

Office Connector Prerequisites

The page describes the software and setup you need to use the [Office Connector](#).

i Your [System Administrator](#) can enable or disable the Office Connector or parts of it. The Office Connector options can appear in different places on your Confluence page, depending on the themes and configuration of your Confluence site. Please refer to [Configuring the Office Connector](#) in the *Confluence Administration Guide* and discuss any configuration problems with your administrator.

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Overall Prerequisites

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- Ensure that Java 5 (JDK 1.5) or higher is installed on your Confluence server.
- The **WebDAV plugin** must be enabled, because the Office Connector uses WebDAV to transfer information to and from Office documents. Note that the WebDAV plugin is bundled with Confluence, and can be enabled or disabled by the [System Administrator](#). If necessary, refer to the instructions on [enabling plugins](#) and [configuring the WebDAV options](#).
- Ensure that your Confluence server's **base URL** is set correctly. (Check it by going to the 'General Configuration' screen in the Confluence Administration Console, as described in [Configuring the Server Base URL](#).) When a user edits a wiki page in Word and then uploads the page back to the Confluence server, the base URL determines where the document will be saved. If the base URL is incorrect, the documents may be saved to a different Confluence server.

Prerequisites for Viewing Office and PDF Files in Confluence

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If you want to make use of the [View File macro](#) or to [view Office files](#) attached to a wiki page, you need the setup described below.

Browsers and Flash Player

You can use any browser to view an Office file on a wiki page or attachment view, provided that you have installed [Adobe Flash Player](#) version 9 or later. You do not need to have an Office desktop application installed on your computer, in order to view Office files in Confluence.

File Types

To be displayed in Confluence, the file needs to be a valid Microsoft Office 97-2007-compatible or PDF file, of the following types:

- `.doc` and `.docx`
- `.xls` and `.xlsx`
- `.ppt` and `.pptx`
- `.pdf`

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If you are using OpenOffice to create and edit the documents, you will need to save your document in Microsoft Office 97-2003 format before attaching it to a Confluence page.

Prerequisites for Importing Office Documents into Confluence

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- Document import can import Microsoft Word documents of the file types `.doc` and `.docx`. These must be valid Word 97-2007 format documents.

Prerequisites for Editing Office Files Directly From Confluence

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The Office Connector allows you to edit:

- Office files embedded in a wiki page or from the page's attachments view
- The contents of a wiki page in a compatible Office word processor application.

To make use of these editing capabilities, you will need the setup described below.

Browsers

- If you are using Firefox, you will need to install a Firefox add-on. Firefox will prompt you to do this, the first time the add-on is required. You will find instructions in [Installing the Firefox Add-On for the Office Connector](#).

Office File Editors

To edit Office files, you will need to have Microsoft Office, [OpenOffice](#) or [NeoOffice](#) installed. (See the configuration matrix below.)

- If you are using Firefox, you can choose which of the above editors you want to use. The Firefox add-on allows you to configure this option for each file type. See [Installing the Firefox Add-On for the Office Connector](#).
- If you are using Internet Explorer, you will need Microsoft Office. You cannot edit Office files in OpenOffice when using Internet Explorer.

Configuration Matrix

You need one of the following software combinations to edit Office files from your wiki page:

Operating System	Office Version	Browser
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows Vista, or• Windows XP with Service Pack 2 or 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OpenOffice 2.x – 3.x, or• Microsoft Office XP, 2003 or 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet Explorer 6.x – 8.x, or• Firefox 2.x – 3.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mac OS X 10.5 and 10.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NeoOffice 3.1.1 (Version 3.1.2 of Neo Office does not work. See CONF-18365 for further information).• The "Edit in Work" feature is known to work in OpenOffice 3.2.0.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firefox 2.x – 3.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OpenOffice 2.x – 3.x The only known supported Office editor for Linux is OpenOffice. But in theory it should work with any WebDAV-aware application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firefox 2.x – 3.5

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