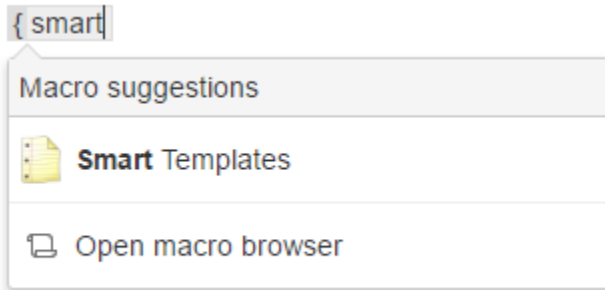# What is Smart Templates app for Confluence

Smart Templates is the app for Atlassian Confluence which helps you to create dynamic content easily and reduce content duplication by allowing you to create your pages from **excerpts and parts of the other pages**.
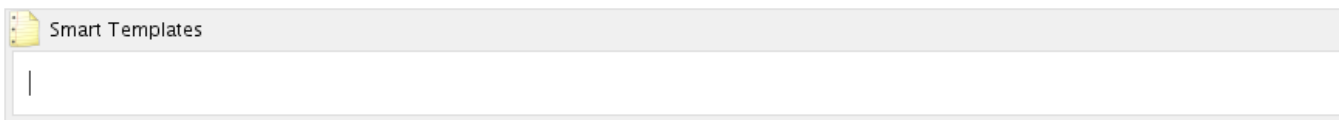
Smart Templates app has a bundled macro called "Smart Templates" to help you with that.

Create new page and type { in the editor to bring the list of macros and start typing {smart

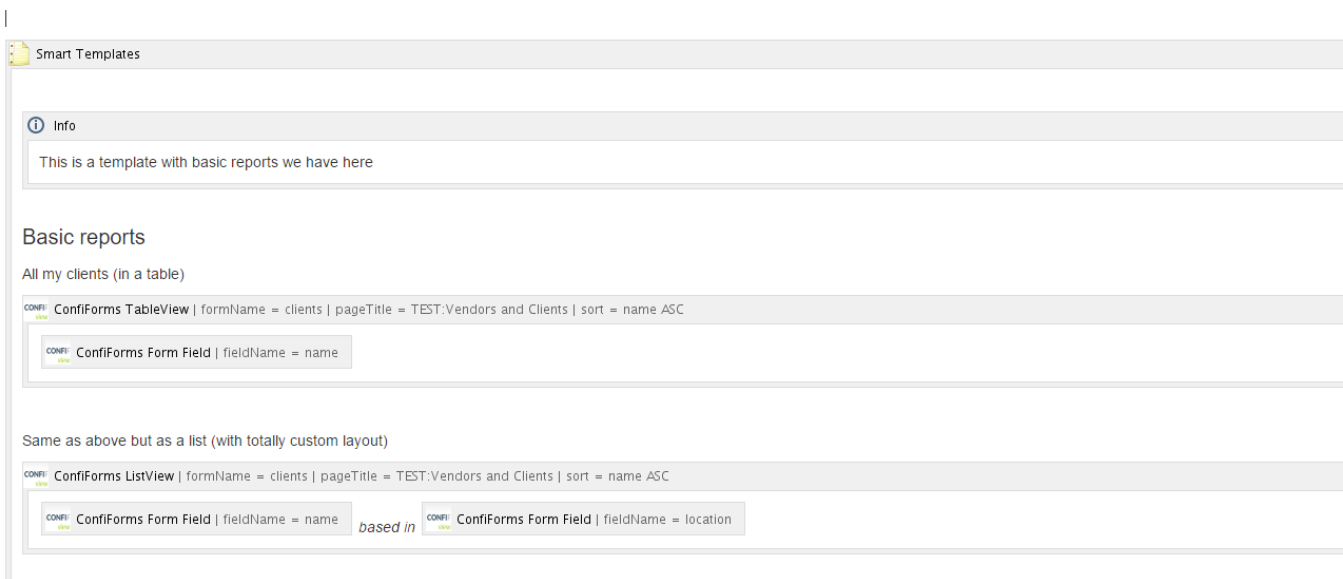This will bring you the macro you are looking for

Select the macro, and the placeholder like this will be added to the editor

By default, the macro uses it's body as a template. Let's fill it in with some contents. We will use something provided by our flagship addon called ConfiForms

Just a few tables and a chart

When it is ready (or semi-ready, **as we can adjust it anytime and whoever uses this template will get an updated content instantly)** we save the page

It goes something like this:

Basic reports

All my clients (in a table)

Name
Client ABC
Client DEF

Same as above but as a list (with totally custom layout)
Client ABC *based in* New York, NY
Client DEF *based in* Charlotte, NC

All my vendors (in a table with name and location)

Name	Location
Vendor XYZ	Phoenix, AZ
Vendor QRS	Phoenix, AZ
Vendor YZA	New York, NY

Now, the interesting part - Smart Templates can define the contents (the template) itself but also can use the contents from another page or Confluence template

Here is how.

Select the macro in the editor and click Edit

Smart Templates

Edit   Remove   ▣   ▣

A macro parameters dialog will be shown

We select the "Page" as source and lookup for a page with a Smart Template we created in a previous step

Edit 'Smart Templates' Macro

Smart Templates macro by Vertuna
LLC. Include, manage and reuse
the contents from Confluence pages
and templates, in a smart way
Documentation

Source

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Choose the content source you want to
reference with this smart template. Leave
blank, if you want a macro body to be used
as a content source

Page Title

Smart templates

Content excerpts

↻ **Preview**

ⓘ This is a template with basic reports we have here

Basic reports

All my clients (in a table)

Name
Client ABC
Client DEF

Same as above but as a list (with totally custom layout)
Client ABC *based in* New York, NY

You see, the preview already shows the contents of a page we reference, so by clicking "save" on the macro preview window we get something like this inserted to the editor

Smart Templates | content = 10519048 | source = Page

And when page is save we get the same content as in the page we referenced.

This concludes the basics.... Check here for more advanced tutorial on how you can include page parts and mix & match them