluence	Setting this property defines the directory on your Confluence Server where mailboxes can be imported from (for use with the Confluence Mail Archiving add-on). Mailboxes are not able to be imported from any other location. We recommend administrators create a directory in the Confluence Home directory specifically for this purpose. Mail cannot be imported from the server until this system property is set.
confluence.search.max.results			
5.5	1000	Confluence	Setting this property changes the maximum number of items Confluence Search will return.
confluence.upgrade.recovery.file.enabled			
5.5	true	Confluence	By default, Confluence creates an upgrade recovery file before and after an upgrade. The operation can take long time on large databases and can be safely turned off if there is a process to back up database and verify the backup before performing an upgrade. Setting this property to false will disable upgrade recovery file creation.
confluence.junit.report.directory			

5.5		Confluence	Setting this property defines the directory on your Confluence Server where JUnit Reports can be imported from (for use in the JUnit Report Macro). No other locations are permitted. We recommend administrators create a directory in the Confluence Home directory specifically for this purpose. JUnit Test result files cannot be imported from the server until this system property is set.
officeconnector.textextract.word.docxmaxsize			
5.5.3	16777216	Confluence	<p>When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.</p> <p>Confluence will only extract content from a Word document up to the limit set by this property (defaults to 16MB, in bytes), before proceeding to index it. This will mean that only part of file's contents are searchable. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.</p>
cluster.login.rememberme.enabled			
5.6	False		<p>In a cluster, setting this property to <code>True</code> will enable the 'Remember Me' checkbox on the login page. This is not recommended in a cluster, and is disabled by default (i.e. 'Remember me' is always on and users can move seamlessly between nodes).</p> <p>This system property has no effect in standalone Confluence.</p>
confluence.cluster.hazelcast.listenPort			
5.6	5801		In a cluster, this property can be used to override the default port that Hazelcast will bind to, for example, if the port is unavailable, or you need to run more than one node on the same host (not recommended). It defaults to 5801.
confluence.document.conversion.threads			
5.7		Confluence	The number of threads allocated to the file conversion service is calculated dynamically based on the amount of memory assigned to the instance and the number of CPU cores (usually 4 to 6 threads). This property can be used to change the number of threads. Decrease threads to resolve OOME issues, increase threads to resolve problems with documents spending too long in the queue.
confluence.document.conversion.threads.wait			
5.7	1000	Confluence	Set this property to change the maximum number of items that can be queued for conversion. Any file conversion requests that are made when this maximum limit has been reached are aborted.
confluence.cluster.node.name			
5.7		Confluence	Set this property to give each node in your Data Center cluster a human readable name (displayed in email notifications and in the footer). If left unset, Confluence will assign a node identifier to each node.

confluence.document.conversion.fontpath			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to define a directory where you can add additional fonts to be used when rendering files (in previews and thumbnails).</p> <p>This is useful if you need to support previewing files with specific fonts, or fonts with multibyte characters (such as Japanese).</p>
confluence.document.conversion.words.defaultfontname			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering Word (.doc and .docx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
confluence.document.conversion.slides.defaultfontname.regular			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering regular fonts in Powerpoint (.ppt and .pptx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
confluence.document.conversion.slides.defaultfontname.asian			
5.8.7	TakaoPGothic	Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering asian fonts in Powerpoint (.ppt and .pptx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
confluence.document.conversion.slides.defaultfontname.symbol			
5.8.7		Confluence	<p>Set this property to change the default font for rendering symbols in Powerpoint (.ppt and .pptx) files in Confluence.</p> <p>This is the font that will be used for bullets and other symbols when the font Symbol is not found.</p> <p>Specify just the name of the font (not the path).</p>
confluence.clickjacking.protection.disable			
5.8.15	false	Confluence	<p>Security features prevent Confluence from being embedded in an &lt;iframe&gt;. To disable this protection, set this property to true which will allow Confluence to be embedded in an &lt;iframe&gt;.</p>
confluence.cluster.index.recovery.query.timeout			
5.9.1	10		<p>In Confluence Data Center, the amount of time, in seconds, that a confluence node needing index recovery will wait for another node to offer an index snapshot, before it gives up and stops attempting to recover the index.</p>
confluence.cluster.index.recovery.generation.timeout			



5.9.1	120		In Confluence Data Center, the amount of time, in seconds, that a confluence node needing index recovery will wait for an index snapshot to be created by another node, before it gives up and stops attempting to recover the index.
confluence.cluster.index.recovery.num.attempts			
5.9.1	1		In Confluence Data Center, the number of times that a node needing index recovery will attempt to recover its index. Set this property to 0 to disable index recovery on that node (for example, when you want to force a node to automatically rebuild its own index on startup).
com.atlassian.confluence.officeconnector.canary.memory_value			
5.9.1	1024	Confluence	Sets the memory (in megabytes) available to the Office Connector Canary process, which is a workaround for a known issue with the Import from Word option. See <a href="#">JVM crashes during Import from Word in Confluence</a> for more information.
com.atlassian.confluence.officeconnector.canary.timeout			
5.9.1	120000	Confluence	Sets the maximum timeout (in milliseconds) for the Office Connector Canary process, which is a workaround for a known issue with the Import from Word option. See <a href="#">JVM crashes during Import from Word in Confluence</a> for more information.
atlassian.plugins.enable.wait			
5.9.5	300		Set this property to increase the default time to wait for plugins to start up. This is useful if you have problems with plugins not starting up in time, causing Confluence to fail to start.
confluence.cluster.hazelcast.max.no.heartbeat.seconds			
5.9.7	30	Confluence	In Confluence Data Center, this sets how long (in seconds) a node can be out of communication with the cluster before it's removed from the cluster. See <a href="#">balancing uptime and data integrity</a> for more info on when you may want to change this setting.
confluence.startup.remigration.disable			
5.10.8	False		Set this property to true if you repeatedly experience issues with Confluence creating a new page version as it attempts to migrate pages containing unmigrated wiki-markup macros each time a plugin is install or updated. See <a href="#">CONFSERVER-37710</a> <b>RESOLVED</b> for more details.
cluster.safety.time.to.live.split.ms			
6.0.0	60000		In Confluence Data Center, this is the amount of time (in milliseconds) that the cluster safety job will wait to allow the nodes to rejoin after a split brain is detected. If the node still can't find the cluster safety number in the cache after this time, the node will panic.



confluence.cph.max.entries			
6.0.0	2000	Confluence	This is the maximum number of pages that can be copied when you copy a page and its child pages. Increase this if you need to copy a page with more than the default number of child pages.
confluence.cph.batch.size			
6.0.0	10	Confluence	This is the number of pages copied in each batch when you copy a page and its children. Increase or reduce this number if you experience problems copying a page with many child pages.
synchrony.port (formerly known as reza.port)			
6.0.0	8091		This is the port that Synchrony, the service that powers collaborative editing, runs on. You should only need to change this if port 8091 is not available. For Confluence Data Center system properties see <a href="#">Configuring Synchrony for Data Center</a> . From 6.0.4, Confluence Server will accept either <code>reza.port</code> or <code>synchrony.port</code> .
synchrony.memory.max (formerly reza.memory.max)			
6.0.0	1g		This is the maximum heap size (Xmx) allocated to Synchrony, the service that powers collaborative editing. Change this value if you need to increase or decrease the heap size. For Confluence Data Center system properties see <a href="#">Configuring Synchrony for Data Center</a> . From 6.0.4, Confluence Server will accept either <code>reza.memory.max</code> or <code>synchrony.memory.max</code> .
synchrony.stack.space			
6.0.0	2048k		This sets the stack size (Xss) of the Synchrony JVM. Increase if you experience stack overflow errors, or decrease if you experience out of memory errors from Synchrony.
synchrony.enable.xhr.fallback			
6.0.0	True		XML HTTP Request (XHR) fallback allows a user, who cannot connect to Synchrony via a WebSocket, to use the Confluence Editor. From Confluence 6.1 this is enabled by default, and only used when a WebSocket connection is not available. You should not need to disable this, unless directed by our support team.
synchrony.database.test.connection.on.checkin			
6.0.0	True		Verifies the connection to the database is valid at every connection checkin. Atlassian Support may suggest you set this property to False if you experience performance issues in sites that have very frequent page edits.
synchrony.proxy.enabled			

6.0.0	True		<p>By default, Confluence uses an internal proxy to communicate between the Confluence JVM and Synchrony JVM. See <a href="#">Administering Collaborative Editing</a> for more information.</p> <p>In Confluence 6.0, set this property to <code>true</code> to manually enable the internal proxy (useful if you have configured a reverse proxy and want to also use the internal Synchrony proxy).</p> <p>In Confluence 6.1 or later it should <b>not be necessary</b> to use this system property, as Confluence intelligently determines when to use the proxy.</p>
synchrony.bind (formerly known as reza.bind)			
6.0.0	0.0.0.0		<p>This is the specific network interface that Synchrony listens on. It is unlikely that you will need to change this in Confluence Server. In Confluence Data Center this should be set to the same value as <code>synchrony.cluster.bind</code>.</p> <p>From 6.0.4, Confluence Server will accept either <code>reza.bind</code> or <code>synchrony.bind</code>.</p>
synchrony.context.path			
6.0.0	/synchrony		This is the context path for Synchrony. There should be no need to change this in Confluence Server.
confluence.flyingpdf.default.characters.per.line			
6.0.3	80		If the total characters in a table column heading exceeds the value of this property, Confluence will automatically adjust the width of the other table columns so that all columns will fit within one page when the page is exported to PDF.
synchrony.host			
6.0.4	127.0.0.1		This is the IP that Confluence uses to connect to Synchrony. It defaults to localhost. Change this if you need to allow Confluence to contact Synchrony via a custom hostname or IP address.
synchrony.proxy.healthcheck.disabled			
6.1.0	false		The Synchrony proxy health check is used to check whether the Synchrony proxy is running and responding to requests. It requires a http connection. If a http connector is not present in your <code>server.xml</code> (for example you're using a https or AJP connector) the health check will fail even if the Synchrony proxy is operational. You can use this system property to disable the health check if necessary.
page.index.macro.max.pages			

6.1.4	5000		Sets the maximum number of pages that the Page Index macro can display. The Page Index macro can significantly slow down your Confluence instance and cause out of memory errors when used in a space with a large number of pages. If the number of pages in the space exceeds this limit, the Page Index macro will show a page count, and a message that there are too many pages to display.
atlassian.indexing.attachment.maxsize			
6.2.2	104857600		When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.  If the uploaded file is larger than the limit set by this property (default is 100MB, in bytes), text extraction and indexing will be skipped. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.
officeconnector.excel.extractor.maxlength			
6.2.2	1048576		When a file is uploaded, its text is extracted and indexed. This allows people to search for the content of a file, not just the filename.  Confluence will only extract content from an Excel spreadsheet up to the limit set by this property (default is 1MB, in bytes), before proceeding to index it. This will mean that only part of file's contents are searchable. See <a href="#">Configuring Attachment Size</a> for more info.
confluence.collab.edit.user.limit			
6.3.0	12		When collaborative editing is enabled, this sets the maximum number of users that can simultaneously edit a page. Reduce this number if you experience degraded performance when many people are editing.

## Working with Confluence Logs

Confluence uses Apache's [log4j](#) logging service. This allows a developer or administrator to control the logging behavior and the log output file by editing a configuration file, without touching the application binary. There are six known [log4j](#) logging levels.

If you request help from Atlassian Support, we will almost always ask for the `atlassian-confluence.log` from the `confluence-home/logs` directory. To access the logs, go to



> **General Configuration > Atlassian Support Tools.**

If you cannot access logs via Support Tools, check the properties file at `<confluence-installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties`, look for the `confluence.home` setting in that file, then find the logs in the Confluence home directory.

### Finding the Confluence log files

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#### Related pages:

- [Enabling Detailed SQL Logging](#)
- [Enabling user access logging](#)
- [Generating a Thread Dump](#)
- [Enabling Page Request Profiling](#)

This section describes Confluence's default logging behavior, assuming that you have not changed the destination of the logs. In order to unify logging across different application servers, Confluence uses the `atlassian-confluence.log` as its primary log, not the application server log.

- When you start Confluence, log entries will be sent to the application server logs until Confluence has completed its initial bootstrap. Any log entries written to the console will be repeated into the log in the Confluence home directory as described below.
- Once the initial startup sequence is complete, all logging will be to `<confluence-home>/logs/atlassian-confluence.log`. For example: `c:/confluence/data/logs/atlassian-confluence.log`.

Note that the default location is the Confluence **home directory**, not the application server's log file. The home directory is specified in `<confluence-installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties`.

### Finding the log configuration file

The logging behavior for Confluence and Synchrony is defined in the following properties file:  
`<CONFLUENCE-INSTALL>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties`

This file is a standard log4j configuration file, as described in the [Apache log4j documentation](#).

### Changing the destination of the log files

In log4j, an output destination is called an 'appender'. To change the destination of the log files, you need to stop Confluence and then change the settings in the '**Logging Location and Appender**' section of the `log4j.properties` file. The location of this file is described [above](#).

In the standard properties file, you will find entries for two appenders:

- `com.atlassian.confluence.logging.ConfluenceHomeLogAppender` – This is a custom appender which controls the default logging destination described [above](#). This appender allows the following settings:
  - `MaxFileSize`
  - `MaxBackupIndex`
- `org.apache.log4j.RollingFileAppender` – If you want to log to a different location, uncomment the `RollingFileAppender` line and change the destination file in the line below it. Comment out the previous lines referring to the `ConfluenceHomeLogAppender`.

The Synchrony log destination can also be changed in the same way in file.

Confluence ships with the full suite of appenders offered by log4j. Read more about appenders in the [log4j documentation](#).

### Changing the size and number of log files

By default, Confluence keeps 5 log files, which are overwritten as they reach 20 MB.

You can change the default log size and the number of log files to keep by editing the following values in `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALL>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties` file.

```
log4j.appender.confluencelog.MaxFileSize=20480KB
log4j.appender.confluencelog.MaxBackupIndex=5
```

### Changing the logging levels

See [Configuring Logging](#) for instructions on how to change the logging configuration of Confluence.

### Specific Confluence logging options

This section contains some pointers to specific log configurations you may need.

#### Log the details of SQL requests made to the database

You may want to increase Confluence's logging so that it records individual SQL requests sent to the database. This is useful for troubleshooting specific problems.

You can enable detailed SQL logging in two ways:

- At runtime – see [instructions above](#).
- Via the logging properties file – see the [detailed instructions](#).

#### Log the details of users viewing/accessing each Confluence page

You can configure the log to show which users are accessing which pages in Confluence. This can only be done via the logging properties file – see the [detailed instructions](#).

### Scanning log files for known problems

Confluence provides an inbuilt log scanner that will check your Confluence logs for errors and attempt to match them against known issues in our knowledge base and bug tracker. See [Troubleshooting Problems and Requesting Technical Support](#).

### Notes

- **Finding the thread dumps.** Thread dumps are logged to the application server log file.

## Configuring Logging

We recommend that you configure Confluence's logging to your own requirements. You can change the log settings in two ways:

- Configure logging in Confluence Administration – Your changes will be in effect only until you next restart Confluence.
- Edit the properties file – Your changes will take effect next time you start Confluence, and for all subsequent sessions.

Both methods are described below. In some rare circumstances you may *also* need to configure the [logging.properties](#) file.

**Terminology:** In log4j, a 'logger' is a named entity. Logger names are case-sensitive and they follow a hierarchical naming standard. For example, the logger named `com.foo` is a parent of the logger named `com.foo.Bar`.

#### Configure logging in Confluence Administration

You can change some of Confluence's logging behavior via the **Administration Console** while Confluence is running. Any changes made in this way will apply only to the currently-running Confluence lifetime. The changes are not written to the `log4j.properties` file and are therefore discarded when you next stop Confluence.

Not all logging behavior can be changed via the Administration Console. For logging configuration not mentioned below, you will need to stop Confluence and then [edit the logging properties file](#) instead.

The '**Logging and Profiling**' screen shows a list of all currently defined loggers. On this screen you can:

- Turn [page profiling](#) on or off.
- Turn detailed SQL logging on or off.
- Add a new logger for a class/package name.
- Remove a logger for a class/package name.

- Set the logging level (INFO, WARN, FATAL, ERROR or DEBUG) for each class or package name.
- Reset all logging levels to a predefined profile.

Changing the logging configuration

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select '**Logging and Profiling**' in the '**Administration**' section of the left-hand panel.

**i** You need to have [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to perform this function.

3. The '**Logging and Profiling**' screen appears, as shown below. Use the following guidelines to change the logging behavior while Confluence is running:

- '**Performance Profiling**' — See [Page Request Profiling](#).
- '**SQL Logging**' — Click the '**Enable SQL Logging**' button to log the details of SQL requests made to the database.
  - i** If you need to enable logging of SQL parameter values, you will need to change the setting in the [properties file](#). This option is not available via the Administration Console.
- '**Log4j Logging**' — Click one of the profile buttons to reset all your loggers to the predefined profiles:
  - The '**Production**' profile is a fairly standard profile, recommended for normal production conditions.
  - The '**Diagnostic**' profile gives more information, useful for troubleshooting and debugging. It results in slower performance and fills the log files more quickly.
- '**Add New Entry**' — Type a class or package name into the text box and click the '**Add Entry**' button. The new logger will appear in the list of '**Existing Levels**' in the lower part of the screen.
- '**Existing Levels**' - These are the loggers currently in action for your Confluence instance.
  - You can change the logging level by selecting a value from the '**New Level**' dropdown list. Read the [Apache documentation](#) for a definition of each level.
  - Click the '**Remove**' link to stop logging for the selected class/package name.

4. Click the '**Save**' button to save any changes you have made in the '**Existing Levels**' section.

Screenshot: Changing Log Levels and Profiling

## Logging and Profiling

Performance Profiling

Profiling is currently OFF.

[Enable Profiling](#)

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SQL Logging

[Enable SQL Logging](#)

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Log4j Logging

loglevel.profileDesc

[Production](#) [Diagnostic](#)

OR:

Customise specific logging settings

**Add New Entry**

Class/Package Name	New Level	
<input type="text"/>	INFO ▼	<a href="#">Add entry</a>

**Existing Levels**

Class/Package Name	Current Level	New Level	
atlassian.plugin	INFO	INFO ▼	<a href="#">Remove</a>
com.atlassian.confluence.admin.actions	INFO	INFO ▼	<a href="#">Remove</a>

### Editing the Properties File

To configure the logging levels and other settings on a permanent basis, you need to stop Confluence and then change the settings in the `log4j.properties` file, described [above](#).

The properties file contains a number of entries for different loggers that can be uncommented if you are interested in logging from particular components. Read more in the [Apache log4j documentation](#).

See [Working with Confluence Logs](#) for some guidelines on specific configuration options you may find useful.

### Configuring Levels for `java.util.logging` in `logging.properties`

A few libraries used by Confluence use `java.util.logging` rather than `log4j` or `slf4j`. These libraries include:

- `com.sun.jersey`
- `org.apache.shindig`
- `net.sf.ehcache`

Confluence's `logging.properties` file is set to redirect `java.util.logging` at specific levels to `log4j` via `slf4j`.

To increase logging levels for these libraries you must first configure the `logging.properties` file in `<CONFLUENCE-INSTALL>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/`. The logging levels are different from `log4j` and are listed [here](#).

For example, to increase logging for `shindig` change the following line in the `logging.properties` file:

```
org.apache.shindig.level = INFO
```

to

```
org.apache.shindig.level = FINE
```

And then use one of the methods above **as well** to configure the `log4j` level.

### log4j Logging Levels

#### Logging Levels

- **DEBUG** - designates fine-grained informational events that are most useful to debug an application (*what is going on*)
- **INFO** - announcements about the normal operation of the system - scheduled jobs running, services starting and stopping, user-triggered processes and actions
- **WARN** - any condition that, while not an error in itself, may indicate that the system is running sub-optimally
- **ERROR** - a condition that indicates something has gone wrong with the system
- **FATAL** - a condition that indicates something has gone wrong so badly that the system can not recover
- **TRACE** - n/a within confluence

There are two ways to modify the logging levels, as described in [Working with Confluence Logs](#).

1. Modifying the runtime log levels via the **Administration Console** (changes made here will not persist across restarts).
2. Manually modifying the `<Confluence-Install>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties` file.

### Default Log Level



The standard Confluence log level **WARN** is a way for Confluence to communicate with the server administrator. Logging at WARN level and higher should be reserved for situations that require some kind of attention from the server administrator, and for which corrective action is possible.

See [log4j manual](#) for more information.

### Troubleshooting SQL Exceptions

If you get an exception similar to those shown below, it is a good idea to increase the logging levels of your Confluence instance. If you request [Atlassian support](#), this additional logging will help us work out the cause of the error.

Increased logging levels will enable us to diagnose errors like these:

```
org.springframework.dao.DataIntegrityViolationException:
(HibernateTemplate): data integrity violated by SQL ''; nested exception
is java.sql.BatchUpdateException: Duplicate entry '1234' for key 1
    at
org.springframework.jdbc.support.SQLStateSQLExceptionTranslator.translate
(SQLStateSQLExceptionTranslator.java:88)
    caused by: java.sql.BatchUpdateException: Duplicate entry '1234' for key
1
    at
com.mysql.jdbc.ServerPreparedStatement.executeBatch(ServerPreparedStatement
ent.java:647)
```

or

```
(HibernateTemplate): data integrity violated by SQL ''; nested exception
is java.sql.BatchUpdateException: ORA-00001: unique constraint
(CONFLUENCE.SYS_C0012345) violated
```

This document outlines the steps to take to increasing logging on your system.


#### Changing the logging levels via the Administration Console

With Confluence 2.7 and later, you can adjust logging levels at runtime via the Administration Console — read the [instructions](#). Below we tell you how to edit the log4j files directly.

1. Open `confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties` and uncomment the following lines. The double `##` lines are comments, leave them intact.

```
## log hibernate prepared statements/SQL queries (equivalent to
setting 'hibernate.show_sql' to 'true')
#log4j.logger.net.sf.hibernate.SQL=DEBUG

## log hibernate prepared statement parameter values
#log4j.logger.net.sf.hibernate.type=DEBUG
```

-  If you can not locate these lines in your `log4j.properties` file, please add them to the end of it.
2. Restart Confluence.
3. Redo the steps that led to the error.
4. Zip up your logs directory and attach it your support ticket.
5. If you are using Oracle and received a **constraint error**, please ask your database administrator which *ta*



ble and column the constraint (that is, `CONFLUENCE.SYS_C0012345`) refers to and add that information to your support ticket.

6. Open `confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties` again and remove the 4 lines you added in step 1. (The additional logging will impact performance and should be disabled once you have completed this procedure.)

#### RELATED TOPICS

[Enabling Detailed SQL Logging](#)

[Working with Confluence Logs](#)

[Troubleshooting failed XML site backups](#)

### Configuring Confluence Security

This section gives guidelines on configuring the security of your Confluence site:

- [Confluence Security Overview and Advisories](#)
- [Confluence Cookies](#)
- [Configuring Secure Administrator Sessions](#)
- [Using Fail2Ban to limit login attempts](#)
- [Securing Confluence with Apache](#)
- [Trackback and External Referrers](#)
- [Best Practices for Configuring Confluence Security](#)
- [Hiding the People Directory](#)
- [Configuring Captcha for Spam Prevention](#)
- [Hiding External Links From Search Engines](#)
- [Configuring Captcha for Failed Logins](#)
- [Configuring XSRF Protection](#)
- [User Email Visibility](#)
- [Anonymous Access to Remote API](#)
- [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#)
- [Connecting to LDAP or JIRA applications or Other Services via SSL](#)
- [Configuring RSS Feeds](#)
- [Preventing and Cleaning Up Spam](#)
- [Running Confluence behind NGINX with SSL](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Permissions and restrictions](#)
- [Configuring a Confluence Environment](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

### Confluence Security Overview and Advisories

This document is for system administrators who want to evaluate the security of the Confluence web application. The page addresses overall application security and lists the security advisories issued for Confluence. As a public-facing web application, Confluence's application-level security is important. This document answers a number of questions that commonly arise when customers ask us about the security of our product.

Other topics that you may be looking for:

- For information about user management, groups and permissions, please refer to the [internal security overview](#).
- For guidelines on configuring the security of your Confluence site, see the [administrator's guide to configuring Confluence security](#).

#### Application Security Overview

##### Password Storage

When Confluence's internal user management is used, since version 3.5 of Confluence passwords are hashed through the salted [PKCS5S2 implementation provided by Embedded Crowd](#) before being stored in the database. There is no mechanism within Confluence to retrieve a user's password – when password recovery is performed, a reset password link is generated and mailed to the user's registered address.

When external user management is enabled, password storage is delegated to the external system.

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- [Application Security Overview](#)
- [Finding and Reporting a Security Vulnerability](#)
- [Publication of Confluence Security Advisories](#)
- [Severity Levels](#)
- [Our Security Bugfix Policy](#)
- [Published Security Advisories](#)

*Buffer Overflows*

Confluence is a 100% pure Java application with no native components. As such it is highly resistant to buffer overflow vulnerabilities – possible buffer overruns are limited to those that are bugs in the Java Runtime Environment itself.

*SQL Injection*

Confluence interacts with the database through the Hibernate Object-Relational mapper. Database queries are generated using standard APIs for parameter replacement rather than string concatenation. As such, Confluence is highly resistant to SQL injection attacks.

*Script Injection*

Confluence is a self-contained Java application and does not launch external processes. As such, it is highly resistant to script injection attacks.

*Cross-Site Scripting*

As a content-management system that allows user-generated content to be posted on the web, precautions have been taken within the application to prevent cross-site scripting attacks:

- The wiki markup language in Confluence does not support dangerous HTML markup
- Macros allowing the insertion of raw HTML are disabled by default
- HTML uploaded as a file attachment is served with a content-type requesting the file be downloaded, rather than being displayed inline
- Only system administrators can make HTML-level customizations of the application

When cross-site scripting vulnerabilities are found in the Confluence web application, we endeavor to fix them as quickly as possible.

*Transport Layer Security*

Confluence does not directly support SSL/TLS. Administrators who are concerned about transport-layer security should set up SSL/TLS at the level of the Java web application server, or the HTTP proxy in front of the Confluence application.

For more information on configuring Confluence for SSL, see: [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#)

*Session Management*

Confluence delegates session management to the Java application server in which it is deployed. We are not aware of any viable session-hijacking attacks against the Tomcat application server shipped with Confluence. If you are deploying Confluence in some other application server, you should ensure that it is not vulnerable to session hijacking.

*Plugin Security*

Administrators install third party plugins **at their own risk**. Plugins run in the same virtual machine as the Confluence server, and have access to the Java runtime environment, and the Confluence server API.

Administrators should always be aware of the source of the plugins they are installing, and whether they trust those plugins.

*Administrator Trust Model*

Confluence is written under the assumption that anyone given [System Administrator privileges](#) is trusted.

System administrators are able, either directly or by installing plugins, to perform any operation that the Confluence application is capable of.

As with any application, you should not run Confluence as the root/Administrator user. If you want Confluence to listen on a privileged network port, you should set up port forwarding or proxying rather than run Confluence with additional privileges. The extra-careful may consider running Confluence inside a `chroot` jail.

#### *Stack Traces*

To help debug support cases and provide legendary support, Confluence provides stack traces through the web interface when an error occurs. These stack traces include information about what Confluence was doing at the time, and some information about your deployment server.

Only non-personal information is supplied such as operating system and version and Java version. With proper network security, this is not enough information to be considered dangerous. No usernames or passwords are included.

#### *Finding and Reporting a Security Vulnerability*

Atlassian's approach to reporting security vulnerabilities is detailed in [How to Report a Security Issue](#).

#### *Publication of Confluence Security Advisories*

Atlassian's approach to releasing security advisories is detailed in [Security Advisory Publishing Policy](#).

#### *Severity Levels*

Atlassian's approach to ranking security issues is detailed in [Severity Levels for Security Issues](#).

#### *Our Security Bugfix Policy*

Our approach to releasing patches for security issues is detailed in our [Security Bugfix Policy](#).

#### *Published Security Advisories*

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#### *Authentication cookies*

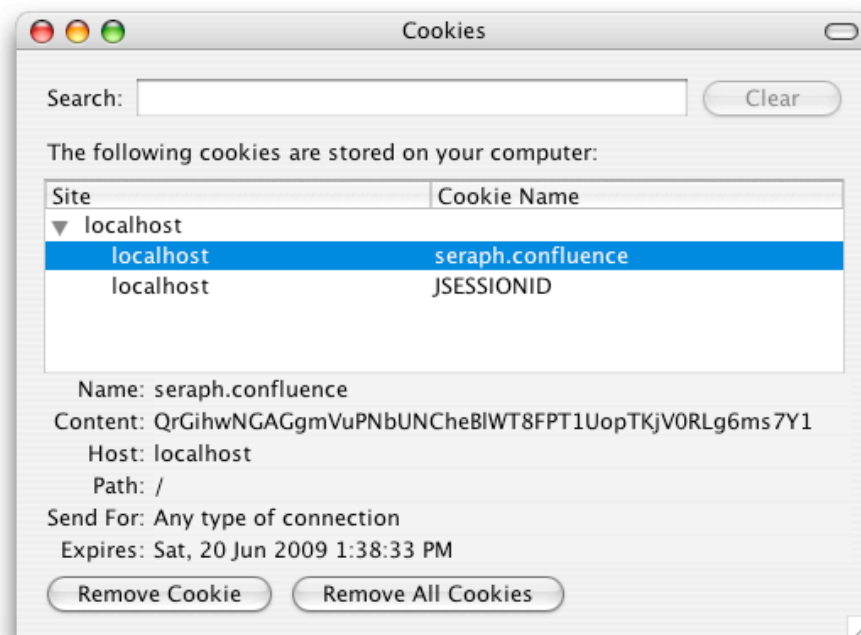
Confluence uses [Seraph](#), an open source framework, for HTTP cookie authentication. Confluence uses two types of cookies for user authentication:

- The JSESSIONID cookie is created by the application server and used for session tracking purposes. This cookie contains a random string and the cookie expires at the end of every session or when the browser is closed.
- The 'remember me' cookie, `seraph.confluence`, is generated by Confluence when the user selects the **Remember me** check box on the login page.

 You can read about cookies on the [Wikipedia page about HTTP cookies](#).

#### On this page:

- [Authentication cookies](#)
- [Other Confluence cookies](#)
- [Notes](#)



#### The 'remember me' cookie

The 'remember me' cookie, `seraph.confluence`, is a long-lived HTTP cookie. This cookie can be used to authenticate an unauthenticated session. Confluence generates this cookie when the user selects the **Remember me** check box on the login page.

Cookie key and contents

By default, the cookie key is `seraph.confluence`, which is defined by the `login.cookie.key` parameter in the `CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/seraph-config.xml` file.

The cookie contains a unique identifier plus a securely-generated random string (i.e. token). This token is generated by Confluence and is also stored for the user in the Confluence database.

Use of cookie for authentication

When a user requests a web page, if the request is not already authenticated via session-based authentication or otherwise, Confluence will match the 'remember me' cookie (if present) against the token (also if present), which is stored for the user in the Confluence database.

If the token in the cookie matches the token stored in the database and the cookie has not expired, the user is authenticated.

Life of 'remember me' cookies

You can configure the maximum age of the cookie. To do that you will need to modify the `CONFLUENCE-INSTALLATION/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/seraph-config.xml` file and insert the following lines below the other `init-param` elements:

```
<init-param>
  <param-name>autologin.cookie.age</param-name>
  <param-value>2592000</param-value><!-- 30 days in seconds -->
</init-param>
```

Automatic cleanup of 'remember me' tokens

Every cookie issued by Confluence has a corresponding record in the database. A scheduled job runs on the 20th of every month to clean up expired tokens. The name of the trigger is `clearExpiredRememberMeTokensTrigger`.

*Note:* The only purpose of this job is to prevent the database table from growing too big. For authentication purposes, Confluence will ignore expired tokens even if they still exist in the database.

Is it possible to disable the 'remember me' feature?

Confluence does not offer an option for disabling the 'Remember Me' feature. See the [workaround](#).

#### Other Confluence cookies

There are several cookies that Confluence uses to store basic 'product presentation' states. Confluence users' authentication details are not stored by these cookies.

Cookie Key	Purpose	Cookie Contents	Expiry
<b>confluence.list.pages.cookie</b>	Remembers the user's last chosen tab in the "list pages" section.	The name of the last selected tab. For example, list-content-tree	One year from the date it was set or was last updated.
<b>confluence.browse.space.cookie</b>	Remembers the user's last chosen tab in the "browse space" section	The name of the last selected tab. For example, space-pages	One year from the date it was set or was last updated.
<b>confluence-language</b>	Remembers the user's language chosen on the login page. This cookie relates to a feature that allows a user to change Confluence's language from (and including) the login page, when the language presented to the user prior to logging in is not appropriate.	A locale relating to the chosen language. For example, de_DE	360 days from the date it was set or was last updated.
<b>AJS.conglomerate.cookie</b>	Tracks which general tabs were last used or expansion elements were last opened or closed.	One or more key-value strings which indicate the states of your last general tab views or expansion elements.	One year from the date it is set or was last updated.

#### Notes

- The *autocomplete* feature in browser text fields (which are typically noticeable when a user logs in to Confluence) is a browser-specific feature, not a Confluence one. Confluence cannot enable or disable this autocompletion, which is typically set through a browser's settings.

### Configuring Secure Administrator Sessions

Confluence protects access to its administrative functions by requiring a secure administration session to use the [Confluence administration console](#) or administer a space. When a Confluence administrator (who is logged into Confluence) attempts to access an administration function, they are prompted to log in again. This logs the administrator into a temporary secure session that grants access to the Confluence/space administration console.

The temporary secure session has a rolling timeout (defaulted to 10 minutes). If there is no activity by the administrator in the Confluence/space administration console for a period of time that exceeds the timeout, then

the administrator will be logged out of the secure administrator session (note, they will remain logged into Confluence). If the administrator does click an administration function, the timeout will reset.

To configure secure administrator sessions:

1. Choose the **cog icon**




, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Security Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Configure the setting as follows:
  - To disable secure administrator sessions, uncheck the **Enable** check box next to **Secure administrator sessions**. When this setting is disabled, administrators will no longer be required to log into a secure session to access the administration console.
  - To change the timeout for secure administrator sessions, update the value next to **minutes before invalidation**. The default timeout for a secure administration session is 10 minutes.
5. Choose **Save**.

#### Notes

- **Disabling password confirmation.** Confluence installations that use a custom authentication mechanism may run into problems with the Confluence security measure that requires password confirmation. If necessary, you can set the `password.confirmation.disabled` system property to disable the password confirmation functionality. See [Recognized System Properties](#). See issue [CONF-20958](#) "Confluence features that require password confirmation (websudo, captcha) do not work with custom authentication".
- **WebSudo.** The feature that provides secure administrator sessions is also called 'WebSudo'.
- **Manually ending a secure session.** An administrator can choose to manually end their secure session by clicking the '**drop access**' link in the banner displayed at the top of their screen. For example:


 You have temporary access to administrative functions. [Drop access](#) if you no longer require it. For more information, refer to [the documentation](#).

- **Note for developers.** Secure administrator sessions can cause exceptions when developing against Confluence or deploying a plugin. Please read this FAQ: [How do I develop against Confluence with Secure Administrator Sessions?](#) Note: The Confluence XML-RPC and REST APIs are not affected by secure administration sessions.

## Using Fail2Ban to limit login attempts

### What is Fail2Ban?

We need a means of defending sites against brute-force login attempts. [Fail2Ban](#) is a Python application which trails logfiles, looks for [regular expressions](#) and works with Shorewall (or directly with iptables) to apply temporary blacklists against addresses that match a pattern too often. This can be used to limit the rate at which a given machine hits login URLs for Confluence.

 The information on this page *does not apply to* Confluence Cloud.

### Prerequisites

- Requires [Python](#) 2.4 or higher to be installed
- Needs a specific file to follow, which means your Apache instance needs to log your Confluence access to a known logfile. You **should adjust the configuration below** appropriately.

### How to set it up

*This list is a skeletal version of the instructions*

- There's an RPM available for RHEL on the [download page](#), but you can also download the source and set it up manually
- Its configuration files go into `/etc/fail2ban`
- The generic, default configuration goes into `.conf` files (`fail2ban.conf` and `jail.conf`). Don't

change these, as it makes upgrading difficult.

- Overrides to the generic configuration go into `.local` files corresponding to the `.conf` files. These only need to contain the specific settings you want overridden, which helps maintainability.
- Filters go into `filter.d` — this is where you define regexps, each going into its own file
- Actions go into `action.d` — you probably won't need to add one, but it's handy to know what's available
- "jails" are a configuration unit that specify one regexp to check, and one or more actions to trigger when the threshold is reached, plus the threshold settings (e.g. more than 3 matches in 60 seconds causes that address to be blocked for 600 seconds)
- Jails are defined in `jail.conf` and `jail.local`. Don't forget the `enabled` setting for each one — it can be as bad to have the wrong ones enabled as to have the right ones disabled.

#### Running Fail2Ban

- Use `/etc/init.d/fail2ban {start|stop|status}` for the obvious operations
- Use `fail2ban-client -d` to get it to dump its current configuration to STDOUT. Very useful for troubleshooting.
- Mind the CPU usage; it can soak up resources pretty quickly on a busy site, even with simple regexp
- It can log either to syslog or a file, whichever suits your needs better

#### Common Configuration

##### **jail.local**



```
# The DEFAULT allows a global definition of the options. They can be
# override
# in each jail afterwards.

[DEFAULT]

# "ignoreip" can be an IP address, a CIDR mask or a DNS host. Fail2ban
# will not
# ban a host which matches an address in this list. Several addresses
# can be
# defined using space separator.
# ignoreip = <space-separated list of IPs>

# "bantime" is the number of seconds that a host is banned.
bantime = 600

# A host is banned if it has generated "maxretry" during the last
# "findtime"
# seconds.
findtime = 60

# "maxretry" is the number of failures before a host get banned.
maxretry = 3

[ssh-iptables]

enabled = false

[apache-shorewall]

enabled = true
filter = cac-login
action = shorewall
logpath = /var/log/httpd/confluence-access.log
bantime = 600
maxretry = 3
findtime = 60
backend = polling
```

#### Configuring for Confluence

The following is an example only, and you should adjust it for your site.

#### filter.d/confluence-login.conf

```
[Definition]

failregex = <HOST>.*"GET /login.action

ignoreregex =
```



## Securing Confluence with Apache

The following outlines some basic techniques to secure a Confluence instance using Apache. These instructions are basic to-do lists and should not be considered comprehensive. For more advanced security topics see the "Further Information" section below.

- [Using Apache to limit access to the Confluence administration interface](#)
- [Using Fail2Ban to limit login attempts](#)

### Further Information

## Running Confluence behind Apache

### Using Apache to limit access to the Confluence administration interface

#### Limiting administration to specific IP addresses

The Confluence administration interface is a critical part of the application; anyone with access to it can potentially compromise not only the Confluence instance but the entire machine. As well as limiting access to users who really need it, and using strong passwords, you should consider limiting access to it to certain machines on the network or internet. If you are using an [Apache web server](#), this can be done with Apache's **Location** functionality as follows:

1. Create a file that defines permission settings

This file can be in the Apache configuration directory or in a system-wide directory. For this example we'll call it "sysadmin\_ips\_only.conf". The file should contain the following:

```
Order Deny,Allow
Deny from All

# Mark the Sysadmin's workstation
Allow from 192.168.12.42
```

2. Add the file to your Virtual Host

In your Apache Virtual Host, add the following lines to restrict the administration actions to the Systems Administrator:

This configuration assumes you've installed Confluence under '/confluence'. If you have installed under '/' or elsewhere, adjust the paths accordingly.

```
<Location /confluence/admin>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/consumers/list>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/view-consumer-info>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/service-providers/list>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/service-providers/add>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/consumers/add>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
```

```
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/consumers/add-manually>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/oauth/update-consumer-info>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/pages/templates/listpagetemplates.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/pages/templates/createpagetemplate.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/spacepermissions.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/pages/listpermissionpages.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/removespace.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/importtmbx.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/viewmailaccounts.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/addmailaccount.action?>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/importpages.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/flyingpdf/flyingpdf.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/exportspacehtml.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/spaces/exportspacexml.action>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/embedded-crowd>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
```

```
<Location /confluence/plugins/servlet/upm>
  Include sysadmin_ips_only.conf
</Location>
```


## Trackback and External Referrers

### Trackback

When Trackback is enabled, any time you link to an external webpage that supports Trackback Autodiscovery, Confluence will send a trackback ping to that page to inform it that it has been linked to.

Confluence pages also support Trackback Autodiscovery and when Trackback is enabled, can receive trackback pings from other sites.

To enable trackback:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Further Configuration**
2. Choose **Edit**
3. Select the **Trackback** checkbox then **Save**

### External referrers

An external referrer is any site that links to your Confluence instance. Each time someone clicks on the external link, your Confluence site can record the click as a referral.

By default, external referrers for a page are listed under '**Hot Referrers**' on the '**Info**' screen of the page. Confluence shows a maximum of 10 referrers. If there are more than 10, confluence shows the 10 with the highest number of hits.

Note that you do *not* need to enable trackback in order to have external referrers enabled.

*Screenshot: hot referrers on the page information screen.*

### On this page:

- [Trackback](#)
- [External referrers](#)
  - [Excluding external referrers](#)
  - [Hiding external referrers](#)
  - [Ignoring external referrers](#)

## Page Information

Title:	The new logo
Author:	<a href="#">Sophie Staunton</a> Feb 15, 2013
Last Changed by:	<a href="#">Sophie Staunton</a> Feb 15, 2013
Tiny Link: (useful for email)	<a href="http://localhost:8090/x/HwA8">http://localhost:8090/x/HwA8</a>
Export As:	<a href="#">Word</a> · <a href="#">PDF</a>
Operations:	<a href="#">Copy</a>

### Labels

There are no labels assigned to this page.

### Hot Referrers

(2)	<a href="https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/">https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/</a>	<a href="#">[ban]</a>
(1)	<a href="https://atlassian.hipchat.com/chat">https://atlassian.hipchat.com/chat</a>	<a href="#">[ban]</a>

#### Excluding external referrers

Confluence Administrators can exclude external referrers to prevent them from being recorded or displayed anywhere on your site. Once you have specified your list of blocked URLs, any incoming links from URLs that match the list will no longer be recorded.

Referrer URLs are blocked if they start with any of the URLs in the exclusion list. So <http://evilspamsite.blogspot.com> will also match <http://evilspamsite.blogspot.com/nastypage.html>

You might want to do this if:

- 1. You're running a Confluence installation that is open to public**

In a site that is open to public, one unfortunate problem is that malicious sites can spam the display of a page's incoming links statistics. This is usually done to get the site's URL to appear in the sidebar. By adding these sites to the 'excluded referrers' list, you can prevent them from being listed on your site.

- 2. Confluence is installed on a server with multiple domain names or IP addresses**

Confluence will consider any URL originating from the domain name where Confluence is installed as an internal link. However, if Confluence is installed on a server with multiple domain names or IP addresses, you will need to add the other domain name prefixes to this list to let Confluence know that any links from these domains should not be considered external links.

To add a URL to the excluded referrers list:

- Go to



> **General Configuration > Manage Referrers**

- Enter the URL in the **Referrer URL Prefix** field (you must include http://)
- Choose **Add**

You can add multiple URLs to the list.

### Exclude External Referrers

Referrer URL Prefix

Add a URL Prefix that will no longer be recorded in the External Referrers. All URLs that start with this prefix will be excluded.


### Excluded Referrer URL Prefixes

URL Prefix	Operations
	<a href="#">Purge All</a>
<a href="http://evilspamsite.blogspot.com">http://evilspamsite.blogspot.com</a>	<a href="#">Delete</a> · <a href="#">Purge</a>

#### Hiding external referrers

By default, Confluence lists the external referrers as '**Hot Referrers**' on the page information screen for a page. If you turn this option off, external referrers will not be listed on the page.

To hide external referrers:

- Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Manage Referrers**.
- Deselect **Show Referrers in Page Info**.

Screenshot: Managing external referrers

### External Referrer Settings

**Record External Referrers** ☒ [Allow Confluence to record the external URLs that link to Confluence pages.](#)  
[More about External Referrers](#)

**Show Referrers in Page Info** ☐ [Show the top 10 external links pointing to that page on the 'Info' screen.](#)

[Cancel](#)

#### Ignoring external referrers

An external referrer is any site that links to your Confluence instance. Each time someone clicks on the external link, your Confluence site can record the click as a referral. By default, Confluence records the number of hits made to a page from any link on an external site. If you turn this option off, Confluence will not record the hits.

To ignore external referrers:

- Go to  > **General Configuration** > **Manage Referrers**
- Deselect **Record External Referrers**

Screenshot: Managing external referrers

## External Referrer Settings

Record External Referrers

☐

Allow Confluence to record the external URLs that link to Confluence pages.  
[More about External Referrers](#)

Show Referrers in Page Info

☐

Show the top 10 external links pointing to that page on the 'Info' screen.

Submit

Cancel

## Best Practices for Configuring Confluence Security

The best way to harden a system is to look at each of the involved systems individually. Contact your company's security officer or department to find out what security policies you should be using. There are many things to consider, such as the configuration of your underlying operating systems, application servers, database servers, network, firewall, routers, etc. It would be impossible to outline all of them here.

This page contains guidelines on good security practices, to the best of our knowledge.

### Configuring the Web Server

Please refer to the following guides for system administrators:

- How to configure Apache to lock down the administration interface to those people who really need it: [Using Apache to limit access to the Confluence administration interface](#).
- How to reduce the risk of brute force attacks: [Using Fail2Ban to limit login attempts](#).

### Configuring the Application Server

See the following system administrator guide for general hints on the application server level:

- [Tomcat security best practices](#)

### Configuring the Application

The way you set up Confluence roles, permissions and processes makes a big difference in the security of your Confluence site.

Below are some more Confluence-specific items to consider. None of these provides 100% security. They are measures to reduce impact and to slow down an intruder in case your system does become compromised.

- Keep the number of Confluence administrators extremely low. For example, 3 system administrator accounts should be the maximum.
- Similarly, restrict the number of users with powerful roles or group memberships. If only one department should have access to particularly sensitive data, then do restrict access to the data to those users. Do not let convenience over-rule security. Do not give all staff access to sensitive data when there is no need.
- The administrators should have separate Confluence accounts for their administrative roles and for their day to day roles. If John Doe is an administrator, he should have a regular user account without administrator access to do his day to day work (such as writing pages in the wiki). This could be a 'john.doe' account. In addition, he should have an entirely separate account (that cannot be guessed by an outsider and that does not even use his proper name) for administrative work. This account could be 'jane smith' – using a username that is so obscure or fake that no outsider could guess it. This way, even if an attacker singles out the actual person John Doe and gets hold of his password, the stolen account would most likely be John's regular user account, and the attacker cannot perform administrative actions with that account.

- Lock down administrative actions as much as you can. If there is no need for your administrators to perform administrative actions from outside the office, then lock down access to those actions to known IP addresses, for example. See [Using Apache to limit access to the Confluence administration interface](#).
- Put documented procedures in place for the case of employees leaving the company.
- Perform security audits regularly. Know who can help in case a security breach occurs. Perform 'what if' planning exercises. ('What is the worst thing that could happen if a privileged user's password were stolen while he's on vacation? What can we do to minimize damage?').
- Make sure the Confluence database user (and all datasource database users) only has the amount of database privileges it really needs.
- Monitor your binaries. If an attacker compromises an account on your system, he will usually try to gain access to more accounts. This is sometimes done by adding malicious code, such as by modifying files on the system. Run routine scripts that regularly verify that no malicious change has been made.

As another precaution:

- Regularly monitor the above requirements. There are many things that could start out well, but deteriorate over time:
  - A system may start out with just 3 administrators, but over the course of a year this could grow to 30 administrators if no one prevents expansion.
  - Apache administration restrictions may be in place at the start of the year, but when the application server is migrated after a few months, people may forget to apply the rules to the new system.

Again, keep in mind that the above steps may only be a fraction of what could apply to you, depending on your security requirements. Also, keep in mind that none of the above rules can guarantee anything. They just make it harder for an intruder to move quickly.

### Hiding the People Directory

The [People Directory](#) provides a list of all users in your Confluence system.

If you need to disable the People Directory [set the following system properties](#) on your application server command line:

- **To disable the People Directory for [anonymous users](#):**

```
-Dconfluence.disable.peopledirectory.anonymous=true
```

- **To disable the People Directory entirely:**

```
-Dconfluence.disable.peopledirectory.all=true
```

This workaround will prevent the People directory from appearing on the dashboard, but if you navigate to the profile of a user, and then click on the "People" in the breadcrumb link (Dashboard >> **People** >> FullName >> Profile) or you go to the URL directly <CONFLUENCE\_INSTALL>/browsepeople.action, you will be able to access the people directory.

To workaround this, set up your Apache webserver in front of Confluence and redirect requests to this URL.

### Configuring Captcha for Spam Prevention

If your Confluence site is open to the public (you allow anonymous users to add comments, create pages etc) you may find that automated spam is being added, in the form of comments or new pages.

You can configure Confluence to deter automated spam by asking users to prove that they are human before they are allowed to:

- Sign up for an account.
- Add a comment.

#### Related pages:

- [Configuring Confluence Security](#)

- Create a page.
- Edit a page.
- Send a request to the Confluence administrators.

Captcha is a test that can distinguish a human being from an automated agent such as a web spider or robot. When Captcha is switched on, users will see a distorted picture of a word, and must enter it in a text field before they can proceed.

*Screenshot: Example of a Captcha test*



By default, Captcha is disabled. When enabled, the default is that only anonymous users will have to perform the Captcha test when creating comments or editing pages. You can also choose to enforce Captcha for all users or members of particular groups.

You need System Administrator permissions to configure Captcha for spam prevention in Confluence.

#### To enable Captcha for spam prevention in Confluence:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Spam Prevention** in the left-hand panel
3. Choose **ON** to turn on Captcha
4. If you want to disable Captcha for certain groups:
  - Select **No one** if you want everyone to see Captchas.
  - Select **Signed in users** if you want only anonymous users to see Captchas.
  - If you want everyone to see Captchas except members of specific groups, select **Members of the following groups** and enter the group names in the text box.  
You can click the magnifying-glass icon to search for groups. Search for all or part of a group name and click the **Select Groups** button to add one or more groups to the list.
  - To remove a group from the list, delete the group name
5. Choose **Save**

#### Hiding External Links From Search Engines

Hiding external links from search engines helps to discourage spammers from posting links on your site. If you turn this option on, any URLs inserted in pages and comments will be given the 'nofollow' attribute, which prevents search engines from following them.

**i** Shortcut links (e.g. CONF-2622@JIRA) and internal links to other pages within Confluence are not tagged.

To hide external links from search engines:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click '**Security Configuration**' in the left panel.
3. This will display the '**Security Configuration**' screen. Click '**Edit**'.
4. Check the '**Hide External Links From Search Engines**' checkbox.
5. Click the '**Save**' button.

#### Background to the nofollow attribute

As part of the effort to combat the spamming of wikis and blogs (Confluence being both), Google came up with [some markup](#) which instructs search engines not to follow links. By removing the main benefit of wiki-spamming it's hoped that the practice will stop being cost-effective and eventually die out.



## Configuring Captcha for Failed Logins

If you have confluence administrator permissions, you can configure Confluence to impose a maximum number of repeated login attempts. After a given number of failed login attempts (the default is three) Confluence will display a Captcha form asking the user to enter a given word when attempting to log in again. This will prevent brute force attacks on the Confluence login screen.

Similarly, after three failed login attempts via the XML-RPC or SOAP API, an error message will be returned instructing the user to log in via the web interface. Captcha will automatically be activated when they attempt this login.

'Captcha' is a test that can distinguish a human being from an automated agent such as a web spider or robot. When Captcha is activated, users will need to recognize a distorted picture of a word, and must type the word into a text field. This is easy for humans to do, but very difficult for computers.

*Screenshot: example of a Captcha test*



### On this page:

- [Enabling, Disabling and Configuring Captcha for Failed Logins](#)
- [Notes](#)

### *Enabling, Disabling and Configuring Captcha for Failed Logins*

By default, Captcha for failed logins is enabled and the number of failed login attempts is set to three.

#### To enable, disable and configure Captcha for failed logins:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose '**Security Configuration**' from the left menu.
3. Choose '**Edit**'.
4. To enable Captcha:
  - Select the '**Enable**' checkbox next to '**CAPTCHA on login**'.
  - Set the maximum number of failed logins next to '**Maximum Authentication Attempts Allowed**'. You must enter a number greater than zero.
5. To **disable** Captcha, deselect the '**Enable**' checkbox.
6. Choose '**Save**'.

*Screenshot: Configuring Captcha for failed logins*

## Security and Privacy

Settings for user management, site security and user privacy.

☐ External user management

Delegate user management to JIRA. [More about User Management](#)

☒ Append wildcards to user and group searches

☒ Hide External Links From Search Engines

This helps discourage spammers from posting malicious links by preventing search engines to follow the site. [More about External Links](#)

☐ Anonymous Access to Remote API

Enabling this will allow 'anonymous' to access Confluence remotely.

☐ Custom Stylesheets for Spaces

☐ Show system information on the 500 page

User email visibility

Maximum RSS Items

Limit the maximum number of items an RSS Feed can request.

RSS timeout  seconds

The time in seconds allowed to create each RSS Feed. Any items rendered within the timeout will still be returned.

Page timeout  seconds

The time in seconds allowed to render the content of each wiki Page. Pages taking longer to render will display a timeout error to the user. The default is 120 seconds.

CAPTCHA on login ☒ Enable

maximum authentication attempts allowed

Secure administrator sessions ☒ Enable

minutes before automatic invalidation

Requires Confluence Administrator login to access administration functions. [More about Secure Administrator Sessions](#)

### Notes

- **Disabling all password confirmation requests, including Captcha on login.** Confluence installations that use a custom authentication mechanism may run into problems with the Confluence security measure that requires password confirmation. If necessary, you can set the `password.confirmation.disabled` system property to disable the password confirmation functionality on [administrative actions](#), change of email address and Captcha for failed logins. See [Recognized System Properties](#).

### Configuring XSRF Protection

Confluence requires an XSRF token to be present on comment creation, to prevent users being tricked into unintentionally submitting malicious data. All the themes bundled with Confluence have been designed to use this feature. However, if you are using a custom theme that does not support this security feature, you can disable it.

**⚠ Please carefully consider the security risks before you disable XSRF protection for comments in your Confluence installation.**

Read more about [XSRF \(Cross Site Request Forgery\)](http://cgisecurity.com) at [cgisecurity.com](http://cgisecurity.com).

#### To configure XSRF protection for comments:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Security Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Uncheck the **Adding Comments** checkbox in the **XSRF Protection** section, to disable XSRF protection.
5. Choose **Save**.

##### Related pages:

- [Configuring Confluence Security](#)
- [Confluence Administrator's Guide](#)
- [Developer documentation on XSRF protection in Confluence](#)

#### User Email Visibility

Confluence provides three options for email address privacy which can be configured by a Confluence administrator from the **Administration Console**:

- **Public**: email addresses are displayed publicly.
- **Masked**: email addresses are still displayed publicly, but masked in such a way to make it harder for spam-bots to harvest them.
- **Only visible to site administrators**: only [Confluence administrators](#) can see the email addresses. Note that, if you select this option, email addresses will not be available in the 'User Search' popup (e.g. when setting [Page Restrictions](#)).

#### To configure user email visibility:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **'Security Configuration'**.
3. Choose **'Edit'**. The fields on the **'Security Configuration'** screen will be editable.
4. Select one of the options from the **'User email visibility'** dropdown: **'public'**, **'masked'**, or **'only visible to site administrators'**.
5. Choose **'Save'**.

*Screenshot: Email Visibility*

#### Anonymous Access to Remote API

Administrators may wish to disable anonymous access to the Confluence remote API, to make it harder for malicious users to write 'bots' that perform bulk changes to the site.

#### To disable anonymous access to the remote API:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Security Configuration** in the left-hand panel. The **Security Configuration** screen will appear.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Uncheck the **Anonymous Access to API** check box.
5. Choose **Save**.

#### Notes

This page is about access to the remote API. If you are looking for information about preventing anonymous users from accessing Confluence, see [Global Permissions Overview](#).

#### Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS

Atlassian applications allow the use of SSL within our products, however Atlassian Support does not provide assistance for configuring it. Consequently, Atlassian **cannot guarantee providing any support for it**.

- If assistance with conversions of certificates is required, please consult with the vendor who provided the certificate.
- If assistance with configuration is required, please raise a question on [Atlassian Answers](#).

This document tells you how to configure Confluence to enable access via HTTPS (HTTP over SSL), so that your Confluence logins and data are encrypted during transport to and from Confluence. SSL encryption is a good way to safeguard your Confluence data and user logins from being intercepted and read by outsiders.

These instructions apply to the following platforms:

- **Confluence** - Apache Tomcat is the application server shipped with Confluence, and is the only supported application server. If you are using Apache HTTP Server (httpd) or NGINX, see [Apache with mod\\_proxy](#) or [Running Confluence behind NGINX with SSL](#) for instructions on how to terminate an SSL connection at the external web server.
- **Java 8** - JDK 1.8 is the [supported](#) Java version for Confluence. Note that you need the JDK, since it includes the `keytool` utility used in the instructions below. The JRE is not enough.

**i** The default connector port for Confluence is 8090.

#### On this page:

- [Step 1. Create or Request a New SSL Certificate](#)
- [Step 2. Modify the Server Configuration File in your Confluence Installation](#)
- [Step 3. Specify the Location of your Certificate](#)
- [Step 4. Change your Confluence Base URL to HTTPS](#)
- [Step 5. Add a Security Constraint to Redirect All URLs to HTTPS](#)
- [Notes](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

#### Related Topics

- [SSL Configuration HOW-TO in the Apache Tomcat 8.0 documentation](#)
- [keytool - Key and Certificate Management Tool in the Java SE documentation](#)
- [Connecting to LDAP or JIRA applications or Other Services via SSL](#)

#### Step 1. Create or Request a New SSL Certificate

You will need a valid SSL certificate before you can enable HTTPS. If you already have a certificate prepared, skip to [step 2 below](#).

You can choose to create a self-signed certificate or to use a certificate issued by a certificate authority (CA, sometimes also called a 'certification authority'). We described both options below.

If you're not comfortable using command line utilities [KeyStore Explorer](#) is a useful GUI replacement for the Java Keytool command line.

#### Certificate Option 1 – Create a Self-Signed Certificate

Self-signed certificates are useful if you require encryption but do not need to verify the identity of the requesting website. In general, you might use a self-signed certificate on a test environment and on internal corporate networks (intranets).

Because the certificate is not signed by a certificate authority (CA), users may receive a message that the site is not trusted and may have to perform several steps to accept the certificate before they can access the site. This usually will only occur the first time they access the site.

Follow the steps below to generate a certificate using Java's `keytool` utility. This tool is included in the JDK.

1. Use Java's `keytool` utility to generate the certificate:

Many SSL issuers (including but not limited to GoDaddy and RapidSSL) are now requiring a 2048-bit key size. To generate a key with 2048-bit encryption, add `'-keysize 2048'` to these queries.

- On Windows, run the following command at the command prompt:

```
"%JAVA_HOME%\bin\keytool" -genkeypair -keysize 2048 -alias tomcat -keyalg RSA -sigalg SHA256withRSA
```

- On OS X or UNIX-based systems, run the following command at the command prompt:

```
$JAVA_HOME/bin/keytool -genkeypair -keysize 2048 -alias tomcat -keyalg RSA -sigalg SHA256withRSA
```

2. When asked for a **password**:

- Specify the password you want to use for the certificate (private key). Note that the password text will not appear as you type it.
- Make a note of the password you choose, because you will need it in the next step when editing the configuration file.
- The default password is `'changeit'`.

Tomcat has a known issue with passwords containing special characters. You should use a password that only contains alphanumeric characters.

3. Follow the prompts to specify your name, organization and location. This information is used to construct the X.500 Distinguished Name (DN) of the entity. The CN ("What is your first and last name?") must match the fully-qualified hostname of the server running Confluence, otherwise Tomcat will not be able to use the certificate for SSL. For example for a Confluence running on a server named `"confluence.example.com"`:  
CN=confluence.example.com, OU=Java Software Division, O=Sun Microsystems Inc, C=US
4. Enter `'y'` to confirm the details.
5. When asked for the **password** for `'tomcat'` (the alias you entered in the `keytool` command above), press the `'Enter'` key. This specifies that your keystore entry will have the **same password** as your private key. You **MUST** use the same password here as was used for the keystore password itself. This is a restriction of the Tomcat implementation.
6. Your certificate is now ready. Go to step 2 [below](#).

#### Certificate Option 2 – Use a Certificate Issued by a Certificate Authority

When running Confluence in a production environment, you will need a certificate issued by a certificate authority (CA, sometimes also called a 'certification authority') such as [VeriSign](#), [Thawte](#) or [digicert](#). The instructions below are adapted from the [Tomcat documentation](#).

First you will generate a local certificate and create a 'certificate signing request' (CSR) based on that certificate. You will submit the CSR to your chosen certificate authority. The CA will use that CSR to generate

a certificate for you.

1. Use Java's `keytool` utility to generate a local certificate, as described in the previous section.
2. Use the `keytool` utility to generate a CSR, replacing the text `<MY_KEYSTORE_FILENAME>` with the path to and file name of the `.keystorefile` generated for your local certificate:

```
keytool -certreq -keyalg RSA -alias tomcat -file certreq.csr  
-keystore <MY_KEYSTORE_FILENAME>
```

3. Submit the generated file called `certreq.csr` to your chosen certificate authority. **Refer to the documentation on the CA's website to find out how to do this.**
4. The CA will send you a certificate.
5. Import the new certificate into your local keystore:

```
keytool -importcert -alias tomcat -keystore  
<MY_KEYSTORE_FILENAME> -file <MY_CERTIFICATE_FILENAME>
```

**Please note that some CAs require you to install an intermediate certificate before importing your certificate. Please refer to your CA documentation to successfully install your certificate.**

If you receive an error, and you use Verisign or GoDaddy, you may need to export the certificate to PKCS12 format along with the private key.

1. First, remove the certificate added above from the keystore:

```
keytool -delete -alias tomcat -keystore  
<MY_KEYSTORE_FILENAME>
```

2. Then export to PKCS12 format:

```
openssl pkcs12 -export -in <MY_CERTIFICATE_NAME> -inkey  
<MY_PRIVATEKEY_NAME> -out <MY_PKC12_KEYSTORE_NAME> -name  
tomcat -CAfile  
<MY_ROOTCERTIFICATE_NAME-alsoCalledBundleCertificateInGoDa  
ddy> -caname root
```

3. Then import from PKCS12 to jks:


```
keytool -importkeystore -deststorepass  
<MY_DESTINATIONSTORE_PASSWORD> -destkeypass  
<MY_DESTINATIONKEY_PASSWORD> -destkeystore  
<MY_KEYSTORE_FILENAME> -srckeystore  
<MY_PKC12_KEYSTORE_NAME> -srcstoretype PKCS12  
-srcstorepass <MY_PKC12_KEYSTORE_PASSWORD> -alias tomcat
```

## Step 2. Modify the Server Configuration File in your Confluence Installation

1. Edit the server configuration file at this location: <CONFLUENCE\_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml
2. Uncomment the following lines:

```
<Connector port="8443" maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
    maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="25"
    protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
    enableLookups="false" disableUploadTimeout="true"
    acceptCount="100" scheme="https" secure="true"
    clientAuth="false" sslProtocol="TLSv1.2"
    sslEnabledProtocols="TLSv1.2" SSLEnabled="true"
    URIEncoding="UTF-8"
    keystorePass="<MY_CERTIFICATE_PASSWORD>" />
```

3. Replace the text <MY\_CERTIFICATE\_PASSWORD> with the password you specified for your certificate.
4. Make sure that the attribute-value pair SSLEnabled="true" is part of the Connector element, as shown above. If this attribute is not present, attempts to access Confluence will time out.
5. Save the server configuration file.

 Avoid removing the http connector, as the Synchrony proxy health check, still requires HTTP. If you do not want to include the http connector, you can use the synchrony.proxy.healthcheck.disabled system property to disable the health check.

You should also **not** disable the internal Synchrony proxy (by setting the synchrony.proxy.enabled system property to false) as this is known to cause problems when you're terminating SSL at Tomcat.

### Step 3. Specify the Location of your Certificate

By default, Tomcat expects the keystore file to be named .keystore and to be located in the user home directory under which Tomcat is running (which may or may not be the same as your own home directory). This means that, by default, Tomcat will look for your SSL certificates in the following location:

- On Windows: C:\users\#CURRENT\_USER#\keystore
- On OS X and UNIX-based systems: ~/.keystore

You may decide to move the certificate to a custom location. If your certificate is not in the default location, you will need to update your server configuration file as outlined below, so that Tomcat can find the certificate.

1. Edit the server configuration file at this location: <CONFLUENCE\_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml
2. Add the attribute keystoreFile="<MY\_CERTIFICATE\_LOCATION>" to the Connector element, so that the element looks like this:

```
<Connector port="8443" maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
    maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="25"
    maxSpareThreads="75"
    enableLookups="false"
    disableUploadTimeout="true"
    acceptCount="100" scheme="https"
    secure="true"
    clientAuth="false" sslProtocol="TLS"
    SSLEnabled="true"
    URIEncoding="UTF-8"
    keystorePass="<MY_CERTIFICATE_PASSWORD>"
    keystoreFile="<MY_CERTIFICATE_LOCATION>" />
```



3. Replace the text `<MY_CERTIFICATE_LOCATION>` with the path to your certificate, including the path and the name of the `.keystore` file.
4. Save the server configuration file.

#### Step 4. Change your Confluence Base URL to HTTPS

1. In your browser, go to the Confluence Administration Console.
2. Change the Server Base URL to HTTPS. See the documentation on [configuring the server base URL](#).
3. Restart Tomcat and access Confluence on `https://<MY_BASE_URL>:8443/`.

#### Step 5. Add a Security Constraint to Redirect All URLs to HTTPS

Although HTTPS is now activated and available, the old HTTP URLs (`http://localhost:8090`) are still available. Now you need to redirect the URLs to their HTTPS equivalent. You will do this by adding a security constraint in `web.xml`. This will cause Tomcat to redirect requests that come in on a non-SSL port.

1. Check whether your Confluence site uses the **RSS macro**. If your site has the RSS macro enabled, you may need to configure the URL redirection with a firewall rule, rather than by editing the `web.xml` file. Skip the steps below and follow the steps on the [RSS Feed Macro](#) page instead.
2. Otherwise, Edit the file at `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/confluence/WEB-INF/web.xml`.
3. Add the following declaration to the end of the file, **before** the `</web-app>` tag:

```
<security-constraint>
  <web-resource-collection>
    <web-resource-name>Restricted URLs</web-resource-name>
    <url-pattern>/</url-pattern>
  </web-resource-collection>
  <user-data-constraint>
    <transport-guarantee>CONFIDENTIAL</transport-guarantee>
  </user-data-constraint>
</security-constraint>
```

4. Restart Confluence and access `http://localhost:8090`. You should be redirected to `https://localhost:8443/login.action`.

**i** Confluence has two `web.xml` files. The other one is at `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/conf/web.xml`. Please only add the security constraints to `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/confluence/WEB-INF/web.xml`, as described above.

#### Notes

- **Background information on generating a certificate:** The `'keytool -genkeypair'` command generates a key pair consisting of a public key and the associated private key, and stores them in a keystore. The command packages the public key into an X.509 v3 self-signed certificate, which is stored as a single-element certificate chain. This certificate chain and the private key are stored in a new keystore entry, identified by the `alias` that you specify in the command. The [Java SE documentation](#) has a good overview of the utility.
- **Custom SSL port:** If you have changed the port that the SSL connector is running on from the default value of 8443, you must update the `redirectPort` attribute of the standard HTTP connector to reflect the new SSL port. Tomcat needs this information to know which port to redirect to when an incoming request needs to be secure.
- **Multiple instances on the same host:** When running more than one instance on the same host, it is important to specify the `address` attribute in the `<CONFLUENCE_INSTALLATION>/conf/server.xml` file because by default the connector will listen on **all available network interfaces**, so specifying the address will prevent conflicts with connectors running on the same default port. See the Tomcat Connector documentation for more about setting the address attribute: <https://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-8.0-doc/config/http.html>



```
<Connector port="8443" address="your.confluence.url.com"
maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
                maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="25"
maxSpareThreads="75"
                enableLookups="false"
disableUploadTimeout="true"
                acceptCount="100" scheme="https"
secure="true"
                clientAuth="false" sslProtocol="TLS"
SSLEnabled="true"
                URIEncoding="UTF-8"
keystorePass="<MY_CERTIFICATE_PASSWORD>"
                keystoreFile="<MY_CERTIFICATE_LOCATION>" />
```

- **Protection for logins only or for individual spaces:** As of Confluence 3.0, Atlassian does not support HTTPS for logins only or for specific pages. We support only site-wide HTTPS. To see the reasoning behind this decision, please see [CONF-18120](#) and [CONF-4116](#).

### Troubleshooting

- Check the Confluence knowledge base articles on [troubleshooting SSL](#)
- Problems with **Internet Explorer being unable to download attachments:** Applying SSL site wide can prevent IE from downloading attachments correctly. To fix this problem, edit <CONFLUENCE\_INST ALLATION>/conf/server.xml and add the following line within the <Context ... />element:

```
<Valve
className="org.apache.catalina.authenticator.NonLoginAuthenticat
or"
                disableProxyCaching="true" securePagesWithPragma="false"
/>
```

## Connecting to LDAP or JIRA applications or Other Services via SSL

This page documents configuration of SSL, rather than of Confluence itself. Atlassian will support Confluence with this configuration, but we cannot guarantee to help you debug problems with SSL. Please be aware that this material is provided for your information only, and that you use it at your own risk.

### Related pages:

- [Configuring an SSL Connection to Active Directory](#)
- [Configuring Web Proxy Support for Confluence](#)
- [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#)

This page describes how to get Confluence connecting to external servers over SSL, via the various SSL-wrapped protocols.

Here are some examples of when you may need to connect to an external server over SSL/HTTPS:

- You need to connect to an LDAP server, such as Active Directory, if the LDAP server is running over SSL.  
**For specific instructions for Active Directory, see [Configuring an SSL Connection to Active Directory](#).**
- You want to set up your JIRA application as a trusted application in Confluence, when JIRA is running over SSL.
- You want to refer to an https://... URL in a Confluence macro.

If you want to run Confluence itself over SSL, see [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#).

There's a [Confluence SSL plugin](#) that facilitates this process.

### Importing SSL Certificates

The following commands apply to JDK 1.5. For commands/syntax relevant to JDK 1.6, please refer to [this document from Oracle](#).

1. Add the root certificate to your default Java keystore with the following command. This is the certificate that was used to authorize the LDAP server's certificate. It will be either the one that was used for signing it, or will come from further up in the trust chain, possibly the root certificate. This is often a self-signed certificate, when both ends of the SSL connection are within the same network. Again, the exact alias is not important.

```
keytool -import -alias serverCert -file RootCert.crt -keystore
%JAVA_HOME%/jre/lib/security/cacerts (Windows)
keytool -import -alias serverCert -file RootCert.crt -keystore
$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts (Linux/Unix/Mac)
```

2. Import your LDAP or JIRA server's public certificate into the JVM Keystore. This is the certificate that the LDAP server will use to set up the SSL encryption. You can use any alias of your choosing in place of "JIRAorLDAPServer.crt".

```
keytool -import -alias ldapCert -file JIRAorLDAPServer.crt
-keystore %JAVA_HOME%/jre/lib/security/cacerts (Windows)
keytool -import -alias ldapCert -file JIRAorLDAPServer.crt
-keystore $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts (Linux/Unix/Mac)
```

3. Verify that the certificate has been added successfully by entering the following command:

```
keytool -list -keystore %JAVA_HOME%/jre/lib/security/cacerts
(Windows)
keytool -list -keystore $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts
(Unix/Linux)
keytool -list -keystore /Library/Java/Home/lib/security/cacerts
(Mac)
```

4. Ensure that you have updated JAVA\_OPTS to specify the path to the keystore, as specified in [Connecting to SSL services](#) before restarting Tomcat/Confluence.  
There is no need to specify an alias for Confluence to use. On connecting to the LDAP server, it will search through the keystore to find a certificate to match the key being presented by the server.

### Troubleshooting

Check the following knowledge base articles:

- [Unable to Connect to SSL Services due to PKIX Path Building Failed](#)
- [SSL troubleshooting articles](#)

### Configuring RSS Feeds

A Confluence System Administrator can configure the following aspects of RSS feeds:

- The maximum number of items that Confluence returns to an RSS feed request.

- The maximum time period that Confluence allows to respond to an RSS feed request.

Both of these are set in the 'Edit Security Configuration' screen.

#### To configure RSS feeds:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **Security Configuration**.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Enter a value for **Maximum RSS Items**. The default value is 200.
5. Enter a value for **RSS timeout**.
6. Choose **Save**.

*Screenshot: Configuring RSS feeds*

Maximum RSS Items	<input type="text" value="200"/>
Limit the maximum number of items an RSS Feed can request.	
RSS timeout	<input type="text" value="60"/> seconds
The time in seconds allowed to create each RSS Feed. Any items rendered within the timeout will still be returned.	

#### Notes

- When using the RSS [Feed Builder](#), a user could potentially enter such a large value for the number of feed items returned that Confluence would eventually run out of memory.
- When using the [Feed Builder](#), if a users a value greater than this setting (or less than 0) they will get a validation error.
- If any pre-existing feeds are set to request more than the configured maximum, they will be supplied with only the configured maximum number of items. This is done silently - there is no logging and no message is returned to the RSS reader.
- If Confluence times out when responding to an RSS feed request, any items already rendered are returned.

## Preventing and Cleaning Up Spam

If your Confluence site is public-facing you may be affected by spammers.

### Stopping Spammers

#### To prevent spammers:

1. Enable Captcha. See [Configuring Captcha for Spam Prevention](#).
2. Run Confluence behind an [Apache webserver](#) and create rules to block the spammer's IP address.

### Blocking Spam at Apache or System Level

If a spam bot is attacking your Confluence site, they are probably coming from one IP address or a small range of IP addresses. To find the attacker's IP address, follow the [Apache access logs](#) in real time and filter for a page that they are attacking.

For example, if the spammers are creating users, you can look for `signup.action`:

#### On this page:

- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [The RSS Feed Builder](#)

```
$ tail -f confluence.atlassian.com.log | grep signup.action
1.2.3.4 - - [13/Jan/2010:00:14:51 -0600] "GET /signup.action HTTP/1.1"
200 9956 "-" "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1)"
37750
```

Compare the actual spam users being created with the log entries to make sure you do not block legitimate users. By default, Apache logs the client's IP address in the first field of the log line.

Once you have the offender's IP address or IP range, you can add it to your firewall's blacklist. For example, using the popular [Shorewall](#) firewall for Linux you can simply do this:

```
# echo "1.2.3.4" >> /etc/shorewall/blacklist
# /etc/init.d/shorewall reload
```

To block an IP address at the Apache level, add this line to your Apache vhost config:

```
Deny from 1.2.3.4
```

You can restart Apache with a "graceful" command which will apply the changes without dropping any current sessions.

If this still does not stop the spam, then consider turning off [public signup](#).

### Deleting Spam

#### Profile Spam

By 'profile spam', we mean spammers who create accounts on Confluence and post links to their profile page.

If you have had many such spam profiles created, the easiest way to delete them is via SQL.

#### To delete a spam profile:

1. Shut down Confluence and back up your database.  
**Note:** This step is essential before you run any SQL commands on your database.
2. Find the last real profile:

```
SELECT bodycontentid,body FROM bodycontent WHERE contentid IN
(SELECT contentid FROM content WHERE contenttype='USERINFO')
ORDER BY bodycontentid DESC;
```

3. Look through the bodies of the profile pages until you find where the spammer starts. You may have to identify an number of ranges.
4. Find the killset:

```
CREATE TEMP TABLE killset AS SELECT
bc.bodycontentid,c.contentid,c.username FROM
  bodycontent bc JOIN content c ON bc.contentid=c.contentid WHERE
  bodycontentid >= BOTTOM_OF_SPAM_RANGE AND bodycontentID <=
TOP_OF_SPAM_RANGE
  AND c.contenttype='USERINFO';

DELETE FROM bodycontent WHERE bodycontentid IN (SELECT
bodycontentid FROM killset);

DELETE FROM links WHERE contentid IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM content WHERE prevver IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM content WHERE pageid IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM content WHERE contentid IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM os_user_group WHERE user_id IN (SELECT id FROM killset
k JOIN os_user o ON o.username=k.username);

DELETE FROM os_user WHERE username IN (SELECT username FROM
killset);
```

If you're using Confluence 5.6 or earlier use the SQL commands below:

▼ [For Confluence 5.6 and earlier...](#)

```
CREATE TEMP TABLE killset AS SELECT
bc.bodycontentid,c.contentid,c.username FROM
  bodycontent bc JOIN content c ON bc.contentid=c.contentid
WHERE
  bodycontentid >= BOTTOM_OF_SPAM_RANGE AND bodycontentid <=
TOP_OF_SPAM_RANGE
  AND c.contenttype='USERINFO';

DELETE FROM bodycontent WHERE bodycontentid IN (SELECT
bodycontentid FROM killset);

DELETE FROM links WHERE contentid IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM content WHERE prevver IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM attachments WHERE pageid IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM content WHERE contentid IN (SELECT contentid FROM
killset);

DELETE FROM os_user_group WHERE user_id IN (SELECT id FROM
killset k JOIN os_user o ON o.username=k.username);

DELETE FROM os_user WHERE username IN (SELECT username FROM
killset);
```

5. Once the spam has been deleted, restart Confluence and [rebuild the index](#). This will remove any references to the spam from the search index.

### Running Confluence behind NGINX with SSL

This page describes how to set up NGINX as a [reverse proxy](#) for Confluence.

The configuration described on this page results in a scenario where:

- External client connections with NGINX are secured using SSL. Connections between NGINX and Confluence Server are unsecured.
- Confluence Server and NGINX run on the same machine.


#### On this page

- [Step 1: Set the context path](#)
- [Step 2: Configure the Tomcat connector](#)
- [Step 3: Configure NGINX](#)
- [Step 4: Restart Confluence and NGINX](#)

We assume that you already have a running instance of NGINX. If not, refer to the [NGINX documentation](#) for instructions on downloading and installing NGINX. SSL certificates must be installed on the server machine. You'll need an NGINX version that supports WebSockets (1.3 or later).

Note that the [Atlassian Support](#) does not cover NGINX integration. Assistance with NGINX may be obtained through the Atlassian community from [answers.atlassian.com](#) or from an [Atlassian Expert](#).

#### Step 1: Set the context path

 If you want to access Confluence without a context path (www.example.com), or via a sub-domain (confluence.example.com) skip this step.

Set your Confluence application path (the part after hostname and port) in Tomcat. Edit <installation-d

irectory>/conf/server.xml, locate the "Context" definition:

```
<Context path="" docBase="../../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="false">
```

and change it to:

```
<Context path="/confluence" docBase="../../confluence" debug="0"
reloadable="false">
```

Restart Confluence, and check you can access it at **http://example:8090/confluence**

#### Step 2: Configure the Tomcat connector

Next, in the same <installation-directory>/conf/server.xml file, locate this code segment:

```
<Connector port="8090" connectionTimeout="20000" redirectPort="8443"
    maxThreads="48" minSpareThreads="10"
    enableLookups="false" acceptCount="10" debug="0"
URIEncoding="UTF-8"

protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol" />
```

And add the last line as follows:

```
<Connector port="8090" connectionTimeout="20000" redirectPort="8443"
    maxThreads="48" minSpareThreads="10"
    enableLookups="false" acceptCount="10" debug="0"
URIEncoding="UTF-8"
    protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"

    proxyName="www.example.com" proxyPort="443"
scheme="https" />
```

Note: don't include `secure="true"` in this connector. Make sure you've included correct values for `protocol` and `proxyName`.

#### Step 3: Configure NGINX

You will need to specify a listening server in NGINX, as in the example below. Add the following to your NGINX configuration.

Replace your server name and the location of your SSL certificate and key.

In this example, users will connect to Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, directly.

```
server {
    listen www.example.com:80;
    server_name www.example.com;

    listen 443 default ssl;
    ssl_certificate      /usr/local/etc/nginx/ssl/nginx.crt;
    ssl_certificate_key  /usr/local/etc/nginx/ssl/nginx.key;

    ssl_session_timeout 5m;

    ssl_protocols SSLv2 SSLv3 TLSv1;
    ssl_ciphers HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;

    location /confluence {
        client_max_body_size 100m;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Server $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_pass http://localhost:8090/confluence;
    }
    location /synchrony {
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Server $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_pass http://localhost:8091/synchrony;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection "Upgrade";
    }
}
```

See [http://nginx.org/en/docs/http/nginx\\_http\\_proxy\\_module.html](http://nginx.org/en/docs/http/nginx_http_proxy_module.html) for more information.

Note: do not include `ssl on;` if you are configuring SSL and Confluence on the same server as in this example.

If you experience 413 Request Entity Too Large errors, make sure that the `client_max_body_size` in the `/confluence` location block matches Confluence's [maximum attachment size](#). You may also need to increase the `client_max_body_size` in the `/synchrony` location block if you experience errors when editing large pages.

▼ [If you're accessing Confluence via a sub-domain...](#)

If you're accessing Confluence via a sub-domain, your config will look like this:



```
server {
    listen confluence.example.com:80;
    server_name confluence.example.com;

    listen 443 default ssl;
    ssl_certificate      /usr/local/etc/nginx/ssl/nginx.crt;
    ssl_certificate_key  /usr/local/etc/nginx/ssl/nginx.key;

    ssl_session_timeout 5m;

    ssl_protocols SSLv2 SSLv3 TLSv1;
    ssl_ciphers HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;

    location / {
        client_max_body_size 100m;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Server $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For
$proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_pass http://localhost:8090;
    }
    location /synchrony {
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Server $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For
$proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_pass http://localhost:8091/synchrony;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection "Upgrade";
    }
}
```

#### Step 4: Restart Confluence and NGINX

1. Restart Confluence and NGINX for all the changes to take affect.
2. Update Confluence's base URL to include the context path you set earlier - see [Configuring the Server Base URL](#).

### Scheduled Jobs

The administration console allows you to schedule various administrative jobs in Confluence, so that they are executed at regular time intervals. The types of jobs which can be scheduled cover:

- Confluence site backups
- Storage optimization jobs to clear Confluence's temporary files and caches
- Index optimization jobs to ensure Confluence's search index is up to date
- Mail queue optimization jobs to ensure Confluence's mail queue is maintained and notifications have been sent.

**i** You'll need [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to edit and manually run jobs.

#### On this page:

- [Accessing Confluence's scheduled jobs configuration](#)
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#### Related pages:

- [Trigger Module](#)
- [Configuring Backups](#)

### Accessing Confluence's scheduled jobs configuration

To access Confluence's Scheduled Jobs configuration page:

1. Go to



> **General Configuration** > **Scheduled Jobs**

2. All scheduled jobs are listed with:

- **Status** - the job's status, which is either 'Scheduled' (it is currently enabled) or 'Disabled'.
- **Last Execution** - the date and time when the job was last executed. This field will be empty if the job was never executed.
- **Next Execution** - the date and time when the job is next scheduled to be executed. This field will contain dash symbol ('-') if the job is disabled.
- **Avg. Duration** - the length of time (in milliseconds) that it took to complete the job (the last time it ran).
- **Actions** - Options to edit the job's schedule, run it manually, view the history or disable the job.

*Screenshot: Scheduled Jobs*

Scheduled Jobs					
Job	Status	Last Execution	Next Execution	Avg. Duration	Actions
Back Up Confluence	Scheduled	Nov 20, 2016 02:00	Nov 19, 2016 02:00	592755	<a href="#">History</a>
Check Cluster Safety	Scheduled	Nov 21, 2016 01:56	Nov 21, 2016 01:57	3	<a href="#">History</a>
Clean Journal Entries	Scheduled	Nov 20, 2016 02:00	Nov 19, 2016 02:00	82	<a href="#">History</a>
Clean Old Audit Records	Scheduled	Nov 21, 2016 00:00	Nov 22, 2016 00:00	24	<a href="#">History</a>
Clean Temporary Directory	Scheduled	Nov 20, 2016 04:00	Nov 19, 2016 04:00	199	<a href="#">History</a>
Clear Expired Mail Errors	Scheduled	Nov 20, 2016 03:00	Nov 19, 2016 03:00	43	<a href="#">History</a>
Clear Expired Remember Me Tokens	Scheduled	Nov 20, 2016 00:00	Nov 20, 2016 00:00	72	<a href="#">History</a>

### Running a job manually

To run a job manually head to the Scheduled Jobs list and choose **Run** next to the job. It will run immediately.

Not all jobs can be run manually.

### Changing a job's schedule

To change a job's schedule:

1. Choose **Edit** next to the job you want to change.
2. Enter the new day or time to run the job as a cron expression - there's more info about cron expressions [below](#).
3. **Save** your changes to the job's schedule, or **Revert** back to the default setting.

Not all jobs' schedules are configurable.

*Screenshot: Configuring a Job Schedule*

**Edit Schedule for Clean Index Queue**

**Advanced Configuration**

Cron Expression  [Define schedule using a cron expression.](#)

**Future Schedules:**

20-Feb-2013	02:00:00
21-Feb-2013	02:00:00
22-Feb-2013	02:00:00
23-Feb-2013	02:00:00
24-Feb-2013	02:00:00
25-Feb-2013	02:00:00
26-Feb-2013	02:00:00
27-Feb-2013	02:00:00
28-Feb-2013	02:00:00
01-Mar-2013	02:00:00

Default Save Cancel

#### Disabling or re-enabling a job

By default, all jobs in Confluence are enabled.

Use the **Disable** / **Enable** links in the action column to disable and re-enable each job.

Not all jobs in Confluence can be disabled.

#### Viewing a job's execution history

To see when a job was last run, and how long the job took to run, click the **History** link beside the job.

If a job has not run at least once the History link won't appear.

*Screenshot: Job Execution History*

History for Clean Temporary Directory		
Started	Ended	Duration (ms)
19-Feb-2013 04:00:00	19-Feb-2013 04:00:01	1901
18-Feb-2013 04:00:00	18-Feb-2013 04:00:00	42
17-Feb-2013 04:00:00	17-Feb-2013 04:00:00	334

⚠ Execution history is not available in Confluence Data Center.

### Types of jobs

Here's a summary of some of the scheduled jobs that you may want to adjust.

Job Name	Description	Execution Behavior	Default Schedule
Back Up Confluence	Performs a <a href="#">backup</a> of your entire Confluence site.	Per cluster	At 2am every day
Check Cluster Safety	For clustered Confluence installations, this job ensures that only one Confluence instance in the cluster writes to the database at a time. For standard (non-clustered) editions of Confluence, this job is useful for alerting customers who have accidentally connected a second Confluence instance to a Confluence database which is already in use.	Per cluster	Every 30 seconds
Clean Journal Entries	Periodically clears journal entries that have already been processed to ensure that its size does not grow indefinitely.	Per node	At 2am every day
Clean Temporary Directory	Cleans up temporary files generated in the <code>&lt;confluence-home&gt;/temp</code> directory. This temp directory is created by exports etc. This doesn't include the temp directory located in the confluence install directory.	Per node	At 4am every day
Clear Expired Mail Errors	Clears notification errors in the <a href="#">mail error queue</a> . A notification error is sent to the mail error queue whenever the notification fails to be sent due to an error.	Per cluster	At 3am every day
Clear Expired Remember Me Tokens	Clears all expired 'Remember Me' tokens from the Confluence site. Remember Me tokens expire after two weeks.	Per cluster	On the 20th of each month
Email Daily Reports	Emails a daily summary report of all Confluence changes <a href="#">to all subscribers</a> . Since each email report only records changes from the last 24-hour period, it is recommended that you only change the time of this job while keeping the job's frequency to 24 hours.	Per cluster	At 12am every day
Flush Edge Index Queue	Flushes the Edge Index Queue so Confluence's search results stay up to date.	Per node	Every 30 seconds
Flush Local Task Queue	Flushes the local task queue. (These are internal Confluence tasks that are typically flushed at a high frequency.)	Per node	Every minute

Flush Mail Queue	Sends notifications that have been queued up in the <a href="#">mail queue</a> . This doesn't include batched notifications. Edit the <b>Send batched notifications</b> job if you also want to change how often notifications are sent for changes to a page or blog post.	Per cluster	Every minute
Send batched notifications	Sends email notifications containing all changes to a page or blog post since the last time the job ran. Increase the time for fewer emails or reduce the time if more immediate notifications are important in your site.	Per cluster	Every 10 minutes
Flush Task Queue	Flushes the task queue. (These are internal Confluence tasks that are typically flushed at a high frequency.)	Per node	Every minute
Send Recommended Updates Email	Triggers sending recommended update emails to users. The job runs hourly, but users will receive the notification weekly or daily, depending on the setting in their profile, at a time that matches their timezone.	Per cluster	Hourly

### Cron expressions

A cron expression is a string of 6-7 'time interval' fields that defines the frequency with which a job is executed. Each of these fields can be expressed as either a numerical value or a special character and each field is separated by at least one space or tab character.

The table below shows the order of time interval fields in a cron expression and each field's permitted numerical values.

You can specify a special character instead of a numerical value for any field in the cron expression to provide flexibility in defining a job's frequency. Common special characters include:

- '\*' — a 'wild card' that indicates 'all permitted values'.
- '?' — indicates 'ignore this time interval' in the cron expression. That is, the cron expression will not be bound by the time interval (such as 'Month', 'Day of week' or 'Year') to which this character is specified.

For more information about cron expressions, please refer to the [Cron Trigger tutorial on the Quartz website](#).

Order in cron expression	Time interval field	Permitted values*	Required?
1	Seconds	0-59	Yes
2	Minutes	0-59	Yes
3	Hours	0-23	Yes
4	Day of month	1-31	Yes
5	Month	1-12 or JAN-DEC	Yes
6	Day of week	1-7 or SUN-SAT	Yes
7	Year	1970-2099	No

\* Excluding special characters.

### Configuring the Whitelist

Confluence administrators can choose to allow incoming and outgoing connections and content from specified sources for use in the RSS macro, HTML Include macro and gadgets, by adding URLs to the whitelist.


Confluence will display an error if content has been added that is not from an allowed source, and prompt the user to add the URL to the whitelist.

[Application links](#) are automatically added to the whitelist. You don't need to manually add them.

Note: The [HTML Include macro](#) is disabled by default.

#### Add allowed URLs to the whitelist

To add a URL to the whitelist:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Whitelist.**
2. Enter the URL or expression you want to allow.
3. Choose the **Type** of expression (see [below](#) for examples of the types available).
4. Choose **Allow Incoming** if you need to allow CORS requests (see [below](#)).
5. Choose **Add**.

Your URL or expression appears in the whitelist.

To test that your whitelisted URL is working as expected you can enter a URL in the **Test a URL** field. Icons will indicate whether incoming and / or outgoing traffic is allowed for that URL.

#### Expression Types

When adding a URL to the whitelist, you can choose from a number of expression types.

Type	Description	Example
Domain name	Allows all URLs from the specified domain.	<code>http://www.example.com</code>
Exact match	Allows only the specified URL.	<code>http://www.example.com/thispage</code>
Wildcard Expression	Allows all matching URLs. Use the wildcard * character to replace one or more characters.	<code>http://*example.com</code>
Regular Expression	Allows all URLs matching the regular expression.	<code>http(s)?://www\.example\.com</code>


#### Allow Incoming

**Allow Incoming** enables [CORS](#) requests from the specified origin. The URL must match the format `scheme://host[:port]`, with no trailing slashes (`:port` is optional). So `http://example.com/` would not allow CORS requests from the domain `example.com`.

#### Disabling the whitelist

The whitelist is enabled by default. You can choose to disable the whitelist however this will allow all URLs, including malicious content, and is not recommended.

To disable the whitelist:

1. Choose the **cog icon** , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose **Whitelist**.
3. Choose **Turn off whitelist**.
4. Choose **Confirm**.

All URLs will now be allowed. We strongly recommend **not** disabling the whitelist.

### Configuring the Time Interval at which Drafts are Saved

This setting only applies to Confluence 6.0 or later if you've chosen to **disable** [collaborative editing](#).

When collaborative editing is enabled we're saving all the time!

#### Related pages:

- [Drafts](#)

When collaborative editing is disabled, Confluence saves a draft of your page once every thirty seconds by default. Confluence administrators can configure how often drafts are saved.

As a Confluence administrator, you can set the time interval at which drafts are saved as follows:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Click **Further Configuration** in the left-hand panel.
3. Edit the setting for **Draft Save Interval**.

## Performance Tuning

This document describes tuning your application for improved performance. It is not a guide to troubleshooting Confluence outages. Check [Trouble shooting Confluence hanging or crashing](#) for help if Confluence is crashing.

Like any server application, Confluence may require some tuning as it is put under heavier use. We do our best to make sure Confluence performs well under a wide variety of circumstances, but there's no single configuration that is best for everyone's environment and usage patterns.

If you are having problems with the performance of Confluence and need our help resolving them, you should read [Requesting Performance Support](#).

### Use the latest version of your tools

Use the latest versions of your application servers and Java runtime environments. Newer versions are usually better optimized for performance.

#### On this page:

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### Avoid swapping due to not enough RAM

Always watch the swapping activity of your server. If there is not enough RAM available, your server may start swapping out some of Confluence's heap data to your hard disk. This will slow down the JVM's garbage collection considerably and affect Confluence's performance. In clustered installations, swapping can lead to a [Cluster Panic due to Performance Problems](#). This is because swapping causes the JVM to pause during [Garbage Collection](#), which in turn can break the inter-node communication required to keep the clustered nodes in sync.

### Being aware of other systems using the same infrastructure



It may sound tempting: Just have one powerful server hosting your database and/or application server, and run **all** your crucial programs on that server. **If** the system is set up perfectly, then you might be fine. Chances are however that you are missing something, and then one application's bug might start affecting other applications. So if Confluence is slow every day around noon, then maybe this is because another application is using the shared database to generate complicated reports at that time? Either make sure applications can't harm each other despite sharing the same infrastructure, or get these systems untangled, for example by moving them to separate instances that can be controlled better.

### Choice of database

The **embedded H2 database** is provided for evaluating Confluence, not for production Confluence sites. After the evaluation finishes, you must switch to a [supported external database](#). We recommend using what you are familiar with, because your ability to maintain the database will probably make far more difference to what you get out of it than the choice of database itself.

### Database connection pool

If load on Confluence is high, you may need more simultaneous connections to the database.

- If you are using JNDI data-sources, you will do this in your application server's configuration files.
- If you have configured Confluence to access the database directly, you will need to manually edit the `hibernate.c3p0.max_size` property in the `confluence.cfg.xml` file in your `confluence.home` directory. After you have changed the URL in this file, restart Confluence.

To assess whether you need to tune your database connection pool, take [thread dumps](#) during different times (including peak usage). Inspect how many threads have concurrent database connections.

### Database in general

If Confluence is running slowly, one of the most likely cause is that there is some kind of bottleneck in (or around) the database.

The first item you should check is the **"Database Latency"** field in the System Information tab in the admin console.

Database Connection	Transaction Isolation	Read committed
Database Latency	0	
Confluence Usage		

The latency is calculated by sending a trivial request to the database, querying a table which is known to have only one column and one row. ("select \* from CLUSTERSAFETY"). Obviously this query should be blazing fast, and return within 1 or 2 milliseconds. If the value displayed is between 3 and 5 milliseconds, you might already have an issue. If the value is above 10ms, then you **definitely** need to investigate and improve something! A few milliseconds may not sound so bad, but consider that Confluence sends quite a few database queries per page request, and those queries are a lot more complex too! High latency might stem from all sorts of problems (slow network, slow database, connection-pool contention, etc), so it's up to you to investigate. Don't stop improving until latency is below 2ms on average.

Obviously, latency is just the very first thing to look at. You may get zero latency and still have massive database problems, e.g. if your tables are poorly indexed. **So don't let a low latency fool you either.**

### Database statistics and query analyzers

Modern databases have query optimizers based on collecting statistics on the current data. Using the SQL EXPLAIN statement will provide you information on how well the query optimizer is performing. If the cost estimate is wildly inaccurate then you will need to run statistics collection on the database. The exact command will depend on your database and version. In most cases you can run statistics collection while Confluence is running, but due to the increased load on the database it's best to do this after normal hours or on a week-end.



## Cache tuning in Confluence and Apache

To reduce the load on the database, and speed up many operations, Confluence keeps its own cache of data. Tuning the size of this cache may speed up Confluence (if the caches are too small), or reduce memory (if the caches are too big).

Please have a look at our documentation on [Cache Performance Tuning](#) for information on how to tune Confluence caches.

To improve performance of a large Confluence site, we recommend that you move the caching of static content from the JVM into Apache. This will prevent the JVM from having a number of long running threads serving up static content. See [Configuring Apache to Cache Static Content via mod\\_disk\\_cache](#).

## Antivirus software

Antivirus software greatly decreases the performance of Confluence. Antivirus software that intercepts access to the hard disk is particularly detrimental, and may even cause errors with Confluence. You should configure your antivirus software to ignore the Confluence home directory, its index directory and any database-related directories.

## Enabling HTTP compression

If bandwidth is responsible for bottlenecking in your Confluence installation, you should consider [enabling HTTP compression](#). This may also be useful when running an external facing instance to reduce your bandwidth costs.

Take note of the [known issues with HTTP compression](#) in versions of Confluence prior to 2.8, which may result in high memory consumption.

## Performance testing

You should try out all configuration changes on a demo system. Ideally, you should run and customize loadtests that simulate user behavior.

## Access logs

You can find out which pages are slow and which users are accessing them by [enabling Confluence's built-in access logging](#).

## Built-in profiler

You can identify the cause of page delays using Confluence's built-in profiler according to [Troubleshooting Slow Performance Using Page Request Profiling](#).

## Application server memory settings

See [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).

## Web server configuration

For high-load environments, performance can be improved by using a web server such as Apache in front of the application server. There is a configuration guide to [Running Confluence behind Apache](#).

When configuring your new web server, make sure you configure sufficient threads/processes to handle the load. This applies to both the web server and the application server connector, which are typically configured separately. If possible, you should enable connection pooling in your web server connections to the application server.

## Troubleshooting possible memory leaks


Some external plugins, usually ones that have been written a long time ago and that are not actively maintained anymore, have been reported to consume memory and never return it. Ultimately this can lead to a crash, but first this manifests as reduced performance. The [Troubleshooting Confluence hanging or crashing](#) guide is a good place to start. Some of the known causes listed there could result in performance issues short of a crash or hang.

## Cache Performance Tuning

Confluence performance can be significantly affected by the performance of its caches. It is essential for the administrator of a large production installation of Confluence to tune the caches to suit its environment.

There are several configurable parameters for each of the cache regions, most notably cache size, cache expiry delay and eviction policy. In most cases, cache size is the parameter you would want to change.

To change the size of a cache:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Cache Management.**
2. Choose **Show Advanced View.**
3. Choose **Adjust Size** next to the cache you want to change.

To modify other parameters you can modify the cache configuration files manually.

### Cache tuning example

As an example of how to tune Confluence's caches, let's have a look at the following table:

Caches	% Used	% Effectiveness	Objects/Size	Hit/Miss/Expiry
Attachments	87%	29%	874/1000	78226/189715/187530
Content Attachments	29%	9%	292/1000	4289/41012/20569
Content Bodies	98%	81%	987/1000	28717/6671/5522
Content Label Mappings	29%	20%	294/1000	4693/18185/9150
Database Queries	96%	54%	968/1000	105949/86889/83334
Object Properties	27%	18%	279/1000	5746/25386/8102
Page Comments	26%	11%	261/1000	2304/17178/8606
Users	98%	5%	982/1000	6561/115330/114279

The maximum size of the caches above is 1000 (meaning that it can contain up to 1000 objects). You can tell when a cache size needs to be increased because the cache has both:

- a high usage percentage (above 75%)
- a low effectiveness percentage.

Check the 'effectiveness' versus the 'percent used'. A cache with a low percent used need not have its size lowered; it does not use more memory until the cache is filled.

### On this page:

- [Cache tuning example](#)
- [Finding the configuration file](#)
- [Cache key mappings](#)
- [Caching in Confluence Data Center](#)
- [Important caches](#)
- [Monitoring the contents of a cache](#)

Based on this, the sizes of the "Attachments", "Database Queries", and "Users" caches should be increased to improve their effectiveness.

As the stored information gets older or unused it will expire and be eliminated from the cache. Cache expiry may be based on time or on frequency of use.

**i** There is not much that you can do with a cache that has both a low percentage of usage and effectiveness. Over time, as the cache is populated with more objects and repeat requests for them are made, the cache's effectiveness will increase.

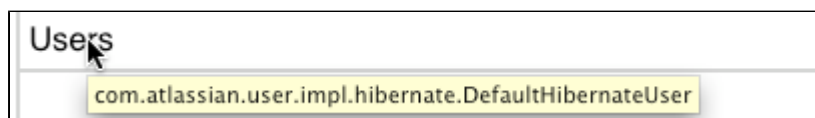
### Finding the configuration file

Cache configurations are stored in `<confluence-home>/shared-home/config/cache-settings-overrides.properties`

For Confluence Data Center (clustered) it can be found in `<confluence-shared-home>/config/cache-settings-overrides.properties` (in the shared home directory for the cluster).

### Cache key mappings

The cache configuration file configures caches by their keys. To find out a cache key hover your mouse over the cache name in the **Cache Management** screen.



### Caching in Confluence Data Center

In Confluence Data Center (clustered) you have a distributed cache and a cluster node-local cache. The Cluster Management page will indicate cluster distributed cache and cluster node-local cache.

The cache configuration file is stored in the shared home directory for the cluster.

### Important caches

The following suggestions are general guidelines. In cases of large databases, 20-30% of the size of the table may be unnecessarily large. Check the effectiveness and percent used categories in the cache for more specific assessments.

- **Content Objects cache** (`com.atlassian.confluence.core.ContentEntityObject`) should be set to at least 20-30% of the number of content entity objects (pages, comments, emails, news items) in your system. To find the number of content entity objects, use the query `select count(*) from CONTENT where prevver is null`.
- **Content Body Mappings cache** (`com.atlassian.confluence.core.ContentEntityObject.bodyContents`) should be set to at least 20% of the number of content entity objects (pages, comments, emails, news items) in your system. To find the number of content entity objects, use the query `select count(*) from CONTENT where prevver is null`.
- **Embedded Crowd Internal User cache** (`com.atlassian.crowd.model.user.InternalUser`) should be set to the number of users you have in the internal directory. You can discover this number by using the following SQL:

```
SELECT
    COUNT( *)
FROM
    cwd_user u
JOIN
    cwd_directory d
ON
    u.directory_id = d.id
AND d.directory_name = 'Confluence Internal Directory';
```

- **Embedded Crowd Users cache** (`com.atlassian.confluence.user.crowd.CachedCrowdUserDao.USER_CACHE`) should be set to the number of rows in the `cwd_user` table.

```
SELECT
    COUNT( *)
FROM
    cwd_user u;
```

- **Space permissions by ID cache** (`com.atlassian.confluence.security.SpacePermission`) should be set to the number of space permissions in your deployment (a good rule of thumb is 20 times the number of spaces). You can find the number of space permissions using the query `select count(*) from SPACEPERMISSIONS`.

### Monitoring the contents of a cache

To monitor what is in a cache:

1. In your browser go to `<confluence-URL>/admin/cachecontents.jsp`  
All caches that contain items will appear.
2. Select a cache from the list.

### Cache Statistics

Confluence provides statistics about its internal caches that allow you to track the size and hit ratio of each cache and tune it for better performance (if necessary). See [Performance Tuning](#) for more information.

#### Configurable Caches

System administrators can change the sizes of Confluence's internal caches through the Administration Console and these changes will take effect without the need to first shut down and then restart Confluence. The maximum number of units for any of the defined cache regions can be adjusted individually.

Note that larger cache sizes will require more memory at runtime, so you should review the memory allocation of the Confluence Java process and the physical memory available on your server.

#### Viewing Cache Statistics and Modifying Cache Sizes

To view the cache statistics:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Cache Management.**
2. Choose **Show Advanced View.**

Here is an example for one of the most frequently used caches, the 'Content Object' cache.

## Cache Statistics

This page displays statistics about Confluence's internal caches. You may wish to tune cache sizes and expiration policies to improve memory usage or performance.

Cache Name	Capacity Utilisation	Effectiveness	Current / Max Entries	Current Heap Size (MB)	Hit / Miss / Evicted	Adjust Max Entries	Flush Entries
Content Objects	36%	73%	3653 / 10000	Unknown	307748 / 112538 / 37051	Adjust Size	Flush

About the generated numbers:

<b>Capacity Utilisation</b>	$\text{=(Objects)/(Size)}$ For example Percent Used = $4023 / 5000 = 80\%$
<b>Effectiveness :</b>	$\text{=(Hits)/(Hits + Misses)}$ For example Effectiveness = $374550 / (374550 + 140460) = 73\%$
<b>Current / Max Entries</b>	The number of entries in the cache / the number of total possible entries allowed (this is the size of the cache).
<b>Current Heap Size</b>	Heap memory (in MB) allocated to this cache (if applicable)
<b>Hit / Miss / Evicted</b>	The number of reads accessing cache where required content was found / the number of reads accessing cache where required content was not found / the number of objects evicted from the cache.
<b>Adjust Size</b>	Use this option to specify a different maximum cache size.
<b>Flush</b>	Flushes the cache.

Changes to cache size configurations are saved in the `shared-home/config/cache-settings-override.s.properties` file in your home directory (in a Confluence Data Center cluster this is in the shared home directory, not local home).

If you need to reset all the values back to the default, you can simply delete the file and restart Confluence.

### Memory Usage and Requirements

Managing Confluence's performance and memory usage really depends on what resources are available. Confluence will run faster if you give it lots of memory for its caches, but it should still be able to run quite well in low-memory environments, with the right tuning. Below are some tips on getting the most out of your Confluence site.

#### Increasing the amount of memory available to Confluence

See [Increasing JIRA Memory](#) for details on how to increase the memory available to web application servers typically used to run Confluence.

#### Embedded database

The embedded HSQL database that comes with Confluence essentially holds all your data in memory

#### On this page:

- [Increasing the amount of memory available to Confluence](#)
- [Embedded database](#)
- [Caching](#)
- [Mail error queue](#)
- [Attachments](#)
- [System backup and restore](#)
- [Known issues that we do not have control over](#)
- [Confluence is taking long periods of time to respond to some actions](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Performance Tuning](#)
- [Requesting Performance Support](#)

while the Confluence server is running. If you are running out of memory, you should consider [migrating Confluence to an external database](#).

### Caching

By default, Confluence keeps large in-memory caches of data to improve its responsiveness and the user experience. The trade off is an increase in memory requirements to support the cache. Administrators of larger Confluence sites may need to configure the size of their caches to improve performance.

To customize Confluence's cache to meet your needs, see [cache tuning](#).

To increase the amount of memory available to Confluence, see [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).

### Mail error queue

Confluence keeps a copy of all emails that it failed to send within an internal error queue. In the event of intermittent failures such as network connectivity issues, the emails in this queue can be manually resent when the problem is fixed. Under certain circumstances, the mail queue can fill up with large objects. The queue is regularly flushed, but if you get a *lot* of mail errors, you might get a spike in memory usage.

### Attachments

The indexing of large attachments requires that the attachment be loaded into memory. In the case of large attachments, this can cause a temporary strain on the systems resources, and may result in indexing failing because the attachment could not be fully loaded into memory.

### System backup and restore

The Confluence backup and restore process scales linearly with the size of data. This can have a significant impact on large Confluence instances where the amount of data exceeds the amount of available memory. If you are experiencing an `OutOfMemoryError` during either a backup or restore processes, then we strongly recommend that you choose and [Production Backup Strategy](#).

If you encounter an `OutOfMemoryError` while restoring a backup and wish to overcome this issue by increasing memory, how much more will you need to make this process work? A good rule of thumb is to have a look at the size of the `entities.xml` file in your backup. This file contains all of the data Confluence will be loading, so at least that much is required. Add another 64-128Mb to ensure that Confluence has enough memory to load and function and that should be enough. To increase the amount of memory available to Confluence, see [How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#).

### Known issues that we do not have control over

There are also some memory issues we don't have any control over. For example,

- There's a memory leak in the Oracle 10g JDBC drivers. Not much we can do about that.
- One customer found a rather nasty memory leak that appeared to originate inside Tomcat 5, but only using the IBM JDK on PowerPC.

If you are having problems that appear to result from a memory leak, log an issue on <http://support.atlassian.com>. Our memory profiler of choice is [YourKit](#). It would be helpful to us if you can provide us with a memory dump from that tool showing the leak.

### Confluence is taking long periods of time to respond to some actions

A common cause of random pauses in Confluence is the JVM running garbage collection. To determine if this is what is happening, enable verbose garbage collection and look at how long Java is taking to free up memory. If the random pauses match when Java is running its garbage collection, garbage collection is the cause of the pause.

Verbose garbage collection will generate log statements that indicate when Java is collecting garbage, how long it takes, and how much memory has been freed.

To enable gc (garbage collection) logging, start Confluence with the option `-XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -verbose:gc -Xloggc:gc.log`. Replace `gc.log` with an absolute path to a `gc.log` file.

For example, with a Windows service, run:

```
tomcat5 //US//Confluence ++JvmOptions="-XX:+PrintGCDetails
-XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -verbose:gc -Xloggc:c:\confluence\logs\gc.log"
```

or in `bin/setenv.sh`, set:

```
export CATALINA_OPTS="$CATALINA_OPTS -XX:+PrintGCDetails
-XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -verbose:gc
-Xloggc:${CATALINA_BASE}/logs/gc.log"
```

If you modify `bin/setenv.sh`, you will need to restart Confluence for the changes to take effect.

What can you do to minimize the time taken to handle the garbage collection? See <http://java.sun.com/docs/hotspot/gc1.4.2/> for details on tuning the JVM to minimize the impact that garbage collection has on the running application.

## Requesting Performance Support

### Basic performance troubleshooting steps

Begin with the following procedures:

1. Go through the [Troubleshooting Confluence hanging or crashing](#) page to identify the major known performance problems.
2. Proceed with the [Performance Tuning](#) tips to help optimize performance.

### Requesting basic performance support

If the above tips don't help or you're not sure where to start, open a [support ticket](#) starting with at least the basic information:

1. The [atlassian-confluence.log](#)
2. The `catalina.out` log (or your application server log), with a series of three [thread dumps](#) separated by 10 seconds
3. A description with as much detail as possible regarding:
  - a. What changes have been made to the system?
  - b. When did performance problems begin?
  - c. When in the day do performance issues occur?
  - d. What pages or operations experience performance issues?
  - e. Is there a pattern?

Continue with as much of the advanced performance troubleshooting information as you can.

### Advanced performance troubleshooting

Please gather **all** of the information listed below and include it in your support request, even if you think you have a good idea what's causing the problem. That way we don't have to ask for it later.

#### System information

##### Confluence server

#### On this page:

- [Basic performance troubleshooting steps](#)
- [Requesting basic performance support](#)
- [Advanced performance troubleshooting](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Memory Usage and Requirements](#)
- [Confluence for Enterprise](#)



- Take a screenshot of Confluence's Administration System Information (or save the page as HTML)
- Take a screenshot of Confluence's Administration Cache Statistics (or save the page as HTML)
- Find out the exact hardware Confluence is running on
  - How many CPUs? What make and model? What MHz?
  - How much memory is installed on the machine?
  - How much memory is assigned to Confluence's JVM? (i.e. what are the -Xmx and -Xms settings for the JVM?)
  - What other applications are being hosted on the same box?

#### Confluence content

- How many *users* are registered in Confluence?
- On average, to how many *groups* does each user belong?
- How many *spaces* (global and personal) are there in your Confluence server?
- How many of those spaces would be viewable by the average user?
- Approximately how many *pages*? (Connect to your database and perform `'select count(*) from content where prevver is null and contenttype = 'PAGE''`)
- How much data is being stored in Bandana (where plugins usually store data)? (Connect to your database and perform `'select count(*), sum(length(bandanavalue)) from bandana'`)

#### The database

- What is the exact version number of Confluence's database server?
- What is the exact version number of the JDBC drivers being used to access it? (For some databases, the full filename of the driver JAR file will suffice)
- Is the database being hosted on the same server as Confluence?
- If it is on a different server, what is the network latency between Confluence and the database?
- What are the database connection details? How big is the connection pool? If you are using the standard configuration this information will be in your `confluence_cfg.xml` file. Collect this file. If you are using a Data source this information will be stored in your application server's configuration file, collect this data.

#### User management

- Are you using external user management or authentication? (i.e. JIRA or LDAP user delegation, or single sign-on)
- If you are using external JIRA user management, what is the latency between Confluence and JIRA's database server?
- If you are using LDAP user management:
  - What version of which LDAP server are you using?
  - What is the latency between Confluence and the LDAP server?

### Diagnostics

#### Observed problems

- Which pages are slow to load?
  - If it is a specific wiki page, attach the wiki source-code for that page
- Are they always slow to load, or is the slowness intermittent?

#### Monitoring data

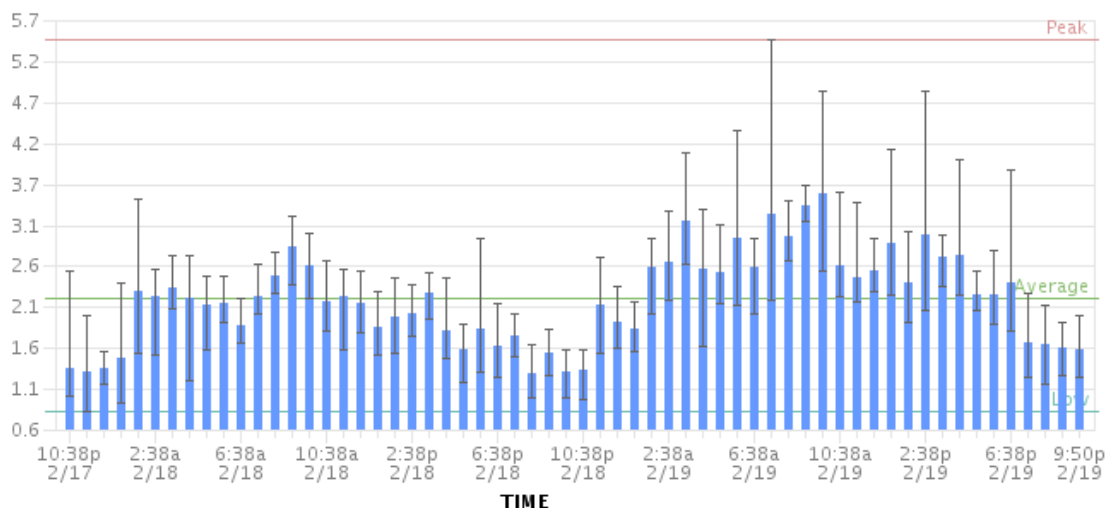
Before drilling down into individual problems, helps a lot to understand the nature of the performance problem. Do we deal with sudden spikes of load, or is it a slowly growing load, or maybe a load that follows a certain pattern (daily, weekly, maybe even monthly) that only on certain occasions exceeds critical thresholds? It helps a lot to have access to continuous monitoring data available to get a rough overview.

Here are sample graphs from the `confluence.atlassian.com` system, showing

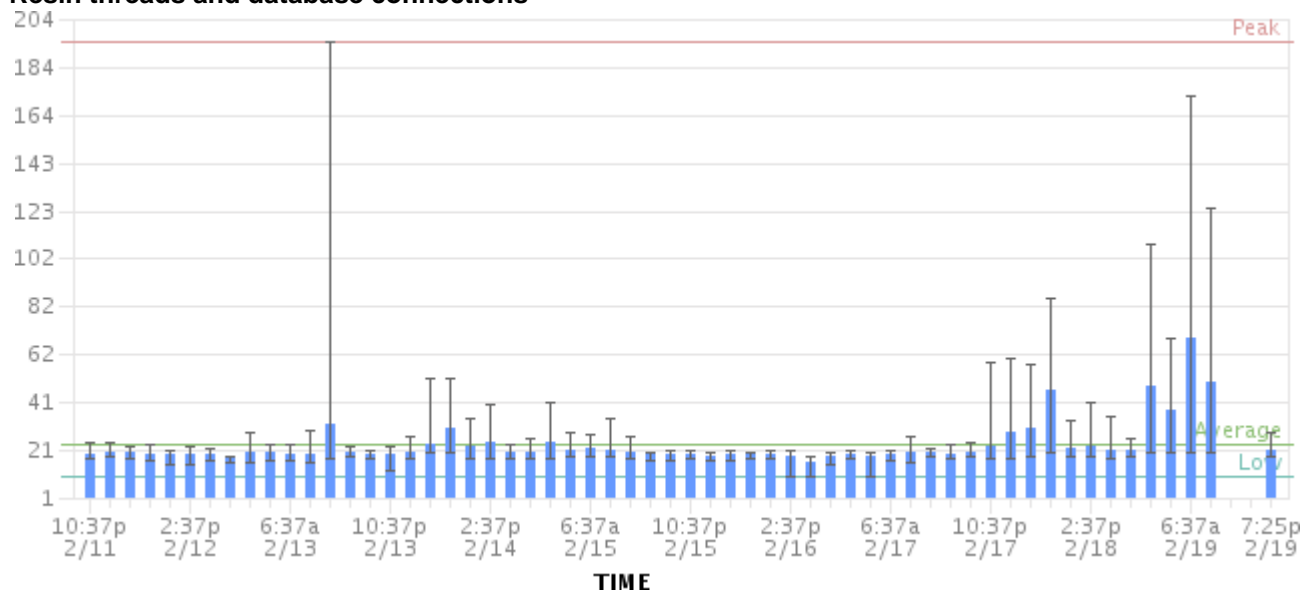
#### Load

This graph shows the load for two consecutive days. The obvious pattern is that the machine is under decent load, which corresponds to the user activity, and there is no major problem.



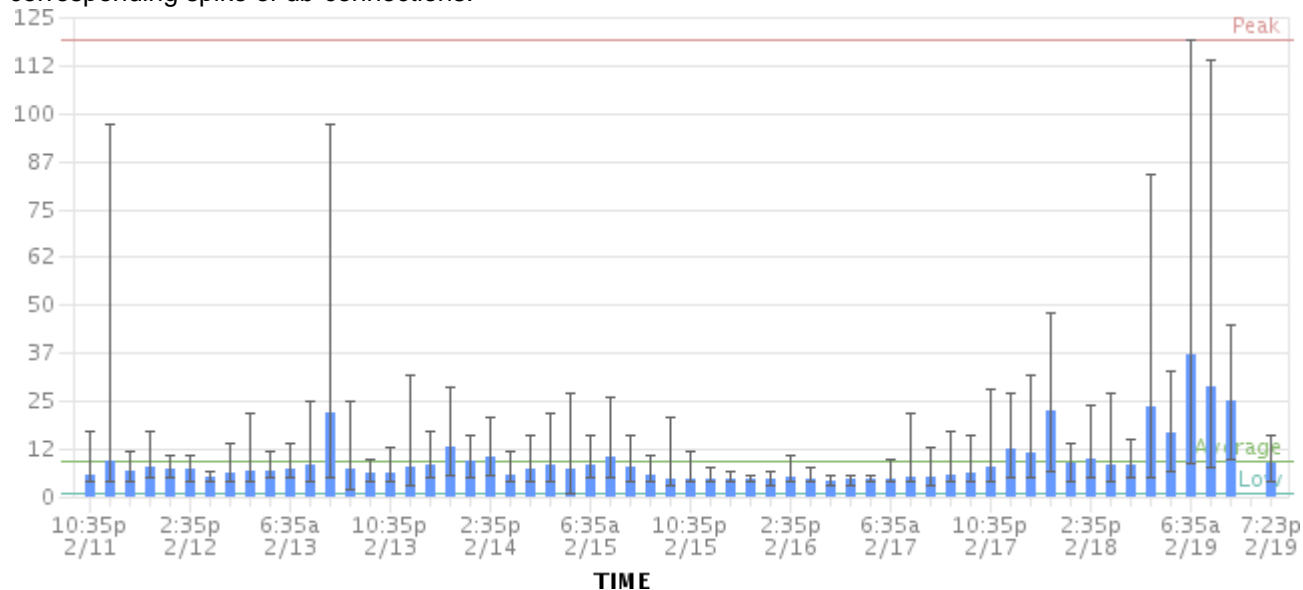


### Resin threads and database connections



### Active number of Java Threads

These two charts show the active threads in the application server (first chart) and the size database connection pool (second chart). As you can see, there was a sudden spike of server threads and a corresponding spike of db-connections.



### The database connection pool size

The database connection pool size peaked over 112, which happened to be more than the maximum number of connections the database was configured for (100). So it was no surprise that some requests to Confluence failed and many users thought it had crashed, since many requests could not obtain the crucial database connections.

We were able to identify this configuration problem quite easily just by looking at those charts. The next spikes were uncritical because more database connections were enabled.

The bottom line being: it helps a lot to monitor your Confluence systems continuously (we use Hyperic, for example), and it helps even more if you are able to send us graphs when you encounter problems.

#### Access logs

- [How to Enable User Access Logging](#), including redirecting the logs to a separate file
  - You can run this file through a log file analyzer such as [AWSStats](#), or manually look through for pages which are slow to load.

#### Profiling and logs

- Enable Confluence's built-in profiling for long enough to demonstrate the performance problem using [Troubleshooting Slow Performance Using Page Request Profiling](#).
  - If a single page is reliably slow, you should make several requests to that page
  - If the performance problem is intermittent, or is just a general slowness, leave profiling enabled for thirty minutes to an hour to get a good sample of profiling times
- Find Confluence's standard output logs (which will include the profiling data above). Take a zip of the entire logs directory.
- [Take a thread dump](#) during times of poor performance

#### CPU load

- If you are experiencing high CPU load, please [install the YourKit profile](#) and attach two profiler dumps taken during a CPU spike. If the CPU spikes are long enough, please take the profiles 30-60 seconds apart. The most common cause for CPU spikes is a virtual machine operating system.
- If the CPU is spiking to 100%, try [Live Monitoring Using the JMX Interface](#), in particular with the [Top threads plugin](#).

#### Site metrics and scripts

- It is essential to understand the user access and usage of your instance. Please use the [access log scripts](#) and [sql scripts](#) to generate Usage statistics for your instance.

#### Next step

Open a ticket on <https://support.atlassian.com> and attach all the data you have collected. This should give us the information we need to track down the source of your performance problems and suggest a solution. Please follow the progress of your enquiry on the support ticket you have created.

## Access Log Scripts

The access log scripts are [attached to this page](#). To use the scripts:

1. Unzip the 7z file.
2. Copy all the daily access logs to a folder called `logs`.
3. Run `Atlassian-processDailyLog.rb`. This will generate a `csv` file called `summary.csv` and several directories which contain the access logs of each defined user action.
4. Run the appropriate script `Atlassian-processDailyLog-hourly.rb` `<admin/comment/create/edit/search/rss>`. Each script will generate a different `csv` file. For example, `Atlassian-processDailyLog-hourly.rb admin` will process the admin logs extracted in step 3.
5. Import the `csv` files to `www-log-Analysis.xls` (`summary.csv` to 'raw stats - daily' sheet and `admin.csv` to 'admin -hours' sheet, etc) to generate the load profiles and graphs. You may need to modify the number of rows in each sheet depending on the number of logs.

#### Note

All scripts are written in Ruby and assume the log file name contains the string

```
'confluence.atlassian.com-access.log'. Scripts need to be changed if another name is used. Modify the line: filenameRegexp = Regexp.new('confluence.atlassian.com-access.log')
```

## Compressing an HTTP Response within Confluence

Confluence supports HTTP GZip transfer encoding. This means that Confluence will compress the data it sends to the user, which can speed up Confluence over slow or congested Internet links, and reduce the amount of bandwidth consumed by a Confluence server.

Turn on Confluence's GZip encoding if:

- Users are accessing Confluence over the Internet, or a WAN connection with limited bandwidth.
- You wish to reduce the amount of data transfer between the Confluence server and client.

If you are accessing Confluence over a Local Area Network or over a particularly fast WAN, you may wish to leave GZip encoding disabled. If the network is fast enough that transferring data from Confluence to the user isn't a limiting factor, the additional CPU load caused by compressing each HTTP response may slow Confluence down.

### Enabling HTTP Compression

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Select '**General Configuration**' in the left-hand panel.
3. Enable '**Compress HTTP Responses**'.

It is possible to configure which types of content are compressed within Confluence. By default, the following mime types will be compressed:

- text/htmltext
- javascript
- text/css
- text/plain
- application/x-javascript
- application/javascript

If you wish to change the types of content to be compressed, add a replacement `urlrewrite-gzip-default.xml` file within the `WEB-INF/classes/com/atlassian/gzipfilter/` directory in your Confluence Installation Directory. A sample file is provided as an [attachment](#). It is unlikely that you will need to alter this file.

### Garbage Collector Performance Issues

This document relates broadly to memory management with Oracle's Hotspot JVM. These recommendations are based on Support's successful experiences with customers with large Confluence instances.

Please **do not** use the Concurrent Mark Sweep (CMS) Collector with Confluence, unless otherwise advised by Atlassian Support. It requires extensive manual tuning and testing, and is likely to result in degraded performance.

### Use a small heap

Keep your heap as small as possible, without the instance experiencing OutOfMemory errors. If you experience OutOfMemory errors and need to increase this, we recommend you do it in 512mb or 1gb allotments, and monitor the instance. If you continue to receive OutOfMemory errors, increase the heap by another 512mb or 1gb, and continue this process until you are operating stably with no OutOfMemory errors. Do not increase the heap further than required, as this will result in longer garbage collections.

### Remove any old tuning parameters

On every full GC, the JVM will resize the allocations of Eden, Survivor etc based on the throughput it is actually seeing. It will tune itself based on the real world data of the objects that are being created and collected. Most of the time simply allowing JVM to tune itself will give you better performance.

If you have added JVM parameters in the past and are experiencing difficulties with GC now, we'd recommend you remove all GC related parameters, unless you added them to solve a specific problem, and they did in fact solve that problem. You should also consider re-benchmarking now to ensure that they are still solving that problem, and are not causing you any other issues.

#### Check your VM resources

If you run Confluence on a VM, check that it is not using the swap file. If it does, when the JVM garbage collects it has to load the objects from the swap file into memory to clean them, and this can cause significantly longer GC pauses. Instead of using swapping, ballooning and bursting, allocate adequate memory to the VM.

#### Manual Tuning

If you find you are still experiencing difficulties with GC after following these recommendations and you would like to see if you can tune the JVM better to improve performance, we recommend following the instructions in our [Garbage Collection \(GC\) Tuning Guide](#). This document will take you through the process of choosing performance goals (throughput/footprint/latency), and how to tune for those goals.

#### Viewing your GC logs

[How to Enable Garbage Collection \(GC\) Logging](#), and use a tool like [Chewiebug's GCViewer](#) to view the resulting logs.

#### Troubleshooting Slow Performance Using Page Request Profiling

This page tells you how to enable page-request profiling. With profiling turned on, you will see a record of the time it takes (in milliseconds) to complete each action made on any Confluence page. If Confluence is responding slowly, an internal timing trace of the slow page request can help to identify the cause of the delay.

You will need access to the Confluence server to view a profile.

##### Enabling Page-Request Profiling

To see just the slow performing macros, see [Identifying Slow Performing Macros](#).

##### On this page:

- [Enabling Page-Request Profiling](#)
- [Profiling an Activity](#)
- [Example of a Profile](#)
- [Start Confluence with Profiling Enabled](#)

##### Related pages:

- [Requesting Performance Support](#)
- [Working with Confluence Logs](#)


 You need to have [System Administrator](#) permissions in order to enable or disable profiling.

To enable page profiling:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



, then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration

2. Choose **'Logging and Profiling'** in the left-hand panel.
  3. The **'Logging and Profiling'** screen appears. Choose **'Enable Profiling'**.
-  If profiling is already enabled, the button will be labeled 'Disable Profiling'.

To disable page profiling:

1. Choose the **cog icon**



- , then choose **General Configuration** under Confluence Administration
2. Choose '**Logging and Profiling**' in the left-hand panel.
3. The '**Logging and Profiling**' screen appears. Choose '**Disable Profiling**'.  
 ⓘ If profiling is already disabled, the button will be labeled 'Enable Profiling'.

Screenshot: Changing Log Levels and Profiling

## Logging and Profiling

Performance Profiling

Profiling is currently OFF.

Enable Profiling

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SQL Logging

Enable SQL Logging

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Log4j Logging

loglevel.profileDesc

Production Diagnostic

OR:

Customise specific logging settings

**Add New Entry**

Class/Package Name

New Level

INFO

Add entry

**Existing Levels**

Class/Package Name	Current Level	New Level	
atlassian.plugin	INFO	INFO	Remove
com.atlassian.confluence.admin.actions	INFO	INFO	Remove

### Profiling an Activity

1. Enable profiling, using either of the methods described [above](#).  
 Profiles for every page hit, for all users, will now be logged to your application server's default logs until Confluence is restarted. Note that each time a user visits a link, a single profile is printed.
2. Confirm that profiles are being written to the Confluence log file — see [Working with Confluence Logs](#) for location of the log files and other details.
3. Perform the activity that is resulting in unusually slow response time.
4. Copy the profile for that action. When deciding which profiles to copy, look for the links that took a long time to respond. If a single page is slow, only that profile is necessary. If Confluence is generally or intermittently slow, copy all profiles logged during the slowdown until a reasonable sample has been collected.
5. If you were instructed to profile your instance by Atlassian technical support, attach all relevant profiles to your support ticket.
6. Turn profiling off again, using either of the methods described [above](#).
7. Confirm that profiles are no longer being printed to the Confluence log file.

### Example of a Profile

Below are the first few lines of a normal profile for accessing a page called Confluence Overview.

```
[344ms] - /display/ds/Confluence+Overview
[313ms] - SiteMesh: parsePage:
http://localhost:8080/display/ds/Confluence+Overview
[313ms] - XW Interceptor: Before defaultStack:
/pages/viewpage.action (ViewPageAction.execute())
[0ms] - SpaceAwareInterceptor.intercept()
[16ms] - PageAwareInterceptor.intercept()
[0ms] - AOP: PageManager.getPage()
[16ms] - AOP: PermissionManager.hasPermission()
[0ms] - AOP: SpacePermissionManager.hasPermission()
[16ms] - AOP: SpacePermissionManager.hasPermission()
[0ms] - AOP: SpacePermissionManager.hasPermission()
[0ms] - AOP: SpacePermissionManager.hasPermission()
[281ms] - XW Interceptor: After defaultStack:
/pages/viewpage.action (ViewPageAction.execute())
[281ms] - XW Interceptor: After validatingStack:
/pages/viewpage.action (ViewPageAction.execute())
...
```

**i** Notice that each indented line is a recursive call that rolls up into the parent line. In the example above, the Confluence Overview page takes 344ms. Part of that, 313ms, is spent in sitemesh.

### Start Confluence with Profiling Enabled

There may be some situations where you may wish to have Confluence profiling enabled during startup. This may be useful if you restart often and may forget to enable profiling for Support/Trouble-shooting purposes.

Edit the file `CONFLUENCE_HOME\confluence\WEB-INF\web.xml`. You should see a section similar to the one below. Set the parameter value for **autostart** to **true**:

```
<filter>
    <filter-name>profiling</filter-name>

    <filter-class>com.atlassian.confluence.util.profiling.ConfluenceProfi
lingFilter</filter-class>
    <init-param>
        <!-- specify the which HTTP parameter to use to turn the
filter on or off -->
        <!-- if not specified - defaults to "profile.filter" -->
        <param-name>activate.param</param-name>
        <param-value>profile</param-value>
    </init-param>
    <init-param>
        <!-- specify the whether to start the filter
automatically -->
        <!-- if not specified - defaults to "true" -->
        <param-name>autostart</param-name>
        <param-value>true</param-value>
    </init-param>
</filter>
```

Remember to turn it back to **false** or your logs will grow very large.

### Identifying Slow Performing Macros

[Page Profiling](#) gives good detail on what operations are slow in a page load. In addition, you can add debug level logging:

Version 3.1 and Later

Set the package name `com.atlassian.rendererv2.components.MacroRendererComponent` to **DEBUG** in Administration >> [Logging and Profiling](#).

Prior to version 3.1

Download `WikiMarkupParser.class`, available from the [attachments to this page](#). This will result in logs like:

```
2009-04-23 10:27:54,789 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Entering macro rendering.
Processed text: {spaces}
2009-04-23 10:27:55,768 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Exiting macro text
rendering. Total time: 979ms
2009-04-23 10:27:55,785 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Entering macro rendering.
Processed text: {create-space-button}
2009-04-23 10:27:55,857 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Exiting macro text
rendering. Total time: 72ms
2009-04-23 10:27:55,862 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Entering macro rendering.
Processed text:
{recently-updated-dashboard:dashboard|showProfilePic=true}
2009-04-23 10:27:56,704 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Exiting macro text
rendering. Total time: 842ms
2009-04-23 10:27:56,707 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Entering macro rendering.
Processed text: {favpages:maxResults=10}
2009-04-23 10:27:56,889 DEBUG [http-8080-1]
[atlassian.rendererv2.WikiMarkupParser] parse Exiting macro text
rendering. Total time: 182ms
```

To add the class:

1. Add this line to the file `<confluence-install>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/log4j.properties`:  
`log4j.logger.com.atlassian.rendererv2=DEBUG`
2. Add the appropriate [WikiMarkupParser.class](#) to `/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/com/atlassian/rendererv2`. You'll have to make the `renderer` and `v2` folders.

In combination with page profiling, this should give good specifics on the amount of time various plugins take. You can also use this utility to [Search Confluence for Uses of a Macro](#).

### Resolution

Experiment with the tips from the [performance tuning](#) page, or open an enhancement request about the specific macro. In some instances there is no resolution - you'll just be aware of the overhead of various macros.

## Data Collection Policy

### Why does Confluence collect usage data?

We're proud that Confluence is one of the most versatile collaboration tools on the planet, and we will continue to deliver innovative new features as quickly as we can. In order to prioritize the features we deliver, we need to understand how our customers use Confluence, what's important, what's not, and what doesn't work well. The



collection of usage data allows us to measure the user experience across many thousands of users and deliver features that matter.

### What data is collected?

The type of data we collect is covered in our [Privacy Policy](#). Please read it - we've tried to avoid legal jargon and made it as straightforward as possible.

To view a sample of data that might be collected from your specific installation, go to



> **General Configuration > Analytics.**

Data is always collected in Confluence Cloud.

### How is data collected from Confluence?

Older versions of Confluence (prior to Confluence 5.6 or Confluence Questions 1.0.618) didn't collect usage data. Analytics are collected using the Atlassian Analytics add-on. The add-on collects analytics events in a log file which is located in `<confluence-home>/analytics-logs`. The logs are periodically uploaded using an encrypted session and then deleted. If Confluence is unable to connect to the Internet, no logs are ever uploaded.

### Enabling/disabling data collection in Confluence

You can turn off analytics collection at any time. Go to



> **General Configuration > Analytics.**

### Administering Collaborative Editing

Collaborative editing takes teamwork to the next level. This page covers everything you need to know about administering collaborative editing.

Head to [Collaborative editing](#) to find out how your team can work together in real time on software requirements, meeting notes, retros, and any other Confluence page you can think of.

#### About Synchrony

Collaborative editing is powered by Synchrony which synchronizes data in real time. Synchrony is executed as a separate process by Confluence and managed by Confluence automatically. Under normal circumstances it should not need to be managed manually by an administrator.

To check if Synchrony is running, go to



> **General Configuration > Collaborative editing.**

Here you can check your Synchrony status and current configuration, including current port, database driver and maximum heap size allocated to Synchrony. This information can be useful if you need to troubleshoot Synchrony problems.

Synchrony runs on port 8091 by default, and an internal Synchrony proxy means that you shouldn't need to open this additional port.

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- [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#)



## Collaborative editing

Collaborative editing gets your team working together in real time. It's powered by Synchrony, a service that runs outside of Confluence. You can monitor Synchrony performance or change your editing mode below. [Learn more](#)

### Editing mode

Collaborative editing **ON**

This mode allows your team to edit a shared draft of a page at the same time. [Learn more](#)

Change mode

### Synchrony monitoring and configuration

#### Status

Synchrony **RUNNING**

The Synchrony service is running.

Restart Synchrony

[Troubleshooting](#)

#### Configuration

Synchrony port 8091

Maximum heap size 1GB


Custom database driver org.postgresql.Driver

[Learn more](#)

## Change the editing mode

The editing mode determines the editing experience for all users in your site. This is how you turn collaborative editing on or off.

To change the editing mode:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Collaborative editing.**
2. Choose **Change mode.**
3. Select a mode and choose **Change.**

Changing the editing mode is not trivial, and some changes can result in the loss of your users' drafts, so it is good to understand the implications of each mode.

The following modes are available:

Mode	Implications
<b>On</b>	<p>This mode allows your team to edit a shared draft of a page at the same time, and see each others' changes in real time.</p> <p>This the recommended editing mode.</p>
<b>Limited</b>	<p>This mode protects your users' shared drafts if you need to troubleshoot Synchrony. You would only switch to this mode if your users are experiencing problems editing and publishing.</p> <p>The editing experience will be very limited for your users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one person can edit a shared draft at one time.</li> <li>• You can't revert to an earlier version of the page in the page history.</li> <li>• You can't move pages.</li> <li>• You can't make inline comments on pages.</li> </ul> <p>As soon as Synchrony is running again, we recommend turning collaborative editing back on.</p>

<b>Off</b>	<p>This mode means that your team can only edit their own personal draft of a page. Confluence will attempt to merge any conflicts on save. This mode replicates the Confluence 5 editing experience.</p> <p>This mode is useful if you are unable to run Synchrony successfully in your environment, or if you have decided that collaborative editing is not for you (for example if you have auditing requirements that would prohibit using collaborative editing just yet).</p> <p>All existing shared drafts are lost when you switch to this mode, so make sure your users have published any work they want to keep before you make the change.</p>
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### Maximum editor limit

A maximum of 12 people can edit a page at the same time. This means that people can't enter the editor if there are already 12 other people editing the page, and will need to wait until someone leaves.

Administrators can increase or decrease this limit using a [system property](#). If you experience performance issues when many people are editing, you might want to decrease this limit.

### Auditing considerations

We know that auditing is a major consideration for some customers. We don't yet have very granular auditing capabilities with collaborative editing. All page changes are currently attributed to the person that publishes the page, rather than the people who made each specific change.

If this is going to be a problem in your site, we recommend turning collaborative editing off in your site for now.

### No version history in unpublished drafts

We're saving all the time in collaborative editing, but we don't save versions of unpublished changes. When restoring an earlier page version, you can only roll back to an existing published version. Any unpublished changes will be lost when you restore a previous version.

### Visibility of edits made by anonymous users

There are some additional things to be aware of if you have granted the **Add** page permission (and **Can use** global permission) to anonymous users.

You won't be alerted, when closing the editor or publishing a page, if the only unpublished changes on the page were made by anonymous users. This means a logged in user may inadvertently publish changes they were not aware had been made to the page.

The changes themselves are visible in the page, but the usual warning dialog will not appear if the only people to have made changes were not logged in.

If there are unpublished changes from both logged in users and anonymous users, the warning dialog will appear, but only the logged in users will be listed in the dialog. Changes made by all users (including anonymous) will be included if you view the changes from that dialog.

### Unpublished drafts are not included in space or site exports

The content of any unpublished shared drafts are not included when you export a space or site to XML. This is particularly important to know if you use an XML site backup as part of your backup strategy. See [Product on Backup Strategy](#) for our recommendations, which do not rely on the XML export.

If you do need to do a space or site export, you should ask your users to publish any work they want to keep before you begin the export.

### Change your Synchrony configuration

You can't change your Synchrony configuration through the Confluence UI. Configuration changes are made via system properties. In most cases you will not need to make changes to the default configuration.

▼ [Change the port Synchrony runs on...](#)

Synchrony runs on port 8091 by default. If this port is already in use by another application on your server you can use the `synchrony.port` system property to change it to an available port.

If you're Confluence 6.0.3 or earlier you'll need to use `reza.port` instead of `synchrony.port`.

See [Configuring System Properties](#) to find out how to change this.

For Confluence Data Center the way you run Synchrony is a little different. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

▼ [To change the maximum heap for Synchrony](#)

Synchrony has a maximum heap size of 1 GB by default.

If you experience out of memory errors related to Synchrony, you can change the heap size allocated to Synchrony using the `synchrony.memory.max` system property.

If you're Confluence 6.0.3 or earlier you'll need to use `reza.memory.max` instead of `synchrony.memory.max`.

See [Configuring System Properties](#) to find out how to change this.

For Confluence Data Center the way you run Synchrony is a little different. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

See [Recognized System Properties](#) for the full list of Synchrony system properties.

If you need to pass additional arguments to Synchrony's JVM directly, create a file called `synchrony-args.properties` in the Confluence home directory and include the arguments you want to pass to Synchrony, one per line, as follows.

```
property1=value1
property2=value2
```

This will add `-Dproperty1=value1 -Dproperty2=value2` to the Synchrony command. This is only available in Confluence 6.0.2 and later.

You can't use this method for passing any value that is already handled by a system property, such port, Xmx or Xss etc. See [Configuring System Properties](#) for a full list of system properties.

## Proxy and SSL considerations

How you connect to Synchrony will depend on your environment. We know that most Confluence sites run behind a reverse proxy, often with SSL. Here's some information to help you identify the right configuration for your environment, and any changes you might need to make to your environment to use collaborative editing in your site.

### SSL

Synchrony runs in a separate JVM, and does not support direct HTTPS connections. If you are not using a reverse proxy, SSL should be terminated at Tomcat. If you are using a reverse proxy or load balancer, SSL should be terminated at your reverse proxy or load balancer.

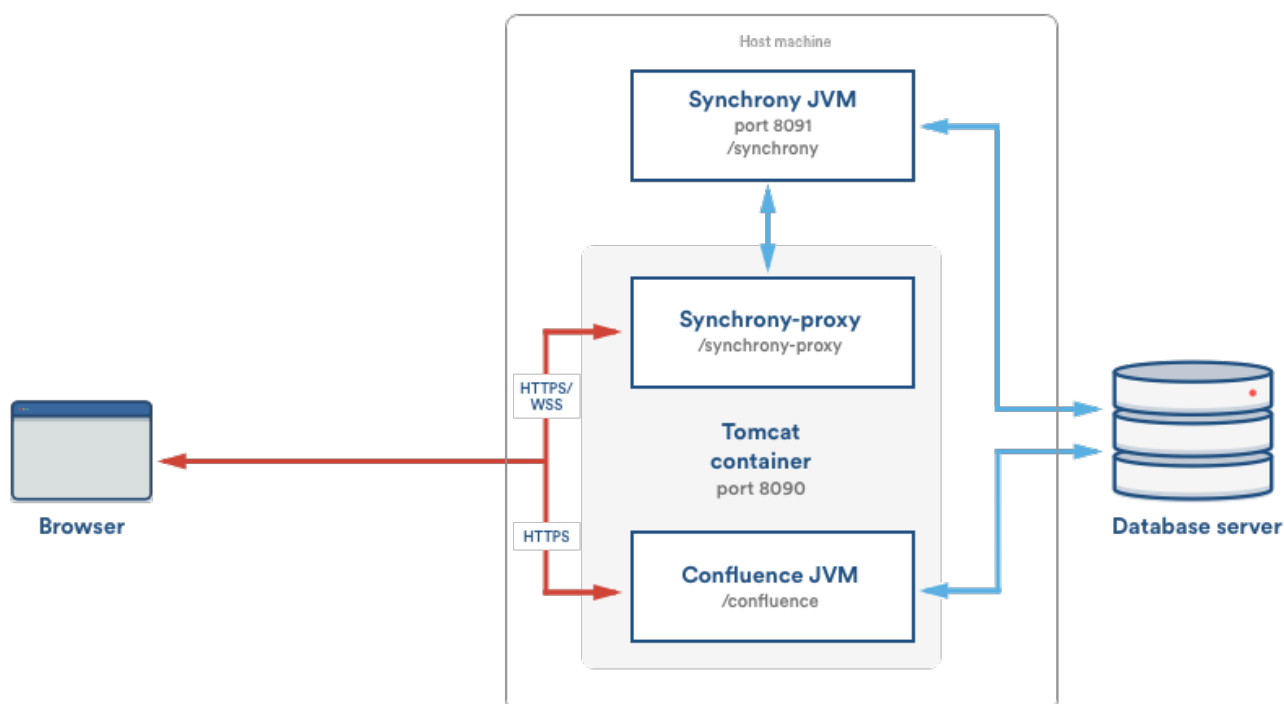
### Proxies

In the diagrams below we've used a common implementation where Confluence is running under the `/confluence` context path (e.g. `www.mysite.com/confluence`). The concepts are the same if you use

Confluence without a context path (e.g. [www.myconfluence.com](http://www.myconfluence.com)).

#### **No reverse proxy**

If you don't run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, you'll connect to Synchrony via Confluence's internal Synchrony proxy. SSL, if used, is terminated at Tomcat. This is the default configuration, and you shouldn't need to make any additional changes to use collaborative editing.

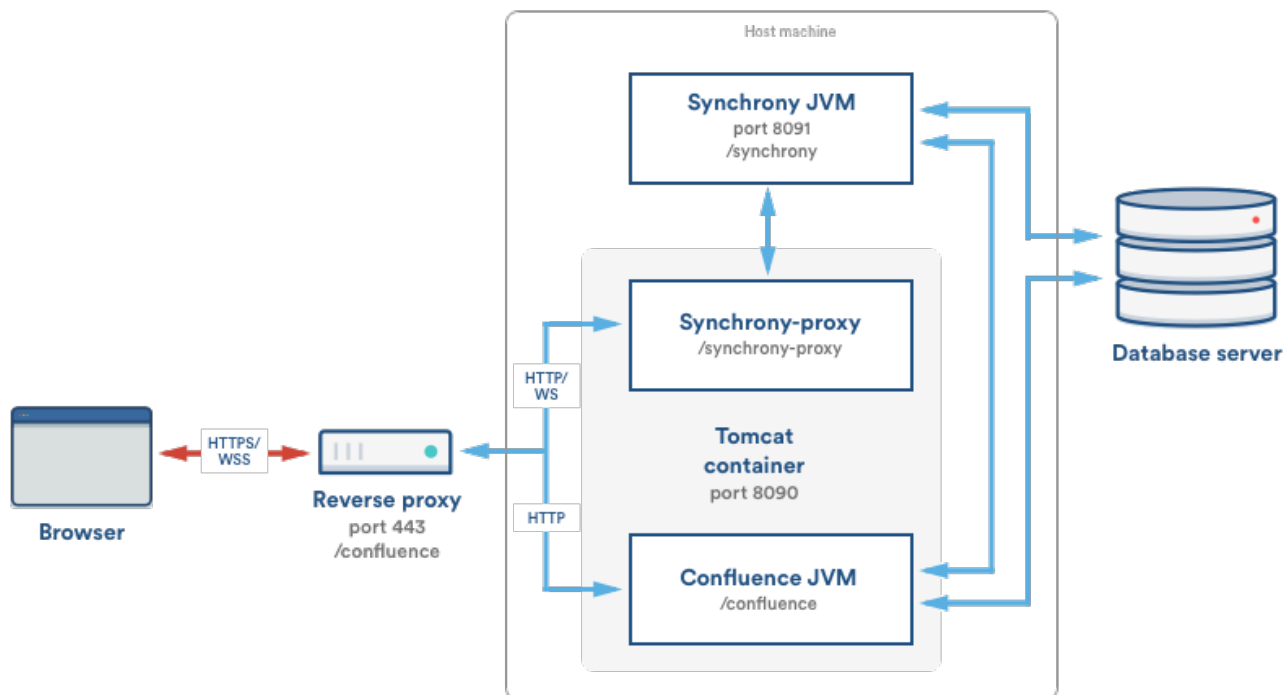


#### **With a reverse proxy**

If you run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, you will connect to Synchrony via Confluence's internal Synchrony proxy. This is the default configuration with a reverse proxy, and a good choice if you do not want to open port 8091. SSL should be terminated at your reverse proxy.

You do not need to make any additional changes to your reverse proxy configuration for Synchrony, but for best results your reverse proxy must support WebSocket connections (you may need to manually enable this in your proxy).

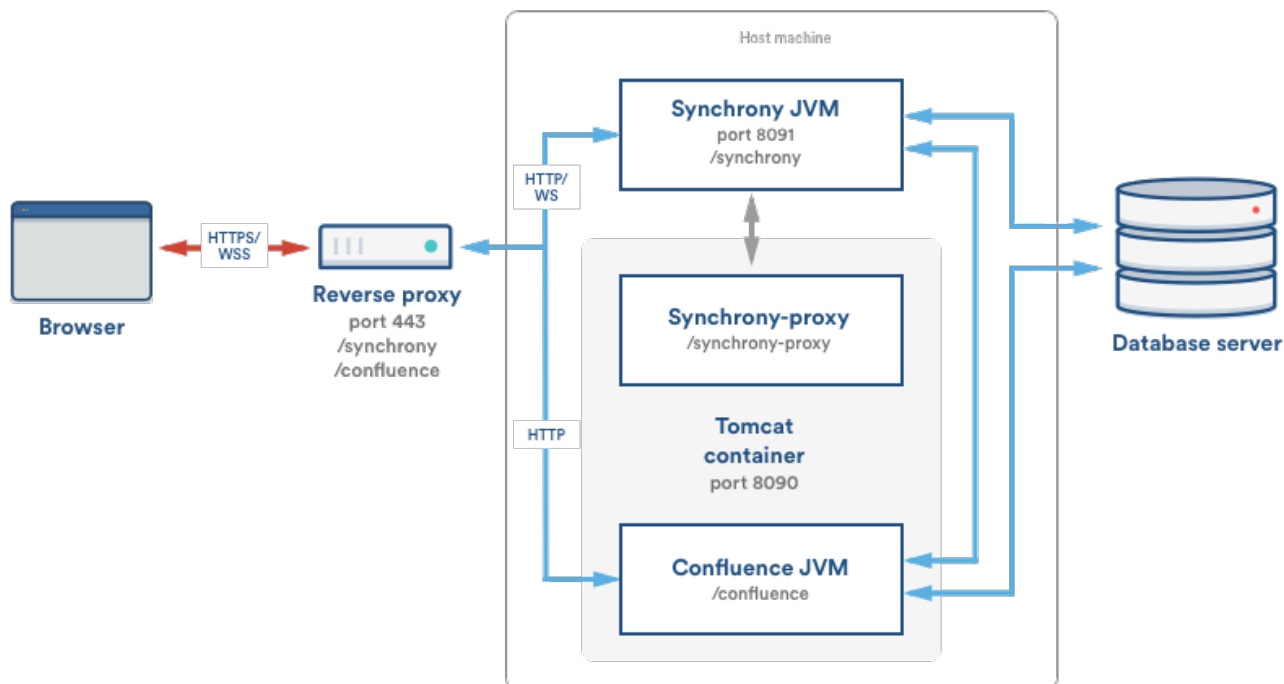
To tell Confluence that you want to use the internal proxy, set the `synchrony.proxy.enabled` [system property](#) to `true`. (This is optional, but will prevent Confluence from trying to reach Synchrony via `/synchrony` first, before retrying via the internal proxy).



If Synchrony can't be reached via /synchrony-proxy we'll automatically try /confluence/synchrony-proxy (where /confluence is your Confluence context path).

#### **Direct to Synchrony with a reverse proxy**

If you run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, and experience latency or other issues connecting to Synchrony via Confluence's internal Synchrony proxy, you can choose to connect direct to Synchrony. This is the optimal setup, but does require some changes to your environment. You will need to open port 8091 and add /synchrony to your reverse proxy configuration. SSL will still be terminated at your reverse proxy, as Synchrony does not accept direct HTTPS connections.



If Synchrony can't be reached via /synchrony we'll automatically try the internal Synchrony proxy via /confluence/synchrony-proxy (where /confluence is your Confluence context path).

See the following guides for example reverse proxy configurations. The order of directives is important, so check our examples.

- [Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#)
- [Running Confluence behind NGINX with SSL](#)
- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Apache HTTP Server \(mod\\_proxy\\_http\)](#)
- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Microsoft Internet Information Services \(IIS\)](#)
- [How to configure Amazon Web Service Elastic Load Balancer with Confluence 6.0](#)

### XHR fallback

When a user cannot connect to Confluence via a WebSocket, we'll fall back to a XML HTTP Request (XHR), allowing them to edit pages successfully. For the best editing experience, we strongly recommend that your environment allows WebSocket connections however.

XHR fallback is enabled by default, but can be disabled using a [system property](#) if necessary. You shouldn't need to change this.

## Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing

Collaborative editing is powered by Synchrony which synchronizes data in real time. Under normal circumstances it should not need to be managed manually by an administrator.

This page will help you troubleshoot problems with Synchrony in your instance.

### First steps

#### Check Synchrony is running

To check if Synchrony is running, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing**

Note: if you're running Confluence Data Center, this page will only be able to tell you if the current Confluence node is connected to your Synchrony cluster. You may want to use a third party monitoring tool to help you monitor your Synchrony cluster.

#### Check you can edit a page

If you see an error when you edit a page, but Synchrony is running, something is preventing your browser from connecting to Synchrony.

The most common issue is a misconfigured reverse proxy. See our proxy troubleshooting tips later in this page or head to [Administering Collaborative Editing](#) to find out more about possible proxy and SSL configurations.

#### Check the logs

You can find the Confluence application logs at `<home-directory>/logs/atlassian-confluence.log` and Synchrony specific logs at `<home-directory>/logs/atlassian-synchrony.log`.

#### Restart Synchrony

Go to



> **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing** and choose **Restart Synchrony**.

#### Check port 8091 is available

### On this page:

- [First steps](#)
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  - [Check you can edit a page](#)
  - [Check the logs](#)
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- [Check port 8091 is available](#)
- [Reverse proxy issues](#)
- [Forward proxy issues](#)
- [Websocket issues](#)
- [SSL issues](#)
- [Memory issues](#)
- [Multiple Synchrony processes](#)
- [Incompatible browser extensions](#)
- [Firewall or anti-virus interference](#)
- [Too many people in the editor](#)

### Related pages:

- [Administering Collaborative Editing](#)

Synchrony runs on port 8091 by default. If this port is already in use by another application on your server you can use the `synchrony.port` system property to change it to an available port.

(If you're using Confluence 6.0.3 or earlier you'll need to use `reza.port` instead of `synchrony.port`.)

See [Configuring System Properties](#) to find out how to change this.

For Confluence Data Center the way you run Synchrony is a little different. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

### **Reverse proxy issues**

If you have configured your reverse proxy, but can't edit pages, here's some things to check in your configuration:

- Go to `installation-directory>/conf/server.xml` and check the Connector directive. Make sure that you have correct values for `<protocol>` and `<proxyName>`. See the examples in the guides below for more information.
- The `http` connector always needs to be present in the `<installation-directory>/conf/server.xml` file, even if you're configuring SSL or using the AJP connector. The Synchrony health check uses HTTP and will fail if this connector is not present. Alternatively, if you do not want to include the `http` connector, you can use the `synchrony.proxy.healthcheck.disabled` system property to disable the health check.
- If you're using Apache, make sure you're using Apache 2.4 (with WebSockets support) and all required modules have been enabled (`mod_proxy`, `mod_rewrite`, `proxy_wstunnel`).
- If you're using Apache and want to connect directly to Synchrony, in your proxy config file, make sure you've included `/synchrony` and that the order of the Confluence and Synchrony directives and location blocks is correct. See the examples in the guides below for more information.

See [Administering Collaborative Editing](#) to find out more about possible proxy and SSL configurations then check out the following guides for more information on how to include Synchrony in your reverse proxy config, if you want to connect direct to Synchrony:

- [Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#)
- [Running Confluence behind NGINX with SSL](#)
- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Apache HTTP Server \(mod\\_proxy\\_http\)](#)
- [Proxying Atlassian server applications with Microsoft Internet Information Services \(IIS\)](#)
- [How to configure Amazon Web Service Elastic Load Balancer with Confluence 6.0](#)

### **Forward proxy issues**

If you're using a forward or outbound proxy, you will need to add the IP that Synchrony listens on to your config to ensure it is bypassed. See [Configuring Web Proxy Support for Confluence](#) for more info.

By default, the IP is 127.0.0.1, or it will be the value of the `synchrony.host` system property, if you've customized the hostname or IP that Confluence uses to connect to Synchrony.

### **Websocket issues**

Collaborative editing works best with a WebSocket connection. If one can't be established due to a timeout, or a proxy server or firewall that doesn't allow WebSocket connections, the editor will attempt to connect via an XML HTTP Request (XHR).

You can use <http://websocket.org/echo.html> to perform a quick HTML5 WebSocket test against an echo server.

### **SSL issues**

Synchrony cannot accept direct HTTPS connections, so you will need to terminate SSL at your reverse proxy or load balancer, or at Tomcat if you are not using a reverse proxy.

### **Memory issues**

If you experience out of memory errors related to Synchrony, you can change the heap size allocated to Synchrony using the `synchrony.memory.max` system property.



If you're Confluence 6.0.3 or earlier you'll need to use `reza.memory.max` instead of `synchrony.memory.max`.

See [Configuring System Properties](#) to find out how to change this.

For Confluence Data Center the way you run Synchrony is a little different. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

#### *Multiple Synchrony processes*

If you see an error immediately in the editor, but Confluence reports that Synchrony is running, check to make sure that you only have one Synchrony process running.

If you do have multiple Synchrony processes running, stop Confluence, kill the additional Synchrony processes and then restart Confluence.

You can avoid this problem by always using `stop-confluence.sh` / `stop-confluence.bat` to stop Confluence, rather than simply closing the Tomcat window.

#### *Incompatible browser extensions*

Some third party browser extensions that interact with the editor, such as Grammarly, may not function correctly with collaborative editing. See [Confluence Collaborative Editing blocks Grammarly Extension](#) to find out how to disable Grammarly for just your Confluence site.

#### *Firewall or anti-virus interference*

We've had a few reports of firewalls or anti-virus software blocking some requests to the server, resulting in unexpected behavior in the editor. You may need to add Confluence to your whitelist / trusted URLs if you experience issues. See [Weird Page or Editor Behaviors with Kaspersky Internet Security](#) for more information.

#### *Too many people in the editor*

We don't enforce a maximum number of people who can edit together, but we recommend you keep it to no more than 12 people editing the same page at the same time. We may enforce a limit to the number people who can enter the editor in a later release if necessary.

## Migrate from Confluence Cloud to Server

This page is for people who are currently using Confluence Cloud, and wish to move to Confluence Server (a Confluence installation hosted on your own servers).

For migrating from Confluence Server to Confluence Cloud, see [Importing wiki data](#).

#### On this page:

- [Migration steps](#)
- [Support, limitations, and recommendations](#)
  - [Add-ons](#)
  - [Database considerations](#)
  - [Confluence license](#)

You can migrate from your Confluence Cloud to **Confluence Server 6.0 or later** only. You can't import Cloud data (whole site or individual space exports) into any earlier versions of Confluence. We recommend installing the latest version.

Confluence Cloud is typically ahead of Confluence Server, which means that some features may not be available after you've moved to Confluence Server.

### Migration steps

#### To migrate from Confluence Cloud to Confluence Server:

1. Export the data from your Confluence Cloud site, using the Confluence backup manager.
  - For detailed instructions, see [Exporting wiki data](#).
  - You now have an XML export of your Confluence data.
2. Download the [latest Confluence Server release](#).

You will only be able to import your Cloud backup into Confluence 6.0 or later. We recommend always



- installing the latest release.
- Follow the [Confluence Installation Guide](#) for your platform to install Confluence.
  - Import the data from your backup file (XML export) into your new Confluence installation - see [Restoring a Site](#).
  - Log in to your new Confluence site, using the following credentials:
    - Username: `sysadmin`
    - Password: `sysadmin`
  - Change the password immediately after logging in. This will be your system administrator account.

There's a known issue where the `sysadmin` user may not be created on import to Confluence Server. Please try [this workaround](#), and comment on the following issue if you're still having trouble.

**CONFCLOUD-52260** - Cloud to Server export users can't log in  
**IN PROGRESS**

## Support, limitations, and recommendations

Please note the following about your new Confluence Server site.

- If you are unable to create or edit pages after migrating from Cloud to Confluence 5.10.x, follow the workaround in this issue to disable the specified dark features

**CONFSERVER-44335** - Edit/Create pages is not working when migrate from Cloud to Server  
**RESOLVED**

- If you're unable to remove the JIRA cloud application link from your Confluence after the import, you'll need to remove those references directly from the Confluence database as per [this guide](#).
- The User Management section might be missing due to

**CONFSERVER-35177** - User and Group Links Missing from Admin Console After Migrating From Cloud to Server **OPEN**

Follow the workaround notes on the issue to enable the feature again.

- If your Confluence Cloud instance has macros that depend on the Application Links back to a JIRA Cloud instance, and you are migrating JIRA as well, these references will need to be updated to work properly as per

**APL-1144** - Allow relocation of application links even if the target application is still accessible.  
**TRIAGE**

You can address that by either editing the XML prior to import, or by bulk editing those references in Confluence database as per [this guide](#).

- If you experience problems loading pages after the import, head to



> **General Configuration** to check your base URL as the port may have changed.

- If you find that some of your users' favorites (pages saved for later) are missing due to

**CONFSERVER-36348** - Favourites missing after importing  
**OPEN**

. See [How to restore missing favorites after import from XML](#) for more information.

- Confluence spaces are not automatically created when you create a new JIRA projects.

## Add-ons

After migrating your data you will need to install any compatible add-ons, such as Questions and Team Calendars.

Some third party add-ons are only available for Cloud, and will no longer be available after you migrate. You can check whether your essential add-ons are available for Confluence Server, Cloud or both on Atlassian Marketplace.

### Database considerations

If you are uncertain about which database to choose for your new Confluence installation, we recommend PostgreSQL - see [Database Setup for PostgreSQL](#). The Confluence Cloud site runs on PostgreSQL, so there should be no compatibility issues.

If you choose another [supported database](#), Contact [Support](#) if you encounter any compatibility issues with other [supported databases](#).

### Confluence license

You will need a new license to migrate to Confluence Server. Your existing Cloud license cannot be used. You can get a new license at <https://my.atlassian.com>. You may also need new licenses for any paid add-ons.

## Confluence installation and upgrade guide

### About the installation and upgrade guide

This guide covers how to install and upgrade Confluence.

Information on the features and changes in specific Confluence releases can be found in the [Confluence Release Notes](#).

For information on using and administering Confluence refer to the [Confluence Documentation](#).

- [System Requirements](#)
  - [Server Hardware Requirements Guide](#)
  - [Example Size and Hardware Specifications From Customer Survey](#)
  - [Running Confluence in a Virtualized Environment](#)
- [Confluence Installation Guide](#)
  - [Installing Confluence](#)
  - [Installing Confluence Data Center](#)
  - [Installing Java for Confluence](#)
  - [Creating a Dedicated User Account on the Operating System to Run Confluence](#)
- [Confluence Setup Guide](#)
  - [Configuring JIRA Integration in the Setup Wizard](#)
- [Upgrading Confluence](#)
  - [Upgrading Beyond Current Licensed Period](#)
  - [Confluence Post-Upgrade Checks](#)
  - [Migration from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format](#)
  - [Migration of Templates from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format](#)
  - [Upgrading Confluence Manually](#)
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  - [From Confluence Evaluation through to Production Installation](#)

### Downloads



Download the Confluence documentation in PDF format.

### Other resources

[Confluence Release Notes](#)

[Confluence administrator's guide](#)

[Confluence Knowledge Base](#)

[Atlassian Answers](#)

## System Requirements

Confluence can run on a wide range of operating systems and databases, on physical or virtualized servers.

See [Supported Platforms](#) for the full list of platforms that we support in this version of Confluence or [Supported Platforms FAQ](#) for details on our support handling procedures.

### On this page:

- [Software requirements](#)
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## Software requirements

### Operating systems

Atlassian supports the operating systems listed on the [Supported Platforms](#) page.

If you would like to run Confluence on virtualized hardware, please read our [Running Confluence in a Virtualized Environment](#) document first.

### Application server

We only support running Confluence on the version of Apache Tomcat that is bundled with the Confluence distribution.

### Databases

You'll need an external database to run Confluence. See the [Supported Platforms](#) page for a list of all the databases we support.

If you have no preference for a particular database, we highly recommend PostgreSQL. This is a scalable, robust and free database server that is also easy to set up. To find out how to set up your database, see [Database Configuration](#).

When evaluating Confluence, you can use the embedded H2 database included in the Confluence installation.

### Java

The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) is packed up and ready to go when you install Confluence using the Windows or Linux installer. You don't need to install Java yourself.

If you choose to install Confluence from an archive file, you'll need a [supported](#) JRE or JDK, and your JAVA\_HOME variable set correctly. See [Installing Java for Confluence](#) for more information.

### Antivirus considerations

Antivirus software on the operating system running Confluence can greatly decrease the performance of Confluence. Antivirus software that intercepts access to the hard disk is particularly detrimental and may even cause errors in Confluence. This is particularly important if you are running Confluence on Windows. No matter how fast your hardware is, antivirus software will almost always have a negative impact on Confluence's performance.

You should configure your antivirus software to ignore the following directories:

- Confluence [home directory](#)
- Confluence's index directory

- All database-related directories

## Hardware requirements

Please be aware that while some of our customers run Confluence on SPARC-based hardware, Atlassian only officially supports Confluence running on x86 hardware and 64-bit derivatives of x86 hardware.

See [Server Hardware Requirements Guide](#) for more information.

You may also like to check out our tips on [reducing out of memory errors](#), in particular the section on [Permanent Generation Size](#).

## Hosted solutions – Confluence Cloud

If you do not have the resources to set up and maintain a Confluence installation locally, consider trying Confluence Cloud. Atlassian can run and maintain your installation of Confluence, handling all the testing, monitoring and upgrading processes for you.

## Server Hardware Requirements Guide

Server administrators can use this guide in combination with the free Confluence trial period to evaluate their server hardware requirements. Because server load is difficult to predict, live testing is the best way to determine what hardware a Confluence instance will require in production.

Peak visitors are the maximum number of browsers simultaneously making requests to access or update pages in Confluence. Visitors are counted from their first page request until the connection is closed and if public access is enabled, this includes internet visitors as well as logged in users. Storage requirements will vary depending on how many pages and attachments you wish to store inside Confluence.

### Minimum hardware requirements

The values below refer to the minimum available hardware required to run Confluence only; for example, the minimum heap size to allocate to Confluence is 1 GB and 1 GB for Synchrony (which is required for collaborative editing). You'll need additional physical hardware, of at least the minimum amount required by your Operating System and any other applications that run on the server.

**i** On small instances, server load is primarily driven by peak visitors, so minimum system requirements are difficult to judge. We provide these figures as a guide to the absolute minimum required to run Confluence, and your configuration will likely require better hardware.

Here is our minimum hardware recommendation:

- **CPU:** Quad core 2GHz+ CPU
- **RAM:** 6GB
- **Minimum database space:** 10GB

### On this page:

- [Minimum hardware requirements](#)
- [Example hardware specifications](#)
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- [Maximum reported usages](#)
- [Hard disk requirements](#)
- [Professional assistance](#)
- [Example site](#)

### Related pages:

- [Confluence Installation Guide](#)
- [Managing Application Server Memory Settings](#)
- [Running Confluence in a Virtualized Environment](#)

**Note:** Please be aware that while some of our customers run Confluence on SPARC-based hardware, we

only officially support Confluence running on x86 hardware and 64-bit derivatives of x86 hardware. Confluence typically will not perform well in a tightly constrained, shared environment - examples include an AWS micro.t1 instance. Please be careful to ensure that your choice of hosting platform is capable of supplying sustained processing and memory capacity for the server, particularly the processing-intensive startup process.

#### Example hardware specifications

These are example hardware specifications for non-clustered Confluence instances. It is not recorded whether the amount of RAM refers to either the total server memory or memory allocated to the JVM, while blank settings indicate that the information was not provided.

Accounts	Spaces	Pages	CPUs	CPU (GHz)	RAM (MB)	Notes
150	30	1,000	1	2.6	1,024	
350	100	15,000	2	2.8	1,536	
5,000	500		4	3	2,048	
10,000	350	16,000	2	3.8	2,048	
10,000	60	3,500	2	3.6	4,096	
21,000	950		2	3.6	4,096	
85,000	100	12,500	4	2.6	4,096	3 machines total: application server, database server, Apache HTTPD + LDAP tunnel server.

#### Server load and scalability

When planning server hardware requirements for your Confluence deployment, you will need to estimate the server scalability based on peak visitors, the editor to viewer ratio and total content.

- The editor to viewer ratio is how many visitors are performing updates versus those only viewing content
- Total content is best estimated by a count of total spaces

Confluence scales best with a steady flow of visitors rather than defined peak visitor times, few editors and few spaces. Users should also take into account:

- Total pages is not a major consideration for performance. For example, instances hosting 80K of pages can consume under 512MB of memory
- Always [use an external database](#), and check out the [performance tuning guides](#).

#### Maximum reported usages

These values are largest customer instances reported to Atlassian or used for performance testing. Clustering, database tuning and other performance tuning is recommended for instances exceeding these values.

Most Spaces	1700
Most Internal Users	15K
Most LDAP Users	100K
Most Pages	80K

#### Hard disk requirements

All page content is stored in the database, while attachments are stored in the file system. The more attachments you have, the more disk space you will require.

### Private and public comparison

Private instances manage their users either internally or through a user repository such as LDAP, while online instances have public signup enabled and must handle the additional load of anonymous internet visitors. Please keep in mind that these are examples only, not recommendations:

Use Case	Spaces	User Accounts	Editors	Editor To Viewer Ratio	Pages	Page Revisions	Attachments	Comment
Online Documentation	140	11,500	1,000	9%	8,800	65,000	7,300	11,500
Private Intranet	130	180	140	78%	8,000	84,000	3,800	500
Company-Wide Collaboration	100	85,000	1,000+	1%+	12,500	120,000	15,000	

### Professional assistance

For large instances, it may be worthwhile contacting an [Atlassian Expert](#) for expertise on hardware sizing, testing and performance tuning. Simply [contact a local Expert directly](#) or [email our Experts team](#) for a recommendation.

### Example site

Here is a breakdown of the disk usage and memory requirements a large documentation site as at April 2013:

Database size	2827 MB
Home directory size	116 GB
Average memory in use	1.9 GB

### Size of selected database tables

Data	Relevant Table	Rows	Size
Attachment metadata	attachments	193903	60 MB
Content and user properties	os_propertyentry (?)	639737	255 MB
Content bodies (incl. all versions of blogs, pages and comments)	bodycontent	517520	1354 MB
Content metadata (incl. title, author)	content	623155	459 MB
Labels	label (5982, 1264 kB), content_label (134151, 46 MB)	140133	47.2 MB
Users	users	38766	6200 kB

Note: not all database tables or indexes are shown, and average row size may vary between instances.

Size of selected home directory components

Data	Files	Size
Attachments (incl. all versions)	207659	105 GB
Did-you-mean search index	10	14 MB
Office Connector cache	3506	456 MB
Plugin files	1851	669 MB
Search index	448	3.9 GB
Temporary files	14232	5 GB
Thumbnails	86516	1.7 GB
Usage index (now disabled)	239	2.6 GB

Note: not all files are shown, and average file size may vary between instances.

### Example Size and Hardware Specifications From Customer Survey

Below are the results of a survey conducted by Atlassian in July 2007, showing some capacity statistics for Confluence users. The figures are broken down by industry and number of users.

Num Users	Length of time in production	Database	Application Server	Num CPUs/Cores	Physical Memory/RAM
<b>Banking/Finance</b>					
26 - 50	3-6 Months Ago	Microsoft SQL Server	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	2G
26 - 50	2 Years Ago	Sybase ASE	Weblogic	>8	>16G
51 - 250	3-6 Months Ago	Oracle	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	4G
501 - 1,000	3-6 Months Ago	Microsoft SQL Server	Websphere	2	2G
1,001 - 5,000	3-6 Months Ago	Oracle	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	4G
1,001 - 5,000	2 Years Ago	Oracle	Websphere	4	>16G
5,001 - 10,000	10-12 Months Ago	Microsoft SQL Server	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	4	16G
<b>Education</b>					
1-25	2 Years Ago	DB2	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	2G

26 - 50	10-12 Months Ago	MySQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	2G
51 - 250	<3 Months Ago	Oracle	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat		1G
51 - 250	10-12 Months Ago	Oracle	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	1	2G
<b>Engineering/Aerospace</b>					
251 - 500	7-9 Months Ago	Oracle	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	1	1G
1,001 - 5,000	7-9 Months Ago	Microsoft SQL Server	JBoss	2	4G
<b>Entertainment</b>					
1,001 - 5,000	10-12 Months Ago	PostgreSQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	8G
<b>Government</b>					
51 - 250	2 Years Ago	MySQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	2G
<b>Technology</b>					
501 - 1,000	7-9 Months Ago	MySQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	1	2G
<b>Telecommunications &amp; Media</b>					
1-25	3-6 Months Ago	Confluence distribution/HSQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	1	
1-25	7-9 Months Ago	MySQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	1	2G
26 - 50	10-12 Months Ago	MySQL	Confluence distribution/Apache Tomcat	2	2G

## Running Confluence in a Virtualized Environment

This page provides pointers for things to look at when running Confluence on virtualized hardware.

### Summary

Running Confluence in a virtual machine (VM) requires specialized skills to set up and manage the virtualized environment. In particular, the performance of Confluence can be affected by the



activity of other VMs running on the same infrastructure, as well as how you configure the Confluence VM itself.

Atlassian supports running Confluence and Confluence Data Center in a virtualized environment, but we cannot offer support for problems which are related to the environment itself.

**On this page:**

- [Summary](#)
- [Recommendations](#)
- [Further help](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Server Hardware Requirements Guide](#)
- [Confluence Installation Guide](#)
- [Confluence Data Center](#)
- [AWS Quick Start \(Data Center only\)](#)

## Recommendations

The following recommendations come from our experience in running and testing Confluence in virtualized environments like VMWare and KVM, and our experience in working with customers running on these platforms.

- **Know your platform.** Consult the documentation for your operating system and your chosen virtualization technology, for details on setting up a reliable VM (virtual machine) image.
- **Allocate enough memory.** As a Java web application, Confluence requires a relatively large memory allocation, compared to some other web technologies. Ensure that your VM images have enough physical memory allocated to run Confluence without swapping.
- **Handle high I/O.** Under normal usage, Confluence requires a significant number of input/output (I/O) operations to the database and home directory for each web request. Ensure that you use the correct drivers and consider how you make storage available to your VMs to optimize this access.
- **Handle peak CPU and memory usage.** For certain operations (including PDF export, Office document processing, and displaying large pages) Confluence requires a significant amount of CPU and memory. Ensure that your virtualization infrastructure has the flexibility and capacity to deal with peak load, not just idle load.
- **Synchronize time correctly.** Some customers have had problems with time synchronization between the VM and the host system. This causes problems in Confluence due to irregularities in the execution of scheduled tasks. We strongly recommend checking your VM time sync if you have issues with scheduled tasks in a virtualized environment.

## Further help

For further assistance in setting up a virtualized environment for running Confluence, you may want to consult an [Atlassian Expert](#). Several experts have experience with installation and performance tuning, and can help you with your Confluence configuration.

## Confluence Installation Guide

### Before you start

Before installing Confluence, please check that you meet the [minimum system requirements](#) and [Supported Platforms](#).

If you're planning to run Confluence in a virtualized environment see [Running Confluence in a Virtualized Environment](#).

### Choose your installation method

There are a number of ways to install Confluence. Choose the method that is best for your environment.

Install method	Is this right for you?
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<b>Install a Confluence trial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows, Linux or OS X</li> </ul>	<p>This is the fastest way to get a Confluence site up and running. If you're evaluating Confluence, use this option or try <a href="#">Confluence Cloud</a> free.</p> <p>You don't need an external database to install a Confluence trial.</p>
<b>Install Confluence using an installer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows</li> <li>Linux</li> </ul>	<p>This option uses an installer, and is the most straightforward way to get your production site up and running on a Windows or Linux server.</p>
<b>Install Confluence from a zip or archive file</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows</li> <li>Linux</li> </ul>	<p>This option requires you to manually install files and configure some system properties. It gives you the most control over the install process. Use this option if there isn't an installer for your operating system.</p>
<b>Run Confluence in a Docker container</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Docker</li> </ul>	<p>This option gets Confluence Server up and running in no time using a pre-configured Docker image. Head to <a href="https://docs.docker.com/">https://docs.docker.com/</a> to find out more about Docker.</p> <p>Atlassian supports running Confluence in a Docker container, but we cannot offer support for problems which are related to the environment itself.</p>
<b>Install Confluence in a cluster</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows or Linux</li> <li>AWS Quick Start</li> </ul>	<p>Confluence Data Center is a clustered solution for large enterprises.</p> <p>Read the <a href="#">Confluence Data Center Technical Overview</a> to find out if Confluence Data Center is right for your organization.</p>

**Note:** we do not support installing Confluence as a production system on OS X. An OS X download is available for the purposes of evaluating Confluence only. There are no limitations to using Confluence on a mac with any one of the [supported browsers](#).

The EAR/WAR distribution is [no longer available](#), you'll need to install Confluence from a zip or archive file if you previously deployed Confluence into an existing application server.

## Installing Confluence

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<b>Install Confluence from a zip or archive file</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows</li> <li>Linux</li> </ul>	<p>This option requires you to manually install files and configure some system properties. It gives you the most control over the install process. Use this option if there isn't an installer for your operating system.</p>

<b>Run Confluence in a Docker container</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Docker</a></li> </ul>	<p>This option gets Confluence Server up and running in no time using a pre-configured Docker image. Head to <a href="https://docs.docker.com/">https://docs.docker.com/</a> to find out more about Docker.</p> <p>Atlassian supports running Confluence in a Docker container, but we cannot offer support for problems which are related to the environment itself.</p>
<b>Install Confluence in a cluster</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Windows or Linux</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">AWS Quick Start</a></li> </ul>	<p>Confluence Data Center is a clustered solution for large enterprises.</p> <p>Read the <a href="#">Confluence Data Center Technical Overview</a> to find out if Confluence Data Center is right for your organization.</p>

## Installing a Confluence trial

Want to get up and running with Confluence ASAP? This page will guide you through three simple steps to install and set up an evaluation Confluence site.

### On this page:

#### Before you begin

1. [Download the installer](#)
2. [Install Confluence](#)
3. [Set up Confluence](#)

If you're ready to set up a production Confluence site or you want more control, check out our [full installation guides](#).

### Before you begin

Our installers come with all the bits and pieces you need to run the application, but there's a few things you'll need to get up and running:

- A computer or laptop with a supported operating system - you'll be installing Confluence so you'll need admin rights.

#### ▼ [Supported operating systems...](#)

You can install Confluence on a Windows or Linux operating system.

Apple Mac isn't supported for production sites, but if you're comfortable setting up applications on your Mac from scratch, you can download the `tar.gz` file and follow the instructions for [Installing Confluence on Linux from Archive File](#) as the process is similar.

- A supported web browser - you'll need this to access Confluence, we support the latest versions of Chrome and Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer 11, and Microsoft Edge.
- A valid email address - you'll need this to generate your evaluation license and create an account.

Ready to get going? Let's start with grabbing the installer.

### 1. [Download the installer](#)

Head to [www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download](http://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download) and download the installer for your operating system.

### 2. [Install Confluence](#)

The installer allows you to choose Express or Custom installations.

The Custom installation allows you to pick some specific options for Confluence, but for this guide we'll use the Express installation.

#### ▼ [For Windows](#)

1. Run the installer - we recommend running with a Windows administrator account. If prompted, make sure you allow the installer to make changes to your computer. This will allow you to install Confluence as a service.

2. Choose **Express Install**, then click **Next**.
3. Once installation is complete, it will ask you if you want to open Confluence in your browser. Make sure this option is selected then click **Done**.
4. Confluence will open in your default browser, and you're ready to start the set up wizard.

#### ▼ For Linux

1. Change to the directory where you downloaded Confluence then execute this command to make it executable:

```
$ chmod a+x atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin
```

Where x.x.x is the Confluence version you downloaded.

2. Run the installer - we recommend using `sudo` to run the installer as this will create a dedicated account to run Confluence and allow you to run Confluence as a service.

```
$ sudo ./atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin
```

3. When prompted, choose **Express Install** (option 1).
4. Once installation is complete head to <http://localhost:8090/> in your browser to begin the setup process.

### 3. Set up Confluence

The set up wizard is the last step in getting Confluence up and running. You'll need your email address to generate your evaluation license.

1. Select **Trial**, and click **Next**.  
This will allow Confluence to set up everything it needs to run, including an H2 database.
2. Select **Get an evaluation license** then follow the prompts to generate your license.
3. If you want to try some Confluence add-ons to give you more functionality, select the ones you want and click **Next**.  
It will take a few minutes to get everything connected and operational.
4. Select **Manage users with Confluence**, and click **Next**.
5. Enter and confirm the details you want to use for your administrator account, and click **Done**.

That's it! You're ready to team up with some colleagues and start using Confluence!



### Installing Confluence on Windows

In this guide we'll run you through installing Confluence in a production environment, with an external database, using the Windows installer.

This is the most straightforward way to get your production site up and running on a Windows server.

**Other ways to install Confluence:**

- [Evaluation](#) - get your free trial up and running in no time.
- [Zip](#) – install Confluence manually from a zip file.
- [Linux](#) – install Confluence on a Linux operating system

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**Before you begin**

Before you install Confluence, there's a few questions you need to answer.

Are you using a supported operating system?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version of Confluence you are installing. This will give you info on supported operating systems, databases and browsers.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't support installing Confluence on OSX.</li> <li>• The Confluence installer includes Java (JRE) and Tomcat, so you don't need to install these separately.</li> </ul>
Do you want to run Confluence as a Windows Service?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Running Confluence as a service in Windows means that Confluence will automatically start up when Windows is started.</p> <p><b>If you choose to run Confluence as a service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must run the installer as administrator to be able to install Confluence as a service.</li> <li>• The Confluence service will be run as the Windows 'SYSTEM' user account. To change this user account see <a href="#">Changing the Windows user that the Confluence service uses</a>.</li> <li>• We strongly recommend creating a dedicated user account (e.g. with username 'confluence') for running Confluence. See <a href="#">Creating a Dedicated User Account on the Operating System to Run Confluence</a> to find out what directories this user will need to be able to read and write to.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you choose not to run Confluence as a service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will start and stop Confluence by running the <code>start-confluence.bat</code> file in your Confluence installation directory.</li> <li>• Confluence will be run as the Windows user account that was used to install Confluence, or you can choose to run as a dedicated user.</li> <li>• Confluence will need to be restarted manually if your server is restarted.</li> </ul>

Are ports 8090 and 8091 available?	<p>▼ <a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Confluence runs on port 8090 by default. If this port is already in use, the installer will prompt you to choose a different port.</p> <p>Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, runs on port 8091 by default. If this port is already in use, you will need to change the port that Synchrony runs on after your Confluence installation is complete. See <a href="#">Administering Collaborative Editing</a> to find out how to change the port Synchrony runs on. You won't be able to edit pages until Synchrony has an available port.</p>
Is your database set up and ready to use?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>To run Confluence in production you'll need an external database. Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version you're installing for the list of databases we currently support. If you don't already have a database, PostgreSQL is free, easy to set up and has been extensively tested with Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up your database before you begin. Step-by-step guides are available for <a href="#">PostgreSQL</a>, <a href="#">Oracle</a>, <a href="#">MySQL</a>, and <a href="#">SQL Server</a>.</li> <li>• Use UTF-8 character encoding. See <a href="#">Configuring Character Encoding</a> for more info.</li> <li>• If you're using Oracle or MySQL you'll need to <a href="#">download the driver</a> for your database.</li> <li>• The embedded H2 database can be used for evaluating Confluence, but you'll need to migrate to another database before running in production. You may find it easier to use external database from the start.</li> </ul>
Do you have a Confluence license?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>You'll need a valid Confluence Server license to use Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have not yet purchased a Confluence license you'll be able to create an evaluation license during setup.</li> <li>• If you already have a license key you'll be prompted to log in to <a href="https://my.atlassian.com">my.atlassian.com</a> to retrieve it, or you can enter the key manually during setup.</li> <li>• If you're migrating from Confluence Cloud, you'll need a new license.</li> </ul>

## Install Confluence

### 1. Download Confluence

Download the installer for your operating system - <https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download>

### 2. Run the installer

1. Run the installer. We recommend using a Windows administrator account.
2. Follow the prompts to install Confluence. You'll be asked for the following info:
  - a. **Destination directory** – this is where Confluence will be installed.
  - b. **Home directory** – this is where Confluence data like logs, search indexes and files will be stored.
  - c. **TCP ports** – these are the HTTP connector port and control port Confluence will run on. Stick with the default unless you're running another application on the same port.
  - d. **Install as service** – this option is only available if you ran the installer as administrator.
3. Confluence will start up in your browser once installation is complete.

## Set up Confluence

### 3. Choose installation type

1. Choose **Production installation**.
2. Choose any **add-ons** you'd also like to install.

### 4. Enter your license

Follow the prompts to log in to [my.atlassian.com](https://my.atlassian.com) to retrieve your license, or enter a license key.

### 5. Connect to your database

1. If you've not already done so, it's time to create your database. See the 'Before you begin' section of this page for details.
2. Select your database from the dropdown menu and choose **External Database**.
3. Choose how you want to connect to your database:

#### ▼ [Direct JDBC connection...](#)

This option uses a standard JDBC database connection. Connection pooling is handled within Confluence.

#### **If you're using Oracle or MySQL there's an extra step:**

- Download and extract the appropriate [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
- Drop the JAR file into your `<confluence-installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` folder before continuing with the setup wizard.

#### **In the setup wizard:**

- **Driver Class Name** – the Java class name for your database driver. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Database URL** – the JDBC URL for your database. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Username** and **Password** – A valid username and password that Confluence can use to access your database.

#### ▼ [Datasource...](#)

This option asks the application server (Apache Tomcat) for a database connection. You'll need to manually add the datasource to the `server.xml` file before you can continue.

#### **To set up a datasource follow our guide for your database:**

- [Configuring an Oracle Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a SQL Server Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a MySQL Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a PostgreSQL Datasource](#)

#### **In the setup wizard:**

- **Datasource Name** – this is JNDI name of the datasource, as configured in the `server.xml` file.  
Some servers will have JNDI names like `jdbc/datasourcename`; others will be like `java:comp/env/jdbc/datasourcename`.

### 6. Populate your new site with content

Choose whether you'd like Confluence to populate your site with content:

#### ▼ [Demonstration space...](#)

This option will create a space that you and your users can use to get to know Confluence. You can delete this space at any time.

#### ▼ [Import data from an existing site...](#)

Use this option if you have a [full site export](#) of an existing Confluence site. This is useful when you're migrating to another database or setting up a test site.



**Good to know:**

- You can only import sites from the **same** or **earlier** Confluence version.
- The system administrator account and all other user data and content will be imported from your previous installation.

**In the setup wizard:**

- **Upload a backup file** – use this option if your site export file is small (25mb or less).
- **Restore a backup file from the file system** – use this option if your backup file is large. Drop the file into your `<confluence-home>/restore` directory then follow the prompts to restore the backup.
- **Build Index** – we'll need to build an index before your imported content is searchable. This can take a long time for large sites, so deselect this option if you would rather build the index later. Your content won't be searchable until the index is built.

**7. Choose where to manage users**

Choose to manage Confluence's users and groups inside Confluence or in a JIRA application, such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk:

▼ **Manage users and groups in Confluence...**

Choose this option if you're happy to manage users in Confluence, or don't have a JIRA application installed.

**Good to know:**

- If you do plan to manage users in a JIRA application, but have not yet installed it, we recommend installing JIRA first, and then returning to the Confluence setup.
- You can add external user management (for example LDAP, Crowd or JIRA) later if you choose.

▼ **Connect to JIRA...**

Choose this option if you have a JIRA application installed and want to manage users across both applications.

**Good to know:**

- This is a quick way of setting up your JIRA integration with the most common options.
- It will configure a JIRA user directory for Confluence, and set up application links between JIRA and Confluence for easy sharing of data.
- You'll be able to specify exactly which groups in your JIRA app should also be allowed to log in to Confluence. Your license tiers do not need to be the same for each application.
- You'll need either JIRA 4.3 or later, JIRA Core 7.0 or later, JIRA Software 7.0 or later, or JIRA Service Desk 3.0 or later.

**In the setup wizard:**

- **JIRA Base URL** – the address of your JIRA server, such as `http://www.example.com:8080/jira/` or `http://jira.example.com/`
- **JIRA Administrator Login** – this is the username and password of a user account that has the JIRA System Administrator global permission in your JIRA application. Confluence will also use this username and password to create a local administrator account which will let you access Confluence if JIRA is unavailable. Note that this single account is stored in Confluence's internal user directory, so if you change the password in JIRA, it will not automatically update in Confluence.
- **Confluence Base URL** – this is the URL JIRA will use to access your Confluence server. The URL you give here overrides the base URL specified in Confluence, for the purposes of connecting to the JIRA application.
- **User Groups** – these are the JIRA groups whose members should be allowed to use Confluence. Members of these groups will get the 'Can use' permission for Confluence, and will be counted in your Confluence license. The default user group name differs depending on your JIRA version:
  - JIRA 6.4 and earlier: `jira-users`.
  - JIRA Software 7.x and later: `jira-software-users`
  - JIRA Core 7.x and later: `jira-core-users`
  - JIRA Service Desk 3.x and later: `jira-servicedesk-users`



- **Admin Groups** – provide one or more JIRA groups whose members should have administrative access to Confluence. The default group is `jira-administrators`. These groups will get the system administrator and Confluence administrator global permissions in Confluence.

#### 8. Create your administrator account

Enter details for the administrator account.

Skip this step if you chose to manage users in a JIRA application or you imported data from an existing site.

#### 9. Start using Confluence

That's it! Your Confluence site is accessible from a URL like this:

`http://<computer_name_or_IP_address>:<port>`

If you plan to run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, check out [Proxy and SSL considerations](#) before you go any further.

Here's a few things that will help you get your team up and running:

- [Set the server base URL](#) – this is the URL people will use to access Confluence.
- [Set up a mail server](#) – this allows Confluence to send people notification about content.
- [Add and invite users](#) – get your team on board!
- [Start and stop Confluence](#) – find out how to start and stop Confluence.



### Troubleshooting

#### ▼ [Running into problems installing Confluence?](#)

- Some anti-virus or other Internet security tools may interfere with the Confluence installation process and prevent the process from completing successfully. If you experience or anticipate experiencing such an issue with your anti-virus/Internet security tool, disable this tool first before proceeding with the Confluence installation.
- Can't start Confluence? See [Confluence does not start due to Spring Application context has not been set](#).
- Collaborative editing errors? See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#).

Head to [Installation Troubleshooting](#) in our Knowledge Base for more help.

### Installing Confluence on Windows from Zip File

In this guide we'll run you through installing Confluence in a production environment, with an external database, manually using a zip file.

This method gives you the most control of the installation process.

### Other ways to install Confluence:

- [Evaluation](#) - get your free trial up and running in no time.
- [Installer](#) – install Confluence using the Windows installer.
- [Linux](#) – install Confluence on a Linux operating system.

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**Troubleshooting****Before you begin**

Before you install Confluence, there's a few questions you need to answer.

Are you using a supported operating system and Java version?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more about this...</a></p> <p>Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version of Confluence you are installing. This will give you info on supported operating systems, databases and browsers.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't support installing Confluence on OSX.</li> <li>• We don't support OpenJDK. You'll need to install the Oracle Java JRE or JDK.</li> <li>• You can use either the JDK (Java Development Kit) or JRE (Java Runtime Environment).</li> <li>• We only support the version of Apache Tomcat that is bundled with Confluence.</li> </ul>
Do you want to run Confluence as a Windows Service?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more about this...</a></p> <p>Running Confluence as a service in Windows means that Confluence will automatically start up when Windows is started.</p> <p>You should use the <a href="#">Windows installer</a> if you want to run Confluence as a Service.</p> <p><b>If you choose not to run Confluence as a service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will start and stop Confluence by running the <code>start-confluence.bat</code> file in your Confluence installation directory.</li> <li>• Confluence will be run as the Windows user account that was used to install Confluence, or you can choose to run as a dedicated user (this user must have full read and write access to the installation directory and home directory).</li> <li>• Confluence will need to be restarted manually if your server is restarted.</li> </ul>

Are ports 8090 and 8091 available?	<p>▼ <a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Confluence runs on port 8090 by default. If this port is already in use, the installer will prompt you to choose a different port.</p> <p>Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, runs on port 8091 by default. If this port is already in use, you will need to change the port that Synchrony runs on after your Confluence installation is complete. See <a href="#">Administering Collaborative Editing</a> to find out how to change the port Synchrony runs on. You won't be able to edit pages until Synchrony has an available port.</p>
What database do you plan to use?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more about this...</a></p> <p>To run Confluence in production you'll need an external database. Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version you're installing for the list of databases we currently support. If you don't already have a database, PostgreSQL is free, easy to set up and has been extensively tested with Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up your database before you begin. Step-by-step guides are available for <a href="#">PostgreSQL</a>, <a href="#">Oracle</a>, <a href="#">MySQL</a>, and <a href="#">SQL Server</a>.</li> <li>• Use UTF-8 character encoding. See <a href="#">Configuring Character Encoding</a> for more info.</li> <li>• If you're using Oracle or MySQL you'll need to <a href="#">download the driver</a> for your database.</li> <li>• The embedded H2 database can be used for evaluating Confluence, but you'll need to migrate to another database before running in production. You may find it easier to use external database from the start.</li> </ul>
Do you have a Confluence license?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more about this...</a></p> <p>You'll need a valid Confluence Server license to use Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have not yet purchased a Confluence license you'll be able to create an evaluation license during setup.</li> <li>• If you already have a license key you'll be prompted to log in to <a href="https://my.atlassian.com">my.atlassian.com</a> to retrieve it, or you can enter the key manually during setup.</li> <li>• If you're migrating from Confluence Cloud, you'll need a new license.</li> </ul>
Is your JAVA_HOME variable set correctly?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more about this...</a></p> <p>Before you install Confluence, check that you're running a supported Java version and that the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> environment variable is set correctly.</p> <p><b>To check the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> variable:</b></p> <p>Open a command prompt and type <code>echo %JAVA_HOME%</code> and hit Enter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you see a path to your Java installation directory, the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> environment variable has been set correctly.</li> <li>• If nothing is displayed, or only <code>%JAVA_HOME%</code> is returned, you'll need to set the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> environment variable manually. See <a href="#">Setting the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> Variable in Windows</a> for a step by step guide.</li> </ul>

## Install Confluence

### 1. Download Confluence

Download the zip file for your operating system – <https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download>.

## 2. Create the installation directory

1. Create your installation directory (with full control permission) – this is where Confluence will be installed. Avoid using spaces or special characters in the path. We'll refer to this directory as your <installation-directory>.
2. Extract the Confluence zip file to your <installation-directory>. We recommend using [7zip](#) or [Winzip](#).

## 3. Create the home directory

1. Create your home directory (with full control permission) – this is where Confluence data like logs, search indexes and files will be stored. This should be separate to your installation directory. We'll refer to this directory as your <home-directory>.
2. Edit <installation-directory>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties.
3. At the bottom of the file, enter the path to your <home directory>.

### ▼ Show me how to do this...

You can edit the confluence-init.properties file in Notepad or any other text editor.

- a. Scroll to the bottom of the text and find this line:

```
# confluence.home=c:/confluence/data
```

- b. Remove the '#' and the space at the beginning of this line (so Confluence doesn't regard the line as a comment)

```
confluence.home=c:/data/confluence-home
```

- c. If you decide to use a different directory as the home directory you should:
  - Avoid spaces in the directory path or file name.
  - Use forward slashes '/' to define the path in this file.

## 4. Check the ports

By default Confluence listens on port 8090. If you have another application running on your server that uses the same ports, you'll need to tell Confluence to use a different port.

### ▼ Show me how to do this...

To change the ports:

1. Edit <installation-directory>\conf\server.xml
2. Change the **Server** port (8000) and the **Connector** port (8090) to free ports on your server.

In the example below we've changed the **Server** port to 5000 and the **Connector** port to 5050.

```
Server port="5000" shutdown="SHUTDOWN" debug="0">
  <Service name="Tomcat-Standalone">
    <Connector port="5050" connectionTimeout="20000"
redirectPort="8443"
      maxThreads="48" minSpareThreads="10"
      enableLookups="false" acceptCount="10" debug="0"
URIEncoding="UTF-8"
      protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
    />
```

## 5. Start Confluence

1. Run `<installation-directory>/startup.bat` to start the install process.

A command prompt will open. Closing this window will stop Confluence.

2. Go to `http://localhost:8090/` to launch Confluence in your browser (change the port if you've updated the Connector port).

### ▼ Troubleshooting Confluence?

- If the command prompt window closes immediately, your `JAVA_HOME` variable may not be set correctly. See [Setting the JAVA\\_HOME Variable in Windows](#).
- If you see an error, see [Confluence does not start due to Spring Application context has not been set](#) for troubleshooting options.

## Set up Confluence

### 6. Choose installation type

1. Choose **Production installation**.
2. Choose any **add-ons** you'd also like to install.

### 7. Enter your license

Follow the prompts to log in to [my.atlassian.com](http://my.atlassian.com) to retrieve your license, or enter a license key.

### 8. Connect to your database

1. If you've not already done so, it's time to create your database. See the 'Before you begin' section of this page for details.
2. Select your database from the dropdown menu and choose **External Database**.
3. Choose how you want to connect to your database:

#### ▼ Direct JDBC connection...

This option uses a standard JDBC database connection. Connection pooling is handled within Confluence.

#### If you're using Oracle or MySQL there's an extra step:

- Download and extract the appropriate [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
- Drop the JAR file into your `<confluence-installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` folder before continuing with the setup wizard.

#### In the setup wizard:

- **Driver Class Name** – the Java class name for your database driver. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Database URL** – the JDBC URL for your database. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Username** and **Password** – A valid username and password that Confluence can use to access your database.

#### ▼ Datasource...

This option asks the application server (Apache Tomcat) for a database connection. You'll need to manually add the datasource to the `server.xml` file before you can continue.

#### To set up a datasource follow our guide for your database:

- [Configuring an Oracle Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a SQL Server Datasource](#)

- [Configuring a MySQL Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a PostgreSQL Datasource](#)

#### In the setup wizard:

- **Datasource Name** – this is JNDI name of the datasource, as configured in the `server.xml` file.  
Some servers will have JNDI names like `jdbc/datasourcename`; others will be like `java:comp/env/jdbc/datasourcename`.

### 9. Populate your new site with content

Choose whether you'd like Confluence to populate your site with content:

#### ▼ [Demonstration space...](#)

This option will create a space that you and your users can use to get to know Confluence. You can delete this space at any time.

#### ▼ [Import data from an existing site...](#)

Use this option if you have a [full site export](#) of an existing Confluence site. This is useful when you're migrating to another database or setting up a test site.

#### Good to know:

- You can only import sites from the **same** or **earlier** Confluence version.
- The system administrator account and all other user data and content will be imported from your previous installation.

#### In the setup wizard:

- **Upload a backup file** – use this option if your site export file is small (25mb or less).
- **Restore a backup file from the file system** – use this option if your backup file is large. Drop the file into your `<confluence-home>/restore` directory then follow the prompts to restore the backup.
- **Build Index** – we'll need to build an index before your imported content is searchable. This can take a long time for large sites, so deselect this option if you would rather build the index later. Your content won't be searchable until the index is built.

### 10. Choose where to manage users

Choose to manage Confluence's users and groups inside Confluence or in a JIRA application, such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk:

#### ▼ [Manage users and groups in Confluence...](#)

Choose this option if you're happy to manage users in Confluence, or don't have a JIRA application installed.

#### Good to know:

- If you do plan to manage users in a JIRA application, but have not yet installed it, we recommend installing JIRA first, and then returning to the Confluence setup.
- You can add external user management (for example LDAP, Crowd or JIRA) later if you choose.

#### ▼ [Connect to JIRA...](#)

Choose this option if you have a JIRA application installed and want to manage users across both applications.

#### Good to know:

- This is a quick way of setting up your JIRA integration with the most common options.
- It will configure a JIRA user directory for Confluence, and set up application links between JIRA and Confluence for easy sharing of data.
- You'll be able to specify exactly which groups in your JIRA app should also be allowed to log in to Confluence. Your license tiers do not need to be the same for each application.
- You'll need either JIRA 4.3 or later, JIRA Core 7.0 or later, JIRA Software 7.0 or later, or JIRA Service Desk 3.0 or later.

**In the setup wizard:**

- **JIRA Base URL** – the address of your JIRA server, such as `http://www.example.com:8080/jira/` or `http://jira.example.com/`
- **JIRA Administrator Login** – this is the username and password of a user account that has the JIRA System Administrator global permission in your JIRA application. Confluence will also use this username and password to create a local administrator account which will let you access Confluence if JIRA is unavailable. Note that this single account is stored in Confluence's internal user directory, so if you change the password in JIRA, it will not automatically update in Confluence.
- **Confluence Base URL** – this is the URL JIRA will use to access your Confluence server. The URL you give here overrides the base URL specified in Confluence, for the purposes of connecting to the JIRA application.
- **User Groups** – these are the JIRA groups whose members should be allowed to use Confluence. Members of these groups will get the 'Can use' permission for Confluence, and will be counted in your Confluence license. The default user group name differs depending on your JIRA version:
  - JIRA 6.4 and earlier: `jira-users`.
  - JIRA Software 7.x and later: `jira-software-users`
  - JIRA Core 7.x and later: `jira-core-users`
  - JIRA Service Desk 3.x and later: `jira-servicedesk-users`
- **Admin Groups** – provide one or more JIRA groups whose members should have administrative access to Confluence. The default group is `jira-administrators`. These groups will get the system administrator and Confluence administrator global permissions in Confluence.

**11. Create your administrator account**

Enter details for the administrator account.

Skip this step if you chose to manage users in a JIRA application or you imported data from an existing site.

**12. Start using Confluence**

That's it! Your Confluence site is accessible from a URL like this:

`http://<computer_name_or_IP_address>:<port>`

If you plan to run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, check out [Proxy and SSL considerations](#) before you go any further.

Here's a few things that will help you get your team up and running:

- [Set the server base URL](#) – this is the URL people will use to access Confluence.
- [Set up a mail server](#) – this allows Confluence to send people notification about content.
- [Add and invite users](#) – get your team on board!
- [Start and stop Confluence](#) – find out how to start and stop Confluence.

**Troubleshooting****▼ [Running into problems installing Confluence?](#)**

- If your web browser window shows an error the first time you try to access Confluence, wait for 30 seconds or so and then refresh the page.



- If the command prompt window closes immediately, your `JAVA_HOME` variable may not be set correctly. See [Setting the JAVA\\_HOME Variable in Windows](#).
- If you see an error, see [Confluence does not start due to Spring Application context has not been set](#) for troubleshooting options.
- Collaborative editing errors? See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#).

Head to [Installation Troubleshooting](#) in our Knowledge Base for more help.

## Uninstalling Confluence from Windows

This page describes the procedure for uninstalling an instance of Confluence which has been installed using the [Windows Installer](#).

### To uninstall Confluence from Windows:

1. Log in to Windows as the same user that was used to install Confluence with the [Windows Installer](#).
2. Start the uninstaller by doing either of the following:
  - Click the Windows **Start Menu** > **All Programs** > **Confluence** > **Uninstall Confluence**  
**OR**
  - Open the Windows Control Panel, choose **Add or Remove Programs** (on Windows XP) or **Programs and Features** on (Windows 7, Vista) and then select **Confluence X.Y** from the list of applications and click **Uninstall/Change**.  
**OR**
  - Open the Windows command prompt and do the following:
    - a. Change directory to your Confluence installation directory
    - b. Run the `uninstall.exe` file
3. Follow the prompts to uninstall Confluence from your computer.

#### Please note:

- The uninstaller will not delete the Confluence Home Directory.
- All log files that were generated while Confluence was running will not be deleted.
- All files within the Confluence Installation Directory will be deleted (with the exception of the Tomcat log folder located in the Confluence Installation Directory).
- The uninstaller can be made to operate in unattended mode by specifying the `-q` option at the Windows command prompt — i.e. `uninstall -q`
- If you wish to re-install Confluence in 'unattended mode', do not uninstall your previous installation of Confluence just yet. See [Using the Silent Installation Feature](#) for more information.

## Installing Confluence on Linux

In this guide we'll run you through installing Confluence in a production environment, with an external database, using the Linux installer.

This is the most straightforward way to get your production site up and running on a Linux server.

### Other ways to install Confluence:

- [Evaluation](#) - get your free trial up and running in no time.
- [TAR.GZ](#) – install Confluence manually from an archive file.
- [Windows](#) – install Confluence on a Windows server.

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#### *Before you begin*

Before you install Confluence, there are a few questions you need to answer.

Are you using a supported operating system?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version of Confluence you are installing. This will give you info on supported operating systems, databases and browsers.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't support installing Confluence on OSX for production sites.</li> <li>• The Confluence installer includes Java (JRE) and Tomcat, so you don't need to install these separately.</li> <li>• Confluence can't run on OpenJDK.</li> </ul>
Do you want to run Confluence as a service?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Running Confluence as a service means that Confluence will automatically start up when Windows is started.</p> <p><b>If you choose to run Confluence as a service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must use <code>sudo</code> to run the installer to be able to install Confluence as a service.</li> <li>• The installer will create a dedicated user account, <code>confluence</code>, that will run the service.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you choose not to run Confluence as a service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will start and stop Confluence by running the <code>start-confluence.sh</code> file in your Confluence installation directory.</li> <li>• Confluence will be run as the user account that was used to install Confluence, or you can choose to run as a dedicated user.</li> <li>• Confluence will need to be restarted manually if your server is restarted.</li> </ul>
Are ports 8090 and 8091 available?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Confluence runs on port 8090 by default. If this port is already in use, the installer will prompt you to choose a different port.</p> <p>Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, runs on port 8091 by default. If this port is already in use, you will need to change the port that Synchrony runs on after your Confluence installation is complete. See <a href="#">Administering Collaborative Editing</a> to find out how to change the port Synchrony runs on. You won't be able to edit pages until Synchrony has an available port.</p>
Is your database set up and ready to use?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>To run Confluence in production you'll need an external database. Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version you're installing for the list of databases we currently support. If you don't already have a database, PostgreSQL is free, easy to set up and has been extensively tested with Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up your database before you begin. Step-by-step guides are available for <a href="#">PostgreSQL</a>, <a href="#">Oracle</a>, <a href="#">MySQL</a>, and <a href="#">SQL Server</a>.</li> <li>• Use UTF-8 character encoding. See <a href="#">Configuring Character Encoding</a> for more info.</li> <li>• If you're using Oracle or MySQL you'll need to <a href="#">download the driver</a> for your database.</li> <li>• The embedded H2 database can be used for evaluating Confluence, but you'll need to migrate to another database before running in production. You may find it easier to use external database from the start.</li> </ul>

Do you have a Confluence license?	<p>▼ <a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>You'll need a valid Confluence Server license to use Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have not yet purchased a Confluence license you'll be able to create an evaluation license during setup.</li> <li>• If you already have a license key you'll be prompted to log in to <a href="https://my.atlassian.com">my.atlassian.com</a> to retrieve it, or you can enter the key manually during setup.</li> <li>• If you're migrating from Confluence Cloud, you'll need a new license.</li> </ul>
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## Install Confluence

### 1. Download Confluence

Download the installer for your operating system – <https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download>

### 2. Run the installer

#### 1. Make the installer executable.

##### ▼ [Show me how to do this...](#)

Change to the directory where you downloaded Confluence then execute this command:

```
$ chmod a+x atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin
```

Where `X.X.X` is the Confluence version you downloaded.

#### 2. Run the installer – we recommend using `sudo` to run the installer as this will create a dedicated account to run Confluence and allow you to run Confluence as a service.

##### ▼ [Show me how to do this...](#)

To use `sudo` to run the installer execute this command:

```
$ sudo ./atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin
```

Where `X.X.X` is the Confluence version you downloaded.

You can also choose to run the installer as with root user privileges.

#### 3. Follow the prompts to install Confluence. You'll be asked for the following info:

- **Install type** – choose option 2 (custom) for the most control.
  - **Destination directory** – this is where Confluence will be installed.
  - **Home directory** – this is where Confluence data like logs, search indexes and files will be stored.
  - **TCP ports** – these are the HTTP connector port and control port Confluence will run on. Stick with the default unless you're running another application on the same port.
  - **Install as service** – this option is only available if you ran the installer as `sudo`.
4. Once installation is complete head to `http://localhost:8090/` in your browser to begin the setup process.  
(Replace 8090 if you chose a different port during installation).

##### ▼ [Trouble starting Confluence?](#)

If you're installing Confluence on a fresh Linux installation see [Confluence generates Confluence is vacant error on install](#) for troubleshooting options.

## Set up Confluence

### 3. Choose installation type

1. Choose **Production installation**.
2. Choose any **add-ons** you'd also like to install.

### 4. Enter your license

Follow the prompts to log in to [my.atlassian.com](https://my.atlassian.com) to retrieve your license, or enter a license key.

### 5. Connect to your database

1. If you've not already done so, it's time to create your database. See the 'Before you begin' section of this page for details.
2. Select your database from the dropdown menu and choose **External Database**.
3. Choose how you want to connect to your database:

#### ▼ Direct JDBC connection...

This option uses a standard JDBC database connection. Connection pooling is handled within Confluence.

#### If you're using Oracle or MySQL there's an extra step:

- Download and extract the appropriate [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
- Drop the JAR file into your `<confluence-installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` folder before continuing with the setup wizard.

#### In the setup wizard:

- **Driver Class Name** – the Java class name for your database driver. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Database URL** – the JDBC URL for your database. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Username** and **Password** – A valid username and password that Confluence can use to access your database.

#### ▼ Datasource...

This option asks the application server (Apache Tomcat) for a database connection. You'll need to manually add the datasource to the `server.xml` file before you can continue.

#### To set up a datasource follow our guide for your database:

- [Configuring an Oracle Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a SQL Server Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a MySQL Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a PostgreSQL Datasource](#)

#### In the setup wizard:

- **Datasource Name** – this is JNDI name of the datasource, as configured in the `server.xml` file.  
Some servers will have JNDI names like `jdbc/datasourcename`; others will be like `java:comp/env/jdbc/datasourcename`.

### 6. Populate your new site with content

Choose whether you'd like Confluence to populate your site with content:

#### ▼ Demonstration space...

This option will create a space that you and your users can use to get to know Confluence. You can delete this space at any time.

#### ▼ Import data from an existing site...

Use this option if you have a [full site export](#) of an existing Confluence site. This is useful when you're migrating to another database or setting up a test site.

##### Good to know:

- You can only import sites from the **same** or **earlier** Confluence version.
- The system administrator account and all other user data and content will be imported from your previous installation.

##### In the setup wizard:

- **Upload a backup file** – use this option if your site export file is small (25mb or less).
- **Restore a backup file from the file system** – use this option if your backup file is large. Drop the file into your `<confluence-home>/restore` directory then follow the prompts to restore the backup.
- **Build Index** – we'll need to build an index before your imported content is searchable. This can take a long time for large sites, so deselect this option if you would rather build the index later. Your content won't be searchable until the index is built.

#### 7. Choose where to manage users

Choose to manage Confluence's users and groups inside Confluence or in a JIRA application, such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk:

#### ▼ Manage users and groups in Confluence...

Choose this option if you're happy to manage users in Confluence, or don't have a JIRA application installed.

##### Good to know:

- If you do plan to manage users in a JIRA application, but have not yet installed it, we recommend installing JIRA first, and then returning to the Confluence setup.
- You can add external user management (for example LDAP, Crowd or JIRA) later if you choose.

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- This is a quick way of setting up your JIRA integration with the most common options.
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- You'll be able to specify exactly which groups in your JIRA app should also be allowed to log in to Confluence. Your license tiers do not need to be the same for each application.
- You'll need either JIRA 4.3 or later, JIRA Core 7.0 or later, JIRA Software 7.0 or later, or JIRA Service Desk 3.0 or later.

##### In the setup wizard:

- **JIRA Base URL** – the address of your JIRA server, such as `http://www.example.com:8080/jira/` or `http://jira.example.com/`
- **JIRA Administrator Login** – this is the username and password of a user account that has the JIRA System Administrator global permission in your JIRA application. Confluence will also use this username and password to create a local administrator account which will let you access Confluence if JIRA is unavailable. Note that this single account is stored in Confluence's internal user directory, so if you change the password in JIRA, it will not automatically update in Confluence.
- **Confluence Base URL** – this is the URL JIRA will use to access your Confluence server. The URL you give here overrides the base URL specified in Confluence, for the purposes of connecting to the JIRA application.
- **User Groups** – these are the JIRA groups whose members should be allowed to use Confluence. Members of these groups will get the 'Can use' permission for Confluence, and will be counted in your Confluence license. The default user group name differs depending on your JIRA version:
  - JIRA 6.4 and earlier: `jira-users`.

- JIRA Software 7.x and later: `jira-software-users`
- JIRA Core 7.x and later: `jira-core-users`
- JIRA Service Desk 3.x and later: `jira-servicedesk-users`
- **Admin Groups** – provide one or more JIRA groups whose members should have administrative access to Confluence. The default group is `jira-administrators`. These groups will get the system administrator and Confluence administrator global permissions in Confluence.

#### 8. Create your administrator account

Enter details for the administrator account.

Skip this step if you chose to manage users in a JIRA application or you imported data from an existing site.

#### 9. Start using Confluence

That's it! Your Confluence site is accessible from a URL like this:

`http://<computer_name_or_IP_address>:<port>`

If you plan to run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, check out [Proxy and SSL considerations](#) before you go any further.

Here's a few things that will help you get your team up and running:

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- [Start and stop Confluence](#) – find out how to start and stop Confluence.



#### Troubleshooting

##### ▼ [Running into problems installing Confluence?](#)

- Some anti-virus or other Internet security tools may interfere with the Confluence installation process and prevent the process from completing successfully. If you experience or anticipate experiencing such an issue with your anti-virus/Internet security tool, disable this tool first before proceeding with the Confluence installation.
- The [Linux OOM Killer](#) can sometimes kill Confluence processes when memory on the server becomes too low. See [How to Configure the Linux Out-of-Memory Killer](#).
- Collaborative editing errors? See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#).

Head to [Installation Troubleshooting](#) in our Knowledge Base for more help.

#### Installing Confluence on Linux from Archive File

In this guide we'll run you through installing Confluence in a production environment, with an external database, manually using a zip file.

This method gives you the most control over the installation process.

**Other ways to install Confluence:**

- [Evaluation](#) - get your free trial up and running in no time.
- [Installer](#) – install Confluence using the Linux installer.
- [Windows](#) – install Confluence on a Windows server.

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[Troubleshooting](#)**Before you begin**

Before you install Confluence, there are a few questions you need to answer.

<p>Are you using a supported operating system and Java version?</p>	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version of Confluence you are installing. This will give you info on supported operating systems, databases and browsers.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't support installing Confluence on OS X or mac OS for production environments.</li> <li>• <b>Confluence can't run on OpenJDK.</b> You'll need to install Oracle Java.</li> <li>• You can use either the JDK (Java Development Kit) or JRE (Java Runtime Environment).</li> <li>• We only support the version of Apache Tomcat that is bundled with Confluence.</li> </ul>
<p>Do you want to run Confluence as a service?</p>	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Running Confluence as a service means that Confluence will automatically start up when your Linux server is started.</p> <p>You should use the <a href="#">Linux installer</a> if you want to run Confluence as a service.</p> <p><b>If you choose not to run Confluence as a service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will start Confluence by running the <code>start-confluence.sh</code> file in your Confluence installation directory.</li> <li>• We recommend creating a dedicated user to run Confluence. This user must have full read, write and execute access to the installation directory and home directory.</li> <li>• Confluence will need to be restarted manually if your server is restarted.</li> </ul>



<p>Are ports 8090 and 8091 available?</p>	<p>▼ <a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Confluence runs on port 8090 by default. If this port is already in use, the installer will prompt you to choose a different port.</p> <p>Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing, runs on port 8091 by default. If this port is already in use, you will need to change the port that Synchrony runs on after your Confluence installation is complete. See <a href="#">Administering Collaborative Editing</a> to find out how to change the port Synchrony runs on. You won't be able to edit pages until Synchrony has an available port.</p>
<p>What database do you plan to use?</p>	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>To run Confluence in production you'll need an external database. Check the <a href="#">Supported Platforms</a> page for the version you're installing for the list of databases we currently support. If you don't already have a database, PostgreSQL is free, easy to set up and has been extensively tested with Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up your database before you begin. Step-by-step guides are available for <a href="#">PostgreSQL</a>, <a href="#">Oracle</a>, <a href="#">MySQL</a>, and <a href="#">SQL Server</a>.</li> <li>• Use UTF-8 character encoding. See <a href="#">Configuring Character Encoding</a> for more info.</li> <li>• If you're using Oracle or MySQL you'll need to <a href="#">download the driver</a> for your database.</li> <li>• The embedded H2 database can be used for evaluating Confluence, but you'll need to migrate to another database before running in production. You may find it easier to use external database from the start.</li> </ul>
<p>Do you have a Confluence license?</p>	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>You'll need a valid Confluence Server license to use Confluence.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have not yet purchased a Confluence license you'll be able to create an evaluation license during setup.</li> <li>• If you already have a license key you'll be prompted to log in to <a href="https://my.atlassian.com">my.atlassian.com</a> to retrieve it, or you can enter the key manually during setup.</li> <li>• If you're migrating from Confluence Cloud, you'll need a new license.</li> </ul>
<p>Is your JAVA_HOME variable set correctly?</p>	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Before you install Confluence, check that you're running a supported Java version and that the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> environment variable is set correctly.</p> <p><b>Confluence can only run with Oracle JDK or JRE.</b></p> <p>To check your Java version:</p> <pre>\$ java -version</pre> <p>To check your <code>JAVA_HOME</code> variable is set correctly:</p> <pre>\$ echo \$JAVA_HOME</pre> <p>If you see a path to your Java installation directory, the <code>JAVA_HOME</code> environment variable has been set correctly. If a path is not returned you'll need to set your <code>JAVA_HOME</code> environment variable manually before installing Confluence.</p>

Have you created a dedicated user to run Confluence?

▼ [Tell me more...](#)

We strongly recommend running Confluence as a dedicated user.

You should create this user before you begin, so that when creating the installation and home directories, you can give this user appropriate read and write permissions.

In this example, we'll create a user called `confluence`:

```
$ sudo /usr/sbin/useradd --create-home --comment  
"Account for running Confluence" --shell /bin/bash  
confluence
```

See [Creating a Dedicated User Account on the Operating System to Run Confluence](#) for more information.

## Install Confluence

### 1. Download Confluence

Download the `tar.gz` file for your operating system - <https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download>.

### 2. Create the installation directory

1. Create your installation directory – this is where Confluence will be installed. Avoid using spaces or special characters in the path. We'll refer to this directory as your `<installation-directory>`.

▼ [Show me how to do this...](#)

In this example we'll call our installation directory `confluence`:

```
$ mkdir confluence
```

2. Extract the Confluence `tar.gz` file to your `<installation-directory>`. We recommend using a GNU version of the archive utility, especially on Solaris.

▼ [Show me how to do this...](#)

Change to the directory where you downloaded Confluence then execute these commands:

```
$ tar -xzf atlassian-confluence-X.X.X.tar.gz -C  
<installation-directory>  
$ cd <installation-directory>  
$ tar -xf atlassian-confluence-X.X.X.tar
```

Replace `x.x.x` with your Confluence version and `<installation-directory>` with the full path to the directory you created in the last step.

3. Give your dedicated Confluence user read, write and execute permission to your `<installation-directory>`.

▼ [Show me how to do this...](#)

In this example we're changing ownership of the installation directory and giving the user `confluence` read, write and execute permissions.

```
$ chown -R confluence <installation-directory>
$ chmod -R u=rwx,go-rwx <installation-directory>
```

### 3. Create the home directory

1. Create your home directory – this is where Confluence application data like logs, search indexes and files will be stored. This should be separate to your installation directory, with no spaces or special characters in the path. We'll refer to this directory as your `<home-directory>`.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this...

In this example we'll call our home directory `confluence-home`:

```
$ mkdir confluence-home
```

2. Give your dedicated Confluence user read, write and execute permissions to the `<home-directory>`.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this...

In this example we're changing ownership of the home directory and giving the user `confluence` read, write and execute permissions.

```
$ chown -R confluence <home-directory>
$ chmod -R u=rwx,go-rwx <home-directory>
```

3. Edit `<installation-directory>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties`.
4. At the bottom of the file, enter the absolute path to your `<home-directory>`. This tells Confluence where to find your `<home-directory>` when it starts up.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this...

You can edit the `confluence.init.properties` file any text editor.

- a. Scroll to the bottom of the text and find this line:

```
# confluence.home=c:/confluence/data
```

- b. Remove the `#` and the space at the beginning of this line (so Confluence doesn't read the line as a comment) and add the absolute path to your home directory (not a symlink). For example:

```
confluence.home=/var/confluence-home
```

### 4. Check the ports

By default Confluence listens on port 8090. If you have another application running on your server that uses the same ports, you'll need to tell Confluence to use a different port.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this...

To change the ports:

1. Edit `<installation-directory>\conf\server.xml`

2. Change the **Server** port (8000) and the **Connector** port (8090) to free ports on your server.

In the example below we've changed the **Server** port to 5000 and the **Connector** port to 5050.

```
Server port="5000" shutdown="SHUTDOWN" debug="0">
  <Service name="Tomcat-Standalone">
    <Connector port="5050" connectionTimeout="20000"
      redirectPort="8443"
      maxThreads="48" minSpareThreads="10"
      enableLookups="false" acceptCount="10" debug="0"
      URIEncoding="UTF-8"
      protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11NioProtocol"
    />
  />
```

Linux won't allow you to bind to ports less than 1024. If you want to run Confluence on port 80, for example, you could use a reverse proxy to redirect traffic from port 80. See [Using Apache with mod\\_proxy](#).

#### 5. Start Confluence

1. Run `<installation-directory>/bin/start-confluence.sh` to start the setup process.

##### ▼ [Show me how to do this...](#)

We recommend running Confluence as your dedicated user.

```
$ su -u <user>
$ ./start-confluence.sh
```

If you're using Ubuntu the command is a little different:

```
$ sudo su <user>
$ ./start-confluence.sh
```

2. Go to `http://localhost:8090/` to launch Confluence in your browser (change the port if you've updated the Connector port).

##### ▼ [Trouble starting Confluence?](#)

- Check your `JAVA_HOME` variable is set correctly.
- If you see an error, see [Confluence does not start due to Spring Application context has not been set](#) for troubleshooting options.

#### Set up Confluence

#### 6. Choose installation type

1. Choose **Production installation**.
2. Choose any **add-ons** you'd also like to install.

#### 7. Enter your license

Follow the prompts to log in to [my.atlassian.com](https://my.atlassian.com) to retrieve your license, or enter a license key.

#### 8. Connect to your database

1. If you've not already done so, it's time to create your database. See the 'Before you begin' section of

this page for details.

2. Select your database from the dropdown menu and choose **External Database**.
3. Choose how you want to connect to your database:

▼ [Direct JDBC connection...](#)

This option uses a standard JDBC database connection. Connection pooling is handled within Confluence.

**If you're using Oracle or MySQL there's an extra step:**

- Download and and extract the appropriate [Database JDBC Drivers](#).
- Drop the JAR file into your `<confluence-installation>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` folder before continuing with the setup wizard.

**In the setup wizard:**

- **Driver Class Name** – the Java class name for your database driver. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Database URL** – the JDBC URL for your database. If you're not sure, check the documentation for your database.
- **Username** and **Password** – A valid username and password that Confluence can use to access your database.

▼ [Datasource...](#)

This option asks the application server (Apache Tomcat) for a database connection. You'll need to manually add the datasource to the `server.xml` file before you can continue.

**To set up a datasource follow our guide for your database:**

- [Configuring an Oracle Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a SQL Server Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a MySQL Datasource](#)
- [Configuring a PostgreSQL Datasource](#)

**In the setup wizard:**

- **Datasource Name** – this is JNDI name of the datasource, as configured in the `server.xml` file.  
Some servers will have JNDI names like `jdbc/datasourcename`; others will be like `java:comp/env/jdbc/datasourcename`.

## 9. Populate your new site with content

Choose whether you'd like Confluence to populate your site with content:

▼ [Demonstration space...](#)

This option will create a space that you and your users can use to get to know Confluence. You can delete this space at any time.

▼ [Import data from an existing site...](#)

Use this option if you have a [full site export](#) of an existing Confluence site. This is useful when you're migrating to another database or setting up a test site.

**Good to know:**

- You can only import sites from the **same** or **earlier** Confluence version.
- The system administrator account and all other user data and content will be imported from your previous installation.

**In the setup wizard:**

- **Upload a backup file** – use this option if your site export file is small (25mb or less).
- **Restore a backup file from the file system** – use this option if your backup file is large. Drop the file into your `<confluence-home>/restore` directory then follow the prompts to restore the

backup.

- **Build Index** – we'll need to build an index before your imported content is searchable. This can take a long time for large sites, so deselect this option if you would rather build the index later. Your content won't be searchable until the index is built.

#### 10. Choose where to manage users

Choose to manage Confluence's users and groups inside Confluence or in a JIRA application, such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk:

##### ▼ [Manage users and groups in Confluence...](#)

Choose this option if you're happy to manage users in Confluence, or don't have a JIRA application installed.

##### **Good to know:**

- If you do plan to manage users in a JIRA application, but have not yet installed it, we recommend installing JIRA first, and then returning to the Confluence setup.
- You can add external user management (for example LDAP, Crowd or JIRA) later if you choose.

##### ▼ [Connect to JIRA...](#)

Choose this option if you have a JIRA application installed and want to manage users across both applications.

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Enter details for the administrator account.

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#### 12. Start using Confluence

That's it! Your Confluence site is accessible from a URL like this:  
[http://<computer\\_name\\_or\\_IP\\_address>:<port>](http://<computer_name_or_IP_address>:<port>)

If you plan to run Confluence behind a reverse proxy, check out [Proxy and SSL considerations](#) before you go any further.

Here's a few things that will help you get your team up and running:

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#### Troubleshooting

##### ▼ [Running into problems installing Confluence?](#)

- Check your `JAVA_HOME` is set correctly.
- If you see an error, see [Confluence does not start due to Spring Application context has not been set for troubleshooting options](#).
- Use a GNU version of the unzip utility. There are known issues extracting the `tar.gz` file on Solaris and AIX. See ['extractBundledPlugins Couldn't find atlassian-bundled-plugins.zip on classpath' Due to Solaris TAR Utility](#).
- Collaborative editing errors? See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#).

Head to [Installation Troubleshooting](#) in our Knowledge Base for more help.

#### Uninstalling Confluence from Linux

This page describes the procedure for uninstalling Confluence, which had been installed using the [Linux Installer](#).

#### To uninstall Confluence from Linux:

1. Open a Linux console.
2. Change directory (`cd`) to your Confluence installation directory.
3. Execute the command `uninstall`. This command must be executed as the same user account that was used to install Confluence with the [Linux Installer](#).
4. Follow the prompts to uninstall Confluence from your computer.

#### Please note:

- The uninstaller will not delete the Confluence Home Directory.
- All log files that were generated while Confluence was running will not be deleted.
- All files within the Confluence Installation Directory will be deleted (with the exception of the Tomcat `log` folder located in the Confluence Installation Directory).
- The uninstaller can be made to operate in unattended mode by specifying the `-q` option — i.e. `uninstall -q`
- If you wish to re-install Confluence in 'unattended mode', do not uninstall your previous installation of Confluence just yet. See [Using the Silent Installation Feature](#) for more information.

#### Unattended installation



If you've previously installed Confluence using the Windows or Linux installer, you can use a configuration file from your existing Confluence installation (`response.varfile`) to re-install Confluence in unattended mode, no user input required.



This can be useful when you have installed Confluence on a test server and are ready to install on your production server with the same configuration.

#### Good to know

- The `response.varfile` file contains the options specified during the installation wizard steps of your previous Confluence installation. Don't uninstall your previous Confluence installation until after you've copied this file to your new install location.
- If you decide to modify the `response.varfile` file, make sure all directory paths specified are absolute, for example, `sys.installationDir=C:\\Program Files\\Atlassian\\Confluence` (Windows) or `sys.installationDir=/opt/atlassian/confluence` (Linux).

Unattended installations will fail if the file contains relative directory paths.

#### Install Confluence in unattended mode

1. [Download](#) the appropriate installer for your operating system.
2. Copy `<installation-directory>/install4j/response.varfile` from your existing Confluence installation to where you downloaded the installer.
3. In command prompt or terminal change directory (`cd`) to where you downloaded the installer.
4. Run the following command to install Confluence:

##### Windows

```
> atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.exe -q -varfile  
response.varfile
```

##### Linux

```
$ atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin -q -varfile  
response.varfile
```

Where `x.x.x` is the Confluence version you downloaded.

`-q` instructs the installer to run in unattended mode (quietly). `-varfile` specifies the location and name of the configuration file containing the options used by the installer.

5. Confluence will start automatically once the silent installation finishes.

Finally, head to `http://localhost:<port>` to finish setting up Confluence.

See the **Set up Confluence** section on [Installing Confluence on Windows](#) or [Installing Confluence on Linux](#) for more info.

## Change listen port for Confluence

### Problem

This page tells you what to do if you get errors like the following when starting Confluence, when you can't access Confluence on port **8090**.

If you see this error:

```
java.net.BindException: Address already in use: JVM_Bind:8090
```

This means you are running other software on Confluence's default port of **8090**. This may be another other process running on the same port. It may also be a previous instance of Confluence that hasn't been shut down cleanly.

To find out what process is listening on that port, load a command prompt and type: **netstat -an**

```
-a : Displays all active TCP connections and the TCP and UDP ports on
which the computer is listening.
-n : Displays active TCP connections, however, addresses and port
numbers are expressed numerically and no attempt is made to determine
names.
```


There is also [Process Explorer tool](#) available to determine what is binding port **8090**.

### Solution: Change the Ports which Confluence Listens On

To change the ports for Confluence, open the file `conf/server.xml` under your Confluence Installation directory. The first four lines of the file look like this:

```
Default conf/server.xml
<Server port="8000" shutdown="SHUTDOWN" debug="0">
  <Service name="Tomcat-Standalone">
    <Connector className="org.apache.coyote.tomcat4.CoyoteConnector"
port="8090" minProcessors="5" maxProcessors="75"
      enableLookups="true" redirectPort="8443" acceptCount="10"
debug="0" connectionTimeout="20000" useURIVValidationHack="false"/>
    ...
```

You need to modify both the **server** port (default is 8000) and the **connector** port (default is 8090) to ports that are free on your machine. The server port is required by Tomcat but is not user facing in any way. The connector port is what your users will use to access Confluence, eg in the snippet above, the URL would be `http://example.com:8090`.

 **Hint:** You can use netstat to identify free ports on your machine. See more information on using netstat on Windows or on Linux.

For example, here are the first four lines of a modified `server.xml` file, using ports '8020' and '8099':

**Modified conf/server.xml using ports 8020 and 8099**

```
<Server debug="0" shutdown="SHUTDOWN" port="8020">
  <Service name="Tomcat-Standalone">
    <Connector className="org.apache.coyote.tomcat4.CoyoteConnector"
      port="8099" minProcessors="5" maxProcessors="75"
      enableLookups="true" redirectPort="8443" acceptCount="10"
      debug="0" connectionTimeout="20000" useURValidationHack="false"/>
    ...
  </Service>
</Server>
```

To access Confluence in this configuration, point your web browser to `http://localhost:8099/`.

**Final Configuration**

- If this is the URL your users will use to access Confluence, [update your Base URL](#) to point to the new URL.
- You should also ensure at this point that if you are using a firewall, it is configured to allow http/https traffic over the port you have chosen.

**NOTES**

[1] For more information on netstat, see [using netstat on Windows](#), or [netstat man page](#) (Linux).

[2] The JIRA distribution runs on port **8080** by default. If you're looking to change the port of your JIRA application's distribution, see [Changing JIRA application TCP ports](#).

[3] You will need to restart Confluence after editing `server.xml` for the changes to take effect.

**Start and Stop Confluence**

How you start and stop Confluence depends on whether you are running Confluence as a Service.

To check whether Confluence is already running you can go to `http://<base-url>/status`.

**Windows****When installed as a service...**

If you installed Confluence as a service, you can **Start Confluence Server** and **Stop Confluence Server** from the Windows Start menu.

You can't start or stop Confluence manually using the `start-confluence.bat` and `stop-confluence.bat` file.

**When not installed as a service...**

If you didn't install Confluence as a service you'll need to start and stop Confluence manually.

- To start Confluence run `<installation-directory>\bin\start-confluence.bat`
- To stop Confluence run `<installation-directory>\bin\stop-confluence.bat`

We recommend running Confluence with a dedicated user account. To do this, use the `runas` command to execute `start-confluence.bat`.

```
> runas /env /user:<DOMAIN>\<confluence> start-confluence.bat
```

Where `<DOMAIN>` is your Windows domain or computer name and `<confluence>` is the name of your dedicated user.

**With add-ons disabled (for troubleshooting)...**

It is possible to start Confluence Server with user installed add-ons temporarily disabled. This is useful if you need to troubleshoot problems with your site, particularly if an add-on may be preventing Confluence from starting up successfully.

To start Confluence with all user installed add-ons temporarily disabled:

```
> cd <installation-directory>/bin
> start-confluence.bat /disablealladdons
```

To start Confluence with a particular add-on temporarily disabled:

```
> cd <installation-directory>/bin
> start-confluence.bat /disableaddon=com.atlassian.test.plugin
```

where `com.atlassian.test.plugin` is the add-on key. To disable multiple add-ons, use a colon separated list. Regex/wildcards are not permitted, the full key of the plugin must be provided.

These parameters are applied at startup only, they do not persist. If you want to permanently disable an add-on, go to



> **Add-ons** to do this via UPM.

#### Notes

- If the add-on key contains a space, disabling the add-on using this method will not work, you need to [manually deal with that add-on](#).
- This feature does **not** work for Confluence Data Center.

#### Linux

##### ▼ When installed as a service...

If you installed Confluence as a service, use one of the following commands to **start**, **stop** or **restart** Confluence.

```
$ sudo /etc/init.d/confluence start
$ sudo /etc/init.d/confluence stop
$ sudo /etc/init.d/confluence restart
```

You can't start or stop Confluence manually using the `start-confluence.sh` and `stop-confluence.sh` files.

##### ▼ When not installed as a service...

If you didn't install Confluence as a service you'll need to start and stop Confluence manually.

- To start Confluence run `<installation-directory>\bin\start-confluence.sh`
- To stop Confluence run `<installation-directory>\bin\stop-confluence.sh`

We recommend running Confluence with a dedicated user account:

```
$ su -u <user>
$ ./start-confluence.sh
```

Where `<user>` is the name of your dedicated user.

If you're using Ubuntu the command is a little different:

```
$ sudo su <user>
$ ./start-confluence.sh
```

#### ▼ With add-ons disabled (for troubleshooting)...

It is possible to start Confluence with user installed add-ons temporarily disabled. This is useful if you need to troubleshoot problems with your site, particularly if an add-on may be preventing Confluence from starting up successfully.

To start Confluence with **all** user installed add-ons temporarily disabled:

```
$ cd <installation-directory>/bin
$ ./start-confluence.sh --disable-all-addons
```

To start Confluence with a particular add-on temporarily disabled:

```
$ cd <installation-directory>/bin
$ ./start-confluence.sh --disable-addons=com.atlassian.test.plugin
```

where `com.atlassian.test.plugin` is the add-on key.

To disable multiple add-ons, use a colon separated list, for example, `com.atlassian.test.plugin:com.atlassian.another.plugin`. Regex/wildcards are not permitted, the full key of the plugin must be provided.

These parameters are applied at startup only, they do not persist. If you want to permanently disable an add-on, go to



> **Add-ons** to do this via UPM.

#### Notes

- If the add-on key contains a space, disabling the add-on using this method will not work, you need to [manually deal with that add-on](#).
- This feature does **not** work for Confluence Data Center.

## Installing Confluence Data Center

In this guide we'll run you through installing Confluence Data Center, which is a clustered solution, in a Windows or Linux Environment.

This guide covers installing for the first time, with no existing data. If you already have a Confluence Server instance, see [Moving to Confluence Data Center](#).

#### Other ways to install Confluence Data Center:

- [AWS Quick Start](#) - hassle free deployment in AWS
- [Move to Data Center](#) - for existing Confluence Server sites

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### Clustering requirements and terminology

To run Confluence in a cluster you must:

- Have a Data Center license (you can [purchase a Data Center license](#) or create an evaluation license at [my.atlassian.com](#))
- Use a [supported](#) external database, operating system and Java version
- Use a load balancer with session affinity and WebSockets support in front of the cluster
- Have a shared directory accessible to all cluster nodes in the same path (this will be your shared home directory)
- Use OAuth authentication if you have [application links](#) to other Atlassian products (such as JIRA)

In this guide we'll use the following terminology:

- Installation directory – The directory where you installed Confluence on a node.
- Local home directory – The home or data directory on each node (in non-clustered Confluence this is simply known as the home directory).
- Shared home directory – The directory you created that is accessible to all nodes in the cluster via the same path.
- Synchrony directory - The directory where you downloaded Synchrony (this can be on a confluence node, or on its own node)

At the end of the installation process, you'll have an installation and *local* home directory on each node, and a single *shared* home directory (a total of 5 directories in a two node cluster) for Confluence plus directories for Synchrony.

#### 1. Install Confluence on the first node

1. Install Confluence on node 1  
See [Installing Confluence on Windows from Zip File](#) or [Installing Confluence on Linux from Archive File](#) for more information.
2. Start Confluence on Node 1
3. Complete the setup wizard by entering:
  - Your cluster license
  - A name for your cluster
  - The path to the shared home directory you created earlier
  - The network interface Confluence will use to communicate between nodes
  - A multicast address (automatically generated or enter your own) or the IP addresses of each cluster node

#### ▼ [Deploying in AWS?](#)

We recommend using our [Quick Start](#) or Cloud Formation Template to deploy Confluence Data Center in AWS, as it will automatically provision, configure and connect everything you need.

If you do decide to do your own custom deployment, you can provide the following information to allow Confluence to auto-discover cluster nodes:

Field	Description
<b>IAM Role or Secret Key</b>	This is your authentication method. You can choose to authenticate by IAM Role or Secret Key.
<b>Region</b>	This is the region your cluster nodes (EC2 instances) will be running in.
<b>Host header</b>	Optional. This is the AWS endpoint for Confluence to use (the address where the EC2 API can be found, for example <a href="#">ec2.amazonaws.com</a> ). Leave blank to use the default endpoint.
<b>Security group name</b>	Optional. Use to narrow the members of your cluster to only resources in a particular security group (specified in the EC2 console).

<b>Tag key and Tag value</b>	Optional. Use to narrow the members of your cluster to only resources with particular tags (specified in the EC2 console).
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#### 4. Stop Confluence on Node 1

## 2. Set up Synchrony

Collaborative editing requires Synchrony, which runs as a separate process. You can deploy Synchrony on the same nodes as Confluence, or in its own cluster with as many nodes as you need. You'll need to complete step one (including entering your Data Center license) before you start this step.

In this example, we assume you'll run Synchrony in its own cluster. When configuring your cluster nodes you can either supply the IP address of each Synchrony cluster node, or a multicast address.

1. Create a Synchrony directory on your first node and copy `synchrony-standalone.jar` from your Confluence `<home-directory>` to this directory.
2. Copy your database driver from your Confluence `<install-directory>/confluence/web-inf/lib` to an appropriate location on your Synchrony node.
3. Change to your Synchrony directory and start Synchrony using the following command. You need to pass **all** of the system properties listed, replacing the values where indicated.

### ▼ Start Synchrony command...

In a terminal / command prompt, execute the following command, replacing `<values>` with appropriate values for your environment. Scroll down for more information on each of the values you will need to replace.



```

java
-Xss2048k
-Xmx2g

# To set the classpath in Linux
-classpath
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>:<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>

# To set the classpath in Windows
-classpath
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>;<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>

-Dsynchrony.cluster.impl=hazelcast-btf
-Dsynchrony.port=<SYNCHRONY_PORT>
-Dcluster.listen.port=<CLUSTER_LISTEN_PORT>
-Dsynchrony.cluster.base.port=<CLUSTER_BASE_PORT>

# Remove this section if you don't want to discover nodes
using TCP/IP
-Dcluster.join.type=tcip
-Dcluster.join.tcip.members=<TCPIP_MEMBERS>


# Remove this section if you don't want to discover nodes
using multicast
-Dcluster.join.type=multicast
-Dcluster.join.multicast.group=<MULTICAST_GROUP>
-Dcluster.join.multicast.port=54327
-Dcluster.join.multicast.ttl=32

-Dsynchrony.context.path=/synchrony
-Dsynchrony.cluster.bind=<SERVER_IP>
-Dsynchrony.bind=<SERVER_IP>
-Dcluster.interfaces=<SERVER_IP>
-Dsynchrony.service.url=<SYNCHRONY_URL>
-Djwt.private.key=<JWT_PRIVATE_KEY>
-Djwt.public.key=<JWT_PUBLIC_KEY>
-Dsynchrony.database.url=<YOUR_DATABASE_URL>
-Dsynchrony.database.username=<DB_USERNAME>
-Dsynchrony.database.password=<DB_PASSWORD>

# The following property must be passed, but its value does
not matter
-Dip.whitelist=127.0.0.1,localhost

synchrony.core
sql

```

 Remember to remove all commented lines completely before you execute this command, and replace all new lines with white space. You may also need to change the name of the `synchrony-standalone.jar` if the file you copied is different to our example.

Here's more information about each of the values you'll need to supply in the command above.

Value	Description
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<SYNCHRONY_PORT>	This is the HTTP port that Synchrony runs on. We suggest port 8091, if available.
<CLUSTER_LISTEN_PORT>	This is Synchrony's <a href="#">Hazelcast</a> port. We suggest port 58080, if available. As with Confluence's Hazelcast port (58080), ensure that only permitted cluster nodes are allowed to connect to this port, through the use of a firewall and or network security.
<CLUSTER_BASE_PORT>	This is the Aleph binding port. Synchrony uses <a href="#">Aleph</a> to communicate between nodes. We suggest port 25555.
<TCPIP_MEMBERS>	If you choose to discover nodes using TCP/IP, provide a separated list of IP addresses for each cluster node.
<MULTICAST_GROUP>	If you chose to discover nodes using multicast, specify the multicast address for the multicast group.
<SERVER_IP>	This is the public IP address or hostname of this Synchrony node. It could also be a private IP address - it should be correct for the address where Synchrony is reachable by the other nodes.
<SYNCHRONY_URL>	This is the URL that the browser uses to contact Synchrony. Generally this will be the full URL of the load balancer or proxy that will run behind plus the Synchrony context path, for example <code>//yoursite.com:8091/synchrony</code> . Note that it must end with <code>/v1</code> , unlike the <code>synchrony.service.url</code> system property passed to Confluence. If this URL doesn't match the URL from a users' browser, Synchrony will fail.
<JWT_PRIVATE_KEY> <JWT_PUBLIC_KEY>	These keys are generated by Confluence. Copy each key to the <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file on your Synchrony node. The keys must be the same on all Confluence and Synchrony nodes.
<YOUR_DATABASE_URL>	This is the URL for your Confluence database. For example <code>postgresql://localhost:5432/confluence</code> . Copy this URL in <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
<DB_USERNAME> <DB_PASSWORD>	The username and password for your Confluence database.
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>	This is the path to the <code>synchrony_standalone.jar</code> file copied in step 1. For example <code>&lt;synchrony-directory&gt;/synchrony_standalone.jar</code> .
<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>	This is the path to your database driver. For example <code>&lt;directory&gt;/postgresql-9.2-1002.jdbc.jar</code> .

Sensitive information (like database credentials) may be provided using environmental variables, rather than via the command line. Any dots (".") in variable names (identifiers) will need to be replaced with underscores ("\_").

A few other properties can be modified to suit your environment. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

- To check that Synchrony is accessible, you can go to:  
`http://<SERVER_IP>:<SYNCHRONY_PORT>/synchrony/heartbeat`
- Repeat this process to start Synchrony on each node of your Synchrony cluster.  
As each node joins you'll see something like this in your console.

```
Members [2] {
  Member [172.22.52.12]:5701
  Member [172.22.49.34]:5701
}
```

#### 6. Configure your load balancer for Synchrony.

Your load balancer must support WebSockets (for example NGINX 1.3 or later, Apache httpd 2.4, IIS 8.0 or later) and session affinity. SSL connections must be terminated at your load balancer so that Synchrony can accept XHR requests from the web browser.

### 3. Start Confluence on Node 1

1. Start Confluence on node 1 and pass the following system property to Confluence to tell Confluence where to find your Synchrony cluster.

```
-Dsynchrony.service.url=http://<LOAD_BALANCER_URL>:<PORT>/synchrony/v1
```

For example `http://yoursite.com:8091/synchrony/v1`. You must include `/v1` on the end of the URL.

You may want to add this system property to your `<install-directory>/bin/setenv.bin` or `setenv.bat` so it is automatically passed every time you start Confluence. See [Configuring System Properties](#) for more information on how to do this in your environment.

2. Head to



> **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing** to check that this Confluence node can connect to Synchrony.

Note: to test creating content you'll need to access Confluence via your load balancer. You can't create or edit pages when accessing a node directly.

### 4. Copy Confluence to second node

To copy Confluence to the second node:

1. Shut down Confluence on node 1
  2. Shut down your application server on node 2, or stop it automatically loading web applications
  3. Copy the installation directory from node 1 to node 2
  4. Copy the local home directory from node 1 to node 2
- If the file path of the local home directory is not the same on nodes 1 and 2 you'll need to update the `<install-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties` file on node 2 to point to the correct location.

Copying the local home directory ensures the Confluence search index, the database and cluster configuration, and any other settings are copied to node 2.

### 5. Configure load balancer

Configure your load balancer for Confluence. You can use the load balancer of your choice, but it needs to support session affinity and WebSockets.

SSL connections must be terminated at your load balancer so that Synchrony can accept XHR requests from the web browser.

You can verify that your load balancer is sending requests correctly to your existing Confluence server by accessing Confluence through the load balancer and creating a page, then checking that this page can be

viewed/edited by another machine through the load balancer.

#### 6. Start Confluence on the first node, wait, then start Confluence on second node

You must only start Confluence one server at a time.

1. Start Confluence on node 1
2. Wait for Confluence to become available on node 1
3. Start Confluence on node 2
4. Wait for Confluence to become available on node 2.

The Cluster monitoring console (



> **General Configuration** > **Clustering**) includes information about the active cluster.

When the cluster is running properly, this page displays the details of each node, including system usage and uptime. Use the



menu to see more information about each node in the cluster.

Screenshot: *Cluster monitoring console*

	Node ID	Cluster address	Hostname	System Usage	Heap Usage	Uptime	More
	d7062d1x	123.45.678.90	node450.stg.atlassian.com	0.38%	17.3%	125 hours and 25 seconds	...
	d7062d5y	123.45.678.91	172.24.248.91	0.25%	66.66%	125 hours and 26 seconds	...
	d7062d3z	123.45.678.92	node470.stg.atlassian.com	0%	51.7%	125 hours and 26 seconds	...

#### 7. Test your Confluence cluster

Remember, to test creating content you'll need to access Confluence via your load balancer. You can't create or edit pages when accessing a node directly.

A simple process to ensure your cluster is working correctly is:

1. Access a node via your load balancer, and create a new document on this node
2. Ensure the new document is visible by accessing it directly on a different node
3. Search for the new document on the original node, and ensure it appears
4. Search for the new document on another node, and ensure it appears

If Confluence detects more than one instance accessing the database but not in a working cluster, it will shut itself down in a *cluster panic*. This can be fixed by [troubleshooting the network connectivity of the cluster](#).

#### Security

Ensure that only permitted cluster nodes are allowed to connect to a Confluence Data Center instance's [Hazelcast](#) port (which defaults to 5801) or Synchrony's Hazelcast port (which defaults to 5701) through the use of a firewall and or network segregation.

#### Troubleshooting

If you have problems with the above procedure, please see our [Cluster Troubleshooting guide](#).

If you're testing Confluence Data Center by running the cluster on a single machine, please refer to our developer instructions on [Starting a Confluence cluster on a single machine](#).

#### Upgrading a cluster

It's important that upgrades follow the procedure for [Upgrading Confluence Data Center](#).

## Moving to Confluence Data Center

Below is the process for migrating from Confluence Server to Confluence Data Center, which is a clustered solution.

There's also a note on moving the other way, from [Confluence Data Center to Server](#).

Your Confluence license will determine the type of Confluence you have: Server or Data Center. Confluence will auto-detect the license type when you enter your license key on the 'License Details' page in Confluence administration. If you've entered a different type of license, it'll automatically prompt you to begin the migration (from Confluence Server to Data Center, for example)

If you're installing Confluence for the first time (you don't have any existing Confluence data to migrate), see [Installing Confluence Data Center](#).

### *Moving from Server to Data Center*

#### Clustering requirements and terminology

To run Confluence in a cluster, you must:

- Have a Data Center license (you can [purchase a Data Center license](#) or create an evaluation license at [my.atlassian.com](#))
- Use an external database
- Use a load balancer with session affinity in front of the cluster
- Have a shared directory that's accessible by the same path to all cluster nodes (this will be your shared home directory)
- Use OAuth authentication if you have [application links](#) to other Atlassian products (like JIRA applications).

If you need a Confluence Data Center evaluation license, [get in touch with us](#).

In this guide we'll use the following terminology:

- **installation directory** – The directory where Confluence is installed.
- **local home directory** – The home or data directory on each node (in non-clustered Confluence this is simply known as the home directory).
- **shared home directory** – The directory you created that is accessible to all nodes in the cluster via the same path.

At the end of the installation process you'll have an installation directory and local home directory on each node, and a single shared home directory (for example, in a two node cluster you'd have a total of 5 directories).

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#### Moving from Data Center to Server

1. Enter your Confluence server license
2. Shut down Confluence
3. Move items in the cluster shared home back to local home
4. Start Confluence

### 1. Upgrade Confluence Server

If you're switching to Confluence Data Center 5.9 or later follow the normal procedure for backing up and upgrading Confluence first. See [upgrading Confluence](#) for information on upgrading and choosing the best upgrade path.

If you're switching to Confluence Data Center 5.8 the process for upgrading is a little different. Refer to our [earlier documentation](#) for more information.

### 2. Apply your Data Center license

Your home directory (configured in `confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties`) should still be pointing to your existing (local) home directory.

#### 1. Go to



> **General administration.**

2. Choose **License Details** from the sidebar under the **Administration** heading.
3. Enter your Confluence Data Center license key.
4. Shut down Confluence.

### 3. Create a shared home directory

1. Create a directory that's accessible to all cluster nodes via the same path. This will be your **shared home** directory.
2. In your existing Confluence home directory, move the contents of `<confluence home>/shared-home` to the new shared home directory you just created.  
To prevent confusion, we recommend deleting the empty `<confluence home>/shared-home` directory once you've moved its contents.
3. Move your attachments directory to the new shared home directory (skip this step if you currently store attachments in the database).

### 4. Start Confluence

The setup wizard will prompt you to complete the migration, by entering:

- A name for your cluster
- The path to the shared home directory you created earlier
- A multicast address (automatically generated or enter your own) or the IP addresses of each cluster node
- The network interface Confluence will use to communicate between nodes

#### ▼ [Deploying in AWS?](#)

We recommend using our [Quick Start](#) or Cloud Formation Template to deploy Confluence Data Center in AWS, as it will automatically provision, configure and connect everything you need.

If you do decide to do your own custom deployment, you can provide the following information to allow Confluence to auto-discover cluster nodes:

Field	Description
<b>IAM Role or Secret Key</b>	This is your authentication method. You can choose to authenticate by IAM Role or Secret Key.
<b>Region</b>	This is the region your cluster nodes (EC2 instances) will be running in.
<b>Host header</b>	Optional. This is the AWS endpoint for Confluence to use (the address where the EC2 API can be found, for example 'ec2.amazonaws.com'). Leave blank to use the default endpoint.

<b>Security group name</b>	Optional. Use to narrow the members of your cluster to only resources in a particular security group (specified in the EC2 console).
<b>Tag key and Tag value</b>	Optional. Use to narrow the members of your cluster to only resources with particular tags (specified in the EC2 console).

Your first node is now up and running.

## 2. Set up Synchrony

Collaborative editing requires Synchrony, which runs as a separate process. You can deploy Synchrony on the same nodes as Confluence, or in its own cluster with as many nodes as you need. You'll need to complete step one (including entering your Data Center license) before you start this step.

In this example, we assume you'll run Synchrony in its own cluster. When configuring your cluster nodes you can either supply the IP address of each Synchrony cluster node, or a multicast address.

1. Create a Synchrony directory on your first node and copy `synchrony-standalone.jar` from your Confluence `<home-directory>` to this directory.
2. Copy your database driver from your Confluence `<install-directory>/confluence/web-inf/lib` to an appropriate location on your Synchrony node.
3. Change to your Synchrony directory and start Synchrony using the following command. You need to pass **all** of the system properties listed, replacing the values where indicated.

### ▼ Start Synchrony command...

In a terminal / command prompt, execute the following command, replacing `<values>` with appropriate values for your environment. Scroll down for more information on each of the values you will need to replace.



```

java
-Xss2048k
-Xmx2g

# To set the classpath in Linux
-classpath
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>:<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>

# To set the classpath in Windows
-classpath
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>;<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>

-Dsynchrony.cluster.impl=hazelcast-btf
-Dsynchrony.port=<SYNCHRONY_PORT>
-Dcluster.listen.port=<CLUSTER_LISTEN_PORT>
-Dsynchrony.cluster.base.port=<CLUSTER_BASE_PORT>

# Remove this section if you don't want to discover nodes
using TCP/IP
-Dcluster.join.type=tcip
-Dcluster.join.tcip.members=<TCPIP_MEMBERS>


# Remove this section if you don't want to discover nodes
using multicast
-Dcluster.join.type=multicast
-Dcluster.join.multicast.group=<MULTICAST_GROUP>
-Dcluster.join.multicast.port=54327
-Dcluster.join.multicast.ttl=32

-Dsynchrony.context.path=/synchrony
-Dsynchrony.cluster.bind=<SERVER_IP>
-Dsynchrony.bind=<SERVER_IP>
-Dcluster.interfaces=<SERVER_IP>
-Dsynchrony.service.url=<SYNCHRONY_URL>
-Djwt.private.key=<JWT_PRIVATE_KEY>
-Djwt.public.key=<JWT_PUBLIC_KEY>
-Dsynchrony.database.url=<YOUR_DATABASE_URL>
-Dsynchrony.database.username=<DB_USERNAME>
-Dsynchrony.database.password=<DB_PASSWORD>

# The following property must be passed, but its value does
not matter
-Dip.whitelist=127.0.0.1,localhost

synchrony.core
sql

```

 Remember to remove all commented lines completely before you execute this command, and replace all new lines with white space. You may also need to change the name of the `synchrony-standalone.jar` if the file you copied is different to our example.

Here's more information about each of the values you'll need to supply in the command above.

Value	Description
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<SYNCHRONY_PORT>	This is the HTTP port that Synchrony runs on. We suggest port 8091, if available.
<CLUSTER_LISTEN_PORT>	This is Synchrony's <a href="#">Hazelcast</a> port. We suggest port 58080, if available. As with Confluence's Hazelcast port (58080), ensure that only permitted cluster nodes are allowed to connect to this port, through the use of a firewall and or network security.
<CLUSTER_BASE_PORT>	This is the Aleph binding port. Synchrony uses <a href="#">Aleph</a> to communicate between nodes. We suggest port 25555, if available.
<TCPIP_MEMBERS>	If you choose to discover nodes using TCP/IP, provide a separated list of IP addresses for each cluster node.
<MULTICAST_GROUP>	If you chose to discover nodes using multicast, specify the multicast address for the multicast group.
<SERVER_IP>	This is the public IP address or hostname of this Synchrony node. It could also be a private IP address - it should be correct for the address where Synchrony is reachable by the other nodes.
<SYNCHRONY_URL>	This is the URL that the browser uses to contact Synchrony. Generally this will be the full URL of the load balancer or proxy that will run behind plus the Synchrony context path, for example <code>//yoursite.com:8091/synchrony</code> . Note that it must end with <code>/v1</code> , unlike the <code>synchrony.service.url</code> system property passed to Confluence. If this URL doesn't match the one from a users' browser, Synchrony will fail.
<JWT_PRIVATE_KEY> <JWT_PUBLIC_KEY>	These keys are generated by Confluence. Copy each key to the <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file on your Synchrony node. The keys must be the same on all Confluence and Synchrony nodes.
<YOUR_DATABASE_URL>	This is the URL for your Confluence database. For example <code>postgresql://localhost:5432/confluence</code> . Copy this URL in <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
<DB_USERNAME> <DB_PASSWORD>	The username and password for your Confluence database.
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>	This is the path to the <code>synchrony_standalone.jar</code> file copied in step 1. For example <code>&lt;synchrony-directory&gt;/synchrony_standalone.jar</code> .
<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>	This is the path to your database driver. For example <code>&lt;directory&gt;/postgresql-9.2-1002.jdbc.jar</code> .

Sensitive information (like database credentials) may be provided using environmental variables, rather than via the command line. Any dots (".") in variable names (identifiers) will need to be replaced with underscores ("\_").

A few other properties can be modified to suit your environment. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

- To check that Synchrony is accessible, you can go to:  
`http://<SERVER_IP>:<SYNCHRONY_PORT>/synchrony/heartbeat`
- Repeat this process to start Synchrony on each node of your Synchrony cluster.  
As each node joins you'll see something like this in your console.

```
Members [2] {
  Member [172.22.52.12]:5701
  Member [172.22.49.34]:5701
}
```

#### 6. Configure your load balancer for Synchrony.

Your load balancer must support WebSockets (for example NGINX 1.3 or later, Apache httpd 2.4, IIS 8.0 or later) and session affinity. SSL connections must be terminated at your load balancer so that Synchrony can accept XHR requests from the web browser.

#### 3. Start Confluence on Node 1

1. Start Confluence on node 1 and pass the following system property to Confluence to tell Confluence where to find your Synchrony cluster.

```
-Dsynchrony.service.url=http://<LOAD_BALANCER_URL>:<PORT>/synchr
ony/v1
```

For example `http://yoursite.com:8091/synchrony/v1`. You must include `/v1` on the end of the URL.

You may want to add this system property to your `<install-directory>/bin/setenv.bin` or `setenv.bat` so it is automatically passed every time you start Confluence. See [Configuring System Properties](#) for more information on how to do this in your environment.

2. Head to



> **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing** to check that this Confluence node can connect to Synchrony.

Note: to test creating content you'll need to access Confluence via your load balancer. You can't create or edit pages when accessing a node directly.

#### 4. Copy Confluence to second node

To copy Confluence to the second node:

1. Shut down Confluence on node 1
2. Shut down your application server on node 2, or stop it automatically loading web applications
3. Copy the installation directory from node 1 to node 2
4. Copy the local home directory from node 1 to node 2

If the file path of the local home directory is not the same on nodes 1 and 2 you'll need to update the `<install-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties` file on node 2 to point to the correct location.

Copying the local home directory ensures the Confluence search index, the database and cluster configuration, and any other settings are copied to node 2.

#### 5. Configure load balancer

Configure your load balancer for Confluence. You can use the load balancer of your choice, but it needs to support session affinity and WebSockets.

SSL connections must be terminated at your load balancer so that Synchrony can accept XHR requests from the web browser.

You can verify that your load balancer is sending requests correctly to your existing Confluence server by accessing Confluence through the load balancer and creating a page, then checking that this page can be viewed/edited by another machine through the load balancer.

## 6. Start Confluence on the first node, wait, then start Confluence on second node

You must only start Confluence one server at a time.

1. Start Confluence on node 1
2. Wait for Confluence to become available on node 1
3. Start Confluence on node 2
4. Wait for Confluence to become available on node 2.

The Cluster monitoring console (



> **General Configuration** > **Clustering**) includes information about the active cluster.

When the cluster is running properly, this page displays the details of each node, including system usage and uptime. Use the



menu to see more information about each node in the cluster.

Screenshot: *Cluster monitoring console*

	Node ID	Cluster address	Hostname	System Usage	Heap Usage	Uptime	More
	d7062d1x	123.45.678.90	node450.stg.atlassian.com	0.38%	17.3%	125 hours and 25 seconds	...
	d7062d5y	123.45.678.91	172.24.248.91	0.25%	66.66%	125 hours and 26 seconds	...
	d7062d3z	123.45.678.92	node470.stg.atlassian.com	0%	51.7%	125 hours and 26 seconds	...

## 7. Test your Confluence cluster

Remember, to test creating content you'll need to access Confluence via your load balancer. You can't create or edit pages when accessing a node directly.

A simple process to ensure your cluster is working correctly is:

1. Access a node via your load balancer, and create a new document on this node
2. Ensure the new document is visible by accessing it directly on a different node
3. Search for the new document on the original node, and ensure it appears
4. Search for the new document on another node, and ensure it appears

If Confluence detects more than one instance accessing the database but not in a working cluster, it will shut itself down in a *cluster panic*. This can be fixed by [troubleshooting the network connectivity of the cluster](#).

### Security

Ensure that only permitted cluster nodes are allowed to connect to a Confluence Data Center instance's [Hazelcast](#) port (which defaults to 5801) or Synchrony's Hazelcast port (which defaults to 5701) through the use of a firewall and or network segregation.

### Troubleshooting

If you have problems with the above procedure, please see our [Cluster Troubleshooting guide](#).

If you're testing Confluence Data Center by running the cluster on a single machine, please refer to our developer instructions on [Starting a Confluence cluster on a single machine](#).

### Moving from Data Center to Server

If you need to move from Data Center (clustered) to Server (non-clustered), read on. In these instructions

we'll assume that you'll use one of your existing cluster nodes as your new, non-clustered installation.

You'll need a Confluence Server license to switch back to Server.

#### Before you complete this process

As a precaution, we recommend shutting down all nodes except one, and running Confluence on a single node.

#### 1. Enter your Confluence server license

Your home directory (configured in `confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties`) should point to your local home directory.

##### 1. Go to



> **General administration**

2. Choose **License Details** from the sidebar under the **Administration** heading
3. Enter your Confluence Server license key

#### 2. Shut down Confluence

Stop any cluster nodes that are still running before proceeding. We also recommend configuring your load balancer to redirect traffic away from Confluence.

#### 3. Move items in the cluster shared home back to local home

1. Create a directory called `/shared-home` in the `<local home>` directory on one node (if you removed this directory when installing Data Center)
2. Move the entire `config` directory from your `<shared home>` directory to the `<local home>/shared-home` directory
3. Move the remaining contents of your `<shared home>` directory to the root of your `<local home>` directory

Your cluster's shared home directory should now be empty.

#### 4. Start Confluence

The setup wizard will guide you through the migration process.

To confirm you're now running the non-clustered edition, go to



> **General Configuration**. The 'Cluster Configuration' page **should not** appear. Instead you'll see information about Confluence Data Center.

## Upgrading Confluence Data Center

This page contains instructions for **upgrading an existing Confluence cluster**.

If you are not yet running a clustered instance of Confluence, see [Moving to Confluence Data Center](#).

In this guide we'll use the following terminology:

- installation directory - this is the directory where you installed Confluence on each node.
- local home directory - this is the home or data directory on each node (in non-clustered

Confluence this is simply known as the home directory).

- shared home directory - this is a directory that is accessible to all nodes in the cluster via the same path. If you're upgrading from Confluence 5.4 or earlier you'll create this directory as part of the upgrade.
- Synchrony directory - this is the directory where you downloaded Synchrony (this can be on a confluence node, or on its own node)

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### Step 1 Back up

We strongly recommend that you backup your Confluence home and install directories and your database before proceeding.


More information on specific files and directories to backup can be found in [Upgrading Confluence](#).

### Step 2 Stop the cluster

You must stop all the nodes in the cluster before upgrading.

We recommend configuring your load balancer to redirect traffic away from Confluence until the upgrade is complete on all nodes.

### Step 3 Create a shared home directory

 If you are upgrading an **existing Confluence Data Center** instance (Confluence 5.6 or later), you can skip this step, as you already have a Shared Home directory.

To set up your Shared Home directory:

1. Create a directory that is accessible to all cluster nodes via the same path. This will be your **shared home** directory.
2. Edit `confluence.cfg.xml` in the home directory on the first node and add a new property called `confluence.cluster.home` with the path of the shared home directory as the value. Example:

```
<property
name="confluence.cluster.home">/mnt/confluence-shared-home</prop
erty>
```

3. Move all the files/directories from the local home directory the first node to the new shared home directory **except** for the following:
  - config
  - confluence.cfg.xml
  - index
  - temp
  - bundled-plugins
  - plugin-cache-\*
  - plugins-cache
  - plugins-osgi-cache
  - plugins-temp

Remove the moved files/directories from the local home directories on all other nodes.


### Step 4 Upgrade the first node

To upgrade the first node:

1. Extract (unzip) the files to a directory (this will be your new installation directory, and must be different to your existing installation directory)
2. Update the following line in the `<Installation-Directory>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties` file to point to the **existing local home** directory on that node.
3. Copy the jdbc driver jar file from your existing Confluence installation directory to `confluence/WEB-INF/lib` in your new installation directory.  
The jdbc driver will be located in either the `<Install-Directory>/common/lib` or `<Installation-Directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/lib` directories.
4. Copy any other immediately required customizations from the old version to the new one (for example if you are not running Confluence on the default ports or if you manage users externally, you'll need to update / copy the relevant files - find out more in [Upgrading Confluence Manually](#))
5. Start Confluence, and confirm that you can log in and view pages before continuing to the next step. Don't try to edit pages at this point.

You should now reapply any additional customizations from the old version to the new version, before upgrading the remaining nodes.

### Step 5 Set up Synchrony

 This step is only required the first time you upgrade to **Confluence Data Center 6.0**.

In this example, we assume you'll run Synchrony in its own cluster. When configuring your cluster nodes you can either supply the IP address of each Synchrony cluster node, or a multicast address.

1. Create a Synchrony directory on your first node and copy `synchrony-standalone.jar` from your Confluence `<home-directory>` to this directory.
2. Copy your database driver from your Confluence `<install-directory>/confluence/web-inf/lib` to an appropriate location on your Synchrony node.
3. Change to your Synchrony directory and start Synchrony using the following command.  
You need to pass **all** of the system properties listed, replacing the values where indicated.

#### ▼ [Start Synchrony command...](#)

In a terminal / command prompt, execute the following command, replacing `<values>` with appropriate values for your environment. Scroll down for more information on each of the values you will need to replace.



```

java
-Xss2048k
-Xmx2g

# To set the classpath in Linux
-classpath
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>:<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>

# To set the classpath in Windows
-classpath
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>;<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>

-Dsynchrony.cluster.impl=hazelcast-btf
-Dsynchrony.port=<SYNCHRONY_PORT>
-Dcluster.listen.port=<CLUSTER_LISTEN_PORT>
-Dsynchrony.cluster.base.port=<CLUSTER_BASE_PORT>

# Remove this section if you don't want to discover nodes
using TCP/IP
-Dcluster.join.type=tcip
-Dcluster.join.tcip.members=<TCPIP_MEMBERS>


# Remove this section if you don't want to discover nodes
using multicast
-Dcluster.join.type=multicast
-Dcluster.join.multicast.group=<MULTICAST_GROUP>
-Dcluster.join.multicast.port=54327
-Dcluster.join.multicast.ttl=32

-Dsynchrony.context.path=/synchrony
-Dsynchrony.cluster.bind=<SERVER_IP>
-Dsynchrony.bind=<SERVER_IP>
-Dcluster.interfaces=<SERVER_IP>
-Dsynchrony.service.url=<SYNCHRONY_URL>
-Djwt.private.key=<JWT_PRIVATE_KEY>
-Djwt.public.key=<JWT_PUBLIC_KEY>
-Dsynchrony.database.url=<YOUR_DATABASE_URL>
-Dsynchrony.database.username=<DB_USERNAME>
-Dsynchrony.database.password=<DB_PASSWORD>

# The following property must be passed, but its value does
not matter
-Dip.whitelist=127.0.0.1,localhost

synchrony.core
sql

```

 Remember to remove all commented lines completely before you execute this command, and replace all new lines with white space. You may also need to change the name of the `synchrony-standalone.jar` if the file you copied is different to our example.

Here's more information about each of the values you'll need to supply in the command above.

Value	Description
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<SYNCHRONY_PORT>	This is the HTTP port that Synchrony runs on. We suggest port 8091, if available.
<CLUSTER_LISTEN_PORT>	This is Synchrony's <a href="#">Hazelcast</a> port. We suggest port 58091, if available. As with Confluence's Hazelcast port (58091), ensure that only permitted cluster nodes are allowed to connect to this port, through the use of a firewall and or network security.
<CLUSTER_BASE_PORT>	This is the Aleph binding port. Synchrony uses <a href="#">Aleph</a> to communicate between nodes. We suggest port 25555, if available.
<TCPIP_MEMBERS>	If you choose to discover nodes using TCP/IP, provide a separated list of IP addresses for each cluster node.
<MULTICAST_GROUP>	If you chose to discover nodes using multicast, specify the multicast address for the multicast group.
<SERVER_IP>	This is the public IP address or hostname of this Synchrony node. It could also be a private IP address - it should be correct for the address where Synchrony is reachable by the other nodes.
<SYNCHRONY_URL>	This is the URL that the browser uses to contact Synchrony. Generally this will be the full URL of the load balancer or proxy that will run behind plus the Synchrony context path, for example <code>//yoursite.com:8091/synchrony</code> . Note that it must end with <code>/v1</code> , unlike the <code>synchrony.service.url</code> system property passed to Confluence. If this URL doesn't match the one from a users' browser, Synchrony will fail.
<JWT_PRIVATE_KEY> <JWT_PUBLIC_KEY>	These keys are generated by Confluence. Copy each key to the <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file on your Synchrony node. The keys must be the same on all Confluence and Synchrony nodes.
<YOUR_DATABASE_URL>	This is the URL for your Confluence database. For example <code>postgresql://localhost:5432/confluence</code> . Copy this URL in <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
<DB_USERNAME> <DB_PASSWORD>	The username and password for your Confluence database.
<PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR>	This is the path to the <code>synchrony_standalone.jar</code> file copied in step 1. For example <code>&lt;synchrony-directory&gt;/synchrony_standalone.jar</code> .
<JDBC_DRIVER_PATH>	This is the path to your database driver. For example <code>&lt;directory&gt;/postgresql-9.2-1002.jdbc.jar</code> .

Sensitive information (like database credentials) may be provided using environmental variables, rather than via the command line. Any dots (".") in variable names (identifiers) will need to be replaced with underscores ("\_").

A few other properties can be modified to suit your environment. See [Configuring Synchrony for Data Center](#) for more information.

- To check that Synchrony is accessible, you can go to:  
`http://<SERVER_IP>:<SYNCHRONY_PORT>/synchrony/heartbeat`
- Repeat this process to start Synchrony on each node of your Synchrony cluster.  
As each node joins you'll see something like this in your console.

```
Members [2] {
  Member [172.22.52.12]:5701
  Member [172.22.49.34]:5701
}
```

#### 6. Configure your load balancer for Synchrony.

Your load balancer must support WebSockets (for example NGINX 1.3 or later, Apache httpd 2.4, IIS 8.0 or later) and session affinity. SSL connections must be terminated at your load balancer so that Synchrony can accept XHR requests from the web browser.

### Step 6 Start Confluence on Node 1

1. Start Confluence on node 1 and pass the following system property to tell Confluence where to find your Synchrony cluster.

```
-Dsynchrony.service.url=http://<YOUR_LOAD_BALANCER>:<LOAD_BALANCER_PORT>/synchrony/v1
```

You may want to add this system property to your `<install-directory>/bin/setenv.bin` or `setenv.bat` so it is automatically passed every time you start Confluence. See [Configuring System Properties](#) for more information on how to do this in your environment.

2. Head to



> **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing** to check that this Confluence node can connect to Synchrony.

Note: to test creating content you'll need to access Confluence via your load balancer. You can't create or edit pages when accessing a node directly.

### Step 7 Copy Confluence to remaining nodes

The next step is to replicate your upgraded Confluence directories to other nodes in the cluster.

1. Stop Confluence on the first node.
2. Copy the installation directory and local home directory from the first node to the next node.  
If the path to the local home directory is different on this node, edit the `confluence-init.properties` to point to the correct location.
3. Start Confluence, and confirm that you can log in and view pages before continuing with the next node.

Repeat this process for each remaining node.

### Step 8 Start Confluence and check cluster connectivity

Once all nodes have been upgraded you can start Confluence Data Center on each node, one at a time (starting up multiple nodes simultaneously can lead to serious failures).

The Cluster monitoring console (



> **General Configuration** > **Clustering**) includes information about the active cluster nodes. When the cluster is running properly, you should be able to see the details of each node.

## Adding and Removing Data Center Nodes


Your Data Center license is based on the number of users in your cluster, rather than the number of nodes. This means you can add and remove nodes from your Data Center cluster at any time.

If you deployed Confluence Data Center on AWS using the [Quick Start](#), your Confluence and Synchrony nodes

will be in [auto-scaling groups](#). You will add and remove nodes in the AWS console either by changing the minimum and maximum size of each group or using a scaling plan.

#### Adding a node

To add a node:

1. Copy the installation directory and local home directory from the stopped node to your new node.
2. Start Confluence on your new node.  
During the startup process Confluence will recover indexes from a running node to bring the new node up to date.
3. Go to  **> General Configuration > Clustering** and check that the new node is visible.

You should only start one node at a time. Starting up multiple nodes simultaneously can cause serious failures.

#### Removing a node

To remove a node, stop Confluence on that node. You can then remove the installation and local home directory as required.

To see the number of nodes remaining go to



**> General Configuration > Clustering.**

#### Changing the node identifier

Confluence generates an identifier for each node in your cluster. You can use the `confluence.cluster.node.name` system property to set the node identifier on each node so that it's easier for your users and administrators to read.

See [Configuring System Properties](#) for more information on how to set the system property.

#### Change Node Discovery from Multicast to TCP/IP

If you're setting up Confluence Data Center for the first time, it'll step you through the process of choosing your discovery mode and adding cluster nodes. If you're switching from a multicast configuration to TCP/IP (unicast), however, you'll need to edit the `confluence.cfg.xml` file in the local home directory of each cluster node.

- Before you make any changes, shut down all nodes in your cluster
- Make sure the discovery configuration is exactly the same for each node (make the same changes to the `confluence.cfg.xml` file in each local home directory)

The changes you need to make may differ slightly, depending on whether you've upgraded from an older version of Confluence Data Center or if you've started with version 5.9. We've detailed both methods, below.

#### To change from multicast to TCP/IP

Look for the following two lines in the `confluence.cfg.xml` file:

```
<property name="confluence.cluster.address">[multicast IP]</property>
<property name="confluence.cluster.join.type">multicast</property>
```

If both lines exist in the file, change them to the lines below; where the `confluence.cluster.address` property exists, but there's no reference to the `confluence.cluster.join.type` property, update the first line and add the second line as shown below.

```
<property name="confluence.cluster.peers">[node 1 IP],[node 2 IP],[node
3 IP]</property> <!-- A comma-separated list of node IP addresses,
without spaces -->
<property name="confluence.cluster.join.type">tcp_ip</property> <!--
accepted values are multicast or tcp_ip -->
```

Enter the address of each node, and separate each address with a comma.

You can now restart your cluster nodes.

To change from TCP/IP to multicast

To switch from TCP/IP to multicast, just perform the reverse of the changes outlined above.

Reference of properties in the `confluence.cfg.xml` file

key	valid values	notes
<code>confluence.cluster.join.type</code>	'multicast' or 'tcp_ip'	Pre-5.9 Data Center installations won't have this key. By default, if the key is missing, Confluence will choose multicast
<code>confluence.cluster.address</code>	a single multicast IP address	This key is only used by confluence if <code>confluence.cluster.join.type</code> is set to multicast
<code>confluence.cluster.peers</code>	a comma-separated string of IP addresses (no spaces)	There must be at least one address here. The addresses are the IP address of each node in the cluster. This key is only used by confluence if <code>confluence.cluster.join.type</code> is set to <code>tcp_ip</code>

## Running Confluence Data Center in AWS

Confluence Data Center is an excellent fit for the Amazon Web Services (AWS) environment. Not only does AWS allow you to scale your deployment elastically by resizing and quickly launching additional nodes, it also provides a number of managed services that work out of the box with Confluence Data Center instances and handle all their configuration and maintenance automatically.

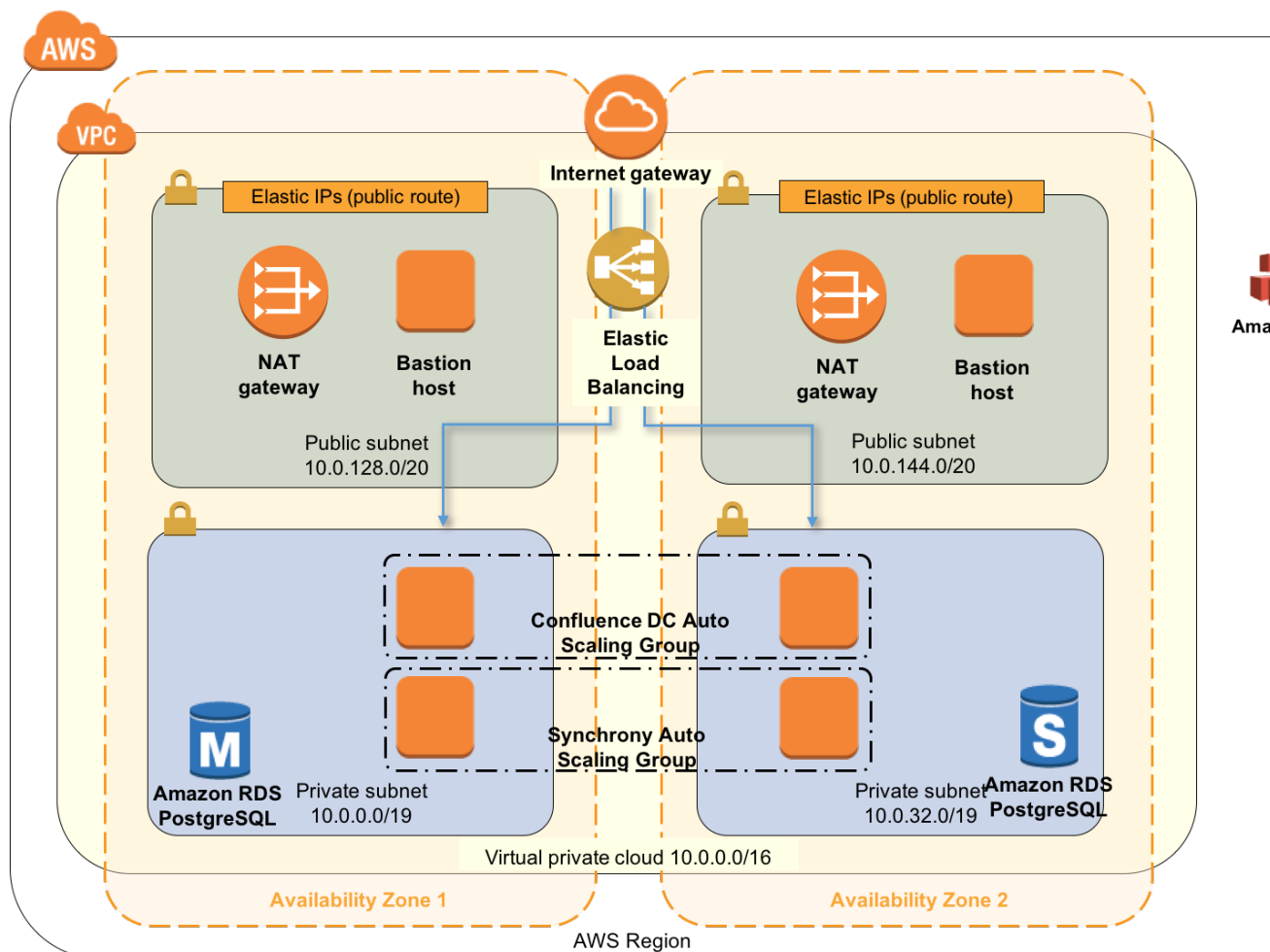
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### Deploying Confluence Data Center using the AWS Quick Start

The simplest way to deploy your entire Data Center cluster in AWS is by using the [Quick Start](#). The Quick Start launches, configures, and runs the AWS compute, network, storage, and other services required to deploy a specific workload on AWS, using AWS best practices for security and availability.

Here's an overview of the architecture for the Confluence Data Center Quick Start:



The deployment consists of the following components:

- One or more Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instances as cluster nodes, running Confluence, in an auto scaling group.
- One or more Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instances as cluster nodes, running Synchrony (which is required for collaborative editing), in an auto scaling group.
- An Amazon Application Load Balancer (ALB), both as load balancer and SSL-terminating reverse proxy.
- Amazon Elastic File System (EFS) server for the shared home directory which contains attachments and other files accessible to all Confluence nodes.
- An Amazon Relational Database (RDS) PostgreSQL instance as the shared database.

For more information on the architecture, components and deployment process, see our [Quick Start Guide](#).

### EC2 sizing recommendations

The Quick Start uses c3.xlarge instances by default for Confluence and Synchrony nodes. The instance type is up to you, but it must meet Confluence's [system requirements](#). Smaller instance types (micro, small, medium) are generally not adequate for running Confluence.

### Scaling up and down

To increase or decrease the number of Confluence or Synchrony cluster nodes:

1. Go to **Services > CloudFormation** in the AWS console, select the stack, and click **Update Stack**.
2. Change the **Minimum number of cluster nodes** and **Maximum number of cluster nodes** parameters as desired.

It may take several minutes for the Auto Scaling Group to detect and apply changes to these parameters.

Unless you specify the same number for **Minimum** and **Maximum number of cluster nodes**, the Auto Scaling Group will launch new cluster nodes and terminate existing ones automatically to achieve the optimal desired number of nodes between these two limits. By default, this target number is determined by the

following CloudWatch metrics:

- If the average CPU utilization across the Auto Scaling Group exceeds 60% for 5 minutes, the target number of nodes increases by one (up to the Maximum).
- If the average CPU utilization across the Auto Scaling Group is lower than 40% for 30 minutes, the target number of nodes decreases by one (down to the Minimum).

A default "cooldown" period of 10 minutes between scaling events is also applied. See [Scaling Based on Metrics](#) for more information.

**Note:** Adding new cluster nodes, especially automatically in response to load spikes, is a great way to increase capacity of a cluster temporarily. Beyond a certain point, adding large numbers of cluster nodes will bring diminishing returns. In general, increasing the size of each node (i.e., "vertical" scaling) will be able to handle a greater sustained capacity than increasing the number of nodes (i.e., "horizontal" scaling), especially if the nodes themselves are small.

See the [AWS documentation](#) for more information on auto scaling groups.

### Connecting to your nodes over SSH

It is possible to SSH to your cluster nodes and file server to perform configuration or maintenance tasks. Note that you must keep your SSH private key file (the PEM file you downloaded from Amazon and specified as the **Key Name** parameter) in a safe place. This is the key to all the nodes in your instance, and if you lose it you may find yourself locked out.

**Note:** the **ConfluenceDataCenter.template** deploys all EC2 instances in the Subnets specified by the **Internal subnets** parameter. If you have specified **Internal subnets** that are completely unreachable from outside, then you may need to launch an EC2 instance with SSH running and accessible in one of the the **External subnets**, and use this as a "jump box" to SSH to any instances in your **Internal subnets**. That is, you SSH first to your "jump box", and from there to any instance deployed in the **Internal subnets**.

When connecting to your instance over SSH, use `ec2-user` as the user name, for example:

```
ssh -i keyfile.pem ec2-user@ec2-xx-xxx-xxx-xxx.compute-1.amazonaws.com
```

The `ec2-user` has `sudo` access. SSH access by `root` is not allowed.

### Upgrading

To upgrade a Confluence Data Center instance launched from **ConfluenceDataCenter.template**:

1. In the AWS console, **Update Stack**
2. Change the size of the Confluence and Synchrony auto scaling groups (maximum and minimum) to 0. This will terminate all running nodes.
3. Once the update is complete, check that all EC2 nodes have been terminated.
4. In the AWS console, **Update Stack**.
5. Change the **Confluence Version** to the version you want to upgrade to.
6. Change the size of the Confluence and Synchrony auto scaling groups (maximum and minimum) to 1. Do not add more than one node until after the upgrade is complete.
7. Access Confluence in your browser. Any upgrade tasks will run at this point.
8. Confirm that Confluence and Synchrony are both running successfully, and that you are running the new version (check the footer).
9. In the AWS console, **Update Stack**.
10. Change the maximum Confluence nodes and Maximum Synchrony nodes to your usual auto scaling group size.
11. Confirm that your new nodes have joined the cluster.

Confluence Data Center in AWS currently doesn't allow upgrading an instance without some downtime in between the last cluster node of the old version shutting down and the first cluster node on the new version starting up.

You must make sure all existing nodes are terminated before launching new nodes on the new version.

### Backing up



We recommend you use the AWS native backup facility, which utilizes snap-shots to back up your Confluence Data Center.

### Migrating your existing Confluence site to AWS

To migrate an existing Confluence instance to AWS:

1. Upgrade your existing site to the version you have deployed to AWS (Confluence 6.1 or later).
2. Migrate your database to PostgreSQL (if you're not already using Postgres). See [Migrating to Another Database](#).
3. Back up your PostgreSQL database and your existing `<shared-home>/attachments` directory.
4. Copy your backup files to `/media/atl/confluence/shared-home` in your EC2 instance.
5. Restore your PostgreSQL database dump to your RDS instance with `pg_restore`.  
See [Importing Data into PostgreSQL on Amazon RDS](#) in Amazon documentation for more information on how to do this.

### Notes:

- When you create a cluster using the CloudFormation template, the database name is `confluence`. You **must maintain this database name** when you restore, or there will be problems when new nodes are provisioned. You will need to drop the new database and replace it with your backup.
- You don't need to copy indexes or anything from your existing local home or installation directories, just the attachments from your existing shared home directory.
- If you've modified the `<shared-home>/config/cache-settings-overrides.properties` file you may want to reapply your changes in your new environment.
- The `_copy` method described in this AWS page, [Importing Data into PostgreSQL on Amazon RDS](#), is not suitable for migrating Confluence.

## Installing Java for Confluence

This page contains instructions for installing the Java Development Kit (JDK). This is a manual step that's only required if you're installing Confluence from a zip or archive file. If you're using the Confluence [installer](#), you do not need to install Java manually.

Check the [Supported Platforms](#) page to find out which Java versions are supported for Confluence.

### Installing Java

The JDK (Java Development Kit) needs to be installed on the same server that will have Confluence installed. We support running Confluence with the JDK or JRE (Java Runtime Environment). These instructions will just cover installing the JDK.

▼ [For Windows: \(click to expand\)](#)

#### Installing the JDK on Windows

Before you start, go to **Control Panel > Programs and Features** to check whether a JDK is already installed.

To install the JDK on Windows:

1. Download the appropriate [JDK version](#).  
Check the [Supported Platforms](#) page to find out which JDK / JRE versions are supported for your version of Confluence.
2. Run the Java installer. Make a note of the installation directory, as you'll need this later.
3. Once the Java installation is complete, check that the `JAVA_HOME` environment variable has been set correctly.  
Open a command prompt and type `echo %JAVA_HOME%` and hit Enter.
  - If you see a path to your Java installation directory, the `JAVA_HOME` environment variable has been set correctly.
  - If nothing is displayed, or only `%JAVA_HOME%` is returned, you'll need to set the `JAVA_HOME` environment variable manually. See [Setting the JAVA\\_HOME Variable in Windows](#) for a step by step guide.

▼ [For Linux: \(click to expand\)](#)

### Installing the JDK on Linux

Before you start, check whether a JDK is already installed. Open a shell console and type `echo $JAVA_HOME` and hit Enter.

- If it returns something like `/opt/JDK7` or `/usr/lib/jvm/java-7`, then your JDK is installed and properly configured.
- If nothing is displayed, you'll need to install the JDK or set the `$JAVA_HOME` environment variable. You can set this environment variable in your user account's 'profile' file. Alternatively, you can set this after installing Confluence, by defining this path in your Confluence installation's `setenv.sh` file, usually located in the Confluence `bin` directory.
- If you have installed [an unsupported JDK](#) and you want to use SSL then you need to install the [Sun JSSE package](#).

To install the JDK on Linux:

1. Download the appropriate [JDK version](#).  
Check the [Supported Platforms](#) page to find out which JDK / JRE versions are supported for your version of Confluence.
2. Run the Java installer. Detailed installation instructions are provided on [Oracle's website](#).
3. Open a shell console and type `echo $JAVA_HOME` and hit Enter to check that it has installed correctly (see notes above).

**Note:** Any Java or JDK version numbers on this page are **examples only**. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) page for supported versions of Java.

### Setting the JAVA\_HOME Variable in Windows

After you've [installed Java](#) in Windows, you must set the `JAVA_HOME` environment variable to point to the Java installation directory.

This information is only relevant if you're installing Confluence manually on a Windows server. If you're using the installer, we'll do this part for you.

If you installed the Java Development Kit (JDK) you'll be setting the `JAVA_HOME` environment variable. If you installed the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) you will follow the same steps but set the `JRE_HOME` environment variable instead.

#### Set the JAVA\_HOME Variable

To set the `JAVA_HOME` variable:

1. Locate the Java installation directory

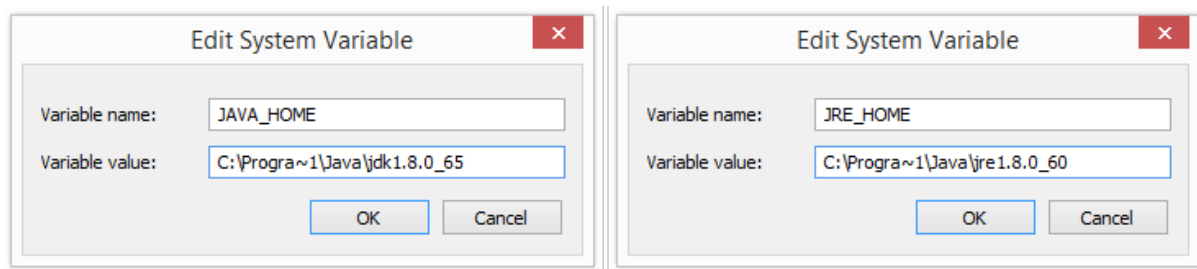
If you didn't change the path during installation, it'll be something like `C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_65`

2. Do one of the following:  
**Windows 7** – Right click **My Computer** and select **Properties > Advanced**  
**Windows 8** – Go to **Control Panel > System > Advanced System Settings**
3. Click the **Environment Variables** button
4. Under **System Variables**, click **New**
5. In the **Variable Name** field, enter either:
  - `JAVA_HOME` if you installed the JDK (Java Development Kit)  
or
  - `JRE_HOME` if you installed the JRE (Java Runtime Environment)
6. In the **Variable Value** field, enter your JDK or JRE installation path

If the path contains spaces, use the shortened path name. For example, `C:\Progra~1\Java\jdk1.8.0_65`

#### Related pages

- [Starting Tomcat as a Windows Service](#)
- [Installing Confluence in Linux](#)



#### Note for Windows users on 64-bit systems

Progra~1 = 'Program Files'

Progra~2 = 'Program Files(x86)'

#### 7. Click **OK** and **Apply Changes** as prompted

You'll need to close and re-open any command windows that were open before you made these changes, as there's no way to reload environment variables from an active command prompt. If the changes don't take effect after reopening the command window, restart Windows.

### Creating a Dedicated User Account on the Operating System to Run Confluence

**i** This step is optional if you are evaluating Confluence, but should be mandatory for Confluence installations used in production. If you have used the Confluence installer on Linux, this user will be created automatically.

A dedicated user should be created to run Confluence, because Confluence runs as the user it is invoked under and therefore can potentially be abused. For example:

- If your operating system is \*nix-based (for example, Linux or Solaris), type the following in a console:
 

```
$ sudo /usr/sbin/useradd --create-home --comment "Account for running Confluence" --shell /bin/bash confluence
```
- If your operating system is Windows:
  1. Create the dedicated user account by either:
    - Typing the following at the Windows command line:
 

```
> net user confluence mypassword /add /comment:"Account for running Confluence"
```

 (This creates a user account with user name 'confluence' and password 'mypassword'. You should choose your own password.)
    - Opening the Windows 'Computer Management' console to add your 'confluence' user with its own password.
  2. (Optional) Use the Windows 'Computer Management' console to remove the 'confluence' user's membership of all unnecessary Windows groups, such as the default 'Users' group.
    - ✓ If Windows is operating under Microsoft Active Directory, ask your Active Directory administrator to create your 'confluence' account (with no prior privileges).

Ensure that the following directories can be read and written to by this dedicated user account (e.g. 'confluence'):

- The [Confluence Installation Directory](#), particularly these sub-directories:
  - logs
  - temp
  - work
- Your [Confluence Home directory](#).

See also [Best Practices for Configuring Confluence Security](#).

### Confluence Setup Guide

Before running the Confluence Setup Wizard, as described below, you should have already completed [installing Confluence](#).

When you access Confluence in your web browser for the first time, you will see the **Confluence Setup Wizard**. This is a series of screens which will prompt you to supply some default values for your Confluence site. It will also offer some more advanced options for setting up data connections and restoring data from a previous installation.

## 1. Start the setup wizard

1. Start Confluence (if it is not already running)  
For Windows, go to **Start > Programs > Confluence > Start Confluence Server**.  
Or, run the start-up script found in the `bin` folder of your installation directory:
  - `start-confluence.bat` for Windows.
  - `start-confluence.sh` for Linux-based systems.
2. Go `http://localhost:8090/` in your browser  
If you chose a different port during installation, change '8090' to the port you specified  
If you see an error, check you are using the port you specified during installation.

## 2. Choose your installation type and add-ons

In this step, you'll choose whether you want a trial or a production installation.

- **Trial installation**  
Set up Confluence with the embedded [H2 database](#), default settings and sample content to get you started.  
You'll need to migrate to a supported external database before using Confluence as a production system. This option is recommended if you're just taking Confluence for a test drive.
- **Production installation**  
Set up Confluence with your own external database. This option is recommended for setting up Confluence in a production environment.

If you've purchased a license bundle that includes Questions or Team Calendars for Confluence (or if you're keen to try these add-ons) you can get the setup wizard to install these add-ons automatically - choose the add-ons you want to automatically install.

## 3. Enter your license key

Follow the prompts to generate an evaluation license, or enter an existing license key. To retrieve an existing license key head to [my.atlassian.com](http://my.atlassian.com), or to purchase a new commercial license go to [my.atlassian.com/purchase](http://my.atlassian.com/purchase).

If you selected a **Trial installation** in the previous step, Confluence will generate your license and then create the embedded database. This will take a few minutes. Once complete, go to [step 8 below](#).

If you selected a **Production installation**, go to the next step to set up your external database.

## 4. Production installation: database configuration

Next it's time to set up your database. Some things to consider:

- Check the [supported platforms](#) list to confirm that your chosen database and version is supported.
- See [database configuration](#) for information on setting up your database, including UTF-8 character encoding requirements.

### On this page:

- 1. Start the setup wizard
- 2. Choose your installation type and add-ons
- 3. Enter your license key
- 4. Production installation: database configuration
- 5. Production installation: external database
- 6. Production installation: load content
- 7. Production Installation: restore data from backup
- 8. Set up user management
- 9. Connect to your JIRA application
- 10. Set up system administrator account
- 11. Setup is Complete

- If you are using Confluence as a production system you **must** use an external database.
- The embedded [H2 database](#) option is available for evaluating or demonstrating Confluence, but should not be used for production use. If you choose this option, you'll need to migrate to an external database later on.

*Screenshot: Database configuration*

## Choose a Database Configuration

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Choose where Confluence should store its data.


### External Database

If you wish to store your Confluence data in an external database, choose it from the list of supported databases. This is **recommended for production systems**.

Confluence supports a number of databases, and does not strongly recommend any one database. Atlassian provides only limited support for maintaining and tuning databases, so if you already have an established, supported database of choice within your organisation it is advisable to use this database. The benefit of having an expert to diagnose operational and performance issues far outweighs any differences between the databases themselves.

If you have no established database and do not have a strong preference for any of our supported databases, we recommend the latest supported version of [PostgreSQL](#), which is free and thoroughly tested against. Please check the latest supported version in our [documentation](#).

If your database is not listed in the menu, you may configure an "Unsupported Database", but be aware that Confluence may not be fully tested against this database.



External Database

### Embedded Database

The embedded database will allow Confluence to operate without an external database.

We **strongly recommend against** using this on a **production** server. This is **recommended for evaluating and demonstrating Confluence only**. Production systems should consider an external database for improved scalability and reliability. A guide on how to migrate your data can be found [here](#).

Embedded Database

## 5. Production installation: external database

### Before you Start

- **Character encoding:**
  - We strongly recommend that character encoding is consistent across your database, application server and web application, and that you use **UTF-8** encoding.
  - Before setting up your database, please read about [configuring character encoding](#).
- **Database name:** When creating a new external database, give it the name '**confluence**'.

Choose how you want Confluence to connect to your database either via a direct JDBC connection or via a server-managed datasource connection.

*Screenshot: Connection options*

## Configure Database

Choose how you wish Confluence to connect to your database.

### Direct JDBC Connection

Connect directly to the database

Direct JDBC

### Connect via a Datasource

Connect to the database via a datasource configured in the application server

Datasource

#### Direct JDBC

This uses a standard JDBC database connection. Connection pooling is handled within Confluence.

- **Driver Class Name** – The Java class name for the appropriate database driver. This will depend on the JDBC driver, and will be found in the documentation for your database. Note that Confluence bundles some database drivers, but you'll need to install the driver yourself if it is not bundled. See [Database JDBC Drivers](#) for details.
- **Database URL** – The JDBC URL for the database you will be connecting to. This will depend on the JDBC driver, and will be found in the documentation for your database.
- **User Name** and **Password** – A valid username and password that Confluence can use to access your database.

You will also need to know:

- The size of the connection pool Confluence should maintain. If in doubt, just go with the default provided.
- What kind of database you're connecting to, so you can tell Confluence which dialect it needs to use.

#### Datasource

This asks your application server (Tomcat) for a database connection. You will need to have configured a datasource in your application server. For information about configuring an external database, see [Database Configuration](#).

- **Datasource Name** - The JNDI name of the datasource, as configured in the application server.  
Note: Some servers will have JNDI names like `jdbc/datasourcename`; others will be like `java:comp/env/jdbc/datasourcename`. Check your application server documentation.

You will also need to know:

- What kind of database you're connecting to, so you can tell Confluence which dialect it needs to use.

## 6. Production installation: load content

We can help you get your new Confluence site started with some demonstration content (which you can remove once you're up and running), or you can choose to proceed with an empty site. You'll need to create a space in your new site before you can start adding content.

If you're migrating from another Confluence installation choose **Restore from backup** to import your existing Confluence data.



## 7. Production Installation: restore data from backup

This option allows you to import data from an existing Confluence installation as part of the setup process. You'll need a [manual backup](#) file from your existing Confluence installation to do this (go to **Backup and Restore** in the administration console of your existing Confluence site).

*Screenshot: restore data options*

**Upload and restore a site/space backup.**

This site accepts full site imports from Confluence 4.0 and later, and space imports from Confluence 5.3 and later.

To allow you to search your data, Confluence needs to build an index. You can postpone this to later by unchecking the box below.

☒ Build Index

No file selected.

**Restore a backup from the Confluence Home Directory**

**i** Backups must be copied into the c:\confluence-home\restore directory. Recommended if you have a large backup file.

☒ Build Index

No files in directory.

There are currently no files in the restore directory. You will need to copy your backup here first.

There are two ways to restore your data - upload the file, or restore from a location on your file system.

- **Upload a backup file**

This option will load the data from a zipped backup file. If your backup file is very large, restoring from the file system is a better option. Follow the prompts to browse for your backup file. Ensure select **Build Index** is selected so the search index is generated.

- **Restore a backup file from the file system**

This option is recommended if your backup file is very large (100mb or more), or your backup file is already on the same server.

Copy your XML backup file into the <confluence-home>/restore directory. Your backup file will appear in the list. Follow the prompts to restore the backup. Ensure select **Build Index** is selected so the search index is generated.

When the restore process has you'll be ready to log in to Confluence. The system administrator account and all other user data and content has been imported from your previous installation.

## 8. Set up user management

You can choose to manage Confluence's users and groups inside Confluence or in a JIRA application, such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk.

- If you do not have a JIRA application installed, or if you would prefer to set up external user management later, choose **Manage users and groups within Confluence**.
- If you have a JIRA application installed, the setup wizard gives you the opportunity to configure the JIRA connection automatically. This is a quick way of setting up your JIRA integration with the most common options. It will configure a JIRA user directory for Confluence, and set up application links between JIRA and Confluence for easy sharing of data. Choose **Connect to JIRA**.



## 9. Connect to your JIRA application

### Connect to JIRA

Fill in the details of the JIRA server you wish to retrieve user and group information from. You will need a valid administrator account on that JIRA server. [Learn more about configuring JIRA integration.](#)

#### JIRA Server Location

JIRA Base URL \*

For example: <http://jira.mycompany.com> or <http://mycompany.com/jira>

#### JIRA Administrator Login

Confluence will need to log in to JIRA with administrative privileges to retrieve user information.

Username \*

This username must have system administrator rights on your JIRA server.

Password \*

#### Advanced Options

Confluence Base URL \*

JIRA will use this URL to access your Confluence server. If Confluence is behind a proxy, you may need to change the URL given here.

User Groups \*

Users in these groups will have access to Confluence. Comma-separated.

Admin Groups \*

Users in these groups will have administrator access to Confluence. Comma-separated.

[Return to User Management Selection](#) [Next](#)

Enter the following information:

- **JIRA Base URL** - the address of your JIRA server, such as `http://www.example.com:8080/jira/` or `http://jira.example.com`
- **JIRA Administrator Login** - this is the username and password of a user account that has the JIRA System Administrator global permission in your JIRA application.

Confluence will also use this username and password to create a local administrator account which will let you access Confluence if JIRA is unavailable. Note that this single account is stored in Confluence's internal user directory, so if you change the password in JIRA, it will not automatically update in Confluence.

- **Confluence Base URL** - this is the URL JIRA will use to access your Confluence server. The URL you give here overrides the base URL specified in Confluence, for the purposes of connecting to the JIRA application.
- **User Groups** - these are the JIRA groups whose members should be allowed to use Confluence. Members of these groups will get the 'Can use' permission for Confluence, and will be counted in your Confluence license. The default user group name differs depending on your JIRA version:
  - JIRA 6.4 and earlier: `jira-users`.
  - JIRA Software 7.x and later: `jira-software-users`
  - JIRA Core 7.x and later: `jira-core-users`
  - JIRA Service Desk 3.x and later: `jira-servicedesk-users`
- **Admin Groups** - Specify one or more JIRA groups whose members should have administrative access to Confluence. The default group is `jira-administrators`. These groups will get the system administrator and Confluence administrator global permissions in Confluence.

For full details and a troubleshooting guide, see [Configuring JIRA Integration in the Setup Wizard](#).

## 10. Set up system administrator account

The system administrator has full administrative power over your Confluence instance. This person will be able to add more users, create spaces, and set further Confluence options. Please refer to the [overview of global permissions](#) for more information.

Hint: If you are evaluating Confluence, set yourself as the administrator.

If you've delegated user management to a JIRA application, we'll use the JIRA system administrator account you specified as Confluence's system administrator account.

## 11. Setup is Complete

That's it, Confluence is ready to go. Click **Start** to jump straight in to Confluence.

Choose **Further Configuration** if you want to go directly to the Administration Console and complete administrator's tasks including configuring a mail server, adding users, changing the base URL and more.

### Configuring JIRA Integration in the Setup Wizard

This page describes the **Connect to JIRA** step in the Confluence setup wizard.

If you are already using a JIRA application, you can choose to delegate user management to JIRA, instead of separately maintaining your users in Confluence.

You'll be able to specify exactly which groups in your JIRA app should also be allowed to log in to Confluence. Your license tiers do not need to be the same for each application.

It's possible to connect Confluence to JIRA after completing the setup process, but it's much quicker and easier to set it up at this stage.

You can delegate Confluence's user management to:

- JIRA 4.3 or later
- JIRA Core 7.0 or later
- JIRA Software 7.0 or later
- JIRA Service Desk 3.0 or later.

#### [Connecting to a JIRA application in the Setup Wizard](#)

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- [Connecting to a JIRA application in the Setup Wizard](#)
- [Troubleshooting](#)

#### Related pages:

- [User Management Limitations and Recommendations](#)
- [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#)
- [Confluence Setup Guide](#)

## Connect to JIRA

Fill in the details of the JIRA server you wish to retrieve user and group information from. You will need a valid administrator account on that JIRA server. [Learn more about configuring JIRA integration.](#)

### JIRA Server Location

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- **Admin Groups** - Specify one or more JIRA groups whose members should have administrative access to Confluence. The default group is `jira-administrators`. These groups will get the system administrator and Confluence administrator global permissions in Confluence.

### Troubleshooting

If you have trouble connecting Confluence to JIRA, the following troubleshooting information should help you get up and running.

If no users can log in to Confluence after you've completed the setup process, check that the people are members of the JIRA groups you specified. Only members of these groups will get the 'Can Use' Confluence permission.

Error in the setup wizard	Cause	Solution
Failed to create application link, or Failed to authenticate application link	The setup wizard failed to complete registration of the peer-to-peer application link with JIRA. JIRA integration is only partially configured.	Follow the steps below to <a href="#">remove the partial configuration</a> then try the Connect to JIRA step again.
Failed to register Confluence configuration in JIRA for shared user management	The setup wizard failed to complete registration of the client-server link with JIRA for user management. The peer-to-peer link was successfully created, but integration is only partially configured.	Follow the steps below to <a href="#">remove the partial configuration</a> then try the Connect to JIRA step again.
Error setting Crowd authentication	The setup wizard successfully established the peer-to-peer link with JIRA, but could not persist the client-server link for user management in your <code>config.xml</code> file. This may be caused by a problem in your environment, such as a full disk.	Fix the problem that prevented the application from saving the configuration file to disk then follow the steps below to <a href="#">remove the partial configuration</a> before trying the Connect to JIRA step again.
Error reloading Crowd authentication	The setup wizard has completed the integration of your application with JIRA, but is unable to start synchronizing the JIRA users with your application.	Restart Confluence. You should be able to continue with the setup wizard. If this does not work, contact <a href="#">Atlassian Support</a> for help.
<code>java.lang.IllegalStateException: Could not create the application in JIRA/Crowd (code: 500)</code>	The setup wizard has not completed the integration of your application with JIRA. The links are only partially configured. The problem occurred because there is already a user management configuration in JIRA for this <application> URL.	Follow the steps below to <a href="#">remove the partial configuration</a> and resolve any conflict with existing links then try the Connect to JIRA step again.

### Removing a partial configuration

If you hit a roadblock, you'll need to log in to JIRA and remove the partial integration before you can try again. The specific steps will differ depending on your JIRA application and version, but the essentials are the same for all versions:

- Log in to JIRA as a user with system administrator permissions.
- In the Administrator screens, go to **Application Links**.
- Remove the application link that matches the base URL of your Confluence server.
- In the User Management screens, go to **JIRA User Server**.
- Remove the link that matches the name and base URL of your Confluence server from the list of applications that can use JIRA for user management.
  - ▼ [If you have multiple servers running on the same host...](#)  
If you're unable to tell which link matches your Confluence server because you have multiple servers of the same type running on the same host you can check the application ID, which is listed beside each server.

To find out the application ID of your new Confluence site, go to `<baseUrl>/rest/applinks/1.0/manifest` (where `<baseUrl>` is the base URL of your Confluence site). The application ID

will be listed in the <ID> element.

- Return to the Confluence setup wizard and try the **Connect to JIRA** step again.

If you're still unable to connect JIRA and Confluence using the setup wizard, you may need to skip this step and set up the links between JIRA and Confluence manually once you've completed the Confluence setup process. See [Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management](#).

Upgrading Confluence

In this guide we'll run you through using the installer to upgrade your Confluence site to the latest Confluence version on Windows or Linux.

Upgrading to any later version is free if you have current software maintenance. See our [Licensing FAQ](#) to find out more.



Other ways to upgrade Confluence:

- [Manually](#) – upgrade without using the installer.
- [Data Center](#) – upgrade your Data Center cluster.

XML backups should **not** be used to upgrade Confluence.

Before you begin

Before you upgrade Confluence, there's a few questions you need to answer.

Is installer the right upgrade method for you?	<p><a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>You can choose to upgrade using the installer, or manually using a zip or tar.gz file. In most cases the installer is the easiest way to upgrade your Confluence instance.</p> <p>You will need to <a href="#">upgrade manually</a> if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• you are moving to another operating system or file location as part of this upgrade.</li><li>• you are upgrading from <b>Confluence 3.5 or earlier</b></li><li>• you are upgrading from <b>Confluence 5.6</b> or earlier and previously used the <b>EA R/WAR distribution</b> to deploy Confluence into an existing application server.</li></ul>
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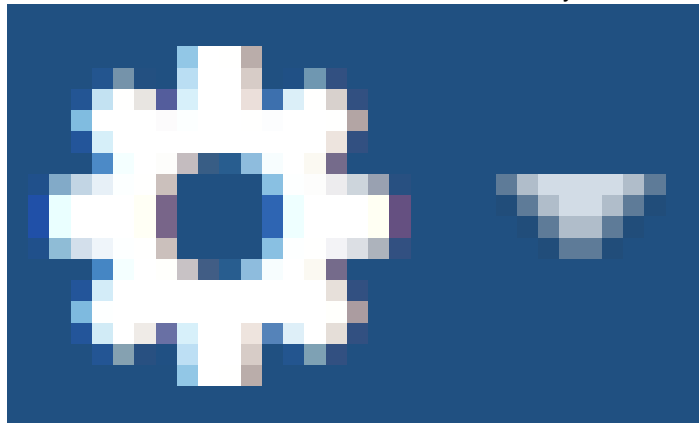
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Are you eligible to upgrade?

▼ [Tell me more...](#)

To check if software maintenance is current for your license, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** and make sure the license support period has not expired.

#### License Details

Here are your current license details.

To update your Confluence license, enter your new license key below.

Organisation	Atlassian
Date purchased	Dec 06, 2016
License type	Sample license
Licensed users	500 (4 signed up currently) <a href="#">Learn more</a>
	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>
Support period	Your commercial Confluence support and updates are available until Dec 06, 2017. <a href="#">Learn more</a>
Support Entitlement Number	SEN-500
Server ID	BE8C-MMO5-V88S-6MWC (Atlassian sales or support may ask you to provide this ID)

**Software maintenance**  
Upgrade at any time during this period

If your support period has expired, follow the prompts to renew your license and reapply it before upgrading.

Have our supported platforms changed?

[Tell me more...](#)

Check the [Supported Platforms](#) page for the version of Confluence you are upgrading to. This will give you info on supported operating systems, databases and browsers.

#### Good to know:

- The Confluence installer includes Java (JRE) and Tomcat, so you won't need to upgrade these separately.
- If you need to upgrade your database, be sure to read the upgrade notes for the Confluence version you plan to upgrade to (and any in-between) to check for any database configuration changes that you may need to make.

Do you need to make changes to your environment?	<p>▼ <a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Newer Confluence versions sometimes require changes to your environment, such as providing more memory or adjusting your reverse proxy settings.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <p>We use <a href="#">Upgrade Notes</a> to communicate changes that will impact you, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to supported databases, memory requirements or other changes that will impact your environment.</li> <li>• Features that have significantly changed or been removed in this release.</li> <li>• Actions you may need to take in your instance or environment immediately after the upgrade.</li> </ul> <p>It's important to read the notes for the version you're upgrading to and those in-between. For example, if you are upgrading from 5.8 to 5.10 you should read the upgrade notes for 5.9 and 5.10.</p>
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## Plan your upgrade

### 1. Determine your upgrade path

Use the table below to determine the most efficient upgrade path from your current version to the latest versions of Confluence.

Your Version	Recommended upgrade path to Confluence 6
2.7 or earlier	Upgrade to <b>2.7.4</b> then upgrade to <b>3.5.17</b> , and follow paths below.
2.8 to 3.4	Upgrade to <b>3.5.17</b> , and follow paths below.
3.5	Upgrade to <b>5.0.3</b> then upgrade to the latest version of <a href="#">Confluence 6</a> .
4.0 to 4.3	Upgrade to <b>5.10.x</b> then upgrade to the latest version of <a href="#">Confluence 6</a> .
5.0 to 6.x	Upgrade directly to the latest version of <a href="#">Confluence 6</a> .

### Confluence 6 is a major upgrade

Be sure to read the [Confluence 6.0 Upgrade Notes](#), take a full backup, and test your upgrade in a non-production environment before upgrading your production site.

### 2. Complete the pre-upgrade checks

1. Check the [Upgrade Notes](#) for the version you plan to upgrade to (and any in between).

2. Go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** to run the health check (available in Confluence 5.5 or later).

▼ [License expired?](#)

If the software maintenance period included in your license has expired you can keep using Confluence, but you'll need to renew before you can upgrade.



Go to



> **General Configuration** > **License Details** and follow the prompts to renew your license.

▼ [Still using the embedded database?](#)

If you are using the **embedded (trial) database** you should [migrate to a different database](#) before upgrading.

This database is supplied for evaluation purposes only and is not recommended for production environments. See [Embedded H2 Database](#) for more information.

▼ [Database character encoding incorrect?](#)

Database collation must be set to UTF+8 (or AL32UTF8 for Oracle databases). You will not be able to upgrade to current Confluence versions unless you have the correct character encoding.

3. Go to



> **Add-ons** > **add-ons** and scroll down to the **Confluence Update Check** to check the compatibility of your add-ons.

4. Choose the version you plan to upgrade to then hit **Check**.

▼ [If you have incompatible add-ons...](#)

If your users rely on particular add-ons, you may want to wait until they are compatible before upgrading Confluence. Add-on vendors generally update their add-ons very soon after a major release.

**Good to know:**

- You can disable an add-on temporarily while you upgrade if it is not yet compatible.
- Compatibility information for Atlassian Labs and other free add-ons is often not available immediately after a new release. In many cases the add-on will still work, so give it a try in a test site before upgrading your production site.

### 3. Upgrade Confluence in a test environment

1. Create a staging copy of your current production environment.  
See [Create a staging environment for upgrading Confluence](#) for help creating an environment to test your upgrade in.
2. Follow the steps below to upgrade your test environment.
3. Test any unsupported add-ons, customizations (such as custom theme or layouts) and proxy configuration (if possible) before upgrading your production environment.

## Upgrade Confluence

### 4. Back up

1. Back up your database and confirm the backup was created properly.  
If your database does not support online backups you'll need to stop Confluence first.
2. Back up your **installation directory** and **home directory**.  
The installation wizard will back up your Confluence directories as part of the installation process, but you should also back these directions up manually before starting the upgrade.

▼ [Where is my home directory?](#)

You can find the location of your home directory in the `<installation-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties` file.

This is where your search indexes and attachments are stored. If you store attachments outside the Confluence Home directory, you should also backup your attachments directory.

## 5. Download Confluence

Download the installer for your operating system - <https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download>

## 6. Run the installer

### 1. Run the installer.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this in Windows...

Run the .exe file. We recommend using a Windows administrator account.

If prompted to allow the upgrade wizard to make changes to your computer, choose '**Yes**'. If you do not, the installation wizard will have restricted access to your operating system and any subsequent installation options will be limited.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this in Linux...

Change to the directory where you downloaded Confluence then execute this command to make the installer executable:

```
$ chmod a+x atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin
```

Where X.X.X is the Confluence version you downloaded.

Next, run the installer – we recommend using `sudo` to run the installer:

```
$ sudo ./atlassian-confluence-X.X.X-x64.bin
```

You can also choose to run the installer with root user privileges.

### 2. Follow the prompts to upgrade Confluence:

- a. When prompted choose **Upgrade an existing Confluence installation** (for Linux users this is option 3).
- b. Make sure the **Existing Confluence installation directory** suggested by the wizard is correct (especially important if you have multiple Confluence installations on the same machine).
- c. **Back up Confluence home** is strongly recommended. This will create a .zip backup of the Confluence home and installation directories.
- d. The installation wizard notifies you of customizations in the Confluence Installation directory. Make a note of these as you'll need to reapply them later.
  - ▼ There are some limitations...

The installation wizard's ability to notify you about customizations will depend on how your existing Confluence instance was installed:

    - If your current Confluence instance was installed using the installer, the wizard will check the entire Confluence Installation directory.
    - If your current Confluence instance was installed manually it will only check the `confluence` subdirectory of the Confluence Installation directory. The installation wizard will **not** notify you of modifications in any other directory, for example modifications to start-up scripts under the `bin` directory or modifications to the `server.xml` file (such as an SSL configuration).

### 3. The wizard will shut down your Confluence instance and proceed with the upgrade. Once complete, it

will restart Confluence and you can then launch Confluence in your browser to confirm the upgrade was successful.

Depending on the size of your instance and the number of upgrade tasks to be run, this step may take a few minutes or several hours.

## After the upgrade

### 7. Copy your database driver

If you're using an Oracle or MySQL database, you'll need to copy the jdbc driver jar file from your existing Confluence installation directory to `confluence/WEB-INF/lib` in your new installation directory.

Microsoft SQL and Postgres users can skip this step.

### 8. Re-apply any modifications

During the upgrade the wizard migrated the following from your existing Confluence installation:

- TCP port values in your `server.xml` file.
- Location of your Confluence home directory in `confluence-init.properties`.

All other customizations, including `CATALINA_OPTS` parameters in your `setenv.sh` / `setenv.bat` files, need to be reapplied manually.

#### ▼ Show me how to do this...

Any other configurations or customizations (including any other modifications in the `server.xml` file) are **not migrated** during the upgrade and need to be reapplied manually.


1. Stop your upgraded Confluence instance.
2. Reapply the customizations to the relevant files in the upgraded Confluence Installation directory.
3. Restart the upgraded Confluence instance.

We **strongly recommend** you test your customizations in a test instance prior to upgrading your production instance as changes may have been made to Confluence that make your customizations unusable.

### 9. Update your reverse proxy and check you can access Confluence

If you are upgrading from **Confluence 5.x to Confluence 6.x** you will need to modify your reverse proxy (if used) to add Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing. See [Proxy and SSL considerations](#) for more information on the changes you'll need to make to your proxy config.

Once your upgrade is complete, you should access Confluence (via your reverse proxy, not directly) and:

- Head to  > **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing** and check the Synchrony status is **running**.
- Edit any page to check that your browser can connect to Synchrony.

See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#) for suggested next steps if Synchrony is not running or you see an error in the editor, as you may have a misconfigured reverse proxy.

## Troubleshooting

### Did something go wrong?

If you need to retry the upgrade, **you must restore your pre-upgrade backups first**. Do not attempt to run an upgrade again, or start the older version of Confluence again after an upgrade has failed.

#### ▼ Some common issues while upgrading...

- **Can't proceed with upgrade because license has expired**  
If your license has expired and was not renewed and reapplied before upgrading you will receive errors during the upgrade process. See [upgrading beyond current license period](#) for information on how to resolve this problem.
- **Can't proceed with upgrade because of a conflict with anti virus**  
Some anti-virus or other Internet security tools may interfere with the Confluence upgrade process and prevent the process from completing successfully, particularly if you run Confluence as a Windows service. If you experience or anticipate experiencing such an issue with your anti-virus / Internet security tool, disable this tool first before proceeding with the Confluence upgrade.
- **Database does not support online backups**  
The upgrade wizard will prompt you to backup your database using your database's backup utilities. If your database does not support online backups, stop the upgrade process, shut down Confluence, perform your database backup and then run the installer again to continue with the upgrade.
- **Upgrade is taking a very long time**  
If you have a very large database (i.e. database backups take a very long time to complete), setting the `confluence.upgrade.recovery.file.enabled` [system property](#) to false will speed up the upgrade process. It should be used only when there is a process to back up database and verify the backup before performing an upgrade.
- **Confluence doesn't start**  
Incompatible add-ons can occasionally prevent Confluence from starting successfully. You can troubleshoot the problem by starting Confluence with all user installed add-ons temporarily disabled. See [Start and Stop Confluence](#) for more info.
- **Collaborative editing errors**  
If Synchrony is not running or you see an error, head to [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#) for info on how to get collaborative editing up and running in your environment. The most common problems are a misconfigured reverse proxy or port 8091 not being available for Synchrony.

You can also refer to the [Upgrade Troubleshooting](#) guide in the Confluence Knowledge Base, or check for answers from the community at [Atlassian Answers](#).

## Upgrading Beyond Current Licensed Period

This page explains the recovery process should you mistakenly try to upgrade your Confluence installation to a version beyond your current license entitlement.

### License warnings

During an upgrade an obvious indication that your license has expired can be found in your [log file](#). You will see a 'WARN' level entry similar to this:

```
[confluence.upgrade.impl.DefaultUpgradeManager] isUpgradeAllowed  
Your license is now outside of its support period.  
You need to renew the license before you can upgrade to this version  
of Confluence.
```

When you try to access the Confluence site in your browser, you will see the following warning screen:

### Related pages:

- [Upgrading Confluence](#)
- [Working with Confluence Logs](#)
- [Confluence administrator's guide](#)

You cannot access Confluence at present. Look at the table below to identify the reasons

Time	Level	Type	Description	Exception
2008-02-04 10:51:04	null	(EventType: upgrade)	Cannot proceed with upgrade. Your current license does not entitle you to upgrade to this version of Confluence. Please check that the support period of your license has not expired or that you have the correct partner license. If you wish to renew your license, please contact sales@atlassian.com. If you have a new license, please enter it on this <a href="#">page</a> and <b>restart</b> .	fatal

### Updating the Confluence license

1. Contact [Atlassian Sales](#) to arrange for a new license to be issued, as instructed on the warning screen illustrated above.
2. Once you have received a suitable license, supply the license key to Confluence:
  - Click link given on the license warning screen, illustrated above.
  - You will first be asked to log in as a Confluence administrator.
  - Then you will be presented with a simplified license administration screen. Enter the credentials of a Confluence system administrator.
  - Copy the license key into the **License** field and choose **Save**.

Please enter your new license.

You must authenticate as a Confluence administrator to do so.

<b>Support Period</b>	Your commercial Confluence support has ended on <b>07/09/07 15:00</b> . Confluence updates created after <b>07/09/07 15:00</b> are not available under this license. If you wish to <a href="#">renew your license</a> please <a href="#">contact us</a> .
<b>Username</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Password</b>	<input type="password"/>
<b>License</b>	<div><div></div></div>

3. Restart Confluence to continue the upgrade.

### Confluence Post-Upgrade Checks

This article provides a list of items for Confluence Administrators to check after a [Confluence upgrade](#) to ensure that it has completed successfully. This list is not exhaustive, but it does cover common upgrade mistakes.

#### Before You Begin

After you have completed an upgrade, you should see the following message in the `atlassian-confluence.log` file:

```
2010-03-08 08:03:58,899 INFO [main]
[atlassian.confluence.upgrade.AbstractUpgradeManager] entireupgradeFinished Upgrade
completed successfully
```

If you do not see the line in your log similar to the one above, this means that your upgrade has not completed successfully. Please check our [Upgrade Troubleshooting](#) documentation to check for a suitable recommendation or fix. If there are no errors logged or if none of the errors are referenced in the the Troubleshooting Upgrades documentation, please contact Atlassian [Support](#).

#### Upgrade Checklist

Here's a recommended list of things to check after completing an upgrade

### 1. The editor

Edit a page to check your browser can connect to Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing. See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#) if you are not able to edit a page.

### 2. Layout and Menu

Visit the [Confluence dashboard](#) and check that it is accessible and displays as expected. Test the different Internet browsers that you have in use in your environment. In addition, confirm that the [layout](#) appears as expected and that the menus are clickable and functioning.

### 3. Search

Try [searching for content](#), for example pages, attachments or user names. Check that the expected results are returned.

### 4. Permissions

Confirm that you can visit a page that has [view restrictions](#), but you have permission to view. Confirm that you can edit a page that has edit restrictions but you have permission to edit. Make sure that the permissions of child pages are functioning as well. Involve as many space administrators as possible to confirm they are working. Confirm that anonymous or forbidden users cannot access or modify restricted pages.

### 5. Attachments

Confirm that [attachments](#) are accessible and searchable.

### 6. Add-ons

Outdated third-party [add-ons](#) can cause upgrade failure. Quite often, they will just be incompatible and simply do not work anymore. If you discover that your add-on is no longer working, please check for the latest version for your add-on in the [The Atlassian Marketplace](#) or check for compatibility in the [Universal Plugin Manager](#).

#### Migration from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format

If you are upgrading **to Confluence 4.0 or later** from an older version (From Confluence 3.5.x or earlier) then as part of the upgrade an automatic migration of your content will take place. This is a non-destructive process. Your existing content is not overwritten. Instead, the migration process will create a new version of each wiki markup page. The new version will use the new XHTML-based storage format, so that you can edit the page in the Confluence rich text editor.

In addition, if you are **upgrading to Confluence 4.3 or later** from an older version then as part of the upgrade an automatic migration of your page templates will take place. See [Migration of Templates from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format](#).

**Note:** Even though the process is non-destructive, you must be sure to perform a backup of your database and home directory prior to starting the new version of Confluence, as we recommend for any [Confluence upgrade](#).

#### Migration process

Depending on the size of your Confluence installation, the migration from wiki markup to the new XHTML-based storage format could prove time consuming. The duration of the migration is difficult to estimate; this is due to a number of site specific factors. As a rough guide, a test dataset we migrated was 130,000 pages, totalling approximately 700Mb, which took six minutes.

**On this page:**

- [Migration process](#)
- [Watching the migration logs during the upgrade](#)
- [Re-running the migration – for content that completely failed the migration](#)
- [Re-attempting the migration – for content in 'unmigrated-wiki-markup' macro](#)
- [Notes](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Migration of Templates from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format](#)
- [Upgrading Confluence](#)

The following properties that can be modified to allow finer control over the migration process:

Property	Purpose	Default
confluence.wiki.migration.threads	The number of concurrent worker threads migrating content	4
confluence.wiki.migration.batch.size	The number of items migrated in each batch of work	500
confluence.wiki.migration.versioncomment	The comment associated with the newly migrated version of each piece of content	"Migrated to Confluence 4.0"

(For instructions on setting Confluence system properties see [this document](#).)

Again, due to the large variability in Confluence installations it is hard to give specific recommendations for the above settings. One point to note though that both increasing batch size and the number of threads (or both) will increase the peak memory required for migration. If memory is an issue then as you increase one of these settings consider decreasing the other.

Another factor to be aware of if modifying these defaults is that of the cache settings employed in your site. The migration will quickly populate certain Confluence caches so be sure that if you have customized caches as [described here](#) that there is enough memory on the server for these caches should they reach maximum capacity.

### Watching the migration logs during the upgrade

To monitor the progress of a site migration you should watch the output in the [application log](#).

Typical logging progress will be shown by multiple log entries at the INFO level of the following format:

```
WikiToXhtmlMigrationThread-n - Migrated 2500 of 158432 pages, this batch
migrated 500/500 without error
```

There may be a wide array of messages logged from each individual page but any errors are also collected for display in a single migration report once all content has been processed. Here is a typical example of such a report:



```
Wiki to XHTML Exception Report:
Summary:
  0 settings values failed.
  0 PageTemplates failed.
  2 ContentEntityObjects failed.
Content Exceptions:
  1) Type: page, Id: 332, Title: Release Notes 1.0b3, Space: DOC -
Confluence 4.0 Beta. Cause:
com.atlassian.confluence.content.render.xhtml.migration.exceptions.Unkno
wnMacroMigrationException: The macro link is unknown.. Message: The
macro link is unknown.
  2) Type: comment, Id: 6919, Title: null, Global Scope. Cause:
com.atlassian.confluence.content.render.xhtml.migration.exceptions.Unkno
wnMacroMigrationException: The macro mymacro is unknown.. Message: The
macro mymacro is unknown.
```

Each entry in the report will identify the content that caused migration exceptions as well as displaying the exceptions themselves.

In almost all cases any content reported as errored will have been migrated to the new XHTML-based storage format, but will actually consist of wiki markup content wrapped within an XML 'unmigrated-wiki-markup' macro. This content will still be viewable in Confluence and editable within the new Confluence Editor.

However, in some cases a batch of content may actually have completely failed to migrate. This is most typically due to an unhandled exception causing a database transaction rollback. This would be reported in the log with a message like this:

```
Unable to start up Confluence. Fatal error during startup sequence:
confluence.lifecycle.core:pluginframeworkdependentupgrades (Run all the
upgrades that require the plugin framework to be available) -
com.atlassian.confluence.content.render.xhtml.migration.exceptions.Migra
tionException: java.util.concurrent.ExecutionException:
org.springframework.transaction.UnexpectedRollbackException: Transaction
rolled back because it has been marked as rollback-only
```

Confluence provides no further report about this scenario and will also allow Confluence to restart as normal without retrying a migration. If a user tries to view any such unmigrated content they will see an exception similar to this:

```
java.lang.UnsupportedOperationException: The body of this
ContentEntityObject ('Page Title') was 'WIKI' but was expected to be
'XHTML'
```

The solution is to ensure you manually re-run the site migration after the restart.

#### Re-running the migration – for content that completely failed the migration

A Confluence Administrator can restart the site migration if there was any content that failed migration (see previous section). Only the content that is still formatted in wiki markup will be migrated, so typically a re-migration will take less time than the original migration.

To manually re-run migration:

1. Open this URL in your browser: <Confluence Address>/admin/force-upgrade.action
2. Select **wikiToXhtmlMigrationUpgradeTask** in the **Upgrade task to run** dropdown list.

### 3. Choose **Force Upgrade**.

## Force Upgrade

This will run the selected upgrade task. You should only run any of these tasks if you were directed here by support documentation.

Upgrade task to run

Migrate all wiki formatted content in this Confluence instance to XHTML

#### Re-attempting the migration – for content in 'unmigrated-wiki-markup' macro

The previous section was about dealing with the exceptional circumstance where certain content was left completely unmigrated. The most common migration problem is that the content was migrated but remains formatted as wiki markup on the page, within the body of an 'unmigrated-wiki-markup' macro. Any content which is referenced in the migration report will be found in this state. This content is still viewable and editable but since it is wiki markup it cannot be edited using the full feature set of the rich text editor.

The most common reason for content to be in this state is that the page contains an unknown macro, or a macro that is not compatible with Confluence 4.x.

There are two possible fixes for this situation:

1. Install a version of the macro that is compatible with Confluence 4.x. See [Plugin Development Upgrade FAQ for 4.0](#).
2. Edit the page and remove the problematic macro.

Regardless of the solution you choose, you can then force a re-migration of all the content (including content in templates) that was left wrapped in an 'unmigrated-wiki-markup' macro. This feature is found at `<Confluence Address>/admin/unmigratedcontent.action`

## Update content with incompatible macros

Confluence has detected that there are **0 pages** with macros that are not yet Confluence 4+ compatible. To ensure backwards compatibility, these macros are still being rendered as wiki markup when editing your pages.

If you have recently updated plugins, you should update your content to ensure that any macros that are not Confluence 4 compatible become compatible. You may have to run the update several times as you update incompatible macros.

### Update Check

#### Update not required

You have not installed any new plugins since your last content upgrade. You do not need to run this upgrade unless you have been advised to by Atlassian Support staff.

**Note:** Once an upgrade has commenced you will not be able to pause or undo the upgrade. An update can severely affect the performance of your instance, we recommend you conduct this update during a quiet time. Users editing a page as it is updated may receive notice of a conflicting edit.

[Update Content](#)

## Notes

We refer to the Confluence storage format as 'XHTML-based'. To be correct, we should call it XML, because the Confluence storage format does not comply with the XHTML definition. In particular, Confluence includes custom elements for macros and more. We're using the term 'XHTML-based' to indicate that there is a large proportion of HTML in the storage format.

### Migration of Templates from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format

If you are **upgrading to Confluence 4.3 or later from an older version** (from Confluence 4.2.x or earlier) then as part of the upgrade an automatic migration of your page templates will take place. This is a non-destructive process. Your existing content is not overwritten. Instead, the migration process will create a new version of each space template and each global template on your Confluence site. The new version will use the new XHTML-based storage format, so that you can edit the template in the Confluence rich text editor.

**Note:** Nevertheless, you must be sure to perform a backup of your database and home directory prior to starting the new version of Confluence, as we recommend for any [Confluence upgrade](#).

### Watching the migration logs during the upgrade

To monitor the progress of a site migration you should watch the output in the [application log](#).

A typical logging progress will be shown by multiple log entries at the INFO level of the following format:

```
WikiToXhtmlMigrationThread-n - Migrated 22 of 29 PageTemplates.
```

#### On this page:

- [Watching the migration logs during the upgrade](#)
- [Re-running the migration](#)
- [Notes](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Migration from Wiki Markup to XHTML-Based Storage Format](#)
- [Page Templates](#)
- [Upgrading Confluence](#)

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  0 ContentEntityObjects failed.
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Confluence 4.0 Beta. Cause:
com.atlassian.confluence.content.render.xhtml.migration.exceptions.Unkno
wnMacroMigrationException: The macro link is unknown.. Message: The
macro link is unknown.
  2) Type: comment, Id: 6919, Title: null, Global Scope. Cause:
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org.springframework.transaction.UnexpectedRollbackException: Transaction
rolled back because it has been marked as rollback-only
```

Confluence provides no further report about this scenario and will also allow Confluence to restart as normal without retrying a migration. If a user tries to view or edit an unmigrated template, the wiki template editor will be used.

The solution is to manually re-run the site migration after the restart, as described below.

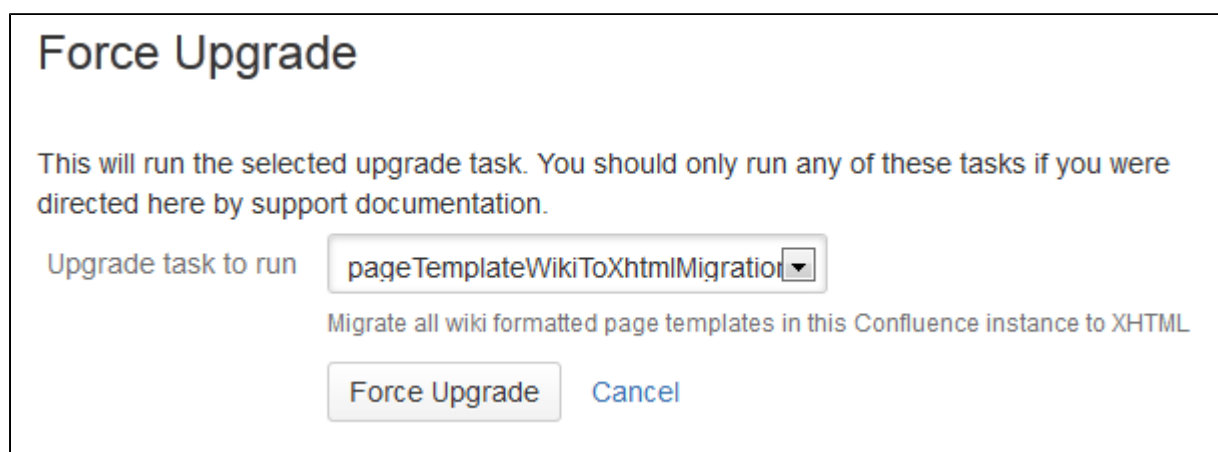
#### Re-running the migration

A Confluence administrator can restart the template migration if any templates have failed the migration (see previous section). Only the templates that are still formatted in wiki markup will be migrated again. Typically, a re-migration will take less time than the original migration.

#### To manually re-run the migration:

1. Open this URL in your browser: <Confluence Address>/admin/force-upgrade.action
2. Select **pageTemplateWikiToXhtmlMigrationUpgradeTask** in the **Upgrade task to run** dropdown list.
3. Choose **Force Upgrade**.

*Screenshot: The 'Force Upgrade' screen in the Confluence administration console*



#### Notes

We refer to the Confluence storage format as 'XHTML-based'. To be correct, we should call it XML, because the Confluence storage format does not comply with the XHTML definition. In particular, Confluence includes custom elements for macros and more. We're using the term 'XHTML-based' to indicate that there is a large proportion of HTML in the storage format.

#### Upgrading Confluence Manually

In this guide we'll run you through upgrading your

Confluence site to the latest Confluence version on Windows or Linux using the zip / tar.gz file.

Upgrading to any later version is free if you have current software maintenance. See our [Licensing FAQ](#) to find out more.



#### Other ways to upgrade Confluence:

- [Installer](#) – the simplest way to upgrade Confluence.
- [Data Center](#) – upgrade your Data Center cluster.

XML backups should **not** be used to upgrade Confluence.

#### Before you begin

Before you upgrade Confluence, there's a few questions you need to answer.

Is manual the right upgrade method for you?

#### [Tell me more...](#)

You can choose to upgrade using the installer, or manually using a zip or tar.gz file. In most cases the installer is the easiest way to upgrade your Confluence instance.

You will need to [upgrade manually](#) if:

- you are moving to another operating system or file location as part of this upgrade.
- you are upgrading from **Confluence 3.5 or earlier**
- you are upgrading from **Confluence 5.6** or earlier and previously used the **EA R/WAR distribution** to deploy Confluence into an existing application server.

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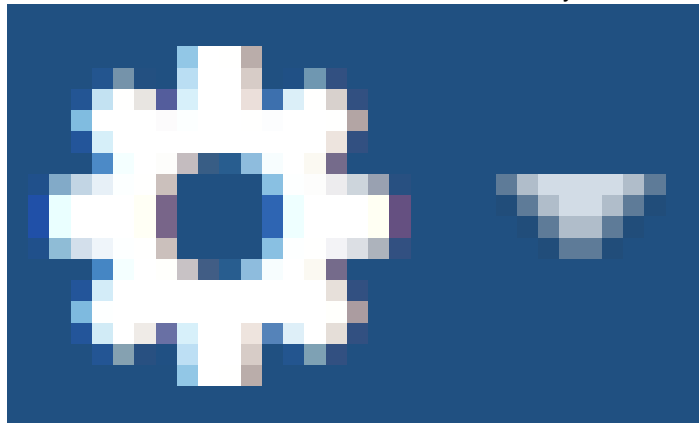
8. Update your reverse proxy and check you can access Confluence

[Troubleshooting](#)

Are you eligible to upgrade?

▼ [Tell me more...](#)

To check if software maintenance is current for your license, go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** and make sure the license support period has not expired.

#### License Details

Here are your current license details.

To update your Confluence license, enter your new license key below.

Organisation	Atlassian
Date purchased	Dec 06, 2016
License type	Sample license
Licensed users	500 (4 signed up currently) <a href="#">Learn more</a>
	<a href="#">Refresh</a>
Support period	Your commercial Confluence support and updates are available until Dec 06, 2017. <a href="#">Learn more</a>
Support Entitlement Number	SEN-500
Server ID	BE8C-MMO5-V88S-6MWC (Atlassian sales or support may ask you to provide this ID)

**Software maintenance**  
Upgrade at any time during this period

If your support period has expired, follow the prompts to renew your license and reapply it before upgrading.

Have our supported platforms changed?

[Tell me more...](#)

Check the [Supported Platforms](#) page for the version of Confluence you are upgrading to. This will give you info on supported operating systems, databases and browsers.

#### Good to know:

- If you need to upgrade Java, remember to update your JAVA\_HOME variable to the new version.
- The Confluence installer includes Tomcat, so you won't need to upgrade it separately.
- If you need to upgrade your database, be sure to read the upgrade notes for the Confluence version you plan to upgrade to (and any in-between) to check for any database configuration changes that you may need to make.

Do you need to make changes to your environment?	<p>▼ <a href="#">Tell me more...</a></p> <p>Newer Confluence versions sometimes require changes to your environment, such as providing more memory or adjusting your reverse proxy settings.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b></p> <p>We use <a href="#">Upgrade Notes</a> to communicate changes that will impact you, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to supported databases, memory requirements or other changes that will impact your environment.</li> <li>• Features that have significantly changed or been removed in this release.</li> <li>• Actions you may need to take in your instance or environment immediately after the upgrade.</li> </ul> <p>It's important to read the notes for the version you're upgrading to and those in-between. For example, if you are upgrading from 5.8 to 5.10 you should read the upgrade notes for 5.9 and 5.10.</p>
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## Plan your upgrade

### 1. Determine your upgrade path

Use the table below to determine the most efficient upgrade path from your current version to the latest versions of Confluence.

Your Version	Recommended upgrade path to Confluence 6
2.7 or earlier	Upgrade to <b>2.7.4</b> then upgrade to <b>3.5.17</b> , and follow paths below.
2.8 to 3.4	Upgrade to <b>3.5.17</b> , and follow paths below.
3.5	Upgrade to <b>5.0.3</b> then upgrade to the latest version of <a href="#">Confluence 6</a> .
4.0 to 4.3	Upgrade to <b>5.10.x</b> then upgrade to the latest version of <a href="#">Confluence 6</a> .
5.0 to 6.x	Upgrade directly to the latest version of <a href="#">Confluence 6</a> .

### Confluence 6 is a major upgrade

Be sure to read the [Confluence 6.0 Upgrade Notes](#), take a full backup, and test your upgrade in a non-production environment before upgrading your production site.

### 2. Complete the pre-upgrade checks

1. Check the [Upgrade Notes](#) for the version you plan to upgrade to (and any in between).

2. Go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** to run the health check (available in Confluence 5.5 or later).

▼ [License expired?](#)

If the software maintenance period included in your license has expired you can keep using Confluence, but you'll need to renew before you can upgrade.

Go to





> **General Configuration** > **License Details** and follow the prompts to renew your license.

▼ [Still using the embedded database?](#)

If you are using the **embedded (trial) database** you should [migrate to a different database](#) before upgrading.

This database is supplied for evaluation purposes only and is not recommended for production environments. See [Embedded H2 Database](#) for more information.

▼ [Database character encoding incorrect?](#)

Database collation must be set to UTF+8 (or AL32UTF8 for Oracle databases). You will not be able to upgrade to current Confluence versions unless you have the correct character encoding.

3. Go to



> **Add-ons** > **add-ons** and scroll down to the **Confluence Update Check** to check the compatibility of your add-ons.

4. Choose the version you plan to upgrade to then hit **Check**.

▼ [If you have incompatible add-ons...](#)

If your users rely on particular add-ons, you may want to wait until they are compatible before upgrading Confluence. Add-on vendors generally update their add-ons very soon after a major release.

**Good to know:**

- You can disable an add-on temporarily while you upgrade if it is not yet compatible.
- Compatibility information for Atlassian Labs and other free add-ons is often not available immediately after a new release. In many cases the add-on will still work, so give it a try in a test site before upgrading your production site.

### 3. Upgrade Confluence in a test environment

1. Create a staging copy of your current production environment.  
See [Create a staging environment for upgrading Confluence](#) for help creating an environment to test your upgrade in.
2. Follow the steps below to upgrade your test environment.
3. Test any unsupported add-ons, customizations (such as custom theme or layouts) and proxy configuration (if possible) before upgrading your production environment.

## Upgrade Confluence

### 4. Back up

1. Back up your database and confirm the backup was created properly.  
If your database does not support online backups you'll need to stop Confluence first.
2. Back up your **installation directory** and **home directory**.

▼ [Where is my home directory?](#)

You can find the location of your home directory in the `<installation-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties` file.

This is where your search indexes and attachments are stored. If you store attachments outside the Confluence Home directory, you should also backup your attachments directory.

### 5. Download Confluence

Download the appropriate file for your operating system - <https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/download>

## 6. Extract the file and upgrade Confluence

1. Stop Confluence.
2. Extract (unzip) the files to a directory (this is your new installation directory, and must be different to your existing installation directory)  
Note: There are some known issues with unzipping the archive on Windows. We recommend using 7Zip or Winzip.
3. Edit `<Installation-Directory>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\confluence-init.properties` file to point to your **existing** Confluence home directory.
4. Copy your jdbc driver jar file from your existing Confluence installation directory to `confluence/WEB-INF/lib` in your **new installation directory**.

5. There are some additional steps you may need to take if:

- you are running Confluence as a **Windows Service**

▼ [Click here to expand...](#)

If you are running Confluence as a Windows service, go to the command prompt and type:

```
<Installation-Directory>\bin\service.bat remove
Confluence
```

It is vital that you stop and remove the existing service *prior to uninstalling* the old instance of Confluence. For more information on running Confluence as Windows service, please refer to [Start Confluence Automatically on Windows as a Service](#).

⚠ To remove the service installed by the Confluence installer, you'll need to run `<confluence auto installer installation folder>\UninstallService.bat`.

- you use a **JIRA** application or **LDAP** for user management

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If you use JIRA or LDAP for user management, copy the following files from your existing installation directory to your new installation directory:

- `<Installation-Directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/osuser.xml`
- `<Installation-Directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/atlassian-user.xml`

- you use **Crowd** for user management

▼ [Click here to expand...](#)

If you are using Crowd for user management, copy the following files from your existing installation directory to your new installation directory:

- `<Installation-Directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/osuser.xml`
- `<Installation-Directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/atlassian-user.xml` (if you are upgrading from Confluence 2.2 or later).
- `<Installation-Directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/crowd.properties`

- You are running Confluence on a different port (not the default 8090)

▼ [Click here to expand...](#)

If you are not running Confluence on port 8090 update `<Installation-Directory>\conf\server.xml` file to include your ports.

6. Start your new Confluence. You should not see the setup wizard.

## After the upgrade

### 7. Re-apply any modifications

If you have customized Confluence (such as an SSL configuration in the `server.xml` file, or `CATALINA_OPTS` or `JAVA_OPTS` parameters in your `confluence-init.properties` file), you'll need to perform the following steps after the upgrade is complete:


1. Stop your upgraded Confluence instance.
2. Reapply the customizations to the relevant files in the newly upgraded Confluence Installation directory.
3. Restart the upgraded Confluence instance.

We **strongly recommend** you test your customizations in a test instance prior to upgrading your production instance as changes may have been made to Confluence that make your customizations unusable.

### 8. Update your reverse proxy and check you can access Confluence

If you are upgrading from **Confluence 5.x to Confluence 6.x** you will need to modify your reverse proxy (if used) to add Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing. See [Proxy and SSL considerations](#) for more information on the changes you'll need to make to your proxy config.

Once your upgrade is complete, you should access Confluence (via your reverse proxy, not directly) and:

- Head to  > **General Configuration** > **Collaborative editing** and check the Synchrony status is **running**.
- Edit any page to check that your browser can connect to Synchrony.

See [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#) for suggested next steps if Synchrony is not running or you see an error in the editor, as you may have a misconfigured reverse proxy.

## Troubleshooting

### Did something go wrong?

If you need to retry the upgrade, **you must restore your pre-upgrade backups first**. Do not attempt to run an upgrade again, or start the older version of Confluence again after an upgrade has failed.

#### Some common issues while upgrading...

- **Can't proceed with upgrade because license has expired**  
If your license has expired and was not renewed and reapplied before upgrading you will receive errors during the upgrade process. See [upgrading beyond current license period](#) for information on how to resolve this problem.
- **Collaborative editing errors**  
If Synchrony is not running or you see an error, head to [Troubleshooting Collaborative Editing](#) for info on how to get collaborative editing up and running in your environment. The most common problems are a misconfigured reverse proxy or port 8091 not being available for Synchrony.

You can also refer to the [Upgrade Troubleshooting](#) guide in the Confluence Knowledge Base, or check for answers from the community at [Atlassian Answers](#).

## Create a staging environment for upgrading Confluence

When you upgrade Confluence we strongly recommend performing the upgrade in a test environment before upgrading your production site. In this guide we'll refer to this test environment as *staging*.

Most Confluence licenses include a free developer

### On this page:

- [Create a staging environment](#)
- [Upgrade your staging environment](#)

license for use in a staging environment. See [How to get a Confluence Developer license](#) to find out how to access your license.

## Create a staging environment

### 1 Replicate your environment

Your staging environment should closely replicate your real-live environment (production), including any reverse proxies, SSL configuration, or load balancer (for Data Center). You may decide to use a different physical server or a virtualized solution. The main thing is to make sure it is an appropriate replica of your production environment.

For the purposes of these instructions, we assume your staging environment is physically separate from your production environment, and has the same operating system (and Java version if you've installed Confluence manually).

### 2 Replicate your database

To replicate your database:

1. Back up your production database. Refer to the documentation for your database for more info on the best way to do this.
2. Install your database on the staging server and restore the backup.

The steps for restoring your database backup will differ depending on your chosen database and backup tool. Make sure:

- Your new staging database has a **different** name from your production database.
- Your staging database user account has the **same** username and password as your production database user account.
- Character encoding and other configurations are the same as your production database (for example character encoding should be Unicode UTF-8 (or AL32UTF8 for Oracle databases)).

### 3 Replicate Confluence

To replicate Confluence, make a copy of your Confluence installation and point it to your staging database. These instructions are for Confluence Server (for Data Center there are some [additional steps](#) before you start Confluence).

1. Copy your entire **production installation directory** to your staging server.
2. Copy your entire **production home directory** to your staging server.
3. Edit <installation-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties to point to your staging home directory.
4. Edit <home-directory>/confluence.cfg.xml or <installation-directory>/server.xml to point to your staging database.

▼ If you're using a direct JDBC connection, the line you need to update in confluence.cfg.xml will look something like this...




```
<property
name="hibernate.connection.url">jdbc:postgresql://localhost:54
32/confluencestaging</property>
```

▼ If you're using a datasource connection, the lines you need to update in server.xml will look something like this...

```
<Resource name="jdbc/confluence" auth="Container"
type="javax.sql.DataSource"
  username="postgres"
  password="postgres"
  driverClassName="org.postgresql.Driver"
  url="jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/confluencestaging"
  maxTotal="60"
  maxIdle="20"
  validationQuery="select 1" />
```

5. Start Confluence with the following [System Properties](#) to make sure your staging site does not send notifications to real users.

```
-Datlassian.notifications.disabled=true
-Datlassian.mail.sendsdisabled=true
```

6. Head to `http://localhost:<port>` and log in to Confluence on your staging server.
7. Go to  **> General Configuration** and change the **base URL** of your staging site (for example `mysite.staging.com`)
8. Go to  **> General Configuration > License Details** and apply your development license.
9. Go to  **> General Configuration > System Information** and check that Confluence is correctly pointing to your staging database, and staging home directory.

It's essential to check that you are not still connected to your production database.

#### Additional steps for Data Center

If you have Confluence Data Center, the process is much the same as for Confluence Server described above. You will copy each local home and installation directory to each staging node, and then:

1. Copy the **production shared home directory** to the staging server.
2. Edit `<local-home-directory>/confluence.cfg.xml` to point to your staging shared home directory. This change **must** be made on every staging node.

Changes to the `<installation-directory>/confluence/WEB-INF/classes/confluence-init.properties` and `<home-directory>/confluence.cfg.xml` must be made on **every** staging node.

When it comes time to start Confluence, start one node at a time, as usual.

#### 4 Replicate external user management (optional)

If you're managing users in JIRA, Crowd, or in an external LDAP directory you can:

- replicate JIRA, Crowd, or your external directory in your staging environment and point your Confluence staging site to your staging external directory (recommended).
- provide your staging server with network or local access to the same hosts as your production server.

#### 5 Modify application links (optional)

If you have application links between Confluence and other Atlassian applications you should change the server ID on each staging application. See [How to change the server ID of Confluence](#) and [Changing Server ID for Test Installations](#) for JIRA.

If you don't change the server ID and update your application links there is a chance that when you create a new application link in production it will point to your staging server instead.

### Upgrade your staging environment

Once you have created your staging environment, you can upgrade it in the same way you would your production environment.


Make a note of how long the upgrade takes, as this information will help you plan your production system outage and communicate with your users.

You can also use your staging environment to test any customizations or essential add-ons in your site.

## Supported Platforms



This page describes the supported platforms for Confluence. Please review them before installing Confluence. The information on this page applies to **Confluence 6.3**.

Further information:

- End of support for various platforms and browsers when used with Confluence: [End of Support Announcements for Confluence](#).
- More information about these supported platforms and hardware requirements: [System Requirements](#).
- Go to  **> General Configuration > Support Tools** to check your instance health. It looks at things like your license validity, Tomcat version, basic database setup and more.

### Related pages:

- [Confluence Installation Guide](#)
- [Confluence Setup Guide](#)
- [Server Hardware Requirements Guide](#)
- [Supported Platforms FAQ](#)

Key :  = Supported.  = Not Supported

Java version	
Oracle JRE / JDK	1.8  There's a <a href="#">known issue</a> with Java 1.8.0_25 and 1.8.0_31, and <a href="#">another known issue</a> with Java 1.8.0_45. We don't recommend running Confluence on these versions.
Operating systems for Confluence server installation	
Microsoft Windows (including 64-bit) <sup>(1, 14)</sup>	( <a href="#">Microsoft Supported Versions</a> only) Windows Nano Server not supported
Linux <sup>(1, 2, 9, 14, 15)</sup>	
Apple Mac OS X	Not supported as server. Supported as client platform.
Amazon Web Services (AWS) <sup>(16)</sup>	We support deploying Confluence Data Center in AWS using our Cloud Formation Template or Quick Start.

Application servers	
Apache Tomcat <sup>(11)</sup>	8.0.x
Databases	
PostgreSQL	9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6
MySQL <sup>(3)(10)</sup>	5.6 (We don't recommend versions earlier than 5.6.16 - <a href="#">more info</a> ) 5.7 MariaDB and Percona Server are not supported.
Oracle	12c (Release 1)
Microsoft SQL Server	2012, 2014
H2 <sup>(4)</sup>	(this embedded database is provided for evaluating Confluence only)
Browsers – desktop	
Microsoft Edge	
Microsoft Internet Explorer (Windows) <sup>(6, 12)</sup>	11
Mozilla Firefox (all platforms)	Latest stable version supported
Google Chrome (Windows and Mac) <sup>(6)</sup>	Latest stable version supported
Safari (Mac)	Latest stable version supported
Browsers – mobile	
Safari (iOS) <sup>(7, 8)</sup>	Latest stable version supported
Android (Android) <sup>(7)</sup>	Default browser on Android 4.4 (Kit Kat) or later
Chrome (Android and iOS) <sup>(7, 8)</sup>	Latest stable version supported

1. Confluence is a pure Java application and should run on this platform provided the JRE or JDK requirement is satisfied.
2. While some customers run Confluence on SPARC-based hardware, Atlassian only officially supports Confluence running on x86 hardware and 64-bit derivatives of x86 hardware.
3. If you use MySQL, you should use the default InnoDB database engine, as the MyISAM storage engine could lead to data corruption when using Confluence with MySQL.
4. Confluence includes an embedded H2 database. This database is fine for evaluation purposes, but for production environments, we only support running Confluence with one of the supported external database listed on this page.
5. Confluence is tested with these versions of Internet Explorer in standards-compliant rendering mode, not compatibility mode. Enabling compatibility mode may cause problems because it emulates older,



unsupported rendering modes.

6. Chrome does not support WEBDAV so features such as [Edit in Word](#) for attachments will not work. See [CONF-23322](#).
7. Creating and editing is not supported in the mobile web view on iOS or Android devices. See [CONF-19523](#).
8. The native iOS mobile app is only available for Confluence Cloud sites, it is not available for Confluence Server.
9. NFS mounts are not supported for installation or home directories due to Lucene requirements. If you're using Confluence Data Center, an NFS mount is fine for your shared home directory, but not the local home directories.
10. We don't currently support MariaDB or Percona Server. See [CONFSERVER-36471](#) [OPEN](#) and [CONFSERVER-29060](#) [OPEN](#) for more information.
11. We only support the Tomcat version that is bundled with your specific Confluence version.
12. You need to have Javascript enabled to install Confluence. Setting your Internet Explorer security level as 'High' will disable Javascript and prevent you from installing Confluence. See [this knowledge base article](#) for more information.
13. In order for web clients to connect to Synchrony, the engine that powers Collaborative editing, reverse proxies must be configured to allow WebSocket connections.
14. Although we do not provide 32bit installers for Linux and Windows, we do support running Confluence on 32bit operating systems.
15. We no longer support running Confluence on Solaris operating systems. Some customers have also reported issues with Alpine Linux see [CONFSERVER-52400](#) [NEEDS VERIFICATION](#).
16. Our support team can assist you with deploying Confluence Data Center in AWS using the Cloud Formation Template or Quick Start. We won't be able to assist you if you have customised the Cloud Formation Template.

## End of Support Announcements for Confluence

This page is where we announce end of support for various platforms, browsers, and information on features that will be discontinued in Confluence Server.

The table below summarizes the end of support announcements for **upcoming** Confluence releases. If a platform (or version) has already reached its end of support date, it is **not** listed in the table.

Platform	Confluence end of support
Oracle Solaris	With the release of Confluence 6.3 ( <a href="#">announcement</a> )
Android mobile browser	With the release of Confluence 6.0 ( <a href="#">announcement</a> )
32-bit installers	With the release of Confluence 6.0 ( <a href="#">announcement</a> )
Internet Explorer 10	With the release of Confluence 6.0 ( <a href="#">announcement</a> )
MySQL 5.5	With the release of Confluence 6.0 ( <a href="#">announcement</a> )
Documentation theme	With the release of Confluence 6.0 ( <a href="#">announcement</a> )

▼ [See the full list of announcements...](#)

### Most recent announcements first.

- [Deprecated operating system for Confluence \(15 May 2017\)](#)
- [Deprecated mobile browser for Confluence \(3 November 2016\)](#)
- [Changes to Confluence distributions \(8 June 2016\)](#)
- [Deprecated browsers for Confluence \(8 June 2016\)](#)
- [Deprecated databases for Confluence \(8 June 2016\)](#)
- [Deprecated macros for Confluence \(13 November 2015\)](#)
- [Discontinued features for Confluence \(10 July 2015\)](#)
- [Deprecated databases for Confluence \(19 May 2015\)](#)
- [Deprecated Tomcat platform for Confluence \(1 May 2015\)](#)

- [Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence \(20 April 2015\)](#)
- [Deprecated Java platform for Confluence \(27 January 2015\)](#)
- [Deprecated distribution for Confluence \(2 September 2014\)](#)
- [Deprecated databases for Confluence \(12 June 2014\)](#)
- [Deprecated Tomcat platform for Confluence \(22 April 2014\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(2 December 2013\)](#)
- [Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence \(24 September 2013\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(13 August 2013\)](#)
- [Deprecated Tomcat platform for Confluence \(29 August 2012\)](#)
- [Deprecated Java platform for Confluence \(6 August 2012\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(1 May 2012\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(13 March 2012\)](#)
- [Deprecated Operating Systems for Confluence \(21 July 2011\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(7 January 2011\)](#)
- [Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence \(7 January 2011\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(12 October 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence \(12 October 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(6 July 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence \(6 July 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Databases for Confluence \(24 March 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Application Servers for Confluence \(27 January 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Java Platforms for Confluence \(27 January 2010\)](#)
- [Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence \(14 December 2009\)](#)

#### Deprecated operating system for Confluence (15 May 2017)

Atlassian will end support for the Oracle Solaris operating system in Confluence 6.3. End of support means that Atlassian will not offer support for, or fix bugs related to, installing and running Confluence 6.3 or later on this operating system.

- Confluence 6.2.x will be the last major release that can be installed on Solaris.
- Confluence 6.2.x and earlier versions will continue to be supported on Solaris, until their support end date.

Check out the [Supported Platforms](#) page for the full list of supported operating systems.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Deprecated mobile browser for Confluence (3 November 2016)

Atlassian will end support for the default browser provided with Android 4.0.3 (Ice Cream Sandwich) in Confluence 6.0. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to this browser past the support end date, except for security related issues. This means:

- Confluence 5.10 will be the last major release that supports the default browser provided with Android 4.0.3 (Ice Cream Sandwich).
- Confluence 5.10.x and earlier versions will continue to work on the default browser provided with Android 4.0.3 (Ice Cream Sandwich).

With the release of Confluence 6.0 we have added support for the default browser provided with current Android versions from 4.4 (KitKat) and later. Check out the [Supported Platforms](#) page for the full list of supported browsers.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Changes to Confluence distributions (8 June 2016)

To help us bring you new Confluence Server releases faster, we are considering only providing 64-bit installers.

Confluence 5.10 would be the last Confluence release to provide a 32-bit installer.

#### Q: Can I upgrade using the 64-bit installer?

Yes. If you installed Confluence using the 32-bit installer on a 64-bit operating system, you will be able to upgrade using the 64-bit installer.

#### Q: What if I am not able to use the 64-bit installer?

We'd love to hear from you to better understand how this change would impact you. Comment on this issue

**CONFSERVER-42817** - Planned deprecation of 32-bit installers

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or contact us directly at [eol-announcement](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com)

at [atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Deprecated browsers for Confluence (8 June 2016)

Atlassian will end support for Internet Explorer 10 in Confluence 6.0. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to Internet Explorer 10 past the support end date, except for security related issues.

This change allows us to use more modern browser technologies to give you the best user experience in Confluence. Check out the [Supported Platforms](#) page for the full list of supported browsers.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

##### Internet Explorer 10 (IE10) end of support notes

- Confluence 5.10 will be the last major release that supports Internet Explorer 10.
- Confluence 5.10.x and earlier versions will continue to work on Internet Explorer 10.
- No Confluence releases after 5.10.x will be tested with Internet Explorer 10.

#### Deprecated databases for Confluence (8 June 2016)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

##### End of life announcement for database support

Database	Support End Date
MySQL 5.5	After Confluence 5.10.x

##### Notes:

- Confluence 5.10 is the last version that will support MySQL 5.5.
- Confluence 5.10 and previously-released versions will continue to work with the database version listed above, however we will not fix bugs affecting these databases after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- No Confluence releases after 5.10.x will be tested with the database listed above.

#### Deprecated macros for Confluence (13 November 2015)

With the release of Confluence **5.9** we will be ending support for the following macros, known collectively as the 'View File' macros:

- Office Excel
- Office Word
- Office PowerPoint

- PDF

End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to these macros past the support end date for your version of Confluence. We plan to remove these macros in a future Confluence release, and will provide plenty of information to help you make the transition when the time comes.

The View File macros will still be available in future Confluence releases (including Confluence 5.9, 5.10 and later), but we recommend inserting Office and PDF files as a thumbnail or link, and using the preview to view the file in full, as it provides a much better way to display Office and PDF files on your pages. See [Display Files and Images](#) for more info.

If you have any questions or concerns, please comment on this issue

**CONFSERVER-39829** - Plans to remove the view file macros

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### Discontinued features for Confluence (10 July 2015)

#### Status updates

As part of our work to make Confluence simpler and easier to use we've decided to remove the Status Updates feature in **Confluence 5.9**. This includes the ability to:

- update your status
- see other people's status via their profile or the User Status List macro.

Our research tells us that this feature isn't widely used, and we believe that [HipChat](#) gives your team much better ways to share their status.

We'll provide more information at the time of the Confluence 5.9 release. If you have questions or concerns,

please comment on this issue

**CONFSERVER-38253** - Plans to remove status updates

RESOLVED

#### Documentation theme

In order to better focus our development efforts on a single theme, we plan to remove the Documentation theme in **Confluence 6.0**.

We know that many customers use the Documentation theme because they like to have a page tree in their space sidebar. This has been available in the default theme for some time now, plus other great features like sidebar shortcuts, JIRA links, and sticky table headers.

To help you switch to the more modern default theme, we've added some of your favorite documentation theme features, including the ability to add:

- a header and footer
- custom content to the sidebar.

These new additions to the default theme are available in Confluence 5.9. As these fields will continue to use wiki markup, you will be able to drop your existing wiki markup straight from the Documentation theme into the default theme.

To help you switch themes we've put together a [step-by-step guide](#) which covers everything from how to turn on the default theme, find out which spaces are using the theme, and what to do if the Documentation theme is the global theme for your whole site.

If you have any questions or concerns please comment on this issue

**CONFSERVER-38256** - Plans to remove the documentation theme

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### Deprecated databases for Confluence (19 May 2015)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
Microsoft SQL 2008	After Confluence 5.8.x
Oracle 11.1	
Oracle 11.2	

#### Notes:

- Confluence 5.8 is the last version that will support the database versions listed above.
- Confluence 5.8 and previously-released versions will continue to work with the database versions listed above, however we will not fix bugs affecting these databases after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- No Confluence releases after 5.8.x will be tested with the databases listed above.

#### Deprecated Tomcat platform for Confluence (1 May 2015)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for Tomcat 7.0.x for Confluence. As [previously announced](#), we now only support the version of Tomcat that is bundled with your version of Confluence.

End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified version of Tomcat, past the support end date for your version of Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Tomcat 7.0.x Support

Platform	Support End Date
Tomcat 7.0.x	When Confluence 5.8 is released

#### Tomcat 7.0.x notes:

- Confluence 5.7 is the last major version that will support Tomcat 7.0.x. The Confluence 5.7.x bug-fix releases will also continue to support Tomcat 7.0.x.
- Confluence 5.7.x and previously-released versions will continue to work with Tomcat 7.0.x. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Tomcat 7.0.x after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.8 will not be tested with Tomcat 7.0.x.

#### Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence (20 April 2015)

Atlassian will end support for Internet Explorer 9 in the next major release after Confluence 5.8.x. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to Internet Explorer 9 past the support end date, except for security related issues.

This change allows us to use more modern browser technologies to give you the best user experience in Confluence. Check out the [Supported Platforms](#) page for the full list of supported browsers.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) End of Support Notes

- Confluence 5.8 will be the last major release that supports Internet Explorer 9
- Confluence 5.8.x and earlier versions will continue to work on Internet Explorer 9

- No Confluence releases after 5.8.x will be tested with Internet Explorer 9

#### Deprecated Java platform for Confluence (27 January 2015)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for Java 7 for Confluence. Please note that Oracle is planning to stop providing public updates for JRE 7 in [April 2015](#).

End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified version of Java, past the support end date for your version of Confluence. The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

##### End of Life Announcement for Java 7 Support

Platform	Support End Date
Java 7 (JRE and JDK 1.7)	When Confluence 5.8 is released

#### Java 7 notes:

- Confluence 5.7 is the last major version that will support Java 7. The Confluence 5.7.x bug-fix releases will also continue to support Java 7.
- Java 7 (JRE and JDK 1.7) will still be supported in Confluence 5.7.
- Confluence 5.7.x and previously-released versions will continue to work with Java 7, but we will not fix bugs affecting Java 7 after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.8 will not be tested with Java 7.

#### Deprecated distribution for Confluence (2 September 2014)

To help us to make Confluence a more robust and scalable application, we have decided to stop providing an EAR/WAR distribution. This means that the only supported application server will be the version of Tomcat that is bundled with each release.

Confluence 5.6 will be the last Confluence release to provide an EAR/WAR edition.

#### Q: Do I need to use the installer?

No, the removal of the EAR/WAR distribution does not force you to use the installer. You can still use the standalone distribution, which doesn't have an install script - it's just a copy of Tomcat with Confluence configured inside it. Essentially it's a directory that you unpack and then run yourself.

#### Q: What if a security problem is found in the bundled version of Tomcat?

Our security team monitors vulnerabilities in all our dependencies, including Tomcat, and fixes continue to follow our [Security Bugfix Policy](#). If at any time you become aware of a vulnerability we've missed, please report it as described in [How to report a security issue](#).

If you have more questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please contact us at [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Deprecated databases for Confluence (12 June 2014)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

##### End of Life Announcement for Database Support



Database	Support End Date
PostgreSQL 8.4	With the release of Confluence 5.7
PostgreSQL 9.0	
PostgreSQL 9.1	
MySQL 5.1	

**Notes:**

- Confluence 5.6 is the last version that will support the database versions listed above.
- Confluence 5.6 and previously-released versions will continue to work with the database versions listed above, however we will not fix bugs affecting these databases after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.7 has not been tested with the databases listed above.

**Deprecated Tomcat platform for Confluence (22 April 2014)**

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for Tomcat 6.0.x for Confluence.

End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified version of Tomcat, past the support end date for your version of Confluence. The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

**End of Life Announcement for Tomcat 6.0.x Support**

Platform	Support End Date
Tomcat 6.0.x	When Confluence 5.6 is released, due in mid 2014

**Tomcat 6.0.x notes:**

- Confluence 5.5 is the last major version that will support Tomcat 6.0.x. The Confluence 5.5.x bug-fix releases will also continue to support Tomcat 6.0.x.
- Confluence 5.5.x and previously-released versions will continue to work with Tomcat 6.0.x. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Tomcat 6.0.x after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.6 will not be tested with Tomcat 6.0.x.

**Deprecated Databases for Confluence (2 December 2013)**

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

**End of Life Announcement for Database Support**

Database	Support End Date
PostgreSQL 8.3	When Confluence 5.5 is released, due in early 2014

**PostgreSQL 8.3 notes:**

- Confluence 5.4 is the last version that will support PostgreSQL 8.3.
- Confluence 5.4 and previously-released versions will continue to work with PostgreSQL 8.3. However,



- we will not fix bugs affecting PostgreSQL 8.3 after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.5 will not be tested with PostgreSQL 8.3.

#### Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence (24 September 2013)

To allow us to dedicate resources to providing the best experience on modern browsers, Confluence 5.5 will be the **last release that supports Internet Explorer 8 (IE8)**. The reasons behind this decision are to enable us to provide the best user experience to our customers, accelerate our pace of innovation and give us the ability to utilize modern browser technologies.

*End of support* means that Atlassian will not perform any maintenance on Confluence related to IE8 after the final release of Confluence 5.5.x, except for security related issues. In order to minimize the impact on you and the way your company uses Confluence, we have provided this announcement as early as possible, and hope that the subsequent 6 month period will give you adequate time to prepare for this change without disruption.

Atlassian will continue to support Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) and Internet Explorer 10 (IE10) as well as the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox and Safari. For further information, please refer to the Supported Platforms page. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](#).

#### Deprecated Databases for Confluence (13 August 2013)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](#).

##### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
<b>MS SQL 2005</b>	When Confluence 5.3 is released, due in late 2013

##### MS SQL 2005 notes:

- Confluence 5.2 is the last version that will support MS SQL 2005.
- Confluence 5.2 and previously-released versions will continue to work with MS SQL 2005. However, we will not fix bugs affecting MS SQL 2005 after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.3 will not be tested with MS SQL 2005.

#### Deprecated Tomcat platform for Confluence (29 August 2012)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for Tomcat 5.5.x for Confluence. Please note: Apache have announced that support for Apache Tomcat 5.5.x will end on 30 September 2012: [End of life for Apache Tomcat 5.5.x](#).

End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified version of Tomcat, past the support end date for your version of Confluence. The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement at atlassian dot com](#).

##### End of Life Announcement for Tomcat 5.5.x Support

Platform	Support End Date
<b>Tomcat 5.5.x</b>	When Confluence 5.0 is released, due in early 2013

**Tomcat 5.5.x notes:**

- Confluence 4.3 is the last major version that will support Tomcat 5.5.x. The Confluence 4.3.x bug-fix releases will also continue to support Tomcat 5.5.x.
- Tomcat 6.0.x will still be supported in Confluence 5.0.
- Confluence 4.3.x and previously-released versions will continue to work with Tomcat 5.5.x. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Tomcat 5.5.x after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.0 will not be tested with Tomcat 5.5.x.

**Deprecated Java platform for Confluence (6 August 2012)**

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for Java 6 for Confluence. Please note that Oracle has announced the end of public updates for Java 6: [Java SE 6 End of Public Updates Notice](#).

End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified version of Java, past the support end date for your version of Confluence. The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email `eol-announcement` at `atlassian dot com`.

**End of Life Announcement for Java 6 Support**

Platform	Support End Date
Java 6 (JRE and JDK 1.6)	When Confluence 5.0 is released, due in early 2013

**Java 6 notes:**

- Confluence 4.3 is the last major version that will support Java 6. The Confluence 4.3.x bug-fix releases will also continue to support Java 6.
- Java 7 (JRE and JDK 1.7) will still be supported in Confluence 5.0.
- Confluence 4.3.x and previously-released versions will continue to work with Java 6. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Java 6 after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 5.0 will not be tested with Java 6.

**Deprecated Databases for Confluence (1 May 2012)**

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email `eol-announcement` at `atlassian dot com`.

**End of Life Announcement for Database Support**

Database	Support End Date
PostgreSQL 8.2	When Confluence 4.3 is released, due in mid 2012

**PostgreSQL 8.2 notes:**

- Confluence 4.2 is the last version that will support version 8.2 of PostgreSQL.
- Versions 8.3, 8.4 and 9.0 will still be supported in Confluence 4.3.
- Confluence 4.2 and previously-released versions will continue to work with PostgreSQL 8.2. However, we will not fix bugs affecting PostgreSQL 8.2 after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 4.3 will not be tested with PostgreSQL 8.2.

### Deprecated Databases for Confluence (13 March 2012)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain databases for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to the specified database past the support end date for your version of Confluence.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email `eol-announcement@atlassian.com`.

#### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
DB2	When Confluence 4.3 is released, due in mid 2012

#### DB2 notes:

- Confluence 4.2 is the last version that will support DB2.
- From Confluence 4.3, no versions of DB2 will be supported.
- Confluence 4.2 and previously-released versions will continue to work with DB2. However, we will not fix bugs affecting DB2 after the [end-of-life date](#) for your version of Confluence.
- Confluence 4.3 will not be tested with DB2.
- For help with moving from DB2 to a supported database, please refer to the list of [supported databases](#) and the guide to [migrating to another database](#).

### Deprecated Operating Systems for Confluence (21 July 2011)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain operating systems for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to running Confluence server on that operating system past the support end date.

We will stop supporting the following operating systems from Confluence 4.0, due in late 2011:

- Mac OS X (as a Confluence server platform).

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email `eol-announcement@atlassian.com`.

#### End of Life Announcement for Operating System Support

Operating System	Support End Date
Mac OS X (as a Confluence server platform)	When Confluence 4.0 releases, due in late 2011

#### • Mac OS X Notes:

- Atlassian intends to end support for Mac OS X (as a server platform) in Confluence 4.0 (due for release in late 2011). Confluence 3.5 is the last version that will support Mac OS X.
- The Sun/Oracle JDK/JRE 1.6 is the only JDK platform officially supported by Atlassian. This means that Apple Mac OS X is not a supported operating system for the Confluence server, as the Sun/Oracle JDK does not run on Mac OS X.
- Accessing Confluence as a user from Mac OS X via a compatible web browser will still be supported for the foreseeable future.

### Deprecated Databases for Confluence (7 January 2011)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain database versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain database versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following database versions** from Confluence 4.0, due in late 2011:

- MySQL 5.0.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
<b>MySQL (version 5.0 only)</b>	When Confluence 4.0 releases, due in late 2011

- **MySQL Notes:**
  - Atlassian intends to end support for MySQL 5.0 in Confluence 4.0 (due for release in the middle of 2011). Confluence 3.5 is the last version that will support MySQL 5.0.
  - MySQL 5.1 will still be supported.
  - 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.5 and previously released versions will continue to work with MySQL 5.0. However, we will not fix bugs affecting MySQL 5.0 past the support end date.
  - Confluence 4.0 will not be tested with MySQL 5.0.

#### Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence (7 January 2011)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain web browser versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain web browser versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following web browser versions** from Confluence 4.0, late middle of 2011:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 (IE7).
- Safari 4.
- Firefox 3.5.

The details are below. Please refer to the list of [supported platforms](#) for details of platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Web Browser Support

Web Browser	Support End Date
<b>Microsoft Internet Explorer (version 7 only)</b>	When Confluence 4.0 releases, late the middle of 2011
<b>Safari (version 4 only)</b>	When Confluence 4.0 releases, due in late of 2011
<b>Firefox (version 3.5 only)</b>	When Confluence 4.0 releases, due in late of 2011

- **Internet Explorer Notes:**
  - Atlassian intends to end support for IE7 in Confluence 4.0 (due for release in the middle of 2011). Confluence 3.5 is the last version that will support IE7.
  - IE8 will still be supported.
  - 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.5 and previously released versions will continue to work with IE7. However, we will not fix bugs affecting IE7 past the support end date.
  - Confluence 4.0 will not be tested with IE7.
- **Safari Notes:**
  - Atlassian will introduce support for Safari 5 in Confluence 3.5.

- We intend to end support for Safari 4 in Confluence 4.0 (due for release in the middle of 2011). Confluence 3.5 is the last version that will support Safari 4.
- 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.5 and previously released versions will continue to work with Safari 4. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Safari 4 past the support end date.
- Confluence 4.0 will not be tested with Safari 4.
- **Firefox Notes:**
  - Atlassian will end support for Firefox 3.0 in Confluence 3.5, as [previously announced](#).
  - We intend to end support for Firefox 3.5 in Confluence 4.0 (due for release in the middle of 2011). Confluence 3.5 is the last version that will support Firefox 3.5.
  - Firefox 3.6 will still be supported.
  - 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.5 and previously released versions will continue to work with Firefox 3.5. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Firefox 3.5 past the support end date.
  - Confluence 4.0 will not be tested with Firefox 3.5.

#### Deprecated Databases for Confluence (12 October 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain database versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain database versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following database versions**:

- From Confluence 3.5, due in the first half of 2011, Confluence will no longer support PostgreSQL 8.1.  
*Note, PostgreSQL 8.2 and PostgreSQL 8.4 will still be supported.*

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
<b>PostgreSQL (version 8.1 only)</b>	When Confluence 3.5 releases, due in the first half of 2011

- **PostgreSQL (version 8.1 only) End of Support Notes:**
  - Atlassian intends to end support for PostgreSQL 8.1 in Confluence 3.5 (due to release in the first half of 2011), with the final support for these platforms in Confluence 3.4. PostgreSQL 8.2 and PostgreSQL 8.4 will still be supported.
  - 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.4 and previous released versions will continue to work with the PostgreSQL 8.1. However, we will not fix bugs affecting PostgreSQL 8.1 past the support end date.
  - Confluence 3.5 (due to release in the first half of 2011) will not be tested with PostgreSQL 8.1.

#### Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence (12 October 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain web browser versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain web browser versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following web browser versions**:

- From Confluence 3.5, due in the first half of 2011, Confluence will no longer support Firefox 3.0.  
*Note, Firefox 3.5 and Firefox 3.6 will still be supported.*

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Web Browser Support

Web Browser	Support End Date
<b>Firefox (version 3.0 only)</b>	When Confluence 3.5 releases, due in the first half of 2011

- **Firefox (version 3.0 only) End of Support Notes:**

- Atlassian intends to end support for Firefox 3.0 in Confluence 3.5 (due to release in the first half of 2011), with the final support for these platforms in Confluence 3.4. Firefox 3.5 and Firefox 3.6 will still be supported.
- 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.4 and previous released versions will continue to work with Firefox 3.0. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Firefox 3.0 past the support end date.
- Confluence 3.5 (due to release in the first half of 2011) will not be tested with Firefox 3.0.

#### Deprecated Databases for Confluence (6 July 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain database versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain database versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following database versions:**

- From Confluence 3.4, due in the second half of 2010, Confluence will no longer support Oracle 10g (i.e. Oracle 10.1 and Oracle 10.2).  
*Note, Oracle 11g (i.e. Oracle 11.1 and Oracle 11.2) will still be supported.*


We have made these decisions in line with Oracle's decision to stop support for Oracle 10g, as per the "Oracle Database (RDBMS) Releases Support Status Summary [ID 161818.1]" article on the [Oracle Support site](#) (note, you will need an Oracle Support account to find and view the article). This also will reduce the testing time required for each release and help us speed up our ability to deliver market-driven features. We are committed to helping our customers understand this decision and assist them in upgrading to Oracle 11g if needed.

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
<b>Oracle (version 10.1 and 10.2 only)</b>	When Confluence 3.4 releases, due in the second half of 2010

- **Oracle (version 10.1 and 10.2 only) End of Support Notes:**

- Atlassian intends to end support for Oracle 10.1 and Oracle 10.2 in Confluence 3.4 (due to release in the second half of 2010), with the final support for these platforms in Confluence 3.3 . Oracle 11.1 and Oracle 11.2 will still be supported.
- 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.3 and previous released versions will continue to work with the Oracle 10.1 and Oracle 10.2. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Oracle 10.1 or Oracle 10.2 past the support end date.
- Confluence 3.4 (due to release in the second half of 2010) will not be tested with Oracle 10.1 and Oracle 10.2.

#### Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence (6 July 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain web browser versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain web browser versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following web browser versions:**

- From Confluence 3.4, due in the second half of 2010, Confluence will no longer support Safari 3 or Safari 3.1.  
*Note, Safari 4 will still be supported.*



The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Web Browser Support

Web Browser	Support End Date
<b>Safari (version 3 and 3.1 only)</b>	When Confluence 3.4 releases, due in the second half of 2010

- **Safari (version 3 and 3.1 only) End of Support Notes:**

- Atlassian intends to end support for Safari 3 and Safari 3.1 in Confluence 3.4 (due to release in the second half of 2010), with the final support for these platforms in Confluence 3.3. Safari 4 will still be supported.
- 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.3 and previous released versions will continue to work with the Safari 3 and Safari 3.1. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Safari 3 and Safari 3.1 past the support end date.
- Confluence 3.4 (due to release in the second half of 2010) will not be tested with Safari 3 and Safari 3.1.

#### Deprecated Databases for Confluence (24 March 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain database versions for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain database versions past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following database versions:**

- From Confluence 3.3, due in Q3 2010, Confluence will no longer support DB2 8.2.  
*Note, DB2 9.7 will still be supported.*

We are reducing our database support to reduce the amount of testing time and help us speed up our ability to deliver market-driven features. We are committed to helping our customers understand this decision and assist them in upgrading to DB2 9.7 if needed.

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Database Support

Database	Support End Date
<b>DB2 (version 8.2 only)</b>	When Confluence 3.3 releases, due Q3 2010

- **DB2 (version 8.2 only) End of Support Notes:**

- Atlassian intends to end support for DB2 8.2 in Q3 2010, with the final support for these platforms in Confluence 3.2. DB2 9.7 will still be supported.
- 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.2 and previous released versions will continue to work with the DB2 8.2. However, we will not fix bugs affecting DB2 8.2 past the support end date.
- Confluence 3.3 (due to release in Q3 2010) will not be tested with DB2 8.2.

#### Deprecated Application Servers for Confluence (27 January 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain application servers for Confluence. End of support means that Atlassian will not fix bugs related to certain application servers past the support end date.

We will **stop supporting the following application servers:**

- From Confluence 3.2, due late Q1 2010, Confluence will no longer support JBoss application servers.
- From Confluence 3.3, due in Q3 2010, Confluence will no longer support Oracle WebLogic, IBM WebSphere or Caucho Resin.



We are reducing our application server platform support to reduce the amount of testing time and help us speed up our ability to deliver market-driven features. We are committed to helping our customers understand this decision and assist them in migrating to Tomcat, our supported application server.

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Application Server Support

Application Servers	Support End Date
<b>JBoss 4.2.2</b>	When Confluence 3.2 releases, due late Q1 2010
<b>Oracle WebLogic 9.2</b>	When Confluence 3.3 releases, due Q3 2010
<b>IBM WebSphere 6.1</b>	When Confluence 3.3 releases, due Q3 2010
<b>Caucho Resin 3.0, 3.1.6, 3.1.7</b>	When Confluence 3.3 releases, due Q3 2010

- **JBoss End of Support Notes:**
  - 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.1 and previous released versions will continue to work with stated application servers. However, we will not fix bugs affecting JBoss application servers.
  - Confluence 3.2 will not support JBoss application servers.
- **WebLogic, WebSphere and Resin End of Support Notes:**
  - Atlassian intends to end support for Oracle WebLogic, IBM WebSphere, and Caucho Resin in Q3 2010, with the final support for these platforms in Confluence 3.2.
  - 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.2 and previous released versions will continue to work with the stated application servers. However, we will not fix bugs affecting Oracle WebLogic, IBM WebSphere, and Caucho Resin application servers past the support end date.
  - Confluence 3.3 (due to release in Q3 2010) will only be tested with and support Tomcat 5.5.20+ and 6.0.
  - If you have concerns with this end of support announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Why is Atlassian doing this?

We have chosen to standardize on Tomcat, because it is the most widely used application server in our user population. It is fast, robust, secure, well-documented, easy to operate, open source, and has a huge community driving improvements. It is the de facto industry standard, with several companies available that specialize in providing enterprise grade support contracts for it, ranging from customizations to 24/7 support.

#### Deprecated Java Platforms for Confluence (27 January 2010)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain Java Platforms for Confluence.

We will **stop supporting the following Java Platforms:**

- From Confluence 3.3, due Q3 2010, support for Java Platform 5 (JDK/JRE 1.5) will end.

We are ending support for Java Platform 5, in line with the [Java SE Support Roadmap](#) (i.e. "End of Service Life" for Java Platform 5 dated October 30, 2009). We are committed to helping our customers understand this decision and assist them in updating to Java Platform 6, our supported Java Platform.

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Java Platform Support

Java Platform	Support End Date
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<b>Java Platform 5 (JDK/JRE 1.5)</b>	When Confluence 3.3 releases, due Q3 2010
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- **Java Platform 5 End of Support Notes:**

- Atlassian intends to end support for Java Platform 5 in Q3 2010.
- 'Support End Date' means that Confluence 3.2.x and previous released versions will continue to work with Java Platform 5 (JDK/JRE 1.5), however we will not fix bugs related to Java Platform 5 past the support end date.
- Confluence 3.3 will only be tested with and support Java Platform 6 (JDK/JRE 1.6).
- If you have concerns with this end of support announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### Deprecated Web Browsers for Confluence (14 December 2009)

This section announces the end of Atlassian support for certain web browsers for Confluence.

We will **stop supporting older versions of web browsers** as follows:

- From Confluence 3.2, due late Q1 2010, support for Firefox 2 and Safari 2 will end.
- From 13 July 2010, in line with Microsoft's Support Lifecycle policy, support for IE6 will end.

The details are below. Please refer to the [Supported Platforms](#) for more details regarding platform support for Confluence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement, please email [eol-announcement@atlassian.com](mailto:eol-announcement@atlassian.com).

#### End of Life Announcement for Web Browser Support

Web Browsers	Support End Date
Firefox 2	When Confluence 3.2 releases, late Q1 2010
Safari 2	When Confluence 3.2 releases, late Q1 2010
Internet Explorer 6	When Confluence 3.3 releases (target Q3 2010) or 13 July 2010, whichever is sooner

- **Firefox 2 and Safari 2 Notes:**

- Confluence 3.1 is the last version to officially support Firefox 2 and Safari 2.
- You may be able to use these older browser for the most common use cases like viewing and editing content, but official support for these browsers will end once you upgrade to Confluence 3.2.
- Confluence 3.2 is currently targeted to release late Q1 2010 and will not be tested with Firefox 2 and Safari 2. After the Confluence 3.2 release, Atlassian will not provide fixes in older versions of Confluence for bugs affecting Firefox 2 and Safari 2.

- **Internet Explorer 6 Notes:**

- Confluence 3.2 (due late Q1 2010) will be the last version to officially support Internet Explorer 6.
- Confluence 3.3 is currently targeted to release Q3 2010 and will **not** support IE6.
- Atlassian will support IE6 in Confluence until the 13th of July 2010, in line with Microsoft's [Support Lifecycle policy](#). Beyond that date, released versions of Confluence will continue working with IE6 just as they did before, but we will not fix bugs affecting Internet Explorer 6.
- You may be able to use Internet Explorer 6 for the most common use cases like viewing and editing content, but official support for this browser will end once you upgrade to Confluence 3.3.

#### Supported Platforms FAQ

##### Q: How does Atlassian choose which JRE versions, application servers and databases to support?

For application servers and databases, we try to pick a good cross-section of open source options and popular commercial platforms. We then choose which JRE versions to support based on the recommended environments for these servers.

##### Q: What is a supported platform?

A supported platform is one that:

- Confluence is regularly tested on during the development cycle
- One that is available within Atlassian for support technicians and developers to reproduce problems
- Bugs raised against it will be given a high priority

Supporting a platform means we know how to get Confluence running in that environment and can troubleshoot Confluence issues within it. It does not mean we have any particular expertise beyond that. As such, we may not be able to provide assistance with customizing or tuning that application server or database. (Atlassian support is not a substitute for a good database administrator.)

**Q: Can I get assistance with running Confluence on a platform that is *not* supported?**

If you are running Confluence on an unsupported platform, then we can not guarantee providing any support for it. Furthermore, we will recommend that you switch to a platform which is supported.

**Q: If you write your application to standards like J2EE, JDBC and SQL, doesn't that mean it should run on any compliant server?**

Confluence is a complicated application and we commonly encounter interesting edge-cases where different servers have interpreted the specifications differently. Then again, each server has its own different collection of bugs.

**Q: How can I get Atlassian to support Confluence on a new platform?**

Supporting a new platform involves a significant investment of time by Atlassian, both up-front costs to set up new testing environments and fix any issues we might encounter and the ongoing costs involved in maintaining the application against this new environment in the future. As such, supporting a new platform is not something we will do unless we know there is significant demand for it.

Please be aware that your interest alone will not be enough for us to add support for your application server or database. We would need to see a significant number of votes on the issue raised in our public JIRA site or a significant level of interest in our forums, before considering supporting that platform.

**Q: My organization has standardized on an operating environment that Confluence does not support. What can I do?**

In this situation, you have the following two options:

1. Run Confluence in the unsupported environment, with the caveats mentioned above.
2. Make an exception to your standardized operating environment and set up Confluence based on its supported platforms.

## Migrating Confluence Between Servers

This page describes how to move Confluence between physical servers using the same or a different operating system.

It doesn't cover [database migration](#) or [upgrading](#) your Confluence version. We suggest you do each of these steps separately.

**On this page:**

- [Transferring Confluence to another server](#)

### Transferring Confluence to another server

To transfer Confluence to another server you will copy the home and install folders straight into an identical external database and user management setup. If your new server is using a different operating system there may be some additional changes at step 4.

1. Run the Confluence installer on your new server
2. Shut down Confluence on both your old and new servers
3. If you're using Oracle or MySQL, copy [the drivers](#) from your old server to the new one
4. Delete the contents of the home directory on your new Confluence server, then copy in the contents of the home directory from your old Confluence server.
5. Make any additional changes required for your environment.

▼ [If you're changing the location of the home directory...](#)

If the path to your home directory is different on the new server open the `Confluence_install_directory/confluence/WEB-INF/classes` directory and edit `confluence-init.properties` by changing the line starting with `'confluence.home='`.

▼ [If you're moving your database...](#)

If you have also moved your database from one server to another you can change the JDBC URL in `<confluence.home>/confluence.cfg.xml` if you are using a direct JDBC connection or in the definition of your datasource (if you are connecting via a datasource).

▼ [If your new server has a different operating system...](#)

If you're migrating from **Windows to Linux**, you'll need to replace the backslashes with forward slashes in the following lines in `confluence.cfg.xml`:

```
<property
name="attachments.dir">${confluenceHome}/attachments</property
>
<property
name="lucene.index.dir">${localHome}/index</property>
<property
name="webwork.multipart.saveDir">${localHome}/temp</property>
```

If you're migrating from **Linux to Windows**, you'll need to replace the forward slashes with backslashes in the following lines in `confluence.cfg.xml`:

```
<property
name="attachments.dir">${confluenceHome}\attachments</property
>
<property
name="lucene.index.dir">${localHome}\index</property>
<property
name="webwork.multipart.saveDir">${localHome}\temp</property>
```

6. Copy the `<confluence-install>/conf/server.xml` file from your old server to the same location on your new server
7. If you use a data source, follow the instructions for your database type and ensure the data source points to the new database: [PostgreSQL](#), [MySQL](#), [SQL Server](#) or [Oracle](#).
8. Start Confluence, then head to **General configuration > License Details** to add your license key

We strongly recommend you perform a [rebuild of your content indices](#) after performing a migration, to ensure Confluence search works as expected.

## From Confluence Evaluation through to Production Installation

So, you want to try Confluence on an evaluation installation, then move to a production installation when you are ready? This page gives an overview of the steps to follow.

Assumptions:

- This page starts with telling you how to install an evaluation Confluence site. If you have already finished evaluating Confluence, you can safely skip steps 1 to 3.
- Your production installation will be an installed version of Confluence, **not** a Confluence Cloud site.
- You will evaluate Confluence on an installed

version too, not a Confluence Cloud site.

If you are using Confluence Cloud to evaluate Confluence, please refer to the following guide when you want to move to an installed version: [Migrate from Confluence Cloud to Server](#).

**On this page:**

- [Step 1. Set up your evaluation Confluence site](#)
- [Step 2. Add users and content to your evaluation site](#)
- [Step 3. Look for interesting add-ons as part of your evaluation](#)
- [Step 4. Set up your production Confluence site](#)

**Related pages:**

- [Supported Platforms](#)
- [Add and Invite Users](#)
- [Getting Started as Confluence Administrator](#)
- [Confluence installation and upgrade guide](#)

**Step 1. Set up your evaluation Confluence site**

If you have already set up an evaluation Confluence site, you can skip this step.

Below is a summary of the installation and setup procedure, focusing on the choice of database.

**To install Confluence:**

1. Download the installer from the [Confluence download site](#).  
Note: If you are using a Mac or another unsupported platform for your evaluation, you will need to install from a zip file. Details are in the full installation guide.
2. Run the installer and choose the express or custom installation. If you are not sure, choose **Express Install**.
  - The **express** option will install Confluence with default settings.
  - The **custom** option allows you to choose the Confluence installation directory, home (data) directory, ports and other options.
3. When prompted, choose the option to **open Confluence in your browser**, where you can complete the setup.

**To set up Confluence, including the database:**

1. Follow the prompts in the browser-based setup wizard, to get your Confluence license.
2. Choose the **Trial** or **Production** installation type. If you are not sure, choose **Trial Installation**.
  - The **Trial** option will install Confluence with default settings, including the embedded database which is automatically set up for you. You'll need to migrate to an external database before running Confluence in a production environment (more info below).

**Step 2. Add users and content to your evaluation site**

If you have finished evaluating Confluence, you can skip this step.

Depending on your choices during the Confluence setup, your evaluation site may include sample content. The example pages, blog posts and attachments are in the 'Demonstration space'. This space is present if:

- You chose the 'Trial Installation' during setup.
- Or you chose the 'Production Installation', then chose to include the 'Example Site'.

You can update the sample content, and create more of your own. You can also invite people to join you on the site.

When you move to a production site, you can choose to copy the content and users to the new site.

**To create content in your evaluation site:**

- Choose **Spaces > Create Space** to add a space, which is like a library of pages.
- Choose **Create** to add pages and blog posts.

**To add users:** Choose the **cog** icon



then choose **User Management**.

### Step 3. Look for interesting add-ons as part of your evaluation

If you have finished evaluating Confluence, you can skip this step.

Add-ons, also called plugins, provide additional features that you can install into your Confluence site. Some of them are provided free of charge. Many of the commercial add-ons are available free for an evaluation period.

You can browse and download add-ons on the [Atlassian Marketplace](#). You can also find add-ons via the Confluence user interface, which interacts with the Atlassian Marketplace for you.

#### To find useful add-ons via the Confluence user interface:

1. Choose the **cog** icon



then choose **Add-ons**.

2. Choose **Find new add-ons**.

### Step 4. Set up your production Confluence site

When you are ready to move from an evaluation site to a production site, you need to migrate to a production-ready database. This involves installing a new Confluence site with a new database, and instructing Confluence to copy the data from your evaluation site to the new site. You will also need to check some important configuration settings, and define your backup strategy. The instructions below lead you through all the steps required.

#### Migrating your data to a production database:

1. Choose a database carefully, with a focus on reliability and backups. See our [list of supported databases](#). If you are unsure which one to choose, we recommend PostgreSQL.
2. Install a new database and a new Confluence site, by following our guide to [migrating to another database](#). The guide will lead you through the following steps:
  - Setting up your database server.
  - Adding a Confluence database (schema) to your database server.
  - Installing a new, production-ready Confluence site.
  - Copying your Confluence data from your evaluation site to your new production site.

#### Setting important configuration options on your production site:

- Set the base URL. See [Configuring the Server Base URL](#).
- Make sure you have configured an email server. See [Configuring a Server for Outgoing Mail](#).
- Decide on proxy setup and other settings that determine where Confluence fits into your network. See [Web Server Configuration](#).
- Consider setting up a secure connection via SSL. See [Running Confluence Over SSL or HTTPS](#).
- Read our guidelines on security. See [Best Practices for Configuring Confluence Security](#).
- Decide whether you will manage your users in Confluence or connect to an external LDAP directory. See [Configuring User Directories](#).
- Decide whether you want to allow public (anonymous) access to your site. See [Setting Up Public Access](#).
- Set up your permission scheme. See [Permissions and restrictions](#).
- Connect Confluence to JIRA applications such as JIRA Software or JIRA Service Desk or other applications. See [Linking to Another Application](#).

#### Defining your backup strategy:

By default, Confluence will create daily XML backups of your content and user data. This is suitable when you are evaluating Confluence. When you move to a production site, you need more robust backup procedures and technologies. See [Production Backup Strategy](#).



## Confluence Release Notes

Confluence release notes provide information on the features and improvements in each release. This page includes release notes for major releases and minor (bugfix) releases. If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Confluence, you will find essential information in the **upgrade notes** associated with the relevant release notes.

Release notes are maintained in the [Confluence 6.3 \(Latest\)](#) space. All links below will take you to the Confluence Latest where you can browse all release notes and upgrade notes.

### On this page:

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- [Confluence 4 release notes](#)
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### Confluence 6 release notes

#### Confluence 6.3

- [Confluence 6.3 Release Notes](#)

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- [Confluence 6.2.4 release notes](#)
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- [Confluence 6.1.4 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.1.3 Release Notes](#)
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### Confluence 5 release notes

#### Confluence 5.10

- [Confluence 5.10.8 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.10.7 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.10.6 Release Notes](#)
- [\(Confluence 5.10.5 was withdrawn\)](#)
- [Confluence 5.10.4 Release Notes](#)
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- [Confluence 5.10 Release Notes](#)

#### Confluence 6.0

- [Confluence 6.0.7 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0.6 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0.5 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0.4 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0.3 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0.2 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0.1 Release Notes](#)
- [\(Confluence 6.0.0 was an internal release\)](#)
- [Confluence 6.0 Release Notes](#)

#### Confluence 5.6

- [Confluence 5.6.6 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.6.5 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.6.4 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.6.3 Release Notes](#)
- [\(Confluence 5.6.2 was an internal release\)](#)
- [Confluence 5.6.1 Release Notes](#)
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#### Confluence 5.5

- [Confluence 5.5.7 Release Notes](#)



**Confluence 5.9**

- [Confluence 5.9.14 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 5.9.13 was withdrawn)
- [Confluence 5.9.12 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.9.11 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.9.10 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.9.9 Release Notes](#)
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- **[Confluence 5.9.1 Release Notes](#)**
- (Confluence 5.9.0 was an internal release)

**Confluence 5.8**

- [Confluence 5.8.18 Release Notes](#)
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- [Confluence 5.8.15 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.8.14 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.8.13 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 5.8.11 and 5.8.12 were internal releases)
- [Confluence 5.8.10 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.8.9 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.8.8 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 5.8.7 was an internal release)
- [Confluence 5.8.6 Release Notes](#)
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- [Confluence 5.8.4 Release Notes](#)
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- (Confluence 5.8.0 and 5.8.1 were internal releases)

**Confluence 5.7**

- [Confluence 5.7.6 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.7.5 Release Notes](#)
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- [Confluence 5.7.3 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 5.7.2 was an internal release)
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- [Confluence 4.3.7 Release Notes](#)
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**Confluence 5.4**

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**Confluence 5.3**

- [Confluence 5.3.4 Release Notes](#)
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**Confluence 5.2**

- [Confluence 5.2.5 Release Notes](#)
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- **[Confluence 5.2.3 Release Notes](#)**
- (Confluence 5.2.0 - 5.2.2 were internal releases)

**Confluence 5.1**

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- **[Confluence 5.1 Release Notes](#)**

**Confluence 5.0**

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- [Confluence 5.0.1 Release Notes](#)
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**Confluence 4.1**

- [Confluence 4.1.9 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 4.1.8 was an internal release)
- [Confluence 4.1.7 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.1.6 Release Notes](#)
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- [Confluence 4.1.3 Release Notes](#)

- **Confluence 4.3 Release Notes**

#### Confluence 4.2

- [Confluence 4.2.13 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.2.12 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.2.11 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 4.2.9 and 4.2.10 were internal releases)
- [Confluence 4.2.8 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.2.7 Release Notes](#)
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#### Confluence 3 release notes

##### Confluence 3.5

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- [Confluence 3.5.16 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.5.13 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 3.5.12 was an internal release)
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- (Confluence 3.5.10 was an internal release)
- [Confluence 3.5.9 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 3.5.8 was an internal release)
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##### Confluence 3.4

- [Confluence 3.4.9 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.4.8 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.4.7 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.4.6 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.4.5 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 3.4.4 was an internal release)
- [Confluence 3.4.3 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.4.2 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.4.1 Release Notes](#)
- **Confluence 3.4 Release Notes**

#### Confluence 2 release notes

##### Confluence 2.10

- [Confluence 2.10.4 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 2.10.3 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 2.10.2 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 2.10.1 Release Notes](#)
- **Confluence 2.10 Release Notes**

- [Confluence 4.1.2 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 4.1.1 was an internal release)
- **Confluence 4.1 Release Notes**

#### Confluence 4.0

- **Confluence 4.0 Release Notes**

##### Confluence 3.3

- [Confluence 3.3.3 Release Notes](#)
- (Confluence 3.3.2 was an internal release)
- [Confluence 3.3.1 Release Notes](#)
- **Confluence 3.3 Release Notes**

##### Confluence 3.2

- [Confluence 3.2.1 Release Notes](#)
- **Confluence 3.2 Release Notes**

##### Confluence 3.1

- [Confluence 3.1.2 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.1.1 Release Notes](#)
- **Confluence 3.1 Release Notes**

##### Confluence 3.0

- [Confluence 3.0.2 Release Notes](#)
- [Confluence 3.0.1 Release Notes](#)
- **Confluence 3.0 Release Notes**

##### Confluence 2.4

- [Release Notes 2.4.5](#)
- [Release Notes 2.4.4](#)
- [Release Notes 2.4.3](#)
- [Release Notes 2.4.2](#)

### Confluence 2.9

- Confluence 2.9.3 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.9.2 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.9.1 Release Notes
- **Confluence 2.9 Release Notes**

### Confluence 2.8

- Confluence 2.8.3 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.8.2 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.8.1 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.8 Release Notes
- **Confluence 2.8 Beta Release Notes**

### Confluence 2.7

- Confluence 2.7.4 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.7.3 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.7.2 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.7.1 Release Notes
- **Confluence 2.7 Release Notes**

### Confluence 2.6

- Confluence 2.6.3 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.6.2 Release Notes
- Confluence 2.6.1 Release Notes
- **Confluence 2.6 Release Notes**

### Confluence 2.5

- Release Notes 2.5.8
- Release Notes 2.5.7
- Release Notes 2.5.6
- Release Notes 2.5.5
- Release Notes 2.5.4
- Release Notes 2.5.3
- Release Notes 2.5.2
- Release Notes 2.5.1
- **Release Notes 2.5**

### Confluence 1 release notes

#### Confluence 1.4

- Release Notes 1.4.4
- Release Notes 1.4.3
- Release Notes 1.4.2
- Release Notes 1.4.1
- **Release Notes 1.4**

#### Confluence 1.3

- Release Notes 1.3.6
- Release Notes 1.3.5
- Release Notes 1.3.4
- Release Notes 1.3.2
- Release Notes 1.3.1

### Confluence 2.3

- Release Notes 2.3.3
- Release Notes 2.3.2
- Release Notes 2.3.1
- **Release Notes 2.3**

### Confluence 2.2

- Release Notes 2.2.10
- Release Notes 2.2.9
- Release Notes 2.2.8
- Release Notes 2.2.7
- Release Notes 2.2.6a
- Release Notes 2.2.5
- Release Notes 2.2.4
- Release Notes 2.2.3
- Release Notes 2.2.2
- Release Notes 2.2.1
- **Release Notes 2.2**

### Confluence 2.1

- Release Notes 2.1.5
- Release Notes 2.1.4
- Release Notes 2.1.3
- Release Notes 2.1.2
- Release Notes 2.1.1
- **Release Notes 2.1**

### Confluence 2.0

- Release Notes 2.0.3
- Release Notes 2.0.2
- Release Notes 2.0.1
- **Release Notes 2.0**

### Confluence 1.2

- Release Notes 1.2.3
- Release Notes 1.2.2
- Release Notes 1.2.1
- **Release Notes 1.2**

### Confluence 1.1

- Release Notes 1.1.2
- Release Notes 1.1.1
- **Release Notes 1.1**

### Confluence 1.0

- [Release Notes 1.3](#)

- [Release Notes 1.0.3](#)
- [Release Notes 1.0.1](#)
- [Release Notes 1.0](#)

## Confluence Release Summary

This page shows the highlights of the major Confluence releases.

### Current Release

For information about the latest release, please go to the [Confluence Release Notes](#).

### Confluence 6.3 - July 2017

- Stability improvements
- Additional bundled language packs for Estonian, Icelandic and Slovenian.

### Confluence 6.2 - May 2017

- Invite people to edit a page with you
- New Performance Testing Framework for Data Center
- Additional bundled language packs for Finnish, Italian, Norwegian, and Romanian.

### Confluence 6.1 - March 2017

- SAML single sign-on for Data Center
- AWS Quick Start and Cloud Formation Template deployment for Data Center
- Team Playbook blueprints
- Safe startup for Confluence Server
- Collaborative editing improvements.

### Confluence 6.0 - November 2016

- Collaborative editing
- Copy page hierarchies
- Delete page hierarchy
- Epic links for the JIRA Issues macro
- Removal of the documentation theme.

### Confluence 5.10 - June 2016

- Resize your table columns
- Get fewer emails with batched notifications
- Allow users to delete their own content
- Greater accountability with the audit log
- Better diagnostics for your integrations
- Get the lowdown on your macro usage
- Add and remove space watchers
- Improvements for audio and video files
- More bundled language packs.

### Confluence 5.9 - November 2015

- It's the dashboard, but not as you know it - redesigned dashboard
- A better way to restrict pages - a new, easier-to-use page restrictions dialog
- One-click create for blank pages
- CQL for search - advanced searching with CQL (Confluence Query Language) filters
- Say goodbye to unknown attachment fails - copy and paste images with confidence
- Notify watchers remembers your preference for each page

- More control over page excerpts - simple or rich excerpts
- Improvements to on-boarding, inline comments, Data Center migration, and lots more.

#### Confluence 5.8 - June 2015

- Close the collaboration loop - present your files in full screen
- Massive improvements for big tables - auto row numbering and copy and paste for columns
- Restore deleted files from the trash
- More granular options for Page Properties Report and Content by Label macros with CQL
- View roadmaps by week or month
- Plus improvements to Data Center indexing, inline comments, notify watchers, onboarding and much more.

#### Confluence 5.7 - January 2015

- Inline comments on pages and pinned comments on files to simplify your feedback loop
- A whole new files experience - upload, preview, share and more.
- HipChat Cloud integration to supercharge your team collaboration.
- New macro for planning visual roadmaps.
- Data Center improvements including cluster monitoring and the return of workbox.
- New profile picture and space logo uploader
- Content search REST API (CQL)
- Improvements to the editor.

#### Confluence 5.6 - September 2014

- Introducing Confluence Data Center
- Keep track of your JIRA issues visually
- Restrict blog posts
- Collaborate faster with quicker comments
- Recently viewed pages on the go
- Tasks sorting improvements
- Insert date lozenges with ease
- Sidebar improvements
- PDF Export improvements
- Support for Office 2013

#### Confluence 5.5 - 30 April 2014

- Tasks that fit the way you work
- Move blog posts
- Disable space blueprints
- Add a custom favicon
- Improved JIRA integration
- Extended Page Properties and Page Properties Report macros
- Confluence Health Check
- New REST API

#### Confluence 5.4 - 3 December 2013

- Confluence and JIRA: better together for agile teams
- Create JIRA issues from Confluence
- Give feedback fast with Quote in Comment
- Communicate your releases with new JIRA Reports
- Reflect and improve on your sprints with Retrospectives
- Complete JIRA traceability
- Manage your docs with the Documentation space blueprint
- Macro and blueprint improvements including a new JIRA chart macro, and improvements to the JIRA Issues macro, Page Properties Report macro and Product Requirements blueprint

**Confluence 5.3 - 1 October 2013**

- Space Blueprints including Knowledge Base space and Team space
- Shared Links blueprint
- Ability to change usernames
- Display page tree in the sidebar
- Request access to a restricted page
- Improved macros including Livesearch, Include Page, Labels List and Code Block

**Confluence 5.2 - 13 August 2013**

- Faster and cleaner search
- Introducing the Decisions blueprint
- Blueprints keep getting better
- Add multiple layout sections to your pages
- Distraction free editing
- A single, smarter way of adding JIRA issues
- Collaborate with your team on the go
- Speedier interactions

**Confluence 5.1 – 27 March 2013**

- Introducing blueprints
- Meeting Notes blueprint
- File List blueprint
- Product Requirements blueprint
- New template features
- HTML5 viewers for PDF and PowerPoint files
- Page Properties Report macro
- Improved macros

**Confluence 5.0 – 26 February 2013**

- A visual refresh
- Updated global navigation
- Content creation made simple
- New sidebar for content discovery
- Editor improvements
- Quick access to recently viewed pages
- Redesigned space administration and space tools
- Improved theming and branding
- Improved user and group management for large sites

**Confluence 4.3 – 4 September 2012**

- Workbox notifications
- Personal tasks
- Tasks on pages
- Confluence mobile
- Table sorting and highlighting
- Draggable images and macros
- Rich text templates
- Space archiving
- Improved user invitations and signup options
- Default space permissions

**Confluence 4.2 – 10 April 2012**

- Page layouts
- Likes
- Quick comments

- Popular content on the dashboard
- Recommended content by email
- Labels on attachments
- Signup invitations via URL
- Easy upgrade, try and buy for plugins

#### Confluence 4.1 – 13 December 2011

- Autoconvert for Pasted Links
- Image effects
- Quick find and replace
- Follow Your Network On the Dashboard
- Space attachments macro
- Global PDF stylesheets
- Use any character in page titles
- New translation feature

#### Confluence 4.0 – 19 September 2011

- Brand New Editor
- Simplified Editing Experience
- New Macros
- Faster Editing Experience
- Introducing @mentions
- Improved Page Comparison Functionality
- Email Notification Improvements
- New Confluence Installer and Guided Upgrades
- New Editor Plugin Points for Developers

#### Confluence 3.5 – 16 March 2011

- Easy, Powerful Connections to Active Directory, LDAP and Crowd
- Improved JIRA Integration
- Drag-and-Drop for HTML5 Browsers
- Autowatch and Improved Notification Settings
- Sharing Pages and Blog Posts
- Enhanced Code Macro
- More Administrative Improvements
- "What's New" Feature Tour
- Categories, a New Way of Organizing Spaces
- Embedding Audio and Video with the Multimedia Macro
- Infrastructure Changes

#### Confluence 3.4 – 12 October 2010

- New Keyboard Shortcuts, Mac-Friendly Too
- Keyboard Shortcut Dialog
- User Macros in Macro Browser and Autocomplete
- New Plugin Manager
- Improved Performance
- Infrastructure Changes

#### Confluence 3.3 – 7 July 2010

- Confluence Page Gadget
- Autocomplete for Inserting Macros
- Property Panels for Links
- Property Panels for Images
- Manage Watchers
- Email Notifications for Network Activity and Blogs
- Blog Improvements



- Context-Sensitive Help Links
- Security Features
- Infrastructure Changes

#### Confluence 3.2 – 24 March 2010

- Autocomplete for Inserting Links
- Autocomplete for Embedding Images and Documents
- A Link Browser that's Smarter, Smoother, Faster
- New Documentation Theme
- New Easy Reader Theme
- Template Bundles
- Reordering while Moving a Page
- New Keyboard Shortcuts and Editor Hints
- User Interface Enhancements

#### Confluence 3.1 – 8 December 2009

- Introducing Gadgets
- Drag-and-Drop
- Office 2007 Support
- New 'Move Page' Feature
- Enhanced Image Browser
- Draft Comparisons
- Page Restrictions Dialog Box
- Other Editor Enhancements
- New Web Browser Versions Supported

#### Confluence 3.0 – 1 June 2009

- Introducing the Macro Browser
- Enhanced User Profiles
- Introducing Your Network
- New User Status
- New Hover Profile Feature
- Customizable Enhanced PDF Exports
- Improved Rich Text Editor
- Performance Improvements
- Engine Room and Developer Community
- Administration Improvements

#### Confluence 2.10 – 3 December 2008

- Introducing the Widget Connector
- Improved Office Connector Now Bundled
- Introducing Quick Navigation
- 'Did You Mean', OpenSearch and More
- Custom Stylesheets for Confluence Spaces
- Updated JIRA Issues Macro with Custom Fields and Dynamic Display
- Enhanced User and Group Management
- Upgraded Rich Text Editor
- Universal Wiki Converter now with SharePoint Import and More
- Improved Activity Macros
- Plugin Framework 2

#### Confluence 2.9 – 7 August 2008

- Streamlined Search
- Auto Save
- Charts

- Page Tree
- Gallery
- New Tutorial
- More in the Menus
- Alphabetical Page Ordering
- Better Spam Prevention
- Plugin Repository
- Engine Room and Developers' Community

#### Confluence 2.8 – 10 April 2008

- Dynamic menus and simplified screen design
- Page ordering
- Collapsible comments
- Multiple-label filter
- Confluence installer
- Task list
- Performance enhancements
- Administration, management and monitoring

#### Confluence 2.7 – 12 December 2007

- JIRA Issues and Portlet macros use new trusted authentication
- Two-tier administrator permissions
- Inserting images and attaching files during page creation
- Sorting of images in Gallery macro
- Simplified and improved logging
- Performance, maintainability and administration

#### Confluence 2.6 – 27 September 2007

- Fresh look for the Default theme
- Personalized comments and Dashboard
- Space description on Dashboard
- Labels on templates
- Default content for space home pages
- Social Bookmarking plugin now bundled with Confluence
- Back-dating and renaming news items

#### Confluence 2.5 – 29 April 2007

- Introducing flexible page restrictions
- Dynamic task list JRE incompatibilities
- contentbylabel macro supports AND condition

#### Confluence 2.4 – 14 March 2007

- Editable comments
- Page mailing

#### Confluence 2.3 – 5 January 2007

- Confluence Massive – cluster support
- People directory
- Activity plugin – usage statistics
- Blogging RPC plugin – manage news in Confluence using blogger-compatible desktop clients
- WebDAV client support via WebDAV plugin – create, edit, move pages, attachments, etc via WebDAV

#### Confluence 2.2 – 27 April 2006

- Personal spaces
- Localization/internationalization – drop-in language packs (similar to JIRA)
- CAPTCHA support – spam protection
- Improved searching
- Improved LDAP performance
- Confluence ships with Tomcat 5.5

#### Confluence 2.1 – 20 December 2005

- Autosave
- Concurrent edit warnings
- LDAP integration with Atlassian User/POLIS

#### Confluence 2.0 – 17 November 2005

- Rich Text Editing – WYSIWYG editor
- Labels
- Dashboard tabs – All, My, Team, New
- RSS builder
- Export pages as Word documents
- Copy pages

#### Confluence 1.4 – 23 May 2005

- New user interface
- Enhanced editing – doing more in the edit interface
- Page permissions
- New plugin types
- Configurable themes
- Completely rewritten Wiki to HTML conversion engine

#### Confluence 1.3 – 30 November 2004

- Mail archiving
- Themes
- Trash can
- More granular space permissions

#### Confluence 1.2 – 23 August 2004

- Page list views – alphabetical, directory view and search view of all pages in a space
- Image thumbnails and thumbnail galleries
- Threaded comments
- Enhanced Search - indexing attachment comments and file names and contextual searching
- New permissions interface

### Upgrade Notes Overview

Typically, each major release of Confluence comes with upgrade notes, which are specific recommendations for upgrading from the previous major version. If you plan to upgrade and skip a few Confluence versions, you must read the upgrade notes for all major versions between your current version and the version to which you are upgrading, to make sure you do not miss something important.

Please read our general information about [upgrading Confluence](#).

**For example:**

When upgrading from Confluence 5.3 to Confluence 5.5, read the upgrade notes for Confluence 5.4, as well as those for Confluence 5.5.

Also, we strongly recommend that you read the upgrade notes for any minor releases in-between, since they

contain important information that will affect your Confluence upgrade.

Below is a list of upgrade notes for previous major releases of Confluence, as well as the upgrade notes for important minor releases:

- [Confluence 6.3 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.2 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.1 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 6.0 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.10 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.9 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.8 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.7 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.6 Upgrade Notes](#)
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You will find the upgrade notes attached to the [release notes](#) for the relevant version.

#### *Useful plugins*

*Before installing an add-on (also called a plugin) into your Confluence site, please check the add-on's information page to see whether it is supported by Atlassian, by another vendor, or not at all. See our guidelines on [add-on support](#).*

#### *RELATED TOPICS*

[Confluence Release Summary](#)  
[Confluence Release Notes](#)

## Getting help and support

Need an answer to your question? Looking for a real person to solve a problem? We're here to help!

### Online help

Check the [documentation](#) for information about using and administering Confluence.

### Online community

### Support tools in Confluence

Administrators can access a range of Support tools within Confluence. Go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** to check the health of your instance, scan your logs, or send a support zip to our Support team.

### Features and bugs

If you can't find what you need in the documentation, try asking in our question and answers forum, [Atlassian Answers](#).

We love to hear your requests for new features and improvements! You make a feature suggestion in the Confluence (CONF) project in our [JIRA issue tracker](#).

Alas, bugs do happen. If you find one, we'll do our best to fix it. Please raise a bug report in our [JIRA issue tracker](#).

## Support team

For one-on-one help, create a support request at [Atlassian Support](#). A support engineer will follow up with you quickly.

If you don't have an account yet, you can create one - just follow the prompts. When creating your support request, please provide as much detail as possible. This will help us resolve your issue faster. See [Troubleshooting Problems and Requesting Technical Support](#).

## Confluence Resources

### *Resources for evaluators*

- [Free trial](#)
- [Feature tour](#)

### *Resources for administrators*

- [Confluence knowledge base](#)
- [The big list of Atlassian gadgets](#)

### *Resources for developers*

- [Atlassian Developers site](#)
- [Developer topics on Atlassian Answers](#)

### *Downloadable documentation*

- [Confluence documentation in PDF format](#)

### *Add-ons and plugins*

- [Atlassian Marketplace](#)

### *Support*

- [Atlassian Support](#)
- [Support policies](#)

### *Training*

- [Atlassian training](#)

### *Answers*

- [Confluence at Atlassian Answers](#)

### *Mailing lists*

- Visit <http://my.atlassian.com> to sign up for mailing lists relating to Atlassian products, such as technical alerts, product announcements and developer updates.

### Feature requests and bug reports

- [Issue tracker for Confluence](#)

## Support Policies

Welcome to the support policies index page. Here, you'll find information about how Atlassian Support can help you and how to get in touch with our helpful support engineers. Please choose the relevant page below to find out more.

- [Bug Fixing Policy](#)
- [New Features Policy](#)
- [Security Bugfix Policy](#)

To request support from Atlassian, please raise a support issue in our online support system. To do this, visit [support.atlassian.com](https://support.atlassian.com), log in (creating an account if need be) and create an issue under Confluence. Our friendly support engineers will get right back to you with an answer.

## Bug Fixing Policy

### Summary

- Our Support team will help with workarounds and bug reporting
- We'll generally fix critical bugs in the next maintenance release
- We schedule non-critical bugs according to a variety of considerations

### [Report a bug](#)

## Building an add-on

Are you developing an add-on for an Atlassian product or using one of our APIs? Report any related bugs [here](#).

### Bug reports

Atlassian Support is eager and happy to help verify bugs—we take pride in it! Create an issue in our [support system](#), providing as much information as you can about how to replicate the problem you're experiencing. We'll replicate the bug to verify, then lodge the report for you. We'll also try to construct workarounds if possible.

### Search existing bug reports

Use our [issue tracker](#) to search for existing bugs, and [watch](#) the ones that are important to you. When you watch an issue, we'll send you an e-mail notification when the issue's updated.

### How we approach bug fixing

Maintenance (bug fix) releases come out more frequently than major releases, and attempt to target the most critical bugs affecting our customers. The notation for a maintenance release is the final number in the version (the 1 in 6.0.1, for example).

If a bug is critical (production application down or major malfunction causing business revenue loss or high numbers of staff unable to perform their normal functions) we'll fix it in the next maintenance release, provided that:

- The fix is technically feasible (it doesn't require a major architectural change)
- It doesn't impact the quality or integrity of a product

For non-critical bugs, the team assigned to fixing bugs prioritises the bug according to these factors:

- How many of our supported configurations are affected by the problem
- Whether there is an effective workaround or patch
- How difficult the issue is to fix
- Whether many bugs in one area can be fixed at one time

Developers responsible for fixing bugs also monitor comments on existing and new bugs, so you can comment to provide feedback if you need to. We give high priority to [security issues](#).

When considering the priority of a non-critical bug, we try to determine a *value* score for a bug. The score takes into account the severity of the bug from our customers' perspective, how prevalent the bug is, and whether new features on our roadmap may render the bug obsolete. Our developers combine the value score with a *complexity* score (how difficult the bug is) when selecting issues to work on.

#### Further reading

See [Atlassian Support Offerings](#) for more support-related information.

### New Features Policy

#### Summary

- We encourage and display customer comments and votes openly in our issue tracking system, <http://jira.atlassian.com>.
- We do not publish roadmaps.
- Product Managers review our most popular voted issues on a regular basis.
- We schedule features based on a variety of factors.
- Our [Atlassian Bug Fixing Policy](#) is distinct from this process.
- Atlassian provides consistent updates on the top 20 issues.

#### How to track what features are being implemented

When a new feature or improvement is scheduled, the 'fix-for' version will be indicated in the JIRA issue. This happens for the upcoming release only. We maintain roadmaps for more distant releases internally, but because these roadmaps are often pre-empted by changing customer demands, we do not publish them.

#### How Atlassian chooses what to implement

In every [major release](#) we *aim* to implement highly requested features, but it is not the only determining factor. Other factors include:

- **Customer contact:** We get the chance to meet customers and hear their successes and challenges at Atlassian Summit, Atlassian Unite, developer conferences, and road shows.
- **Customer interviews:** All product managers at Atlassian do customer interviews. Our interviews are not simply to capture a list of features, but to understand our customers' goals and plans.
- **Community forums:** There are large volumes of posts on [answers](#), of votes and comments on [jira.atlassian.com](#), and of conversations on community forums like groups on LinkedIn.
- **Customer Support:** Our support team provides clear insights into the issues that are challenging for customers, and which are generating the most calls to support
- **Atlassian Experts:** Our [Experts](#) provide insights into real-world customer deployments, especially for customers at scale.
- **Evaluator Feedback:** When someone new tries our products, we want to know what they liked and disliked and often reach out to them for more detail.
- **In product feedback:** The [JIRA Issue Collectors](#) that we embed our products for evaluators and our Early Access Program give us a constant pulse on how users are experiencing our product.
- **Usage data:** Are customers using the features we have developed?
- **Product strategy:** Our long-term strategic vision for the product.
- Please read our [post on Atlassian Answers](#) for a more detailed explanation.

#### How to contribute to feature development

#### Influencing Atlassian's release cycle

We encourage our customers to vote on issues that have been raised in our public JIRA instance, <http://jira.atlassian.com>. Please find out if your request already exists - if it does, vote for it. If you do not find it you may wish to create a new one.

#### Extending Atlassian products

Atlassian products have powerful and flexible extension APIs. If you would like to see a particular feature implemented, it may be possible to develop the feature as a plugin. Documentation regarding the [plugin APIs](#) is available. Advice on extending either product may be available on the user mailing-lists, or at [Atlassian Answers](#).

If you require significant customisations, you may wish to get in touch with our [partners](#). They specialise in extending Atlassian products and can do this work for you. If you are interested, please [contact us](#).

#### Further reading



See [Atlassian Support Offerings](#) for more support-related information.

## Security Bugfix Policy

See [Security @ Atlassian](#) for more information on our security bugfix policy.

## Upgrading from Confluence 3.5 to 5.1 - Simplified Guide

In accordance with Atlassian's standard [support policy](#), Confluence 3.5 will reach [End of Life](#) on **6 September 2013**.

If your organization is still using Confluence 3.5, we strongly recommend you to upgrade to Confluence 5.1.4.

This is a **simplified guide** to upgrade from Confluence 3.5 to 5.1.4. A **more detailed guide** is available [here](#).

## What's new in Confluence 5.1?

The following blog posts outline the main features and changes in each version:

- **4.0:** Faster, richer, more reliable editor
- **4.3:** Tasks, mobile support, and in-app notifications
- **5.0:** All-new design
- **5.1:** Powerful page templates for meeting notes, requirements, and decisions

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## Wiki Markup

One of the the major differences between Confluence 3.5 and newer versions is the migration of wiki markup to our new editor. We understand that you may still require wiki markup from time to time and we feel that the following resources will make things easier:

- [Confluence 4 Editor - What's Changed for Users of the Old Rich Text Editor](#)
  - The editor auto converts wiki markup to the new formatting.
  - The editor has the ability to **Insert > Wiki Markup**.
- Bob Swift's [Wiki Markup Addon](#) allows you to preserve wiki markup if necessary. This plugin is currently offered free of charge.
- **API Changes** - Confluence now stores information in an XHTML format, which means that scripted behavior against the Confluence API will break. We have provided the [convertWikiToStorageFormat](#) method to ease the transition.

## Preparing to upgrade

### 1. Check if your currently installed Plugins are compatible with the chosen target Confluence version

Verify whether a compatible version of the plugin is available in Confluence 5.1.4. We've made this easy for you: This information is available via the Confluence Upgrade Check in the plugin administration section of Confluence. See the documentation: [Checking add-on compatibility with application updates](#). You can also check the respective home pages for these plugins on the [Atlassian Marketplace](#).

### 2. Test the upgrade in a staging environment before upgrading your production instance

This will allow you to anticipate any unexpected behavior during the upgrade. Testing will also allow you to plan the upgrade of the production instance, as it will give you a better understanding of how long the upgrade will take and how much time you will need to re-install Plugins and re-apply any customization.

### 3. Check the Upgrade Notes for the 3.5 to 5.1 Upgrade

Make sure that you are aware of the changes listed in the [Simplified Upgrade Notes - Upgrading from 3.5 to 5.1](#) page. These **Upgrade Notes** are a summary of important changes in the platforms supported by Confluence and information to be considered during the upgrade.

### 4. Prepare your team

Confluence 5 introduced significant changes to the user experience. To help you manage the change in your organization, we have provided the [Planning for Confluence 5](#) guide to help prepare your team.

## Upgrading Confluence

This is a **simplified version** of the Confluence Upgrade process. A more detailed guide is available [here](#).

The following instructions will help you to run the upgrade in **two steps**, on Windows or Linux environments:

1. Upgrade from **3.5** to **5.0.3**.
2. Upgrade from **5.0.3** to **5.1.4**.

This means that you will run the following steps twice. First, to upgrade from **3.5** to **5.0.3** and then a second time to upgrade from **5.0.3** to **5.1.4**.

## Upgrading Confluence on Windows

1. [Download](#) the **Confluence Windows Installer** (.exe) file (for the new version of Confluence).
2. Run the .exe file to start the upgrade wizard.  
If a Windows 7 (or Vista) 'User Account Control' dialog box requests if you want to allow the upgrade wizard to make changes to your computer, specify **'Yes'**. If you do not, the installation wizard will have restricted access to your operating system and any subsequent installation options will be limited.
3. At the 'Upgrading Confluence?' step, choose the **'Upgrade an existing Confluence installation'** option.
4. In the 'Existing Confluence installation directory' field, specify the Confluence Installation Directory of your Confluence installation to be upgraded.  
The upgrade wizard will attempt to find an existing Confluence installation and use its location to pre-populate this field. However, always verify this location, particularly if you have multiple Confluence installations running on the same machine.
5. During subsequent steps of the upgrade wizard, you will be prompted to specify or do the following options:
  - a. At the 'Back up Confluence directories' step, ensure the **'Back up Confluence home'** option is selected. This creates 'zip' archive file backups of your existing Confluence Installation and Confluence Home Directories in their respective parent directory locations.  
**Please Note: Choosing this option is strongly recommended!**
  - b. At this point, the upgrade wizard notes any customizations in your existing installation directory which it cannot automatically migrate to your upgraded Confluence installation. If you are notified by the installer about any files containing such customizations, please make a note of the locations of these files as you will need to manually migrate their customizations (which are not mentioned in the [overview above](#)) to your upgraded Confluence installation. One relatively common customization that the upgrade wizard cannot automatically migrate is an [SSL configuration](#) defined in the `conf/server.xml` file of the Confluence Installation Directory.  
**Please Note:** when upgrading from the version that was not installed by the installer the customizations can only be detected in the `confluence` subdirectory of your existing Confluence Installation Directory. Modifications to files in directories other than `confluence` will not be detected when you upgrade, for example, modifications to `conf/server.xml`. However the next time you upgrade (e.g. to version 4.1.1) the upgrade feature will cover modifications across the whole Confluence Installation Directory.
  - c. At the 'Upgrade Check List' step, perform the following steps if you have not already done so:

- Back up your external database.
  - If your Confluence site includes third-party plugins (add-ons), check that they will be compatible with your upgraded Confluence version. See the documentation: [Checking add-on compatibility with application updates](#).
- d. Choose **'Next'**, your existing Confluence installation will be shut down if it is still running. The upgrade wizard will then:
- i. Back up your existing Confluence installation.
  - ii. Delete the contents of the existing Confluence Installation Directory.
  - iii. Install the new version of Confluence to the existing Confluence Installation Directory.
  - iv. Starts your new (upgraded) Confluence installation.
- ⚠ If you noted any files that contain customizations which must be migrated manually to your upgraded Confluence installation ([above](#)), then:
1. Stop the upgraded Confluence installation.
  2. Migrate the customizations from these files into the upgraded installation directory.
  3. Restart the upgraded Confluence installation.
6. At the last step of the upgrade wizard, select the option to launch the upgraded Confluence installation in a browser so you can check the upgrade.

Congratulations, you have completed upgrading your Confluence installation on Windows!

Finished running the steps to upgrade from **3.5** to **5.0.3**? Remember to run them again, upgrading from **5.0.3** to **5.1.4**.

## Upgrading Confluence on Linux

1. [Download](#) the appropriate **Confluence 'Linux 64-bit / 32-bit Installer'** (.bin) file that suits your operating system (for the new version of Confluence).
2. Open a Linux console and change directory (`cd`) to the '.bin' file's directory.  
 ⚠ If the '.bin' file is not executable after downloading it, make it executable, for example:  
`chmod a+x atlassian-confluence-X.Y.bin`  
 (where X.Y represents your version of Confluence)
3. Execute the '.bin' file to start the upgrade wizard.
4. When prompted to choose between creating a new Confluence installation or upgrading an existing installation, choose the **'Upgrade an existing Confluence installation'** option.
5. Specify the Confluence Installation Directory of your Confluence installation to be upgraded. The upgrade wizard will attempt to find an existing Confluence installation and will provide its location as a choice. However, always verify this location, particularly if you have multiple Confluence installations running on the same machine.
6. During subsequent steps of the upgrade wizard, you will be prompted to specify or do the following options:
  - a. Choose the option to back up Confluence's directories. This creates 'zip' archive file backups of your existing Confluence Installation and Confluence Home directories in their respective parent directory locations.  
**Please Note: Choosing this option is strongly recommended!**
  - b. At this point, the upgrade wizard notes any customizations in your existing Confluence Installation Directory which it cannot automatically migrate to your upgraded Confluence installation. If you are notified of any files containing such customizations, please make a note of the locations of these files as you will need to manually migrate their customizations (which are not mentioned in the [overview above](#)) to your upgraded Confluence installation. One relatively common customization that the upgrade wizard cannot automatically migrate is an [SSL configuration](#) defined in the `conf/server.xml` file of the Confluence Installation Directory.  
**Please Note:** when upgrading from the version that was not installed by the installer the customizations can only be detected in the `confluence` subdirectory of your existing Confluence Installation Directory. Modifications to files in directories other than `confluence` will not be detected when you upgrade, for example, modifications to `conf/server.xml`. However the next time you upgrade (e.g. to version 4.1.1) the upgrade feature will cover modifications across the whole Confluence Installation Directory.
  - c. At the 'Upgrade Check List' step, perform the following steps if you have not already done so:
    - Back up your external database.

- If your Confluence site includes third-party plugins (add-ons), check that they will be compatible with your upgraded Confluence version. See the documentation: [Checking add-on compatibility with application updates](#).
- d. Upon proceeding, your existing Confluence installation will be shut down if it is still running. The upgrade wizard will then:
  - i. Back up your existing Confluence installation.
  - ii. Delete the contents of the existing Confluence installation directory.
  - iii. Install the new version of Confluence to the existing Confluence installation directory.
  - iv. Starts your new (upgraded) Confluence installation.
    - ⚠ If you noted any files that contain customizations which must be migrated manually to your upgraded Confluence installation ([above](#)), then:
      1. Stop the upgraded Confluence installation.
      2. Migrate the customizations from these files into the upgraded Confluence Installation Directory.
      3. Restart the upgraded Confluence installation.
- 7. The last step of the upgrade wizard provides you with a link to launch the upgraded Confluence installation in a browser, so you can check the upgrade.

Congratulations, you have completed upgrading your Confluence installation on Linux!

Finished running the steps to upgrade from **3.5** to **5.0.3**? Remember to run them again, upgrading from **5.0.3** to **5.1.4**.

## Possible issues during the upgrade

### Known issues upgrading to Confluence 5

**CONFSERVER-26596** - Using color macro inside headings in Wiki Markup results in double headings

**RESOLVED**

**CONFSERVER-23287** - Confluence 4.0 upgrade does not take into account modifications in server.xml

**RESOLVED**

**CONFSERVER-28495** - ConvertToRelativeLinksUpgradeTasks leaves the version comment "Corrected links that should have been relative instead of absolute." **RESOLVED**

**CONFSERVER-28818** - Upgrading from 3.5.x with accented page title, anchors break content

**RESOLVED**

## Getting help

- **Check for answers from the community.** Other users may have encountered the same issue. You can check for answers from the community at [Atlassian Answers](#).
- **Did you encounter a problem during the Confluence upgrade?** Please refer to the guide to [troubleshooting upgrades](#) in the Confluence Knowledge Base.
- **If you encounter a problem and cannot solve it,** please create a [support ticket](#) and one of our support engineers will help you.

## Upgrading from 3.5 to 5.1 - Upgrade Notes

This page is a summary of the Upgrade Notes released for 4.0 and newer versions. If you wish, you can still see the complete notes for each version below:

- [Confluence 4.0 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.1 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.2 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 4.3 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.0 Upgrade Notes](#)
- [Confluence 5.1 Upgrade Notes](#)

## Preparing your team for Confluence 5

Confluence 5.0 introduces a number of **significant changes to the user experience**: A new way of creating content, a redesigned header, a new sidebar, and other changes to the look and feel of your site. People in your organization will need to be aware of the coming changes, so that they can plan and prepare for them. We have written a guide to help you: [Planning for Confluence 5](#).

### On this page:

- [Preparing your team for Confluence 5](#)
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In addition, if you are **upgrading from Confluence 3.5 or earlier** please note that the change to the Confluence editing experience is significant. See the guide to [Planning for Confluence 4](#).

## Integration and Supported Platforms

### *Team Calendars 3.1 or later required*

If you are using the [Team Calendars](#) add-on for Confluence, you will need to upgrade to [Team Calendars 3.1](#) or later. Earlier versions of this add-on will not work with the new design in Confluence 5.0.

### *End of support for Java 6*

As previously announced, from this release onwards we no longer offer support for Java 6 (JRE and JDK 1.6). Please see [End of Support Announcements for Confluence](#).

### *End of support for Tomcat 5.5*

As previously announced, from this release onwards we no longer offer support for Tomcat 5.5.x. Please see [End of Support Announcements for Confluence](#).

### *Complete List of Supported Platforms*

See the complete list of supported platforms for Confluence 5 at [Supported Platforms](#).

## Upgrade Process and Effects

### *Content updates after upgrade*

You will notice once you upgrade to Confluence 5.0, every page will have been edited during the migration process. This manifests itself in the appearance of changes to every page's content by various different users. When migrating pages, Confluence will show the same username that last contributed to your content as the author of the change. This is the upgrade task of migrating your wiki page storage format to XHTML from Wiki Markup. Do not be alarmed by this. This will only happen once for all current versions of content. This will not trigger email notifications, but will update your RSS feeds. Where possible, a change comment of "Upgraded to Confluence 4" will be added to pages and blog posts.

### *User macros migration*



After upgrading, user macros will not be able to be inserted until they have defined macro parameters. See [User Macro Template Syntax](#). Defining macro parameters will mean that they can once again insert these user macros.

#### Email notifications

With the update of the email templates, the textual content of the notifications has also changed. These wording changes may invalidate any email filters set up to label or organize your email notifications.

#### Plain text emails no longer available

Emails are now only available in HTML format, which allows for the display of images and formatted content, such as changes made and the full content of the updated page or blog post.

#### Checking for known issues and troubleshooting the Confluence upgrade

After you have completed the steps required to upgrade your Confluence installation, check all the items on the [Confluence post-upgrade checklist](#) to ensure that everything works as expected. If something is not working correctly, please check for known Confluence issues and try troubleshooting your upgrade as described below:

- **Check for known issues.** Sometimes we find out about a problem with the latest version of Confluence after we have released the software. In such cases we publish information about the known issues in the [Confluence Knowledge Base](#).
- **Check for answers from the community.** Other users may have encountered the same issue. You can check for answers from the community at [Atlassian Answers](#).
- **Did you encounter a problem during the Confluence upgrade?** Please refer to the guide to [troubleshooting upgrades](#) in the Confluence Knowledge Base.

## Troubleshooting Problems and Requesting Technical Support

This document tells you how to troubleshoot problems in Confluence and how to obtain technical support from Atlassian.

### Troubleshooting a problem

If you have a problem with Confluence, follow the steps below.

#### To diagnose a problem and search for a solution:

1. If you are not a Confluence administrator, report your problem to the person in charge of your Confluence site and ask them to follow up on the issue.
2. Use the health check and log scanner (see [below](#)) to check your Confluence logs for errors and attempt to match them against known issues in our knowledge base and bug tracker.
3. Check our [knowledge base](#) for solutions to known issues.
4. Check our [issue tracker](#) for known bugs.
5. If your problem may be related to an add-on, you can run Confluence in [Safe Mode](#) or temporarily disable any third party add-ons.
6. If you are having problems configuring a feature, please take a look at the appropriate guides:
  - [Confluence Installation Guide](#)

#### On this page:

- [Troubleshooting a problem](#)
- [Using the Health Check](#)
- [Scanning your Confluence logs to match known issues](#)
- [Raise a support request with an add-on vendor](#)
- [Raise a support request](#)
  - [Method 1: Create a support request from within Confluence](#)
  - [Method 2: Create a support request at our support site](#)
- [Creating a support zip file](#)
- [Logging a bug](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Requesting Support for External User Management](#)
- [Requesting Performance Support](#)
- [Confluence Knowledge Base](#)

- [Confluence Setup Guide](#)
  - [Configuring Confluence](#)
  - [Database Configuration](#)
7. Check the following guides for troubleshooting specific problems:
    - Issues related to your database server: [Database Troubleshooting](#).
    - Issues related to user management: [Requesting Support for External User Management](#).
    - Issues related to performance: [Requesting Performance Support](#).
  8. If the above tools and documentation don't solve your problem, you can create a support request and attach your support zip file. If you think you may have found a bug, you can create a bug report instead.

### Using the Health Check

The Confluence Health Check provides a simple way to check the set up of your Confluence instance. The health check looks at things like your license validity, basic database setup and more.

To access the health check go to




> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools**.

The health check will let you know if there are any problems.

### Scanning your Confluence logs to match known issues

Confluence has an inbuilt log scanner that will check your Confluence logs for errors and try to match them against known issues in our knowledge base and bug tracker. You'll need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions to do this.

#### To use the Confluence log scanner:

1. Go to 
  - > **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** > **Log Scanner**.
2. Choose **Scan** to scan the Confluence log file in its default location (change the location if necessary).
3. The log scanner will return a list of links, pointing to articles in our [knowledge base](#) and/or bug reports in our [issue tracker](#).
  - The latest-reported problems are displayed first. By default only the most recent 10 matches are displayed. If you have more than 10 matches and want to display all results, click the 'Show All' link that appears on the top of the results page.
  - Choose a link to read the reported problem and possible solutions or workarounds.

### Raise a support request with an add-on vendor

If you have an add-on related issue, please check whether the add-on is supported by Atlassian or a third party developer.

- Check support information for the add-on on the [Atlassian Marketplace](#)
- If the plugin is not supported by Atlassian, you'll need to contact the plugin developer directly.

You can read more about [Atlassian support for add-ons](#).

### Raise a support request



There are two ways to raise a support request with Atlassian - from within Confluence, or via our support site.

If your problem concerns user management or performance, please take a look at the additional requirements in [Requesting Support for External User Management](#) or [Requesting Performance Support](#) before creating a request. .

#### Method 1: Create a support request from within Confluence

This is the most convenient method, however if your zip file is too large, or there are security restrictions on your mail server, your request may not be correctly sent. You can also use this method to append system information to an existing support request.

You'll need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions to do this. Your site will also need a [mail server](#) set up that allows you to send zip files.


#### To create a support request:

1. Go to



> **General Configuration** > **Support Tools** > **Create Support Request**.

2. Provide as much information as possible, following these guidelines:

- **Contact Email** - this defaults to the email address of the logged-in user. It will be used to find your support account or, if no account is found, to create a new account. Confluence will send all further notifications and updates to this address.
- **Summary** - enter a short description of the problem.
- **Description** - enter as much information as possible, including any error messages that are appearing or any steps our support team can take to reproduce the problem.
- **Support Data to Attach** - choose the log and configuration information you would like to include. These will be attached to your support request as a zip file, and will help our support engineers resolve your problem. Refer to [Working with Confluence Logs](#) for information about the log files.  
 Log files can be very large (up to 20mb with the default log4j configuration, or more if you've customized the log settings) and your mail server may bounce the message if it is too large.

3. Choose **Send**.

We recommend checking whether the email message has been successfully sent, and contacting your email administrator if you need special provisions for this email message.

Confluence will submit your request via email to Atlassian support. If you don't already have a support account, we'll automatically create one for you. You'll receive email updates about the request progress. You can also view the status of your support request and add any additional information at any time at [Atlassian Support](#).

*Screenshot: The support request form.*

## Support Request

To: **Atlassian Support Team**

Contact Email:

Summary:

Priority:

Description:

### Support Data to Attach

Attaching logs and configuration information to your Support Request helps our engineers give you a faster and more complete response. Usernames and passwords are removed from your configuration files automatically (usernames will still appear in log files).

- ☒ **Application Properties**  
Memory statistics, configuration options, and other key information. (highly recommended)
- ☒ **Thread Dump**  
Generate and include a Thread Dump. (recommended)
- ☒ **Confluence confluence.cfg.xml File**  
Your confluence.cfg.xml file, which contains database settings and other useful information. (recommended)
- ☒ **Tomcat Configuration Files**  
Tomcat configuration files such as server.xml and web.xml.
- ☒ **Authentication Configuration Files**  
Authentication configuration files such as atlassian-user.xml, osuser.xml and crowd.properties. Atlassian will handle your data with strict confidence and will not disclose it to any third parties. NOTE: Usernames, etc. referenced in your log files are NOT anonymised. (recommended)
- ☒ **Cache Configuration Files**  
Cache configuration files, which are useful in diagnosing performance problems.
- ☒ **Confluence Application Logs**  
Your Confluence application logs. (highly recommended)
- ☒ **Tomcat Logs**  
Tomcat log files, e.g. catalina.out (recommended)
- ☒ **Limit File Sizes?**  
Limit the size of files included in your support zip to no more than 25Mb.

Send

### Method 2: Create a support request at our support site

If your Confluence instance is not running, or does not have a mail server configured, you use the [Atlassian Support](#) site to create a request.

#### To create a support request:

1. If you don't have a free Atlassian support account, [create one here](#).
2. Log in to <https://support.atlassian.com>.
3. Follow the prompts to choose your product and type of request.
4. Provide us as much information as possible about your problem, and your Confluence environment. (If Confluence is running, you can go to **System Information** in the administration console and copy that information into your request). You may also want to attach:


- A support zip. See [Creating a support zip](#) to find out how to generate it.
- Your log files (if your instance won't start up). See [Working with Confluence Logs](#) to find out how to access your log files.

You'll receive email updates about the request progress, and see the status of your request at any time in the Support site.

## Creating a support zip file

We recommend that you attach a support zip file to every interaction with our support team. You'll need Confluence Administrator or System Administrator permissions to create a support zip.

### To create a support zip:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Support Tools > Create Support Zip.**
2. Keep all checkboxes selected then choose **Create**.
3. Confluence will create the support zip file and display its location on the screen. Log in to the Confluence server to retrieve the file.

You can then attach the zip file to your support request (a new request or an existing one).

*Screenshot: Creating a support zip file*

### Support Zip

This tool will allow you to create a zip file containing useful information about your instance. No information will be sent to Atlassian.

☒ **Application Properties**  
Memory statistics, configuration options, and other key information. (highly recommended)

☒ **Thread Dump**  
Generate and include a Thread Dump. (recommended)

☒ **Confluence confluence.cfg.xml File**  
Your confluence.cfg.xml file, which contains database settings and other useful information. (recommended)

☒ **Tomcat Configuration Files**  
Tomcat configuration files such as server.xml and web.xml.

☒ **Authentication Configuration Files**  
Authentication configuration files such as atlassian-user.xml, osuser.xml and crowd.properties. Atlassian will handle your data with strict confidence and will not disclose it to any third parties. NOTE: Usernames, etc. referenced in your log files are NOT anonymised. (recommended)

☒ **Cache Configuration Files**  
Cache configuration files, which are useful in diagnosing performance problems.

☒ **Confluence Application Logs**  
Your Confluence application logs. (highly recommended)

☒ **Tomcat Logs**  
Tomcat log files, e.g. catalina.out. (recommended)

☒ **Limit File Sizes?**  
Limit the size of files included in your support zip to no more than 25Mb.

Create


## Logging a bug

If you have found a bug, the easiest way to report it is to create numbered instructions on how to reproduce the bug, create a support request, as described above, and then the Atlassian support team will confirm your bug and lodge a bug report.

Alternatively, you can check to see if anyone else has reported the bug, then log a bug report yourself.

### To report a bug:

1. Go to the [Confluence issue tracker](#).
2. Type keywords for your problem into the **Contains text** search box then click the Search icon

Confluence ▾ Type: All ▾ Status: All ▾ Assignee: All ▾ Contains text More ▾ 

3. Read through the summaries of the bugs shown. If any summary describes your problem, you can watch the issue to be notified when something changes, or add more information as a comment.
4. If there's no existing bugs that match your problem, you can create a new bug report - including any information on how to duplicate the problem.
5. Sometimes it may be useful to include the result of the 500 error page, which you will find at this location:

```
https://<domain><host>:<port>/500page.jsp
```

## Content Anonymizer for Data Backups

Atlassian may request a copy of the `entities.xml` file from your exported zip file (backup file), in order to diagnose database corruption or to troubleshoot a bug in Confluence.

If your data is confidential, you can run an anonymizer program over your `entities.xml` file to remove all your data and leaving only the structure of the export.

### Usage

To run the Content Anonymizer on your backup file:

1. Download the [anonymizer JAR](#) (attached to this page).
2. Extract the `entities.xml` file from your zipped backup file to the same directory as the JAR.
3. Use the command prompt to go to the directory where all three files are located.
4. To create `cleaned.xml`, run the command:

```
java -jar confluence-export-cleaner-1.1-jar-with-dependencies.jar  
entities.xml cleaned.xml
```

5. Move the original `entities.xml` file to a different location and then rename `cleaned.xml` to `entities.xml`.
6. Re-ZIP the new `entities.xml` with its `exportDescriptor.properties` to ensure Atlassian Support know exactly which version of Confluence the XML backup was exported from.

### How it works

The Content Anonymizer replaces all text content in file `entities.xml` with 'x' characters. For example, the word "Atlassian" will be transformed to "xxxxxxxxx". The resulting `cleaned.xml` file is expected to have the same size as the original file.

This release of the Content Anonymizer uses [STX](#), a fast and efficient XML transformation technology. It should not require a lot of memory to run, even for a large backup.

### Enabling Detailed SQL Logging

Confluence uses the open source persistence framework [Hibernate](#). This page tells you how to configure Confluence's logging to report individual SQL requests that are sent to the database by Hibernate. It is useful for troubleshooting the following events:

- [XML site backups](#) that fail to import.
- Exceptions caused by an illegal database operation.

- Problems caused by long-running database queries.

SQL debug logging with parameters is extremely verbose, and should only be enabled temporarily, while you're troubleshooting.


**Related pages:**

- [Troubleshooting SQL exceptions](#)
- [Working with Confluence Logs](#)

If you have a database problem and need support assistance, it's a good idea to temporarily enable detailed SQL logging **before** sending us the log files. This will assist us in determining what SQL queries were running during the reported problem. After you've enabled hibernate logging, replicate the action that you suspect is causing the error. This is the best way to ensure that the Confluence log file contains relevant SQL logging.


### Log SQL queries with parameters

#### To enable temporary SQL logging:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Logging and Profiling.**
2. Choose **Enable SQL Logging.**

This logging level will persist until you choose **Disable SQL Logging** or Confluence is restarted. If you need the logging levels to persist (useful for troubleshooting startup problems related to your database, for example) follow the steps below to modify `log4j.properties`.

#### To enable persistent SQL logging:

 Use this method if you're using Confluence 5.9.10 or earlier to ensure that parameters are also logged. You can revert the changes once you're done troubleshooting.

1. Stop Confluence.
2. Edit `<install-directory>\confluence\WEB-INF\classes\log4j.properties`
3. Change the following lines from `ERROR` to `DEBUG`:

```
## log hibernate prepared statements/SQL queries (equivalent to
setting 'hibernate.show_sql' to 'true')
## DEBUG, TRACE or ALL is required to see query strings
log4j.logger.net.sf.hibernate.SQL=DEBUG
```

4. Uncomment the following lines:

```
## log hibernate prepared statement parameter values. Note: due
to caching in net.sf.hibernate.type.NullableType, requires
restart to take effect
## TRACE or ALL is required to see parameter values
## Note that log4j.appender.confluencelog.Threshold (or other
appenders) also must be TRACE or ALL to see any trace messages
in the logs
log4j.logger.net.sf.hibernate.type=TRACE
```

5. Change the following lines from `DEBUG` to `TRACE`:

```
log4j.appender.confluelog.Threshold=TRACE
```

## 6. Start Confluence.

This logging level will persist, even when Confluence is restarted. As SQL logging is very verbose, you should revert your changes to `log4j.properties` once you no longer need the additional info.

## Generating a Heap Dump

Sometimes you may see that Confluence is holding onto a chunk of memory over a period of time (for example, tenured space is increasing close to Xmx). In such a situation, it is useful to find out what is stacking up in the memory by analyzing the heap dump.

### On this page:

- [Automatically Generating a Heap Dump when Confluence Hits OutOfMemory Error](#)
- [Manually Generating a Heap Dump when Confluence Stops Responding](#)
- [Submitting a Heap Dump to Atlassian Support](#)

### Tips when getting a heap dump

If you have a large Xmx size, please limit your Xmx size to 1024m. This will help to keep Confluence heap dump smaller while still containing sufficient information to analyze it.

### *Automatically Generating a Heap Dump when Confluence Hits OutOfMemory Error*

Typically, we would like to analyze the heap dump produced when Confluence died from an OutOfMemory Error. For this, you can add additional JVM parameters like below:

```
-XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError -XX:HeapDumpPath=<path to this heap dump file>
```

If you do not set the HeapDumpPath parameter, by default the heap dump will be saved in the folder where Tomcat is run from.

**i** If you are setting these parameters in the Windows registry (when running Confluence on Windows as a service), be sure that each parameter is on its own line.

### *Manually Generating a Heap Dump when Confluence Stops Responding*

It is also possible to get a heap dump manually using a JDK bundled tool called `jmap`, although we recommend that you use the automatic method above for best result.

### For Linux/Solaris-based Operating Systems:

Please execute the following command on Linux OS:

```
$JAVA_HOME/bin/jmap -dump:format=b,file=heap.bin <pid>
```

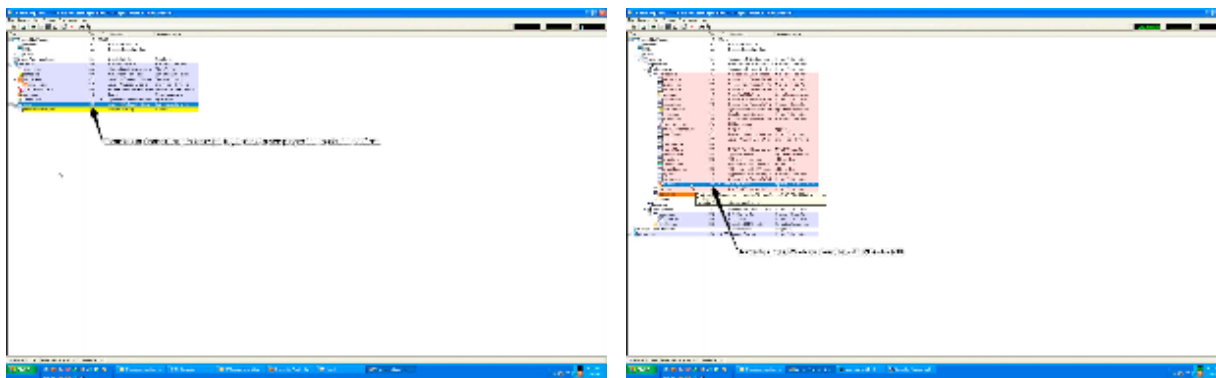
### For Windows:

Please find your Confluence process ID (see below) and then execute the command below on a Windows command line:

```
%JAVA_HOME%\bin\jmap -dump:format=b,file=heap.bin <pid>
```

To find out the process ID for your Java process in Windows, you can use [Process Explorer](#) from Microsoft. This is what it looks like:

### Using Process Explorer to find your Tomcat process ID



### Submitting a Heap Dump to Atlassian Support

Please zip the file and then send it to [Atlassian Support](#).

#### RELATED TOPICS

[Getting Java Crash Log File](#)

[Memory Usage and Requirements](#)

[Garbage Collector Performance Issues](#)

[Generating a Thread Dump](#)

[How to fix out of memory errors by increasing available memory](#)

### Generating a Thread Dump

If Confluence is performing poorly, behaving unexpectedly or stops responding and you can generate a thread dump to help diagnose the cause of the problem. Including a thread dump can be very useful to the Atlassian Support team when investigating your problems.

The thread dump shows the current state of each thread in the JVM, including a stack trace, so it needs to be taken at the time the application is experiencing problems.

Information about what locks are being held and waited upon by a thread are not included in the simple thread dump that you can generate from within Confluence. If you need this additional information, you'll need to generate a thread dump [externally](#).

#### On this page:

- [Stack traces and security](#)
- [Generating a thread dump within Confluence](#)
- [Generating a thread dump externally](#)

#### Stack traces and security

To help debug support cases and provide legendary support, Confluence provides stack traces through the web interface when an error occurs. These stack traces include information about what Confluence was doing at the time, and some information about your deployment server.

Only non-personal information is supplied such as operating system and version and Java version. With proper network security, this is not enough information to be considered dangerous. No usernames or passwords are included.

#### Generating a thread dump within Confluence

#### To generate a thread dump via Support Tools:

1. Go to  **> General Configuration > Support Tools.**
2. Choose **Create Support Zip**



3. Make sure **Thread Dumps** is selected (you can deselect any other options that you don't want to include - if you're creating the support zip to provide to Atlassian Support, we recommend including as much information as possible)
4. Click **Create**.

A zip file containing your thread dumps (and anything else you chose to include) will be saved to your home directory.

### *Generating a thread dump externally*

If Confluence stops responding or you require information on locks being held and waited upon by threads, then use one of methods described in [Generating a Thread Dump Externally](#).

Our support team may ask you to use this method if the simple thread dump generated within Confluence does not include enough information to diagnose the problem.

## Generating a Thread Dump Externally

If Confluence stops responding and you can't create a thread dump within Confluence (via Support Tools), you can create thread dumps outside the application. External thread dumps are also useful if you require information on locks being held or waited upon by threads.

### **Take Multiple Thread Dumps**

Typically you'll want to take several dumps about 10 seconds apart, in which case you can generate several dumps and output the stack traces to a single file.

### **On this page:**

- [Generating thread dumps on Linux](#)
- [Generating thread dumps on windows](#)
  - [Generating a thread dump from the console](#)
  - [Generating a thread dump using jstack](#)
- [Output](#)
- [Thread dump analysis tools](#)

### *Generating thread dumps on Linux*

To generate a thread dump on Linux (or Solaris or other Unixes):

1. Identify the **java** process that Confluence is running in.: This can be achieved by running a command similar to:

```
ps -ef | grep java.
```

2. Use the process ID from the above to generate the thread dumps:

```
kill -3 <pid>
```

This won't kill your server (so long as you included the "-3" option with no space in between).

### *Generating thread dumps on windows*

#### *Generating a thread dump from the console*

If you are not running Confluence as a service, you can generate a thread dump directly in the console.

Click the console window and press <CTRL>+BREAK (or SHIFT+CTRL+PAUSE on some keyboards). The thread dump will print directly to the console.

#### *Generating a thread dump using jstack*

The JDK (Java Development Kit) includes [jstack](#), which is used for generating thread dumps.

**Note:** The JRE (Java Runtime Environment) that is bundled with the Confluence installer does not

include jstack. You'll need to have the full JDK installed.

To generate a thread dump using jstack:

1. Identify the process. Launch the task manager by, pressing `Ctrl + Shift + Esc` and find the Process ID of the Java (Confluence) process. (If you can't see the PID column right click a column heading in Task Manager and choose PID).
2. Run `jstack <pid>` to Capture a Single Thread Dump. This command will take one thread dump of the process id <pid>, in this case the pid is 22668:

```
adam@track:~$ jstack 22668 > threaddump.txt
```

This will create a file called threaddump.txt to your current directory.

Common issues with jstack:

- You must run jstack as the same user that is running Confluence
- If the jstack executable is not in your \$PATH, then please look for it in your <JDK\_HOME>/bin directory
- If you receive `java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError: sun/tools/jstack/JStack` check that tools.jar is present in your JDK's lib directory. If it is not, download a full version of the JDK.
- If you see the following message: 'Not enough storage is available to process this command,' see [this article](#).
- If you get the error "Not enough storage is available to process this command", download the 'psexec' utility from [here](#), then run the following command using:  
`psexec -s jstack <pid> >> threaddumps.txt`

### Output

Thread dumps appear in the catalina.out file in the application directory's logs folder. Search for "thread dump" in the log file for the beginning of the dump.

Often Support may ask you to generate a sequence of thread dumps over a short period, so that they can compare what each dump contains and to look for any long running threads that could be the cause of the performance issue.

You can manually generate multiple thread dumps by executing the command repeatedly, but it is often easier to use a small script to automate the process. Here's an example that you can adapt to run on your Linux server:

```
for i in `seq 1 10` ; do
  echo ${i}
  your/path/to/jstack `ps aux | grep java | grep confluence | grep -v
grep | awk '{print $2}'` >> threaddump.log
  sleep 10
done
```

### Thread dump analysis tools

- [Thread Dump Analyzer TDA](#)
- [Samurai](#)

### Getting Java Crash Log File

If you discovered that Confluence died without manual intervention, there may be something goes wrong during a local Java session. Java will produce a log file that looks like the following: `hs_err_pid20929.log`.

The location of this log file is usually in the directory where Tomcat is run eg. `/bin` folder. For Windows

Services, it should be located in where Windows Services are run.

#### Useful JVM Option

To define the path to the `hs_err_pid` file, add the following JVM Parameter to your existing ones:

```
-XX:ErrorFile=./hs_err_pid<$pid>.log
```

### Profiling using the YourKit Plugin


There is a plugin for Confluence 2.2 and later which allows easy profiling using the [YourKit profiler](#). No license is required to generate a memory or CPU snapshot, but you will need at least an evaluation license to analyze the results.

#### On this page:

- [Configuring YourKit in your JVM](#)
  - [Windows Configuration](#)
  - [Linux/Mac OS X Configuration](#)
- [Performance Impact](#)
- [Installing the YourKit Plugin](#)

#### Configuring YourKit in your JVM

Download [YourKit 6.0](#) for your platform and follow the installation instructions to install it.

 Note: YourKit version 7 is not compatible with the Confluence yourkit plugin.

The following instructions apply to Confluence and Tomcat installations with the Oracle (previously Sun) JDK. They should be easily applicable to other application servers and JVMs, however. The YourKit documentation covers this in more detail.

#### Windows Configuration

On Windows, add to your PATH environment variable the `bin/win32/` directory underneath the YourKit installation directory. For example, you might add "C:\Program Files\YourKit Java Profiler 6.0.12\bin\win32" to your PATH, via Control Panel, System, Advanced, Environment Variables.

To configure Confluence's JVM to use the YourKit agent, you need to add a parameter to `CATALINA_OPTS` in the `bin/setenv.bat` file in your Confluence application directory. This file controls the startup parameters for Tomcat, so you'll need to restart it after making the changes.

Add the 'agentlib' parameter to the end like this:

```
set CATALINA_OPTS=%CATALINA_OPTS% -Xms1024m -Xmx1024m  
-XX:MaxPermSize=256m -XX:+UseG1GC -agentlib:yjpagent
```

#### Linux/Mac OS X Configuration

On Unix-based systems, include the installation directory in the library path environment variable, as shown below:

- For the Mac: `export DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH=$DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH:/path/to/yourKitAgent`
- For other Unix-based systems: `export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/path/to/yourKitAgent`

In general, to configure the JDK, you add the `agentlib` parameter:

```
java -agentlib:yjpagent ...
```

You can add this to Tomcat's `bin/setenv.sh` like this:

```
CATALINA_OPTS="$CATALINA_OPTS -Djava.awt.headless=true"  
-agentlib:yjpagent "
```

### Performance Impact

Running YourKit can have detrimental effects on performance.

To minimize performance problems use the following modifications to the agentlib parameter:

```
-agentlib:yjpagent=disablecounts,disablealloc,disablej2ee
```

See also [Profiling overhead: how to reduce or avoid](#) in the YourKit documentation.

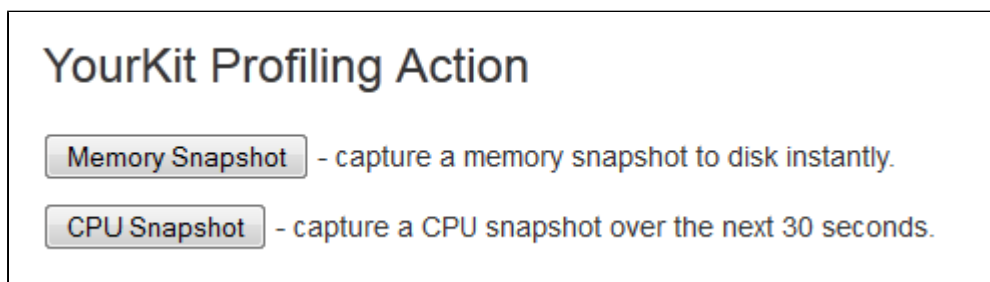
### Installing the YourKit Plugin

[Download the plugin](#) and upload it into Confluence through the Administration, Plugins page.

A new menu option, 'YourKit Profiling' will appear under the 'Administration' heading. Click it and you should see the options to take a memory or CPU snapshot.

This profiler dump will be saved to a local temp directory, and the path shown once it is complete. For the CPU snapshot, this will take at least 30 seconds. For the memory snapshot, 10-15 seconds.

*Screenshot: You can take a memory or CPU snapshot*



## Why would I do this?

Analyzing a profiler dump enables Atlassian Support (or you, if you are interested) to see exactly what is happening in your application: what classes are using the memory, what is using CPU and so on. This can help us debug tricky performance problems which would otherwise be impossible to analyze remotely.

Take a CPU snapshot if:

- Confluence is sometimes unresponsive
- Pages take a long time to load
- Confluence's CPU usage is peaking.

Take a memory snapshot if:

- Confluence's memory usage is higher than you expect
- You are getting OutOfMemoryError's in your logs.

**i** If you run into situations where Confluence is unresponsive and you are not able to trigger a memory snapshot, please ensure that you start Confluence with the `onexit=memory` parameter in the JVM options (as in the example below) and simply shut down Confluence. Before shutting down a memory snapshot will be created.

```
-agentlib:yjpagent=onexit=memory
```

## Contributing to the Confluence Documentation

Would you like to share your Confluence hints, tips and techniques with us and with other Confluence users? We welcome your contributions.

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  - [Getting Permission to Update the Documentation](#)
  - [Our Style Guide](#)
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Most of the links point to external sites, and some of the information is relevant to a specific release of Confluence. Atlassian provides these links because the information is useful and relevant at the time it

was written. Please check carefully whether the information is still relevant when you read it, and whether it is relevant to your version of Confluence. The information in the linked guides has not been tested or reviewed by Atlassian.

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- [Tutoriel – Travailler avec des images dans Confluence](#)
- [Deutsches Handbuch für Confluence](#)
- [Confluence](#)

#### French

##### *Tutoriel – Travailler avec des images dans Confluence*

- **By:** Yann Debonnel on the TechSolCom blog
- **Topic:** Overview of using images in Confluence, a translation of [a guide developed during our doc sprint](#)
- **Confluence version:** Based on Confluence 3.4
- **Date added:** 9 December 2010
- **Latest related English documentation:** [Display Files and Images](#)

#### German

##### *Deutsches Handbuch für Confluence*

- **By:** //SEIBERT/MEDIA
- **Topic:** //SEIBERT/MEDIA hat ein deutsches Handbuch für Confluence ab 3.3 aufwärts erstellt, das kostenfrei online mit vielen Anleitungen mit Screenshots und Videos versehen ist. *//SEIBERT/MEDIA has created a German Handbook for Confluence 3.3 and later versions. It is publicly available for free and includes step-by-step inscriptions with screenshots and videos.*

Das Handbuch kann für die Nutzung offline im eigenen Confluence-Wiki auch gekauft werden. Das kann sinnvoll sein, wenn nicht alle Mitarbeiter Zugriff auf's Internet haben. Hier findet sich eine [Preisliste für den Kauf aller Inhalte im eigenen Wiki](#). *The documentation is also available for offline use in environments where employees do not have web access, for a fee. See the price list for offline use.*

Darüber hinaus gibt es zahlreiche [deutsche Confluence-Video-Tutorials](#). *In addition, there are numerous German Confluence video tutorials.*

- **Confluence version:** Confluence 3.3 and later
- **Date added:** 13 December 2010
- **Latest related English documentation:** [Confluence 6.3 \(Latest\)](#)

#### Japanese

##### *Confluence*

- **By:** Atlassian
- **Topic:** Translations of the latest Confluence documentation in English.
- **Confluence version:** Confluence Latest
- **Date added:** June 2015 (ongoing translation)
- **Latest related English documentation:** [Confluence 6.3 \(Latest\)](#)

#### Other sources of information

[Confluence documentation](#)  
[Atlassian website](#)  
[Atlassian blog](#)  
[Confluence plugins](#)

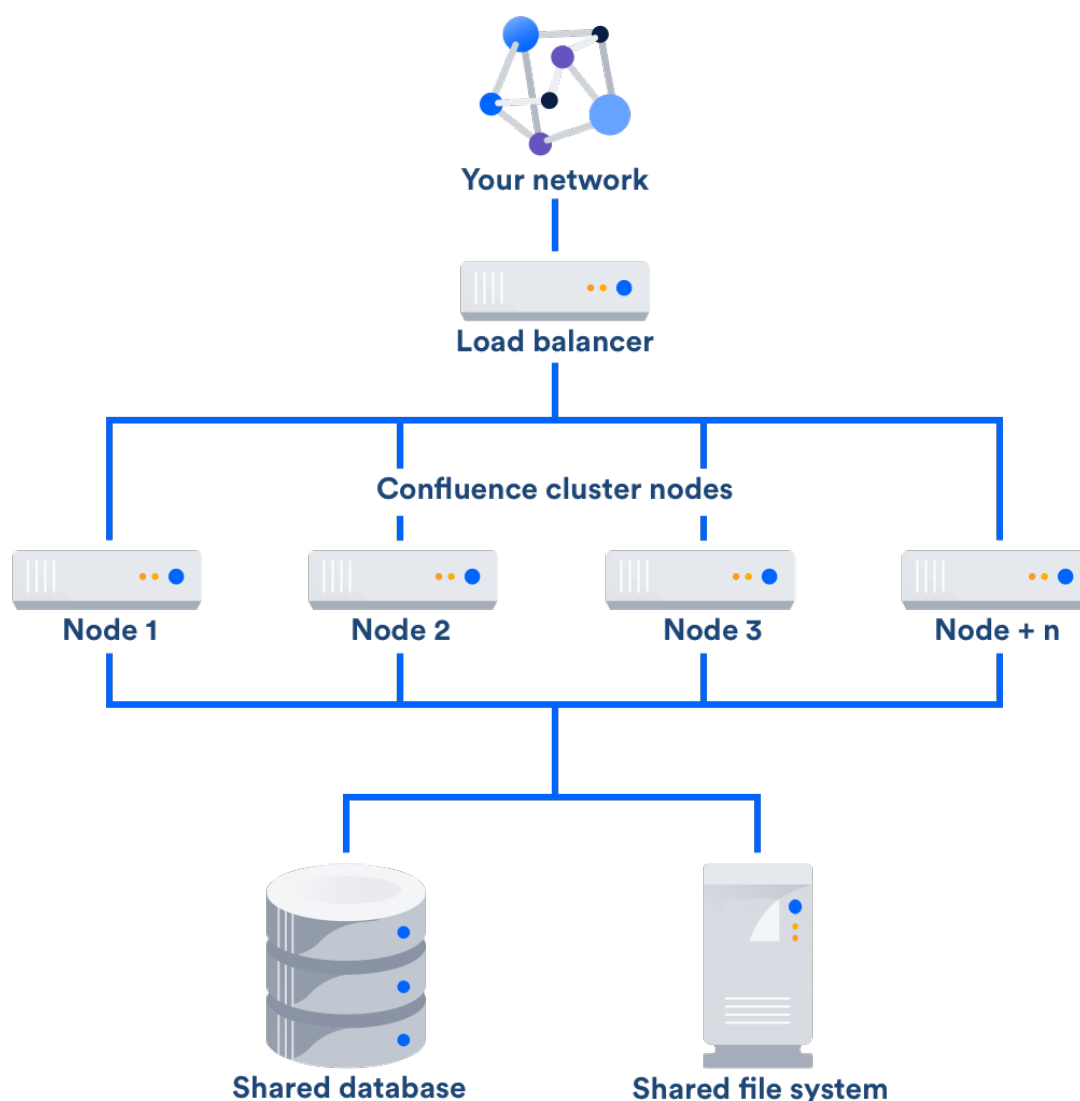
## Confluence Data Center

Confluence Data Center is designed to support the unique, and complex requirements of enterprise organizations. It is a clustered solution that can provide performance at scale and high availability. This page provides an overview of options and considerations for large enterprises using Confluence. If you want to find out how to make sure Confluence can scale with your organization, this information is for you.

- **Performance at scale:** If your Confluence instance has a very heavy load (you have a lot of users accessing Confluence at the same time) a clustered installation will spread the load evenly between cluster nodes, enabling you to serve more requests.
- **High availability and failover:** If one cluster node goes down, then the remaining cluster nodes can continue servicing requests so that users see little or no loss of availability.
- **Instant scalability:** You can rapidly provision extra capacity with no downtime. Licensing is based on users, not the number of nodes in your cluster. This means you can join additional nodes to your cluster at any time, making it very easy to adapt as your usage grows.

### A look at the architecture

Confluence Data Center enables you to configure a cluster similar to the one pictured here:



Load balancer

Application nodes

Shared database and storage



The load balancer distributes requests from your users to the cluster nodes. If a cluster node goes down, the load balancer immediately detects the failure and automatically directs requests to the other nodes within seconds. You can use any load balancer that supports session affinity.

The cluster of Data Center nodes share the workload of incoming requests. Failure of a cluster node causes virtually no loss of availability for users, because requests are immediately directed to other nodes. All nodes are active and process requests.

Data Center supports the [same databases](#) that are supported for Confluence Server. It also supports any shared file system, which stores: import/export files, plugins, Logos directory, shared caches, and any data directory which includes attachments, avatars and icons.

## Get started with Confluence Data Center

[Contact us](#) to speak with an Atlassian or [get going with Data Center](#) straight away.

For a detailed overview of Confluence's clustering solution see [Confluence Data Center Technical Overview](#). For help with installation, take a look at [Installing Confluence Data Center](#), or for quick and easy set up, check out [Running Confluence Data Center in AWS](#).

## Confluence Data Center Technical Overview

This page provides information on Confluence Data Center, which is a clustered solution that can provide performance at scale and high availability. This is essential if your Confluence instance is mission critical or has very high load.

### On this page

- [How it works](#)
- [Infrastructure and hardware requirements](#)
- [User management](#)
- [Plugins and add-ons](#)

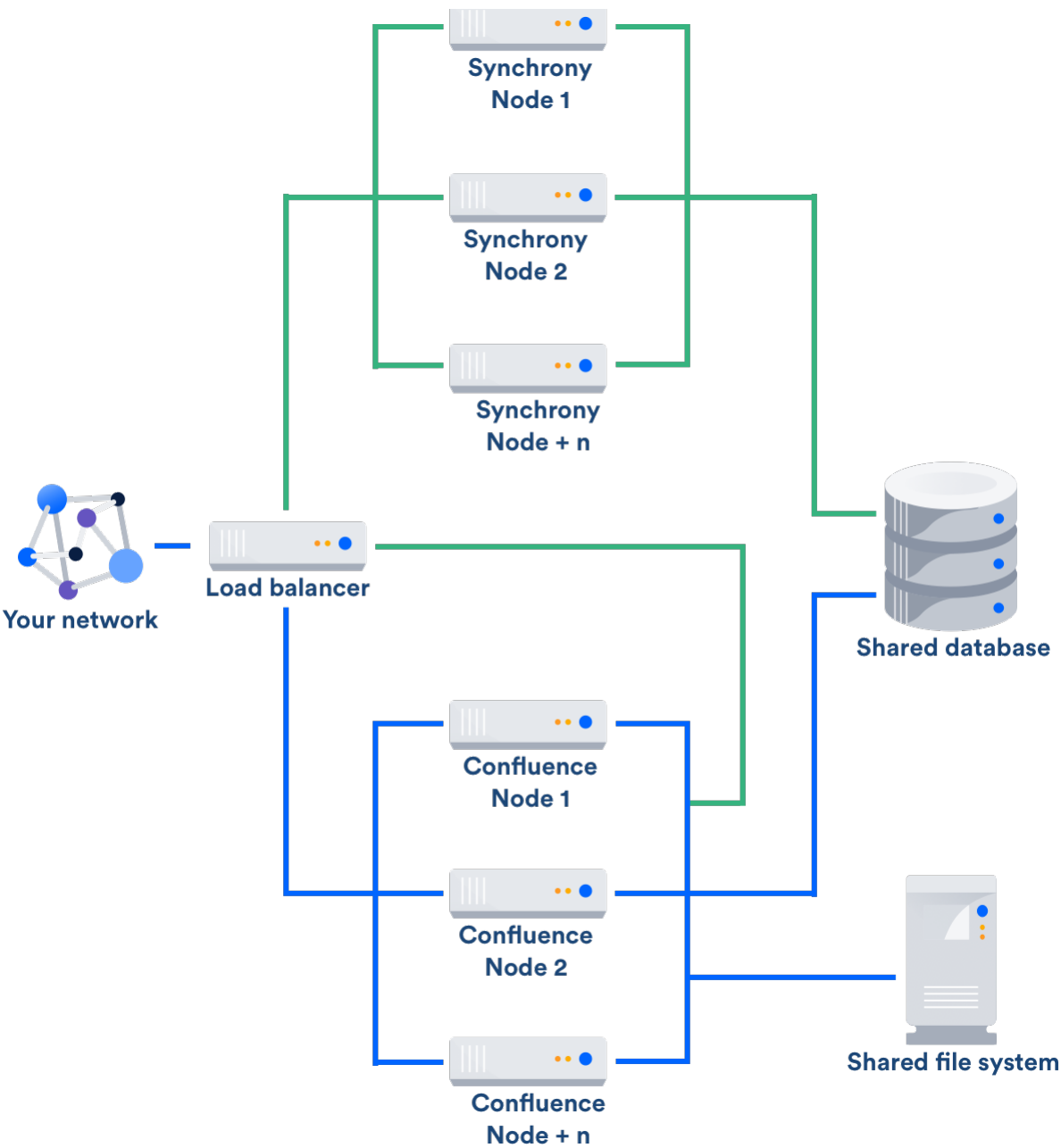
### How it works

#### The basics

Confluence Data Center enables you to configure a cluster similar to the one pictured below with:

- Multiple server nodes for Confluence that store:
  - logs
  - caches
  - Lucene indexes
  - configuration files
  - plugins
- Multiple server nodes to run Synchrony, which is required for collaborative editing.
- A shared file system that stores:
  - attachments
  - avatars / profile pictures
  - icons
  - export files
  - import files
  - plugins
- A database that all nodes read and write to.
- A load balancer to evenly direct requests to each node.

All Confluence nodes are active and process requests. A user will access the same Confluence node for all requests until their session times out, they log out, or a node is removed from the cluster.



Licensing

Your Data Center license is based on the number of users in your cluster, rather than the number of nodes. You can monitor the available license seats in the License page.

If you wanted to automate this process (for example to send alerts when you are nearing full allocation) you can use the REST API.

REST API...

The following GET requests require an authenticated user with system administrator permissions. The requests return JSON.

<code>&lt;confluenceurl&gt;/rest/license/1.0/license/userCount</code>	Number of active users
<code>&lt;confluenceurl&gt;/rest/license/1.0/license/remainingSeats</code>	Number of users you can add before reaching your license limit
<code>&lt;confluenceurl&gt;/rest/license/1.0/license/maxUsers</code>	Maximum number of users allowed by your license

### Home directories

Confluence has a concept of a local home and shared home. Each Confluence node has a local home that contains logs, caches, Lucene indexes and configuration files. Everything else is stored in the shared home, which is accessible to each Confluence node in the cluster. Attachments, icons and avatars are stored in the shared home as are export and import files.

Add-ons can choose whether to store data in the local or shared home, depending on the needs of the add-on.

If you are currently storing attachments in your database you can continue to do so, but this is not available for new installations.

### Caching

Confluence uses a distributed cache that is managed using Hazelcast. Data is evenly partitioned across all the Confluence nodes in a cluster, instead of being replicated on each node. This allows for better horizontal scalability, and requires less storage and processing power than a fully replicated cache.

Because of this caching solution, to minimize latency, your nodes should be located in the same physical location.

### Indexes

A full copy of the Confluence indexes are stored on each Confluence node individually. A journal service keeps each index in synch.

When you first set up your cluster, you will copy the local home directory, including the indexes, from the first node to each new node.

When adding a new Confluence node to an existing cluster, you will copy the local home directory of an existing node to the new node. When you start the new node, Confluence will check if the index is current, and if not, request a recovery snapshot of the index from either the shared home directory, or a running node (with a matching build number) and extract it into the index directory before continuing the start up process. If the snapshot can't be generated or is not received by the new node in time, existing index files will be removed, and Confluence will perform a full re-index.

If a Confluence node is disconnected from the cluster for a short amount of time (hours), it will be able to use the journal service to bring its copy of the index up-to-date when it rejoins the cluster. If a node is down for a significant amount of time (days) its Lucene index will have become stale, and it will request a recovery snapshot from an existing node as part of the node startup process.

If you suspect there is a problem with the index on all nodes, you can temporarily disable index recovery on one node, rebuild the index on that node, then copy the new index over to each remaining node.

### Cluster safety mechanism

The ClusterSafetyJob scheduled task runs every 30 seconds in Confluence. In a cluster, this job is run on one Confluence node only. The scheduled task operates on a safety number – a randomly generated number that is stored both in the database and in the distributed cache used across the cluster. The ClusterSafetyJob compares the value in the database with the one in the cache, and if the value differs, Confluence will shut the node down - this is known as cluster split-brain. This safety mechanism is used to ensure your cluster nodes cannot get into an inconsistent state.

If cluster split-brain does occur, you need to ensure proper network connectivity between the clustered nodes. Most likely multicast traffic is being blocked or not routed correctly.

This mechanism also exists in standalone Confluence.

### Balancing uptime and data integrity

By changing how often the cluster safety scheduled job runs and the duration of the Hazelcast heartbeat

(which controls how long a node can be out of communication before it's removed from the cluster) you can fine tune the balance between uptime and data integrity in your cluster. In most cases the default values will be appropriate, but there are some circumstances where you may decide to trade off data integrity for increased uptime for example.

▼ [Here's some examples...](#)

#### *Uptime over data integrity*

Cluster safety job	Hazelcast heartbeat	Effect
1 minute	1 minute	You could have network interruptions or garbage collection pauses of up to 1 minute without triggering a cluster panic. However, if two nodes are no longer communicating, conflicting data could be being written to the database for up to 1 minute, affecting your data integrity.
10 minutes	30 seconds	You could have network interruptions or garbage collection pauses of up to 30 seconds without nodes being evicted from the cluster. Evicted nodes then have up to 10 minutes to rejoin the cluster before the Cluster Safety Job kicks in and shuts down the problem node. Although this may result in higher uptime for your site, conflicting data could be being written to the database for up to 10 minutes, affecting your data integrity.

#### *Data integrity over uptime*

Cluster safety job	Hazelcast heartbeat	Effect
15 seconds	15 seconds	Network interruptions or garbage collection pauses longer than 15 seconds will trigger a cluster panic. Although this may result in higher downtime for your site, nodes can only write to the database while out of communication with each other for a maximum of 15 seconds, ensuring greater data integrity.
15 seconds	1 minute	You could have network interruption or garbage collection pauses up to 1 minute without nodes being evicted from the cluster. Once a node is evicted, it can only write to the database for a maximum of 15 seconds, minimizing the impact on your data integrity.

To find out how to change the cluster safety scheduled job, see [Scheduled Jobs](#).

You can change the Hazelcast heartbeat default via the `confluence.cluster.hazelcast.max.no.heartbeat.seconds` system property. See [Configuring System Properties](#).

#### Cluster locks and event handling

Where an action must only run on one node, for example a scheduled job or sending daily email notifications, Confluence uses a cluster lock to ensure the action is only performed on one node.

Similarly, some actions need to be performed on one node, and then published to others. Event handling ensures that Confluence only publishes cluster events when the current transaction is committed and complete. This is to ensure that any data stored in the database will be available to other instances in the cluster when the event is received and processed. Event broadcasting is done only for certain events, like enabling or disabling an add-on.

#### Cluster node discovery

When configuring your cluster nodes you can either supply the IP address of each cluster node, or a multicast address.

**If you're using multicast:**

Confluence will broadcast a join request on the multicast network address. Confluence must be able to open a UDP port on this multicast address, or it won't be able to find the other cluster nodes. Once the nodes are discovered, each responds with a unicast (normal) IP address and port where it can be contacted for cache updates. Confluence must be able to open a UDP port for regular communication with the other nodes.

A multicast address can be auto-generated from the cluster name, or you can enter your own, during the set-up of the first node.

**Infrastructure and hardware requirements**

The choice of hardware and infrastructure is up to you. Below are some areas to think about when planning your hardware and infrastructure requirements.

**AWS Quick Start deployment option**

If you plan to run Confluence Data Center on AWS, a [Quick Start](#) is available to help you deploy Confluence Data Center in a new or existing Virtual Private Cloud (VPC). You'll get your Confluence and Synchrony nodes, Amazon RDS PostgreSQL database and application load balancer all configured and ready to use in minutes. If you're new to AWS, the step-by-step Quick Start Guide will assist you through the whole process.

**Servers**

We recommend your servers have at least 4GB of physical RAM. A high number of concurrent users means that a lot of RAM will be consumed. You usually don't need to assign more than 4GB per JVM process, but can fine tune the settings as required.

You should also not run any additional applications (other than core operating system services) on the same servers as Confluence. Running Confluence, JIRA and Bamboo on a dedicated Atlassian software server works well for small installations but is discouraged when running at scale.


Confluence Data Center can be run successfully on virtual machines. If you're using multicast, you can't run Confluence Data Center in Amazon Web Services (AWS) environments as AWS doesn't currently support multicast traffic.

**Cluster nodes**

Your Data Center license does not restrict the number of nodes in your cluster. We have tested the performance and stability with up to 4 nodes.

Each node does not need to be identical, but for consistent performance we recommend they are as close as possible. All cluster nodes must:

- be located in the same data center
- run the same Confluence version (for Confluence nodes) or the same Synchrony version (for Synchrony nodes)
- have the same OS, Java and application server version
- have the same memory configuration (both the JVM and the physical memory) (recommended)
- be configured with the same time zone (and keep the current time synchronized). Using ntpd or a similar service is a good way to ensure this.

 You must ensure the clocks on your nodes don't diverge, as it can result in a range of problems with your cluster.

**Database**

The most important requirement for the cluster database is that it have sufficient connections available to support the number of nodes.

For example, if:

- each Confluence node has a maximum pool size of 20 connections

- each Synchrony node has a maximum pool size of 15 connections (the default)
- you plan to run 3 Confluence nodes and 3 Synchrony nodes

your database server must allow at least 105 connections to the Confluence database. In practice, you may require more than the minimum for debugging or administrative purposes.

You should also ensure your intended database is listed in the current [Supported Platforms](#). The load on an average cluster solution is higher than on a standalone installation, so it is crucial to use the a supported database.

You must also use a supported database driver. Collaborative editing will fail with an error if you're using an unsupported or custom JDBC driver (or `driverClassName` in the case of a JNDI datasource connection). See [Database JDBC Drivers](#) for the list of drivers we support.

### Shared home directory and storage requirements

All Confluence cluster nodes must have access to a shared directory in the same path. NFS and SMB/CIFS shares are supported as the locations of the shared directory. As this directory will contain large amount of data (including attachments and backups) it should be generously sized, and you should have a plan for how to increase the available disk space when required.

### Load balancers

We suggest using the load balancer you are most familiar with. The load balancer needs to support 'session affinity' and WebSockets. This is required for both Confluence and Synchrony. If you're deploying on AWS you'll need to use an Application Load Balancer (ALB).

Here are some recommendations when configuring your load balancer:

- Queue requests at the load balancer. By making sure the maximum number requests served to a node does not exceed the total number of http threads that Tomcat can accept, you can avoid overwhelming a node with more requests than it can handle. You can check the `maxThreads` in `<install-directory>/conf/server.xml`.
- Don't replay failed idempotent requests on other nodes, as this can propagate problems across all your nodes very quickly.
- Using *least connections* as the load balancing method, rather than *round robin*, can better balance the load when a node joins the cluster or rejoins after being removed.

Many load balancers require a URL to constantly check the health of their backends in order to automatically remove them from the pool. It's important to use a stable and fast URL for this, but lightweight enough to not consume unnecessary resources. The following URL returns Confluence's status and can be used for this purpose.

URL	Expected content	Expected HTTP Status
<code>http://&lt;confluenceurl&gt;/status</code>	<code>{ "state": "RUNNING" }</code>	200 OK

▼ [See all status codes and responses...](#)

HTTP Status Code	Response entity	Description
200	<code>{ "state": "RUNNING" }</code>	Running normally
500	<code>{ "state": "ERROR" }</code>	An error state

503	<pre>{ "state": "STARTING" }</pre>	Application is starting
503	<pre>{ "state": "STOPPING" }</pre>	Application is stopping
200	<pre>{ "state": "FIRST_RUN" }</pre>	Application is running for the first time and has not yet been configured
404		Application failed to start up in an unexpected way (the web application failed to deploy)

Here are some recommendations, when setting up monitoring, that can help a node survive small problems, such as a long GC pause:

- Wait for two consecutive failures before removing a node.
- Allow existing connections to the node to finish, for say 30 seconds, before the node is removed from the pool.

#### Network adapters

Use separate network adapters for communication between servers. Cluster nodes should have a separate physical network (i.e. separate NICs) for inter-server communication. This is the best way to get the cluster to run fast and reliably. Performance problems are likely to occur if you connect cluster nodes via a network that has lots of other data streaming through it.

#### Additional requirements for collaborative editing

Collaborative editing in Confluence 6.0 and later is powered by Synchrony, which runs as a separate process. You can deploy Synchrony on the same nodes as Confluence, or in its own cluster with as many nodes as you need.

If you chose to run Synchrony on the same nodes as Confluence, you will need at least 2 GB of additional memory (the default maximum heap size for Synchrony is 1 GB).

Your load balancer (and any other proxies) must support WebSocket connections and session affinity.

#### Additional requirements for high availability

Confluence Data Center removes the application server as a single point of failure. You can further minimize single points of failure by ensuring your load balancer, database and shared file system are also highly available.

#### User management

You can manage users in Confluence's internal directory, in an [external LDAP directory](#), or in [Atlassian Crowd](#) or [JIRA](#).

You can also connect Confluence Data Center to a [SAML 2.0 identity provider](#) for authentication and single sign-on (only available to Confluence Data Center).

#### Plugins and add-ons

The process for installing add-ons in Confluence Data Center is the same as for a standalone instance of



Confluence. You will not need to stop the cluster, or bring down any nodes to install or update an add-on.

The Atlassian Marketplace indicates add-ons that are compatible with Confluence Data Center.

Add-on licenses for Data Center are sold at the single server rate, but must match or exceed your Confluence Data Center license tier. For example, if you are looking to have 3,000 people using Confluence Data Center, then you would buy any add-ons at the 2-001-10,000 user tier.

If you have developed your own plugins for Confluence you should refer to our developer documentation on [How do I ensure my add-on works properly in a cluster?](#) to find out how you can confirm your plugin is cluster compatible.

### Ready to get started?

[Contact us](#) to speak with an Atlassian or [get going with Data Center](#) straight away.

For help with installation, take a look at [Installing Confluence Data Center](#).

## Administer your Data Center search index

### Location of search indexes

A full copy of the Confluence indexes are stored on each Confluence node individually. A journal service keeps each index in sync.

Confluence Data Center also stores a snapshot of the search index in the shared home directory, which can be useful in a disaster recovery scenario. These snapshots are created as part of the Clean Journal Entries scheduled job which, by default, runs once per day.

### Index recovery

When you start a Confluence node it will check whether its index is current, and if not, it will request a recovery snapshot from the shared home directory. If a snapshot is not available, it will generate a snapshot from a running node (with a matching build number). Once the recovery snapshot is extracted into the index directory, Confluence will continue the startup process.

If the snapshot can't be generated, or is not received in time, existing index files will be removed and Confluence will perform a reindex on that node. If your index is very large or your file system slow, you may need to increase the time Confluence waits for the snapshot to be generated using the `confluence.cluster.index.recovery.generation.timeout` system property.

Index recovery only happens on node startup, so if you suspect a problem with a particular cluster node's index, restart that node to trigger index recovery.

### Rebuilding the search index

If you suspect there's a problem with the index on all nodes, you'll need to rebuild the index on just one node first, then copy it to the other nodes. We recommend backing up the local home directory and your shared home directory before you begin.

In this example we'll rebuild the index on node 1. You may wish to use your load balancer to direct traffic away from node 1 while the index is being rebuilt. This will prevent users from hitting a Confluence node with an incomplete index.

1. Stop Confluence on node 1.
2. Set the `confluence.cluster.index.recovery.num.attempts` system property to 0.  
This disables index recovery on node 1, so that when this node is restarted, it does not attempt to recover the bad index from the remaining nodes.
3. Back up then delete the following index directories on node 1.
  - `<local-home>/index`
  - `<local-home>/journal`
4. Back up then delete the following index directory from your shared home directory.
  - `<shared-home>/index-snapshots`

5. Start Confluence on Node 1. Confluence will automatically begin building the index.
6. Once the reindex is complete stop Confluence on both node 1 and node 2.
7. Back up then delete the following index directories on node 2.
  - `<local-home>/index`
  - `<local-home>/journal`
8. Copy the `<node1-local-home>/index` directory to node 2 local home.
9. Start Confluence on node 2.
10. Repeat this process for any remaining nodes.  
To avoid problems, both the node you are copying *from* and the node you are copying *to* should be stopped while copying.
11. Finally, stop Confluence on Node 1.
12. Set the `confluence.cluster.index.recovery.num.attempts` system property back to 1.  
This re-enables index recovery on node 1.

All nodes are now running the rebuilt index.

### Configuring Synchrony for Data Center

When you install Confluence Server, Synchrony is automatically configured to run as a separate process on your server.

For Confluence Data Center, we give you full control by allowing you to set Synchrony up yourself. This gives you the flexibility to deploy Synchrony on the same nodes as Confluence, or in its own cluster with as many nodes as you need.

When you start Synchrony, you'll pass a number of system properties to tell Synchrony how to discover nodes in your cluster, where to find your Confluence database and more. System properties are set by passing the `-D` flag to the Java virtual machine in which Synchrony is running.

Sensitive information (like database credentials) may be provided using environmental variables (rather than via the command line). Any dots (".") in variable names (identifiers) will need to be replaced with underscores ("\_").

See [Installing Confluence Data Center](#) for a step by step guide to setting up Synchrony for Data Center.

#### *Synchrony system properties (Data Center only)*

The table below describes each property, and its suggested values.

Property name	Default	Required	Description
<code>synchrony.cluster.impl</code>		Yes	This tells Synchrony which mode to run in. For Confluence this must be set to <code>hazelcast-btf</code>
<code>cluster.listen.port</code>	5701	Yes	This is Synchrony's <a href="#">Hazelcast</a> port. If port 5701 is not a different port.  As with the Confluence Hazelcast port (5801) you should only permitted cluster nodes are allowed to connect to Hazelcast port, through the use of a firewall and or network segregation.
<code>synchrony.cluster.base.port</code>	25500	Yes	Synchrony uses Aleph to communicate between nodes. Aleph binding port.
<code>cluster.join.type</code>	multicast	Yes	This tells Hazelcast how to discover nodes. This can be the join configuration for Confluence or different. Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>multicast</code></li> <li>• <code>tcpip</code></li> </ul>
<code>cluster.join.multicast.group</code>	224.2.2.3	If multicast	If the cluster join type is multicast, specify an IP address for the multicast group, or use the default.
<code>cluster.join.multicast.port</code>	54327	If multicast	If the cluster join type is multicast, specify a multicast port or use the default.

cluster.join.multicast.ttl	32	If multicast	If the cluster join type is multicast, this is the <a href="#">time to live</a> in seconds. The default, 32, means the scope is restricted to the same network or department.
cluster.join.tcpip.members		If TCP/IP	If the cluster join type is TCP/IP, this is a comma-separated list of IP addresses for each cluster node.
cluster.interfaces	127.0.0.1	Yes	This is the network interface Synchrony will use to connect to other nodes.
synchrony.cluster.bind	localhost		This is the Aleph binding address. This should be set to the same value as <code>cluster.interfaces</code> .
synchrony.database.url		Yes	This is the URL for your Confluence database. For example, <code>jdbc:mysql://localhost:5432/confluence</code> . You can find the default value in <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> .
synchrony.database.username		Yes	This is the username of your Confluence database user.
synchrony.database.password		Yes	This is the password of your Confluence database user.
synchrony.port	8091	Yes	This is the HTTP port that Synchrony runs on. If port 8091 is not available, choose a different port.
synchrony.bind	localhost	Yes	This is the network interface for Synchrony to bind to. It should be set to the same value as <code>synchrony.cluster.bind</code> .
synchrony.context.path	/synchrony	Yes	This is the context path for Synchrony. There should be no trailing slash. Change this if needed.
synchrony.service.url		Yes	This is the full URL of the load balancer you've configured. For example, <code>http://&lt;lb_host&gt;:&lt;lb_port&gt;/&lt;ext_path&gt;</code> . If this URL doesn't match the URL configured in the browser Synchrony will fail.
jwt.private.key		Yes	This key is generated by Confluence. You can copy the value from the <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file on your first Confluence node. This key will be the same on all Confluence and Synchrony nodes.
jwt.public.key		Yes	This key is generated by Confluence. You can copy the value from the <code>&lt;local-home&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file on your first Confluence node. This key will be the same on all Confluence and Synchrony nodes.
classpath		Yes	This is the path to the Synchrony jar file, followed by the path to the database driver. If you're running Synchrony on its own, you need to copy your database driver to an appropriate location and provide the path to this location.  For Linux the syntax is: <code>&lt;PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR&gt; : &lt;JDBC_DRIVER_JAR&gt;</code>  For Windows, the syntax is: <code>&lt;PATH_TO_SYNCHRONY_STANDALONE_JAR&gt; ; &lt;JDBC_DRIVER_JAR&gt;</code>

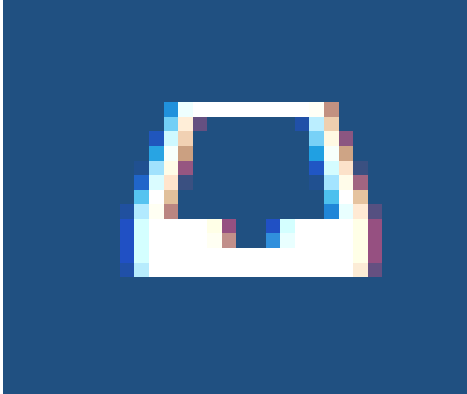
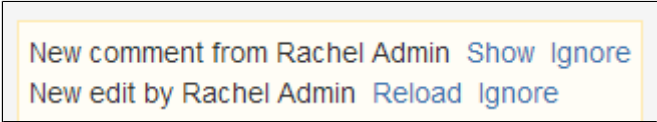
If your users are unlikely to be able to get a WebSocket connection to Synchrony (for example your load balancer or reverse proxy does not support WebSockets) you can enable XHR fallback by passing the `synchrony.enable.xhr.fallback` [system property](#) to Confluence. Note that this is a *Confluence* system property and must be passed to Confluence, it is not part of your start Synchrony command.

### Restricted Functions in Confluence Data Center

There are some features that are disabled or limited in Confluence Data Center. This is to ensure the integrity

and performance of your cluster.

The current restricted functions are:

Restricted function	Data Center Status	Explanation
Workbox plugins	Available from 5.7	<p>The <a href="#">workbox</a></p>  <p>provides notifications collected from Confluence page watches, shares, and mentions. This is disabled in Confluence Data Center 5.6 to ensure notifications are correctly handled across the cluster.</p> <p>Disabled plugins included Workbox common plugin, Workbox JIRA provider plugin, Workbox confluence provider plugin, Workbox host plugin. You will not be able to enable these plugins in the universal plugin manager.</p>
Confluence Quick Reload Plugin	Available from 5.6.3	<p>The quick reload function notifies users when a new comment has been added to a page they are currently viewing.</p>  <p>This is disabled in Confluence Data Center 5.6 and 5.6.1 for performance reasons. You will not be able to enable the Confluence Quick Reload Plugin in the universal plugin manager.</p> <p>See</p> <div> <p><b>CONFSERVER-34680</b> - Make quick reload plugin available in Confluence</p> <p>Data Center <b>RESOLVED</b></p> </div> <p>for more info.</p>
<p>Application links authentication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic access (http)</li> <li>• Trusted Applications</li> </ul>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<p>When creating <a href="#">Application links</a> to other applications (for example JIRA) Basic HTTP and Trusted Applications authentication is not supported for Confluence Data Center.</p> <p>All application links must use OAuth authentication in a cluster.</p>
Confluence Usage Stats plugin	<b>DISABLED</b>	<p>The Confluence Usage Stats plugin provides <a href="#">space activity information</a> for a space (statistics). This is disabled by default in Confluence Server and should not be enabled in Confluence Data Center.</p>

Scheduled jobs history and status	<b>LIMITED</b>	On the Scheduled Jobs page in the Confluence Data Center administration console you will not be able to access the last execution time or history for each job. The page will also only show the configured status (scheduled or disabled) of each job, and will not indicate when a job is in progress.
Remember me on by default	<b>LIMITED</b>	Remember me on the log in page is enabled by default (and does not appear) to allow users to move seamlessly between nodes. You can use the <code>cluster.login.rememberme.enabled</code> <a href="#">system property</a> to override the default and show the checkbox - users will be prompted to log in to another node if their current node is unavailable.

## Confluence Data Center Performance

This document describes the performance tests we conducted on Confluence Data Center within Atlassian and the results of those tests. You can compare these data points to your own implementation to predict the type of results you might expect from implementing Confluence Data Center in your own organization.

We started our performance tests by taking a fixed load profile (read/write ratio), then tested different cluster set ups against multiples of that load profile.

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### Testing results summary

**Performance gains** - Under a high load, clustered Confluence has improved performance overall.

**Request responses don't diminish under increased load** - Adding more nodes increases throughput, handles higher load and decreases response times.

*You might observe a different trend/behavior based on your configuration and usage. For details, please see the [What we tested](#) section below.*

### Testing methodology and specifications

The following sections detail the testing environment and methodology we used in our performance tests.

#### How we tested

Our performance tests were all run on the same controlled isolated lab at Atlassian. For each test, the entire environment was reset and rebuilt. The testing environment included the following components and configuration:

- Apache proxy\_balancer
- Postgres database and the required data
- G1GC garbage collector
- 8GB Xmx settings per node
- 6 CPUs per node
- Confluence Server on one machine or Confluence Data Center on two, or four machines as required for the specific test.

To run the test, we used a number of machines in the lab to generate load using scripted browsers and measuring the time taken to perform an action. An action here, means a complete user operation like creating a page or adding comment. Each browser was scripted to perform an action from a predefined list of actions and immediately move on to the next action (i.e. zero think time). Please note that this resulted in each browser performing more tasks than would be possible by a real user and you should not interpret the number of browsers to be equal to the number of real world users. Each test was run for 20 minutes, after which statistics were collected.

### What we tested

- All tests used the same Postgres database containing the same number of spaces and pages.
- The mix of actions we included in the tests represented a sample of the most common user actions\* representing six typical types of users (personas). The table below shows the ratio of actions performed by each of these personas. These user-based actions were repeated until the test was completed.

Persona	Ratio of actions
PageReader	7
Searcher	1
Editor	1
Creator	1
Commenter	1
Liker	1

Tests were performed with differing load sizes, from 4 up to 96 browsers. For larger load sets, profiles were scaled up, that is, doubling each amount for the 24 browser load, tripled for the 36 browser load.

\* The tests did not include admin actions as these are assumed to be relatively infrequent.

### Hardware

All performance tests were all run on the same controlled, isolated lab at Atlassian using the hardware listed below.

Hardware	Description	How many?
Rackform iServ R304.v3	CPU: 2 x Intel Xeon E5-2430L, 2.0GHz (6-Core, HT, 15MB Cache, 60W) 32nm RAM: 48GB (6 x 8GB DDR3-1600 ECC Registered 2R DIMMs) Operating at 1600 MT/s Max NIC: Dual Intel 82574L Gigabit Ethernet Controllers - Integrated Controller: 8 Ports 3Gb/s SAS, 2 Ports 6Gb/s SATA, and 4 Ports 3Gb/s SATA via Intel C606 Chipset PCIe 3.0 x16: Intel X540-T2 10GbE Dual-Port Server Adapter (X540) 10GBASE-T Cat 6A - RJ45 Fixed Drive: 240GB Intel 520 Series MLC (6Gb/s) 2.5" SATA SSD Power Supply: 600W Power Supply with PFC - 80 PLUS Gold Certified	20
Arista DCS-7050T-36-R	4PORT SFP+ REAR-TO-FRONT AIR 2XAC	1
HP ProCurve Switch	1810-48G 48 Port 10/100/1000 ports Web Managed Switch	1

### Hardware testing notes:

- In order to quickly put more stress on the Confluence nodes with less load, cluster nodes were set to use only 4 cores out of 6 from each CPU, thereby reducing its processing power.
- For instances being tested, 6 GB of memory was allocated to the JVM consistently across all tests.

This may not be optimized for all cases but allowed for consistency and comparability between the tests.

- During the tests we did not observe high CPU or IO load on either the database or load balancer servers.
- During the tests we did not observe running out of HTTP connections in the load balancer or connections to database.
- The browser and servers are in the same location so there was very low latency between client and server.

### Comparison to Confluence Server response times

The following table shows the relative performance as the load increases for each Confluence instance configuration: Confluence Server, two node Confluence Data Center, and four node Confluence Data Center. The table shows the response time relative to the baseline response time which we determined to be Confluence Server with sixteen browsers.

Browsers	16	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
Server	100.00%	125.28%	142.95%	222.76%	276.54%	334.79%	393.03%	451.28%
2 Node	93.79%	122.61%	123.50%	141.98%	168.47%	201.97%	235.47%	268.97%
4 Node	94.24%	122.22%	103.94%	123.47%	114.76%	134.61%	138.90%	160.95%

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For a detailed overview of Confluence's clustering solution see [Confluence Data Center Technical Overview](#). For help with installation, take a look at [Installing Confluence Data Center](#).

## Confluence Data Center disaster recovery

A disaster recovery strategy is a key part of any business continuity plan. It outlines the processes to follow in the event of a disaster, to ensure that the business can recover and keep operating. For Confluence, this means ensuring Confluence's availability in the event that your primary site becomes unavailable.

[Confluence Data Center](#) is the only Atlassian-supported high-availability solution for Confluence. However, if you don't choose Confluence Data Center, our Experts may be able to help implementing a high availability solution for your environment. [Contact our Experts team](#) for more information.

This page demonstrates how you can use Confluence Data Center 5.9 or later in implementing and managing a disaster recovery strategy for Confluence. It doesn't, however, cover the broader business practices, like setting the key objectives (RTO, RPO & RCO<sup>1</sup>), and standard operating procedures.

#### What's the difference between high availability and disaster recovery?

The terms "high availability", "disaster recovery" and "failover" can often be confused. For the purposes of this page, we've defined them as follows:

- **High availability** – A strategy to provide a specific level of availability. In Confluence's case, access to the application and an acceptable response time. Automated correction and failover (within the same location) are usually part of high-availability planning.
- **Disaster recovery** – A strategy to resume operations in an alternate data center (usually in another geographic location), if the main data center becomes unavailable (i.e. a disaster). Failover (to another location) is a fundamental part of disaster recovery.
- **Failover** – is when one machine takes over from another machine, when the aforementioned machines fails. This could be within the same data center or from one data center to another. Failover is usually part of both high availability and disaster recovery planning.

### Overview



Before you start, you need Confluence Data Center 5.9 or later to implement the strategy described in this guide.

This page describes what is generally referred to as a 'cold standby' strategy, which means the standby Confluence instance isn't continuously running and that you need to take some administrative steps to start the standby instance and ensure it's in a suitable state to service the business needs of your organization.

### Maintaining a runbook

The detailed steps will vary from organization to organization and, as such, we recommend you keep a full runbook of steps on file, away from the production system it references. Make your runbook detailed enough such that anyone in the relevant team should be able to complete the steps and recover your service, regardless of prior knowledge or experience. We expect any runbook to contain steps that cover the following parts of the disaster recovery process:

1. Detection of the problem
2. Isolation of the current production environment and bringing it down gracefully
3. Synchronization of data between failed production and intended recovery point
4. Warm up instructions for the recovery instance
5. Documentation, communication, and escalation guidelines

The major components you need to consider in your disaster recovery plan are:

<b>Confluence installation</b>	Your standby site should have exactly the same version of Confluence installed as your production site.
<b>Database</b>	This is the primary source of truth for Confluence and contains most of the Confluence data (except for attachments, avatars, etc). You need to replicate your database and continuously keep it up to date to satisfy your RPO <sup>1</sup>
<b>Attachments</b>	All attachments are stored in the Confluence Data Center shared home directory, and you need to ensure it's replicated to the standby instance.
<b>Search Index</b>	The search index isn't a primary source of truth, and can always be recreated from the database. For large installations, though, this can be quite time consuming and the functionality of Confluence will be greatly reduced until the index is fully recovered. Confluence Data Center stores search index backups in the shared home directory, which are covered by the shared home directory replication.
<b>Plugins</b>	User installed plugins are stored in the database and are covered by the database replication.
<b>Other data</b>	A few other non-critical items are stored in the Confluence Data Center shared home. Ensure they're also replicated to your standby instance.

## Set up a standby system

### Step 1. Install Confluence Data Center 5.9 or higher

Install the same version of Confluence on your standby system. Configure the system to attach to the standby database.

### **DO NOT start the standby Confluence system**

***Starting Confluence would write data to the database and shared home, which you do not want to do.***

You may want to test the installation, in which case you should temporarily connect it to a different database and different shared home directory and start Confluence to make sure it works as expected. Don't forget to update the database configuration to point to the standby database and the shared home directory configuration to point to the standby shared home directory after your testing.

## Step 2. Implement a data replication strategy

Replicating data to your standby location is crucial to a cold standby failover strategy. You don't want to fail over to your standby Confluence instance and find that it's out of date or that it takes many hours to re-index.

<b>Database</b>	<p>All of the following Confluence supported database suppliers provide their own database replication solutions:</p> <p><a href="#">Show me...</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oracle: <a href="http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/data-integration/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/data-integration/index.html</a></li> <li>• PostgreSQL: <a href="https://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/Binary_Replication_Tutorial">https://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/Binary_Replication_Tutorial</a></li> <li>• MySQL: <a href="http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/replication.html">http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/replication.html</a></li> <li>• Microsoft SQL Server: <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms151198.aspx">http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms151198.aspx</a></li> </ul> <p>You need to implement a database replication strategy that meets your RTO, RPO and RCO<sup>1</sup>.</p>
<b>Files</b>	<p>You also need to implement a file server replication strategy for the Confluence shared home directory that meets your RTO, RPO and RCO<sup>1</sup>.</p>

## Clustering considerations

For your clustered environment you need to be aware of the following, in addition to the information above:

<b>Standby cluster</b>	<p>There's no need for the configuration of the standby cluster to reflect that of the live cluster. It may contain more or fewer nodes, depending on your requirements and budget. Fewer nodes may result in lower throughput, but that may be acceptable depending on your circumstances.</p>
<b>File locations</b>	<p>Where we mention <code>&lt;confluencesharedhome&gt;</code> as the location of files that need to be synchronized, we're referring to the shared home for the cluster. <code>&lt;confluencelocalhome&gt;</code> refers to the local home of the node in the cluster.</p>
<b>Starting the standby cluster</b>	<p>It's important to <b>initially start only one node</b> of the cluster, allow it to recover the search index, and check it's working correctly before starting additional nodes.</p>

## Disaster recovery testing

You should exercise extreme care when testing any disaster recovery plan. Simple mistakes may cause your live instance to be corrupted, for example, if testing updates are inserted into your production database. You may detrimentally impact your ability to recover from a real disaster, while testing your disaster recovery plan.

The key is to **keep the main data center as isolated as possible from the disaster recovery testing**.

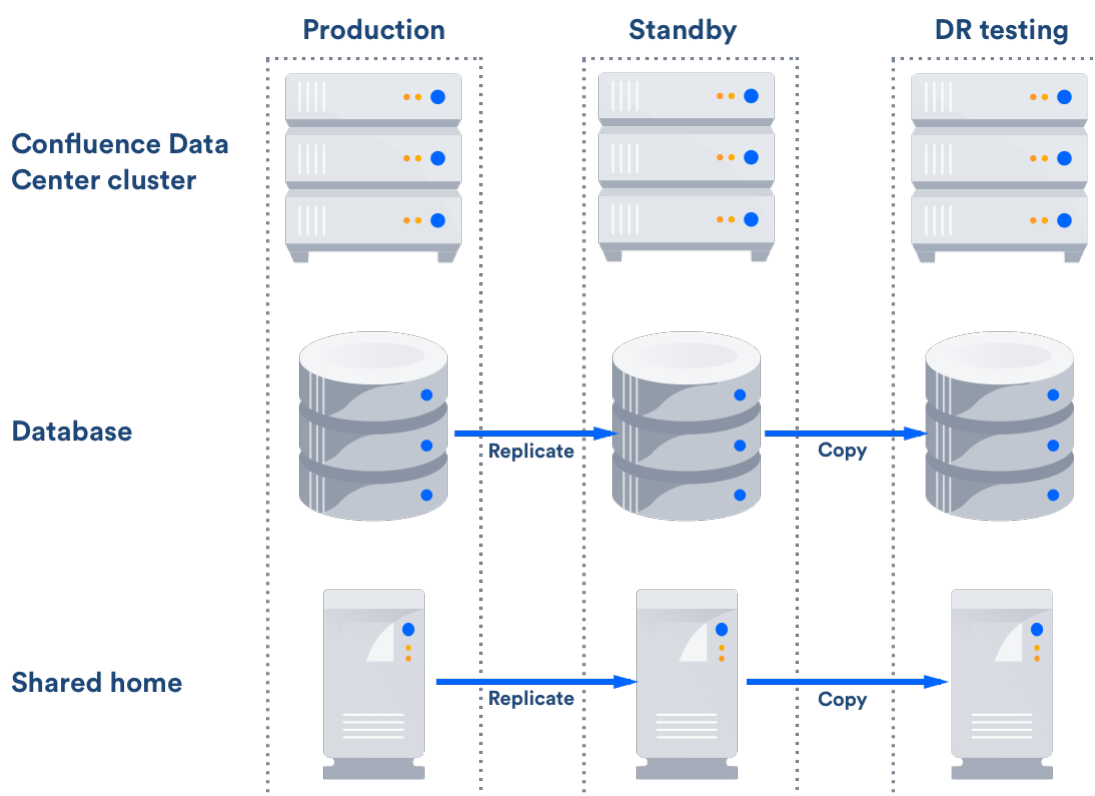
This procedure will ensure that the standby environment will have all the right data, but as the testing environment is completely separate from the standby environment, possible configuration problems on the standby instance are not covered.

## Prerequisites

Before you perform any testing, you need to isolate your production data.

<b>Database</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Temporarily pause all replication to the standby database</li> <li>2. Replicate the data from the standby database to another database that's isolated and with no communication with the main database</li> </ol>
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<b>Attachments, plugins and indexes</b>	<p>You need to ensure that no plugin updates or index backups occur during the test:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disable index backups</li> <li>2. Instruct sysadmins to not perform any updates in Confluence</li> <li>3. Temporarily pause all replication to the standby shared home directory</li> <li>4. Replicate the data from the standby shared home directory to another directory that's isolated and with no communication with the main shared home directory</li> </ol>
<b>Installation folders</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clone your standby installation separate from both the live and standby instances</li> <li>2. Change the connection to the database in the <code>&lt;confluencelocalhome&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file to avoid any conflict</li> <li>3. Change the location of the shared home directory in the <code>&lt;confluencelocalhome&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code> file to avoid any conflict</li> <li>4. If using TCP/IP for cluster setup, change the IP addresses to that of your testing instances in <code>&lt;confluencelocalhome&gt;/confluence.cfg.xml</code></li> </ol>



After this you can resume all replication to the standby instance, including the database.

#### Perform disaster recovery testing

Once you have isolated your production data, follow the steps below to test your disaster recovery plan:

1. Ensure that the new database is ready, with the latest snapshot and no replication
2. Ensure that the new shared home directory is ready, with the latest snapshot and no replication
3. Ensure you have a copy of Confluence on a clean server with the right database and shared home directory settings in `<confluencelocalhome>/confluence.cfg.xml`
4. Ensure you have `confluence.home` mapped, as it was in the standby instance, in the test server
5. Disable email (See `atlassian.mail.senddisabled` in [Configuring System Properties](#))
6. Start Confluence

## Handling a failover

In the event your primary site is unavailable, you'll need to fail over to your standby system. The steps are as follows:

1. Ensure your live system is shutdown and no longer updating the database
2. Ensure the contents of `<confluencesharedhome>` is synced to your standby instance
3. Perform whatever steps are required to activate your standby database
4. Start Confluence on one node in the standby instance
5. Wait for Confluence to start and check it is operating as expected
6. Start up other Confluence nodes
7. Update your DNS, HTTP Proxy, or other front end devices to route traffic to your standby server

## Returning to the primary instance

In most cases, you'll want to return to using your primary instance after you've resolved the problems that caused the disaster. This is easiest to achieve if you can schedule a reasonably-sized outage window.

You need to:

- Synchronize your primary database with the state of the secondary
- Synchronize the primary shared home directory with the state of the secondary

### Perform the cut over

1. Shutdown Confluence on the standby instance
2. Ensure the database is synchronized correctly and configured to as required
3. Use `rsync` or a similar utility to synchronize the shared home directory to the primary server
4. Start Confluence
5. Check that Confluence is operating as expected
6. Update your DNS, HTTP Proxy, or other front end devices to route traffic to your primary server

## Other resources

### Atlassian Answers

Our community and staff are active on Atlassian Answers. Feel free to contribute your best practices, questions and comments. Here are some of the answers relevant to this page:

- [Disaster Recovery Configuration for Jira and Confluence](#)

### Troubleshooting

If you encounter problems after failing over to your standby instance, check these FAQs for guidance:

#### ▼ [What should I do if my database isn't synchronized correctly?](#)

If your database doesn't have the data available that it should, then you'll need to restore the database from a backup.

Once you've restored your database, the search index will no longer be in sync with the database. You can either do a full re-index, background or foreground, or recover from the latest index snapshot if you have one. This includes the journal id file for each index snapshot. The index snapshot can be older than your database backup; it'll synchronize itself as part of the recovery process.

#### ▼ [What should I do if my search index is corrupt?](#)

If the search index is corrupt, you can either do a full re-index, background or foreground, or recover from an earlier index snapshot from the shared home directory if you have one.

#### ▼ [What should I do if attachments are missing?](#)

You may be able to recover them from backups if you have them, or recover from the primary site if you have

access to the hard drives. Tools such as [rsync](#) may be useful in these circumstances. Missing attachments won't stop Confluence performing normally; the missing attachments won't be available, but users may be able to upload them again.

#### ▼ What happens to my application links during failover?

Application links are stored in the database. If the database replica is up to date, then the application links will be preserved.

You do, however, also need to consider how each end of the link knows the address of the other:

- If you use host names to address the partners in the link and the backup Confluence server has the same hostname, via updates to the DNS or similar, then the links should remain intact and working.
- If the application links were built using IP addresses and these aren't the same, then the application links will need to be re-established.
- If you use IP addresses that are valid on the internal company network but your backup system is remote and outside the original firewall, you'll need to re-establish your application links.


#### Definitions

RPO	Recovery Point Objective	How up-to-date you require your Confluence instance to be after a failure.
RTO	Recovery Time Objective	How quickly you require your standby system to be available after a failure.
RCO	Recovery Cost Objective	How much you are willing to spend on your disaster recovery solution.

## Data Center Troubleshooting

This page covers troubleshooting for a Data Center installation of Confluence.

If you're experiencing Cluster Panic messages in non-clustered installation of Confluence, visit the Knowledge Base article ['Database is being updated by an instance which is not part of the current cluster' Error Message](#).

 You must ensure the clocks on your cluster nodes don't diverge, as it can result in a range of problems with your cluster.

### Symptoms

Below is a list of potential problems with Confluence Data Center, and their likely solutions.

#### On this page:

- [Symptoms](#)
- [Didn't find a solution?](#)

#### Related pages:

- [Troubleshooting a Data Center cluster outage](#)

Problem	Likely solutions
Database is being updated by an instance which is not part of the current cluster errors on a stand-alone	<a href="#">'Database is being updated by an instance which is not part of the current cluster' Error Message</a>
Database is being updated by an instance which is not part of the current cluster errors on a cluster	<a href="#">Add multicast route, Check firewall, Cluster Panic due to Multiple Deployments</a>
Cannot assign requested address on startup, featuring an IPv6 address	<a href="#">Prefer IPv4</a>
Error in log: The interface is not suitable for multicast communication	<a href="#">Change multicast interface, Add multicast route</a>
Multicast being sent, but not received	<a href="#">Check firewall, Check intermediate routers, Increase multicast TTL</a>

Add-on is unlicensed on some nodes after updating the license on one node.	Disable and re-enable the add-on in the Universal Plugin Manager.
After a add-on update, strings appear in the UI instead of buttons and icons on some nodes.	Restart the affected node.
Hazelcast CANNOT start on this node. No matching network interface found.	See <a href="#">Hazelcast CANNOT start on this node. No matching network interface found</a> KB article
Any issue not covered here	<a href="#">Contact support</a>

### Multicast

- Which multicast address?

The multicast address and port used by Confluence can be found on the Cluster Configuration page, or in `confluence.cfg.xml` in the Confluence home directory.

- Multicast address generation.

Confluence uses a hashing algorithm to take the inputted name during setup and it is then turned into a multicast address stored in the config file. Thus, once the initial setup is completed, Confluence will use the address this is the reason why user can change the address if needed, without actually changing the name. Consequently the additional nodes using the same multicast address specified in the config file are able to join the cluster.

Each node has a multicast address configured in the `confluence.cfg.xml` file

```
name="confluence.cluster.address">xxx.xx.xxx.xxx</property>
```

A warning message is displayed when an user changes the address from the one that Confluence has generated by the hashing of the name. There is no way of eliminating the message any other way other than by returning the address to the one that matches the cluster name. Purpose of the warning message is to remind the user that the address has been changed - as it is not the hashed version any longer - consequently the node can not join the cluster just by using the name. It is also necessary to provide the correct address as well.

### Mapping interface to IP address.

To ensure that the interface name is mapped correctly, the following [tool](#) can be used. It shows the mapping of the interface name to the IP address.

```
C:\>java -jar list-interfaces.jar
interfaces.size() = 4
networkInterface[0] = name:lo (MS TCP Loopback interface) index: 1
addresses:
/127.0.0.1;

networkInterface[1] = name:eth0 (VMware Virtual Ethernet Adapter for
VMnet8) index: 2 addresses:
/192.168.133.1;

networkInterface[2] = name:eth1 (VMware Virtual Ethernet Adapter for
VMnet1) index: 3 addresses:
/192.168.68.1;

networkInterface[3] = name:eth2 (Broadcom NetXtreme 57xx Gigabit
Controller - Packet Scheduler Miniport) index: 4 addresses:
/192.168.0.101;
```

### Debugging tools

Listed below are some debugging tools that help determine what the status of the multicast traffic is:

Tool	Information provided
<code>netstat -gn</code>	Lists multicast groups. Does not work on Mac OS X.
<code>netstat -rn</code>	Lists system routing table.
<code>tcpdump -i interface</code>	Captures network traffic on the given interface. Most useful on an interface that only receives cluster traffic.

### Add multicast route

Multicast networking requirements vary across operating systems. Some operating systems require little configuration, while some require the multicast address to be explicitly added to a network interface before Confluence can use it. If multicast traffic can't be sent or received correctly, adding a route for multicast traffic on the correct interface will often fix the problem. The example below is for a Ubuntu Linux system:

```
route add -net 224.0.0.0 netmask 240.0.0.0 dev eth0
```

To support multiple applications using multicast on different interfaces, you may need to specify a route specific to the Confluence multicast address.

### Check firewall

Ensure your firewall allows UDP traffic on the multicast address and port used by Confluence.

### Prefer IPv4

There are known issues relating to IPv6. You should configure your JVM to try binding to an IPv4 address first.

### Change multicast interface



Confluence might have selected the incorrect interface for multicast traffic, which means it cannot connect to other nodes in the cluster. To override the interface used for multicast traffic after initial setup, edit the `confluence.cluster.interface` property in `<local-home>/confluence.cfg.xml` and specify the network interface. For example to tell Confluence to use `eth1`:

```
<property name="confluence.cluster.interface">eth1</property>
```

### Overriding Hazelcast Configuration

If the solution to your problem involves changes to the Hazelcast configuration, these changes should **not** be made to the Confluence configuration files. Instead, to ensure your configuration survives upgrades, make your changes by creating a Hazelcast override file.

### Increase multicast TTL

The multicast time-to-live (TTL) specifies how many *hops* a multicast packet should be allowed to travel before it is discarded by a router. It should be set to the number of routers in between your clustered nodes: 0 if both are on the same machine, 1 if on two different machines linked by a switch or cable, 2 if on two different machines with one intermediate router, and so on.

To increase the multicast TTL by edit the `confluence.cluster.ttl` property in the `<local-home>/confluence.cfg.xml` file on each node. For example to set the TTL to 3:

```
<property name="confluence.cluster.ttl">3</property>
```

### Check intermediate routers

Advanced switches and routers have the ability to understand multicast traffic, and route it appropriately. Unfortunately sometimes this functionality doesn't work correctly with the multicast management information (IGMP) published by the operating system running Confluence.

If multicast traffic is problematic, try disabling advanced multicast features on switches and routers in between the clustered nodes. These features can prevent multicast traffic being transmitted by certain operating systems.

### Didn't find a solution?

#### Check Related Articles from the Confluence Knowledge Base

- [Starting Confluence node fails with 'Port \[5801\] is already in use and auto-increment is disabled. Hazelcast cannot start' error](#)
- ["Exception bootstrapping cluster:Shared home directory is not configured correctly" Error during Confluence Data Center startup](#)
- [Recovering from a Data Center cluster split-brain](#)
- [Hazelcast CANNOT start on this node. No matching network interface found.](#)
- [Cluster Panic due to Multicast Traffic Communication Problem](#)
- [Cannot find "external\\_id" column when trying to upgrade to a Confluence CDC license after upgrading from a pre-5.5 Confluence Clustered installation](#)
- [Multicast communication works only one-way](#)
- [Configuration of Confluence Cluster Fails with 'Cannot assign requested address'](#)
- [How to suppress cluster warning messages in the Confluence log files](#)

Contact Atlassian support

We have dedicated staff on hand to support your installation of Confluence. Please follow the instructions for [raising a support request](#) and mention that you're having trouble setting up your Confluence cluster.

## Troubleshooting a Data Center cluster outage

Confluence Data Center cluster outages can be difficult to troubleshoot as the environments are complex and logging can be very verbose.

This page provides a starting point for investigating outages in your cluster.

### Establish the originating node

The most common outage scenario is when something, such as database connectivity issue, network outage or a long garbage collection (GC) process, causes a node to fail to communicate with the cluster for 30 seconds or more and is removed by Hazelcast. The affected node then continues to write to the database, causing a cluster panic.

To establish the originating node:

1. Gather the `atlassian-confluence.log` files from each node as soon as possible after the outage. Time is critical as the logs will roll over and you may lose the relevant time period.
2. Record identifying information about each node to help you interpret the log messages (IP address, node ID and name of each node).
3. Make a chronological timeline of the events:
  - a. Record the time that users or monitoring systems started reporting problems.
  - b. View the logs for each node side by side (Hint: we find opening three tabs in node number order helps you always know which logs you are viewing).
  - c. Search the logs for `'removing member'` and `'panic'`. This will give you a good idea of which nodes caused the issue and when.
  - d. Make a chronological timeline of events from errors to node removal to panics. You can essentially disregard all logging that happens post-panic because once a node panics it needs to be restarted to function effectively. There will be a lot of noise in the logs, but it won't be very useful. The time period we're most interested in will be the minute or so leading up to the first removal or panic event in the logs.

For example:

```
2:50:15 (approx) Node 3 stopped heartbeating to the cluster
for 30s
(we can estimate this from the time of node removal)
02:50:45 Node 3 was removed by Node 2
02:53:15 Node 4 panics
02:54:15 Node 1, Node 3 and Node 4 receive the panic event
and stop processing
Node 2 remains serving requests
```

- e. When you've established when the first affected node was removed, or when the first cluster panic occurred, look back in time in the logs on that node, to look for root causes.

### Investigate common root causes

Once you know when the first affected node was removed you can start investigating root causes. From this point on, you're only looking at events on the affected node around the time of removal (in our example above, this is Node 3 at around 2:50). The subsequent removals and panics are usually flow-on effects of the original node removal event, and aren't likely to provide useful root cause information.

#### On this page:

- [Establish the originating node](#)
- [Investigate common root causes](#)
  - [Garbage collection](#)
  - [Database connections](#)
  - [Network connectivity](#)
- [Still having trouble?](#)

#### Garbage collection

Check the GC logs for the node that was removed (Node 3 in our example). Were there any GC pauses longer than the Hazelcast heartbeat interval (30 seconds by default)? Nodes can't heartbeat during Garbage Collection, so they will be removed from the cluster by one of the other nodes.

If there was a cluster panic, but the node was not removed from the cluster first, check the GC logs for pauses around the time of the panic - pauses that are relatively short (less than 30 seconds) can sometimes still cause panics (due to a race condition) in Confluence 5.10.1 and earlier.

#### Database connections

Check any database monitoring tools you may have. How many connections to the database were there at the time of the outage? Heartbeats can fail to send if a node can get a connection from its connection pool but not from the database itself, which can lead to nodes being removed from the cluster.

You won't be able to diagnose this from the Confluence logs and will need to look at any external monitoring tools you have for your database. If the outage happens again, check the current number of connections at the db level during the outage.

#### Network connectivity

Check your network monitoring tools. If a node drops off the network for a short time and cannot communicate with the cluster, it can be removed by the other nodes. Your load balancer logs may be useful here.

#### Still having trouble?

Contact [Support](#) for help troubleshooting these outages. Provide them with as much of the information above as possible, to help their investigation.