{sdtm.oak}
- SDTM Programming in R V0.1 Release

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SDTM - Challenges at Industry level

- **Raw Data structure** - Different EDC systems produce data in different structures, different variable names, dataset names etc.

- **Varying Data Collection standards** - Although CDASH is available, the companies can still develop varying eCRFs using CDASH standards.

With varying raw data structure, data collection standards it may seem impossible to come up with a common approach that can be used for programming SDTM datasets.

{sdtm.oak} attempts to overcome this problem by providing a EDC agnostic, Standards agnostic solution.
{sdtm.oak} - Introduction

- Sponsored by CDISC COSA, pharmaceutical companies, including Roche, Pfizer, Merck, GSK, Vertex and many more
- Part of the Pharmaverse.
- Inspired by the Roche’s {roak} R Package.

{sdtm.oak} will be an open-source R package

{sdtm.oak} will be EDC-agnostic, data standards agnostic & provides a framework for modular programming of SDTM in R

{sdtm.oak} can also automate SDTM dataset creation based on the metadata driven approach using standard SDTM specifications. We will pilot it standard CDASH eCRFs in the CDISC library. The concept can be extended to any sponsor MDR.
What is Roche Open-sourcing?

Core Concept - Reusable Algorithms
{roak} is based on the concept of reusable Algorithms.

Roche has used **22 algorithms** to automate **13,000 SDTM** mappings across **6 different Therapeutic Area standards**. Each Algorithm is programmed as a function in {roak}.

Algorithms used for SDTM automation are being open-sourced by Roche.

Source code has to be re-developed as EDC- and standards-agnostic so any company can use it.
## Core Concept - Reusable Algorithms

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<td>One to One mapping with controlled terms.</td>
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<td>condition_add</td>
<td>Conditionally check a condition and apply a mapping</td>
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Read more about `{sdtm.oak}` algorithms/functions [here](#)
Core Concept - Reusable Algorithms

Reusable
Algorithms can be re-used across multiple SDTM domains.

Programming language-agnostic
{sdtm.oak} team implemented them in R.

Automation-ready
Algorithms can be pre-specified for data collection standards in metadata repository (MDR).
{sdtm.oak} – Modular Approach

Provide a framework to modular programming of SDTM in R.

For example, a mapping of \texttt{CM.CMTRT} from raw data source \texttt{cm_raw.MDRAW} using \texttt{assign\_no\_ct} mapping algorithm which is programmed as \texttt{assign\_no\_ct()} function.

```r
cm <-
# Derive topic variable
assign_no_ct(
  raw_dat = cm_raw,
  raw_var = "MDRAW",
  tgt_var = "CMTRT"
)

# Derive CMGPRID
assign_no_ct(
  raw_dat = cm_raw,
  raw_var = "MDNUM",
  tgt_var = "CMGPRID",
  id_vars = oad_id_vars()
)

# DERIVE CMINDC
assign_no_ct(
  raw_dat = cm_raw,
  raw_var = "MDIND",
  tgt_var = "CMINDC",
  id_vars = oad_id_vars()
)

# Derive CMSTDTCP. This function calls create_iso8601
```
{sdtm.oak} – Programming Steps

- {sdtm.oak} is very close to the key SDTM concepts.
- Provide a straightforward way to do step-by-step SDTM programming in R, that is, mapping topic variable and its qualifiers.
- Programming steps are generic across SDTM domain classes like Events, Interventions, Findings
- The framework has the potential for automation (similar to Roche implementation)
### Programming Steps

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| **Read in Raw datasets** | • Process one raw dataset at a time  
• Similar raw data sources can be stacked or merged together. |
| **Create oak_id_vars** | • Unique identifiers for each record in the raw dataset  
• Used to merge the qualifiers to topic variables |
| **Read in Controlled terminology** | • User prepared Controlled terminology file  
• Can be in CSV or excel format |
| **Map Topic** | • Map Topic variable, usually one topic Variable at a time  
• Using the mapping Algorithms/ functions |
| **Map Rest** | • Map Rest of the variables that defines the specific topic variable  
• Qualifiers, Identifiers, timing, etc  
• Using the mapping Algorithms/ functions |
| **Repeat Map Topic and Map Rest** | • Repeat Map Topic and Map Rest for all topic variables in the source.  
• Map qualifiers that are common to all topic variables. |
| **Create SDTM Derived variables** | • Create derived variables like BLFL, study day |
| **Add Labels and Attributes.** | • SDTM Variable Labels and associated attributes. |
{sdtm.oak} - Code walkthrough

→ CM domain template program walkthrough.

→ Demonstrates modular SDTM programming in R.

→ Very similar to {admiral} style (easier for programmers).

CM Domain Example
https://pharmaverse.github.io/sdtm.oak/articles/events_domain.html

VS Domain Example:
https://pharmaverse.github.io/sdtm.oak/articles/findings_domain.html
{sdtm.oak} – V0.1 – In this Release

- Functions for Mapping Algorithms and required SDTM functions like sequence number, study day, baseline flag.
- Template program and Vignette to create CM domain and VS domain
- Ability program majority of the domains (Events, Interventions and Findings). Not supported domains/Concepts - DM, RELREC, SE, SV, TDDs, metadata driven unit conversions

{sdtn.oak} V0.1 – Community can try and give us feedback via
  Slack - oakgarden.slack.com
  GitHub - https://github.com/pharmaverse/sdtm.oak
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{sdtm.oak} – Path to Open-source SDTM Automation

- SDTM specification where users can define, raw data source, target sdtm domain, target sdtm variables and algorithms used for automation. A template is available in the Gitlab Repo (under development).

- SDTM Controlled Terminology where the users can define the SDTM Controlled terms applicable to the study. A template is available in the Gitlab Repo.

Prepare SDTM Spec & Controlled Terminology in the format OAK expects

Automated way to read the spec and make {sdtm.oak} function calls automatically.

GitHub Co-pilot is good in generating the code based on prompts.
**Open-source SDTM Automation Vision**

**Modular Programming**

Prepare SDTM Spec in the format `{sdtm.oak}` expects

```
library(sdtm.oak)

cm <- create_domain(
  domain = "cm",
  spec = "~/study_sdtm_spec.csv",
  ct = "~/study_ct.csv")
```

Initial focus is to develop `{sdtm.oak}` and pave way for SDTM programming in R.
{sdtm.oak} – Upcoming Events

- **July** – V 0.1 CRAN Release
- Internal Hackathon – Volunteering Pharmaceutical companies.

- **August** – Posit Blog

- **September** – Pharmaverse Blog

- **October** – Presentation at CDISC Interchange
- October – Presentation/Virtual workshop at R in Pharma (Tentative)

We will continue to develop {sdtm.oak} and plan for a community hackathon by the end of this year.
{sdtm.oak} – Roadmap

- Functions to create the DM domain.
- User Feedback.
- Explore pathways for automation/code generation (copilot) based on a standard spec.
- Metadata driven unit conversions for applicable like LB, MB, PC, IS
How to stay connected?

R package developers, Testers, SDTM SMEs

Slack - [oakgarden.slack.com](https://oakgarden.slack.com)

GitHub - [https://github.com/pharmaverse/sdtm.oak](https://github.com/pharmaverse/sdtm.oak)

Open to everyone to try {sdtm.oak} V0.1 and share your feedback in Slack or GitHub.
QUESTIONS