

Summary of Jira Software Documentation

Jira is a suite of agile work management solutions that powers collaboration across all teams from concept to customer. Jira helps teams plan, assign, track, report, and manage work and brings teams together for everything from agile software development and customer support to start-ups and enterprises.

Get started with Jira Software

To start using Jira Software, first you need to sign up for a free account. After you have done that, you will see the Projects landing page. In the top-right corner there is a blue button called “Create Project” this button will allow you to start a new project.

After that, you will need to select a project template. There are three project templates to choose from:

1. **Scrum:** For agile teams that work from a backlog, plan and estimate their work in sprints, and deliver work on a regular schedule.
2. **Kanban:** For agile teams that monitor work in a continuous flow (rather than in sprints), with a focus on managing in-progress work.
3. **Bug Tracking:** For teams that don't need boards and prefer to manage development tasks and bugs in a list view.

Then, if you have selected either the Scrum or the Kanban template you will need to select a project type. The two project types are team-managed projects and company-managed projects.

- **Team-managed projects** are suited for independent teams who want to control their own working processes and practices in a self-contained space.
- **Company-managed projects** are set up and maintained by Jira admins. This project type is designed for teams who want to standardize a way of working across many teams, such as sharing a workflow.

To set up your board in a way that reflects the way your team works you can drag the columns left or right to suit your ideal workflow. To add a board, you will need to click the “+” icon.

For scrum teams select the Backlog in the project menu on the left and click the “+” icon to create an issue and add it to your backlog. For Kanban teams simply click the “+” icon on the Board page.

Both Scrum teams and Kanban teams can add large pieces of work on their Roadmap. The Roadmap is a place to visualize, plan, and manage work. To create your first epic go to the Roadmap page on your project menu and start typing into the text field, then click enter. You can then add smaller pieces of work to the issue. Hover over the epic. Click the “+” icon to add a child issue.

Next, you will need to invite your team. Navigate to either your Board or Backlog and at the top of the screen, select Add people. Search for your team member's email address and select add to invite a team member to your project.

Finally, now that your team is in your Jira site, you're ready to collaborate and track work together. If you're in a scrum project, you'll need to create and start a sprint to begin tracking work. If you're in a Kanban project, you can start tracking work on the board. To track work items, move an issue from one column to another as it progresses through your team's workflow.

Integration with Slack

Install the Jira Cloud for Slack app onto your Slack workspace. Log into your Jira Software account to link Slack and Jira. Once logged in, you will receive a direct message from the Jira Cloud app in Slack and will be able to connect your first Jira project to a Slack channel.

Integration with Bitbucket

Log into your Jira Software account and click on the gear icon in the top-right corner. Then click on products. On the left menu, under Integrations click on DVCS accounts. After that, click the Link Bitbucket Cloud workspace button then grant access. You should be able to see a link to your bitbucket repository in the Jira project workspace.