

Choosing a Default Language

Overview

Most user-visible pages in JIRA are now internationalized. Chinese, Czech, Danish, English, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Japanese, Slovak and Spanish translations are available (at time of writing), with [more in development](#).

When JIRA is first installed, the default language may be chosen by clicking on a flag:



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Changing the default language

1. Log in as a user with the '**JIRA Administrators**' [global permission](#).
2. Choose



> **System**. Select **General Configuration** to open the Administration page.



Keyboard shortcut: '**g**' + '**g**' + start typing '**general configuration**'

3. Click the **'Edit Configuration'** button at the end of the page, then select the appropriate language in the dropdown box next to 'Default language'.

Default language ▼

Determines the language which JIRA is displayed in. Only installed languages are shown in this list.

Any [additional languages](#) you have installed will appear in the list. See [Translating JIRA](#).

Per-user language selection

Individual users can [choose their own language](#), which will override the default language (see above).

Overriding the default translations of Issue Types, Resolutions, Statuses and Priorities

Should you wish, you can easily [specify your own translations](#) for the values of the following JIRA issue fields:

- Issue Type
- Priority
- Status
- Resolution

Your specified translations will override the values specified in the JIRA translation.

Related Topics

- [Translating JIRA](#)