Lab: Choosing a default language

Most user-visible pages in Jira are now internationalized. When Jira is first installed, you can select from the default languages:

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Chinese
Czech
Danish
Dutch
English (UK or US)
Finnish
French
German
Hungarian
Italian
Japanese
Korean (South Korean)
Norwegian
Polish
Portuguese (Brazilian)
Russian
Spanish (Spain)
Swedish
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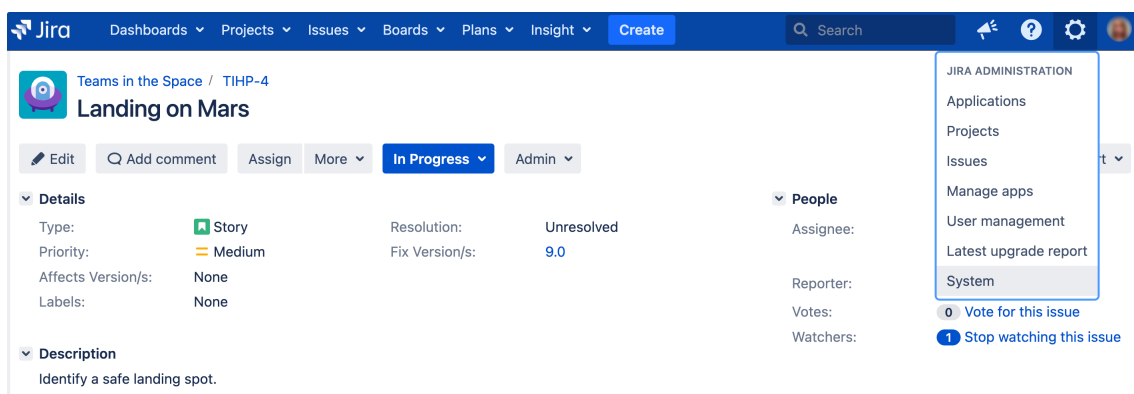
The following languages have been discontinued in Jira 8.12. You can still choose them in Jira, but new messages will be in English:

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Estonian
Icelandic
Romanian
Slovak
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For all of the following procedures, you must be logged in as a user with the Jira administrators global permission.

Changing the default language

1. In the upper-right corner of the screen, select **Administration** > **System**.

2. In the sidebar, select **General configuration**.

3. Select the **Edit settings** button, then select the appropriate language in the drop-down box next to **Default language**.