

# active description

A [description](#) that is intended for use.

## Notes

- [Release files](#) contain *active* and [inactive descriptions](#) to provide a historical record of the terminology at different points in time.
- A description is active when the most recent row with the relevant *description.id* in the [full release file](#) has the value *description.active* =1 (one). The most recent row for a description is determined based on the *description.effectiveTime* value.

## Related Links

- [Inactive description](#)
- [Meaning of the Active Field](#)