

Introduction to FHIR Shorthand



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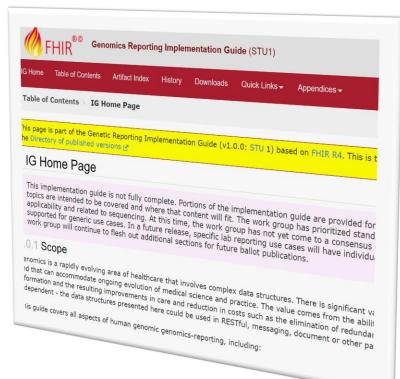




FHIR Implementation Guides

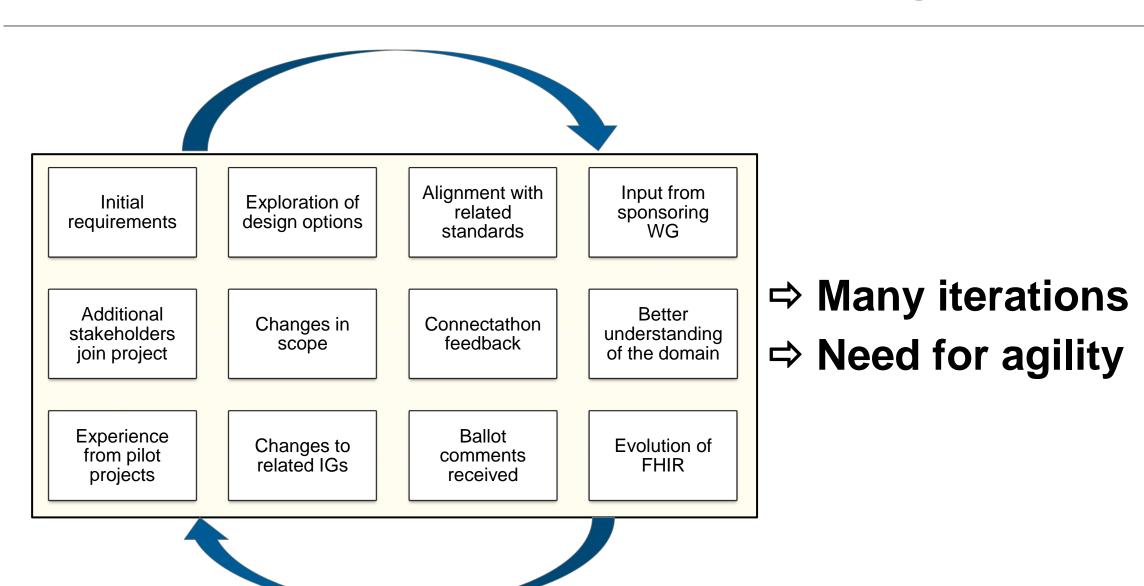
 An implementation guide (IG) is a set of documentation and artifacts about how FHIR is used to solve a particular problem

- An IG contains:
 - Narrative Content
 - Definitions
 - Examples
- Definitional resources include:
 - StructureDefinition, ImplementationGuide,
 CapabilityStatement, OperationDefinition,
 SearchParameter, ValueSet, CodeSystem,
 PlanDefinition, Questionnaire, ActivityDefinition,
 & more





FHIR Shorthand Accelerates the IG Authoring Process





What is FHIR Shorthand?

- A domain-specific language (DSL) designed for profiling and IG creation
 - Formal grammar (ANTLR4)
 - Reference implementation compiler (SUSHI)
- Concise, understandable, and aligned to user intentions
 - FSH representation is more understandable than a StructureDefinition (by far)
 - Concise way to store and exchange profiles (10s of lines versus 1000s lines)
- Ideal for collaborative development under source code control
 - Meaningful version-to-version differentials
 - Support for merging and conflict resolution
 - Refactoring through global search/replace operations
- FHIR Shorthand Language Specification is HL7 Standard for Trial Use (STU)
- Open source and free to use



Who is the target user for FSH?

Self-guided

FSH is not point and click

Programming mindset

- Source code, compiling, inputs, outputs, etc.
- File management, source code control

Familiar with FHIR

- Resources, profiles, extensions
- StructureDefinitions (a little)
- IG Publisher (a bit or a lot)



Why All the Fish Puns?





"Shorty"

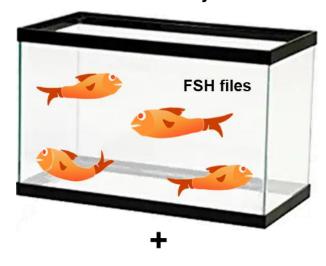


SUSHI Compiler: "SUSHI Unshortens Short Hand Inputs"



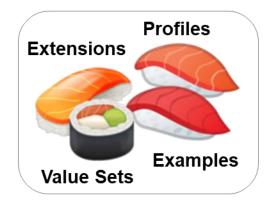
Overall Workflow with FSH, SUSHI, IG Publisher

FSH Project



SUSHI Configuration information (config.yaml)









Implementation Guide

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Who is using FHIR Shorthand?

As of June 2020, ~40 Implementation Guide projects were using FSH

- At least 6 balloted IGs
- DaVinci Project IGs
- COVID-19 IGs
 - Logica COVID-19 FHIR Profile Library IG
 - SANER (Situational Awareness for Novel Epidemic Response)
- Affiliate IGs (UK, Belgium, Canada)
- Active community on Zulip (# shorthand stream)
 - 10's of messages daily
 - https://chat.fhir.org/#narrow/stream/215610-shorthand











FHIR Shorthand Resources

FSH Language Specification:

- <u>http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-shorthand/</u>-- Current version
- <u>http://hl7.org/fhir/uv/shorthand</u>STU 1 version (coming soon!)

School of FSH:

- <u>https://fshschool.org/docs/sushi/</u> -- SUSHI Documentation
- <u>https://fshschool.org/docs/tutorials/</u> -- Hands-on tutorials
- https://fshschool.org/docs/downloads/
 Download presentations (including this one)
- <u>https://fshschool.org/FSHOnline/</u>
 Interactive FSH playground (beta)





FHIR Shorthand

1.0.0 - CI Build



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3 Language Reference

This chapter contains the formal specification of the FHIR Shorthand (FSH) language. It is intended as a reference, not a tutorial.

In this specification, the key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" are to be interpreted as described in RFC2119.

3.1 About the Specification

The FSH specification uses syntax expressions to illustrate the FSH language. While FSH has a formal grammar (see Appendix), most readers will find the syntax expressions more instructive.

Syntax expressions uses the following conventions:

Style	Explanation	Example
Code	Code fragments, such as FSH keywords, FSH statements, and FSH syntax expressions	* status = #open
{curly braces}	An item to be substituted in a syntax expression	{display string}
<datatype></datatype>	An element or path to an element with the given data type, to be substituted in the syntax expression	<codeableconcept></codeableconcept>
italics	An optional item in a syntax expression	"{string}"
ellipsis ()	Indicates a pattern that can be repeated	{flag1} {flag2} {flag3}
bold	A directory path or file name	example-1.fsh
vertical bar	A choice of items or data types in the syntax	name id url

- About the Specification
- FSH Foundations
- FSH Language Basics
- FSH Paths
- Rules for Profiles, Extensions, and Instances
- Defining Items
- Appendix: Abbreviations
- Appendix: Formal Grammar

Examples:

• A FSH rule to assign the value of a Quantity:

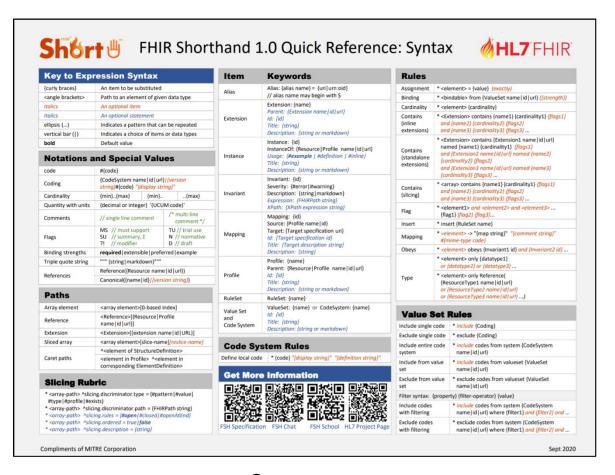
* <Quantity> = {decimal or integer} '{UCUM unit}'

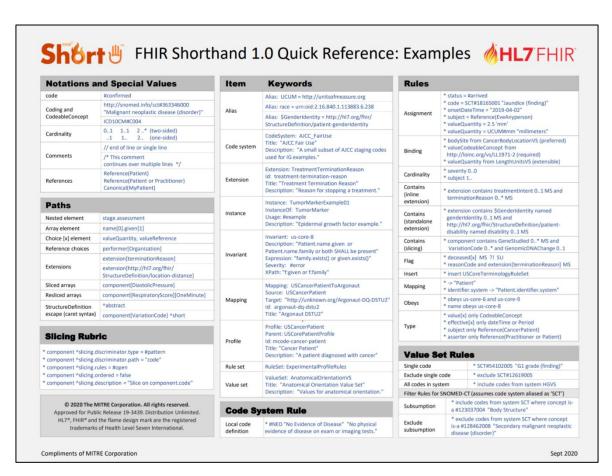
A FSH statement following this pattern would be written as:

http://hl7.org/fhir/uv/shorthand



Quick Reference Card

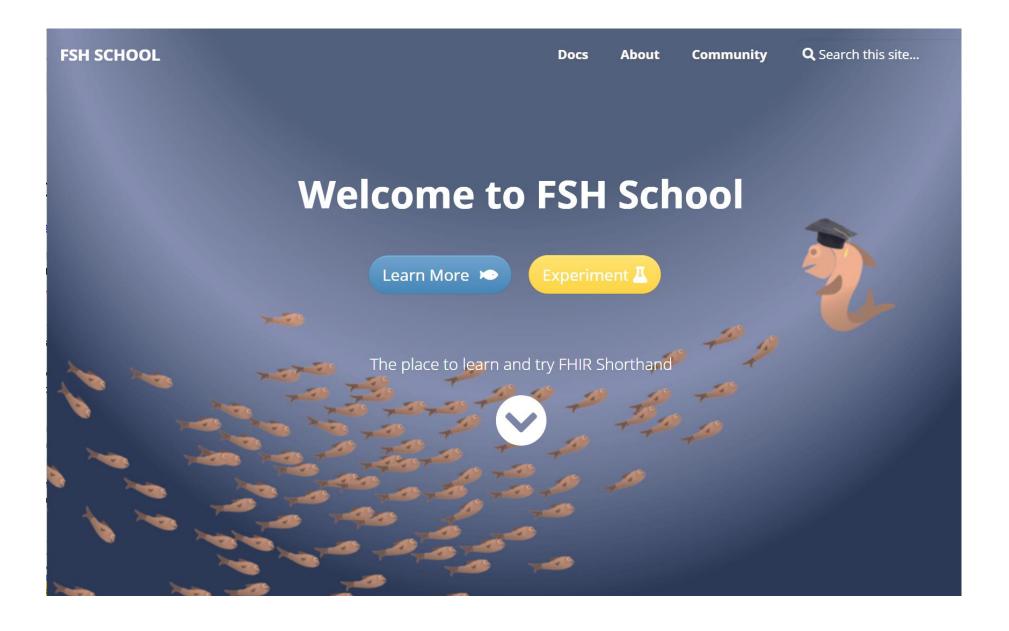




Syntax

Examples





This is where the SUSHI documentation now lives (https://fshschool.org/docs/sushi/)



FSH SCHOOL

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Q Search this site...

Docs

Getting Started

SUSHI

Installation

Project Structure

Configuration

Running SUSHI

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SUSHI

This section contains documentation for SUSHI (**S**USHI **U**nshortens **S**hort**H**and **I**nputs), a reference implementation FSH compiler.

Installation

Project Structure

Configuration

Running SUSHI

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Current Status

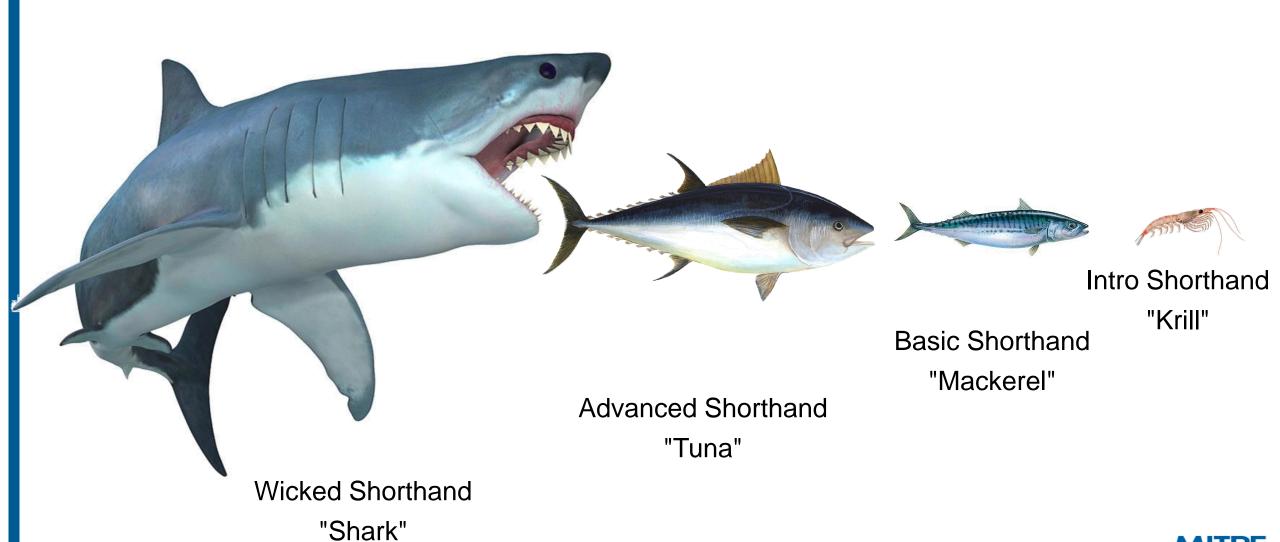
- FSH just turned one year old
- FSH STU 1 has just been published
 - http://hl7.org/fhir/uv/shorthand
- There are significant new features planned
 - Covered in "Wicked Shorthand"



← (This is a FSH cake)



FHIR Shorthand Training Overview





New FSHing Equipment (Beta)

- GoFSH -- turn existing IGs into Shorthand
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Tutorial: Beginning FHIR Shorthand



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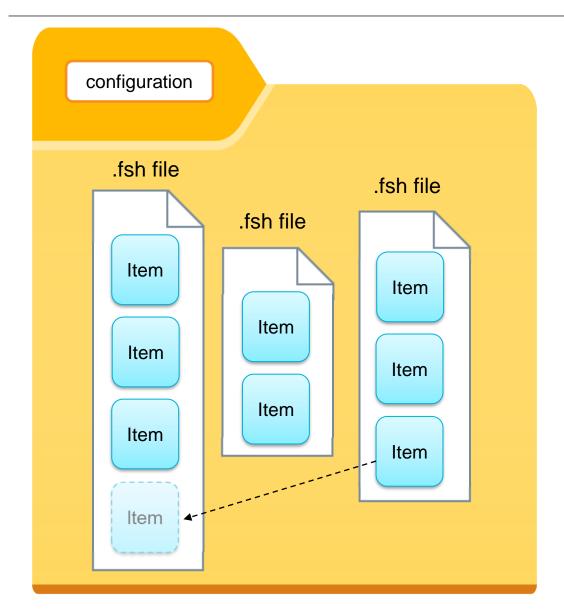


Mackerel Topics

- Projects
- Items
- Language Elements
- Walk-Through Example



FSH Projects (aka "FSH Tank")



- Items can appear in any order within .fsh files
- Items can be moved around within a file or to other .fsh files in the same project without affecting the interpretation of the content



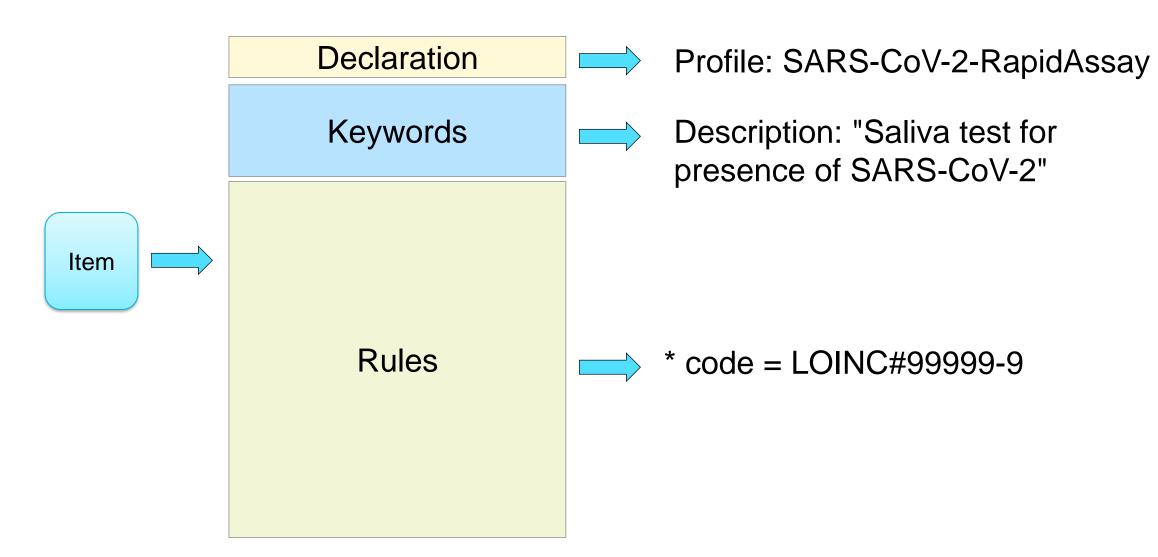
Configuration File (SUSHI-Specific)

```
id: fhir.us.example
canonical: http://hl7.org/fhir/us/example
name: ExampleIG
title: "HL7 FHIR Implementation Guide: Example IG Release 1 - US Realm | STU1"
description: An example IG that exercises many of the fields in a SUSHI configuration
status: draft
license: CC0-1.0
version: 0.1.0
fhirVersion: 4.0.1
copyrightYear: 2020+
releaseLabel: ci-build
publisher:
  name: HL7 International - US Realm Steering Committee
  url: http://www.hl7.org/Special/committees/usrealm/index.cfm
  email: usrsc@lists.HL7.org
dependencies:
  hl7.fhir.us.core: 3.1.0
template: hl7.fhir.template#0.0.5
```

This is typical -- but there are optional parameters to control SUSHI execution and IG creation:

- Menu configuration
- Non-default page layout
- Version history
- FSHOnly flag







Declaration {Item Type}: {Name} Keywords Rules

Alias

CodeSystem

Extension

Instance

Invariant

Mapping

Profile

RuleSet

ValueSet

9 types of items



Declaration

Keywords

Rules

{Keyword}: {Value}



Description

Expression

Id

InstanceOf

Parent

Severity

Source

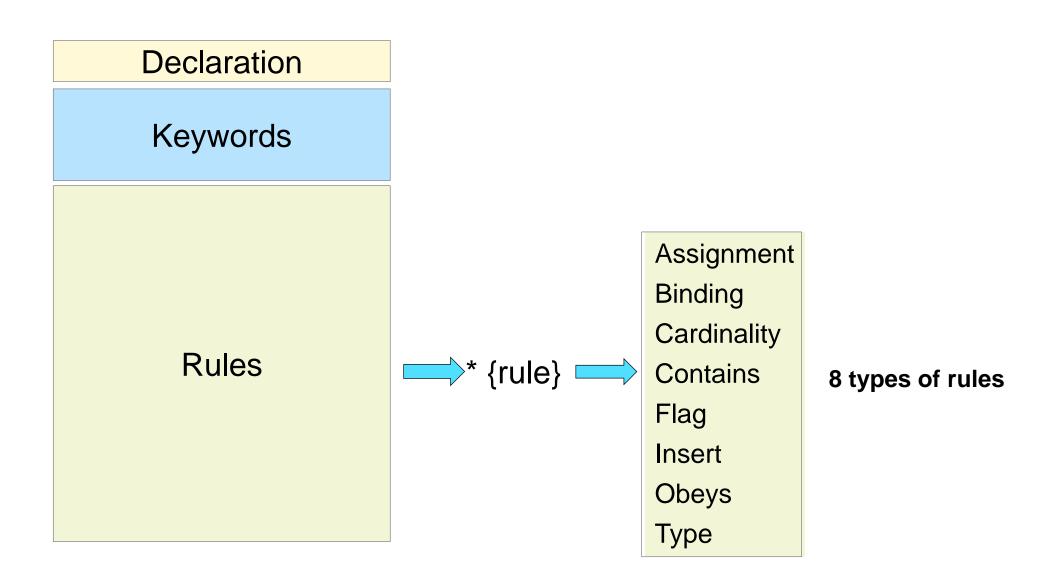
Target

Title

Usage

XPath

11 Keywords





Which keywords go with which items?

http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-shorthand/reference.html#defining-items

Declaration \ Keyword	Id	Description	Title	Parent	InstanceOf	Usage	Source	Target	Severity	XPath	Expression
Alias											
Code System	S	S	S								
Extension	S	S	S	О							
Instance	X	S	S		R	0					
Invariant	X	R							R	0	0
Mapping	X	S	S				R	R			
Profile	S	S	S	R							
Rule Set											
Value Set	S	S	S								

KEY: R = REQUIRED, S = suggested (SHOULD be used), O = OPTIONAL, blank = disallowed, x = Id is required but specified in the declaration statement



Language Elements

- Primitives are the same as FHIR
- Names follow FHIR naming guidance
- References appear as Reference(foo)
- Repeated whitespace is ignored
- Rules start with *
- // for single line comment
- /* multiple line comment */



Alias Statements

- You can alias any url, urn, or oid
- Only for readability -- does not affect functionality
- Typically, alias statements appear at the top of a file
- Aliases are global within a project
- Alias names can begin with \$ (assists with error checking)

Alias: SCT = http://snomed.info/sct

Alias: \$LNC = http://loinc.org

Alias: RACE = urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.6.238

Alias: USCorePatient = http://hl7.org/fhir/us/core/StructureDefinition/us-core-patient



Coded Data Types: The # Sign

{CodeSystem URL or alias}#{code} "{display string}"

Examples:

#active // code data type

ICD10CM#C004 // Coding, no display

Flags	Card.	Туре
ΣΝ		Element
Σ	01	uri
Σ	01	string
Σ	01	code
Σ	01	string
Σ	01	boolean
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SCT#363346000 "Malignant neoplastic disease (disorder)"

http://snomed.info/sct#363346000 "Malignant neoplastic disease (disorder)"



Paths: Referring to Elements

■ Top-level element:

```
severity
bodySite
abatement[x]
abatementAge
```

Nested path:

```
bodySite.text
dosage.doseAndRate.doseQuantity.value
```

Array path (zero-based)

```
bodySite.coding[0]
contact[1].telecom[0]
name[0].given[1]
```



Paths for Choices and Slices

Choices

```
generalPractitioner
    Reference(Organization | Practitioner | PractitionerRole)

generalPractitioner[Organization]

generalPractitioner[PractitionerRole]
```

Extensions and Sliced Arrays

– Use the URL, slice or extension name in brackets:

```
extension[race]
extension[http://hl7.org/fhir/us/core/StructureDefinition/us-core-race]
component[SystolicBP]
component[DiastolicBP]
```



More Path Examples

Combining nested paths with array elements:

```
bodySite.coding[0].display
contact[1].telecom[0].rank
```

Path into a slice of Observation.component:

```
component[SystolicBP].valueQuantity.value
```

Path into a complex extension:

```
extension[race].extension[ombCategory].valueCoding.system
```

Illegal path crossing resource boundary from Patient to Organization:

```
generalPractitioner[Organization].name
```



Line-by-Line Walkthrough

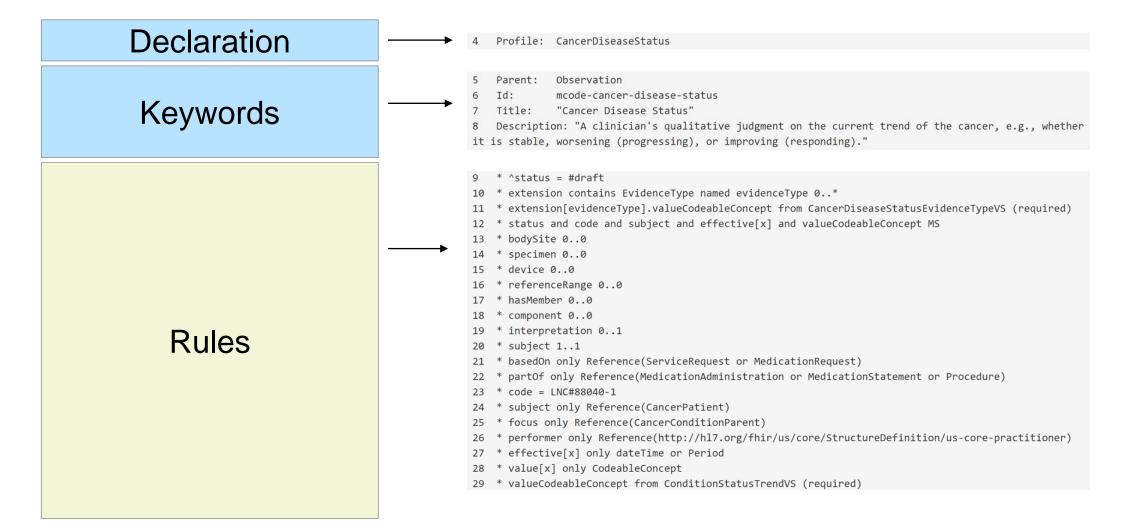


Define "Cancer Diseases Status" Profile

- Profile of Observation resource
- LOINC Code 88040-1 "Response to cancer treatment"
- Coded values: Stable, Progressing, Responding
- Type of evidence (coded extension):
 - Imaging, Histopathology, Reported Symptoms, Physical Exam, Lab Data
- Applies only to Cancer Patients
- Performed only by Practitioner
- Cannot have a body site, device, component, or member observations
- Server must support



Walkthrough: Defining a Profile in FSH





Walkthrough: Declaration and Keywords

```
4 Profile: CancerDiseaseStatus

5 Parent: Observation
6 Id: mcode-cancer-disease-status
7 Title: "Cancer Disease Status"
8 Description: "A clinician's qualitative judgment on the current trend of the cancer, e.g., whether it is stable, worsening (progressing), or improving (responding)."
```

Parent could be a:

- Resource (e.g., Patient, Observation)
- Profile defined in the current project
- Profile in another IG d (e.g., http://hl7.org/fhir/us/core/StructureDefinition/us-core-patient)
- ID is used in the canonical URL for the item
- Title and description appear in the IG



Walkthrough: Flag Rules

* status and code and subject and effective[x] and valueCodeableConcept MS

Flags can be set separately or several in one rule (as shown above)

- MS = Must Support
- Other flags include SU (Summary), ?! (Modifier), N (Normative), TU (Trial Use), D (Draft).



Walkthrough: Cardinality Rules

```
13 * bodySite 0..0
14 * specimen 0..0
15 * device 0..0
16 * referenceRange 0..0
17 * hasMember 0..0
18 * component 0..0
19 * interpretation 0..1
20 * subject 1..1
```

- One line per cardinality
- Can combine cardinality and flag(s):

```
* interpretation 0..1 MS SU
```

Can specify one-sided cardinality:

```
* category 1..
* basedOn ..1
```



Walkthrough: Type Rules ("only")

Restrict choice using "only". Separate with "or" for remaining choices:

```
21 * basedOn only Reference(ServiceRequest or MedicationRequest)
```

22 * partOf only Reference(MedicationAdministration or MedicationStatement or Procedure)

Restrict choices to profiles of the original types (e.g., Patient → CancerPatient):

```
24 * subject only Reference(CancerPatient)
```

25 * focus only Reference(CancerConditionParent)

26 * performer only Reference(http://hl7.org/fhir/us/core/StructureDefinition/us-core-practitioner)

The "only" keyword with datatype choices [x]:

```
27 * effective[x] only dateTime or Period
```

28 * value[x] only CodeableConcept



Walkthrough: Assignment Rules ("=")

Equals sign (=) is used to set most type of values (strings, quantities, dates and times, booleans, codings, etc.):

```
23 * code = LNC#88040-1
```

Other examples:

• Assignment of a code data type:

```
* status = #arrived
```

• Recommended style for assignment of a LOINC code in an **instance** of an Observation:

```
* code = LNC#69548-6 "Genetic variant assessment"
```

• Recommended style for assignment of a LOINC code in an Observation **profile**:

```
* code = LNC#69548-6 // Genetic variant assessment (display text in comment only!)
```

• Assignment of a boolean:

```
* active = true
```

Assignment of a date:

```
* onsetDateTime = "2019-04-02"
```

• Assignment of a quantity with single quotes indicating UCUM units:

```
* valueQuantity = 36.5 'C'
```

• Assignment of a reference type to another resource:

```
* subject = Reference(EveAnyperson)
```



Walkthrough: Binding Rules ("from")

"from" is used to indicate a coded value must come from a value set. The modifiers are the same as FHIR (required, extensible, preferred, example):

29 * valueCodeableConcept from ConditionStatusTrendVS (required)

Other examples:

• Bind to an externally-defined value set using its canonical URL:

```
* telecom.system from http://hl7.org/fhir/ValueSet/contact-point-system (required)
```

• Bind to an externally-defined value set with required binding by default:

```
* gender from http://hl7.org/fhir/ValueSet/administrative-gender
```

• Bind to a value set using an alias name:

```
* address.state from USPSTwoLetterAlphabeticCodes (extensible)
```



Value Sets



Defining Value Sets in FSH

An extensional value set contains an explicit list of codes

The extensional form is very simple: * {coding}

```
Alias: SCT = http://snomed.info/sct
```

```
ValueSet: ConditionStatusTrendVS
Id: mcode-condition-status-trend-vs
Title: "Condition Status Trend Value Set"
Description: "How patient's given disease, condition, or ability is trending."
* SCT#260415000 "Not detected (qualifier)"
* SCT#268910001 "Patient condition improved (finding)"
* SCT#359746009 "Patient's condition stable (finding)"
* SCT#271299001 "Patient's condition worsened (finding)"
* SCT#709137006 "Patient condition undetermined (finding)"
```



Value Set Rules

Rule to include/exclude a single code:

- * SCT#54102005 "G1 grade (finding)"
- * exclude SCT#54102005 "G1 grade (finding)"

Rule to include/exclude an entire value set:

- * codes from valueset http://hl7.org/fhir/ValueSet/bodysite-laterality
- * exclude codes from valueset http://hl7.org/fhir/ValueSet/bodysite-laterality

Rule to include/exclude an entire code system:

- * codes from system http://hl7.org/fhir/ndfrt
- * exclude codes from system http://hl7.org/fhir/ndfrt



Value Set Filtering Rules

- Rules can contain filter expressions that modify the codes to be included/excluded
- Syntax of filters depends on the particular vocabulary
 - e.g., ICD-10 filters are not the same as SNOMED-CT filters

Here are examples for SNOMED-CT (aliased to SCT):

```
* codes from system SCT where concept is-a #367651003 "Malignant neoplasm of primary, secondary, or uncertain origin (morphologic abnormality)"

* codes from system SCT where concept is-a #399919001 "Carcinoma in situ - category (morphologic abnormality)"

* codes from system SCT where concept is-a #399983006 "In situ adenomatous neoplasm - category (morphologic abnormality)"

* exclude codes from system SCT where concept is-a #128640002 "Glandular intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III (morphologic abnormality)"

* exclude codes from system SCT where concept is-a #450890000 "Glandular intraepithelial neoplasia, low grade (morphologic abnormality)"

* exclude codes from system SCT where concept is-a #703548001 "Endometrioid intraepithelial neoplasia (morphologic abnormality)"
```



Preview: Additional Tutorials

Advanced FHIR Shorthand (Tuna)

```
* ^status = #draft

* extension contains EvidenceType named evidenceType 0..*

* extension[evidenceType].valueCodeableConcept from CancerDiseaseStatusEvidenceTypeVS (required)
```

Extensions, slicing, caret rules, instances, rule sets

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Wicked FHIR Shorthand (Shark)

 Planned Future Features, including Macros, Soft Array Indexing, Context Paths, and Logical Models

