Page History and Page Comparison Views

Confluence tracks histories of changes to pages by maintaining a version of the page each time it is modified. It is easy to view changes between different versions and to restore a previous version if required.

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Accessing the Page History View

To view the history of a page:

- Go to the page, open the 'Tools' menu and select 'Page History'. The 'Page History' view will open, showing a list of all versions of the page, ordered from newest at the top to oldest at the bottom.
- You can click the link on a specific version number to view the contents of that version. To get back to the page history view, click 'View Page History'.

Screenshot above: Page History View

If you are viewing a specific version of the page, the following functions are available:

- Click 'Compare with Current' to compare the differences between the version of the page you are viewing and the current version.
- Click 'Restore this Version' to restore the page version you are viewing to be the current version.
- Click 'View Page History' to return to the list of page versions.
- Click 'Previous' or 'Next' to view the previous or next page version, respectively.

Viewing Changes in a Page History

The page history view and page information view allow you to view recent changes made to a page or to compare the differences between any two versions of a page.

Viewing Recent Changes

To view recent changes made to a page:

1. Click the 'View change' link at the top of the page below the page title. The page comparison view is displayed, showing text differences in wiki markup between the current and previous versions.
2. Go to the 'Information' view for the page. To do this:
   a. Go to a page in the space, open the 'Tools' menu and select 'Info'. The 'Information' view will open.
3. In the section titled 'Recent Changes' you will see the most recent versions of the page, along with the date of their modification and the name of the modifying author.
4. Click 'View changes' beside the desired version. The page comparison view is displayed, showing text differences in wiki markup between the selected and previous versions.

Comparing Two Different Versions of a Page

To compare two different versions of a page:

1. Go to the page, open the 'Tools' menu and select 'Page History'. The 'Page History' view will open, showing a list of all versions of the page, ordered from newest at the top to oldest at the bottom.
2. Select the versions you want to compare by selecting the check boxes beside them.
3. Click the 'Compare selected versions' button. The page comparison view is displayed, showing the text differences in Wiki markup between the selected versions.

Page Comparison View

The page comparison view shows the differences in wiki markup between selected page versions.

Key
On the page comparison view, the following key is used to depict wiki markup differences between the selected page versions:

- New lines or continuous sections of content are highlighted in green
- Removed lines or continuous sections of content are highlighted in red with a strike
- Whole lines containing only minor changes show the:
  - Additions highlighted in green
  - Deletions highlighted in red with a strike

Screenshot above: Comparing Changes

Interactive views

When a page comparison view is first displayed, all large sections of unchanged text are hidden and reduced to an ellipsis ‘...’. Each one of these sections is 'toggled', such that:

- Clicking one of these ellipses reveals and expands the text it hides
- Clicking an expanded section of text hides and contracts it back to an ellipse

You can also view page changes between versions which are adjacent to your current page comparison view. Click the link containing:

- ‘<<’ to view the page comparison with the earlier adjacent version
- ‘>>’ to view the page comparison with the more recent adjacent version.

For example, if your page comparison view is between v. 30 and v. 34 of a page, you can view changes between:

- v. 29 and v. 30 by clicking ‘<< Changes from 29 to 30’
- v. 34 and v. 35 by clicking ‘Changes from 34 to 35 >>’
Other Page History View Features

You can also use the page history view to:

- View an older version of a page
- Restore an older version of a page
- View change comments

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