

ATLAS History and Future

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Topics

- Evolution of Atlas since 2015: 1.0 to 2.14
- Atlas 3.0 Development Plans
- Atlas 4.0 Redesign Efforts with Data4Life
- Survey 1 of 5



Atlas History: Previous Tools

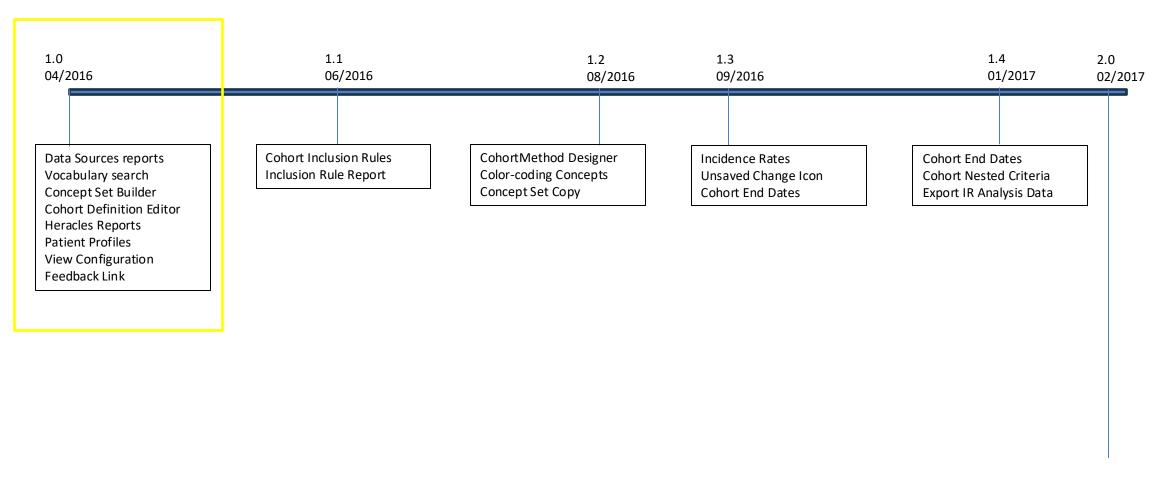
- Hermes: Vocabulary Exploration Tool
- Achilles: Database Characterization
- Calypso/Circe: Define Cohorts
- Heracles: Cohort Characterization tool



Atlas 1.x Review

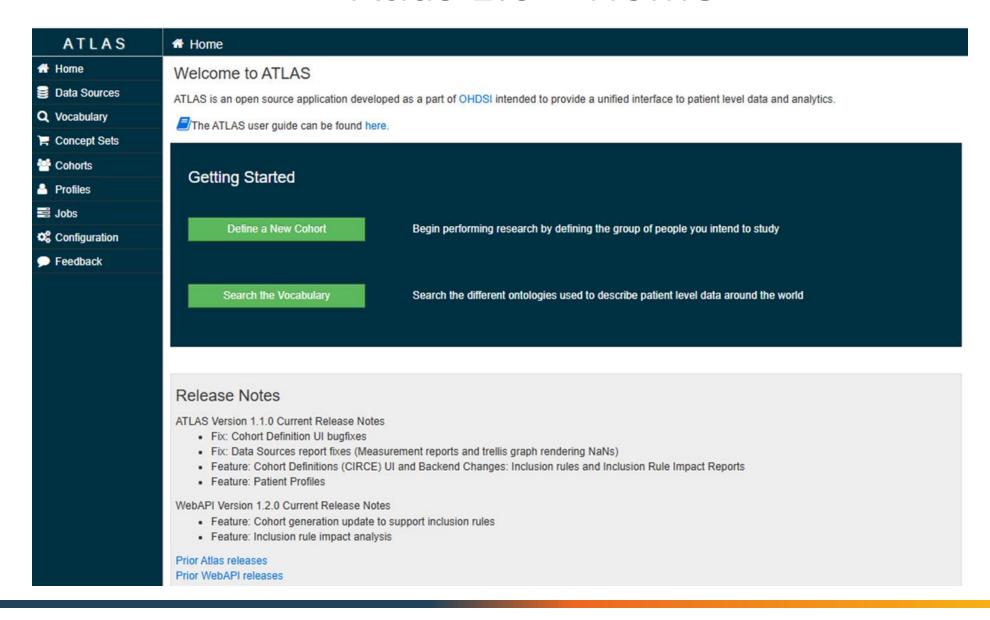


Atlas 1.x Release Timeline



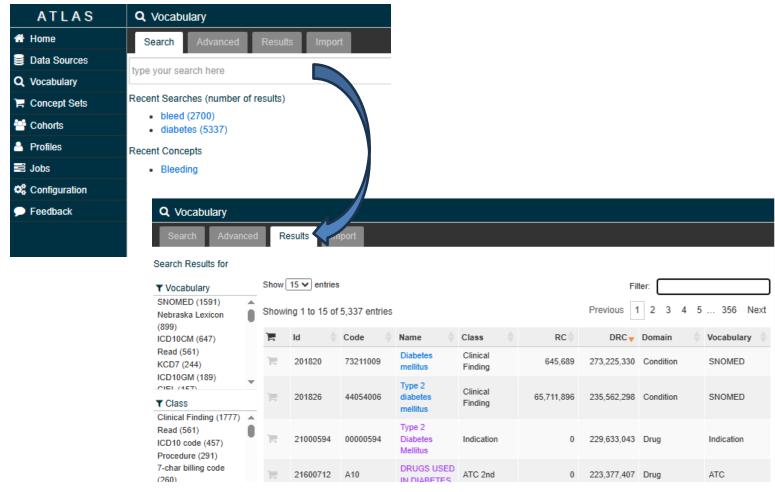


Atlas 1.0 – Home





Atlas 1.0 – Vocabulary Search



UI Features:

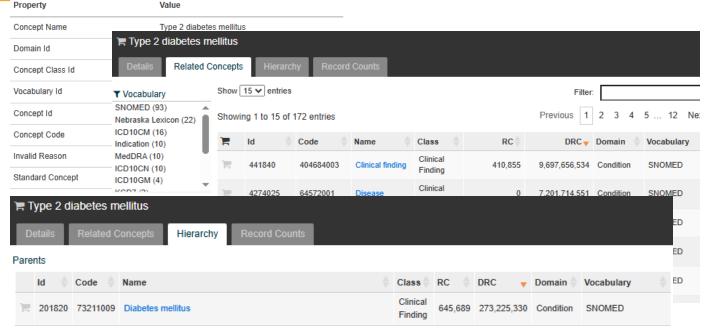
Search and Results across different tabs!

Saved previous searches with result counts.

Incorporated RC and DRC from Achilles!



Atlas 1.0 – Concept Exploration



44054006 Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Children

	ld	Code	Name	Class	RC	DRC 🔻	Domain 🖣	Vocabulary
Ħ	4193704	313436004	Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complication	Clinical Finding	168,729,916	168,729,916	Condition	SNOMED
Ħ	4099651	190389009	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ulcer	Clinical Finding	991,622	991,622	Condition	SNOMED
Ħ	4063043	199230006	Pre-existing type 2 diabetes mellitus	Clinical Finding	1,626	128,864	Condition	SNOMED

UI Features:

Concept Details with Vocabulary, Domain and Invalid Reason.

Related Concepts showing concept relationships.

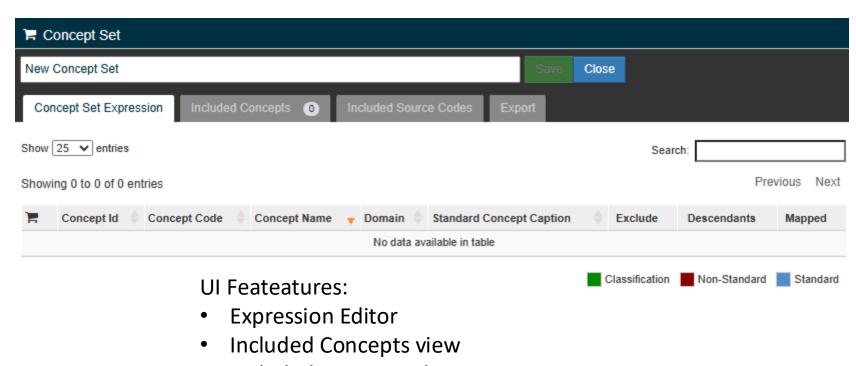
Hierarchy showing immediate parent and children.

Add concepts to concept set via shopping cart!

Record Counts showing a tabular view of records counts by data source.



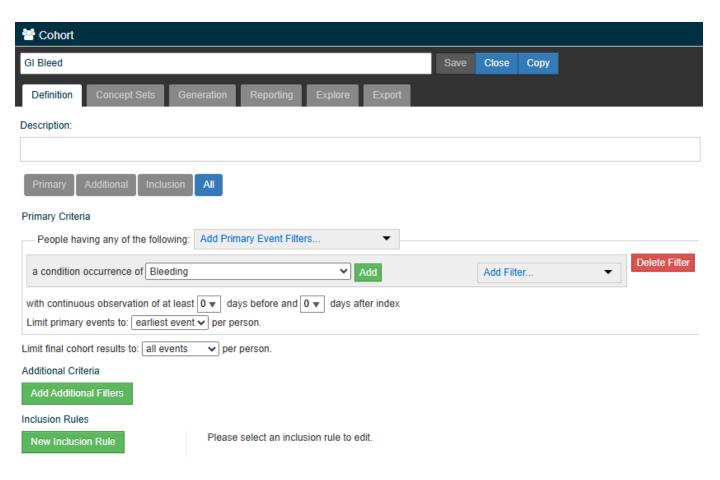
Atlas 1.0 – Concept Set Editor



- Included Source Codes view
- Import/Export functions
- Can only edit concept sets for either a cohort definition or repository concept set at a time!
- Concepts added by navigating to search and clicking shopping cart



Atlas 1.0 – Cohort Editor



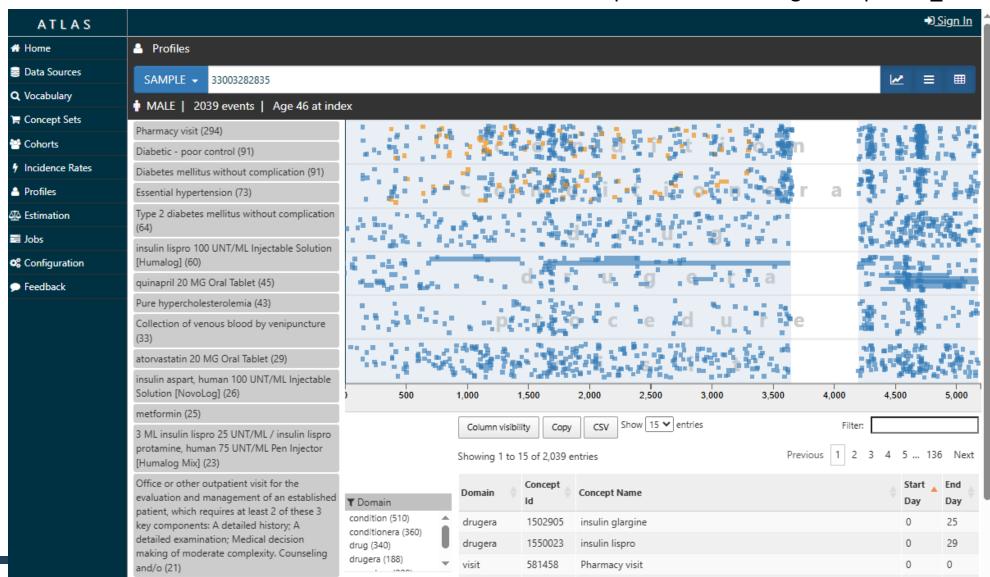
UI Features:

- Primary Criteria (Cohort Entry Events)
- Inclusion Rules
- Can only edit concept sets for either a cohort definition or repository concept set at the same time!
- Generate Heracles reports from the Reporting tab
- View Profiles from Explore tab



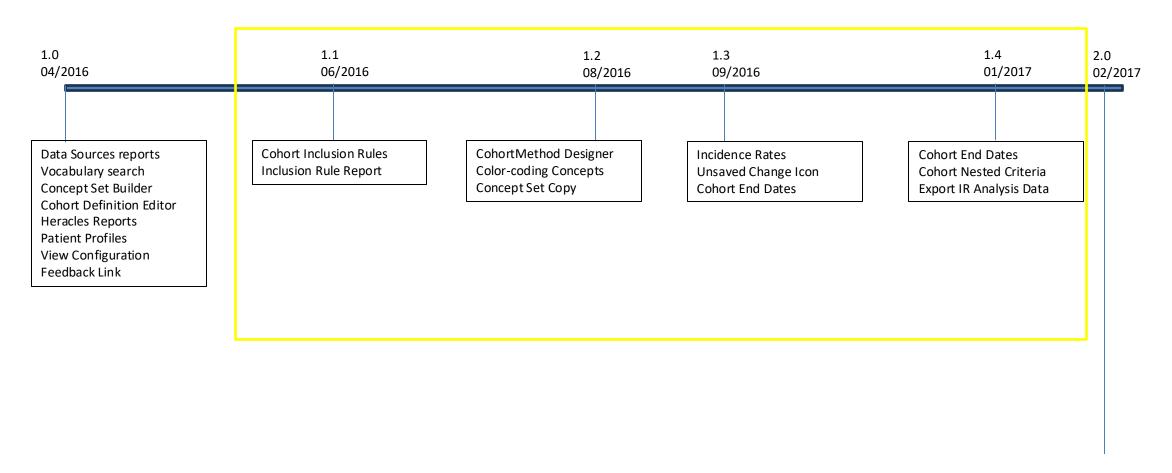
Atlas 1.0 – Patient Profiles

Patient Profiles Provided a view to patient level data given a person id.



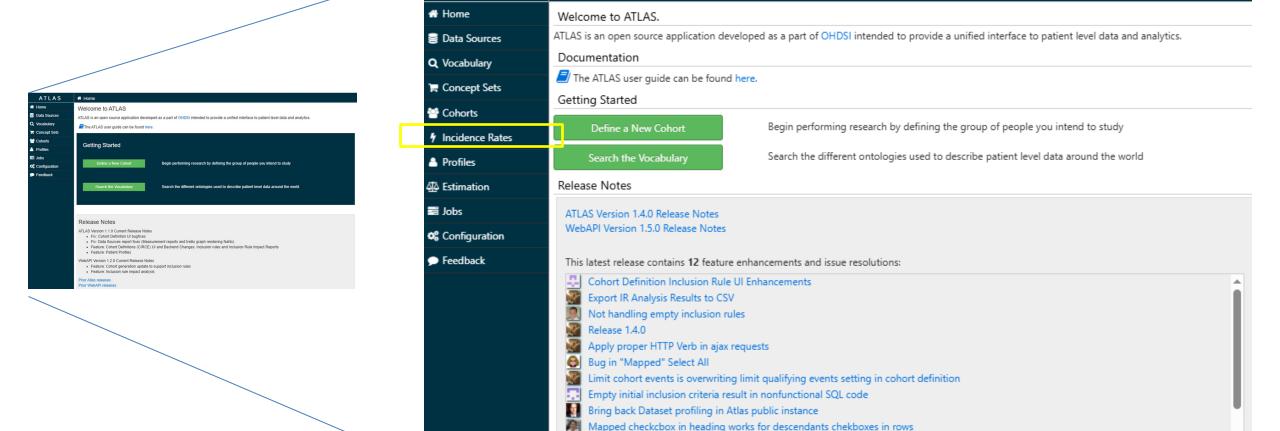


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Atlas 1.4 – Home



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Atlas 1.4 – Cohort Editor

Cohort definition: A cohort is defined as the set of persons satisfying one or more inclusion criteria for a duration of time. One person may qualify for one cohort multiple times during non-overlapping time intervals. Cohorts are constructed in ATLAS by specifying cohort entry criteria and cohort exit criteria. Cohort entry criteria involve selecting one or more initial events, which determine the start date for cohort entry, and optionally specifying additional inclusion criteria which filter to the qualifying events. Cohort exit criteria are applied to each cohort entry record to determine the end date when the person's episode no longer qualifies for the cohort.

All	Cohort Entry Criteria	Cohort Exit Criteria

Initial event cohort: Events are recorded time-stamped observations for the persons, such as drug exposures, conditions, procedures, measurements and visits. All events have a start date and end date, though some events may have a start date and end date with the same value (such as procedures or measurements). The event index date is set to be equal to the event start date.

	— People having any of the following:	Add Initial Event ▼		
	a condition occurrence of Bleeding	✓ Add	Add criteria attribute ▼	Delete Criteria
	with continuous observation of at least Limit initial events to: earliest event	t 0 ▼ days before and 0 ▼ days after event ind	lex date	
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Add initial event inclusion criteria

Additional qualifying inclusion criteria: The qualifying cohort will be defined as all persons who have an initial event, satisfy the initial event inclusion criteria, and fulfill all additional qualifying inclusion criteria. Each qualifying inclusion criteria will be evaluated to determine the impact of the criteria on the attrition of persons from the initial cohort.

New qualifying inclusion criteria	Please select a qualifying inclusion criteria to edit.
Limit qualifying cohort to: all events	▼ per person.

Cohort Exit Criteria

Cohort exit criteria: For all persons who entered the cohort, there must be a specification of when each person exits the cohort. A person must exit the cohort at the end of the observation period spanning the qualifying initial event start date, but additional cohort exit criteria may be also considered.

Add a cohort exit criteria:

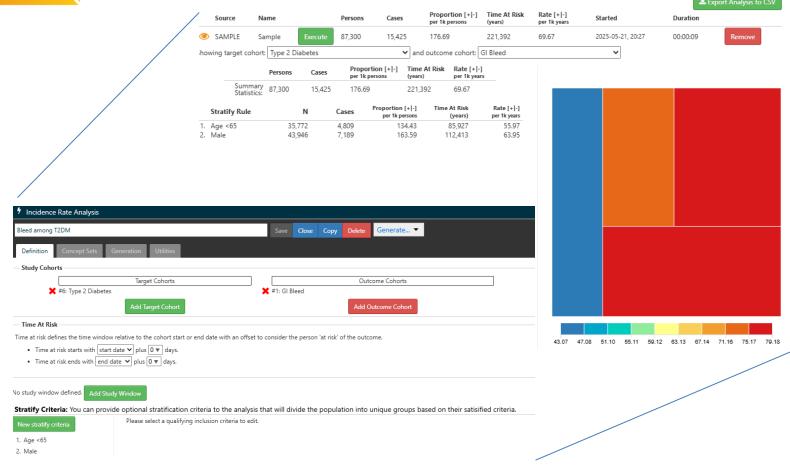
- Based on a fixed time period relative to initial event start or end date
- . Based on the end of an era of persistent exposure to any drug within a defined concept set

New Features:

- Added documentation info-boxes
- Changed 'primary events' to 'initial events'
- Added cohort exit criteria
 - Fixed Time
 - Continuous drug exposure



Atlas 1.4 – Incidence Rates

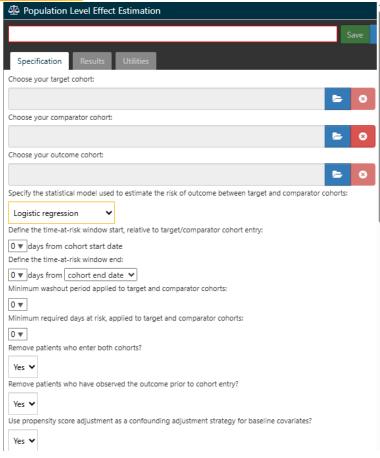


Produce Incidence Rates for all combinations of Targets and Outcomes, for a specified Time at Risk.

View Incidence Rates across a stratified population.



Atlas 1.4 – CohortMethod Analysis Designer



Which types of baseline covariates do you want to include in the propensity score model?

- Demographics
 - Gender
 - Age group (5-year bands)
 - Index year
 - Index month
 - ∘ □Race
 - Ethnicity
- Conditions
 - □In prior 30d
 - □In prior 365d
 - In prior 180d within inpatient setting
 - All time prior
 - Overlapping index date
- · Condition aggregation
 - SNOMED
 - MedDRA
- Drugs
 - □In prior 30d
 - □In prior 365d
 - All time prior
 - Overlapping index date
- · Drug aggregation
 - □Clinical Drug
 - Ingredient
 - ATC Class
- Procedures
 - In prior 30d
 - □In prior 365d
- Measurement
 - Existence in prior 30d
 - Existence in prior 365d
 - Count in prior 365d
 - Has latest prior numeric value below normal range
 - Has latest prior numeric value above normal range
- Risk scores
 - Charlson
 - □CHADS2

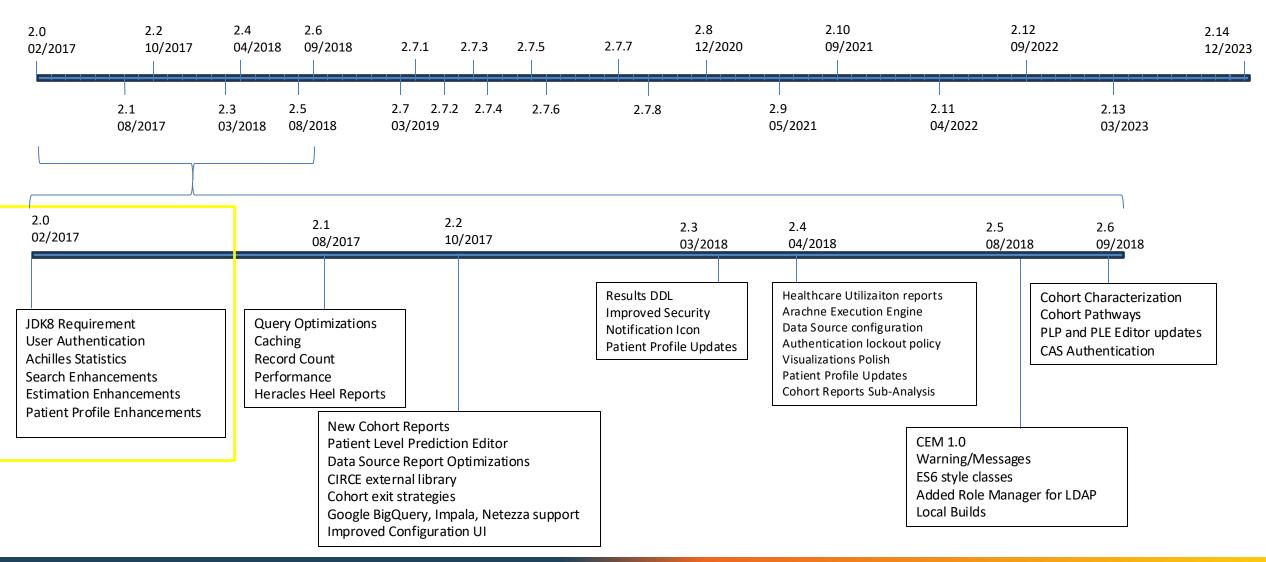
Create CohortMethod (Population Level Estimation) analysis R packages.



Atlas 2.x Review

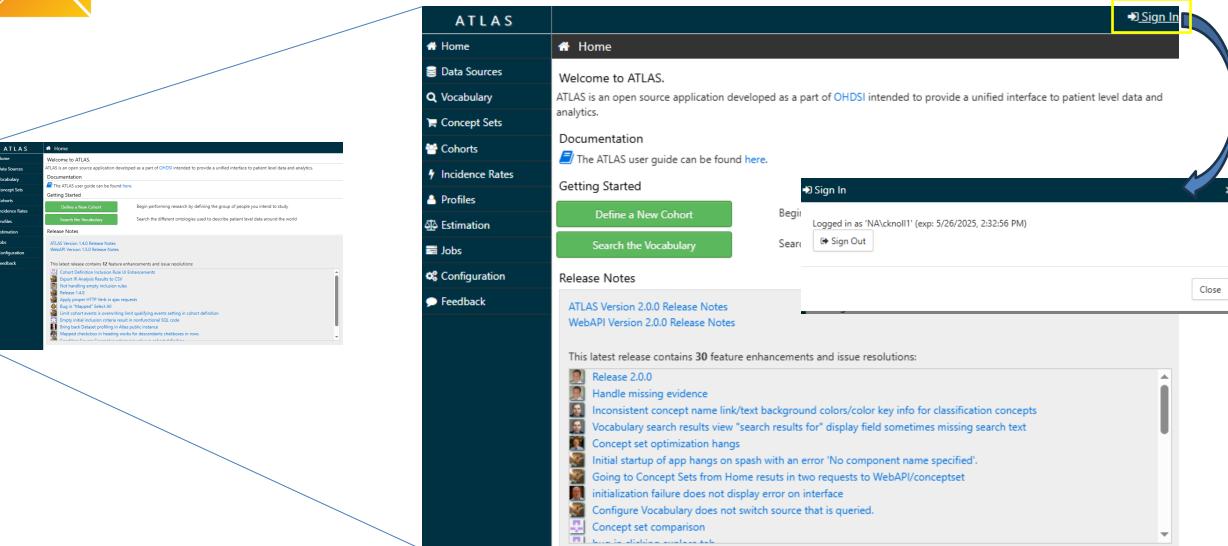


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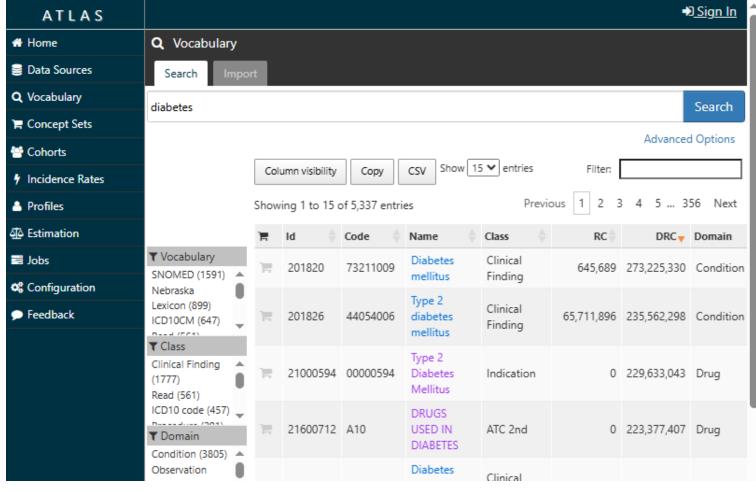


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Atlas 2.0 – Search Update



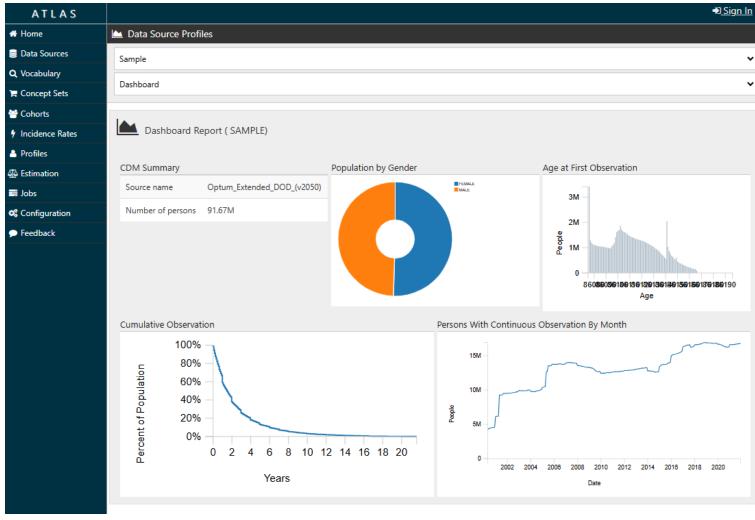
Searching became more streamlined with the search results appearing directly beneath the search box, and it no longer saves your prior searches.

You can also create concept sets directly from the search screen via the Import tab.

 You can import by concept Id, source codes or JSON.



Atlas 2.0 – Data Sources Polish

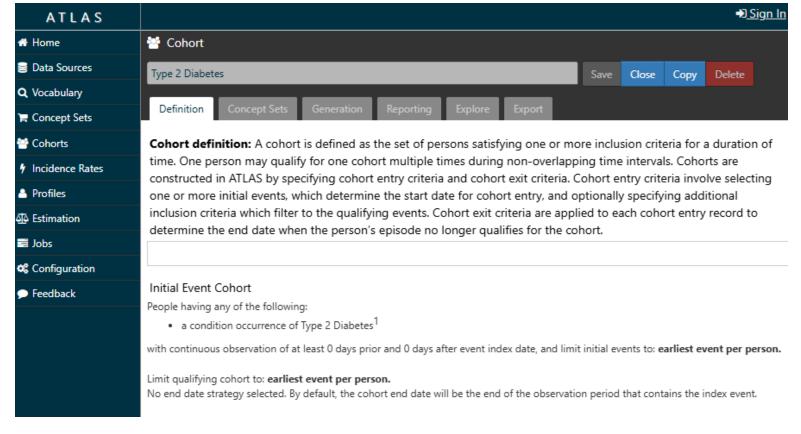


Data Sources got a UI cleanup by using Bootstrap UI elements, and some visualization updates.

However, moving from reading JSON files from Achilles to REST endpoints and direct SQL did incur a performance hit which would be later addressed by caching.



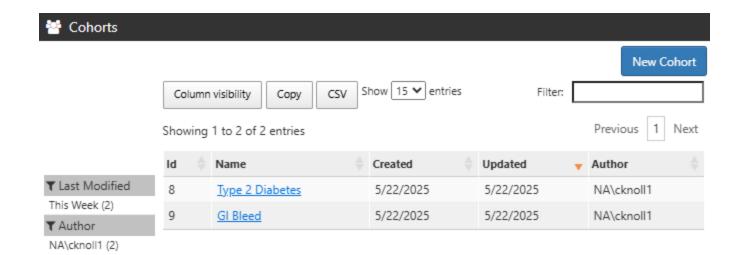
Atlas 2.0 – Read Only Views



With the introduction of security, assets can now be granted read or write permissions. For those that only have read permission, a read-only view was created for each of our assets (Concept sets, cohort definitions, etc)



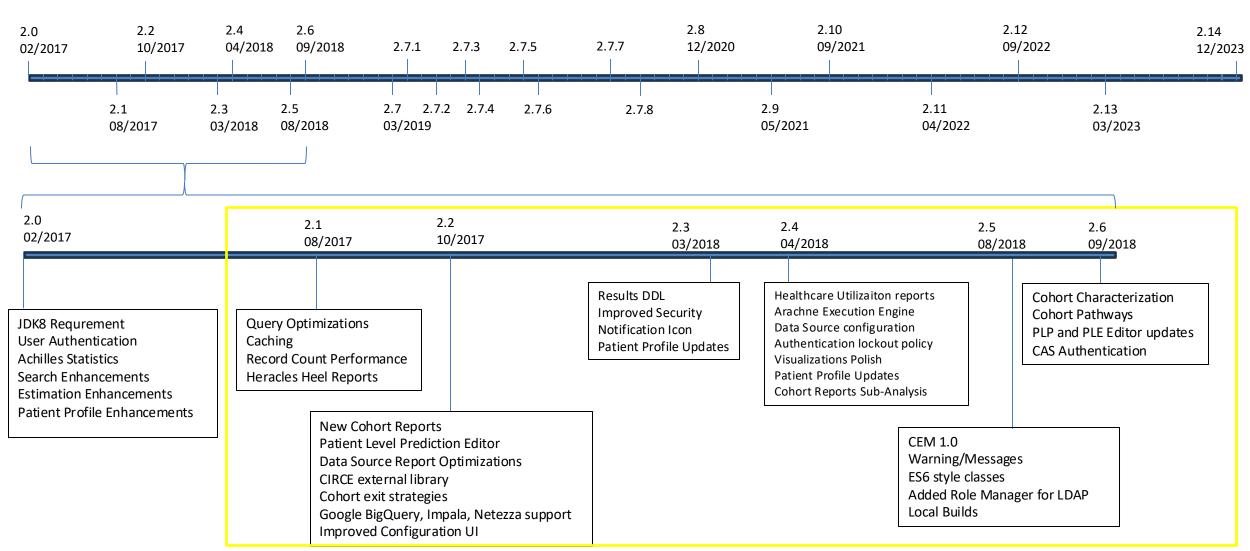
Atlas 2.0 – Authorship on Asset Lists



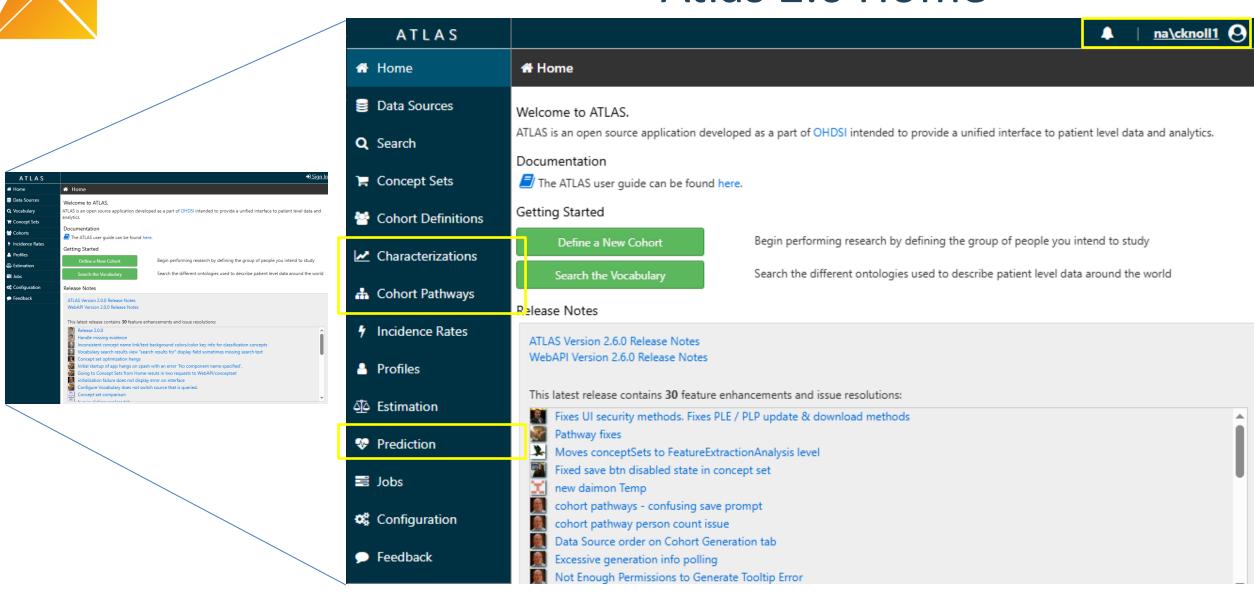
In addition to read and write permissions, assets now have authorship, so asset list views (Cohort Definition list, seen here) were modified to include the author and allow filtering via the Author facet.



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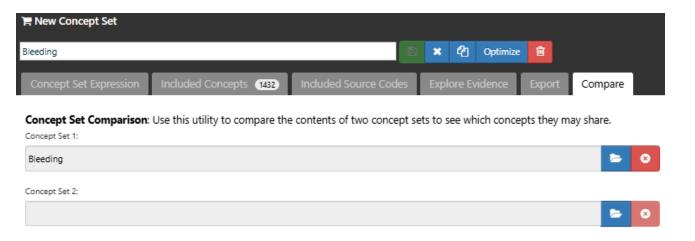
Atlas 2.6 – Concept Set Editor



Explore Evidence: Evidence comes from the Common Evidence Model (CEM). The evidence base is comprised of evidence found in published literature, product labels and spontaneous reports. Use the evidence sources below to find out what evidence has been associated to the concepts included in this concept set.

Additional Information: Obtaining Negative Controls from ATLAS | High level information on negative controls processing | Additional resources

Evidence Sources



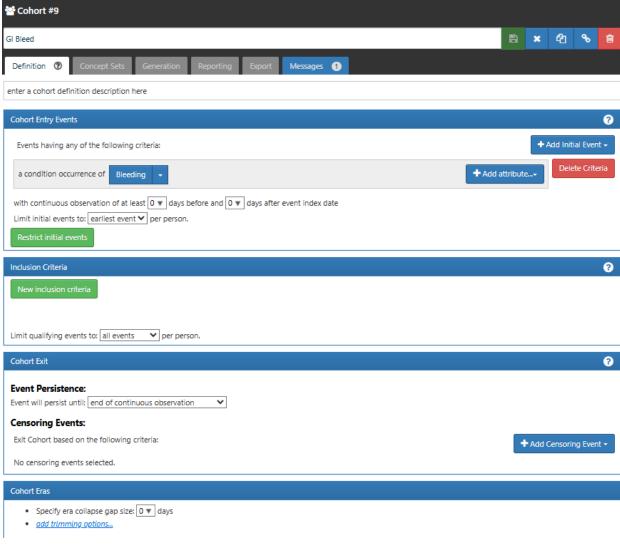
New Features:

- Optimize: remove redundant concepts from your concept set expression
- Explore Evidence: Using CEM, identify concepts from the included concepts that have references in literature and product labels

 Compare Concept Sets: Allows the selection of two concept sets to compare, which will show which concepts are in one, the other, or both.



Atlas 2.6 – Cohort Editor

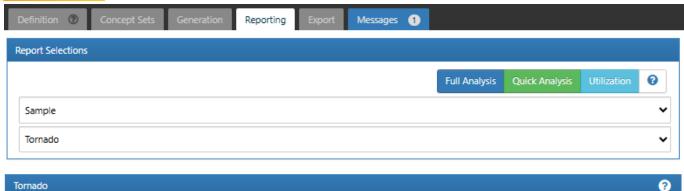


New Features:

- Formalized Cohort Definition terminology:
 - Cohort Entry Events
 - Inclusion Criteria
 - Cohort Exit
- Added detailed documentation via the (?) popup dialogs
- Added Messages tab to present info/warnings/errors



Atlas 2.6 – Cohort Reporting





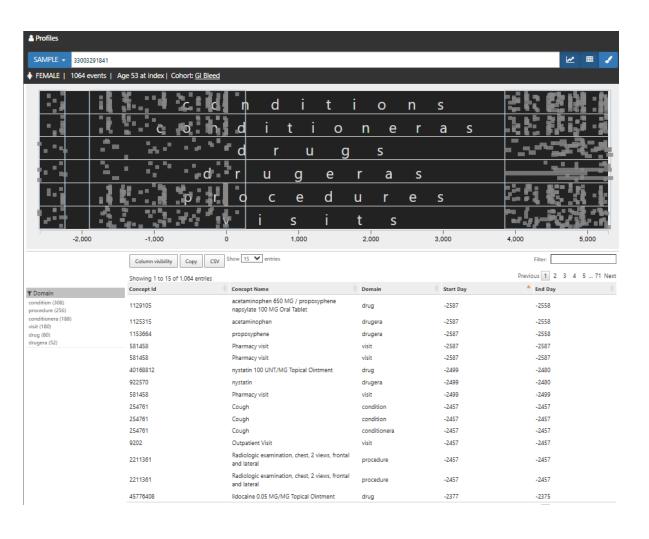


New Features:

- Utilization Reports
- Visualization Polish
- Quick Analysis vs. Full Analysis
- Patient profile Access via Tornado (shown)

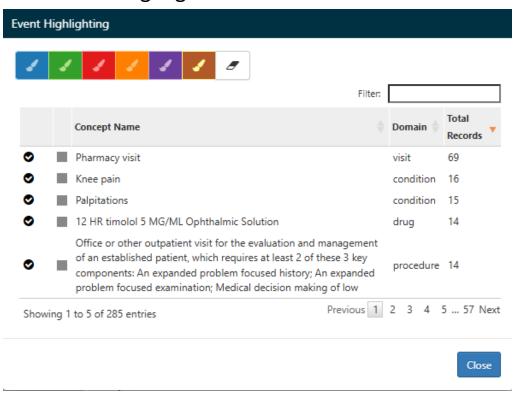


Atlas 2.6 – Profiles V2



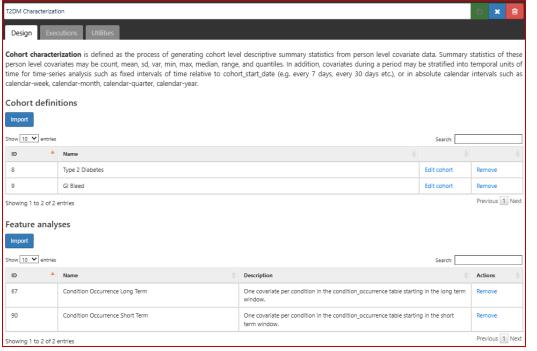
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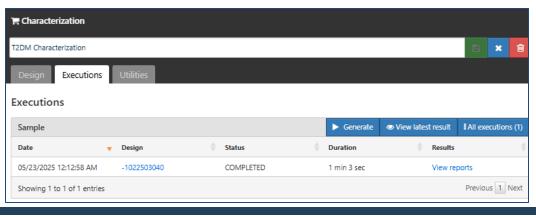
- Updated Color Scheme
- Removed left side quick-highlight in favor of an event highlighter:

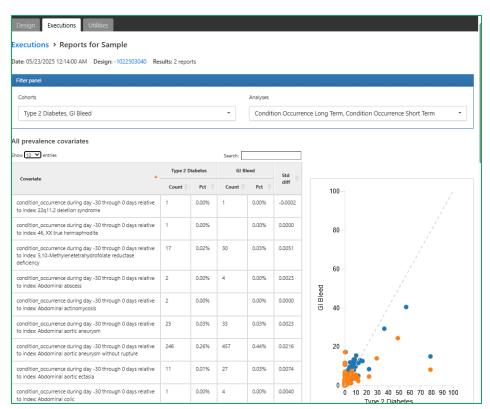




Atlas 2.6 – Cohort Characterization



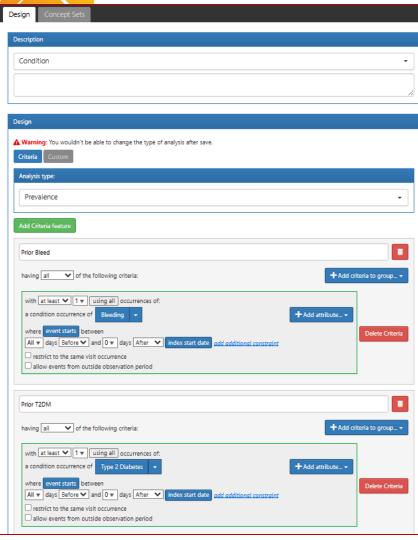


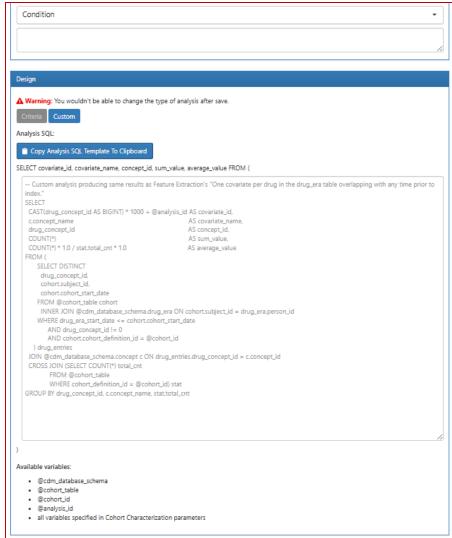


New Features:

- Designer
- Generation history
- Tabular Report View
- Cohort Comparison

Atlas 2.6 – Custom Features



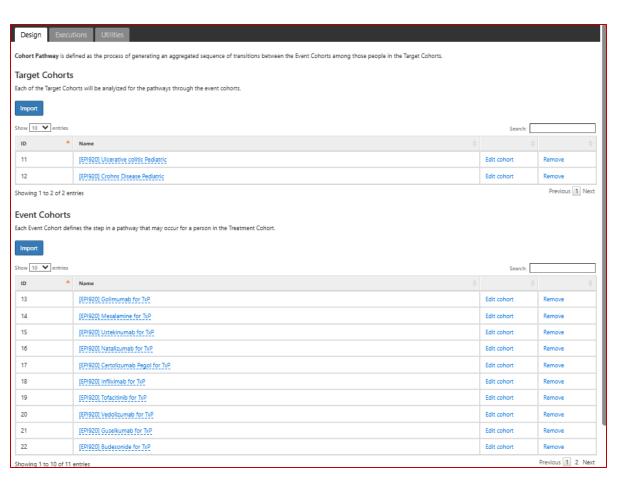


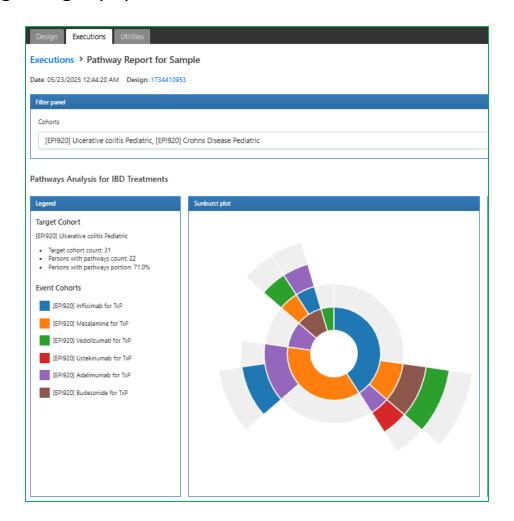
Custom features allows users to define the logic to create frequency statistics (proportion of population) through either Criteria expressions or custom SQL.



Atlas 2.6 – Cohort Pathways

Visualize sequence of event cohorts among a target population

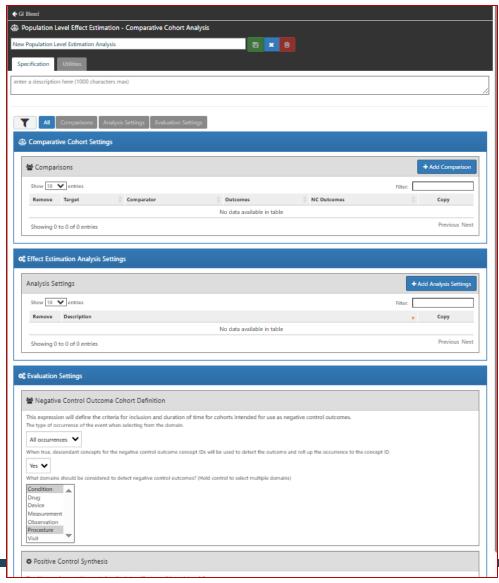






Atlas 2.6 – PLE and PLP Editors

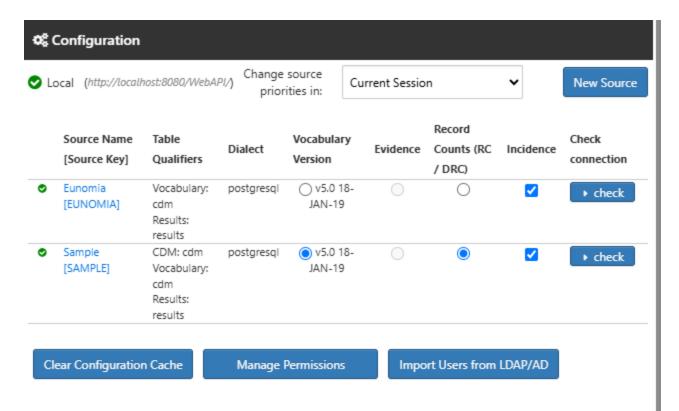
PLE and PLP Editors received an update, visually and to handle latest parameters



Patient Level Prediction	
New Patient Level Prediction Analysis	
Specification Utilities	
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Atlas 2.6 – Configuration

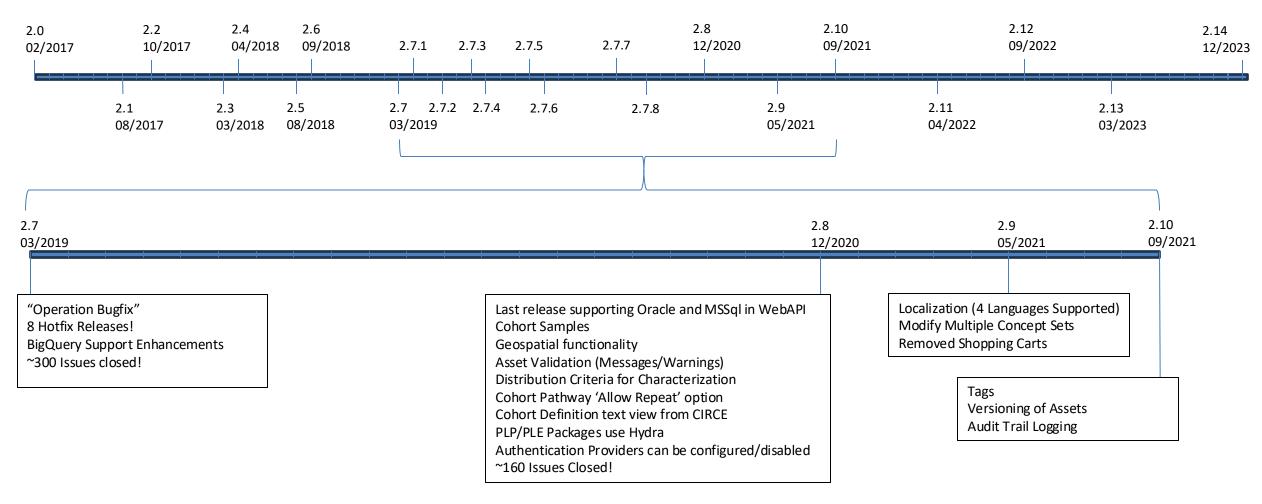


Configuration received following enhancements:

- Create data source via 'New Source'
- Check connectivity to with 'check'
- Clear server side caching
- Manage permissions to users
- LDAP Import utility

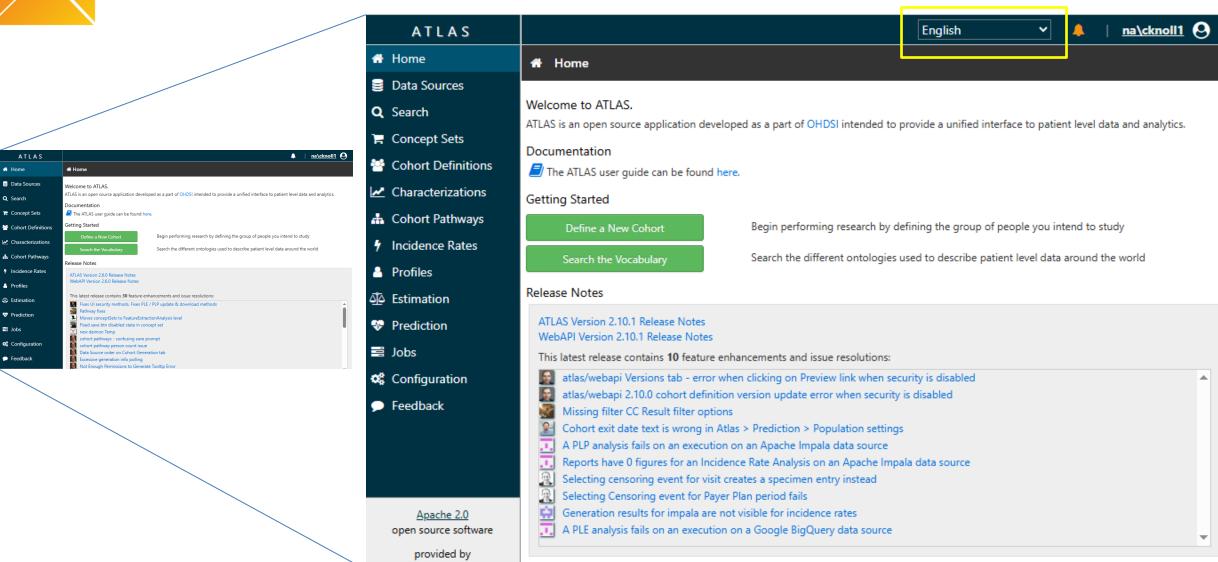


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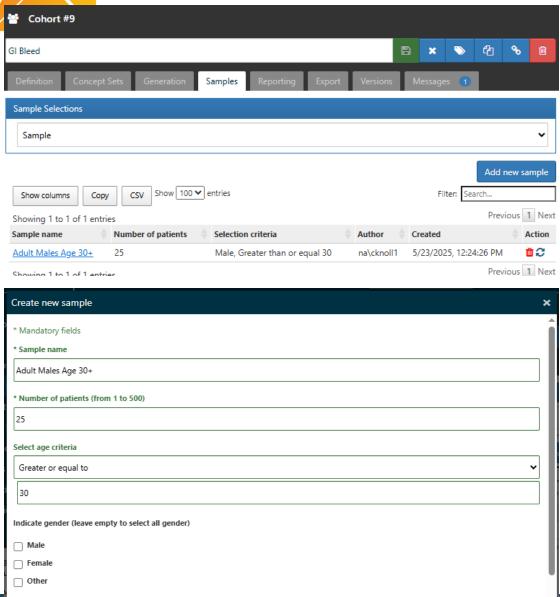


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Atlas 2.8 – Cohort Sample



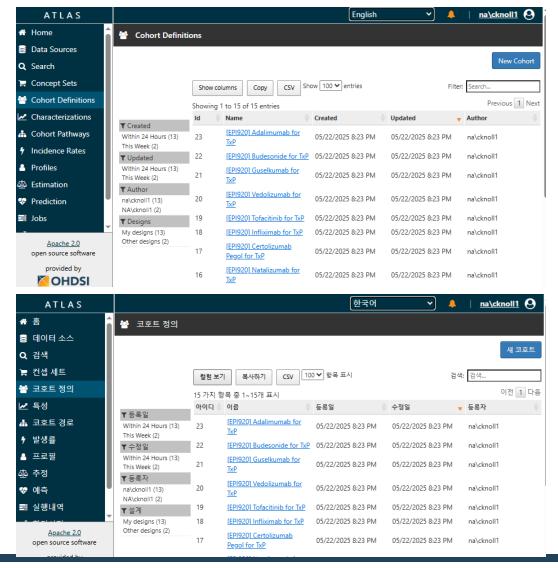
Sample name	Number of patients	Selection criteria	♦ Author ♦	Created	Action
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Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entri	es				Previous 1 Next
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Person ID	A	Gender	Age at index		
33004016775		Male	47		
33005134916		Male	79		
33006905826		Male	50		
33014096759		Male	48		
33014559599		Male	35		
33020146813		Male	44		
33026783600		Male	57		
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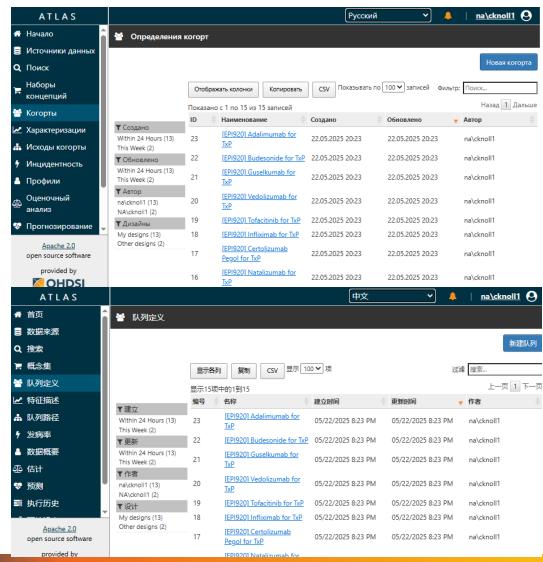
Cohort Samples offer a quick and easy way to select people from your cohort that meet certain demographic criteria, and one-click access to Patient Profiles.



Atlas 2.9 – Localization

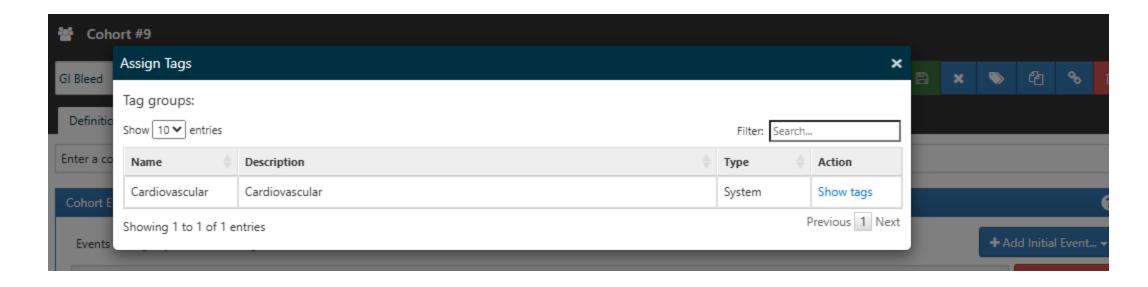
Choose from four different languages for your UI







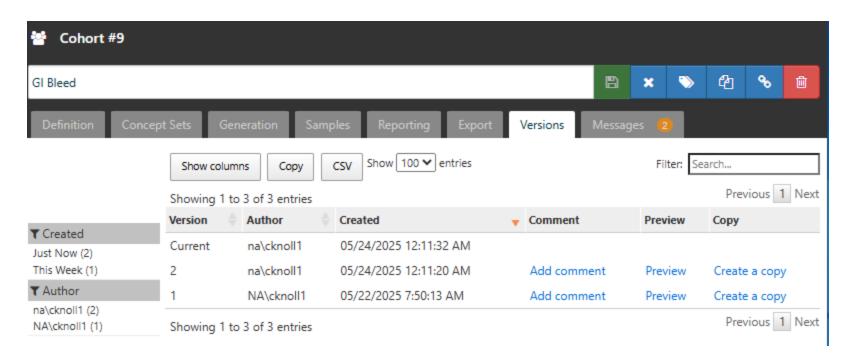
Atlas 2.10 – Tags



Tags allow you to decorate an asset with a tag to give a category of other meta information about an asset.



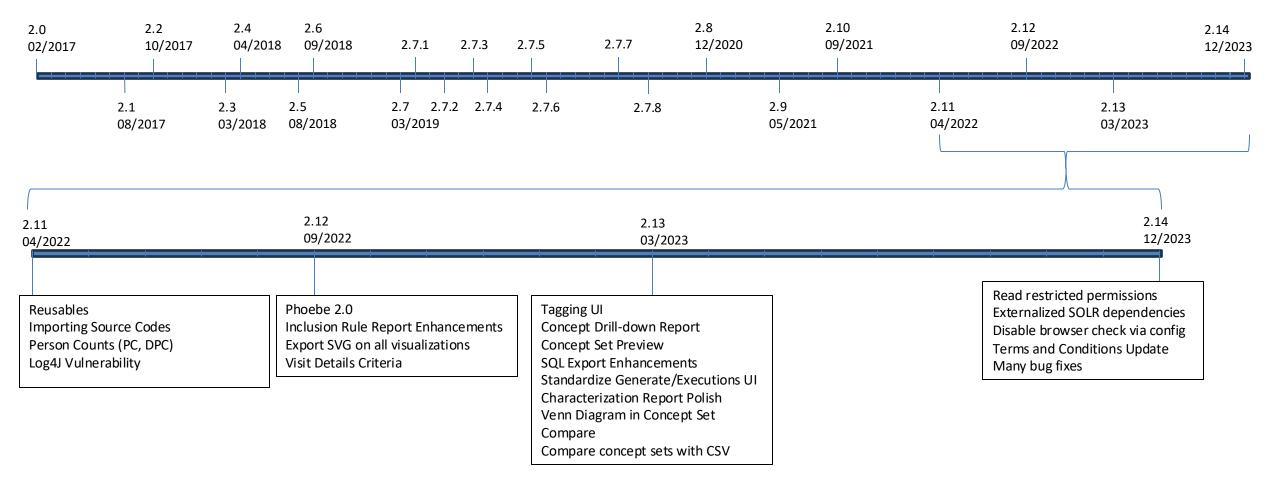
Atlas 2.10 – Versions



Saving any asset will create a snapshot of the asset, and the version UI allows you to create a copy from a prior version, preview, and assign a comment to it.



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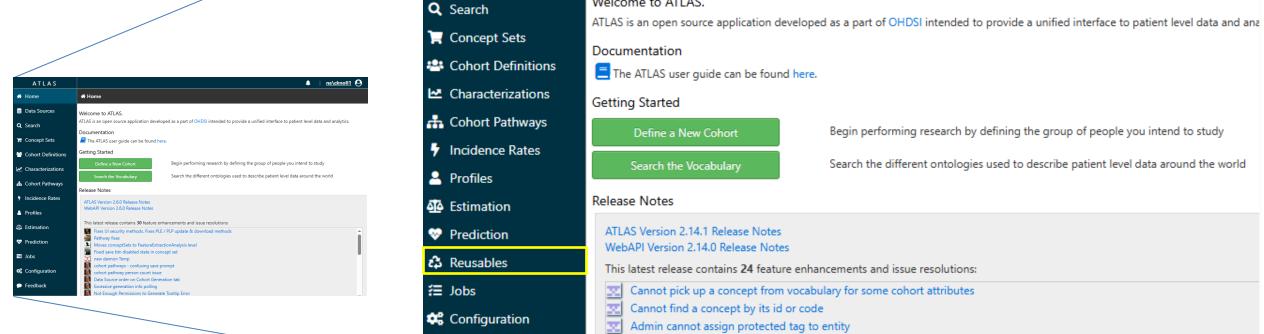




Atlas 2.14 - Home

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JobServicelT test fails

Hydra v0.3 update

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■ Data Sources

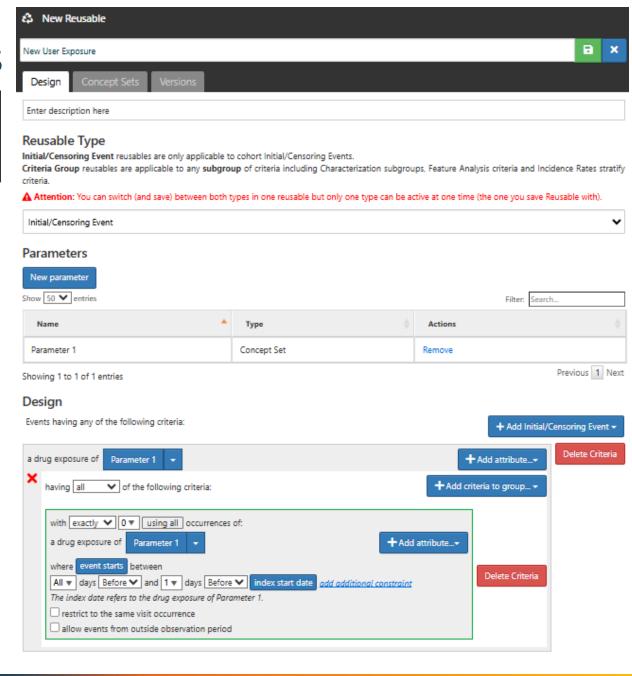
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Atlas 2.11 – Reusables

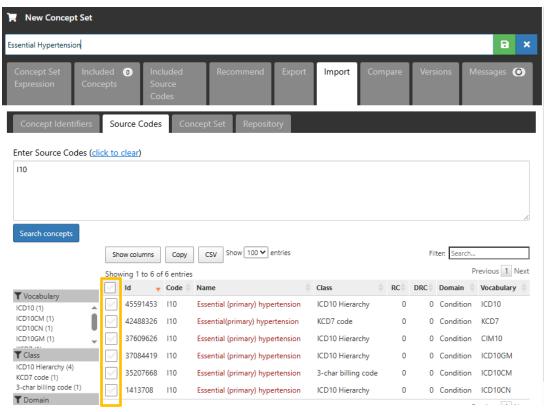
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Design Concept Sets Versions											
Reusable Type Initial/Censoring Event reusables are only applicable to cohort Initial/Censoring Events. Criteria Group reusables are applicable to any subgroup of criteria including Characterization subgrou Rates stratify criteria.	os, Fea	ture Ar	nalysis c	riteria	and Inc	idence					
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Reusables allow you to define entry event or criteria groups to be used in cohort definitions or custom features. You can also define concept set parameters!



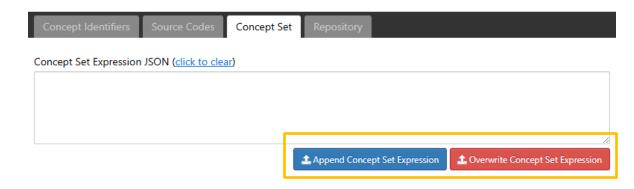


Atlas 2.11 – Concept Set Import



Importing source codes provides a search preview allowing the user to select which concepts match the source code search before adding to the concept set.

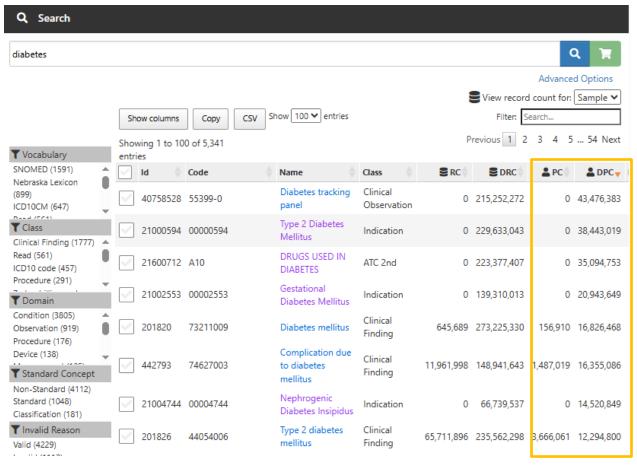
Vocabulary search functions such as filtering by domain, class and Standard Concept are available in this view.



Importing a concept set JSON expression now provides the option to append to an existing concept set or overwrite.



Atlas 2.11 – Concept Person count

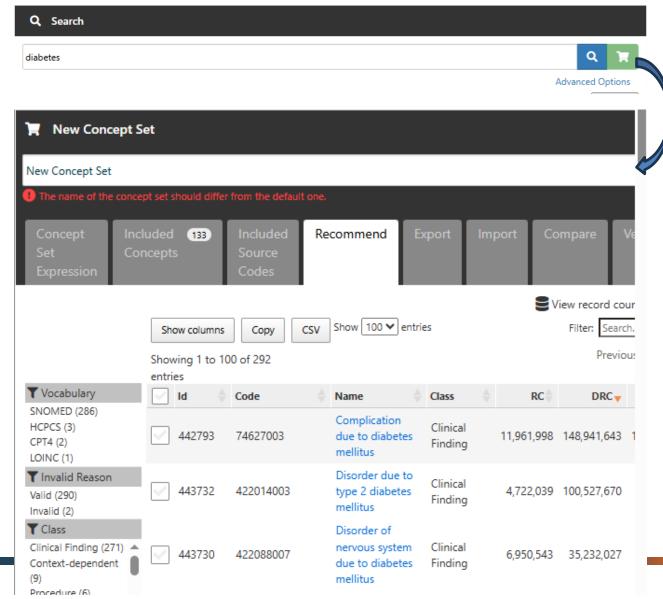


Concept tables now contain Person Count (PC) and Descendant Person Counts (DPC) columns that aggregate record counts to distinct persons instead of raw row counts (RC and DRC).

Requires latest version of Achilles analyses which produces the Person Count statistics.



Atlas 2.12 – Phoebe 2.0



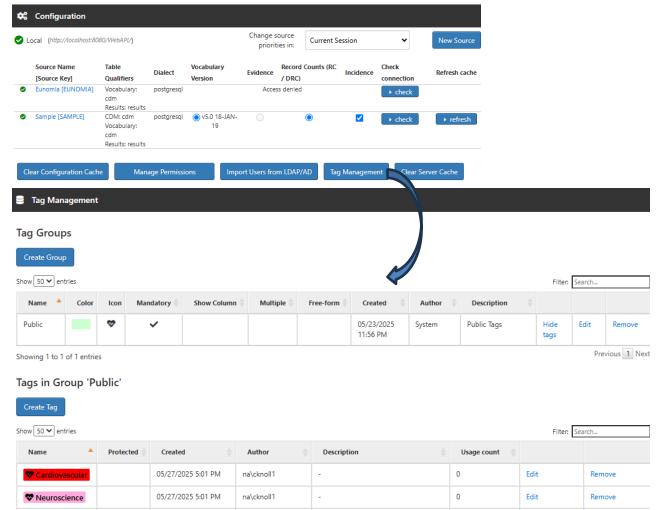
Atlas 2.12 allows a user to create a concept set based on a search term which will select the most similar concept based on text matching and then navigate to the Recommend tab in the Concept Set Editor.

The Recommended tab contents are populated by Phoebe 2.0 recommendations.

Any concept set can use the Recommend tab, not just those created by the concept search!



Atlas 2.13 – Tag UI

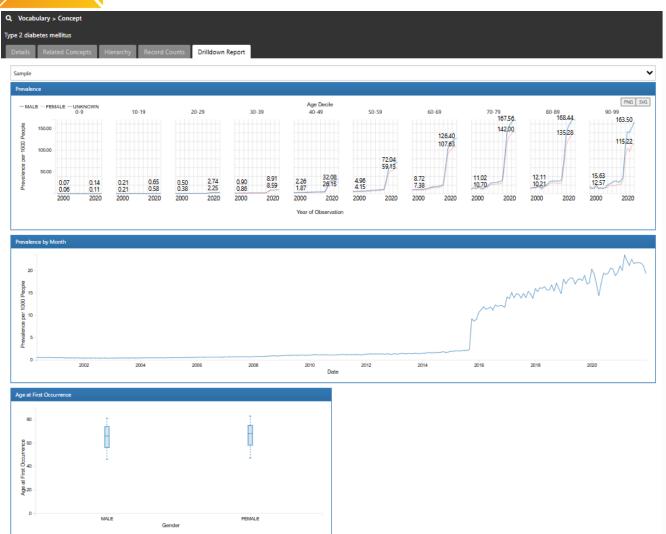


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The Tag UI allows creation of tag groups and tags directly in the Atlas UI, allowing you to create, update and delete without the need for direct database access.



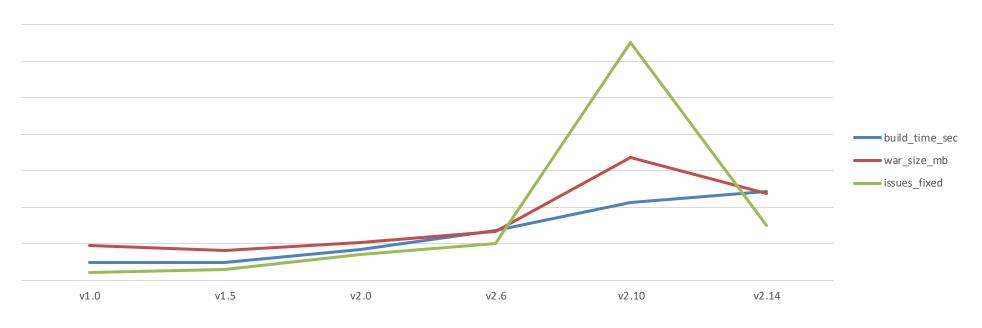
Atlas 2.13 – Concept Drilldown



The Datasource Drill Down report is accessable directly from the Concept view.



Atlas Build Statistics Over Releases



This graph shows build time, application size and issues fixed for each release. As the codebase expands, more complexity and functionality leads to longer build times, larger app size, and more sources of error.

In Atlas 3.0 can will work towards simplifying functions and reducing code bloat, leading to faster compile times (less developer idle time), smaller code size (less code complexity and external dependencies) and fewer bugs (simple machines break less).



Atlas Roadmap



Atlas Roadmap: Parallel Tracks

2.X

End of active development

Maintain current users

Hotfixes are welcome

3.X

Technical Upgrade: JDK 17+

Evaluate current functionality and decide what can be reduced, simplified or removed from codebase

 Major releases (2.x -> 3.x) provide an opportunity to relax backwards compatibility to implement significant changes

June Surveys will provide guidance on where to focus our efforts

4.X

Blue-sky for future design

New Ideas and Features

Implement new process of introducing features into Atlas:

- Socializing new features with community
- Establish buy-in from multiple organizations
- Assign roles and responsibilities for maintenance of those features

Join the Atlas Working Group Tuesday Calls at 12 Noon EST



Atlas 4.0 Planning

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About Data4Life

Mission-driven and Collaborative.

In collaboration with leading domain experts, we digitalize health research to advance public health & personalized medicine.

Non-profit.

We are a nonprofit, funded by the Hasso-Plattner Foundation.

Open source.

We open source our software to make it accessible to everyone.





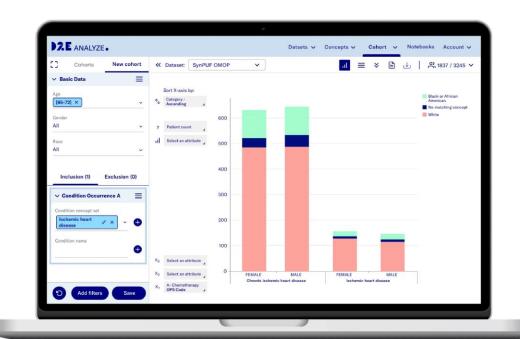
What does Data4Life do?

Development of Data2Evidence platform and other software solutions.

- What is Data2Evidence
 - An open source end to end solution for OMOP data management and analysis to make siloed data readily available for researchers.
 - Integrates multiple OHDSI solutions for data integration, cohort building and analysis into one platform.
 - o More information:

https://github.com/OHDSI/D2E

https://data2evidence.org/





Data4Life and ATLAS - Goals and Workstreams

The overall goal of this endeavour between the ATLAS team and Data4Life is to reduce the entry barrier of novice users and non-technical users to using ATLAS.

To this effect, we have envisioned three workstreams:

- User interviews
- UX re-design
- Implementation of a new user interface



Initial wireframe of possible changes to the ATLAS user interface



ATLAS Redesign - User Interviews

- User Interviews covering various topics
 - Usage of ATLAS
 - Concept set selection and building
 - Cohort building
 - Analysis pipelines
 - Feedback on potential new UI/UX
- First batch of users interviewed summarisation in progress
- More user interviews in the pipeline
- ATLAS usage and feedback survey ongoing https://forums.ohdsi.org/t/atlas-survey/
- Please reach out to us if you are interested to talk to us about your experience with ATLAS



Survey 1 Atlas Overview



Survey 1: Atlas Overview

The purpose of Survey 1 is to collect information about Atlas users:

- Which version of Atlas?
- How frequently do you use Atlas?
- How important is Atlas to your work?
- How do you interact with the community? (Forums, GitHub, etc)
- For each section (ie: nav) of Atlas, rate your frequency of use and importance to your work.

Survey 1 Link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/g4g8We4twU



Survey 1: Atlas Overview

Each survey will ask two questions about a series of features:

How frequently do you use the feature:

- Never used: you either did not know of, or never used this feature in Atlas
- Rarely used: you use this feature <25% of the time using atlas.
- Sometimes used: you use this feature 25% to 75% of time using Atlas.
- Often used: you use this feature most of the time in atlas (> 75%)

How important are these features in your work?

- Not Important: The item is of no significance.
- Slightly important: The item has little significance and is often overlooked.
- Moderately important: The item is somewhat significant and should be considered.
- Extremely important: The item or factor is critical and cannot be ignored.



Thank You!



Backup Slides



Topics

- Evolution of Atlas since 2015: 1.0 to 2.14
- 3.0 Ways of Working, Development Plans, Preview Feature
- 4.0 Redesign Efforts with Data4Life
- Survey 1 of 5