

Practical Benefits of the "Enable and Automate" Strategy to Support End-to-End Automation

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Defining the Enable and Automate Strategic Pillar

A brief overview of the Enable and Automate pillar within the CDISC strategy and how it fits into 360i



Roadmap Pillars and Objectives



Expand & Connect

- Embrace and adopt digital study design
- Expand and connect standards across the clinical research information lifecycle
- Define clear pipeline for integration of new data sources



Enable & Automate

- Develop ready to use implementation standards
- Create open-source technology enabled standards
- Establish and manage a **conformance** framework



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- Establish a continuous feedback loop across the CDISC community
- Shift focus to producers/consumers needs and lower the barrier to use
- Prioritize communication to enable our stakeholders

Practical Benefits of Enable and Automate

What practical benefits are expected when we're Done with the Enable and Automate pillar of the CDISC Strategy?

Practical Benefits: Reduce Variability, Enable Interoperability, and Increase Automation

Develop pre-configured, ready-to-use standards

- Less sponsor-specific metadata simplifies standards management and maintenance
- Less sponsor-specific metadata reduces variability between studies
- Simplifies building software tools that automate standards-based data processes

Create technology enabled standards

- Automated processes reduce the variability between studies
- Automated processes increase efficiency and quality
- Automated processes enables standards testing to improve quality

Establish and manage a conformance framework

- Conformance rules published with standards reduces variability
- Automated conformance checking across the lifecycle improves efficiency and quality
- Conformance rules for DTAs enhance interoperability



Definition of Done

How do we define done for the Enable and Automate strategic pillar within the 360i project?



Description of the End State

360i has published a complete preconfigured study package with all the components defined in metadata from study design to submission, test data for the study, and software to execute the study data pipeline to generate analysis results







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360i Study Package Acceptance Criteria



Metadata

 Publish a complete study metadata package that covers the full study data pipeline from study design through TLFs.

Data

 Publish the complete set of raw datasets for the test study to execute the automated study data pipeline.

Software

 Publish a preconfigured set of open-source software tools that consume the study metadata and data to execute the study design using the test data.

Demonstration

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 Execute the study build and data pipeline automation in a Connectathon event to demonstrate generating analysis results from a study design.

Enable and Automate in Practice

Moving beyond a POC towards developing standards and software tools that drive end-to-end automation

CDISC 360i Phase 1: Generating SDTM Technical Process







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360i Phase 1: Generating SDTM Process and Outputs









What's Changed since the CDISC 360 POC?

New standards:

- DDF USDM
- Analysis Results Standard
- Biomedical Concepts and Dataset Specializations
- sdtm.oak transformations
- Dataset-JSON for dataset exchange
- Open conformance rules

New software tools:

- Open Study Builder
- TLF Designer
- admiral
- CORE
- sdtm.oak
- Dataset-JSON conversion tools
- Other COSA tools
- Other Pharmaverse tools







Software Tools*







* Examples listed – not a comprehensive listing

** Open-source components expected to be available

More Practical Benefits of Enable and Automate

What additional practical benefits are expected from the CDISC Enable and Automate strategy?

Practical Benefit: Faster Innovation at Reduced Costs

Collaborative development yields reduced development and maintenance costs

- This applies to data standards and open-source software
- Continuous development and maintenance spread across a team of volunteers
- Reduced Total Cost of Ownership free as in puppy, not as in beer

Faster innovation

- Standards reduce risk for those developing software tools
- Open-source software projects often have a higher tolerance for risk
- Open-source software can support sustained development and innovation

Open-source software and open standards support commercial software

• Planning Connectathons that include open-source and commercial software tools



Enable and Automate: Benefits for Large and Small Organizations

Scalability for large organizations

- Scale-up research data processes using standards-driven end-to-end automation
- Improved efficiencies, lower TCO, and reduced risk

Path of least resistance for small organizations and academics

- Path of least resistance easier and cheaper than using a proprietary approach
- Easy on ramps make it easier for researchers to get started with CDISC
- Lower barriers to entry for smaller organizations and budgets



Thank You!

Questions?

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