

4.5.3 Using Reference Sets to hold simple value sets

Where it is known that a single simple [Reference Set](#) is held in a file, a simple [value set](#) may be retrieved from the [Reference Set](#) by taking the [referencedComponentIds](#) of each record with an [active](#) field set to '1'. Each value in the [value set](#) is then an [SCTID](#) of a [SNOMED CT component](#) .

Where a [release file](#) contains multiple simple [Reference Sets](#) , then a number of [value sets](#) may be retrieved from the file by taking the [referencedComponentIds](#) of each record with an [active](#) field set to '1', and grouping them into [value sets](#) by using the [refsetId](#) field. Each value in the [value set](#) is an [SCTID](#) of a [SNOMED CT component](#) . In order to retrieve the name of each [value set](#) , its [refsetId](#) can be used to identify a [Reference set](#) | [metadata concept](#) that will have a [Description](#) with a [typeid](#) of [Synonym](#) | that provides a name for the [value set](#) .