

# Welcome!

Welcome to Agile with Atlassian Jira!

We hope that you will enjoy the course, be challenged by it and learn a lot. The primary objective is to build a strong foundational knowledge of the principles of agile and lean, and to use Atlassian Jira as a tool to practice those principles.

It is suggested that you go through the course at a pace that makes sense for you. The topics build on each other, so it is better to slow down and really learn something than to just move on in order to keep up a certain pace. Use the forums or do a general web search if you are stuck. Agile and Jira topics have a lot of questions and answers on the web!

You can view the course videos on your phone, but the hands-on labs require a Mac, Windows or Linux computer. The labs for the course use the Free Jira plan. The hands-on labs are a key component of the course, reinforcing the material discussed in the video and providing you with real experience with agile and Jira.

Good luck with the course!

**Note:** The Cloud version of Jira used in this course is changing from using a vertical global sidebar to a top horizontal navigation bar. This change is gradually being rolled out to Jira sites. The videos and labs might not match exactly what you see in your Jira instance, but the behavior is very similar.

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