

# Study Item vs. Document

In eTMF, Study Items work as placeholders for Documents that will be needed at a later point. An empty Study Item is one that has not had a Document [Uploaded](#) to it. Empty Study Items have the following icon:



Essentially, the Document is the content, whereas the Study Item is the placeholder and the description of what the Document is or will be. See [Study Item Icons](#) for more information about the different icons on list pages.