

# active concept

A [concept](#) that is intended for use.

## Notes

- [Release files](#) contain *active* and [inactive concepts](#) to provide a historical record of the terminology at different points in time.
- A concept is active when the most recent row with the relevant *concept.id* in the [full release file](#) has the value *concept.active*=1 (one). The most recent row for a concept is determined based on the *concept.effectiveTime* value.

## Related Links

- [Inactive concept](#)
- [Meaning of the Active Field](#)