

# Gradual Deployment

In an enterprise with JIRA already in production and being used every day, deploying Structure plugin and making it available to everyone might be disruptive – in a good sense, since Structure adds a whole layer of useful functionality to JIRA, but perhaps also in a bad sense, if the users are accustomed to their stable user interface and don't appreciate changes that they do not expect.

As a JIRA admin, you can deal with that situation quite easily by deploying Structure gradually.

Structure can be limited to a number of users – see [Restricting User Access to Structure](#). The users who do not have access to Structure don't see Structure's footprint in JIRA in any way (with one exception, see below).

A common path to gradual deployment is:

1. Create a group called **structure-users** and restrict access to Structure only to that group.
2. Add to the group people who initially championed getting Structure for your company and anybody who actively wants to use it.
3. Let them use Structure and spread the word.
4. Once it is decided that everybody wants to use Structure, remove the restriction.
5. Don't forget to advise everyone to check the [Getting Started](#) page.

In the same way, you can gradually enable Structure project-by-project. See [Who Has Access to the Structure](#) for details.

## Turning Optional Functionality Off

Some Structure features can be turned off – see [Turning Off Optional Features](#).

One notable feature is *Activity Streams*. For technical reasons, even if a user does not have access to Structure, they will still see "Structure" as a possible Activity Streams Provider (although they won't see any events coming out of it). You can turn it off.

Another optional feature to consider is synchronizers. Synchronizers are powerful tools, but they may be harmful if applied carelessly. You can turn off synchronizer modules, or check who in your JIRA has **Bulk Edit** permission.

[Automation](#) is the newest feature that can potentially place considerable load on the server. You can limit the access to it by [changing permission to access Automation](#).