

# Specifying the scope for the table

You can specify the scope in the [table Criteria area](#) for every table.

To specify the scope

1. In the Criteria area of the table, click the ... button next to the **Scope (optional)** box.
2. In the **Select Scope** dialog, select one or more containers, such as packages or smart packages, and add them to the **Selected Elements** list.




The **Select Scope** dialog is a modification of the element [Selection dialog](#).

3. Click **OK**.

The scope is defined, and the contents of the table are updated with the elements from the selected scope. In the future, all elements created in that scope will automatically be added to the table.



If the contents of the table have not been updated, try the following:

- Click  on the **View** toolbar, in case a smart package is specified as the scope criteria.
- Make sure the specified scope contains elements specified in the **Element Type** box, **Metric Suite** box, or **Classifier** box.
- Make sure at least one element is specified for the table.