Changing Your Space Theme from Documentation to Global Look and Feel

If your Confluence space has a "Browse" menu in the top menu as shown in Figure 1 below then it is using the Documentation theme. Atlassian, the makers of Confluence, will be retiring this old theme so that it no longer exists in version 6.0 of Confluence. All spaces using this theme will automatically start using the Global Look and Feel theme at that time. If there is no "Browse" option, then your space is ready and uses the Global Look and Feel theme today.

Figure 1. A space using the Documentation theme has the "Browse" menu item at the top.

To prepare for this change, we suggest that you change the theme of your space/s now in advance by selecting the "Global Look and Feel" theme, so that you have time to ask questions and resolve any resulting complications. To do so, follow the instructions below. For the time being, you can switch back and forth between themes.

If you are an administrator of the space, from the "Browse" menu, select "Space Administration" as shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2. The Space Admin option under the "Browse" menu leads to the option to select themes.

Next, from the list on the left select "Themes" as shown in Figure 3 below.
Figure 3. Select “Themes” to see the choice of two possible themes.

To change the theme, select the “Global Look and Feel” theme and “Confirm” the change as shown in Figure 4 below.

Figure 4. Select the “Global Look and Feel” theme to move from the Documentation theme.

Expected Changes

Child pages will no longer appear at the bottom of pages after the switch from the “Documentation” to “Global Look and Feel” theme. For individual pages, there is a macro which can be manually added to the page to show the children. Atlassian provides more information here:
