

2.2 Choosing the release files to import

The [International Release](#) files to be imported should all be selected from the set of files representing a single [Release Type](#) for a chosen version of the [SNOMED CT International Release](#) .

Within the chosen file set the files identified in must be imported. The files listed in should also be imported as these provide important information about [inactive concepts](#) and metadata about [Description](#) types. The decision on whether to import the files listed in depends on whether the additional features identified in that table are required for the planned implementation. Finally the supplementary files listed in may be used to assist implementation but are not essential as the data they contain can be generated from the other files and/or replaced by alternative approaches to provide similar functionality.

Table 7. Mandatory import files		
File type	Content	Notes
sct2_concept_ [rt] _INT...	concepts	The primary components of SNOMED CT . Essential for all implementations.
sct2_description_ [rt] _INT...	Descriptions	
sct2_relationship_ [rt] _INT...	Relationships	
sct2_cRefset_Language [rt] - [language] _INT...	Language Refset (s)	At least one Language Refset must be imported. The English Language refset should be imported unless another Language refset covering the full content is available and imported.
Table 8. Highly recommended import files		
File type	Content	Notes
der2_cRefset_AttributeValue [rt] _INT...	concept Inactivation refset	Provides information about the status of inactive concepts .
	Description Inactivation Refset	Provides information about the status of inactive descriptions .
der2_cRefset_DescriptionType [rt] _INT...		
der2_cRefset_AssociationReference [rt] _INT...		

Table 9. Optional import files		
File type	Content	Notes
der2_sRefset_SimpleMap [rt] _INT...	Maps from NHS Clinical Terms Version 3 codes, other Read Codes to SNOMED CT	Only required if the server needs to be able to lookup SNOMED CT concepts based on a CTV3 Identifier or Read Code .
	Maps from legacy SNOMED CT 3 codes to SNOMED CT	Only required if the server needs to be able to lookup SNOMED CT concepts based on a legacy SNOMED CT 3 code.
WordEquivalents		
StatedRelationships		
Table 10. Supplementary import files		
File type	Content	Notes
DescWordKey		
DescDualKey		
ExcludedWords		
TransitiveClosure		Generated from the Relationships . Needs to be regenerated or updated if Extensions are imported.

If [Extensions](#) are required to support an implementation, the [release files](#) to be imported should be selected from the set of files for a single [Release Type](#) for a chosen version of that [Extension](#). It is important to ensure that the [International Release](#) version(s) on which all the imported [Extensions](#) are based has also been imported. The files that need to be imported from a chosen [Extension](#) may vary depending on the scope of the [Extension](#) .

Note: Advice should be sought from the [Extension](#) provider on the essential and recommended requirements of files to be imported and supported.