

3.3 Naming Conventions for Release Packages and Files

The release file naming convention specified in this section applies to all [SNOMED International release files](#) starting with the January 2010 [International release](#). The release package naming convention specified was added subsequently to provide additional clarity through a structured name applied to the folder (and zip archive name) containing a set of release files. This package naming convention first applied to releases by SNOMED International during 2017.

These naming specifications provides the following benefits:

- A consistent naming convention across the [International edition](#) and each [National edition](#).
- Predictable file naming, providing a stable structure for naming over time between releases.
- A standard way to identify the source country and [namespace](#) of the organization responsible for a [release file](#).
- A consistent mechanism for representing version of release files and packages of release files.
- An human readable way to identify the content of a file, at a summary level.
- A mechanism for identifying the type of information stored in a [release file](#) (e.g. documentation, tooling, etc.).
- Guidance on file naming for [release files](#) in non-English [extensions](#).
- Assurance that file names will be unique across the [International release](#) and releases from individual [National release](#) centers and across separate releases from each center over time.

Quality Assurance checks, performed during the [International release](#) process, ensure that this naming convention is enforced. Equivalent checks should also be performed as part of each [National Release Center's](#) release process.

- [3.3.1 Release Package Naming Conventions](#)
- [3.3.2 Release File Naming Convention](#)



Note

Prior to January 2010 other naming conventions were used. Implementers who need to review earlier releases should consult the documentation that accompanied the release that they need to review