Watching a Space

You can ‘watch’ a Confluence page, a blog post or a space. To do this, you need ‘View’ permission on the page, blog post or space. Once you have added a watch, Confluence will then send you a notification by email whenever anyone updates the page, blog post or space. The updates include editing the page or blog post, adding a new page or blog post to the space, and adding a comment to the page, blog post or space.

- There is no daily digest for these notifications. You will receive an email notification every time someone makes a change.
- You can choose the pages, blog posts and/or spaces that you want to watch. You can stop watching them at any time.
- By default, Confluence will assign you as a watcher of any page or blog post that you create or edit. This behaviour is called ‘autowatch’. You can turn autowatch on or off.
- When you add a comment to a page, Confluence will by default put a tick in the ‘Watch this page’ check box in the comment. You can remove the tick before posting your comment.

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Watching an Entire Space

Watch a space if you want to receive notifications of updates to any content in the space.

*Hint:* By default, the option is labelled ‘Start watching this space’. If you are already watching for new blog posts in the space, the wording will change to ‘Start watching all content’.

To start watching a space:

1. Go to a page in the space, open the ‘Browse’ menu and select ‘Advanced’.
2. In the left-hand panel, click ‘Start watching this space’ (or ‘Start watching all content’).

To stop watching a space:

1. Go to a page in the space, open the ‘Browse’ menu and select ‘Advanced’.
2. In the left-hand panel, click ‘Stop watching this space’.

Watching for New Blog Posts in a Space

You can choose to receive a notification whenever someone adds a blog post in the space. You will not receive notification of updates to or deletions of blog posts, nor of comments on the blog posts.

*Hint:* By default, the option is labelled ‘Start watching space blogs’. If you are already watching the entire space, the wording will change to ‘Only watch space blogs’. If you choose that option, you will no longer be watching the entire space.

To start watching for new blog posts in a space:

1. Go to a page in the space, open the ‘Browse’ menu and select ‘Advanced’.
2. In the left-hand panel, click ‘Start watching space blogs’ (or ‘Only watch space blogs’).

To stop watching for new blog posts in a space:

1. Go to a page in the space, open the ‘Browse’ menu and select ‘Advanced’.
2. In the left-hand panel, click ‘Stop watching space blogs’.

Managing Watches via your User Profile

The ‘Watches’ page in your user profile displays a list of all pages and spaces you are currently watching.

To manage your watches:

1. Go to the ‘Watches’ view for your user profile, as follows:
   - Log in to Confluence, if you have not already done so.
   - Go to your name at the top of the page.
   - A dropdown list will appear. Select ‘Watches’ from the dropdown list.
2. Click the envelope icon next any unwanted watches to turn them off.

Managing Watches via the Email Message

The email notifications that you receive from Confluence have some useful links at the bottom of the email message. The links in each message vary, depending on the context. In general, the links allow you to view the page online, reply to a comment, and so on. In particular with respect to setting your notification preferences, you will see one or more of the following links:

- ‘Stop watching page’ – Click this link to stop watching the page that triggered the email notification.
- ‘Stop watching space’ – Click this link to stop watching the space that triggered the email notification.
- ‘Stop following this user’ – Click this link to stop following the user whose update triggered the email notification.
• 'Change email notification preferences' – Click this link to go to the email settings page in your user profile.

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