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## Roadmaps in Jira Software

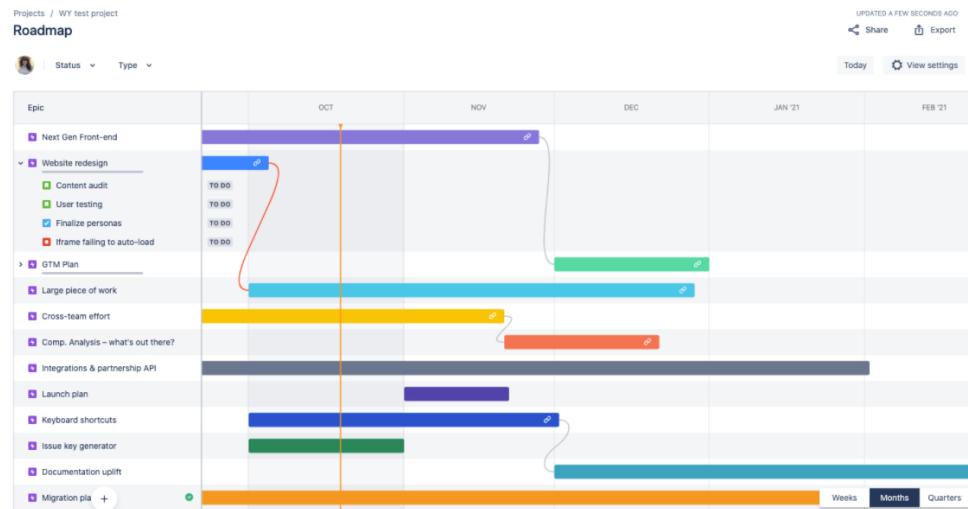
In Jira, roadmaps offer quick and easy planning that helps teams better manage their dependencies and track progress on the big picture in real-time.

In this guide, we'll explain key concepts of [roadmaps in Jira Software](#) and outline best practices to help get you started.

## What is a roadmap?

Roadmaps in Jira Software Cloud are team-level roadmaps useful for planning large pieces of work several months in advance at the Epic level within a single project. Simple planning and dependency management features help your teams visualize and manage work better together.

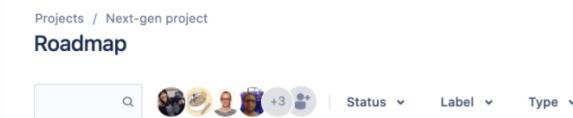
If you are looking to plan and track work across multiple teams, Advanced Roadmaps in Jira Software Premium empower teams at scale. [Learn more](#)

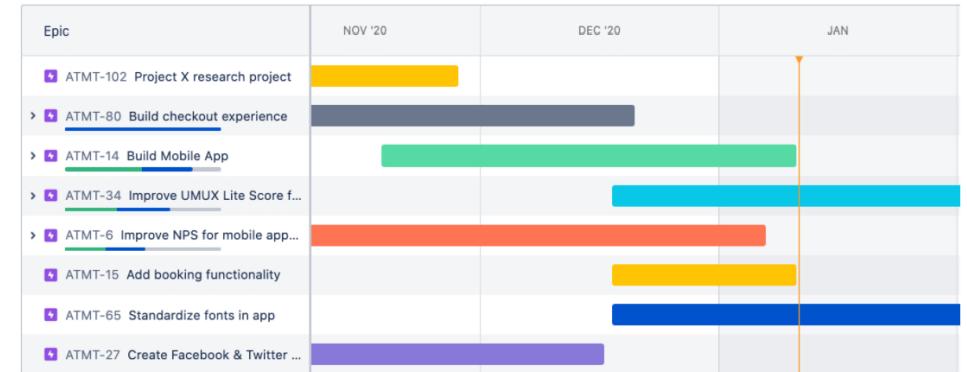


## Key Concepts

### Epics

An **epic** is a large body of work that can be broken down into individual tasks required to ship a feature. This work becomes a **child issue** of the epic (sometimes known as the “parent issue”). Epics are displayed as colored bars on the roadmap.





[Learn how to create and manage epics on your roadmap.](#)

## Child Issues

Child issues can be created directly from the roadmap and are nested within the epic they belong to. The most common child issues are stories, tasks, and bugs, but you can create new issue types to represent different pieces of work for your teams.

Quickly move issues to other epic and reorder issues or epics by dragging and dropping them directly from your roadmap.

[Learn more about adding issues to epics on the roadmap](#)

## Start and due dates

The length of the bar on the roadmap correlates with the start and due date set for your epic. Setting dates for your epic helps to:

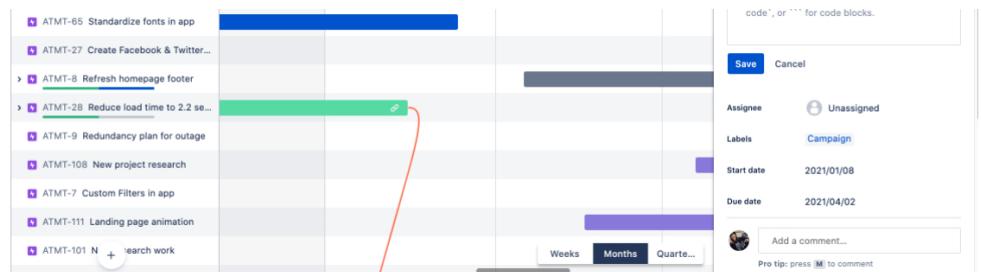
- Communicate plans with the team and provide visibility to external stakeholders
- Inform dependency mapping and help with resource management

| Epic                                 | FEB | MAR | APR                     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| ATMT-102 Project X research project  |     |     | 2021/01/08 ~ 2021/04/02 |
| ATMT-80 Build checkout experience    |     |     |                         |
| ATMT-14 Build Mobile App             |     |     |                         |
| ATMT-34 Improve UMUX Lite Score ...  |     |     |                         |
| ATMT-6 Improve NPS for mobile app... |     |     |                         |
| ATMT-15 Add booking functionality    |     |     |                         |

**Project X research project**

Description

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[Learn more about setting dates on the roadmap](#)

## Filters and view settings

Your Jira Software roadmap has built-in filters that make viewing and managing work simple.

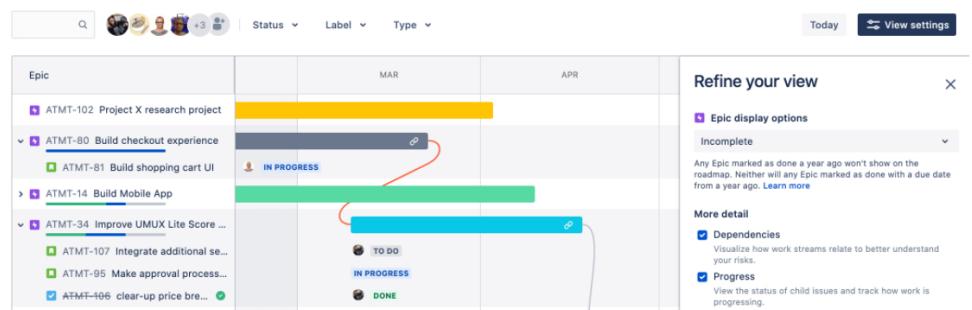
- Find and refine your roadmap by searching for keywords and filter by assignee, status, label, or issue type.

## Roadmap

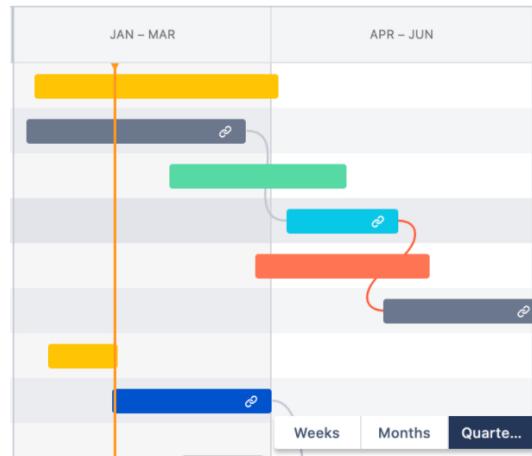


- Adjust **view settings** on your roadmap to change what is displayed. Add or remove dependencies and progress views and filter epics by status.

## Roadmap



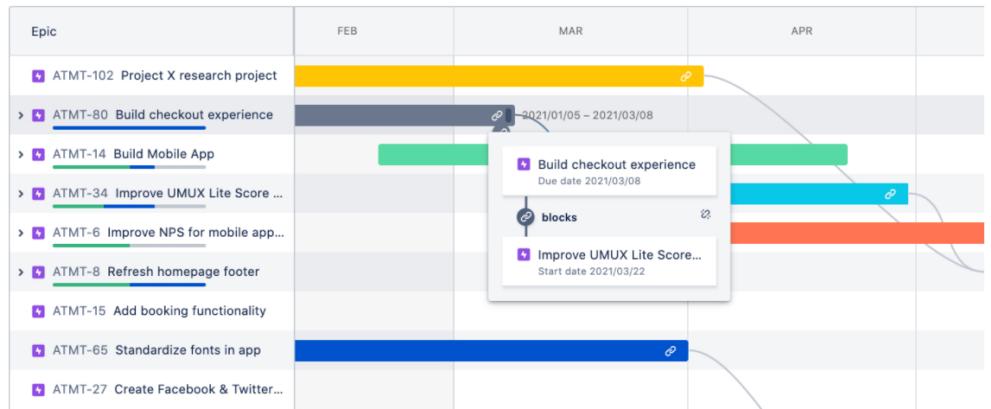
- Toggle to a specific timeframe, on the fly. Easily view your roadmap by weeks, months, or quarters.



[Learn more about customizing your view on the roadmap](#)

## Dependencies

Dependency management is critical for teams. When dependencies are visualized and well-mapped, a team can adapt and plan for alternative paths. In Jira Software, you can easily show the relationship between epics by mapping dependencies directly from the roadmap.



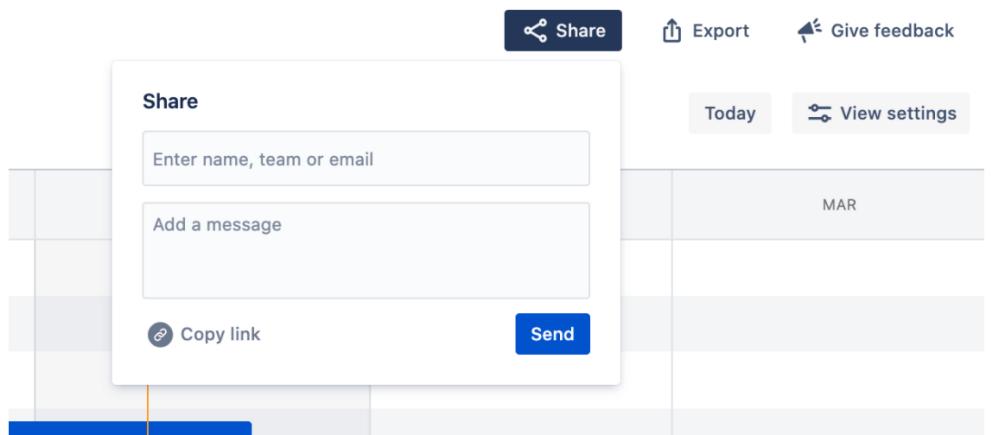
[Learn more about managing dependencies in Jira Software](#)

## Share and export

Share and export features allow you to easily share your project roadmap with stakeholders, add it to a presentation, attach it to project documentation, print it out, or add it to a Confluence Cloud page.

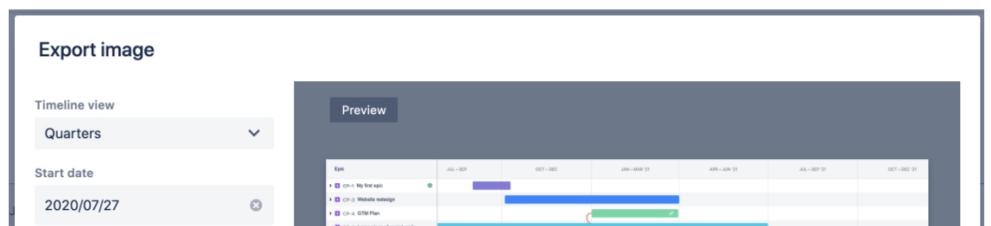
### Share your roadmap

Send your roadmap directly from Jira Software by typing in user names or emails or click copy to grab the roadmap URL.



### Export your roadmap

Adjust the timeline view, start date, and end dates before exporting it as an image.





[Learn more about sharing your roadmap](#)

## Create a roadmap in Jira Software

Now that we know the key terms and concepts, let's dive into how you can create a roadmap for you and your team in Jira Software Cloud.

1. Create a new Jira Software project or go to an existing project and then navigate to the sidebar and click Roadmap.

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iOS App Classic software project

Roadmap

Epic

- IOS-1 App Basics - iOS
- IOS-9 Trip management
- IOS-20 Group booking exp
- IOS-22 Social media integrat

Note: If you are not seeing your roadmap tab, enable the roadmap in the board setting.

2. Click **+ create epic** on the roadmap to create epics directly on your roadmap. If your roadmap is empty, simply start typing to create.

Projects / Kelly Test 1 / KT1 board Roadmap

Epic

- IOS-1 App Basics - iOS
- IOS-9 Trip management
- IOS-20 Group booking experience
- IOS-22 Social media integrations
- IOS-21 Team invitations
- IOS-26 New Epic

+ Create Epic