

# Migrating Data from Structure 2 to Structure 3

Unlike previous versions, Structure 3.0 uses the main JIRA database to store its data. You need to migrate the data from Structure 2 in order to continue working with it in Structure 3. Additionally, this feature can be used to restore structures from a backup made with Structure 2.



Structure 2 had a separate Backup / Restore functionality, because Structure data was kept separately. With Structure 3, all data is backed up with the usual JIRA backup.

However, we plan to reinstate Backup / Restore / Migrate feature in the future versions of Structure 3.

## Creating a Backup of Structure 2.x Data

- If you still have Structure 2.x installed, create backup of current Structure data. You can either use **Administration | Structure | Structure Backup** menu or do a cold backup by copying the whole `structure/` sub-directory under JIRA home while Structure plugin is disabled. See [Backing Up Structure](#) for details.
- If you already have Structure 3.x installed, use **Administration | Structure | Export Structure 2.x Data** page. It allows you to create a backup zip with all Structure 2.x data, and then opens **Restore Structure** page, allowing you to immediately import the backup into Structure 3.x database.

## Restoring Structure Data from 2.x Backup

1. Use **Administration | Structure | Restore Structure (2.x)** menu and use any Structure 2.x backup made earlier. Note that it should be placed in the `import/` directory on your server.
2. If you used "Export Structure 2.x Data" menu, you will be taken to the restore automatically.

## After Data Migration

### Upgrade Testy

If you have Structure.Testy installed, download and install the latest version of Structure.Testy, compatible with Structure.

### Upgrading "Global Structure"

If you're using "Global Structure" structure, which was created by default in Structure 2.x, you need to make sure that there's an "owner" of that structure. Otherwise, [Automation](#) will not work there.

1. Open **Structure | Manage Structure**.
2. Find Global Structure and check if it has non-empty Owner.
3. If it doesn't have an owner, click **Configure**, and set yourself as the owner.