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Getting started

Atlassian Stash is the on-premises Git repository management solution for enterprise teams. It allows everyone in your organisation to easily collaborate on your Git repositories.

This section describes how to install, set up and start using Stash.

Related pages:
- Using Stash
- Administering Stash
- Stash FAQ
- Stash upgrade guide

System requirements

- Stash is a Java application, and relies on the Git distributed version control system (DVCS). See our Supported platforms page to find out about system requirements.

Download and install Stash

- Windows
- Mac
- Linux

Use Git

Stash is all about managing Git repositories. If you still need to install Git locally, see the Stash install pages.

We have some information here to help get you up and running with Git:

- Git Tutorials and Training
- Basic Git commands
- Permanently authenticating with Git repositories
- Using SSH for Git operations
- Git resources

Work with projects

Stash manages related repositories as projects. Find out how to set up projects and give your teams access to those.

If you have existing projects that you want to manage in Stash, then you’ll want to read Importing code from an existing project.

Integrate Stash with other Atlassian applications

As a first step, see JIRA integration for information about using Stash with JIRA. To link Stash with JIRA, see Configuring JIRA integration in the Setup Wizard.

If you want to see results from your continuous integration or build server in Stash, see Bamboo integration.

Read more about using Stash
You are looking at the Stash documentation. Browse using the tree in the panel on the left, or use the search at the top right.

Atlassian blog posts:

- Getting social with pull requests
- Enterprise Git the way you want it
- Linking your Stash Git repositories to Crucible for code reviews
- Simple, secure Git repository management for the enterprise

Using Stash in the enterprise

Atlassian Stash is the Git code management solution for enterprise teams. It allows everyone in your organisation to easily collaborate on your Git repositories, while providing enterprise-grade support for:

- user authentication
- repository security
- integration with your existing databases and development environment.

This page describes best practice for using Stash in enterprise environments, that is with 500+ user licenses. Of course, much of this information is also applicable to other Stash installations.

On this page:

- Platform requirements for hosting Stash
- Performance considerations with Stash
- Setting up Stash in a production environment
- Administering Stash in a production environment

Platform requirements for hosting Stash

Although Stash can be run on Windows, Linux and Mac systems, for enterprise use we only recommend, and support, Linux. This recommendation is based on our own testing and experience with using Stash.

Please see the Supported platforms page for details of the supported versions of Java, external databases, web browsers and Git.

Performance considerations with Stash

In general, Stash is very stable and has low memory consumption. There are no scalability limits other than for Git hosting operations (clone in particular). We know this is the scalability limit of the product; the limit is proportional to the number of cores on the system.

As an example, data collected from an internal Stash instance indicate that for a team of approximately 50, with associated continuous integration infrastructure, we see a peak concurrency of 30 simultaneous clone operations and a mean of 2 simultaneous clone operations. We conservatively expect that a customer with similar usage patterns would be capable of supporting 1000 users on a machine with 40 cores and a supporting amount of ram. While we expect a peak concurrency larger than 40, Stash is designed to queue incoming requests so as to avoid overwhelming the server.

Please see Scaling Stash for more information about Stash performance and hardware requirements.

Setting up Stash in a production environment

When setting up Stash for a production or enterprise environment, please follow the instructions on the Installing Stash on Linux and Mac page. We highly recommend that you configure the following aspects:

Use an external database

- For production environments Stash should use an external database, rather than the embedded database. Set up your external DBMS (for example MySQL) before starting Stash for the first time. This allows you to connect Stash to that DBMS using the Setup Wizard that launches when you first run Stash.
See Connecting Stash to an external database.

Connect to your existing user directory

- Connect Stash to your existing user directory (for example Active Directory). See External user directories.

Secure the Stash home directory

- For production environments the Stash home directory should be secured against unauthorised access. See Stash home directory.

Secure Stash with HTTPS

- Access to Stash should be secured using HTTP over SSL, especially if your data is sensitive and Stash is exposed to the internet. See Securing Stash with HTTPS.

Enable SSH access to Git repositories

- Enable SSH access for your Stash users to Git repositories in Stash so that they can add their own SSH keys to Stash, and then use those SSH keys to secure Git operations between their computer and the Stash server. See Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash.

Change the context path for Stash

- If you are running Stash behind a proxy, or you have another Atlassian application (or any Java web application), available at the same hostname and context path as Stash, then you should set a unique context path for Stash. See Moving Stash to a different context path.

Administering Stash in a production environment

Upgrading Stash

- For production environments we recommend that you test the Stash upgrade on a QA server before deploying to production. See the Stash upgrade guide.

Backups and recovery

- Stash does not currently have any built-in data backup or recovery solutions. We highly recommend that you establish a data recovery plan that is aligned with your company’s policies. See Data recovery and backups for information about using the Stash backup client.

Logging

- Stash server logs can be found in <STASH_HOME>/log. Logs for the bundled Tomcat webserver can be found in <Stash installation directory>/log. See Stash debug logging.
- Stash displays recent audit events for each repository and project (only visible to Stash admins and system admins), and also creates full audit log files that can be found in the <Stash home directory>/audit/logs directory. Note that Stash has an upper limit to the number of log files it maintains, and deletes the oldest file when a new file is created – we recommend an automated backup of log files. See Audit logging in Stash.

Supported platforms

This page lists the supported platforms for Stash 2.8.x.

See JIRA compatibility for information about supported versions of JIRA.

Key:  = Supported  = Deprecated  = Not Supported

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• For the OracleJDK, you can download the Java SE Development Kit (JDK) from the Oracle website.
For the OpenJDK, download and install instructions for Linux flavours are at [http://openjdk.java.net/install/](http://openjdk.java.net/install/).

Once the JDK is installed, you will need to set the `JAVA_HOME` environment variable, pointing to the root directory of the JDK. See Installing Stash on Windows or Installing Stash on Linux and Mac for details.

As of Stash 2.4, support for Java 6 is now deprecated. Stash 3.0+ will require Java 7. If you are using Java 6, Stash requires at least 1.6.0_4 (See STASH-3708).

### Operating Systems

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Stash is a pure Java application and should run on any platform, provided all the JDK requirements are satisfied.

In production environments Stash should be run from a dedicated user account.

Although Stash can be run in virtualised environments, Atlassian is not yet able to provide technical support for performance-related problems in a virtualised environment. If you do chose to run Stash in a virtual machine, please ensure that you choose a VM with good IO throughput.

### Databases

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Please see connecting Stash to an external database.

MySQL 5.6.x: Note that Stash does not support MySQL 5.6.x, because of bugs in its query optimizer ([#68424](http://), [#69005](http://)). See Connecting Stash to MySQL for more information.

### Web Browsers

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As of Stash 2.0, support for Internet Explorer 8 is deprecated. Some screens may not render correctly, and some functionality may not be available. Stash 3.0+ will require Internet Explorer 9+.

### DVCS Clients

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The version of Git installed on machines that interact with Stash must be compatible.
Git - client side | ✔ 1.6.6+ | with the version of Git installed for use by the Stash server.
- ✅ Git 1.7.1 is not supported.
- ✗ Cygwin: Cygwin Git is not supported for use on Windows servers, regardless of version.

### Additional tools

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### Mail Clients

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### Hardware requirements

See [Scaling Stash](#) regarding the hardware requirements for your Stash installation.

### Notes:

Deploying multiple Atlassian applications in a single Tomcat container is **not supported**. We do not test this configuration and upgrading any of the applications (even for point releases) is likely to break it.

Finally, we recommend not deploying any other applications to the same Tomcat container that runs Stash, especially if these other applications have large memory requirements or require additional libraries in Tomcat's `lib` subdirectory.

### Installing Stash on Windows

Hey! We’re going to install Stash on Windows. There are a few steps, but we think you’ll really like Stash once it’s up and running.

1. **Check supported platforms**

Better check the [Supported platforms](#) page first; it lists the application servers, databases, operating systems, web browsers and JDKs that we have tested Stash with and recommend.

Atlassian only officially supports Stash running on x86 hardware and 64-bit derivatives of x86 hardware.

⚠️ **Cygwin Git is not supported.** No internal testing is done on that platform, and many aspects of Stash's functionality (pull requests and forks among them) have known issues. When running Stash on Windows, **always use msysGit**.

### Related pages:

- Running Stash as a Windows service
- Installing Stash on Linux and Mac
- Getting started with Git and Stash
- Supported platforms
- Stash upgrade guide

### Download latest version

2. **Check your version of Java**
In a command prompt, run this:

```
java -version
```

The version of Java should be **1.6.0** or higher.

✓ If you don't see Java 1.6.0 or higher, then get Java...

Download and install the Java Platform JDK (not the JRE) from Oracle’s website.

Now try running `java -version` again to check the installation. The version of Java should be **1.6.0** or higher.

### 3. Check that Windows can find Java

Stash uses the JAVA_HOME environment variable to find Java. To check that, in a command prompt, run:

```
echo %JAVA_HOME%
```

You should see a path to the root directory of the Java installation. When running Stash on Windows, unlike Linux or Unix, JAVA_HOME paths with spaces are just fine.

✓ If you don't see a path...

If you don't see a path, or if you just see `%JAVA_HOME%`, then set JAVA_HOME as follows:

#### For Windows 7:

1. Go to **Start**, search for "sys env" and choose **Edit the system environment variables**.
2. Click **Environment Variables**, and then **New** under 'System variables'.
3. Enter "JAVA_HOME" as the **Variable name**, and the absolute path to where you installed Java as the **Variable value**. Don't use a trailing backslash, and don't wrap the value in quotes.

Now, in a **new command prompt**, try running `%JAVA_HOME%/bin\java -version`. You should see the same version of Java as you saw in 2. above.

### 4. Check your versions of Git and Perl

In a command prompt, run:

```
git --version
perl --version
```

The version of Git should be **1.7.6** or higher. The version of Perl should be **5.8.8** or higher.

✓ If you don't see supported versions of Git and Perl, then get them...
Download the Full installer for official Git for Windows. Installing Git for Windows (msysGit) also installs a supported version of Perl.

Run the Git installer. Ensure that git.exe is available in the path:

- Option 2, "Run Git from the Windows Command Prompt", or Option 3, "Run Git and included Unix tools from the Windows Command Prompt", will both work with Stash.
- Do not select Option 1, "Use Git Bash only" -- this will not work with Stash.

![Git Setup](Image)

Now, in a new command prompt, try running `git --version` again. The version of Git should be 1.7.6 or higher.

⚠️ msysGit is the only supported distribution when running Stash on Windows. Cygwin Git is not supported and has known issues.

5. Now it's time to get Stash

Download Stash from the Atlassian download site. Looking for the Stash WAR file?

Extract the downloaded file to an install location. The path to the extracted directory is referred to as the installation directory in these instructions.

⚠️ Don't use spaces in the path to the Stash installation directory.

6. Tell Stash where to store your data

The Stash home directory is where your Stash data is stored.

Create your Stash home directory, and then tell Stash where you created it by setting a STASH_HOME environment variable, as follows.

For Windows 7:

1. Go to Start, search for "sys env" and choose Edit the system environment variables.
2. Click Environment Variables, and then New under 'System variables'.
3. Enter "STASH_HOME" as the Variable name, and the absolute path to your Stash home directory as the Variable value. Don't use a trailing backslash.

⚠️ There are a couple of things to know about setting up the Stash home directory on Windows that will make
life easier:

- You should not locate your Stash home directory inside the `<Stash installation directory>` — they should be entirely separate locations. If you do put the home directory in the `<Stash installation directory>` it will be overwritten, and lost, when Stash gets upgraded. And, by the way, you can’t use the same Stash home directory for multiple instances of Stash.
- Keep the path length to the Stash home directory as short as possible. See Pull request merges can fail when Stash is hosted on Windows for an explanation.
- Don’t use spaces in the path to the Stash home directory.

7. Start Stash!

⚠️ Stash needs to be run as a non-administrator user.

The user that runs Stash must have read and write access to the Stash home directory and the `<Stash installation directory>`.

In a command prompt, change directory to the `<Stash installation directory>` and run the following command:

```
bin/start-stash.bat
```

In your browser, go to `http://localhost:7990` and run through the Setup Wizard. In the Setup Wizard:

- Select Internal at the 'Database' step, if you are evaluating Stash. Stash will happily use its internal database, and you can easily migrate to external database later. See Connecting Stash to an external database.
- Set up JIRA integration now, or do this later if you wish. See Configuring JIRA integration in the Setup Wizard.

8. Set up your mail server

Configure your email server so users can receive a link from Stash that lets them generate their own passwords. See Setting up your mail server.

9. Add users and repositories

Now is the time to set up your users in Stash, and to tell Stash about any existing repositories you have. Please the following pages for the details:

- Getting started with Git and Stash
- Importing code from an existing project

Additional steps for production environments

For production environments we recommend that you configure the additional aspects below. These are not necessary when installing for evaluation purposes. Please see Using Stash in the enterprise for more information about best practice.

Run Stash as a dedicated user

- For production environments Stash should be run from a dedicated user account with restricted privileges. See Running Stash with a dedicated user.

Use an external database

- For production environments Stash should use an external database, rather than the embedded database. See Connecting Stash to an external database.

Secure the Stash home directory

- For production environments the Stash home directory (created in step 7 above) should be secured against unauthorised access. See Stash home directory.
Secure Stash with HTTPS

- For production environments access to Stash should be secured using HTTP over SSL, especially if your data is sensitive and Stash is exposed to the internet. See Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL.

Run Stash as a Windows service

- See Running Stash as a Windows service.

Connect to your existing user directory

- See External user directories.

Change the context path for Stash

- Where you are running Stash behind a proxy, or you have another Atlassian application, or any Java web application, available at the same hostname and context path as Stash, then you should set a unique context path for Stash. See Moving Stash to a different context path.

Stopping Stash (optional)

In a command prompt, change directory to the `<Stash installation directory>` and run:

```
bin\stop-stash.bat
```

Uninstalling Stash

To uninstall Stash, stop Stash as described above and then delete the `<Stash installation directory>` and Stash home directory.

Running Stash as a Windows service

For long-term use on a Windows server, Stash should be configured to run as a Windows service. This has the following advantages:

- Stash will be automatically restarted when the operating system restarts.
- Stash is less likely to be accidentally shut down, as can happen if the console window Stash was manually started in is closed.
- Stash logs are properly managed by the Windows service.

Note that Stash should be run using a non-administrator user account that has read and write access to the Stash home directory and the `<Stash installation directory>`.

On this page:
- Setting up Stash as a Windows service
- Troubleshooting

Related pages:
- Installing Stash on Windows
- Running Stash as a Linux service

Before you start

- If you are using a 64-bit version of Windows, first ensure that Stash uses a 64-bit JVM (check by running `java -version` in a Command Prompt, and ensure that the `JAVA_HOME` system environment variable points to the 64-bit JVM), and then replace the 32-bit Tomcat binaries with their 64-bit counterparts in the `<Stash installation directory>/bin directory`.

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Setting up Stash as a Windows service

To run Stash as a Windows service:

1. Stop Stash.
2. Open a Command Prompt (as an Administrator – see the Before you start section above).
3. Change directory to the Stash installation directory and then into the bin subdirectory. If a directory in the path has spaces (e.g. C:\Program Files\..), use its eight-character equivalent (e.g. C:\Progra-1\..).
4. Run the following commands:

   ```
   > service.bat install
   > tomcat7 /US//STASH --Startup auto
   ```

   This will create a service with the name "STASH" and a display name of "Atlassian Stash". If you would like to customize the name you can instead run:

   ```
   > service.bat install MyName
   > tomcat7 /US//MyName --Startup auto
   ```

   This will create the service as "MyName" with a display name of "Atlassian Stash MyName".
5. Run the following command to increase the amount of memory that Stash can use (the default is 768 Mb):

   ```
   > tomcat7 /US//service_name --JvmMx 1024
   ```

6. Verify that the Stash service comes back up after restarting the machine.

Here is an example:
Troubleshooting

- Problems may occur when trying to setup Stash to run as a Windows service with JDK 1.6. The problem is due to failure to locate MSVCR71.DLL, which can be found in %JAVA_HOME%/bin. There are two options to resolve this problem:
  - Add %JAVA_HOME%/bin to PATH, then restart the Stash server.
  - Copy MSVCR71.DLL to system path, C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32 or C:\WINNT\SYSTEM32.
- Take note of the username that the service is running as. Stash needs to be run as a non-administrator user with read and write access to the Stash home directory and the <stash installation directory>.

Installing Stash on Linux and Mac

Hey! We’re going to install Stash on a Linux box, or a Mac. There are a few steps, but we think you’ll really like Stash once it’s up and running.

If you are installing Stash for production or enterprise use, please read Using Stash in the enterprise first.

1. Check supported platforms

Better check the Supported platforms page first; it lists the application servers, databases, operating systems, web browsers and JDKs that we have tested Stash with and recommend.

Atlassian only officially supports Stash running on x86 hardware and 64-bit derivatives of x86 hardware.

Related pages:

- Installing Stash on Windows
- Running Stash as a Linux service
- Getting started with Git and Stash
- Supported platforms
- Stash upgrade guide
- Using Stash in the enterprise

See also:

- Chef recipe for Stash
- Puppet/Vagrant How-To
The version of Java should be **1.6.0** or higher.

If you don't see Java 1.6.0 or higher, then get Java...

### Install Java

Download and install the Java Platform JDK (not the JRE) from [Oracle's website](https://www.oracle.com/).

Now try running `java -version` again to check the installation. The version of Java should be **1.6.0** or higher.

### Check that the system can find Java

In a terminal, run this:

```
echo $JAVA_HOME
```

You should see a path like `/System/Library/Frameworks/JavaVM.framework/Versions/CurrentJDK/Home/`

### Set your JAVA_HOME if you don't see a path

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You should see a version of Java that is **1.6.0** or higher, like this:

```
java version "1.6.0_24"
```

### 3. Check your versions of Git and Perl

In a terminal, run this:
The version of Git should be **1.7.6** or higher. The version of Perl should be **5.8.8** or higher.

If you don't see supported versions of Git and Perl...

```
git --version
perl --version
```

Download and install the latest stable Git release from the [Git website](http://git-scm.com). Now try running `git --version` again. The version of Git should be **1.7.6** or higher.

Please note the following:

- See the [Git resources](https://git-scm.com/docs) page for links to more Git download sites.
- At the time of writing, the default Git version on Ubuntu Linux is 1.7.5.x, which is too old for Stash: see [https://launchpad.net/~git-core/+archive/ppa](https://launchpad.net/~git-core/+archive/ppa).
- At the time of writing, on Mac OS X, the Git tar archive can fail on special characters when using SSH to secure connections between your computer and Stash. (The Git `archive` command allows you to download as a single file the files in a checkout of the Git repository.) We recommend that you use the zip format; you can set that using the following command:

```
git archive --format zip
```

Download and install the latest stable Perl release from [http://www.perl.org/get.html](http://www.perl.org/get.html), or use your favourite package manager. Now try running `perl --version` again. The version of Perl should be **5.8.8** or higher.

**4. Now it's time to get Stash**

Download Stash from the [Atlassian download site](https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/JIRA/Knowledge+base). Looking for the Stash WAR file?

Extract the downloaded file to an install location. The path to the extracted directory is referred to as the `<Stash installation directory>` in these instructions.

**5. Tell Stash where to store your data**

The Stash [home directory](https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/JIRA/Setting+your+Stash+home+directory) is where your Stash data is stored.

Create your Stash home directory (without spaces in the name), and then tell Stash where you created it by editing the `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh` file — uncomment the `STASH_HOME` line and add the absolute path to your home directory. Here’s an example of what that could look like when you’re done:

```
# Set the STASH_HOME variable. Simply uncomment it and set a valid path.
# A good idea is to set it outside the command terminal; that will also work.

STASH_HOME="/Users/splittet/Stash-home"
```

⚠️ You should not locate your Stash home directory inside the `<Stash installation directory>` — they should be entirely separate locations. If you do put the home directory in the `<Stash installation directory>` it will be overwritten, and lost, when Stash gets upgraded. And by the way, you’ll need separate Stash home directories if you want to run multiple instances of Stash.

**6. Start Stash!**

In a terminal, change directory to `<Stash installation directory>` and run this:
bin/start-stash.sh

In your browser, go to http://localhost:7990 and run through the Setup Wizard. In the Setup Wizard:

- Select **Internal** at the 'Database' step, if you are evaluating Stash. Stash will happily use its internal database, and you can easily migrate to external database later. See [Connecting Stash to an external database](#).
- You can set up JIRA integration, but you can do this later if you wish. See [Configuring JIRA integration in the Setup Wizard](#).

**7. Set up your mail server**

Configure your email server so users can receive a link from Stash that lets them generate their own passwords. See [Setting up your mail server](#).

**8. Add users and repositories**

Now is the time to set up your users in Stash, and to tell Stash about any existing repositories you have. Please the following pages for the details:

- Getting started with Git and Stash
- Importing code from an existing project

**Additional steps for production environments**

For production or enterprise environments we recommend that you configure the additional aspects below. These are not necessary when installing for evaluation purposes. Please see [Using Stash in the enterprise](#) for more information about best practice.

**Run Stash as a dedicated user**

- For production environments Stash should be run from a dedicated user account with restricted privileges. See [Running Stash with a dedicated user](#).

**Use an external database**

- For production environments Stash should use an external database, rather than the embedded database. See [Connecting Stash to an external database](#).

**Secure the Stash home directory**

- For production environments the Stash home directory (created in step 7 above) should be secured against unauthorised access. See [Stash home directory](#).

**Secure Stash with HTTPS**

- For production environments access to Stash should be secured using HTTP over SSL, especially if your data is sensitive and Stash is exposed to the internet. See [Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL](#).

**Connect to your existing user directory**

- See [External user directories](#).

**Change the context path for Stash**

- Where you are running Stash behind a proxy, or you have another Atlassian application (or any Java web application) available at the same hostname and context path as Stash, then you should set a unique context path for Stash. See [Moving Stash to a different context path](#).

**Install Stash as a service**

- See [Running Stash as a Linux service](#).
Stopping Stash (optional)

In a terminal, change directory to `<Stash installation directory>` and run this:

```bash
bin/stop-stash.sh
```

Uninstalling Stash

To uninstall Stash, stop Stash as described above and then delete the `<Stash installation directory>` and Stash home directory.

Running Stash as a Linux service

There are different approaches to running Stash as a service on Linux:

- Use the Java Service Wrapper which a Java Application to be run as a UNIX Daemon.
- Use an `init.d` script to start Stash at boot time - this doesn't restart Stash if it stops for some reason.

Note that Stash assumes that the external database is available when it starts; these approaches do not support service dependencies, and the startup scripts will not wait for the external database to become available.

On this page:

- Using the Java Service Wrapper
- Using an `init.d` script

Using the Java Service Wrapper

Stash can be run as a service on Linux using the Java Service Wrapper. The Service Wrapper is known to work with Debian, Ubuntu, and Red Hat.

The Service Wrapper provides the following benefits:

- Allows Stash, which is a Java application, to be run as a service.
- No need for a user to be logged on to the system at all times, or for a command prompt to be open and running on the desktop to be able to run Stash.
- The ability to run Stash in the background as a service, for improved convenience, system performance and security.
- Stash is launched automatically on system startup and does not require that a user be logged in.
- Users are not able to stop, start, or otherwise tamper with Stash unless they are an administrator.
- Can provide advanced failover, error recovery, and analysis features to make sure that Stash has the maximum possible uptime.


The service wrapper supports the standard commands for SysV init scripts, so it should work if you just create a symlink to it from `/etc/init.d`

Using an `init.d` script

System administration tasks are not supported by Atlassian. These instructions are only provided as a guide and may not be up to date with the latest version of your operating system.
The usual way on Linux to ensure that a process restarts at system restart is to use an init.d script. This approach does not restart Stash if it stops by itself.

1. **Stop Stash**.
2. Create a stash user, set the permissions to that user, create a home directory for Stash and create a symlink to make upgrades easier:

   ```bash
   $> tar xz -C /opt -f atlassian-stash-2.0.1.tar.gz
   $> ln -s /opt/atlassian-stash-2.0.1 /opt/atlassian-stash-latest
   # Create a home directory
   $> mkdir /opt/stash-home
   # ! Update permissions and ownership accordingly
   
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   # Create the startup script in /etc/init.d/stash with the following contents (Ensure the script is executable by running chmod 755 stash):

   ```bash
   #!/bin/sh
   ### BEGIN INIT INFO
   # Provides:          stash
   # Required-Start:    $remote_fs $syslog
   # Required-Stop:     $remote_fs $syslog
   # Default-Start:     2 3 4 5
   # Default-Stop:      0 1 6
   # Short-Description: Initscript for Atlassian Stash
   # Description:  Automatically start Atlassian Stash when the system starts up.
   #               Provide commands for manually starting and stopping Stash.
   ### END INIT INFO
   
   # Adapt the following lines to your configuration
   # RUNUSER: The user to run Stash as.
   RUNUSER=vagrant
   
   # STASH_INSTALLDIR: The path to the Stash installation directory
   STASH_INSTALLDIR="/opt/atlassian-stash-2.0.1"
   
   # STASH_HOME: Path to the Stash home directory
   STASH_HOME="/opt/stash-home"
   
   # PATH should only include /usr/* if it runs after the mountnfs.sh script
   PATH=/sbin:/usr/sbin:/bin:/usr/bin
   DESC="Atlassian Stash"
   NAME=stash
   PIDFILE=$STASH_INSTALLDIR/work/catalina.pid
   SCRIPTNAME=/etc/init.d/$NAME
   ```
# Read configuration variable file if it is present
[ -r /etc/default/$NAME ] && . /etc/default/$NAME

# Define LSB log_* functions.
# Depend on lsb-base (>= 3.0-6) to ensure that this file is present.
. /lib/lsb/init-functions

run_with_home() {
    if [ "$RUNUSER" != "$USER" ]; then
        su - "$RUNUSER" -c "export STASH_HOME=${STASH_HOME};${STASH_INSTALLDIR}/bin/$1"
    else
        export STASH_HOME=${STASH_HOME};${STASH_INSTALLDIR}/bin/$1
    fi
}

# Function that starts the daemon/service
# do_start()
{
    run_with_home start-stash.sh
}

# Function that stops the daemon/service
# do_stop()
{
    if [ -e $PIDFILE ]; then
        run_with_home stop-stash.sh
    else
        log_failure_msg "$NAME is not running."
    fi
}

case "$1" in
    start)
        [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_daemon_msg "Starting $DESC" "$NAME"
        do_start
        case "$?” in
            0|1) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_end_msg 0 ;;
            2) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_end_msg 1 ;;
        esac
        ;;
    stop)
        [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_daemon_msg "Stopping $DESC" "$NAME"
        do_stop
        case "$?” in
            0|1) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_end_msg 0 ;;
            2) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_end_msg 1 ;;
        esac
        ;;
    status)
        if [ ! -e $PIDFILE ]; then
            log_failure_msg "$NAME is not running."
            return 1
        fi
        status_of_proc -p $PIDFILE "" $NAME && exit 0 || exit $? ;;
    restart|force-reload)


# If the "reload" option is implemented then remove the
# 'force-reload' alias
#
log_daemon_msg "Restarting $DESC" "$NAME"
do_stop
case "?" in
  0|1)
do_start
case "?" in
    0) log_end_msg 0 ;;
    1) log_end_msg 1 ;; # Old process is still running
    *) log_end_msg 1 ;; # Failed to start
    esac
  ;;
*) # Failed to stop
log_end_msg 1
;;
esac
;;
*)
echo "Usage: $SCRIPTNAME {start|stop|status|restart|force-reload}" >&2
4. To start on system boot, add the script to the start up process. For Ubuntu (and other Debian derivatives) use:

```bash
exit 3
;;
esac
```

For RHEL (and derivates) use:

```bash
update-rc.d stash defaults
```

Note: You may have to install the `redhat-1sb` package on RHEL (or derivatives) to provide the LSB functions used in the script.

5. Verify that the Stash service comes back up after restarting the machine.

**Configuring JIRA integration in the Setup Wizard**

This page describes the 'JIRA integration' screen of the Stash setup wizard.

You can connect your application to a JIRA server, to manage your users via JIRA and share information with JIRA. When you are installing the application, the setup wizard gives you the opportunity to configure the JIRA connection automatically. This is a quick way of setting up your JIRA integration with the most common options.

You can also configure the JIRA connections via the application administration screens. In that case, you will need to set up connections individually. There are two parts to the integration process:

- A peer-to-peer link between JIRA and the application for sharing information and facilitating integration features. This link is set up via Application Links.
- A client-server link between the application and JIRA for delegating user and group management to your JIRA server.

**Requirements:** You need JIRA 4.3 or later.

On this page:

- Connecting to JIRA in the Setup Wizard
- Troubleshooting
- Notes

**Related pages:**

- Getting started
- JIRA integration
- Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management

**Connecting to JIRA in the Setup Wizard**

To configure JIRA integration while running the Stash setup wizard:

1. Configure the following setting in JIRA: Allow remote API access.
2. Click **Integrate with JIRA** and enter the following information when you get to the 'Connect to JIRA' step of the setup wizard:
### JIRA base URL

The web address of your JIRA server. Examples are:
- http://www.example.com:8080/jira/
- http://jira.example.com

### JIRA admin username

The credentials for a user with the 'JIRA System Administrators' global permission in JIRA.

### JIRA password

Stash will use this URL to access your Stash server. The URL you give here will override the base URL specified in your Stash administration console, for the purposes of the JIRA connection.

We recommend that you make use of the automatic back-linking from JIRA to Stash.

3. **Click Connect.**
4. Finish the setup process.

### Troubleshooting

- **Click to see troubleshooting information...**

This section describes the possible problems that may occur when integrating your application with JIRA via the setup wizard, and the solutions for each problem.

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The setup wizard displays one of the following error messages:

- Failed to register `<application>` configuration in JIRA for shared user management. Received invalid response from JIRA: `<response>`
- Failed to register `<application>` configuration in JIRA for shared user management. Received: `<response>`

| The setup wizard failed to complete registration of the client-server link with JIRA for user management. The peer-to-peer link was successfully created, but integration is only partially configured. | Remove the partial configuration if it exists, try the 'Connect to JIRA' step again, and then continue with the setup. Detailed instructions are below. |
The setup wizard displays the following error message:

- Error setting Crowd authentication

The setup wizard successfully established the peer-to-peer link with JIRA, but could not persist the client-server link for user management in your config.xml file. This may be caused by a problem in your environment, such as a full disk.

Please investigate and fix the problem that prevented the application from saving the configuration file to disk. Then remove the partial configuration if it exists, try the 'Connect to JIRA' step again, and then continue with the setup. Detailed instructions are below.

The setup wizard displays the following error message:

- Error reloading Crowd authentication

The setup wizard has completed the integration of your application with JIRA, but is unable to start synchronizing the JIRA users with your application.

Restart your application. You should then be able to continue with the setup wizard. If this solution does not work, please contact Atlassian Support.

The setup wizard displays the following error message:

- An error occurred: java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Could not create the application in JIRA/Crowd (code: 500). Please refer to the logs for details.

The setup wizard has not completed the integration of your application with JIRA. The links are only partially configured. The problem occurred because there is already a user management configuration in JIRA for this <application> URL.

Remove the partial configuration if it exists, try the 'Connect to JIRA' step again, and then continue with the setup. Detailed instructions are below.

No users can log in after you have set up the application with JIRA integration.

Possible causes:

- There are no users in the group that you specified on the 'Connect to JIRA' screen.
- For FishEye: There are no groups specified in the 'groups to synchronize' section of your administration console.
- For Stash: You may not have granted any JIRA groups or users permissions to log in to Stash.

Go to JIRA and add some usernames to the group.

- For FishEye: Go to the FishEye administration screens and specify at least one group to synchronize. The default is 'jira-users'.
- For Stash: Grant the Stash User permission to the relevant JIRA groups on the Stash Global permissions page.

If this solution does not work, please contact Atlassian Support.

Solution 1: Removing a Partial Configuration – The Easiest Way

If the application's setup wizard fails part-way through setting up the JIRA integration, you may need to remove the partial configuration from JIRA before continuing with your application setup. Please follow the steps below.

Remove the partial configuration if it exists, try the 'Connect to JIRA' step again, and then continue with the setup wizard:

1. Log in to JIRA as a user with the 'JIRA System Administrators' global permission.
2. Click the 'Administration' link on the JIRA top navigation bar.
3. Remove the application link from JIRA, if it exists:
   a. Click 'Application Links' in the JIRA administration menu. The 'Configure Application Links' page will appear, showing the application links that have been set up.
   b. Look for a link to your application. It will have a base URL of the application linked to JIRA. For example:
      - If you want to remove a link between JIRA and FishEye, look for the one where the 'Application URL' matches the base URL of your FishEye server.
      - If you want to remove a link between JIRA and Confluence, look for the one where the 'Application URL' matches the base URL of your Confluence server.
      - If you want to remove a link between JIRA and Stash, look for the one where the 'Application URL' matches the base URL of your Stash server.

4. Remove the partial configuration if it exists, try the 'Connect to JIRA' step again, and then continue with the setup.

5. Go to JIRA and add some usernames to the group.

   - For FishEye: Go to the FishEye administration screens and specify at least one group to synchronize. The default is 'jira-users'.
   - For Stash: Grant the Stash User permission to the relevant JIRA groups on the Stash Global permissions page.

If this solution does not work, please contact Atlassian Support.
4. Remove the user management configuration from JIRA, if it exists:
   a. Go to the JIRA administration screen for configuring the applications that have been set up to
      use JIRA for user management:
      • In JIRA 4.3: Click 'Other Applications' in the 'Users, Groups & Roles' section of the
        JIRA administration screen.
      • In JIRA 4.4: Select 'Administration' > 'Users' > 'JIRA User Server'.
   b. Look for a link to your application. It will have a name matching this format:

      `<Type> - <HostName> - <Application ID>`

   For example:

      FishEye / Crucible - localhost -
      92004b08-5657-3048-b5dc-f886e662ba15

     Or:

      Confluence - localhost -
      92004b08-5657-3048-b5dc-f886e662ba15

   If you have multiple servers of the same type running on the same host, you will need to match
   the application ID of your application with the one shown in JIRA. To find the application ID:
   • Go to the following URL in your browser:

      `<baseUrl>/rest/applinks/1.0/manifest`

   Replace `<baseUrl>` with the base URL of your application.
   For example:

      http://localhost:8060/rest/applinks/1.0/manifest

   • The application links manifest will appear. Check the application ID in the `<id>` element.
   c. In JIRA, click 'Delete' next to the application that you want to remove.

5. Go back to the setup wizard and try the 'Connect to JIRA' step again.

Solution 2: Removing a Partial Configuration – The Longer Way

If solution 1 above does not work, you may need to remove the partial configuration and then add the full
integration manually. Please follow these steps:

1. Skip the 'Connect to JIRA' step and continue with the setup wizard, to complete the initial configuration
   of the application.
2. Log in to JIRA as a user with the 'JIRA System Administrators' global permission.
3. Click the 'Administration' link on the JIRA top navigation bar.
4. Remove the application link from JIRA, if it exists:
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      example:
      • If you want to remove a link between JIRA and FishEye, look for the one where the 'Application
        URL' matches the base URL of your FishEye server.
      • If you want to remove a link between JIRA and Confluence, look for the one where the 'A
application URL’ matches the base URL of your Confluence server.

- If you want to remove a link between JIRA and Stash, look for the one where the ‘Application URL’ matches the base URL of your Stash server.

  c. Click the ‘Delete’ link next to the application link that you want to delete.
  d. A confirmation screen will appear. Click the ‘Confirm’ button to delete the application link.

5. Remove the user management configuration from JIRA, if it exists:

   a. Go to the JIRA administration screen for configuring the applications that have been set up to use JIRA for user management:

      - In JIRA 4.3: Click ‘Other Applications’ in the ‘Users, Groups & Roles’ section of the JIRA administration screen.
      - In JIRA 4.4: Select ‘Administration’ > ’Users’ > ’JIRA User Server’.

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- Go to the following URL in your browser:

  `<baseUrl>/rest/applinks/1.0/manifest`

  Replace `<baseUrl>` with the base URL of your application.

  For example:

  ```
  http://localhost:8060/rest/applinks/1.0/manifest
  ```

  - The application links manifest will appear. Check the application ID in the `<id>` element.
    - In JIRA, click ‘Delete’ next to the application that you want to remove.

6. Add the application link in JIRA again, so that you now have a two-way trusted link between JIRA and your application:

   a. Click ‘Add Application Link’. Step 1 of the link wizard will appear.
   b. Enter the server URL of the application that you want to link to (the ‘remote application’).
   c. Click the ‘Next’ button.
   d. Enter the following information:

      - ‘Create a link back to this server’ – Tick this check box to add a two-way link between the two applications.
      - ‘Username’ and ‘Password’ – Enter the credentials for a username that has administrator access to the remote application.
        Note: These credentials are only used to authenticate you to the remote application, so that Application Links can make the changes required for the new link. The credentials are not saved.
      - ‘Reciprocal Link URL’ – The URL you give here will override the base URL specified in your remote application's administration console, for the purposes of the application links connection. Application Links will use this URL to access the remote application.

   e. Click the ‘Next’ button.
f. Enter the information required to configure authentication for your application link:
   - The servers have the same set of users' – Tick this check box, because the users are the same in both applications.
   - These servers fully trust each other' – Tick this check box, because you trust the code in both applications and are sure both applications will maintain the security of their private keys.

   For more information about configuring authentication, see Configuring Authentication for an Application Link OLD.

   g. Click the 'Create' button to create the application link.

7. Configure a new connection for user management in JIRA:
   a. Go to the JIRA administration screen for configuring the applications that have been set up to use JIRA for user management:
      - In JIRA 4.3: Click 'Other Applications' in the 'Users, Groups & Roles' section of the JIRA administration screen.
      - In JIRA 4.4: Select 'Administration' > 'Users' > 'JIRA User Server'.

   b. Add an application.

   c. Enter the application name and password that your application will use when accessing JIRA.

   d. Enter the IP address or addresses of your application. Valid values are:
      - A full IP address, e.g. 192.168.10.12.
      - A wildcard IP range, using CIDR notation, e.g. 192.168.10.1/16. For more information, see the introduction to CIDR notation on Wikipedia and RFC 4632.

   e. Save the new application.

8. Set up the JIRA user directory in the application.
   - For Confluence:
      a. Go to the Confluence Administration Console.
      b. Click 'User Directories' in the left-hand panel.
      c. Add a directory and select type 'Atlassian JIRA'.
      d. Enter the following information:
         - Name – Enter the name of your JIRA server.
         - Server URL – Enter web address of your JIRA server. Examples:

         http://www.example.com:8080/jira/
         http://jira.example.com

         - Application name and Application password – Enter the values that you defined for Confluence in the settings on JIRA.

      e. Save the directory settings.

      f. Define the directory order by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory on the 'User Directories' screen.

      For details see Connecting to Crowd or JIRA for User Management.

   - For FishEye/Crucible:
      a. Click Authentication (under 'Security Settings').
      b. Click Setup JIRA/Crowd authentication. Note, if LDAP authentication has already been set up, you will need to remove that before connecting to JIRA for user management.
      c. Make the following settings:

      | Authenticate against | Select a JIRA instance |
      |---------------------|------------------------|
      | Application name and password | Enter the values that you defined for your application in the settings on JIRA. |
### JIRA URL

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### Auto-add

Select Create a FishEye user on successful login so that your JIRA users will be automatically added as a FishEye user when they first log in.

### Periodically synchronise users with JIRA

Select Yes to ensure that JIRA will synchronize all changes in the user information on a regular basis. Change the value for Synchronise Period if required.

### When Synchronisation Happens

Select an option depending on whether you want to allow changes to user attributes from within FishEye.

### Single Sign On

Select Disabled. SSO is not available when using JIRA for user management and if enabled will make the integration fail.

#### For Stash:

- Go to the Stash administration area.
- Click User Directories in the left-hand panel.
- Add a directory and select type Atlassian JIRA.

#### d. Click Next

- Select at least one user group to be synchronised from JIRA. If necessary, you could create a new group in JIRA, such as 'fisheye-users', and select this group here.
- Click Save.

#### Notes

When you connect to JIRA in the setup wizard, the setup procedure will configure OAuth authentication between Stash and JIRA. See Configuring OAuth Authentication for an Application Link for more information.

### Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management

For Stash:

- Go to the Stash administration area.
- Click User Directories in the left-hand panel.

#### c. Add a directory and select type Atlassian JIRA.

#### d. Enter the following information:

- **Name** – Enter the name of your JIRA server.
- **Server URL** – Enter web address of your JIRA server. Examples:

  http://www.example.com:8080/jira/
  http://jira.example.com

- **Application name** and **Application password** – Enter the values that you defined for Stash in the settings on JIRA.

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### Getting started with Git and Stash

Atlassian Stash is the Git repository management solution for enterprise teams. It allows everyone in your organisation to easily collaborate on your Git repositories.
This page will guide you through the basics of Stash. By the end you should know how to:

- Create accounts for your collaborators, and organize these into groups with permissions.
- Create a project and set up permissions.
- Create repositories, and know the basic commands for interacting with them.

On this page:

- Assumptions
- Add users to Stash and grant permissions
- Create your first project and share it with collaborators
- Create a repository and get your code into Stash

Assumptions

This guide assumes that you don’t have prior experience with Git. But we do assume that:

- You have Git version 1.7.6 or higher installed on your local computer.
- You are using a supported browser.
- You have Stash installed and running. See Installing Stash on Linux and Mac or Installing Stash on Windows.

Please read Git resources or check out our Git tutorials for tips on getting started with Git.

Add users to Stash and grant permissions

The first thing you can do in Stash is to add collaborators.

Go to the Stash administration area, by clicking the 'cog' menu in the header, and then click Users (under 'Accounts'):

Click Create User to go directly to the user creation form:
Once you've created a user, click **Change permissions** to set up their access permissions:

There are 4 levels of user authentication:

- **System Administrator** — can access all the configuration settings of the Stash instance.
- **Administrator** — same as System Admins, but they can't modify file paths or the Stash server settings.
- **Project Creator** — can create, modify and delete projects.
- **Stash User** — active users who can access Stash.

See [Users and groups](#) for more information about authentication.
See [External user directories](#) if you have existing user identities you wish to use with Stash.

## Create your first project and share it with collaborators

### Creating your project

The next thing you do in Stash is to create a project. You'll add repositories to this project later.

Simply go to 'Projects' and click **Create project**. (Initially, you won't see as many projects as shown in this screenshot.)

![Create project](image)

Complete the form and submit it to create your new project:

![Create a Project](image)

See [Creating projects](#) for more information.

### Opening up project access to others

If you are a project administrator, you can grant project permissions to other collaborators.

Click the **Permissions** tab for the project:
On that page you can add users and groups to a project you've already created.

There are 3 levels of project access:

- **Admin** — can create, edit and delete repositories and projects, and configure permissions for projects.
- **Write** — can push to and pull from all the repositories in the project.
- **Read** — can only browse code and comments in, and pull from, the repositories in the project.

See [Using project permissions](#) for more information.

### Create a repository and get your code into Stash

#### Create a repository

If you are a project administrator, you can create repositories in the project.

Once a repository is created, the project permissions are applied to the repository. That means all repositories created in a project share the same access and permission settings.

Click **Create repository** to open the repository creation form:

![Create repository form](image)

Once submitted you will be taken directly to your repository homepage. As there is no content in your repository yet, you'll see some instructions to help you push code to your repository.

See [Creating repositories](#) for more information.

#### A simple clone and push

This section describes how to clone the repository you just created and then push a commit back to it. You can see the clone URL to use at the top right of the screen. **SSH access** may be available.

In a terminal, run the following command (replace `<stashURL>` with the URL for your instance of Stash):
git clone <stashURL>/git/<projectname>/<reponame>.git

Use your Stash username and password.

The result in your terminal should be similar to what you can see in the screenshot below.

![Terminal output example]

You should now have a new empty directory tracked by Git, in the user space of your local machine. Let’s add some content and push it back to Stash.

In your <reponame> directory, create a text file named helloworld.txt and write "Hello World" in it.

Now run the following command in your terminal

```
cd <reponame>
git add .
git commit -m "My first commit"
git push origin master
```

If everything went fine, when you refresh the Stash screen, you will see that the homepage of your repository has been replaced with a file browser showing you a link to helloworld.txt.

There you go, you’re ready to get coding with your collaborators.

For more information about getting your code into Stash, see Importing code from an existing project.

Check out our Git tutorials and training for more information, and have a look at this list of basic Git commands that you will probably use often.

**Importing code from an existing project**

When creating a new repository, you can import code from an existing project into Stash. You can do this by first cloning the repository to your local system and then pushing to an empty Stash repository.

On this page:

- Import an existing, unversioned code project to an empty repository
- Import a Git project to an empty repository
- Mirror an existing Git repository

**Import an existing, unversioned code project to an empty repository**

If you have code on your local machine that is not under source control, you can put it under source control and import it into Stash. To do this:

1. Locally, change to the root directory of your existing source.
2. **Initialise the project** by running the following commands in the terminal:

```
git init
git add --all
git commit -m "Initial Commit"
```
3. Log into Stash and create a new repository.
4. Locate the clone URL at the top right (eg.: https://username@stash.atlassian.com/scm/PROJECT/repo.git).
5. Push your files to the repository by running the following commands in the terminal (change the URL accordingly):

   ```
   git remote add origin
   https://username@stash.atlassian.com/scm/PROJECT/repo.git
   git push -u origin master
   ```

6. Done! Your repository is now available in Stash.

**Import a Git project to an empty repository**

You can import an existing repository into an empty project in Stash. When you do this, Stash maintains your commit history.

1. **Check out the repository from your existing Git host.** Use the `--mirror` parameter to include all branches and tags:

   ```
   git clone --mirror
   ```

2. **Change the remote origin** in your local repository to point to Stash (change the URL accordingly):

   ```
   git remote set-url origin
   https://username@stash.atlassian.com/scm/PROJECT/repo.git
   ```

3. Then **push all branches** to Stash:

   ```
   git push origin
   ```

**Mirror an existing Git repository**

You can mirror an existing repository into a repository hosted in Stash.

1. **Check out the repository from your existing Git host.** Use the `--mirror` parameter to include all branches and tags:

   ```
   git clone --mirror
   ```

2. **Add Stash as another remote in your local repository:**

   ```
   git remote add stash https://username@stash.atlassian.com/scm/PROJECT/repo.git
   ```

3. Then push all branches and tags to Stash:

   ```
   git push --all stash
   git push --tags stash
   ```

4. Using `git fetch origin`, and the `git push` commands listed in step 3, the repository in Stash can be updated with changes from the upstream repository.

**Basic Git commands**
Here is a list of some basic Git commands to get you going with Git.
For more detail, check out the [Atlassian Git Tutorials](https://docs.atlassian.com/git/guide/) for a visual introduction to Git commands and workflows, including examples.

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### Tags

- You can use tagging to mark a significant changeset, such as a release:
  - git tag 1.0.0 <commitID>
- CommitId is the leading characters of the changeset ID, up to 10, but must be unique. Get the ID using:
  - git log
- Push all tags to remote repository:
  - git push --tags origin

### Undo local changes

- If you mess up, you can replace the changes in your working tree with the last content in head:
  - Changes already added to the index, as well as new files, will be kept.
  - git checkout -- <filename>
- Instead, to drop all your local changes and commits, fetch the latest history from the server and point your local master branch at it, do this:
  - git fetch origin
  - git reset --hard origin/master

### Search

- Search the working directory for `foo()`:
  - git grep "foo()"

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### Using Stash

Stash is the on-premises Git repository management solution for enterprise teams. It allows everyone in your organisation to easily collaborate on your Git repositories.

This section describes the essentials of using Stash.

If you are setting up Stash, see the Getting started section. If you want to configure Stash, see the Administering Stash section.

See Getting started with Git and Stash for an overview of how to work with Stash.
Related pages:
- Getting started
- Git Tutorials and Training
- Git resources
- Administering Stash
- Stash FAQ

Working with projects

Stash manages related repositories as projects. Find out how to set up projects and then give your teams access to those.

Working with repositories

If you have existing projects that you want to manage in Stash, then you’ll want to read Importing code from an existing project.

See also:
- Creating repositories
- Controlling access to code
- Using pull requests in Stash

Git resources

For those who are new to using Git:
- Using pull requests in Stash
- Basic Git commands
- Permanently authenticating with Git repositories

Creating projects

Projects allow you to group repositories and to manage permissions for them in an aggregated way.

To create a project, click on Create project:
Fill out the form. We recommend that you use a short project key. It will be used as an identifier for your project and will appear in the URLs.

Optionally, you can choose an avatar for the project. This is displayed throughout Stash and helps to identify your project.

Click **Create project** when you're done.

You'll want to add repositories to the project. See **Creating repositories** for details.

**Creating repositories**
Repositories allow you to collaborate on code with your co-workers.

In order to create repositories you need to have **Project Admin permission** for the project to which you want to add a repository.

Once a repository is created, the project permissions are applied to the repository. That means all repositories created in a project share the same access and permission settings.
Click **Create repository** to open the repository creation form:

Once submitted you will be taken directly to your repository homepage. As there is no content in your repository yet, you'll see some instructions to help you push code to your repository:

You will find your clone URL in the upper right corner of the repository homepage. You can use this URL and share it with other people.

**Let other people collaborate with you**

In order to grant users access to this repository you have to set up permissions at the parent project level. More information is available on **Creating projects**.

**Creating personal repositories**

Stash allows you to create personal repositories, unrelated to other projects, that you can use for such purposes.
as storing private snippets of work, kick-starting your own project, or contributing a bug-fix for a project you are not a member of.

By default, personal repositories are not visible to other Stash users. However, you can:

- use repository permissions to open up access to other Stash users and groups, for collaboration or review.
- allow public access (read-only) to your project, for anonymous users.

You can create personal repositories in 2 ways:

- Directly, from your profile.
- By forking another repository.

Your personal repositories are listed on the Repositories tab of your profile page. Every Stash user can see your profile page, but they can only see those repositories that you have given them permission to view.

Directly creating a personal repository

You can create a personal repository at any time from your Stash profile:

1. Choose View profile from your user menu in the header.

2. Click Create repository.
3. Set repository permissions on the new repository, if required.

Forking another repository

You can create a personal fork of any other repository in Stash for which you have permission:

1. Go to the repository that you wish to fork.
2. Click Fork.
3. Choose your own profile (this is selected by default) from the Project list:
4. Click **Fork repository**.
5. Set **repository permissions** on the new repository, if required.

**Using repository hooks**

Hooks in Stash provide a way to customise a team's workflow and integrate with other systems. Stash currently supports two types of hooks, **pre** and **post-receive**.

On this page:

- Managing hooks
  - Pre-receive hooks
  - Post-receive hooks
- Getting hooks from the Atlassian Marketplace
- Creating your own hooks
- Learn more about Git hooks

**Managing hooks**

Administrators can see the hooks that are available in Stash by going to **Settings > Hooks** for a Stash repository. Once installed, hooks are available across all repositories in a Stash instance, but are enabled separately on each repository in a project.

Click the 'pen' icon beside the name of a hook to edit configuration details for the hook.
Stash currently ships with the following hooks:

- **Reject Force Push** – block all Git force pushes (`git push -- force`).
- **HipChat Push Notifications** – send a message to a HipChat room when someone pushes to the repository.

**Pre-receive hooks**

The first hook to run when handling a push from a client is the pre-receive hook. It can reject pushes to the repository if certain conditions are not fulfilled. You can use this hook to prevent force pushes to the repository or check whether all commits contain a valid JIRA issue key.

**Post-receive hooks**

The post-receive hook runs after the commits have been processed and can be used to update other services or notify users. For example a post-receive hook can be used to send a message to a chat server or notify a continuous integration server of the newly pushed changes.

Getting hooks from the Atlassian Marketplace

A number of hooks are available from the [Atlassian Marketplace](https://marketplace.atlassian.com). You can find and install these from within Stash – simply use the **Add hook** button on the hooks settings page to view available hooks from the marketplace. See [Managing add-ons](https://confluence.atlassian.com/jacoco2504/managing-add-ons-829138780.html) for details.

Creating your own hooks

Developers can write receive hook plugins for Stash using a simple API that provides a simple way to create a configuration interface, and stores the hook’s configuration settings on a per-repository basis.

For information about how to write your own hooks please see the [Stash developer docs](https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/STASH/Repositories+Hooks).

In particular, these pages will be helpful:

- **Repository hooks**
- **Repository hook plugin module**

Learn more about Git hooks

Hooks in Stash are executed on the server, but Git itself also provides support for client-side hooks meant for client operations such as committing and merging. Learn more about Git hooks in the [Git documentation](https://git-scm.com/docs).

**Controlling access to code**

Stash provides the following types of permissions to allow fully customisable control of access to code:

**Global permissions**

- Control user and group access to Stash projects and to the Stash server configuration.
- For example, these can be used to control the number of user accounts that can access Stash for
Global permissions

Project permissions

- Apply the same access permissions to all repositories in a project.
- For example, these can be used to define the core development team for a project.
- See Using project permissions.

Repository permissions

- Extend access to a particular repository for other, non-core, users.
- For example, these can be used to allow external developers or consultants access to a repository for special tasks or responsibilities.
- See Using repository permissions.

Branch permissions

- Control commits to specific branches within a repository.
- For example, these can provide a way to enforce workflow roles such as the Release Manager, who needs to control merges to the release branch.
- See Using branch permissions.

Note that you can also allow public (anonymous) access to projects and repositories. See Allowing public access to code.

Using branch permissions

Branch permissions allow you to control who can commit to specific branches in a repository. Branch permissions provide another level of security within Stash (along with user authentication and project, repository and global permissions) that provides a way to control, or enforce, your own workflow or process.

Branch permissions:

- are based on users or groups.
- are actually restrictions, independent of project and repository level permissions, that limit branch access to specific people.
- prevent unauthorised users pushing to or deleting the branch.
- are based on explicit branch names, or you can use advanced branch permissions to match multiple branches (or tags) using pattern matching.

For example, if two developers Xavier and Yves have write access to repository R, but only Xavier has branch permissions on branch B, then Yves won’t be able to push to B.

If a user does not have commit access to the branch, an error message will be shown on the Git command line when they try to push a change to the branch.

Note that if no branch permissions are defined then anyone with commit access to the repository can push to any branch. Also, if there are conflicting permissions, the most permissive one applies; for example if one permission restricts a particular users access but another permission allows it, then the user will be allowed commit access.
Setting branch permissions

Branch permissions in Stash are set on a per-repository basis. Makes sense – branch permissions control access to repository branches, right?

You'll need either project admin, admin or sys-admin permissions to set branch permissions.

So, to set branch permissions:

1. Go to a repository in a project.
2. Choose Settings > Branch (under 'Permissions').
3. Click Add permission.
4. On the Branch tab, choose the branch for which you want to control access.
5. Add (or remove) users or groups that you want to have (or not have) commit access to the branch.
6. Click Create to finish.

You can always change the permissions for a branch later, if necessary.

Advanced branch permissions

Advanced branch permissions specify a pattern that is matched against branches and tags being pushed to Stash; this allows you to restrict any pushes to branches that match the pattern.

Advanced branch permission also apply to attempts to create new branches; if a push to Stash attempts to create a new branch that matches a pattern, the user must be authorised for the operation to proceed.

To set advanced branch permissions, choose Settings > Branch, and click Add permission, as described above.

On the Advanced tab, enter a glob pattern to match the names of multiple branches for which you want to control access.
Branch permission patterns

Stash supports a powerful type of pattern syntax for matching branch names (similar to pattern matching in Apache Ant).

These expressions use the following wild cards:

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Pattern used in branch permissions match against all refs pushed to Stash (i.e. branches and tags).

In git, branch and tag names can be nested in a namespace by using directory syntax within your branch names, e.g. `stable/1.1`. The `**` wild card selector enables you to match arbitrary directories.

- A pattern can contain any number of wild cards.
- If the pattern ends with `/` then `**` is automatically appended - e.g. `foo/` will match any branches or tags containing a `foo` path segment.
- Patterns only need to match a suffix of the fully qualified branch or tag name. Fully qualified branch names look like `refs/heads/master`, whilst fully qualified tags look like `refs/tags/1.1`.

Also see the Ant documentation.

Examples

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  e.g. `refs/heads/PROJECT-1234`, `refs/heads/stable/PROJECT-new` or `refs/tags/PROJECT-1.1` |
| .?.?    | Matches any branch or tag of 2 characters separated by a `.`.  
  e.g. `refs/heads/1.1`, `refs/heads/stable/2.X` or `refs/tags/3.1` |
Using repository permissions

Stash allows you to manage the permissions for just a single repository, or for a group of repositories together from the project.

Repository permissions allow you to extend access to a repository, for those who don't have project permissions. For example, you might use repository permissions to allow external developers or consultants access to a repository for special tasks or responsibilities.

Stash supports 3 levels of permissions for repositories:

- Admin
- Write
- Read

Depending on the permission level for the repository that has been granted to you, you can perform different actions in the repository:

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Granting access to a repository

To modify it's permissions, go to the repository's settings and click on Repository (under 'Permissions'). Click in the Add Users or Add Groups field in the relevant section to search for, and bulk add, users or groups. Now choose a permission from the list and click Add.

Once added, you can use the checkboxes to edit specific permissions for an individual user or a particular group.

Granting access to all repositories within a project

If you have a large number of repositories in a project, project level permissions provide a convenient way to grant access to all repositories within that project. For example you can grant a group, say "Team A", Write access at the project level, which will automatically give them Write access to all existing repositories in the project, as well as any repositories that are subsequently created in the project.

To modify permissions for a project, click the Permissions tab when viewing the project. You can add, or modify, permissions for individual users, and groups, in the same way as described above for a single repository.
Granting permission to create repositories

Only users with project administration permission can create new repositories.

**Using project permissions**

Stash allows you to manage the permissions for the repositories in a project in an aggregated way.

There are 3 levels of project permission that you can assign to a user or group for a project: **Admin**, **Write** and **Read**.

**Related pages:**
- Creating projects
- Global permissions
- Using branch permissions
- Using repository permissions
- Allowing public access to code

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**Allowing public access to code**

You can open up public access for anonymous (unauthenticated) users to projects and repositories in Stash. This allows you to:

- Broadcast your repositories to a wider audience who generally don’t have access to your source.
- Utilise unauthenticated cloning of repositories when setting up continuous integration servers to work with Stash.
- Link from other systems, for example JIRA or Confluence, to give users access to code without requiring authentication.
• Create open-source projects or repositories.

Public access allows anonymous users to browse the files, pull requests and commits for a specific repository or an entire project, and to clone repositories, without needing to log in, or have an account in Stash.

In Stash, you can:

• Configure a specific repository for public access.
• Configure a project to allow public access to all repositories in the project.
• Disable anonymous access by setting a global system property.

On this page:

• Making a repository publicly accessible
• Making a project publicly accessible
• Viewing public repositories
• Disabling public access globally

Related pages:

• Using project permissions
• Using repository permissions

Making a repository publicly accessible

You can open up an specific repository for public (anonymous) access.

You need admin permission for the repository.

Go to the repository and choose Settings, then Repository (under ‘Permissions’). Check Allow public access to allow users to clone and browse the repository.

Making a project publicly accessible

You can open up a whole project (but not a private project) for public (anonymous) access.

You need admin permission for the repository, or its project.

Go to the project and choose Settings, then Permissions. Check Allow public access to allow users to clone and browse any repository in the project.

Viewing public repositories

Stash displays a list of repositories for which anonymous access has been enabled.

Anonymous and logged-in users can choose Repositories > View all public repositories to see these.

Disabling public access globally

Stash provides a system property that allows you to turn off public access for the whole instance.

To do this, set the feature.public.access property to false in the stash.config.properties file in your Stash home directory.

Workflow strategies in Stash

This page provides a high-level description of Git workflows that are supported by Stash. These come under two broad categories:

- Branch workflows - for where all developers have access to the master repository
- Fork workflows - for where you need to maintain restricted access to the master repository

Branch workflows

Branches in Stash provide for various workflows for developer teams. Some typical examples are described below. See Using branch permissions for more information about using branches in Stash.
Centralised workflow

If your developers are already comfortable with Subversion, the Centralized Workflow lets you experience the benefits of Git without having to adapt to an entirely new process. It also serves as a friendly transition into more Git-oriented workflows. Read more...

Feature branch workflow

The Feature Branch Workflow builds on the Centralized Workflow by encapsulating new features into dedicated branches. This enables the use of pull requests as a means to discuss changes before they're integrated into the official project. Read more...

Gitflow workflow

The Gitflow Workflow streamlines the release cycle by using isolated branches for feature development, release
preparation, and maintenance. Its strict branching model also lends some much needed structure to larger projects. Read more...

Fork workflows

Forks in Stash provide a workflow for developers to contribute code back to a repository for which they do not have write access. The merging of new code back into master may be controlled by a ‘gatekeeper’, and the review of code changes is performed by means of pull requests. Typical scenarios that suit fork workflows include:

- **Contractors** – allow external developers to contribute to a project while only core team members have write access to the repository. Contributors can simply fork a repository and contribute changes back via pull requests.
- **Enterprise teams** – with hundreds of developers working on the same repository, the volume of branches and activity in the repository can become noise. Forks provide a way for teams to work separately while constantly syncing new additions from the core repository into their project.
- **Experiments** – whether you are spiking a project or simply prototyping a feature, experimenting on forks gives developers the option to simply discard the changes made and not pollute the main repository with commits if the experiment goes nowhere.

See Using forks in Stash for more information.

**Using branches in Stash**

Stash makes it easy for each member of your team to use a branching workflow for your Git development process. Your workflow can be mapped to branches in the Stash ‘branching model’, allowing Stash to:

- guide your developers into making consistent naming decisions when creating branches.
- identify the type of each branch and apply actions like automatic merging accordingly.

On this page:

- Configuring the branching model
- Creating branches
- Automating the branch workflow
- Managing all your branches

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Configuring the branching model

Stash uses a 'branching model' to define the branch workflow for each repository. As a project administrator, configuring the model lets you:

- enable the branch types that will be available in your workflow.
- specify the naming convention to be used for each branch type.

The naming convention simply adds prefixes to branch names, so that branches of the same type get the same prefix.

To configure the branching model for a repository, go to Settings > Branching model for the repository and click Enable branching model.

Stash makes a number of branch types available, as described below. Use the checkboxes to enable just those branch types that map to your workflow. Note that several branch types have default branch naming prefixes (for example the default prefix for the 'feature' branch type is /feature), as shown:

Development

This is generally the integration branch for feature work and is often the default branch (e.g. master) or a named branch such as develop. In a workflow using pull requests, this is usually the branch where new feature branches are targeted. In other cases, developers might commit directly to this branch.

Feature

Feature branches are used for specific feature work or improvements. They generally branch from, and merge back into, the development branch, by means of pull requests. See Feature branch workflow.

Production

The production branch is used while deploying a release. It branches from, and merges back into, the
development branch. In a Gitflow-based workflow it is used to prepare for a new production release.

**Release**

Release branches are used for release task and long-term maintenance of software versions. Typically, they branch from, and fixes are merged back into, the development branch. Merging into an older release branch allows for automatic merging to newer release branches as well as the development branch.

**Bugfix**

Bugfix branches are typically used to fix release branches.

**Hotfix**

Hotfix branches are used to quickly fix the production branch without interrupting changes in the development branch. In a Gitflow-based workflow, changes are usually merged into the production and development branches.

Creating branches

You can create a new branch when in JIRA, or in Stash. Either way, you can override the settings that Stash suggests for the repository, branch type, branching point and branch name.

From a JIRA issue

- JIRA must be connected with Stash by an application link for this functionality to be available.

- When viewing an issue in JIRA, click Create Branch (under 'Development' – you'll need the 'View Development Tools' project permission in JIRA to see this):
Choose the SCM, if more than one is available, where you want to create the branch:

Stash
https://stash.atlassian.com

Bitbucket
https://bitbucket.org

Stash suggests the branch type and branch name, based on the JIRA issue type and summary. You can change these if necessary:
Create branch for **STASHDEV-2493**

**Repository**
- Paul Watson / stash

**Branch type**
- Feature

*Learn about branch types*

**Branch from**
- master

**Branch name**
- feature/ STASHDEV-2493-enhance-the-data-r

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From in Stash

In Stash, choose **Create branch** from the **Actions** menu when viewing the **Files**, **Commits** or **Branches** tabs, or when viewing a particular branch. Change the **settings** suggested by Stash, if necessary:

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**Create branch**

**Repository**
- Paul Watson / stash

**Branch type**
- Bugfix

*Learn about branch types*

**Branch from**
- STASH-2867-context-lines

**Branch name**
- bugfix/ STASH-2887-context-lines

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Creating the branch
You can specify:

- the Repository
- the Branch type, if a branching model has been previously configured – choose Custom if you need an ad hoc branch type
- the branch point
- the Branch name – the prefix is based on the branch type you selected, and as defined by the branching model. Note that the branch name should follow your team's convention for this.

Once it's created, Stash takes you to the file listing for the new branch. You can now pull to your local repository and switch to the new branch.

Automating the branch workflow

Stash can automate some merges in the branch workflow, based on the branching model for the repository. This allows merges to be cascaded to newer branches of the same parent, subject to a few conditions, so reducing the need for manual maintenance of branches.

As a project administrator you can turn on automatic merging for a particular repository. Go to Settings > Branching model for the repository, and select Enable automatic merging (under ‘Automatic merge’).

If Stash cannot perform an automatic merge, perhaps because branch permissions prevent it, Stash creates a new pull request for that merge, and the automatic merge operation stops. This allows you to resolve the conflict locally before approving the new pull request, which may involve further cascading merges.

See Automatic branch merging for more information about the conditions for automatic merging, and how Stash determines the ordering of branches.

Managing all your branches

The Branches tab in Stash provides an overview of all the branches in the repository that you have permissions to view:

The Behind/Ahead column shows by how many commits a branch has diverged from the default branch (for example, master) for the repository, which can help you to identify work in progress as well as stale branches.

Use the Actions menu to manage a particular branch in the repository:
When viewing a particular branch, the Action menu provides options relevant to just that branch:

Automatic branch merging

Stash can automatically merge changes to newer release branches, thus reducing the need for manual maintenance of branches. This requires that Stash can determine the ordering of branches, based on their naming pattern, and is subject to a few conditions.

Note that:

- Automatic merging is off by default for new and existing repositories.
- You must explicitly enable automatic merging for each repository.
- The commit message will indicate that the merge was automatic.
- Stash records full audit log entries for automatic merges.

As a project administrator, turn on automatic merging by going to Settings > Branching model for a repository, and selecting Enable automatic merging (under 'Automatic merge').

On this page:

- Conditions for automatic merging
  - What happens if the automatic merge fails?
- Branch ordering algorithm
- Ordering examples
The following conditions must be satisfied for Stash to be able to automatically cascade changes:

- The Stash branching model must be configured for the repository.
- The 'release' branch type must be enabled for the repository.
- The merge must go via a pull request.
- The pull request must be made to a branch that is of the 'release' type.
- The target branch of the pull request must have branches that are newer than it.

What happens if the automatic merge fails?

The automatic merge can fail for reasons such as:

- Branch permissions prevent cascading changes to a particular branch.
- Stash detects a conflict that prevents the merge.
- There is already an open pull request with the same source and target that the automatic merge would close.

For the first two cases, Stash creates a new pull request for the failed merge, and the automatic merge operation stops. This allows you to resolve the conflict locally before approving the new merge, which may start a new series of cascading merges. Note that pull request that gets automatically opened when a merge fails won't trigger the continuation of the initial merge chain if resolved locally (which is the approach that we recommend).

Branch ordering algorithm

Stash is able to automatically merge changes to newer release branches, as long as Stash can determine the ordering of those branches. Ordering is based on the naming pattern for branches.

Stash uses the following ordering algorithm to determine the branches in the merge chain:

- Branches are selected and ordered on the basis of the name of the branch that started the cascade (i.e. the target of the pull request for the merge).
- Branch names are split into tokens using any of these characters: underscore '_', hyphen '-', plus '+', or period '.'.
- Only branches matching the name of the pull request target are added into the merge path. Matching means that every token before the first numeric token must be equal to the corresponding tokens of the target branch's name.
- Branches are ordered by number, if a given token is numeric. When comparing a numeric token with an ASCII token, the numeric is ranked higher (i.e. is considered as being a newer version).
- If both tokens are numeric, a simple ASCII comparison is used.
- In the unlikely case of the above algorithm resulting in equality of 2 branch names, a simple string comparison is performed on the whole branch name.
- There is a limit of 30 merges.

Ordering examples

The table below provides examples of branch naming patterns that Stash is able, and not able, to order correctly:

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Stash tokenises on the '.' and the '-' of '1.1-rc1' and is able to order these branch names correctly.

Stash tokenises on the '.' and the '-' of 'stash_1.1' and is able to order these branch names correctly.

Stash tokenises on the '.' and the '-' but cannot recognise that 'stash_1.1' should follow '1.0'.

Using forks in Stash
Forks provide an alternative workflow to using branches, for where particular developers have restricted (read-only) access to a repository. See Workflow strategies in Stash for more information.

You can fork a repository into any other project in Stash for which you have admin access. You can also create personal forks and give other developers access to that using repository permissions.

Creating a fork

You can create a fork for any repository that you can see in Stash (that is, for which you have 'read' permission).

Simply click Fork, near the top right of the screen, when viewing a repository. You can choose the location for the newly forked repository. Note that when a repository is forked into another project it will get that project's permissions, which may be less restrictive.

When creating the fork you can enable fork syncing to have Stash automatically keep your fork up-to-date with
changes in the upstream repository.

Issuing a pull request for a fork

Pull requests for forks in Stash work just the way you'd expect. See Using pull requests in Stash.

When creating the pull request, you can choose the fork and the branch that contains the source to be pulled, as well as the destination fork and branch.

Merging a fork

Once a pull request has been approved by reviewers, it can be merged as usual. See Using pull requests in Stash.

Synchronizing with upstream

Once you fork a repository, your fork can be kept up-to-date with changes in the upstream repo either automatically by Stash or you can synchronize manually. You will still need to keep your remote working repository synced with your fork in Stash yourself. See Keeping forks synchronized for more details.

Disabling forking

Forking of repositories is available by default. However, you can turn off forking, on a per-repository basis, if this helps you to control your development process. You can do this on the Repository details tab of the repository settings.

Note that disabling forking on the parent repo doesn't delete any existing forks, and doesn't prevent those existing forks from being forked. Pull requests will still work from the existing forks. Furthermore, commits in the parent are viewable via the fork if the SHA1 hash is known to the user.

Pre-receive hooks and forks

Pre-receive hooks aren't copied with the fork and so are not run when code is merged in a pull-request. This means that custom hooks are unable to prevent certain changes from being merged by pull requests from forks. Instead, the hook would have to also implement a merge-check (see https://developer.atlassian.com/stash/docs/latest/how-tos/repository-hooks.html).

Keeping forks synchronized

Fork syncing helps you to keep your fork in Stash up-to-date with changes in the upstream repository. Stash can do this automatically for all branches and tags you haven't modified in the fork.

If you have modified branches or tags in the fork, Stash will offer syncing strategies. Stash will never update your branch or tag in your fork if this means that your changes would be lost.

Note that syncing is about pulling recent upstream changes into your fork, whereas pull requests are about pushing your changes back to the upstream repository.

On this page:
- Enabling automatic fork syncing
- What gets synced?
- Manual synchronization strategies

Enabling automatic fork syncing

You can enable automatic fork syncing when you first fork the repository:
You can also enable fork syncing at any later time by going to Settings > Fork syncing for the forked repository. Syncing is disabled by default.

**What gets synced?**

When performing automatic synchronization, Stash updates the fork as follows:

- for branches - Stash makes any fast-forward change, where there is no need to merge work and there is no risk of losing changes.
- for tags - Stash makes updates only if the current state is the same as what upstream pointed to. So, a new tag in upstream will create a new tag in the fork, unless you have a tag of the same name, when the update will fail.

**Manual syncing**

If upstream and your fork have diverged, so that each has changes that are not in the other, Stash will not perform a merge automatically. When you visit the branch within Stash, you have the option to manually synchronize the branch.

You can manually synchronize your branch at any time using Synchronize on either of the ‘Files’ or ‘Commits’ tabs for a repository:

**Manual synchronization strategies**

When you initiate a manual synchronization, Stash ask you to choose one of the following synchronization
strategies.

**Merge strategy**

Merge the upstream branch into the fork branch.

If Stash detects conflicts when trying to perform the merge it will offer hints on how to resolve those:

Once the merge is complete, your branch will have incorporated all the commits on the branch in the parent repository, but your branch will still be ahead of the parent (it has your changes on it). This means automatic synchronization for this branch will not occur until your changes are pushed to the parent repository.

**Discard strategy**

Overwrite your changes in your fork with the upstream branch. Your changes will be lost.
Using pull requests in Stash

Pull requests in Stash provide the team with a quick and easy way to review changes made on a branch, discuss those changes, and make further modifications before the branch is merged back to master or your main development branch.

On this page:

- Creating a pull request
- Editing a pull request
- Discussing a pull request
- Merging a pull request
- Watching and notifications

Related pages:

- Using branch permissions
- Using project permissions

Creating a pull request

When you are ready to start a discussion about your code changes, simply create a pull request.

To create a pull request:

1. Go to the repository in Stash.
2. Click **Pull Request** at the top of the page.
3. Choose the source and destination branches. The source branch is where you made your changes and the destination is the branch you want to merge to. The source and target branches may be located in different forks.

4. Enter a title and description that will help people understand what your pull request is about. You can use mentions (to notify another Stash user), and markdown (to add formatting) in your description.

5. Add reviewers – they will receive a notification by email. Other people who have permissions on the project can participate in the discussion if it interests them.

6. Click Create pull request.

You will receive email notifications when your reviewers and other participants comment on the pull request, or commit changes to it.

Editing a pull request

After creating the pull request, you can modify it later by clicking Edit on the pull request's page. You can edit details such as the Title, Description and the Reviewers. In particular, you can change the Destination branch for the pull request – you’ll need Read permission on the branch you want to set.
Discussing a pull request

The most important thing about a pull request is the discussion that it generates. To help you contribute to the discussion, Stash organises all the information about the pull request into 3 tabs. From a project repository page, click **Pull requests**, then click on a particular pull request.

**Overview**

The **Overview** tab captures all of the team’s activity on the pull request in one place, right from the initial creation, through to when it is finally merged (or declined), with all the comments, replies and commits that happen along the way.

You can add a comment on the **Overview** tab (above the activity), or reply to a previous comment. Use **mentions** to alert another Stash user to your comment, and use **markdown** to add formatting, for example headings or lists.

**Diff**

Diffs for Stash pull requests provide the following advantages:

- The diff highlights the changes that will result when the merge occurs, so you can see exactly what the effect of the merge will be.
- The diff tree on the left colour-codes files that have been added, changed or deleted, so you can quickly see the files you may need to review.
- As you’d expect, the diff for a file shows which lines of code have been added, deleted or modified.
- You can comment directly on a line of code right in the diff, by hovering over the line, clicking the icon and entering your comment. Your comment will also appear in the activity.
- Comments in the diff are threaded, to allow meaningful and contextual conversations about your code.

**Commits**

The **Commits** tab lists all the commits that will get merged.

Participants can commit new changes to the branch. Stash auto-updates the **Commits** tab of the pull request, so you can see exactly which commits will be merged. Stash is smart about comments, moving them along when lines are added or removed. If a line with a comment gets removed, you can still view the comment in the activity, but Stash marks the diff as **outdated** to let you know that this piece of code has been changed in recent commits.

**JIRA issues integration**

When Stash is integrated with JIRA you can see the related JIRA issues right in the pull request. You’ll see either the JIRA issue key, when there is just one, or the number of related issues:
Click an issue key to see details of the issue, such as the description, status and assignee, without having to leave Stash:

Click **View in JIRA** to see the issue in JIRA. This allows reviewers to gain important insight into the task that is being worked on, by seeing the comments and attachments on the issue. This also gives access into JIRA, so you can easily keep issues updated.

### STASHDEV-3099

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### Merging a pull request

Once you are ready to merge a pull request, and when the reviewers have approved it, simply click **Merge** at the top right of the pull request view. You can only merge a pull request if you have Contributor permission on the project.

Note that the workflow for your team may include merge checks, which must also be met before you can merge.

See [Checks for merging pull requests](#).
In the 'Merge Pull Request' dialog, you can check **Delete branch** if you no longer need that branch in the repository. Stash checks on a few things before allowing the deletion – the branch being merged will not be deleted if:

- The branch is the default repository branch.
- The user does not have permission to delete the branch.
- The branch is subject to an open pull request.

Once accepted, the pull request is marked as merged on the **Pull requests** tab.

If Stash detects a conflict that prevents the merge, notifications are displayed on the **Overview** and **Diff** tabs of the pull request. Click **More information** to see instructions for how to resolve the conflict in your local repository.

**Watching and notifications**

You automatically get added as a watcher of a pull request when you perform an action related to the pull request, such as adding a comment. You can manually add yourself as a watcher by clicking the **Watch** button on the pull request screen.

You can always stop watching a pull request by clicking the link in the email notification, or the **Unwatch** button on the pull request screen. If you stop watching a pull request you will not automatically be added as a watcher again if you subsequently perform an action that would otherwise have added you.

Stash sends email notifications to watchers when certain events occur. See **Notifications** for details.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>You are added as a watcher</th>
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<td>You are added as a reviewer</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You comment on a pull request</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You reply to a comment</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You push to the source branch</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You approve the pull request</td>
<td>✔</td>
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**Checks for merging pull requests**
To help customise your workflow, you can set checks to control when a pull request can be merged. Pull requests cannot be merged if the required checks have not been met. These checks are set separately on each repository in a Stash project.

You'll need either project admin, admin or sys-admin permissions to set merge checks for pull requests.

So, to set merge checks for pull requests, go to a repository in a project and choose Settings > Pull requests. You can set the merge checks described below.

**Require a number of completed builds**

Select this option to stop pull requests from being merged if they have any unsuccessful builds. For a pull request, this checks builds that run against the latest commit on the source branch.

You must also specify a minimum number of builds - the pull request will not be able to be merged until at least this many builds have completed. Ideally, you should set this to the number of different builds that are configured to run against the branches in your repository.

See Bamboo integration for more information about integrating Stash with your build server.

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The number of builds, and the latest result, for the head commit of a branch.

**Require a minimum number of approvers**

Select this option to block merging of a pull request until it has been approved by at least the selected number of participants.

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**Permanently authenticating with Git repositories**

In addition to SSH, Stash supports HTTP or HTTPS for pushing and pulling from managed Git repositories. However, Git has no method of caching the user's credentials, so you need to re-enter them each time you perform a clone, push or pull.

This page describes two methods for permanently authenticating with Git repositories so that you can avoid typing your username and password each time you are pushing to or pulling from Stash.

On this page:

- Using credential caching
- Using the .netrc file
Using credential caching

You need Git 1.7.9 or above to use the HTTPS Credentials Caching feature.

**Windows**

On Windows you can use the application `git-credential-winstore`.

1. Download the software.
2. Run it.
3. You will be prompted for credentials the first time you access a repository, and Windows will store your credentials for use in the future.

**Linux**

On Linux you can use the 'cache' authentication helper that is bundled with git 1.7.9 and higher. From the git documentation:

> This command caches credentials in memory for use by future git programs. The stored credentials never touch the disk, and are forgotten after a configurable timeout. The cache is accessible over a Unix domain socket, restricted to the current user by filesystem permissions.

Run the command below to enable credential caching. After enabling credential caching any time you enter your password it will be cached for 1 hour (3600 seconds):

```
$ git config --global credential.helper 'cache --timeout 3600'
```

Run the command below for an overview of all configuration options for the 'cache' authentication helper:

```
$ git help credential-cache
```

**OSX**

Follow these steps if you want to use Git with credential caching on OSX:

1. Download the binary `git-credential-osxkeychain`.
2. Run the command below to ensure the binary is executable:

   ```
   chmod a+x git-credential-osxkeychain
   ```

3. Put it in the directory `/usr/local/bin`.
4. Run the command below:

   ```
   git config --global credential.helper osxkeychain
   ```

**Using the .netrc file**
The .netrc file is a mechanism that allows you to specify which credentials to use for which server. This method allows you to avoid entering a username and password every time you push to or pull from Git, but your Git password is stored in plain text.

**Warning!**
- Git uses a utility called cURL under the covers, which respects the use of the .netrc file. Be aware that other applications that use cURL to make requests to servers defined in your .netrc file will also now be authenticated using these credentials. Also, this method of authentication is potentially unsuitable if you are accessing your Stash server via a proxy, as all cURL requests that target a path on that proxy server will be authenticated using your .netrc credentials.
- cURL will not match the machine name in your .netrc if it has a username in it, so make sure you edit your .git/config file in the root of your clone of the repository and remove the user and '@' part from any clone URL's (URL fields) that look like https://user@machine.domain.com/... to make them look like http://machine.domain.com/...

**Windows**
1. Create a text file called _netrc in your home directory (e.g. c:\users\kannonboy\_netrc). cURL has problems resolving your home directory if it contains spaces in its path (e.g. c:\Documents and Settings\kannonboy). However, you can update your %HOME% environment variable to point to any directory, so create your _netrc in a directory with no spaces in it (for example c:\curl-auth\) then set your %HOME% environment variable to point to the newly created directory.
2. Add credentials to the file for the server or servers you want to store credentials for, using the format described below:

   ```
   machine stash1.mycompany.com
   login myusername
   password mypassword
   machine stash2.mycompany.com
   login myotherusername
   password myotherpassword
   ```

**Linux or OSX**
1. Create a file called .netrc in your home directory (~/.netrc). Unfortunately, the syntax requires you to store your passwords in plain text - so make sure you modify the file permissions to make it readable only to you.
2. Add credentials to the file for the server or servers you want to store credentials for, using the format described in the 'Windows' section above. You may use either IP addresses or hostnames, and you do not need to specify a port number, even if you're running Stash on a non-standard port.
3. And that's it! Subsequent git clone, git pull and git push requests will now be authenticated using the credentials specified in this file.

**Using SSH for Git operations**
You can use SSH keys to establish a secure connection between your computer and Stash for when you are performing Git operations. Stash supports DSA and RSA2 key types. RSA1 is not supported. A Stash user can add any number of keys to their account.

Before you can do this, however, the following must have already been done:
- your Stash administrator must have already enabled SSH access, on Stash.
- you need to have added your SSH key to your Stash account (on Windows, or on Linux and Mac OS X).

Once you have SSH access set up, using it is easy!
Using SSH to access your repositories:

SSH access needs to have been set up, as described above. Once this is done, you can use SSH access as follows:

1. Go to Projects, click a project, and choose a repository from the list.
2. Click Clone at the top right to see the clone URLs for the repository.
3. Choose the clone URL you want to use. SSH is available if you have already added an SSH key to your account. If you haven’t done that yet, see Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Windows or Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Linux and Mac for details.

Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Windows

You can use SSH keys to establish a secure connection between your computer and Stash for when you are performing Git operations. In Stash, the option to clone using SSH only becomes available once you’ve added an SSH key to your user account – this page describes how to do that.

- If you already have a key you want to use, go to step 4.
- Your Stash administrator must have already enabled SSH access to Git repositories.
- Supported key types are DSA and RSA2. RSA1 is not supported.

On this page:

1. Check for existing SSH keys

You should check for existing SSH keys on your local computer. If you already have a key pair that you want to use, you can go to step 4.

Open a command prompt, and run:

```
cd ~/.ssh
```

- If you see "No such file or directory, then there aren’t any existing keys: go to step 3."
1. Check to see if you have a key already:

```
dir id_*
```

If there are existing keys, you may want to use them: **go to step 4.**

2. **Back up old SSH keys**

If you have existing SSH keys, but you don't want to use them when connecting to Stash, you should back those up.

In a command prompt on your local computer, run:

```
mkdir key_backup
cp id_rsa* key_backup
```

3. **Generate a new SSH key**

Now you can generate a new SSH key.

1. Log in to your local computer as an administrator.
2. In a command prompt, run:

   ```
   ssh-keygen -t rsa -C "your_email@example.com"
   ```

   Associating the key with your email address helps you to identify the key later on.

   Note that the `ssh-keygen` command is only available if you have already installed Git (with Git Bash). You'll see a response similar to this:

   ```
   C:\Users\ASUS>ssh-keygen
   Generating public/private rsa key pair.
   Enter file in which to save the key (/c/Users/ASUS/.ssh/id_rsa): 
   Created directory '/c/Users/ASUS/.ssh'.
   Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
   Enter same passphrase again:
   Your identification has been saved in /c/Users/ASUS/.ssh/id_rsa.
   Your public key has been saved in /c/Users/ASUS/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
   The key fingerprint is:
   C:\Users\ASUS>
   ```

   3. Just press <Enter> to accept the default location and file name. If the .ssh directory doesn’t exist, the system creates one for you.
   4. Enter, and re-enter, a passphrase when prompted. The whole interaction will look similar to this:

   ```
   C:\Users\ASUS>ssh-keygen
   Generating public/private rsa key pair.
   Enter file in which to save the key (/c/Users/ASUS/.ssh/id_rsa): 
   Created directory '/c/Users/ASUS/.ssh'.
   Enter pass phrase (empty for no pass phrase):
   Enter same pass phrase again:
   Your identification has been saved in /c/Users/ASUS/.ssh/id_rsa.
   Your public key has been saved in /c/Users/ASUS/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
   The key fingerprint is:
   C:\Users\ASUS>
   ```

   5. You're done!

4. **Add an SSH key to Stash**

1. In your command prompt, change directory to the .ssh directory, and copy the public key file to your clipboard by running:

   ```
   cd .ssh
   clip < id_rsa.pub
   ```

2. In Stash, go to your account:
3. Click on **SSH keys** and then **Add key**.
4. Paste the key into the text box:

```
Add public key

Key
sah-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAAC
sxtuFIZ+H5zd1nQmOAOx1HOW!
wiYReacqCrC2fdA5RS4eVqyJ5Fb4d
HB7pmc7GoWpxSxbVEgI+4k+
/SpLyxiu3sUvodmP+uhEtCHC
dLiJ/mM5Cm12TP3Wi31qtebXC
/aiyo8dbQvfnEgYbwrPL11BzWX
D8inwaCsyXfIoB7zUIN3MfmcC
H17fHtv== ASUS@ASUS-PC
```

5. Click **Add key**. You're done!

**Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Linux and Mac**

You can use SSH keys to establish a secure connection between your computer and Stash for when you are performing Git operations, however the option to clone using SSH only becomes available once you've added an SSH key to your user account in Stash. This page describes how to do that.

- **If you already have a key you want to use**, go to step 4.
- Your Stash administrator must have already **enabled SSH access** to Git repositories.
- Supported key types are DSA and RSA2. RSA1 is not supported.
- At the time of writing, on Mac OS X, the Git tar archive can fail on special characters when using SSH to secure connections between your computer and Stash. (The Git archive command allows you to download as a single file the files in a checkout of the Git repository.) We recommend that you use the zip format; you can set that using the following command:

```
git archive --format zip
```

**On this page:**

**Related pages:**
- Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Windows
- Setting up SSH port forwarding
- Permanently authenticating with Git repositories
1. Check for existing SSH keys

You should check for existing SSH keys on your local computer. *If you already have a key pair that you want to use, you can go to step 4.*

Open a terminal and run the following:

```
cd ~/.ssh
```

- If you see "No such file or directory, then there aren't any existing keys: **go to step 3.**
- Check to see if you have a key already:

```
ls id_`
```

- If there are existing keys, you may want to use them: **go to step 4.**

2. Back up old SSH keys

If you have existing SSH keys, but you don't want to use them when connecting to Stash, you should back those up.

Do this in a terminal on your local computer, by running:

```
mkdir key_backup
cp id_rsa* key_backup
```

Now generate a new SSH key.

3. Generate a new key

If you don't have an existing SSH key to use, you need to generate one.

1. Open a terminal on your local computer and enter the following:

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa -C "your_email@example.com"
```

Associating the key with your email address helps you to identify the key later on.

You'll see a response similar to this:

```
pwatsong-Mac-Pro:~ pwatson$ ssh-keygen
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/Users/tpwatson/.ssh/id_rsa): 
```

2. Just press <Enter> to accept the default location and file name. If the .ssh directory doesn't exist, the system creates one for you.

3. Enter, and re-enter, a passphrase when prompted.

The whole interaction will look similar to this:
4. You're done! Now add the new key to Stash.

4. **Add a key to Stash**

1. In your terminal, copy the public key file to your clipboard by entering:

   **Mac OS X**
   
   pbcopy < ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

   **Linux**
   
   sudo apt-get install xclip
   xclip -sel clip < ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

   Note that on Linux, you may need to download and install xclip, as shown in the code snippet above.

2. In Stash, go to your account:

3. Click on **SSH keys** and then **Add key**.
   
4. Paste the key into the text box:
5. Click Add key. You’re done!

**Notifications**

An email server must be configured in Stash for email notifications to be sent. See Setting up your mail server. Note that if the mail server fails, notifications will be dropped. See also HipChat notifications.

**Pull request notifications**

Stash sends HTML email notifications to the watchers of a pull request when the following events occur:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pull request event</th>
<th>Notification sent</th>
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<tr>
<td>A reviewer is added</td>
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<tr>
<td>A comment is added</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A comment is edited</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A comment is replied to</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A commit is made to the source branch</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The pull request is approved</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The pull request is merged</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The pull request is declined</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The pull request is reopened</td>
<td>✔</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that you don’t receive notifications for events you initiate yourself.

**Using 'mentions' to notify someone**

From Stash 2.0 you can use 'mentions' to notify another Stash user about the pull request description or comment you are writing. Stash sends an email to that user.

To use mentions, simply start typing '@' and then the users display name, username or email address, and choose from the list that Stash offers. You can use quotes for unusual names, for example if it has spaces. Use Control-Shift-P or Command-Shift-P to preview the mention.

**HipChat notifications**

Stash can send an IM notification to a HipChat room whenever someone pushes to a repository. HipChat notifications are implemented as a post receive hook in Stash, and are available to all repos in Stash.

You can enable and disable HipChat notifications for a particular repo by going to Settings > Hooks for the repo.
You need to specify the API token and the name of the HipChat room:

Talk to your HipChat administrator to get the API token for your HipChat server.

Here's an example of what you might see, from our own HipChat room:

Markdown syntax guide

By default, Stash uses Markdown as its markup language. You can use markdown in the following places:

- any pull request's descriptions or comments, or
- in README files (if they have the .md file extension).

Use Control-Shift-P or Command-Shift-P to preview your markdown.

Markdown syntax

The table below contains examples of Markdown syntax. For a full list of all the Markdown syntax, consult the official documentation on John Gruber's Daring Fireball site.
Headings

# This is an H1
## This is an H2
...
####### This is an H6

Paragraphs

Each paragraph begins on a new line. Simply press <return> for a new line.

For example,
like this.

You'll need an empty line between a paragraph and any following markdown construct, such as an ordered or unordered list, for that to be rendered. Like this:

* Item 1
* Item 2

Character styles

*Italic characters*
_Italic characters_
**bold characters**
__bold characters__

Unordered list

* Item 1
* Item 2
* Item 3
  * Item 3a
  * Item 3b
  * Item 3c

Ordered list

1. Step 1
2. Step 2
3. Step 3
   a. Step 3a
   b. Step 3b
   c. Step 3c

List in list
1. Step 1
2. Step 2
3. Step 3
   * Item 3a
   * Item 3b
   * Item 3c

Quotes or citations

Introducing my quote:

> Neque porro quisquam est qui
> dolorem ipsum quia dolor sit amet,
> consectetur, adipisci velit...

Inline code characters

Use the backtick to refer to a `function()`.

There is a literal ``backtick (')`` here.

Code blocks

Indent every line of the block by at least 4 spaces or 1 tab. Alternatively, you can also use 3 backtick quote marks before and after the block, like this:

```
Text to appear as a code block.
```

Within a code block, ampersands (&) and angle brackets (< and >) are automatically converted into HTML entities.

This is a normal paragraph:

This is a code block.
With multiple lines.

Links to external websites

This is [an example](http://www.slate.com/ "Title") inline link.

[This link](http://example.net/) has no title attribute.

Linking issue keys to JIRA

When you use JIRA issue keys (of the default format) in comments and pull request descriptions Stash automatically links them to the JIRA instance.

The default JIRA issue key format is two or more uppercase letters ([A-Z] [A-Z]+), followed by a hyphen and the issue number, for example STASH-123.

Images
Inline image syntax looks like this:

```
![Alt text](/path/to/image.jpg)
![Alt text](/path/to/image.png "Optional title attribute")
![Alt text](/url/to/image.jpg)
```

For example:

```
...
![Mockup for feature A](http://monosnap.com/image/bOcxxxxxLGF.png)
...
```

Reference image links look like this:

```
![Alt text][id]
```

where 'id' is the name of a previously defined image reference, using syntax similar to link references:

```
[id]: url/to/image.jpg "Optional title attribute"
```

For example:

```
...
<!--Collected image definitions-->
[MockupA]: http://monosnap.com/image/bOcxxxxxLGF.png "Screenshot of Feature A mockup"
...
<!--Using an image reference-->
![Mockup for feature A][MockupA]
...
```

Inline HTML

An example, to add a table:

```
This is a regular paragraph.
<table>
<tr>
<td>Foo</td>
</tr>
</table>
This is another regular paragraph.
```

Note that Markdown formatting syntax is not processed within block-level HTML tags. That is, you can’t use Markdown-style *emphasis* inside an HTML block.

See http://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/syntax#html for more details.
On this page:

- Markdown syntax
- Headings
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- Ordered list
- List in list
- Quotes or citations
- Inline code characters
- Code blocks
- Links to external websites
- Linking issue keys to JIRA
- Images
- README files

README files

From Stash 1.3, you can document a project right in the repository by creating .md or .txt files. If the ReadMe has the .md extension, any Markdown it contains gets rendered straight to the screen when viewed from the file list of the repository.

```
# README.md

## Build

To build the logparser run

```
$> cabal configure
$> cabal build
```

If any of the dependencies are missing run:

```
$> cabal install --only-dependencies
```

## Tests

Enable tests

```
$> cabal configure --enable-tests
$> cabal build
$> cabal test
```

Requesting add-ons

The Atlassian Marketplace website offers hundreds of add-ons that the administrator of your Atlassian application can install to enhance and extend Atlassian products, including Stash. If the add-on request feature is enabled for your Stash instance, you can submit requests for add-ons from the Marketplace to your Stash administrator.

The 'Atlassian Marketplace for Stash' page provides an integrated view of the Atlassian Marketplace from within your Stash instance. The page offers the same features as the Marketplace website, such as searching and...
category filtering, but tailors the browsing experience to Stash.

Atlassian Marketplace for Stash

Find and request powerful add-ons compatible with your Stash version on this streamlined Atlassian Marketplace. Manage add-ons.

This in-product view of the Marketplace gives day-to-day users of Atlassian applications, not just administrators, an easy way to discover add-ons that can help them get work done. When you find an add-on of interest, you can submit a request to your administrator for the add-on with just a few clicks.

Submitting an add-on request

To browse for add-ons in the Atlassian Marketplace, follow these steps:

1. From anywhere in the application, open your profile menu and choose Atlassian Marketplace:

2. In the Atlassian Marketplace page, use the search box to find add-ons or use the category menus to browse or filter by add-ons by type, popularity, price or other criteria. You can see what your fellow users have requested by choosing the Most Requested filter.

3. When you find an add-on that interests you, click Request to generate a request for your administrator.

4. Optionally, type a personal message to your administrators in the text box. This message is visible to administrators in the details view for the add-on.
5. Click **Submit Request** when done.
6. Click **Close** to dismiss the 'Success!' message dialog box.

At this point, a notification appears in the interface your administrators use to administer add-ons. Also your request message will appear in the add-on details view, visible from the administrator's 'Find New Add-ons' page. From there, your administrator can purchase the add-on, try it out or dismiss requests.

**Updating an add-on request**

After submitting the request, you can update your message at any time. Click the **Update Request** button next to the listing in the Atlassian Marketplace page to modify the message to your administrator.

The administrator is not notified of the update. However, your updated message will appear as you have modified it in the details view for the add-on immediately.

**JIRA integration**

When Stash is integrated with Atlassian **JIRA**, you and your team get all the benefits described on this page.

When **Stash** is linked to **JIRA**, you can:

- See the JIRA issues related to commits and pull requests
- Use JIRA issue keys in markdown
- See the details for JIRA issues
- Transition JIRA issues from within Stash
- See issues from multiple instances of JIRA
- See details of Stash commits in JIRA

**Related pages:**

- Linking Stash with JIRA
- JIRA compatibility
- Connecting to JIRA for user management

When **JIRA** is linked to **Stash**, you can:

- See (on the JIRA Source tab), all the files committed for the issue.
- Click through to see a changed file, or the full commit, in Stash.

You can also use **JIRA** for delegated management of your Stash users. See **External user directories**.
Your Stash administrator needs to set up linking with JIRA before you'll see this work.

See the JIRA issues related to commits and pull requests

Stash recognises JIRA issue keys in commit messages, and displays the keys as links on the Commits tabs for both the repository and pull requests:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Commit Date</th>
<th>Issues</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STASHDEV-4785 - Upgrade stash inbox plugin to 1.3.2 with resources loaded asynchronously</td>
<td>37 mins ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4785</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatic merge from 2.7 -&gt; master <code>commit</code> <code>9864b12315e746984236736a1f8b4d31db478</code>. STASHD.</td>
<td>1 hour ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4836</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message from email 82161 In STASH/stash from ~MSTUDMAN/stash-STASHDEV-4836-disable-cancel-update.</td>
<td>1 hour ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4836</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Click on the linked key to see details for the issue.

Use JIRA issue keys in markdown

When you mention a JIRA issue key in Stash, for example in a pull request description or a comment, the key gets automatically linked:

Use JIRA issue keys in markdown

When you mention a JIRA issue key in Stash, for example in a pull request description or a comment, the key gets automatically linked:

Click on the linked key to see details for the issue.

See the details for JIRA issues

Click a linked issue key anywhere in Stash to see the details of that issue in a dialog. And you can just click the issue key at the top of the dialog to go straight to the issue in JIRA:

Transition JIRA issues from within Stash

You can easily transition a JIRA issue from within Stash. For example, when creating a pull request you may want to transition the issue into review. Click on a linked JIRA issue anywhere in Stash to see a dialog with the available workflow steps:
Click on a step and complete the fields as required. If there are custom fields that are unsupported by Stash, just click **Edit this field in JIRA** to transition the issue directly in JIRA.

### See issues from multiple instances of JIRA

Stash can link to more than one JIRA server at a time, so different teams can work with their own projects in different JIRA instances, or a single team can link to issues across multiple JIRA servers.

### See details of Stash commits in JIRA

In JIRA, you can see details for a commit made in Stash. And you can click through to go straight to the commit in Stash:

### Bamboo integration

When Stash is integrated with a build server such as Atlassian's Bamboo, build results are published to Stash.

You can see, in Stash, the latest build result for a commit when viewing any commit or pull request. This allows you to easily check the build status of a branch when deciding whether to merge the changes into master.

When viewing the Commits tab for a Stash project, for example, you will see icons that indicate the status of the latest build results. The red fail icon is displayed if there is at least one failed build for the commit:

**Related pages:**

- JIRA integration
- Using pull requests in Stash
Click an icon to see further details:

The information that you see in this dialog is specific to the build server that provides it, in this example Bamboo.

Integration of Bamboo build results in Stash is entirely configured on the Bamboo server. See Integrating Bamboo with Stash.

You can also use the Stash Rest API to automatically publish build status from Bamboo, Jenkins or any other build tool to Stash. See the Stash developer documentation to do with updating build status.

Administering Stash

This section describes some of the administrative actions that can be performed from the Stash Administration user interface (get there by clicking the ‘cog’ icon in the Stash header).
System administration actions that can be performed outside of the Stash user interface include:

- Moving Stash to a different context path
- Setting up SSH port forwarding
- Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
- Stash debug logging
- Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server
- Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL
- Scaling Stash
- Data recovery and backups
- Stash config properties

**Users and groups**

Stash comes with an internal user directory already built-in that is enabled by default at installation. When you create the first administrator during the setup procedure, that administrator’s username and other details are stored in the internal directory.

Stash Admins and Sys Admins can manage users and groups in Stash as described on this page. You can also set up Stash to use external user directories.

Note that:

- Even after users have been added to the Stash user directory, they will not be able to log in to Stash until they have been given global access permissions.
- Permissions can also be applied separately at the level of projects, repositories and branches.

On this page:

- Creating a user
- Creating a group
- Adding users to groups
  - From the user account
  - From the group page
- Deleting users and groups
Creating a user

In the administration area, click Users (under ‘Accounts’) and then Create user (on the ‘Users’ screen)

Once you’ve created a user, click Change permissions to set up their access permissions.
Creating a group

In the administration area, click Groups (under 'Accounts') and then Create group. Enter the name for the new group, and click Create group (again):

Now you can add users to your new group:
Adding users to groups

You can add users to groups in two ways:

- add a particular user to multiple groups, from the user account page in the admin area.
- add multiple users to a particular group, from the group's page.

From the user account

To add a user to a group from the user account page, go to Users in the Administration section, and use the filter to find the user:

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Username</th>
<th>Email</th>
<th>Directory</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bryce Johnson</td>
<td>bjohnson</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bjohnson@atlassian.com">bjohnson@atlassian.com</a></td>
<td>Extranet Crowd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Does</td>
<td>jdoes</td>
<td><a href="mailto:john@does.com">john@does.com</a></td>
<td>Stash Internal Directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Garcia</td>
<td>jgarcia</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jgarcia@atlassian.com">jgarcia@atlassian.com</a></td>
<td>Extranet Crowd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Heintz</td>
<td>jheintz</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jheintz@atlassian.com">jheintz@atlassian.com</a></td>
<td>Extranet Crowd</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

On the account page for the user, click Add to Group to go to the list of available groups:
You can use the filter to find the group you want to add the user to. Hover to the right of the group name and click **Add Group** to make the user a member of the group.
From the group page

To add a user to a group from the group's page, go to **Groups** (under "Accounts") in the administration area, and use the filter to find the group:

On the page for the group, click **Add Users** to go to the list of available users.

In the users list, use the filter to find a user. Hover to the right of the user's name and click **Add user** to make them a member of the group:

Click **Done** when you have finished.
Deleting users and groups

You can delete a user or group from Stash’s internal user directory, or the external directory from which Stash sources users, such as an LDAP, Crowd or JIRA server.

When a user or group is deleted from such a directory, Stash checks to see if that user still exists in another directory:

- If the user or group does exist in another directory, Stash assumes the administrator intended to migrate the user or group between directories and we leave their data intact.
- If the user or group does not exist in another directory, Stash assumes the intent was to permanently delete them, and we delete the users permissions, SSH keys and 'rememberme' tokens.

Notes

- If an entire directory is deleted Stash always assumes it is a migration and does nothing to clean up after users and groups.
- Content which might be of historical interest (comments, pull requests, etc.) is not deleted when a user or group is. Only authentication, authorisation and data which serves no purpose to a user who can no longer log in is removed.
- In some situations, reordering the directories will change the directory that the current user comes from, if a user with the same username happens to exist in both. This behaviour can be used in some cases to create a copy of the existing configuration, move it to the top, then remove the old one. Note, however, that duplicate usernames are not a supported configuration.
- You can enable or disable a directory at any time. If you disable a directory, your configuration details will remain but Stash will not recognise the users and groups in that directory.

Limitations

- You cannot edit, disable or delete the directory that your own user account belongs to. This prevents administrators from locking themselves out of Stash, and applies to internal as well as external directories.
- You cannot remove the internal directory. This limitation aligns with the recommendation that you always keep an administrator or sysadmin account active in the Stash internal directory, so that you can troubleshoot problems with your user directories.
- You have to disable a directory before you can remove it. Removing a directory will remove the details from the database.

External user directories

You can connect Stash to external user directories. This allows you to make use of existing users and groups stored in an enterprise directory.

Note that Stash comes with an internal user directory, already built-in, that is enabled by default at installation. When you create the first administrator during the setup procedure, that administrator’s username and other details are stored in the internal directory.

See also this information about deleting users and groups in Stash.
On this page:

- LDAP
- Crowd
- JIRA

## LDAP

You can connect Stash to an LDAP directory for two purposes:

- For full user and group management, and for authentication — see Connecting Stash to an existing LDAP directory for instructions.
- For delegated authentication only, while still using the internal directory for user and group management — see Delegating Stash authentication to an LDAP directory for instructions.

You should consider connecting to an LDAP directory server if your users and groups are stored in an enterprise directory.

**Related pages:**

- Connecting Stash to an existing LDAP directory
- Delegating Stash authentication to an LDAP directory
- Connecting Stash to Crowd
- Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management
- Users and groups

Stash is able to connect to the following LDAP directory servers:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- Apache Directory Server (ApacheDS) 1.0.x and 1.5.x
- Apple Open Directory (Read-Only)
- Fedora Directory Server (Read-Only Posix Schema)
- Novell eDirectory Server
- OpenDS
- OpenLDAP
- OpenLDAP (Read-Only Posix Schema)
- Generic Posix/RFC2307 Directory (Read-Only)
- Sun Directory Server Enterprise Edition (DSEE)
- Any generic LDAP directory server

## Crowd

You can connect Stash to Atlassian Crowd for user and group management, and for authentication.

Crowd is an application security framework that handles authentication and authorisation for your web-based applications. With Crowd you can integrate multiple web applications and user directories, with support for single sign-on (SSO) and centralised identity management. See the Crowd Administration Guide.

You should consider connecting to Crowd if you want to use Crowd to manage existing users and groups in multiple directory types, or if you have users of other web-based applications.

See Connecting Stash to Crowd for configuration instructions.

## JIRA

You can delegate Stash user and group management, and authentication, to an Atlassian JIRA instance.

You should consider connecting to JIRA as an alternative to using Atlassian Crowd for simple configurations with
a limited number of users. Stash can only connect to a JIRA server running JIRA 4.3 or later.

See Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management for configuration instructions.

**Connecting Stash to an existing LDAP directory**

You can connect Stash to an existing LDAP user directory, so that your existing users and groups stored in an enterprise directory, can be used in Stash.

Stash is able to connect to the following LDAP directory servers:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- Apache Directory Server (ApacheDS) 1.0.x and 1.5.x
- Apple Open Directory (Read-Only)
- Fedora Directory Server (Read-Only Posix Schema)
- Novell eDirectory Server
- OpenDS
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- Sun Directory Server Enterprise Edition (DSEE)
- Any generic LDAP directory server

See also this information about deleting users and groups in Stash.

> Connecting Atlassian Stash to your external directory is not sufficient to allow your users to log in to Stash. You must explicitly grant them access to Stash in the global permission screen.

We recommend that you use groups instead of individual accounts when granting permissions.

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On this page:

- Server settings
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- LDAP permission
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- User schema settings
- Group schema settings
- Membership schema settings

**To connect Stash to an LDAP directory:**

1. Log in as a user with 'Admin' permission.
2. In the Stash administration area, click **User Directories** (under 'Accounts').
3. Click **Add Directory** and select either **Microsoft Active Directory** or **LDAP** as the directory type.
4. Configure the directory settings, as described in the tables below.
5. Save the directory settings.
6. Define the directory order by clicking the arrows next to each directory on the 'User Directories' screen.
   - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
   - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

**Server settings**

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<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a meaningful name to help you identify the LDAP directory server. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Example Company Staff Directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Example Company Corporate LDAP</td>
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</table>
### Directory Type
Select the type of LDAP directory that you will connect to. If you are adding a new LDAP connection, the value you select here will determine the default values for many of the options on the rest of screen. Examples:
- Microsoft Active Directory
- OpenDS
- And more.

### Hostname
The host name of your directory server. Examples:
- ad.example.com
- ldap.example.com
- opensds.example.com

### Port
The port on which your directory server is listening. Examples:
- 389
- 10389
- 636 (for example, for SSL)

### Use SSL
Check this if the connection to the directory server is an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) connection. Note that you will need to configure an SSL certificate in order to use this setting.

### Username
The distinguished name of the user that the application will use when connecting to the directory server. Examples:
- cn=administrator,cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com
- cn=user,dc=domain,dc=name
- user@domain.name

### Password
The password of the user specified above.

### LDAP schema

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<td><strong>Base DN</strong></td>
<td>The root distinguished name (DN) to use when running queries against the directory server. Examples:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- o=example,c=com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- For Microsoft Active Directory, specify the base DN in the following format: dc=domain1,dc=local. You will need to replace the domain1 and local for your specific configuration. Microsoft Server provides a tool called ldp.exe which is useful for finding out and configuring the the LDAP structure of your server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Additional User DN</strong></td>
<td>This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading users. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- ou=Users</td>
</tr>
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<td>Setting</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</table>
| **Additional Group DN**       | This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading groups. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:  
  • ou=Groups                                                                                           |

**LDAP permission**

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<td>Read Only</td>
<td>LDAP users, groups and memberships are retrieved from your directory server and can only be modified via your directory server. You cannot modify LDAP users, groups or memberships via the application administration screens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Read Only, with Local Groups</td>
<td>LDAP users, groups and memberships are retrieved from your directory server and can only be modified via your directory server. You cannot modify LDAP users, groups or memberships via the application administration screens. However, you can add groups to the internal directory and add LDAP users to those groups.</td>
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**Advanced settings**

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<td>Enable Nested Groups</td>
<td>Enable or disable support for nested groups. Some directory servers allow you to define a group as a member of another group. Groups in such a structure are called 'nested groups'. If you are using groups to manage permissions, you can create nested groups to allow inheritance of permissions from one group to its sub-groups.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use Paged Results</td>
<td>Enable or disable the use of the LDAP control extension for simple paging of search results. If paging is enabled, the search will retrieve sets of data rather than all of the search results at once. Enter the desired page size – that is, the maximum number of search results to be returned per page when paged results are enabled. The default is 1000 results.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Follow Referrals</td>
<td>Choose whether to allow the directory server to redirect requests to other servers. This option uses the node referral (JNDI lookup java.naming.referal) configuration setting. It is generally needed for Active Directory servers configured without proper DNS, to prevent a 'javax.naming.PartialResultException: Unprocessed Continuation Reference(s)' error.</td>
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### Naive DN Matching

If your directory server will always return a consistent string representation of a DN, you can enable naive DN matching. Using naive DN matching will result in a significant performance improvement, so we recommend enabling it where possible.

This setting determines how your application will compare DNs to determine if they are equal.

- If this check box is selected, the application will do a direct, case-insensitive, string comparison. This is the default and recommended setting for Active Directory, because Active Directory guarantees the format of DNs.
- If this check box is not selected, the application will parse the DN and then check the parsed version.

### Enable Incremental Synchronisation

Enable incremental synchronisation if you only want changes since the last synchronisation to be queried when synchronising a directory.

⚠️ Please be aware that when using this option, the user account configured for synchronisation must have read access to:

- The `uSNC`hanged attribute of all users and groups in the directory that need to be synchronised.
- The objects and attributes in the Active Directory deleted objects container (see Microsoft’s Knowledge Base Article No. 892806 for details).

If at least one of these conditions is not met, you may end up with users who are added to (or deleted from) the Active Directory not being respectively added (or deleted) in JIRA.

This setting is only available if the directory type is set to “Microsoft Active Directory”.

### Synchronisation Interval (minutes)

Synchronisation is the process by which the application updates its internal store of user data to agree with the data on the directory server. The application will send a request to your directory server every x minutes, where ‘x’ is the number specified here. The default value is 60 minutes.

### Read Timeout (seconds)

The time, in seconds, to wait for a response to be received. If there is no response within the specified time period, the read attempt will be aborted. A value of 0 (zero) means there is no limit. The default value is 120 seconds.

### Search Timeout (seconds)

The time, in seconds, to wait for a response from a search operation. A value of 0 (zero) means there is no limit. The default value is 60 seconds.
Connection Timeout (seconds) | This setting affects two actions. The default value is 0.
- The time to wait when getting a connection from the connection pool. A value of 0 (zero) means there is no limit, so wait indefinitely.
- The time, in seconds, to wait when opening new server connections. A value of 0 (zero) means that the TCP network timeout will be used, which may be several minutes.

User schema settings

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<td>User Object Class</td>
<td>This is the name of the class used for the LDAP user object. Example:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Object Filter</td>
<td>The filter to use when searching user objects. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- (&amp;(objectCategory=Person) (sAMAccountName=*))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the username. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- cn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- sAMAccountName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NB: In Active Directory, the 'sAMAccountName' is the 'User Logon Name (pre-Windows 2000)' field. The User Logon Name field is referenced by 'cn'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Name RDN Attribute</td>
<td>The RDN (relative distinguished name) to use when loading the username. The DN for each LDAP entry is composed of two parts: the RDN and the location within the LDAP directory where the record resides. The RDN is the portion of your DN that is not related to the directory tree structure. Example:</td>
</tr>
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<td>- cn</td>
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<tr>
<td>User First Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's first name. Example:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- givenName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Last Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's last name. Example:</td>
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<td>- sn</td>
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<tr>
<td>User Display Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's full name. Example:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- displayName</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Email Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's email address. Example:</td>
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<td>- mail</td>
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</table>
### User Password Attribute
The attribute field to use when loading a user's password. Example:
- `unicodePwd`

### User Unique ID Attribute (JIRA only)
The attribute used as a unique immutable identifier for user objects. This is used to track username changes and is optional. If this attribute is not set (or is set to an invalid value), user renames will not be detected — they will be interpreted as a user deletion then a new user addition.

This should normally point to a UUID value. Standards-compliant LDAP servers will implement this as 'entryUUID' according to [RFC 4530](https://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4530.txt). This setting exists because it is known under different names on some servers.

### Group schema settings

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<td>Group Object Class</td>
<td>This is the name of the class used for the LDAP group object. Examples:</td>
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<td>- <code>groupOfUniqueNames</code></td>
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<td>- <code>group</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>Group Object Filter</td>
<td>The filter to use when searching group objects. Example:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <code>(&amp;(objectClass=group)(cn=*))</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>Group Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the group's name. Example:</td>
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<td>- <code>cn</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>Group Description Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the group's description. Example:</td>
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<td>- <code>description</code></td>
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### Membership schema settings

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<td>Group Members Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the group's members. Example:</td>
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<td>- <code>member</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>User Membership Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's groups. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <code>memberOf</code></td>
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</table>
Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the user’s group membership

Check this if your directory server supports the group membership attribute on the user. (By default, this is the 'memberOf' attribute.)

- If this checkbox is selected, your application will use the group membership attribute on the user when retrieving the list of groups to which a given user belongs. This will result in a more efficient retrieval.
- If this checkbox is not selected, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('memberOf' by default) for the search.
- If the Enable Nested Groups checkbox is selected, your application will ignore the Use the User Membership Attribute option and will use the members attribute on the group for the search.

Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the members of a group

Check this if your directory server supports the user membership attribute on the group. (By default, this is the 'memberOf' attribute.)

- If this checkbox is selected, your application will use the group membership attribute on the user when retrieving the members of a given group. This will result in a more efficient search.
- If this checkbox is not selected, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('memberOf' by default) for the search.

Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management

You can connect Stash to an existing Atlassian JIRA instance, to delegate Stash user and group management, and authentication. Stash provides a “read-only” connection to JIRA for user management. This means that users and groups, fetched from JIRA, can only be modified or updated in that JIRA server, rather than in Stash.

Choose this option as an alternative to Atlassian Crowd, for simple configurations with a limited number of users. Note that Stash can only connect to a JIRA server running JIRA 4.3 or later.

Connecting Stash and JIRA is a 3-step process:

1. Set up JIRA to allow connections from Stash.
2. Set up Stash to connect to JIRA.
3. Set up Stash users and groups in JIRA.

You can connect to JIRA either when you first run Stash, using the Setup Wizard, or at any time after setup is complete.

If using the Stash Setup Wizard to configure JIRA integration, we recommend that you make use of the automatic back-linking from JIRA to Stash.

⚠️ You need to be an administrator in both JIRA and Stash to do this.

See also this information about deleting users and groups in Stash.

On this page:

- Connecting Stash to JIRA
- Server settings
- JIRA server permissions
- Advanced settings
Connecting Stash to JIRA

1. Set up JIRA to allow connections from Stash

   1. Log in as a user with the 'JIRA Administrators' global permission.
   2. For JIRA 4.3.x, select Other Application from the 'Users, Groups & Roles' section of the 'Administration' menu.
      For JIRA 4.4 or later, choose Administration > Users > JIRA User Server.
   3. Click Add Application.
   4. Enter the application name and password that Stash will use when accessing JIRA.
   5. Enter the IP address of your Stash server. Valid values are:
      - A full IP address, e.g. 192.168.10.12.
      - A wildcard IP range, using CIDR notation, e.g. 192.168.10.1/16. For more information, see the introduction to CIDR notation on Wikipedia and RFC 4632.
   6. Click Save.
   7. Define the directory order, on the 'User Directories' screen, by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory. The directory order has the following effects:
      - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
      - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

2. Set up Stash to connect to JIRA

   1. Log in to Stash as a user with 'Admin' permission.
   2. In the Stash administration area click User Directories (under 'Accounts').
   3. Click Add Directory and select Atlassian JIRA.
   4. Enter settings, as described below.
   5. Test and save the directory settings.
   6. Define the directory order, on the 'User Directories' screen, by clicking the arrows for each directory. The directory order has the following effects:
      - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
      - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

3. Set up Stash users and groups in JIRA

   In order to use Stash, users must be a member of the Stash-users group or have Stash global permissions. Follow these steps to configure your Stash groups in JIRA:

   1. Add the stash-users and stash-administrators groups in JIRA.
   2. Add your own username as a member of both of the above groups.
   3. Choose one of the following methods to give your existing JIRA users access to Stash:
      - Option 1: In JIRA, find the groups that the relevant users belong to. Add those groups as members of one or both of the above Stash groups.
      - Option 2: Log in to Stash using your JIRA account and go to the administration area. Click Global permissions (under 'Accounts'). Assign the appropriate permissions to the relevant JIRA groups. See Global permissions.

   Connecting Atlassian Stash to JIRA for user management is not sufficient, by itself, to allow your users to log in to Stash. You must also grant them access to Stash by using one of the above 2 options.

### Server settings

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</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• JIRA Server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• My Company JIRA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server URL</td>
<td>The web address of your JIRA server. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <a href="http://www.example.com:8080">http://www.example.com:8080</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <a href="http://jira.example.com">http://jira.example.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Name</td>
<td>The name used by your application when accessing the JIRA server that acts as user manager. Note that you will also need to define your application to that JIRA server, via the 'Other Applications' option in the 'Users, Groups &amp; Roles' section of the 'Administration' menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Password</td>
<td>The password used by your application when accessing the JIRA server that acts as user manager.</td>
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### JIRA server permissions

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<tr>
<td>Read Only</td>
<td>The users, groups and memberships in this directory are retrieved from the JIRA server that is acting as user manager. They can only be modified via that JIRA server.</td>
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### Advanced settings

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<td>Enable Nested Groups</td>
<td>Enable or disable support for nested groups. Before enabling nested groups, please check to see if nested groups are enabled on the JIRA server that is acting as user manager. When nested groups are enabled, you can define a group as a member of another group. If you are using groups to manage permissions, you can create nested groups to allow inheritance of permissions from one group to its sub-groups.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable Incremental Synchronisation</td>
<td>Enable or disable incremental synchronisation. Only changes since the last synchronisation will be retrieved when synchronising a directory..</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Synchronisation Interval (minutes)</td>
<td>Synchronisation is the process by which the application updates its internal store of user data to agree with the data on the directory server. The application will send a request to your directory server every x minutes, where 'x' is the number specified here. The default value is 60 minutes.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Delegating Stash authentication to an LDAP directory

You can configure Stash to use an LDAP directory for delegated authentication, while still using the internal directory for user and group management. There is an option to create users in the internal directory automatically when they attempt to log in, as described in the settings section below.

See also this information about deleting users and groups in Stash.

To connect Stash to an LDAP directory for delegated authentication:
1. Log in to Stash as a user with 'Admin' permission.
2. Go to the Stash administration area and click User Directories (under 'Accounts').
3. Click Add Directory and select Internal with LDAP Authentication as the directory type.
4. Configure the directory settings, as described in the tables below.
5. Save the directory settings.
6. Define the directory order by clicking the arrows for each directory on the 'User Directories' screen. The directory order has the following effects:
   - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
   - Changes to users and groups will be made only in the first directory where the application has permission to make changes.

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**Connecting Atlassian Stash to your external directory is not sufficient to allow your users to log in to Stash. You must explicitly grant them access to Stash in the global permission screen.**

We recommend that you use groups instead of individual accounts when granting permissions.

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### Server settings

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<tr>
<td><strong>Name</strong></td>
<td>A descriptive name that will help you to identify the directory. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Internal directory with LDAP Authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Corporate LDAP for Authentication Only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Directory Type</strong></td>
<td>Select the type of LDAP directory that you will connect to. If you are adding a new LDAP connection, the value you select here will determine the default values for some of the options on the rest of screen. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Microsoft Active Directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- OpenDS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- And more.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Hostname</strong></td>
<td>The host name of your directory server. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- ad.example.com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- ldap.example.com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- opensds.example.com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Port</strong></td>
<td>The port on which your directory server is listening. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 10389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 636 (for example, for SSL)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Use SSL

Select this check box if the connection to the directory server is an SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) connection. Note that you will need to configure an SSL certificate in order to use this setting.

Username

The distinguished name of the user that the application will use when connecting to the directory server. Examples:
- cn=administrator,cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com
- cn=user,dc=domain,dc=name
- user@domain.name

Password

The password of the user specified above.

Copying users on login

The settings described in the table below relate to when a user attempts to authenticate with Stash. This authentication attempt can occur either:
- when using the Stash login screen.
- when issuing a Git clone or push command at the command line, for a repository managed by Stash.

<table>
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| Copy User on Login       | This option affects what will happen when a user attempts to log in. If this check box is selected, the user will be created automatically in the internal directory that is using LDAP for authentication when the user first logs in and their details will be synchronised on each subsequent log in. If this check box is not selected, the user's login will fail.

If you select this check box the following additional fields will appear on the screen, which are described in more detail below:
- Default Group Memberships
- Synchronise Group Memberships
- User Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Base DN</strong></td>
<td>The root distinguished name (DN) to use when running queries against the directory server. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• o=example,c=com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• For Microsoft Active Directory, specify the base DN in the following format: dc=domain1,dc=local. You will need to replace the domain1 and l</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ocal for your specific configuration. Microsoft Server provides a tool called ldp.exe which is useful for finding out and configuring the the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LDAP structure of your server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>User Name Attribute</strong></td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the username. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• cn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• sAMAccountName</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Enable Nested Groups</td>
<td>Enable or disable support for nested groups. Some directory servers allow you to define a group as a member of another group. Groups in such a structure are called 'nested groups'. If you are using groups to manage permissions, you can create nested groups to allow inheritance of permissions from one group to its sub-groups.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use Paged Results</td>
<td>Enable or disable the use of the LDAP control extension for simple paging of search results. If paging is enabled, the search will retrieve sets of data rather than all of the search results at once. Enter the desired page size – that is, the maximum number of search results to be returned per page when paged results are enabled. The default is 1000 results.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Follow Referrals</td>
<td>Choose whether to allow the directory server to redirect requests to other servers. This option uses the node referral (JNDI lookup java.naming.referral) configuration setting. It is generally needed for Active Directory servers configured without proper DNS, to prevent a 'javax.naming.PartialResultException: Unprocessed Continuation Reference(s)' error.</td>
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### User schema settings

**Note:** this section is only visible when **Copy User on Login** is enabled.

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<tr>
<td>Additional User DN</td>
<td>This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading users. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ou=Users</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Object Class</td>
<td>This is the name of the class used for the LDAP user object. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Object Filter</td>
<td>The filter to use when searching user objects. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• (&amp;(objectCategory=Person)(sAMAccountName=*))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Name RDN Attribute</td>
<td>The RDN (relative distinguished name) to use when loading the username. The DN for each LDAP entry is composed of two parts: the RDN and the location within the LDAP directory where the record resides. The RDN is the portion of your DN that is not related to the directory tree structure. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• cn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User First Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's first name. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• givenName</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### User Last Name Attribute
The attribute field to use when loading the user's last name. Example:
- `sn`

### User Display Name Attribute
The attribute field to use when loading the user's full name. Example:
- `displayName`

### User Email Attribute
The attribute field to use when loading the user's email address. Example:
- `mail`

### Group schema settings
Note: this section is only visible when both **Copy User on Login** and **Synchronise Group Memberships** are enabled.

<table>
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| Additional Group DN       | This value is used in addition to the base DN when searching and loading groups. If no value is supplied, the subtree search will start from the base DN. Example:  
  - `ou=Groups`                                                                                                      |
| Group Object Class        | This is the name of the class used for the LDAP group object. Examples:  
  - `groupOfUniqueNames`  
  - `group`                                                                   |
| Group Object Filter       | The filter to use when searching group objects. Example:  
  - `(objectCategory=Group)`                                                                                   |
| Group Name Attribute      | The attribute field to use when loading the group's name. Example:  
  - `cn`                                                                       |
| Group Description Attribute | The attribute field to use when loading the group's description. Example:  
  - `description`                                                                  |

### Membership schema settings
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| Group Members Attribute   | The attribute field to use when loading the group's members. Example:  
  - `member`                                                                   |
| User Membership Attribute | The attribute field to use when loading the user's groups. Example:  
  - `memberOf`                                                                |

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Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the user’s group membership

Select the check box if your directory server supports the group membership attribute on the user. (By default, this is the ‘memberOf’ attribute.)

- If this check box is selected, your application will use the group membership attribute on the user when **retrieving the members of a given group**. This will result in a more efficient retrieval.
- If this check box is not selected, your application will use the members attribute on the group (‘member’ by default) for the search.

**Connecting Stash to Crowd**

You can configure Stash to use Atlassian Crowd for user and group management, and for authentication.

Atlassian Crowd is an application security framework that handles authentication and authorisation for your web-based applications. With Crowd you can integrate multiple web applications and user directories, with support for single sign-on (SSO) and centralised identity management. See the Crowd Administration Guide.

Connect to Crowd if you want to use Crowd to manage existing users and groups in multiple directory types, or if you have users of other web-based applications.

See also this information about deleting users and groups in Stash.

Connecting Atlassian Stash to your external directory is not sufficient to allow your users to log in to Stash. You must explicitly grant them access to Stash in the global permission screen.

We recommend that you use groups instead of individual accounts when granting permissions.

On this page:

- Server settings
- Crowd permissions
- Advanced settings
- Single sign-on (SSO) with Crowd

To connect Stash to Crowd:

1. Log in as a user with ‘Admin’ permission.
2. In the Stash administration area, click **User Directories** (under ‘Accounts’).
3. Click **Add Directory** and select **Atlassian Crowd**.
4. Enter settings, as described below.
5. Test and save the directory settings.
6. Define the directory order, on the ‘User Directories’ screen, by clicking the blue up- and down-arrows next to each directory. The directory order has the following effects:
   - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>A meaningful name that will help you to identify this Crowd server amongst your list of directory servers. Examples:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Crowd Server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Example Company Crowd</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Server URL

The web address of your Crowd console server. Examples:

- http://www.example.com:8095/crowd/
- http://crowd.example.com

Application Name

The name of your application, as recognised by your Crowd server. Note that you will need to define the application in Crowd too, using the Crowd administration Console. See the Crowd documentation on adding an application.

Application Password

The password which the application will use when it authenticates against the Crowd framework as a client. This must be the same as the password you have registered in Crowd for this application. See the Crowd documentation on adding an application.

Crowd permissions

Stash offers Read Only permissions for Crowd directories. The users, groups and memberships in Crowd directories are retrieved from Crowd and can only be modified from Crowd. You cannot modify Crowd users, groups or memberships using the Stash administration screens.

For local Stash directories, Read Only and Read/Write permissions are available.

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<td>Enable Nested Groups</td>
<td>Enable or disable support for nested groups. Before enabling nested groups, please check to see if the user directory or directories in Crowd support nested groups. When nested groups are enabled, you can define a group as a member of another group. If you are using groups to manage permissions, you can create nested groups to allow inheritance of permissions from one group to its sub-groups.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Synchronisation Interval (minutes)</td>
<td>Synchronisation is the process by which the application updates its internal store of user data to agree with the data on the directory server. The application will send a request to your directory server every x minutes, where ‘x’ is the number specified here. The default value is 60 minutes.</td>
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Single sign-on (SSO) with Crowd

Once the Crowd Directory has been set up, you can enable Crowd SSO integration by adding the following setting to $<STASH_HOME>/stash-config.properties$:

```
stash-config.properties

# Whether SSO support should be enabled or not. Regardless of this setting SSO authentication
# will only be activated when a Crowd directory is configured in Stash that is configured
# for SSO.
plugin.auth-crowd.sso.enabled=true
```

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Please note that you will need to correctly set up the domains of the applications involved in SSO. See Crowd SSO Domain examples

In addition to this property, Crowd SSO integration can be tuned through the following properties, all set in stash-config.properties. The configuration properties and their default values are displayed below:

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<th>Default</th>
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<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.validationinterval</td>
<td>The number of minutes to cache authentication validation in the session. If this value is set to 0, the SSO session will be validated with the Crowd server for every HTTP request.</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.max.connections</td>
<td>The maximum number of HTTP connections in the connection pool for communication with the Crowd server.</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.host</td>
<td>The name of the proxy server used to transport SOAP traffic to the Crowd server.</td>
<td>(none)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.port</td>
<td>The connection port of the proxy server (must be specified if a proxy host is specified).</td>
<td>(none)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.username</td>
<td>The username used to authenticate with the proxy server (if the proxy server requires authentication).</td>
<td>(none)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.password</td>
<td>The password used to authenticate with the proxy server (if the proxy server requires authentication).</td>
<td>(none)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.timeout</td>
<td>The HTTP connection timeout (milliseconds) used for communication with the Crowd server. A value of zero indicates that there is no connection timeout.</td>
<td>5000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.socket.timeout</td>
<td>The socket timeout in milliseconds. You may wish to override the default value if the latency to the Crowd server is high.</td>
<td>20000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Global permissions

Stash uses four levels of account permissions to control user and group access to Stash projects and to the Stash server configuration.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Login / Browse</th>
<th>Create projects</th>
<th>Manage users / groups</th>
<th>Manage global permissions</th>
<th>Edit application settings</th>
<th>Edit server config</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
User accounts that have not been assigned "Stash User" permission or higher, either directly or through group membership, will not be able to log in to Stash. These users are considered unlicensed and do not count towards your Stash license limit.

A user's permission level is displayed on the user's page seen from the admin area.

Note that you can also apply access permissions to projects.

To edit the account permissions for an existing Stash user or group:

1. Click the ‘cog’ menu in the header, to go to the admin area.
2. Click Global permissions (under ‘Accounts’).
3. Select, or clear, the permission checkboxes as required.
4. Click in the Add Users or Add Groups field to set permissions for additional users or groups.

You can remove all permissions for a user or group by clicking the X at the right-hand end of the row. This will remove the row.
Setting up your mail server

Setting up Stash to use your SMTP mail server:

- allows Stash to send notifications about events to do with pull requests. See Using pull requests in Stash. Note that if the mail server fails, notifications will be dropped.
- allows Stash to email a link to a newly created user, which the user can use to generate their own password.
- allows a user to reset his or her password if they forget it.

To configure a mail server for Stash, go to the administration area and click Mail server (under ‘Settings’). See Supported platforms for the mail clients supported by Stash.

Fill in the form and click Save.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hostname</th>
<th>The hostname of the mail server (for example &quot;localhost&quot; or &quot;192.168.1.15&quot;).</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>The port of the mail server (if unspecified, the port 25 will be used).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Username</td>
<td>The username to use to connect to the mail server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>The password to use to connect to the mail server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use TLS</td>
<td>Check if the SMTP server you are connecting to uses TLS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email from</td>
<td>Specifies the ‘From’ header in notification emails (for example: <a href="mailto:noreply@yourcompany.com">noreply@yourcompany.com</a>).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Anonymous User**
If you are looking to setup the outgoing mail server as an anonymous user, simply leave the username and password fields empty. In Chrome, these fields could be auto-populated, leading to an error. Try with another browser to help work around it.

Configuring the Mail Server to Use GMail

If you wish to connect to a Gmail account for email notifications in Stash, refer to the Configuring the Mail Server to Use GMail guide.

Linking Stash with JIRA

When Stash is linked to Atlassian JIRA, you can:

- see, in Stash, the JIRA issues related to particular commits.
- see the JIRA issues related to particular pull requests.
- click through to see those issues in JIRA.
- transition JIRA issues directly from within Stash.
- see issues from multiple linked instances of JIRA.
- use JIRA issue keys in Markdown, and have them automatically link to JIRA.
- use JIRA for delegated user management. See External user directories.

On this page:

- Linking Stash with JIRA instances
- Known issues with the JIRA integration
- Troubleshooting integration with JIRA

Related pages:

- JIRA integration
- JIRA compatibility
- Connecting to JIRA for user management

Linking Stash with JIRA instances
You can integrate Stash with one or more instances of JIRA by means of ‘application links’. You set up application links either:

- during the Stash install process, using the Setup Wizard, or
- at any time after installation, as described below.

⚠️ Note that integrating Stash with JIRA may require an upgraded version of the FishEye/Stash plugin in JIRA. See JIRA compatibility for details about upgrading the JIRA FishEye/Stash plugin, and for download links to the upgraded plugin versions.

To link Stash to a JIRA server:

Click Application Links (under ‘Settings’) in the Stash admin area.

Click Add Application Link:

Complete the application link wizard to connect Stash to your JIRA server. It is recommended that you make use of the automatic link-back from JIRA to Stash (you’ll need JIRA system administrator global permission for that).

More detailed information about application links can be found on Configuring Application Links.

You're finished! No other configuration is required. Your JIRA issues will appear in the changesets and commit lists in Stash. On the JIRA side, the commits associated with a specific issue will now appear in the issue’s Source tab.

Known issues with the JIRA integration

We have tried to make the integration of JIRA with Stash as straightforward as possible. However, we are aware of the following issue:

- There is no checking for project or issue-key validity; Stash may link to issues that do not actually exist:

  STASH-2470 - JIRA Integration: Check for issue validity before linking issues

We apologise for the inconvenience. Please watch the issue to keep track of our progress.

Troubleshooting integration with JIRA

There are a few scenarios where the integration of Stash with JIRA can produce an error:

The application link is misconfigured

This can result if authentication for the application link has not been set up.

You don’t have permission to access the JIRA project

If you don’t have permission to access the JIRA project then Stash is unable to display issues.

The JIRA server is of an unsupported version

Stash can integrate with JIRA 4.3.x, or later. Some features require higher versions of JIRA to function properly. See JIRA compatibility for details.

The JIRA issue key is invalid
Stash doesn't check for invalid issue keys, such as UTF-8. An error will result if Stash tries to connect to an issue that doesn't exist.

**The JIRA issue keys are of a custom format**

Stash assumes that JIRA issue keys are of the default format (that is, two or more uppercase letters ([A-Z] [A-Z]+), followed by a hyphen and the issue number, for example STASH-123). By default, Stash will not recognise custom JIRA issue key formats. See Using custom JIRA issue keys with Stash for details.

**The Application Link is created with OAuth only without the option to create a link using Trusted Applications**

Stash allows a user with global permissions of “Administrator” to create an OAuth only application link. Log in with a user having “System Administrator” privileges to create an application link using Trusted Applications.

**JIRA compatibility**

Atlassian JIRA's support for Stash is built into the FishEye/Stash plugin that is bundled with JIRA. This allows you to see all of your code changes in one place, even if you're running multiple Atlassian FishEye and Stash servers.

**Supported JIRA versions**

The information on this page applies to Stash versions 2.1 and later.

If you're using a version of JIRA earlier than **5.0.3** you may need to upgrade the FishEye/Stash plugin in JIRA to get support for Atlassian Stash.

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**Limited support for JIRA 4.4.x and earlier**

JIRA 4.3+ allows for showing commits associated with issues in JIRA. However, viewing issues within Stash is not supported for JIRA 4.4.x and earlier.

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<td>JIRA-to-Stash integration is unsupported</td>
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**Pull request JIRA issues dialog**

The display of details for JIRA issues relies on the JIRA 5.0 REST API. Issue details are not displayed when Stash in integrated with JIRA versions earlier than 5.0.

**Upgrade guide**

To upgrade the plugin, copy the link from the table above that matches your JIRA version. Then navigate in JIRA.
Next, select the **Install Plugins** tab and click **Upload Plugin**.

Now paste the URL copied from the table above into the **From this URL** field, and click **Upload**.
You should see that the plugin is installed. Now you can continue integrating Atlassian Stash with your JIRA server. See JIRA integration for details.

**JIRA 4.3.x Upgrade Note**
When upgrading the plugin in JIRA 4.3.x you may see a "zip file closed" error message in the logs. This can be ignored. See "IllegalStateException: zip file closed" when upgrading JIRA FishEye/Stash Plugin in JIRA 4.3 for more details.

**Using custom JIRA issue keys with Stash**

Stash assumes that JIRA issue keys are of the default format (that is, two or more uppercase letters ([A-Z][A-Z]+), followed by a hyphen and the issue number, for example STASH-123). By default, Stash will not recognise custom JIRA issue key formats.

You can use custom JIRA issue key formats with Stash by editing either the <Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh or <Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat file, depending upon the OS platform.

To override the default issue key format, pass the -Dstash.jira.key.pattern=<some different regex> parameter to the JVM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDED_ARGS property, like this:

```
JVM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDED_ARGS="-Dstash.jira.key.pattern=(<Some different regex>)"
```

For example, to use lowercase letters in issue keys, use a regex as in:

```
-Dstash.jira.key.pattern="{(?<!([a-z]{1,10})-?)[a-z]+-\d+)"
```
You will need to restart Stash.

Stash will index JIRA issues from this point onwards. If you want to re-index pre-existing commits in Stash you will have to delete the cached index in the Stash home directory, located at <Stash home directory>/caches/idx-snapshots.

As always, please back up your home directory (and perhaps the database) before performing any manual operation on Stash. Consider testing this change on another copy of Stash before using it in production.

**Connecting Stash to an external database**

This page provides information about using Stash with an external database.

Stash ships with an embedded database that it uses straight out-of-the-box, with no configuration required. This is great for evaluation purposes, but for production installations we recommend that you use one of the supported external databases.

Stash supports the following external databases:

- MySQL
- Oracle
- PostgreSQL
- SQL Server

Please refer to Supported platforms for the versions of external databases supported by Stash.

You can configure Stash to use an external database using:

- The Setup Wizard (when you install Stash); or
- The Database Migration Wizard in a running instance of Stash.

On this page:

- Why would I want to use an external database?
- Using the Setup Wizard to configure Stash to use an external database
- Using the Database Migration Wizard
- Notes about database migration

**Related pages:**

- Connecting Stash to MySQL
- Connecting Stash to PostgreSQL
- Connecting Stash to Oracle
- Connecting Stash to SQL Server
- How do I change the external database password

**Why would I want to use an external database?**

Stash ships with an embedded database that is great for evaluation purposes, but for production installations we recommend that you make use of one of the supported external databases, for the following reasons:

- **Improved protection against data loss**: The Stash built-in database, which runs HSQLDB, is susceptible to data loss during system crashes. External databases are generally more resistant to data loss during a system crash. HSQLDB is not supported in production environments and should only be used for evaluation purposes.
- **Performance and scalability**: If you have a large number of users on your Stash instance, running the database on the same server as Stash may slow it down. When using the embedded database, the database will always be hosted and run on the same server as Stash, which will limit performance.
- **Unified back-up**: Use your existing DBMS tools to back up your Stash database alongside your organisation’s other databases.

**Using the Setup Wizard to configure Stash to use an external database**

You can connect Stash to an external database when you run the Setup Wizard, immediately after starting Stash for the first time. See Installing Stash on Windows or Installing Stash on Linux and Mac for more information.

If you have been using Stash for a while using the embedded database, you can migrate to an external
database, as described below.

Using the Database Migration Wizard

You can use the Database Migration Wizard to migrate Stash from the embedded database to an external database, or from an external database to another external database. You need to have created the DBMS (such as MySQL) that you wish to migrate the Stash data to before running the Migration Wizard.

To run the Database Migration Wizard:

1. Log in to Stash.
2. In the administration area, click Database (under ‘Settings’).
3. Click Migrate database and follow the instructions for running the migration.

Notes about database migration

- **Back up the database and Stash home directory:**
  Before starting the database migration process you should back up your Stash home directory. If you intend to migrate from one external database to another, you should also backup the existing database before proceeding. See Data recovery and backups for more information.

- **Stash will be unavailable during the migration:**
  Stash will not be available to users during the database migration operation. In addition, running the migration when people are using Stash can sometimes cause the migration to time out waiting for all activity in Stash that uses the database to complete. For these reasons we recommend that you run the database migration outside of normal usage periods.

- **Migration will usually take less than 30 minutes:**
  The duration of the migration process depends on the amount of data in the Stash database being migrated. For new installations of Stash, containing very little data, the migration process typically takes just a few seconds. If you have been using Stash for some time, its database will contain more data, and the migration process will therefore take longer. If Stash has been linked to a JIRA instance, and there are hundreds of thousands of commits in Stash with JIRA keys in the commit messages, the migration may take tens of minutes.

- **We strongly recommend using a new clean database for the new Stash database:**
  In case of a migration failure, Stash may have partially populated the target database. If the target database is new (therefore empty) and set aside for Stash’s exclusive use, it's very easy to clean up after a failed migration; just drop the target database and use a clean target database instance for the next attempt.

- **Ensure your Stash home directory is secured against unauthorised access:**
  - After the migration, the connection details (including the username and password) for the database are stored in the stash-config.properties file.
  - Migration will create a dump file of the contents of your database in the Stash home export directory. This is used during the migration and is kept for diagnostic purposes in the case of an error. You may remove this after migration but it may reduce Atlassian Support's ability to help you in the case of migration issues.

- You can edit the database password if needed after migration.

Connecting Stash to MySQL

This page describes how to connect Stash to a MySQL database.

MySQL 5.6.x Compatibility
Stash isn't compatible with MySQL 5.6.x because of bugs in its query optimizer (#68424, #69005). We recommend using MySQL 5.5.x or 5.1.x for the time being. Please watch STASH-3164 for further updates on this.
The overall process for using a MySQL database with Stash is:

- Install MySQL where it is accessible to Stash.
- Create a database and user on the MySQL server for Stash to use.
- Install Stash on Windows, or on Linux or Mac.
- Either:
  - at Stash install time, run the Setup Wizard to connect Stash to the MySQL database, or
  - at a later time, migrate Stash to the MySQL database.

It is assumed here that you already have MySQL installed and running. MySQL documentation is available at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/.

See Supported platforms for the versions of MySQL supported by Stash.

Prerequisites

Download and install the JDBC driver

The JDBC drivers for MySQL are not bundled with Stash (due to licensing restrictions). You need to download and install the driver yourself.

1. Download the MySQL Connector/J JDBC driver from the download site.
2. Expand the downloaded zip/tar.gz file.
3. Copy the mysql-connector-java-5.1.XX-bin.jar file from the extracted directory to your <Stash home directory> /lib directory (for Stash 2.1 or later).
4. Stop Stash, on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.
5. Restart Stash, on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.

Backup your data

If you are migrating your data from the internal Stash database, back up the Stash home directory.

If you are migrating your Stash data from another external database, back up that database by following the instructions provided by the database vendor before proceeding with these instructions.

See Data recovery and backups.

Create the Stash database

Before you can use Stash with MySQL, you must set up MySQL as follows:

- configure the database to use the InnoDB storage engine
- create a database on MySQL for Stash to use
- create a Stash user on the database
- configure the database to use utf8 character set encoding
- configure the database to use utf8_bin collation (to ensure case sensitivity)
- If MySQL is using binary logging, configure the database to use a binary logging format of either MIXED or ROW. Refer to the MySQL documentation. Note that Stash sets the MySQL transaction isolation level to READ-COMMITTED when it connects to the database.

Here is an example of how to do that. When Stash and MySQL run on the same physical computer (accessible through localhost), run the following commands (replacing stashuser and password with your own values):
This creates an empty MySQL database with the name stash, and a user that can log in from the host that Stash is running on who has full access to the newly created database. In particular, the user should be allowed to create and drop tables, indexes and other constraints.

If the MySQL database and Stash servers are on the same physical computer, you can use localhost and not set a password by omitting IDENTIFIED BY 'password' from the 2nd MySQL statement above (if you trust the security within this computer).

If the MySQL database and Stash servers are on different computers, just replace the localhost part of the GRANT ALL statement above with the hostname of the machine that Stash is running on. See the documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/account-names.html.

Note that Stash will generally require about 25–30 connections to the database.

Connect Stash to the MySQL database

You can now connect Stash to the MySQL database, either:

- when you run the Setup Wizard, at install time,
- when you wish to migrate to MySQL, either from the embedded database or from another external database.

When running the Setup Wizard at install time

1. Select External at the 'Database' step.
2. Select MySQL for Database Type.
3. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
4. Click Next, and follow the instructions in the Stash Setup Wizard.

When migrating to MySQL

1. In the administration area, click Database (under ‘Settings’).
2. Click Migrate database.
3. Select MySQL for Database Type.
4. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
5. Click Start Migration.

### Table: Database Connection Details

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Connecting Stash to Oracle

This page describes how to connect Stash to a Oracle database.

The overall process for using a Oracle database with Stash is:

- Install Oracle where it is accessible to Stash.
- Create a database and user on the Oracle server for Stash to use.
- Install Stash on Windows, or on Linux or Mac.
- Either:
  - at Stash install time, run the Setup Wizard to connect Stash to the Oracle database, or
  - at a later time, migrate Stash to the Oracle database.

It is assumed here that you already have Oracle installed and running. For information about installing Oracle and creating Oracle databases, see the Oracle documentation pages. For the versions of Oracle supported by Stash see Supported platforms.

### Prerequisites

- Connect Stash to the Oracle database
- Install the JDBC driver

### Related pages:

- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Connecting Stash to MySQL
- Connecting Stash to PostgreSQL
- Connecting Stash to SQL Server
Backup

If you are migrating your data from the internal Stash database, back up the Stash home directory.

If you are migrating your Stash data from a different external database, back up that database by following the instructions provided by the database vendor before proceeding with these instructions.

See Data recovery and backups.

Create the Oracle schema for Stash

Before you can use Stash with Oracle, you must set up Oracle as follows:

- Ensure that you have a database instance available for Stash (either create a new one or use an existing one)
  The character set of the database must be set to either `AL32UTF8` or `UTF8`, to support storage of Unicode data as per the Oracle documentation.
  Note that it is important to the proper operation of Stash that the database store its data in a case-sensitive manner. By changing the values of the `NLS_COMP` and/or `NLS_SORT` variables, it is possible to cause Oracle to perform its searches in a case-insensitive manner. We therefore strongly recommend that those variables be left at their default values.
- Create a user that Stash will connect as (e.g. `stash`).
  ✅ Remember the database user name; it will be used to configure Stash's connection to the database in subsequent steps.
  ★ When you create a user in Oracle, a schema is automatically created.

It is strongly recommended that you create a new database user for use by Stash rather than sharing one that is used by other applications or people.

- Grant the Stash user `connect` and `resource` roles only. The `connect` role is required to set up a connection, while `resource` role is required to allow the user to create objects in its own schema.
- Create a local `all_objects` view to the user's schema, so that there is no possibility that a table with the same name as one of the Stash tables in another schema will cause any conflicts.

The format of the command to create a user in Oracle is:

```
CREATE USER <user>
    IDENTIFIED BY <password>;
GRANT CONNECT, RESOURCE to <user>;
CREATE VIEW <user>.all_objects AS
    SELECT *
    FROM sys.all_objects
    WHERE owner = upper('<user>');
```

Here is a simple example, using SQL*Plus, of how one might create a user called `stash` with password `jdHyd6Sn21` in tablespace `users`, and grant the user a minimal set of privileges. When you run the command on your machine, remember to replace the user name, password and tablespace names with your own values.

```
CREATE USER stash
    IDENTIFIED BY jdHyd6Sn21;

GRANT CONNECT, RESOURCE to stash;
CREATE VIEW stash.all_objects AS
    SELECT *
    FROM sys.all_objects
    WHERE owner = upper('stash');
```

This creates an empty Oracle schema with the name `stash`, and a user that can log in from the host that Stash is running on and who has full access to the newly created schema. In particular, the user is allowed to create sessions and tables.

Note that Stash will generally require about 25–30 connections to the database.
Connect Stash to the Oracle database

You can now connect Stash to the Oracle database, either:

- when you run the Setup Wizard, at install time,
- when you wish to migrate to Oracle, either from the embedded Stash database or from another external database.

When running the Setup Wizard at install time

1. Select External at the 'Database' step.
2. Select Oracle for Database Type.
3. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
4. Click Next, and follow the instructions in the Stash Setup Wizard.

When migrating to Oracle

1. In the Stash administration area, click Database (under ‘Settings’).
2. Click Migrate database.
3. Select Oracle for Database Type.
4. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
5. Click Start Migration.

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<tr>
<td>Database name</td>
<td>The system identifier of the Oracle instance that Stash should connect to. Stash does not support connecting to Oracle servers which are using SID s or TNS Alias to identify themselves; it requires the fully qualified Service Name instead.</td>
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<td>Database username</td>
<td>The username that Stash should use to access the database.</td>
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**Database password**

The password that Stash should use to access the database.

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**Migrate Database**

Stash will be unavailable to users while a migration is in progress. See our documentation for more information.

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<td>Database name*</td>
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<td>Database username*</td>
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Install the JDBC driver

This section is only relevant to some distributions of Stash, for example if you are running Stash via the Atlassian Plugin SDK, or have built Stash from source.

If the Oracle JDBC driver is not bundled with Stash, you will need to download and install the driver yourself.

1. Download the appropriate JDBC driver from the Oracle download site.
2. Copy the downloaded jar file to your <Stash home directory>/lib directory (for Stash 2.1 or later).
3. Stop, then restart, Stash on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.

**Connecting Stash to PostgreSQL**

This page describes how to connect Stash to a PostgreSQL database.

The overall process for using a PostgreSQL database with Stash is:

- Install PostgreSQL where it is accessible to Stash.
- Create a database and user on the PostgreSQL server for Stash to use.
- Install Stash on Windows, or on Linux or Mac.
- Either:
  - at Stash install time, run the Setup Wizard to connect Stash to the PostgreSQL database, or
  - at a later time, migrate Stash to the PostgreSQL database.

It is assumed here that you already have PostgreSQL installed and running. For more information about PostgreSQL installation and operation, refer to the PostgreSQL documentation.

PostgreSQL has the idea of schemas. When you create a PostgreSQL database, a ‘public’ schema is created and set as the default for that database. It is possible to create a different schema (e.g. ‘stash’) and set that as the default schema. Stash will use whatever schema is set as the default for the logged-in user. Stash does not provide a way for a user to nominate the schema to use; it uses schema that is set as the PostgreSQL default.

See Supported platforms for the versions of PostgreSQL supported by Stash.
Prerequisites

Backup

If you are migrating your Stash data from the HSQL internal database, back up the Stash home directory.

If you are migrating your Stash data from another external database, back up that database by following the instructions provided by the database vendor before proceeding with these instructions.

See Data recovery and backups.

Create the Stash database

Before you can use Stash with PostgreSQL, you must:

- Create a role for Stash to use when it connects to the database.
  
  We strongly recommend that this role be established for Stash's use exclusively; it should not be shared by other applications or people.

- Create a database in which Stash can store its data.
  
  The database must be configured to use the UTF-8 character set.
  
  During normal operation, Stash will acquire 25–30 connections to the database.

Here is an example of how to create a user called stashuser with password jellyfish, and a database called stash, which is configured for use by stashuser. Using a PostgreSQL client application like psql or pgAdmin, run the following commands, replacing the user name, password, and database name with your own values.

```
CREATE ROLE stashuser WITH LOGIN PASSWORD 'jellyfish' VALID UNTIL 'infinity';
CREATE DATABASE stash WITH ENCODING='UTF8' OWNER=stashuser CONNECTION LIMIT=-1;
```

Note that you must also add Stash to the PostgreSQL pg_hba.conf file, otherwise PostgreSQL will not allow the connection. See Password authentication failed with PostgreSQL 9 for details.

Connect Stash to the PostgreSQL database

You can now connect Stash to the PostgreSQL database, either:

- when you run the Setup Wizard, at install time,
- when you wish to migrate Stash to PostgreSQL, either from the embedded HSQL database or from another external database.

When running the Setup Wizard at install time

1. Select External at the 'Database' step.
2. Select PostgreSQL for Database Type.
3. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
4. Click Next, and follow the instructions in the Stash Setup Wizard.

When migrating to PostgreSQL

1. In the Stash administration area, click Database (under 'Settings').
2. Click Migrate database.
3. Select PostgreSQL for Database Type.
4. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
5. Click **Start Migration**.

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**Migrate Database**

Stash will be unavailable to users while a migration is in progress. See our documentation for more information.

- **Database Type**: PostgreSQL
- **Hostname**: [Hostname or IP address of the database server]
- **Port**: 5432
- **Database name**: [Database name]
- **Database username**: [Database username]
- **Database password**: [Database password]

**Install the JDBC driver**

This section is only relevant to some distributions of Stash, for example if you are running Stash via the Atlassian Plugin SDK, or have built Stash from source.

If the PostgreSQL JDBC driver is *not* bundled with Stash, you will need to download and install the driver yourself.
1. Download the appropriate JDBC driver from the Postgres download site.
2. Copy the downloaded jar file to your `<Stash home directory>/lib directory (for Stash 2.1 or later).
3. Stop, then restart, Stash on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.

**Connecting Stash to SQL Server**

This page describes how to connect Stash to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

The overall process for using a SQL Server database with Stash is:

- Install SQL Server where it is accessible to Stash.
- Create a database and user on the SQL Server server for Stash to use.
- Install Stash on Windows, or on Linux or Mac.
- Either:
  - at Stash install time, run the Setup Wizard to connect Stash to the SQL Server database, or
  - at a later time, migrate Stash to the SQL Server database.

It is assumed here that you already have SQL Server installed and running.


See [Supported platforms](#) for the versions of SQL Server supported by Stash.

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### Prerequisites

#### Back up your current database

If you are migrating your data from the internal Stash database, back up the Stash home directory.

If you are migrating your Stash data from a different external database, back up that database by following the instructions provided by the database vendor before proceeding with these instructions.

See [Data recovery and backups](#).

#### Create the SQL Server database

Before you can use Stash with SQL Server, you must set up SQL Server as follows:

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<td>Create a database</td>
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<tr>
<td>Set the collation type</td>
<td>This should be case-sensitive, for example, ‘SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CS_AS’ (CS = Case Sensitive).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Set the isolation level</td>
<td>Configure the database to use the isolation level, Read Committed with Row Versioning.</td>
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</table>
Create a database user

- Create a database user e.g. stashuser. This database user should not be the database owner, but should be in the db_owner role. See SQL Server Startup Errors. Remember this database user name for the connection step below.

Set database user permissions

- Set database user permissions. The Stash database user has permission to connect to the database, and to create and drop tables, indexes and other constraints, and insert and delete data, in the newly-created database.

Enable TCP/IP

- Enable TCP/IP. Ensure that TCP/IP is enabled on SQL Server and that SQL Server is listening on the correct port (which is 1433 for a default SQL Server installation). Remember this port number for the connection step below.

Check the authentication mode

- Check the authentication mode. Ensure that SQL Server is operating in the appropriate authentication mode. By default, SQL Server operates in 'Windows Authentication Mode'. However, if your user is not associated with a trusted SQL connection, 'Microsoft SQL Server, Error: 18452' is received during Stash startup, and you will need to change the authentication mode to 'Mixed Authentication Mode'.

- Stash instances running on Windows are also able to support SQL Server databases running in 'Windows Authentication Mode'. This is described at the bottom of this page and it has to be manually configured: Connecting Stash to SQL Server - Use Integrated Authentication (Optional)

Check that SET NOCOUNT is off

- Check that SET NOCOUNT is off. Ensure that the SET NOCOUNT option is turned off. You can do that in SQL Server Management Studio as follows:

1. Navigate to Tools > Options > Query Execution > SQL Server > Advanced. Ensure that the SET NOCOUNT option is cleared.
2. Now, go to the Server > Properties > Connections > Default Connections properties box and clear the no count option.

Note that Stash will generally require about 25–30 connections to the database.

Here is an example of how to create and configure the SQL Server database from the command line. When Stash and SQL Server run on the same physical computer (accessible through localhost), run the following commands (replacing stashuser and password with your own values):
This creates an empty SQL Server database with the name `stash`, and a user that can log in from the host that Stash is running on who has full access to the newly created database. In particular, the user should be allowed to create and drop tables, indexes and other constraints.

Connect Stash to the SQL Server database

You can now connect Stash to the SQL Server database, either:

- when you run the Setup Wizard, at install time,
- when you wish to migrate to SQL Server, either from the embedded database or from another external database.

When running the Setup Wizard at install time

1. Select **External** at the 'Database' step.
2. Select **SQL Server** for **Database Type**.
3. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
4. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the Stash Setup Wizard.

When migrating to SQL Server

1. In the Stash administration area, click **Database** (under 'Settings').
2. Click **Migrate database**.
3. Select **SQL Server** for **Database Type**.
4. Complete the form. See the table below for details.
5. Click **Start Migration**.

| Hostname | The host name or IP address of the computer running the database server. |
### Port
The TCP port with which Stash can connect to the database server. The default value of 1433 is the default port that SQL Server runs against. You can change that if you know the port that your SQL Server instance is using.

### Database name
The name of the database that Stash should connect to.

### Database username
The username that Stash should use to access the database.

### Database password
The password that Stash should use to access the database.

### Migrate Database
Stash will be unavailable to users while a migration is in progress. See our documentation for more information.

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#### Use Integrated Authentication or 'Windows Authentication Mode' (Optional)

Windows authentication is only available for Stash instances running on Windows. It cannot be used on Linux because Microsoft does not provide shared objects for it. You will either need to run Stash on Windows, allowing you to use Windows security, or you will need to enable mixed-mode authentication for SQL Server if you are running Stash on Linux. Unfortunately, there are no other options at this time.

Integrated authentication uses a native DLL to access the credentials of the logged-in user to authenticate with SQL Server. The native DLLs for both 32- and 64-bit systems are included in the distribution; there is no need to download the entire package from Microsoft.

Stash does not currently support configuring the system to use integrated authentication from the UI (Vote for it! STASH-3035 - Add support for integrated authentication for Microsoft SQL Server (→ Open)). This means you can't currently migrate to SQL Server with integrated authentication, nor can you configure Stash to use SQL Server with integrated authentication during initial setup. However, if Stash has already been
configured to use SQL Server (for example, when the Setup Wizard was run at first use), you can enable integrated authentication by directly modifying Stash's configuration, as follows:

1. Based on the JVM being used to run Stash, rename either the x64 or x86 DLL to sqljdbc_auth.dll in lib/native. Note that running on Windows x64 does not require the use of the x64 DLL; you should only use the x64 DLL if you are also using a 64-bit JVM.
2. In setenv.bat, a JVM_LIBRARY_PATH variable has already been defined. Simply remove the leading rem. Note that if you are putting the native DLL in an alternative location, you may need to change the value to point to your own path. The value of the JVM_LIBRARY_PATH variable will automatically be included in the command line when Tomcat is run using start-stash.bat.
3. Edit the %STASH_HOME%\stash-config.properties file to include ;integratedSecurity=true in the jdbc.url line. Note that jdbc.user and jdbc.password will no longer be used to supply credentials but they must still be defined – Stash will fail to start if these properties are removed.
4. Ensure the Stash process or service is running as the correct user to access SQL Server.

It is also possible to configure integrated authentication over Kerberos, rather than using the native DLLs. Details for that are included in the JDBC documentation.

Install the JDBC driver

This section is only relevant to some distributions of Stash, for example if you are running Stash via the Atlassian Plugin SDK, or have built Stash from source.

If the SQL Server JDBC driver is not bundled with Stash, you will need to download and install the driver yourself.

1. Download the appropriate JDBC driver from the Microsoft download site.
2. Install the driver file to your <Stash home directory>/lib directory (for Stash 2.1 or later).
3. Stop, then restart, Stash on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.

If Stash was configured to use Microsoft SQL Server by manually entering a JDBC URL, please refer to this guide.

Transitioning from jTDS to Microsoft’s JDBC driver

This page describes how to change from using jTDS to using the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver to access Microsoft SQL Server.

What do I have to do?

If Stash was configured to use Microsoft SQL Server by following the steps outlined in Connecting Stash to SQL Server, no change is necessary. However, If Stash was configured to use Microsoft SQL Server by manually entering a JDBC URL, the system will lock on startup if the driver class and URL are not manually updated.

How to proceed

In the Stash home directory, stash-config.properties must be edited to change the JDBC driver and URL. The existing configuration should look similar to this:

```
jdbc.driver=net.sourceforge.jtds.jdbc.Driver
jdbc.url=jdbc:jtds:sqlserver://localhost:1433;databaseName=stash;
jdbc.user=stashuser
jdbc.password=secretpassword
```

The JDBC URL above is in the format constructed by Stash when Connecting Stash to SQL Server and will automatically be updated to a URL compatible with Microsoft’s driver, with no change required on the administrator’s part. If the URL contains additional properties, such as domain=, it will need to be manually updated.

To use Microsoft’s SQL Server driver, the settings above would be updated to this:
jdbc.driver=com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver
jdbc.url=jdbc:sqlserver://localhost:1433;databaseName=stash;
jdbc.user=stashuser
jdbc.password=secretpassword

The exact values to use in the new URL are beyond the scope of this documentation; they must be chosen based on the jTDS settings they are replacing.

Additional Information for the curious

The new JDBC driver class is: com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver

The JDBC URL format for the jTDS driver is documented on SourceForge at http://jtds.sourceforge.net/faq.html#urlFormat.


Why change drivers?

Click here to find all the technical details...

Recent releases of Hibernate, which Stash uses to simplify its persistence layer, have introduced a requirement that the JDBC drivers and connection pools used be JDBC4-compliant. JDBC4 was introduced with Java 6.

The jTDS driver used by releases prior to Stash 2.1 is a JDBC3 driver, compatible with Java 1.3, and therefore cannot be used with newer versions of Hibernate. While jTDS 1.3.0 implements JDBC4, and JDBC4.1 which is provided by Java 7, it requires a Java 7 runtime environment. Upgrading Stash to that version was a non-starter, as it would require raising the minimum Java version for the product to Java 7.

Instead, the decision was made to replace jTDS with Microsoft's own SQL Server driver. Microsoft's driver is actively maintained, where jTDS is only recently seeing its first updates in over 3 years, and supports all the features of SQL Server, including SQL Server 2012.

Stash attempts to automatically update jTDS JDBC URLs to values compatible with Microsoft's JDBC driver. However, for installations using custom JDBC URLs—for example, to use domain authentication—such automatic updating is not possible; the URL, which was manually entered, must be manually updated.

Migrating Stash to another server

This page describes how to move your Stash installation from one physical machine to a different machine. For most scenarios, the overall procedure involves the following 3 steps, although your situation may not require all of these:

1. Move the Stash data.
2. Move the Stash installation to the new location, and update STASH_HOME.
3. Update the Stash stash-config.properties file. This will be necessary if you were unable to use the Migration Wizard in Step 1.

See also the Stash upgrade guide. You can upgrade Stash either before or after you migrate Stash. This page does not describe any aspect of the upgrade procedure.
First steps

In preparation for migrating Stash to another server, check that you have done the following:

- Confirm that the operating system, database, other applicable platforms and hardware on the new machine will comply with the requirements for Stash.
- Check for any known migration issues in the Stash Knowledge Base.
- Alert users to the forthcoming Stash service outage.
- Ensure that users will not be able to update existing Stash data during the migration. You can do this by temporarily changing the access permissions for Stash.

1. Move the Stash data to a different machine

This section gives a brief overview of how to move the Stash data to a different machine. You do not need to do anything in this section if you will continue to use the embedded database - the Stash data is moved when you move the Stash installation.

The Stash data includes the data directories (including the Git repositories), log files, installed plugins, temporary files and caches.

You can move the Stash data:

- from the embedded database to a supported external DBMS.
- to another instance of the same DBMS.
- from one DBMS to another supported DBMS (for example, from MySQL to PostgreSQL).

You can also move the actual DBMS. Atlassian recommends that for large installations, Stash and the DBMS run on separate machines.

There are 2 steps:

1. Create and configure the DBMS in the new location. Please refer to Connecting Stash to an external database, and the relevant child page, for more information.
2. Either:
   - If the new location is currently visible to Stash, use the Stash Database Migration Wizard. Please refer to Connecting Stash to an external database, and the relevant child page, for more information.
   - If the new location is not currently visible to Stash (perhaps because you are moving to a new hosting provider), you need to perform a database export and then import the backup to the new DBMS. Please refer to the vendor documentation for your DBMS for detailed information.

You will also need to update the stash-config.properties file in the `<Stash home directory>` as described below.

2. Move Stash to a different machine

This section describes moving the Stash installation to a different machine.

1. Stop Stash. Use `bin\stop-stash.bat` on Windows, or `bin/stop-stash.sh` on Linux and Mac.
2. Make an archive (such as a zip file) of the Stash home directory. The home directory contains data directories (including the Git repositories), log files, installed plugins, temporary files and caches. The home directory location is defined:
   - on Windows, by the STASH_HOME environment variable, or by the STASH_HOME line of `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat`.
   - on Linux and Mac, by the STASH_HOME line of `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh`.
3. Copy the archive to the new machine and unzip it to its new location there.
4. Set up an instance of Stash in the new location by doing one of the following:
   - Make an archive of the old Stash installation directory and copy it across to the new machine.
   - Install the same version of Stash from scratch on the new machine.
5. Redefine the value for `STASH_HOME`, mentioned in Step 2. above, in the new `<Stash installation directory>`, using the new location for your copied home directory. See either Installing Stash on Windows or Installing Stash on Linux and Mac for more information.
6. If you are continuing to use the Stash embedded database, or you used the Migration Wizard to move the Stash data, you should now be able to start Stash on the new machine and have all your data available. Use `bin\start-stash.bat` on Windows, or `bin/start-stash.sh` on Linux and Mac. Once you have confirmed that the new installation of Stash is working correctly, revert the access permissions for Stash to their original values.
7. If you moved the Stash data by performing a database export and import, carry on to Step 3. below to update the stash-config.properties file in the `<Stash home directory>`.

3. Update the Stash configuration

If you moved the Stash data by performing a database export, you must update the stash-config.properties file in the `<Stash home directory>` with the changed configuration parameters for the database connection.

The configuration parameters are described in Stash config properties.

Once the configuration parameters are updated, you should be able to start Stash on the new machine and have all your data available. Use `bin\start-stash.bat` on Windows, or `bin/start-stash.sh` on Linux and Mac. Once you have confirmed that the new installation of Stash is working correctly, revert the access permissions for Stash to their original values.

**Specifying the base URL for Stash**

This is the base URL for this installation of Stash. All links which are not from a web request (for example in Stash email notifications), will be prefixed by this URL. If you are experiencing trouble with setting an https baseURL, please ensure you have configured Tomcat with SSL correctly.

**To specify Stash’s base URL:**

1. In the Stash administration area, click Server settings (under 'Settings').
2. In the Base URL field, type the URL address of your Stash server (for example, "https://stash.your_org.com").
3. Click Save.

**Related pages:**
- Administering Stash

### Configuring the application navigator

The application navigator, on the left of the Stash header, allows you to switch to your other applications, such as Atlassian JIRA and Bamboo – or any other web application – all from the Stash header:

Users only see the application navigator when links are set up – if there are no links, only administrators can see it.

Stash administrators can configure which apps appear in the navigator – just click Configure in the application navigation.
navigator, or go to the Stash admin area and click **Application navigator**:

- **Linked applications** are automatically configured in the application navigator, and can’t be deleted. Click **Manage** to configure those in the source application.
- Specify new links, as required by your users, by entering a **Name** and **URL**.
- Restrict the visibility of links to particular user groups, or hide the link completely. Click in a row, under the **Groups** column header, to edit those properties for existing rows.
- Use the * handles at the left to change the link order when seen in Stash.

### Managing add-ons

An add-on is an installable component that supplements or enhances the functionality of Stash in some way. For example, the **Custom Navigation Plugin** enables you to configure custom navigation tabs specific to a repository. Other add-ons are available for adding graphs to Stash, importing SVN source control projects into Stash, and accessing Atlassian support from Stash.

Stash comes with many pre-installed add-ons (called system add-ons). You can install more add-ons, either by acquiring the add-on from the **Atlassian Marketplace** or by uploading it from your file system. This means that you can install add-ons that you have developed yourself. For information about developing your own add-ons for Stash, see the **Stash Developer Documentation**.

On this page:
- **About the Universal Plugin Manager (UPM)**
- **Administering add-ons in Stash**

### About the Universal Plugin Manager (UPM)

You administer add-ons for Stash using the Universal Plugin Manager (UPM). The UPM is itself an add-on that exposes add-on administration pages in the Stash Administration Console. UPM works across Atlassian applications, providing a consistent interface for administering add-ons in Stash, Crucible, Confluence, Fisheye, JIRA and Bamboo.

UPM comes pre-installed in recent versions of all Atlassian applications, so you do not normally need to install it yourself. However, like other add-ons, the UPM software is subject to regular software updates. Before administering add-ons in Stash, therefore, you should **verify your version** of the UPM and update it if needed.

### Administering add-ons in Stash

You can update UPM, or any add-on, from the UPM’s own add-on administration pages. Additionally, you can perform these tasks from the UPM administration pages:

- Install or remove add-ons
- Configure add-on settings
- Discover and install new add-ons from the **Atlassian Marketplace**
- Enable or disable add-ons and their component modules

It shows only those plugins that are supported in your version of the product, so that you do not install incompatible plugins.

If the add-on request feature is enabled in your Atlassian application, non-administrative users can also discover add-ons on the Atlassian Marketplace. Instead of installing the add-ons, however, these users have the option of requesting the add-ons from you, the administrator of the Atlassian application.

For more information on administering the add-on request feature or performing other common add-on administration tasks, see the **Universal Plugin Manager documentation**. For an end-user’s view of requesting
add-ons in Stash, see Requesting add-ons.

POST service webhook for Stash

Repository administrators can add a POST service to a repository. Stash POSTs to the service URL you specify. You can use an URL with the following format:

https://server:port/path/

The service receives a POST whenever the user pushes to the repository.

The content type header of the POST has an application/json type. The content is a JSON payload that represents the repository push.

Setting up the POST service

You can either set up the POST service manually or you can write a service to automate this. You would write a service if you are integrating an application with Stash.

Manually from Repository Administration

1. Go to the repository's settings.
2. Click Hooks in the left-hand navigation.
3. Select the Post-Receive Webhooks item from the listing.
4. Click Enable. A new dialog appears for the POST hook. You can add up to 5 hooks:

Post-Receive WebHooks

**Description**

Stash will send a POST request to the URLs provided after code has been pushed to your Git repository. The body of the POST request contains information about the repository where the change originated, a list of recent commits, and the user that made the push.

You can find the details in our documentation.

**URL**

http://example.com/hook-listener/

Add another URL

5. Enter the URL where Stash should send its update messages.
6. Press Enable.

POST data

When a user pushes to a repository, Stash POSTs to the URL you provided. The body of the POST request contains information about the repository where the change originated, a list of recent commits, and the user that
made the push.

**Example of payload**

This is an example of a push that contains one commit that changes 2 files (`pom.xml`) in folders `iridium-common` and `iridium-magma`.

```json
{
  "repository": {
    "slug": "iridium-parent",
    "id": 11,
    "name": "iridium-parent",
    "scmId": "git",
    "state": "AVAILABLE",
    "statusMessage": "Available",
    "forkable": true,
    "project": {
      "key": "IR",
      "id": 21,
      "name": "Iridium",
      "public": false,
      "type": "NORMAL",
      "isPersonal": false
    },
    "public": false
  },
  "refChanges": [
    {
      "refId": "refs/heads/master",
      "fromHash": "2c847c4e9c2421d038ffe26ba82bc859ae6ebe20",
      "toHash": "f259e9032cdeb1e28d073e8a79af6f9587f233",
      "type": "UPDATE"
    }
  ],
  "changesets": {
    "size": 1,
    "limit": 100,
    "isLastPage": true,
    "values": [
      {
        "fromCommit": {
          "id": "2c847c4e9c2421d038ffe26ba82bc859ae6ebe20",
          "displayId": "2c847c4"
        },
        "toCommit": {
          "id": "f259e9032cdeb1e28d073e8a79af6f9587f233",
          "displayId": "f259e90",
          "author": {
            "name": "jhocman",
            "emailAddress": "jhocman@atlassian.com"
          },
          "authorTimestamp": 1374663446000,
          "message": "Updating poms ...",
          "parents": [
            {
              "id": "2c847c4e9c2421d038ffe26ba82bc859ae6ebe20",
              "displayId": "2c847c4"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
Properties

Some of the system-wide properties for the Webhook Plugin can be overridden in the Stash configuration file.

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<td>plugin.com.atlassian.stash.plugin.hook.threadPoolCoreSize=2</td>
<td>Core size of thread pool – the default number of concurrent hooks notifications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.com.atlassian.stash.plugin.hook.threadPoolMaxSize=3</td>
<td>Maximal size of thread pool – the maximum number of concurrent hooks notifications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.com.atlassian.stash.plugin.hook.queueSize=1024</td>
<td>The maximum size of the queue which holds queued requests that are yet to be sent. When this size is exceeded the oldest unsent message will be dropped and a warning message logged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.com.atlassian.stash.plugin.hook.connectionTimeout=10000</td>
<td>Connection timeout for hook request in MILLISECONDS. When the connection times out a warning message will be logged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.com.atlassian.stash.plugin.hook.changesetsLimit=500</td>
<td>Limit of maximum count of changesets that will be sent in the POST data for a single ref change.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.com.atlassian.stash.plugin.hook.changesLimit=100</td>
<td>Limit of maximum count of changes for a single changeset in the POST data.</td>
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Audit logging in Stash

Stash comes with an internal audit system enabled by default at installation. The audit system is intended to give administrators an insight into the way Stash is being used. The audit system could be used to identify authorized and unauthorized changes, or suspicious activity over a period of time.

Viewing recent events

Stash administrators and system administrators can see a list of recent events for each project and repository in the 'Audit log' view. This is found under the Settings tab for a project or repository, and shows only the most important audit events.
The audit log displays a subset of the events recorded in the log file and is kept to a configurable maximum size (the default is 500 events). See Audit events in Stash for more details.

Accessing the audit log file

The full audit log file records a wide range of events in Stash. See Audit events in Stash for a list of these. The volume of events that are logged is coarsely configurable by changing a Stash server setting. See Stash config properties for more details.

You can find the log file in the `<Stash home directory>/log/audit` directory. The log file will roll daily and also when it grows past a maximum size of 25 MB. There is a limit (currently 100) to the number of rolled files that Stash will keep. When the limit is reached, the oldest file is deleted each day.

Note that you will need to back up the log files before they are removed, if your organisation needs to keep copies of those.

Configuring audit logging

There are various system properties that can be used to configure audit logging in Stash.

Audit events in Stash

The auditing component of Stash will log many different events that occur when Stash is being used. The events have been assigned priorities based on how important they are – these priorities can be used to control how much information is added to the audit log file. For example, if you have a server under high load and no need for auditing, you may wish to turn audit logging off by setting it to NONE – see the audit log config properties.

Server level events

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<td>ApplicationConfigurationChanged Event</td>
<td>The server configuration has changed e.g. the display name or the base url.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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<tr>
<td>BackupEvent</td>
<td>Audited at the beginning and the end of a system backup.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LicenseChangedEvent</td>
<td>The server license has changed.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MailHostConfigurationChangedEvent</td>
<td>The server's mail host has changed (used to send email notifications).</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MigrationEvent</td>
<td>Audited at the beginning and the end of a database migration.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ServerEmailAddressChangedEvent</td>
<td>The server email address has changed (used in email notifications).</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TicketRejectedEvent</td>
<td>Certain resources (e.g. the Git processes) are throttled, when tickets are rejected (e.g. too many Git processes are in use) this event is fired.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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User management events

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<td>DirectoryCreatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a new directory is created.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DirectoryDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a new directory is deleted.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
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GroupCreatedEvent Occurs when a new group is created. MEDIUM

GroupUpdatedEvent Occurs when a new group is updated (not when membership changes). MEDIUM

GroupDeletedEvent Occurs when a new group is deleted. MEDIUM

GroupMembershipCreatedEvent Occurs when a user is added to a group. MEDIUM

GroupMembershipDeletedEvent Occurs when a user is removed from a group. MEDIUM

UserAuthenticatedEvent Occurs when a user is successfully authenticated (logged in). LOW

UserAuthenticationFailedInvalidAuthenticationEvent Occurs whenever a user fails to authenticate. Note that this can occur frequently in Stash whenever a command line CLI is used as the initial URL provided to Stash contains a username but no password, which is rejected by Crowd. MEDIUM

UserCreatedEvent Occurs when a user is created. MEDIUM

UserCredentialUpdatedEvent Occurs when a user changes password. MEDIUM

UserDeletedEvent Occurs when a user is deleted. MEDIUM

Permission events

- GlobalPermissionGrantedEvent: Occurs when a user or group is granted a global permission (e.g. create project). HIGH
- GlobalPermissionRevokedEvent: Occurs when a user or group has a global permission revoked. HIGH
- ProjectPermissionGrantedEvent: Occurs when a user or group is granted a permission for a specific project. HIGH
- ProjectPermissionRevokedEvent: Occurs when a user or group has a permission for a specific project revoked. HIGH
- RepositoryPermissionEvent: Occurs when a user or group has a permission for a specific repository altered. HIGH
- RestrictedRefEvent: Children of this event are fired when a restricted ref is altered. HIGH

Project events
In the table below indicates that the event is visible in the recent audit log screen for the project.

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<td>ProjectAvatarUpdatedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a project avatar has been successfully updated.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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<tr>
<td>ProjectCreatedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a project is created.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectCreationRequestedEvent</td>
<td>Raised just before a project is created; can be cancelled.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectModifiedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a project has been successfully updated (e.g. the project name).</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectModificationRequestedEvent</td>
<td>Raised just before a project is updated; can be cancelled.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a project is deleted.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectDeletionRequestedEvent</td>
<td>Raised just before a project is deleted; can be cancelled.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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Repository events

In the table below indicates that the event is visible in the recent audit log screen for the project or repository.

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<tr>
<td>RepositoryAccessedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a repository is accessed by a user. Stash currently only fires this event selectively - when users hit a repository page.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryCreatedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a repository is created.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
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<td>RepositoryCreationFailedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when an attempt to create a repository fails.</td>
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<td>Raised just before a repository is created; can be cancelled.</td>
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<td>Raised when a repository is forked successfully.</td>
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<td>Raised when the server receives a pack file from the client via HTTP.</td>
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<td>RepositoryPullEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a Git client pulls from a repository (only when new content is sent to the client).</td>
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<td>Raised when a Git client pushed to a repository.</td>
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**Pull request events**

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<td>Fired at different points in the pull request lifecycle (declined, commented, merged, opened, reopened, rescoped [code updated], updated, approved, unapproved, participants updated).</td>
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**Plugin events**

See this [plugin documentation](#) for details of when these events below are triggered.

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<td>PluginModuleDisabledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin module has been disabled, either by the system or a user.</td>
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<td>PluginModuleEnabledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin module has been enabled, either by the system or a user.</td>
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<td>Signifies a plugin module is now unavailable outside the usual installation process.</td>
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<td>PluginUninstalledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin is explicitly uninstalled (as opposed to as part of an upgrade).</td>
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<td>PluginUpgradedEvent</td>
<td>Signifies that a plugin has been upgraded at runtime.</td>
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<td>PluginContainerUnavailableEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when the container of a plugin is being shutdown, usually as a result of the server being stopped.</td>
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<td>PluginModuleAvailableEvent</td>
<td>Signifies that a plugin module is now available outside the usual installation process.</td>
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Advanced actions

This section describes the administrative actions that can be performed from outside of the Stash Administration user interface.

In this section:

- Moving Stash to a different context path
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- Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
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Related pages:

- Administering Stash
- Supported platforms
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Scaling Stash

Hardware requirements

The type of hardware you require to run Stash depends on a number of factors:

- The number and frequency of clone operations. Cloning a repository is one of the most demanding operations. One major source of clone operations is continuous integration. When your CI builds involve multiple parallel stages, Stash will be asked to perform multiple clones concurrently, putting significant load on your system.
- The size of your repositories. On large repositories, many operations require more memory and more CPUs.
- The number of users.

The following are rough guidelines for choosing your hardware:

- Estimate the number of concurrent clones that are expected to happen regularly (look at continuous integration). Add one CPU for every 2 concurrent clone operations. Note that enabling the SCM Cache Plugin (bundled with Stash from version 2.5.0) can help to reduce the cloning load on the Stash server due to CI polling. See Scaling Stash for Continuous Integration performance.
- Estimate or calculate the average repository size and allocate 1.5 x number of concurrent clone operations x min(repository size, 700MB) of memory.

On this page:

- Hardware requirements
- Understanding Stash's resource usage
  - Memory
  - CPU
  - Clones examined
- Configuring Stash scaling options and system properties
- Database requirements
Understanding Stash’s resource usage

Most of the things you do in Stash involve both the Stash server and one or more Git processes created by Stash. For instance, when you view a file in the Stash web application, Stash processes the incoming request, performs permission checks, creates a Git process to retrieve the file contents and formats the resulting webpage. In serving most pages, both the Stash server and Git processes are involved. The same is true for the ‘hosting’ operations: pushing your commits to Stash, cloning a repository from Stash or fetching the latest changes from Stash.

As a result, when configuring Stash for performance, CPU and memory consumption for both Stash and Git should be taken into account.

Memory

When deciding on how much memory to allocate for Stash, the most important factor to consider is the amount of memory required for Git. Some Git operations are fairly expensive in terms of memory consumption, most notably the initial push of a large repository to Stash and cloning large repositories from Stash. For large repositories, it is not uncommon for Git to use up to 500 MB of memory during the clone process. The numbers vary from repository to repository, but as a rule of thumb 1.5 x the repository size on disk (contents of the .git/objects directory) is a rough estimate of the required memory for a single clone operation for repositories up to 400 MB. For larger repositories, memory usage flattens out at about 700 MB.

The clone operation is the most memory intensive Git operation. Most other Git operations, such as viewing file history, file contents and commit lists are lightweight by comparison.

Stash has been designed to have fairly constant memory usage. Any pages that could show large amounts of data (e.g. viewing the source of a multi-megabyte file) perform incremental loading or have hard limits in place to prevent Stash from holding on to large amounts of memory at any time. In general, the default memory settings (max. 768 MB) should be sufficient to run Stash. The maximum amount of memory available to Stash can be configured in setenv.sh or setenv.bat.

⚠️ The memory consumption of Git is not managed by the memory settings in setenv.sh or setenv.bat. The Git processes are executed outside of the Java virtual machine, and as a result the JVM memory...
**CPU**

In Stash, much of the heavy lifting is delegated to Git. As a result, when deciding on the required hardware to run Stash, the CPU usage of the Git processes is the most important factor to consider. And, as is the case for memory usage, cloning large repositories is the most CPU intensive Git operation. When you clone a repository, Git on the server side will create a pack file (a compressed file containing all the commits and file versions in the repository) that is sent to the client. While preparing a pack file, CPU usage will go up to 100% for one CPU.

For users that connect to Stash using SSH, the encryption of data adds to overall CPU usage. For day-to-day push and pull operations the overhead will not be significant, but when cloning repositories the overhead will be noticeable.

To get the maximum performance from Stash, we advise configuring automatic build tools to use the http or https protocol, if possible.

**Clones examined**

Since cloning a repository is the most demanding operation in terms of CPU and memory, it is worthwhile analyzing the clone operation a bit closer. The following graphs show the CPU and memory usage of a clone of a 220 MB repository:

- **Git process (blue line)**
  - CPU usage goes up to 100% while the pack file is created on the server side.
  - CPU peaks at 120% when the pack file is compressed (multiple CPUs used).
  - CPU drops back to 0.5% while the pack file is sent back to the client.

- **Stash (red line)**
  - CPU usage briefly peaks at 30% while the clone request is processed.
  - CPU drops back to 0% while Git prepares the pack file.
  - CPU hovers around 1% while the pack file is sent to the client.
This graph shows how concurrency affects average response times for clones:

Vertical axis: average response times.
Horizontal axis: number of concurrent clone operations.

The measurements for this graph were done on a 4 CPU server with 12 GB of memory. Response times become exponentially worse as the number of concurrent clone operations exceed the number of CPUs.

Configuring Stash scaling options and system properties

Stash limits the number of Git operations that can be executed concurrently, to prevent the performance for all clients dropping below acceptable levels. The limits can be configured if necessary – see Stash config properties.

Database requirements

The size of the database required for Stash depends in large part on the number of repositories and the number of commits in those repositories.

A very rough guideline is: 100 + ((total number of commits across all repos) / 2500) MB.

So, for example, for 20 repositories with an average of 25,000 commits each, the database would need 100 + (20 * 25,000 / 2500) = 300MB.
Scaling Stash for Continuous Integration performance

If you’ve got CI or other automatic tooling set up to poll Stash for changes, you can end up with high load on your Stash server. Consider for instance a CI server that has a number of builds set up for a given repository. Each of those builds polls Stash for changes and when it detects a change, it starts a new build. If your CI server supports parallel and/or chained build steps, each of these builds typically results in multiple clone operations of the same repository. The result: lots of polling for changes, and bursts of clones of a repository.

Caching

CI results in highly repetitive calls to Stash: polling for changes typically results in the same response 90% of the time and a build triggers a number of identical clone calls to Stash. Both operations can benefit greatly from caching when you experience repetitive load from CI.

Stash 2.5, and later versions, ship with the SCM Cache plugin already bundled. The plugin is enabled by default, but note that ref advertisement is disabled by default – see the 'Limitations' section below. The plugin is also available from the Atlassian Marketplace.

On this page:
- Limitations
- Enabling and disabling caching
- Configuration
- REST API

Related pages:
- Scaling Stash
- Stash config properties

Limitations

- Caching can be applied to ‘ref advertisement’ (polling for changes), clone and shallow clone requests only. Fetch/pull operations are not cached, but these operations will still benefit from the ‘ref advertisement' cache.
- As a precaution, ref advertisement caching is disabled by default. The openness of the plugin system means that plugins (or manually installed git hooks) could be updatingrefs in repository without the caching plugin detecting these changes. The result would be a stale refs cache and failing clone/fetch operations. However, if you know that there are no plugins or git hooks installed that make changes to the repository directly, you can enable the ref advertisement caching using the system properties listed in the Configuration section below. Note that as an additional precaution, the ref advertisement caches are configured to automatically expire after a minute.

Enabling and disabling caching

Enable the SCM Cache Plugin from the admin area in Stash. Click Manage Add-ons (under ‘Add-Ons’) and filter for system add-ons. Click SCM Cache Plugin for Stash and then either Enable or Disable.

Configuration

The SCM Cache Plugin for Stash can be configured using either the REST endpoint (some settings, not all) or the system properties in <STASH-HOME>/stash-config.properties. Settings configured through REST are considered before the settings in stash-config.properties.

See Stash config properties for descriptions of the available system properties.

REST API

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<td>Retrieve the protocols for which caching has been enabled.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PUT</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/protocols/{protocol}</td>
<td>Enable caching of hosting requests for the protocol (HTTP or SSH).</td>
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<td>DELETE</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/protocols/{protocol}</td>
<td>Disable caching of hosting requests for the protocol (HTTP or SSH).</td>
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<tr>
<td>GET</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/enabled</td>
<td>Retrieve whether ref advertisement caching is enabled (true) or disabled (false).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PUT</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/enabled/{status}</td>
<td>Enable (status = true) or disable (status = false) ref advertisement caching.</td>
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<td>GET</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/ttl</td>
<td>Retrieve the expiry in seconds for the ref advertisement caches.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PUT</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/ttl/{expiryInSec}</td>
<td>Set the expiry in seconds for the ref advertisement caches.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GET</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/upload-pack/enabled</td>
<td>Retrieve the whether clone caching is enabled (true) or disabled (false).</td>
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<td>PUT</td>
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<td>Enable (status = true) or disable (status = false) clone caching.</td>
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<td>Set the expiry in seconds for the clone caches.</td>
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<td>GET</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/caches</td>
<td>Retrieve information about the current caches: size, number of cache hits and misses, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DELETE</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/caches</td>
<td>Clear all caches.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GET</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/caches/{projectKey}/{repoSlug}</td>
<td>Retrieve information about the caches for the repository identified by projectKey and repoSlug: size, number of cache hits and misses, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DELETE</td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/caches/{projectKey}/{repoSlug}</td>
<td>Clear the caches for the repository identified by projectKey and repoSlug.</td>
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**Stash debug logging**

On this page:

- Debug logging for the Stash server
- Enabling debug logging via the UI
- Enabling debug logging on startup
- Enabling debug logging at runtime
- Debug logging for Git operations on the client
Debug logging for the Stash server

This section describes how to enable debug level logging in Stash. Stash logs can be found in `<STASH_HOME>/log`.

When using the standard Stash distribution, logs for the Tomcat webserver that hosts Stash can be found in `<Stash installation directory>/log`.

### Enabling debug logging via the UI

To enable debug logging from the Stash admin area, choose **Logging and Profiling** (under 'Support') and select **Enable debug logging**.

### Enabling debug logging on startup

To enable debug logging whenever Stash is started, edit the `<STASH_HOME>/stash-config.properties` file (if this file doesn't exist then you should create it) and add the following two lines:

```
logging.logger.ROOT=DEBUG
logging.logger.com.atlassian.stash=DEBUG
```

### Enabling debug logging at runtime

To enable debug logging for the root logger once Stash has been started, run the following two commands in your terminal:

```
curl -u <ADMIN_USERNAME> -v -X PUT -d "" -H "Content-Type: application/json" <BASE_URL>/rest/api/latest/logs/rootLogger/debug
curl -u <ADMIN_USERNAME> -v -X PUT -d "" -H "Content-Type: application/json" <BASE_URL>/rest/api/latest/logs/logger/com.atlassian.stash/debug
```

# e.g.
```
http://localhost:7990/rest/api/latest/logs/rootLogger/debug
curl -u admin -v -X PUT -d "" -H "Content-Type: application/json"
```

To enable debug logging for a specific logger, run the following command in your terminal:

```
curl -u <ADMIN_USERNAME> -v -X PUT -d "" -H "Content-Type: application/json" 
<Base_URL>/rest/api/latest/logs/logger/<LOGGER_NAME>/debug
```

# e.g.
```
```

### Debug logging for Git operations on the client

Atlassian Support might request DEBUG logs for Git operations (on the client) when troubleshooting issues. You can enable DEBUG logging on the Git client by setting the following variables.

**On Linux**

Execute the following in the command line before executing the Git command:
export GIT_TRACE_PACKET=1
export GIT_TRACE=1
export GIT_CURL_VERBOSE=1

On Windows

Execute the following in the command line before executing the Git command:

set GIT_TRACE_PACKET=1
set GIT_TRACE=1
set GIT_CURL_VERBOSE=1

Stash config properties

This page describes Stash system properties that can be used to control aspects of the behaviour in Stash. System properties are contained in the stash-config.properties file, in your Stash home directory.

Stash must be restarted for changes to become effective.

Default values for system values, where applicable, are specified in the tables below.

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Audit

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<td>audit.highest.priority.to.log=HIGH</td>
<td>Defines the lowest priority audit events that will be logged. Accepted values are: HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW and NONE. Setting the value to HIGH will result in only HIGH level events being logged. NONE will cause no events to be logged. MEDIUM will only allow events with a priority of MEDIUM and HIGH to be logged. Refer to the levels for the various events. This does not affect events displayed in the Audit log screens for projects and repositories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>audit.details.max.length=1024</td>
<td>Defines the number of characters that can be can stored as details for a single audit entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-audit.max.entity.rows=500</td>
<td>The maximum number of entries a project or repository can have in the audit tables. This does not affect the data stored in the logs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-audit.cleanup.batch.size=1000</td>
<td>When trimming the audit entries table this is the maximum number of rows that will be trimmed in one transaction. Reduce this size if you are having issues with long running transactions. This does not affect the data stored in the logs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-audit.cleanup.run.interval=24</td>
<td>How often the audit tables will be checked to see if they need to be trimmed (in hours). This does not affect the data stored in the logs.</td>
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### Authentication

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<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.enabled=false</td>
<td>Whether SSO support should be enabled or not. Regardless of this setting SSO authentication will only be activated when a Crowd directory is configured in Stash that is configured for SSO.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.validationinterval=3</td>
<td>The number of minutes to cache authentication validation in the session. If this value is set to 0, each HTTP request will be authenticated with the Crowd server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.lastvalidation=atl.crowd.sso.lastvalidation</td>
<td>The session key to use when storing a Date value of the user's last authentication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.tokenkey=atl.crowd.sso.tokenkey</td>
<td>The session key to use when storing a String value of the user's authentication token.</td>
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### Avatars

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<td>avatar.gravatar.default=mm</td>
<td>The fallback URL for Gravatar avatars when a user does not have an acceptable avatar configured. This may be a URL resource, or a Gravatar provided default set. This configuration setting is DEPRECATED. It will be removed in Stash 3.0. Use <code>avatar.url.default</code> instead.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avatar.max.dimension=1024</td>
<td>Controls the max height <em>and</em> width for an avatar image. Even if the avatar is within the acceptable file size, if its dimensions exceed this value for height or width, it will be rejected. When an avatar is loaded by the server for processing, images with large dimensions may expand from as small as a few kilobytes on disk to consume a substantially larger amount of memory, depending on how well the image data was compressed. Increasing this limit can <em>substantially</em> increase the amount of heap used while processing avatars and may result in OutOfMemoryErrors. Value is in PIXELS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avatar.max.size=1048576</td>
<td>Controls how large an avatar is allowed to be. Avatars larger than this are rejected and cannot be uploaded to the server, to prevent excessive disk usage. Value is in BYTES.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avatar.temporary.cleanup.interval=1800000</td>
<td>Controls how frequently temporary avatars are cleaned up. Any temporary avatars that have been uploaded are checked against their configured max age and removed from the file system if they are &quot;too old&quot;. Value is in MILLISECONDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avatar.temporary.max.age=30</td>
<td>Controls how long a temporary avatar that has been uploaded is retained before it is automatically deleted. Value is in MINUTES.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avatar.url.default=${avatar.gravatar.default}</td>
<td>Defines the fallback URL to be formatted into the <code>avatar.url.format.http</code> or <code>avatar.url.format.https</code> URL format for use when a user does not have an acceptable avatar configured. This value may be a URL or, if using Gravatar, it may be the identifier for one of Gravatar's default avatars. The default here falls back on the now-deprecated <code>avatar.gravatar.default</code> setting, which should ensure that value, if set, continues to work until it is removed in Stash 3.0. At that time, this default will become &quot;mm&quot;.</td>
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### Changesets

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<td>Defines the number of context lines to include around diff segments in changeset diffs.</td>
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### Changeset indexing

These properties control how changesets are indexed when new commits are pushed to Stash.

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<td>indexing.max.threads=2</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of threads which are used to perform indexing. The resource limits configured below are not applied to these threads, so using a high number may negatively impact server performance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>indexing.job.batch.size=250</td>
<td>Defines the number of changesets which will be indexed in a single database transaction.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>indexing.job.queue.size=150</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of pending indexing requests. When this limit is reached, attempts to queue another indexing operation will be rejected.</td>
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### Database

Database properties allow very specific configuration for your database connection parameters, which are set by Stash during database setup and migration, and allow you to configure a database of your own. We don't expect that you will edit these, except in collaboration with Atlassian Support.

Any other driver must be placed in `WEB-INF/lib` in order to use the associated database.

⚠️ **Warning:** `jdbc.driver` and `jdbc.url` are available to plugins via the `ApplicationPropertiesService`. Some JDBC drivers allow the username and password to be defined in the URL. Because that property is available throughout the system (and will be included in STP support requests), that approach should not be used. The `jdbc.username` and `jdbc.password` properties should be used for these values instead.

If none of the values below are specified in `stash-config.properties`, then a provided HSQL database will be used.

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<td><code>jdbc.driver=org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver</code></td>
<td>The JDBC driver class that should be used by Stash to connect to the database. The default Stash database uses the file-based HSQL database, storing its data in the <code>&lt;Stash home directory&gt;</code>. Stash currently bundles the following JDBC drivers:</td>
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<td>• com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</td>
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<td>• org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• org.postgresql.Driver</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>jdbc.url=jdbc:hsqldb:${stash.home}/data/db;shutdown=true</code></td>
<td>This is the JDBC url that Stash will use to connect to the database. This should include the driver subprotocol (e.g., <code>postgresql:</code>), the hostname, port and database that you will connect to. This string may vary depending on the database you are connecting to. Please seek specific examples for other databases from your database provider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>jdbc.user=SA</code></td>
<td>This is the user that Stash will connect to the database with. The user will need to be able to create and drop tables and indexes, as well as read and write operations on the entire database schema defined in <code>jdbc.url</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>jdbc.password=</code></td>
<td>The password that the user defined by <code>jdbc.user</code> will connect with.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>jdbc.ignoreunsupported=false</code></td>
<td>Allows using a given database, even though it is marked as UNSUPPORTED. This is not intended to be broadly documented, nor to be used generally. It is here as a support mechanism to override the supported database check in the event that it incorrectly blocks access to a database.</td>
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#### Database pool
These properties control the database pool. The pool implementation used is BoneCP. Documentation for these settings can be found at: http://jolbox.com/configuration.html

To get a feel for how these settings really work in practice, the most relevant classes in BoneCP are:

- com.jolbox.bonecp.BoneCP - Creates the partitions, opens initial connections, starts threads
- com.jolbox.bonecp.BoneCPDataSource - Manages the pool, bridge to the DataSource interface
- com.jolbox.bonecp.PoolWatchThread - Handles the connection threshold

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<td>db.pool.acquireIncrement=2</td>
<td>Defines the number of connections to open in a batch when open connections are almost exhausted for a given partition.</td>
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<tr>
<td>db.pool.cache.statements=100</td>
<td>Defines the number of statements to cache.</td>
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</table>
| db.pool.connection.timeout=15                | Defines the amount of time the system will wait when attempting to open a new connection before throwing an exception. The system may hang, during startup, for the configured number of seconds if the database is unavailable. As a result, the timeout configured here should not be generous.
Value is in SECONDS.                                                                                           |
| db.pool.idle.maxAge=30                       | Defines the maximum period of time a connection may be idle before it is closed. Generous values should be used here to prevent creating and destroying many short-lived database connections (which defeats the purpose of pooling).
Value is in MINUTES.                                                                                           |
| db.pool.idle.testInterval=10                 | Defines the amount of time a connection may be idle before a test query is executed by the pool. This helps prevent connections from being closed by the database server due to inactivity.
Value is in MINUTES.                                                                                           |
| db.pool.partition.connection.maximum=20      | Defines the maximum number of connections that may be open in a given partition.                                                                                                                              |
| db.pool.partition.connection.minimum=4       | Defines the minimum number of connections open for a given partition. Each partition will open this many connections on startup. That means db.pool.partition.connection.minimum x db.pool.partition.count = initial connection count. |
**db.pool.partition.connection.threshold=10**

Defines the threshold as a percentage of the **maximum connections** that each partition will attempt to keep available at all times. If the number of available connections drops to or below the threshold, `acquireIncrement` connections will be opened until the partition is above it again.

⚠️ **Warning:** Be careful to take this number into account when setting the minimum and maximum counts. For example, if the maximum is 30 and the minimum is 5 and the threshold is 20 (20%), 5 is not 20% of 30, so immediately after it is created the partition will open additional connections to get above the threshold. Effectively, that would mean that the "minimum" per partition is 10 (5 + 5 acquireIncrement), or 40 connections at all times.

**db.pool.partition.count=4**

Defines the number of different connection partitions to use. This value is used to decrease lock contention, because each partition locks individually. The recommended setting is 3 or 4, but in servers with heavy load and many short-lived requests, performance may be improved by using a higher value.

**db.pool.threads=4**

Defines the number of helper threads which will be used by the pool to cleanup and release connections back into the pool. Setting a value of 0 disables this feature, which means the executing thread will perform cleanup and release itself. A non-zero value results in a pool of helpers which process connections out of a holding queue. When a thread "closes" a connection, that thread is allowed to continue executing and the connection is placed in the queue. One of the helper threads then performs final cleanup to prepare the connection to be returned to the pool.

**Downloads**

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<td>http.download.raw.policy=Smart</td>
<td>Controls the download policy for raw content. Possible values are: Insecure – Allows all file types to be viewed in the browser Secure – Requires all file types to be downloaded rather than viewed in the browser Smart – Forces &quot;dangerous&quot; file types to be downloaded, rather than allowing them to be viewed in the browser These options are case-sensitive and defined in com.atlassian.http.mime.DownloadPolicy</td>
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</table>
These properties control the number of threads that are used for dispatching asynchronous events. Setting this number too high can decrease overall throughput when the system is under high load because of the additional overhead of context switching. Configuring too few threads for event dispatching can lead to events being queued up, thereby reducing throughput. These defaults scale the number of dispatcher threads with the number of available cpu cores.

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<td>event.dispatcher.core.threads=0.8*cpu</td>
<td>The minimum number of threads that is available to the event dispatcher. The cpu variable is resolved to the number of cpus that are available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>event.dispatcher.max.threads=cpu</td>
<td>The maximum number of event dispatcher threads. The number of dispatcher threads will only be increased when the event queue is full and max.threads has not been reached yet.</td>
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<tr>
<td>event.dispatcher.queue.size=4096</td>
<td>The number of events that can be queued. When the queue is full and no more threads can be created to handle the events, events will be discarded.</td>
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<tr>
<td>event.dispatcher.keepAlive=60</td>
<td>The time a dispatcher thread will be kept alive when the queue is empty and more than core.threads threads are running.</td>
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**Executor**

Controls the thread pool that is made available to plugins for asynchronous processing.

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<td>executor.max.threads=100</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of threads in the thread pool. When more threads are required than the configured maximum, the thread attempting to schedule an asynchronous task to be executed will block until a thread in the pool becomes available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>executor.keepAliveTime=60</td>
<td>Controls how long idle threads are kept alive. Threads idle for more than this time will be terminated.</td>
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<td>Value is in SECONDS and must be &gt;= 1. If 0 or a negative value is used, a default value of 1 will be configured.</td>
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**Features**

Feature properties control high-level system features, allowing them to be disabled for the entire instance. Features that are disabled at this level are disabled completely. This means that instance-level configuration for a feature is overridden. It also means that a user's permissions are irrelevant; a feature is still disabled even if the user has the SYS_ADMIN permission.
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| feature.auth.captcha=true    | Controls whether to require CAPTCHA verification when the number of failed logins is exceeded. If enabled, any client who has exceeded the number of failed logins allowed using either the Stash web interface or the Git hosting interface will be required to authenticate in the Stash web interface and successfully submit a CAPTCHA before continuing. Setting this to false will remove this restriction and allow users to incorrectly authenticate as many times as they like without penalty. **Warning:** It is STRONGLY recommended you keep this setting enabled. Disabling it will have the following ramifications:  
  * Your users may lock themselves out of any underlying user directory service (LDAP, Active Directory etc) because Stash will pass through all authentication requests (regardless of the number of previous failures) to the underlying directory service.  
  * For Stash installations where you use Stash for user management or where you use a directory service with no limit on the number of failed logins before locking out users, you will open Stash or the directory service up to brute-force password attacks. |
| feature.forks=true           | Controls whether repositories can be forked. This setting *supersedes and overrides* instance-level configuration. If this is set to false, even repositories which are marked as forkable cannot be forked.                                           |
| feature.public.access=true   | Public access to Stash allows unauthenticated users to be granted access to projects and repositories for specific read operations including cloning and browsing repositories. This is normally controlled by project and repository administrators but can be switched off system wide by setting this property to false. This can be useful in highly sensitive environments. |

**Hibernate**

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<td>hibernate.format_sql=false</td>
<td>When hibernate.show_sql is enabled, this flag controls whether Hibernate will format the output SQL to make it easier to read.</td>
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<tr>
<td>hibernate.jdbc.batch_size=20</td>
<td>Controls Hibernate's JDBC batching limit, which is used to make bulk processing more efficient (both for processing and for memory usage).</td>
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**hibernate.show_sql=false**

Used to enable Hibernate SQL logging, which may be useful in debugging database issues. This value should generally only be set by developers, not by customers.

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**JIRA**

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<td>plugin.jira-integration.pullrequest.attribute.changesets.max=100</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of changesets to retrieve when retrieving attributes associated with changesets of a pull-request. This value should be between 50 and 1000 as Stash will enforce a lower bound of 50 issues and an upper bound of 1000 issues.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.jira-integration.remote.page.max.issues=20</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of issues to request from JIRA. This value should be between 5 and 50 as Stash will enforce a lower bound of 5 issues and an upper bound of 50 issues.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.jira-integration.remote.timeout.connection=5000</td>
<td>The connection timeout duration in milliseconds for requests to JIRA. This timeout occurs if the JIRA server does not answer. e.g. the server has been shut down. This value should be between 2000 and 60000 as Stash will enforce a lower bound of 2000ms and an upper bound of 60000ms. Value is in MILLISECONDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.jira-integration.remote.timeout.socket=10000</td>
<td>The socket timeout duration in milliseconds for requests to JIRA. This timeout occurs if the connection to JIRA has been stalled or broken. This value should be between 2000 and 60000 as Stash will enforce a lower bound of 2000ms and an upper bound of 60000ms Value is in MILLISECONDS.</td>
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**Liquibase**

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<td>liquibase.commit.block.size=10000</td>
<td>The maximum number of changes executed against a particular Liquibase database before a commit operation is performed. Very large values may cause DBMS to use excessive amounts of memory when operating within transaction boundaries. If the value of this property is less than one, then changes will not be committed until the end of the change set.</td>
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**Logging**

Logging levels for any number of loggers can be set in the `stash-config.properties` file using the following
format:

```
logging.logger.<name>=<level>
```

For example, to configure all classes in the com.atlassian.stash package to DEBUG level:

```
logging.logger.com.atlassian.stash=DEBUG
```

To adjust the ROOT logger, you use the special name ROOT (case-sensitive):

```
logging.logger.ROOT=INFO
```

Notifications

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<td>plugin.stash-notification.mail.max.comment.size=2048</td>
<td>Controls the maximum allowed size of a single comment in characters (not bytes). Extra characters will be truncated.</td>
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<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-notification.mail.max.description.size=2048</td>
<td>Controls the maximum allowed size of a single description in characters (not bytes). Extra characters will be truncated.</td>
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<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-notification.mentions.enabled=true</td>
<td>Controls whether mentions are enabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-notification.max.mentions=200</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of allowed mentions in a single comment</td>
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Paging

These properties control the maximum number of objects which may be returned on a page, regardless of how many were actually requested by the user. For example, if a user requests Integer.MAX_INT branches on a page, their request will be limited to the value set for page.max.branches.

This is intended as a safeguard to prevent enormous requests from tying up the server for extended periods of time and then generating responses whose payload is prohibitively large. The defaults configured here represent a sane baseline, but may be overridden by customers if necessary.

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<td>page.max.branches=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of branches per page.</td>
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<tr>
<td>page.max.changes=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of changes per page. Unlike other page limits, this is a hard limit; subsequent pages cannot be requested when the number of changes in a changeset exceeds this size.</td>
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### Page limits

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<td><code>page.max.changesets=100</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of changesets (commits) per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>page.max.diff.lines=10000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of segment lines (of any type, total) which may be returned for a single diff. Unlike other page limits, this is a hard limit; subsequent pages cannot be requested when a diff exceeds this size.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>page.max.directory.children=500</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of directory entries which may be returned for a given directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>page.max.directory.recursive.children=100000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of file entries which may be returned for a recursive listing of a directory. A relatively high number as this is used by the file finder which needs to load the tree of files upfront.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>page.max.groups=1000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of groups per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>page.max.index.results=50</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of changesets which may be returned from the index when querying by an indexed attribute. For example, this limits the number of changesets which may be returned when looking up commits against a JIRA issue.</td>
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<td><code>page.max.projects=1000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of projects per page.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>page.max.repositories=1000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of repositories per page.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>page.max.source.length=5000</code></td>
<td>Maximum length for any line returned from a given file when viewing source. This value truncates long lines. There is no mechanism for retrieving the truncated part short of downloading the entire file.</td>
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<td><code>page.max.source.lines=5000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of lines which may be returned from a given file when viewing source. This value breaks large files into multiple pages.</td>
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<td><code>page.max.tags=1000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of tags per page.</td>
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<td><code>page.max.users=1000</code></td>
<td>Maximum number of users per page.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>page.scan.pullrequest.activity.size=500</code></td>
<td>The size of the page Stash should use when scanning activities.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>page.scan.pullrequest.activity.count=4</code></td>
<td>The number of pages of activities Stash should scan before giving up.</td>
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### Password reset

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<td><code>password.reset.validity.period=4320</code></td>
<td>Controls how long a password reset token remains valid for. Default period is 72 hours. Value is in MINUTES.</td>
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### Process execution

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process.timeout.execution=120  
process.timeout.idle=60  

Controls timeouts for external processes, such as Git and Hg. The idle timeout configures how long the command is allowed to run without producing any output. The execution timeout configures a hard upper limit on how long the command is allowed to run even if it is producing output.

Values are in SECONDS. Using 0, or a negative value, disables the timeout completely.

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Pull requests

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<td>pullrequest.diff.context=10</td>
<td>Defines the number of context lines to include around diff segments in pull request diffs. By default, Git only includes 3 lines. The default is 10, to try and include a bit more useful context around changes, until the ability to &quot;expand&quot; the context is implemented.</td>
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<tr>
<td>pullrequest.rescope.changesets.display=5</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of changesets per type (either added or removed) to display in a rescope activity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pullrequest.rescope.changesets.max=1000</td>
<td>Defines the absolute maximum number of changesets that will be evaluated when attempting to determine, for a given rescope activity, which changesets were added to or removed from a pull request. Adjusting this setting can have significant memory footprint impact on the system. It is not recommended to be changed, but the option is provided here to support unique use cases.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pullrequest.rescope.detail.threads=2</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of threads to use for precalculating rescope details. These threads perform the requisite processing to determine the commits added and removed when a pull request is rescoped, where most rescopes do not add or remove any commits. Such &quot;dead&quot; rescopes are deleted during processing. The primary goal is to ensure all details have already been calculated when users try to view a pull request's overview.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pullrequest.rescope.drift.threads=4</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of threads to use when processing comment drift for a pull request during rescope. Higher numbers here do not necessarily mean higher throughput! Performing comment drift will usually force a new merge to be created, which can be very I/O intensive. Having a substantial number of merges running at the same time can significantly reduce the speed of performing comment drift.</td>
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Readme parsing
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<td><code>plugin.stash-readme.max.size=65536</code></td>
<td>Controls the maximum allowed size of a readme file to parse. Value is in BYTES.</td>
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#### Ref metadata

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<td><code>ref.metadata.timeout=2</code></td>
<td>Controls timeouts for retrieving metadata associated with a collection of refs from all metadata providers collectively. This value is in SECONDS.</td>
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#### Resource throttling

These properties define concurrent task limits for the ThrottleService, limiting the number of concurrent Git operations of a given type that may be run at once. This is intended to help prevent Stash from overwhelming a server machine with running processes. Stash has two settings to control the number of Git processes that are allowed to process in parallel: one for the web UI and one for the 'hosting' operations (pushing and pulling commits, and cloning a repository).

When the limit is reached for the given resource, the request will wait until a currently running request has completed. If no request completes within a configurable timeout, the request will be rejected.

When requests while accessing the Stash UI are rejected, users will see either a 501 error page indicating the server is under load, or a popup indicating part of the current page failed.

When Git client 'hosting' commands (pull/push/clone) are rejected, Stash does a number of things:

- Stash will return an error message to the client which the user will see on the command line: "Stash is currently under heavy load and is not able to service your request. Please wait briefly and try your request again"
- A warning message will be logged for every time a request is rejected due to the resource limits.
- For five minutes after a request is rejected, Stash will display a red banner in the UI to warn that the server is under load.

The hard, machine-level limits these are intended to prevent hitting are very OS- and hardware-dependent, so you may need to tune them for your instance of Stash. These defaults are finger-in-the-wind guesstimates (which so far have worked well).

Additional resource types may be configured by defining a key with the format `throttle.resource.<resource-name>`. When adding new types, it is strongly recommended to configure their ticket counts explicitly using this approach.

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<td><code>throttle.resource.scm-command=25</code></td>
<td>Limits the number of SCM commands, such as <code>git diff</code>, <code>git blame</code>, or <code>git rev-list</code> that can run concurrently. This limit is intended to prevent the operations that support the UI from preventing push/pull operations from being run.</td>
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</table>
throttle.resource.scm-command.timeout=2

Controls how long threads will wait for SCM commands to complete when the system is already running the maximum number of SCM commands.

Value is in SECONDS.

throttle.resource.scm-hosting=1.5*cpu

Limits the number of SCM ‘hosting’ operations, such as git clone, git push and git pull over HTTP or SSH that may be running concurrently. This is intended primarily to prevent pulls, which can be very memory-intensive, from pinning a server's resources. There is limited support for mathematical expressions; +,-,\, and () are supported. You can also use the cpu variable which is resolved to the number of cpus that are available.

throttle.resource.scm-hosting.timeout=300

Controls how long threads will wait for SCM hosting operations to complete when the system is already running the maximum number of SCM hosting operations.

Value is in SECONDS.

throttle.resource.busy.message.timeout=5

Controls how long a warning banner is displayed in the UI after a request is rejected due to excessive load.

Value is in MINUTES. Using 0, or a negative value, disables displaying the banner.

This is deprecated and replaced by server.busy.on.ticket.rejected.within. It is due to be removed in Stash 3.0.

SCM – Cache

See Scaling Stash for Continuous Integration performance for more information about using the SCM Cache Plugin for Stash.

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<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.expiry.check.interval=300</td>
<td>Controls how frequently expired caches are checked and deleted from disk. Value is in SECONDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.minimum.free.space=1073741824</td>
<td>Controls how much space needs to be available on disk (specifically under &lt;STASH-HOME&gt;/caches) for caching to be enabled. This setting ensures that the cache plugin does not fill up the disk. Value is in BYTES.</td>
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<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.protocols=HTTP,SSH</td>
<td>Controls which protocols caching is applied to.</td>
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<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.refs.enabled=false</td>
<td>Controls whether ref advertisement operations are cached.</td>
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### plugin.stash-scm-cache.refs.ttl=60

Controls how long the caches for ref advertisements are kept around when there no changes to the repository. Caches are automatically invalidated when someone pushes to a repository or when a pull request is merged.

Time is in SECONDS.

### plugin.stash-scm-cache.upload-pack.enabled=true

Controls whether clone operations are cached.

### plugin.stash-scm-cache.upload-pack.ttl=3600

Controls how long the caches for clone operations are kept around when there no changes to the repository. Caches are automatically invalidated when someone pushes to a repository or when a pull request is merged.

Time is in SECONDS.

## SCM – Git

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<td>plugin.stash-scm-git.path.executable=git</td>
<td>Defines the default path to the Git executable. On Windows machines, the .exe suffix will be added to the configured value automatically if it is not present. In general, &quot;git&quot; should be an acceptable default for every platform, here, assuming that it will be available in the runtime user's PATH. With the new path searching performed by DefaultGitBinaryHelper, setting a default value here is unnecessary, as the plugin will quickly discard the value. This is left here purely for documenting how to set an explicit path.</td>
</tr>
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<td>plugin.stash-scm-git.path.libexec=</td>
<td>Defines the path to the Git libexec directory (containing the git-core directory). This path is hard-coded into the Git executable and is used for forking processes like git-http-backend. If this value is set, Stash will directly fork out those processes. This eliminates an unnecessary fork (git -&gt; git-http-backend) and may improve scalability.</td>
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<td>Defines the idle timeout for push/pull processes, applying a limit to how long the operation is allowed to execute without either producing output or consuming input. The default value is 30 minutes. This value is in SECONDS.</td>
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<td>plugin.stash-scm-git.backend.timeout.execution=86400</td>
<td>Defines the execution timeout for push/pull processes, applying a hard limit to how long the operation is allowed to run even if it is producing output or reading input. The default value is 1 day. This value is in SECONDS.</td>
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<td>plugin.stash-scm-git.diff.renames=copies</td>
<td>Defines whether copy and/or rename detection should be performed. By default, both rename and copy detection are performed. Only files modified in the same commit are considered as rename or copy origins, to minimize overhead. The possible settings are: copy or copies – Applies --find-copies rename or renames – Applies --find-renames off – Disables rename and copy detection When using copy or copies, the value may optionally be suffixed with a &quot;+&quot; to use --find-copies-harder. This setting should be used with caution, as it can be very expensive. It considers every file in the repository, even files not modified in the same commit, as possible origins for copies. When copy and/or rename detection is enabled plugin.stash-scm-git.diff.renames.threshold can be used to control the similarity index required for a change to be identified as a copy or rename.</td>
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<td>plugin.stash-scm-git.diff.renames.threshold=50</td>
<td>Defines the threshold, as a percentage, for a file to be detected as a rename or a copy. This setting is only applied if copy and/or rename detection is enabled. The default threshold applied is 50% similarity (defined in Git itself). Git diff and Git diff-tree do not honor 100 (identical files only) for the threshold. They ignore the threshold and apply the default 50% threshold instead. A configured threshold of 100 will be applied as 99. Similarly, a configured threshold that is 0, or negative, will be applied as 1.</td>
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<td>plugin.stash-scm-git.environment.variablesize=2000</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of characters that can be added to a single environment variable. Different operating systems (and even different versions of the same operating system) have different hard limitations they apply to environment variables. This default is intended to be low enough to work on all supported platforms out of the box, but still high enough to be usable. It is configurable in case it proves to be too high on some platform.</td>
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<td>Controls how long a warning banner is displayed in the UI after a request is rejected due to excessive load. Value is in MINUTES. Using 0, or a negative value, disables displaying the banner.</td>
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<td>server.busy.on.queue.time=60</td>
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<td>Controls timeouts for establishing an SMTP connection and sending an e-mail. Shorter timeouts should be applied for when sending test e-mails, as the test occurs in user time. Values are in SECONDS.</td>
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<td><code>mail.test.timeout.send=30</code></td>
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<td><code>mail.error.pause.log=300</code></td>
<td>Controls how frequently logs will go to the standard log file about mail sending errors. All errors are logged to the atlassian-stash-mail.log file, but Stash will periodically log a warning to the standard log file if there are errors sending messages. Value is in SECONDS</td>
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<td><code>mail.error.pause.retry=5</code></td>
<td>Controls how long Stash will wait before retrying to send a message if an error occurs. Value is in SECONDS</td>
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<td><code>mail.threads=1</code></td>
<td>Controls the number of threads to use for sending emails. Setting this to a higher value will put greater load on your mail server when Stash generates a lot of emails, but will make Stash clear its internal queue faster.</td>
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<td><code>mail.max.message.size=1048576</code></td>
<td>Controls the maximum allowed size of a single mail message, which is the sum of the subject and body sizes. Value is in BYTES.</td>
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<td><code>mail.max.queue.size=157286400</code></td>
<td>Controls the maximum allowed size for the mail queue (any new message will be rejected if the mail queue reaches that size). Value is in BYTES.</td>
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<td><code>plugin.ssh.command.timeout.idle=86400</code></td>
<td>Controls timeouts for all SSH commands, such as those that service Git and hg operations over SSH. The idle timeout configures how long the command is allowed to run without writing any output to the client. For SCM commands, the plugin.*.backend.timeout.idle properties defined above will be applied to the underlying process. The default value is 1 day. The value is in SECONDS.</td>
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### Syntax Highlighting

See [Configuring syntax highlighting for file extensions](#) for more information.

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Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server

This page explains how to establish a network topology in which Apache HTTP Server acts as a reverse proxy for Stash. Typically, such a configuration would be used when Stash is installed in a protected zone 'behind the firewall', and Apache HTTP Server provides a gateway through which users outside the firewall can access Stash.

Be aware that Stash does not need to run behind a web server, since it is capable of serving web requests directly; to secure Stash when run in this way see Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL. Otherwise, if you want to install Stash in an environment that incorporates Apache HTTP Server, this document is for you.

About using Apache software

This section has general information pertaining to the use of Apache HTTP Server and Apache Tomcat. It is important that you read this section before proceeding to the steps that follow.

Configuring Tomcat 7

The Stash distribution includes an instance of Tomcat 7, the configuration of which is determined by the contents of the server.xml file, which can be found in the conf directory immediately under the Stash installation directory. Note that any changes that you make to the server.xml file will be effective upon starting or re-starting Stash.

You may find it helpful to refer to the Apache Tomcat 7.0 Proxy Support HowTo page.

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Configuring Apache HTTP Server

Since Apache HTTP Server is not an Atlassian product, Atlassian does not guarantee to provide support for its configuration. You should consider the material on this page to be for your information only; use it at your own risk. If you encounter problems with configuring Apache HTTP Server, we recommend that you refer to the Apache HTTP Server Support page.

You may find it helpful to refer to the Apache HTTP Server Documentation, which describes how you can control Apache HTTP Server by changing the contents of the httpd.conf file. The section on Apache Module mod_proxy is particularly relevant. Note that any changes you make to the httpd.conf file will be effective.
upon starting or re-starting Apache HTTP Server.  
This document relates to Apache HTTP Server version 2.4.2; the configuration of other versions may differ.

**Step 1: Configure the Tomcat Connector**

Find the normal (non-SSL) Connector directive in Tomcat's `server.xml` file, and add the `scheme`, `proxyName`, and `proxyPort` attributes as shown below. Instead of `mycompany.com`, set the `proxyName` attribute to the domain name that Apache HTTP Server will be configured to serve. This informs Stash of the domain name and port of the requests that reach it via Apache HTTP Server, and is important to the correct operation of the Stash functions that construct URL's.

```xml
<Connector port="7990" 
protocol="HTTP/1.1"
connectionTimeout="20000"
useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
redirectPort="8443"
compression="on"

compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/plain,text/css,application/json,application/javascript,application/x-javascript"
scheme="http"
proxyName="mycompany.com"
proxyPort="80" />
```

**Note:** Apache HTTP Server's `ProxyPreserveHost` directive is another way to have the hostname of the incoming request recognised by Stash instead of the hostname at which Stash is actually running. However, the `ProxyPreserveHost` directive does not cause the scheme to be properly set. Since we have to mess with Tomcat's Connector directive anyway, we recommend that you stick with the above-described approach, and don't bother to set the `ProxyPreserveHost` in Apache HTTP Server.

For more information about configuring the Tomcat Connector, refer to the [Apache Tomcat 7.0 HTTP Connector Reference](#).

**Step 2: Change Stash's base URL**

After re-starting Stash, open a browser window and log into Stash using an administrator account. Go to the Stash administration area and click `Server settings` (under 'Settings'), and change `Base URL` to match the proxy URL (the URL that Apache HTTP Server will be serving).

**Step 3 (optional): Set a context path for Stash**

By default, Stash is configured to run with an empty context path; in other words, from the 'root' of the server's name space. In that default configuration, Stash is accessed at:

http://localhost:7990/

It's perfectly fine to run Stash with the empty context path as above. Alternatively, you can set a context path by changing the `Context` directive in Tomcat's `server.xml` file:

```xml
<Context path="/stash" docBase="${catalina.home}/atlassian-stash"
reloadable="false" useHttpOnly="true">
... 
</Context>
```

If you do set a context path, it is important that the same path be used in **Step 5**, when setting up the `ProxyPass` and `ProxyPassReverse` directives. You should also append the context path to Stash's base URL (see **Step 2**).
Step 4: Enable mod_proxy and mod_proxy_http in Apache HTTP Server

In the mod_proxy documentation, you will read that mod_proxy can be used as a forward proxy, or as a reverse proxy (gateway); you want the latter. Where the mod_proxy documentation mentions ‘origin server’, it refers to your Stash server. Unless you have a good reason for doing otherwise, load mod_proxy and mod_proxy_http dynamically, using the LoadModule directive; that means un-commenting the following lines in the httpd.conf file:

```
LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
```

Experienced administrators may be aware of the Apache Connector module, mod_jk. Atlassian does not recommend use of the mod_jk module with Stash, since it has proven itself to be less reliable than mod_proxy.

Step 5: Configure mod_proxy to map requests to Stash

To configure mod_proxy for use with Stash, you need to use the ProxyPass and ProxyPassReverse directives in Apache HTTP Server’s httpd.conf file as follows:

```
ProxyPass / http://localhost:7990/ connectiontimeout=5 timeout=300
ProxyPassReverse / http://localhost:7990/
```

Suppose Apache HTTP Server is configured to serve the mycompany.com domain; then the above directives tell Apache HTTP Server to forward web requests of the form http://mycompany.com/* to the Tomcat connector (Stash) running on port 7990 on the same machine.

The connectiontimeout attribute specifies the number of seconds Apache HTTP Server waits for the creation of a connection to Stash.

The timeout attribute specifies the number of seconds Apache HTTP Server waits for data to be sent to Stash.

If you set up a context path for Stash in Step 3, you’ll need to use that context path in your ProxyPass and ProxyPassReverse directives. Suppose your context path is set to "/stash", the directives would be as follows:

```
ProxyPass /stash http://localhost:7990/stash connectiontimeout=5 timeout=300
ProxyPassReverse /stash http://localhost:7990/stash
```

If Stash is to run on a different domain and/or different port, you should use that domain and/or port number in the ProxyPass and ProxyPassReverse directives; for example, suppose that Stash will run on port 9900 on private.mycompany.com under the context path /stash, then you would use the following directives:

```
ProxyPass /stash http://private.mycompany.com:9900/stash connectiontimeout=5 timeout=300
```

Step 6: Configure mod_proxy to disable forward proxying

If you are using Apache HTTP Server as a reverse proxy only, and not as a forward proxy server, you should turn forward proxying off by including a ProxyRequests directive in the httpd.conf file, as follows:

```
ProxyRequests Off
```

Step 7: Allow proxying to Stash from everywhere
Strictly speaking, this step is unnecessary because access to proxied resources is unrestricted by default. Nevertheless, we explicitly allow access to Stash from any host so that this policy will be applied regardless of any subsequent changes to access controls at the global level. Use the `Proxy` directive in the `httpd.conf` file as follows:

```
<Proxy *>
    Order Deny,Allow
    Allow from all
</Proxy>
```

The `Proxy` directive provides a context for the directives that are contained within its delimiting tags. In this case, we specify a wild-card url (the asterisk), which applies the two contained directives to all proxied requests.

The `Order` directive controls the order in which any `Allow` and `Deny` directives are applied. In the above configuration, we specify "Deny,Allow", which tells Apache HTTP Server to apply any `Deny` directives first, and if any match, the request is denied unless it also matches an `Allow` directive. In fact, "Deny,Allow" is the default; we include it merely for the sake of clarity. Note that we specify one `Allow` directive, which is described below, and don't specify any `Deny` directives.

The `Allow` directive, in this context, controls which hosts can access Stash via Apache HTTP Server. Here, we specify that all hosts are allowed access to Stash.

**Step 8 (optional): Configure Apache HTTP Server for SSL**

If you want to set up SSL access to Stash, take steps 8(a) to 8(d) below. When you are finished, users will be able to make secure connections to Apache HTTP Server; connections between Apache HTTP Server and Stash will remain unsecured (not using SSL). If you don't want to set up SSL access, you can skip this section entirely.

**Note:** It would be possible to set up an SSL connection between Apache HTTP Server and Tomcat (Stash), but that configuration is very unusual, and not recommended in most circumstances.

**Step 8(a): Configure the Tomcat Connector for SSL**

Find the normal (non-SSL) `Connector` directive in Tomcat's `server.xml` file, and change the `redirectPort`, `scheme` and `proxyPort` attributes as follows:

```
<Connector port="7990"
    protocol="HTTP/1.1"
    connectionTimeout="20000"
    useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
    redirectPort="443"
    compression="on"

    compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/plain,text/css,application/json,application/javascript,application/xml,application/x-javascript"
    secure="true"
    scheme="https"
    proxyName="mycompany.com"
    proxyPort="443" />
```

The `redirectPort` directive causes Tomcat-initiated redirections to secured resources to use the specified port. Right now, the Stash configuration of Tomcat does not involve Tomcat-initiated redirections, so the change to `redirectPort` is redundant. Nevertheless, we suggest that you change it as directed above for the sake of completeness.

**Step 8(b): Set up a virtual host in Apache HTTP Server**

Un-comment the following `LoadModule` directive in Apache HTTP Server's `httpd.conf` file:
LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so

Add the following directives to the `httpd.conf` file:

```
Listen 443
<VirtualHost *:443>
  SSLEngine On
  SSLCertificateFile  "/usr/local/apache2/conf/server.crt"
  SSLCertificateKeyFile  "/usr/local/apache2/conf/server.key"
  ProxyPass        / http://localhost:7990/ connectiontimeout=5 timeout=300
  ProxyPassReverse / http://localhost:7990/
</VirtualHost>
```

The `Listen` directive instructs Apache HTTP Server to listen for incoming requests on port 443. Actually, we could omit that directive in this case, since Apache HTTP Server listens for HTTPS requests on port 443 by default. Nevertheless, it's good to make one's intentions explicit.

The `VirtualHost` directive encloses a number of child directives that apply only and always to requests that arrive at port 443. Since our `VirtualHost` block does not include a `ServerName` directive, it inherits the server name from the main server configuration.

The `SSLEngine` directive toggles the use of the SSL/TLS Protocol Engine. In this case, we're using it to turn SSL on for all requests that arrive at port 443.

The `SSLCertificateFile` directive tells Apache HTTP Server where to find the PEM-encoded certificate file for the server.

The `SSLCertificateKeyFile` directive tells Apache HTTP Server where to find the PEM-encoded private key file corresponding to the certificate file identified by the `SSLCertificateFile` directive. Depending on how the certificate file was generated, it may contain a RSA or DSA private key file, making the `SSLCertificateKeyFile` directive redundant; however, Apache strongly discourages that practice. The recommended approach is to separate the certificate and the private key. If the private key is encrypted, Apache HTTP Server will require a pass phrase to be entered when it starts up.

The `ProxyPass` and `ProxyPassReverse` directives should be set up in manner described in Step 5.

For more information about the support for SSL in Apache HTTP Server, refer to the Apache SSL/TLS Encryption manual. In addition, you will find lots of relevant information in the `<apache directory>/conf/extra/httpd-ssl.conf` file, which is included in the standard Apache distribution.

### Step 8(c): Create SSL certificate and key files

In Step 8(b), you specified `server.crt` and `server.key` as the certificate file and private key file respectively. Those two files must be created before we can proceed. This step assumes that OpenSSL is installed on your server.

Generate a server key file:

```
openssl genrsa -des3 -out server.key 1024
```

You will be asked to provide a password. Make sure that the password is strong because it will form the one real entry point into the SSL encryption set-up. **Make a note of the password because you'll need it when starting Apache HTTP Server later.**

Generate a certificate request file (`server.csr`):
Generate a self-signed certificate (server.crt):

```
openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr
```

The above command generates a self-signed certificate that is valid for one year. You can use the certificate signing request to purchase a certificate from a certificate authority. For testing purposes though, the self-signed certificate will suffice. Copy the certificate file and private key file to the locations you specified in Step 8(b).

```
cp server.key /usr/local/apache2/conf/
cp server.crt /usr/local/apache2/conf/
```

### Step 8(d): Update the base URL for 'https'

Open a browser window and log into Stash using an administrator account. Go to the Stash administration area and click **Server settings** (under 'Settings'). Change **Base URL** to use 'https'.

### Using a self-signed certificate

There are two implications of using the self-signed certificate:

- When you access Stash in a web browser, you can expect a warning to appear, alerting you that an un-trusted certificate is in use. Before proceeding you will have to indicate to the browser that you trust the certificate.
- When you perform a git clone operation, SSL verification will fail.

The SSL verification error message will look something like this:

```
error:14090086:SSL routines:SSL3_GET_SERVER_CERTIFICATE:certificate verify failed while accessing https://justme@mycompany/git/TP/test.git
```

It's easy to fix. Turn SSL verification off for individual git operations by setting the `GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY` environment variable. In Unix, you can set the variable in-line with git commands as follows:

```
git clone GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY=true https://justme@mycompany/git/TP/test.git
```

In Windows you have to set the variable in a separate shell statement:

```
set GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY=true
git clone https://justme@mycompany/git/TP/test.git
```

Once you have purchased and installed a signed certificate from a certificate authority, you will no longer have to include the `GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY` modifier.

### A note about application links

When an **application link** is established between Stash and another Atlassian product (e.g. JIRA), and Stash is operating 'behind' Apache HTTP Server, the link from the other product to Stash must be via the proxy URL; that is, the 'reciprocal URL' from, say JIRA, to Stash must comport with the proxy name and port that you set at Step 1.

### Troubleshooting

- On **Fedora Core 4**, people have reported 'permission denied' errors when trying to get mod_proxy (and mod_jk) working. Disabling SELinux (/etc/selinux/config) apparently fixes this.
- Some users have reported problems with user sessions being hijacked when the `mod_cache` module is enabled. If you have such problems, disable the `mod_cache` module. Note that this module is enabled by default in some Apache HTTP Server version 2 distributions.
- In general, if you are having problems:
  1. Ensure that Stash works as expected when running directly from Tomcat on `http://localhost:7990/stash`
  2. Watch the log files (usually in `/var/log/httpd/` or `/var/log/apache2/`). Check that you have a `LogLevel`
Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL

This page is intended for administrators setting up Stash for a small team. It describes how to enable HTTPS (HTTP over SSL) access for Tomcat, the webserver distributed with Stash, using a self-signed certificate. You should consider doing this, and making secure access mandatory, if Stash will be internet-facing and usernames, passwords and other proprietary data may be at risk.

If you are setting up a production instance you should consider using a CA certificate, briefly described below.

Note that you can set up Stash to run behind a web server, such as Apache HTTP Server. To secure Stash with HTTPS, when Apache HTTP Server acts as a reverse proxy for Stash, see Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server.

On this page:

1. Generate a self-signed certificate
2. Configure HTTPS in Tomcat
   Exporting the self-signed certificate
   Requesting a CA certificate
3. Troubleshooting

Related pages:

- Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server

1. Generate a self-signed certificate

Self-signed certificates are useful where you require encryption but do not need to verify the website identity. They are commonly used for testing and on internal corporate networks (intranets).

Users may receive a warning that the site is untrusted and have to "accept" the certificate before they can access the site. This usually will only occur the first time they access the site.

The following approach to creating a certificate uses Java's keytool, for Java 1.6. Other tools for generating certificates are available.

To generate a self-signed certificate:

- Log in with the user account that Stash will run under, and run the following command:

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<td>&quot;%JAVA_HOME%\bin\keytool&quot; -genkey -alias tomcat -keyalg RSA</td>
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  This will create (if it doesn't already exist) a new .keystore file located in the home directory of the user you used to run the keytool command.

Note the following:

- When running the keytool command you will be prompted with: What is your first and last name?
You **must** enter the **fully qualified hostname** of the server running Stash. This is the name you would type in your web browser after 'http://' (no port number) to access your Stash installation. The qualified host name should match the base URL you have set in Stash (without the port number).

- The keytool utility will also prompt you for two passwords: the keystore password and the key password for Tomcat.

You **must** use the same value for both passwords, and the value **must** be either:

- "changeit", which is the default value Tomcat expects, or
- any other value, but you must also specify it in `conf/server.xml` by adding the following attribute to the `<Connector/>` tag: `keystorePass="<password value>"

### 2. Configure HTTPS in Tomcat

**To configure HTTPS in Tomcat:**

- Edit `conf/server.xml` and, at the bottom, before the `</Service>` tag, add this section (or uncomment it if it already exists):

  ```xml
  <Connector port="8443"
    maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
    SSLEnabled="true"
    maxThreads="150"
    minSpareThreads="25"
    maxSpareThreads="75"
    enableLookups="false"
    disableUploadTimeout="true"
    useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
    acceptCount="100"
    scheme="https"
    secure="true"
    clientAuth="false"
    sslProtocol="TLS" />
  ```

  This enables SSL access on port 8443 (the default for HTTPS is 443, but 8443 is used instead of 443 to avoid conflicts).

**Exporting the self-signed certificate**

If Stash will run as the user who ran the `keytool --genkey` command, **you do not need to export the certificate**.

You may need to export the self-signed certificate, so that you can import it into a different keystore, if Stash will not be run as the user executing `keytool --genkey`. You can do so with the following command:

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If you generate the certificate as one user and run Stash as another, you'll need to do the certificate export as the generating user and the import as the target user.

**Requesting a CA certificate**

Digital certificates that are issued by trusted 3rd party CAs (Certification Authorities) provide verification that your website does indeed represent your company.
When running Stash in a production environment, you will need a certificate issued by a CA, such as VeriSign, TrustCenter. The instructions below are adapted from the Tomcat documentation.

First, you will generate a local certificate and create a 'certificate signing request' (CSR) based on that certificate. You then submit the CSR to your chosen certificate authority. The CA will use that CSR to generate a certificate for you.

1. Use Java's keytool utility to generate a local certificate, as described in the section above.
2. Use the keytool utility to generate a CSR, replacing the text `<MY_KEYSTORE_FILENAME>` with the path to and file name of the .keystore file generated for your local certificate:

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3. Submit the generated file called certreq.csr to your chosen certificate authority. Refer to the documentation on the CA’s website to find out how to do this.
4. The CA will send you a certificate.
5. Import the new certificate into your local keystore. Assuming your certificate is called "file.cer" whether obtained from a CA or self-generated, the following command will add the certificate to the keystore:

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Troubleshooting

Here are some troubleshooting tips if you are using a self-signed key created by keytool, or a CA certificate, as described above.

When you enter "https://localhost:8443/" in your browser, if you get a message such as "Cannot establish a connection to the server at localhost:8443", look for error messages in your logs/catalina.out log file. Here are some possible errors with explanations:

SSL + Apache + IE problems

Some people have reported errors when uploading attachments over SSL using IE. This is due to an IE bug, and can be fixed in Apache by setting:

```
BrowserMatch "MSIE" 
    nokeepalive ssl-unclean-shutdown 
    downgrade-1.0 force-response-1.0
```

Google has plenty more on this.

Can't find the keystore

java.io.FileNotFoundException: /home/user/.keystore (No such file or directory)

This indicates that Tomcat cannot find the keystore. The keytool utility creates the keystore as a file called .keystore in the current user's home directory. For Unix/Linux the home directory is likely to be /home/<username>. For Windows it is likely to be C:\User\<UserName>.
Make sure you are running Stash as the same user who created the keystore. If this is not the case, or if you are running Stash on Windows as a service, you will need to specify where the keystore file is in `conf/server.xml`.

1. Add the following attribute to the connector tag you uncommented:

   ```xml
   <Connector port="8443"
     maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
     maxThreads="150"
     minSpareThreads="25"
     maxSpareThreads="75"
     enableLookups="false"
     disableUploadTimeout="true"
     useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
     acceptCount="100"
     scheme="https"
     secure="true"
     clientAuth="false"
     sslProtocol="TLS"
     keystoreFile="<location of keystore file>"
     keystorePass="removed"
     keyAlias="tomcat"/>
   ```

Incorrect password

```java
java.io.IOException: Keystore was tampered with, or password was incorrect
```

You used a different password than "changeit". You must either use "changeit" for both the keystore password and for the key password for Tomcat, or if you want to use a different password, you must specify it using the `keystorePass` attribute of the Connector tag, as described above.

Passwords don't match

```java
java.io.IOException: Cannot recover key
```

You specified a different value for the keystore password and the key password for Tomcat. Both passwords must be the same.

Wrong certificate

```java
javax.net.ssl.SSLException: No available certificate corresponds to the SSL cipher suites which are enabled.
```

If the Keystore has more than one certificate, Tomcat will use the first returned unless otherwise specified in the SSL Connector in `conf/server.xml`.

Add the `keyAlias` attribute to the Connector tag you uncommented, with the relevant alias, for example:

```xml
<Connector port="8443"
  maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
  maxThreads="150"
  minSpareThreads="25"
  maxSpareThreads="75"
  enableLookups="false"
  disableUploadTimeout="true"
  useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
  acceptCount="100"
  scheme="https"
  secure="true"
  clientAuth="false"
  sslProtocol="TLS"
  keystoreFile="/opt/local/.keystore"  
  keystorePass="removed"
  keyAlias="tomcat"/>
```

Using Apache Portable Runtime

APR uses a different SSL engine, and you will see an exception like this in your logs:

```java
SEVERE: Failed to initialize connector [Connector[HTTP/1.1-8443]]
LifecycleException: Protocol handler initialization failed: java.lang.Exception: No Certificate file specified or invalid file format
```

The reason for this is that the APR Connector uses OpenSSL and cannot use the keystore in the same way. You can rectify this in one of two ways:

Use the `Http11Protocol` to handle SSL connections

Edit the server.xml so that the SSL Connector tag you just uncommented specifies the `Http11Protocol` instead of

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the APR protocol:

```
<Connector port="8443"
  maxHttpHeaderSize="8192"
  SSLEnabled="true"
  keystoreFile="${user.home}/.keystore"
  maxThreads="150"
  enableLookups="false"
  disableUploadTimeout="true"
  acceptCount="100"
  scheme="https"
  secure="true"
  clientAuth="false"
  sslProtocol="TLS"
  useBodyEncodingForURI="true" />
```

Configure the Connector to use the APR protocol

This is only possible if you have PEM encoded certificates and private keys. If you have used OpenSSL to generate your key, then you will have these PEM encoded files - in all other cases contact your certificate provider for assistance.

```
<Connector port="8443"
  maxThreads="200"
  scheme="https"
  secure="true"
  SSLEnabled="true"
  SSLCertificateFile="${user.home}/certificate.pem"
  SSLCertificateKeyFile="${user.home}/key.pem"
  clientAuth="optional"
  SSLProtocol="TLSv1" />
```

Enabling client authentication

To enable client authentication in Tomcat, ensure that the value of the `clientAuth` attribute in your `Connector` element of your Tomcat's `server.xml` file is `true`.

```
<Connector ...
  clientAuth="true"
  ... />
```

For more information about `Connector` element parameters, please refer to the 'SSL Support' section of the `Tomcat 6.0` documentation.

Wrong certificate type

If the certificate from the CA is in PKCS12 format, add the `keystoreType` attribute to the SSL Connector in `conf/server.xml`.

```
keystoreFile="/opt/local/wildcard_atlassian_com.p12"
keystorePass="removed"
keystoreType="PKCS12" />
```

Certificate chain is incomplete
If the root certificate and intermediary certificate(s) aren't imported into the keystore before the entity/domain certificate, you will see the following error:

```
[root@dev atlas]# /usr/java/jdk1.7.0_17/bin/keytool -import -alias tomcat -file my_entity_cert.crt
Enter keystore password:
keytool error: java.lang.Exception: Failed to establish chain from reply
```

Most likely, the CA sent a compressed file containing several certificates. The import order matters so you must import the root certificate first, followed by one or many intermediate certificates, followed lastly by the entity/domain certificate. There are many resources online that provide guidance for certificate installation for Tomcat (Java-based) web servers using keytool.

**Securing Stash with Apache using SSL**

If you want to set up SSL access to Stash, follow steps 1 to 4 below. When you are finished, users will be able to make secure connections to Apache HTTP Server; connections between Apache HTTP Server and Stash will remain unsecured (not using SSL).

**Note:**
- The steps on this page would normally be performed after integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server.
- It would be possible to set up an SSL connection between Apache HTTP Server and Tomcat (Stash), but that configuration is very unusual, and not recommended in most circumstances.

**Step 1: Configure the Tomcat Connector for SSL**

Find the normal (non-SSL) Connector directive in Tomcat’s server.xml file, and change the redirectPort, scheme and proxyPort attributes as follows:

```
<Connector port="7990" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
    connectionTimeout="20000"
    useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
    redirectPort="443"
    compression="on"
    compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/plain,text/css,application/json,application/javascript,application/x-javascript"
    secure="true"
    scheme="https"
    proxyName="mycompany.com"
    proxyPort="443" />
```

The redirectPort directive causes Tomcat-initiated redirections to secured resources to use the specified port. Right now, the Stash configuration of Tomcat does not involve Tomcat-initiated redirections, so the change to redirectPort is redundant. Nevertheless, we suggest that you change it as directed above for the sake of
Step 2: Set up a virtual host in Apache HTTP Server

Un-comment the following LoadModule directive in Apache HTTP Server's `httpd.conf` file:

```
LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so
```

Add the following directives to the `httpd.conf` file:

```
Listen 443
<VirtualHost *:443>
  SSLEngine On
  SSLCertificateFile  "/usr/local/apache2/conf/server.crt"
  SSLCertificateKeyFile  "/usr/local/apache2/conf/server.key"
  ProxyPass        / http://localhost:7990/ connectiontimeout=5 timeout=300
  ProxyPassReverse / http://localhost:7990/
</VirtualHost>
```

The `Listen` directive instructs Apache HTTP Server to listen for incoming requests on port 443. Actually, we could omit that directive in this case, since Apache HTTP Server listens for https requests on port 443 by default. Nevertheless, it's good to make one's intentions explicit.

The `VirtualHost` directive encloses a number of child directives that apply only and always to requests that arrive at port 443. Since our `VirtualHost` block does not include a `ServerName` directive, it inherits the server name from the main server configuration.

The `SSLEngine` directive toggles the use of the SSL/TLS Protocol Engine. In this case, we're using it to turn SSL on for all requests that arrive at port 443.

The `SSLCertificateFile` directive tells Apache HTTP Server where to find the PEM-encoded certificate file for the server.

The `SSLCertificateKeyFile` directive tells Apache HTTP Server where to find the PEM-encoded private key file corresponding to the certificate file identified by the `SSLCertificateFile` directive. Depending on how the certificate file was generated, it may contain a RSA or DSA private key file, making the `SSLCertificateKeyFile` directive redundant; however, Apache strongly discourages that practice. The recommended approach is to separate the certificate and the private key. If the private key is encrypted, Apache HTTP Server will require a pass phrase to be entered when it starts up.

The `ProxyPass` and `ProxyPassReverse` directives should be set up in the manner described in Step 5 of the Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server page.

For more information about the support for SSL in Apache HTTP Server, refer to the Apache SSL/TLS Encryption manual. In addition, you will find lots of relevant information in the `<apache directory>/conf/extra/httpd-ssl.conf` file, which is included in the standard Apache distribution.

Step 3: Create SSL certificate and key files

In Step 2, you specified `server.crt` and `server.key` as the certificate file and private key file respectively. Those two files must be created before we can proceed. This step assumes that OpenSSL is installed on your server.

Generate a server key file:

```
openssl genrsa -des3 -out server.key 1024
```

You will be asked to provide a password. Make sure that the password is strong because it will form the one real
entry point into the SSL encryption set-up. Make a note of the password because you'll need it when starting Apache HTTP Server later.

Generate a certificate request file (server.csr):

```
openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr
```

Generate a self-signed certificate (server.crt):

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -in server.csr -signkey server.key -out server.crt
```

The above command generates a self-signed certificate that is valid for one year. You can use the certificate signing request to purchase a certificate from a certificate authority. For testing purposes though, the self-signed certificate will suffice. Copy the certificate file and private key file to the locations you specified in Step 2.

```
cp server.key /usr/local/apache2/conf/
cp server.crt /usr/local/apache2/conf/
```

Step 4: Update the base URL for 'https'

Open a browser window and log into Stash using an administrator account. Go to the Stash administration area and click **Server settings** (under ‘Settings’). Change **Base URL** to use 'https'.

Using a self-signed certificate

There are two implications of using the self-signed certificate:

- When you access Stash in a web browser, you can expect a warning to appear, alerting you that an un-trusted certificate is in use. Before proceeding you will have to indicate to the browser that you trust the certificate.
- When you perform a git clone operation, SSL verification will fail. The SSL verification error message will look something like this:

```
error:14090086:SSL routines:SSL3_GET_SERVER_CERTIFICATE:certificate verify failed while accessing https://justme@mycompany/git/TP/test.git
```

It's easy to fix. Turn SSL verification off for individual git operations by setting the **GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY** environment variable. In Unix, you can set the variable in-line with git commands as follows:

```
git clone --git-config=GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY=true https://justme@mycompany/git/TP/test.git
```

In Windows you have to set the variable in a separate shell statement:

```
set GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY=true
```

Once you have purchased and installed a signed certificate from a certificate authority, you will no longer have to include the **GIT_SSL_NO_VERIFY** modifier.

**Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash**

A Stash administrator can enable SSH access to Git repositories in Stash. This allows your Stash users to:

- add their own SSH keys to Stash
- use those SSH keys to secure Git operations between their computer and the Stash server.

Stash users must each add their own SSH key pairs to their Stash account to be able to use SSH access to repositories.

Supported key types are DSA and RSA2. Note that RSA1 is not supported. We've tested key sizes of 768, 1024, 2048, 4096 and 8192 bytes.

There are performance implications for Stash when using SSH. When users connect to Stash using SSH, the encryption of data adds to overall CPU usage. For day-to-day push and pull operations the overhead will not be significant, but when cloning repositories the overhead will be noticeable.
To get the maximum performance from Stash, we advise configuring automatic build tools to use the http or https protocol, if possible. See Scaling Stash for more information.

On this page:
- Enabling SSH access
- SSH base URL
- When running Stash behind a proxy

Related pages:
- Setting up SSH port forwarding
- Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Windows
- Adding an SSH key to your Stash account on Linux and Mac

### Enabling SSH access

To enable SSH access:

1. Go to the Stash administration area and click **Server settings** (under ‘Settings’).
2. Under ‘SSH access’, check **SSH enabled**.
3. Enter values for **SSH port** and **SSH base URL**, according the information in the sections below.
4. Click **Save**.

### SSH base URL

The **SSH base URL** is the base URL with which users can access the SSH push/pull/clone functionality of Stash.

This is the base URL that Stash will use when displaying SSH URLs to users. If you do not set this, it will default to the host that is set in **Stash base URL**, with the port that SSH is listening on.

For example, if the **SSH base URL** is not set and the **Stash base URL** is `https://stash.atlassian.com` and the SSH port is `7999`, the SSH URL for the repository `Jira` in the project `Atlassian` will be `ssh://git@stash.atlassian.com:7999/ATLASSIAN/jira.git`

If you set up **port forwarding**, you will need to set the **SSH base URL** to the machine and port that is being forwarded to Stash. However, you do not need to specify the port portion of the URL if the default SSH port (port `22`) is being forwarded to Stash.

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When running Stash behind a proxy

If you run Stash behind a http proxy such as Apache (e.g. as per our instructions), and if Apache runs on a different host, SSH will not be available on that host. Instead, you will need to set the SSH base URL to the machine Stash is actually running on (and the URL should include the SSH port Stash is serving from).

For example, if the **SSH base URL** is set to `ssh://stash.backend.atlassian.com:7999`, the **SSH URL for the repository** Jira in the project Atlassian will be `ssh://git@stash.backend.atlassian.com:7999/ATLASSIAN/jira.git`

If you set up port forwarding, you will need to set the **SSH base URL** to the proxy machine and port that is being forwarded to Stash. However, you do not need to specify the port portion of the URL if the default SSH port (port 22) is being forwarded to Stash.

For example, if you set up port forwarding from your http proxy host, `stash.atlassian.com`, port 22, to `stash.backend.atlassian.com` port 7999, set the **SSH base URL** to `ssh://stash.atlassian.com`. Then, the **SSH URL for the repository** Jira in the project Atlassian will be `ssh://git@stash.atlassian.com/ATLASSIAN/jira.git`
### Setting up SSH port forwarding

**Why set up port forwarding?**

There are two scenarios where you might want to set up port forwarding.

1. **Remove port numbers from your SSH URLs**
   - Stash listens for SSH connections on port 7999 by default.
   - Your users will need to include the port in the URL they use to clone from Stash, for example:
     ```
     git clone ssh://git@stash.yourcompany.com:7999/PROJECT/repo.git
     ```
   - Rather than have the port number in the URL, you may wish to set up port forwarding so that connections to the default SSH port are forwarded to the port Stash is listening on (e.g. you could forward port 22 to port 7999).
   - This would allow your users to use a URL without a port number in it, like this:
     ```
     git clone ssh://git@stash.yourcompany.com/PROJECT/repo.git
     ```

2. **Stash is running behind a reverse proxy on a separate machine**
   - You may be following our instructions for [setting up Stash behind an Apache front-end](https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/JIRA/Setting+up+SSH+port+forwarding).
   - In this case, your users may not be able to access Stash directly for SSH connections, or if they can, you may wish to make the SSH and HTTP/S URLs consistent.

#### Example

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For example, if you have the above topology, without port forwarding (and assuming the default port of 7999),
your users will need to clone Stash directly from the backend, like this:

```bash
git clone ssh://git@stash.backend.atlassian.com:7999/PROJECT/repo.git
```

In your network, the `stash.backend.atlassian.com` machine may not be accessible directly, or you may want the URL to be consistent with the HTTP/S URL of `https://stash.atlassian.com/scm/PROJECT/repo.git`.

In this case, you need to set up port forwarding on the `stash.atlassian.com` machine to accept connections and forward them to port 7999 on the `stash.backend.atlassian.com` machine.

How to set up port forwarding

**HAProxy**

Atlassian recommends the use of HAProxy for forwarding SSH connections through to Stash.

HAProxy is supported on Linux, Solaris and FreeBSD.

HAProxy is not an Atlassian product, so Atlassian does not guarantee to provide support for its configuration. This section is provided for your information only – use it at your own risk. We recommend that you refer to the HAProxy documentation.

**Installing HAProxy**

Your Operating System may support installing HAProxy via it's system package manager, such as `apt-get`, `yum` or `rpm`. This will be the easiest way.

Alternatively, you may build HAProxy yourself and install it.

1. Download the latest version of HAProxy from [http://haproxy.1wt.eu/#down](http://haproxy.1wt.eu/#down).
2. Extract the archive and cd into the directory:

   ```bash
tar xzvf haproxy-1.4.21.tar.gz
cd haproxy-1.4.21
```

3. Read the instructions in the README for how to build on your system. This is generally quite simple - on a Linux 64 bit 2.6 Kernel, the command is:

   ```bash
make TARGET=linux26 ARCH=x86_64
```

4. If it completes successfully, install it following the instructions in the README:

   ```bash
sudo make install
```

**Configuring HAProxy**

HAProxy is extremely powerful - it is designed as a http/s load balancer, but also can serve as a port forwarder for ssh.

The full documentation for version 1.4 is [here](http://haproxy.1wt.eu/). More documentation is available on the HAProxy web site.

An example simple configuration is as follows:
The above configuration will listen on port 7999 (indicated by the `bind` directive) on all network interfaces. As indicated by the `server` directive, traffic is forwarded to 127.0.0.1, port 7999. You will need to replace 127.0.0.1 with the IP address of the machine running Stash.

You can check your configuration by running:

```
haproxy -f haproxyconf.txt -c
```

To run haproxy, simply start it using

```
haproxy -f haproxyconf.txt
```

⚠️ If you use HAProxy to additionally proxy HTTP traffic, ensure that the running `mode` configuration is set to `http`:

```
backend http
    mode http
    bind *:80
    server localhost-stash-http 127.0.0.1:7990
```

**Using the default SSH port**

You can configure HAProxy to listen on the default SSH port instead, so that the port does not need to be specified in the clone URL.

By default, the normal ssh daemon is running on port 22. You have several options:

- Configure HAProxy to listen on an alternate port as in the previous example.
- Configure multiple network interfaces on the physical machine and force the default ssh daemon to listen on all but the interface for accessing Stash. Configure HAProxy to only listen on that interface.
- Move the default ssh daemon to listen on another port and let HAProxy bind on port 22.

We do not provide instructions on the last two options, except for how to configure HAProxy.

Use the same configuration as the last example, but change the bind port to 22, e.g.
frontend sshd
    bind *:22

You will have to run this configuration as the root user, using sudo, because it specifies a port to listen on that is less than 1024.

```
sudo haproxy -f haproxyconf.txt
```

**Configuring the SSH base URL**

Once port forwarding is set up, you will need to configure the SSH base URL in Stash so that the clone urls presented in Stash indicate the correct host and port to clone from. See the [SSH base URL section](#) in Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash.

**Moving Stash to a different context path**

There are various reasons why you may wish to change the context path for Stash. Two of those are:

- You are running Stash behind a proxy.
- You have another Atlassian application, or Java web application, available at the same hostname and context path as Stash, and are experiencing login problems (see [Login and session conflicts with multiple Atlassian applications](#)).

**Related pages:**
- [Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server](#)
- [Login and session conflicts with multiple Atlassian applications](#)

**Upgrade Note**

Since the manual steps of this process modify the Stash distribution, you will need to repeat Steps 1-6 each time you upgrade Stash.

**Changing the context path for Stash:**

1. Navigate to the directory where you are running Stash from. This is the install directory that you extracted the Stash distribution to, not your Stash home directory.
2. Stop Stash. This can be done using `bin/stop-stash.bat` on Windows or `bin/stop-stash.sh` on OSX or Linux.
3. Edit `conf/server.xml` and find the element below:

   ```xml
   <Context path="" docBase="${catalina.home}/atlassian-stash" reloadable="false" useHttpOnly="true"/>
   ```

   Update the `path` attribute to reflect the context path that you want Stash to be accessible at, e.g. `/stash`:

   ```xml
   <Context path="/stash" docBase="${catalina.home}/atlassian-stash" reloadable="false" useHttpOnly="true"/>
   ```

   Then save the file.

4. Start Stash. This can be done using `bin/start-stash.bat` on Windows or `bin/start-stash.sh` on OSX or Linux.
Stash should now be available at the same host as before under the new context path. For example a server that was at http://localhost:7990 will now be reachable at http://localhost:7990/stash.

5. Once Stash has started, go to the administration area and click Server Settings (under 'Settings'). Add the new context path to your base URL:

https://my-stash-hostname:7990/stash

6. Click Save.

⚠️ **Stash + Apache**  
Note that if you are running Stash behind Apache:
- you will need to make sure that the host or context path that Stash is exposed on is not also being used by another web application that is listening on a different port.
- and if you have updated the Stash context path using the steps outlined above, you will need to update your Apache configuration, as described in Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server.

### Changing the port that Stash listens on

You may wish to change the port that Stash listens on from the default '7990' to a different value if another application is already running on that port.

To change the port, edit the `conf/server.xml` file in the `<Stash installation directory>`.

Find the following lines in `server.xml`:

```xml
<Server port="8006" shutdown="SHUTDOWN">
  <Connector port="7990" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
    connectionTimeout="20000"
    useBodyEncodingForURI="true"
    redirectPort="8443"
    compression="on"
    compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/plain,text/css,application/json"/>
</Server>
```

You need to modify both the server port (default is 8006) and the connector port (default is 7990) to ports that are free on your machine. The server port is required by Tomcat but is not user-facing in any way. The connector port is the port you use to access Stash. For example, in the snippet above, the URL would be `http://example.com:7990`.

- **Hint:** You can use `netstat` to identify free ports on your machine. See more information on using `netstat` on [Windows](#) or on [Linux](#).

- **Warning:** If you are using a firewall, you should ensure that it is configured to allow http/https traffic over the connector port you have chosen.

**Related pages:**
- Specifying the base URL for Stash

### Running Stash with a dedicated user

For production installations, we recommend that you create a new dedicated user that will run Stash on your system. This user:
- Should *not* have admin privileges.
- Should be a non-privileged user with read, write and execute access on the Stash install directory and home directory.
- Should only have read access to your repositories.
See also Running Stash as a Windows service and Running Stash as a Linux service.

For Linux, here is an example of how to create a dedicated user to run Stash:

```
$ sudo /usr/sbin/useradd --create-home --home-dir /usr/local/Stash --shell /bin/bash Stash
```

Data recovery and backups

An effective backup strategy is essential:

- for avoiding data loss in the event of any system breakdown
- for restoring Stash after any system breakdown
- as part of the Stash upgrade process.

It is important to understand that there is a tight coupling between the Stash file system on disk and the database that Stash uses.

The following types of data are stored in each:

- The Stash home directory on the file system contains data about your repositories, as well as cache and log files (see Stash home directory for more detail).
- The Stash database contains data about pull requests (pointers to branches in the repos, comments and pull request diffs) and user management.

Any backup strategy that captures both the file system and database while Stash is still available to users runs the risk that the backed up Git repositories are corrupted or that the data in the database doesn't reflect the repository state on disk. Therefore, strategies for backing up and restoring Stash data must keep the repository data and the database perfectly synchronised. Atlassian only recommends the backup and restore strategies described on this page:

- Use the Stash backup client.
- Perform a full cold backup.

With either strategy, schedule the backup window so as to minimise the impact on Stash availability. You might consider checking the access logs to determine patterns of lowest usage to help with this.

We highly recommend that you establish a data recovery plan that is aligned with your company's policies.

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Related pages:

- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Supported platforms
- Scheduling tasks on Linux
- Scheduling tasks on Windows
Using the Stash backup client

The Stash backup client locks access to Stash, the repositories managed by Stash and the Stash database (this state is called 'maintenance mode'). It checks that all Git and database operations have completed, then performs a concurrent backup of the Stash database, repositories and data. The client then unlocks Stash from maintenance mode.

A user will get an error message if they try to access the Stash web interface, or use the Stash hosting services, when Stash is in maintenance mode.

The backup client creates a single tar file for the backup in the specified location.

The client supports Windows and Linux platforms, and Stash versions 2.7 and higher.

As an indication of the unavailability time that can be expected when using the Stash backup client, in our testing and internal use we have seen downtimes for Stash of 7–8 minutes with repositories totalling 6 GB in size.

**Download and installation**

You can download the Stash backup client from the Atlassian Marketplace.

[Download](#)

Unzip the client into a directory on the Stash server.

**Backing up Stash using the backup client**

The backup client must be run from somewhere with access to the Stash home directory. Usually, you will run the backup client directly on the Stash server. Run the client with the following command:

```
java -jar <path/to/stash-backup-client.jar>
```

Configuration options are kept in the `backup-config.properties` file that is included with the client – this file is automatically read when the client is run. The required properties include:

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<td><code>stash.home</code></td>
<td>The full path to the Stash home directory. On Windows, you must use two backslashes (<code>\</code>) or a single forward slash (<code>/</code>) to separate paths.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>backup.home</code></td>
<td>The full path to the location where the backup files should be saved. If <code>backup.home</code> is not specified, the backup client will use the current working directory. The client will create a backup subdirectory to store backups and a log directory to store logs within <code>backup.home</code>. On Windows, you must use two backslashes (<code>\</code>) or a single forward slash (<code>/</code>) to separate paths.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>stash.baseUrl</code></td>
<td>The Stash base URL.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>stash.user</code></td>
<td>The username of the Stash sysadmin user that will perform the backup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>stash.password</code></td>
<td>The password of the Stash sysadmin user that will perform the backup.</td>
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Alternatively, these properties can be given on the command-line, when they need to be prefixed with "-D", and be placed before the "-jar" parameter. For example:
java -Dstash.password="pass" -Dstash.user="user" -Dstash.baseUrl="http://stash" -jar stash-backup-client.jar

What is backed up

The client backs up the following:

- Stash data
- Managed Git repositories
- The Stash audit logs
- Installed plugins and their data

The backup does NOT include the following files and directories:

- `export/*`
- `log/*` (except for the audit logs)
- `data/db*` (HSQL data in the DB is backed up, but the files on disk are not)
- `tmp`
- the `plugins` directory (except for the `installed-plugins` directory)

Note that the `caches` directory is included in the backup because it contains previously indexed heads.

Cancelling the client backup

You can cancel the running client backup operation if necessary.

To cancel the backup:

1. Copy the cancel token echoed by the client in the terminal (or the Command Prompt on Windows):

2. Go to the Stash interface in your browser. Stash will display the this screen:

3. Click **Cancel backup**, enter the cancel token:
4. Click the **Cancel backup** button.

**Restoring Stash into a new DB**

When restoring Stash, the restore client must be run on the machine that Stash should be restored to. In order to ensure accidental restores do not delete existing data, the restore client will only restore into an empty home directory and an empty database.

Run the client with the following command:

```
java -jar <path/to/stash-client.jar> <path to backup file>
```

The restore client also uses the `backup-config.properties` file, where the properties can include:

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<td><code>stash.home</code></td>
<td>The full path to a directory that the restore client will populate with the Stash home data. This directory must be empty. On Windows, you must use two backslashes (<code>\\</code>) or a single forward slash (<code>/</code>) to separate paths.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>jdbc.override</code></td>
<td>By default, the restore client will restore into the same database that was backed up. If <code>jdbc.override</code> is set to <code>true</code>, the restore client will restore into the database specified by the below <code>jdbc</code> properties. The database must be empty.</td>
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<td><code>jdbc.driver</code></td>
<td>The driver class that Stash should use to login to the new database. See examples below.</td>
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<td><code>jdbc.url</code></td>
<td>The connection details for the new database, formatted as a JDBC URL. See examples below.</td>
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<td><code>jdbc.user</code></td>
<td>The username that Stash should use to login to the new database.</td>
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<td><code>jdbc.password</code></td>
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When given on the command-line, the system properties need to be prefixed with `"-D"`, and be placed before the `"-jar"` parameter. For example:
Sample JDBC properties

Sample `jdbc.driver` and `jdbc.url` properties are shown below.

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<td>Oracle</td>
<td>oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver</td>
<td>jdbc:oracle:thin:@//HOSTNAME:PORT/SERVICE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PostgreSQL</td>
<td>org.postgresql.Driver</td>
<td>jdbc:postgresql://HOSTNAME:PORT/DATABASE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL Server</td>
<td>com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver</td>
<td>jdbc:sqlserver://HOSTNAME:PORT;databaseName=DATABASE;</td>
</tr>
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Using your organisation’s backup processes

When you back up Stash using your standard process you must ensure that you keep the repository data and the database perfectly synchronised, by:

- Shutting down Stash before performing the backup.
- Restoring the database and file system at the same time.
- Using the same version or snapshot of the database and file system.

**Backing up Stash when using the internal database**

When Stash uses the built-in HSQL database, the database files are stored in the Stash file system. See Stash home directory for more detail.

Making a backup of Stash involves copying the Stash home directory.

Note that Atlassian does not recommend using the internal database for a production instance.

**Backing up Stash when using an external database**

When Stash uses an external database, both the Stash home directory and the external database must be backed up. You should follow your database vendor’s recommendations regarding database backup tools and procedures.

**Restoring Stash from a cold backup**

Recovering a Stash instance typically involves restoring both the file system backup and the database backup.

**Releases**

You can get automated notifications about major Stash releases by subscribing to the Atlassian dev tools blog.

The change log for each major release has details of the related minor releases.

**Stash 2.8**

1 October 2013

- Stash branching model
• Branch creation from within Stash
• Branch creation from within JIRA
• Automated merges
• Branch listing pages
• Move Git repositories between Stash projects
• Small improvements

Read the Stash 2.8 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.7

20 August 2013

• JIRA issue transitions
• Support for multiple JIRA instances
• Autolink JIRA issues in markdown
• Backup and restore client (beta)
• Small improvements

Read the Stash 2.7 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.6

22 July 2013

• Fork synchronisation
• Audit logging
• Repository Quicksearch
• Application navigator
• Public repositories list
• Small improvements

Read the Stash 2.6 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.5

12 June 2013

• Public access to projects and repositories
• Edit a pull request's destination branch
• Get more context in diffs
• OpenJDK is now supported
• Small improvements

Read the Stash 2.5 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.4

6 May 2013

• Forks
• Repository permissions
• Personal repositories
• Small improvements
• Deprecation of Java 6

Read the Stash 2.4 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.3

26 March 2013

• Crowd single sign-on (SSO)
• Branch deletion
• Git submodule recognition
• SCM Cache plugin for Stash

Read the Stash 2.3 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.2

05 March 2013

• Git repository hooks
• API for hook integrations
• Merge checks for pull requests

Read the Stash 2.2 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.1

05 February 2013

• Pull request integration with JIRA
• Build status API
• Project avatars
• Pull request inbox
• Improved pull request title and description generation

Read the Stash 2.1 release notes.

See the change log for Stash 2.1.x minor releases.

Stash 2.0

04 December 2012

• Branch permissions
• Markdown support
• Mentions
• Enterprise licenses for 1000 and 2000 users
• Deprecation of Internet Explorer 8

Read the Stash 2.0 release notes.

See the change log for Stash 2.0.x minor releases.

Stash 1.3

09 October 2012

• Pull requests
• Notifications
• Improved keyboard shortcuts
• README – simple project documentation

Read the Stash 1.3 release notes.

See the change log for Stash 1.3.x minor releases.

Stash 1.2

07 August 2012

• MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server and Oracle support
• Database migration
• File search
• Add-ons ecosystem
• Small improvements
Read the Stash 1.2 release notes.
See the change log for Stash 1.2.x minor releases.

Stash 1.1

19 June 2012
- SSH support
- Fast browsing
- Simple permissions
- Image diffs

Read the Stash 1.1 release notes.
See the change log for Stash 1.1.x minor releases.

Stash 1.0 is released!

1st May 2012
Atlassian Stash is a repository management solution that allows everyone in your organisation to easily collaborate on all your Git repositories.

In Stash you can:
- Create Git repositories and organize them into projects
- Browse your repositories and your commits
- View the changesets, diffs, blame and history of your files
- Create new users and organize them into groups
- Manage permissions at a global and at a project level
- Integrate with JIRA

Read the Stash 1.0 release notes.
See the change log for Stash 1.0.x minor releases.

Stash upgrade guide

This page describes how to upgrade Stash from a previous version.
- For the latest and greatest Stash release, see Releases.

For production environments we recommend that you test the Stash upgrade on a QA server before deploying to production.

Please also read:
- the Supported platforms page for the full list of supported platforms for Stash.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.

On this page:
- Upgrade steps
- Upgrading to Stash 2.8
- Upgrading to Stash 2.7
- Upgrading to Stash 2.6
- Upgrading to Stash 2.5
- Upgrading to Stash 2.4
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- Upgrading to Stash 1.3
- Upgrading to Stash 1.2
- Upgrading to Stash 1.1
- Upgrading from Stash 1.0.x to 1.1 or higher
Upgrade steps

This section provides general instructions for upgrading Stash. See also the specific notes on this page for the version of Stash you are upgrading to. We strongly recommend that you upgrade Stash by following these steps:

1. **Stop Stash!**

To stop Stash, change directory in a terminal or command prompt to the `<Stash installation directory>` and run:

- **Windows:**
  ```
  bin\stop-stash.bat
  ```

- **Linux and Mac:**
  ```
  bin/stop-stash.sh
  ```

2. **Back up your Stash data!**

- Back up the Stash home directory. This is where your Stash data is stored. The home directory location is defined:
  - On Windows: by the `STASH_HOME` environment variable, or by the `STASH_HOME` line of `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat`.
  - On Linux and Mac: by the `STASH_HOME` line of `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh`.
  - If you are using an external database, back up this database. Follow the directions provided by the database vendor to do this.

See Data recovery and backups for more information.

3. **Download and install Stash as usual**

Download Stash from the Atlassian download site and unpack the archive file to a suitable location.

- Note that you should not simply copy the unpacked Stash directory over an existing Stash directory. Copying a new Stash directory over the existing one is not supported – that will always corrupt the system. This is because each version of Stash includes versioned jar files, such as `stash-model-2.4.1.jar`. If you copy these, you end up with multiple versions of Stash's jar files in the classpath, which leads to runtime corruption.

Update the value of `STASH_HOME` in the new Stash installation directory to point to your existing Stash home directory (but note that if you use a `STASH_HOME` environment variable to specify the home directory location then no change is required):

- On Windows, update the home directory location as defined by the `STASH_HOME` line of the new `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat`.
- On Linux and Mac, update the home directory location as defined by the `STASH_HOME` line of the new `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh`.

If you made custom changes to the configuration of your existing Stash installation.

If you made custom changes to the configuration of your existing Stash installation you will have to make these changes for the new installation as well. For example:
4. Start Stash

To start Stash, change directory in a terminal or command prompt to the `<Stash installation directory>` and run:

- **Windows:**
  
  ```bash
  bin\start-stash.bat
  ```

- **Linux and Mac:**
  
  ```bash
  bin/start-stash.sh
  ```

Upgrading to Stash 2.8

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.
- the Stash 2.8 release notes.

### Known issues

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Authenticate to retrieve your issues

Upgrading to Stash 2.7

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
• the End of support announcements for Stash.

Repository System Information Plugin is now deprecated

The functionality of the repository system information plugin has now been moved into core Stash. The plugin will still work for Stash 2.x versions but is redundant as of Stash 2.7.

MySQL default isolation level

Stash 2.7.x uses READ_COMMITTED instead of the MySQL default isolation level (REPEATABLE_READ). This can result in exceptions when installing or upgrading to 2.7.x, if binary logging is enabled in your MySQL server. More details and a fix can be found in this KB article.

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<td>STASH-3773</td>
<td>Number of required approvals doesn’t get updated when approving</td>
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Upgrading to Stash 2.6

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• the Upgrade steps section above.
• the End of support announcements for Stash.

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<td>Application navigator use wrong URL</td>
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Upgrading to Stash 2.5

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- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.

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<td>Vertical alignment of back link on user profile screen is off</td>
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<td>STASH-3557</td>
<td>Stash favicon looks bad on non white backgrounds</td>
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<td>NPE in SshScmRequestCommAndAdapter.java:238</td>
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Limited support for JIRA 4.4.x and earlier

JIRA 4.3+ allows for showing commits associated with issues in JIRA. However, viewing issues within Stash is not supported for JIRA 4.4.x and earlier. See JIRA compatibility for details.

Upgrading to Stash 2.4

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.

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<td>In full source display mode, longest line is cut off if horizontal scroll bar</td>
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STASH-3163  Driver not available when running Stash as Windows service using $STASH_HOME/lib  → Open

Authenticate to retrieve your issues

Upgrading to Stash 2.3
Please also see the Upgrade steps section above.
When upgrading to Stash 2.3 you also need to upgrade the SCM Cache plugin, due to recent Stash API changes.

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<td>Stash upgrade task does not check for database schema validity</td>
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<td>Git command authentication failure causing the user to enter captcha before maximum attempts are met.</td>
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<td>STASH-3296</td>
<td>Using &quot;Load newer activities&quot; on pull requests drops some activities</td>
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<td>STASH-3288</td>
<td>UI broken after inactive user added to pull request</td>
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<td>URL not linked correctly when surrounding by parenthesis</td>
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Upgrading to Stash 2.2
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<td>Comment Date format changes from relative to absolute dates unexpectedly</td>
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Upgrading to Stash 2.1

Please also see the Upgrade steps section above.

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<td>Driver not available when running Stash as Windows service using $STASH_HOME/lib</td>
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**Install location for third-party libraries**

As of Stash 2.1 you can install third-party libraries and jar files, such as the MySQL JDBC driver, into `<Stash home directory>/lib`. This has the advantage that files in this location are not overwritten, and lost, when you upgrade Stash.

**Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver**

Stash 2.1 now uses the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver to access Microsoft SQL Server, instead of using the jTDS driver. In most cases, Stash will automatically swap to using the Microsoft driver on upgrade and **no configuration is required**.

If Stash was configured to use Microsoft SQL Server by manually entering a JDBC URL, please refer to this guide.

**Upgrading to Stash 2.0**

This section provides specific notes for upgrading to Stash 2.0. See also the Upgrade steps section above.

**Tomcat**

For Stash 2.0, Tomcat has been upgraded from version 6 to 7. As part of that upgrade, the `server.xml` file has changed. If you have customised `server.xml` (for example, for `port`, `path` or `hostname`), you can not simply copy your own version across to the upgraded Stash; you must reapply your customisations to the `server.xml` file for the new version of Stash.

If you were running Stash as a Windows service and are upgrading from 1.x to 2.x you will need to reinstall the Stash service to make it use Tomcat 7.

To uninstall the Stash service you need to execute following commands from `<STASH DISTRIBUTION DIR>\bin:`
You can call this command without the service name if you installed the Stash service with a default name.

After the service is uninstalled you can proceed with the Upgrade steps and Running Stash as a Windows service instructions to configure Stash 2.x running as a service.

**Perl**

Stash 2.0 requires Perl for its branch permission functionality. If Perl is unavailable, Stash 2.0 will not start.

On Windows machines, Perl will only have been installed by the Git installer if the correct install option was chosen at Step 4 of Installing Stash on Windows.

**Existing Git hooks**

In order to support Branch Permissions, Stash 2.0 moves existing hooks in the pre-receive and post-receive folders under `<STASH_HOME>/data/repositories/NNNN/hooks` (where NNN is the internal repository id) to `.../hooks/pre-receive.d/10_custom` or `.../hooks/post-receive.d/10_custom`. Consequently, custom hooks that use relative path names (e.g. `./foo.sh` or `../dir/foo.sh`) will be broken by the upgrade to Stash 2.0.

**Deprecation of Internet Explorer 8**

Support for Internet Explorer 8 is deprecated from the release of Stash 2.0. The official end-of-support date is yet to be determined. See Supported platforms for details.

**Known issues**

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**Upgrading to Stash 1.3**

This section provides specific notes for upgrading to Stash 1.3. See also the Upgrade steps section above.

**Email server**

An email server must be configured in Stash so that email notifications for pull request events can be sent. Please see Setting up your mail server for details.

**Upgrading from Stash 1.3 beta**

Click to see information about upgrading from the beta...
Stash 1.3 uses improved commenting compared to the 1.3 beta. This means that when you upgrade from the beta to Stash 1.3:

- Pull request comments made in the beta against the diff will only appear in the activity, and not in the diff, in Stash 1.3. Future comments made on the same pull request in Stash 1.3 will behave as expected.
- Reviewers, participants and watchers were added after the beta was released. After you upgrade, existing pull requests will not have participants or watchers. You can add reviewers by editing the pull requests and any future commenters will be added as a participant and watcher to the pull request as you would expect.

 Known issues

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Upgrading to Stash 1.2

Please see the Upgrade steps section above.

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Upgrading to Stash 1.1

Please see the Upgrade steps section above.

Upgrading from Stash 1.0.x to 1.1 or higher

Please also see the Upgrade steps section above.

SSH

When you restart Stash after upgrading to 1.1, Stash will automatically enable SSH access to your repositories,
on the default port of 7999.

If you want to change the port, or are hosted behind a proxy or firewall, you may also need to change the SSH base URL so the clone URL’s in Stash are correct. See the SSH admin instructions.

Developing for Stash

If you are a Stash plugin developer, please refer to our Stash developer documentation.

Checking for known issues and troubleshooting the Stash upgrade

If something is not working correctly after you have completed the steps above to upgrade your Stash installation, please check for known Stash issues and try troubleshooting your upgrade as described below:

- **Check for known issues.** Known issues can be seen in the STASH project on our issue tracker.
- **Stash Knowledge Base.** Sometimes we find out about a problem with the latest version of Stash after we have released the software. In such cases we publish information in the Stash Knowledge Base.
- **If you encounter a problem during the upgrade and cannot solve it, please create a support ticket and one of our support engineers will help you.**

End of support announcements for Stash

**End of support matrix for Stash**

The table below summarises the end of support announcements for *upcoming* Stash releases. If a platform is not (or is no longer) supported by Stash 2.8.x, it is *not* listed in this table.

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**Why is Atlassian ending support for these platforms?**

Atlassian is committed to delivering improvements and bug fixes as fast as possible. We are also committed to providing world class support for all the platforms our customers run our software on. However, as new versions of databases, web browsers etc. are released, the cost of supporting multiple platforms grows exponentially, making it harder to provide the level of support our customers have come to expect from us. Therefore, we no longer support platform versions marked as end-of-life by the vendor, or very old versions that are no longer widely used.

**End of support announcements on this page (most recent announcements first):**

- Deprecation of Internet Explorer 8 (announced 22 July 2013)
- Deprecation of Java 6 (announced 9 May 2013)

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**Stash 2.8 release notes**

1 October 2013

Introducing Stash 2.8 – Git branch workflows
Today we're excited to announce Stash 2.8, which makes it easy for your team to use a branching workflow for your Git development process.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

Please also check the End of support announcements for Stash.

The Stash 2.8 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

**Stash branching model**

Stash 2.8 introduces a 'branching model' that provides key advantages for streamlining your Git development workflow:

- Developers can make consistent naming decisions when creating branches in Stash, guided by the naming conventions specified in the branching model.
- Reduce the need for manual maintenance of release branches, because consistent branch naming allows Stash to automatically cascade merges to those branch types.
Branching model

Development

Use default branch

The integration branch used for development. Feature branches are merged back into this branch.

Production

Select branch

The branch used for deploying releases. Typically, this branch is the development branch and changes are merged back into this branch.

Branch prefixes

Use the prefixes below as part of your branch names to categorize them and take advantage of automatic branching workflows. Learn more

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<td>Hotfix</td>
<td>Typically used to quickly fix the production branch.</td>
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<td>Release</td>
<td>Used for release tasks and long-term maintenance. Typically, this branch branches from the development branch and changes are merged back into the development branch.</td>
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Read more about the new branching model in Stash.

Branch creation from within Stash

You can now create new branches in your Git repositories directly from the Stash web UI. When a branching model is configured, Stash guides you into making consistent choices for branch names:

Create branch

Repository

Paul Watson/stash

Branch type

Bugfix

Learn about branch types

Branch from

STASH-2867-context-lines

Branch name

bugfix/STASH-2867-context-lines

Read more about creating branches in Stash.

Branch creation from within JIRA

As part of our push to provide tighter integration between Stash and JIRA, you can now start creating a
branch from within a JIRA issue. This gives you a faster workflow from picking an issue to starting coding:

Stash will suggest the branch type and branch name, based on the JIRA issue type and summary – you can change these, of course.

Your Admin needs to have set up linking with JIRA before you’ll see this. Read more about creating branches from JIRA.

Automated merges

When a branching model is configured in Stash that defines a ‘release’ branch for a repository, Stash can automatically merge changes to newer release branches. Cascading merges can reduce the manual maintenance for branches of that type.

Automated merging must be enabled for each repository, and is subject to a number of conditions. Stash applies an ordering algorithm, based on patterns in the branch names, to determine the ‘newer’ branches.

Read more about automatic branch merging in Stash.

Branch listing pages

To complement branch workflows, Stash now provides an overview of all branches in a repository. The Behind/Ahead information shows by how many commits a branch has diverged from the default branch (for example, master) for the repository, and can help you to identify work in progress as well as stale branches. The Actions menus provide branch tasks such as viewing the branches source files, creating a pull request, creating a new branch, and checking out the branch in Atlassian SourceTree.
Move Git repositories between Stash projects

You can now move a repository from one Stash project to another, if you have project administrator permissions for both projects.

To move a repository, go to Settings > Repository details for the repository you wish to move, and click Move repository:

Small improvements

Stash backup client is now production-ready

The Stash backup client introduced with Stash 2.7.0 is supported for use in production environments.

See the branches that a commit is visible on

When browsing a commit you can now see all the branches that the current commit is visible on. This makes it easier to determine if a particular change has been merged to the master branch, for example, or not:
SSH support in the SCM Cache Plugin

The SCM Cache Plugin now supports SSH. This allows your CI build server to securely access the Stash server over SSH. See Scaling Stash for Continuous Integration performance for configuration information.

Auto-expand directories with only one sub-directory

In the files listing for a repository, Stash will now automatically expand a directory that contains only one sub-directory. This can save time where there is a series of nested single directories – Stash will continue expanding directories until it finds two or more sub-directories.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 2.8 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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The issues listed below are the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 2.8 releases.

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reviews/commits where commit message includes <U+2028>

STASH-3875 The default project permission is not getting cleared from the cache

STASH-3819 ExternalProcessImpl.areOutputPumpsRunning is not thread-safe

STASH-3793 git rev-list fails on startup

STASH-3788 Pull request events are not audited

STASH-3777 Stash cannot connect to other Atlassian applications on non-default HTTPS port

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Stash 2.7 release notes

20 August 2013

Introducing Stash 2.7

Today we’re pleased to announce Stash 2.7, which introduces a range of JIRA integration improvements, to help optimise your development workflows. We’ve also included a brand new Stash backup and restore solution.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

Please also check the End of support announcements for Stash.

The Stash 2.7 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

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JIRA issue transitions

Now you can easily transition a JIRA issue from within Stash. For example, when creating a pull request you may want to transition the issue into review. Click on a linked JIRA issue anywhere in Stash to see a dialog with the available workflow steps:

Your Admin needs to have set up linking with JIRA before you’ll see this. Read more about JIRA integration in
Stash.

Autolink JIRA issues in markdown

When you mention JIRA an issue key in Stash, for example in a pull request description or comment, the key gets automatically linked:

You can click on the linked key to see details for the issue. Note that issue keys in a URL will link directly to the JIRA instance, as you’d expect. Read more about JIRA integration in Stash.

Support for multiple JIRA instances

Stash can now link to more than one JIRA server at a time, so different teams can work with their own projects in different JIRA instances, or a single team can link to issues across multiple JIRA servers.

Read more about JIRA integration in Stash.

Backup and restore beta

With the Stash 2.7 release we have made available a beta release of a backup and restore client for Stash. The Stash backup client locks access to Stash, checks that all Git and database operations have completed, and then performs a concurrent backup of the Stash database, repositories and data. You can download the Stash backup and restore client from the Atlassian Marketplace.

Although we are confident about the performance of this tool, we are interested in hearing how well it meets your requirements in actual use – this is why we are releasing the client as a beta. We look forward to your feedback!

Read more about backing up and restoring your Stash data.

Small improvements

Improved LDAP synchronisation performance

We have greatly improved the performance for LDAP synchronisation. For example, on a test LDAP server with 10,000 users and 10,000 groups, the time for a full synchronisation improved from 64 minutes to 4 minutes.

The Repository System Information plugin is now deprecated

The functionality of the repository system information plugin has now been moved into core Stash. The plugin will still work for Stash 2.x versions but is redundant as of Stash 2.7.

Syntax highlighters are now configurable

You can now update the extensions associated with different syntax highlighters using the stash-config.pro
properties file in the Stash home directory. For more details see Configuring syntax highlighting for file extensions.

MySQL default isolation level

Stash 2.7.x uses READ_COMMITTED instead of the MySQL default isolation level (REPEATABLE_READ). This can result in exceptions when installing/upgrading to 2.7.x, if binary logging is enabled in your MySQL server. More details and a fix can be found in this KB article.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 2.7 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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The issues listed below are just the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 2.7 release.

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20 August 2013 - Stash 2.7.0
### Stash 2.6 release notes

22 July 2013

Fork synchronization with Stash 2.6

Today we're pleased to announce Stash 2.6, which introduces automated fork synchronization and audit logging. We've also added a repository search and polished some existing features.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the [Stash upgrade guide](#).

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Fork synchronization

Fork syncing provides a way for your fork in Stash to be kept up-to-date with changes in the upstream repository, thus minimising the effort needed to do this manually. Stash can do this automatically, as long as you haven’t modified the branches or tags in the fork.

If you have modified branches or tags in the fork, Stash will offer merge options:

Read more about using forks in Stash.

Audit logging

Stash now provides full audit logging. The most important audit events for each repository and project are displayed in Stash on the Settings tab (these are only visible to Stash admins and system admins):

Stash also creates full audit log files that can be found in the `<Stash home directory>/log/audit` directory. The level of logging can be configured via system properties. Note that we recommend an automated backup of log files.

Read more about audit logging in Stash. Plugin developers can specify that their plugin events should be added to the ‘Audit log’ view, and the full audit log file.

Repository Quicksearch

Quicksearch makes it easy to jump to a particular repository, without needing to know the name of the project it’s in. Start typing to see a list of suggested repositories. If you type a ‘?’ text before that is matched against project names, and text after is matched against repository names. Note that wildcards and antglobs are not supported.
Small improvements

Application navigator

The new application navigator, on the left of the header, allows you to switch to your other applications, such as Atlassian JIRA and Bamboo – or any other web application – all from the Stash header:

Stash administrators can configure which apps appear in the navigator – just click Configure in the application navigator, or go to the Stash admin area and click Application navigator. See Configuring the application navigator.

List of public repositories

Stash now displays a list of repositories for which anonymous access has been enabled – anonymous and logged-in users can choose Repositories > View all public repositories. See Allowing public access to code.

Deprecation of Java 6

In version 3.0, Stash will no longer support Java 6.0, and will only support Java 7.0 and above. Stash 3.0 is expected to be released later in 2013. See Supported platforms.

Deprecation of Internet Explorer 8

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Stash 2.5 release notes
12 June 2013

Go public with Stash 2.5

Today we're pleased to announce Stash 2.5, which fosters external participation and let's you enjoy even more streamlined code collaboration with public access to projects and repositories.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The Stash 2.5 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

Public access to projects and repositories

Public access provides anonymous (unauthenticated) users with browse access to specific repositories or entire projects in Stash. Anonymous users can see the source code in a repository, and clone the repository. Logged-in users get read access to a repository that has public access, so they can fork it and create pull requests. Public access doesn't allow your source code to be changed in any way.

You can configure public access to repositories and projects separately. You can also disable anonymous access by setting a global system property. Please refer to the Stash API changelog for information about how plugin design is affected by public access.

Read more about public access in Stash.

Edit a pull request's destination branch

You can now change the destination branch for an active pull request – if you set the wrong destination when creating the PR, you no longer have to delete it and create a new one.
Get more context in diffs

We've added a way for you to see more lines of code in the diffs for pull requests and commits. We think this will really help with using pull requests for code reviews. Just click on the grey bars to see more context, up to the whole file if you want. There may also be grey bars at the top or bottom of the diff, if more context is available there.

Note that the expanded lines are displayed as greyed-out, to show that you can't comment on them.

Java OpenJDK is now supported

Java OpenJDK is widely used by Linux distributions. We've made your life easier by adding OpenJDK to the list of Java JDKs supported by Stash.

Just a reminder, Java 6 has been deprecated and will not be supported by Stash 3.0 (and later versions), which will be released later in 2013.

See Supported platforms for more information.

Small improvements

- JIRA issues that only appear in forks are now linked to the JIRA server.
- Stash now respects .mailmap files in Git repositories. See Git resources for details.
- The SCM Cache plugin is now bundled - see Scaling Stash for Continuous Integration performance.
- We've added a bit more control for CAPTCHA: 
  - There is now a system property switch to turn off (and hide) the Maximum login attempts control
Administrators are now able to clear a user’s CAPTCHA status, from the user’s profile:

Change log

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The issues listed below are just the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 2.5 release.

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Stash 2.4 release notes

6 May 2013

Introducing Stash 2.4 – Forking in the Enterprise

Today we’re pleased to announce Stash 2.4, which introduces several key features to help you manage and collaborate on your Git repositories behind the firewall – forking, a workflow popularized in open source development, along with personal repositories and per-repository permissions.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The Stash 2.4 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

Try it for FREE ➔
Forks

Forks in Stash provide developers with a way to contribute code back to a repository for which they do not have write access. This extra control and flexibility of your development process lets you choose workflow scenarios that fit best. You can allow contractors to contribute to a project, or give developers the freedom to spike a project or prototype a feature, without risk to your core repositories.

Stash allows developers to fork a repository into any other project in Stash for which they have admin access. They can also create personal forks and then give others access by applying repository permissions.

Repository permissions

We've added repository permissions to Stash, which along with the already existing project and branch-level permissions, give you flexible yet fine-grained control over access to your repositories.

Personal repositories
You can now create personal repositories, unrelated to other projects, that you can use for such purposes as storing private snippets of work, kick-starting your own project, or contributing a bug-fix for a project that you are not a member of. By default, personal repositories are not visible to other Stash users. However, you can use repository permissions to open up access to other individuals and groups.

Your personal repositories are listed on the **Repositories** tab of your profile page. Every Stash user can see your profile page, but they can only see those repositories that you have given them permission to view.

![Repositories](image)

Read more about personal repositories in Stash.

**Deprecation of Java 6**

This is to give advance notice that Stash 3.0 will not support Java 6.0, and will only support Java 7.0 and above. Stash 3.0 is expected to be released later in 2013.

**API changes**

Please see the [API changelog](#) for any changes made for Stash 2.4.

**Small improvements**

**Managing your Stash account**

All the details of your Stash user account are now collected on your Stash account page. Use your account page to manage aspects of your Stash account, including changing your Stash password or avatar, and adding SSH keys.

To go to your account page simply choose **Manage account** from your user menu in the header:

![Manage account](image)

Secret whitespace query parameter
Sometimes a diff is hard to read simply because multiple lines have only had the whitespace changed. To see just the important changes, use the \texttt{w=1 (--ignore-all-space)} query parameter, which is the same as the \texttt{git diff} option. For example, the URL could look like:

\url{https://stash-your_organisation.com/projects/STASH/repos/your_repo/commits/c573ea24e70c9d21ee?w=1#your_repo_path/DiffRequest.java}

\textbf{Before:}

```java
private DiffRequest(Repository repository, String name1, String name2, List<GitTree> path, Whitespace whitespace) {
    
    this.repository = repository;
    
    this.name1 = name1;
    
    this.name2 = name2;
    
    this.path = path;
    
    this.whitespace = whitespace;
```

And later in the diff...

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\textbf{Change log}

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STASH-3447 2.4 RestStashUser not backwards compatible

STASH-3433 Files view shows an old version of README.md

STASH-3427 500 error if the user session has expired when opening the merge dialog

STASH-3393 Forking Git commands fails silently on Solaris when there is not enough memory

STASH-3096 WARNING: Problem with directory 

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STASH-3145 Doc Task - Update - Running Stash as a Windows service
STASH-3045 Document process for running Stash as a 64-bit Windows service
STASH-3367 Viewing old pull requests sometimes shows "Activity not found"
STASH-3346 NPE with SSO plugin enabled & Crowd directory set without SSO Domain
STASH-3285 Profile javascript errors for users with numeric usernames starting with zero
STASH-3277 Administration menu highlight for current page is broken

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4 more issues

Stash 2.3 release notes

26 March 2013

With today's release of Stash 2.3 we introduce features for enterprise teams (single sign-on), Git operations (submodule recognition and branch deletion) and CI performance scaling (the SCM Cache plugin).

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The Stash 2.3 changelog is at the bottom of this page.
Single sign-on with Crowd

Atlassian Crowd allows enterprise teams to integrate and deploy single sign-on (SSO) using popular directory servers such as Active Directory or OpenLDAP. Now your team members need only log in once to any of your Atlassian applications (JIRA, Confluence, Bamboo) to be able to access all of them, without repeatedly typing in their password.

- **IT administrators** can centralize user management through Crowd and provide SSO for all Atlassian apps with minimal configuration.
- **End-users** enjoy the convenience of logging in once to any Atlassian application, avoiding the interruption of repeated authentication across other applications. Log in once, and you’re automatically logged in to all applications connected to Crowd, including Stash.

Read more about using SSO with Stash.

Branch cleanup

We know that branches are often used for feature work, or for hot fixes that are destined to be applied to a stable or development branch. Once the code has been integrated into its destination branch it may often be desirable to delete the branch from Git as it is no longer required in the repository.

Stash now provides a simple way to delete the branch when you merge the pull request. As you might expect, Stash checks on a few things before allowing the deletion – the branch being merged will not be deleted if:

- The branch is the default repository branch.
- The user does not have permission to delete the branch.
- The branch is subject to an open pull request.

Read more about branch deletion when merging a pull request in Stash.

Git submodule recognition

Git submodules allow you to nest external Git repositories within the directory structure of your own repository. Submodules are commonly used to embed external codebases, such as shared libraries, that are updated.
independently of the main project.

Stash now makes it easy to identify Git submodules through the Stash user interface:

SCM Cache plugin for continuous integration performance

Stash instances with continuous integration (CI), or other automatic tooling set up to poll for changes, can end up with a high load on the Stash server due to frequent polling for changes, and bursts of repository clones when a change is detected.

The Stash SCM Cache plugin caches the pack files generated by Git during a clone operation on disk. This reduces the CPU load on your server and greatly improves response time when your server experiences repetitive requests from the continuous integration server.

Memory and CPU usage:

Memory usage without SCM cache: 2GB
Memory usage with SCM cache: 300MB

CPU usage without SCM cache: 70%
CPU usage with SCM cache: 20%

Read more about installing and configuring the Stash SCM Cache plugin.
Change log

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Stash 2.2 release notes

05 March 2013

With today's release of Stash 2.2 we introduce several capabilities for customising your Git development workflow – Git repository hooks, an API for hook integrations, and merge checks for pull requests.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The Stash 2.2 changelog is at the bottom.

Git repository hooks

Git hooks allow you to customise your development team's workflow for any requirement they may have. Admins can enable and configure hooks for each repository, right within Stash, without having to install them on the file-system.

Stash comes bundled with repository hooks to let you start customising Stash straight off.

API for hook integrations

We've leveraged native Git hooks to create a new hooks API that allows developers to easily write their own hooks. Stash handles the persistence, packaging and per-repository configuration for your hooks, making it simple to extend Stash to suit your particular project's needs. Read more about writing hooks for Stash in our revamped developer docs.

Furthermore, you can mix-and-match bundled Stash hooks with hooks from the Atlassian Marketplace. You can find and install these from within Stash – simply use the Add hook button on the hooks settings page to view available hooks from the marketplace.

Merge checks for pull requests

To help customise your workflow, you can now set checks to control when a pull request can be merged. Pull requests cannot be merged if the required checks have not been met. These checks are set separately on each repository in a Stash project:

- Require a minimum number of approvers – block merging of a pull request until it has been approved by the selected number of participants.
- Require a number of completed builds – stop pull requests from being merged if they have any unsuccessful builds, and until the set number of builds have completed.
Pull requests

- Requires [ ] approvers
  - At a minimum, pull requests must be approved by the number of users above before it can be merged
- Requires a minimum of [ ] successful builds
  - If there are more than the specified number of builds, all of them will have to be successful in order to merge the pull request

Save  Cancel

Read more about merge checks in Stash.

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Stash 2.1 release notes

5th February 2013

With today's release of Stash 2.1, we've added a slew of new features to simplify your Git development workflow by providing more contextual awareness of key JIRA issue and Bamboo build information. Additional new features provide quick clicks to your recently viewed pull requests and notifications of your tasks. More contextual information, more tracking capabilities, more automation – that's Stash 2.1.

Pull request integration with JIRA

Developers create pull requests when their code is ready for peer review before merging a development branch into the main code line. To make pull requests most effective, reviewers need more context around the changes: What bug or feature is this pull request resolving? What are the details of those issues? Are any of the issues still open?

Pull requests now tightly integrate with JIRA, putting issue details front and center. View the status of an issue, along with it's assignee and description to get the scoop without ever leaving Stash. This allows reviewers to

- Gain contextual awareness into the task which is being worked on by looking at descriptions, comments and attachments
- Quickly review the requirements for a new feature or bugfix
- Click straight through into JIRA, to keep issues up to date for upcoming releases

Read more about pull requests in Stash.

Build status API
Picture this: you’re about to click the ‘merge’ button, and then you pause to consider: did these changes pass all their tests? To answer that, it’s important to know what the latest build status of the branch is before the changes are integrated into master. But don’t waste time navigating to your build system and sifting through test data to see whether the changes passed or failed. Stash 2.1 does it automatically. Our new build status API allows build servers, such as Bamboo and Jenkins, to publish build details to the pull request’s overview, giving you a quick idea of whether the pull request is good to merge or not.

But why stop with pull requests? The build status API will show you the build status of any commit, anywhere in Stash.

Read more about the build status API in our developer documentation.

Project Avatars

Give your projects some personality and make it easier to find them on the Dashboard with the new project avatars. Stash will randomly provide one of its colourful built-in avatars if you don’t have one.

Pull request inbox

When you work across multiple repositories and projects, it can be hard to keep track of all the reviews you have to complete. We solved the problem by providing a globally accessible inbox, displaying all Pull Requests that are waiting for your approval. Use the inbox as a task list, and leave no pull request behind!
Release log

A few handpicked tickets out of a list of more than 100 features and improvements.

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Don’t have Stash 2.1 yet?

Take a look at all the features in the Stash 2.1 release notes and see what you are missing out on!

[Download]

Upgrading from a previous version

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

**11 Feb 2013 - Stash 2.1.2 changes**

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#### Stash 2.0 release notes

4th December 2012

Meet the Enterprise-ready Stash 2.0 – Powered by Git. Controlled by You.

Imagine all the flexibility of Git with the control needed in the Enterprise. That's Stash 2.0. It comes packed with a heap of features including the highly anticipated branch permissions, @mentions, markdown support and a number of great improvements to pull requests. Additionally Stash 2.0 has been tested in very large environments to ensure you nail the landing of Git in your enterprise.
Branch permissions

Per-branch "write" permissions for individuals and groups ensure that stable branches remain stable, and development branches foster collaboration. It's a whole new level of Enterprise security.

Some development workflows require that specific developers oversee merges into the master or release branches, while other developers work on bug-fix and feature branches. Branch Permissions let you turn this "gentlemen's agreement" into a seamless, enforceable process, reducing confusion and time wasted backing out changes that were merged prematurely.

Read more about branch permissions in Stash.

Advanced branch permissions

Advanced Branch Permissions allow you to specify a pattern that is matched against branches and tags being pushed to Stash. This allows you to restrict pushes to multiple branches without the overhead of configuring them individually. Establishing naming conventions based on roles or functional areas (ie, "contractor_" or "userauth_") makes it even easier to set and standardize permissions throughout your organization.

GateKeeper

Branch Permissions can act as a "GateKeeper", allowing you to select a person who is responsible for ensuring that all the code going into production has been properly tested and reviewed. The integration with Pull Requests ensures that only the GateKeepers can merge the changes into the branch you are protecting.
Now you can use 'mentions' to notify another Stash user about the pull request descriptions and comments you are writing. When you mention a user, Stash sends them an email notification, to help streamline communication between your team members.

You can use mentions when writing pull request comments – simply start typing '@' and then the users name, and choose from the list that Stash offers. You can use quotes for unusual names, for example if it has spaces.

Markdown support

Stash now gives you a boost with support for markdown in comments and descriptions. Bring your words to life and get your point across quickly.

- **Emphasize parts** of your comment or create lists to bring your points across.
- Share links to requirements and issues related to the feature you are implementing.
- Provide code examples, formatted just like in your IDE.
- Include screenshots into the discussion for any UI focused features.

Read more about Markdown support in Stash.

Improved Pull Requests

Beyond @Mentions and Markdown support, Stash 2.0 features a huge number of improvements to Pull Requests.
**Improved Diff view**

The Diff view in Pull Requests has been engineered to maximise the available screen real-estate when reviewing a Pull Request. The file header and tree navigation now stalk to provide an almost full screen experience without having to switch into a special mode.

**Faster page load times & keyboard shortcuts**

The Pull Request tabs have been revamped to make them a whole lot faster to load and with the new keyboard shortcuts (1, 2, 3) it's also a whole lot faster to navigate between the tabs.

**Comment indicators**

With comment indicators on the filenames, it is now much easier to identify where the discussions are happening when in the Diff view.

**New Comments are highlighted**

New comments that have been added since your last visit are now highlighted in yellow, making it much easier to follow the conversation on the Pull Request overview.

Read more about **Pull Requests** in Stash.

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**Enterprise licenses**

From growing startups to the Fortune 100, Atlassian Enterprise offers products and services that are built to match the needs of the largest enterprise customers. With the new Enterprise tiers for Stash, Atlassian has...
you covered no matter how big your organisation is. And of course, just like JIRA and Confluence, the Stash Enterprise licenses come with 24x7 Personalized Phone Support.

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Stash 2.0.3

**25 Jan 2013**

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Stash 2.0.2

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Stash 1.3 release notes
9th October 2012

Meet the new, more social Stash – introducing Pull Requests

Pull requests provide your team with a quick and easy way to review code changes made on a branch, discuss those changes, and make further modifications before the branch is merged back to master or your main development branch.

Pull requests

With Stash and Pull Requests, code reviews become an integral part of your development process. Development happens on branches and when code is ready to be merged into the main branch a Pull Request is opened. Unless the code has been reviewed as part of a Pull Request, it does not get integrated back into the main branch. All the benefits of code review baked right into your workflow!

Creating a pull request is like starting a discussion. Your reviewers can see the changes you have made, comment on those changes and commit further changes and improvements to the branch if required. When everyone agrees, the branch can then be merged back to master or your main development branch.

Getting your code reviewed has never been easier – simply click the Pull Request button in the repository header, select the branch you’ve been working on, the branch you want to merge to, then add a short description and you’re done.

Read more about using pull requests in Stash.
Discussions

The essential thing about a pull request is the discussion that takes place around the code changes you are making. The overview captures the entire activity of the pull request. Comments on the diff, replies, or new commits to the branch.

Changed Files

Diffs for a Stash pull request highlight the changes that would result from the merge. The diff tree shows all modified files and, as you’d expect, you can click on any file to see exactly what has been added, deleted or modified. Threaded comments right in the diff allow meaningful and contextual conversations about your code.
A pull request is dynamic! Not only can there be a lively discussion about code changes, but participants can commit new changes to the branch. Stash auto-updates the **Commits** tab of the pull request, so you can see exactly which commits will be merged. Stash is smart about comments, moving them along when lines are added or removed. If a line with a comment gets removed, you can still view the comment in the activity, but Stash marks the diff as **outdated** to let you know that this piece of code has been changed in recent commits.

**Notifications**

Whether someone added you as reviewer, commented on the pull request or merged your changes, Stash ensures you know what's going on by sending you email notifications about pull requests relevant to you.

**Keyboard shortcuts**

Stash has an evolving set of keyboard shortcuts, to help you work faster. Click the link when looking at any repository to refresh your memory about the available shortcuts.
README – simple project documentation

Stash now provides an appealing, yet simple, way to document the project right in the repository by rendering the content of .md and .txt files in the file view of the repository. If the file uses Markdown, that gets rendered straight to the screen.
Build

To build the logparser run:

```
$> cabal configure
$> cabal build
```

If any of the dependencies are missing run:

```
$> cabal install --only-dependencies
```

Tests

Enable tests

```
$> cabal configure --enable-tests
$> cabal build
$> cabal test
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Stash 1.2 release notes

7th August 2012

Atlassian is proud to present Stash 1.2, which provides greatly improved support for your enterprise database, rapid file searching and new Stash add-ons available from the Atlassian Marketplace.

See the change log for Stash 1.2.x minor releases.

Highlights of this release:

- MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server and Oracle support
- Database migration
- File search
- Add-ons ecosystem
- Merge filter

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MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server and Oracle support

Stash now has support for all these major databases: MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL and Microsoft SQL Server. Choose the database that best fits your needs, or your system administrator is most familiar with, or that your
company is already using. More...

Database migration

Switch easily from the database embedded in Stash to your organisation’s existing technology stack, and migrate painlessly if your system administrators change the infrastructure. Stash scales and adapts as your requirements change. More...

Database Migration

The database migration is currently underway and shouldn’t take long. If you cancel the migration, Stash will rollback to the previous database.

Executing changeset 3 of 30, containing 165,629 changes with id 1343352915704-37

Cancel Migration

File search

Stash’s new file search ensures that you can quickly find any file in your repository, without needing to check out the source. Just start typing any part of the file name into the search field and you’ll get a list of matches, fast. And you can filter by path, CamelCase (for example, AttrM to match AttributeMap) and file extension.
Add-ons ecosystem

Visualise information about your Git repository, comment on your code in-line, collect achievements when committing code or receive change notifications in HipChat. With almost a dozen add-ons available on the Atlassian Marketplace, you can extend Stash to suit your needs.

Merge filter

Merges can be faded out in the commit list, as in this screenshot, to make it easier to see the important details. Use the 't' keyboard shortcut to toggle this effect.
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### Stash 2.8 change log

This page will contain information about the Stash 1.2 minor releases as these become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

#### Don't have Stash 1.2 yet?

Take a look at all the features in the [Stash 1.2 release notes](#) and see what you are missing out on!

![Download](#)

#### Upgrading from a previous version of Stash

If you are upgrading, please read the [Stash upgrade guide](#).

**Stash 1.2.4**

**20 September 2012**

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occasionally kills processes or causes BSOD on VMs

Authenticate to retrieve your issues

Stash 1.2.3

14 September 2012

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Stash 1.2.2

22 August 2012

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when sending a support zip email

STASH-2536  msysgit installed on Windows, still get "git was not found on the PATH for Stash"

STASH-2522  Difficult to fix PATH when installin git on startup

Authenticate to retrieve your issues

Stash 1.2.1
17 August 2012
This is a bug fix release. The issues addressed in this release of Stash are shown below.

STASH-2668  Upgrade to version 1.2 on PostgreSQL corrupts Trusted Application links with Stash

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Stash 1.1 release notes
19th June 2012
Atlassian is proud to present Stash 1.1, which provides a simple and secure solution for managing your Git repositories in the Enterprise.

See the change log for Stash 1.1.x minor releases.

Highlights of this release:

- SSH support
- Fast browsing
- Simple permissions
- Image diffs

Providing feedback:

Please log your votes and issues. They help us decide what needs doing, and are much appreciated!

SSH support

Developed from the ground up with enterprise level security as a #1 priority, Stash now supports SSH in addition to HTTPS. You can either use standard HTTPS authentication, or set up your public keys and connect to Stash using SSH. This resolves Stash's #1 feature request, focused on adding support for SSH security.

Developers can manage their own SSH keys, and add as many as they like. Stash administrators can grant or revoke the SSH keys of any user.

More...

Fast browsing

Stash 1.1 greatly improves productivity by making it easier to navigate and work with Git repositories.

Recent repositories
The new **Repositories** item in the Stash header is for those developers who work with several repositories and want a quick way to get back to one of those repositories.

**Mouse-less productivity**

Stash helps you to work even more efficiently without a mouse. Whether viewing changesets, browsing directories or jumping through your commit list, simply press ‘J’ or ‘K’ to move to the next or previous.

Stash keeps you and your developers productive by providing a way to structure your repositories and manage permissions with a simple, yet powerful, user interface.

- **Global permissions** – delegate administration of projects to key users and groups, to give your developers the freedom to create and manage repositories
- **Projects permissions** – use simple permissions at the project level to control access to repositories for users and groups

The new permission screens provide a great overview of who has access to your projects, and managing permissions is even faster.

**More...**

Stash makes diffs more accessible to everyone on your team, not just the back-end coders.

Have you ever tried to find the subtle difference between two images? That difference may be small like a text
change or as large as a page redesign. Web designers, front-end developers, and maybe a few QA folks, rejoice and check out Stash's interactive image diff viewer.

Maybe even more useful is ediffs. When viewing a diff it can sometimes be difficult to distinguish textual changes. Stash solves this with the addition of ediffs so you can clearly see the textual changes added or removed between two revisions.

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Stash 1.1 change log

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Don't have Stash yet?

Take a look at all the features in the Stash 1.1 release notes and see what you are missing out on!

Upgrading from a previous version of Stash

If you are upgrading, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

Stash 1.1.2

13 July 2012

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### Documentation for Stash 2.8

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### Stash 1.1.1

#### 22 June 2012

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Stash 1.0 release notes

1st May 2012

Atlassian is proud to present Stash 1.0, which provides a central place to create and manage Git repositories. It's the place where all that distributed code comes back together, where you can find the latest official version of your project, and where you can keep track of what's going on.

See the change log for Stash 1.0.x minor releases.

Highlights of this release:

- Git repository management
- Projects and permissions
- Built for Git, focused on Enterprise
- Browse your source and history
- JIRA integration

Providing feedback:

Please log your votes and issues. They help us decide what needs doing, and are much appreciated!

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Git repository management

Stash provides a simple and powerful interface to create and manage Git repositories. Create repositories in a couple of clicks, and quickly choose those of your users and groups who will be contributors to the project, and those who will be just observers.
Since projects rarely consist of a single repository, Stash provides a convenient **Project structure**. This helps you to organise and manage repositories, and makes managing access to your repositories really simple.

With Stash you can empower end users to manage repositories themselves, while keeping control of the key administration functions. And because we want to make it easy for you to manage teams, Stash has a group management feature to help you grant permissions across your organisation.

Stash has everything you need to create and manage Git repositories efficiently behind the safety of your own firewall.

Stash doesn't force administrators to use a pre-packaged appliance and so give up control. Whether on **Windows**, **Linux** or **MacOS X**, Stash will feel right at home on all platforms.

With **LDAP**, **Crowd** and **JIRA** support, you can manage your team easily, whether they are a small number of users in Stash's internal directory, or 500 developers managed in your corporate directory.

**User Directories**

The table below shows the user directories currently configured for Stash.

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Keep track of commits to the repositories you're involved with and dive into the changesets to see exactly what has changed in the source. Use Stash's user interface to quickly navigate your repository and view annotated changes in an easily digestible way.
JIRA integration saves users time when tracking and checking their development. Stash keeps track of all issues that are associated with commits. This allows users to navigate straight to the JIRA issues that are linked to the commits, and to see in JIRA an aggregate of all code changes related to an issue.

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Stash 1.0 change log

This page contains information about the Stash 1.0 minor releases. These releases are, of course, free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

Don’t have Stash yet?

Take a look at all the features in the Stash 1.0 release notes and see what you are missing out on!

Upgrading from a previous version of Stash

If you are upgrading, please read the Stash 1.0 upgrade guide.

On this page:
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- Stash 1.0.1

Stash 1.0.3

17 May 2012

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Stash 1.0.2

This was an internal release only.

Stash 1.0.1

7 May 2012

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Stash 1.0.1 release notes

07 May 2012

The Atlassian Stash team is proud to announce the release of Stash 1.0.1.

We've fixed several bugs in this release. Please see the 'Updates and fixes in this release' section below for details.

Stash 1.0.1 is, of course, free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

Don't have Stash yet?

Take a look at all the features in the Stash 1.0 release notes and see what you are missing out on!

Upgrading from a previous version of Stash

If you are upgrading, please read the Stash 1.0 upgrade guide.

Updates and fixes in this release

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Stash 1.0 upgrade guide

The instructions on this page describe how to upgrade Stash from a previous version.

- For details of the latest Stash 1.0.x release, see the Stash 1.0 change log.
- For the latest and greatest Stash release, see Releases.

Please read the Supported platforms page for the full list of supported platforms for Stash.

On this page:
- Upgrade notes
- Upgrading from Stash 1.0
- Developing for Stash
- Checking for known issues and troubleshooting the Stash upgrade

Related pages:
- Releases
- Getting started
- Administering Stash

Upgrade notes

These upgrade notes are specific to Stash 1.0.x. We strongly recommend that you upgrade Stash by following these steps:

1. Stop Stash!

To stop Stash, run the following command in a terminal:

- Windows:

```
<Stash installation directory>\bin\stop-stash.bat
```
2. Back up your Stash instance!

- Back up the Stash home directory. This is where your Stash data is stored. The home directory is specified either in `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat` or in the `STASH_HOME` environment variable (on Windows).
- If you are using an external database, back up this database. Follow the directions provided by the database vendor to do this.

3. Download and install Stash as usual

In particular, you must redefine the Stash home directory, either in `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat` or in the `STASH_HOME` environment variable (on Windows). See the following for more information:

- Installing Stash on Windows
- Installing Stash on Linux and Mac

If you made custom changes to the configuration of your existing Stash installation, for example for the port or context path, you will have to make these changes for the new installation as well.

4. Start Stash

See the following for more information:

- Installing Stash on Windows
- Installing Stash on Linux and Mac

Upgrading from Stash 1.0

There are no known issues associated with upgrading from Stash 1.0 to 1.0.1.

Developing for Stash

If you are a Stash plugin developer, please refer to our Stash developer documentation.

Checking for known issues and troubleshooting the Stash upgrade

If something is not working correctly after you have completed the steps above to upgrade your Stash installation, please check for known Stash issues and try troubleshooting your upgrade as described below:

- **Check for known issues.** Sometimes we find out about a problem with the latest version of Stash after we have released the software. In such cases we publish information about the known issues in the Stash Knowledge Base.

- If you encounter a problem during the upgrade and cannot solve it, please create a support ticket and one of our support engineers will help you.

**Stash security advisories**

Finding and reporting a security vulnerability

Atlassian's approach to releasing patches is detailed in How to report a security issue.

Publication of Stash security advisories

Atlassian's approach to publishing security advisories is detailed in Security advisory publishing policy.

Severity levels

Atlassian's scale for measuring security issues is detailed in Severity levels for security issues.

Our patch policy
Atlassian’s approach to releasing patches is detailed in our Security patch policy.

Security advisories

- Stash security advisory 2012-09-04

Stash security advisory 2012-09-04

This advisory discloses a security vulnerability that we have found in Stash and fixed in Stash 1.1.2.

Customers who have downloaded and installed Stash should upgrade their existing Stash installations to fix this vulnerability.

Atlassian is committed to improving product security. The vulnerability listed in this advisory has been discovered by Atlassian, unless noted otherwise. The reporter may also have requested that we do not credit them.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this advisory, please raise a support request at http://support.atlassian.com/.

In this advisory:

- XSS Vulnerability

XSS Vulnerability

Severity

Atlassian rates the severity level of this vulnerability as **High**, according to the scale published in Severity Levels for Security Issues. The scale allows us to rank the severity as critical, high, medium or low. This is an independent assessment and you should evaluate its applicability to your own IT environment. This vulnerability is **not** of Critical severity.

Description

We have identified and fixed a persistent cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability that affects Stash instances, including publicly available instances (that is, Internet-facing servers). XSS vulnerabilities allow an attacker to embed their own JavaScript into a Stash page.

You can read more about XSS attacks at cgisecurity.com, The Web Application Security Consortium and other places on the web.

This vulnerability affects all supported versions of Stash, and has been fixed in Stash 1.1.2. This issue can be tracked here: ![STASH-2676 - Persistent Cross Site Scripting Vulnerability](closed)

Risk Mitigation

We strongly recommend upgrading your Stash installation to fix this vulnerability. Please see the ‘Fix’ section below.

Fix

Upgrade

The vulnerability and fix version are described in the ‘Description’ section above.

We recommend that you upgrade to the latest version of Stash, if possible. For a full description of the latest version of Stash, see the release notes. You can download the latest version of Stash from the download centre.

Patches are not available for this vulnerability.

Git resources

Get Git

One “gotcha” when starting with Git is the way in which it pushes branches by default. On older versions of Git, pushing without arguments would push all branches that have the same name both locally and remotely. This can result in unexpected behaviour if you have old branches that complain when the remote branch is updated. It can even be quite dangerous if you do a force push and it reverts changes on the server. You can see the current value by running:

```
git config push.default
```

If this value is blank or 'matching', it is our recommendation that you reconfigure it to use 'upstream'.

```
git config --global push.default upstream
```

There has been some discussion around changing the default behaviour of Git.

**Git cheat sheets and other resources**

http://rogerdudler.github.com/git-guide/
http://byte.kde.org/~zrusin/git/git-cheat-sheet-medium.png
http://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/
http://ndpsoftware.com/git-cheatsheet.html#loc=workspace;

**Git .mailmap**

The Git .mailmap feature is useful locally, and in Stash repositories, to map multiple commit identities to the one Stash user – this can be used to tidy up your Git histories.

Incidentally, .mailmap can also help to manage Stash licenses - as described in this KB article.

The Git documentation for .mailmap has configuration details (see the “MAPPING AUTHORS” section).
Stash FAQ

On this page:

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Related pages:

- Stash Knowledge Base Home
- Support policies

Child pages:

- How do I change the external database password
- Installation troubleshooting guide
- Stash home directory
- Support policies
- Building Stash from source
- Contributing to the Stash documentation

Repositories

Q: I’m getting a “broken pipe” error when pushing my commits.

A: This error occurs when the amount of data you’re trying to push in one go exceeds Git’s http post buffer. Just run the following command to increase it to 500MB.

```
 git config http.postBuffer 524288000
```

See Git push fails with ‘fatal: The remote end hung up unexpectedly’.

Q: Does Stash support Mercurial (Hg)? What about other version control systems?

A: Currently Stash does not support Mercurial. We will be gauging demand for Mercurial support as we move forward - [STASH-2469](#) - Include Mercurial (Hg) support in Stash (Open)

Q: What about Git repository management in FishEye and Crucible?

A: The current Git repository management feature in FishEye will be deprecated in the near future. We encourage those interested in Git repository management to check out Stash.

Q: Why did you create a new product for Git repository management? Couldn’t you build this into FishEye?
A: In FishEye 2.7 we added basic capabilities to host and manage Git repositories within FishEye. However, as we were planning future releases, we realized that the architecture of FishEye, built to index, browse and search across various SCMs, was not adequate for a DVCS repository management tool.

Therefore we have made the decision to build a new product, with a clear focus: hosting and managing Git repositories. Instead of a "Jack of all trades", we will have two products that are focused on 2 very different tasks:

1. Stash – Host, manage and collaborate on Git repositories
2. FishEye – Track, search and browse Subversion, Perforce, Git, Mercurial and CVS repositories in one place.

Q: Does FishEye require Stash? Does Stash require FishEye? Can they be used together?

A: FishEye and Stash are two separate standalone products that do not require each other.

If you are using multiple source code management systems (SCM) at your organization it makes sense to use both FishEye and Stash. While you are managing your Git repositories with Stash, you can use FishEye to browse, search and reference code from other SCMs including Subversion.

Also, if you are using Git, Stash will provide your Git repository management, and FishEye will be a central place to keep track of changes and search for code across your repositories.

Integration

Q: Does Stash work with JIRA? If so, what version of JIRA do I need to run Stash?

A: Stash works with JIRA 4.3+. However, you will require the latest version of the JIRA/FishEye plugin to view commits in JIRA. See our documentation on JIRA integration.

Q: Will Stash integrate with any other Atlassian Tools? Crowd? Bitbucket? SourceTree?

A: Stash currently integrates with the JIRA issues tracker, SourceTree DVCS Mac client and Crowd user management solution. You can also connect to Stash via Bamboo to run your builds and deployments and we are planning even tighter integrations in the future.

Q: Will Stash be available for Atlassian OnDemand?

A: Atlassian Stash will not be available in OnDemand. If you are looking for a distributed version control solution to use with Atlassian OnDemand, we recommend using Bitbucket, our cloud based Git and Mercurial source code hosting solution. Bitbucket connects to Atlassian OnDemand via the JIRA DVCS connector.

Licensing

Q: Does my Stash license have to match the number of users in my external directory (LDAP, Active Directory, Crowd or JIRA)?

A: No. You can control which users in your external directory have access to Stash, so that the license limit is not exceeded. A user is by definition any account that has permission to log into the Stash application. If you synchronise Stash with an external user directory, you can grant access to Stash to a subset of users, so as to stay below your license limit. The Global permissions page explains in detail how to manage login rights for users and groups in Stash.

How do I change the external database password

You can change the password the Stash uses to connect to an external database, however you don't do this from the Stash Administration area – you must follow the procedure described below.
To change the password that Stash uses when connecting to an external database:

1. Stop Stash, on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.
2. Get your database administrator to change the password on your database.
3. Go to your Stash home directory.
   
   Edit the `stash-config.properties` file to change the line that looks like:

   ```
   jdbc.password=MY_PASSWORD
   ```

   replacing `MY_PASSWORD` with your new database password.

4. Restart Stash, on Windows, or on Linux and Mac.

Installation troubleshooting guide

⚠️ There are currently no topics related to installation issues.

If you do encounter issues when installing Stash please raise a support request. We will update this page based on the feedback that you give us.

Stash home directory

What is the Stash home directory?

The Stash home directory is where your Stash data is stored. The home directory location is defined either by the `STASH_HOME` environment variable, or in the `STASH_HOME` line of:

- `<Stash installation directory>in\setenv.bat`, on Windows
- `/bin/setenv.sh`, on Linux and Mac.

⚠️ You should not locate your Stash home directory inside the `<Stash installation directory>` — they should be entirely separate locations. If you do put the home directory in the `<Stash installation directory>` it will be overwritten, and lost, when Stash gets upgraded. And by the way, you’ll need separate Stash home directories if you want to run multiple instances of Stash.

⚠️ Where possible, you should choose a location for your Stash home directory that will never need to be moved. Some home contents are location-sensitive, so moving the home directory may corrupt them. Stash attempts to update contents when it detects that the home directory has moved, but the safest approach is to avoid the issue altogether by leaving the home directory in the same location.

What is in the Stash home directory?

Your Stash home directory contains the following directories and files:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Path</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>caches</td>
<td>Contains cache and index files. It should be safe for these files to be deleted between application restarts; however, these files must not be modified or removed externally while Stash is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>config</td>
<td>Contains application configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>data</td>
<td>Contains the Git repositories, project avatars, and the embedded HSQL database if an external database is not configured.</td>
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</table>
## Securing the Stash home directory

The internal database files, the migration dump files and `stash-config.properties` all contain information that may be considered secret (server settings, salted and hashed user passwords, database passwords, etc).

For production use, we strongly recommend that you secure this directory against unauthorised access.

We recommend the following precautions:

- Assign a separate restricted user account on the machine for running Stash (not a root/administrator user)
  - If you wish to run Stash on port 80, use a separate http front end as described in [Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server](https://confluence.atlassian.com/x/1xGQg) (do not run as root/Administrator if security of the home directory is important to you)
  - Ensure that only the user running Stash can access the Stash home directory, and that this user has read, write and execute permissions, by setting file system permissions appropriately for your operating system.

## About the repositories

As noted above, data contains the Git repositories being managed by Stash, where "managed by Stash" are the operative words. The repositories are for Stash to interact with, and they are configured and managed accordingly. They are not a mechanism for configuring Stash behaviour. We strongly recommend that customers never modify them, nor interact with them directly. They are intentionally structured in a way which does not lend itself well to direct interaction.

Being Git repositories, there are certainly standard aspects to how the repositories on disk are stored and how they function. However, the exact way they are configured can and does change between Stash releases. Stash makes no effort to preserve unexpected configuration changes which have been applied by customers, and such changes may cause failures at runtime or during upgrades. If there is an aspect of Stash's behaviour you wish to configure, please open a feature request on jira.atlassian.com rather than trying to modify the repositories directly.

Repositories are location sensitive. Moving your Stash home directory will result in the system being locked (briefly) on startup while Stash updates the repositories on disk. Assuming the updates are applied successfully, the system will then unlock itself for normal usage.

Where possible, please choose a Stash home location which will not need to be changed later.
Support policies

Welcome to the support policies index page. Here, you'll find information about how Atlassian Support can help you and how to get in touch with our helpful support engineers. Please choose the relevant page below to find out more.

- Bug fixing policy
- How to report a security issue
- New features policy
- Patch policy
- Security advisory publishing policy
- Security patch policy
- Severity levels for security issues

To request support from Atlassian, please raise a support issue in our online support system. To do this, visit support.atlassian.com, log in (creating an account if need be) and create an issue under Stash. Our friendly support engineers will get right back to you with an answer.

**Bug fixing policy**

**Summary**

- Atlassian Support will help with workarounds and bug reporting.
- Critical bugs will generally be fixed in the next maintenance release.
- Non critical bugs will be scheduled according to a variety of considerations.

**Raising a Bug Report**

Atlassian Support is eager and happy to help verify bugs — we take pride in it! Please open a support request in our support system providing as much information as possible about how to replicate the problem you are experiencing. We will replicate the bug to verify, then lodge the report for you. We'll also try to construct workarounds if they're possible.

Customers and plugin developers are also welcome to open bug reports on our issue tracking systems directly. Use http://jira.atlassian.com for the stand-alone products and http://studio.atlassian.com for JIRA Studio and Atlassian OnDemand.

When raising a new bug, you should rate the priority of a bug according to our JIRA usage guidelines. Customers should watch a filed bug in order to receive e-mail notification when a "Fix Version" is scheduled for release.

**How Atlassian Approaches Bug Fixing**

Maintenance (bug fix) releases come out more frequently than major releases and attempt to target the most critical bugs affecting our customers. The notation for a maintenance release is the final number in the version (ie the 1 in 3.0.1).

If a bug is critical (production application down or major malfunction causing business revenue loss or high numbers of staff unable to perform their normal functions) then it will be fixed in the next maintenance release provided that:

- The fix is technically feasible (i.e. it doesn't require a major architectural change).
- It does not impact the quality or integrity of a product.

For non-critical bugs, the developer assigned to fixing bugs prioritises the non-critical bug according to these factors:

- How many of our supported configurations are affected by the problem.
- Whether there is an effective workaround or patch.
- How difficult the issue is to fix.
- Whether many bugs in one area can be fixed at one time.
The developers responsible for bug fixing also monitor comments on existing bugs and new bugs submitted in JIRA, so you can provide feedback in this way. We give high priority consideration to security issues.

When considering the priority of a non-critical bug we try to determine a 'value' score for a bug which takes into account the severity of the bug from the customer's perspective, how prevalent the bug is and whether roadmap features may render the bug obsolete. We combine this with a complexity score (i.e. how difficult the bug is). These two dimensions are used when developers self serve from the bug pile.

**Further reading**

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

**How to report a security issue**

Finding and Reporting a Security Issue

If you find a security issue in the product, open an issue on https://jira.atlassian.com in the relevant project.

- Set the **security level** of the bug to 'Reporters and Developers'.
- Set the priority of the bug to 'Blocker'.
- Provide as much information on reproducing the bug as possible.

All communication about the security issue should be performed through JIRA, so that Atlassian can keep track of the issue and get a patch out as soon as possible.

If you cannot find the right project to file your issue in, email the details to security@atlassian.com.

When reporting a security vulnerability, please keep in mind the following:

- We need a technical description that allows us to assess exploitability and impact of the issue.
  - Provide steps to reproduce the issue, including any URLs or code involved.
  - If you are reporting an XSS, your exploit should at least pop up an alert in the browser. It is much better if the XSS exploit shows user's authentication cookie.
  - If you are reporting an SQL injection, we want to see the exploit extracting database data, not just producing an error message.
  - HTTP request / response captures or simply packet captures are also very useful to us.

Please refrain from sending us links to non-Atlassian web sites, or reports in PDF / DOC / EXE files. Image files are ok. Make sure the bug is exploitable by someone other than the user himself (e.g. "self-XSS").

Without this information it is not possible to assess your report and it is unlikely to be addressed.

We are not looking for the reports listing generic "best practice" issues such as:

- Specific cookies being not marked as Secure or HTTPOnly
- Presence or absence of HTTP headers (X-Frame-Options, HSTS, CSP, nosniff and so on)
- Clickjacking
- Mixed HTTP and HTTPS content
- Auto-complete enabled or disabled
- SSL-related issues

**Further reading**

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

**New features policy**

**Summary**

- We encourage and display customer comments and votes openly in our issue tracking system, http://jira.atlassian.com.
- We do not publish roadmaps.
- Product Managers review our most popular voted issues on a regular basis.
• We schedule features based on a variety of factors.
• Our Atlassian Bug Fixing Policy is distinct from our Feature Request process.
• Atlassian provides consistent updates on the top 20 feature/improvement requests (in our issue tracker systems).

How to Track what Features are Being Implemented

When a new feature or improvement is scheduled, the 'fix-for' version will be indicated in the JIRA issue. This happens for the upcoming release only. We maintain roadmaps for more distant releases internally, but because these roadmaps are often pre-empted by changing customer demands, we do not publish them.

How Atlassian Chooses What to Implement

In every major release we aim to implement highly requested features, but it is not the only determining factor. Other factors include:

• **Customer contact**: We get the chance to meet customers and hear their successes and challenges at Atlassian Summit, Atlassian Unite, developer conferences, and road shows.
• **Customer interviews**: All product managers at Atlassian do customer interviews. Our interviews are not simply to capture a list of features, but to understand our customers' goals and plans.
• **Community forums**: There are large volumes of posts on answers, of votes and comments on jira.atlassian.com, and of conversations on community forums like groups on LinkedIn.
• **Customer Support**: Our support team provides clear insights into the issues that are challenging for customers, and which are generating the most calls to support.
• **Atlassian Experts**: Our Experts provide insights into real-world customer deployments, especially for customers at scale.
• **Evaluator Feedback**: When someone new tries our products, we want to know what they liked and disliked and often reach out to them for more detail.
• **In product feedback**: The JIRA Issue Collectors that we embed our products for evaluators and our Early Access Program give us a constant pulse on how users are experiencing our product.
• **Usage data**: Are customers using the features we have developed?
• **Product strategy**: Our long-term strategic vision for the product.

How to Contribute to Feature Development

Influencing Atlassian's release cycle

We encourage our customers to vote on feature requests in JIRA. The current tally of votes is available online in our issue tracking system, http://jira.atlassian.com. Find out if your improvement request already exists. If it does, please vote for it. If you do not find it, create a new feature or improvement request online.

Extending Atlassian Products

Atlassian products have powerful and flexible extension APIs. If you would like to see a particular feature implemented, it may be possible to develop the feature as a plugin. Documentation regarding the plugin APIs is available. Advice on extending either product may be available on the user mailing-lists, or at Atlassian Answers.

If you require significant customisations, you may wish to get in touch with our partners. They specialise in extending Atlassian products and can do this work for you. If you are interested, please contact us.

Further reading

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

Patch policy

Patch Policy

Atlassian will only provide software patches in extremely unusual circumstances. If a problem has been fixed in a newer release of the product, Atlassian will request that you upgrade your instance to fix the issue. If it is deemed necessary to provide a patch, a patch will be provided for the current release and the last maintenance release of the last major version only.

Patches are issued under the following conditions:

• The bug is critical (production application down or major malfunction causing business revenue loss or
AND

- A patch is technically feasible (i.e., it doesn't require a major architectural change)
- OR
- The issue is a security issue, and falls under our Security Patch Policy.

Atlassian does not provide patches for non-critical bugs.

Provided that a patch does not impact the quality or integrity of a product, Atlassian will ensure that patches supplied to customers are added to the next maintenance release. Customers should watch a filed bug in order to receive e-mail notification when a "Fix Version" is scheduled for release.

Patches are generally attached to the relevant http://jira.atlassian.com issue.

Further reading

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

Security advisory publishing policy

Publication of Security Advisories

When a critical severity security vulnerability in an Atlassian product is discovered and resolved, Atlassian will inform customers through the following mechanisms:

- We will post a security advisory in the latest documentation of the affected product at the same time as releasing a fix for the vulnerability.
- We will send a copy of all posted security advisories to the 'Technical Alerts' mailing list for the product concerned.
  
  Note: To manage your email subscriptions and ensure you are on this list, please go to my.atlassian.com and click 'Communications Centre' near the top right of the page.
- If the person who reported the vulnerability wants to publish an advisory through some other agency, such as CERT, we will assist in the production of that advisory and link to it from our own.

If you want to track non-critical severity security vulnerabilities, you need to monitor the issue trackers for the relevant products on http://jira.atlassian.com. For example, https://jira.atlassian.com/browse/JRA for JIRA and https://jira.atlassian.com/browse/CONF for Confluence. Security issues in trackers will be marked with a "security" label. All security issues will be listed in the release notes of the release where they have been fixed, similar to other bugs.

One of the ways to monitor updates to security issues is subscribing to the results of a sample search via email or RSS.

Further reading

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

Security patch policy

Product Security Patch Policy

Atlassian makes it a priority to ensure that customers' systems cannot be compromised by exploiting vulnerabilities in Atlassian products.

Scope

This page describes when and how we release security patches and security upgrades for our products. It does not describe the whole of disclosure process that we follow. It also excludes OnDemand, since OnDemand will always be patched by Atlassian without additional notifications.

Critical vulnerabilities

When a Critical security vulnerability is discovered by Atlassian or reported by a third party, Atlassian will do all of the following:

- Issue a new, fixed release for the current version of the affected product as soon as possible, usually in a few days.
- Issue a binary patch for the current release.
• Issue a binary patch for the latest maintenance release of the previous version of the product.
• Patches for older versions or releases normally will not be issued.

Patches will be attached to the relevant JIRA issue. You can use these patches as a “stop-gap” measure until you upgrade your installation in order to fully fix the vulnerability.

Non-critical vulnerabilities

When a security issue of a High, Medium or Low severity is discovered, Atlassian will do all of the following:

• Include the fix into the next scheduled release, both for the current and previous maintenance versions.
• Where practical, provide new versions of plugins or other components of the product that can be upgraded independently.

You should upgrade your installation in order to fix the vulnerability.

Other information

Severity level of vulnerabilities is calculated based on Severity Levels for Security Issues.

Visit our general Atlassian Patch Policy as well.

Examples

Example 1: A critical severity vulnerability is found in a (hypothetical current release) JIRA 5.3.2. The last bugfix release in 5.2.x branch was 5.2.3. In this case, a patch will be created for 5.3.2 and 5.2.3. In addition, new bugfix releases, 5.3.3 and 5.2.4, which are free from this vulnerability, will be created in a few days.

Example 2: A high or medium severity vulnerability is found in the same release as in the previous example. The fix will be included into the currently scheduled releases 5.3.3 and 5.2.4. Release schedule will not be brought forward and no patches will be issued. If the vulnerability is in a plugin module, then a plugin upgrade package may still be supplied.

Further reading

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

Severity levels for security issues

Severity Levels

Atlassian security advisories include a severity level. This severity level is based on our self-calculated CVSS score for each specific vulnerability. CVSS is an industry standard vulnerability metric. You can learn more about CVSS at FIRST.org web site.

CVSS scores are mapped into the following severity ratings:

• Critical
• High
• Medium
• Low

An approximate mapping guideline is as follows:

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<th>CVSS score range</th>
<th>Severity in advisory</th>
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<tr>
<td>0 – 2.9</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 – 5.9</td>
<td>Medium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.0 – 7.9</td>
<td>High</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.0 – 10.0</td>
<td>Critical</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Below is a summary of the factors which illustrate types of vulnerabilities usually resulting in a specific severity level. Please keep in mind that this rating does not take into account details of your installation.

Severity Level: Critical
Vulnerabilities that score in the critical range usually have most of the following characteristics:

- Exploitation of the vulnerability results in root-level compromise of servers or infrastructure devices.
- The information required in order to exploit the vulnerability, such as example code, is widely available to attackers.
- Exploitation is usually straightforward, in the sense that the attacker does not need any special authentication credentials or knowledge about individual victims, and does not need to persuade a target user, for example via social engineering, into performing any special functions.

For critical vulnerabilities, it is advised that you patch or upgrade as soon as possible, unless you have other mitigating measures in place. For example, if your installation is not accessible from the Internet, this may be a mitigating factor.

** Severity Level: High**

Vulnerabilities that score in the high range usually have some of the following characteristics:

- The vulnerability is difficult to exploit.
- Exploitation does not result in elevated privileges.
- Exploitation does not result in a significant data loss.

** Severity Level: Medium**

Vulnerabilities that score in the medium range usually have some of the following characteristics:

- Denial of service vulnerabilities that are difficult to set up.
- Exploits that require an attacker to reside on the same local network as the victim.
- Vulnerabilities that affect only nonstandard configurations or obscure applications.
- Vulnerabilities that require the attacker to manipulate individual victims via social engineering tactics.
- Vulnerabilities where exploitation provides only very limited access.

** Severity Level: Low**

Vulnerabilities in the low range typically have very little impact on an organisation’s business. Exploitation of such vulnerabilities usually requires local or physical system access.

**Further reading**

See Atlassian Support Offerings for more support-related information.

**Building Stash from source**

This page has moved!


But you really wanted to build a plugin anyway, right?

**Contributing to the Stash documentation**

Would you like to share your Stash hints, tips and techniques with us and with other Stash users? We welcome your contributions.

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Have you found a mistake in the documentation, or do you have a small addition that would be so easy to add yourself rather than asking us to do it? You can update the documentation page directly.

Getting permission to update the documentation

Please submit the Atlassian Contributor License Agreement.

Our style guide

Please read our short guidelines for authors.

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Here is a quick guide to how we manage community contributions to our documentation and the copyright that applies to the documentation:

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