



# Ontoserver Workshop

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# Ontoserver Workshop: Outline



## Terminologies

- Use of Terminologies
- Specific Terminologies
- FHIR Terminology Service

## Ontoserver

- Syndication
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  - Important configurations
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  - Syndication workflow
- Encountered issues



# Terminologies

# Use of Terminologies – Problem

- Different healthcare providers
- Different types of documentation
- Different medical terms for identical or similar concepts (conditions, tests, observations, findings, etc.)
- Goal: Interoperability

# Use of Terminologies – Solution

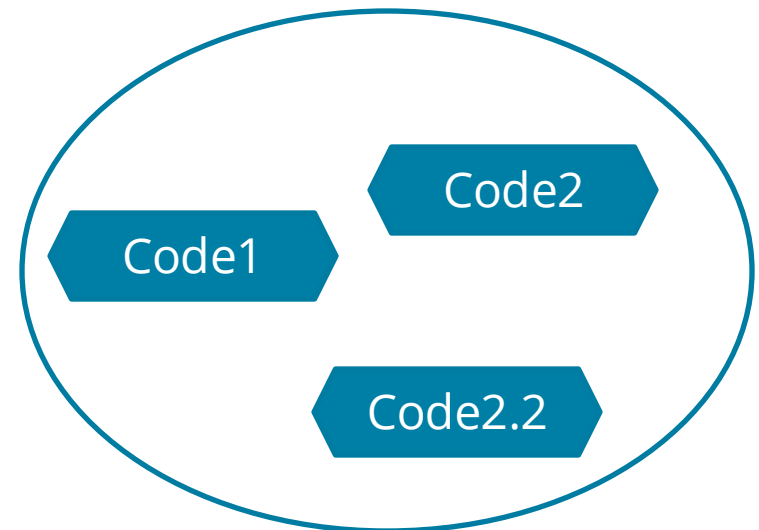
- Use standardized codes and code systems
  - Independent of language
  - Independent of the health provider
  - Consistent across systems

## Code

- Alphanumeric string

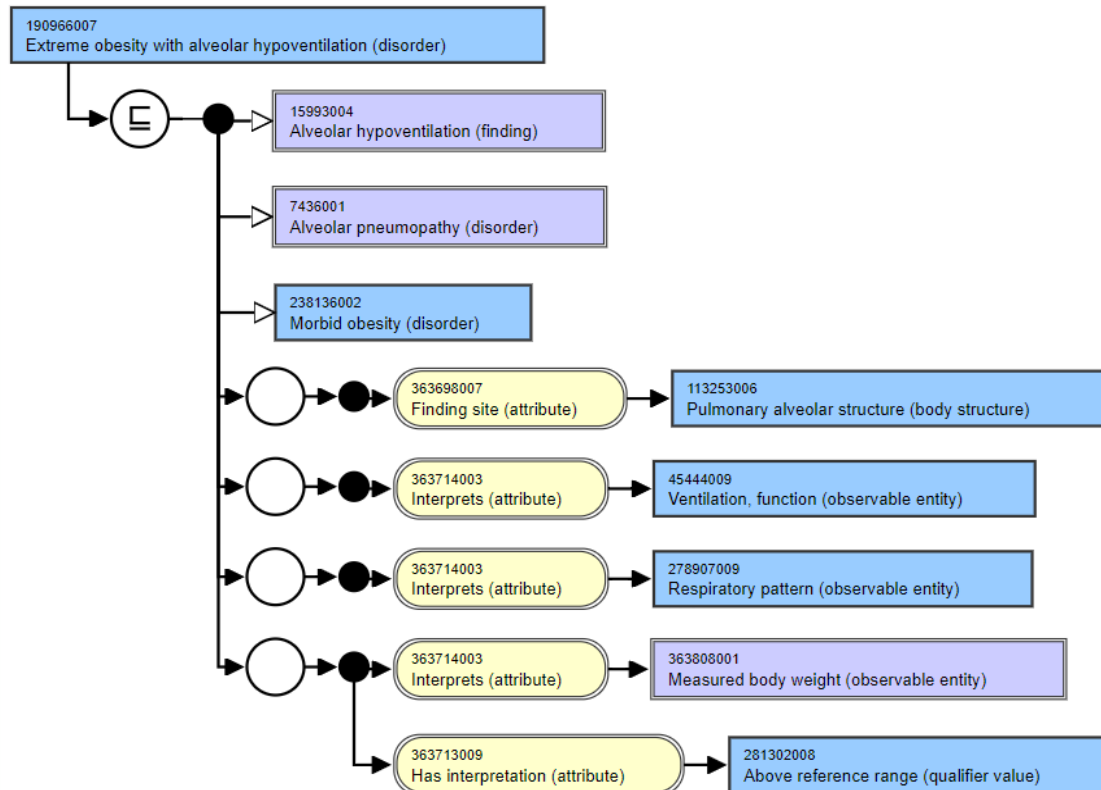
## Code System

- Set of codes (or concepts) with coherent meaning
- Maps codes to description/meaning
- Rules and formal definitions



# Specific Terminologies – SNOMED CT

- most comprehensive health terminology
- 3 components: Concepts, Descriptions, Relationships



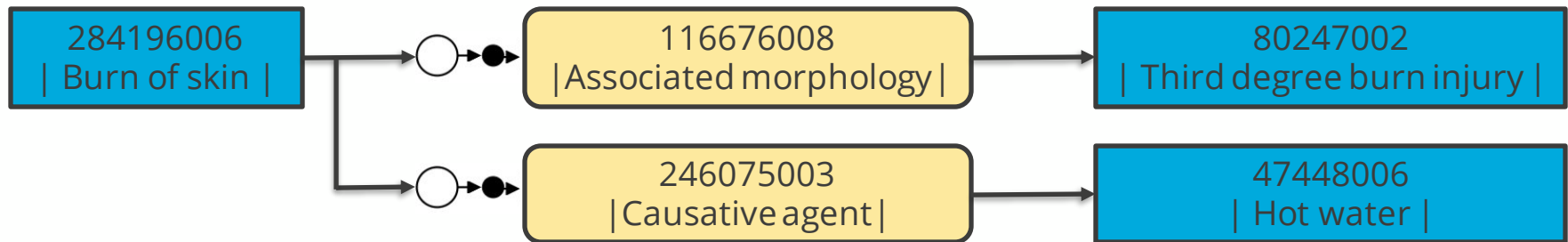
SNOMED CT Browser: <https://browser.ihtsdotools.org/>

# Specific Terminologies – SNOMED CT

## Post-Coordination

- Mechanism to extend available concepts
- Combine existing concepts to additional medical ideas

## Example



284196006 | Burn of skin | :

116676008 | Associated morphology | = 80247002 | Third degree burn injury | ,

246075003 | Causative agent | = 47448006 | Hot water |

# Specific Terminologies – SNOMED CT

## ECL - Expression Constraint Language

- Mechanism to limit scope of applicable concepts
- Computable rules to dynamically create subsets of concepts

## Example

(<< 106048009 AND << 107647005) : 363698007 = 113253006

INCLUDE

all ▾

Descendants Or Self ▾ Respiratory finding

Descendants Or Self ▾ Weight finding

at least one ▾ Self ▾ Finding site equal to ▾

Self ▾ Pulmonary alveolar structure

Total matches: 1

CODE	DISPLAY
190966007	Extreme obesity with alveolar hypoventilation

ECL Builder: <https://ontoserver.csiro.au/shrimp/ecl/>



# Specific Terminologies – LOINC

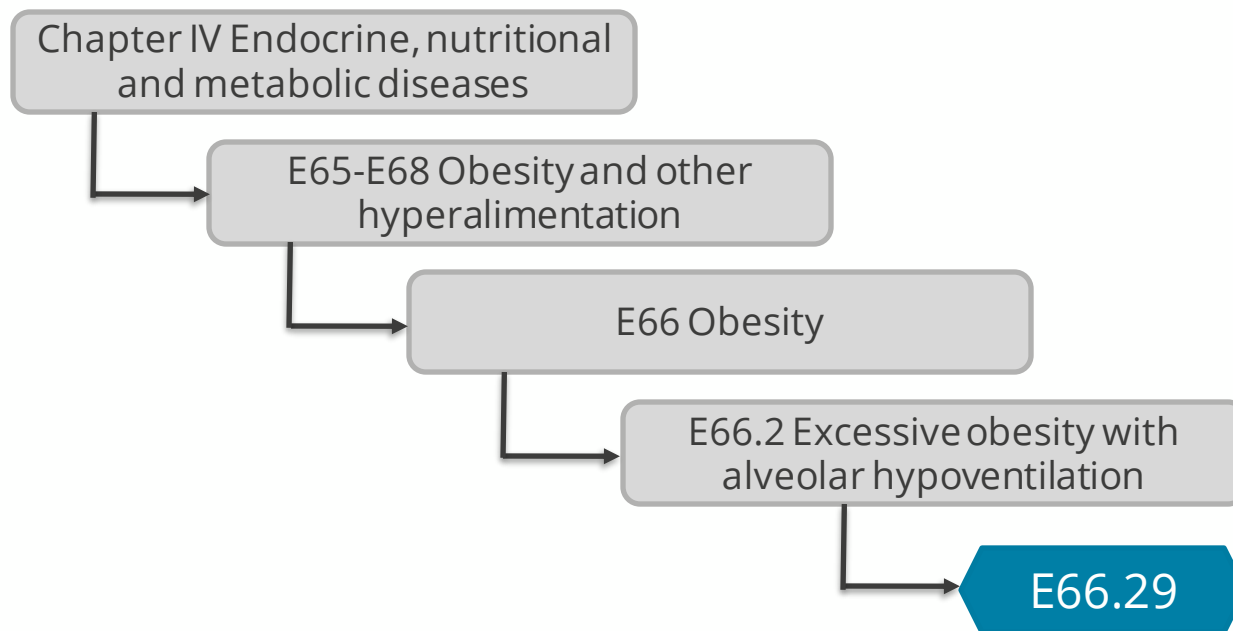
- Logical Observation Identifier Names and Codes
- Term = Code + Fully Specified Name
  - Code has no specific structure
  - FSN: 5 or 6 parts
    - Component/Analyte
    - Property
    - Time
    - System
    - Scale
    - Method (optional)

# Specific Terminologies – LOINC

- Example: Second or third degree burn
  - Code: 45784-6
  - FSN:  
Second or third degree burns:Find:Pt:~Patient:Ord:MDS
- Example: Second or third degree burns in last 7 days
  - Code: 54968-3
  - FSN:  
Second or third degree burns in last 7D:Find:7D:~Patient:Ord:MDSv3

# Specific Terminologies – ICD-10

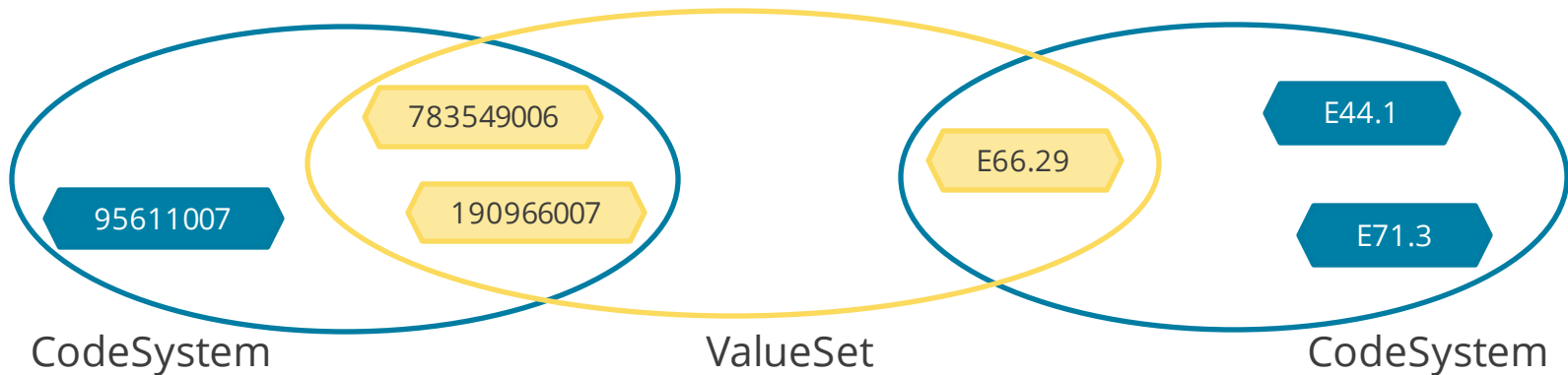
- Hierarchical organized classes with up to 5 layers
- Base version and country-specific modifications



- Relevant FHIR resources: CodeSystem, ValueSet, ConceptMap

## ValueSet

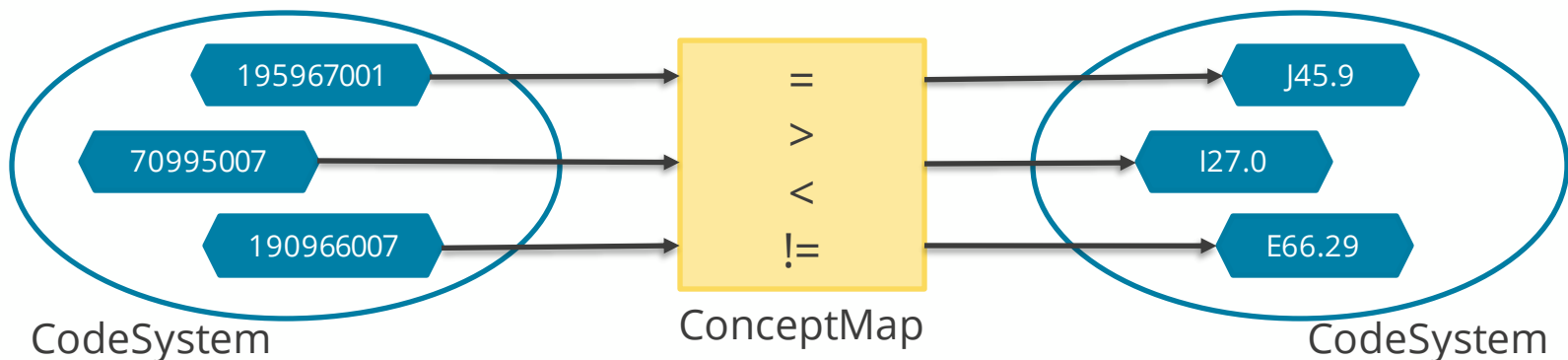
- Selection of codes from any number of CodeSystems
- Contains rules or definition for applicable codes



- Relevant FHIR resources: CodeSystem, ValueSet, ConceptMap

## ConceptMap

- Translation between concepts (one way)
- Captures translation accuracy (equivalent, wider, narrower,..)



## CodeSystem

- \$lookup – Retrieve details for a given concept/code
- \$subsume – Evaluate hierarchical relation of 2 (sets of) codes

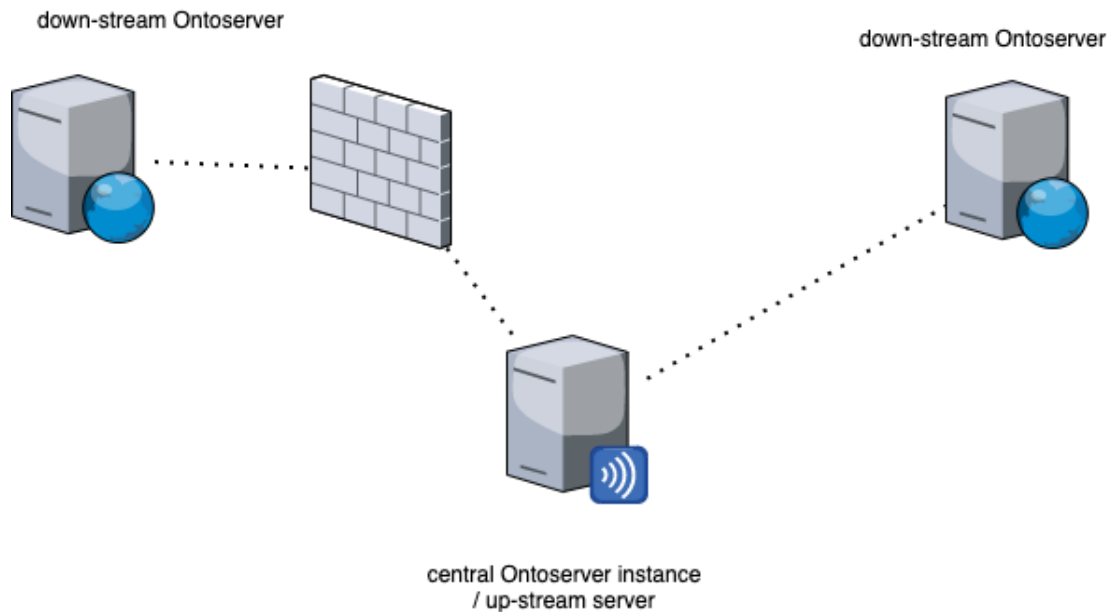
## ValueSet

- \$expand – Combine all codes matching the rules and definitions
- \$validate-code – Check if a code matches the ValueSet's rules and definitions

## ConceptMap

- \$translate – Get the code corresponding to a given code from another CodeSystem

# Syndication



- Ontoserver can advertise that it allows other servers to fetch CodeSystems from it
- These are then made available for the down-stream server
- Do note that you trigger syndication manually

# Why syndicate?

- Consistency across systems
- Single source of truth
- Content is available locally
- Scalability, availability
- (almost) trivial to deploy and access latest versions of terminologies



# Important configurations

Initial setup of the up-stream (source):

- Feed location

- `atom.syndication.feedLocation=file:///syndication.xml`

- Enable security

- `ontoserver.security.enabled=true`
  - `ontoserver.security.readOnly.fhir=true`
  - `ontoserver.security.readOnly.api=true`
  - `ontoserver.security.readOnly.synd=true`

- Configure memory

- `JAVA_OPTS=-Xmx16G`

- Syndication base URLs

- `ontoserver.synd.base={{source_url}}/synd`
  - `ontoserver.fhir.base={{source_url}}/fhir`

# Important configurations

Initial setup of the down-stream (client):

- Feed location

- `atom.syndication.feedLocation=`  
`{{source_url}}/synd/syndication.xml`


- Timeouts

- `atom.syndication.timeout.ms=60000`
  - `atom.syndication.client.connectTimeout=60000`
  - `atom.syndication.client.requestTimeout=60000`
  - `atom.syndication.client.socketTimeout=60000`

# Important configurations

- detailed documentation and minimal configuration:

<https://ontoserver.csiro.au/docs/6/>

**Ontoserver** 

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## Getting Started

These are some brief instructions to get you up and running with Ontoserver.

Make sure you check the details of the [latest changes](#).

## System Requirements

The requirements for running an Ontoserver instance are heavily dependent on the intended usage. For the basic usage pattern (< 20 concurrent users, syndicating a small number of binary indexes but not building indexes from source), the following resource levels are recommended (on top of a 64-bit docker machine)

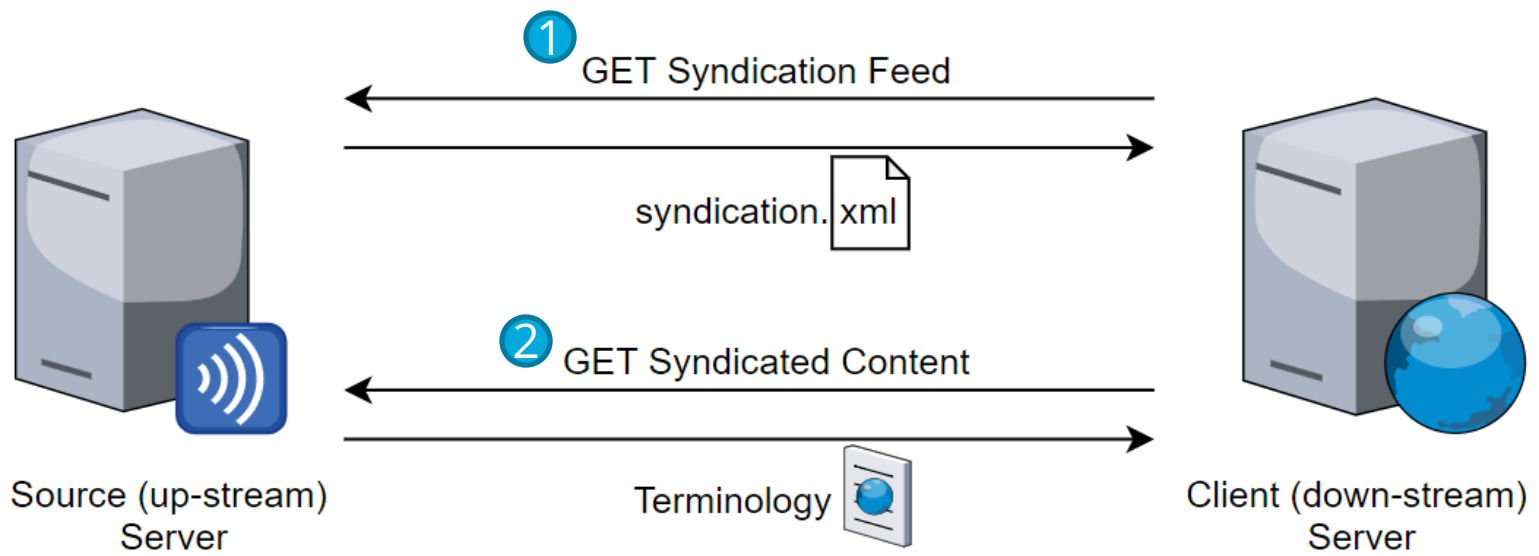
Resource	Minimum	Recommended
CPUs or Cores	2	4
RAM	2GB	8GB
Storage/Disk	10GB	20GB

Building indexes from sources (e.g. RF2) is very demanding on memory - in these cases, at least 16GB of RAM is recommended.

## Set up your environment

- Install Docker  
In order to run Ontoserver, you first need a [Docker](#) environment. This will allow you to control the hosts (whether real or virtual, local or remote) on which Ontoserver and its database will run.  
The simplest method is to download and install a **Docker Engine** <https://www.docker.com/products/container-runtime>  
This should provide you with both the `docker` and `docker-compose` commands.  
If you wish to run Ontoserver on a remote virtual host, you may need to [configure the appropriate drivers](#)
- Establish an account with [quay.io](https://quay.io) at <https://quay.io>
- Obtain an appropriate Licence:

# Demonstration



1. Disable Security of source

2. Upload a new CodeSystem to source

– FHIR CodeSystem:

```
PUT {{source_url}}/fhir/CodeSystem/{{CodeSystemId}}
```

– SNOMED/LOINC:

```
POST {{source_url}}/fhir/CodeSystem/$x-upload-external?system={{System}}&version={{Version}}
```

– also set SyndicationStatus:

```
POST {{source_url}}/synd/setIndexSyndicationStatus  
?codeSystemId={{System}}&syndicate=true&codeSystemVersion={{Version}}
```

3. Enable Security on source

## 4. Import from source: Import from source

- FHIR CodeSystem:

```
GET {{client_url}}/synd/fetchSyndicatedContentEntry
?resourceType=CodeSystem&url={{CodeSystemUrl}}&version
={{Version}}
```

- SNOMED/LOINC:

```
POST {{client_url}}/api/indexCodeSystem?codeSystemId=
{{CodeSystemId}}&validate=false&codeSystemVersion={{Ve
rsion}}
```

- OntoCommand: Dashboard (GUI) available at

<https://ontoserver.csiro.au/ui>

# Encountered issues

## CodeSystem with broken IndexStatus

- Solution: re-index CodeSystem

## Timeout during syndication

- Potential cause: many CodeSystems/ValueSets on the server
- Solution: configure higher timeouts in clients

## Unable to syndicate with Ontoserver behind Proxy

- Potential cause: base URL(s) are set explicitly and incorrectly
- Solution: remove those settings, let Ontoserver auto-detect



**Thank you for your  
attention.**

**Any questions?**