3.1.1 General Structure of Release Files

The following rules apply to all SNOMED CT Release Files.

- SNOMED CT Release Files are UTF-8 encoded, tab delimited text files.
- Each line, including the final line, ends with a carriage return character (hex 0D) followed by a line feed character (hex 0A).
- The first line of each file, contains the names of each column (also know more generally as a field).
- Field names are represented using lower-camel-case
  - First letter of name is lower case
  - First letter of each words apart from the first word in the name is upper case
  - All other letters are lower case.
  - For example:
    - id
    - term
    - typeId
    - relationshipGroup
    - definitionStatusId
- The name, datatype and usage of the fields in each file are specified in the following sections of this guide
  - 4.2 File Format Specifications
  - 5.2 Reference Set Types.