LECTURE 5

Software requirements Engineering

Confluence with JIRA

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Why do we need Confluence?

- How often does it happen that we testers raise bugs, only to find out that
 the requirements were changed sometime after development started,
 and due to lack of communication about the change testers were not
 made aware of this change before testing started?
- The reported bug is then closed as <u>Invalid</u>. This can be frustrating for testers as their creditability is affected along with confusion and uncertainty about what other uncommunicated changes may be present in the application being tested.

Collaboration tools are a good solution for these scenarios because:

- All information is stored in one central location, which makes it easily accessible to all users, so no more scanning of email chains or meeting notes to look for the required information
- Any updates made to the information trigger a notification to other users, which makes it easy for users to remain up to date about the latest discussions
- This tool has an easy learning curve so does not require any special training or certification to start using the tool

Advantages

#1) Content management

- Content management includes the creation, maintenance, organization, and deletion of content.
- Content creation tools are easy to use and include a variety of functions –
 from basic text formatting and creating tables all the way to linking
 documents and embedding macros.
- The content can be organized into separate spaces, sorted and arranged in hierarchical order as required.

#2) Search

- This tool supports a full-text search for all the content.
- The search results will include any matching results for the text in the page's main content and comments. This results in a very detailed search

#3) Confluence Templates

This tool comes with some best practice templates that can be used to create preformatted pages.

#4) Integration with JIRA

JIRA and Confluence are both developed by Atlassian and have seamless integration with each other. Development work can be tracked in JIRA and the corresponding reports can be generated by automatic linking.

#5) Page and File versioning

- As this is a collaboration tool, needless to say, it would be used by various cross-functional teams at all levels multiple times.
- To keep track of the changes made since the last edit, Confluence saves older versions of pages and files automatically.
- This older version can be used to compare the difference or even revert to the last edit if required.

#6) Feedback

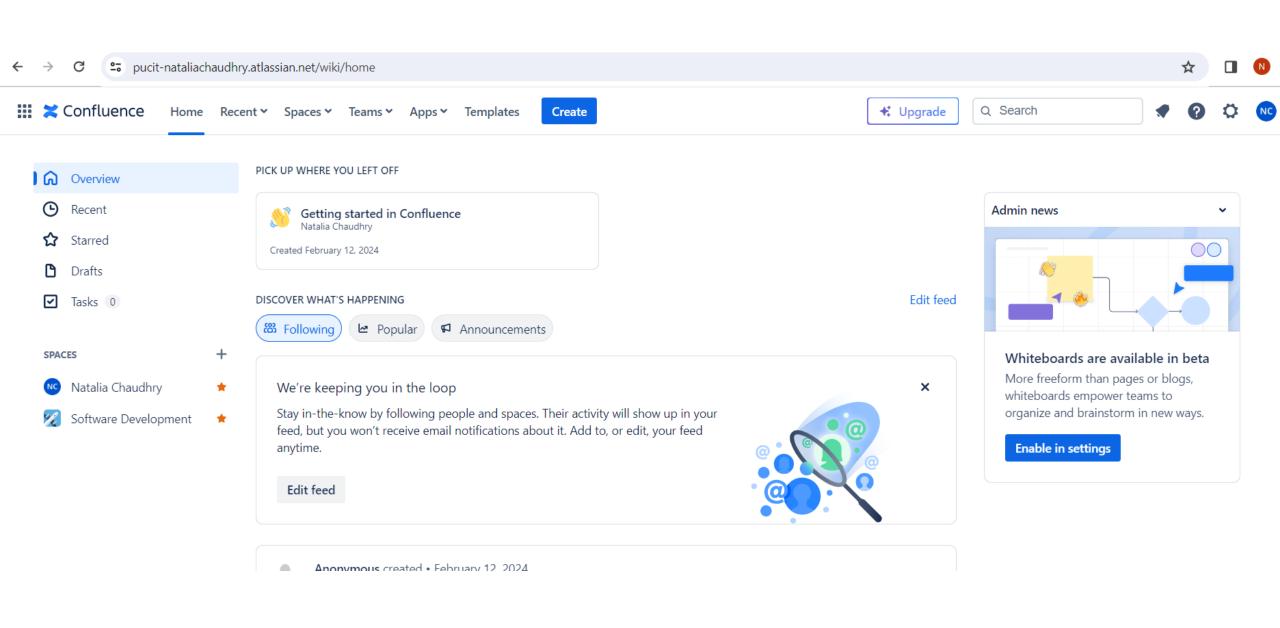
Team feedback in the form of comments can be put on the pages and always referred to or even searched for when required.

#7) User Management

Users and group-based permissions can be set up. It is even possible to set up separate viewing, editing, and admin permissions for each space.

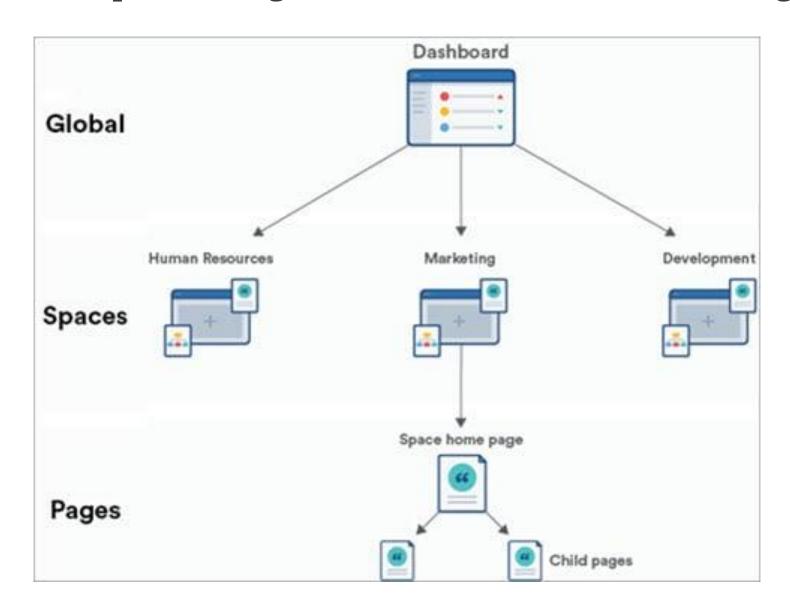
Dashboard

- The dashboard is the landing page that a logged-in user sees after a successful login.
- The dashboard gives a quick snapshot of the recent updates by the team along with the recent updates done by the user himself.
- Along with the updates, the dashboard also shows the Spaces that the user is a member of.
- The dashboard is customizable and the admin can set up a universal dashboard that all users will see.

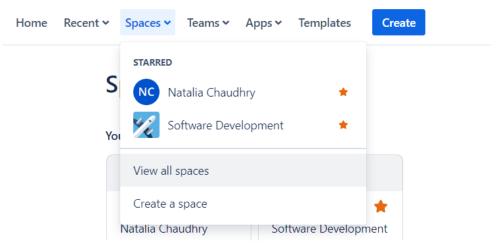


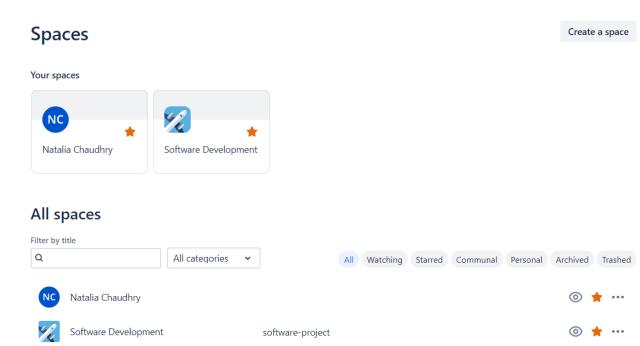
- Spaces in this tool are a way to organize the content.
- Spaces can be thought of as individual file containers where the content can be categorized and organized in a meaningful way.
- There is no standard rule of how many spaces need to be or should be created.
- The user can create any number of spaces with their own specific purposes to facilitate collaboration within teams.

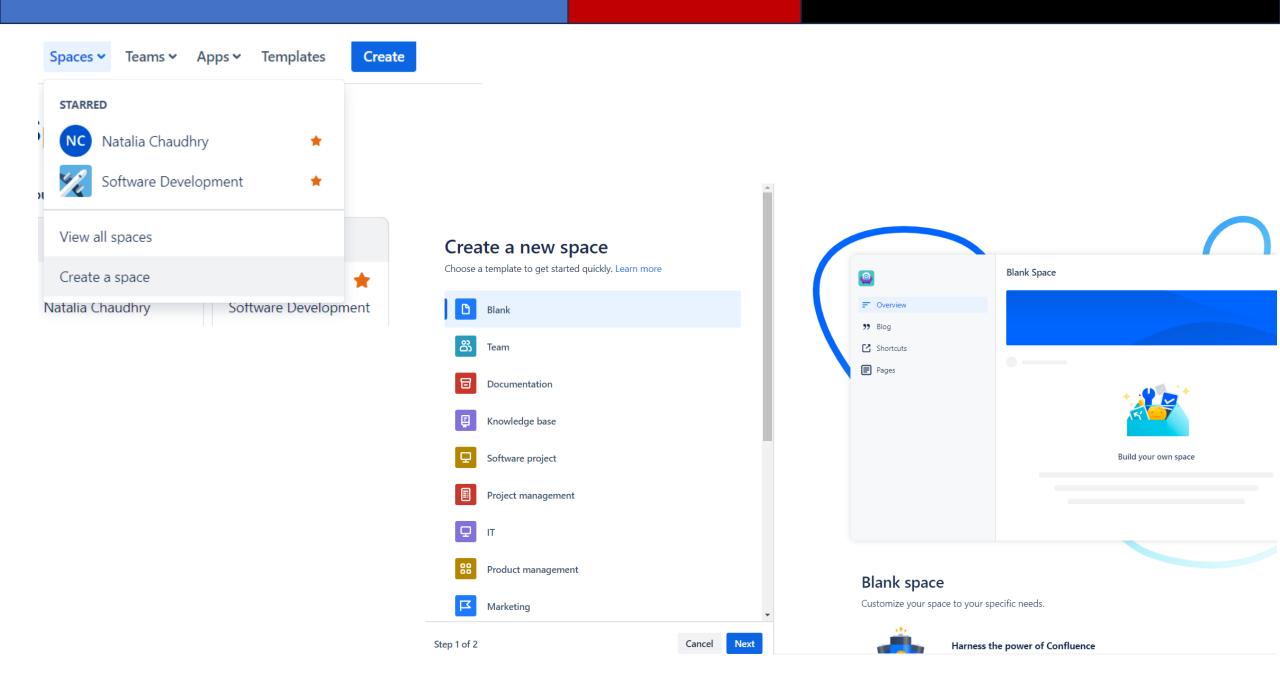
an example of the spaces being created based on the different organizational units



- The space directory contains a list of all the spaces that are created by confluence.
- You can browse the spaces based on the space type site, personal, or my spaces.
- My space refers to the sites created by the logged-in user himself and can be either a site or personal space.







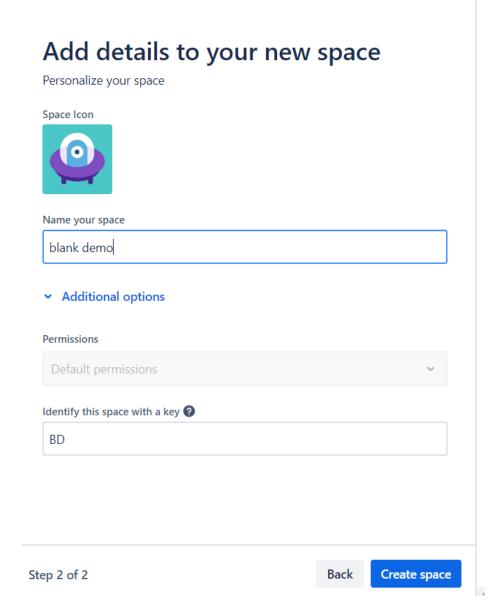
Here are some key points about spaces in Confluence:

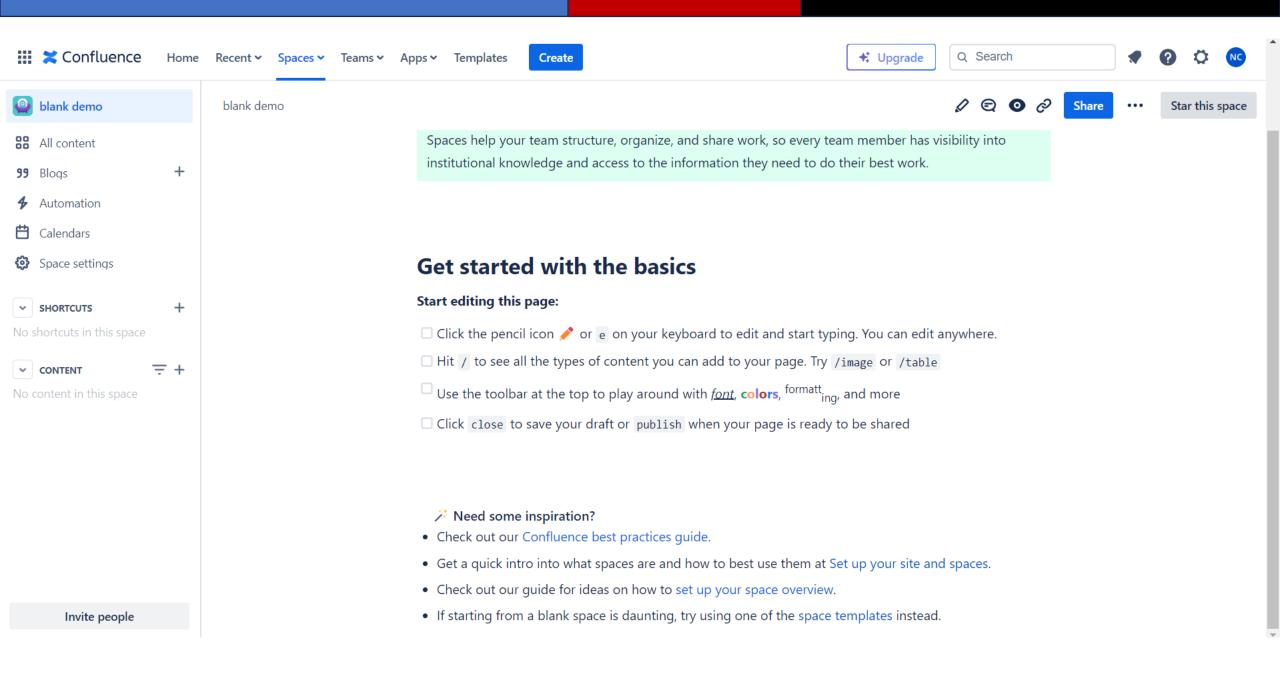
- **Organization:** Spaces help you keep your content organized. You can create spaces for different projects, teams, departments, or any other category that makes sense for your organization.
- **Permissions:** You can set permissions at the space level, controlling who has access to view, edit, and contribute content within each space. This allows you to manage privacy and security based on the sensitivity of the information.
- **Customization:** Each space can be customized to fit your needs. You can choose a space theme, add a logo, and configure space settings such as page templates, labels, and navigation options.
- **Content Hierarchy**: Within a space, you can create a hierarchy of pages and sub-pages to further organize your content. This helps users navigate through the information more easily.

- **Collaboration:** Spaces facilitate collaboration by providing a centralized location for team members to create, share, and collaborate on content. Users can comment on pages, mention each other, and receive notifications to stay informed about updates.
- **Searchability:** Content within a space is searchable, making it easy for users to find the information they need. Confluence's powerful search functionality allows users to quickly locate pages, attachments, and other content within a specific space or across multiple spaces.

Overall, spaces serve as the building blocks of content organization in Confluence, helping teams collaborate effectively and access information efficiently.

Creating blank space





Practical scenarios for creating spaces in Confluence

Product Development Space:

- Use this space to document the entire product development lifecycle, from ideation to launch.
- Include sections for product requirements, design documents, user stories, sprint backlogs, release notes, and user feedback.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams such as product management, design, engineering, and QA to ensure everyone has access to the latest information.

Sales Playbook Space:

- Create a space to house sales enablement materials, such as sales scripts, pitch decks, competitive analysis, and customer success stories.
- Include a section for sales training resources, including onboarding materials, product demos, and objection handling guides.
- Encourage sales reps to contribute their own insights and best practices, fostering a culture of knowledge sharing and continuous improvement.

Compliance and Policy Space:

- Establish a space dedicated to documenting regulatory requirements, compliance policies, and internal procedures.
- Organize content by regulatory bodies, compliance areas, and policy categories for easy navigation.
- Regularly review and update content to ensure it reflects the latest regulatory changes and organizational updates.

Knowledge Sharing Hub:

- Create a centralized knowledge base where employees can find answers to common questions and access resources relevant to their roles.
- Include sections for FAQs, troubleshooting guides, how-to articles, and best practices.
- Encourage employees to contribute their own knowledge and insights, fostering a culture of learning and collaboration.

Client Onboarding Space:

- For businesses that provide services to clients, create a space to streamline the onboarding process.
- Include sections for client intake forms, project kickoff checklists, service agreements, and communication guidelines.
- Collaborate with client-facing teams to ensure a smooth onboarding experience and provide clients with easy access to relevant information.

Event Planning Space:

- Whether it's a company-wide conference or a team offsite, use a dedicated space to plan and organize events.
- Include sections for event agendas, venue details, speaker bios, attendee lists, and logistical information.
- Collaborate with event organizers, speakers, and attendees to coordinate schedules, share updates, and gather feedback before and after the event.

Confluence permits the creation of two spaces- site spaces and personal spaces.

In Confluence, you can create both site spaces and personal spaces to organize and manage content.

Scenario: Software Development Team

Site Space:

- •Description: The Software Development Team needs a centralized space to collaborate on projects, share documentation, and track progress.
- •How to Create: As a Confluence administrator or space administrator, you can create a site space for the Software Development Team.

•Steps:

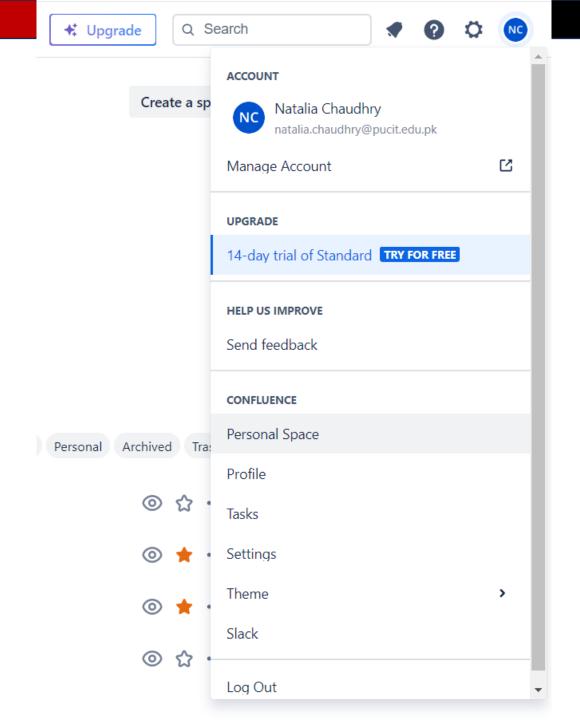
- Log in to Confluence with administrative privileges.
- Navigate to the Confluence dashboard.
- Click on "Spaces" in the sidebar.
- Click on "Create Space" and choose "Create Space" again.
- Enter the space name (e.g., "Software Development Team") and key.
- Configure space permissions to grant access to team members.
- Customize the space settings, including the space logo, theme, and navigation.
- Click "Create" to create the site space.

Personal Space:

- •Description: Each member of the Software Development Team wants a personal space to manage their own tasks, notes, and personal projects.
- •How to Create: Each team member can create their own personal space within Confluence.

•Steps:

- Log in to Confluence with your user account.
- Navigate to your user profile by clicking on your profile picture or initials in the top-right corner.
- Click on "Personal Space" in the dropdown menu.
- If you haven't created a personal space yet,
 Confluence will prompt you to create one. Click on "Create Personal Space."
- Enter a name for your personal space (e.g., "John's Personal Space") and customize the space settings as desired.
- Click "Create" to create your personal space.



- •Site Space: The Software Development Team's site space serves as the central hub for all team-related activities. Here, team members collaborate on project documentation, share meeting notes, track tasks in Jira, and discuss ideas in dedicated pages and comments.
 •Personal Space: Within their personal spaces, team members can manage their individual
- •Personal Space: Within their personal spaces, team members can manage their individual tasks, track personal projects, take notes, and store resources relevant to their work. For example, John might use his personal space to maintain a task list, document his coding experiments, and keep track of his professional development goals.

By creating both site spaces and personal spaces in Confluence, the Software Development Team can strike a balance between centralized collaboration and individual organization, empowering team members to work effectively both as a team and as individuals.

Header menu

The header menu is visible on all pages and contains the Confluence Logo and the default menu with default options – Spaces, People, Create, Help Menu, Notifications, and Personal Profile Management. This header menu is customizable and more menu options can be displayed as required by the user

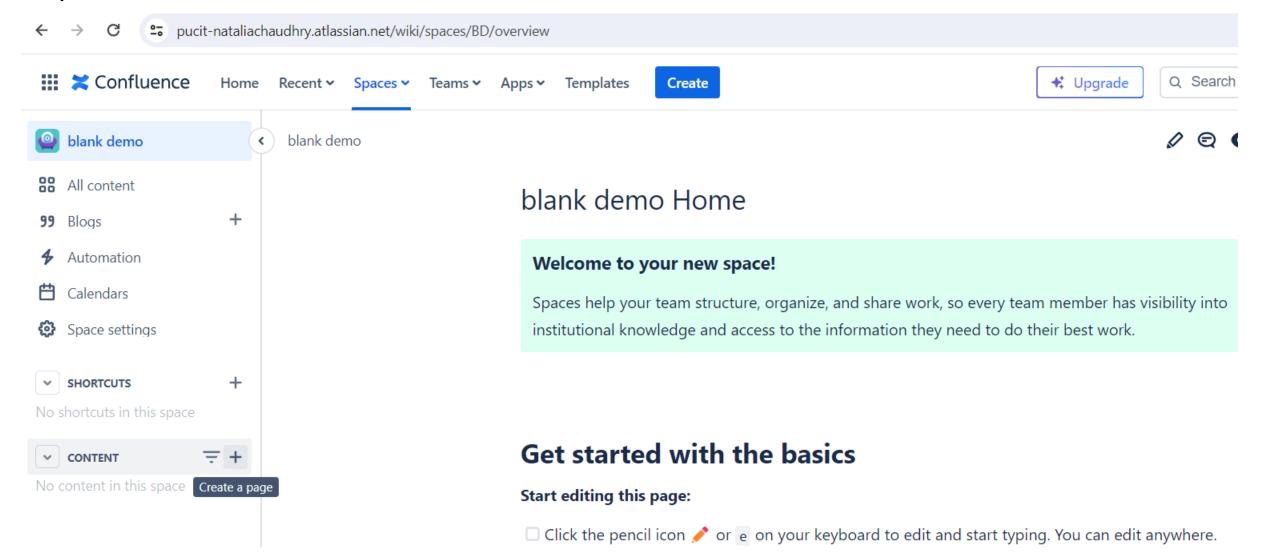


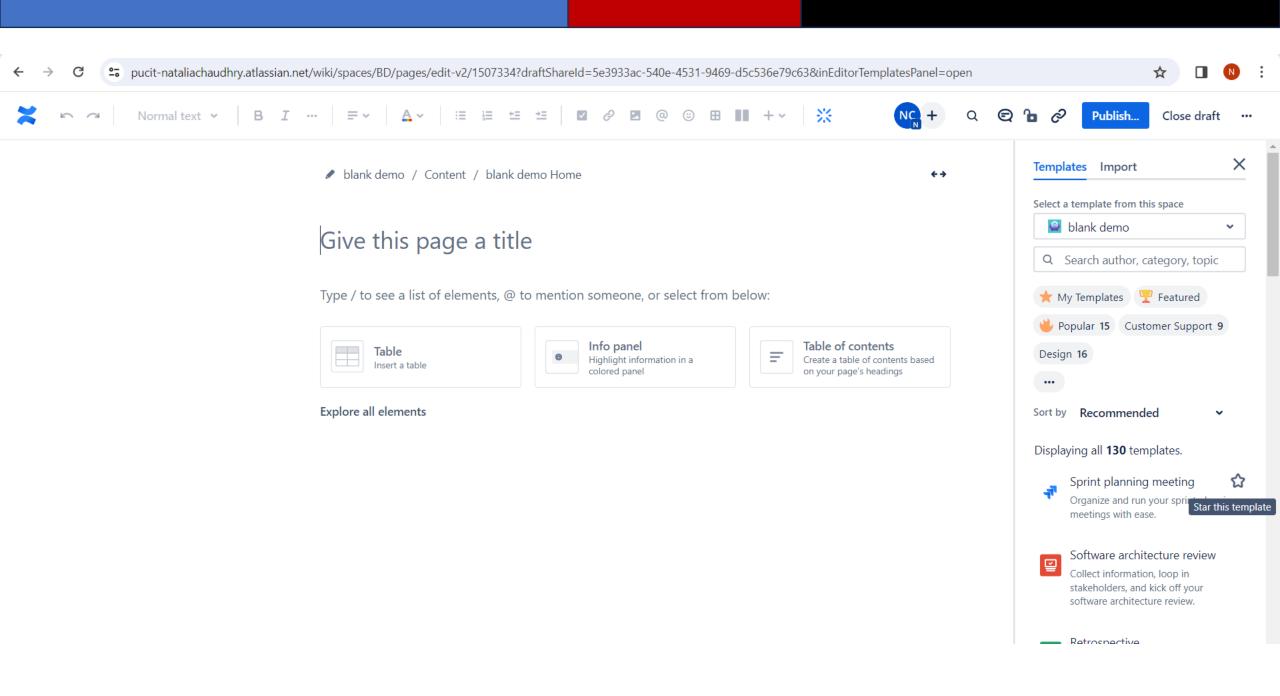
Create functionality

Create functionality is used to create new pages within any chosen spaces in the desired hierarchical order.

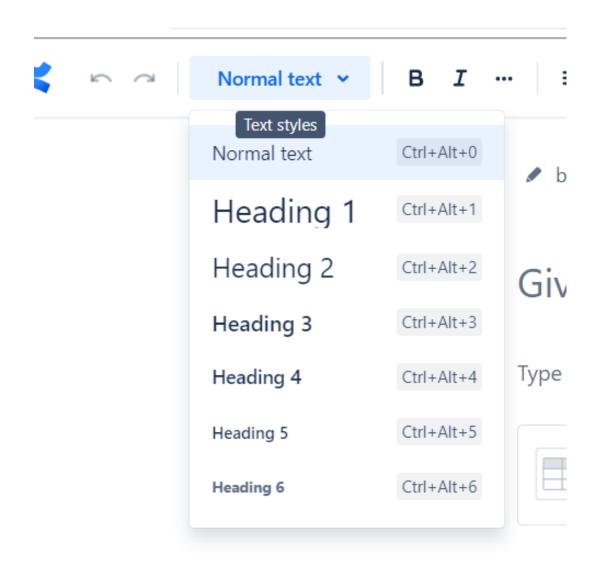
Creating new pages

The very first page will be created as the Parent page. Subsequent pages can be created under this parent page or as separate pages depending on how you want to structure your space.

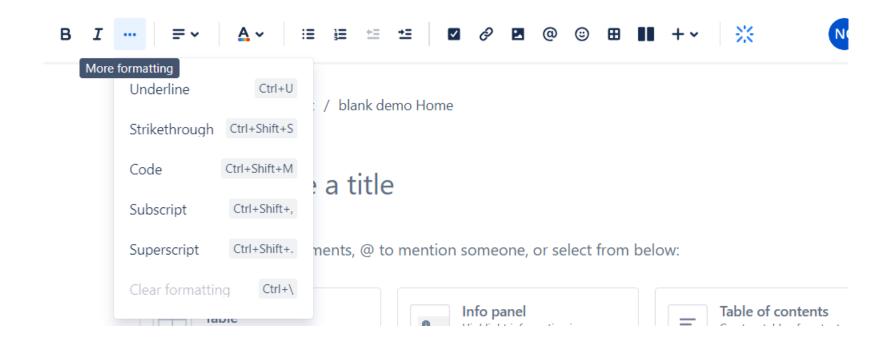




Formatting styles: there are several in-build styles available for the text e.g. Paragraphs, headings, quotes, etc.



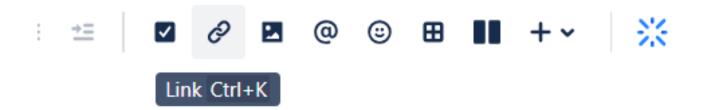
Font-related options: basic functionality to update font color, make text bold, italics, etc. is provided



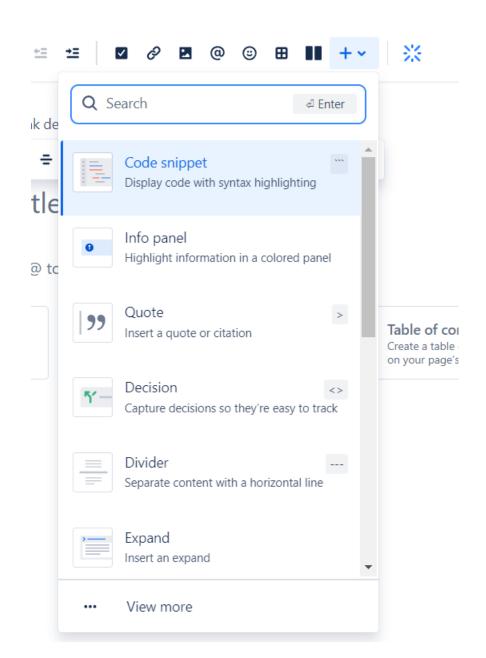
Inserting files and images: User can upload files and images to the Page as desired



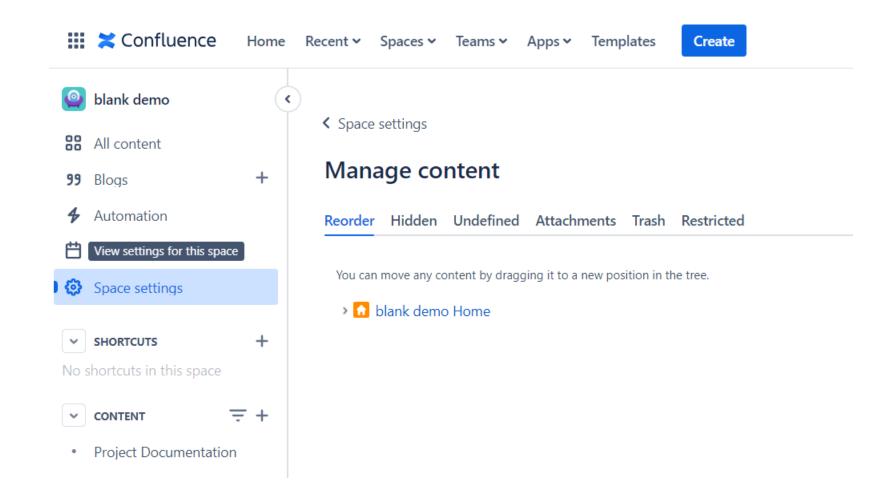
Inserting Links: The user can add links to other web pages or other Confluence pages in the Confluence document for easy reference



Inserting elements...

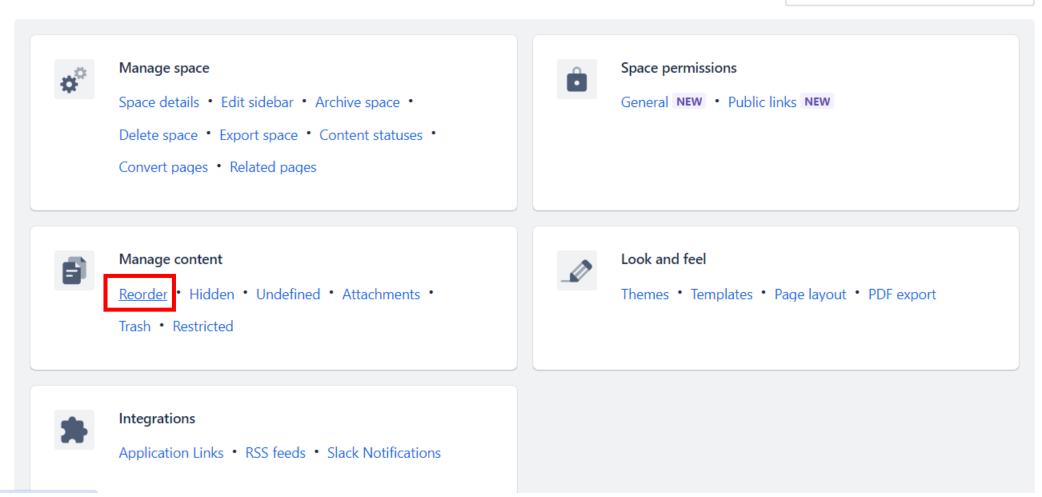


Reorder pages...



Space settings

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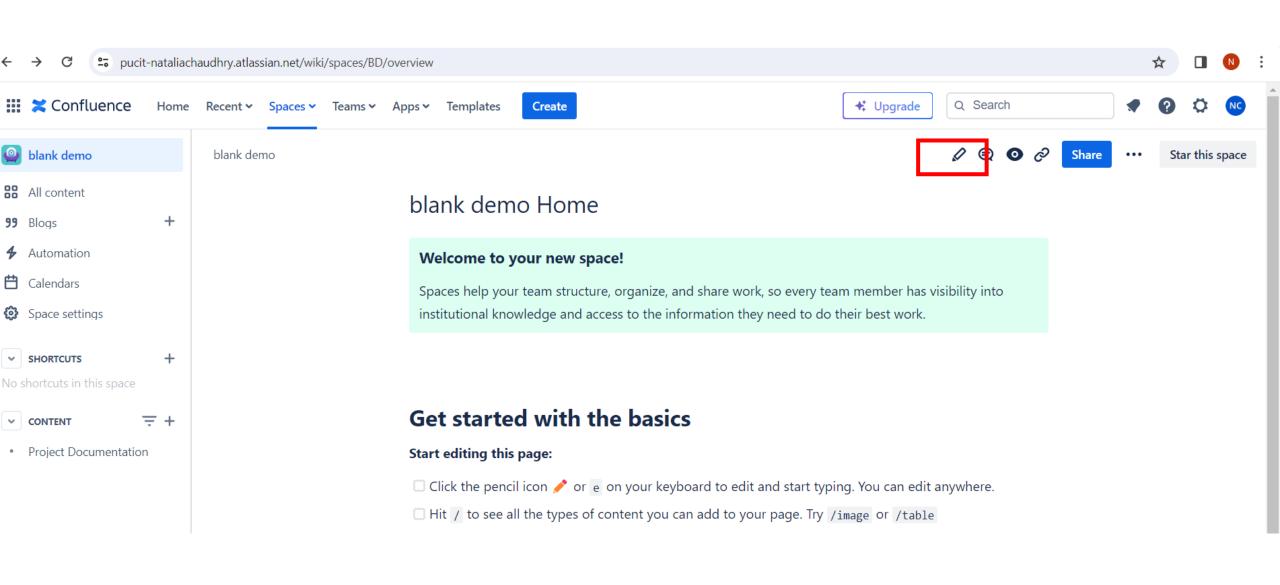


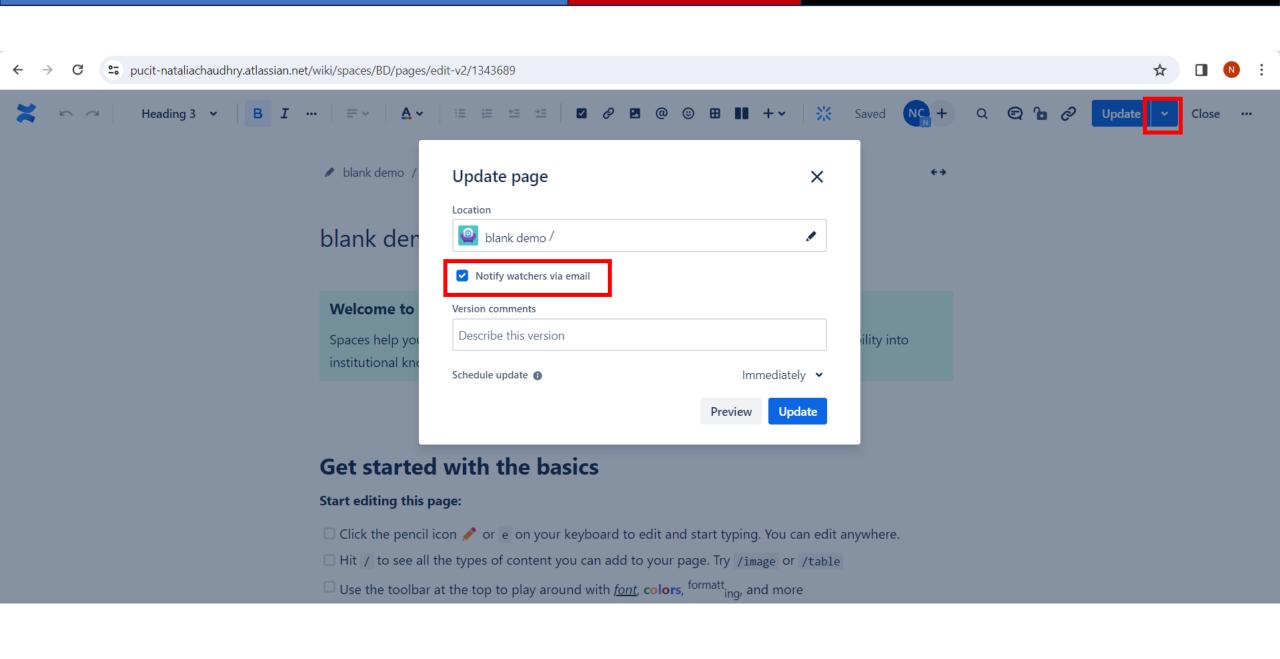
Click on the Space name to expand the branches of the space. Now drag the required pages and drop them to the required location. Alternatively, you can also sort the pages alphabetically.



in the process of finalizing content a page that would require lots of edits. How to prevent spamming everyone's mailbox by sending a notification to people about every single update that is made?

When the page is first created, a notification is sent to all Confluence users in that space. This is set up by default, however, we can control when we want to send (or do not want to send) notifications about subsequent edits and updates made to the page.





If we have feedback about the content of the confluence document, what is the best way to provide it?

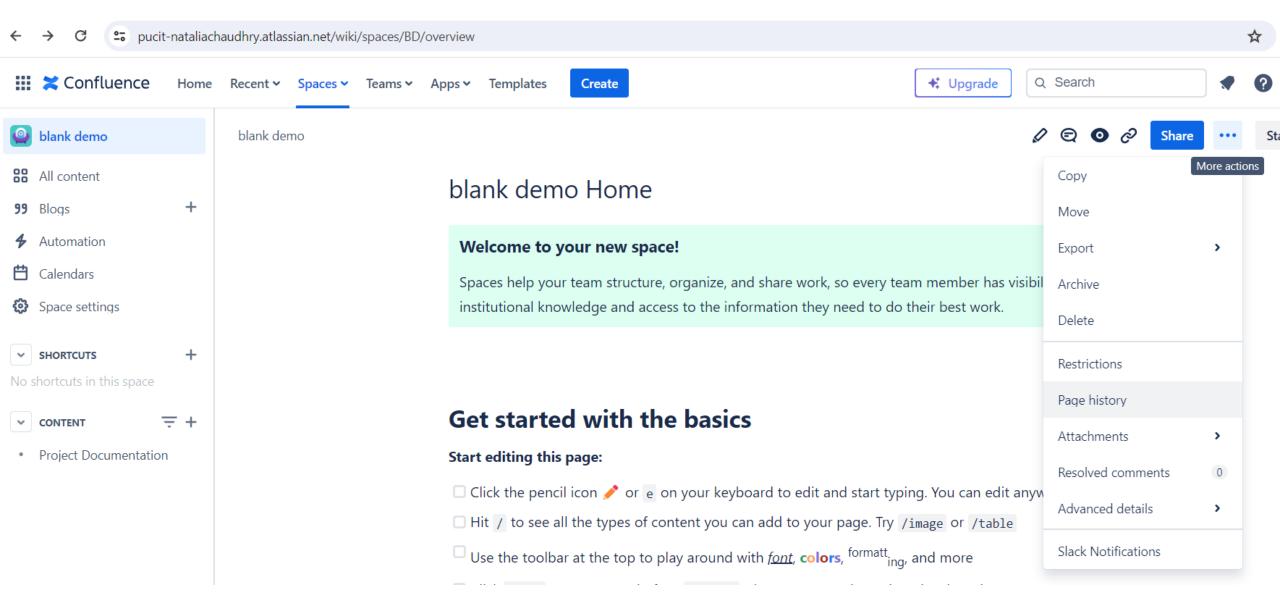
Use the comments section. Leave your comments in the document and the notification will be sent to all users. Users will be able to see your comment and can choose to reply to your comment, like your comment, and can even post their own comment.

If we got a notification that someone mentioned on their page, what does that mean?

This means that the person who mentioned you on a particular Confluence page needs your attention on something or has assigned a task to you.

Versioning

One of the most important features of Versioning and retaining a history of document updates. You can go to the page history and check who updated the document.



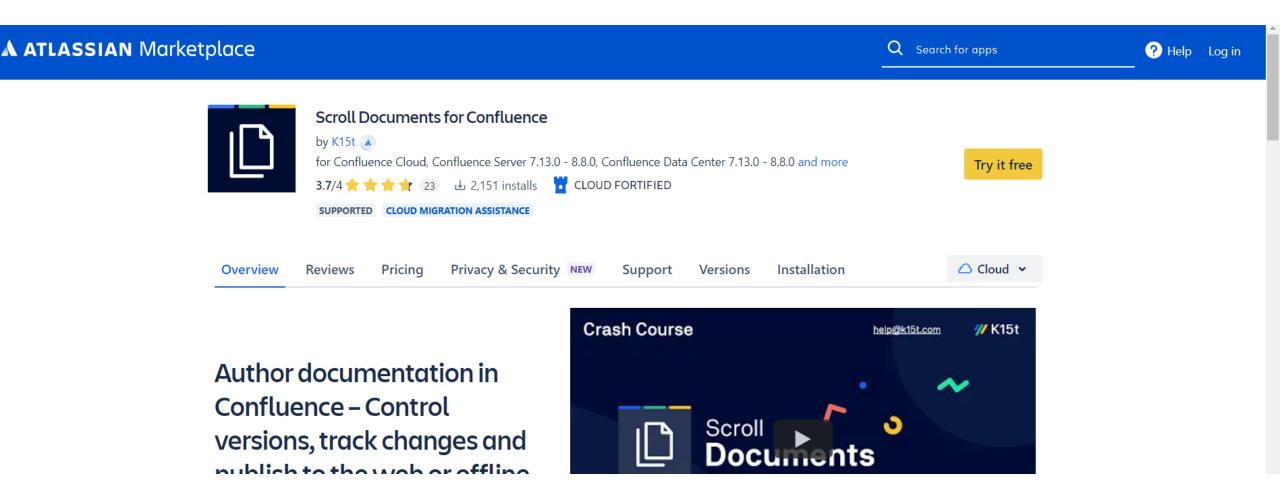
Limitations of Version Management in Confluence

Confluence automatically saves revisions of single pages and offers a page history where you can view changes, compare versions, and restore previous versions if necessary. But for content that's spread across multiple pages, there is no easy way to relate those pages and their revisions to one another.

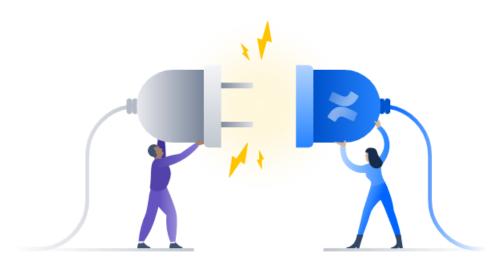
With **Scroll Documents**, a version of a tree of pages – defined as a document – can be saved at any time.

The difference between versions can be compared to find out exactly how the structure and content were changed.

Scroll documents



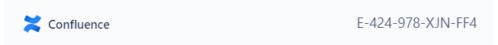
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Scroll Documents for Confluence will perform the following actions:

- View email addresses of users
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- Delete data from the host application
- Write data to the host application

Expand all details

By installing this app, you:

- permit Atlassian to share anonymized data with Scroll Documents for Confluence
- · agree to Atlassian Marketplace's terms of use
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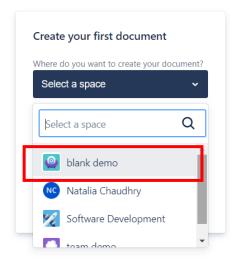


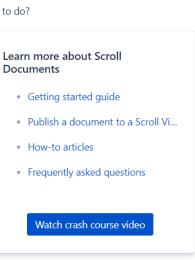
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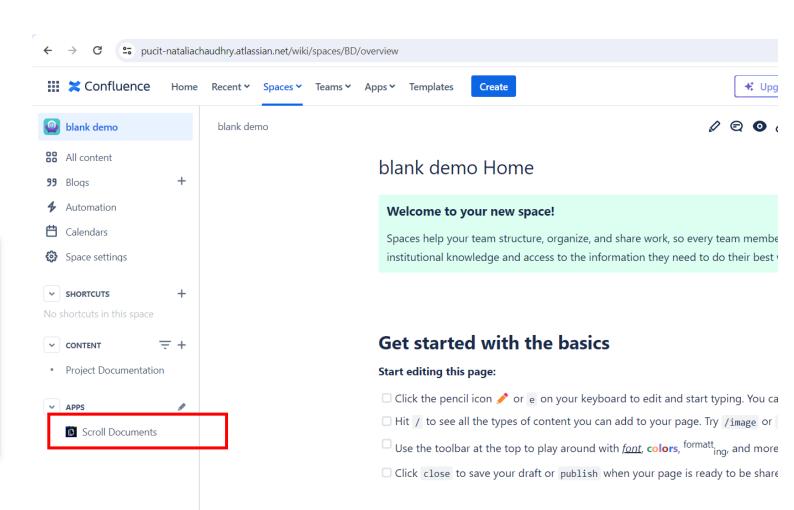
Get started with Scroll Documents

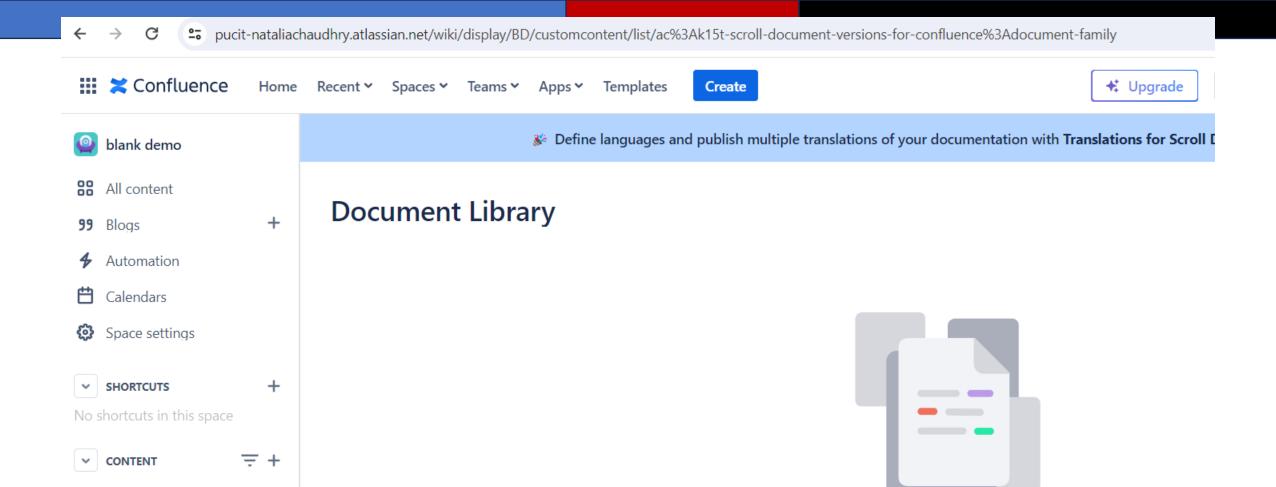
Manage your Confluence pages as Documents – Control versions, workflows & exports with powerful document management functionality.

What do you want to do?









Project Documentation

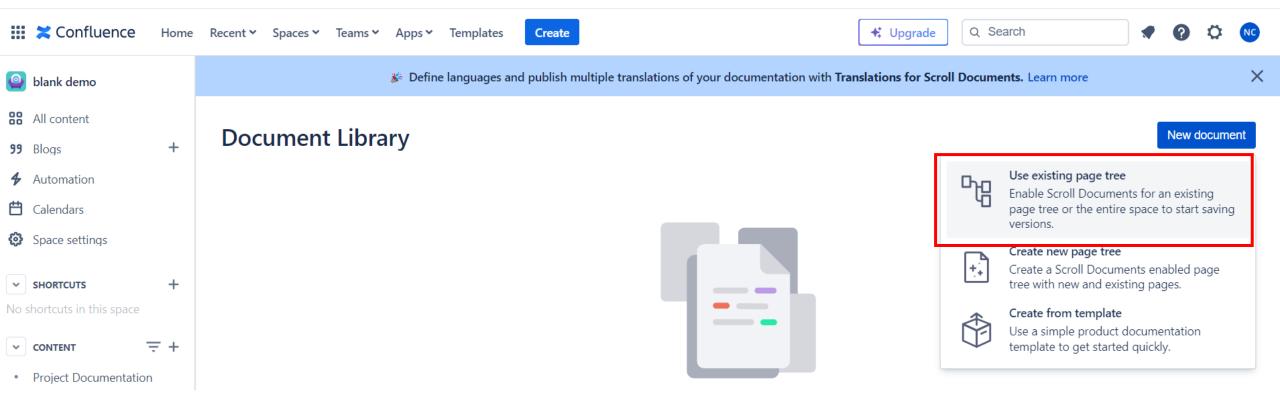
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Create and manage documents in Confluence

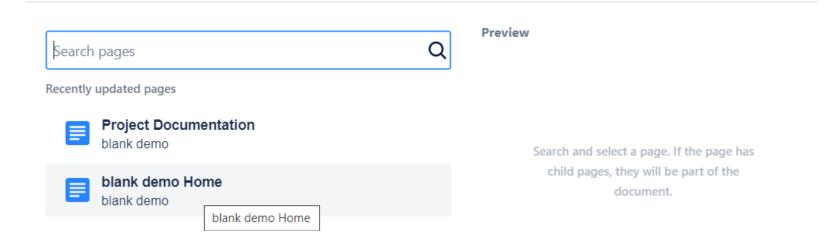
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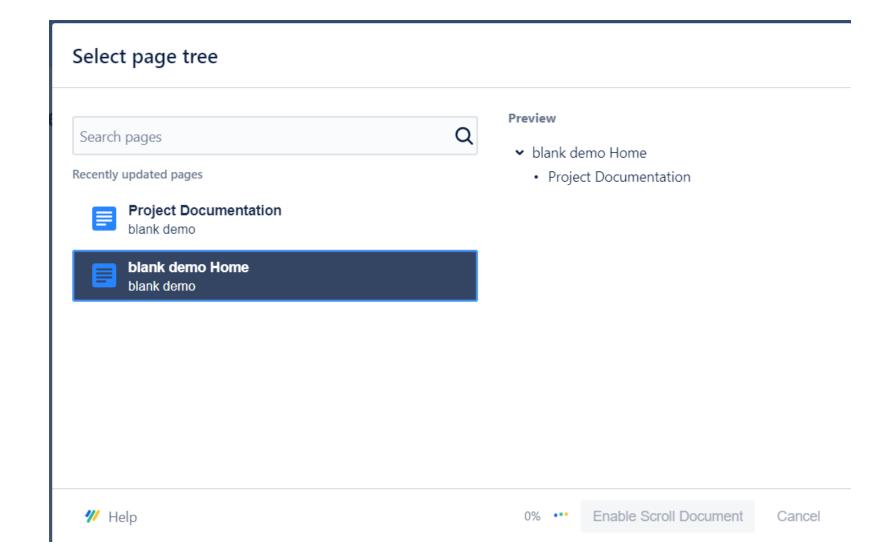


Select New Document



Select page tree





Scroll Documents

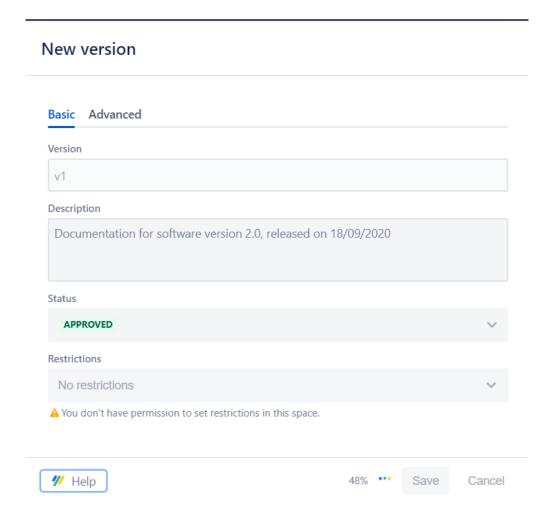


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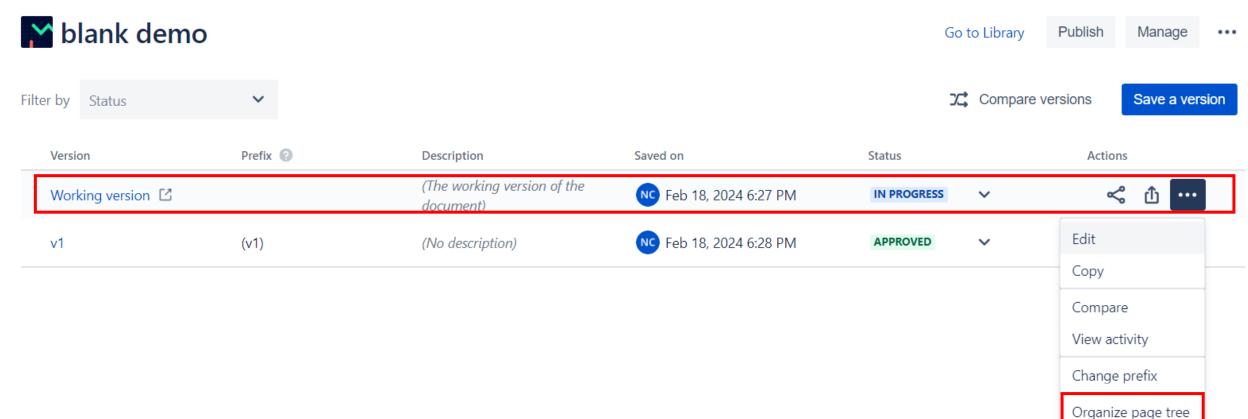
Save a version

Compare versions



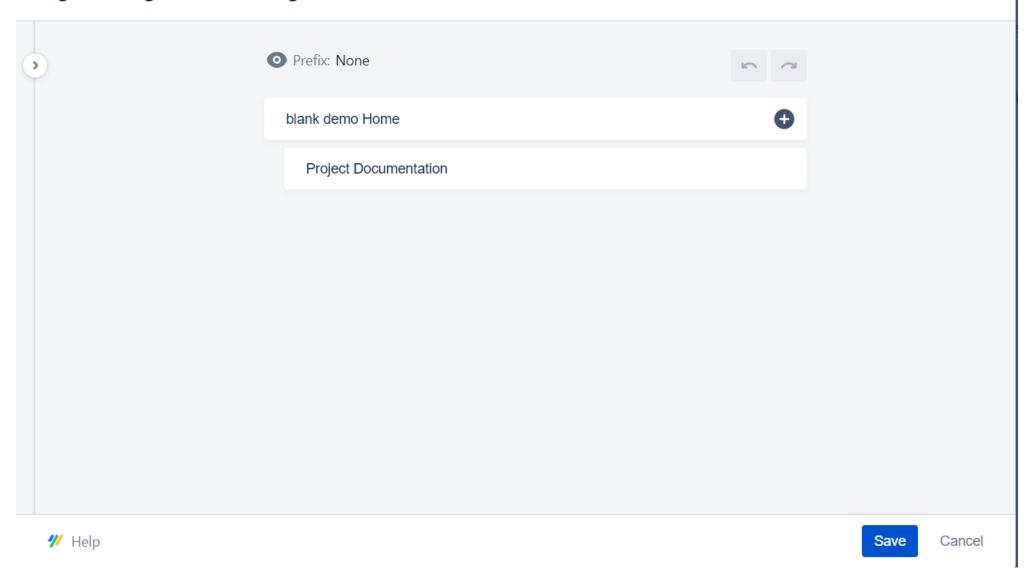
Add a new page to the Working version

Scroll Documents

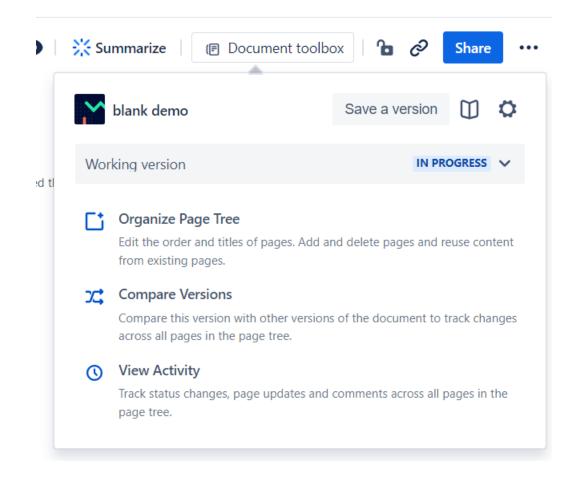


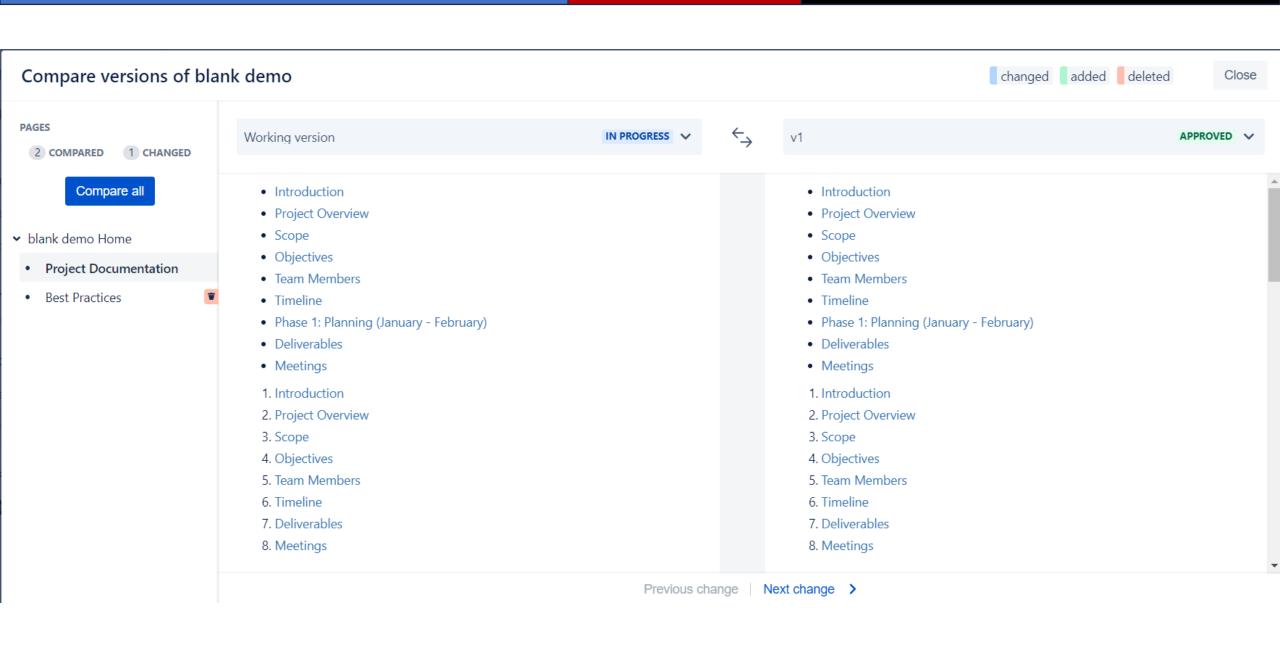
Create read request

Organize Page Tree (Working version)



In the Organize Page Tree dialog, click on the plus (plus) to add a new blank page, let's name it "Best Practices" and press enter on your keyboard.





Collaborative editing or Document collaboration

Sharing and watching

Share pages and posts with your teammates to invite them to collaborate with you and solicit their feedback. To share a page, tap the Share button in the top right while viewing it.













Best Practices



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+ Add label



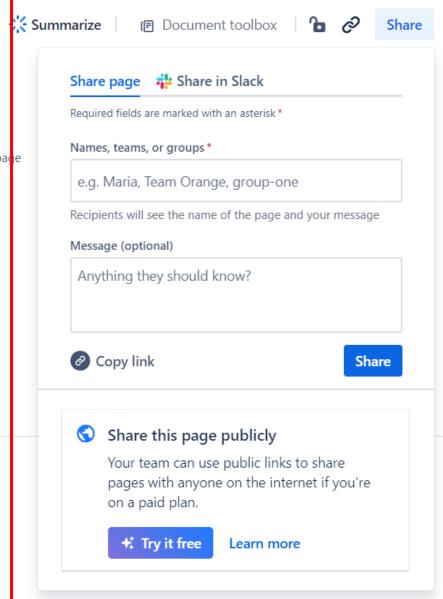




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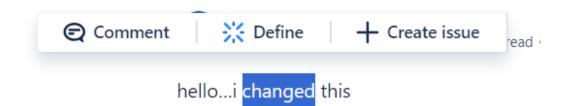
Comments and likes

Commenting on your teammate's work fosters a culture of openness and engagement, and soliciting comments on your own work can help you level-up by discovering a new perspective. Leave a page comment to respond to the content as a whole, or use inline comments to respond to a specific section or sentence.

To leave an inline comment:

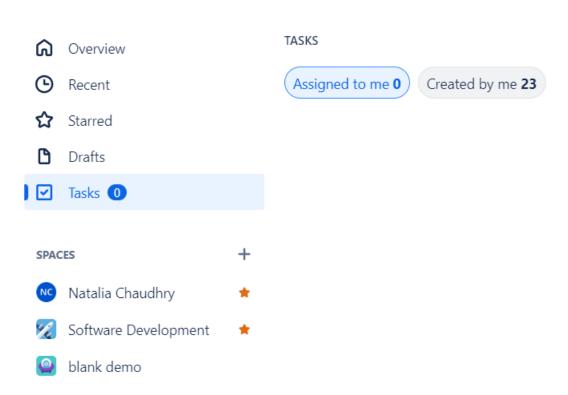
- Highlight the text you'd like to respond to
- Tap Comment
- Enter your text and tap Save

You can also like pages, posts, and comments in Confluence Cloud. When you do, the author will receive a notification to let them know.



Task Management in Confluence







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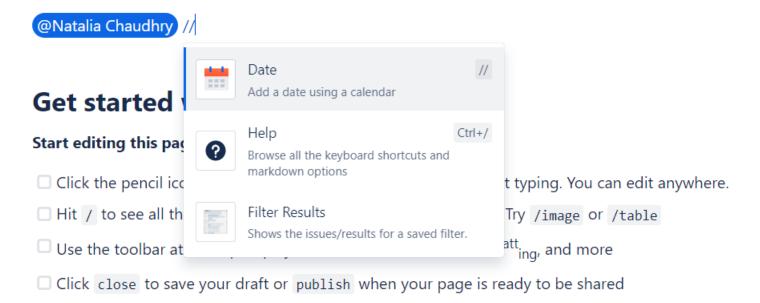
Start typing your task –

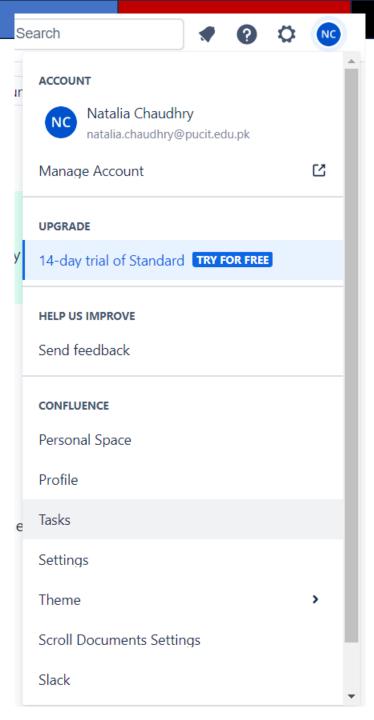
@mention someone to assign
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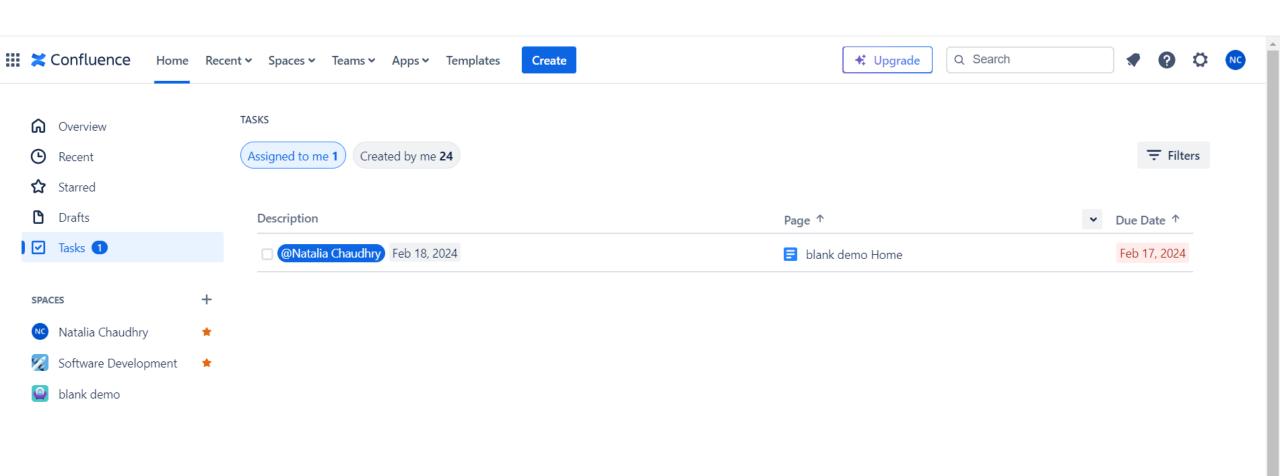
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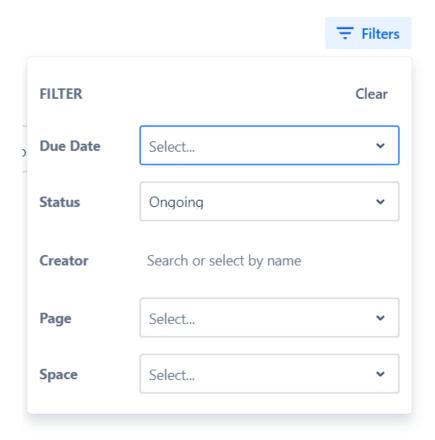
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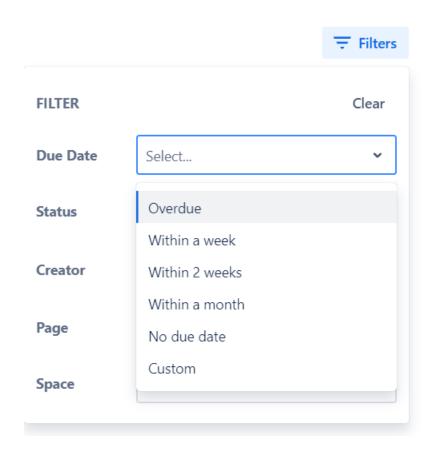
Spaces help your team structure, organize, and share work, so every team member has visibility into institutional knowledge and access to the information they need to do their best work.





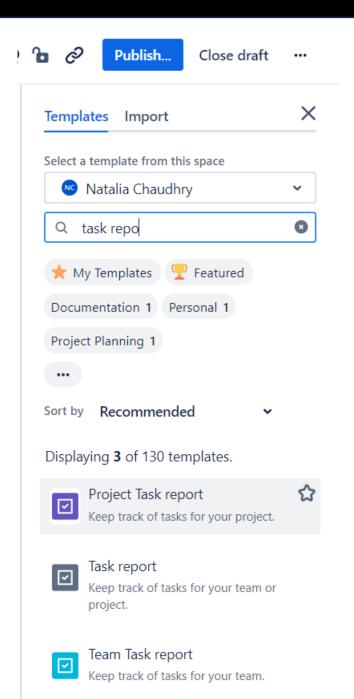




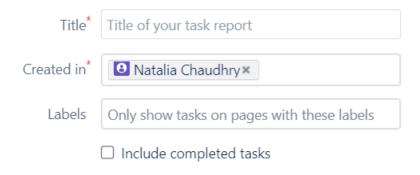


To create a task report:

- 1.Choose **Create** > **Task Report**
- 2.Select the type of report:
 - **1. Assigned to my team** for tasks assigned to particular people.
 - **2. In my project** for tasks that appear in a specific space or page.
 - **3. Custom** for a wide range of filtering options, including by date or page label.
- 3. Follow the prompts to create the report.



Report on tasks in my project



About task reports

Keep track of your tasks in a task report. See complete, incomplete and overdue tasks at a glance.



Search and discovery

Q Search Confluence Confluence Jira Atlas NEW Compass NEW Get answers from Atlassian Intelligence. Unleash the knowledge available in your Confluence by × asking questions in search and getting answers from Atlassian Intelligence. *** Try it free** RECENTLY VIEWED blank demo Home blank demo **Best Practices** blank demo Project Documentation blank demo Template - Product requirements Software Development Software Development Software Development Overview Natalia Chaudhry SPACES blank demo Software Development Natalia Chaudhry Advanced search

Use double quotes around your search term to find a specific word or phrase.

Search Give feedback 🔆 Ask Al Q "hello" ⊘ Labels ▼ + More filters • Type ▼ □ Space ∨ Showing 2 of 2 results **Best Practices** blank demo · Updated 1 hour ago ...hello...i changed this... Overview

Say **hello** to your colleagues who want to know your name, pronouns, role, team and location (or if you're remote). · 📄 Recent pages that I've worked on · 🤔 Get in touch...

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Limitations with exact match search Phrases with stop words

Confluence ignores common words (stop words) — such as 'and', 'the', 'or', and 'it' — even if they are included within double quotes.

For example, searching for "the IT budget" will only return pages containing 'budget', because 'the' and 'it' are stop words.

Phrases with special characters

Confluence ignores all symbols, such as hyphens or underscores, even if they are included within double quotes.

For example, if you search for "DOC-8510", you get all pages containing 'doc' and '8510'.

Search using wildcards

Wildcards replace one or more characters in your search. They can help expand your search. For example, the search below would find https://www.atlassian.com or http://www.atlassian.jp

http*.atlassian.*

Wildcard	Description	Example
Multiple characters	Use an asterisk (*) at the end of your word to replace multiple characters.	<pre>print* finds content containing 'printer', 'printing', 'prints' and so on.</pre>
Multiple wildcards	Use asterisks (*) to add more than one multiple-character wildcard	<pre>r*c* finds content containing 'react', 'recovery', 'refactor' and so on.</pre>
Single character	Use a question mark (?) to replace a single character in your search.	b?tter finds content containing 'butter', 'bitter', 'better', 'batter' and so on.

Exclude words from your search

Use NOT or minus (-) to exclude words from your search.

chalk NOT cheese

Combine search terms

Operator	Description	Example
OR	Use OR (in capital letters) to search for content that contains one of the terms.	chalk OR cheese finds content containing either 'chalk' or 'cheese'
AND	Use AND (in capital letters) to search for content that contains more than one search term.	chalk AND cheese finds content containing both 'chalk' and 'cheese'

CQL, or Confluence Query Language, is a powerful tool used to search and filter content within Confluence, Atlassian's collaboration software. With CQL, you can construct complex queries to find specific pages, attachments, comments, or other types of content within your Confluence instance.

This language operates similarly to SQL (Structured Query Language) but is tailored for Confluence's data structure.

You can use CQL in various parts of Confluence, such as the search bar, filters, macros, and gadgets, to retrieve the information you need more efficiently.

It allows you to narrow down search results based on various criteria like labels, space, creator, last modified date, and more.

Field Operators:

=: Matches exact values.

~: Performs a fuzzy match for text fields.

Special Keywords:

currentUser(): Represents the current user performing the search.

EMPTY: Matches fields with no value.

NULL: Matches fields that are not set.

For example, you could use CQL to find all pages in a specific space created by a particular user within a given time frame, or to locate pages containing specific keywords or attachments.

Here's a simple example of a CQL query:

type = page and creator = currentUser() and space = "My Space" and text ~ "important"

This query searches for pages created by the current user in the space named "My Space" that contain the word "important" in their text.

CQL queries

Find all pages in a specific space:

type = page and space = "Space Name"

Find pages created by a specific user:

type = page and creator = "username"

Find pages containing specific text:

type = page and text ~ "keyword"

Find pages with specific labels:

type = page and label = "labelName"

Find pages created or modified within a specific date range:

type = page and created >= "yyyy-mm-dd" and created <= "yyyy-mm-dd"

Find pages with comments containing specific text:

type = page and comment ~ "keyword"

Find pages with a specific parent page:

type = page and parent = "parentPageTitle"

That's it