

# Confluence as a Homepage CMS

This article describes how to use Confluence for Your (private) Homepage

## ✔ Why use Confluence?

- **Excellent Rich Text Editor** - One of the strongest features at all, it for sure beats all other CMS Editors (See [this list](#))
- Very Stable and very many releases with new features
- A lot of 3rd party options - both free and commercial
- Java based
- Free - If You can get a Community or Open Source License its free; the latter is actually giving access to must plugins for free also.

## ❗ Why not to use Confluence?

- Not free - and even though license costs are low, it all add's up. Free alternatives are CMS'es like [WordPress](#), [Drupal](#), [Joomla](#) or [Liferay](#)
- Requires quite a lot of resources (it's java....)
- The Download version requires direct server access (Windows or Linux).; where as the Cloud version requires no local resources.
- Java based

✔ Not free? Well, if You are a non-commercial organisation, Open Source Project or a private person - try to apply for a "Open Source License" at [Atlassian](#)

## i A nice starter package could be

- Confluence 10 User = \$10
- RefinedWiki 10 User = \$10 or Enterprise Theme 10 User = \$10

= \$20 / Year

## i Download or onDemand?

### Cloud version

#### 👍 Plusses

Cheap and simple, but very limited towards plugins and manipulating on filelevel

Upgrades just "happens" without any effort put into it.

See the Plugin List [here](#)

#### 👎 Downsides

Blueprints cant be created

User Macros are not available

No control over upgrades (an be seen as a plus also 😊)

### Download

#### 👍 Plusses

Full flexibility regarding OS and resources

OS must be maintained /upgraded

Upgrade paths/time are for selfdecision

#### 👎 Downsides

More Expensive

More Maintenance

When the decision is made for using Confluence :

If You want to control it Yourself, read the [Confluence Install Cookbook](#)

Secondly, I will recommend these plugins ( 👍 = Testet and/or tried and found very usefull):

Type	Free	Commercial /Licensed	Comment
Content Enhancement	<a href="#">UI Toolkit</a> 👍 <a href="#">tagcumulus</a> 👍 <a href="#">Numbered Headings</a> <a href="#">Mos-Eisley Gallery</a> <a href="#">Navi Tabs</a> <a href="#">Survey</a> <a href="#">No Email Storm</a> 👍	<a href="#">Table Plus</a> 👍 <a href="#">Image Slider</a> <a href="#">Ad Hoc Canvas</a>	
Theming		<a href="#">RefinedWiki</a> 👍	For alternatives, read <a href="#">Theme Plugins for Confluence</a>
Drawing / Diagramming	<a href="#">Diagramly</a>	<a href="#">Gliffy</a> 👍	
User Macro's			See <a href="#">User Macros</a>
Misc	<a href="#">Source Editor</a> 👍		Bob Swift has some excellent Macro's at <a href="https://bobswift.atlassian.net/wiki/display/info/Information">https://bobswift.atlassian.net/wiki/display/info/Information</a> Also, these are typically quite cheap and does not follow the user-model for Confluence

Both [Adaptavist](#) and [ServiceRocket](#) has a bundle of very nice and usefull free plugins