

# Viewing Comments

Comments on articles will appear by default in threaded form, below the page content. If the comment author is a Confluence user, a link appears to their profile page. The time of the comment's last edit is also displayed – you can mouse-over the time to see the date and time it was posted.

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## Actions for Viewing Comments on a Page

Confluence allows you to '**collapse**', '**expand**', '**show**' and '**hide**' comments on a page.

- **Collapse All**
  - Comments are all shrunk to a single line, showing the first 60 characters. This allows easy browsing of many comments.
  - Clicking the top line of any comment will expand it, showing the links to '**Edit**', '**Remove**' or '**Reply**'.
- **Expand All**
  - Comments are returned from the collapsed state to the usual threaded view, showing the full content of all comments inline.
- **Hide Comments**
  - The page's comments will be hidden when you view the page. The '**Comments**' line at the bottom of the page indicates whether the page currently has any comments.
- **Show Comments**
  - The page's comments will become visible below the page content.
  - Comment links at the bottom of each comment and the page allow you to post or manage comments.

• *Screenshot above: Hide View*

## Note

- Confluence defaults the view to 'Show' or 'Hide' comments based on what your preference was on your last visit to the site.
- In Confluence 2.8.0, collapsible comments are only available under the default Confluence theme.

## Setting the Appearance of Comments on Pages

Comments in Confluence are displayed in one of two views which is configured globally by a [site administrator](#):

- **Threaded** - this view shows the comments in a hierarchy of responses. Each subsequent reply to a comment is indented to indicate the relationships between the comments.
- **Flat** - this view displays all the comments in one single list and does not indicate the relationships between comments.

• *Screenshot above: Threaded View*

• *Screenshot above: Collapsed View*

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