

GUIDE

Plane vs. Jira Cloud: Feature Comparison for Enterprise Teams

A detailed analysis for teams evaluating modern project management solutions as Atlassian Data Center reaches end of support.

PM Leads, Engineering Leads, DevOps Teams
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AGPL-3.0

Open Source

\$0

Per-Seat Cost

100%

Data Sovereignty

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Jira DC EOL

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OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

With Atlassian Data Center reaching end of support in February 2027, enterprise teams are evaluating project management alternatives. This guide provides a detailed side-by-side analysis of Plane (deployed on Forge) versus Jira Cloud across the dimensions that matter most to enterprise teams: feature parity, security posture, data sovereignty, and total cost of ownership.

Bottom line: Plane on Forge eliminates per-seat licensing, guarantees data sovereignty, and provides full source transparency—all while maintaining feature parity with Jira Cloud and adding AI-native capabilities via Reign governance.

CAPABILITIES

Core Feature Comparison

Feature	Jira Cloud	Plane on Forge
Project Management	Yes	Yes
Agile Boards (Scrum/Kanban)	Yes	Yes
Sprints / Cycles	Yes	Yes (Cycles)
Epics / Modules	Yes	Yes (Modules)
Custom Fields	Yes	Yes (Properties)
Workflows	Yes (complex)	Yes (streamlined)
Roadmaps	Premium+	Yes (included)
Time Tracking	Via apps	Yes (built-in)
Pages / Docs	Confluence (separate)	Pages (built-in)
API Access	Yes	Yes (REST+GraphQL)
Webhooks	Yes	Yes
Bulk Operations	Yes	Yes
Mobile App	Yes	Coming Q2 2026
Dark Mode	No	Yes

Plane matches Jira Cloud feature-for-feature on core capabilities and includes several features Jira reserves for Premium tiers. The main difference: terminology. Plane uses "Cycles" instead of "Sprints" and "Modules" instead of "Epics"—both are functionally identical.

ENTERPRISE

Enterprise & Security Capabilities

Capability	Jira Cloud	Plane on Forge
Deployment Model	Atlassian SaaS	Self-hosted on your cloud
Data Sovereignty	No (Atlassian infra)	Yes (your VPC)
Source Code	Proprietary	AGPL-3.0 (open source)
SSO / SAML	Premium+	Yes (included)
RBAC	Yes	Yes
SOC 2 Cert	Atlassian only	Forge-managed (your scope)
AI Features	Atlassian Intelligence	AI-native + Reign governance
Audit Logs	Premium+	Yes (included)
IP Allowlisting	Enterprise only	Infrastructure level
Custom Domains	No	Yes
Multi-Region	Atlassian regions	Any cloud, any region

The key differentiator: Plane on Forge gives you complete control. You manage infrastructure, regions, compliance scope, and audit trails. Your data never leaves your cloud.

COSTS

Pricing Comparison

Jira Cloud licensing is per-user. Plane eliminates per-seat licensing entirely—you license the Plane software via Forge.

Scale	Jira Cloud	Plane on Forge
Per-user license	\$8–16 /mo	\$0 (AGPL-3.0)
50 users/year	\$4,800–9,600	\$0 licensing
200 users/year	\$19,200–38,400	\$0 licensing
500 users/year	\$48,000–96,000	\$0 licensing
Infrastructure	Included (cloud)	Forge platform fee
Premium features	Extra cost	All included
Support	Tiered	24/7 TAM included

With 200 users, Jira Cloud costs \$19k–38k/year in licensing alone. Plane on Forge costs \$0 in per-seat licensing. At scale, this is a 70–90% reduction in project management tooling costs.

MIGRATION

What Jira Users Will Love About Plane

What's Better in Plane

- ✓ Modern, clean UI—no legacy Atlassian interface baggage
- ✓ Pages built in—not a separate Confluence license needed
- ✓ AI-native workflows with governance via Reign
- ✓ Full source transparency (AGPL-3.0 open source)
- ✓ Zero feature gating—all capabilities included
- ✓ Audit logs included standard (not Premium-only)

What Takes Adjustment

01 Adjustment 1

Different terminology (Cycles vs. Sprints, Modules vs. Epics)

02 Adjustment 2

Smaller ecosystem of marketplace apps (but open source = build it yourself)

03 Adjustment 3

Mobile app coming Q2 2026 (web is fully functional today)

NEXT STEPS

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01 Compare

Get a personalized feature comparison for your team.

02 Try

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03 Scale

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- ✓ MCP connection governance and approval workflows
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- ✓ 24/7 enterprise support with dedicated TAM

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