

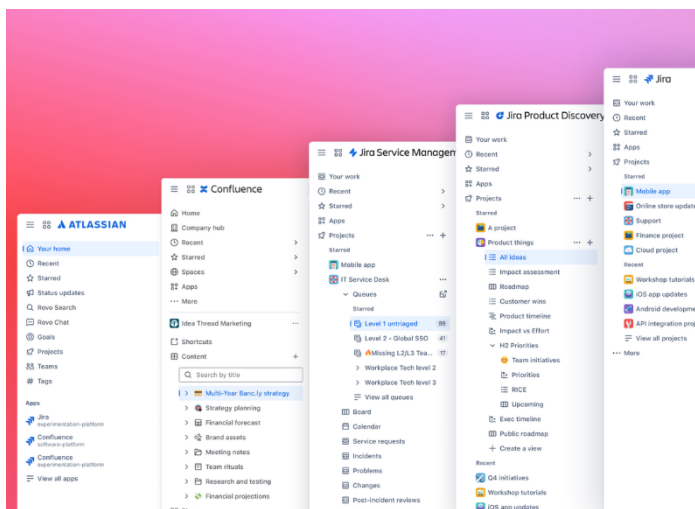
# Adapt to Confluence UI Changes with Ease: Flexible Space Navigation

Atlassian is rolling out a major Confluence UI redesign starting in 2025, removing the traditional top navigation menu and shifting all navigation to the left sidebar. This change requires users accustomed to the previous interface to adapt, and it will impact how they access key content.

## Changes in Confluence UI

Currently, the following updates have been implemented in the beta version:

These changes will soon be reflected in the official release, significantly affecting how users navigate and manage their workflows.



- Removal of the top navigation menu and shift to the left sidebar
- Changes in space navigation
- Modification of access to key pages and projects
- Potential adjustments to user-defined UI settings

## Why a Customized Confluence Environment Matters

Although this UI overhaul aims to enhance user experience, it may cause confusion for those who are familiar with the previous navigation system. With the top menu removed and all navigation moving to the left sidebar, workflows will change, and accessing key pages or projects may become less convenient.

In this evolving environment, customizing your Confluence workspace is essential to optimizing user experience. Instead of simply adapting to the new default UI, it is crucial to tailor the navigation structure to match your organization's workflow and team usage patterns.

- **Enhancing Information Accessibility for Sustained Productivity**

With navigation changes, finding essential pages or projects quickly can become a challenge. A custom Confluence environment allows users to optimize navigation paths, ensuring seamless access to frequently used spaces.

- **Reducing Adaptation Burden to the New UI**

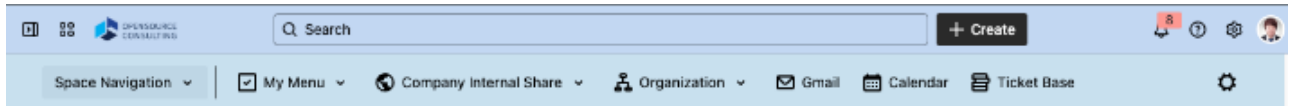
When a new UI is introduced, users need time to adjust to unfamiliar navigation patterns. By implementing customized navigation, organizations can mimic the previous top menu layout, minimizing disruption and ensuring a smoother transition.

- **Providing Team/Project-Specific Navigation Structures**

Not all teams use Confluence in the same way. Custom navigation enables departments and teams to create optimized structures tailored to their workflow, making collaboration more efficient.

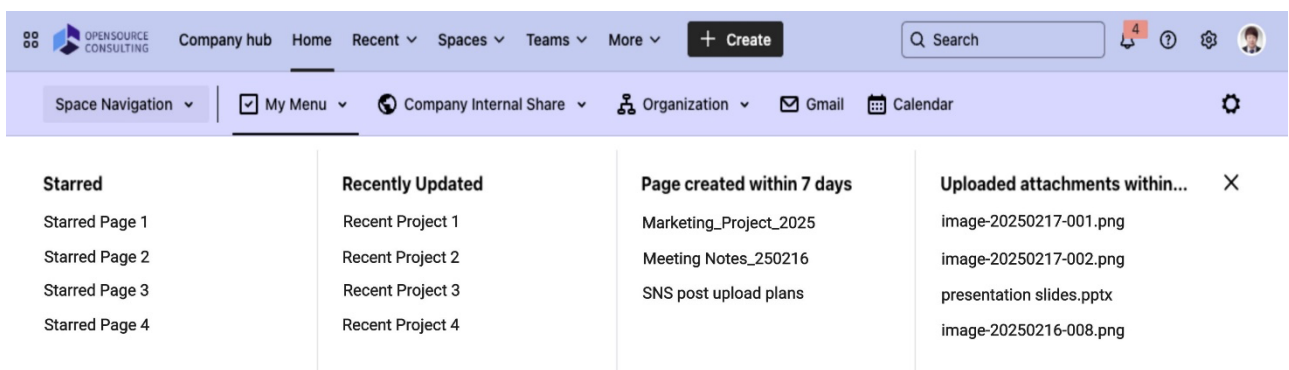
# How Can New Navigation Be More Convenient?

As the Confluence UI changes, users are looking for more efficient ways to navigate. [Flexible Space Navigation](#) helps maintain the familiarity of the old system while introducing a more intuitive navigation experience.



## 1. Flexible Navigation That Retains Familiarity

- Allow users to set up navigation like the previous top menu, reducing adaptation difficulties.
- Enable quick access to essential spaces and pages for projects and departments.
- Enhance efficiency by letting users place key links and features exactly where they need them.



## 2. Personalized Navigation for Individuals and Teams

- Users or teams can customize navigation menus and register key items in preferred locations.

- The shared navigation feature ensures consistency across team members.

### 3. Integration with External Links and Search Functionality

#### All Navigations

This is the list of all navigations you've created. In the navigation list, 'DEFAULT' and 'GUEST' navigations will be displayed at the top.

Create Navigation

Q Search

Type ▾

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| Active                           | Name ⓘ              | Viewers   | Editors   | Show in Confluence ⓘ                | Background Color  | Actions                                 |
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- Allow users to register frequently used external resources for quick access.
- Support CQL (Confluence Query Language) to display personalized results directly within navigation.
- Help users locate important data quickly and organize information in an optimized manner.

## Introducing Flexible Space Navigation!



# Flexible Space Navigation for Confluence

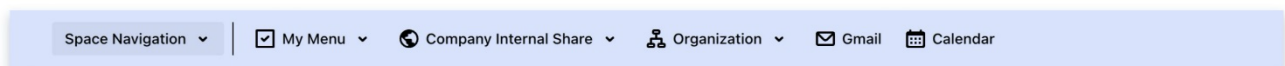
Flexible Space Navigation is an app for Confluence that allows users to create custom menus and submenus, making it easier to locate desired content. With simple clicks, users can manage menus, add external links, and customize colors and fonts.

Space Navigation

### Configure Navigation

Submenus in navigation can be configured up to 4 levels. Use drag-and-drop to move items or change their levels. [Learn more about configuring navigation](#)

Navigation Preview



Navigation Structure [Navigation Style](#)

#### Set Background Color for Light Theme

In Confluence's Light theme, you can set the navigation background color with a code or picker. In the Dark theme, Space Navigation automatically adjusts the background and text colors to be complementary.

Navigation Background Color

Submenu Background Color

Discover what users are saying about Flexible Space Navigation by reading real [customer reviews](#).

*“Managing a lot of content in Confluence just got a whole lot simpler! this app should be your go-to solution for organizing and navigating your Confluence*

*spaces effortlessly. If you are finding yourself scrolling endlessly or having a tough time locating the right page in your Confluence spaces, this app is here to enhance your usability and customization.”*

## How to make the Most of the New Confluence UI!

- **Boost Productivity and Collaboration Efficiency**

Enhance collaboration and maximize productivity by setting up intuitive navigation structures. A unified navigation framework across the organization helps improve information accessibility and optimize workflows.

- **Maintain a Familiar Navigation Experience Amidst Change**

The UI overhaul may initially disrupt users familiar with the old system. However, UI customization tools can help maintain a navigation structure like the previous setup, allowing users to transition smoothly.

- **Improve User Satisfaction with a Personalized Experience**

Empower users to customize their navigation environment according to their preferences, enhancing Confluence adoption and usability within the organization.

## Start Building Your New Navigation Experience Today!

The Confluence UI redesign requires users to adapt to a new way of working. However, by leveraging [marketplace apps](#) that support UI customization, organizations can merge the best aspects of the old and new interfaces. Adopt a more intuitive and efficient navigation system to boost productivity and smoothly transition to the updated UI!



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