

Common Terminology Services 2

An [application programming interface \(API\)](#) specification of the basic functional requirements used to query and access terminological content.

Notes

- *CTS2*
 - Is an abbreviation for *Common Terminology Services 2*.
 - Is used by healthcare software implementers.
 - Defines the functional requirements of a set of service interfaces to allow the representation, access, and maintenance of terminology content either locally, or across a federation of [terminology services](#) nodes.
 - Is specified as an [API](#), rather than a set of data structures. This enables a wide range of terminological content to be integrated within a common framework, without the need for significant migration or revision.
 - Was developed from the original [HL7 CTS specification](#) and is now a joint initiative between HL7 and the [Object Management Group \(OMG\)](#).

Alternatives

- **CTS2**
- **HL7 CTS2**