GitLab vs Jira Align
Decision Kit

Jira Align is an enterprise agile planning and management tool designed to help large organizations adopt agile planning and execution. Supporting multiple enterprise agile frameworks, AgileCraft is designed to integrate with most team level agile tools, providing enterprise portfolio planning and management capabilities.

Feature Comparison

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Tracking, managing and reporting on the budget and actual costs of the project. Able to allocate costs to OPex or CapEx depending on specific organization reporting rules. Time tracking information used to determine labor cost allocations. Specific features would include: budget, spend, time tracking, resource cost, Capex/Opex.

Able to capture individual time reporting for specific assigned tasks and then to allocate labor costs to the appropriate project. Specific features would include: estimate, actual, cost, reporting.
Able to define and manage project risk and issue status and workflow to identify, track, mitigate and resolve potential risks and issues facing the project. Risk/issue status and resolution managed through online workflow that tracks assignment and actions to address the specific item. Specific features would include: workflow, risk severity, risk priority. Assigning Risk/Issue for action. Risk/Issue status.

**DevOps Pipeline**

Able to establish visibility into the end to end DevOps pipeline so the entire team is aware of pipeline status and can contribute to overall success. Specific features would include: visibility into status of pipeline.

**Portfolio Planning**

Establishing strategic priorities and direction in order to govern the allocation of corporate resources, to support specific business/IT initiatives. Strategic planning evaluates in-flight projects and proposed future initiatives to shape and govern the ongoing investment in projects and discretionary work. Able to model and optimize different portfolio investment scenarios to determine the ideal funding combinations to meet strategic priorities. Specific features would include: Proposals, epics, backlog, strategic alignment, estimation, prioritization, what-if, Monte Carlo simulation, optimization.

**Portfolio Status Management**

Tracks and reports on the overall status and health (scope, schedule, budget) of projects and programs within the portfolio to enable executives to support project execution. Specific features would include: forecasting, status tracking, release planning, roadmap, milestones, project/program hierarchy.

**Scrum**

Able to support the time-boxed (print) approach of the Agile - Scrum software delivery. Specific features would include: issues, scrum boards, burn-down charts, burn up.

**Kanban**

Able to support the flow-based approach of Agile - Kanban software delivery. Specific features would include: Issues, Kanban boards, burn up, cumulative flow diagram.

**SAFe (Scaled Agile Framework) - Essential SAFe**

Able to support the key principles and practices of the Essential SAFe configuration. Agile Release Train, a combined CD pipeline where multiple projects align to release, Planning Increment (PI) Planning (cadence driven project planning/vision).

**SAFe (Scaled Agile Framework) - Lean Portfolio Management**

Provides support for the key elements of Lean Portfolio Management. Specific features would include: Release Train, Lean Portfolio Management.

**Financial Management**

Tracking, managing and reporting on the budget and actual spend of projects and programs within specific portfolios. Able to allocate costs to Office or CAFR depending on specific organization reporting rules. Time tracking information used to determine labor cost allocations. Specific features would include: budget, spend, time, resource cost.

**Resource/Team Management**

Tracks and manages the availability of team members by skill, experience, location, and cost, so they can support both planned and unplanned work. Specific features would include: individual capacity, individual skills, individual assignments, labor cost.

**Work Planning/Management**
Able to define, schedule and assign specific tasks to team members and manage the sequence and interdependency of tasks with each other. This form of structured planning is needed when tasks are clearly defined and sequence of execution is critical. Specific features would include: WBS, Gantt Chart, Task Assignment, Scheduling, task sequence, task relationships.

### Product Roadmap

Establishing the product vision and strategy to organize, govern and shape the effort of the multi-disciplinary team building specific business services. The Product Roadmap is based on specific business goals and objectives, manages high level requirements, prioritizes future features, allocates resources, tracks progress and measures business results linked to the business strategy. Specific features would include: Product Strategy, Idea Gathering, Requirements Management, Resource Management, Feedback Collection, Milestone Tracking, Release Management, Workflow Management, Feature Tracking/Deviation, Roadmap Analytics, Customized Notes, Report Generation, Imports, API/SDK, Conflict Management, and Customized Alerting.

### Requirements Management

With Requirements Management you are able to gather, document, refine, and track approval of business and system requirements. Manage and track the relationships between requirements and other requirements, requirements and code, or requirements and test cases for each version of requirements. Specific features will include definition, traceability, and requirement hierarchy and dependencies.

See direction page for details

### Satisfy Requirements from CI/CD pipelines

This powerful feature uses the GitLab single-application model to allow testing run in the CI/CD pipelines to satisfy your requirements. This automates the cumbersome task of identifying satisfied requirements, and enables your organization to focus on delivering value.

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### Quality Management

Able to support test planning, definition of test cases, results of test execution and corresponding backlog of work resulting from failed tests. Specific features would include: Test case planning, test execution, defect tracking (backlog), severity, priority.

See epic for details

### Portfolio Management

Plan and track work at the project and portfolio level. Manage capacity and resources together with Portfolio Management.

Learn more about Portfolio Management