Basic Concepts

We recommend you to get acquainted with a few important concepts to help shorten the learning curve.

Structure (vs. structure)	*Structure* is the name of our product. In our documentation we differentiate between **Structure**, the app, and the **structures** that you build with it using capitalization. When you see "*Structure*" with a capital "*S*" we are referring to the app. When you see "*structure*" with a lowercase "*s*" we are referring to the the structures you create in the app.
structures contain Jira issues	Think of a structure as a container that may be filled with Jira **issues** from a single, or multiple Jira projects. Within this container you may organize the issues into arbitrary groups of hierarchical lists. For example, you may wish to group your issues by type, by assignee, or by priority—or by some combination thereof. In fact, you may organize the issues in your structure any way you'd like.
items	Typically, Jira projects contain issues of many different types. For example, "bugs", "tasks" or "activities". Structure adds a few new, helpful, project management elements such as folders, memos and generators. Collectively, we refer to all of these (i.e., everything that appears in a structure) as **items**.
automation / generators	As mentioned above, Jira issues may appear in a structure automatically. Our powerful **Automation** feature uses **generators** that automatically add Jira issues to a structure and organize them using issue attributes and business rules that you specify. Generators are also updated automatically, as issues in Jira change.
a view	We refer to a particular configuration of the columns that you decide to display in the Structure panel as a **view**.
sub-items (and parent items)	When you place one item under another item in a structure it becomes a **sub-item** of the item above it. The item above the sub-item is the **parent** item. Sub-items may contain sub-items of their own, and those sub-items may contain still more sub-items, and so on. You may create as many levels of parent item / sub-item relationships as you wish in a structure. Importantly, these parent item / sub-item relationships may be different in different structures. The relationships may be created arbitrarily to suite your needs within a particular structure.
children	Sometimes we refer to sub-items as **children** (of the parent item).
Jira sub-tasks	Jira **sub-tasks** and Structure *sub-items* are conceptually similar, but they are not the same. Jira sub-tasks are a special type of Jira issue that includes a parent/child relationship within Jira. It may be desirable for sub-tasks to appear in your structures as sub-items of the relevant (parent) Jira task. However, this is not a requirement. There are no restrictions on Structure parent/child relationships, so sub-tasks may be placed anywhere in a structure, like any other other Jira issue type.
structures within structures	With Structure, **you may add structures to other structures** — i.e., a structure can be an item (see above) in another structure.