

SECTION 2:

Essential Terms and Concepts

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Jira Defined: What It Does and What It Doesn't Do

Understanding Jira for
Users, Managers, and Admins

What is Jira?

Jira is an agile
project management
and work tracking tool

What is Jira?

The name Jira comes from Gojira, the original Japanese name for Godzilla, because Atlassian used an open-source bug tracking tool called Bugzilla.

The screenshot shows a Vivaldi browser window displaying the Atlassian website at www.atlassian.com. The page features the Atlassian logo and navigation links for Products, Teams, Why Atlassian?, Resources, and Enterprise. A search bar and a 'Sign in' button are also present. The main headline reads "The new Jira: from teams to dreams". Below the headline is a "Get started" button. Further down, there are icons for Software, Product management, Marketing, Project management, Design, and IT. The bottom half of the screenshot shows a Jira project board titled "The Next Big Thing". The board has columns for TO DO, DRAFTING, IN REVIEW, and DONE. It lists various tasks such as "Present prototype for final leadership review", "Demo AI capabilities to team", "Approve environmental requirements", and "Procure materials". The Jira interface includes a sidebar for overviews and projects, and a top navigation bar with options like "Your work", "Projects", "Filters", "Dashboards", "People", "Apps", and "Create".

Popular Project Management Frameworks

Waterfall

Waterfall is a linear and sequential project management methodology where each phase is completed before moving to the next.

It is best suited for projects with well-defined requirements and minimal expected changes during development.

Six Sigma

Six Sigma is a data-driven methodology focused on improving processes by identifying and eliminating defects to achieve near-perfect quality.

It uses statistical tools and techniques to enhance efficiency, reduce variability, and optimize performance in organizations.

Prince2

Projects IN Controlled Environments (Iteration 2) is a structured project management methodology emphasizing organization, control, and clearly defined roles throughout a project's lifecycle.

It is used for its flexibility and scalability across various industries and project types.

What Jira *Is Not*

By default, Jira *does not* use
any of those different frameworks

What Jira *Is*

By default, Jira *does use*
agile methodology

**What is
agile methodology?**