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# A Talentful Case Study: Atlassian

Headquartered in Australia, Atlassian produces tech that helps software development teams work together more efficiently and effectively.

The company provides project planning and management software, collaboration tools, and IT help desk solutions such as Confluence, Trello and Jira to thousands of teams worldwide.

Founded in 2002, Atlassian has grown into a 7,000-person company with employees working across 13 countries. It became Australia's first unicorn in 2015 after a valuation of \$4.4 billion. Atlassian is now valued at \$50 billion, continuing its success as a global software leader.









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#### **Background:**

As a remote-first 'Team Anywhere' company, Atlassian needs a flexible, global talent strategy. Since 2021, its evolving partnership with Talentful has supported the company through shifting priorities, rapid growth, and increasingly complex hiring demands.

# The Challenge: Navigating Hyper-Growth and Market Volatility on a Global Scale

Atlassian's partnership with Talentful began in 2021 with a focused goal: scaling Engineering hiring in the US. Over the four years since—and continuing today—that scope expanded, as growing ambitions brought new, complex hiring challenges:

- Rapid Global Expansion: Supporting explosive growth plans across Tech, Goto-Market (GTM), and G&A functions, expanding hiring needs across the US, EMEA, and APAC (spanning 10 countries).
- Efficiency & Quality: Reducing critical Time-to-Hire metrics while managing massive application volumes (184,000+) and maintaining a high-quality candidate experience aligned with Atlassian's values.
- Extreme Market Adaptation: Navigating the tech market downturn, which necessitated a strategic, full-scale downsizing of the embedded team, followed by the need for rapid re-activation and scaling when hiring priorities shifted again.
- Operational Complexity: Integrating external support seamlessly within Atlassian's culture, processes, and tooling, including a major Applicant Tracking System (ATS) migration.



# The Solution: A Deeply Embedded, Flexible, and Data-Driven Partnership

Talentful deployed its unique embedded RPO model, becoming a true extension of Atlassian's internal team. This went far beyond typical recruitment support, evolving into a strategic, multi-layered partnership:

# Scalable, Full-Lifecycle Support

Grew from five sourcers to a peak of 73
 embedded consultants providing full cycle recruitment, sourcing,
 coordination, and operational support
 across 10 unique teams globally.

# Unmatched Flexibility & Agility

- Talentful's flexible solution
   provided the platform for Atlassian
   to downsize from 73 to 0 during a
   market downturn and quickly
   scaling back to 48 consultants
   across 10 countries by early 2025 to
   meet Atlassian's needs.
- To address a critical go-to-market hiring surge, Talentful redeployed 70% of its R&D team for immediate impact.

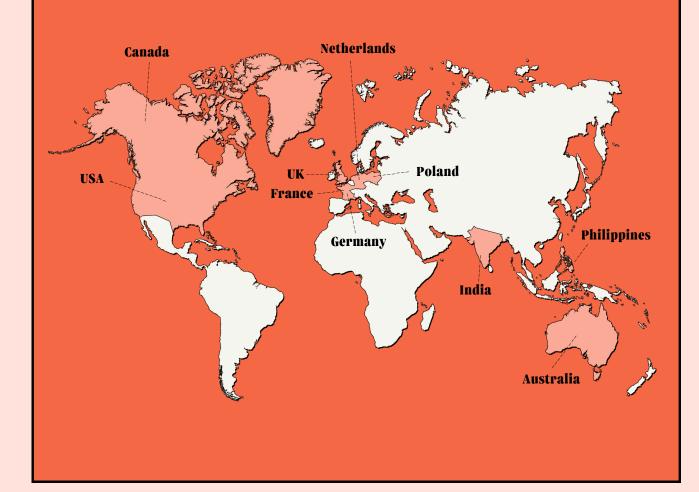
## A Proactive & Bespoke Solution

- Launched an Inbound Applications
  Team that managed 184,537+
  applications to date, reduced finalstage time from 12 to 6 days, and
  improved candidate experience
  through consistent, high-quality
  interactions aligned with Atlassian's
  brand values.
- Initiated a "Bull Pen" Team for out-ofoffice coverage to ensure continuous candidate management.
- Provided expertise during Atlassian's ATS migration from Lever to iCIMS, focusing on workflows and best practices.

#### ... The Solution: continued

#### **Embedded Global Leadership**

- Talentful's Talent Operations Lead successfully manages a combined team, enhancing global consistency and process improvement.
- A standardized data tracker was implemented to monitor operational metrics, improving decision-making.
- Expansion into new markets such as Poland, was facilitated with insights and localized hiring strategies across 10 countries:



Atlassian x Talentful: Adapting to Evolving Business Needs		
	May '25	Team grows by 10% and continues to expand!  Now hiring in 10 countries, Talentful is strategically located in the US, EMEA, and APAC regions to support ongoing growth.
	Nov 24	<b>Team expands by 39%</b> Relaunching the team in EMEA & APAC
	Sep '24	<b>Talentful reallocates 70% of its team</b> to prioritize go-to-market (GTM) hiring.
	Feb '24	<b>Team shifts focus</b> to support new AI & ML hiring team
	Dec '23	<b>Team expands 46%</b> Supporting US recruitment coordination team
	Sep '23	Relaunched a team of 13 supporting R&D hiring
	Sep '23	<b>Team size moves to 0</b> due to market conditions
	Dec' 22	Rapid shift in market Talenftul begins systemicatically downsizing team based on hiring priorities
	Oct '22	<b>43% team growth from APAC hiring support launch</b> Supporting all hiring disciplines & 11 unique teams
	Apr '22	<b>Launch of EMEA team</b> Inbound Application Team, Internal Mobility & Operations team
	Jan '22	Team expands 80% Launching recruitment Coordination & Leadership
	Dec '22	<b>Team expands by 87%</b> Expands into GTM, G&A, Data Science
	Sep '21	<b>Team expands 150% adding full lifecycle recruiters.</b> Expands into Product, Design.
		Launched team of 5 sourcers

Supporting Eng USA hiring

Feb '21

#### The Results: Resilience, Efficiency & Impact

With Talentful's deeply embedded and adaptable approach, we cultivated a robust partnership with Atlassian. This seamless integration and agility secured a consistent client satisfaction score of 9/10.

Since 2021, through periods of extreme growth and contraction, to date:

- The embedded consulting team scaled dynamically from five to 73 (and back to 48) to meet fluctuating demands.
- 184,537+ inbound applications were reviewed.
- 28,227 interviews were scheduled.
- 939 hires were made across Tech, Product, Design, G&A, and GTM.
- Core Engineering Time-to-Hire was drastically cut from 78 to 38 days.
- Candidate Time in Final Stage shortened from 12 to 6 days.
- Supported 134 internal mobility hires.
- Maintained an 87% Talentful consultant retention rate.
- Thanks to strong performance and consistently high satisfaction,
   Talentful's scope grew from supporting North America to hiring across
   EMEA and APAC—ultimately covering 10 countries.

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#### **Key Takeaways: Why Talentful?**

# The Atlassian partnership showcases Talentful's ability to deliver exceptional value through:

- Our deep, embedded partnership builds genuine trust and drives strategic alignment.
- Unmatched scalability and flexibility enable clients to navigate hypergrowth, market shifts, and strategic pivots.
- We expertly manage complex global hiring across diverse international markets.
- Our data-driven processes deliver transparent and continuously improving recruitment outcomes.
- Dependable, strategic support ensures operational stability and client success through market volatility.

Our partnership with Talentful has been a great experience. The quality of support provided by the team has been the highest I have had the pleasure of receiving in my career. As well as recruiting top talent, Talentful's experts have helped our team focus our recruiting efforts to meet our increasing hiring needs. They have an eye for the things that really matter within talent acquisition, including DEI, quality of hires and data.

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