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Portfolio for Jira & Jira Align

Explore two Atlassian solutions to accelerate your agile at scale journey

Portfolio for Jira and Jira Align both help you visualize your work, plan for the future, and track progress along the way. Both use Jira as the team level system of record for work, but provide different sets of capabilities beyond the team level. Discover the differences and determine which is the right fit for your business.

Portfolio for Jira	Jira Align
Create realistic roadmaps, do long-term agile planning, and keep stakeholders up to date on work being done in Jira Software.	Improve visibility, strategic alignment, and business agility in order to accelerate your digital transformation with Jira Align.

VISUALIZE WORK
How do I get visibility across each of my teams, projects, and products in a single place?

Build plans to visualize work across teams and projects using your Jira data. In the roadmap view of a Portfolio for Jira plan, create inline timelines based on underlying Jira data. Use roadmaps to drill down for further information and inform strategic decision-making.	Visualize work across every level, from individuals on teams up to the portfolio and executive levels of your organization. Easily see how the work in progress connects to the strategic direction from your leadership, and quickly get a real-time snapshot of what hundreds of teams are working on, their status, and rolled-up progress.

PLAN WORK
How do I plan work across multiple levels of our business and understand what needs to be done and how much can be done before committing to that work?

Factor in your team's capacity, dependencies between work items, and the timing of major milestones in the form of releases (fix versions in Jira) before committing changes back to Jira and setting plans in motion. Planning can be done on a cadence: per sprint, per iteration, or further out depending on the team's planning horizon.	Effectively execute on the strategic direction of your business. Kanban and program boards facilitate quarterly and annual portfolio and program planning, roadmaps for product-level planning, and capacity/estimations for team-level execution efficiency.

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TRACK PROGRESS

How do I see how work is progressing, the status of items at various levels, prediction of when the work will be done, and indications if the work is off schedule?

Track progress of work at an individual or team level across individual work items, sprints/ iterations, or releases. Quickly adjust plans, manage new risks, and review release schedules in a single place.	Track the progress of work at multiple levels - from individuals on a team in a sprint, to the release of a new feature in your portfolio. Quickly adjust plans, manage new risks, review release schedules, and track success metrics in a single place.

MANAGE DEPENDENCIES

How do I see how work relates to other work, particularly when one item depends on the completion of another, at different levels of the organization that are relevant to me?

Create and review dependencies between work items spanning multiple teams and projects, as well as those that are external to your Portfolio plan, directly on your roadmap. Clearly see when conflicts arise and easily understand how changes between dependent issues can impact downstream work to determine the best path forward and avoid future conflicts.	Manage dependencies through a unique commitment workflow that allows both teams to acknowledge and commit to the dependency together, reducing the chances of confusion or miscommunication. Quickly visualize every dependency across teams and between programs to get a better understanding of the dependency workload, which teams may become bottlenecks, and improve your release predictability.

REPORTING

How can I share the status of work with the people in my organization who need to know?

Manipulate your plans with filters and view settings to provide meaningful updates on status, flag conflicts for discussion, or showcase long-term plans.	Configurable dashboards ("rooms") provide the live status of work in progress at a glance. Rooms provide multiple levels of reporting, from individual teams to the enterprise level, to help those with different needs to see the information they want.

PROGRAM & PORTFOLIO SUPPORT

What level of scale can I visualize, plan, manage, and track work at?

Visualize, plan, and track the progress of work for teams of agile teams, up to the program level.	Track financial impact, prove customer value delivered, apply lean portfolio management, and create strategic alignment up to the portfolio and executive level.

	Portfolio for Jira	Jira Align
Product tour	www.atlassian.com/portfolio	www.atlassian.com/align
Available on	Server, Data Center, Cloud*	Cloud (also available on-prem)
Methodologies supported	Scrum, Kanban, custom	Scrum, Kanban, Scaled Agile Framework® (SAFe®), Lean Startup, Spotify, LeSS, Value Engineering, Scrum @ Scale, hybrid or custom frameworks
Number of teams supported	Portfolio for Jira works best for collections of up to 20 agile teams working together (about 50-150 people at a time).	Functionally, Jira Align is capable of supporting hundreds to thousands of users at multiple levels within an organization.
Number of concurrent Jira instances supported	One	Multiple
Integrations with other Atlassian products	**Team-level work tracking**** Jira Software Server, Jira Software Data Center **Sharing** Confluence Server, Confluence Data Center	**Team-level work tracking** Jira Software Server, Jira Software Data Center, Jira Software Cloud
Loading limits	Loading limits prevent plans from becoming too large and hindering performance. Learn more about the current limits here.	Unlimited
Permissions	Set unique user permissions to manage access and ability to make changes to Portfolio plans. Learn more here.	Using a role-based permission set, assign users to roles on teams. Each role has distinct levels of access. Learn more here.

* *This comparison focuses only on the functionality available in Portfolio for Jira Server and Data Center 3.x.*

** *Host product deployment must match app deployment*

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VISUALIZE WORK		
Individual level	✓	✓
Team level	✓	✓
Team of Teams (program level)	✓	✓
Network of Teams (portfolio level)		✓
PLAN WORK		
Roadmapping	✓	✓
Plan future work/set dates	✓	✓
Keep plans up-to-date	✓	✓
Demonstrate impact of change	✓	✓
Team management	✓	✓
Capacity planning	◐	✓
Break work into quarterly events	◐	✓
TRACK PROGRESS		
Individual work item *(i.e. story or epic)*	✓	✓
Flexible hierarchy *(i.e. adding features or objectives above epics)*	✓	✓
Release management	✓	✓
Work on schedule	✓	✓
Managing risks	✓	✓
Progress metrics		✓

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MANAGE DEPENDENCIES		
Between individuals	✓	✓
Between teams	✓	✓
Between teams of teams	◐	✓
REPORTING		
Sharing	◐	✓
API	◐	✓
Configuring dashboards		✓
Business intelligence/analytics		✓
Data export		✓
3rd-party integrations		◐
PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
Portfolio management support		✓
Lean principles support		✓
Strategic success metrics (i.e. OKRs, KPIs)		✓
Pivot-or-persevere guidance		✓
Lean budgeting & dynamic investing		✓
Measuring growing revenue, reducing costs, proving ROI		✓

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STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT		
Surface strategic objectives to teams	✓	✓
Map work to business strategy	◖	✓
Map delivery team schedule to business schedule	◖	✓
Use a common naming convention	◖	✓
Associate financials to work		✓
Create, manage and map work to OKRs		✓

Agile at scale with Atlassian

Your agile journey is always a work in progress.
Find out how Atlassian supports you at each step.

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