

# How to get started with CAT4 Recipes

CAT4 recipes provide many examples on how to use CAT4. While the recipes are designed for users of all experience levels, there are some things you need to know before you can follow the steps in the recipes. Full details can be found in the [online user guide](#) or the build in 'help' in CAT4.

## First steps - log on to CAT4

You should have a username/password for our tools, if not, please contact your PHN or our support team.

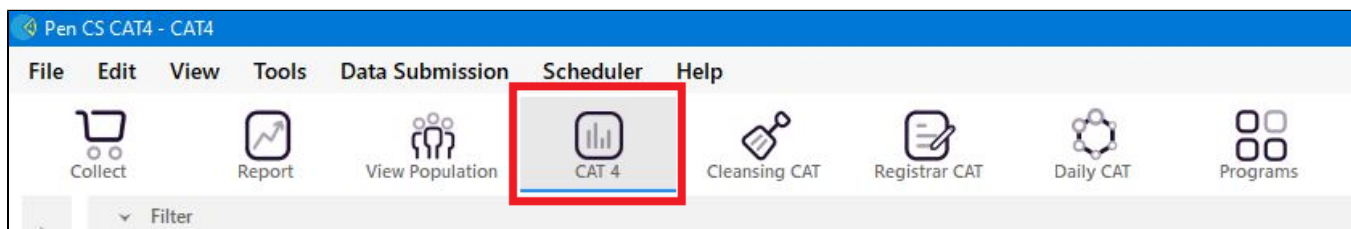
Double-click on the CAT4 icon on your desktop to start CAT4. If prompted to update, please do so!



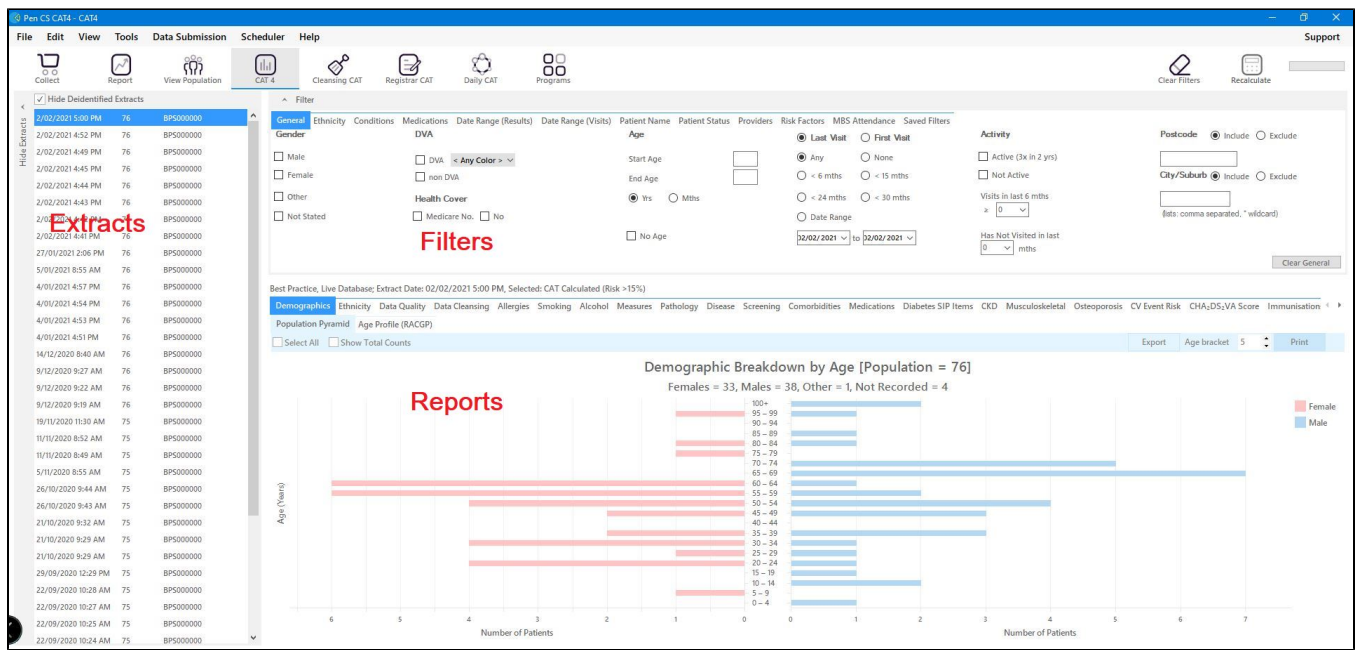
and then enter your user name and password to log on

The login screen for CAT4 has a blue background. On the left, there is a large white '4' with a yellow circle around it, followed by the text 'CAT4'. Below this, there are two input fields for 'your.username' and a password field. A link 'Forgot your password?' is below the password field. At the bottom left are 'LOGIN' and 'CANCEL' buttons. On the right, the 'PenCS' logo is at the top. Below it, the text 'Need Support?' is followed by 'FREECALL 1800 762 993' and 'www.pencs.com.au'. Further down is 'Remote Support'. At the bottom right, the version 'Version: 4.25.5.1' is displayed.

To see all available reports, click on the 'CAT4' icon on the top of the screen. This is the default view for CAT4.



Now the CAT4 interface will load. There are three main parts to the main screen. Full details are here [Navigating the CAT4 User Interface](#)



Now you can load your most recent extract (for most use cases) by clicking on it and, after it has loaded, follow the recipe steps as described. Please note that the extract and filter panels are hidden by default and can be shown/hidden by using the arrows on the respective bars. See how it works:

