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Getting started

Atlassian Stash is the on-premises Git repository management solution for enterprise teams. It allows everyone in your organization to easily collaborate on your Git repositories. See our Supported platforms page to find out about system requirements.

1. Install Git

Stash requires Git on the machine that will run Stash. If you need to check, install, or upgrade Git on the Stash server machine, see Installing and upgrading Git.

2. Install Stash

Download and run the Stash installer:

Installers are available for Linux, Mac OS X and Windows operating systems:

- They install a supported version of Java, if necessary.
- They launch Stash when they finish.

See Running the Stash installer for details about:

- Installing Stash as a service on Linux and Windows systems.
- Running the installer in a console or in unattended mode.

3. Set up Stash

The Stash Setup Wizard runs automatically when you visit Stash in your browser the first time Stash is started. The Setup Wizard guides you to:

- Specify the default language for Stash.
- Connect Stash to an external database (the internal HSQL database is great for evaluating Stash, but is not recommended for production installations). You'll need to have created the external database before running the Setup Wizard. For MySQL, you'll need to have installed the JDBC driver too.
• Enter your Stash license key.
• Set the base URL for Stash.
• Set up an administrator account.
• Integrate Stash with JIRA.
• Log in to Stash.

If you are intending to use Stash for a production installation, see also Using Stash in the enterprise.

4. Set up the mail server

Configuring the Stash email server allows users to receive a link from Stash that lets them generate their own passwords. See Setting up your mail server.

5. Get working with Stash

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

See Integrating Stash with Atlassian applications for an overview of what is possible.

As a first step, see JIRA integration for information about using Stash with JIRA.

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

Use Git

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 keys to secure Git operations
- Git resources

Supported platforms

This page lists the supported platforms for Stash 3.3.x.

See Integrating Stash with Atlassian applications for information about supported versions of JIRA.

Key: ✔️ = Supported  ⚠️ = Deprecated  ❌ = Not Supported

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⚠️ Pre-installed Java on some AWS EC2 Linux instances might be installed with a subset of features. See SSH server fails to start on AWS EC2 instance for more information.

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MySQL, while supported by Stash, is currently **not** recommended especially in larger instances, due to inherent performance and deadlock issues that occur in this database engine under heavy load.

Affected systems may experience slow response times, deadlock errors and in extreme cases errors due to running out of database connections. These issues are intrinsic to MySQL (no other database engine supported by Stash shares this behavior) and are due to the way MySQL performs row-level locking in transactions. See [http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.0/en/innodb-deadlocks.html](http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.0/en/innodb-deadlocks.html) for some general information on this.

Stash does its best to work around the MySQL behavior - see issues **STASH-4517, STASH-4701** and others for example. However, under very heavy load you will generally get better performance with any of the other database engines supported by Stash (such as PostgreSQL which is also freely available) than you will with MySQL.

- MySQL 5.6.15 and earlier: Note that Stash **does not support** versions of MySQL 5.6 earlier than 5.6.16 at all, because of bugs in its query optimizer (**#68424, #69005**). See Connecting Stash to MySQL for more information.
- MySQL 5.7+ is not supported.

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- Support for Internet Explorer 8 has been **removed** in Stash 3.0, as previously announced.

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- The version of Git installed on machines that interact with Stash must be compatible with the version of Git installed for use by the Stash server.
- **Git 1.7.1 is not supported.**
- **Git 1.8.3.x has some performance regressions which may cause problems in Stash with large repositories**
- **1.8.4.3 is not supported due to a critical bug in how symbolic refs are handled which breaks pushing and pulling for repositories with pull requests.** ([Details](#))
- **2.0.2 and 2.0.3 are not supported due to a critical bug in git diff-tree which breaks Stash's commit page.** ([Details](#))
- **Cygwin: Cygwin Git is not supported for use on Windows servers, regardless of version.**

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**Additional tools**

| Perl | ✔ 5.8.8+ |

**Mail clients**

| Apple Mail | ✔ Apple Mail 4 |
| Gmail | ✔ Latest |
| iOS Devices | ✔ iPhone, iPad |
| Microsoft Outlook | ✔ Express, 2007, 2010 |
| Outlook.com / Hotmail / Windows Live Mail | ✔ Latest |

**Hardware requirements**

Stash needs a minimum of 720 MB of free memory to start up. Additional memory is required to support Git operations, depending on the number and frequency of Git operations and the number of users. See [Scaling Stash](#) for further discussion of hardware requirements.

**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.

**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
- High availability with Stash
- Setting up Stash in a production environment
- Administering Stash in a production environment

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**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 developers, 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.

**High availability with Stash**

If Stash is a critical part of your development workflow, maximizing Stash availability becomes an important consideration. Please see [High availability for Stash](#) for the background information you need to set up Stash in a highly available configuration.

**Setting up Stash in a production environment**

When setting up Stash for a production or enterprise environment, we highly recommend that you configure the following aspects:

**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](#).

**Install Stash as a service**

- See [Running Stash as a Linux service](#) or [Running Stash as a Windows service](#).
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

- 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 tools and backup strategies for Stash.

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.

Installing and upgrading Git

This page describes how to:

- Check your version of Git
- Install or upgrade Git on Linux
- Install or upgrade Git on Mac OS X
- Install or upgrade Git on Windows
- Restart Stash if necessary
The information on this page applies to installing or upgrading Git on either your local machine, or on the Stash server.

**Check your version of Git**

You can check your current version of Git by running the `git --version` command in a terminal (Linux, Mac OS X) or command prompt (Windows). The Stash server requires one of these versions of Git: 🌈 2.1.0 +

- 2.0.0 – 2.0.1, 2.0.4+
- 1.9.0+
- 1.8.0 – 1.8.4.2, 1.8.4.4+
- 1.7.6+

For example:

```
  git --version
  git version 1.7.7.3
```

See [Supported platforms](#) for more details about supported versions of Git.

If you don't see a supported version of Git, you'll need to either upgrade Git or perform a fresh install, as described below.

**Install or upgrade Git on Linux**

Use your package manager to install Git. For example, on Ubuntu 13.10, use:

```
  sudo apt-get install git
```

If you are using a different Linux distribution, you may need to use a different package repository to get the latest stable version of Git.

Now check the Git version – you should see the new version of Git.

If you still can't see the Git version, you may need to add the Git install location to your path. Open your `~/.profile` file in a text editor and add this line, where `<path/to/git>` is the install location for Git:

```
  export PATH=$PATH:<path/to/git>
```

You can use the `which git` command to find the install location for Git.

**Install or upgrade Git on Mac OS X**

Download the latest stable Git release from the [Git website](#). Click on the downloaded `.dmg` file, then double-click the `.pkg` icon to run the installer. This will install the new version of Git over the existing version:
Now **check the Git version** – you should see the new version of Git.

If you still can’t see the Git version, you may need to add the Git install location to your path. Open your `~/.profile` file in a text editor and add this line, where `<path/to/git>` is the install location for Git:

```
export PATH=$PATH:<path/to/git>
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You can use the `which git` command to find the install location for Git.

### Install or upgrade Git on Windows

Download the [Full installer for official Git for Windows](https://git-scm.com/download/win). Installing Git for Windows (msysGit) also installs a supported version of Perl.

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

Run the Git installer, ensuring that you install into the same location as any existing Git installation. You can use `where git` to locate existing installations.

Ensure that `git.exe` is available in the path:

- Choose either 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" when installing or upgrading Git for the Stash server -- this will not work with Stash.
Now, check the Git version – you should see the new version of Git.

**Restart Stash if necessary**

If you've been installing or upgrading Git for the Stash server, rather than for your local machine, you'll need to stop and restart Stash so that it will pick up the upgraded version of Git. See Starting and stopping Stash for details.

**Configuring JIRA integration in the Setup Wizard**

This page describes the 'JIRA integration' screen of the Stash Setup Wizard that runs automatically when you launch Stash for the first time.

The Setup Wizard guides you in configuring the Stash connection with JIRA using the most common options. You can also configure JIRA integration from the Stash administration screens at any time after completing the Setup Wizard.

There are two aspects to integrating Stash with JIRA:

- Linking JIRA and Stash to enable the integration features. See JIRA integration.
- Delegating Stash user and group management to your JIRA server. See Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management.

On this page:

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

**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:

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<th><strong>JIRA base URL</strong></th>
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3. Click **Connect**.
4. Finish the setup process.

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**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 create application link from JIRA server at `<URL>` to this `<application>` server at `<URL>`.
- Failed to create application link from this `<application>` server at `<URL>` to JIRA server at `<URL>`.
- Failed to authenticate application link from JIRA server at `<URL>` to this `<application>` server at `<URL>`.
- Failed to authenticate application link from `<application>` server at `<URL>` to this JIRA server at `<URL>`.

The setup wizard failed to complete registration of the peer-to-peer application link with JIRA. JIRA 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 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.IllegalStateException: 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.
   c. Click Delete next to the application link that you want to delete.
   d. A confirmation screen will appear. Click Confirm to delete the application link.
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:
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.
- 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:
   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.
   c. Click Delete next to the application link that you want to delete.
   d. A confirmation screen will appear. Click Confirm 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'.
   b. Look for a link to your application. It will have a name matching this format:

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

      For example:
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.

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 Next.
   d. Enter the following information:

      - **Create a link back to this server** — Check 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 Next.
   f. Enter the information required to configure authentication for your application link:

      - **The servers have the same set of users** — Check this box, because the users are the same in both applications.
      - **These servers fully trust each other** — Check this 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.**

   g. Click Create.

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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIDR_notation) and [RFC 4632](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4632).
   - **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](https://confluence.atlassian.com/crowd/using-crowd-with-jira.html).
   - 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:

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<th>Select a JIRA instance</th>
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<td><strong>Application name and password</strong></td>
<td>Enter the values that you defined for your application in the settings on JIRA.</td>
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<td><strong>JIRA URL</strong></td>
<td>The web address of your JIRA server. Examples:</td>
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| | ```
| | http://www.example.com:8080/jira/
| | http://jira.example.com
| ``` |
| **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. |
d. Click **Next** and 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.

e. Click **Save**.

- **For Stash:**
  a. Go to the Stash administration area.
  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 Stash 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 Stash to JIRA for user management.

**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.

**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.

**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. If you haven't, see **Getting started**.

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:

![Create User 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.)
Complete the form and submit it to create your new project:

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 Settings then Permissions for the project:
The ‘Project permissions’ page allows you to 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. If you already have a Git project you'd like to use, see [Importing code from an existing project](#).

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.

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):

```bash
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 screenshot showing Git clone command output](image)

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

```bash
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](#). Note that huge Git repositories (larger that a few GBs) are likely to impact the performance of the Git client – see this [discussion](#).

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 into Stash
- Import an existing Git project into Stash
- Mirror an existing Git repository

### Import an existing, unversioned code project into Stash

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 (e.g.: `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 an existing Git project into Stash**

You can import your existing Git project into 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
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.

**DRAFT - Importing code from an existing project**

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$ 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

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git clone --mirror
```

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```
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` command listed in step 3 the repository in Stash can be updated with changes from the upstream repository.

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:

- Angry Nerds
- Blitz
- DEVREL
- Empty Project
- External Open Source

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.
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.

When 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.

**Related pages:**
- Creating personal repositories
- Using repository permissions
- Creating projects
- Importing code from an existing project

Go to the project and 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:

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 (unless they are a Stash system administrator). 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 in the sidebar.
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

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, this post-receive hook could be used to send a message to a chat server or notify a continuous integration server such as Atlassian Bamboo of the newly pushed changes.

Stash supports two types of post-receive hook:

- **PostReceiveHooks** map to Git's `post-receive` hooks. They run on the Stash server after a push.
- **AsyncPostReceiveRepositoryHooks**, executed by the Stash server.

Note that a Git PostReceiveHook won't be triggered after a pull request merge. The mechanism that performs the pull request merge is actually based on a `git fetch` into the repository, which doesn't trigger Git `post-receive` hooks. To trigger functionality based on a pull request merge, you should write an AsyncPostReceiveRepositoryHook for the Stash repository.

**Getting hooks from the Atlassian Marketplace**

A number of hooks are available 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. See Managing add-ons 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.

In particular, these pages will be helpful:

- Repository hooks
Controlling access to code

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

Note that you can also:

- allow public (anonymous) access to projects and repositories. See Allowing public access to code.
- use SSH keys to allow user accounts and other systems to connect securely to Stash repositories for Git operations. See Using SSH keys to secure Git operations.

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 can access Stash for licensing purposes.
- See 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.

Permissions matrix

The table below summarizes the cumulative effect of the permissions described above for anonymous and logged in users. In general, repository permissions override project permissions. A personal project can not be made public.

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**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.
• are based on users or groups.
• are actually restrictions, which are checked after project and repository level permissions.
• are used to limit branch access to specific people, who must still have write access to the project or repository.
• 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.

On this page:

• Setting branch permissions
• Advanced branch permissions

Related pages:

• Using pull requests in Stash
• Controlling access to code
• Global permissions

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.

Add a branch permission

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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:

- `?` Matches one character (any character except path separators)
- `*` Matches zero or more characters (not including path separators)
- `**` Matches zero or more path segments.

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

- `*` Matches everything
### 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:

#### Related pages:
- Using project permissions
- Using branch permissions
- Global permissions
- Allowing public access to code

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Note that:

- Anyone with permission to browse a pull request can create a task on any comment, and can browse, resolve and reopen existing tasks in the pull request.
- Repository admins and pull request authors can edit and delete any task in the pull request. Reviewers and others can only edit or delete their own tasks.

#### 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.

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To modify permissions for a project, go to Settings > Permissions for the project. Click in the Add Users or Add Groups fields in the relevant section to search for, and bulk add, users or groups. Now choose a permission from the drop-down list, and click Add.

Once added, you can use the checkboxes to edit specific permissions for particular users or groups.
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 a specific repository for public (anonymous) access.

You need admin permission for the repository.

Go to the repository and click Settings, then Repository (under ‘Permissions’). Check Enable (under ‘Public Access’) to allow users without a Stash account 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 project.

Go to the project and choose Settings, then Permissions. Check Enable (under ‘Public Access’) to allow users without a Stash account 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.

Using SSH keys to secure Git operations

Stash provides a simple way for user accounts and other systems to connect securely to Stash repositories, using SSH keys, in order to perform Git operations. You can:

- add a personal key to a Stash user account to allow a developer to easily authenticate when performing read operations from his or her local machine. A Stash user can add any number of keys to their account. Read more at SSH user keys for personal use.
- add an access key to a Stash project or repository to allow other systems, such as build servers like Atlassian’s Bamboo, to authenticate for either read-only (pull, clone) or read-write (push, merge) operations, without the need to store user credentials. Read more at SSH access keys for system use.

Related pages:

- Creating SSH keys
- Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
- Permanently authenticating with Git repositories

Before you can use SSH keys to secure a connection with Stash the following must have already been done:

- your Stash administrator must have already enabled SSH access in Stash.
- you need an SSH key! See Creating SSH keys. Alternatively, you can use an existing key, if it isn’t already being used as a repository or project access key in Stash.

Note that:

- You can use the same SSH system access key for multiple repositories or projects.
- A Stash user can add any number of keys to their account.
- Keys used for personal user accounts can't be re-used as a project or repository access key, and keys used as a project or repository access key can't be re-used for user accounts.
- Stash supports DSA and RSA2 key types – RSA1 is not supported.

Creating SSH keys

This page describes how to create SSH keys.

SSH keys can be used to establish a secure connection with Stash for:
• when you are performing Git operations from your local machine
• when another system or process needs access to repositories in Stash (for example your build server)

The SSH key needs to be added to Stash, and your Stash administrator must have enabled SSH access to Git repositories, before you can make use of the key.

Supported key types are DSA and RSA2 – RSA1 is not supported.

On this page:

Related pages:
• Using SSH keys to secure Git operations
• Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
• Permanently authenticating with Git repositories

Creating an SSH key on Windows

1. Check for existing SSH keys

You should check for existing SSH keys on your local computer. You can use an existing SSH key with Stash if you want, in which case you can go straight to Using SSH keys to secure Git operations.

Open a command prompt, and run:

```
cd %userprofile%/.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:

```
dir id_`
```

If there are existing keys, you may want to use them: go to Using SSH keys to secure Git operations.

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
copy id_rsa* key_backup
```

3. Generate a new SSH key

If you don't have an existing SSH key that you wish to use, generate one as follows:

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:
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):

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):
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:
```

5. You're done! Now add the new key to Stash.

Creating an SSH key on Linux & Mac OS X

1. **Check for existing SSH keys**

You should check for existing SSH keys on your local computer. You can use an existing SSH key with Stash if you want, in which case you can go straight to Using SSH keys to secure Git operations.

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 Using SSH keys to secure Git operations.

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

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ssh-keygen -t rsa -C "your_email@example.com"
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Associating the key with your email address helps you to identify the key later on.

You'll see a response similar to this:

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

```
pwatsone-Mac-Pro:~ pwatson$ ssh-keygen
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/Users/pwatson/.ssh/id_rsa):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
```
```
Your identification has been saved in /Users/pwatson/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /Users/pwatson/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
The key's randomart image is:
```
```
```
pwatsone-Mac-Pro:~ pwatson$```

4. You're done! Now add the new key to Stash.

**SSH user keys for personal use**

You can use SSH keys to establish a secure connection between your computer and Stash for when you are performing read-only (pull, clone) Git operations from your local machine. Personal keys are attached to your Stash account – they are bound by that account's permissions and use the account's identity for any operations.

Before you can use SSH keys to secure a connection with Stash the following must have already been done:

- your Stash administrator must have already enabled SSH access in Stash.
- you need an SSH key! See Creating SSH keys. Alternatively, you can use an existing key, if it isn't already being used as a repository or project access key.
- you need to have added your personal SSH key to your Stash account – see the following section.

Once you have an SSH key associated with your Stash account, using it is easy! See Use SSH keys to connect to Stash repositories below.

Note that:

- Stash supports DSA and RSA2 key types – RSA1 is not supported.
- A Stash user can add any number of keys to their account.
- You can use the same SSH access key for multiple repositories or projects.
- Keys used for personal user accounts can't be re-used as a project or repository access key, and keys used as a project or repository access key can't be re-used for user accounts.

**Related pages:**
- Creating SSH keys
- Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
- Permanently authenticating with Git repositories
Add an SSH key to your Stash account

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

   - Command for Windows:
     ```
     cd %userprofile%/.ssh
clip < id_rsa.pub
     ```

2. On Mac OS X or Linux simply run the following in a terminal:

   - Command for Mac OS X:
     ```
pbcopy < ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
     ```

   - Command for 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, then use that, as shown in this code snippet:

3. In Stash, go to your account:

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

Use SSH keys to connect to Stash repositories

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

1. Go to Projects, click a project, and choose a repository from the list.
2. Click Clone in the sidebar 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 Add an SSH key to your Stash account, above.

SSH access keys for system use

Stash administrators can set up SSH access keys to secure the Git operations that other systems perform on the repositories managed in Stash. Using access keys avoids the need to store user credentials on another system, and means that the other system doesn't have to use a specific user account in Stash. For example, access keys can be used to allow your build and deploy server to authenticate with Stash to check out and test source code.

- Project admins can add and manage SSH access keys for a project. The keys apply to every repository in the project.
- Repository admins can add and manage SSH access keys for a particular repository.
- The access key can allow either read-only or read-write Git operations.
Note that Stash supports DSA and RSA2 key types – RSA1 is not supported.

Before you can use SSH keys to secure a connection with Stash the following must have already been done:

- Your Stash administrator must have already enabled SSH access on Stash.
- You must have already created an SSL key. See Creating SSH keys. Alternatively, you can use an existing key, if it isn’t already being used for a personal account in Stash.

Using SSH keys to allow access to Stash repositories

To get the SSH key to work with your build, or other, system, you need to:

- Add the private key to that system. For Bamboo, see this page: Sharing repository credentials.
- Add the public key to Stash as described here:

Add an SSH access key to either a Stash project or repository

You simply copy the public key, from the system for which you want to allow access, and paste it into Stash.

1. Copy the public key. One approach is to display the key on-screen using `cat`, and copy it from there:

   ```
   cat < ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
   ```

2. Now, in Stash, go to the Settings tab for the project or repository.
3. Click Access keys and then Add key.
4. Choose the Read permission, for `git pull` or `git clone` operations for example, where you want to be sure that the system will not be able to write back to the Stash repository.
   Choose the Read / Write permission, for `git push` or `git merge` operations for example, where you may want your build system to merge successful feature branch builds to the default branch in the
Stash repository, or so that deployments can be tagged. Note that if you attempt to add a key already present on a project or repository but with a different permission to what it currently has, the permission will simply be updated.

5. Paste the key into the text box and click **Add key**.

### Stash license implications

- System access keys do not require an additional Stash user license.

### Reusing access keys

- You can use the same SSH access key for multiple repositories or projects.
- Keys used for **personal user accounts** can't be re-used as a project or repository system access key, and keys used as a project or repository access key can't be re-used for user accounts.

### Deleting an access key

You can delete an access key by going to Settings > **Access keys** for the repository, and clicking the cross for the key (the cross only appears when you move the mouse pointer there):

If the key is used for multiple projects or repositories, you can select the other places that you want the key to be deleted from:
Note that the dialog only displays the projects and repositories that you have permission to see. Be aware that the key may also be used in other places that are not listed in the dialog. To be 100% sure that all uses of the key are deleted, this operation must be performed by someone with the administrator or sysadmin global permission.

**Workflow strategies in Stash**

Various Git workflows are supported by Stash:

- Centralized Workflow
- Feature Branch Workflow
- Gitflow Workflow
- Forking Workflow

For information about setting up Git workflows in Stash see [Using branches in Stash](#) and [Using forks in Stash](#).

**Centralized Workflow**

Like Subversion, the Centralized Workflow uses a central repository to serve as the single point-of-entry for all changes to the project. Instead of trunk, the default development branch is called master and all changes are committed into this branch. This workflow doesn’t require any other branches besides master.

*Read more about the Centralized Workflow...*

**Feature Branch Workflow**

The core idea behind the Feature Branch Workflow is that all feature development should take place in a dedicated branch instead of the master branch. This encapsulation makes it easy for multiple developers to work on a particular feature without disturbing the main codebase. It also means the master branch will never contain broken code, which is a huge advantage for continuous integration environments.

*Read more about the Feature Branch Workflow...*

**Gitflow Workflow**

The Gitflow Workflow defines a strict branching model designed around the project release. While somewhat more complicated than the Feature Branch Workflow, this provides a robust framework for managing larger projects.

*Read more about the Git Workflow...*
Forking Workflow

The Forking Workflow is fundamentally different than the other workflows discussed in this tutorial. Instead of using a single server-side repository to act as the “central” codebase, it gives every developer a server-side repository. This means that each contributor has not one, but two Git repositories: a private local one and a public server-side one.

Read more about the Forking Workflow...

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
- Read more

See also Using branch permissions for information about restricting access to branches in Stash.

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. Note that for new repositories, the branching model is enabled by default, and uses the default branch prefixes.

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

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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.

Note that:

- Prefixes can't be empty.
- Prefixes can't be longer than 30 characters.
- Prefixes can't overlap; for example PROD and PRODUCT would be overlapping prefixes.
- For Stash instances using Microsoft SQL Server, prefixes can't use non-ASCII characters. See STASH-3884 - Non-ASCII values used as branch model prefixes/branch names don't work in MSSQL.

Creating branches

You can create a new branch from in JIRA (version 6.1 and above) 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 or JIRA Agile, 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 suggests the **Branch type** and **Branch name** based on the JIRA issue type and summary. Change the settings suggested by Stash, if necessary:

Create branch for **STASHDEV-2493**

- **Repository**: Paul Watson / stash
- **Branch type**: Feature
- **Branch from**: master
- **Branch name**: feature/STASHDEV-2493-enhance-the-data...

*From in Stash*

In Stash, choose **Create branch** from the sidebar.

Stash will suggest the **Branch type** and **Branch name** based on the JIRA issue type and summary. Notice that Stash displays the current **build status** beside the source branch picker. Change the settings suggested by Stash if necessary:
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.

Note that Stash suggests a **Branch type** based on the JIRA issue type, when a branching model is configured. The mapping is:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JIRA issue type</th>
<th>Stash branch type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bug</td>
<td>Bugfix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Story</td>
<td>Feature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Feature</td>
<td>Feature</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Once the new branch is created, Stash takes you to the file listing for that. 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 branch listing page makes it easy to keep track of all the branches in your repository.

Searching for branches

You can easily find branches by using the search at the top of the table. Furthermore, if you're using the Stash branch model, you can filter by branch type simply by searching for the prefix – for example, search for "feature/" to see all your feature branches.

You can find the feature and bugfix branches that haven't yet been merged into a particular release (for example, "release/2.10") by changing the 'base branch' – just use the branch selector (arrowed in the screenshot below) to change the base branch, and refer to the Behind/Ahead and Pull requests columns.

Reading the table

Behind/Ahead

The Behind/Ahead column shows by how many commits a branch has diverged from the 'base branch' (for example, master). Use the branch selector (arrowed in the screenshot below) to change the base branch.

Pull requests

The Pull requests column shows the most relevant status from the pull requests against each branch – click an icon to see details. The status is:

- OPEN if there is at least one open pull request.
- MERGED if there are no open pull requests, and at least one pull request has been merged.
- DECLINED if there are no open or merged pull requests, and at least one pull request has been declined.

Builds

If you have an integrated build server, the Builds column shows the status of the latest build results published to Stash. The overall status is 'passed' if all the different builds (for example, unit tests, functional tests, deploy to staging) succeeded and 'failed' if at least one run failed for any of those. Click an icon to see details of the builds.

Actions

The Actions menus include tasks for working with branches:

- Check out in SourceTree
- Create a pull request
- Edit permissions
- Delete branch

Navigation

Choose Keyboard shortcuts from the Stash Help menu to see shortcuts to help you navigate quickly around the branch listing.

Checking on your branches

The branch listing allows you to:

- See how many commits behind or ahead your branch is compared to a chosen 'base branch'.
- See the latest status for pull requests originating from branches.
- See the build status of branches at a glance.
- The Pull requests status helps you to track the review and merge work that still needs to be done and can help with branch cleanup. For example, in combination with the Behind/Ahead information, you
can decide whether to remove a feature branch that has already been merged.

- The **Behind/Ahead** column can help you to identify work in progress as well as stale branches. It is calculated for each branch against the base branch.

Read more


**Automatic branch merging**

Stash can automatically merge changes to newer release branches, thus reducing the need for manual maintenance of branches. To be able to do this, Stash has to be able to determine the ordering of branches, and relies on semantic versioning of branch names – for example Stash will order these branch names like this: 1.0.0 < 2.0.0 < 2.1.0 < 2.1.1.

Note that:

- Automatic branch merging is subject to a few **conditions**.
- 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**

**Conditions for automatic merging**

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 semantic versioning in 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 non-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:

| GOOD | release/1.0  
|      | release/1.1-rc1  
|      | release/1.1  
|      | release/1.2  
|      | release/2.0  
|      | Stash tokenises on the '.' and the '-' of '1.1-rc1' and is able to order these branch names correctly.  

| GOOD | release/stash_1.1  
|      | release/stash_1.2  
|      | release/stash_2.0  
|      | Stash tokenises on the '.' and the '_' and orders the numeric parts of these branch names correctly.  

| BAD  | release/1.0  
|      | release/stash_1.1  
|      | 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 in the sidebar. 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.

On this page:
- Creating a fork
- Issuing a pull request for a fork
- Merging a fork
- Synchronizing with upstream
- Disabling forking
- Pre-receive hooks and forks

Related pages:
- Workflow strategies in Stash
- Controlling access to code
- Creating personal repositories

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 in Stash, you have the option to manually synchronize the branch.

You can manually synchronize your branch at any time using Synchronize by going to the Settings > Fork syncing tab for the forked repository, or on either of the Source or Commits tabs for a repository:

Manual synchronization strategies

When you initiate a manual synchronization, Stash will 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 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:**
- Checks for merging pull requests

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**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. You've pushed your changes to Stash, right?
2. Now, go to the repository in Stash. Either click **Create pull request** in the sidebar, or choose **Compare** from the Actions menu (when on the Source, Commits or Branches pages):

3. Choose the source and destination branches. The source branch is where you made your code changes and the destination is the branch you want to merge to. The source and target branches may be located in different forks:

4. Use the Diff and Commits tabs (see below) to compare the source and destination branches, before creating the pull request.
5. Click either **Create pull request**, or **Continue**, and 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.
6. 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.
7. Click **Create**.

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

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**Editing a pull request**

After creating a pull request, you can modify it 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. With Stash, you can comment on the pull request as a whole, a particular file, and on specific lines of code in a file. Furthermore, you can attach a task to any comment, so actions identified during the review can be easily tracked and resolved. Read more about review tasks below.

To see all the pull requests for a repository, simply click **Pull requests** in the left-hand navigation panel (when viewing the repository).

To help you contribute to the discussion, Stash organises all the information about the pull request into 3 tabs: **Overview**, **Diff** and **Commits**:

**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 (just under '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 file 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 on the whole file by clicking the icon on the right in the diff header.
- You can comment directly on a line of code right in the diff, by hovering over the line, clicking the icon at the left, 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.
- The **Side-by-side diff** option from the Action menu (arrowed below) lets you easily compare the changes that will be merged. Use the N (next) and P (previous) keyboard shortcuts to move between hunks in a diff. Use Shift+N (next) and Shift+P (previous) to move between comments in a diff. The 'map' in each margin of the side-by-side diff provides a visual summary of the diff hunks, and indicates which part of the
file you're currently viewing:

- Search across all the files in a pull request, when viewing a pull request diff.
  The search looks at the diff and surrounding code lines to provide context. The file tree on the left displays only the files returned by the search.

  Use the 'f' keyboard shortcut to quickly access code search when viewing a diff in a pull request. The usual 'j' (next) and 'k' (previous) Stash shortcuts let you move between files in the search results. 'Esc' cancels the search.

Commits

The **Commits** tab lists all the commits that will get merged. Clicking through to a commit takes you out of the pull request context.

When viewing a commit you can comment on the whole file, or a particular line of code, just as for a diff, for any file in the commit.

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.

Pull request tasks

You can attach one or more tasks to any pull request comment, to track required work identified during a review.
Try highlighting some text in the comment, then clicking **Create task** — the task is automatically created and saved with that text.

When that task is done, simply check the box for the task.

To see all the unresolved tasks for a pull request, use Shift+T when viewing the pull request:

Click the 'link' icon for a task to see the task in the context of the comment and source code.

**Note that:**

- Anyone with permission to browse a pull request can create a task on any comment, and can browse, resolve and reopen existing tasks in the pull request.
- Repository admins and pull request authors can edit and delete any task in the pull request. Reviewers and others can only edit or delete their own tasks.
- A Stash administrator can set a merge check that requires all tasks to be resolved before the pull request can be merged. See **Checks for merging pull requests**.

**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 the issue key 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.

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 merge a pull request if you have write (or admin) permission on the project.

Stash does not enforce particular review workflows, so, for example, anyone with write permission on the repository can merge a pull request, including the person who opened it. This flexibility allows different teams to have different approaches to using Stash. If your team requires stricter control, consider using branch
permissions to restrict who can merge a pull request to particular users or groups. You might also want to consider using a plugin to enforce a particular workflow, for example to ensure that only approvals from members of your review team allow merging. 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.

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<tr>
<th>Action</th>
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<td>You are added as a reviewer</td>
<td>✔</td>
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<tr>
<td>You comment on a pull request</td>
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</table>
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. Stash includes the merge checks described below, or you can write your own merge request check plugin.

Requires a minimum number of successful 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.

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

Requires 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.

Requires all tasks to be resolved
Select this option to stop a pull request from being merged if any review tasks are still unresolved. Read more about pull request tasks.
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

Related pages:

- Getting started with Git and Stash
- Creating repositories
- Global permissions
- Git resources

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

   ```bash
   git help credential-cache
   ```

### OS X

Follow these steps to use Git with credential caching on OS X:

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

   ```bash
   chmod a+x git-credential-osxkeychain
   ```
3. Put it in the directory `/usr/local/bin`.
4. Run the command below:

   ```bash
   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.co m/...` 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 OS X

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.

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:

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<th>Pull request event</th>
<th>Notification sent</th>
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<td>A reviewer is added</td>
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<td>A comment is edited</td>
<td>✅</td>
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<td>A comment is replied to</td>
<td>✅</td>
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<tr>
<td>A commit is made to the source branch</td>
<td>✅</td>
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<tr>
<td>The pull request is approved</td>
<td>✅</td>
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<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:

![Settings page](image)

You need to specify the API token and the name of the HipChat room:

![HipChat Push Notification](image)

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 page 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

### On this page:

- Markdown syntax
  - Headings
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  - Images
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### 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:
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:

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

### Tables

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<th>Meal</th>
<th>Price</th>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>pasta</td>
<td>$6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>chicken</td>
<td>$8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can also use HTML...

#### Inline HTML

An example, to add a table:

```html
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](http://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/syntax#html) for more details.

#### 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.

![Repository file structure](image)

**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.
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.

### Integrating Stash with Atlassian applications

When you integrate Stash with Atlassian applications you get the following benefits:

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<th>Application</th>
<th>Integration feature</th>
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<td>JIRA</td>
<td><strong>Related branches, commits and pull requests</strong> are all summarized in the Development panel in a JIRA issue.</td>
<td>JIRA 6.2+</td>
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<td>JIRA 5.0+</td>
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<td><strong>SourceTree</strong></td>
<td>When you have SourceTree installed, you can:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• clone a Stash repository using SourceTree.</td>
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<td>files, commits or branches in a Stash repository.</td>
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<th><strong>Bamboo</strong></th>
<th>Bamboo responds to repository events published by Stash to:</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Trigger a plan build when a developer pushes to the connected repository.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Create or delete plan branches when a developer creates or removes a branch in the connected repository.</td>
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When you link a build plan to a Stash repository, build notifications are automatically enabled.

See **Bamboo integration**.

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<th><strong>Bamboo</strong></th>
<th>See the latest build status for a commit when viewing Stash commits and pull requests.</th>
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<td>Bamboo 4.4+                                                            Stash 2.1+</td>
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<th><strong>HipChat</strong></th>
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<td>• get notifications to a HipChat room whenever someone pushes to a repository in Stash.</td>
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<th><strong>Crowd</strong></th>
<th>When Stash is integrated with Crowd, you can:</th>
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<td>• use Crowd for user and group management, and for authentication.</td>
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<th><strong>JIRA integration</strong></th>
<th>When Stash is integrated with Atlassian JIRA, you and your team get all these benefits:</th>
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• Transition JIRA issues from within Stash.
• Use JIRA issue keys in Stash markdown.
• See the details for JIRA issues in Stash.
• See the JIRA issues related to Stash commits and pull requests.

Related pages:
- Linking Stash with JIRA
- JIRA FishEye-Stash Plugin compatibility
- Connecting to JIRA for user management

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 these work.

See all related branches, commits and pull requests in a JIRA issue

Get visibility into the Stash branches, commits and pull requests related to work on a JIRA issue, right in the context of the issue in JIRA (and JIRA Agile).

Dates

Created: 06/Sep/13 11:37 AM
Updated: 05/Dec/13 10:27 PM
Resolved: 05/Dec/13 10:27 PM

Development

8 branches
Updated 16/Dec/13 3:45 AM
62 commits
Latest 16/Dec/13 3:45 AM
4 pull requests, MERGED
Updated 16/Dec/13 4:20 AM
1 build, ✔️
Latest 06/Dec/13 11:17 PM

Deployed to Production

Create branch

Agile

Completed Sprints:
  Ph2 - Sprint1 ended 13/Nov/13
  Ph2 - Sprint11 - OD4 ended 19/Nov/13

Click the links in the Development panel to see details of the work that's been done. You can start creating a pull request from the Commits details dialog, or click through to see a changed file, or the full commit, in Stash.

Create Git branches from within JIRA and JIRA Agile

You can start creating a branch from 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.

Transition JIRA issues automatically

Your JIRA workflow can now respond to events in your linked development tools, for example when a pull request is created, your JIRA workflow can be configured to automatically transition the related issue. Configure this from transitions within the JIRA workflow editor.

The events available in Stash are:

- Pull request created
- Pull request merged
- Pull request declined
- Commit created
- Branch created

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. Read more about linking Stash with JIRA.

**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:

```
Overview  Diff  Commits
```

Details

*Pierre-Étienne Pointot* created a pull request 6 days ago

A project from an earlier innovation week, updated to leverage Michael Heemskerk's permissions improvements in 2.7 ([STASHDEV-2057](https://extranet.atlassian.com/display/STASH/Stash+2.7+Release+Checklist)). This will be merged after 2.7 is out, but the PR is opened to get early feedback.

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:
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>
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<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Commit Date</th>
<th>Issues</th>
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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 &quot;commit 664812515e74698423873e6a1e6f84cd31db478: STASHD.&quot;</td>
<td>1 hour ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4836</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mention request #2161 in STASH/stash from ~MSTUDMANVstash:STASHDEV-4836-disable-cancel-buttc.</td>
<td>1 hour ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4836</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STASHDEV-4754 Switch to default-repository-script for branch info. The source build is critical for setup.</td>
<td>2 days ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4754</td>
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<tr>
<td>STASHDEV-4816 Fixed missing space - breaking checks</td>
<td>2 days ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4816</td>
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<tr>
<td>STASHDEV-4836: jshint fix</td>
<td>2 days ago</td>
<td>STASHDEV-4836</td>
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Click on the linked key to see details for the issue.

**Bamboo integration**

When Stash is integrated with a build server such as Atlassian’s Bamboo, build results are published to Stash. You see the build results status for a commit when viewing any commit or pull request. This lets you easily check the build status of a branch when deciding whether to merge the changes.

Stash displays the overall status of the build results. The status is 'passed' if all the different builds (for example, unit tests, functional tests, deploy to staging) have succeeded, and 'failed' if at least one run failed for any of those.

**Related pages:**
- JIRA integration
- Using pull requests in Stash

For example, when viewing the Commits tab for a Stash project, 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 run for the commit:

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<td>f-file-modes to ...</td>
<td>22 Jan 2013</td>
<td>STASH-2798</td>
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<td>21 Jan 2013</td>
<td>STASHDEV-3018</td>
<td>![Green checkmark]</td>
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<tr>
<td>21 Jan 2013</td>
<td>STASHDEV-3016</td>
<td>3 builds passed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>docs to master...</td>
<td>21 Jan 2013</td>
<td>STASHDEV-3021 STASHDEV-3020 STASHDEV-3018 STASHDEV-3016 STASHDEV-3010</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Click a build status 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.

DRAFT - Bamboo integration

When Stash is integrated with a build server such as Atlassian's Bamboo, Integration between Bamboo (versions 5.6 and later) and Stash (versions 3.1 and later) only requires an application link to be configured between them. You don't have to configure repository polling for new commits anymore in Bamboo, or set up dedicated web hooks in your Stash instance.

When you specify a Stash repository in a Bamboo plan, Bamboo is automatically configured to respond to repository events published by Stash:

Stash tells Bamboo when to build

- When a developer pushes to a repository the build is automatically started.

Stash tells Bamboo when to update plan branches, to match changes in repository branches

- When a developer pushes a new branch to a repository a branch plan is automatically created.
- When a developer deletes a branch in a repository, the branch plan is automatically deleted or disabled.

Bamboo notifies Stash automatically about build results

- When you now link a build plan to a Stash repository, build notifications are automatically enabled.
- Notifications are sent to all linked Stash servers.
- You see the build results status for a commit when viewing any commit or pull request in Stash, so you can easily check the build status of a branch when deciding whether to merge changes.
- The legacy Stash notification type is deprecated – it is still available in Bamboo 5.6 but will be removed in Bamboo 5.7.

Stash displays the overall status of the build results. The status is 'passed' if all the different builds (for example, unit tests, functional tests, deploy to staging) have succeeded, and 'failed' if at least one run failed for any of those.

For example, when viewing the Commits tab for a Stash project, 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 run for the commit:
Click a build status 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. 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
Administration actions that can be performed from the Stash Administration user interface (click the 'cog' icon in the Stash header):

- Supported platforms
- Users and groups
- External user directories
  - Connecting Stash to an existing LDAP directory
  - Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management
  - Delegating Stash authentication to an LDAP directory
  - Connecting Stash to Crowd
- Global permissions
- Setting up your mail server
- Linking Stash with JIRA
- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Migrating Stash to another server
- Specifying the base URL for Stash
- Configuring the application navigator
- Managing add-ons
- Audit logging in Stash

System administration advanced actions that can be performed from outside of the Stash user interface:

- Running the Stash installer
- Starting and stopping Stash
- Install Stash from an archive file
- Running Stash as a Linux service
- Running Stash as a Windows service
- Scaling Stash
- High availability for Stash
- Stash config properties
- Proxying and securing Stash
- Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
- Changing the port that Stash listens on
- Moving Stash to a different context path
- Running Stash with a dedicated user
- Stash debug logging
- Data recovery and backups
- Lockout recovery process
- Using diff transcoding in Stash

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
Creating a user

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

Complete the form. You can either set the user’s password now, or have Stash email the user with a link that they can use to set the password themselves:
Once you've created the user, click **Change permissions** to set up their access permissions. Note that a user doesn't have access to Stash until global access permissions have been set.

See **Global permissions** for more information.

**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 (see the next section).

**Adding users to groups**

You can add users to groups in two ways:

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

From the user account page
To add a user to a group from the user's account page, click **Users** in the Administration section, and then use the filter to find the user:

![User Filter](image)

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Username</th>
<th>Email</th>
<th>Directory</th>
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<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>
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</table>

On the account page for the user, use the filter to find a group to which you want to add the user:

![Group Filter](image)

Click **Add** for each group in turn.

From the group page

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

![Group Filter](image)

On the page for the group, use the filter to find a user whom you wish to add to the group:
Click Add for each user you select, to make them a member of the group.

Changing usernames

You can change the username for a user account that is hosted in Stash's internal user directory. Go to Users in the Administration section, and use the filter to find the user. On the account page for the user, click Rename.

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.
External user directories

You can connect Stash to external user directories. This allows you to use existing users and groups stored in an enterprise directory, and to manage those users and groups in one place.

User management functions include:

- **Authentication**: Determining which user identity is sending a request to Stash.
- **User management**: Maintaining core information about users accounts.
- **Group membership**: Storing and retrieving groups, and group membership.
- **Profile information**: Providing metadata associated with users.

It is important to understand that these are separate components of a user management system. You could use an external directory for any or all of the above tasks.

There are several approaches to consider when using external user directories with Stash, described briefly below:

- LDAP
- JIRA
- Crowd

**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
- External directory lockout recovery

**Notes:**

- 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. However, be careful not to add more users to those groups that your Stash license allows. If the license limit is exceeded, your developers will not be able to push commits to repositories, and Stash will display a warning banner. See this FAQ.
- 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.

**LDAP**

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

There are two common ways of using an external LDAP directory with Stash:

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

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

**JIRA**

You can delegate Stash user and group management, as well as user authentication, to an [Atlassian JIRA](https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira) instance. This is a good option if you already use JIRA in your organization. Note that Stash can only connect to a JIRA server running JIRA 4.3 or later.

You should consider using [Atlassian Crowd](https://www.atlassian.com/software/crowd) for more complex configurations with a large number of users.

See [Connecting Stash to JIRA](https://confluence.atlassian.com/jira-secure-auth/stash-jira-integration) for user management for configuration instructions.

**Crowd**

You can connect Stash to [Atlassian Crowd](https://www.atlassian.com/software/crowd) for user and group management, as well as for user 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](https://confluence.atlassian.com/crowd-crowd-administration-guide-775037744.html).

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](https://confluence.atlassian.com/jira-secure-auth/stash-crowd-integration) 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 in an enterprise directory can be used in Stash. The LDAP directory is used for both user authentication and account management.

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

See also this [information about deleting users and groups](https://confluence.atlassian.com/jira-secure-auth/stash-deleting-users-groups-775083874.html) in Stash.
License considerations

When connecting Stash to an external directory, be careful not to allow access to Stash by more users than your Stash license allows. If the license limit is exceeded, your developers will not be able to push commits to repositories, and Stash will display a warning banner. See this FAQ.

Synchronisation when Stash is first connected to the LDAP directory

When you first connect Stash to an existing LDAP directory, the Stash internal directory is synchronised with the LDAP directory. User information, including groups and group memberships, is copied across to the Stash directory.

When we performed internal testing of synchronisation with an Active Directory server on our local network with 10 000 users, 1000 groups and 200 000 memberships, we found that the initial synchronisation took about 5 minutes. Subsequent synchronisations with 100 modifications on the AD server took a couple of seconds to complete. See the option below.

Note that when Stash is connected to an LDAP directory, you cannot update user details in Stash. Updates must be done directly on the LDAP directory, perhaps using a LDAP browser tool such as Apache Directory Studio.

Option - Use LDAP filters to restrict the number of users and groups that are synchronised

You can use LDAP filters to restrict the users and groups that are synchronised with the Stash internal directory. You may wish to do this in order to limit the users or groups that can access Stash, or if you are concerned that synchronisation performance may be poor.

For example, to limit synchronisation to just the groups named "stash_user" or "red_team", enter the following into the **Group Object Filter** field (see **Group Schema Settings** below):

```
(&(objectClass=group) ((cn=stash_user) (cn=red_team)))
```

For further discussion about filters, with examples, please see How to write LDAP search filters. Note that you need to know the names for the various containers, attributes and object classes in your particular directory tree, rather than simply copying these examples. You can discover these container names by using a tool such as Apache Directory Studio.

Authentication when a user attempts to log in

When a user attempts to log in to Stash, once synchronisation has completed, Stash confirms that the user
exists in its internal directory and then passes the user's password to the LDAP directory for confirmation. If the password matches that stored for the user, LDAP passes a confirmation back to Stash, and Stash logs in the user. During the user's session, all authorisations (i.e. access to Stash resources such as repositories, pull requests and administration screens) are handled by Stash, based on permissions maintained by Stash in its internal directory.

**Connecting Stash**

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 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.

**Server settings**

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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Enter a meaningful name to help you identify the LDAP directory server. Examples:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>· Example Company Staff Directory</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>· Example Company Corporate LDAP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Directory Type</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 many of the options on the rest of screen. Examples:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>· Microsoft Active Directory</td>
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<td></td>
<td>· OpenDS</td>
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<td></td>
<td>· And more.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hostname</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>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>· opens.example.com</td>
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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

Ensure that this is an administrator user for the LDAP engine. For example, in Active Directory the user will need to be a member of the built-in Administrators group.

Password
The password of the user specified above.

Note: Connecting to an LDAP server requires that this application log in to the server with the username and password configured here. As a result, this password cannot be one-way hashed - it must be recoverable in the context of this application. The password is currently stored in the database in plain text without obfuscation. To guarantee its security, you need to ensure that other processes do not have OS-level read permissions for this application’s database or configuration files.

LDAP schema

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<td>Base DN</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>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional User DN
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:

- ou=Users

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>
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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.

### Advanced settings

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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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Naive DN Matching</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>• If this checkbox 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.</td>
</tr>
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<td>• If this checkbox is not selected, the application will parse the DN and then check the parsed version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable Incremental Synchronisation</td>
<td>Enable incremental synchronisation if you only want changes since the last synchronisation to be queried when synchronising a directory.</td>
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<td><strong>⚠️ Please be aware that when using this option, the user account configured for synchronisation must have read access to:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The uSNChanged attribute of all users and groups in the directory that need to be synchronised.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The objects and attributes in the Active Directory deleted objects container (see Microso ft's Knowledge Base Article No. 892806 for details).</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>

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

- The uSNChanged 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 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 the application.

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

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**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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<td>• user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Object Filter</td>
<td>The filter to use when searching user objects. Example:</td>
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<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>
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<td>• cn</td>
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<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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<tr>
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<td>• givenName</td>
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<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>• displayName</td>
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<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></td>
<td>• mail</td>
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<tr>
<td>User Password Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading a user's password. Example:</td>
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<td>• unicodePwd</td>
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</table>
User Unique ID Attribute

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. This setting exists because it is known under different names on some servers, e.g. 'objectGUID' in Microsoft Active Directory.

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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- groupOfUniqueNames</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group Object Filter</td>
<td>The filter to use when searching group objects. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- (&amp;(objectClass=group)(cn=*))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the group’s name. Example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- cn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group Description Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the group’s description. Example:</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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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- member</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User Membership Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user’s groups. Example:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- memberOf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the user's group membership</td>
<td>Check this if your directory server supports the group membership attribute on the user. (By default, this is the 'memberOf' attribute.)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>- 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.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- If this checkbox is not selected, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('member' by default) for the search.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 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.</td>
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### Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management

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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

Also on this page:
- Server settings
- JIRA server permissions
- Advanced settings

⚠️ You need to be an administrator in JIRA and a system administrator in Stash to perform the following tasks.

#### 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** (case-sensitive) 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.
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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.

We recommend that you use groups instead of individual accounts when granting permissions. However, be careful not to add more users to those groups that your Stash license allows. If the license limit is exceeded, your developers will not be able to push commits to repositories, and Stash will display a warning banner. See this FAQ.

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

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<tr>
<td>Server URL</td>
<td>The web address of your JIRA server. Examples:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <a href="http://www.example.com:8080">http://www.example.com:8080</a></td>
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### DRAFT - Connecting Stash to JIRA for user management

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   6. Click **Save.**
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      - The order of the directories is the order in which they will be searched for users and groups.
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.
   - Therefore, it is a good practice to keep the Stash Internal database on the top with your admin user (meaning the Global permissions assigned to it is 'System Administrator') just in case you lose the connection to your external directory and still need to manage your instance. **You will need to be able to login with a 'System Administrator' user in order to configure the groups on Step #4.** To exemplify: if you have an admin user created in your Stash Internal directory and also in your JIRA and if JIRA is the first one on your list, the password will be checked against what is recorded on JIRA.
   - 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 for users to be able to log in to Stash, they must have at least 'Stash User' Global permission assigned to them, either directly or through group membership. Follow these steps to configure your Stash groups in JIRA:

1. Login to your JIRA instance. Add new Stash groups to it. You can start by adding 4 groups to represent each one of Stash Global permissions. Notice that the new Stash groups will need to be configured further with the right Global permissions in Stash once synchronised. You have the option to create a stash-users group in JIRA. This group is already created with 'Stash User' Global permissions in Stash.
2. Assign the JIRA users which you intend to give access to Stash to each one of the groups you created above according to the Global permissions you expect them to have in Stash.

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1. Login to Stash as a 'System Administrator'. Click the cog icon and then User Directories and make sure you synchronise your instance to your JIRA.
2. Click the cog icon and then Global permissions. Assign the appropriate permissions to the relevant JIRA groups.
3. Once you synchronise your external directory with your Stash instance, all users and groups created in JIRA will be shown in Stash.
4. This is expected and it doesn't mean that all these users are being counted against your Stash license. As described on the Global permissions document, if the users present on your Stash user base have not been assigned "Stash User" Global permissions or higher, either directly or through group membership, these users are considered unlicensed and do not count towards your Stash license limit.

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### Delegating Stash authentication to an LDAP directory

You can configure Stash to use an LDAP directory for delegated user authentication while still using Stash for user and group management.

You can either create new user accounts manually in the LDAP directory, or use the option to automatically create a user account when the user attempts to log in, as described in the Copy users on login 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.
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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.**

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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Internal directory with LDAP Authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- Corporate LDAP for Authentication Only</td>
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<tr>
<td>Directory Type</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>
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<td>- Microsoft Active Directory</td>
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<td>- OpenDS</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- And more.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hostname</td>
<td>The host name of your directory server. Examples:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- ad.example.com</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- ldap.example.com</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- opends.example.com</td>
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<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>The port on which your directory server is listening. Examples:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- 389</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 10389</td>
</tr>
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<td>- 636 (for example, for SSL)</td>
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Use SSL | Check this 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.

Manually creating users
Move the delegated authentication directory to the top of the User Directories list and create the user manually (go to Administration > Users > Create user). Using this manual method you must currently create a temporary password when creating users. There is an improvement request to address this:

[STASH-3424] Disable “Change password” field from admin and user page when delegated authentication is used

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.

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<td>Copy User on Login</td>
<td>This option affects what will happen when a user attempts to log in. If this box is checked, 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 box is not checked, the user's login will fail if the user wasn't already manually created in the directory. If you check this box the following additional fields will appear on the screen, which are described in more detail below:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Default Group Memberships</td>
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<td>- Synchronise Group Memberships</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- User Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Default Group Memberships</td>
<td>This field appears if you check the Copy User on Login box. If you would like users to be automatically added to a group or groups, enter the group name(s) here. To specify more than one group, separate the group names with commas. Each time a user logs in, their group memberships will be checked. If the user does not belong to the specified group(s), their username will be added to the group(s). If a group does not yet exist, it will be added to the internal directory that is using LDAP for authentication. Please note that there is no validation of the group names. If you mis-type the group name, authorisation failures will result – users will not be able to access the applications or functionality based on the intended group name.</td>
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<td>Examples:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- confluence-users</td>
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<td>- bamboo-users, jira-users, jira-developers</td>
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### Synchronise Group Memberships

This field appears if you select the **Copy User on Login** checkbox. If this box is checked, group memberships specified on your LDAP server will be synchronised with the internal directory each time the user logs in.

If you check this box the following additional fields will appear on the screen, both described in more detail below:

- Group Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)
- Membership Schema Settings (described in a separate section below)

### LDAP schema

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<td>Base DN</td>
<td>The root distinguished name (DN) to use when running queries against the directory server. Examples:</td>
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<tr>
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<td>- o=example,c=com</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- cn=users,dc=ad,dc=example,dc=com</td>
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<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>
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<tr>
<td>User Name Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the username. Examples:</td>
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<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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<td>- ou=Users</td>
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<tr>
<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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<td></td>
<td>- user</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
### User Object Filter

The filter to use when searching user objects. Example:

- \((\&\{objectCategory=Person\}(sAMAccountName=*))\)

### User Name RDN Attribute

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:

- \(cn\)

### User First Name Attribute

The attribute field to use when loading the user's first name. Example:

- \(givenName\)

### 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.

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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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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. However, be careful not to add more users to those groups that your Stash license allows. If the license limit is exceeded, your developers will not be able to push commits to repositories, and Stash will display a warning banner. See this FAQ.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Group Members Attribute</th>
<th>The attribute field to use when loading the group's members. Example: member</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>User Membership Attribute</td>
<td>The attribute field to use when loading the user's groups. Example: memberOf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use the User Membership Attribute, when finding the user's group membership</td>
<td>Check this box if your directory server supports the group membership attribute on the user. (By default, this is the 'memberOf' attribute.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If this box is checked, 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.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If this box is not checked, your application will use the members attribute on the group ('member' by default) for the search.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.
   • 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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### Name
A meaningful name that will help you to identify this Crowd server amongst your list of directory servers. Examples:
- Crowd Server
- Example Company Crowd

### 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.

### Advanced settings

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<tr>
<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>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 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>/shared/stash-config.properties` (create this file if it doesn't exist yet):

```
# 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
```

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>Property</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.validationinterval</code></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><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.max.connections</code></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><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.host</code></td>
<td>The name of the proxy server used to transport SOAP traffic to the Crowd server.</td>
<td>(none)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.port</code></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><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.username</code></td>
<td>The username used to authenticate with the proxy server (if the proxy server requires authentication).</td>
<td>(none)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.proxy.password</code></td>
<td>The password used to authenticate with the proxy server (if the proxy server requires authentication).</td>
<td>(none)</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.http.timeout</code></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><code>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.socket.timeout</code></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>
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</table>

**DRAFT - External user directories**

You can connect Stash to external user directories. This allows you to use existing users and groups stored in an enterprise directory, and to manage those users and groups in one place.

User management functions include:

- **Authentication**: Determining which user identity is sending a request to Stash.
- **User management**: Maintaining core information about users accounts.
- **Group membership**: Storing and retrieving groups, and group membership.
It is important to understand that these are separate components of a user management system. You could use an external directory for any or all of the above tasks.

There are several approaches to consider when using external user directories with Stash, described briefly below.

### 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
- External directory lockout recovery

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<th>Crowd</th>
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<td>The internal Stash user directory.</td>
<td>Two common ways of using an external LDAP directory with Stash:</td>
<td>Atlassian JIRA</td>
<td>Atlassian Crowd is an application security framework that handles authentication and authorisation for all your web-based applications.</td>
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<td>• Full user and group management, including for user authentication</td>
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<td>• Delegated user authentication only, while using Stash's internal directory for user and group management</td>
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</table>

| Authentication | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| User management | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Group membership | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

### Indications
- Your users and groups are stored in an enterprise directory
- A wide range of LDAP directory servers is supported

| You already use JIRA in your organization |
| Supports single sign-on (SSO) |
| Supports multiple web applications |
| Supports multiple user directories and directory types |

### Contraindications

### Notes
- Stash can only connect to a JIRA server running JIRA 4.3 or later

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

There are two common ways of using an external LDAP directory with Stash:

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

**Supported 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

**JIRA**

You can delegate Stash user and group management, as well as user authentication, to an Atlassian JIRA instance. This is a good option if you already use JIRA in your organization. Note that Stash can only connect to a JIRA server running JIRA 4.3 or later.

You should consider using Atlassian Crowd for more complex configurations with a large number of users.

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

**Crowd**

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

**Global permissions**

Stash uses four levels of account permissions to control user and group access to Stash projects and to the Stash server configuration.

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<th>Create projects</th>
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<td>Stash User</td>
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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.

**Related pages:**
- Getting started with Stash
- Users and groups
- Using project permissions

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 (when you hover there). This will remove that user or group.
Global Permissions

Individual Users

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<th>Project Creator</th>
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Group access

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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>
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<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

See JIRA integration for a description of all the integrations you get when Stash is linked with JIRA.

You can also use JIRA for delegated user management. See External user directories.

This page describes how to link Stash to JIRA.

On this page:

- Linking Stash with JIRA
- Restrictions for JIRA integration
- Restrictions when linking Stash with JIRA Cloud
- Known issues with JIRA integration
- Troubleshooting integration with JIRA

Related pages:

- JIRA integration
- JIRA FishEye-Stash Plugin compatibility
- Connecting to JIRA for user management

Linking Stash with JIRA
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.

**To link Stash to a JIRA server:**

1. Click Application Links (under ‘Settings’) in the Stash admin area.
2. Enter the URL for the JIRA instance you want to link to and click Create new link.
3. Complete the application link wizard to connect Stash to your JIRA server. You must make use of the automatic link-back from JIRA to Stash to get full integration (you’ll need JIRA system administrator global permission for that).

When you create a new application link between JIRA and an instance of Stash, 2-legged (2LO) and 3-legged OAuth (3LO) are enabled by default. 2LO is required for information from Stash to be included in the summaries in the Development panel of the JIRA issue; 3LO checks that a JIRA user has authenticated with Stash before they get to see the information in any of the details dialogs.

An older application link between JIRA and Stash will need to have 2LO authentication explicitly enabled. Click here to see how to enable 2-legged OAuth...

An existing application link between JIRA and Stash (that perhaps used Trusted Apps authentication) needs to have 2-legged authentication (2LO) enabled for both outgoing and incoming authentication, so that information from Stash can be included in the JIRA Development panel summaries.

When updating an older application link to use OAuth, 3-legged authentication is applied by default, but you need to explicitly enable 2LO. Enable 2-legged authentication for the application link from within JIRA as follows:

1. Go to the JIRA admin area and click Add-ons > Application Links.
2. Click Edit for the app link with the Stash instance.
3. For both Outgoing Authentication and Incoming Authentication:
   a. Click OAuth
   b. Check Allow 2-legged OAuth.
   c. Click Update.

The application link update process will involve logging you into Stash for a short time to configure that end of the link, before returning you to JIRA.

**Note that:**

- The following system plugins must be enabled in Stash. These are bundled and enabled by default in Stash 2.10 (and later):
  - Atlassian Navigation Links Plugin (com.atlassian.plugins.atlassian-nav-links-plugin)
  - Stash Dev Summary Plugin (com.atlassian.stash.stash-dev-summary-plugin).
- Users who can see summarized data in the Development panel may not have permission to see all the information that contributed to those summaries and which is visible in the details dialogs (for example, for branches, commits and pull requests). That is, the details dialogs respect the access permissions that users have in the connected applications.
- When Stash 2.10 or later is linked with JIRA 6.2 or later, you won’t see the Source tab at the bottom of the JIRA View Issue screen any more.
- Application links must have Trusted Applications and Basic Access authentication disabled. The Development panel in the JIRA issue view only supports OAuth authentication.
- Stash only begins scanning commit messages for JIRA issue keys on the first push after you created the application link to JIRA – the scan may take a short time.
- Integrating Stash with JIRA may require an upgraded version of the FishEye/Stash plugin in JIRA. See JIRA FishEye-Stash Plugin compatibility for details about upgrading the JIRA FishEye/Stash plugin, and for download links to the upgraded plugin versions.

More detailed information about application links can be found on Configuring Application Links.

**Restrictions for JIRA integration**

- The display of details for JIRA issues, for example when viewing a pull request, relies on the JIRA 5.0
REST API. Issue details are not displayed when Stash in integrated with JIRA versions earlier than 5.0.

- Transitioning JIRA issues requires OAuth AppLinks. If only a Basic Auth applink is set up, users will be able to view issue details, but will not be able to transition issues.
- JIRA permissions are respected, so a user who is not permitted to transition an issue in JIRA will not see the transition buttons in Stash.
- If Stash is linked with multiple JIRA instances and the JIRA projects happen to have the same key, only the issue from the instance marked as Primary will be displayed. See Making a Primary Link for Links to the Same Application Type.

Restrictions when linking Stash with JIRA Cloud

In addition, there are port restrictions, and other limitations, when linking Stash with JIRA Cloud. Please see Integrating JIRA Cloud with Stash.

Known issues with 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](#) [OPEN]

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. See Troubleshooting JIRA Integration.

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 Integrating Stash with Atlassian applications 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. You need to log in with a user having “System Administrator” privileges to create an application link using Trusted Applications.

JIRA FishEye-Stash Plugin compatibility

Some aspects of Atlassian JIRA's support for Stash is built into the FishEye/Stash Plugin that is bundled with JIRA. The plugin allows you to see all of your code changes in one place, even if you're running multiple Atlassian FishEye and Stash servers.
The information on this page applies to Stash versions 2.1 and later.

On this page:

- Supported JIRA versions
- Plugin upgrade guide

## Supported JIRA versions

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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<th>JIRA Version</th>
<th>Compatibility</th>
<th>FishEye/Stash Plugin URL</th>
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<tr>
<td>5.0.4+</td>
<td>Works straight out of the box!</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.0-5.0.3</td>
<td>Requires JIRA FishEye/Stash Plugin 5.0.4.1</td>
<td><a href="https://maven.atlassian.com/content/repositories/atlassian-contrib/com/atlassian/jira/plugins/jira-fisheye-plugin/5.0.4.1/jira-fisheye-plugin-5.0.4.1.jar">https://maven.atlassian.com/content/repositories/atlassian-contrib/com/atlassian/jira/plugins/jira-fisheye-plugin/5.0.4.1/jira-fisheye-plugin-5.0.4.1.jar</a></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 limited.

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<td>Earlier versions</td>
<td>JIRA-to-Stash integration is unsupported</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
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</table>

## Plugin upgrade guide

To upgrade the FishEye/Stash Plugin, copy the link from the table above that matches your JIRA version. Then navigate in JIRA to **Administration > Plugins**.
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, however note that integrations with JIRA can depend on using the default issue key format in both JIRA and Stash. See Integrating using custom JIRA issue keys for more details.

Configure Stash to recognize custom issue key formats by editing `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh` (on Windows, edit `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.bat` instead).

To override the default issue key format, use the JVM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDED_ARGS property, like this:

```
JVM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDED_ARGS="-Dintegration.jira.key.pattern="(<Some different regex>)""
```
Notice that the parameter name was changed for Stash 2.8.

You will need to restart Stash.

For example, to use lowercase letters in issue keys, use a regex with the parameter like this:

**Stash 2.8, and later:**

```
-Dintegration.jira.key.pattern="(?<![a-z]{1,10}？)[a-z]+-[0-9]+"
```

**Stash versions up to version 2.7.x:**

```
-Dstash.jira.key.pattern="(?<![a-z]{1,10}？)[a-z]+-[0-9]+"
```

See also [Reindex JIRA issue keys](#).

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.

Instructions for connecting Stash to the supported external databases:

- Connecting Stash to PostgreSQL
- Connecting Stash to Oracle
- Connecting Stash to SQL Server
- Connecting Stash to MySQL - note: not recommended

Please refer to [Supported platforms](#) for the versions of external databases supported by Stash.

#### Related pages:

- 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 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.

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**MySQL performance issues**

MySQL, while supported by Stash, is currently **not** recommended especially in larger instances, due to inherent performance and deadlock issues that occur in this database engine under heavy load.

Affected systems may experience slow response times, deadlock errors and in extreme cases errors due to running out of database connections. These issues are intrinsic to MySQL (no other database
engine in Stash’s Supported platforms shares this behavior) and are due to the way MySQL performs row-level locking in transactions. See http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.0/en/innodb-deadlocks.html for some general information on this.

Stash does its best to work around the MySQL behavior - see issues STASH-4517, STASH-4701 and others for example. However, under very heavy load you will generally get better performance with any of the other database engines supported by Stash (such as PostgreSQL which is also freely available) than you will with MySQL. Please see Connecting Stash to an external database for instructions on migrating your data to one of these other engines.

MySQL 5.6.x Compatibility

Note that Stash is not compatible at all with versions of MySQL 5.6 earlier than 5.6.16 because of bugs in its query optimizer (#68424, #69005). Please watch STASH-3164 for further updates on this. Stash does support versions of MySQL 5.6 from 5.6.16 on.

See Supported platforms for the versions of MySQL supported by Stash.

The overall process for using a MySQL database with Stash is:

1. Install MySQL where it is accessible to Stash. It is assumed here that you already have MySQL installed and running. See the MySQL documentation at http://dev.mysql.com/doc/.
2. Create the database and user on the MySQL server for Stash to use.
3. Download and install the JDBC driver.
4. Migrate Stash to the MySQL database.

Related pages:
- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Connecting Stash to Oracle
- Connecting Stash to PostgreSQL
- Connecting Stash to SQL Server

Create the Stash database

Before you can use Stash with MySQL, you must set up the MySQL server as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Create database</td>
<td>Create a database on MySQL for Stash to use.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Create database user</td>
<td>Create a Stash user on the database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Character encoding</td>
<td>Configure the database to use utf8 character set encoding. Note that Stash on MySQL does not support 4 byte UTF-8 characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collation</td>
<td>Configure the database to use utf8_bin collation (to ensure case sensitivity).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logging format</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connection timeout</td>
<td>Stash requires the database to keep idle connections alive for at least 10 minutes. If the database is configured with less than a 10 minute connection timeout, there will be seemingly random connection errors.</td>
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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):

```
mysql> CREATE DATABASE stash CHARACTER SET utf8 COLLATE utf8_bin;
mysql> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON stash.* TO 'stashuser'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
mysql> QUIT
```

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](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. The maximum number of connections is a configurable system property – see Database pool.

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, after you have installed Stash.

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, and then restart Stash. See Starting and stopping Stash.

Migrate Stash to the MySQL database

You can migrate Stash to the MySQL database created above, either from the embedded database or from another external database.

The migration process makes a backup of your existing Stash database in exports under the Stash home directory. See Data recovery and backups for further information about backing up Stash.

Run the migration as follows:

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.

See these notes about database migration.

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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. See Getting started.
- 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. On Stash UI go to Administration >> Database and use the 'Migrate Database' button.

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

#### 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 Stash database

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.
- Note that Stash requires the database to keep idle connections alive for at least 10 minutes. If the database is configured with less than a 10 minute connection timeout, there will be seemingly random connection errors.

The format of the command to create a user in Oracle is:

```sql
CREATE USER <user>
    IDENTIFIED BY <password>
    DEFAULT TABLESPACE USERS
    QUOTA UNLIMITED ON USERS;
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.

```sql
CREATE USER stash
    IDENTIFIED BY jdHyd6Sn21
    DEFAULT TABLESPACE USERS
    QUOTA UNLIMITED ON USERS;
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.

Stash will generally require about 25–30 connections to the database. The maximum number of connections is a configurable system property – see Database pool.
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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<th>Hostname</th>
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<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>The TCP port with which Stash can connect to the database server. The default value is the default port that Oracle runs against. You can change that if you know the port that your Oracle instance is using.</td>
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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 SIDs or TNS Alias to identify themselves; it requires the fully qualified Service Name instead.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Database username</td>
<td>The username that Stash should use to access the database.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Database password</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. see Starting and stopping Stash.

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. See Getting started.
- 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. On Stash UI go to Administration >> Database and use the 'Migrate Database' button.

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.

On this page:
- Prerequisites
- Connect Stash to the PostgreSQL database
- Install the JDBC driver

Related pages:
- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Connecting Stash to MySQL
- Connecting Stash to Oracle
- Connecting Stash to SQL Server

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.
- Note that Stash requires the database to keep idle connections alive for at least 10 minutes. If the database is configured with less than a 10 minute connection timeout, there will be seemingly random connection errors.

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.

```sql
CREATE ROLE stashuser WITH LOGIN PASSWORD 'jellyfish' VALID UNTIL 'infinity';
CREATE DATABASE stash WITH ENCODING='UTF8' OWNER=stashuser CONNECTION LIMIT=-1;
```

If the server that is hosting the PostgreSQL database is not the same server as Stash, then please ensure that the Stash server can connect to the database server. Please also refer to the PostgreSQL documentation on how to set up pg_hba.conf. If the pg_hba.conf file is not set properly, remote communication to the PostgreSQL server will fail.

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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<td><strong>Database name</strong></td>
<td>The name of the database that Stash should connect to.</td>
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<td><strong>Database username</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Database password</strong></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 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. See Starting and stopping Stash.

**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. See Getting started.
- 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. On Stash UI go to Administration >> Database and use the ‘Migrate Database’ button.

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.
On this page:
- Prerequisites
- Connect Stash to the SQL Server database
- Use Integrated Authentication or 'Windows Authentication Mode' (Optional)
- Install the JDBC driver

Related pages:
- Transitioning from jTDS to Microsoft’s JDBC driver
- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Connecting Stash to MySQL
- Connecting Stash to Oracle
- Connecting Stash to PostgreSQL

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 Stash 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>
<td>e.g. stash. Remember this database name for the connection step below.</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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set the isolation level</td>
<td>Configure the database to use the isolation level, Read Committed with Row Versioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create a database user</td>
<td>e.g. stasher. 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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set database user permissions</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable TCP/IP</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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

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.

Note also that Stash requires the database to keep idle connections alive for at least 10 minutes. If the database is configured with less than a 10 minute connection timeout, there will be seemingly random connection errors.

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):

```sql
SQL Server> CREATE DATABASE stash
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> USE stash
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> ALTER DATABASE stash SET ALLOW_SNAPSHOT_ISOLATION ON
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> ALTER DATABASE stash SET READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT ON
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> ALTER DATABASE stash COLLATE SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CS_AS
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> SET NOCOUNT OFF
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> USE master
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> CREATE LOGIN stashuser WITH PASSWORD=N'password', DEFAULT_DATABASE=stash, CHECK_EXPIRATION=OFF, CHECK_POLICY=OFF
SQL Server> GO
SQL Server> ALTER AUTHORIZATION ON DATABASE::stash TO stashuser
SQL Server> GO
```

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**.

<table>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Hostname</strong></th>
<th>The host name or IP address of the computer running the database server.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Port</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Database name</strong></td>
<td>The name of the database that Stash should connect to.</td>
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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](https://issues.atlassian.com/browse/STASH-3035)). 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. (Note that this user is generally a Windows Domain User Account, but should not be a member of any administrators groups, that is local, domain, or enterprise.)

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. See [Starting and stopping Stash](#).

If Stash was configured to use Microsoft SQL Server by manually entering a JDBC URL, please refer to this guide.

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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:

```properties
jdbc.url=jdbc:sqlserver://localhost:1433;integratedSecurity=true
jdbc.user=sa
jdbc.password=sa
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jdbc.user=sa
jdbc.password=sa
```
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.

On this page:

- First steps
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  2. Move Stash to a different machine
  3. Update the Stash configuration

Related pages:
- Supported platforms
- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Stash upgrade guide

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.
- Make sure you have created a user in Stash (not in your external user directory) that has System Administrator global permissions so as to avoid being locked out of Stash in case the new server does not have access to your external user directory.

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 cache directories. 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 Stash home directory 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` base URL, 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.mycompany.com").
3. Click Save.

### 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 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.

#### 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.

Set up in the repository settings

1. Go to the repository’s settings.
2. Click Hooks in the left-hand navigation.
3. Click Enable for the 'Post-Receive Webhooks' item. You can add up to 5 URLs for where Stash should send its update messages:
4. Press Save.

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 name of 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": "2c847c4e9c2421d038fff26ba82bc859ae6ebe20",
```


"toHash":"f259e9032cdeb1e28d073e8a79a1fd6f9587f233",
"type":"UPDATE"
},
"changesets":{
  "size":1,
  "limit":100,
  "isLastPage":true,
  "values":[
    {
      "fromCommit":{
        "id":"2c847c4e9c2421d038fff26ba82bc859ae6ebe20",
        "displayId":"2c847c4"
      },
      "toCommit":{
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        },
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        "parents":{
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    "size":2,
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        "path":{
          "components":{
            "iridium-common",
            "pom.xml"
          },
          "parent":"iridium-common",
          "name":"pom.xml",
          "extension":"xml",
          "toString":"iridium-common/pom.xml"
        },
        "executable":false,
        "percentUnchanged":-1,
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        "nodeType":"FILE",
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          "rel":"self"
        }
      }
    ]
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"extension":"xml",
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}
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"filter":null
},
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"rel":"self"
}
],
"start":0,
Properties

Some of the system-wide properties for the Webhook Plugin can be overridden in the Stash configuration file. The available properties are listed in Stash config properties.

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 in the 'Settings' 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.

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<td>The server configuration has changed e.g. the display name or the base url.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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<td>BackupEvent</td>
<td>Audited at the beginning and the end of a system backup.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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<tr>
<td>LicenseChangedEvent</td>
<td>The server license has changed.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MailHostConfigurationChangedEvent</td>
<td>The servers 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>
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<td>DirectoryDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a new directory is deleted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GroupCreatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a new group is created in the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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<tr>
<td>GroupUpdatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a new group is updated (not when membership changes) in the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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<tr>
<td>GroupDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a new group is deleted from the internal directory.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GroupMembershipCreatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user is added to a group in the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GroupMembershipDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user is removed from a group in the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserAuthenticatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user is successfully authenticated (logged in).</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserAuthenticationFailedInvalidAuthenticationEvent</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserCreatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user is created in the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserCredentialUpdatedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user changes password in the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user is deleted from the internal directory.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserRenamedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when the username of a user is changed in the internal directory.</td>
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**Permission events**

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<tr>
<td>GlobalPermissionGrantedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user or group is granted a global permission (e.g. create project).</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GlobalPermissionRevokedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user or group has a global permission revoked.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectPermissionGrantedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user or group is granted a permission for a specific project.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ProjectPermissionRevokedEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user or group has a permission for a specific project revoked.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryPermissionEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a user or group has a permission for a specific repository altered.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RestrictedRefEvent</td>
<td>Children of this event are fired when a restricted ref is altered.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
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**Project events**

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<td>ProjectAvatarUpdatedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a project avatar has been successfully updated.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<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>
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**Repository events**

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<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>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryCreationFailedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when an attempt to create a repository fails.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryCreationRequestedEvent</td>
<td>Raised just before a repository is created; can be cancelled.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryForkedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a repository is forked successfully.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryForkFailedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when an attempt to fork a repository fails.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryForkRequestedEvent</td>
<td>Raised just before a repository is forked; can be cancelled.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryDefaultBranchModifiedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when the default branch of a repository is reconfigured (typically through repository settings).</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryDeletedEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a repository is deleted.</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryDeletionRequestedEvent</td>
<td>Raised just before a repository is deleted; can be cancelled.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryOtherReadEvent</td>
<td>Raised when the server uploads a pack file to the client via HTTP.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryOtherWriteEvent</td>
<td>Raised when the server receives a pack file from the client via HTTP.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryPullEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a Git client pulls from a repository (only when new content is sent to the client).</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RepositoryPushEvent</td>
<td>Raised when a Git client pushed to a repository.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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### Pull request events

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<td>PullRequestEvent</td>
<td>Fired at different points in the pull request lifecycle (declined, merged, opened, reopened, rescoped [code updated], updated, approved, unapproved, participants updated).</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
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### Plugin events

See this [plugin documentation](#) for details of when these events below are triggered.

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<td>PluginDisabledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin has been disabled, either by the system or a user.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginEnabledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin has been enabled, either by the system or a user.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginModuleDisabledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin module has been disabled, either by the system or a user.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginModuleEnabledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin module has been enabled, either by the system or a user.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginModuleUnavailableEvent</td>
<td>Signifies a plugin module is now unavailable outside the usual installation process.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginUninstalledEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when a plugin is explicitly uninstalled (as opposed to as part of an upgrade).</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginUpgradedEvent</td>
<td>Signifies that a plugin has been upgraded at runtime.</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginContainerUnavailableEvent</td>
<td>Occurs when the container of a plugin is being shutdown, usually as a result of the server being stopped.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginModuleAvailableEvent</td>
<td>Signifies that a plugin module is now available outside the usual installation process.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PluginFrameworkStartedEvent</td>
<td>Signifies that the plugin framework has been started and initialized.</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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### SSH key events

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</table>
### SshKeyCreatedEvent

**Occurs when:**
- an SSH key is added for a user, or
- an access key is added to a project or repository and the key has not yet been used on any other projects or repositories.

**Severity:** HIGH

### SshKeyDeletedEvent

**Occurs when:**
- an SSH key is removed from a user, or
- an access key is removed from a project or repository and it is no longer being used by any other projects or repositories.

**Severity:** HIGH

### SshKeyAccessGrantedEvent

**Occurs when** an access key is given access to a project or repository.

**Severity:** HIGH

### SshKeyAccessRevokedEvent

**Occurs when** an access key is removed from a project or repository.

**Severity:** HIGH

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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:**
- Running the Stash installer
- Starting and stopping Stash
- Install Stash from an archive file
- Running Stash as a Linux service
- Running Stash as a Windows service
- Scaling Stash
- High availability for Stash
- Stash config properties
- Proxying and securing Stash
- Enabling SSH access to Git repositories in Stash
- Changing the port that Stash listens on
- Moving Stash to a different context path
- Running Stash with a dedicated user
- Stash debug logging
- Data recovery and backups
- Lockout recovery process
- Using diff transcoding in Stash

**Related pages:**
- Administering Stash
- Supported platforms
- Stash FAQ

## Running the Stash installer

This page provides information about aspects of running the Stash installer. For high-level information about installing and using Stash see [Getting started](#).

The installer will:
- install Stash into a fresh directory (note that installer does not perform an in-place upgrade).
- install a supported version of the Java JRE, which is only available to Stash, if necessary.
- launch Stash when it finishes.

**Install Stash as a service**

On Linux and Windows systems, the installer can install Stash as a service.
A service account named 'atlstash' will be created.

On Linux:

- The 'atlstash' account will be a locked account (it cannot be used to log in to the system).
- The init.d script will be linked to run levels 2, 3, 4 and 5. If you wish to change this, you will need to configure it manually.

Windows:

- The installer generates a password for the service account. As a Windows administrator, you can update the account password if you wish to own the account. You'll also need to update the log on credentials for the service:

![Atlassian Stash Properties (Local Computer) window](image)

- The 'atlstash' account will be configured with SeServiceLogonRight so that it can be used by the service. It will also be configured with SeDenyBatchLogonRight, SeDenyInteractiveLogonRight, SeDenyNetworkLogonRight, and SeDenyRemoteInteractiveLogonRight so that it cannot be used to log into the machine.

Console and unattended mode

The Stash installer has three modes:

- GUI mode: the default mode for the installer is to display a GUI installer.
- Console mode: if the installer is invoked with the `-c` argument, the interaction with the user is performed in the terminal from which the installer was invoked.
- Unattended mode: if the installer is invoked with the `-q` argument, there is no interaction with the user and the installation is performed automatically with the default values.

Unattended mode also allows you to supply a response file with a `-varfile` option, to supply answers for all questions that are used instead of the defaults. An example response file is:
Example response file

```
// Should Stash be installed as a Service? Must be ADMIN (default: true if the process is running with administrator rights, false otherwise). If false, the home and installation directories must be specified to point to directories owned by the user
app.install.service$Boolean=true

// The ports Stash should bind to (defaults: portChoice=default, httpPort=7990, serverPort=8006)
portChoice=custom
httpPort=7990
serverPort=8006

// Path to the Stash HOME directory (default: /var/atlassian/application-data/stash if the process is running with administrator rights, ~/atlassian/application-data/stash otherwise)
app.stashHome=/var/atlassian/application-data/stash

// The target installation directory (default: /opt/atlassian/stash/<VERSION> if the process is running with administrator rights, ~/atlassian/stash/<VERSION> otherwise)
sys.installationDir=/opt/atlassian/stash/<VERSION>
```

For more information see this page.

Starting and stopping Stash

There are a few ways that you can start and stop Stash:

- **At install time**
- **When Stash runs as a service**
- **Manually**

At install time

The Stash installer automatically starts Stash.

On Windows and Linux systems you can choose to have Stash installed as a service.

When Stash runs as a service

If Stash is installed as a service on Windows and Linux systems, it will be started automatically when the system boots, of course. The Stash service can also be started and stopped from the admin console, on Windows.

On Mac OS X, you will need to restart Stash manually, as described below.

Manually

You can start and stop Stash manually as follows:

**Windows**

Start and stop Stash using the Stash items in the Windows Start menu. Use the URL item there to visit Stash in your default browser.
Alternatively, start Stash from a command prompt, by changing directory to the `<Stash installation directory>` and running the following command:

```
bin\start-stash.bat
```

Stop Stash manually by changing directory to the `<Stash installation directory>` and running the following command:

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

**Linux**

Start and stop Stash manually using the scripts provided.

Start Stash by changing directory in a terminal to the `<Stash installation directory>` and running:

```
bin/start-stash.sh
```

Stop Stash by changing directory in a terminal to the `<Stash installation directory>` and running:

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

**Mac**

Start and stop Stash manually using the app icons (shown above) in the `<Stash installation directory>`. These simply link to the `start-stash.sh` and `stop-stash.sh` scripts in `<Stash installation directory>/bin`.

Use the URL icon to visit Stash in your default browser.

**Install Stash from an archive file**

This page describes how to manually install Stash from an archive file. However, we strongly recommend that you use the Stash installer instead, for a quick and troublefree install experience.

See also:

- Chef recipe for Stash
- Puppet/Vagrant How-To

1. **Check supported platforms**

Check the Supported platforms page for details of the application servers, databases, operating systems, web browsers and Java and Git versions 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.
2. Check your version of Java

In a terminal or command prompt, run this:

```
java -version
```

The version of Java should be 1.7.x or 1.8.x. You'll need a 64-bit version of Java if you have a 64-bit operating system.

**On Linux, if you don't see a supported version, then get Java...**

**Install Java**

Download Java Server JRE from [Oracle's website](#), and install it.

Now try running '``java -version``' again to check the installation. The version of Java should be 1.7.x or 1.8.x.

Check that the system can find Java

In a terminal, run this:

```
echo $JAVA_HOME
```

You should see a path like `/usr/jdk/jdk1.7.0`.

If you don't see a path, then set JAVA_HOME

Do one of the following:

- If `JAVA_HOME` is not set, log in with 'root' level permissions and run:

  ```
echo JAVA_HOME="path/to/JAVA_HOME" >> /etc/environment
  ```

  where `path/to/JAVA_HOME` may be like: `/usr/jdk/jdk1.7.0`

- If `JAVA_HOME` needs to be changed, open the `/etc/environment` file in a text editor and modify the value for `JAVA_HOME` to:

  ```
  JAVA_HOME="path/to/JAVA_HOME"
  ```

  It should look like: `/usr/jdk/jdk1.7.0`

**On Mac OS X, if you don't see a supported version, then get Java...**
Install Java

Download Java Server JRE from Oracle's website, and install it.

Now try running `java -version` again to check the installation. The version of Java should be 1.7.x or 1.8.x.

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/`.

If you don't see a path, then set JAVA_HOME

Open your `~/.profile` file in a text editor and insert:

```
JAVA_HOME="path/to/JAVA_HOME"
export JAVA_HOME
```

where `path/to/JAVA_HOME` may be like: `/System/Library/Frameworks/JavaVM.framework/Versions/CurrentJDK/Home/`

Refresh your `~/.profile` in the terminal and confirm that JAVA_HOME is set:

```
source ~/.profile
$JAVA_HOME/bin/java -version
```

You should see a version of Java that is 1.7.x or 1.8.x, like this:

```
java version "1.7.0_1"
```

On Windows, if you don't see a supported version, then get Java...

Install Java

Download Java Server JRE from Oracle's website, and install it.

Now try running `java -version` again to check the installation. The version of Java should be 1.7.x or 1.8.x.

Check that the system 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, then set JAVA_HOME
Stage 1. Locate the JRE installation directory

If you already know the installation path for the Java Runtime Environment, go to Stage 2 below. Otherwise, find the installation path by following these instructions:

1. If you didn’t change the installation path for the Java Runtime Environment during installation, it will be in a directory under C:\Program Files\Java. Using Explorer, open the directory C:\Program Files\Java.

2. Inside that path will be one or more subdirectories such as C:\Program Files\Java\jre7.

Stage 2. Set the JAVA_HOME variable

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.
Stage 1. Locate the JRE installation directory

If you already know the installation path for the Java Runtime Environment, go to Stage 2 below. Otherwise, find the installation path by following these instructions:

1. If you didn’t change the installation path for the Java Runtime Environment during installation, it will be in a directory under C:\Program Files\Java. Using Explorer, open the directory C:\Program Files\Java.
2. Inside that path will be one or more subdirectories such as C:\Program Files\Java\jre7.

Stage 2. Set the JAVA_HOME variable

Once you have identified the JRE installation path:

1. Right-click the My Computer icon on your desktop and select Properties.
2. Click the Advanced tab.
3. Click the Environment Variables button.
5. Enter the variable name as JAVA_HOME.
6. Enter the variable value as the installation path for the Java Development Kit. Don’t use a trailing backslash, and don’t wrap the value in quotes.
   - If your Java installation directory has a space in its path name, you should use the shortened path name (e.g. C:\Progra~1\Java\jre7) in the environment variable instead.

7. Click OK.
8. Click Apply Changes.
9. Close any command window which was open before you made these changes, and open a new command window. There is no way to reload environment variables from an active command prompt. If the changes do not take effect even after reopening the command window, restart Windows.

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.

3. Check your versions of Git and Perl

In a terminal or 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, either install or upgrade them – see Installing and upgrading Git.

4. 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 Stash installation directory in these instructions.
Note that you should use the same user account to both extract Stash and to run Stash (in Step 6.) to avoid possible permission issues at startup. For production installations, we recommend that you create a new dedicated user that will run Stash on your system. See Running Stash with a dedicated user.

5. Tell Stash where to store your data

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

If you are upgrading Stash, simply update the value of STASH_HOME in the <Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv file for the new Stash installation directory to point to your existing Stash home directory (but if you use a STASH_HOME environment variable to specify the home directory location then no change is required).

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 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:

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.

Tell Stash where you created it by setting a STASH_HOME environment variable, for Windows 7, as follows:

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 few things to know about setting up the Stash home directory on Windows that will make life easier:

- 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.

6. Start Stash!

There are a couple of ways in which you can start Stash – see Starting and stopping Stash.

Now, 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.
- Enter your Stash license key.
- Set the base URL for Stash.
- Set up an administrator account.
- 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 described on Using Stash in the enterprise. The aspects described there are not necessary when you are installing for evaluation purposes only.

If you wish to install Stash as a service on Linux or Windows, see either of:

- Running Stash as a Linux service
- Running Stash as a Windows service

Stopping Stash (optional)

See Starting and stopping Stash.

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

- The Stash installer for Linux installs Stash as a service – see Getting started. The information on this page only applies if you are manually installing or upgrading Stash.
- 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.

For production use on a Linux server, Stash should be configured to run as a Linux service, that is, as a daemon process. This has the following advantages:

- Stash can be automatically restarted when the operating system restarts.
- Stash can be automatically restarted if it stops for some reason.
- Stash is less likely to be accidentally shut down, as can happen if the terminal Stash was manually started in is closed.
- Logs from the Stash JVM can be properly managed by the service.

This page describes the following approaches to running Stash as a service on Linux:

- Use the Java Service Wrapper, which allows 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.
- Use a `systemctl` 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
- Running on system boot
- Using a systemctl script on Fedora

Related pages:

- Install Stash from an archive file

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

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
```

3. 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

```

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# 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

[ -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_daemon_msg 0 ;;
            2) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_daemon_msg 1 ;;
        esac
        ;;
    stop)
        [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_daemon_msg "Stopping $DESC" "$NAME"
        do_stop
        case "$?" in
            0|1) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_daemon_msg 0 ;;
            2) [ "$VERBOSE" != no ] && log_daemon_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
            ;;
    esac
    *)
        echo "Usage: $SCRIPTNAME {start|stop|status|restart|force-reload}" >&2
Running on system boot

1. To start on system boot, add the script to the start up process.
   For Ubuntu (and other Debian derivatives) use:
   
   ```
   exit 3
   ;;
   esac
   ```
   
   For RHEL (and derivates) use:
   
   ```
   chkconfig --add stash --level 0356
   ```

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

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

Using a systemctl script on Fedora

Thanks to [Patrick Nelson](#) for calling out this approach, which he set up for a Fedora system. This approach does not restart Stash if it stops by itself.

1. Create a `stash.service` file in your `/usr/lib/systemd/system/` directory with the following lines:

   ```
   [Unit]
   Description=Atlassian Stash Service
   After=syslog.target network.target

   [Service]
   Type=forking
   ExecStart=/opt/atlassian-stash-2.5.0/bin/start-stash.sh
   ExecStop=/opt/atlassian-stash-2.5.0/bin/stop-stash.sh

   [Install]
   WantedBy=multi-user.target
   ```

   The values for `ExecStart` and `ExecStop` should be adjusted to match the path to your `<Stash installation directory>`.

2. Enable the service to start at boot time by running the following in a terminal:

   ```
   systemctl enable stash.service
   ```

3. Stop Stash, then restart the system, to check that Stash starts as expected.
4. Use the following commands to manage the service:

   ```
   systemctl enable stash.service
   ```

   Disable the service:
systemctl disable stash.service

Check that the service is set to start at boot time:

if [ -f /etc/systemd/system/*.wants/stash.service ]; then echo "On"; else echo "Off";fi

Manually start and stop the service:

systemctl start stash
systemctl stop stash

Check the status of Stash:

systemctl status stash

Running Stash as a Windows service

This page only applies...
... if you are manually installing or upgrading Stash from an archive file.

If you’re using the installer...
... you should read the Stash Getting started page instead.

Related pages...
- Running Stash as a Linux service
- Using Stash in the enterprise

We recommend that you use the Stash installer to install Stash as a service on Windows. It installs Stash as a service and creates items in the Windows 'Start' menu for starting and stopping Stash – see Getting started.

The information on this page only applies if you are manually installing or upgrading Stash from an archive file. See Install Stash from an archive file.

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.

System administration tasks are not supported by Atlassian. These instructions are only provided as a guide.

Prerequisites

- 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:`
On any Windows operating system with User Account Control (UAC) such as Windows Vista or Windows 7, simply logging in to Windows with an Administrator account will not be sufficient to execute the script in the procedure below. You must either disable UAC or run ‘cmd.exe’ as an administrator (e.g. by right-clicking on ‘cmd.exe’ and choosing Run as administrator).

Ensure the JAVA_HOME variable is set to the root of your Java platform’s installation directory. Note: Your JAVA_HOME cannot contain spaces, so the default Java installation directory of C:\Program Files\Java won’t work.

Stash should be run from a local dedicated user account that does not have admin privileges and that has read, write and execute access to the Stash home directory and the <Stash installation directory>. See Git Push Operations Extremely Slow on Windows.

When you run Stash as a Windows service, all settings in setenv.bat are ignored. Ensure that you have set STASH_HOME as a system environment variable, before running the service.bat script.

If you upgraded Stash from version 1.x to 2.x and Stash stopped running as a service you will need to reinstall the service according to instructions in the Stash upgrade guide.

Setting up Stash as a Windows service

The information in this section only applies if you are manually installing Stash as a Windows service. Alternatively, you can use the Stash installer for Windows to install Stash as a service – see the Stash Getting started page.

To run Stash as a Windows service:

1. Stop Stash.
2. Create a system environment variable with 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. Note that the Stash home directory should not be located inside the <Stash installation directory>. You must do this step before running the service.bat script in Step 5 below.
3. Open a Command Prompt (as an Administrator – see the ‘Prerequisites’ section above).
4. 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\..).
5. Run the following commands:

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

   This will create a service with the name “AtlassianStash” 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".
6. 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
   ```
7. Verify that the Stash service comes back up after restarting the machine.

Here is an example:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\atlassian-stash-2.0.0\bin>service.bat install
Installing the service 'AtlassianStash' ...
Using CATALINA_HOME: "C:\Program Files (x86)\atlassian-stash-2.0.0"
Using CATALINA_BASE: "C:\Program Files (x86)\atlassian-stash-2.0.0"
Using JAVA_HOME: "C:\Java\jre6"
Using JVM: "auto"
The service 'AtlassianStash' has been installed.
C:\Program Files (x86)\atlassian-stash-2.0.0\bin>tomcat7.exe //US//AtlassianStash
--Startup auto
C:\Program Files (x86)\atlassian-stash-2.0.0\bin>tomcat7.exe //US//AtlassianStash
--JvmMx 1024
C:\Program Files (x86)\atlassian-stash-2.0.0\bin>net start AtlassianStash
The Atlassian Stash service is starting.
The Atlassian Stash service was started successfully.
```

Troubleshooting

- If your service fails to start with "code 4", make sure you ran service.bat install in a Command Prompt running as an Administrator.

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 – there are many operations in Stash that require more memory and more CPUs when working with very large repositories. Furthermore, huge Git repositories (larger than a few GBs) are likely to impact the performance of the Git client – see this discussion.
- 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
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.

**Git process (blue line)**
- Memory usage slowly climbs to 270 MB while preparing the pack file.
- Memory stays at 270 MB while the pack file is transmitted to the client.
- Memory drops back to 0 when the pack file transmission is complete.

**Stash (red line)**
- Memory usage hovers around 800 MB and is not affected by the clone operation.

Git processes are executed outside of the Java virtual machine, and as a result the JVM memory settings do not apply to Git.
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. These limits can be adjusted – 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.

Overview of Stash

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 page provides an overview of the core strengths of Stash.

On this page:

- Git repository management
- Permissioning granularity - access control
- Enterprise focus
- User management
- Database support
- Supported platforms
- Security
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- Code reviews
- Integration with JIRA
- Integration with Bamboo CI
- Workflow strategies
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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, then quickly choose the users and groups who will be contributors to the project, and those who will be just observers.
Projects for repository management

Since projects rarely consist of a single repository, Stash provides a convenient Project structure. This helps you to organise and manage repositories, and provides the basis on which to manage access to your repositories.

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.

Permissioning granularity - access control

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...

Repository permissions

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.

Enterprise focus

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.

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.

User management

With LDAP, Crowd and JIRA support, you can manage a small team easily in Stash’s internal directory, or 500 developers in your corporate directory.

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**.

Database support

**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...**

Supported platforms

Security

**SSH support - authentication**

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...**
Code visibility

Code search

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.

Image diffs

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.

Code reviews

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.

Integration with JIRA

Issues

Pull requests

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.

Integration with Bamboo CI

Integration with Bamboo and other CI build tools

Workflow strategies

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.

Read more about using repository hooks in Stash.
Atlassian ecosystem

Marketplace add-ons

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.

Public API for custom integrations

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.

API for build status

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.

Read more about the build status API in our developer documentation.

Atlassian support

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 updating refs 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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<th>Method</th>
<th>Url</th>
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<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/protocols</td>
<td>Retrieve the protocols for which caching has been enabled.</td>
</tr>
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<td>HTTP Method</td>
<td>Endpoint</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td><strong>PUT</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/protocols/{protocol}</td>
<td>Enable caching of hosting requests for the protocol (HTTP or SSH).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DELETE</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/protocols/{protocol}</td>
<td>Disable caching of hosting requests for the protocol (HTTP or SSH).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GET</strong></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><strong>PUT</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/enabled/{status}</td>
<td>Enable (status = true) or disable (status = false) ref advertisement caching.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GET</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/ttl</td>
<td>Retrieve the expiry in seconds for the ref advertisement caches.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PUT</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/refs/ttl/{expiryInSec}</td>
<td>Set the expiry in seconds for the ref advertisement caches.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GET</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/upload-pack/enabled</td>
<td>Retrieve whether clone caching is enabled (true) or disabled (false).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PUT</strong></td>
<td>/rest/scm-cache/latest/config/upload-pack/enabled/{status}</td>
<td>Enable (status = true) or disable (status = false) clone caching.</td>
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**Stash production server data**

This page provides some data around the Stash production instance that we run internally at Atlassian. We're providing this to give some idea of how Stash performs in a production environment. Please realise that this information is entirely specific to this particular instance – the details of your own installation may result in different performance data.

This data was collected with New Relic in February 2013, when the server was running a pre-release version of Stash 2.2.

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- Git operations

**Hardware**

The Atlassian Stash production server runs on:

- Virtualised hardware
- 4 Hyper-threaded cores
- 12 GB RAM

**Load**

Load data summary for February 2013:

<table>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Load</th>
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<tr>
<td>CPU usage</td>
<td>less than 30% on average</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Metric</td>
<td>Details</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------</td>
<td>---------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Load average</td>
<td>less than 3 on average</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physical Memory</td>
<td>peaked at 31%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Processes | Git: 17.3% CPU  
Java: 18.8% CPU |
| Clones | on average less than 300ms |
| Git operations/hour | peaking at 11,000 with an average of about 3,500 |
| Concurrent connections/hour | peaking at 100 connections with an average of about 40 concurrent connections |
| CI running against Stash server | 3 build servers with approximately 300 agents |

**Server load**

![CPU usage](image1)

![Physical memory](image2)

![Disk I/O utilization](image3)

![Network I/O (Gbps)](image4)

**Git operations**

**Git clone operations**
Git operations - cache hit/miss

Git protocol usage per hour
High availability for Stash

If Stash is a critical part of your development workflow, maximizing application availability becomes an important consideration. This guide aims at providing the background information you need to be able to set up Stash in a highly available configuration. There are however many possible configurations for setting up a HA environment for Stash, depending on the infrastructure components and software (SAN, clustered databases, etc.) you have at your disposal. This guide aims at providing a high-level overview and describes a possible configuration in more detail.

Please note that your feedback and comments are welcome! We very much value additional lessons learned from your experience with alternative scenarios!

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High availability

High availability describes a set of practices aimed at delivering a specific level of "availability" by eliminating and/or mitigating failure via redundancy. Failure can result from unscheduled down-time due to network errors, hardware failures or application failures, but can also result from failed application upgrades. Practices for achieving high availability range from organizational concerns such as change management to automated failover procedures when system failures are detected. Setting up a highly available system involves:

- **Proactive Concerns**
  - Change Management (including Staging / Production instances for change implementation)
  - Create redundancy of network, application, storage and databases
  - Monitoring system(s) for both the network and applications

- **Reactive Concerns**
  - Technical Failover mechanism, either automatic or scripted semi-automatic with manual switchover
  - Standard Operating Procedure for guided actions during crisis situations

This guide assumes that processes such as change management are covered and will focus on redundancy / replication and failover procedures. When it comes to setting up your infrastructure to quickly recover from system or application failure, you have different options. These options vary in the level of uptime they can provide. In general, as the required uptime increases, the complexity of the infrastructure and the knowledge required to administer the environment increases as well (and by extension the cost goes up as well).

Understanding the availability requirements for Stash

Central version control systems such as Subversion, CVS, ClearCase and many others require the central server to be available for any operation that involves the version control system. Committing code, fetching the latest changes from the repository, switching branches or retrieving a diff all require access to the central version control system. If that server goes down, developers are severely limited in what they can do. They can continue coding until they're ready to commit, but then they're blocked.

Git is a distributed version control system and developers have a full clone of the repository on their machines. As a result, most operations that involve the version control system don't require access to the central repository. When Stash is unavailable developers are not blocked to the same extent as with a central version control system.

As a result, the availability requirements for Stash may be less strict than the requirements for say Subversion.

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<th>Consequences of Stash unavailability</th>
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<td><strong>Unaffected</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Developer:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Commit code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Create branch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Switch branches</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Diff commits and files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• ...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Fetch changes from fellow developers</td>
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Continuous Deployment:

- Clone repository

Failover options

High availability and recovery solutions can be categorized as follows:

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<th>Failover option</th>
<th>Recovery time</th>
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Automatic correction / restart 2-10 min (application failure) hours-days (system failure)

- Single node, no secondary server available
- Application and server are monitored
- Upon failure of production system, automatic restarting is conducted via scripting
- Disk or hardware failure may require reprovisioning of the server and restoring application data from a backup

Cold standby 2-10 min

- Secondary server is available
- Stash is NOT running on secondary server
- Filesystem and (optionally) database data is replicated between the ‘active’ server and the ‘standby’ server
- All requests are routed to the ‘active’ server
- On failure, Stash is started on the ‘standby’ server and shut down on the ‘active’ server. All requests are now routed to the ‘standby’ server, which becomes ‘active’.

Warm standby 0-30 sec

- Secondary service is available
- Stash is running on both the ‘active’ server and the ‘standby’ server, but all requests are routed to the ‘active’ server
- Filesystem and database data is replicated between the ‘active’ server and the ‘standby’ server
- All requests are routed to the ‘active’ server
- On failure, all requests are routed to the ‘standby’ server, which becomes ‘active’
- ❌ This configuration is currently not supported by Stash, because Stash uses in-memory caches and locking mechanisms. At this time, Stash only supports a single application instance writing to the Stash home directory at a time.

Automatic correction

Before implementing failover solutions for your Stash instance consider evaluating and leveraging automatic correction measures. These can be implemented through a monitoring service that watches your application and performs scripts to start, stop, kill or restart services.

1. A Monitoring Service detects that the system has failed.
2. A correction script attempts to gracefully shut down the failed system.
   a. If the system does not properly shut down after a defined period of time, the correction script kills the process.
3. After it is confirmed that the process is not running anymore, it is started again.
4. If this restart solved the failure, the mechanism ends.
   a. If the correction attempts are not or only partially successful a failover mechanism should be triggered, if one was implemented.

Cold standby

The cold standby (also called Active/Passive) configuration consists of two identical Stash servers, where only one server is ever running at a time. The Stash home directory on each of the servers is either a shared (and preferably highly available) network file system or is replicated from the active to the standby Stash server. When a system failure is detected, Stash is restarted on the active server. If the system failure persists, a failover mechanism is started that shuts down Stash on the active server and starts Stash on the standby server, which is promoted to ‘active’. At this time, all requests should be routed to the newly active server.

For each component in the chain of high availability measures, there are various implementation alternatives. Although Atlassian does not recommend any particular technology or product, this guide gives examples and options for each step. In the following, each component in the system is described and an example configuration is used to illustrate the descriptions.

System setup

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### Component | Description
--- | ---
Request Router | Forwards traffic from users to the active Stash instance.
High Availability Manager | Tracks the health of the application servers and decides when to fail over to a standby server and designate it as active.
 | Manages failover mechanisms and sends notifications on system failure.
Stash server | Each server hosts an identical Stash installation (identical versions).
 | Only one server is ever running a Stash instance at any one time (know as the active server).
 | All others are considered as standbys.
 | The Stash home directory resides on a replicated or shared file system visible to all application servers (described in more detail below).
 | The Stash home directory must never be modified when the server is in standby mode.
Stash DB | The production database, which should be highly available. How this is achieved is not explored in this document. See the following database vendor-specific information on the HA options available to you:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Database</th>
<th>More Information</th>
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Example HA implementation

⚠️ This particular implementation is provided to illustrate the concepts, but hasn't been tested in production. We strongly recommend that you devise a solution that best fits your organisation's existing best practices and standards and is thoroughly tested for production readiness.

The example configuration that we’ll use to illustrate the concepts consists of a Linux cluster of two nodes. Each node is a CentOS server with Java, Git and Stash installed. Stash’s home directory is replicated between the
nodes using **DRBD**, a block-level disk replication mechanism. The cluster is managed by **CMAN**. **Pacemaker**, a high availability resource manager, is used to manage two HA resources: Stash and a Virtual IP. Pacemaker runs on each machine, elects the 'primary' node for Stash and starts Stash on this node. The Virtual IP resource is configured to run on the same node as the Stash resource, removing the need for a separate 'request router' component. Pacemaker monitors Stash and when it detects a failure tries to restart Stash on the primary node. If the restart fails, or does not resolve the issues, it fails over to the secondary node. The Virtual IP resource is configured to run on the same node as the Stash resource and will also be moved to the secondary node.

Scripts to create a virtual network based on this example configuration using packer, vagrant and VirtualBox can be found in the **stash-ha-example** repository. Specifically, the scripts for installing the required software components can be found in the **packer/scripts** directory. The scripts for configuring the cluster can be found in the **vagrant/scripts** directory.

### Request router

All high availability solutions are based on redundancy, monitoring and failover. In the cold standby approach, only one server is running Stash at a time. It is the request router's responsibility to route all incoming requests to the node that is currently the primary node. For full high availability, the request router should be highly available itself, meaning that the component is monitored by the HA manager and can be failed over to a redundant copy in the network.

#### Requirements

- Routes all incoming requests to the node that is currently the 'primary' node
- Should be highly available itself

#### Options

- **HAproxy**
- **Keepalived**
- **LVS**
- **LinuxHA**
- various commercial solutions

#### Solution in example HA implementation

The example HA implementation does not include a separate Request Router server. Instead it includes a virtual IP HA resource that is co-located with the Stash resource. The virtual IP resource is managed by Pacemaker and will be moved to the standby node when the Stash resource fails over to the standby node.

### Data replication

Stash stores its data in two places: the Stash home directory and the database that you have configured. The Stash home directory contains, among other things, the Git repositories being managed by Stash (with some additional Stash-specific files and directories), installed plugins, caches and log files. The database contains, among other things, your project and repository information and metadata, pull requests data and the data for your installed plugins.

Data in Stash's home directory and in the database are very tightly coupled. For instance, repository pull
requests have their metadata, participants and comments stored in the database but certain Git-oriented information around merging and conflicts (which are used to display the diffs in the user interface) are stored in the managed Git repositories. If the two were to fall out of sync you might see an incorrect pull request diff, you might be left unable to merge the pull request, or Stash may simply refuse to display the pull request at all. Similarly, Stash plugins are installed from jar files in the Stash home directory but their state is stored in the database. If the two were to fall out of sync then plugins may malfunction or not appear installed at all, thus degrading your Stash experience.

When designing a high availability solution for Stash based on a replicated file system and database, it’s important that the file system replication is atomic. The replicated file system must be a consistent snapshot of the ‘active’ filesystem. This is important because changes to a Git repository happen in predictable ways: first the objects (files, trees and commits) are written to disk, followed by updates of the refs (branches and tags). Some synchronisation tools such as rsync perform file-by-file syncing, which can result in an inconsistent Git repository if the repository is modified while the sync is happening (for example, if object files have not been synced, but the updated refs have been).

Furthermore, the tight coupling between the Stash home directory and database makes it essential that the Stash home directory and database are always consistent and in sync (see here for more information). By extension, this means that any high availability solution based on a replicated file system and database needs to ensure that the replicated file system and database are in sync. For example, if the replication is based on hourly synchronisation to a standby node, care must be taken to ensure that the synchronisation of the database and filesystem happen at the same time.

**Requirements**

- File system replication must replicate a consistent snapshot of Stash's home directory.
- The database and the file system must be replicated at the same time.

**Options**

- DRBD
- LVM
- SAN
- NAS
- various commercial solutions

**Solution in example HA implementation**

The example HA implementation uses a DRBD managed block device for its Stash home directory. By default, DRBD runs in a Primary/Secondary configuration in which only a single node can mount the DRBD managed volume at a time. In this configuration, DRBD should be managed by Pacemaker to ensure that the DRBD volume is co-located with the Stash resource.

In preparation for experimentation with an Active/Active configuration, the example HA implementation has configured DRBD in a dual-primary configuration, which allows both nodes to mount the DRBD managed volume at the same time.

**Monitoring**

To allow for monitoring in a high availability environment, Stash, since version 2.10, has supported a REST-based health check endpoint at `/status` that describes the current health of the instance. This endpoint supports only the GET verb and requires no authentication, XSRF protection header values, or mime-type headers. The `/status` endpoint has been designed to return sane output even when Stash is currently unavailable as a result of database migration or backup. Please note that other URLs such as `/login` or `/rest /api/latest/application-properties` will redirect to the maintenance page when Stash is performing database migration or backup. Using these endpoints may unintentionally trigger failover when these URLs are used for monitoring the health of the system.

Example usage:
The following is a list of the responses the `/status` health check endpoint will return:

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<th>HTTP Status Code</th>
<th>Response entity</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>{&quot;state&quot;:&quot;RUNNING&quot;}</td>
<td>Stash is running normally</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>{&quot;state&quot;:&quot;ERROR&quot;}</td>
<td>Stash is in an error state</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>{&quot;state&quot;:&quot;MAINTENANCE&quot;}</td>
<td>Stash is in maintenance mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>{&quot;state&quot;:&quot;STARTING&quot;}</td>
<td>Stash is starting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>{&quot;state&quot;:&quot;STOPPING&quot;}</td>
<td>Stash is stopping</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>{&quot;state&quot;:&quot;FIRST_RUN&quot;}</td>
<td>Stash is running for the first time and has not yet been configured</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>404</td>
<td></td>
<td>Stash failed to start up in an unexpected way (the web application failed to deploy)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If a connection error occurs when trying to connect to the endpoint (but the server is reachable) then Tomcat has failed to start.

**Monitoring frequency**

Stash's health check is simple and not resource intensive. You should feel free to check as often as is deemed necessary to maximise continuity of Stash in your organisation. We do recommend, however, to not check more frequently than every 15 seconds so that the HA resource manager / cluster does not mistake transitory slowdowns such as stop-the-world garbage collection in Stash's JVM. We recommend a monitor timeout of 30 seconds because the first check after startup can be fairly slow. After startup completes, the check should take only a few milliseconds.

**Requirements**

- Monitoring scripts must use the `/status` URL. Any other URL may redirect to the maintenance page when a backup is being performed, unintentionally triggering failover.
- When a request to `/status` returns anything other than a 200 status code, Stash should be considered to be in an error state and should be failed over the standby node.

**Solution in example HA implementation**

The example HA implementation includes an OCF compliant script that's used for monitoring Stash's health. The script can be found [here](#).
Failover

The following table outlines how we recommend that your HA resource manager responds to failure events:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Response</th>
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<tr>
<td>Network connection from the request router to Stash is lost</td>
<td>Failover to a secondary node</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server failure</td>
<td>Failover to a secondary node</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stash crashes completely</td>
<td>Restart Stash on the active node</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stash reaches its memory limits (OOME)</td>
<td>Restart Stash on the active node</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stash loses connection to the database</td>
<td>Nothing. Stash will recover when the database comes back on line. Stash on another node will also fail to start if the database is unavailable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The database is reported down</td>
<td>Nothing. Stash will recover when the database recovers. Stash on another node will also fail to start.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stash fails to start up (e.g. wrong Git binary version)</td>
<td>Nothing. Manual intervention required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Stash on another node will also fail to start.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Split brain

A split-brain condition results when a cluster of nodes encounters a network partition and multiple nodes believe the others are dead and proceed to take over the cluster resources. In the context of a Stash HA installation this would involve multiple Stash instances running concurrently and making filesystem and database changes, potentially causing the filesystem and database to fall out of sync. As previously noted this must not be permitted to happen. There are several ways to address this:

Network redundancy

This involves configuring redundant and independent communications paths between nodes in the cluster. If you maximise the connectivity between nodes you minimise the likelihood of a network partition and a split brain. This is a preventative measure but it is still sometimes possible for the network to partition.

Resource fencing

This involves ensuring that the first node that believes the others are dead ‘fences off’ access to the resource that other nodes (which appear dead but may still be alive) may try to access. The losing nodes are prevented from making modifications, therefore maintaining consistency. In a Stash HA, the resources that would need to be fenced are the database and the replicated file system.

Node fencing or STONITH

This is a more aggressive tactic and again involves the first node that believes the others are dead, but instead of fencing off access to particular resources, it denies all resource access to them. This is most commonly achieved by power-cycling the losing nodes (aka "Shoot The Other Node In The Head" or STONITH). In a Stash HA, this would involve power-cycling the losing Stash servers.

Requirements

- The application should fail over to a secondary node when a server failure is detected by the cluster manager (that is, the whole node is down or unreachable).
- When an application failure is detected, the application should be restarted. If restarting does not resolve the issue, the application should be failed over to a secondary node.

Solution in example HA implementation

The example implementation uses Pacemaker to manage failover. Pacemaker in turn uses the provided OCF
script to properly shut down the failing Stash and start Stash on the secondary node.

Please note that the vagrant provisioning script in the example implementation contains a simplified configuration that is aimed at testing failover. It configures Stash to immediately failover to a secondary node, without attempting to restart the application. It also disables the STONITH feature for ease of testing. In a production system, at least one restart should be attempted before failing over and STONITH should be enabled to handle 'split brain' occurrences.

**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/shared 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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### audit.highest.priority.to.log=HIGH

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.

### audit.details.max.length=1024

Defines the number of characters that can be stored as details for a single audit entry.

### plugin.stash-audit.max.entity.rows=500

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.

### plugin.stash-audit.cleanup.batch.size=1000

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.

### plugin.stash-audit.cleanup.run.interval=24

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.

### Authentication

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<td>plugin.auth-crowd.sso.enabled=false</td>
<td>Whether SSO support should be enabled or not. Regardless this setting SSO authentication will only be activated when a Crowd directory is configured in Stash that configure SSO.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.validationinterval=3

The number of minutes cache authentication validation the session; this value may be set to 0, e.g. HTTP request without authenticating with the Crowd server.

plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.lastvalidation=atl.crowd.sso.lastvalidation

The session key to use when storing a Date value of the user's last authentication.

plugin.auth-crowd.sso.session.tokenkey=atl.crowd.sso.tokenkey

The session key to use when storing a String value of the user's authentication token.

Avatars

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<tr>
<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.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>This configuration setting is DEPRECATED. It will be removed in Stash 3.0. Use avatar.url.default instead.</td>
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<tr>
<td>avatar.max.dimension=1024</td>
<td>Controls the max height and 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 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 will substantially increase the amount of heap used while processing avatars and may result in OutOfMemoryErrors. Value is in PIXELS.</td>
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<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 avatar.url.format.http avatar.url.format.https 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 avatar.gravatar.default setting, which should ensure the 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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### Backup

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<td>backup.drain.database.timeout=60</td>
<td>Defines the number of seconds Stash will wait for connections to the database to drain and latch in preparation for a backup. Value is in SECONDS.</td>
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### Changesets

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<td>changeset.diff.context=10</td>
<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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<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>indexing.process.timeout.execution=3600</td>
<td>Controls how long indexing processes are allowed to execute before they are interrupted, even if they are producing output or consuming input. Value is in SECONDS.</td>
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Commit graph cache

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<tr>
<td>commit.graph.cache.min.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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>commit.graph.cache.max.threads=2</td>
<td>Defines the number of threads that will be used to create commit graph cache entries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>commit.graph.cache.max.job.queue=1000</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of pending cache creation jobs.</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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| jdbc.driver=org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver | 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 <Stash home directory> currently bundles these other JDBC drivers:  
  - org.postgresql.Driver (more info)  
  - com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver (more info)  
  - oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver |
| jdbc.url=jdbc:hsqldb:${stash.home}/data/db;shutdown=true | This is the JDBC url that Stash will use to connect to the database. This should include the driver subprotocol (e.g., postgresql), the hostname, port and database to 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. |
| jdbc.user=SA | 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 jdbc.url. |
| jdbc.password= | The password that the user defined by jdbc.user will connect with. |
| jdbc.ignoreunsupported=false | Allows using a given database, even though it is supported. This is not intended to be 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. |

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](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.

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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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<td>If you configure your JDBC driver to use loadbalancing or failover with the Stash server, you may need to set <code>db.pool.cache.statements=0</code>. Please note that Stash does not yet (as of version 2.8) support DB redundancy, and that this configuration change is not supported by Atlassian.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>db.pool.connection.timeout=15</td>
<td>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 <strong>not</strong> be generous. Value is in SECONDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>db.pool.idle.maxAge=30</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>db.pool.idle.testInterval=10</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>db.pool.partition.connection.maximum=20</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of connections that may be open in a given partition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>db.pool.partition.connection.minimum=4</td>
<td>Defines the minimum number of connections open for a given partition. Each partition will open this many connections on startup. That means <code>db.pool.partition.connection.minimum</code> x <code>db.pool.partition.count</code> = initial connection count.</td>
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<tr>
<td>db.pool.partition.connection.threshold=10</td>
<td>Defines the threshold <strong>as a percentage of the maximum connections</strong> that each partition will attempt to keep available at all times. If the number of available connections drops to or below the threshold, <code>acquireIncrement</code> connections will be opened until the partition is above it again. <strong>Warning:</strong> 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 &quot;minimum&quot; per partition is 10 (5 + 5 <code>acquireIncrement</code>), or 40 connections at all times.</td>
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</table>
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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Events

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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### Executor
Controls the thread pool that is made available to plugins for asynchronous processing.

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<td><code>executor.max.threads=100</code></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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>executor.keepAliveTime=60</code></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 $\geq 1$. 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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<td>attachment.upload.max.size=10</td>
<td>Controls the file size limit for individual attachments to pull request comments and descriptions. Value is in MB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>feature.attachments=true</td>
<td>Controls whether attachments can be added to pull request comments and descriptions.</td>
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</table>
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 instance-level configuration. If this is set to false, even repositories which are marked as forkable cannot be forked.

feature.personal.repos=true

Controls whether personal repositories can be created. When set to false, personal repository creation is disabled globally in Stash.

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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hibernate.show_sql=false</td>
<td>Used to enable Hibernate SQL logging, which may be useful in debugging database issues. This value should generally only be set by developers.</td>
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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>
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<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>
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plugin.jira-integration.remote.timeout.socket=10000

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.

**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>
</tr>
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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>
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<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 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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>page.max.changesets=100</td>
<td>Maximum number of changesets (commits) per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>page.max.diff.lines=10000</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>
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<tr>
<td>page.max.directory.children=500</td>
<td>Maximum number of directory entries which may be returned for a given directory.</td>
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<td>page.max.directoryrecursive.children=100000</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>
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<tr>
<td>page.max.groups=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of groups per page.</td>
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<tr>
<td>page.max.index.results=50</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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<tr>
<td>page.max.projects=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of projects per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>page.max.repositories=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of repositories per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>page.max.source.length=5000</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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<tr>
<td>page.max.source.lines=5000</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>page.max.tags=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of tags per page.</td>
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<td>page.max.users=1000</td>
<td>Maximum number of users per page.</td>
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<tr>
<td>page.scan.pullrequest.activity.size=500</td>
<td>The size of the page Stash should use when scanning activities.</td>
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<tr>
<td>page.scan.pullrequest.activity.count=4</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>password.reset.validity.period=4320</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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<td><code>process.timeout.execution=120</code></td>
<td>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. <strong>USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>process.timeout.idle=60</code></td>
<td>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. <strong>USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!</strong></td>
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| `plugin.stash-scm-git.pullrequest.merge.strategy.KEY.slug=no-ff` | Control the merge strategy for a repository (where **KEY** and **slug** is the repository slug). Note that the URL for a repository is of the following form: `http://<stashdomain>/projects/<PROJECTKEY>/repos/<reposlug>/browse` Overrides project and global settings. Possible values are:  
  - **no-ff** – no fast-forward; the default setting.  
  - **ff** – allow fast-forward; will merge when necessary  
  - **ff-only** – require fast-forward; will never create a merge if a merge is required.  
  - **squash** – collapse all incoming commits into a single commit to the target branch; never create a merge.  
  - **squash-ff-only** – collapse all the incoming commits into a single commit directly to the target branch, never creating a merge, but do so if the source branch is fast-forward. |
<p>| <code>plugin.stash-scm-git.pullrequest.merge.strategy.KEY=no-ff</code> | Control the merge strategy for a project (where <strong>KEY</strong> is the project key). Overrides global settings. Is overridden by repository settings. Possible values are listed above. |
| <code>plugin.stash-scm-git.pullrequest.merge.strategy=no-ff</code> | Control the merge strategy globally. Is overridden by repository settings. Possible values are listed above. |
| <code>pullrequest.diff.context=10</code> | 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. |
| <code>pullrequest.rescope.changesets.display=5</code> | Defines the maximum number of changesets per type (added or removed) to display in a rescope activity. |
| <code>pullrequest.rescope.changesets.max=1000</code> | Defines the absolute maximum number of changesets evaluated when attempting to determine, for a given request, which changesets were added to or removed from a pull request. Adjusting this setting can have significant memory impact on the system. It is not recommended to be changed; the option is provided here to support unique use cases. |</p>
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<td>pullrequest.rescope.detail.threads=2</td>
<td>Defines the maximum number of threads to use for pre-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 &quot;dead&quot; rescopes are deleted during processing. The primary goal is to ensure all details have already been calculated when viewing 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 not usually force a new merge to be created, which can be significantly reduced. Having a substantial number of merges running at the same time can reduce the speed of performing comment drift.</td>
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**Readme parsing**

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<td>plugin.stash-readme.max.size=65536</td>
<td>Controls the maximum allowed size of a readme file to parse. Value is inBYTES.</td>
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**Ref metadata**

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<td>ref.metadata.timeout=2</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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<tr>
<td>ref.metadata.max.request.count=100</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of refs that can be used in a metadata query.</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. When hyperthreading is enabled for the server CPU, for example, it is likely that the server will allow sufficient concurrent Git operations to completely bury the I/O on the machine. In such cases, we recommend starting off with a less aggressive default on multi-cored machines – the value can be increased later if hosting operations begin to back up. 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 operations that support the UI, such as <code>git diff</code>, <code>git blame</code>, or <code>git rev-list</code>, that can run concurrently. This is intended to prevent these SCM commands from competing with the running of push and pull operations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>throttle.resource.scm-command.timeout=2</code></td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>throttle.resource.scm-hosting=1.5*cpu</code></td>
<td>Limits the number of SCM ‘hosting’ operations, such as <code>git clone</code>, <code>git push</code> and <code>git pull</code> 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; <code>+,-,*,^</code> and <code>()</code> are supported. You can also use the <code>cpu</code> variable which is resolved to the number of cpus that are available.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>throttle.resource.scm-hosting.timeout=300</code></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>throttle.resource.busy.message.timeout=5</code></td>
<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. This is deprecated and replaced by <code>server.busy.on.ticket.rejected.within</code>. It is due to be removed in Stash 3.0.</td>
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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 <code>&lt;STASH-HOME&gt;/caches</code>) 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. The HTTP value encapsulates both http and https.</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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<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.refs.ttl=60</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.upload-pack.enabled=true</td>
<td>Controls whether clone operations are cached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plugin.stash-scm-cache.upload-pack.ttl=14400</td>
<td>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.</td>
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**SCM – Git**

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<td><code>plugin.stash-scm-git.path.executable=git</code></td>
<td>Defines the default path to the Windows machines, the .exe configured value automatically general. &quot;git&quot; should be an acc platform, here, assuming that i runtime user's PATH. With the new path searching plugin, setting is unnecessary, as the plugin will This is left here purely for doc explicit path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>plugin.stash-scm-git.path.libexec=</code></td>
<td>Defines the path to the Git libexe the git-core directory). This path executable and is used for fork git-http-backend. If this value is out those processes. This elim (git -r git-http-backend) and m</td>
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<td><code>plugin.stash-scm-git.backend.http.buffer.size=32768</code></td>
<td>Defines the buffer size in bytes marshaling data between the C socket.</td>
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<td><code>plugin.stash-scm-git.backend.ssh.buffer.size=32768</code></td>
<td>Defines the buffer size in bytes marshaling data between the C socket.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>plugin.stash-scm-git.backend.timeout.idle=1800</code></td>
<td>Defines the idle timeout for push/pull processes, applying a limit to how long the operation execute without either producing output. The default value is 30 minutes. This value is in SECONDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>plugin.stash-scm-git.backend.timeout.execution=86400</code></td>
<td>Defines the execution timeout applying a hard limit to how long to run even if it is producing output. The default value is 1 day. This value is in SECONDS.</td>
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| `plugin.stash-scm-git.diff.renames=copies` | Defines whether copy and/or rename detection should be performed. By default, both 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 copies  
  - `rename` or `renames` – applies renames  
  - `off` – disables rename and copy detection  
  When using `copy` or `copies`, suffixed with a "+" 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, `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. |
| `plugin.stash-scm-git.diff.renames.threshold=50` | 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 this setting. 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. |
| `plugin.stash-scm-git.environment.variablesize=2000` | 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. |
| `plugin.stash-scm-git.pullrequest.merge.auto.forceadd=false` | Defines whether conflicted files should be added to the index using Git add `--force`. By default, this behaviour is `off`. However, when merging across branches with discrepant `.gitignore` settings, enabling this setting may allow the system to create a conflicted diff (where without it a diff to the common ancestor will be shown instead). Note: This value has no effect on real pull request merges. It is only applied during automatic merges, for producing a pull request's change tree and diff. |
plugin.stash-scm-git.pullrequest.merge.auto.timeout=120

Defines the maximum amount to perform a merge to support allowed to execute or idle. Because generally do not produce output timeout. This value is in SECONDS.

plugin.stash-scm-git.pullrequest.merge.real.timeout=300

Defines the maximum amount to merge a pull request is allow Because the commands used output, there is no separate idle timeout. This value is in SECONDS.

Server busy banners

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<td>server.busy.on.ticket.rejected.within=5</td>
<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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<tr>
<td>server.busy.on.queue.time=60</td>
<td>Controls how long requests need to be queued before they cause a warning banner to appear. Value is in SECONDS. Using 0, or a negative value, disables displaying the banner.</td>
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SMTP

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<td>mail.timeout.connect=60</td>
<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>mail.timeout.send=60</td>
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<td>mail.test.timeout.connect=30</td>
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<td>mail.test.timeout.send=30</td>
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<tr>
<td>mail.error.pause.log=300</td>
<td>Controls how frequently logs 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>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mail.error.pause.retry=5</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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mail.threads=1

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.

mail.max.message.size=1048576

Controls the maximum allowed size of a single mail message, which is the sum of the subject and body sizes. Value is in BYTES.

mail.max.queue.size=157286400

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.

### SSH command execution

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<td>plugin.ssh.command.timeout.idle=86400</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. Value is in SECONDS.</td>
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### Syntax highlighting

See Configuring syntax highlighting for file extensions for more information.

Stash only applies syntax highlighting to source files, not to diffs.

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<td>syntax.highlighter.&lt;language&gt;.executables=exe1,exe2</td>
<td>Controls the language highlighter used for a given set of hashbang executables. The &lt;language&gt; refers to the highlighter key defined by highlight.js.</td>
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<tr>
<td>syntax.highlighter.&lt;language&gt;.extensions=ext1,ext2</td>
<td>Controls the language highlighter used for a given set of file extensions. The &lt;language&gt; refers to the highlighter key defined by highlight.js.</td>
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### Webhooks

See POST service webhook for Stash for more information.

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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>
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<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>
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<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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**Proxying and securing Stash**

This page provides an overview of some common network topology options for running Stash, including running Stash behind a reverse proxy and securing access to Stash by using HTTPS (HTTP over SSL).

Note that Stash does not need to run behind a web server – it is capable of serving web requests directly using the bundled Tomcat application server. On this page, 'connecting to Stash' really means connecting to Tomcat, which is used to serve Stash content.

On this page:
- Connecting to Stash directly over HTTP
- Securing access to Stash using HTTPS
- Using a reverse proxy for Stash
- Securing a reverse proxy using HTTPS

**Connecting to Stash directly over HTTP**

Connecting directly to Stash (that is, Tomcat) is the default install configuration, as described in the Stash install documentation:

- Getting started
When set up this way, the user accesses Stash directly over HTTP, without using SSL – all communication between the user’s browser and Stash will be unsecured.

You may also wish to consider the following:

- Stash, by default, will listen for requests on port 7990 – this port can be changed if required.
- The address with which to access Stash, by default, will be http://<computer name>:7990. Change the base URL for Stash if required.
- You can set the context path for Stash if you are running another Atlassian application, or Java web application, at the same hostname and context path as Stash.
- Securing Git operations between the user’s computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see Enabling SSH access to Git.

Securing access to Stash using HTTPS

Access to Stash can be secured by enabling HTTPS (HTTP over SSL) for the Tomcat application server that is bundled with Stash. 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.

When set up in this way, access to Stash is direct, and all communication between the user’s browser and Stash will be secured using SSL.

See Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL for configuration details.

Note that:

- Stash will listen for requests on port 8443, according to the instructions in Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL. This port can be changed if required.
- The address with which to access Stash, by default, will be https://<computer name>:8443. Change the base URL for Stash if required.
- Any existing links with other applications will need to be reconfigured using this new URL for Stash.
- You can set the context path for Stash if you are running another Atlassian application, or Java web application, at the same hostname and context path as Stash.
- Securing Git operations between the user’s computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see Enabling SSH access to Git.

Using a reverse proxy for Stash
You can run Stash behind a reverse proxy, for example Apache HTTP Server. You may wish to do this if you want to:

- use a different port number to access Stash
- use a different context path to access Stash

When set up this way, external access to Stash is via a reverse proxy, without using SSL. All communication between the user's browser and Apache, and so Stash, will be unsecured, but users do not have direct access to Stash. An example scenario is where Apache provides a gateway through which users outside the firewall can access Stash.

See Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server for configuration details.

![Diagram](image)

Note that:

- Stash, by default, will listen for requests on port 7990 – this port can be changed if required.
- Stash (Tomcat) needs to know the URL (proxy name) that Apache serves.
- The address with which to access Stash will be http://<proxy name>:7990. Change the base URL for Stash if required.
- Any existing links with other applications will need to be reconfigured using this new URL for Stash.
- You can set the context path for Stash if you are running another Atlassian application, or Java web application, at the same hostname and context path as Stash.
- Securing Git operations between the user's computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see Enabling SSH access to Git.

Securing a reverse proxy using HTTPS

You can run Stash behind a reverse proxy, such as Apache HTTP Server or nginx, that is secured using HTTPS (HTTP over SSL). You should consider doing this, and making secure access mandatory, if usernames, passwords and other proprietary data may be at risk. An example scenario is where Apache HTTP Server provides a gateway through which users outside the firewall can access Stash.

When set up in this way, external access to Stash is via a reverse proxy, where external communication with the proxy uses HTTPS. All communication between the user's browser and the reverse proxy will be secured, whereas communication between the proxy and Stash will not be secured (it doesn't use SSL).

See the following pages for configuration details:

- Securing Stash with Apache using SSL
- Securing Stash behind nginx using SSL
Note that:

- The reverse proxy (for example, Apache) will listen for requests on port 443.
- Stash, by default, will listen for requests on port 7990. Stash (Tomcat) needs to know the URL (proxy name) that the proxy serves.
- The address with which to access Stash will be https://<proxyName>:<proxyPort>/<context path>, for example https://mycompany.com:443/stash
- Any existing links with other applications will need to be reconfigured using this new URL for Stash.
- Stash (Tomcat) should be configured to refuse requests on port 7990 and to redirect those to the proxy on port 443.
- Securing Git operations between the user's computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see Enabling SSH access to Git.
- It would be possible to set up an SSL connection between the proxy server and Tomcat (Stash), but that configuration is very unusual, and not recommended in most circumstances.
- Incidentally, note that Stash 2.10 and later versions do not support mod_auth_basic.

### 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.

There are other network topology options for running Stash, including running Stash behind a reverse proxy. For an overview of some common options, see Proxying and securing Stash.

When Stash is set up following the instructions on this page, access to Stash is direct, and all communication between the user’s browser and Stash will be secured using SSL.

**On this page:**

1. Generate a self-signed certificate
2. Configure HTTPS in Tomcat
   - Exporting the self-signed certificate
   - Requesting a CA certificate
   - Troubleshooting

**Related pages:**

- Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server
- Securing Stash with Apache using SSL
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⚠️ Please note that Atlassian Support will refer SSL-related support to the issuing authority for the certificate. The documentation on this page is for reference only.

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>
<td>$JAVA_HOME/bin/keytool -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:

1. Edit conf/server.xml and, at the bottom, before the </Service> tag, add this section (or uncomment this 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 here instead of 443 to avoid conflicts).

2. Comment out the existing Connector directive for port 7990 in conf/server.xml, so as to disable HTTP access, if you want all access to Stash to make use of HTTPS. That is, comment out this directive:

   ```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" />
   ```

3. Start, or re-start, Stash. You will be able to access Stash at https://localhost:8443/ in your browser.

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:
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 .key
store 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.xm
1. Add the following attribute to the connector tag you uncommented:

```xml
    keystoreFile="<location of keystore file>"
```

Incorrect password

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 ke
ystorePass attribute of the Connector tag, as described above.

Passwords don't match

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

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:
<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

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 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.
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'`.

```xml
<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"/>
```

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`.

```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.

**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. You may wish to do this if you want to:

- use a different port number to access Stash
- use a different context path to 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. For an overview of other network topology options, see Proxying and securing Stash. Otherwise, if you want to install Stash in an environment that incorporates Apache HTTP Server, this document is for you.

When Stash is set up following the instructions on this page, external access to Stash is via a reverse proxy, without using SSL. All communication between the user’s browser and Apache, and so Stash, will be unsecured, but users do not have direct access to Stash.

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- About using Apache software
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- Step 3 (optional): Set a context path for Stash
- Step 4: Enable mod_proxy and mod_proxy_http in Apache HTTP Server
- Step 5: Configure mod_proxy to map requests to Stash
- Step 6: Configure mod_proxy to disable forward proxying
- Step 7: Allow proxying to Stash from everywhere
- Step 8 (optional): Configure Apache HTTP Server for SSL
- A note about application links
- Troubleshooting

Related pages:

- Securing Stash with Apache using SSL
- Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL

Note that:

- Stash, by default, will listen for requests on port 7990 – this port can be changed if required.
- Stash (Tomcat) needs to know the URL (proxy name) that Apache serves.
- The address with which to access Stash will be http://<proxy name>:7990. Change the base URL for Stash if required.
- Any existing links with other applications will need to be reconfigured using this new URL for Stash.
- You can set the context path for Stash if you are running another Atlassian application, or Java web application, at the same hostname and context path as Stash.
- Securing Git operations between the user’s computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see Enabling SSH access to Git.

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.

**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.

Note that Stash 2.10 and later versions do not support mod_auth_basic.

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 your 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 URLs.

```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:

```ini
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:

```ini
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:

```ini
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, follow the instructions on Securing Stash with Apache using SSL. 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.

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 match 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 directive in your httpd.conf, and turn up logging ("LogLevel debug") to get more info.
  3. Check out the Stash Knowledge Base.

### Securing Stash with Apache using SSL

You can run Stash behind a reverse proxy, such as Apache HTTP Server or nginx, that is secured using HTTPS (HTTP over SSL). You should consider doing this, and making secure access mandatory, if usernames, passwords and other proprietary data may be at risk.

There are other network topology options for running Stash; for an overview of some common options, see Proxying and securing Stash.

When Stash is set up following the instructions on this page, external access to Stash is via Apache HTTP Server as a reverse proxy, where external communication with the proxy uses HTTPS. All communication between the user's browser and Apache will be secured, whereas communication between Apache and Stash will not be secured (it doesn't use SSL).

- The steps on this page would normally be performed after integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server.

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**On this page:**

- Step 1: Configure the Tomcat Connector for SSL
- Step 2: Set up a virtual host in Apache HTTP Server
- Step 3: Create SSL certificate and key files
- Step 4: Update the base URL for 'https'
- Using a self-signed certificate

**Related pages:**

- Integrating Stash with Apache HTTP Server
- Securing Stash with Tomcat using SSL
- Securing Stash behind nginx using SSL

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Note that:

- The reverse proxy (for example, Apache) will listen for requests on port 443.
- Stash, by default, will listen for requests on port 7990. Stash (Tomcat) needs to know the URL (proxy name) that the proxy serves.
- The address with which to access Stash will be https://<proxyName>:<proxyPort>/<context path>, for example https://mycompany.com:443/stash
- Any existing links with other applications will need to be reconfigured using this new URL for Stash.
- Stash (Tomcat) should be configured to refuse requests on port 7990 and to redirect those to the proxy on port 443.
- Securing Git operations between the user's computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see Enabling SSH access to Git.
It would be possible to set up an SSL connection between the proxy server and Tomcat (Stash), but that configuration is very unusual, and not recommended in most circumstances. Incidentally, note that Stash 2.10 and later versions do not support mod_auth_basic.

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, proxyName 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 completeness.

Start, or restart, Stash.

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"
    SSLCertificateChainFile  "/usr/local/apache2/conf/server.crt"
    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 `SSLCertificateChainFile` is optional. Please consult with the CA vendor to verify if this is required. This directive sets the optional all-in-one file where you can assemble the certificates of Certification Authorities (CA) which form the certificate chain of the server certificate.

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. In particular, if Stash is to run on a separate machine from Apache, you should use that domain (and perhaps the port number and context path) in the `ProxyPass` and `ProxyPassReverse` directives.

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 `httpd-ssl.conf` file, which is included in the standard Apache distribution.

Start, or restart, Apache.

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.**

If you don't wish to specify a password, don't use the `-des3` option in the command above.

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', for example, "https://stash.mycompany.com").

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://stash.mycompany.com/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.

**Securing Stash behind nginx using SSL**

This page describes how to establish a network topology in which the nginx 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 nginx provides a gateway through which users outside the firewall can access Stash.

The configuration described on this page results in a scenario where:

- External client connections with nginx are secured using SSL. Connections between nginx and Stash are unsecured.
- Stash and nginx run on the same machine.
- Stash is available at `https://mycompany.com:7990/stash`.

**Resources**

Please note that:

- We assume that you already have a running instance of nginx. If not, refer to the **nginx documentation** for instructions on downloading and installing nginx.
- SSL certificates must be installed on the server machine.
- Any existing links with other applications will need to be reconfigured using the new URL for Stash.
- Securing Git operations between the user’s computer and Stash is a separate consideration - see **Enabling SSH access to Git**.
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 nginx, this document is for you. (You can of course run Stash behind nginx without securing client connections to nginx using SSL – we don't describe this option on this page.)

Note that the Atlassian Support Offering does not cover nginx integration. Assistance with nginx may be obtained through the Atlassian community from answers.atlassian.com or from an Atlassian Expert.

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 your domain name that the nginx server will be configured to serve. This informs Stash of the domain name and port of the requests that reach it via nginx, and is important to the correct operation of the Stash functions that construct URLs.

```xml
<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" />
```

For more information about configuring the Tomcat Connector, refer to the Apache Tomcat 7.0 HTTP Connector Reference.

Step 2: 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 would be accessed at:

http://mycompany.com:7990/

For the example configuration on this page, we want Stash to be accessed at:

https://mycompany.com:7990/stash

In Tomcat’s server.xml file, set the context path to /stash:

```xml
<Context path="/stash" docBase="${catalina.home}/atlassian-stash"
reloadable="false" useHttpOnly="true">
    ....
</Context>
```

If you use a context path, it is important that the same path is:

- appended to the context path of Stash’s base URL (Step 3).
- used when setting up the location for the proxy_pass directive (Step 4).

Step 3: 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 the nginx server will be serving).

For this example, use [http://mycompany.com:7990/stash](http://mycompany.com:7990/stash) (Note the context path with this.)

**Step 4: Configure nginx**

Edit `/etc/nginx/nginx.conf`, using the example server configuration below, to configure nginx as a proxy server.

Put the `proxy_pass` directive in the location block, and specify the protocol, name and port of the proxied server in the parameter (in our case, it is `http://localhost:7990`):

```
server {
    listen  443;
    server_name mycompany.com;

    ssl on;
    ssl_certificate <path/to/your/certificate>;
    ssl_certificate_key <path/to/your/certificate/key>;
    ssl_session_timeout 5m;
    ssl_protocols SSLv3 TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;
    ssl_ciphers HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;

    location /stash {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:7990/stash;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Server $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_redirect off;
    }
}
```


Changes made in the configuration file will not be applied until the command to reload configuration is sent to nginx or it is restarted. To reload the configuration, execute:

```
nginx -s reload
```

This command should be executed under the same user that started nginx.

**Resources**

You may find the following resources helpful in setting up Stash behind nginx:


**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.

On this page:

• Enabling SSH access
• SSH base URL
• When running Stash behind a proxy

Related pages:

• Setting up SSH port forwarding
• Creating SSH keys

Performance

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.

Security

To implement SSH authentication support, Stash bundles a version of the Apache Mina SSHD server. Stash’s SSH server is not integrated with the SSH server on the host Stash is running on nor does it consider the users on the host when authenticating Stash users. To prevent security issues, the embedded SSH server has been locked down to allow execution of a small set of commands for Git hosting. The only commands that are supported are `git upload-pack`, `git receive-pack`, `git archive-pack` and `whoami` (a custom `whoami` implemented in Stash not the `whoami` command that exists on Linux). It is not possible to open an SSH shell using the embedded server to execute arbitrary commands on the server.

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. See Specifying the base URL for Stash.

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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<td>7999</td>
<td>ssh://git</td>
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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`.

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Port forwarding | SSH base URL | SSH port | Stash base URL
---|---|---|---
| ssh://stash.backend.atlassian.com:7999 | 7999 | https://stash.backend.atlassian.com |

**Setting up SSH port forwarding**

Why set up port forwarding?

There are two scenarios where you might want to set up port forwarding.

**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:

```bash
git clone ssh://git@stash.mycompany.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:

```bash
git clone ssh://git@stash.mycompany.com/PROJECT/repo.git
```

**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.

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 HTTPS URLs consistent.
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 HTTPS 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.

> **i**
>
> 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](http://haproxy.1wt.eu/).

#### 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/](http://haproxy.1wt.eu/)
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:
Configuring HAProxy

HAProxy is extremely powerful - it is designed as a HTTPS load balancer, but also can serve as a port forwarder for ssh.

The full documentation for version 1.4 is here. More documentation is available on the HAProxy web site.

An example simple configuration is as follows:

```
global
daemon
maxconn 10000

defaults
timeout connect 500s
timeout client 5000s
timeout server 1h

frontend sshd
bind *:7999
default_backend ssh
timeout client 1h

backend ssh
mode tcp
server localhost-stash-ssh 127.0.0.1:7999 check port 7999
```

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.

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`:

```
<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"/>

  compressableMimeTypes="text/html,text/xml,text/plain,text/css,application/json"/>
```

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.

- **Warning:** If you are running Stash on a Linux server and want to bind to privileged ports (those below 1024, for example port 80), you will need to start Stash as root in order to successfully bind to the port. Alternatively, you can bind...
Stash to a port over 1024 and then configure iptables to redirect traffic from port 80 to the higher port.

Related pages:
- Specifying the base URL for Stash
- Proxying and securing 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. See the Stash upgrade guide.

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'). Append the new context path to your base URL:

   ```
   https://my-stash-hostname:7990/stash
   ```

   Click Save.
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 be local.
- Should not have admin privileges.
- Should be a non-privileged user with read, write and execute access (called "Full control" permission on Windows) on the Stash install directory and home directory.

Note that, on Windows, running Stash (whether as a service, or not) as a user that is part of the Administrator group can cause Windows to spend a lot of time running permission checks, with a consequent performance impairment for Git operations.

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:

```bash
$ sudo /usr/sbin/useradd --create-home --home-dir /usr/local/Stash --shell /bin/bash Stash
```

Stash debug logging

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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, go to 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.
```
curl -u admin -v -X PUT -d "" -H "Content-Type: application/json"
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.
```
curl -u admin -v -X PUT -d "" -H "Content-Type: application/json"
```

**Profiling logging for the Stash server**

This section describes how to enable profiling in Stash. This log is essential when troubleshooting performance issues. 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 profiling logging via the UI**

To turn on detailed trace information, go to the Stash admin area, choose **Logging and Profiling** (under ‘Support’) and select **Enable profiling**.

**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:
On Windows

Execute the following in the command line before executing the Git command:

```bash
set GIT_TRACE_PACKET=1
set GIT_TRACE=1
set GIT_CURL_VERBOSE=1
```

Setting `GIT_CURL_VERBOSE` is only useful for connections over HTTP/S since SSH doesn't use the `libcurl` library.

Debug logging for the Stash Backup Client

Atlassian Support might request DEBUG logs for the Backup client when troubleshooting issues.

You can enable DEBUG logging on the Backup client by adding a file named `logback.xml` to your working directory (pwd) with the following content:

```
<included><logger name="com.atlassian.stash" level="DEBUG"/></included>
```

Data recovery and backups

This page provides an overview of the backup and restore strategies that Atlassian recommends for use with Stash:

- Stash backup essentials
- Two ways to back up Stash
- How Stash backup and restore works

Questions? Check out FAQ - Data recovery and backup.

Related pages:

- Connecting Stash to an external database
- Supported platforms

Stash backup essentials

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.

We highly recommend that you establish a data recovery plan that is aligned with your company’s policies.

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:

- 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.

With any strategy, you should 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.

Two ways to back up Stash

When it comes to backing up, every organization has slightly different policies and requirements. Some organizations will want a backup solution that just works with minimal intervention, is independent of the underlying database and file system configuration, and don't mind a little downtime when the backup is run as part of a nightly maintenance schedule. Other organizations will have more specific policies and requirements surrounding the use of vendor-specific database and storage backup tools, the maximum acceptable downtime, the format of backups, and where the backups are ultimately stored.

To cater for these different policies and requirements, Stash provides two different backup strategies:

- the Stash Backup Client,
- Stash DIY Backup.

The features of each backup strategy are summarized in the following table:

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How Stash backup and restore works

Whether you use the Stash Backup Client or Stash DIY Backup, the backup process 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.

If you use the Stash Backup Client, the external database is automatically included as part of the backup in a vendor-independent format.

If you use Stash DIY Backup, you have full control over the database backup tools and procedures, and can use your database vendor's specific backup tooling that is optimized for your database back end and stores the dump in a vendor-specific format.

**Restoring Stash from a cold backup**

Whether you use the Stash Backup Client or Stash DIY Backup, recovering a Stash instance from backup requires restoring both:

1. the file system backup, and
2. the database backup.

If you use the Stash Backup Client, these components are both automatically included when you run the Stash Restore Client.

If you use Stash DIY Backup, the backup script restores the file system backup, and you need to use your database vendor's specific restore tooling to restore the database backup.

**Using the Stash Backup Client**

![Known issue]

The Stash Backup Client 1.3.0+ requires Java 7+, but will not run on Oracle Java 7u65 or 8u9 due to this regression bug.

This bug has been fixed in Java 8u20, and will be fixed in the next Java 7 release after u65. The `--noverify` argument can be used as a temporary workaround, as described in [STASH-5069](#).

This page describes using the Stash Backup Client, which is the backup strategy that Atlassian recommends for most people. This tool can be used to backup data from instances from Stash 2.7.0 and later.

For information about other backup strategies for Stash, see [Data recovery and backups](#). That page also discusses the tight coupling between the Stash file system on disk and the database that Stash uses.

With any strategy, you should consider scheduling 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.

Questions? Check out [FAQ - Data recovery and backup](#).

Download the Stash Backup Client from the [Atlassian Marketplace](#), or from here:

[Download]

Unzip the client into a directory on the Stash server.
How it works

The Backup Client implements a common and universal way to back up a Stash instance, and does the following:

1. Locks access to the Stash application, the repositories managed by Stash and the Stash database for the entire duration of the back up. This state is called 'maintenance mode'.
2. Checks that all Git and database operations have completed.
3. Performs an application-specific backup of the Stash home directory and the Stash database. The backup is generic and does not depend on the server or database configuration.
4. Stores the backup as a single tar file on the local filesystem in the specified location.
5. Unlocks Stash from maintenance mode.

You will get an error message if you try to access the Stash web interface, or use the Stash hosting services, when Stash is in maintenance mode.

The client supports Windows and Linux platforms, and Stash versions 2.7 and higher, but does not provide ways to integrate with your organizations IT policies or processes.

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. For comparison, using Stash DIY Backup for the same repositories typically results in a downtime of less than a minute.

What is backed up

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- the database Stash is connected to (either the internal or external DB)
- 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.

Backing up Stash using the 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 properties are fully documented in the `backup-config.properties` file, but include:

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<td><code>stash.home</code></td>
<td>Defines the location of the home directory of the Stash instance you wish to back up or restore to. REQUIRED</td>
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<td>If omitted here it will be taken from the <code>STASH_HOME</code> environment variable or the Java system property of the same name if supplied to the Backup and Restore Client on the command line. As a required value, backup and restore will fail if it is not supplied through one of these mechanisms.</td>
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<td><code>stash.user</code></td>
<td>Defines the username of the Stash user with administrative privileges you wish to perform the backup. REQUIRED</td>
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<td>If omitted here it will be taken from the Java system property of the same name if supplied to the Backup Client on the command line. As a required value, backup will fail if it is not supplied through one of these mechanisms.</td>
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<td><code>stash.password</code></td>
<td>Defines the password of the Stash user with administrative privileges you wish to perform the backup. REQUIRED</td>
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<td>If omitted here it will be taken from the Java system property of the same name if supplied to the Backup Client on the command line. As a required value, backup will fail if it is not supplied through one of these mechanisms.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>stash.baseUrl</code></td>
<td>Defines base URL of the Stash instance you wish to back up. REQUIRED</td>
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<td>E.g. <code>http://localhost:7990/stash</code> or <code>http://stashserver/</code>. If omitted here it will be taken from the Java system property of the same name if supplied to the Backup Client on the command line. As a required value, backup will fail if it is not supplied through one of these mechanisms.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>backup.home</code></td>
<td>Defines where the Backup Client will store its own files, such as backup archives. If not specified, these files are stored beneath the working directory for the Backup Client. Backup files will be stored in a <code>backup</code> subdirectory and logs will be stored in a <code>logs</code> subdirectory. Note that on Windows, you must use two backslashes between paths. E.g. <code>C:\path\folder</code> or instead use the forward slash e.g. <code>C:/path/to/folder</code>. The Stash <code>backup.home</code> directory cannot be located in the <code>stash.home</code> directory. If that is the case, the backup client will fail.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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="admin" -Dstash.user="admin"
-Dstash.baseUrl="http://localhost:7990" -Dstash.home=path/to/stash/home
-Dbackup.home=path/to/backup-home -jar stash-backup-client.jar
```

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):

   ![Cancel token example]

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   - 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 this screen:

   ![Stash backup interface]

   3. Click **Cancel backup**, and enter the cancel token:

   ![Cancel backup interface with token]

   4. Click **Cancel backup**.

Restoring Stash into the existing DB

This section applies if you intend to perform a restore into the existing DB configuration/technology. Therefore, in this scenario it is assumed the restore is performed on the same server as that on which Stash was originally backed up.

The `stash-restore-client.jar` will use the JDBC connection configuration contained in your previous backup generated through the usage of the `stash-backup-client.jar`. That means you won't need to specify the parameters `jdbc.driver`, `jdbc.url`, `jdbc.user` and `jdbc.password` at the restore time - it will use whatever is configured in `stash-config.properties` contained in the `STASH_HOME` within the backup tarball.
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. So, make sure that these prerequisites are met:

- Stop your Stash instance.
- Delete the content of the current home directory, so that it is empty.
- Drop the existing tables in your database so it is empty. The database still needs to exist with the same user/password, and it should have the configuration described in the 'Create the Stash database' section of the relevant page here:
  - MySQL
  - Oracle
  - PostgreSQL
  - SQL Server
- Run the Restore Client.
- Follow Steps 3 to 5 of the Stash upgrade guide.

Running the Restore Client from the command line

```
java -Dstash.home="path/to/stash/home" -jar stash-restore-client.jar /path/to/original/backup/file
```

Restoring Stash into a newly created DB

If you are using MySQL

Download and install the JDBC driver

The JDBC drivers for MySQL are not bundled with the Backup Client (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 `<path/to/backup/client>/jdbc` directory.

This section applies if you intend to perform a restore into a newly created DB. This scenario assumes the restore is done to a server different to the one in which Stash was originally backed up.

The restore process is database agnostic, meaning the database you are restoring your backup to could be of a different configuration/technology from the originally backed up database.

The `stash-restore-client.jar` will use the JDBC connection configuration specified in the parameters `jdbc.driver`, `jdbc.url`, `jdbc.user`, and `jdbc.password` at the restore time. Once the database backup is successfully restored, it will write the specified parameters in the `stash-config.properties` within the newly restored STASH_HOME - which will, therefore, enable the new instance connect to the restored database once the steps outlined below are followed.

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. So, make sure that these prerequisites are met:

- Create a brand new empty home directory with the user that is going to run Stash.
- Create the database. It should have the configuration described in the 'Create the Stash database' section of the relevant page here:
  - MySQL
  - Oracle
  - PostgreSQL
  - SQL Server
- Run the Restore Client.
Follow Steps 3 to 5 of the Stash upgrade guide. Notice that you should use the binary on the same release as you had before backing up.

**Running the Restore client from the command line**

You can run the restore client from the command line. In this scenario, as you will have created a new database, you will need to specify the new JDBC parameters while running the command so the client will be able to restore your previous database successfully.

In this example, you can follow the restore into a newly created PostgreSQL database:

```
java -Djdbc.override=true -Djdbc.driver=org.postgresql.Driver
-Djdbc.url=jdbc:postgresql://HOSTNAME:PORT/DATABASE -Djdbc.user=stashuser
-Djdbc.password=password -Dstash.home="path/to/stash/home" -jar
/path/to/stash-restore-client.jar /path/to/original/backup/file
```

Alternatively, you can configure these parameters on the backup-config.properties file – make sure the file exists in the current working directory. A sample file is shipped with the client. The properties are fully documented in the backup-config.properties file and more details are described below:

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<td>stash.home</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 (&quot;) or a single forward slash (/) to separate paths.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jdbc.override</td>
<td>By default, the restore client will restore into the same database that was backed up. If jdbc.override is set to true, the restore client will restore into the database specified by the jdbc properties in the table below. The database must be empty.</td>
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<tr>
<td>jdbc.driver</td>
<td>The driver class that Stash should use to login to the new database. See examples below.</td>
</tr>
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<td>jdbc.url</td>
<td>The connection details for the new database, formatted as a JDBC URL. See examples below.</td>
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<td>jdbc.user</td>
<td>The username that Stash should use to login to the new database.</td>
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**Example use of JDBC properties**

Example jdbc.driver and jdbc.url properties are shown below:

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<th>jdbc.url</th>
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<tr>
<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>
</tbody>
</table>

**Using Stash DIY Backup**

Stash DIY Backup was introduced in Stash 2.12 as an alternative strategy to using the Stash Backup Client. It allows you to:

- significantly reduce the downtime needed to create a consistent backup,
- use the vendor-specific database backup tool appropriate to your back end database, for example:
  - pg_dump if your back end database is PostgreSQL, or
  - sqlcmd with an appropriate command for differential backup, if your back end database is MS SQL Server,
• use the optimal file system backup tool for your Stash home directory, for example:
  • an LVM snapshot logical volume if your Stash home directory uses LVM,
  • a SAN-based backup if your Stash home directory uses a Storage Area Network, or
  • rsync, if available.

The use of optimal, vendor-specific database and file system backup tools is the key to reducing Stash downtime to a minimum.

Stash DIY Backup does require you to write some code in a language of your choice to perform the required backup steps, using the REST API available for Stash 2.12.

DIY Backup supports Windows and Linux platforms, and Stash versions 2.12 and higher.

For information about other backup strategies for Stash, see Data recovery and backups. That page also discusses the tight coupling between the Stash file system on disk and the database that Stash uses.

Please note that the examples on this page are provided as guidance for developing a DIY Backup solution. As such, the third-party tools described are for example only – you will need to choose the tools that are appropriate to your own specific installation of Stash.

Consult the vendor documentation for the third-party tools you choose – unfortunately, Atlassian cannot provide support for those tools.

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Related pages:

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• Using the Stash Backup Client
• Scheduling tasks on Linux
• Scheduling tasks on Windows

Download the worked example scripts from Bitbucket:

Download

This page:

• Describes a complete DIY Backup solution for a PostgreSQL database and local filesystem, using bash shell scripts.
• Provides background information about how the Stash REST API can be used for DIY Backups.

You can use this solution directly if your Stash instance has the same or similar configuration, or use this as a starting point to develop your own DIY Backup solution tailored to your hardware configuration.

How it works

When you use DIY Backup instead of the Stash Backup Client, you have complete control over the backup steps, and can implement any custom processes you like in the language of your choice. For example, you can use your database's incremental or fast snapshot tools and/or your file server's specific tools as part of a DIY Backup.
The DIY Backup works in a similar way to the Stash Backup Client and does the following:

1. **Prepare the instance for backup.** This happens before Stash is locked, so we want to do as much processing as possible here in order to minimize downtime later. For example, we can take an initial snapshot using incremental database and filesystem utilities. These do not have to be 100% consistent as Stash is still running and modifying the database and filesystem. But taking the initial snapshot now may reduce the amount of work done later (while Stash is locked), especially if the amount of data modified between backups is large. The steps include:
   - Taking an initial backup of the database (if it supports progressive/differential backups).
   - Doing an initial `rsync` of the home folder to the backup folder.
2. **Tell Stash to initiate the backup.** Stash will:
   - Lock the instance.
   - Drain and latch the connections to the database and the filesystem.
   - Wait for the drain/latch step to complete.
3. **Once the Stash instance is ready for backup we can start with the actual DIY Backup.** This will include steps to:
   - Make a fully consistent backup of the database, using `pg_dump`.
   - Make a fully consistent backup of the filesystem, using `rsync`.
4. **Notify the Stash instance once the backup process finishes and unlock it.**
5. **Archive all files created during the backup into one big archive.**

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- managed Git repositories
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**DIY Backups using Bash scripts**

This section presents a complete DIY Backup solution that uses the following tools:
- `bash` - for scripting
- `jq` - an open source command line JSON processor for parsing the REST responses from Stash
- `pg_dump` (or `sqlcmd`) - for backing up a PostgreSQL database
- `rsync` - for backing up the filesystem
- `tar` - for making a backup archive

This approach (with small modifications) can be used for running DIY Backups on:
- Linux and Unix
- OSX
- Windows with cygwin (note that cygwin Git is not supported by Stash).

Download the scripts from Bitbucket.

⚠️ The scripts below are for example only and are **not** kept in sync with the scripts found in the Bitbucket repository.

**Bash scripts**

These scripts implement one particular solution for performing a DIY Backup:
| **stash.diy-backup.sh** |
#!/bin/bash

#########################################################
# Configure the settings in this section to suit your Stash installation.

SCRIPT_DIR=$(dirname $0)
# Contains all variables used by the other scripts.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.vars.sh
# Contains util functions (bail, info, print).
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.utils.sh
# Contains functions that perform lock/unlock and backup of a Stash instance.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.common.sh

# The following scripts contain functions which are dependant on the
# configuration of this Stash instance.
# Generally every each of them exports certain functions, which can be
# implemented in different ways.

# Exports the following functions:
#   stash_prepare_db     - for making a backup of the DB if differential
#                          backups a possible. Can be empty.
#   stash_backup_db      - for making a backup of the Stash DB.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.postgresql.sh

# Exports the following functions:
#   stash_prepare_home   - for preparing the filesystem for the backup.
#   stash_backup_home    - for making the actual filesystem backup.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.rsync.sh

# Exports the following functions:
#   stash_backup_archive - for archiving the backup folder and putting the
#                          archive in archive folder.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.tar.sh

#########################################################
# This section does NOT need any configuration.
# The actual back up process. It has the following steps:

# Prepare the database and the filesystem for taking a backup.
stash_prepare_db
stash_prepare_home

# Locking the Stash instance, starting an external backup and waiting for
# instance readiness.
stash_lock
stash_backup_start
stash_backup_wait

# Backing up the database and reporting 50% progress.
stash_backup_db
stash_backup_progress 50

# Backing up the filesystem and reporting 100% progress.
stash_backup_home
stash_backup_progress 100

# Unlocking the Stash instance.
stash_unlock

# Making an archive for this backup.
stash_backup_archive

##########################################################
The `stash.diy-backup.sh` script above references the following scripts:

- **stash.diy-backup.vars.sh**

```bash
#!/bin/bash

# Used by the scripts for verbose logging. If not true only errors will be shown.
STASH_VERBOSE_BACKUP=TRUE

# The base url used to access this Stash instance.
STASH_URL=

# The username and password for the user used to make backups (and have this permission).
STASH_BACKUP_USER=
STASH_BACKUP_PASS=

# The name of the database used by this instance.
STASH_DB=stash

# The path to Stash home folder (with trailing /).
STASH_HOME=

# The path to working folder for the backup.
STASH_BACKUP_ROOT=
STASH_BACKUP_DB=${STASH_BACKUP_ROOT}/stash-db/
STASH_BACKUP_HOME=${STASH_BACKUP_ROOT}/stash-home/

# The path to where the backup archives are stored.
STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT=
```

- **stash.diy-backup.utils.sh**
#!/bin/bash

function error {
    echo "[$(STASH_URL)] ERROR:" $*
}

function bail {
    error $*
    exit 99
}

function info {
    if [ "${STASH_VERBOSE_BACKUP}" == "TRUE" ]; then
        echo "[$(STASH_URL)] INFO:" $*
    fi
}

function print {
    if [ "${STASH_VERBOSE_BACKUP}" == "TRUE" ]; then
        echo $*
    fi
}

function check_command {
    type -P $1 >/dev/null || bail "Unable to find $1, please install it and run this script again"
}

stash.diy-backup.utils.sh

stash.diy-backup.common.sh

#!/bin/bash

check_command "curl"
check_command "jq"

STASH_HTTP_AUTH="-u ${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS}"

function stash_lock {
    STASH_LOCK_RESULT=`curl -s -f ${STASH_HTTP_AUTH} -X POST -H "Content-type: application/json" "$({STASH_URL})/mvc/maintenance/lock`"
    if [ -z "$STASH_LOCK_RESULT" ]; then
        bail "Locking this Stash instance failed"
    fi

    STASH_LOCK_TOKEN=`echo "$STASH_LOCK_RESULT" | jq -r ".unlockToken"`
    if [ -z "$STASH_LOCK_TOKEN" ]; then
        bail "Unable to find lock token. Result was '$STASH_LOCK_RESULT'"
    fi

    info "locked with '$STASH_LOCK_TOKEN'"
}

function stash_backup_start {
    STASH_BACKUP_RESULT=`curl -s -f ${STASH_HTTP_AUTH} -X POST -H "Accept: */*" "X-Atlassian-Maintenance-Token: $STASH_LOCK_TOKEN" "$({STASH_URL})/api/backup/start`"
    if [ -z "$STASH_BACKUP_RESULT" ]; then
        bail "Stash did not return a successful response. Result was '$STASH_BACKUP_RESULT'"
    fi

    info "Stash responded with '$STASH_BACKUP_RESULT'"
}

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application/json" -H "Content-type: application/json"
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/admin/backups?external=true"
if [ -z "${STASH_BACKUP_RESULT}" ]; then
    bail "Entering backup mode failed"
fi

STASH_BACKUP_TOKEN=`echo ${STASH_BACKUP_RESULT} | jq -r ".cancelToken"`
if [ -z "${STASH_BACKUP_TOKEN}" ]; then
    bail "Unable to find backup token. Result was '
${STASH_BACKUP_RESULT}')" fi

info "backup started with '${STASH_BACKUP_TOKEN}'"
}

function stash_backup_wait {
    STASH_PROGRESS_DB_STATE="AVAILABLE"
    STASH_PROGRESS_SCM_STATE="AVAILABLE"
    print -n "[${STASH_URL}] .INFO: Waiting for DRAINED state 
    while [ ${STASH_PROGRESS_DB_STATE} != "DRAINED" -a 
        ${STASH_PROGRESS_SCM_STATE} != "DRAINED" ]; do
    print -n "."
    STASH_PROGRESS_RESULT=`curl -s -f ${STASH_HTTP_AUTH} -X GET -H
        "X-Atlassian-Maintenance-Token: ${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}" -H "Accept:
        application/json" -H "Content-type: application/json"
        "${STASH_URL}/mvc/maintenance"
        if [ -z "${STASH_PROGRESS_RESULT}" ]; then
            bail "[${STASH_URL}] ERROR: Unable to check for backup progress"
        fi
        STASH_PROGRESS_DB_STATE=`echo ${STASH_PROGRESS_RESULT} | jq -r 
            '.["db-state"]'`
        STASH_PROGRESS_SCM_STATE=`echo ${STASH_PROGRESS_RESULT} | jq -r 
            '.["scm-state"]'`
        done
    print "done"
    info "db state '${STASH_PROGRESS_DB_STATE}'"
    info "scm state '${STASH_PROGRESS_SCM_STATE}'"
}

function stash_backup_progress {
    STASH_REPORT_RESULT=`curl -s -f ${STASH_HTTP_AUTH} -X POST -H
        "Accept: application/json" -H "Content-type: application/json"
        "${STASH_URL}/mvc/admin/backups/progress/client?token=${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}&percentage=$1"`
    if [ $? != 0 ]; then
        bail "Unable to update backup progress"
    fi
    info "Backup progress updated to $1"
}

function stash_unlock {
    STASH_UNLOCK_RESULT=`curl -s -f ${STASH_HTTP_AUTH} -X DELETE -H "Accept:
        application/json" -H "Content-type: application/json"
        "${STASH_URL}/mvc/maintenance/lock?token=${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}"`
    if [ $? != 0 ]; then
        bail "Unable to unlock instance with lock ${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}" fi

```bash
#!/bin/bash

check_command "pg_dump"
check_command "psql"
check_command "pg_restore"

function stash_prepare_db {
  info "Prepared backup of DB ${STASH_DB} in ${STASH_BACKUP_DB}"
}

function stash_backup_db {
  rm -r ${STASH_BACKUP_DB}
pg_dump -Fd ${STASH_DB} -j 5 --no-synchronized-snapshots -f
  ${STASH_BACKUP_DB}
  if [ $? != 0 ]; then
    bail "Unable to backup ${STASH_DB} to ${STASH_BACKUP_DB}"
    fi
  info "Performed backup of DB ${STASH_DB} in ${STASH_BACKUP_DB}"
}

function stash_bail_if_db_exists {
  psql -d ${STASH_DB} -c "" >/dev/null 2>&1
  if [ $? = 0 ]; then
    bail "Cannot restore over existing database ${STASH_DB}. Try dropdb
  ${STASH_DB} first."
    fi
}

function stash_restore_db {
  pg_restore -C -Fd -j 5 ${STASH_RESTORE_DB} | psql -q
  if [ $? != 0 ]; then
    bail "Unable to restore ${STASH_RESTORE_DB} to ${STASH_DB}"
    fi
  info "Performed restore of ${STASH_RESTORE_DB} to DB ${STASH_DB}"
}
```

An alternative `stash.diy-backup.mssql.sh` script is included in the downloadable scripts bundle.
stash.diy-backup.rsync.sh

#!/bin/bash

check_command "rsync"
function stash_perform_rsync {
    mkdir -p ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}
    rsync -avh --delete --delete-excluded --exclude=/caches/
    --exclude=/data/db.* --exclude=/export/ --exclude=/log/ --exclude=/plugins/*
    --exclude=/tmp --exclude=/.*.lock ${STASH_HOME} ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}
    if [ $? != 0 ]; then
        bail "Unable to rsynch from ${STASH_HOME} to ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}"
    fi
}

function stash_prepare_home {
    stash_perform_rsync
    info "Prepared backup of ${STASH_HOME} to ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}"
}

function stash_backup_home {
    stash_perform_rsync
    info "Performed backup of ${STASH_HOME} to ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}"
}

function stash_restore_home {
    cp -rf ${STASH_RESTORE_HOME}/`basename ${STASH_HOME}` `dirname ${STASH_RESTORE_ROOT}`
    info "Performed restore of ${STASH_RESTORE_ROOT} to ${STASH_HOME}"
}


→ stash.diy-backup.tar.sh
stash.diy-restore.sh

#!/bin/bash

SCRIPT_DIR=$(dirname $0)
# Contains all variables used by the other scripts.
source $(SCRIPT_DIR)/stash.diy-restore.vars.sh
# Contains util functions (bail, info, print).
source $(SCRIPT_DIR)/stash.diy-restore.utils.sh

# The following scripts contain functions which are dependant on the
# configuration of this Stash instance.
# Generally every each of them exports certain functions, which can be
# implemented in different ways.

# Exports the following functions:
# stash_restore_db - for restoring the Stash DB.
source $(SCRIPT_DIR)/stash.diy-restore.postgresql.sh

# Exports the following functions:
# stash_restore_home - for restoring the filesystem backup.
source $(SCRIPT_DIR)/stash.diy-restore.rsync.sh

# Exports the following functions:
# stash_restore_archive - for un-archiving the archive folder.
source $(SCRIPT_DIR)/stash.diy-restore.tar.sh

##########################################################

stash.diy-restore.tar.sh

#!/bin/bash

check_command "tar"

function stash_backup_archive {
  mkdir -p ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}
  STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=`perl -we 'use Time::Piece; my $sydTime = localtime; print "stash-", $sydTime->strftime("%Y%m%d-%H%M%S-"), substr($sydTime->epoch, -3), ".tar.gz"'`
  tar -czf ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}/${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME} -C
  $(STASH_BACKUP_ROOT) .
  info "Archived $(STASH_BACKUP_ROOT) into 
  $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)/$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)"
}

function stash_restore_archive {
  if [ -f $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME) ]; then
    STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)
  else
    STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)/$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)
  fi
  tar -xzfo $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME) -C $(STASH_RESTORE_ROOT)
  info "Extracted $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)/$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)
  into $(STASH_RESTORE_ROOT)"
}

##############################################################

stash.diy-backup.tar.sh

#!/bin/bash

clear_command "tar"

function stash_backup_archive {
  mkdir -p ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}
  STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=`perl -we 'use Time::Piece; my $sydTime = localtime; print "stash-", $sydTime->strftime("%Y%m%d-%H%M%S-"), substr($sydTime->epoch, -3), ".tar.gz"'`
  tar -czf ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}/${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME} -C
  $(STASH_BACKUP_ROOT) .
  info "Archived $(STASH_BACKUP_ROOT) into 
  $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)/$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)"
}

function stash_restore_archive {
  if [ -f $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME) ]; then
    STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)
  else
    STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)/$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)
  fi
  tar -xzfo $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME) -C $(STASH_RESTORE_ROOT)
  info "Extracted $(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)/$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME)
  into $(STASH_RESTORE_ROOT)"
}
The actual restore process. It has the following steps:

```bash
function available_backups {
  echo "Available backups:"
  ls ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}
}

if [ $# -lt 1 ]; then
  echo "Usage: $0 <backup-file-name>.tar.gz"
  if [ ! -d ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT} ]; then
    error "${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT} does not exist!"
  else
    available_backups
  fi
  exit 99
fi
STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME=$1
if [ ! -f ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}/${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME} ]; then
  error "${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT}/${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_NAME} does not exist!"
  available_backups
  exit 99
fi
stash_bail_if_db_exists
if [ -e ${STASH_HOME} ]; then
  bail "Cannot restore over existing contents of ${STASH_HOME}. Please rename or delete this first."
fi
STASH_RESTORE_ROOT=`mktemp -d /tmp/stash.diy-restore.XXXXXX`
STASH_RESTORE_DB=${STASH_RESTORE_ROOT}/stash-db
STASH_RESTORE_HOME=${STASH_RESTORE_ROOT}/stash-home

# Extract the archive for this backup.
stash_restore_archive

# Restore the database.
stash_restore_db

# Restore the filesystem.
```
Running the Bash script

Once you have downloaded the Bash scripts, you need to customize two files:

- `stash.diy-backup.vars.sh`
- `stash.diy-backup.sh`

for your setup.

For example, if your Stash server is called `stash.example.com`, uses port 7990, and has its home directory in `/stash-home`, here's how you might configure `stash.diy-backup.vars.sh`:

```bash
#!/bin/bash

# Used by the scripts for verbose logging. If not true only errors will be shown.
STASH_VERBOSE_BACKUP=TRUE

# The base url used to access this Stash instance.
STASH_URL= http://stash.example.com:7990

# The username and password for the account used to make backups (and has permission for this).
STASH_BACKUP_USER= admin
STASH_BACKUP_PASS= admin

# The name of the database used by this instance.
STASH_DB= stash

# The path to Stash home folder (with trailing /).
STASH_HOME= /stash-home

# The path to the working folder for the backup.
STASH_BACKUP_ROOT= /stash-backup
STASH_BACKUP_DB=${STASH_BACKUP_ROOT}/stash-db/
STASH_BACKUP_HOME=${STASH_BACKUP_ROOT}/stash-home/

# The path to where the backup archives are stored.
STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT= /stash-backup-archives
```

The supplied `stash.diy-backup.vars.sh` is written to use PostgreSQL, rsync, and tar by default. But if you want to use different tools, you can also customize the top section of this file to use different tools as follows:
Example usage:

# The following scripts contain functions which are dependant on the configuration of this Stash instance. Generally, each of them exports certain functions, which can be implemented in different ways.

# Exports the following functions:
# stash_prepare_db - for making a backup of the DB if differential backups are possible. Can be empty.
# stash_backup_db - for making a backup of the Stash DB.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.postgresql.sh

# Exports the following functions: # stash_prepare_home - for preparing the filesystem for the backup. # stash_backup_home - for making the actual filesystem backup.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.rsync.sh

# Exports the following functions:
# stash_backup_archive - for archiving the backup folder and moving the archive to the archive folder.
source ${SCRIPT_DIR}/stash.diy-backup.tar.sh

You also need to create two directories for DIY Backup to work:

1. ${STASH_BACKUP_ROOT} is a working directory (/stash-backup in our example) where copies of Stash's home directory and database dump are built during the DIY Backup process.
2. ${STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT} is the directory (/stash-backup-archives in our example) where the final backup archives are saved.

Once your stash.diy-backup.vars.sh is correctly configured, run the backup in a terminal window:

```
$ ./stash.diy-backup.sh
```

The first time you run the backup, rsync will do most of the work since the /stash-backup working directory is initially empty. This is normal. Fortunately, this script performs one rsync before locking Stash, followed by a second rsync while Stash is locked. This minimizes downtime.

On second and subsequent backup runs, /stash-backup is already populated so the backup process should be faster. The output you can expect to see looks something like this:
Restoring a DIY Backup

When restoring Stash, you must run the `stash.diy-restore.sh` script on the machine that Stash should be restored to. In order to ensure accidental restores do not delete existing data, you should never restore into an existing home directory.

The new database should be configured following the instructions in Connecting Stash to an external database and its sub-page that corresponds to your database type.

To see the available backups in your `$(STASH_BACKUP_ARCHIVE_ROOT)` directory, just type:

```
$ ./stash.diy-restore.sh
```

You should see output similar to this:

```
Usage: ./stash.diy-restore.sh <backup-file-name>.tar.gz
Available backups:
stash-20140320-092743-063.tar.gz
stash-20140320-092843-063.tar.gz
stash-20140320-093043-243.tar.gz
stash-20140320-135323-955.tar.gz
stash-20140320-092941-181.tar.gz
stash-20140320-093333-413.tar.gz
stash-20140320-142649-869.tar.gz
```

To restore a backup, run `stash.diy-restore.sh` with the file name as the argument:

```
$ ./stash.diy-restore.sh stash-20140320-092743-063.tar.gz
```

You should see output like this:

```
Cancelling the backup
```

You can cancel the running backup operation if necessary.

To cancel the backup:

1. Copy the cancel token echoed in the terminal (or the Command Prompt on Windows):
2. Go to the Stash interface in your browser. Stash will display this screen:

![Performing Backup screen](image)

3. Click **Cancel backup**, and enter the cancel token:

![Performing Backup screen with cancel token](image)

4. Click **Cancel backup**.

**Advanced - writing your own DIY Backup using the REST APIs**

This section is optional and provides background information about how you might use the Stash REST APIs if you need to rewrite the DIY Backup scripts described above in your preferred language or to customize them heavily.

Note that this discussion shows `curl` commands in Bash, however you can use any language.

The following steps are involved:

**Preparation**

Before you lock Stash you can perform any preparation you like. It makes sense to perform as much processing as possible before you lock Stash, to minimize downtime later. For example, you could perform...
an rsync:

```
rsync -avh --delete --delete-excluded --exclude=/caches/ --exclude=/data/db.* --exclude=/export/ --exclude=/log/ --exclude=/plugins/.* --exclude=/tmp --exclude=/lock ${STASH_HOME} ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}
```

**Lock the Stash instance**

The next step in making a backup of a Stash instance is to lock the instance for maintenance. This can be done using a POST request to the `/mvc/maintenance/lock` REST point (where `STASH_URL` points to the Stash instance, `STASH_BACKUP_USER` is a Stash user with backup permissions, and `STASH_BACKUP_PASS` is this user's password).

```shell
REQUEST
```curl
-s \
-u
${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS} \
-X POST \
-H "Content-type: application/json" \
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/maintenance/lock"
```

**RESPONSE**

```
{
  "unlockToken":"0476adeb6cde3a41aa0cc19fb394779191f5d306",
  "owner": {
    "displayName":"admin",
    "name":"admin"
  }
}
```

If successful, the Stash instance will respond with a 202 and will return a response JSON similar to the one above. The `unlockToken` should be used in all subsequent requests where `$STASH_LOCK_TOKEN` is required. This token can also be used to manually unlock this Stash instance.

**Start the backup process**

Next, all connections to both the database and the filesystem must be drained and latched. When backing up the database, we have two options:

- Use the facilities provided by the Stash server – your code handles backing up of the filesystem and Stash backs up the database.
- Do a completely custom back up of the database – your code must handle backing up of both the filesystem and the database.

Both options make a POST request to `/mvc/admin/backups` but if we require a custom database backup (the second option) we need to add the `external=true` parameter (requires Stash 2.12+):
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REQUEST

curl -s \
-u
${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS} \
-X POST \
-H "X-Atlassian-Maintenance-Token: ${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}" \
-H "Accept: application/json" \
-H "Content-type: application/json"
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/admin/backups?external=true"

RESPONSE

{
   "id":"d2e15c3c2da282b0990e8efb30b4bffbcf09e04",
   "progress": {
      "message":"Closing connections to the current database",
      "percentage":5
   },
   "state":"RUNNING",
   "type":"BACKUP",
   "cancelToken":"d2e15c3c2da282b0990e8efb30b4bffbcf09e04"
}

If successful the Stash instance will respond with 202 and a response JSON similar to the one above will be returned. The `cancelToken` can be used to manually cancel the backup process.

REQUEST

curl -s \
-u
${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS} \
-X GET \
-H "X-Atlassian-Maintenance-Token: ${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}" \
-H "Accept: application/json" \
-H "Content-type: application/json"
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/maintenance"

RESPONSE

If you use Stash to back up your database (i.e., you POST to `/mvc/admin/backups` without the `external=true` parameter), Stash will save the complete database backup (in a vendor independent format) to a file name of the form

${STASH_HOME}/export/backup-admin-20140325-223629-897Z.zip

Your backup process must include this file in the final archive.

Wait for the Stash instance to complete preparation

Part of the backup process, even if Stash is doing a database backup, includes draining and latching the connections to the database and the filesystem. Before continuing with the backup we have to wait for the Stash instance to report that this has been done. To get details on the current status we make a GET request to the `/mvc/maintenance` REST point.

REQUEST

curl -s \
-u
${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS} \
-X GET \
-H "X-Atlassian-Maintenance-Token: ${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}" \
-H "Accept: application/json" \
-H "Content-type: application/json"
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/maintenance"
This causes the Stash instance to report its current state. We have to wait for both db-state and scm-state to have a status of DRAINED before continuing with the back up.

**Perform the actual backup**

At this point we are ready to create the actual backup of the Stash filesystem. For example, you could use rsync again:

```
rsync -avh --delete --delete-excluded --exclude=/caches/ --exclude=/data/db.* --exclude=/export/ --exclude=/log/ --exclude=/plugins/./* --exclude=/tmp --exclude=/.lock ${STASH_HOME} ${STASH_BACKUP_HOME}
```

The rsync options shown here are for example only, but indicate how you can include only the required files in the backup process and exclude others. Consult the documentation for rsync, or the tool of your choice, for a more detailed description.

When creating the database backup you could use your vendor-specific database backup tool, for example pg_dump if you use PostgreSQL:

```
pg_dump -Fd ${STASH_DB} -j 5 --no-synchronized-snapshots -f ${STASH_BACKUP_DB}
```

While performing these operations, good practice is to update the Stash instance with progress on the backup so that it's visible in the UI. This can be done by issuing a POST request to /mvc/admin/backups/progress/client with the token and the percentage completed as parameters:
The Stash instance will respond to this request with an empty 202 if everything is OK.

The amount of progress that Stash displays to users is calculated differently, depending on whether you used the `external=true` parameter with the `/mvc/admin/backups` REST endpoint described in the section above.

- If you did not specify external=true, Stash backs up the database and divides the 100 per cent progress into 50% user DIY Backup, and 50% Stash (preparation + database).
- If you did specify external=true, your code must handle backing up of both the filesystem and the database, and Stash divides the 100 per cent progress into 90% user DIY Backup, and 10% Stash preparation.

**Inform the Stash instance that the backup is complete**

Once we've finished the backup process we must report to the Stash instance that progress has reached 100 percent. This is done using a similar request to the progress request. We issue a POST request to `/mvc/admin/backups/progress/client` with the token and 100 as the percentage:

```
curl -s \
-u ${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS} \
-X POST \
-H "Accept: application/json" \
-H "Content-type: application/json"
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/admin/backups/progress/client?token=${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}&percent-age=100"
```

The Stash will respond with an empty 202 if everything is OK. The back up process is considered completed once the percentage is 100. This will unlatch the database and the filesystem for this Stash instance.

**Unlock the Stash instance**

The final step we need to do in the back up process is to unlock the Stash instance. This is done with a DELETE request to the `/mvc/maintenance/lock` REST point:

```
curl -s \
-u ${STASH_BACKUP_USER}:${STASH_BACKUP_PASS} \
-X DELETE \
-H "Accept: application/json" \
-H "Content-type: application/json"
"${STASH_URL}/mvc/maintenance/lock?token=${STASH_LOCK_TOKEN}"
```
The Stash instance will respond to this request with an empty 202 if everything is OK, and will unlock access.

**Lockout recovery process**

This page describes how to recover administrator access to Stash 2.11+. For releases prior to that, please refer to [Restoring the Stash Administrator’s Password](#).

As an administrator, you find yourself locked out of Stash and unable to log in. This situation can arise when all users are managed externally from Stash, and Stash becomes unable to access those user directories for some reason, including:

- The external user directory server is not accessible (because the network is down, or the directory is down, or the directory has been moved to another IP address)
- Users are managed in JIRA and the Application Link from Stash to JIRA has been accidentally deleted
- The admin password has been forgotten or lost
- The admin account is shaded by a remote account in an LDAP or JIRA instance that is connected to Stash but which is unavailable.

The lockout recovery process for Stash is:

1. Edit the `<Stash installation directory>/bin/setenv.sh` file (or `setenv.bat` on Windows) and add the `-Datlassian.recovery.password=temporarypassword` argument to the `JVM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDED_ARGS` property. The property value must be non-blank, and should look like this when you've done that:

   ```
   # Occasionally Atlassian Support may recommend that you set some specific JVM arguments. You can use this variable below to do that.
   JVM_SUPPORT_RECOMMENDED_ARGS="-Datlassian.recovery.password=temporarypassword"
   ```

   Here we are using "temporarypassword", but you can use your own value.

2. Start Stash.
3. Log in to Stash using the 'recovery_admin' username and the temporary password specified in Step 1.
4. Repair your Stash configuration. We strongly recommend that you do not perform other actions while Stash is in recovery mode.
5. Confirm your ability to log in with your usual admin profile.
6. Shut down Stash, remove the `atlassian.recovery.password` argument from `setenv.sh`, and restart Stash as usual.
Using diff transcoding in Stash

As of Stash 3.1, Stash supports transcoding for diffs. This allows Stash to convert files in encodings like EUC-JP, GB18030 and UTF-16 to UTF-8, so they are processed correctly by `git diff`, which only supports UTF-8. Similar transcoding has been applied to Stash's source view since it was released, so this change brings the diff view in line with the source view. Diff transcoding is applied to commit and pull request diffs, as well as the diff-to-previous view.

Git for Windows, formerly known as msysgit, has known issues with Unicode paths. Diff transcoding works on all supported versions of Git for Windows, but 1.8.0 or higher is required to support Unicode paths.

Enabling diff transcoding

Diff transcoding must be explicitly enabled for each repository (unlike source view transcoding, which is always performed).

Repository administrators can enable diff transcoding on the repository settings page:
Performance and scaling

There’s a performance consideration with transcoding. It is implemented using Git’s textconv support, so using it adds overhead to displaying diffs. Where possible, the best approach, given git only supports UTF-8 content, is to use UTF-8 encoding so that transcoding is not necessary. In repositories without non-UTF-8 content, diff transcoding should be left disabled. Other encodings are often a necessity, however, and for repositories containing such content enabling diff transcoding allows using the full range of Stash features.

When transcoding is enabled, git diff writes the before and after blobs to temporary files and invokes the textconv script once for each file. The script Stash installs uses Perl to send a request back to Stash with the path to each temporary file. Stash then opens each file, detects the encoding using the same algorithm the source view uses, converts the file to UTF-8 and streams it out for git diff to use. After git diff has invoked the textconv script the temporary files it created are deleted.

Writing the blobs to disk, starting Perl and calling back into Stash are all overhead processing compared to performing a diff without transcoding. How much overhead that is varies by the size of the diff. When nominally-sized files containing two or three thousand lines or less are being compared the overhead is miniscule, under 50 milliseconds on an average server. However, when comparing larger files the overhead can result in a noticeable delay displaying the diff.

Releases

You can get automated notifications about major Stash releases by subscribing to the Atlassian dev tools blog. The change logs for the releases (linked below) have details of the related bug-fix releases.

Stash 3.3

10 September 2014

- Tasks for pull requests
- Tomcat 8 is now bundled
- Pull request URLs are displayed in the console after pushing

Read more in the Stash 3.3 release notes and change log.

See the Stash upgrade guide.
Stash 3.2

30 July 2014

- Improved workflow for creating pull requests
- Improved comment navigation in diffs - jump to next/previous comment
- Landing page for new users
- Stash analytics disclosure

Read more in the Stash 3.2 release notes and change log.

See the Stash upgrade guide.

Stash 3.1

24 June 2014

- Code search in pull request diffs
- Attachments for pull request comments and descriptions
- Stash installer for Linux, Mac OS X and Windows
- Microsoft SQL Server 2014 is now supported
- Oracle 12c is now supported
- Transcoding is now supported for diff views

Read more in the Stash 3.1 release notes and change log.

See the Stash upgrade guide.

Stash 3.0

20 May 2014

- Branch compare
- Sidebar redesign
- Webcam capture of user avatars
- Stash internationalization
- Java 6 support removed. Stash now requires Java 7 at least.
- Java 8 is now supported.
- Internet Explorer 8 support removed.
- Stash JavaScript API published
- Stash APIs deprecated in Stash 2.x releases (before 2.12) have now been removed.

Read more in the Stash 3.0 release notes and change log.

See the Stash upgrade guide.

Stash 2.12

25 March 2014

- Custom avatar images
- User name linking to profile page
- Read/write access keys
- Access key bulk revocation
- Diff hunk map
- DIY Backup
- Comment display toggling
- Markdown rendering in the Source view
- Markdown table syntax in comments

Read more in the Stash 2.12 release notes and change log.

See the Stash upgrade guide.
Stash 2.11

25 February 2014

- Commit comments
- File comments for pull requests and commits
- Side-by-side diffs
- Lock out recovery process
- MySQL 5.6.16+ support

Read more in the Stash 2.11 release notes and change log.

See the Stash upgrade guide.

Stash 2.10

17 December 2013

Small improvements:

- Branch Utils REST API
- The SSH clone URL is now shown for admins who don't have a user key, when a project or repository access key is available
- The permission screens for projects and repositories have been tidied
- Log files in Stash now use UTF-8 encoding when you start Stash from IDEA or Maven
- The URL now updates correctly when you switch revisions via the file history, when viewing the ‘Diff to previous’ tab for a repo
- Stash has been updated to use AUI 5.3
- Atlassian platform upgrade for 2.10

Read the Stash 2.10 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.9

19 November 2013

- Branch listing improvements
- SSH access keys for projects and repositories
- Pull request inbox – my pull requests
- Build status during branch creation
- Support for PostgreSQL 9.3
- Extra keyboard shortcuts
- Extra merge strategy option
- Support for changing usernames

Read the Stash 2.9 release notes and change log.

Stash 2.8

1 October 2013

- Stash branching model
- Branch creation from within Stash
- Branch creation from within JIRA
- Automated merges
- Branch listing page
- Move Git repositories between Stash projects
- Improved integration with Atlassian SourceTree
- 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

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**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.
- the Integrating Stash with Atlassian applications page for version compatibility information.

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Upgrade steps

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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!

   How you stop Stash depends on whether it is running as a service, and the platform on which Stash is running.

   See Starting and stopping Stash.

2. Back up your Stash data!

   See Data recovery and backups for more information.

3. Download and install Stash

   Use either the Stash installer (recommended) or install Stash from an archive file, as described in separate sections below.

   Use the Stash installer to upgrade your Stash installation

   Download Stash from the Atlassian download site and run the installer. This is the recommended approach.
Note that installer does not perform an in-place upgrade, but installs the new version of Stash into a fresh directory – see Running the Stash installer.

At the 'Select Stash Home' step, browse to the Stash home directory for your existing Stash installation:

The installer checks the location you provide; if it is a Stash home directory the installer displays a reminder about backing up your data (for existing installs of Stash 2.6 or later):

Proceed with the remaining installer steps.

Use an archive file to upgrade your Stash installation

Follow the instructions at Installing Stash from an archive.

Note that you should not simply unzip the Stash archive file over an existing Stash installation – 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.

4. Update any custom configurations

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:
• You may have made changes to the port, context path, and/or access protocol (conf/server.xml).
• You may be using 64-bit libraries on Windows instead of the out-of-the-box 32-bit libraries (bin/tomcat7.exe, bin/tcnative-1.dll).

Do not simply copy the configuration files from your existing Stash installation to your new installation. Carefully review the differences between your customized version and the default version and re-apply your custom changes to the new configuration files to prevent overwriting configuration changes between different versions of Stash.

If you are using MySQL
Stash does not ship with the MySQL database driver.

You need to reinstall the driver in the new installation, or copy the previous driver from the old <Stash installation directory>/lib to the new <Stash home directory>/lib.

5. Start Stash

If you installed Stash using the installer, Stash will already have been started by the installer.

If you installed Stash manually from an archive file then see Starting and stopping Stash.

Either way, note that the database schema migration task that runs when Stash is started after an upgrade can take a while, especially if the upgrade has skipped a few releases (for example, upgrading from Stash 2.2 to 2.7). Stash should never be interrupted while this is happening, even if Stash appears to have hung – allow the server to either come up, or fail to come up (when it will provide an explanation of what went wrong).

6. Rollback

If necessary, rolling back an upgrade should only be performed by restoring a backup of both the Stash home directory and the Stash database – rolling back requires a consistent home directory and database. You can then reinstall the previous version of Stash to the <Stash installation directory>.

Upgrading to Stash 3.3

Please also see:
• the general Upgrade steps section above.
• the Stash 3.3 release notes.
• the Stash Supported platforms page. Note that Stash 3.3 does not support Git 2.0.2 or 2.0.3.
• the End of support announcements for Stash.

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Upgrading to Stash 3.2

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Please also see:
• the general Upgrade steps section above.
• the Stash 3.2 release notes.
• the Stash Supported platforms page.
• the End of support announcements for Stash.

Note that:

Created in 2014 by Atlassian. Licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 2.5 Australia License.
- **Stash 3.2 does not support Git 2.0.2 or 2.0.3.**

Home directory migration

When you upgrade to Stash 3.2, an upgrade task runs that migrates directories in your Stash home directory to new locations.

For most installations, Stash 3.2 is able to perform these moves automatically and transparently. However, in the rare instance where Stash 3.2 can't perform the upgrade automatically, please refer to **Upgrading your Stash home directory for Stash 3.2 manually**.

Undocumented home directory overrides are no longer supported

Before Stash 3.2 it was possible to override the location of the following subfolders in the Stash home directory, using undocumented environment variables or system properties:

- export
- bin
- caches
- config
- data
- lib
- lib/native
- log
- plugins
- tmp

In Stash 3.2 only the **tmp** subfolder can be overridden in this way. Attempting to override the others will fail on startup. For more information, please see **Stash fails to start - UnsupportedDirectoryOverrideException**.

Stash analytics

Stash 3.2, and later, collects user event data, unless this is disabled by an administrator. You will see outgoing network traffic to **amazonaws.com**. See **Collecting analytics for Stash**.

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**Upgrading to Stash 3.1**

Please also see:

- the general Upgrade steps section above.
- the Stash 3.1 release notes.
- the Stash Supported platforms page.

Note that:

- **Stash does not support Git 2.0.2 or 2.0.3.**

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Upgrading to Stash 3.0

⚠️ Stash no longer supports Java 6
Stash 3.0 requires at least Java 7, and supports Java 8.
Please see the End of support announcements for Stash.

⚠️ Your plugins may not be compatible with Stash 3.0
The interfaces in the Stash API for plugin developers that were deprecated in Stash 2.11 and earlier have been removed in Stash 3.0. This means that, unless they have been updated to work with Stash 3.0, existing Stash add-ons (or plugins) that use these interfaces will not work with Stash 3.0.
Please see the section below about Stash add-on incompatibilities for more details.

Please also see:
- the general Upgrade steps section above.
- the Stash 3.0 release notes.
- the Stash Supported platforms page.

Note that:
- Stash now has installers for the Linux, Mac OS X and Windows platforms.
- Stash no longer supports Internet Explorer 8, as previously announced.
- Stash does not support the Apache HTTP Server mod_auth_basic module.
- Stash does not support Git 2.0.2 or 2.0.3.

Stash add-on incompatibilities

Unless they have been updated to work with Stash 3.0, existing Stash add-ons (or plugins) that use the API interfaces that have been removed in Stash 3.0 will not work.

Fresh installs of Stash 3.0 shouldn't encounter any problems. The Stash 'Manage add-ons' page (in the admin area) should only display add-ons from the Marketplace that have been marked as compatible with Stash 3.0. Incompatible add-ons won't be available in the list.

However, if you are upgrading from Stash 2.x to Stash 3.0, you should be aware that some existing installed add-ons may be incompatible with Stash 3.0. After upgrading, you should go to Admin > Manage add-ons, look for messages of this form, and follow the advice to update:

⚠️ A newer version of the Universal Plugin Manager is available. Update Now

If no newer version is available, the add-on must be disabled.

Custom add-ons

Please note that your custom locally-developed plugins may be affected by the API removals in Stash 3.0. You will need to update your custom plugins if you want those to work with Stash 3.0. See the Stash API changelog for details of the deprecated APIs.

Third-party add-ons
You'll need to check on Atlassian Marketplace for the compatibility status of any 3rd-party add-ons that you use.

Third-party add-on developers have been given an Early Access Program (EAP) build of Stash 3.0 in advance of release, and many have already updated their add-ons to be compatible. Add-ons must be explicitly marked by the publisher as compatible with Stash 3.0 for them to appear in 'Manage add-ons' page in Stash. **This is NOT automatic as was the case with previous minor releases such as 2.10 and 2.11.** Atlassian can't support issues involving third party Add-ons that are incompatible with Stash 3.0; such support cases must be directed to the third-party publisher of the add-on. See Managing add-ons.

**Atlassian add-ons**

All of the Atlassian add-ons for Stash that are available from the Atlassian Marketplace have been updated to be compatible with Stash 3.0. If you use any of these in your Stash installation you'll need to update them to the Stash 3.0 compatible version.

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**Upgrading to Stash 2.12**

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash. In particular, note that support for Java 6 is deprecated. Stash 3.0+ will require Java 7.
- the Stash 2.12 release notes.

Note that:

- Stash does not yet support Java 8.
- Stash 2.12 does not support Git 1.8.4.3
- Stash does not support the Apache HTTP Server mod_auth_basic module.

See Supported platforms.

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Upgrading to Stash 2.11

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.
- the Stash 2.11 release notes.

Note that Stash does not support Git 1.8.4.3, nor does Stash support Java 8 yet. See Supported platforms.

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Upgrading to Stash 2.10

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.
- the Stash 2.10 release notes.

Note that Stash does not support Git 1.8.4.3. See Supported platforms.

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Upgrading to Stash 2.9

Please also see:

- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.
- the Stash 2.9 release notes.

Note that Stash does not support Git 1.8.4.3. See Supported platforms.

Pull Request Ref Optimization

When you first start Stash after upgrading to Stash 2.9 a repository upgrade task runs that optimizes the pull request refs for all repositories managed by Stash. It’s important that you do not interrupt this upgrade process. You can track the progress of this in the Stash logs. See

| STASH-3469 | Pull request references in the Git repository are never removed after merge or decline | CLOSED |

3 issues
Backup Client Upgrade Required

Version 1.0.3 of the Stash Backup Client is required to back up Stash 2.9.

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Upgrading to Stash 2.8

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- the Upgrade steps section above.
- the End of support announcements for Stash.
- the Stash 2.8 release notes.

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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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Upgrading to Stash 2.6

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• the End of support announcements for Stash.

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Upgrading to Stash 2.5

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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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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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STASH-3308  Git command authentication failure causing the user to enter captcha before maximum attempts are met.

STASH-3296  Using "Load newer activities" on pull requests drops some activities

STASH-3279  URL surrounded by parentheses and followed by punctuation includes trailing parenthesis in URL

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Upgrading to Stash 2.2

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Upgrading to Stash 2.1

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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:

```shell
> net stop <service name>
> service.bat uninstall <service name>
```

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. See Installing and upgrading Git.

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
Documentation for Stash 3.3

Upgrading to Stash 1.2

Please see the Upgrade steps section above.

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 recent Stash releases:

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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 Tomcat 7 (announced 10 September 2014)
- Deprecation of Internet Explorer 8 (announced 22 July 2013)
- Deprecation of Java 6 (announced 9 May 2013)

Deprecation of Tomcat 7 (announced 10 September 2014)

In version 4.0, Stash will no longer support Tomcat 7, and will only support Tomcat 8 and above. Stash 4.0 is expected to be released around mid-2015. See Supported platforms.
Deprecation of Internet Explorer 8 (announced 22 July 2013)

In version 3.0, Stash will no longer support Internet Explorer 8, and will only support Internet Explorer 9 and above. Stash 3.0 is now expected to be released mid-2014. See Supported platforms.

Deprecation of Java 6 (announced 9 May 2013)

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 now expected to be released mid-2013. See Supported platforms.

Stash 3.3 release notes

10 September 2014

Introducing Stash 3.3

Today we're very pleased to announce the release of Stash 3.3.

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Please also check the End of support announcements for Stash. Add-on developers will be interested in the API changelog.

The Stash 3.3 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

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Tasks for pull requests

You can now use tasks in Stash to express and track actions identified during a review. You simply attach tasks to the comments you add to the pull request. We think tasks will make it much easier for developers to see what still needs to be done, and for review owners to keep track of which pull requests need attention before they can be merged.

Read more about tasks for pull requests.

Small improvements

Tomcat 8

Stash 3.3 now bundles Tomcat 8.0.9. Tomcat 8 implements Servlet 3.1, and also switches from using blocking I/O to non-blocking I/O by default. Non-blocking I/O improves Stash's ability to scale.

Note that Stash will still run if deployed to Tomcat 7 until Stash 4, at which time a Servlet 3.1-compliant container, like Tomcat 8, will be required.
Pull request URLs are displayed in the console after pushing

To save you time, the console now displays the URL to the ‘Create pull request’ screen in Stash after you push a new branch (or a branch with no pull requests yet):

You'll find that the branch and repository are already correctly selected in Stash, to make life easier still. When pull requests already exist for the branch, links to those in Stash are displayed instead.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 3.3 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance. If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The issues listed below are the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 3.3.x releases.

10 September 2014 - Stash 3.3.0

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Stash 3.2 release notes

30 July 2014

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Introducing Stash 3.2

Today we’re very pleased to announce the release of Stash 3.2.

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.

Add-on developers will be interested in the API changelog.

The Stash 3.2 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

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Improved workflow for creating pull requests

We’ve streamlined the pull request creation workflow in Stash so you can more easily preview your changes. Clicking Create pull request in the sidebar, or choosing Compare from the Actions menu (on the Source, Commits or Branches pages) lets you choose and compare branches, all on the same page:

![Create pull request](image)

Read more about using pull requests in Stash.

Improved navigation in diffs

In Stash 3.0 we added keyboard shortcuts, N (next) and P (previous), to move between hunks in a diff. In Stash 3.2 you can now use keyboard shortcuts to move between comments in a diff too. Now it’s easy to jump between threads, just use Shift+N (next) and Shift+P (previous). Remember, you can press ? at any time to see all Stash keyboard shortcuts.

Small improvements

Improved experience for new users

We’ve added a landing page that Stash displays to a new user when they log in for the first time. The landing page provides a short introduction to the key features in Stash – this helps ensure new people joining your
developer team have a basic understanding of what Stash can do for them, and saves administrators having to explain the basics every time. The page can be recalled later by choosing Welcome to Stash from the Help menu:

Welcome to Stash
Let’s get started

Familiar with Stash? Git back to it.

Product analytics disclosure

In the spirit of openness, we disclose that, as of version 3.2 Stash will collect user event data unless disabled by an administrator, per Atlassian’s Privacy Policy. Analytics help us to determine the frequency of feature usage within the product, all towards improving Stash.

See Collecting analytics for Stash.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 3.2 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The issues listed below are the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 3.2.x releases.

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Note that Stash 3.2.3 was an internal release.

15 August 2014 - Stash 3.2.2

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Stash 3.1 release notes
24 June 2014

Introducing Stash 3.1

Today we’re pleased to announce the release of Stash 3.1.

Stash 3.1 brings nice enhancements to the pull request experience (code search, comment attachments, transcoding), and we’re taking this opportunity to remind you about the Stash installer (available since Stash 3.0.4).

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.

Add-on developers will be interested in the API changelog.

The Stash 3.1 changelog is at the bottom of this page.
**Code search in pull request diffs**

We've added the ability to search across all the files in a pull request, when viewing a pull request diff.

The search is applied to the diff and surrounding context lines. The search results are highlighted, as you'd expect, and you'll notice that the file tree on the left is updated to display the files and matching lines returned by the search.

Use the 'f' keyboard shortcut to quickly access code search when viewing a diff in a pull request. The usual 'j' (next) and 'k' (previous) keyboard shortcuts let you move between results. 'Esc' cancels the search.

**Attach images to pull request comments**

You can now drag and drop images, and other file types, in to your pull request comments and descriptions, so it's much easier for your team to discuss how that new UI should look. Alternatively, use the attachment button when editing the comment to upload a file from your file system, or use markup to add a resource, say from the web. Click on an image to see it at full size.

Stash administrators can use Stash config properties to control availability of this feature (feature.attachments) and to set the file size limit (attachment.upload.max.size – the default is 10 MB).

**Stash installer**

A Stash installer is now available (since Stash 3.0.4) for the Linux, Mac OS X and Windows operating
systems. The installer can be downloaded as usual from http://www.atlassian.com/software/stash/download. The installer will install a supported version of Java, if necessary, and on Linux and Windows systems, it provides the option to install Stash as a service. See Getting started.

The installer can be run in GUI, console or unattended modes. See Running the Stash installer for details.

Small improvements

Microsoft SQLServer

SQL Server 2014 is now supported. See Supported platforms.

Oracle

Oracle 12c is now supported. See Supported platforms.

Transcoding is now supported for diff views

Diffs in Stash now support encodings other than UTF-8, for example EUC-JP, GB18030, UTF-16 and UTF-32. This means that any file that displays correctly in the source view will now display nicely in a diff view. See Using diff transcoding in Stash.

See also STASH-3179 - Convert non-UTF8 files to UTF8 before generating the diff view CLOSED.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 3.1 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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### Stash 3.0 release notes

20 May 2014

**Introducing Stash 3.0**

Today we're delighted to announce Stash 3.0, the first new major release of Stash in over a year.

Stash 3.0 brings an overhaul of the product navigation, a new way to compare branches, internationalization, and a public JavaScript API for plugin developers. Note in particular that Java 6 is no longer supported, and that previously deprecated APIs have been removed (with possible consequences for plugin compatibility) – add-on developers will be interested in the API changelog.

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 3.0 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

Webcam captured avatars

With Stash 2.12 we introduced custom avatar images, allowing you to upload an image to your profile. Now, with Stash 3.0, we’ve made it possible to use your webcam to capture an avatar image directly from your Account settings in Stash. Looking good!

Sidebar redesign

We’ve undertaken a major rework of the navigation for Stash 3.0.

Now, the Actions and Navigation items all live vertically in the lefthand sidebar, where it is much easier to find them. Note that Files has been renamed as Source.

Click anywhere in the sidebar, or press [ , to collapse or expand it.

When the repositories sidebar is collapsed, the Actions items become available from the menu:

Branch comparisons

Now you can compare the changes between two branches, even before you start creating a pull request.

Simply click on a branch name in the Branches tab list or choose Compare from the branch actions menu on the Source, Commits or Branches screen. Then, use the project and branch pickers to choose the branches (that you have permission to see) to compare.

- The Diff tab shows the changes in the source branch that are not yet in the destination branch.
• The **Commits** tab shows commits on the source branch that have not yet been merged to the destination branch.

These views are very similar to those for pull requests in Stash, including the option for displaying side-by-side or unified diffs:

Furthermore, when you begin creation of a pull request from the Compare screen (using the **Create pull request** action in the sidebar), the branches that you are comparing are automatically used to populate the source and destination branches for the pull request.

*Read more about pull requests in Stash...*

**Add-on and plugin compatibility in Stash 3.0**

The interfaces in the Stash API for plugin developers that were deprecated in the Stash 2.11 and earlier releases have been removed in Stash 3.0. This means that, unless they have been updated to work with Stash 3.0, existing Stash add-ons (plugins) that use these interfaces **will not work with Stash 3.0**.

In particular, please note that your custom local plugins may be affected by these API removals when you upgrade to Stash 3.0. You will need to update your custom plugins if you want those to work with Stash 3.0.

*See the Stash upgrade guide for details...*

**New Stash JavaScript API documentation**

We've published documentation for the JavaScript API for use in building your Stash plugin's UI and browser behavior. We know that plenty of developers were already using these utilities, so we're pleased to provide support for them through our compatibility policy. And yes, we're going to be expanding this API over the next few releases.

**Stash internationalization**

Stash is now locale-aware and will be displayed in your preferred language (French, German or Japanese language packs are the first available).

Stash administrators can specify the default language at install time (in the Stash Setup Wizard), and can install additional language packs from the Atlassian Marketplace as these become available. See **Managing add-ons**.

You can set your preferred language in your Stash account settings – this overrides the default Stash language setting, but depends on the available language packs that are installed.

Stash selects the display language for each user session by finding the first match from the installed language packs with first, the user's language preference in their Stash account settings, then the locale set in their browser, the default Stash language setting, the Java or operating system locale, or finally US English, in that priority order.
Support for Java 6 removed

As previously announced, support for Java 6 has been removed. Stash 3.0 requires at least Java 7.

Small improvements

Java 8 supported

Stash 3.0 adds support for Java 8.

Internet Explorer 11 supported

Stash 3.0 adds support for IE 11.

Support for Internet Explorer 8 removed

As previously announced, support for IE8 has been removed in Stash 3.0.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 3.0 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The issues listed below are the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 3.0.x releases.

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STASH-4790  Navbar "Learn more" keeps on appearing with IE 11
STASH-4762  Relative links in base README.md incorrect
STASH-4648  Switching default permission from "write" to "read" is broken
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Stash 2.12 release notes
25 March 2014

Introducing Stash 2.12

Today we’re very pleased to announce Stash 2.12, which brings custom avatars, hunk maps for side-by-side diffs, enhanced SSH access keys, a new REST API for backing up and restoring Stash, and improvements to markdown rendering.

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.

Add-on developers will be interested in the API changelog.

The Stash 2.12 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

Custom avatar images

You can now upload a custom avatar image to your profile, which will replace your Gravatar image wherever that is used in Stash. Do this on the Account settings tab in your personal profile.

User name linking

When you’re logged in to Stash you’ll notice that wherever commit author names are displayed (for example, on the commits list, and the blame view) they are now linked to the profile page of the author (if the author is also a Stash user). Authors are matched to Stash users via the author’s email address, and the user’s name in their Stash account is displayed instead of their author name.
Hunk maps

We've improved how you can use side-by-side diffs, first introduced with Stash 2.11.

Now we've added a 'hunk map' to side-by-side diffs, to make it easier for you to find where a file has been changed. Simply click on the hunk map in the left- or right-hand margin to scroll the view to that location:

Access keys

We've extended how you can use SSH keys to secure Git operations for Stash repositories.

Firstly, system SSH access keys, which allow you to secure the Git operations performed by other systems on Stash repositories, can now be either Read-only or Read / Write. Now you can use operations like `git push` or `git merge` if you want the other system to merge successful feature branch builds to the default branch in the Stash repository, or so that deployments can be tagged.
Furthermore, we've provided greater visibility into where access keys are being used in Stash. When you want to delete a key, you now see a list of the other places where the key is being used, and can delete the key from those places as well:

The keys displayed in the list depend on your permissions to see those projects and repositories.

Read more about SSH access keys for system use...

**DIY Backup**

We’ve added to the backup and restore strategies available for use with Stash.

The new Stash DIY Backup is an alternative to the Stash Backup Client, and provides a REST API that allows you to:

- significantly reduce the downtime needed to create a consistent backup,
- use the appropriate industry-standard tools to back up your Stash file system and external database back end,
- automate the Stash back up process.

As an indication of the downtime that can be expected when using Stash DIY Backup, in our testing and internal use we have seen Stash downtimes of 7–8 minutes with repositories totalling 6 GB in size when
using the Backup Client, compared with downtimes of less than a minute when using the new DIY Backup with the same repositories.

Read more about a fully worked solution in Using Stash DIY Backup...

Small improvements

Toggle comment display

Use the Shift-C keyboard shortcut or the diff options menu to toggle comment display, either in a unified diff or a side-by-side diff. The icon in the left margin shows that comments are hidden:

```javascript
$('aui-page-header').show().append($el).show());
```

// Add aui class to all content tables

```javascript
$content.find('table').addClass('aui');
```

Markdown rendering in source view

Markdown files are now rendered in the source view. The output handles images, links (including relative links) and table syntax.
Documentation for Stash 3.3

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**References**
- Home
- JIRA dev
- JIRA public
- Bamboo

**Markdown table syntax in comments**

Table syntax is now supported in comments and markdown files. For more details, see the markdown syntax guide.

**Change log**

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Stash 2.11 release notes
25 February 2014

Introducing Stash 2.11

Today we're excited to announce Stash 2.11, which brings added support for code review workflows with side-by-side diffs and new ways to discuss code changes.

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 2.11 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

Commit comments

Now you can get immediate feedback on changes in a particular commit, even if they're not part of a pull request. Commit discussions allow you to request feedback early on in the development cycle – not only to ensure you are on the right path, but also to speed up subsequent pull requests because the bulk of the changes have already been reviewed. Commit comments also let developers point out general issues in code or discuss ideas for improving code quality in future work.

You can comment directly on a line of code right in the diff, just as you've been able to do with diffs in pull requests. Just hover over the line of code, click the icon at the left (arrowed below), and enter your comment; @mention another Stash user in the comment, to get their attention.
As the author of the commit, or when you make a comment, you're automatically made a watcher, and get notified when others comment. You can watch, or unwatch, the commit at any time, of course.

### File comments for pull requests and commits

Until now you've only been able to comment on particular lines of code in files under discussion in pull requests. But what if you wanted to comment about the whole file, or about a file without text, such as an image? Now you can!

Whether you're looking at a pull request or a file in a commit, just click the header icon (arrowed below, or use the 'M' keyboard shortcut) to add a comment about the whole file. You can do this in both a unified diff or a side-by-side diff (also new in this release - see below).

As with general or in-line comments, file comments on a pull request appear in the activity stream, so it's easy for others to see, and you can @mention other Stash users to really get their attention.
Read more about pull requests in Stash...

**Side-by-side diffs**

We added a new side-by-side view for when you're looking at diffs in both pull requests and commits – we think you'll find that this really improves your experience of using Stash for code reviews, and for viewing code changes in general.

Toggle between the unified diff and side-by-side diff views using the menu arrowed below. The side-by-side view is not available for added or removed files.

For a pull request, the lefthand panel shows the code in the target branch and the righthand panel shows what the result of merging will be. For a commit, the lefthand panel shows the previous revision and the righthand panel shows the current revision.

As mentioned above, file comments and per-line comments are both available for the side-by-side view.

**Small improvements**

MySQL 5.6.16+ is now supported

Stash now supports versions of MySQL 5.6 from MySQL 5.6.16 on. See Supported platforms.

Lockout recovery process

We've made some changes to help admins who accidentally lock themselves out of Stash. See Lockout recovery process.

**Change log**

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**Memory leak when using a persistent SSH connections**

**Stash performance degrades over time with Java 1.7.0_51**

**page.max.directory.children does not show correct number of files on page load**

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Stash 2.10 release notes
17 December 2013

Introducing Stash 2.10

Today we're pleased to announce Stash 2.10, which brings a wide range of small improvements. We've also added considerable polish to the Stash experience – these changes are listed in the 2.10.0 changelog at the bottom of this page.

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.

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Small improvements

We've made the following notable improvements:

- There is now a Branch Utils REST API that provides REST resources for managing branches in
Stash repositories.
- The SSH clone URL is now shown for admins, when a project or repository access key is available.
- The permission screens for projects and repositories have been tidied.
- The URL now updates correctly when you switch revisions via the file history when viewing the 'Diff to previous' tab.
- Stash has been updated to use AUI 5.3.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 2.10 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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| STASH-4239 | Scrolling on Pull Request activity page broken after second page |
| STASH-4215 | Branch listing: Builds header not hidden when filtered |
| STASH-4154 | LDAP synchronization fails when user rename contains case only changes |
| STASH-4131 | Error calculating comment drift on startup |
| STASH-4121 | Default user avatars do not load |
| STASH-4116 | Pull requests cannot be merged in repositories with extremely short slugs |
| STASH-4115 | IE8: missing conflict marker in difftree |
| STASH-4112 | 2.9.1 upgrade fails when SSH keys exist with labels greater than 255 characters |
| STASH-4111 | SSH keys corrupted after upgrade to 2.9.1 when key contains newline characters |
| STASH-4107 | Paging in access keys doesn’t work |
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| STASH-4100 | Repository move not recorded in audit log |
| STASH-4052 | Changing the base url should require system administration privileges |
| STASH-4002 | Browse Repository page not rendering correctly in IE11 |
| STASH-3918 | Stash adds class "aui" to "table"-tags when inside markdown backtick code block |
| STASH-3866 | SSH clone URL generation should take the request URL into account |
| STASH-3859 | <dl> block not rendered by Stash in README |

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Stash 2.9 release notes

19 November 2013

Introducing Stash 2.9

Today we’re excited to announce Stash 2.9, which makes managing your branches, pull requests and access to repositories much easier.

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 2.9 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

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Branch listing improvements

We’ve made the branches listing a much more useful overview of the state of your repository:

- The new Pull requests status helps you to track the review and merge work that still needs to be done.
The **Behind/Ahead** column helps you identify work in progress as well as stale branches, and now you can choose the base branch for the comparison.

The new search makes it easy to find branches when you have a ton of them. Even better, if you’re using the Stash branch model, you can filter by branch type simply by searching for the prefix – for example, search for “feature/” to see all your feature branches.

As before, the **Builds** column allows you to see the build status of branches at a glance.

The **Actions** menus have altered tasks, such as creating a pull request, and checking out the branch in **Atlassian SourceTree**.

There are new navigation shortcuts – see them in **Keyboard shortcuts** under the Stash Help menu.

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**SSH access keys for projects and repositories**

Stash now provides a simple way for other systems to perform read-only Git operations on repositories managed in Stash. This allows systems such as your build server to authenticate with Stash to checkout and test source code, without having to store user credentials on another system, and without requiring a specific user account.

These new access keys complement the personal account keys that have been available since Stash 1.1 – but they work for repositories rather than user accounts.

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**Pull request inbox**

Our pull request inbox has always provided easy access to the pull requests that need your review. In Stash 2.9, we’ve improved the inbox so that it also shows your own open pull requests. Toggle between these two sets directly from your inbox, and keep track of all your open pull requests seamlessly.
Small improvements

Build status during branch creation

When you're creating a new branch, Stash displays the current build status for the source branch – is the branch good enough to branch from? Read more about build status ...

Support for PostgreSQL 9.3

See Supported platforms.

Extra keyboard shortcuts

We’ve added new keyboard shortcuts to help you navigate around the branch listing screen quickly – choose Keyboard shortcuts from the Stash Help menu to see these. Read more about the branch listing screen.

Extra merge strategy option

We’ve added the squash-ff-only option. As with squash, it collapses all the incoming commits into a single commit directly to the target branch, never creating a merge, but it does so only if the source branch is fast-forward. If not, a MergeException will be thrown. See Stash config properties.

Support for changing usernames

You can change the username for a user account that is hosted in Stash’s internal user directory. If a user is renamed in your LDAP directory, Stash will pick that up in the next synchronisation, or when the user next logs in. All content and attributes associated with the original username will be automatically associated with the new username, including pull requests, comments and permissions. See the Crowd 2.7 release notes.

Change log
This section will contain information about the Stash 2.9 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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Documentation for Stash 3.3

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STASH-4018  Duplicate entries on the project list
STASH-4011  File Search screen should not show README file
STASH-4010  Upgrade Trusted Apps to fix signature issues
STASH-3991  Stash dependency leaking into plugin dependencies
STASH-3977  JIRA Feature Discovery behaves badly when switching tabs
STASH-3961  Ref syncing raises RepositoryRefsChangedEvents with bad RefChanges
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STASH-3949  Source view fails with "Resetting to invalid mark" on larger source files
STASH-3945  TrustedApplicationsAuthListener.authenticationFailure produces NullPointerExceptions
STASH-3943  ORA-01795: maximum number of expressions in a list is 1000
STASH-3930  The BackupController.java startBackup method is vulnerable to csrf
STASH-3915  The MaintenanceController.java lock method is vulnerable to csrf
STASH-3914  BranchSelectorField doesn’t work when appended to an intermediate non-DOM element with jQuery
STASH-3907  Stash includes a Clover license in the public POM file
STASH-3871  Stash 2.7 fails to start with MySQL when binary logging is enabled
STASH-3824  SSH operations hang when using PuTTY or TortoiseGit
STASH-3535  PagedTable JS component spinner hiding race conditions

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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.

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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 created for branches that are ready to be released and changes are merged back into this development branch.

Branch prefixes

Use the prefixes below as part of your branch names to categorize them and take advantage of automatic branching workflows.

- **Bugfix**
  - Prefix: `bugfix/`
  - Typically used for fixing bugs against a release branch

- **Feature**
  - Prefix: `feature/`
  - Used for specific feature work. Typically, this branch is created for branches that are ready to be released and changes are merged back into the development branch.

- **Hotfix**
  - Prefix: `hotfix/`
  - Typically used to quickly fix the production branch

- **Release**
  - Prefix: `release/`
  - Used for release tasks and long-term maintenance. Typically, this branch is created for branches that are ready to be released and changes are merged back into the development branch.

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`

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

- **Branch name**
  - `bugfix/ STASH-2867-context-lines`

- **Branch name**
  - `bugfix/ STASH-2867-context-lines`

- **Create branch**

Read more about creating branches in Stash.

Branch creation from within JIRA and JIRA Agile
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, whether you are in JIRA or JIRA Agile. 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](#).

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Read more about the branches listing for a repository in Stash.

**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:

### Improved integration with Atlassian SourceTree

You've been able to clone a repository from Stash using Atlassian SourceTree for a while. Now there are more ways that you can use Stash and SourceTree together, to help you use Git faster and more easily. Choose Check out in SourceTree from the Actions menu when you are:

- Viewing files or commits in a repository:

  ![SourceTree actions menu](image)

  - Viewing branches in a repository:
Small improvements

Stash backup client is now production-ready

The Stash backup client introduced with Stash 2.7.0 is now supported for use in production environments. See Data recovery and backups.

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

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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.

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The Stash 2.7 changelog is at the bottom of this page.

![Try it for FREE](image)

## 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:

![JIRA Issues](image)

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

![Overview](image)

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

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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.

![performing backup](image)

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.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.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

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Fork synchronization

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.

The Stash 2.6 changelog is at the bottom of this page.
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:

- **Merge**: Merge the upstream branch into the fork branch.
- **Discard**: Overwrite the branch with upstream, discarding your changes.

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 **using forks** in Stash.

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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

In version 3.0, Stash will no longer support Internet Explorer 8, and will only support Internet Explorer 9 and above. Stash 3.0 is expected to be released later in 2013. See Supported platforms.

Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 2.6 minor releases as they become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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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.

Read more about pull requests in Stash.

**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 (look under 'Authentication' in the admin area).
- Administrators are now able to clear a user's CAPTCHA status, from the user's profile:

Change log

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Stash 2.4 release notes

6 May 2013

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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.

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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.

Read more about using forks in Stash.
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.

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:

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}

Before:

\begin{verbatim}
  - 28 | private DiffRequest(repository, string schema, string commitid, string branch, path, whitespace whitespace) {
  - 29 |   
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  And later in the diff... 
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Change log

This section will contain information about the Stash 2.4 minor releases as they become available. These
releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Stash, please read the Stash upgrade guide.

The issues listed below are just the highlights of all those that have been resolved for the Stash 2.4 release.

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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
STASH-3190  Merge button should refresh when pull request is approved
STASH-3108  SQL Server URLs with instance names don't reload correctly
STASH-2848  Unlicensed users can be added as reviewers if the default permission on the project is set to READ_ONLY
STASH-2602  "Clone in SourceTree" WebUI button uses HTTPS even when SSH is selected

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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.

Try it for FREE ➔

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.

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**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审批者
- Requires最少完成构建

Read more about merge checks in Stash.

Change log

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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.

Try it for FREE ➔
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 its 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

![Pull request integration with JIRA](image)

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 colorful built-in avatars if you don't have one.

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**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.

### New Features & Improvements

- Pull requests show linked JIRA issue details
- Build status API
- Project avatars
- Track viewed files in a pull request
- Current branch is preserved when navigating between Files and Commits tab
- Improved pull request title & description generation
- Pull request inbox
  - A user can see build status information in the pull request overview
  - A user can see build status information in the commit details view
  - A user can see build status information in the commit list
- Bundle the Scala runtime library and expose to Plugins
- Just in time comment drift calculation (less load on your server!)
- Add rich tooltips to disabled image diff toggles
- Add mention 'tip' to emails
- Added web sections for pull request metadata
- Stash now shows file mode changes (executable bit) in changesets and pull requests
- Add an "About" page
- Allow use of `@` when adding reviewers to a pull request
- Add default avatar to project create page
- Stash plugins can listen for user cleanup events
- Add endpoint to retrieve issue details for a pull request
- Improve error handling for reflog config upgrade task
- Allow for the hook callback address and port to be specified via a property
Add [ as a keyboard shortcut for toggling the diff tree

Stash throttling: Improve experience for user pushing/pulling when number of concurrent git processes have been exceeded.

Stash returns HTTP 500 and /mvc/error500 on git error during hosting operations

Use $STASH_HOME/lib for classpath library directory

Cannot view a commit that has a vertical bar character username

HTML returned from incorrect auth details for REST API request

LifecycleAware component's onStart method is not called after plugin upgrade/enablement

j and k keyboard shortcuts don't respect "Your unactioned pull requests" filter

Thread local cache in ActiveObjects causes incorrect branch permissions to be evaluated

Service.bat does not call permgenservice.bat

Comment tip re:markdown should link to help docs

Hide "Add Users" from Stash dashboard and Group administration if internal directory is disabled

Project key is appended to PR link in pull request list

Cmd/Ctrl+Return doesn't submit comment when in preview

Stash 2.1 changelog

This page will contain information about the Stash 2.1 minor releases as these become available. These releases will be free to all customers with active Stash software maintenance.

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!

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 (4 issues)

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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.

@Mentions

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 user's 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.

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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See the changelog for Stash 2.0.x minor releases.

Stash 2.0 changelog

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Don't have Stash 2.0 yet?

Take a look at all the features in the Stash 2.0 release notes and see what you are missing out on!

Stash 2.0.3

25 Jan 2013

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<td>STASH-2980</td>
<td>Starting a PR's description with a code block has the block automatically converted to normal text</td>
<td>Pierre-Etienne [Atlassian]</td>
<td>Pierre-Etienne [Atlassian]</td>
<td>✅</td>
<td>CLOSED</td>
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Thread local cache in ActiveObjects causes incorrect branch permissions to be evaluated

- **Assignee:** Jason Hinch [Atlassian]
- **Reporter:** Jason Hinch [Atlassian]
- **Status:** Fixed
- **Resolution:** Closed
- **Created:** Jan 10, 2013
- **Updated:** Jun 13, 2014

Shouldn't supply a response body to Git clients when returning 401 response

- **Assignee:** Tim Pettersen [Atlassian]
- **Reporter:** Tim Pettersen [Atlassian]
- **Status:** Fixed
- **Resolution:** Closed
- **Created:** Jan 07, 2013
- **Updated:** Feb 27, 2014

LifecycleAware component's onStart method is not called after plugin upgrade/enablement

- **Assignee:** Tim Pettersen [Atlassian]
- **Reporter:** Eli Bishop [Atlassian]
- **Status:** Fixed
- **Resolution:** Closed
- **Created:** Oct 31, 2012
- **Updated:** Aug 21, 2013

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#### Stash 2.0.2

**8 Jan 2013**

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#### Stash 2.0.1

**18 Dec 2012**

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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.

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.

Commits

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:

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

If any of the dependencies are missing run:

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

Tests
Enable tests

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

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Don't have Stash 1.3 yet?

Take a look at all the features in the Stash 1.3 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 1.3.1

7 Nov 2012

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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

**Providing feedback:**

Please log your votes and issues. They help us decide what needs doing, and are much appreciated!

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...

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.

![Filtering example](image)

**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.

![Add-ons examples](image)

**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 1.2 change log
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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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Stash 1.2.3

**14 September 2012**

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Stash 1.2.2

**22 August 2012**

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**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 2014-02-26

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

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.
Stash security advisory 2014-02-26

This advisory details a critical security vulnerability that we have found in Stash and fixed in a recent versions of Stash.

- **Customers who have downloaded and installed Stash** should upgrade their existing Stash installations to fix this vulnerability.
- **Atlassian OnDemand customers** are not affected because OnDemand does not include Stash.

The vulnerability affects all versions of Stash up to and including 2.5.3, 2.6.4, 2.7.5 and 2.8.3.

It does **not** affect versions 2.5.4, 2.6.5, 2.7.6, 2.8.4, 2.9.X, 2.10.X.

Atlassian is committed to improving product security. We **fully support the reporting of vulnerabilities** and we appreciate it when people work with us to identify and solve the problem.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this advisory, please raise a support request at [http://support.atlassian.com](http://support.atlassian.com).

User privilege escalation

Severity

Atlassian rates the severity level of this vulnerability as **critical**, according to the scale published in *Severity Levels of Security Issues*. The scale allows us to rank the severity as critical, high, moderate or low.

This is an independent assessment and you should evaluate its applicability to your own IT environment.

Description

We have identified and fixed a vulnerability in Stash which allowed unauthenticated users to commit actions on behalf of any other authorised user. In order to exploit this vulnerability, an attacker requires access to your Stash web interface.

The Stash server is only vulnerable if it has been configured to be a part of an Application link with **Trusted Applications authentication**.

The vulnerability affects all supported versions of Stash up to and including 2.5.3, 2.6.4, 2.7.5 and 2.8.3. It has been fixed in the Stash security patch releases 2.5.4, 2.6.5, 2.7.6, 2.8.4. The vulnerability does not affect the Stash 2.9 and 2.10 releases. The issue is tracked in [STASH-4122 - Privilege escalation](http://jira.atlassian.com/browse/STASH-4122) - CLOSED.

Risk Mitigation

If you are unable to upgrade or patch your Stash server you can do the following as a **temporary workaround**:

- Block access to your Stash server web interface from untrusted networks, such as the Internet.
- Remove any Application links that use Trusted Applications authentication and re-create them using OAuth.

Fix

This vulnerability can be fixed by upgrading Stash to one of the security patch releases or any release of Stash higher than 2.9.0. If required, there is also a patch available for this vulnerability for all supported versions of Stash. If you have any questions, please raise a support request at [http://support.atlassian.com](http://support.atlassian.com). We recommend upgrading.

The **Security Patch Policy** describes when and how we release security patches and security upgrades for our products.

**Upgrading Stash**

Upgrade to one of the Stash patch releases, 2.5.4, 2.6.5, 2.7.6, 2.8.4, which fixes this vulnerability, or one of the unaffected releases, 2.9 or a later version. For a full description of these releases, see the [Stash Release Notes](http://jira.atlassian.com/wiki/display/STASH/Release+Notes).

**Patches**
Binary patches are not available for this advisory. You need to either install one of the patch releases or apply recommended temporary workarounds.

**Git resources**

**Get Git**


Ubuntu Linux: [https://launchpad.net/~git-core/+archive/ppa](https://launchpad.net/~git-core/+archive/ppa)

Windows: [Full installer for official Git for Windows](http://code.google.com/p/git-osx-installer/downloads/list?can=3)

**On this page:**

- Get Git
- Learning Git
- Getting started
- Git cheat sheets and other resources
- Git .mailmap

**Learning Git**

Git Tutorials and Training

Basic Git commands

**Getting started**

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://ndpsoftware.com/git-cheatsheet.html#loc=workspace](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.

The Git documentation for .mailmap has configuration details (see the "MAPPING AUTHORS" section).

**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 for a visual introduction to Git commands and workflows, including examples.

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<td>Check out a repository</td>
<td>Create a working copy of a local repository:</td>
<td>git clone /path/to/repository</td>
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<td>For a remote server, use:</td>
<td>git clone username@host:/path/to/repository</td>
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<td>Add files</td>
<td>Add one or more files to staging (index):</td>
<td>git add &lt;filename&gt;</td>
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<td>git add *</td>
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<td>Commit</td>
<td>Commit changes to head (but not yet to the remote repository):</td>
<td>git commit -m &quot;Commit message&quot;</td>
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<td>Commit any files you've added with git add, and also commit any files you've changed since then:</td>
<td>git commit -a</td>
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<td>Push</td>
<td>Send changes to the master branch of your remote repository:</td>
<td>git push origin master</td>
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<td>List the files you've changed and those you still need to add or commit:</td>
<td>git status</td>
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<td>Connect to a remote repository</td>
<td>If you haven't connected your local repository to a remote server, add the server to be able to push to it:</td>
<td>git remote add origin &lt;server&gt;</td>
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<td>List all currently configured remote repositories:</td>
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<td>git checkout -b &lt;branchname&gt;</td>
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<td>Switch from one branch to another:</td>
<td>git checkout &lt;branchname&gt;</td>
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<td>List all the branches in your repo, and also tell you what branch you're currently in:</td>
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<td>Delete the feature branch:</td>
<td>git branch -d &lt;branchname&gt;</td>
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Push the branch to your remote repository, so others can use it:  
```bash
git push origin <branchname>
```

Push all branches to your remote repository:  
```bash
git push --all origin
```

Delete a branch on your remote repository:  
```bash
git push origin :<branchname>
```

### Update from the remote repository

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<td>Fetch and merge changes on the remote server to your working directory:</td>
<td><code>git pull</code></td>
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<td>To merge a different branch into your active branch:</td>
<td><code>git merge &lt;branchname&gt;</code></td>
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<td>View all the merge conflicts:</td>
<td><code>git diff</code></td>
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<td>View the conflicts against the base file:</td>
<td><code>git diff --base &lt;filename&gt;</code></td>
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<td>Preview changes, before merging:</td>
<td><code>git diff &lt;sourcebranch&gt; &lt;targetbranch&gt;</code></td>
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<td>After you have manually resolved any conflicts, you mark the changed file:</td>
<td><code>git add &lt;filename&gt;</code></td>
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<td>You can use tagging to mark a significant changeset, such as a release:</td>
<td><code>git tag 1.0.0 &lt;commitID&gt;</code></td>
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<td>CommitId is the leading characters of the changeset ID, up to 10, but must be unique. Get the ID using:</td>
<td><code>git log</code></td>
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<td>Push all tags to remote repository:</td>
<td><code>git push --tags origin</code></td>
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### Undo local changes

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<td>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.</td>
<td><code>git checkout -- &lt;filename&gt;</code></td>
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| 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

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<td>Search the working directory for <code>foo()</code>:</td>
<td><code>git grep &quot;foo()&quot;</code></td>
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**Repositories**

**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](https://issues.atlassian.com/browse/STASH-2469) - Include Mercurial (Hg) support in Stash [OPEN](https://issues.atlassian.com/browse/STASH-2469)

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**Q: What about Git repository management in FishEye and Crucible?**

**A:** *Internally managed* Git repositories were deprecated in FishEye and Crucible 2.8, and support for these was removed for the FishEye and Crucible 3.2 releases. We encourage those interested in Git repository management to check out Stash.

FishEye and Crucible will continue to deliver new features and enhancements to help users browse, search, review and visualize across different Version Control Systems *including* Git, Subversion, Mercurial, Perforce and CVS.
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.

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'](.).

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 Cloud?

A: Stash will not be available in Atlassian Cloud. If you are looking for a distributed version control solution to use with Atlassian Cloud, we recommend using Bitbucket, our cloud-based Git and Mercurial source code hosting solution. Bitbucket connects to Atlassian Cloud 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.

Q: The number of users in my instance has exceeded my license count. Will Stash still work properly?

A: As stated in the Global permissions document, any user assigned "Stash User" permission or higher, granted to the individual or via a group, will count towards the license limit. Stash will not allow you to grant the "Stash User" permission if this will exceed the license limit while manually adding users using Stash UI. However, if you happen to exceed the license limit by connecting your Stash instance to a User Directory that contains more users than you license allows you to have, Stash will display a banner with the content below:

⚠️ You have more users than your license allows.
Users will not be able to push commits to repositories until you restrict the number of active users to match your license or you upgrade your current license.

To fix that bear in mind that users don’t have to be removed from the database in order to reduce their license count. You merely have to make sure that they no longer have access to Stash via the “Stash User” permission through individual or group assignments.

Data recovery and backups

Q: Can I restore the .tar file created by the backup client into a database that is different from my original one (i.e. Oracle -> MySQL, etc.)?

A: Yes you can, as long as you specify all the jdbc parameters (jdbc.override, jdbc.driver, etc.) when running the restore. Please read Restoring Stash into a newly created DB for more details.

Q: I forgot the user/password for my old database schema. How will I perform the restore? How does it work?

A: As described in Restoring Stash into a newly created DB, the restore client will only restore into an empty home directory and an empty database. The new database should be configured following the instructions in Connecting Stash to an external database and its sub-page that corresponds to your database type. If you want to use a different type of database or a different user/password, you just need to specify all the jdbc parameters (jdbc.override, jdbc.driver, etc) when running the restore.

Q: What is the difference between the parameter pairs "stash.user & stash.password" and "jdbc.user & jdbc.password"?

A: stash.user and stash.password hold the credentials for a Stash sys admin user. They are only used during the backup procedure so that the backup client can lock Stash and instruct Stash to perform the database-agnostic backup. The backup client does not need database credentials because the Stash system performs the database backup.

jdbc.user and jdbc.password are only used during the restore procedure when jdbc.override is set to true. They are used to connect to the newly-installed database.

Q: I backed up Stash on a certain release. Can I restore Stash to a newer release?

A: No. You need to use the same Stash binary as the one of the backed up instance. If you use a newer Stash binary to point to the restored Stash home, your instance will automatically be upgraded. An older binary will result in an error and your instance won't start up as downgrades are not allowed. Please refer to Using the
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. See Starting and stopping Stash.
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.

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>\bin\setenv.bat`, on Windows
- `<Stash installation directory>/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 does the Stash home directory contain?

Your Stash home directory contains the following directories and files:

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<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 deleted while Stash is running.</td>
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<td>config</td>
<td>Contains application configuration.</td>
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### Setting the Stash home directory

Note that the Stash home directory is created automatically by the Stash installer – see [Getting started](#).

Only when you are installing Stash from an archive file will you need to set the value of `STASH_HOME` yourself, as described in this section.

> Click here if setting `STASH_HOME` on Linux or Mac...

The 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:

> Click here if setting `STASH_HOME` on Windows...
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 few 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.

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 (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.
Raising a request with Atlassian Support

If you encounter any problems when setting up or using Stash, please let us know — we’re here to help!

You may want to search the following first:

- the Atlassian Answers site (the Stash forum), where Atlassian staff and Stash users can answer your questions.
- the Stash Knowledge Base.

If you’ve found a bug in Stash, or want to request a feature or improvement, raise a ticket in the Stash project of our public issue tracker. Try searching for similar issues - voting for an existing issue is quicker, and avoids duplicates.

If you still need assistance, please raise a support request, either from within Stash or on the Atlassian Support site, as described in the following sections.

Providing as much information as possible about your Stash installation with your initial request will help our Support Engineers to give you a faster and more complete response.

On this page:

- Raising a Support Request from within Stash
- Raising a Support request yourself at Atlassian Support
- Information you should provide

Raising a Support Request from within Stash

This method depends on having a mail server configured for Stash that supports large zip file attachments.

1. Log in to Stash (as a System Administrator) and go to the admin area.
2. Click Atlassian Support Tools (under ‘Support’) then Support Request.
3. Provide as much information as possible in the Description, including steps to replicate the problem, and any error messages that are appearing on the console or in the logs. For performance issues, please include profiling logs. See the section below about information you should provide.
4. Click Send.

This will produce a zip file containing the information categories selected from the list and will email this to Atlassian Support. You will receive an email advising you of details of the Support Request that was automatically created, and you will receive emailed updates about progress on your issue. You can also see the status of your request directly by visiting the Atlassian Support System.

Raising a Support request yourself at Atlassian Support

1. Log in to Stash (as a System Administrator) and go to the admin area.
2. Click Atlassian Support Tools (under ‘Support’) then Support Zip.
3. Select information categories to include in the zip file.
4. Click Create.

The zip file is created in the home directory of the Stash server, for example <STASH_HOME>\export\Stash_support_2013-11-17-20-49-18.zip.

When you now go to Atlassian Support and create a Support Request, you can attach the Support Zip file to the request.

Please provide as much information as possible in the request, including steps to replicate the problem, and any error messages that are appearing on the console or in the logs. For performance issues, please include profiling logs. See the section below about information you should provide.

Information you should provide

In addition to the logs and configuration information that you can include in the Support Request zip file, the
following information can help to give you a faster response:

Environment details

- Stash version
- Java version (for example OpenJDK 1.7.0 JRE)
- Git and Perl versions
- Operating system (for example, Windows 7, Mac OS X 10.6.8)
- Database type (for example, MySQL) and version
- Browsers and versions
- Network topology - is Stash running behind a reverse proxy? Is that secured using HTTPS (SSL)?

Configuration

- Java settings, including JVM_MINIMUM_MEMORY, JVM_MAXIMUM_MEMORY

Logs

You may need to adjust the logging level, or enable profiling in Stash, in order to get more detailed logs. See Stash debug logging.

- Debug logs – Stash debug logs can be found in <STASH_HOME>/log.
- Profiling logs – Stash profiling logs can help with analyzing performance issues and can be found in <STASH_HOME>/log.

Performance factors

- Number of concurrent Git clones
- Number of users
- The size of the .git directory
- CPU spec, number of cores, whether hyperthreading is enabled
- RAM and cache sizes

Integrations

- Other Atlassian applications (and their versions)
- Which build servers are integrated with Stash, if any?
- Are Application Links configured?

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
- New features policy
- Security Bugfix Policy

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 the appropriate project on http://jira.atlassian.com to report bugs for Atlassian products.

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.

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 this process.
- Atlassian provides consistent updates on the top 20 issues.

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.

Please read our post on Atlassian Answers for a more detailed explanation.

### How to Contribute to Feature Development

**Influencing Atlassian’s release cycle**

We encourage our customers to vote on issues that have been raised in our public JIRA instance, http://jira.atlassian.com. Please find out if your request already exists - if it does, vote for it. If you do not find it you may wish to create a new one.

**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.

**Security Bugfix Policy**

See Security @ Atlassian for more information on our security bugfix policy.

**Building Stash from source**

This page has moved!

To our Development Hub at https://developer.atlassian.com/display/STASHDEV/Building+from+Source+Code.

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.

**Blogging your technical tips and guides**

Have you written a blog post describing a specific configuration of Stash or a neat trick that you have discovered? Let us know, and we will link to your blog from our documentation.

**Contributing documentation in other languages**
Have you written a guide to Stash in a language other than English, or translated one of our guides? Let us know, and we will link to your guide from our documentation.

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  - How we manage community updates

**Updating the documentation itself**

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.

**How we manage community updates**

Here is a quick guide to how we manage community contributions to our documentation and the copyright that applies to the documentation:

- **Monitoring by technical writers.** The Atlassian technical writers monitor the updates to the documentation spaces, using RSS feeds and watching the spaces. If someone makes an update that needs some attention from us, we will make the necessary changes.
- **Wiki permissions.** We use wiki permissions to determine who can edit the documentation spaces. We ask people to sign the Atlassian Contributor License Agreement (ACLA) and submit it to us. That allows us to verify that the applicant is a real person. Then we give them permission to update the documentation.
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**Collecting analytics for Stash**

We are continuously working to make Stash better. Data about how you use Stash helps us do that. We have updated our Privacy Policy so that we may collect usage data automatically unless you disable collection. The data we collect includes information about the systems on which your installation of Stash is operating, the features you use in Stash, and your use of common IT terminology within the product. For more details, see our Privacy Policy, in particular the 'Analytics Information from Downloadable Products' section.

See also our End User Agreement.

**How to change data collection settings?**

You can opt in to, or out of, data collection at any time. A Stash admin can change the data collection settings by going to Analytics (under ‘Settings’) in the Stash admin area.

**How is data collected?**

We use the Atlassian Analytics plugin to collect event data in Stash. Analytics logs are stored locally and then periodically uploaded to a secure location.