

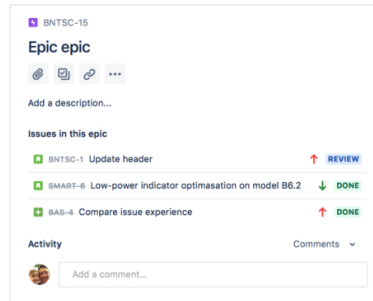
## What is an epic?

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An epic captures a large body of work—performance-related work, for example—in a release. It's essentially a large user story that can be broken down into a number of smaller stories. An epic can span more than one project. If multiple projects are included in the board where the epic is created.



Unlike sprints, scope-change in epics is a natural aspect of agile development. Epics are almost always delivered over a set of sprints. As a team learns more about an epic through development and customer feedback, some user stories will be added and removed to optimize the team's release time.

There may be differences in how epics are displayed and configured between Scrum and Kanban boards—especially if you're using the kanban backlog in a kanban project. See [Managing epics in a Scrum project](#) and [Managing epics in a Kanban project](#) for more info.

### Linking a Confluence page to an epic

If you have linked your Jira Software site to [Confluence](#), you can create and link Confluence pages to your epics. For example, you may want to link your epic to a specification or design document in Confluence.

Learn more: [Linking a Confluence page to an epic](#)

### Viewing an epic's issues

You can use the JQL [Epic Link](#) field to search for an epic's issues.

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