

IT Support Ticketing Lab using Jira

This document provides a step-by-step guide to create a lab environment for showcasing IT Helpdesk competencies using Jira, focusing on simulating real-world ticketing scenarios and applying ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) concepts.

Objectives:

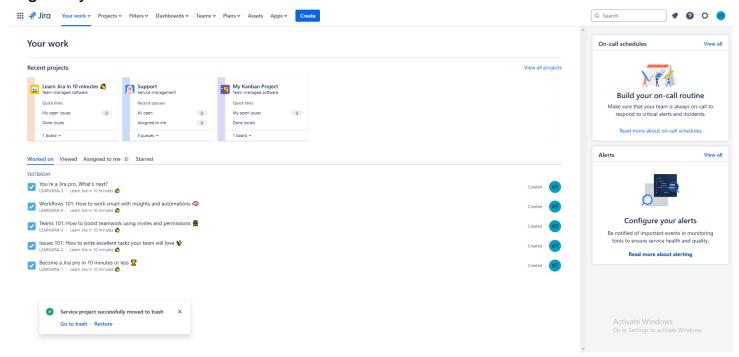
- Demonstrate the ability to manage IT support tickets using Jira.
- Simulate real-world IT support scenarios.
- Apply ITIL best practices, including incident management, problem management, and service request fulfilment.
- Showcase troubleshooting, prioritization, and communication skills.

Requirements:

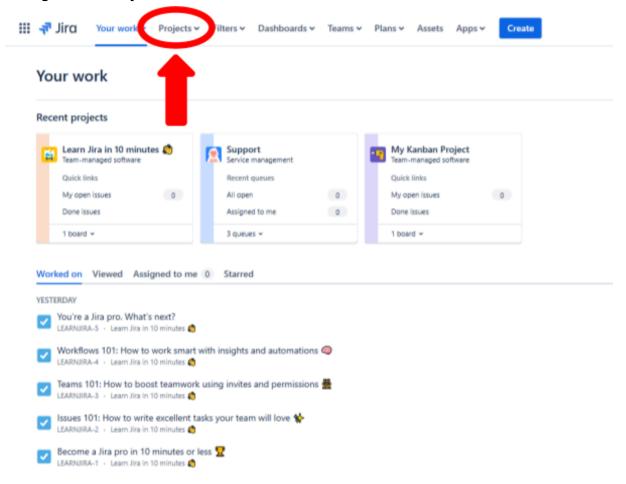
- Software and Tools:
 - Jira
 - Browser
- Knowledge:
 - Basic understanding of ITIL concepts
 - Familiarity with Jira workflows and configurations
 - Understanding of common IT support tools like Active Directory, Remote Desktop, etc.
- System Setup:
 - Access to Jira instance (In this case: a browser)
 - Test accounts or personas for simulating user roles
 - VM for testing resolutions

Step 1: Lab Setup

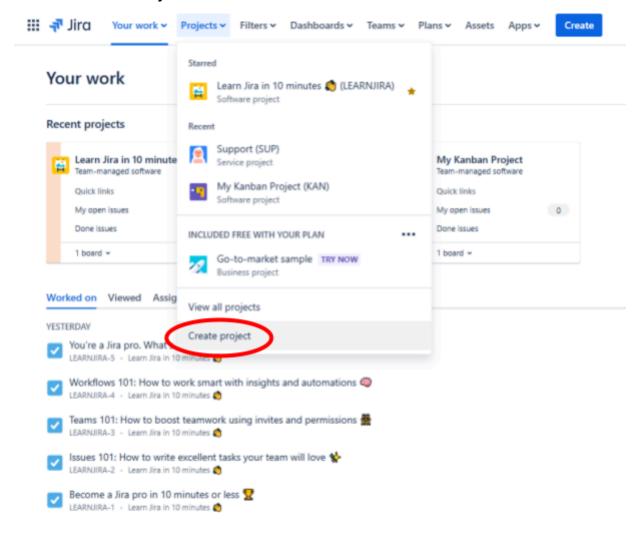
Log into your Jira account.



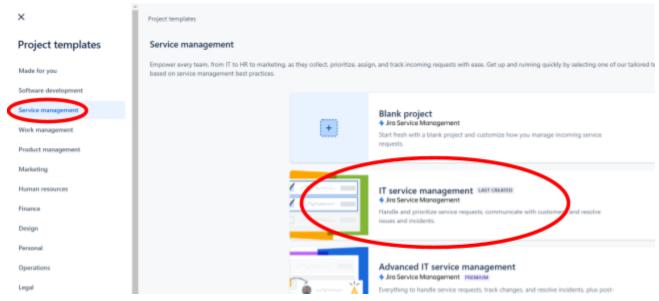
Navigate to Projects



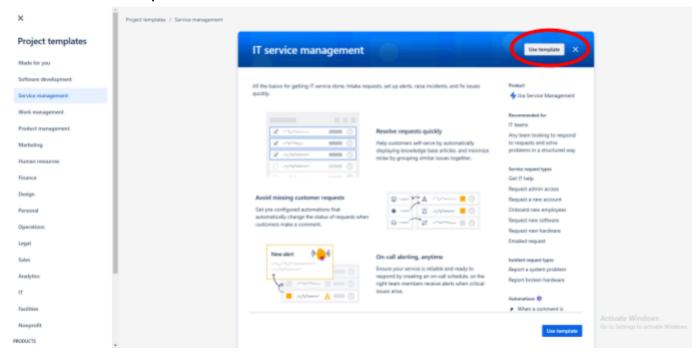
Select Create Project



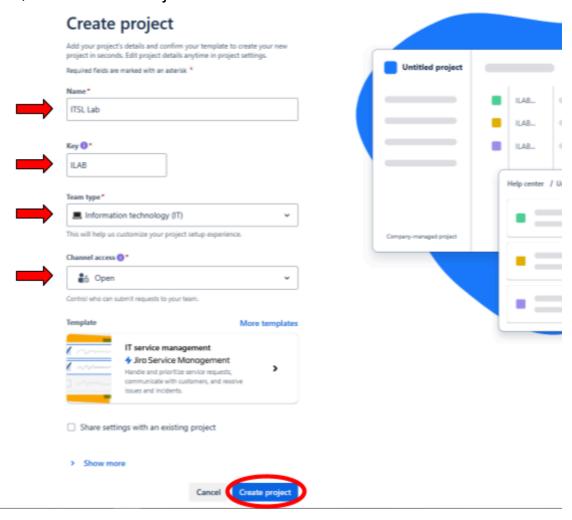
Choose IT Service Management, under Service Management, as the project Template.



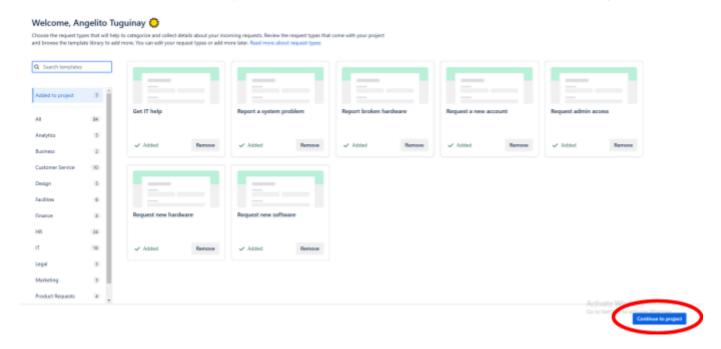
Click on Use Template



Name your Project - we will name ours ITSL Lab, and assign Team type (In our case - Information Technology (IT)). We will leave the Channel access as Open. When everything is filled out, click Create Project.

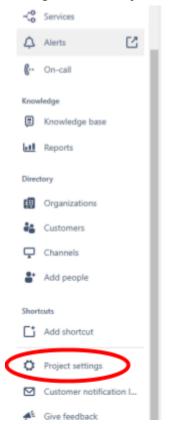


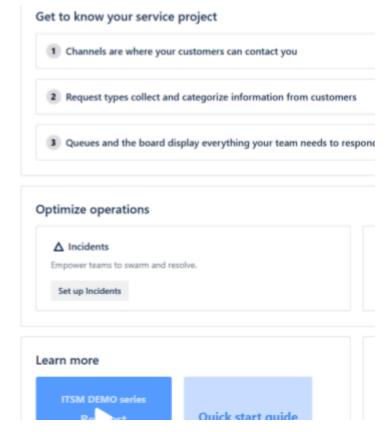
We will deal with request types later. For now, let's click Continue to Project



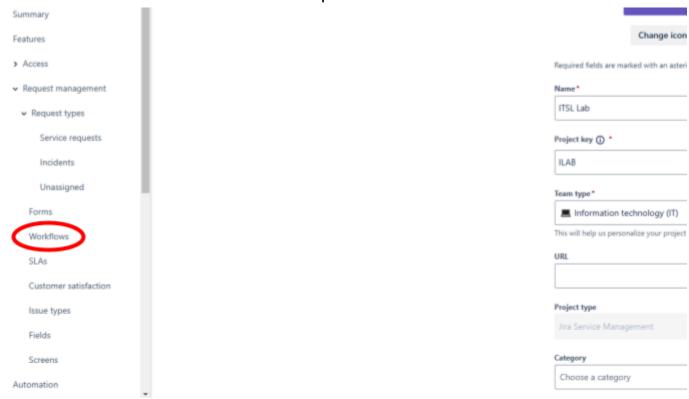
Step 2: Customize the Workflow

Navigate to Project Settings on the panel on the left



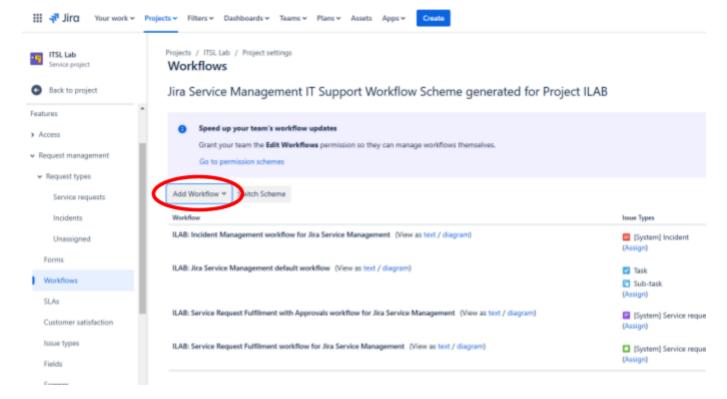


Click on Workflows on the the left side panel

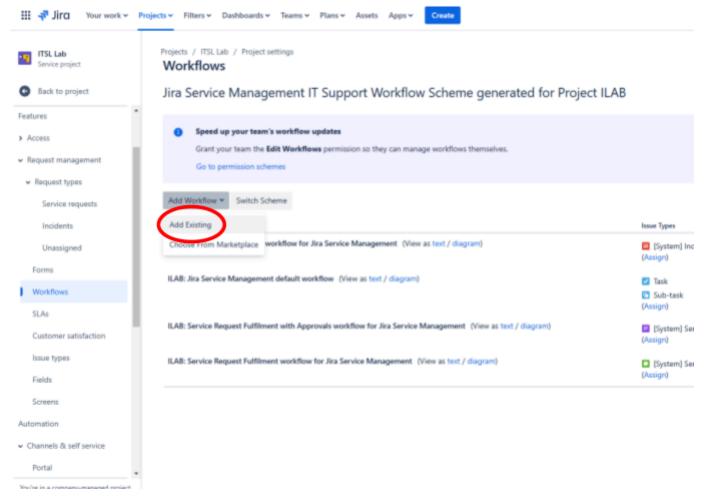


For the lab, we will be adding an existing workflow called Classic Default Workflow, which should suffice for everyday IT tickets.

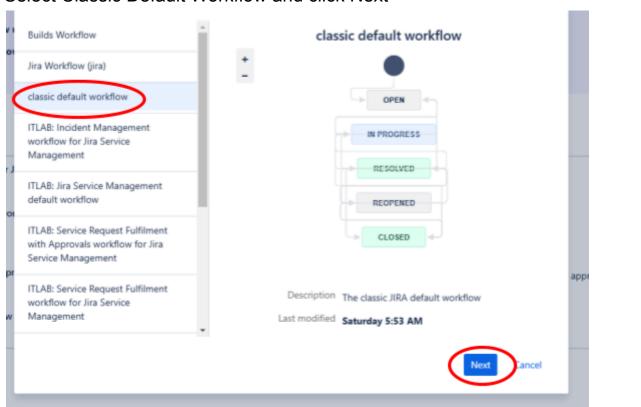
To begin, click on Add Workflow



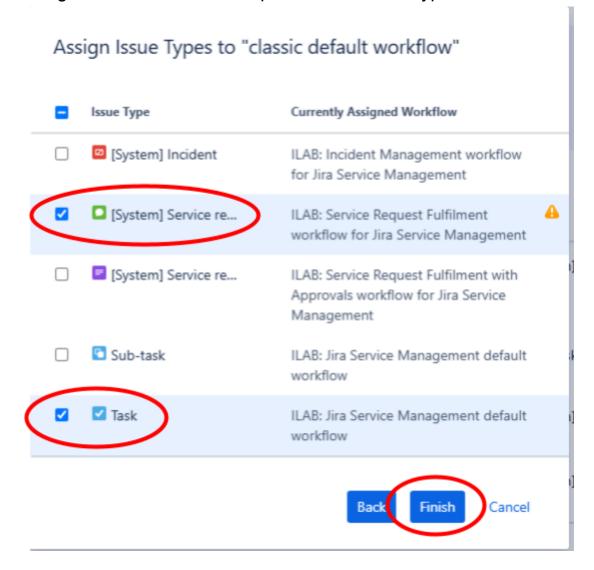
On the dropdown, click on Add Existing



Select Classic Default Workflow and click Next

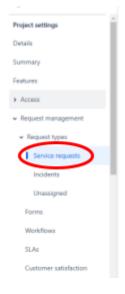


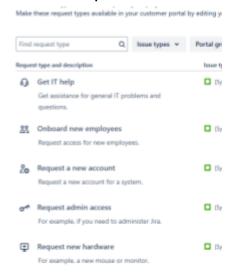
Assign Task and Service Request as the Issue Type and click Finish



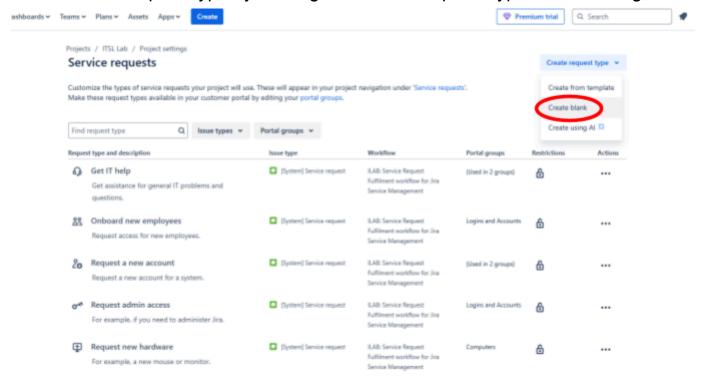
Step 3: Set up Request Types

On the left side panel, click Service requests under Request Types

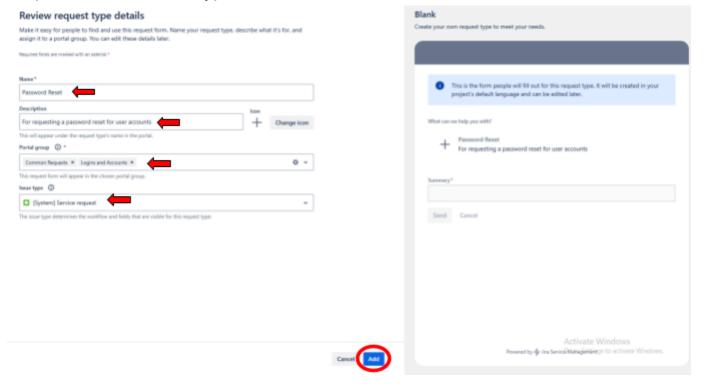




Let's create a request type by clicking on Create Request Type and selecting Create Blank

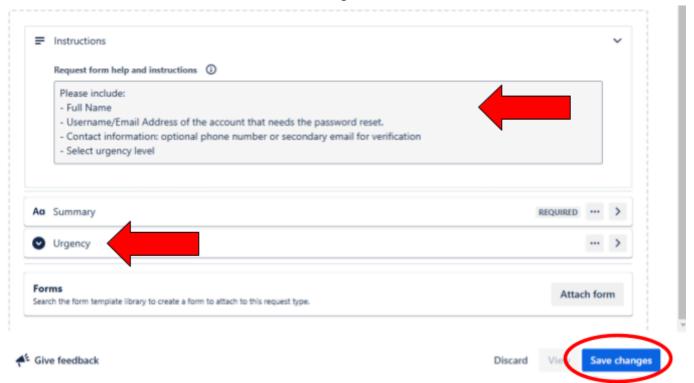


We will name this request type "Password Reset". For the Description, we will type "For requesting a password reset for user accounts". For the Portal Group, we will choose "Common Requests" and "Logins and Accounts". We will leave the default "Service Request" for the Issue Type. When finished, click Add.

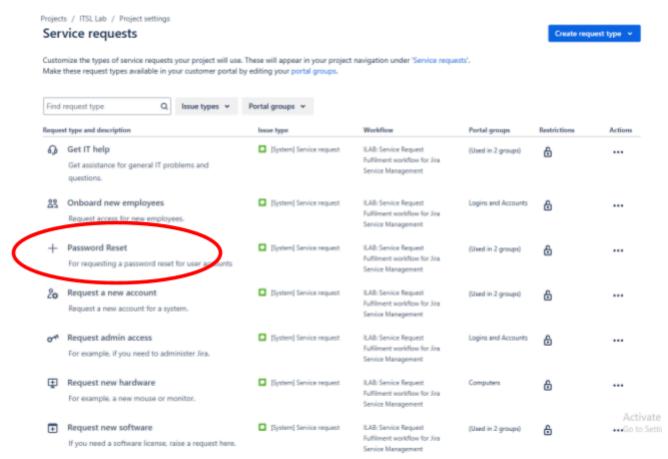


Step 4: Create Custom Fields

We will provide instructions on what to include for the password reset: Full Name, Username/Email, Contact Information for verification, and Urgency level. Once we have included those fields, click on Save Changes.



You have successfully create a Request Type

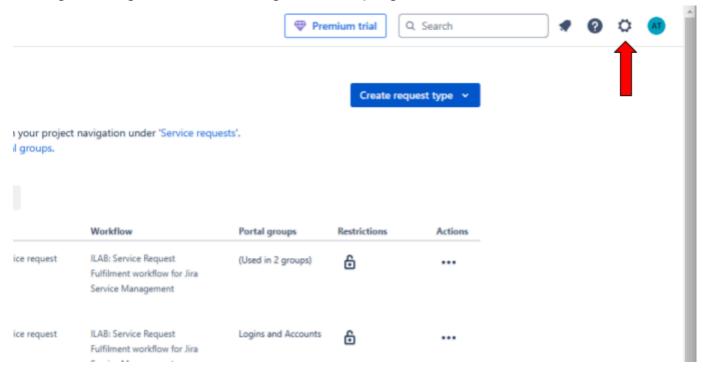


Step 5: Add Test Users

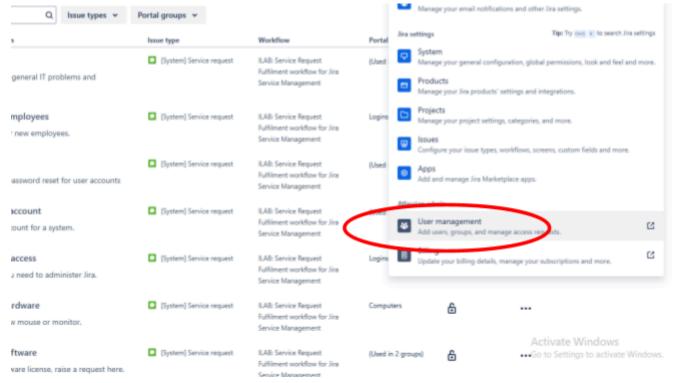
We will create user accounts with the following roles:

- End User to submit tickets
- Helpdesk Analyst to handle tickets
- IT Manager to Approve escalations or changes

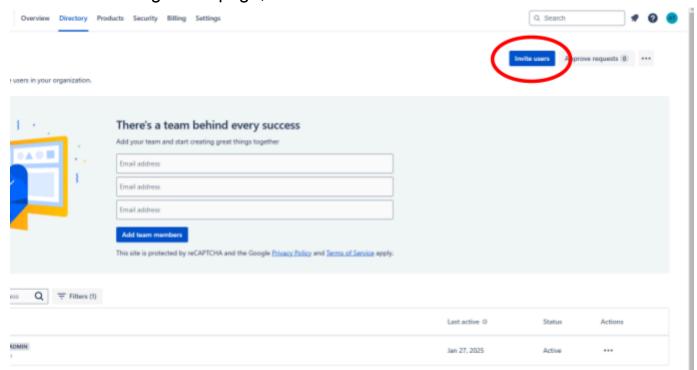
To begin, navigate to Jira Settings in the top right corner



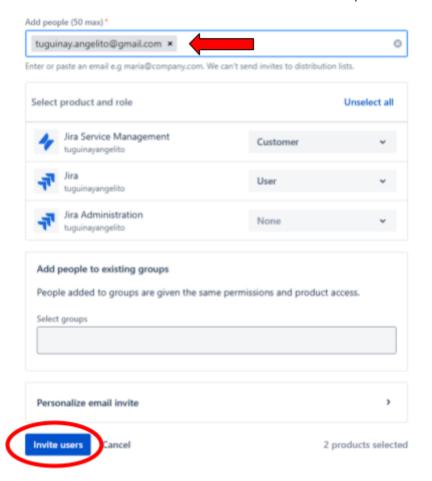
Select User Management from the dropdown menu



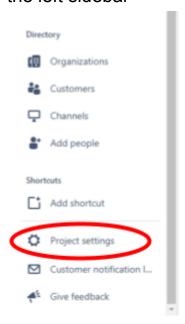
In the User Management page, click Invite Users



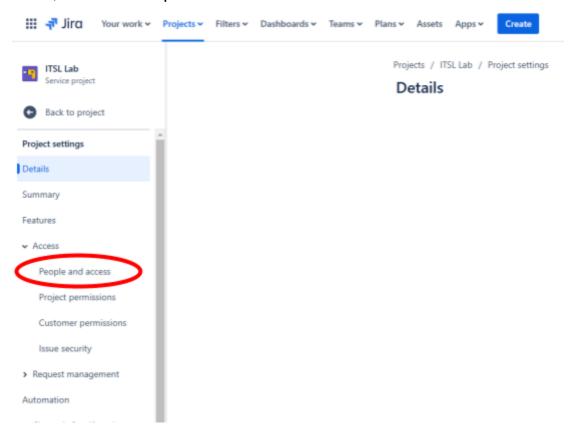
Enter Email addresses of the test users. Since this is for lab purposes, we will use our own email and assume all roles. Once filled out, click Invite Users



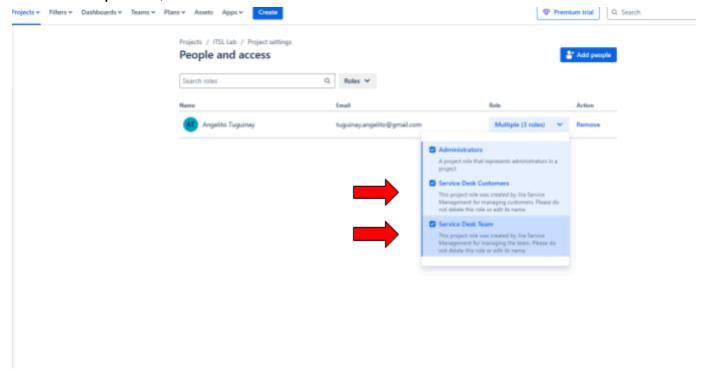
Now, we will assign roles to users (ourselves). In the Jira project, select Project Settings in the left sidebar



Then, click on People and Access under Access on the left sidebar

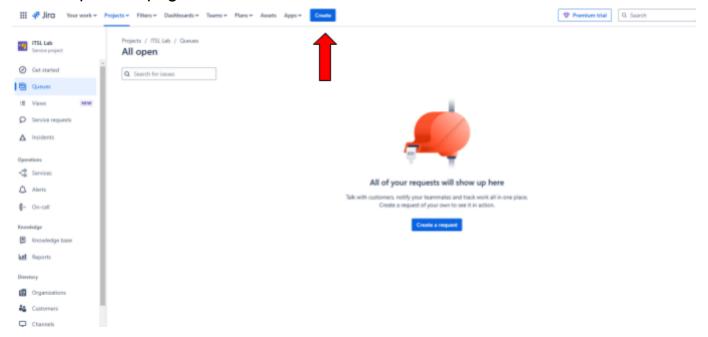


Our name should already have been added since we are assuming the admin role. Under the role dropdown, select Service Desk Customers and Service Desk Team.

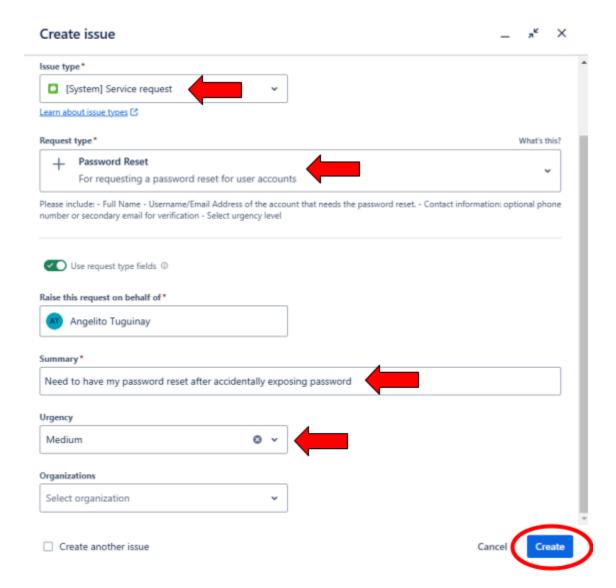


Step 6: Create a Ticket

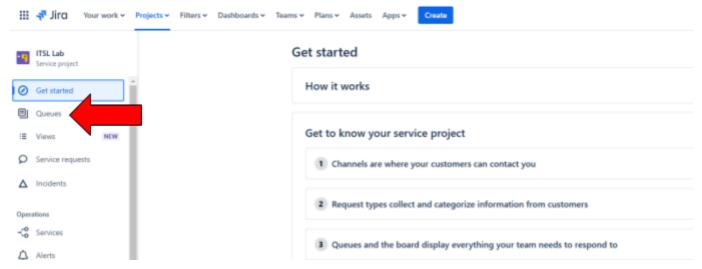
At the top of the page, click on Create



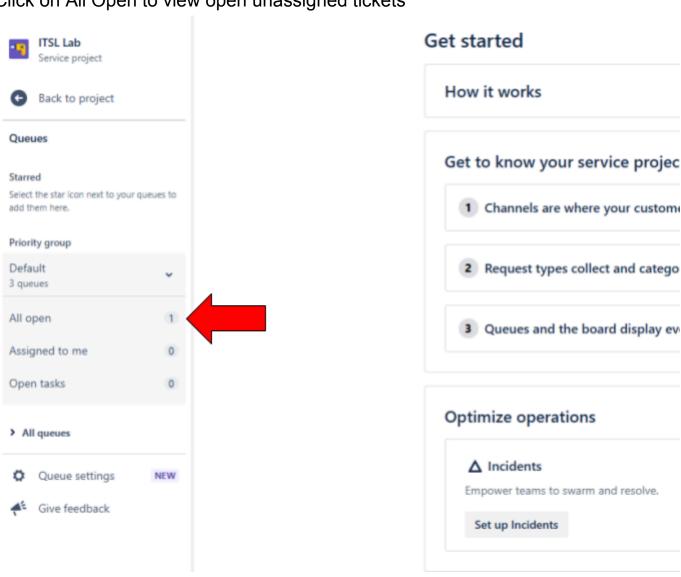
On the Create issue window, select Service Request as the Issue Type. For the Request Type, select Password Reset (The custom request we created earlier). Type "Need to have my password reset after accidentally exposing password" under Summary. Choose "Medium" for the Urgency dropdown. Click Create when finished.



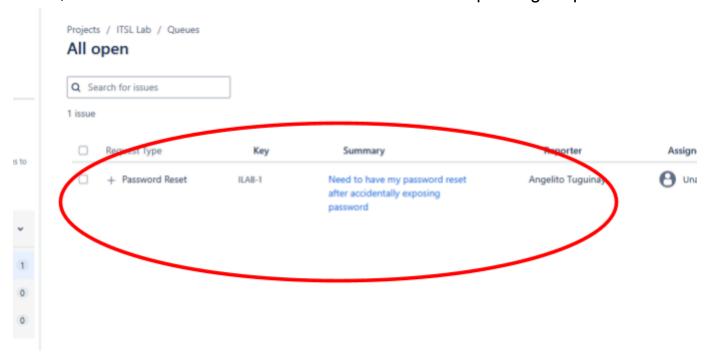
You can view this ticket in the Queues section on the left sidebar



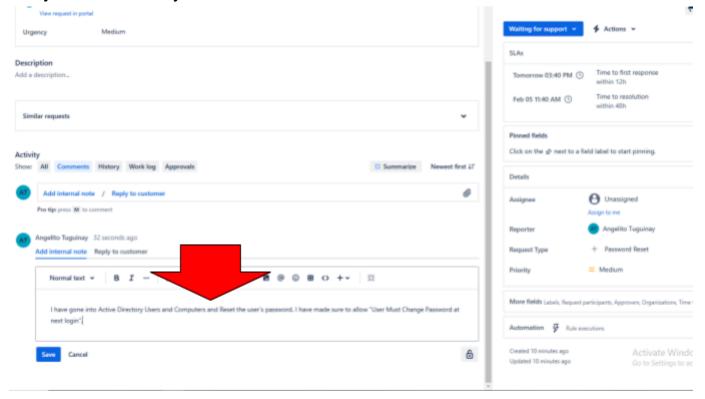
Click on All Open to view open unassigned tickets



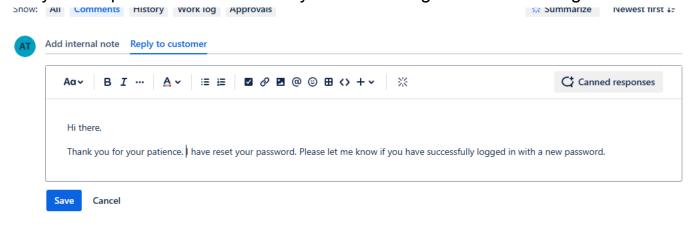
There, we will find the ticket we created earlier that is requesting for password reset



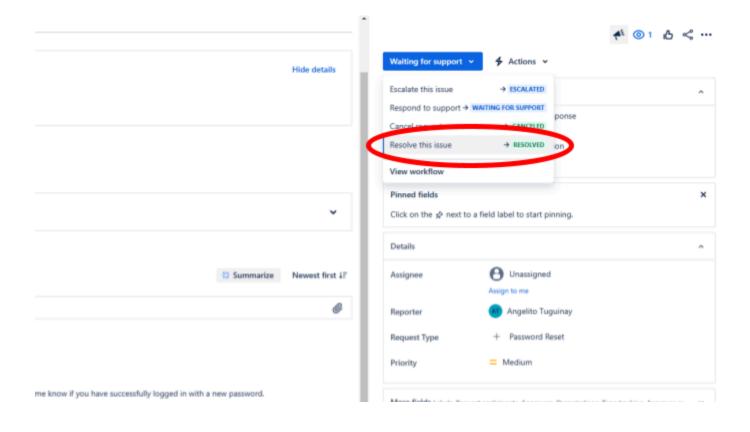
Click on the ticket to open its details. Right now, it has the status of "Waiting for Support". Add an Internal note describing what actions you have taken to let your teammates know that you are currently or have resolved the issue. Click Save.



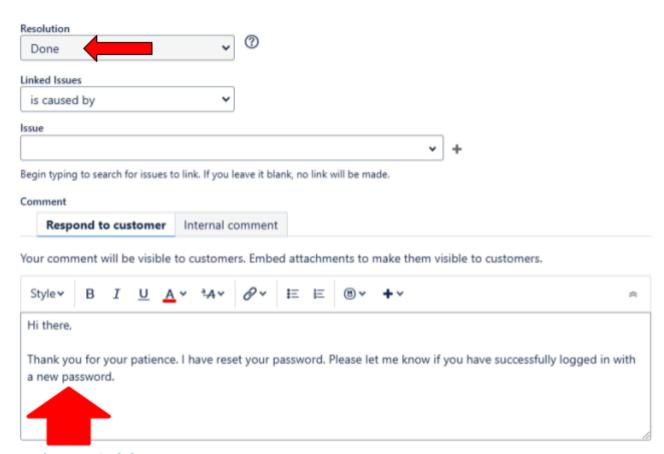
Notify the Reporter and ensure that you are working towards resolving the issue.



Once the Reporter confirms that the issue has been resolved, you can update the status of the ticket to Resolved and let the Reporter know that you have taken action to resolve the issue.

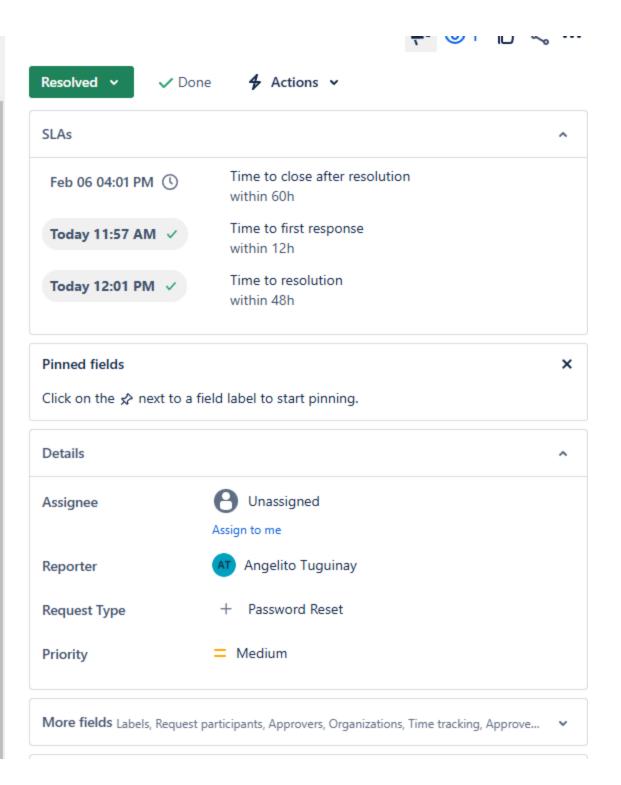


Resolve this issue



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This concludes the lab.