

SNOMED CT terminology services

A set of software functions that interface with and provide effective access to the content and features of one or more [SNOMED CT editions](#).

Notes

- Each [terminology service](#) is a software function that interfaces with and provides access to information from one or more representations of a terminology.
- The software application that provides *SNOMED CT terminology services* is known as a [SNOMED CT terminology server](#).
- While terminology services may be applicable to several different terminologies, applications that provide *SNOMED CT terminology services*, should support access to the specific design features of SNOMED CT. These include the [subtype hierarchy](#), [description logic concept definitions](#), [reference sets](#) and [expression constraints](#).

Examples

- Find a [concept](#) based on a set of search criteria. The criteria may include text to be matched against terms associated with the concept and constraints requiring a concept to be a subtype of an identified *concept* or a member of an identified [reference set](#).
- Show the [preferred term](#) associated with an identified concept.

Related Links

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- [Terminology service](#)