

Using Confluence templates with Smart Templates

Smart Templates add-on is good at organising the contents from multiple pages, but it can do a lot more.

It works with Confluence templates and with [Page properties](#) which helps you to pass variables to the templates.

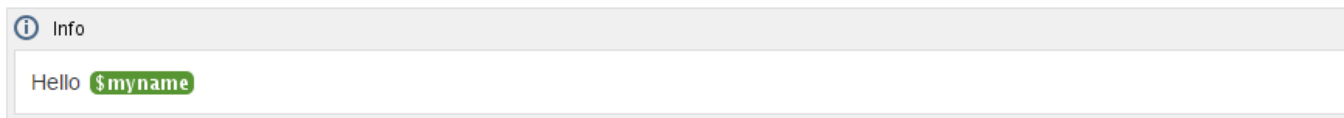
Here is how it works

Create a template in Confluence (it can be global template or space-specific template). [See Atlassian documentation](#)

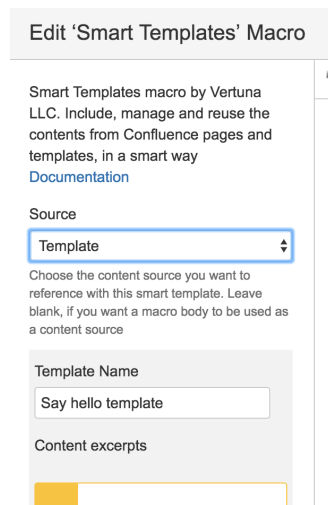
You can define variables in the templates, we will define a one called "myname"

Here is how our template will look like

Say hello template

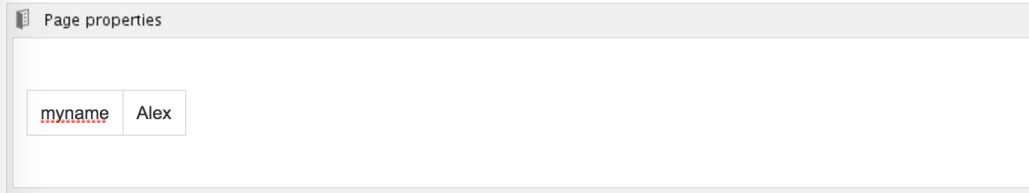
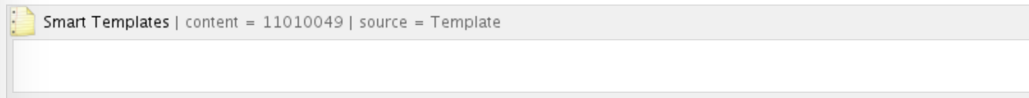


Now we create a page and will place there a Smart Templates macro and will reference this template

A screenshot of the 'Edit Smart Templates Macro' configuration window. The window has a title bar 'Edit 'Smart Templates' Macro'. Inside, there is a description: 'Smart Templates macro by Vertuna LLC. Include, manage and reuse the contents from Confluence pages and templates, in a smart way' with a link to 'Documentation'. Below this is a 'Source' section with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Template'. A note below the dropdown says: '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'. Further down is a 'Template Name' section with a text input field containing 'Say hello template'. At the bottom is a 'Content excerpts' section with a yellow rectangular area.

And we will also put Confluence standard page properties macro where we define a "myname" variable / property

Demo



The variable in the Confluence template will be substituted with the value "Alex", as page properties macro defines this variable here

And the resulting page created by Smart Template will look like this



You can define multiple page properties (as table rows) and multiple sets of page properties (multiple "page properties" macros)

In addition to user defined page properties there is always these variables in the context present (can be used inside Confluence template)

Variable name	
spacekey	Current space key
pageid	Page ID of the page where this smart template is used
pagetitle	Page title of the page where this smart template is used

Variable names are **case-sensitive!**