

description type

An indication of the intended use of a [term](#) of a [SNOMED CT description](#) when applied to the associated [concept](#).

Notes

- The *description type* is represented by the value of the [description.type/d](#) attribute.
- Permitted values include the following (other types may be defined in future):

typeid (with term)	Further information
900000000000003001 Fully specified name	fully specified name <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A description that represents the meaning of a concept in a way that is unambiguous and independent of the context in which it is used.
900000000000013009 Synonym	synonym <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A word or phrase that expresses the meaning of a SNOMED CT concept in a specified language.
900000000000550004 Definition	textual definition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A narrative text explanation of the meaning of a concept that may exceed the maximum permitted length for a fully specified name.



The [Preferred term](#) is **not** a distinct [description type](#), it is the [synonym](#) marked as preferred for use in the *language reference set* for a specified [language context](#).

Related Links

- [Description Format Reference Set](#)
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