# OneStream Core Concepts Primer

## Dimensions

Definition: Dimensions are structural components used to categorize and organize data in OneStream.

Purpose: They define the context of data, such as time, account, entity, and scenario.

Example: Time Dimension includes periods like Jan, Feb, Q1; Account Dimension includes Revenue, Expenses.

## Members

Definition: Members are individual elements within a dimension.

Purpose: They represent specific data points or categories within a dimension.

Example: In the Entity dimension, members could be 'North America', 'Europe', 'Asia'.

## Cubes

Definition: Cubes are data structures that store multidimensional data in OneStream.

Purpose: They enable data storage, calculations, and reporting across multiple dimensions.

Example: A Financial cube may include dimensions like Time, Account, Entity, and Scenario.

## Scenarios

Definition: Scenarios represent different versions or types of data within a cube.

Purpose: They allow comparison and analysis of actuals, budgets, forecasts, and other data types.

Example: Scenarios include 'Actual', 'Budget', 'Forecast', 'Plan'.

## Workflows

Definition: Workflows guide users through the steps required to complete data entry and validation tasks.

Purpose: They ensure consistency, control, and auditability in data submission and processing.

Example: A monthly close workflow may include steps for data loading, validation, and certification.

## Business Rules

Definition: Business Rules are scripts written to perform calculations, validations, and logic in OneStream.

Purpose: They automate processes and enforce business logic within applications.

Example: A rule to calculate EBITDA by subtracting expenses from revenue.

## Extensible Architecture

Definition: Extensible Architecture allows OneStream applications to be customized and expanded without affecting core functionality.

Purpose: It supports modular development and integration of new features.

Example: Adding a custom ESG reporting module to an existing financial consolidation application.