Understanding SNOMED CT Licensing

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Licensing

• Outline
  • Understand Affiliate License and Sub-License
  • Why these are required?
  • What are licensing fees?
  • Fee exemptions in member and non-member countries
  • Steps for getting Affiliate License and SNOMED CT International Release Files.
Affiliate License

• What is SNOMED CT License?
  • Usage of SNOMED CT requires license. This license is called as Affiliate License.
  • IHTSDO Affiliate/ Affiliate Licensee
    • An SNOMED International Affiliate Licensee in accordance with the SNOMED International Affiliate License Agreement.
Licensing

• Affiliate License Agreement
  • The agreement between an SNOMED International affiliate (the licensee) and the SNOMED International (the licensor) under which developers and implementers are permitted to use the SNOMED CT International Release and distribute it to their sub-licensees as part of a software system.
Sublicense

• What is Sublicense?
  • The end users who use the SNOMED CT enabled software (or service) developed by Affiliate licensees need a sublicense to use SNOMED CT content.
  • The end user is called as the Sub-licensee.
Limitations for Sub-Licensee

- Only permitted to access SNOMED CT using the software (or service) for the purpose of exploring and evaluating the terminology
- Must not use SNOMED CT software (or service) to add or copy SNOMED CT identifiers into any type of record system, database or document
- Not permitted to translate or modify SNOMED CT Content or Derivatives
- Not permitted to distribute or share SNOMED CT Content or Derivatives
Licensing

• Why is SNOMED CT Affiliate License & Sub-license Required?
  • To protect the intellectual property right
  • To know the rights, limitations and obligations while using SNOMED CT

Please refer the Affiliate License Agreement for details.
Licensing Fees

• What are the licensing fees?
  • SNOMED International does not charge for use of SNOMED CT in Member countries
  • Charges may apply in non-Member countries and are calculated based on the wealth of the country (as determined by the World Bank) and use
Licensing Fee Exemption

• Fee Exemption in Member Countries
  • No fees are charged for deployment in Member countries.

• Fee Exemption in Non-Member Countries
  • Fee exemptions is applicable only to SNOMED CT deployment in non-Member Countries.
  • IHTSDO offers three types of fee exemptions
    • Use in low income countries as categorized by World Bank
    • Qualifying Research Project
    • Public Good Use
Steps for getting SNOMED CT Affiliate License

• Contact the National Release Centre (NRC).
• Register at MLDS (MLDS stands for Member Licensing & Distribution Service) At: https://mlds.ihtsdotools.org/
• Create and activate the account by providing required information.
• Accept SNOMED CT Affiliate License Agreement and request SNOMED CT access.
• Download link for SNOMED CT International Release Files will be available in 4-5 business days.
MLDS

- Member Licensing & Distribution Service (MLDS)
  - This service is provided by SNOMED International for organizations and individuals to request use and access to the International Release of SNOMED CT for use in non-Member countries
  - NRC India has agreed upon to use the same tool for licensing so the users from India are also redirected to MLDS
Member Licensing and Distribution Service

Welcome

- This service is provided by IHTSDO for organizations and individuals to request use and access to the International Release of SNOMED CT for use in non-Member countries.

- For further details, please refer to the IHTSDO website or the Frequently Asked Questions.

Register

or Login here
MLDS

• Mail from SNOMED International to inform that an account is created
• The mail consists of a link to activate the user account
Affiliate Registration

Usage Type

Please select the conditions that the product will be used under:

Usage Type:
Commercial - Developer, Vendor or Terminology provider

Subtype:
Developer

Type of Agreement:
Affiliate - Normal

Contact Information

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Landline Phone Number: Extension:
Mobile Phone Number: Extension:
Affiliate Registration

Usage Type

Please select the conditions that the product will be used under:

Usage Type:
- Commercial - Developer, Vendor or Terminology provider
- Commercial - Service provider
- Academic - for internal use within an Organization (Educational, Research, Development or Healthcare Provider)
- Other - Use not stated in other options
- Individual - Personal, Educational or Research

Type of Agreement:
- Affiliate - Normal

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Usage Type:
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Subtype:
- Developer
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- Vendor
- Affiliate - Normal

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Usage Type:
- Commercial - Developer, Vendor or Terminology provider

Subtype:
- Developer

Type of Agreement:
- Affiliate - Normal
- Affiliate - Research
- Affiliate - Public Good

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MLDS

• Affiliate Normal
  • For developers/vendors/users

• Affiliate Research
  • For research projects
  • Requires formal approval from SNOMED International

• Affiliate Public Good
  • For charitable/public good use
  • Requires formal approval from SNOMED International
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Organization Member: #15DO

Organization Name:

Organization Type:

Address:
123 Somewhere Avenue

City: 
Post Code: 

Country: India

Use Organization Address as Billing Address

Billing Address:

City: 
Post Code: 

Billing Country:
India

Alternate Email:
JohnSmith@OrganizationsABC.com

Third Email:
JohnSmith@OrganizationsABC.com
MLDS

License Usage
Please fill out any known usage information at this time. You will be asked to confirm usage once your application is approved.

License Type: Commercial

Current Usage:

Planned Usage:

Purpose:

Implementation Status:

Countries in Use
Select the non-member countries in which SNOMED-CT will be used.

List of Countries

Home Country: India
## Sublicensed Institutions

### India

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### Practice(s)

**Practices:**

### Data Analysis

- Hospitals providing staff to practices: 5
- Data Creation Systems: Independent practices: 6
- Hospitals/Institutions: 6
- Data Analysis Systems: 6
- Data: 6

### Other Activities

Affiliates are required to notify IHTSDO prior to engaging in any activities that do not fall within the existing categories at which time the IHTSDO will determine the appropriateFee Structure for the activity in question.

Please describe activity below.
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Data Analysis

Hospitals providing staff to practices  
Data Creation Systems: Independent practices  
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Data

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SNOMED CT Agreement

I agree to the license

Register
Points to ponder

• License is required for both the system development, i.e. by the software vendor, and each deployment, i.e. by the Health Service Provider

• Sublicense is issued to the Hospital based on number and type of systems that have been deployed

• The SNOMED International SNOMED CT Browser allows viewing of SNOMED CT but does not enable downloading and use of SNOMED CT in systems or software applications
Thank You

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