Upgrade Notes

On September 30, 2020, we'll be upgrading our Confluence wiki software to version 7.4.1. This upgrade will provide several new and improved features. Here are a few highlights:

- New Confluence Search
- Better Editing experience
- Skip attached files when copying a page
- Macro improvements.
- Check who can view a page and share with confidence
- End of Support Note
- Wiki Administration features

For full documentation of new features and improvements, see the Confluence Release Notes for all versions from Confluence 6.14 to Confluence 7.4 (UCSF has the [SERVER license]).

If you have any questions or comments about the upgrade, please email the wiki administrators.

Highlights

New Confluence Search

The upgrade to Long Term Release (formerly called Enterprise Release) Confluence 7.4 offers a new search experience, making it easier to search, filter and find the information you need to keep work moving forward.

- New expanded search panel – removed the drop-down quick navigation feature, and replaced it with an expanded search panel.
- Full site search – the quick navigation feature previously restricted your search to titles. The new Confluence search now performs a full text search of your site content, including page content, space descriptions, and attached files.
- Interactive filters – we've added clickable filters to the new search feature, allowing users to narrow down their results to a particular space, type or time frame, space category or to content containing a specific contributor or label.
- Filter search by space category - use space categories as a search filter, allowing you to limit your results to a group of related spaces. Simply select the space category filter on the left-side of the search panel, start typing a keyword, then choose from the list of possible matches.
Better Editing experience

When an editing experience is smooth and trouble-free you hardly notice it. So the hope is that you notice nothing at all about the new upgraded editor.

A huge number of improvements are implemented, including solving common frustrations relating to table cells, bullet points, and cursor behavior, especially when copying and pasting content. The look of the editor hasn't changed, the improvements are all under the hood.

Skip attached files when copying a page

Did you know that when you copy a single page, all the attached files are copied too, even if they're not being used on the page? Over time this can add up to a lot of unnecessary files.

This latest upgrade provides the option to exclude attached files when copying a single page. Any files that were being used on the page will appear as "unknown attachment".

For a full overview, please refer to the Confluence updated search guide.
Macro improvements:

Spaces List macro: The Spaces List macro shows only current spaces by default. A new macro parameter is available if you would like it to also display archived spaces.

Change history macro: Previously, this macro showed the entire page history. Now you have the option to limit the number of versions that display in the macro.

Content by label macro: The content by label macro is used to show a list of pages that match a particular label and other search criteria. You can now choose to exclude the current page (the one the macro lives on) from the list, even if it matches your search.

Check who can view a page and share with confidence

Confluence is open by default, but due to the layers of space permissions and page restrictions that can be applied, it isn't always obvious who can actually see your page.

If you want to share a page with someone in a different team, for example, it's useful to know whether they have adequate permissions to see it before you hit the share button.

There is now a tool to determine who can view a specific page. Go to *** > People who can view for a simple list of all the people who:

- are allowed to view the space, via space permissions, and
- are not prevented from viewing the page by page restrictions.

Administrators can disable the People who can view option, if they don't want people to be able to see the list of names.

End of Support Note

Advance Notice: End of support for Internet Explorer 11

Atlassian wants to continue to take advantage of modern web standards to deliver improved functionality and the best possible user experience across all of our products and has decided to end support for Internet Explorer 11.

Confluence 7.4.x (Enterprise Release) will be the last release to support Internet Explorer 11.
Wiki Administration features

- **Delete profile picture**
  
  Administrators can now delete a user's profile picture. This will delete both their current profile picture, and any others they may have uploaded in the past.

- **Be better prepared for upgrades**
  
  We know upgrades can involve a lot of planning and preparation, so we’ve added some extra features to make the job easier.

  The new pre-upgrade planning tool brings together all the guidance you need in one place. We analyze your Confluence site, run some checks, and create an upgrade guide tailored to your instance and upgrade path.