Sphinx Confluence Builder Documentation

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Sphinx extension to build Confluence storage format files and optionally publish them to a Confluence instance.

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• Confluence Cloud or Server 6.1+ with Python 2.7 or 3.4+

• Home: https://github.com/tonybaloney/sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder

• Documentation: http://sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder.readthedocs.io

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1.1 installing

Atlassian Confluence Builder for Sphinx depends on:

- Python 2.7 or 3.4+
- Requests 2.14.0 or later
- Sphinx 1.6.3 or later
- Confluence Cloud or Server 6.1+

The recommended method of installation is using pip.

```
pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
```

To verify the package has been installed, if desired, the following command can be used:

```
python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
```

1.1.1 fresh quick-start

The following provides a series of steps to assist in preparing a new environment to use this package. This quick-start will aim to use the most recent version of Python.

Note: If the installation process fails with the following error "AttributeError: '_NamespacePath' object has no attribute 'sort'", try upgrading the setuptools module:

```
python -m pip install --upgrade setuptools
```

linux

While the use of Python/pip is almost consistent between Linux distributions, the following are a series of helpful steps to install this package under specific distributions of Linux. From a terminal, invoke the following commands:

arch

```
$ sudo pacman -Sy
$ sudo pacman -S python-pip
$ (optional) sudo pacman -S python-virtualenv
$ (optional) virtualenv sphinx-venv
$ (optional) source sphinx-venv/bin/activate
$ pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
$ python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder <version>
```

centos

```
$ sudo yum install epel-release
$ sudo yum install python-pip
$ (optional) sudo yum install python-virtualenv
$ (optional) virtualenv sphinx-venv
$ (optional) source sphinx-venv/bin/activate
$ pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
$ python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder <version>
```

fedora

```
$ sudo dnf install python-pip
$ (optional) sudo dnf install python-virtualenv
$ (optional) virtualenv sphinx-venv
$ (optional) source sphinx-venv/bin/activate
$ pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
$ python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder <version>
```

ubuntu

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install python-pip
$ (optional) sudo dnf install python-virtualenv
$ (optional) virtualenv sphinx-venv
$ (optional) source sphinx-venv/bin/activate
$ pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
$ python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder <version>
```

os x

From a terminal, invoke the following commands:

```
$ sudo easy_install pip
$ (optional) pip install virtualenv
$ (optional) virtualenv sphinx-venv
$ (optional) source sphinx-venv/bin/activate
$ pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
$ python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder <version>
```

windows

If not already installed, download the most recent version of Python:

```
Python - Downloads
https://www.python.org/downloads/
```

When invoking the installer, it is recommended to select the option to "Add Python to PATH"; however, users can explicitly invoked Python from an absolute path (the remainder of these steps will assume Python is available in the path).

While optional, it is recommended to install virtualenv first. Open a Windows command prompt as an administrator. Invoke the following:

```
(optional) pip install virtualenv
```

The command prompt started as an administrator can be closed.

Open a Windows command prompt (administrator mode is not required). Invoke the following:

```
(optional) virtualenv sphinx-venv (optional) source sphinx-venv\Scripts\activate.bat python -m pip install sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder python -m sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder --version
```

1.1.2 master

To install the bleeding edge sources, the following pip command can be used:

```
pip install \
    git+https://github.com/tonybaloney/sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder
```

1.2 tutorial

After *installing* Atlassian Confluence Builder for Sphinx, a Sphinx project can be configured to support the confluence builder. The following tutorial will provide a series of steps which will:

- Enables a builder to generate Confluence-compatible markup documentation.
- Enables a builder to publish to a Confluence instance.

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1.2.1 new documentation

If starting without an existing Sphinx-based documentation, one can create a minimalistic Sphinx configuration or use Sphinx's quick-start utility.

quick-start

If opting for the quick-start utility, open a terminal to the location where documentation should be generated and invoke the following:

After completing the quick-start, conf.py can be tweaked as desired. Continue preparing this project's configuration by consulting the *existing documentation* steps (below).

minimalistic

For a minimalistic setup, create a new folder for the new documentation and configuration to be used. Create a document named contents.rst with the following content:

Next, create a configuration file with the following information:

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
extensions = ['sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder']
```

After preparing these assets, consult the existing documentation steps (below) to complete the configuration.

1.2.2 existing documentation

Enable this extension's builder by adding the extension to the target project's Sphinx configuration (conf.py):

```
extensions = ['sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder']
```

Next, include a series of publish-related settings to the configuration file:

```
confluence_publish = True
confluence_space_name = 'TEST'
# (for confluence cloud)
confluence_server_url = 'https://example.atlassian.net/wiki'
confluence_server_user = 'myawesomeuser@example.com'
confluence_server_pass = 'myapikey'
# (or for confluence server)
confluence_server_url = 'https://intranet-wiki.example.com'
confluence_server_user = 'myawesomeuser'
confluence_server_pass = 'mypassword'
```

Make appropriate changes to the above configuration for the environment being targeted.

Tip: For more information on the above or additional configuration options, consult *all configuration options*.

If one wishes to publish documents as children of a parent page inside a space, the configuration confluence_parent_page (*jump*) should be supplied with the name of the page to append published documents. If omitted, the builder will publish documents in the root of the space. For example:

```
confluence_parent_page = 'MyDocumentation'
```

To process and publish the documentation set, invoke Sphinx with the confluence builder to perform building/publishing:

```
make confluence
   (or)
sphinx-build -b confluence . _build/confluence
   (or)
python -m sphinx -b confluence . _build/confluence
```

Documentation of the project should now be published to the Confluence site.

1.3 configuration

The following is an example of simple configuration for Confluence generation and publishing:

```
extensions = ['sphinxcontrib.confluencebuilder']
confluence_publish = True
confluence_space_name = 'TEST'
confluence_parent_page = 'Documentation'
confluence_server_url = 'https://intranet-wiki.example.com'
confluence_server_user = 'username'
confluence_server_pass = 'password'
```

All Atlassian Confluence Builder configurations are prefixed with confluence_. View the entire list of configuration options below.

```
essential configurationconfluence_publishconfluence_server_pass
```

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1.3.1 essential configuration

confluence_publish

A boolean that decides whether or not to allow publishing. This option must be explicitly set to True if one wishes to publish content. By default, the value is set to False.

```
confluence_publish = True
```

confluence_server_pass

The password value used to authenticate with the Confluence instance. If using Confluence Cloud, it is recommended to use an API token for the configured username value (see API tokens):

```
confluence_server_pass = 'vsUsrSZ6Z4kmrQMapSXBYkJh'
```

If API tokens are not being used, the plain password for the configured username value should be used:

```
confluence_server_pass = 'myawesomepassword'
```

Caution: It is never recommended to store an API token or raw password into a committed/shared repository holding documentation. A documentation's configuration can modified various ways with Python to pull an authentication token for a publishing event (reading from a local file, acquiring a password from getpass, etc.). If desired, this extension provides a method for prompting for a password (see *confluence_ask_password*).

confluence server url

The URL for Confluence. The URL should be prefixed with https://orhttp://depending on the URL target). The target API folder should not be included in the URL (for example, excluding /rest/api/or/rpc/xmlrpc/). For a Confluence Cloud instance, an example URL configuration is as follows:

```
confluence_server_url = 'https://example.atlassian.net/wiki'
```

For a Confluence Server instance, an example URL configuration, if the instance's REST API is https://intranet-wiki.example.com/rest/api/ or XML-RPC API is at https://intranet-wiki.example.com/rpc/xmlrpc, should be as follows:

```
confluence_server_url = 'https://intranet-wiki.example.com'
```

confluence server user

The username value used to authenticate with the Confluence instance. If using Confluence Cloud, this value will most likely be the account's E-mail address. If using Confluence instance, this value will most likely be the username value.

```
confluence_server_user = 'myawesomeuser@example.com'
  (or)
confluence_server_user = 'myawesomeuser'
```

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confluence space name

Key of the space in Confluence to be used to publish generated documents to.

```
confluence_space_name = 'MyAwesomeSpace'
```

Note that the space name can be case-sensitive in most (if not all) versions of Confluence.

1.3.2 general configuration

confluence_disable_notifications

A boolean value which explicitly disable any page update notifications (i.e. treats page updates from a publish request as minor updates). By default, notifications are enabled with a value of False.

```
confluence_disable_notifications = True
```

confluence header file

The name of the file to use header data. If provided, the contents found inside the header file will be added to the start of all generated documents. The file path provided should be relative to the build environment's source directory. For example:

```
confluence_header_file = 'assets/header.tpl'
```

confluence footer file

The name of the file to use footer data. If provided, the contents found inside the footer file will be added at the end of all generated documents. The file path provided should be relative to the build environment's source directory. For example:

```
confluence_footer_file = 'assets/footer.tpl'
```

confluence_master_homepage

A boolean value to whether or not force the configured space's homepage to be set to the page defined by the Sphinx configuration's master_doc. By default, the master_doc configuration is ignored with a value of False.

```
confluence_master_homepage = False
```

confluence_max_doc_depth

An integer value, if provided, to indicate the maximum depth permitted for a nested child page before its contents is inlined with a parent. The root of all pages is typically the configured master_doc. The root page is considered to be at a depth of zero. By defining a value of 0, all child pages of the root document will be merged into a single document. By default, the maximum document depth is disabled with a value of None.

```
confluence_max_doc_depth = 2
```

confluence_page_hierarchy

A boolean value to whether or not nest pages in a hierarchical ordered. The root of all pages is typically the configured master_doc. If a master_doc instance contains a toctree, listed documents will become child pages of the master_doc. This cycle continues for child pages with their own toctree markups. By default, the hierarchy mode is disabled with a value of False.

```
confluence_page_hierarchy = False
```

Note that even if hierarchy mode is enabled, the configured master_doc page and other published pages that are not defined in the complete toctree, these documents will still be published based off the configured (or unconfigured) <code>confluence_parent_page</code> setting.

confluence_parent_page

The root page found inside the configured space (<code>confluence_space_name</code>) where published pages will be a descendant of. The parent page value is used to match with the title of an existing page. If this option is not provided, pages will be published to the root of the configured space. If the parent page cannot be found, the publish attempt will stop with an error message. For example, the following will publish documentation under the <code>MyAwesomeDocs</code> page:

```
confluence_parent_page = 'MyAwesomeDocs'
```

If a parent page is not set, consider using the *confluence_master_homepage* option as well. Note that the page's name can be case-sensitive in most (if not all) versions of Confluence.

confluence publish prefix

If set, the prefix value is added to the title of all published document. In Confluence, page names need to be unique for a space. A prefix can be set to either:

- Add a unique naming schema to generated/published documents in a space which has manually created pages;
 or,
- Allow multiple published sets of documentation, each each with their own prefix value.

An example publish prefix is as follows:

```
confluence_publish_prefix = 'prefix-'
```

confluence_purge

Warning: Publishing individual/subset of documents with this option may lead to unexpected results.

A boolean value to whether or not purge legacy pages detected in a space or parent page. By default, this value is set to False to indicate that no pages will be removed. If this configuration is set to True, detected pages in Confluence that do not match the set of published documents will be automatically removed. If the option <code>confluence_parent_page</code> is set, only pages which are a descendant of the configured parent page can be removed; otherwise, all pages in the configured space could be removed.

```
confluence_purge = False
```

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While this capability is useful for updating a series of pages, it may lead to unexpected results when attempting to publish a single-page update. The purge operation will remove all pages that are not publish in the request. For example, if an original request publishes ten documents and purges excess documents, a following publish attempt with only one of the documents will purge the other nine pages.

confluence_purge_from_master

A boolean value to which indicates that any purging attempt should be done from the root of a published master_doc page (instead of a configured parent page; i.e. <code>confluence_parent_page</code>). In specific publishing scenarios, a user may wish to publish multiple documentation sets based off a single parent/container page. To prevent any purging between multiple documentation sets, this option can be set to <code>True</code>. When generating legacy pages to be removed, this extension will only attempt to populate legacy pages based off the children of the master_doc page. This option still requires <code>confluence_purge</code> to be set to <code>True</code> before taking effect.

```
confluence_purge_from_master = False
```

1.3.3 advanced configuration - processing

confluence_file_suffix

The file name suffix to use for all generated files. By default, all generated files will use the extension .conf (see confluence_file_transform).

```
confluence_file_suffix = '.conf'
```

confluence file transform

A function to override the translation of a document name to a filename. The provided function is used to perform translations for both Sphinx's get_outdated_docs and write_doc methods. The default translation will be the combination of "docname + confluence_file_suffix".

confluence lang transform

A function to override the translation of literal block-based directive language values to Confluence-support code block macro language values. The default translation accepts Pygments documented language types to Confluence-supported syntax highlight languages.

```
def my_language_translation(lang):
    return 'default'

confluence_lang_transform = my_language_translation
```

confluence_link_suffix

The suffix name to use for for generated links to files. By default, all generated links will use the value defined by confluence_file_suffix (see confluence_link_transform).

```
confluence_link_suffix = '.conf'
```

confluence_link_transform

A function to override the translation of a document name to a (partial) URI. The provided function is used to perform translations for both Sphinx's get_relative_uri method. The default translation will be the combination of "docname + confluence_link_suffix".

confluence_remove_title

A boolean value to whether or not automatically remove the title section from all published pages. In Confluence, page names are already presented at the top. With this option enabled, this reduces having two leading headers with the document's title. In some cases, a user may wish to not remove titles when custom prefixes or other custom modifications are in play. By default, this option is enabled with a value of True.

```
confluence_remove_title = True
```

1.3.4 advanced configuration - publishing

confluence ask password

Warning: User's running Cygwin/MinGW may need to invoke with winpty to allow this feature to work.

Provides an override for an interactive shell to request publishing documents using an API key or password provided from the shell environment. While a password is typically defined in the option <code>confluence_server_pass</code> (either directly set/fetched from the project's <code>config.py</code> or passed via a command line argument <code>-D</code> <code>confluence_server_pass=password</code>), select environments may wish to provide a way to provide an authentication token without needing to modify documentation sources or having a visible password value in the interactive session requesting the publish event. By default, this option is disabled with a value of <code>False</code>.

```
confluence_ask_password = False
```

A user can request for a password prompt by invoking build event by passing the define through the command line:

```
sphinx-build [options] -D confluence_ask_password=1 <srcdir> <outdir>
```

Note that some shell sessions may not be able to pull the password value properly from the user. For example, Cygwin/MinGW may not be able to accept a password unless invoked with winpty.

confluence asset override

Provides an override for asset publishing to allow a user publishing to either force re-publishing assets or disable asset publishing. This extension will attempt to publish assets (images, downloads, etc.) to pages via Confluence's attachment feature. Attachments are assigned a comment value with a hash value of a published asset. If another publishing event occurs, the hash value is checked before attempting to re-publish an asset. In unique scenarios, are use may wish to override this ability. By configuring this option to True, this extension will always publish asset files (whether or not an attachment with a matching hash exists). By configuring this option to False, no assets will be published by this extension. By default, this automatic asset publishing occurs with a value of None.

```
confluence_asset_override = None
```

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confluence ca cert

Provide a CA certificate to use for server certificate authentication. The value for this option can either be a file of a certificate or a path pointing to an OpenSSL-prepared directory. If configured to use REST API (default), refer to the Requests SSL Cert Verification documentation (verify) for information. If configured to use the XML-RPC API, refer to Python's TLS/SSL wrapper for socket object (cafile or capath) for more information. If server verification is explicitly disabled (see <code>confluence_disable_ssl_validation</code>), this option is ignored. By default, this option is ignored with a value of None.

```
confluence_ca_cert = 'ca.crt'
```

confluence_client_cert

Provide a client certificate to use for two-way TLS/SSL authentication. The value for this option can either be a file (containing a certificate and private key) or as a tuple where both certificate and private keys are explicitly provided. If a private key is protected with a passphrase, a user publishing a documentation set will be prompted for a password (see also confluence client cert pass). By default, this option is ignored with a value of None.

```
confluence_client_cert = 'cert_and_key.pem'
# or
confluence_client_cert = ('client.cert', 'client.key')
```

confluence_client_cert_pass

Provide a passphrase for <code>confluence_client_cert</code>. This prevents a user from being prompted to enter a passphrase for a private key when publishing. If a configured private key is not protected by a passphrase, this value will be ignored. By default, this option is ignored with a value of <code>None</code>.

```
confluence_client_cert_pass = 'passphrase'
```

confluence disable autogen title

A boolean value to explicitly disable the automatic generation of titles for documents which do not have a title set. When this extension processes a set of documents to publish, a document needs a title value to know which Confluence page to create/update. In the event where a title value cannot be extracted from a document, a title value will be automatically generated for the document. For automatically generated titles, the value will always be prefixed with autogen—. For users who wish to ignore pages which have no title, this option can be set to True. By default, this option is set to False.

```
confluence_disable_autogen_title = True
```

confluence_disable_rest

Warning: It is not recommended to use this option with a value of True as the XML-RPC API has been deprecated by Atlassian. Only use if required.

A boolean value to explicitly disable any REST API calls. This extension has the ability to publish using either Confluence's REST or XML-RPC API calls. When publishing, this extension will first attempt to publish using REST

and fallback to using XML-RPC. If the target Confluence instance cannot use REST for publishing, it is recommended to set the option to True to always use XML-RPC instead. By default, this option is set to False.

```
confluence_disable_rest = False
```

confluence disable ssl validation

Warning: It is not recommended to use this option.

A boolean value to explicitly disable verification of server SSL certificates when making a publish request. By default, this option is set to False.

```
confluence_disable_ssl_validation = False
```

confluence_disable_xmlrpc

A boolean value to explicitly disable any XML-RPC API calls. This extension has the ability to publish using either Confluence's REST or XML-RPC API calls. When publishing, this extension will first attempt to publish using REST and fallback to using XML-RPC. If the target Confluence instance supports REST or has XML-RPC explicitly disabled, it is recommended to set this option to True. By default, this option is set to False.

```
confluence_disable_xmlrpc = False
```

confluence parent page id check

The page identifier check for *confluence_parent_page*. By providing an identifier of the parent page, both the parent page's name and identifier must match before this extension will publish any content to a Confluence instance. This serves as a sanity-check configuration for the cautious.

```
confluence_parent_page_id_check = 1
```

confluence_proxy

Provide the proxy needed to be used to interact with the Confluence instance over the network. At this time, the proxy configuration only applies to XML-RPC calls (REST calls use the Requests library which will use system-defined proxy configuration).

```
confluence_proxy = 'myawesomeproxy:8080'
```

confluence publish subset

Note: If confluence_publish_subset is configured, this option disables confluence_purge.

Provides the ability for a publisher to explicitly list a subset of documents to be published to a Confluence instance. When a user invokes sphinx-build, a user has the ability to process all documents (by default) or specifying individual filenames which use the provide files and detected dependencies. If the Sphinx-detected set of documents to process

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contain undesired documents to publish, confluence_publish_subset can be used to override this. Defined document names should be a relative file path without the file extension. For example:

```
confluence_publish_subset = ['index', 'foo/bar']
```

A user can force a publishing subset through the command line:

By default, this option is ignored with a value of []. See also manage publishing a document subset.

confluence_timeout

Force a timeout (in seconds) for network interaction. The timeout used by this extension is not explicitly configured (i.e. managed by Requests and other implementations). By default, assume that any network interaction will not timeout. Since the target Confluence instance is most likely to be found on an external server, is it recommended to explicitly configure a timeout value based on the environment being used. For example, to configure a timeout of ten seconds, the following can be used:

```
confluence_timeout = 10
```

1.4 markup

The following outlines the reStructuredText/Sphinx markup supported by this extension. The intent of this extension is to support as much markup as possible that can be rendered on a Confluence instance. Below will identify markup that has been tested, planned to be implemented in the future or is not compatible with Confluence.

1.4.1 standard

type	status	notes	
admonitions	supported	• reStructuredText Admonitions	
bibliographic fields	supported	reStructuredText Biblio- graphic Fields	
block quotes	supported	• reStructuredText Block Quotes	
bullet lists	supported	reStructuredText Bullet Lists	
centered	unsupported	Sphinx Centered	

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type	status	notes
citations	supported	reStructuredText Citations
code	supported	 Sphinx Code Markup code-block options emphasize-lines and lines as well as highlight option linenothreshold are ignored due to incompatibilities with Confluence's code block macro. Highlighting is limited to languages defined by the Confluence instance (see code block macro). Pending work to validate/improve code block options caption, encoding and pyobject.
compound paragraph	supported	• reStructuredText Compound Paragraph
container	prospect	reStructuredText Container
definition lists	supported	• reStructuredText Definition Lists
deprecated	supported	Sphinx Deprecated
download	supported	Sphinx Download
enumerated lists	supported	 reStructuredText Enumerated Lists Only auto-enumerator lists (#) are supported.
epigraph	supported	reStructuredText Epigraph
footnotes	supported	reStructuredText Footnotes

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type	status	notes
glossary	supported	Sphinx Glossary
highlights	supported	reStructuredText Highlights
hlist	unsupported	Sphinx Horizontal List
hyperlink targets	supported	• reStructuredText Hyperlink Targets
images	supported	reStructuredText Images
list table	supported	 reStructuredText List Table Argument title not yet supported. Options not supported: align, header-rows, stub-columns and widths.
literal blocks	supported	• reStructuredText Literal Blocks
manpage	supported	Sphinx Manpage
math	unplanned	reStructuredText Math
parsed literal block	supported	reStructuredText Parsed Literal Block
option lists	supported	reStructuredText Option Lists
production list	supported	Sphinx Production List
pull-quote	supported	reStructuredText Pull-Quote

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type	status	notes
raw	supported	• reStructuredText Raw Data Pass-Through
rubric	supported	Sphinx Rubric
sections	supported	reStructuredText Sections
tables	supported	reStructuredText Tables
toctree	supported	Sphinx TOC Tree Markup Pending work to validate/improve toctree options caption and numbered.
transitions	supported	reStructuredText Transitions
versionadded	supported	Sphinx Version Added
versionchanged	supported	Sphinx Version Changed

(note: directive options "class" and "name" are ignored)

1.4.2 extensions

The following extensions are supported:

• sphinx.ext.autodoc

1.4.3 other

If a markup type and/or extension is not listed in the above, is not working as expected or brings up another concern, feel free to bring up an issue:

Atlassian Confluence Builder for Confluence - Issues https://github.com/tonybaloney/sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder/issues

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1.5.1 confluence spaces and unique page names

An important consideration when using this extension is that Confluence has a requirement to having unique page names for a given space. When this extension parses a document's title value, the title is used as either a creation point or an update point (i.e. if the page name does not exist, it will be created; if the page name does exist, it will be updated).

One must be cautious when mixing a space with manually prepared content and published content from this extension. Consider the following use case.

A space MyAwesomeSpace already exists with the following content:

- MyHome
- About
- · Tutorials
- · See Also

A user may desire to publish a series of Sphinx documentation into a "container" by, so the page "Documentation" is made:

- MyHome
- About
- Documentation
- Tutorials
- See Also

If the Sphinx documentation contains a page named "About", unexpected events may occur to new users after publishing for the first time. One might expect the following to be published:

- MyHome
- About
- Documentation
 - About (new)
 - Installing (new)
 - User Guide (new)
 - Other (new)
- Tutorials
- See Also

However, since Confluence only supports a single "About" page for a space, the original "About" page is updated with new content from the documentation set and is moved as a child of the container page:

- MyHome
- Documentation
 - About (updated and moved)
 - Installing (new)
 - User Guide (new)
 - Other (new)
- · Tutorials
- See Also

Users needing to restrict the extension from possibly mangling manually prepared content can use the confluence_publish_prefix (jump) option.

1.5.2 setting a publishing timeout

By default, this extension does not define any timeouts for a publish event. It is recommended to provide a timeout value based on the environment being used (see confluence_timeout; *jump*).

1.5.3 disable xml-rpc

When published, the default configuration will attempt to first publish using REST API. If publishing fails, the extension automatically attempts to publish using the XML-RPC API. This is solely for compatibility reasons (i.e. environments which for some reason cannot support the REST API). If in an environment where access to a Confluence instance is limited by the network, one may not desire two failed attempts when publishing a documentation set. To disable attempts to publish using the XML-RPC API, see confluence_disable_xmlrpc(jump).

1.5.4 manage publishing a document subset

Users have the ability to publish a subset of processed documents by using the confluence_publish_subset (jump) option. This can be useful for large documentation sets where a user may wish to only publish an update for one or more documents (instead of the entire set). While subset publishing can be commonly used by setting the confluence_publish_subset option in a command line build, this may not be ideal for some environments. The following is a code snippet, which when included in a project's conf.py file, will provide a means for a user to specify a file outlining which documents are desired:

Individual documents can be added into the file defined by the environment variable PUBLISH_SUBSET per line. In this snippet, blank lines and lines commented out with the # character are ignored.

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1.5.5 asking for help

Having trouble or concerns using this extension? Do not hesitate to bring up an issue:

Atlassian Confluence Builder for Confluence - Issues

https://github.com/tonybaloney/sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder/issues

1.6 documentation

Documentation for Atlassian Confluence Builder is made with Sphinx and distributed on Read the Docs. Sources of the documentation can be found inside this extension's repository doc folder:

Atlassian Confluence Builder for Confluence

https://github.com/tonybaloney/sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder

The documentation theme used by default is set to sphinx_rtd_theme. If locally generating documentation, the theme can be installed on systems using the following command:

pip install sphinx_rtd_theme

1.7 changelog

1.7.1 1.0.0 (2019-03-14)

- all confluence-based macros can be restricted by the user
- block quotes with attribution are styled with confluence quotes
- citations/footnotes now have back references
- enumerated lists now support various styling types
- fixed issue with enumerated lists breaking build on older sphinx versions
- fixed issue with relative-provided header/footer assets
- fixed issues where table-of-contents may generate broken links
- improve support with interaction with other extensions
- · improved paragraph indentation
- initial autodoc support
- · nested tables and spanning cells are now supported
- provide option for a caller to request a password for publishing documents
- storage format support (two-pass publishing no longer needed)
- support for sass/yaml language types
- · support parsed literal content
- support publishing subset of documents
- support the download directive
- support the image/figure directives

• support the manpage role

1.7.2 0.9.0 (2018-06-02)

- fixed a series of content escaping issues
- fixed an issue when purging content would remove just-published pages
- fixed detailed configuration errors from being hidden
- improve proxy support for xml-rpc on various python versions
- improve support for various confluence url configurations
- improve support in handling literal block languages
- support automatic title generation for documents (if missing)
- · support linenothreshold option for hightlight directive
- support maximum page depth (nesting documents)
- · support the raw directive
- support two-way ssl connections

1.7.3 0.8.0 (2017-12-05)

- fix case where first-publish with 'confluence_master_homepage' fails to configure the space's homepage
- support page hierarchy
- · improve pypi cover notes

1.7.4 0.7.0 (2017-11-30)

- cap headers/sections to six levels for improved visualization
- fixed rest publishing for encoding issues and python 3.x (< 3.6) issues
- improve markup for:
 - body element lists
 - citations
 - definitions
 - footnotes
 - inline literals
 - literal block (code)
 - rubric
 - seealso
 - table
 - versionmodified
- re-work generated document references/targets (reference to section names)

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- sanitize output to prevent confluence errors for certain characters
- support indentations markup
- support master_doc option to configure space's homepage
- · support removing document titles from page outputs
- · support silent page updates

1.7.5 0.6.0 (2017-04-23)

- · cleanup module's structure, versions and other minor files
- drop 'confluence' pypi package (embedded xml-rpc support added)
- improve hyperlink and cross-referencing arbitrary locations/documents support
- · improve proxy support
- re-support python 3.x series
- · support anonymous publishing
- · support rest api

1.7.6 0.5.0 (2017-03-31)

- header/footer support
- · purging support
- use macros for admonitions
- (note) known issues with python 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 or 3.6 (see tonybaloney/sphinxcontrib-confluencebuilder#10)

1.7.7 0.4.0 (2017-02-21)

• move from 'confluence' pypi package to 'confluence' pypi package (required for publishing). see: https://github.com/pycontribs/confluence

1.7.8 0.3.0 (2017-01-22)

- adding travis ci, tox and initial unit testing
- module now depends on future
- providing initial support for python 3

1.7.9 0.2.0 (2016-07-13)

· moved configuration to the sphinx config

1.7.10 0.1.1 (2016-07-12)

- added table support
- · fixed internal links

1.7.11 0.1.0 (2016-07-12)

- added lists, bullets, formatted text
- added headings and titles

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