

2 - Creating a New Study

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Creating a Study – Overview

You can create a caIntegrator study by importing subject annotation study data, genomics data and imaging data. You can incorporate a combination of spreadsheets/files and existing caGrid applications as source data. Each instance of caIntegrator can support multiple studies. As the manager creating a study, it is important that you understand the study well and that the data you wish to aggregate has been submitted to the applications whose data can be integrated in caIntegrator.

- **Subject Annotation** – Subject annotation data refers to pre-subject annotation, phenotypic, subject annotation, pathology or any other annotations associated with a subject. The subject annotation data should be available in CSV files, with a unique subject identifier in one column, one subject per row. Note that if you are using human data, the subject will probably be a "patient". Other relevant data can be supplied in other columns to be identified as annotations in the file from within caIntegrator. You, as the study creator, must have access to the subject annotation data file, as the file does not come from a caBIG[®] repository.
- **Genomic** – To use caIntegrator to integrate array data, the data should be imported into caArray, either locally or in the CBIIT installation, using that system's data file import functionality. You must also have a mapping file in CSV format. This file indicates correlations between array files and the subjects in the subject annotation data files.
- **Imaging** – Imaging data should have been submitted to the NBIA grid node as public data, either locally or as part of the CBIIT NBIA installation. Image annotations, which include information about images provided by radiologists or other researchers can include such information as tumor size, tumor location, etc. It must be in CSV format, with unique image series IDs in one column (required) and annotation IDs in the second column. caIntegrator can map the images automatically, or alternatively you can upload an image mapping file in CSV format. This file indicates correlations between subject annotation subjects or images in NBIA and subjects in the subject annotation data files.

As you create the study, you define its structure, identifying the data sources and mapping the data between different source data. After the study has been created and deployed, you can perform analyses of the data in the study.

Configuring and Deploying a Study



Role for creating a study

Only a user with a Study Manager role can create a study. For more information, see [caIntegrator Roles](#).

When you create a study, you must specify different data-types (subject annotation, array, image, etc), data sources (caGrid applications – caArray and NBIA) and map the data, (patient to sample, image series, etc.).

To create a new study, follow these steps:

1. In the Study Management section of the left sidebar, click **Create New Study**.
2. In the Create New Study dialog box that opens, provide a name and description for the study you are creating.
3. Select the checkbox to specify if you want to allow public access to the study.
4. Click **Save**. Click **Cancel** to close the dialog without creating the study.

When you save the study, an Edit Study page opens where you can add identify data files for your study. See [Creating or Editing a Study](#).

Creating or Editing a Study

The Edit Study page, as shown in the following figure, displays the Name and Description that you entered for a new study, or for an existing study that you are editing.

editing: Sparks JBH

Edit Study

Configure your study, and click the **Save** or **Deploy Study** button at the bottom of the page when complete.

Study Overview

Study Name:

Study Description:

Study Logo: None

Logo File:

JPEG/GIF, 200x72 maximum

Allow public to browse this study:

Status: Not Deployed

Status Description:

Owner: ncimanager

Last Modified By: ncimanager

Last Modified Date: 08/31/2011 18:35:51

Study Log:

Annotation Groups

Group Name	Description	Number of Annotations	Action
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Subject Annotation Data Sources

Type	Description	Status	Last Modified	Action
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Genomic Data Sources

Host Name	Experiment Identifier	File Description	Data Type	Status	Last Modified	Action
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Imaging Data Sources

Host Name	Collection Name	File Description	Status	Last Modified	Action
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To continue creating a study or to modify a study, complete these steps:

1. Enter or change (if editing) the name and/or description.
2. Select or verify the checkbox to specify if you want to allow public access to the study.
3. For the study log feature, click **View Log** or **Edit Log**. See [Study Log](#) for details about the log.
4. Click **Save**.



Tip

You can save the study at any point in the process of creating it. You can resume the definition and deployment process later.

5. If you choose to add a logo for the study, click the **Browse** button corresponding to **Logo File** in the upper right of the Edit Study page. Navigate for the file, and click **Browse**. The file type displays above the **Upload Now** button.

Logo File:

JPEG/GIF, 200x72 maximum

6. Click the button to upload the logo. Once you save the study (or its edit), the logo displays in the center of the page. On the home page for the study, the logo displays in the upper left, above the sidebar.

To continue creating the study, you can add subject annotation data sources, genomic data sources or imaging data sources.

Viewing or Editing a Log

On the Edit Study page, as a study manager you can open a detailed log for the study.

1. Click **View Log** on the Edit Study page to simply review an existing log. The log records all steps comprising activity in the study, with the most recent displaying at the top of the log.
2. To edit a log, click **Edit Log** on the Edit Study page.
3. Add an appropriate description/annotations to the individual log entries.
4. Check the **Update** box next to the description, then click **Save** to save the edits. The descriptions will now be available when any user views the log.

See also [Study Log](#).

Working with Annotations

One of the most important tasks in creating a study in calIntegrator is in properly annotating the data. Each annotation has a definition you must identify. Because the process can be quite complex, you might want to review the following steps for working with annotations.

Annotation Workflow Summary

1. Add an annotation group. This optional step is for users who have a rigid data dictionary of all annotations relevant to the study. This step can also be helpful in cases where a study has many annotations. For more information, see [Adding an Annotation Group](#).
2. Add subject annotation data. This consists of multiple sub-steps.
3. Add a new subject annotation data sources file. This step uploads the file containing annotations and starts the workflow for assigning uploaded data definitions. See [Editing an Annotation Group](#), step 1.
 - a. Edit the annotations. This step opens the Define Fields for Subject Data page. See [Editing an Annotation Group](#), step 2.
 - b. In the Define Fields for Subject Data page, review possible definitions in the annotation group associated with this study. See [Define Fields Page](#).
 - c. Assign the visibility of each annotation definition. See [Editing an Annotation Group](#), step 2.
 - d. In the authorization column, select the annotation or annotations to be used to restrict data by subject for authorized groups. If authorization groups are to be used to restrict study data, at least one annotation authorization must be selected. If authorization groups are not to be used to restrict study data, selecting an annotation authorization is not necessary. Annotations used to restrict data by subject must contain permissible values. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#) for more information about permissible values.
 - e. Locate and verify the assignment as "identifier" for one annotation. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#).
 - f. Review, verify and assign definitions for each annotation. You can do this in one of four ways:
 - Accept existing default definitions as described in the associated annotation group. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#).
 - Create or manage definitions manually. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#).
 - Search for and use definitions existing in other calIntegrator studies. See [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#).
 - Search for and use definitions from caDSR. See [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#).
4. Load the Subject Annotation Source. Up until this point, you can periodically save your work with the annotations, but before you can deploy the study, you must complete this step.
5. [Deploy the study](#).

Adding an Annotation Group



Why use this optional step

This optional step is for users who have a rigid data dictionary of all annotations relevant to the study. This step can also be helpful in cases where a study has many annotations.

This topic opens from both the Create Annotation Group page and the Edit Annotation Group page. If you plan to create a group, continue with this topic. If you plan to edit an existing annotation group, see [Editing an Annotation Group](#).

An annotation group is a group of annotation definitions configured in a subject data source CSV file. This feature is primarily meant for the Study Manager who knows that they have tightly restricted vocabulary definitions that are relevant to a study. In this optional step, you can review the uploaded Group Definition Source file before assigning the appropriate definitions for your study.

To add an annotation group, follow these steps:

1. On the Edit Study page for a study, Annotation Groups section, click the **Add New** button.
2. On the Edit Annotation Group page that opens, enter a name for the annotation group.
3. Enter a description (optional).
4. Browse for the Group Definition Source CSV file.

The CSV file must include columns with these column headers in the first row: **File Column Name**, **Field Type**, **Entity Type**, **CDE ID**, **CDE Version**, **Annotation Def Name**, **Data Type**, **Permissible**, and **Visible**. Subsequent rows in the file define each subject annotation column in the subject annotation file.

 - a. If a subject annotation is defined by a CDE Public ID, values for the following columns are required: **File Column Name**, **Field Type**, **Entity Type**, **CDE ID**, and **Visible**; a value for CDE Version is optional.
 - OR
 - b. If a subject annotation definition is not defined by a CDE Public ID, values for the following columns are required: **File Column Name**, **Field Type**, **Entity Type**, **Annotation Def Name**, **Data Type (String, Date, Numeric)**, **Permissible (Yes or No)**, and **Visible (Yes or No)**.
5. Click **Save**. This uploads the file, whose name now displays on the Edit Study page under Annotation Groups

When you open the [Define Fields for Subject Data page](#), the annotation definitions in the file you uploaded display on the page, available for assignment in the study. Additionally, you can view the definitions by viewing the annotation group listed in the first column of the matrix.



Visibility of annotation definitions

Annotation definitions by default are visible only to the Study Manager's group. They are not visible to all caIntegrator users, unless you change the visibility for each.

Editing an Annotation Group

This topic opens from the Edit Annotation Group page. You may want to refer to [Adding an Annotation Group](#) if you are adding a group for the first time.

To edit an annotation group, on the Edit Study page for a study with an existing annotation group, click the **Edit Group** button.

1. You can change the Name and Description for the group.
2. A list of annotation definitions applied to the original annotation group displays on the Edit Annotation Group page.
 - a. In the drop-down list, you can select a different annotation group for the annotation definition.
 - b. You can change the visibility for the annotation definition.
 - c. You can change the authorization for the annotation definition. Authorized annotations can be used to restrict data by subject for authorized groups. Annotations used to restrict data by subject must contain permissible data. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#) for more information about permissible values.
 - d. Click **Change Assignment** to modify the properties of the annotation definition.
3. Click **Update Annotations** to confirm your edits for the group.

Adding Subject Annotation Data

The Edit Study page, described in [Creating or Editing a Study](#), opens after you save a new study or click to edit an existing study.



No manually-created annotation groups?

When following the steps in this section, if you have not manually created Annotation Groups, you MUST check **Create a new annotation definition if one is not found**.

To add subject annotation metadata on this page, follow these steps:

1. In the Subject Annotation Data Sources section of the page, click the **Add New** button. The page expands to reveal new fields for you to identify information about the annotation data sources.
2. Navigate to locate a subject annotation data file which is required for a study. Files must be in CSV file format.
3. Click the appropriate box if you want caIntegrator to **Create an annotation definition if one is not found**.
4. Click **Upload Now** to load the annotation source data.

After the data file is uploaded to this study, it will be listed in the Subject Annotation Data Sources section of the [Edit Study page](#).

From this page you can initiate editing the annotations. In the Subject Annotation Data Sources section, click **Edit Annotations** corresponding to the subject annotations that have been uploaded for the study. This opens the [Define Fields Page for Editing Annotations](#).

Define Fields Page for Editing Annotations

The Define Fields for Subject Data page, shown in the following figure, opens when you click **Edit Annotations** in the Subject Annotation Data Sources or the Image Data Sources section of the Edit Study page. The exception to this is if you have not yet imported annotations for the imaging data for the study, in that case, when you click the **Edit Annotations** button in the Imaging Data Sources section, a page opens where you can identify and upload image annotation data. See [Adding or Editing Image Annotations](#).

If this Define Fields page opens after clicking the Edit Annotations button, working with this page is identical for both subject and image annotations

Define Fields for Subject Data



Assign annotation definitions to data fields.

Annotation Group	Visible <input type="checkbox"/>	Authorized <input type="checkbox"/>	Annotation Definition	Annotation Header from File	Data from File			
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identifier Change Assignment	bcr_patient_barcode	TCGA-02-0001	TCGA-02-0003	TCGA-02-0004	
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	additional_chemo_therapy Change Assignment	additional_chemo_therapy	NO	NO	NO	
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	additional_drug_therapy Change Assignment	additional_drug_therapy	NO	NO	NO	
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	additional_immuno_therapy Change Assignment	additional_immuno_therapy	NO	NO	NO	
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	additional_pharmaceutical_therapy Change Assignment	additional_pharmaceutical_therapy	NO	NO	NO	
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	additional_radiation_therapy Change Assignment	additional_radiation_therapy	NO	NO	NO	
TCGA GBM annotations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	age_at_initial_pathologic_diagnosis Change Assignment	age_at_initial_pathologic_diagnosis	44	50	59	

The MOST important steps in creating annotation definitions on this page are these:

- You MUST designate one column in the file as a unique "identifier" column type.
- You MUST review and define column annotation definitions for each column header in the file. Note the following regarding the list of annotations on this Define Fields... page:
 - If caIntegrator "recognizes" the same column header in other files already in the system, a term, for example "age" or "survival", which is the current definition, appears in the **Annotation Definition** column above the blue **Change Assignment** link on the page.
 - When the annotation definition has not been assigned, and the area above the blue **Assign Annotation Definition** link is blank on this page, no correlating term exists in the database. In this case, you must specify the field type, and then the term will populate the space. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#) for more information.
 - A field name that displays in red indicates an error in the annotation. Click the **Change Assignment** button for more information about the error.

The first column of the table on this page displays annotation groups that have been created for this study. For more information, see [Adding an Annotation Group](#).

To add subject or image annotation metadata in this page, follow these steps:

1. You can specify visibility of specified annotation data in the **Visible** column.
 - Select a checkbox for a row to make the corresponding data visible to all subscribers of the study or anonymous users if the study is made available to the public.
 - Clear a checkbox to hide the corresponding annotation from any subscriber or anonymous user of the study. Data continues to exist but does not show up in query fields nor in query results.
2. The Annotation Header from File column on the Define Fields for Subject (or Image) Data page (the figure shown above) displays column headers taken from the source CSV file. The Define Fields... page also displays data values in the file you have designated. You must map each column name to an existing column name in the caIntegrator database or in caDSR. If it doesn't yet exist, you would be mapping in caIntegrator in the Define Fields page.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Pa	Age	Gender	Survival	Disease	Grade	Race	
2	ASP221	50-54	M		ASTROCYTOMA		WHITE	
3	ASP308	50-54	M		GBM		WHITE	
4	FPH113	20-24	M		UNKNOWN		WHITE	
5	FPH114	40-44	M		UNKNOWN		WHITE	
6	FPH118	55-59	M		GBM		WHITE	
7	FPH309	50-54	M		GBM		WHITE	
8	E09238	45-49	M	18-24M	GBM		WHITE	
9	E09239	25-29	M		UNKNOWN		WHITE	
10	E09262	35-39	M		ASTROCYTOMA		WHITE	
11	E09278	30-34	M		UNKNOWN		WHITE	
12	E09331	35-39	M		UNKNOWN		ASIAN NOS	
13	E09332	55-59	M		GBM		WHITE	
14	E09336	30-34	M		GBM		WHITE	
15	E09348	60-64	M		GBM		WHITE	

3. To indicate the unique identifier of choice, on the row showing the column header (PatientID in the figure, but other examples are subject identifier, sample identifier, etc), click **Change Assignment** in the **Annotation Definition** column.

Assigning an Identifier or Annotation

When you click **Change Assignment** on the [Define Fields page](#), the Assign Annotation Definition for Field Descriptor dialog box opens. On this page you can change the column type and the field definition for the specific data field you selected.

Note

When you change an assignment, you must make sure the data types match--numeric, etc.

1. For the column that you choose to be the one and only Identifier column (in this case, PatientID), in the **Column Type** drop-down list, select **Identifier**. The following figure shows the dialog box rendering when "identifier" is selected in the Field Descriptor Type drop-down list.

Assign Annotation Definition for Field Descriptor: PATIENT_ID

Modify the current annotation definition and click **Save** or search for a new annotation definition and click **Select**.

Current Annotation Definition:

Field Descriptor Type: Identifier

Save Cancel

2. Click **Save** to save the identifier. This returns you to the Define Fields for Subject Data page where the Identifier is noted in the Annotation Definition column.
3. After you have defined which field is the Identifier, you must ensure that ALL other data fields also have an annotation definition assignment. For those fields without an annotation definition assignment or for those whose annotation definition you want to review, click **Change Assignment**.
4. In the Assign Annotation Definition for Field Descriptor dialog box, shown in the following figure, select **Annotation** in the drop-down list.

Assign Annotation Definition for Field Descriptor: MICROARRAY

Modify the current annotation definition and click **Save** or search for a new annotation definition and click **Select**.

Current Annotation Definition:

Field Descriptor Type: Annotation

Name: MICROARRAY - JP

Definition:

Keywords: MICROARRAY

Data Type: string

Apply Max Number Mask: (Max Number)

Apply Numeric Range Mask: (Numeric Range)

Permissible Values:

Non-Permissible: Moff 3354B, NCI_lung234_U133A, NCI_U133A_61L, CL20041110102AA, NCI_Lung310_U133, NCI_Lung_81_U133A, NCI_lung270_U133A, NCI_lung228_U133A

Permissible:

Add > < Remove

New Save Cancel

Search for an Annotation Definition:

Search Search existing studies and caDSR for definitions.

- As you select the column type, you can work with column headers in one of four ways in this dialog box.
- a. You can accept existing default definitions (those that are inherent in the data file you selected). See Step 5.
 - b. You can create and/or manage your own definitions manually. See Step 6.
 - c. You can search for and use definitions in other caIntegrator studies. See [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#).

- d. You can search for and use definitions found in caDSR. See [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#).
- Review the current annotation definition in the Assign Definition page, Current Annotation Definition section. Click **Cancel** to return to the Define Fields... page.
You can still initiate a search for another annotation definition in the Search for an Annotation Definition section on the browser page if you choose to change the definition. See the bottom section of the preceding figure. See also [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#). Click **Save** to retain any changes.
 - To enter a new name annotation, or any other information about the annotation definition, click the **New** button and enter the information described in the following table.

Annotation Field	Field Description
Name	Enter the name for the annotation.
Definition	Enter the term(s) that define the annotation.
Keywords	Insert keyword(s) that could be used to find the annotation in a search, separated by commas.
Data Type	Select a string (default), numeric, or date.
Apply Max Number Mask	<p>This field is available only for numeric-type annotations, or when a new definition is created. This feature is unavailable when permissible values are present. Select the box and enter a maximum number for the mask, such as "80" for age. When you query results above the value of the mask, then the system displays the mask and not the actual age.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p> Tip If you enter masks of both "max number" and "range", caIntegrator applies both masks at the same time.</p> </div> <p>The Data Dictionary page now has a Restrictions column that shows restrictions whenever a mask has been applied.</p>
Apply Numeric Range Mask	<p>This field is available only for numeric-type annotations, or when a new definition is created. This feature is unavailable when permissible values are present. Select the box and enter a width of range for the mask, such as "5" representing blocks of 5 years. For example, if you enter a width of 5, the query only allows age blocks of 0-5, 6-10, 11-15, etc. When you query results above the value of the mask, then the system displays the mask and not the actual age ranges.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p> Tip If you enter masks of both "max number" and "range", caIntegrator applies both masks at the same time.</p> </div> <p>The Data Dictionary page now has a Restrictions column that shows restrictions whenever a mask has been applied.</p>
Permissible /Non-permissible Values	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p> Tip The first time you load a file, before you assign annotation definitions, step #3 in Assigning an Identifier or Annotation, these panels may be blank. If the column header for the data is already "recognizable" by caIntegrator, the system makes a "guess" about the data type and assigns the values to the data type in the newly uploaded file. They will display in the Non-permissible values sections initially. Use the Add and Remove buttons to move the values shown from one list to the other, as appropriate.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p> Required values Note that for all annotations you want to appear, you MUST select the Permissible values. To do this, select Change Assignment, as described in step 3 and click the New button on the page that opens. As you are describing each annotation, be sure to add the permissible valudes and move them as described in this table cell. Click Save.</p> </div>

When you select or change annotation definitions by selecting matching definitions (described in [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#)), this may add (or change) the list of non-permissible values in this section.

If you leave all values for a field in the Non-permissible panel, then when you do a study search, you can enter free text in the query criteria for this field.

If there are items in the Permissible values list, then the values for this annotation are restricted to only those values. When you perform a study search, you will select from a list of these values when querying this field. If there are no items in the permissible values list then the field is considered free to contain any value.

To edit a field's permissible values, you must change the annotation definition. You can do this even after a study has been deployed.

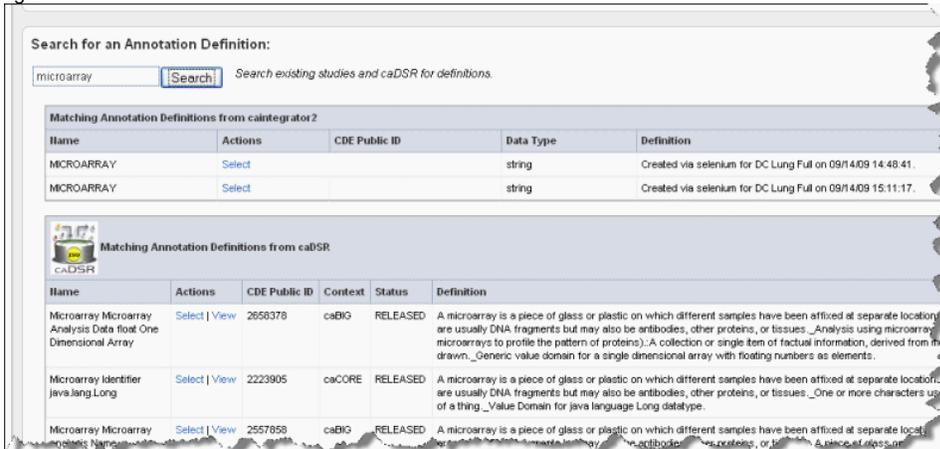
Editing values in annotation definition?

You cannot edit permissible values in an existing annotation definition. To change permissible values, you must create a new annotation.

Searching for Annotation Definitions

An alternative to creating a new definition is to search for annotation definitions already present in calIntegrator studies or in caDSR.

1. Enter search keyword(s) in the **Search** text box on the Assign Annotation Definition page (the preceding figure). Click **Search** or click **Enter** to launch the search. After a few moments, the search results display on the same page. An example of search results is shown in the following figure.



Matching Annotation Definitions from calIntegrator?					
Name	Actions	CDE Public ID	Data Type	Definition	
MICROARRAY	Select		string	Created via selenium for DC Lung Full on 09/14/09 14:48:41.	
MICROARRAY	Select		string	Created via selenium for DC Lung Full on 09/14/09 15:11:17.	

Matching Annotation Definitions from caDSR					
Name	Actions	CDE Public ID	Context	Status	Definition
Microarray Microarray Analysis Data float One Dimensional Array	Select View	2656378	caBIG	RELEASED	A microarray is a piece of glass or plastic on which different samples have been affixed at separate locations (usually DNA fragments but may also be antibodies, other proteins, or tissues). Analysis using microarray microarrays to profile the pattern of proteins). A collection or single item of factual information, derived from its drawn_Generic value domain for a single dimensional array with floating numbers as elements.
Microarray Identifier java.lang.Long	Select View	2223905	caCORE	RELEASED	A microarray is a piece of glass or plastic on which different samples have been affixed at separate locations (usually DNA fragments but may also be antibodies, other proteins, or tissues). One or more characters used of a thing_Value Domain for java language Long datatype.
Microarray Microarray	Select View	2557958	caBIG	RELEASED	A microarray is a piece of glass or plastic on which different samples have been affixed at separate locations (usually DNA fragments but may also be antibodies, other proteins, or tissues). A piece of glass or plastic on which different samples have been affixed at separate locations (usually DNA fragments but may also be antibodies, other proteins, or tissues).

2. To view the definitions corresponding to any of the "Matching Annotation Definitions", which are those currently found in other calIntegrator studies, click the [term], such as "age", hypertext link. The definition then appears in the Current Annotation Definition segment of the page just above.

In Summary

When you click the link for a definition, that assigns the definition to the Define Fields for Subject Data page, and it also closes the Annotation Definition page. You can modify any portion of the definition, as described in Step 6 in [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#).

3. The matches from caDSR display some of the details of the search results. To view more details of a match, such as permissible values, click **View**, which opens caDSR to the term. If you click **Select**, the caDSR definition automatically replaces the annotation definition for this field with which you are working.

Caution

Take care before you add a caDSR definition that it says exactly what you want. caDSR definitions can have minor nuances that require specific and limited applications of their use.

4. Once you have settled on an appropriate field definition for the annotation, click **Save**. This returns you to the [Define Fields for Subject Data](#) page.

Note

If you have not clicked **Select** for alternate definitions in this dialog box, then click **Save** to return to the Define Field...dialog box without making any definition changes.

5. From the Define Fields for Subject Data page, be sure and designate the data types for each field in the file. Click **Save** on each page to save your entries or click **New** to clear the fields and start again. You will not be able to proceed until every field definition entry on the Fields for Subject Data screen has an entry, one as the unique Identifier and the remainder as annotations. The Data From File columns on the Define Fields... page display the column header values of the first three rows you designated as "annotations".

Tip

Saving your entries in this way saves the study by name and description, but does not deploy the study. See [Deploying the Study](#).

The Edit Study page now displays a "Not Loaded" status for the file whose annotations (column headers) you have defined. An example of a file whose annotations have been defined but not yet loaded is shown in the following figure.

The screenshot displays the 'Study Overview' page. At the top, there are fields for 'Study Name' (test1bth), 'Study Description', 'Study Logo' (None), and 'Logo File' (Browse...). Below these are checkboxes for 'Allow public to browse this study' and 'Status' (Not Deployed). Further down, it shows 'Status Description', 'Owner' (manager), 'Last Modified By' (manager), and 'Last Modified Date' (05/13/2010 13:43:55). There are 'View Log' and 'Edit Log' buttons. The 'Annotation Groups' section has an 'Add New' button and a table with columns: Group Name, Description, Number of Annotations, and Action. The table lists 'Annotations - Default' (8 annotations) and 'test2' (6 annotations). The 'Subject Annotation Data Sources' section has 'Add New' and 'Edit Survival Values' buttons. It contains a table with columns: Type, Description, Status, Last Modified, and Action. A row is shown for 'DELIMITED_TEXT' with description 'clinical_test_for_doc.csv' and status 'Not Loaded'. An 'Edit Annotations' button is next to this row.

Status definitions:

- **Definition Incomplete** – An annotation definition or definitions must be modified on the Define Fields for Subject Data page. This status may be displayed because an identifier has not been selected. See [Define Fields Page for Editing Annotations](#).
 - **Not Loaded** – The annotation definitions must be loaded before a study can be deployed. If an error appears after attempting to load a subject annotation source, click the **Edit Annotations** button which takes you to the Define Fields for Subject Data page where the problematic annotations will appear in red. See [Define Fields Page for Editing Annotations](#).
 - **Loaded** – The annotation definitions are properly loaded.
6. Click the **Load Subject Annotation Source** button in the Action section to load the data file you have configured, The **Deploy Study** button, to this point has been unavailable, but this step activates the button.



Adding Files

You can add as many files as are necessary for a study. Patients 1-20 in first file, 21-40 in second file, or many patients in first file and annotations in second file, etc. As long as IDs are defined correctly, it works.

7. Click **Deploy Study**. calIntegrator now loads data from the file to the calIntegrator database, and the file status changes to "Loaded".



Changing Assignments

You can change assignments even after the study is deployed, using the Edit feature. For more information, see [Creating or Editing a Study](#).

The Manage Studies page opens when the study is deployed. The **Deployed** status is indicated on the Manage Studies page as well as the Edit Study page. For more information, see [Managing a Study](#).

You can continue to perform other tasks in calIntegrator while deployment is in process.

See also [Deploying the Study](#).



Uploading later?

You can repeatedly upload additional or updated subject annotations, samples, image data, array data to the study at later intervals. These later imports do not remove any existing data; they instead insert any new subjects or update annotations for existing subjects.

Defining Survival Values

Survival value is the length of time a patient lived. If you plan to analyze your calIntegrator data to create a Kaplan-Meier (K-M) Plot, then during the Annotation Definition process described above in [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#), you should do one of two things:

1. Make sure that you have defined at least three fields set to the "date" Data Type. These will be matched to the following three properties during Survival Value definition.
 - **Survival Start Date**
 - **Death Date**
 - **Last Followup Date**
2. It is also possible to generate KM plots if an Annotation Field Descriptor such as DAYSTODEATH has been set to Data Type 'numeric'. See [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#).

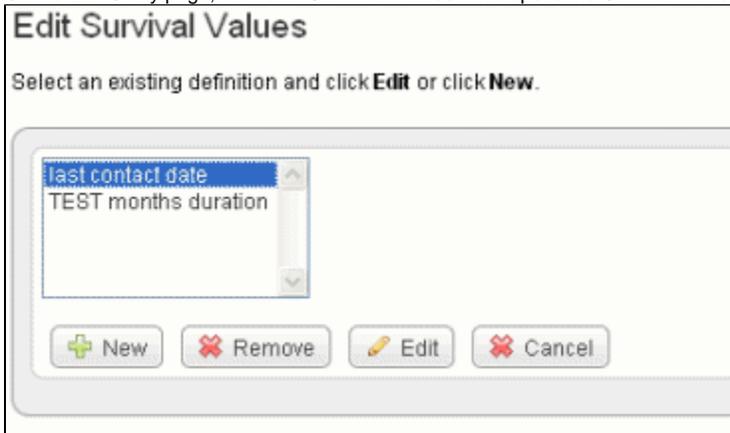
i Survival values optional

Setting survival values is optional if you do not plan to use the K-M plot analysis feature or if you do not have this kind of data (survival values) in the file.

In calintegrator, survival values are not pre-defined in the databases when you load the data. However, you can review and define survival value ranges in a data set you are uploading to a study. To be able to do so, you need to understand the kind of data that can comprise the survival values.

To set up survival values, follow these steps:

1. On the Edit Study page, click **Edit Survival Values**. This opens the Survival Value Definitions dialog box, shown in the following figure.

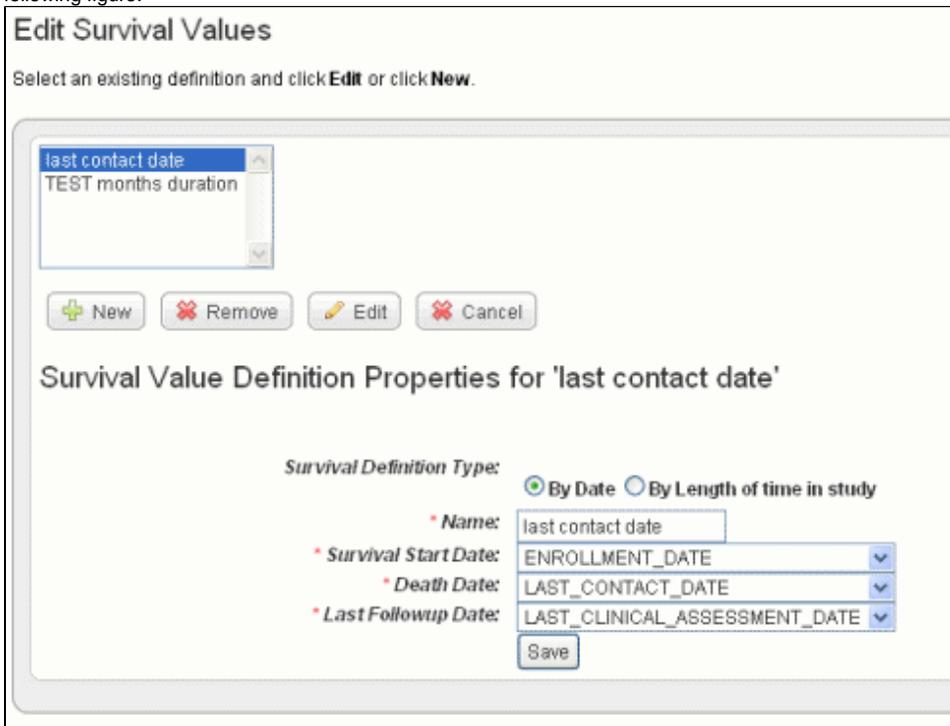


2. Click **New** to enter new survival value definitions.

OR

Click **Edit** to edit existing survival value definitions.

The dialog box extends, now displaying radio buttons and three drop-down lists that show column headers for date metadata in the spreadsheet you have uploaded. If survival value ranges have already been added to a study, they display on the page. The dialog box is shown in the following figure.



3. Survival values can be defined by Date or by Length of time in the study. Select the radio button for the category that defines the data.
4. In the drop-down lists, select the appropriate survival value definitions for each field listed. You might want to refer to the column headers in the data file itself. Because dates covered by the definitions are already in the data set, you cannot enter specific dates.

Field Type	Description
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Survival Definition Type	Select whether the survival time is defined by dates or length of time subject was in the study.
Name	Enter a unique name that adequately describes the survival values you are defining here. <i>Example:</i> Survival from Enrollment Date or Survival from Treatment Start. The name you enter displays later when you are selecting survivals to create the K-M plot.
Survival Length Units	Select the appropriate units for this data.
Survival Start Date	Select the column header for this data.
Death Date	Select the column header for this data.
Last Followup Date	Select the column header for this data.

For data analysis using survival values, see [Creating Kaplan-Meier Plots](#).

Adding or Editing Genomic Data



caArray data

Genomic data that is parsed and stored in caArray can be analyzed in calntegrator. Additionally, supplemental files in caArray that have not been parsed can be uploaded and analyzed in calntegrator. calntegrator refreshes caArray data hourly and displays update status in the [Manage Studies](#) page and the [Edit Sample Mappings](#) page.

Once you have loaded subject annotation data and identified subject IDs, you can add one or more sets of array genomic sample data from caArray to the study. calntegrator maps the data by sample IDs to the subject IDs in the subject annotation data, covered in this section, or you can load imaging files from NBIA, also mapped by IDs to the subject data. This is discussed in [Working with Imaging Data](#). You can also edit genomic data information that you have already added to the study. Genomic sample data and imaging data are independent of each other, so neither is required before loading the other.

It is essential that you are well acquainted with the data you are working with--the subject annotation data, and the corresponding array data in caArray.

calntegrator supports a limited number of array platforms. For more information, see [Managing Platforms](#).

To add genomic data to your calntegrator study, follow these steps:

1. On the Edit Study page where you have selected and added the subject annotation data, click the **Add New** button under Genomic Data Sources. You can upload genomic data only from caArray. This opens the Edit Genomic Data Source dialog box. Enter the appropriate information in the fields, shown in the following figure and described below.

Field	Description
caArray Web URL	Enter the URL for the caArray instance to be used for the genomic data sources. This will enable a user to link to the referenced caArray experiment from the study summary page.
caArray Host Name	Enter the hostname for your local installation or for the CBIIT installation of caArray. If you misspell it, you will receive an error message.
caArray JNDI Port	Enter the appropriate server port. See your administrator for more information. <i>Example:</i> For the CBIIT installation of caArray, enter 8080 .
caArray Username and caArray Password	If the data is private, you must enter your caArray account user name and password; you must have permissions in caArray for the experiment. If the data is public, you can leave these fields blank.

caArray Experiment ID	Enter the caArray Experiment ID which you know corresponds with the subject annotation data you uploaded. <i>Example:</i> Public experiment "beer-00196" on the CBIIT installation of caArray (array.nci.nih.gov). If you misspell your entry, you will receive an error message.
Vendor	Select either Agilent or Affymetrix .
Data Type	Select Expression or Copy Number .
Platform	If appropriate, select the Agilent or Affymetrix platform. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>i Multiple platforms</p> <p>Because you can add more than one set of genomic data to a study, a study can also have multiple platforms, one for each set of genomic data.</p> </div>
Central Tendency for Technical Replicates	If more than one hybridization is found for the reporter, the hybridizations will be represented by this method.
Indicate if technical replicates have high statistical variability	If more than one hybridization is found, checking this box will display a ** in the genomic search results when a reporter value has high statistical variability.
Standard Deviation Type	When the checkbox for indicating if technical replicates have high statistical variability is checked, this parameter becomes available. Select in the drop-down the calculation to be used to determine whether or not to display a ** (see previous bullet point). -- Relative calculates the Relative Standard Deviation in percentage value -- Normal calculates the Standard Deviation in numeric value
Standard Deviation Threshold	When the checkbox for indicating if technical replicates have high statistical variability is checked, this parameter becomes available. This is the threshold at which the Standard Deviation Type is exceeded and the reporter is marked with a **.

2. Click **Save**.

calIntegrator goes to caArray, validates the information you have entered here, finds the experiment and retrieves all the sample IDs in the experiment. Once this finishes, the experiment information displays on the calIntegrator Edit Study page under the Genomic Data Sources section, as shown in the following figure. calIntegrator refreshes carryay data on an hourly basis. The status of caArray data updates displays on the [Manage Studies](#) page and on the [Edit Sample Mappings](#) page.

Genomic Data Sources + Add New					
Host Name	Experiment Identifier	File Description	Data Type	Status	Action
ncias-d227-v.nci.nih.gov	admin-00001	Mapping File(s): ncri_sample_mapping.csv Control Sample Mapping File(s): jagla_0034_control_samples.csv	Expression	Loaded	Edit Map Samples Delete

i Editing caArray experiment

If you want to redefine the caArray experiment information, you can edit it. Click the **Edit** link corresponding to the Experiment ID. The Edit Genomic Data Source dialog box reopens, allowing you to edit the information.

Mapping Genomic Data to Subject Annotation Data

Because the goal of calIntegrator is to integrate data from subject annotation, genomic and imaging data sources, data from uploaded source files must be mapped to each other. Mapping files can map to caArray genomic data of two types: "imported and parsed" and that stored in supplemental files.

Creating a Mapping File

You, as the calIntegrator study manager, must create a Subject to Sample mapping file and then import it into calIntegrator before following the actual mapping steps. This file provides calIntegrator with the information for mapping patients to caArray samples.

1. If you are starting with parsed data, the mapping file will have 2 columns. If you are working with unparsed data, the mapping file will have 6-column columns. See step 3 below for more information. The six columns that may be part of your file are described as follows:
 - *All platforms* – Raw (level 1) data cannot be mapped; only normalized, processed (level 2) data is acceptable.
 - The six-column file format uses the following columns:
 - **Subject ID**
 - **Sample ID**
 - **Name of supplemental file** (if appropriate, as attached to the experiment in caArray)
 - **Probe Header** – Name of column header (in the supplemental file) which contains the probe IDs.
 - **Value Header** – Name of column header (in the supplemental file) which holds the level 2 data.
 - **Sample Header**– Name of column header (in the supplemental file) which holds the level 2 data.

i Last two columns

Only one of the last 2 columns is used: a single sample per file uses the Value Header column; multiple samples per file used Sample Header column. Unused columns are blank.

The following figure shows an example multiple sample mapping file in CSV format.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	ASP221	Sample_Exp_1	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
2	ASP308	Sample_Exp_2	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
3	FPH113	Sample_Exp_3	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
4	FPH114	Sample_Exp_4	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
5	FPH118	Sample_Exp_5	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
6	FPH309	Sample_Control_1	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
7	E07733	Sample_Control_2	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
8	E09176	Sample_Control_3	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
9	E09214	Sample_Control_4	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	
10	E09262	Sample_Control_5	Affy_FC_Test.TXT	Probe Set ID	na	Hybridization Ref	

- When you use the mapping file, make sure you use the subject ID for mapping. If the file is human data, the subject ID is the patient ID.
- Determine whether your data from caArray is "imported and parsed" or "supplemental". These are the 'Loading Types' referred to in Step 3 of [Steps for Mapping Genomic Data](#). Fill in the 2-column or 6-column mapping file according to the following standard:
 - Imported and parsed** – This mapping file for parsed data has only two columns, Subject ID and Sample ID, without a header.
 - Supplemental**– Supplemental files come in two types: "single sample per file" and "multiple samples per file". In either case, only one of the last two columns is used. If the supplemental data format is single sample per file, the column named "Sample_Header" can be left empty. If the supplemental data format is multiple samples per file, the column named "Value_Header" can be left empty.

i Configuring supplemental files

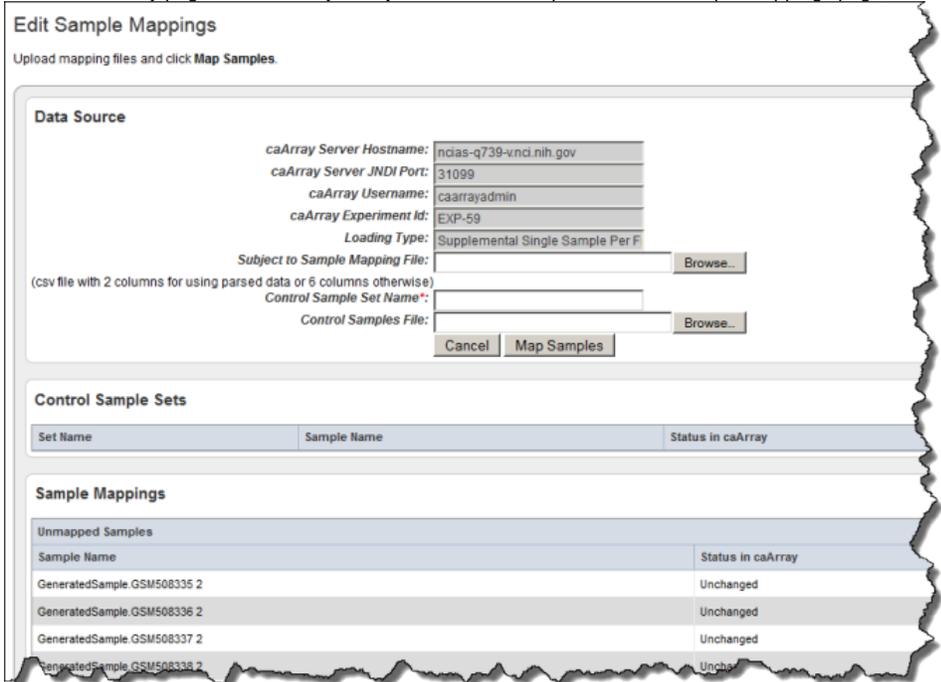
Supplemental files from caArray for mapping data must be configured appropriately. For information, see [Supplemental Files Configuration](#).

The following steps use data of either type.

Steps for Mapping Genomic Data

To map the samples from the caArray experiment to the subjects in the subject annotation data you uploaded, follow these steps:

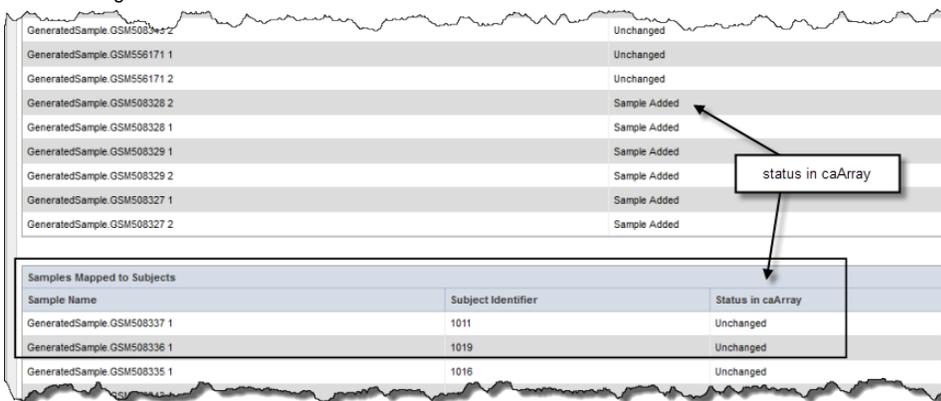
1. On the Edit Study page, click the **Map Samples** button. This opens the Edit Sample Mappings page, shown in the following figure.



2. The first two caArray fields may be populated with the information for the instance of caArray to which you have access. You can, however, enter the caArray information described in the following table, if you prefer.

Field	Description
caArray Host Name	Enter the hostname for your local installation or for the CBIIT installation of caArray. If you misspell it, you will receive an error message.
caArray JNDI Port	Enter the appropriate server port. See your administrator for more information. <i>Example:</i> For the CBIIT installation of caArray, enter 8080 .
caArray Username	Enter your caArray account user name and password; you must have permissions in caArray for the experiment if it is private. If the data is public, you can leave this field blank.
caArray Experiment ID	Enter the caArray Experiment ID which you know corresponds with the subject annotation data you uploaded. <i>Example:</i> Public experiment "beer-00196" on the CBIIT installation of caArray (array.nci.nih.gov). If you misspell your entry, you will receive an error message.

3. Enter the **Loading Type** of the data file you plan to map. (File types are described in [Creating a Mapping File](#)).
4. In the Subject to Sample Mapping File section, click **Browse** to navigate for the Sample Mapping CSV file that you created (described in [Creating a Mapping File](#)). This provides caIntegrator with the information for mapping patients to caArray samples.
5. Click the **Map Samples** button.
If the caArray data you have identified is imported and parsed, when you click the Map Samples button, the mapping takes place as the data is uploaded into caIntegrator. If the caArray data is supplemental, the mapping does not occur until the study is deployed.
6. Mapped samples are listed in the Samples Mapped to Subjects section; scroll down the page to view them (see the following figure). caIntegrator refreshes caArray data hourly; once samples are mapped, a column on this page displays the status of the data in caArray (noted in the figure). Unmapped samples show at the top of the caIntegrator page. They were loaded from caArray, but they are not in the mapping file. These are not used for integration.





Mapped or unmapped?

If you have already mapped samples, when you first open this page they are listed in the Samples Mapped to Subjects section. If you have not already mapped samples, all of the samples in the caArray experiment you selected are listed as unmapped, because caIntegrator does not know how these sample names correlate to the patient data in the subject annotation file until you upload the subject to sample mapping file.

Uploading Control Samples

A Control Samples file is used to calculate fold change data, which compares "tumor" sample gene expression in the caArray experiment to the control samples to identify those that exhibit up or down gene regulation. Control samples can be the "normal" samples, but that is not always the case.

To upload the control samples, follow these steps:

1. On the Edit Sample Mappings page, shown above, click the **Map Samples** link.
2. Click **Browse** to navigate for the control samples file, and click the **Upload Control Samples** File button. The control sets display at the top of the page once they have been uploaded, as shown in the following example.

Array Experiment Id: rembr-00037

Subject to Sample Mapping File: Browse...

Control Sample Set Name*:

Control Samples File: Browse...

Map Samples

Set Name	Sample Name
Rembrandt controls	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-22-24-128_Normal_5_U133_P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0526_U133P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0131_U133P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0523_U133P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0120_U133P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0137_U133P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-22-24-128_Normal_6_U133_P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0151_U133P2
	GeneratedSample.Normal_L_20070227_14-01-17-731_HF0305_U133P2

The control samples now display toward the bottom of the page.

This information will be used when performing other tasks in caIntegrator, to be described in other sections.



Composition of control set

If a Control Set is to be used in Gene Expression For Annotation, or Gene Expression Plots for Annotation Query, then the control set should be composed of only samples which are mapped to subjects.

Configuring Copy Number Data

You can add copy number data for a genomic data source by uploading the mapping file. This allows you to configure parameters to be used when segmentation data is being configured.

The name specified in the third column of the mapping file is specific for each array manufacturer:

- *Affymetrix* – The third column of the mapping file must contain filenames that end in .cnchp. The corresponding experiment in caArray must have these files and the extensions must match .cnchp.
- *Agilent* – The third column must name a file which contains level 2 copy number data. Level one copy number will not work. This file name is repeated for each line in the mapping file.

To add copy number data relating to the genomic data you are adding, follow these steps:

1. In the Genomic Data Sources section of the [Edit Study page](#), for the data you have already added, click **Configure Copy Number Data** button.



Uploaded copy number data?

This link is available only if you have uploaded copy number data and you are configuring a Copy Number data type (as indicated by the Data Type column on the Edit Study page).

The Edit Copy Number page, shown in the following figure, opens.

- Browse for and enter appropriate information to identify and retrieve the copy number mapping file. The fields are described in the following table. An asterisk indicates a required field.

Field	Description
caArray Service Host Name	Enter the hostname for your local installation or for the CBIIT installation of caArray. If you misspell it, you will receive an error message.
caArray Experiment ID	Enter the caArray Experiment ID which you know corresponds with the copy number data.
Loading Type	Enter the Loading Type of the data file you plan to map.
Subject and Sample Mapping File	Browse for the appropriate CN mapping file. The file must be a CSV file with 3 column format for mapping data files (format: subject id, sample id, file name). Supplemental data uses 6 column-files.
Bioconductor Service Type	This is the type of bioconductor module that will be used for segmentation. Select between the two options: DNACopy or CGHcall .
caCGHcall Service URL	Enter the URL for the grid segmentation service used to access the caCGHcall service. For more information, see CG Hcall .
Call Level	An input parameter to CGHcall. This is the number of discrete values used to represent the copy number level. Select between two options: 3 (consisting of discrete values of -1, 0, 1) or 4 (consisting of discrete values -1, 0, 1, 2)
caDNACopy Service URL	Control for selecting the URL which hosts the caDNACopy grid service. For more information, see DNACopy .
Change Point Significance Level	Significance levels for the test to accept change-points
Early Stopping Criterion	The sequential boundary used to stop and declare a change
Permutation Replicates	The number of permutations used for p-value computation
Random Number Seed	The segmentation procedure uses a permutation reference distribution. This should be used if you plan to reproduce the results.

- Click **Save Segmentation Data Calculation Configuration** for a genomic data source. On the screen upload a copy number mapping file and configure the parameters to be sent when computing segmentation data.



Be Careful

After a study has been deployed and the genomic source has been loaded, you cannot change these copy number parameters without reloading the data from caArray first.

Remapping Copy Number Data in a Deployed Study

Occasionally you may need to remap copy number data in a deployed study. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Select the **Manage Studies** button and select **Edit** for the study you wish to remap.
2. On the Edit Study page, select **Edit** under the Genomic Data Sources header.
3. Without altering any information, select **Save**. When the warning box appears, select **OK**.
4. Select **ConfigureCopyNumberData**.
5. Enter the new mapping file in the Subject and Sample Mapping File field.
6. Select **Save Segmentation Data Calculation** configuration.
7. Select **Deploy Study**.

Working with Imaging Data

Once you have loaded subject annotation data and identified patient IDs, you can add either array genomic sample data from caArray which caIntegrator maps by sample IDs to the patient IDs in the subject annotation data, or you can upload image data from NBIA, also mapped by IDs to the subject data. Once you have configured an NBIA image data source for adding images, then you can import image annotation data for the images. Genomic sample data and imaging data are independent of each other, so neither is required before loading the other.

It is essential that you are well acquainted with the data you are working with--the subject annotation data, and the corresponding imaging data in NBIA.

Adding or Editing Imaging Data Files from NBIA

To add images from NBIA to the study you are creating, follow these steps:

1. On the [Edit Study page](#) under the Imaging Data Sources section, click the **Add New** button.



Imaging data source

If you have already provided an imaging data source, it is listed in this section of the Edit Study page. To edit the imaging data source, click the **Edit** button which opens the same dialog box described in the following steps.

2. In the Edit Imaging Data Source dialog box, configure the appropriate imaging data source information in the fields as shown in the selected area of the following figure and described below. Fields with an asterisk are required.

Edit Imaging Data Source
Enter a NBIA Data Source and Image Mapping Data from a file and click Save.

Data Source

NBIA Server Grid URL *:

NBIA Web URL *:

NBIA Username:

NBIA Password:

Collection Name *:

Current Mappings: ncri_image_mapping.csv

Select Mapping File Type*: Auto (No File Required) By Subject By Image Series

Subject to Imaging Mapping File:

Image Mapping

Unmapped Image Studies	
NBIA Study Instance UID	NBIA Subject Identifier
2.16.124.113543.6003.2724626544.33753.17207.662539691	ASP221
2.16.124.113543.6003.1.857.80829.1220.8601078.80.1	ASP308
2.16.124.113543.6003.1547427609.23172.20017.250358709	ASP308
2.16.124.113543.6003.990192198.38331.16523.3665049472	FPH113
2.16.124.113543.6003.3578331303.5563.19338.3820422810	FPH114
2.16.124.113543.6003.4058852723.18851.17180.360960134	FPH114
2.16.124.113543.6003.943136466.9293.20377.1653551751	FPH118
2.16.124.113543.6003.3133544198.21365.18909.159499946	FPH118
2.16.124.113543.6003.1.857.80828.1120.9007593.726.1	FPH309
2.16.124.113543.6003.3111681933.17701.19952.4205348538	FPH309

Mapped Image Studies		
NBIA Study Instance UID	NBIA Subject Identifier	caIntegrator Subject Identifier

Field	Description
NBIA Server Grid URL*	Enter the URL for the grid connection to NBIA.
NBIA Web URL	Enter the URL of the web interface of the NBIA installation.

NBIA Username and NBIA Password	This information is not required, as currently all data in the NBIA grid is Public data.
Collection Name	Enter the name/source for the collection you want to retrieve.
Current Mapping	If a mapping file has already been uploaded to the study to map imaging data, the file name displays here.
Select Mapping File Type	Click to select the file type: -- Auto – No file is required. Selecting this takes all subject annotation subject IDs and attempts to map them to the corresponding ID in the collection in NBIA. If the ID does not exist in NBIA, then no mapping is made for that ID. -- By Subject – Requires a mapping file to be uploaded. The "subject annotation to imaging mapping file" must be in CSV format with two columns that map the calIntegrator subject annotation subject ID to the NBIA subject ID. -- By Image Series – Requires a file to be uploaded. The subject annotation to imaging mapping file needs to be a two column mapping (CSV) from the calIntegrator subject annotation subject ID to the NBIA study instance UID.
Subject to Imaging Mapping File	Click Browse to navigate to the appropriate subject annotation to imaging mapping file. See the Select Mapping File Type * field description.

i Mapping files uploaded?

If mapping files have already been uploaded for the data sources you are editing, the Image Mapping tables of the dialog box show the mapping from NBIA Image Series Identifier to calIntegrator Subject Identifier.

- Click **Save** to upload the data from NBIA to calIntegrator. The imaging data displays on the Edit Study page under the Imaging Data Sources section, as shown in the following figure.

Host Name	Collection Name	File Description	Status	Last Modified	Action
imaging.nci.nih.gov	NCRI	Annotation File: None Mapping File: Automatic (10 mapped images)	Loaded	03/11/2011 12:54:51	Edit Add Annotations Delete

- Once the data is uploaded, you can add image annotations. For more information, see [Adding or Editing Image Annotations](#).

Adding or Editing Image Annotations

After you have configured an image data source with an NBIA Grid service and uploaded the image data, described in [Adding or Editing Imaging Data Files from NBIA](#), you can load image annotations into calIntegrator from a file in CSV format or through an Annotations and Image Markup (AIM) service.

Tip

The image data shown in the Imaging Data Sources section indicate whether or not annotations have already been imported from a file for these sources. See the marked area in the following figure.

Host Name	Collection Name	File Description	Status	Last Modified	Action
imaging-qa.nci.nih.gov	NCRI	Annotation File: Image_annotations.csv Mapping File: Automatic (10 mapped images)	Loaded	03/30/2011 17:06:42	Edit Edit Annotations Delete

To add image annotations from a file, follow these steps:

- On the [Edit Study page](#), click the **Edit Annotations** button under the Image Data Sources section.

i Options for this button

If you have not yet imported annotations, clicking this button opens the page from which you can import image annotations, shown in the following figure. Continue with the steps in this section. If you are editing annotations, clicking this button opens the Define Fields for Image Annotations dialog box where you can edit annotations; see [Define Fields Page for Editing Annotations](#).

Assign annotation definitions to data fields.

Select Annotation Upload Type: Upload Annotation File Use AIM Data Service

Image Series Annotation File:

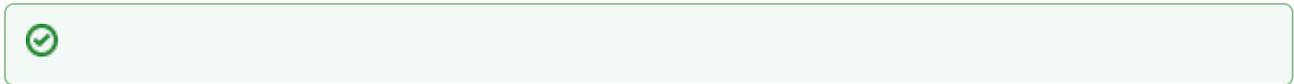
Create a new Annotation Definition if one is not found:

AIM Server Grid URL:

AIM Username:

AIM Password:

2. Select the radio button **Upload Annotation File**.
3. Click **Browse** to select an annotation CSV file for upload.
 {{tip:title=Tip}} An image annotation CSV file must include an Image Series ID column. See the highlighted column in the following figure.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	ImageSer	Image E:	Image Radio	Image Cor	Image Tumor	Image Side of Tur	Image Eloquent Cortex
2	2.16.124.1	2	dxfl13		Temporal	Left	Language
3	2.16.124.1	1	dxfl13		Insular	Right	None
4	2.16.124.1	3	dxfl13		Temporal	Right	None
5	2.16.124.1	4	dxfl13		Frontal	Right	None
6	2.16.124.1	5	dxfl13		Frontal	Left	Motor
7	2.16.124.1	1	rjg143		Frontal, Insula	Right	None
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9	2.16.124.1	3	rjg143	no adc ma	Temporal	Right	None
10	2.16.124.1	4	rjg143	no adc	Frontal	Right	None
11	2.16.124.1	5	rjg143	no adc, bu	Parietal	Left	Speech
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13	2.16.124.1	2	aflanders	all three c	Temporal	Left	None
14	2.16.124.1	3	aflanders	characteri	Temporal	Right	None
15	2.16.124.1	4	aflanders	single noc	Frontal	Right	Motor
16	2.16.124.1	5	aflanders	classic cer	Parietal	Center	None
17	2.16.124.1	1	aflanders		Frontal, Temp	Right	

4. Check the box for **Create a new Annotation Definition if one is not found** (if appropriate).
5. Click **Add**.

To load image annotations through an AIM service, follow these steps:

1. On the [Edit Study page](#), click the **Edit Annotations** link under the Image Data Sources section.
2. Select the radio button **Use AIM Data Service**.
3. Select an **AIM Server Grid URL**.
4. Click **Add**.

Using either method, the image annotations are uploaded to calIntegrator. After this occurs, when you click the **Edit Annotations** button, the system opens to the Define Fields for Imaging Data page where you can edit the annotations. This is the same page (with a customized title) as that described in [Define Fields Page for Editing Annotations](#). You must assign identifiers and annotations to the data in the same way you did with the subject annotation data. For more information, see [Assigning an Identifier or Annotation](#) and [Searching for Annotation Definitions](#).

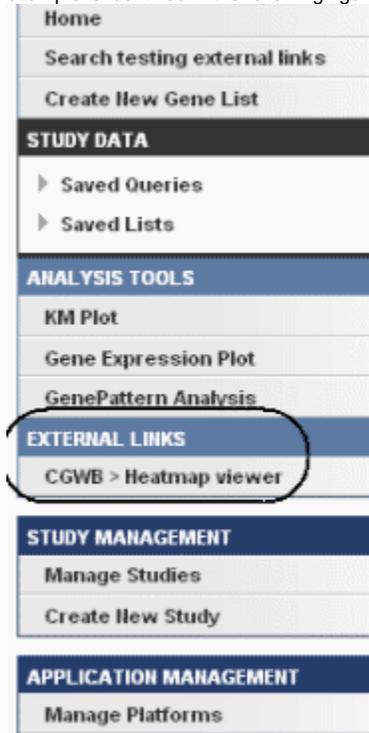
Adding External Links

If you are a study manager, this feature on the Edit Study page allows you to configure a CSV file with URLs to be used as external links relevant to the study. This allows you to easily share or configure references.

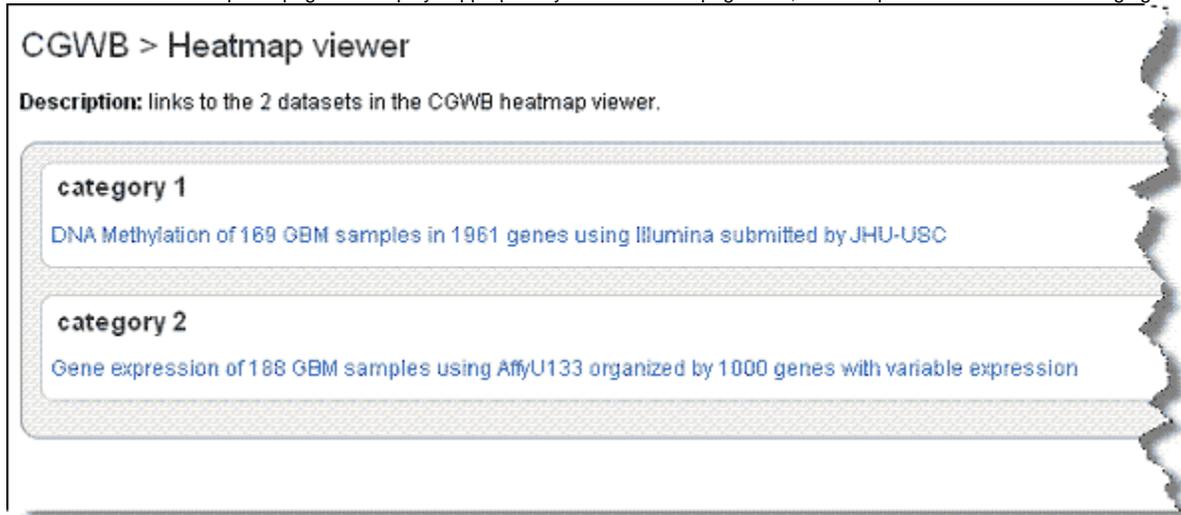
To add an external link, follow these steps:

1. On the [Edit Study page](#), click the **Add** button under External Links section. External links can be any URL(s) to resources that are hosted external to calIntegrator but are relevant to the study being deployed.
2. Assign a name to the external link.
3. Add a description for the link, if appropriate.
4. Browse for the CSV file containing URLs (HTTP linked) to resources outside of calIntegrator.
5. Click **Upload Now**. calIntegrator does not validate any links in the file being uploaded.

Once you have created external links for a study, when the study is open, an External Links section on the left sidebar of the page shows the link(s). An example is identified in the following figure.



Click an external link to open a page that displays appropriately formatted web page links; an example is shown in the following figure.



Deploying the Study

When you are ready to deploy the study, click the **Deploy Study** button on the [Edit Study page](#). calIntegrator retrieves the selected data from the data service(s) you defined and makes the study available to a study manager or to anyone else who may want to analyze the study's data. Using the Manage Studies feature, you can then configure and share data queries and data lists with all investigators who access the study.

Note that you can continue to work in calIntegrator while the study is being deployed.