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# 1 Scope

The Standard Business Report Model (SBRM) provides a set of modeling constructs for representing business and regulatory reporting that are reusable in different modeling and data deployment environments. It acts as a Platform Independent Model for report documents and data structures, complementing established platform-specific models such as eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL).

Key features:

- Applies a business modeling approach to report definition, making reports easier to develop;
- Supports representation of reports ranging from simple structured text, through structured/formatted data, up to complete business and/or financial models;
- Enables business-level expression of rules in order to ensure quality and consistency;
- Facilitates reuse of information across multiple reports;
- Supports integration with industry- or enterprise-standard information models and ontologies;
- Supports direct linkage with enterprise information sources for report data, and provides complete data lineage and other metadata regarding the source for any content represented;
- Offers alternative formats for the same report content and structure, to allow access by a greater variety of analytical tooling;
- Separates the reporting envelope and structure of the report from the definition of the payload of that report (*i.e.*, the domain specific content);
- Enables modularizing and repurposing the content of any report, not only across reports but across data sources and business units;
- Enables auto-generation of reports from primarily structured content, including but not limited to the use of machine learning and generative artificial intelligence to do so;
- Supports saving and managing immutable versions of reports as submitted to any regulator or other authority (required for pharmaceutical and biomedical reporting);
- Supports both generating and reverse-engineering existing reports and report definitions in XBRL.

It provides a MOF metamodel and OWL ontologies.

# 2 Conformance

The aim of this specification is to define a logical system which can be executed to produce and validate business reports. Any conformant software should be consistent with the use of these components; however, software does not need to be componentized in this manner and could, for example, be a single monolith supporting the same functionality and interchange capabilities.

Note that many triple stores include facilities for integration of additional capabilities, ranging from rule engines to calculation capabilities. Rules may be specified in languages such as Datalog and need not be limited to SHACL.

The different aspects have been factored into several named conformance points: software may claim conformance to any or all of these. There are some dependencies noted below, *e.g.*, Structured data conformance is dependent on Report ontology conformance.

Report metamodel conformance	Generate report documents conformant with the SBRM metamodel	
Report ontology conformance	Generate report documents conformant with the SBRM ontologies	
Structured data conformance	Report ontology conformance, plus documents additionally conform with any ontologies referenced by the Facts	
Numeric data conformance	Structured data conformance, plus documents additionally conform with any Concept Arrangement Patterns (see 7.9) referenced by the Facts	
Report modeling	Interact with a user to create a SBRM Report Definition	
Manual report generation	Interact with a user to obtain the values for Facts to create a SBRM Report Submission	
Report ontology linking	Link a report definition with external ontology elements	
Automated report generation	Create a SBRM report document by extracting the information from an IT system	
XBRL taxonomy generation	Convert a SBRM report definition to an XBRL-compliant taxonomy	
XBRL report generation	Convert a SBRM report submission to XBRL-compliant format	
XBRL taxonomy ingestion	Convert a XBRL-compliant taxonomy to a SBRM report definition	
XBRL report ingestion	Convert a XBRL-compliant report to a SBRM report	

Table 2.1: Conformance

# 3 Normative References

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[Commons] Commons Ontology Library https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons

- [Dublin Core] Dublin Core™ Metadata Initiative Terms <u>https://www.dublincore.org/specifications/dublin-core/dcmi-terms/</u>
- [ISO 11404] ISO/IEC 11404:2007, Information technology General-Purpose Datatypes (GPD), <u>https://www.iso.org/standard/39479.html</u>
- [JSON] JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8259
- [MOF] Meta Object Facility https://www.omg.org/spec/MOF
- [OWL] OWL 2 Web Ontology Language Document Overview (Second Edition). W3C Recommendation, 2012 https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-overview
- [RDF] Resource Description Framework (RDF) 1.1: Concepts and Abstract Syntax. W3C Recommendation, 2014 <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/rdf11-concepts</u>
- [SHACL] Shapes Constraint Language (SHACL) W3C Recommendation 20 July 2017 <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/shacl/</u>
- [SPAR] Semantic Publishing and Referencing Ontologies (SPAR). Shotton, D., Portwin, K., Klyne, G., Miles, A. (2009). Adventures in Semantic Publishing: Exemplar Semantic Enhancements of a Research Article. In PLoS Computational Biology, 5(4): e1000361. <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000361</u>; Documentation is available at <u>http://www.sparontologies.net/</u>. The ontologies themselves are managed in GitHub at <u>https://github.com/sparontologies</u>.
- [SPARQL] SPARQL 1.1 Query Language W3C Recommendation 21 March 2013 <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/</u>
- [Turtle] Terse RDF Triple Language W3C Recommendation 25 February 2014 <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/turtle/</u>
- [UML] Unified Modeling Language https://www.omg.org/spec/UML

[XBRL] XBRL version 2.1 Specification, <u>https://specifications.xbrl.org/work-product-index-group-base-spec-base-spec.html</u>

[XBRL Book] The XBRL Book, Ghislain Fourny, Sixth Edition, March 2023

[XMI] XMI (XML Metadata Interchange) Mapping Specification <u>https://www.omg.org/spec/XMI/</u>

# 4 Terms and Definitions

# 4.1 General Terms

For the purposes of this specification, the following terms and definitions apply.

## Aspect

A characteristic of a fact in addition to its value such as unit of measure, time or geographical scope; they can be used to organize or present a collection of facts in different ways.

## Concept

The business meaning associated with each fact.

## (Reporting) Entity

The organization which is the subject of a report.

#### Fact

A single data point, including metadata, for a concept in a report, equivalent to a cell in a spreadsheet, including its value. Often the fact value takes the form of a number, but it can also be textual information, or narrative/prose.

#### Fact provenance

The definition of the WHO, WHAT, WHEN and HOW aspects of a fact statement that make that statement uniquely identifiable across time and location.

## Hypercube

A multi-dimensional data structure used to represent complex financial information. It allows the data to be analyzed and viewed from multiple perspectives simultaneously, enabling more dynamic and detailed reporting. Hypercubes are particularly useful for handling large datasets with various dimensions, such as time, geographic location, product lines, and financial metrics.

## Pattern

A common way of relating different facts in a report such as the addition of a set of fact values to create a total (called a roll up).

#### Report

A structured file or document created or generated by an organization for intended delivery to one or more other organizations, typically a regulator.

#### **Report component**

An identified part of a report such as a section or table. They are typically arranged in a hierarchy, *e.g.*, a report contains sections which contain tables.

#### **Report definition**

The definition of the structure, semantics and values of a particular kind of business report stated in terms of the specification language of the Standard Business Report Model.

#### **Report rule**

A business-oriented constraint specifying how different facts in a report should relate to each other for the purposes of quality and consistency.

#### **Reporting Scenario**

A distinct condition or context used for a set of reported information—such as actual vs. budgeted, forecasted vs. prior periods, or different geographic regions—that are compared to calculate variance.

#### Submission

A Report as actually sent to a specific recipient.

## 4.2 Acronyms and Abbreviations

DL – Description Logics

FIBO - Financial Industry Business Ontology

IDMP - Identification of Medicinal Products

IRI -- Internationalized (Uniform) Resource Identifier

JSON - JavaScript Serialized Object Notation

ISO - International Organization for Standardization

LCC - Languages, Countries and Codes

MVF – Multiple Vocabulary Facility

OWL - Web Ontology Language

ODM – Ontology Definition Metamodel

- RDF Resource Definition Framework
- SHACL Shapes Constraint Language
- TTL Turtle (Terse RDF Triple Language)
- UML Unified Modeling Language
- URI Uniform Resource Identifier
- URL Uniform Resource Locator
- W3C World Wide Web Consortium
- XBRL eXtensible Business Reporting Language
- XMI XML Metadata Interchange
- XML eXtensible Markup Language

# 5 Symbols

See clause 6.4, Notation, for a description of the logic symbols used to describe the ontologies covered in this specification.

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# 6.3 Ontology Notation

The notation used to represent description logic expressions (*i.e.*, the expressions in the Parent columns in class tables containing ontology details) is consistent with the notation defined in the Description Logic Handbook [DL Handbook]. The notation used in this specification, representing a subset of OWL 2, is described in Table 1, below.

Table 1 : Description Logic Expressions Notation	on
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Construct	Description	Notation
Boolean Connectives of	and Enumeration	
intersection	The intersection of two classes consists of exactly those individuals which are instances of both classes.	$C \cap D$
union	The union of two classes contains every individual which is contained in at least one of these classes.	$C \cup D$
enumeration	An enumeration defines a class by enumerating all its instances.	oneOf $(i_1, i_2, i_3,, i_n)$
Property Restrictions		
universal quantification	Universal quantification is used to specify a class of individuals for which all related individuals must be instances of a given class ( <i>i.e.</i> , allValuesFrom in OWL).	∀R.C, where R is the relation (property) and C is the class that constrains all values for related individuals
existential quantification	Existential quantification is used to specify a class as the set of all individuals that are connected via a particular property to at least one individual which is an instance of a certain class ( <i>i.e.</i> , someValuesFrom in OWL).	∃R.C, where R is the relation (property) and C is the class that constrains some values of related individuals
individual value	Individual value restrictions are used to specify classes of individuals that are related to one particular individual ( <i>i.e.</i> , hasValue in OWL).	∀R.I, where R is the relation (property) and I is the individual
exact cardinality	Cardinality (number) restrictions specify classes by restricting the cardinality on the sets of fillers for roles (relationships, or properties in OWL). Exact cardinality restrictions restrict the cardinality of possible fillers to exactly the number specified.	<ul> <li>= n R (for unqualified restrictions)</li> <li>= n R.C (for qualified restrictions, i.e., including onClass or on DataRange)</li> </ul>
maximum cardinality	Maximum cardinality restrictions restrict the cardinality of possible fillers to at most the number specified (inclusive).	≤ n R (for unqualified restrictions) ≤ n R.C (for qualified restrictions)

minimum cardinality	Minimum cardinality restrictions restrict the cardinality of possible fillers to at least the number specified (inclusive).	≥ n R (for unqualified restrictions) ≥ n R.C (for qualified restrictions)
Class Axioms		
equivalent classes	Two classes are considered equivalent if they contain exactly the same individuals.	≡ C
disjoint classes	Disjointness means that membership in one class specifically excludes membership in another.	¬ C
Property Axioms		
complex role inclusions	Role inclusions allow [object] properties to be chained together in a sequence that is a subproperty of a higher- level property.	$\mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{R}$

Note that in the case of complex restrictions, where there are nested elements in parentheses, the "dot notation" used as a separator between a property and the role filler is replaced with the embedded parenthetical filler definition. A "role" from a description logic perspective is essentially a property in OWL, and the role "filler" is the class or individual that provides the value for that role in a given axiom (*i.e.*, in a restriction or other logic expression).

# 7 Metamodel

For a narrative introduction to the subject matter and concepts please start with Annex A.

This section presents the SBRM Metamodel based on the Meta-Object Facility ([MOF]) standard. The metamodel is documented using [UML] class diagrams, which provide a structured and detailed representation of the core elements and their relationships. These diagrams serve as both a blueprint for understanding the metamodel and a visual representation of the concepts embedded within the ontologies.

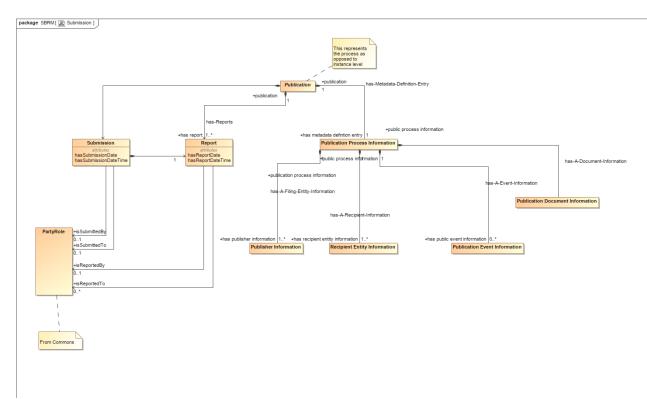
The UML diagrams included in this section depict the structural relationships between classes and align with the semantic constructs defined in the associated ontologies. This dual representation ensures consistency between the metamodel and the ontological framework, facilitating interoperability and enabling clear communication of the underlying design.

The diagrams also provide a visual representation of the concepts in the ontologies.

# 7.1 Report Submission

The Report Submission UML Diagram in Figure 1 models the process of submitting and publishing a report, capturing key entities, their attributes, and their relationships. At the core of the diagram is the Submission class, which represents the submission process itself, characterized by attributes like hasSubmissionDate and hasSubmissionDateTime. Submissions are directly linked to one or more Reports, which include attributes such as hasReportDate and hasReportDateTime to specify the reporting timeline. The PartyRole class introduces flexibility in defining the roles associated with the submission, such as isSubmittedBy, isReportedTo, and isSubmittedTo, enabling a detailed account of the parties involved.

The diagram further extends into the *Publication* process, which bridges the report and the broader publication lifecycle. This lifecycle is managed through the *Publication Process Information* class, which connects the publication to its key components, such as metadata, publisher information, recipient information, and any associated events or documents. The multiplicity in relationships (e.g., 1..\* for publishers and recipients, 0..\* for public events) ensures flexibility and completeness in capturing the publication details. Additionally, the *Publication Process Information* class linked to *Publication* provides a mechanism to document and manage the metadata associated with the process.



# 7.2 Simple Report Design Approach

Figure 2 represents the parts of the metamodel sufficient for non-financial reports that do not require complex calculations. In this approach, the report's content is represented as *Facts* and their corresponding *Fact Values*, which are structured to ensure clarity and precision in the data presentation.

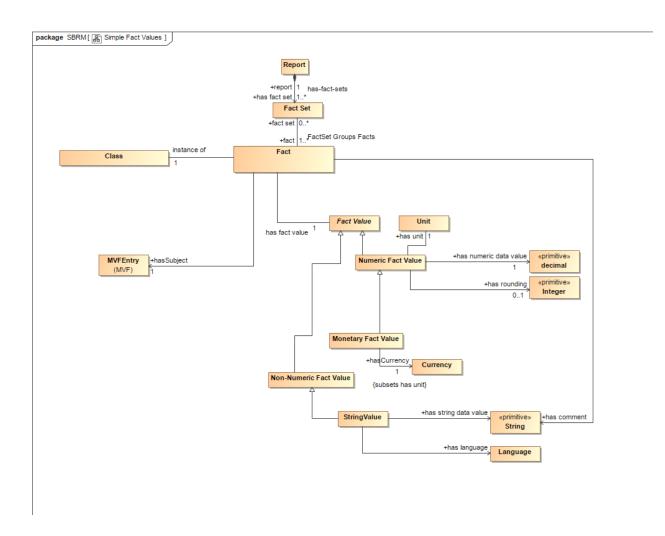
At the core is the *Fact* class, which serves as the fundamental unit of information within the report. *Fact Sets*, which group related *Facts* for logical organization and ease of access. Each *Fact Set* is linked to the *Report*, ensuring all relevant facts are properly categorized and associated with the report instance.

Key elements include:

- 1. Fact Value:
  - Every *Fact* has a *Fact Value*, representing the actual data point for that fact.
  - Fact Values can be further classified into:
    - *Numeric Fact Value*: a number with associated *Unit* (for example representing length, weight) and optional *rounding* information.

- *Monetary Fact Value*: A specialization of *Numeric Fact Value* where the associated *Unit* is a specific *Currency*.
- *Non-Numeric Fact Value*: Includes text or string-based values, such as comments or descriptions, which have an associated *Language*.
- 2. Relationships to Ontologies:
  - The subject of a fact is given by a *MVFEntry* (Multiple Vocabulary Facility Entry), a generic class from the [MVF] specification which represents a concept independent of specific ontologies or vocabularies used to represent it. This links *Facts* to subjects, enabling semantic alignment and ensuring that each fact can be mapped to relevant ontology concepts.

This approach provides a lightweight and flexible framework for representing non-financial report data, focusing on modularity and extensibility. By leveraging the simplicity of facts and values, it ensures broad applicability across various domains while maintaining compatibility with structured metadata and ontology frameworks.



# 7.3 Financial Report Design Approach

For ease of use in a modeling or ontology environment the approach is to represent each Concept (as used in XBRL) as a Class (metaclass) and use built-in rdf:type to associate the concept aspect with a Fact.

Debit/Credit and Instant/Period are represented as classes too.

Note that Class is used for the metamodel/ontology rather than Property despite it representing what is logically a property of the reporting entity. This is similar to XBRL's approach (all Facts are Elements)

SPARQL-based [SHACL] rules are used to represent arithmetic integrity/quality constraints e.g. for a Rollup the output = sum(input).

OWL restrictions are (somewhat redundantly) provided in addition to the SHACL for those working in a purely OWL environment.

The Financial Report Design Approach provides a robust framework for representing financial data in a modeling or ontology environment. It emphasizes compatibility with semantic standards (e.g., OWL, SHACL) and established practices like XBRL.

1. Representation of Concepts as Classes:

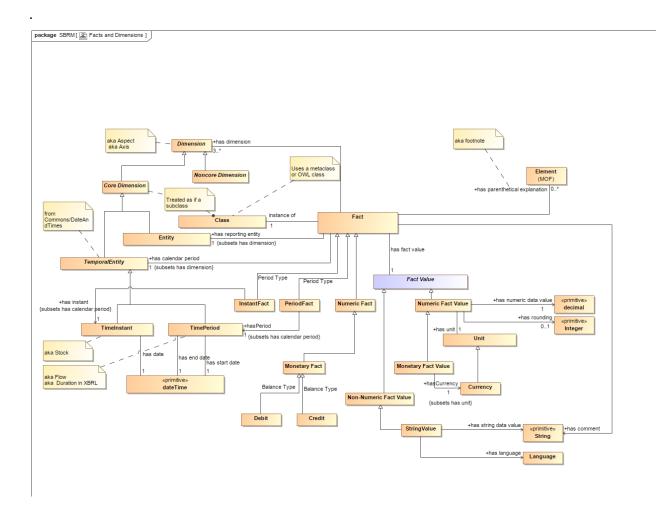
- Each Concept in the financial reporting domain, as defined in XBRL, is represented as a Class (metaclass) within the ontology. This allows for a structured and extensible representation of financial reporting elements.
- The rdf:type property associates these concepts with specific Facts, enabling semantic alignment between the data model and the reporting context.
- Additional financial constructs, such as Debit/Credit and Instant/Period, are also represented as classes, ensuring their inclusion in the semantic model.
- 2. Rationale for Using Classes:
  - The design leverages Classes rather than Properties for the metamodel and ontology representation. While these elements logically act as properties of the reporting entity, representing them as classes provides greater flexibility for modeling complex relationships and constraints.
  - This approach mirrors XBRL's treatment, where all Facts are treated as Elements, maintaining consistency with widely adopted financial reporting standards.
- 3. Arithmetic Integrity and Quality Constraints:
  - SPARQL-based SHACL rules define arithmetic integrity and quality constraints within the reporting framework. For example:
    - A Rollup operation is modeled such that the output = sum(input) relationship is explicitly enforced through SHACL.
    - These rules provide a formal mechanism to validate financial relationships, ensuring data consistency and accuracy.
- 4. OWL Restrictions for Compatibility:
  - While SHACL rules are the primary mechanism for representing constraints, OWL restrictions are also provided. Though somewhat redundant, these OWLbased definitions cater to users operating in OWL-only environments, ensuring compatibility across different modeling contexts.
- 5. Alignment with Ontology and XBRL Standards:
  - This design ensures broad applicability by aligning with XBRL's approach and incorporating both SHACL and OWL. It supports both traditional financial reporting systems and advanced ontology-driven modeling environments.

# 7.4 Facts for Report Submissions

Compared to the Simple Approach in 7.2, Figure 3 captures an extended representation of *Facts* and their associated elements for more sophisticated report submissions where *Facts* have additional *Dimensions* in addition to their *Values*. At the core again is the *Fact* class, which serves as the fundamental unit of data in a submission. Each *Fact* is characterized by its *Class*, providing semantic meaning (covered in more detail in 7.5), and whether its value applies to a point in time (*InstantFact*) or a time period (*PeriodFact*); and for Monetary Facts whether they represent a *Debit* or a *Credit*.

The *Fact Value* associated with each *Fact* is modeled as a distinct structure, which is covered in 7.2. This Figure 3 extended diagram also includes the relationships between Facts and their *Dimensions*, optionally referred to as Aspects or Axes, which provide additional context. The approach of analyzing facts using Dimensions is common to data warehousing and data cubes. These *Dimensions* are divided into two categories:

- *Core Dimensions*: Universal to all submissions, including the *Entity* (reporting organization to which the facts apply) and *CalendarPeriod* (time-based aspects like start and end dates).
- *Noncore Dimensions*: User-defined dimensions that allow customization to meet specific reporting requirements. Examples of such Dimensions could include locations, products, organizational units, and they in turn could be hierarchical as detailed in 7.6.



## 7.5 Classes

Figure 4 elaborates the model for *Class*, as introduced in 7.4. It is a fundamental building block for representing the semantics of *Facts* in the report submission framework that can also be seen as a core *Dimension* – one that provides the Concept or meaning for multiple *Facts*.

- 1. Core Definition of a Class:
  - A *Class* encapsulates the semantic meaning of a *Fact*, enabling precise representation and interpretation. Each *Class* is associated with one or more *MVFEntries* (Multiple Vocabulary Facility Entries), which link the *Class* to external vocabularies or ontologies, enriching its meaning and ensuring interoperability. Importantly, and somewhat counter-intuitively, a Class here

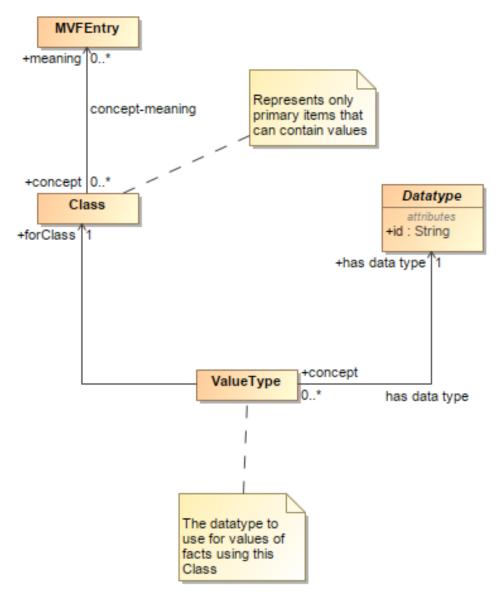
will typically be linked via a MVFEntry to a Property in an external ontology, since it represents something that will have a specific value – for example PayrollTax, NumberOfEmployees.

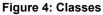
- 2. Relationships:
  - MVFEntry:
    - The *MVFEntry* establishes the connection between a *Class* and its conceptual meaning, supporting alignment with external standards or domain-specific terminologies.
    - Each *Class* can have multiple associated *MVFEntries*, enabling broader applicability across diverse domains.
  - ValueType:
    - The *ValueType* specifies the allowable datatypes for values associated with the *Class*, bearing in mind that Classes are generally associated with external properties. This ensures that *Facts* using a given *Class* adhere to defined data formats.
  - Datatype:
    - A Class is linked to a *Datatype*, represented by its unique id. The Datatype defines the structure or format of values (e.g., String, Integer), enforcing consistency in how data is captured and represented.
    - •
- 3. Key Attributes and Functions:
  - Concept Flexibility:

*Classes* are designed to be flexible and reusable across multiple *Facts*, which differ in their other *Dimensions* (for example the Class *TotalSales* would apply to Facts for different regions and different products). A single *Class* can serve as the foundation for multiple reporting elements, enhancing modularity and reducing redundancy.

• Value Constraint:

By associating Classes with specific ValueTypes and Datatypes, the model ensures that values conform to the expected format, supporting validation and quality assurance.





## 7.6 Report Definition - Types of Report Element

Figure 5 moves from Report Instances to Report Definitions and introduces the fundamental building blocks, or Report Elements, that comprise a report. These elements define the structure, organization, and semantics of the report, ensuring clarity and consistency in data representation. The diagram provides an overview of the types of elements within a report definition (which are expanded on in later sections) and how they're arranged hierarchically.

#### **Core Report Elements**

- Report Element:
  - The most general entity in the hierarchy represents any element that can appear in a report. It is also referred to as an Item.
  - Report Elements can take various forms, depending on their role in the definition of the report.
- Structure Element:
  - A subtype of Report Element represents elements that define a report's structural organization.
  - Examples include Sections, Line Items, and Hypercubes, which collectively form the report's framework.
- Structure:
  - A category of Structure Element used to organize data in hierarchical or grouped forms, such as tables or line items.

Specific Types of Structure Elements

- Class:
  - This was covered in 7.5 and is the most atomic type of Report Element, linked directly to Facts with Values. A Concept provides semantic meaning to individual pieces of data and is essential for aligning Facts with their definitions in a report.
  - In essence, a Class is the only Report Element that has a direct relationship with data values.

#### • Dimension:

- This was covered in 7.4 and represents aspects or axes that describe data, such as time, location, or other contextual details.
- Dimensions help classify and organize data, providing additional context for the facts represented in a report.
- Section:

- Represents a logical grouping of Report Elements, such as chapters, headings, or specific divisions in the report.
- Line Items:
  - A subset of Structure Elements representing rows in a table or lists of items under a specific heading.
- Hypercube:
  - A specialized structure that defines a multidimensional space for organizing data. This is equivalent to the cube structure often seen in traditional data warehouses.
  - Attributes:
    - *isClosed*: A Boolean value indicating whether the Hypercube's *Dimensions* are complete (e.g., all combinations of members are present).
  - Hypercubes are critical for handling complex data arrangements, such as financial reports with multiple dimensions.

#### • Member:

- Represents an individual element within a *Dimension*, covered in more detail in 7.8.
- Attributes:
  - *isHierarchyAdditive*: A Boolean value indicating whether *Members* can be summed hierarchically (for example this is normally the case in a regional hierarchy of district, county, state, country).
- Domain:
  - Represents a specific type of *Member*, often called All X, to indicate all possible members within a specific category or grouping.

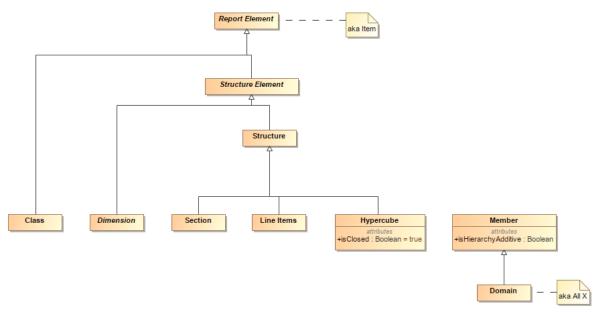


Figure 5: Types of Report Element

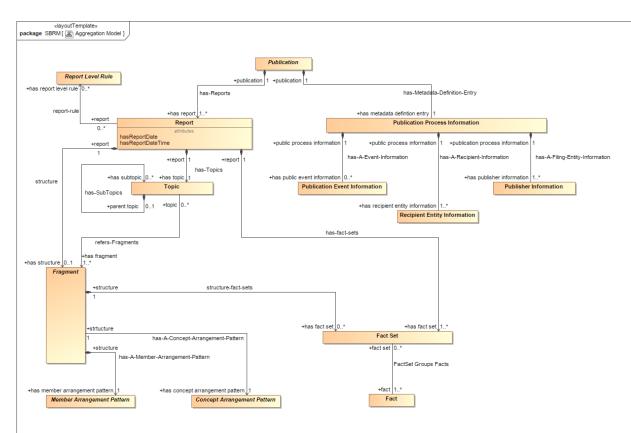
# 7.7 Top Level Structure

Figure 6 captures the hierarchical framework for organizing and categorizing elements within a *Publication*. This structure emphasizes the relationships between the overarching *Publication*, its constituent *Reports*, and additional organizational elements such as *Topics* and *Fragments*. *Publication* and *Report* were already covered in 7.1.

- Publication
  - A *Publication* represents the top-level entity in this framework, encompassing everything that might be submitted as part of a reporting process.
  - Each *Publication* can include multiple Reports, serving as a container for the individual information units.
- Reports
  - A *Report* is a core entity within a *Publication*, defined by attributes such as *hasReportDate* and *hasReportDateTime*
  - *Reports* may have additional metadata linked to *Publication Process Information* to capture submission details.
- Report Level Rules:

- Reports are associated with *Report Level Rules*, which define validation or structural constraints at the report level (e.g., arithmetic rules, structural requirements).
- Topics
  - *Topics* are optional organizational elements used for:
    - Categorizing different parts of a report.
    - Organizing information into logical sections.
  - A *Topic* can have:
    - *SubTopics*: Representing a hierarchical organization of content.
    - *Parent Topics*: Allowing for nested or related topics to be defined within the structure.
- Fragments
  - *Fragments* provide further modularization within the structure. They allow for breaking down a report into smaller, reusable parts.
  - Fragments can:
    - Reference other Fragments (using *refers-Fragments*).
    - Contain *Fact Sets* to group related data (already covered in 7.2).
    - Include Arrangement Patterns, such as:
    - *Concept Arrangement Patterns*: To define the logical relationships between *Facts*. See 7.9.
    - *Member Arrangement Patterns*: To structure relationships within *Dimensions*. See 7.10.
- Fact Sets
  - *Fact Sets* are groupings of individual *Facts* within a *Fragment*. These groupings:
    - Enable the logical organization of related data points.

- Are tied to the *Concept Arrangement Patterns* and *Member Arrangement Patterns*, which define the semantics of the relationships within the group.
- Supporting Entities
  - *Publication Process Information*: This section links the *Publication* to the metadata, recipient information, and events related to the submission process.
  - *Publication Event Information*: Provides when the report is produced (e.g., quarterly, after a type of corporate action), ensuring clarity in the submission process.
  - *Recipient Entity Information*: Provides details about who the report is intended for, ensuring clarity in the submission process.
  - *Publisher Information*: Provides details about who publishes the report and how (e.g., the SEC on the EDGAR site).



# 7.8 Report Structure

Figure 7 captures the hierarchical organization of elements within a report definition, emphasizing the whole-part relationships that define how the different structural components interact. This diagram illustrates these relationships and explains how each element contributes to the report's framework.

- Report Element
  - The *Report Element* is the top-level abstraction for structural components in a report. It can represent any individual item that forms part of the report's hierarchy.
  - It serves as a foundation for all subordinate Structure Elements.
- Structure Element
  - A Structure Element represents any intermediate or final component in the report's framework, such as *Sections*, *Tables*, or *Line Items*. See also 7.6 which has a further breakdown, including *Dimension*.
  - These elements organize and group content within the report, ensuring modularity and reusability.

- A *Structure Element* can be a *Structure* that provides the report hierarchy.
- Structure
  - The *Structure* class defines how the *Structure Elements* are organized or linked to one another.
  - It includes:
    - *Structure Associations*: Represent relationships between structure elements (e.g., "has part" or "is part of").
    - These associations support attributes such as sequence, which determines the structure's order or hierarchy of elements.
- Structure Association
  - A *Structure Association* defines the relationships between structural components.
  - Example: Linking sections to subsections or tables to their respective line items.
  - Attributes:
    - *sequence*: Specifies the order of elements within a structure, allowing for sequential organization or aggregation.
- Member Arrangement Pattern
  - This class represents patterns for arranging Members within a structure and is covered in detail in 7.9.
- Member
  - A Member represents an individual element within a Member Arrangement Pattern.
    - Example: A specific data field, column, or grouping within a table.
    - Attributes:
      - *isHierarchyAdditive*: A Boolean attribute indicating whether the member's values can be summed hierarchically.

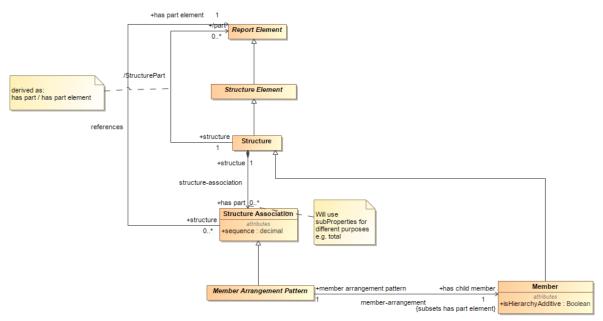


Figure 7: Report Structure

# 7.9 Concept Arrangement Patterns

Figure 8 provides an overview of predefined patterns that overlay simple calculation structures with additional whole-part relationships and integrity rules. Each of the subclasses is described in its own diagram in the following sections, except for TextBlock which can be elaborated using the Document Components and SPAR ontologies.

These patterns are essential for organizing financial reports in a structured, consistent, and semantically meaningful way. They also enforce rules for combining specific elements, such as time periods and balance types, to ensure data quality and validity.

#### **Focus on Financial Reports**

These patterns are tailored to support common financial reporting structures and adhere to best practices outlined in the [XBRL book], rather than supporting unrestricted or arbitrary arrangements. By following widely accepted standards, this approach ensures:

- Alignment with Industry Practices: The patterns facilitate reporting consistency across organizations and jurisdictions.
- Interoperability: Reports structured using these patterns can be more easily integrated into reporting systems and analytical tools.

• Data Integrity: The constraints imposed by the patterns enhance the logical consistency of report components.

#### **Pattern Overview**

These patterns enhance the basic calculation structure by introducing rules and relationships that govern:

- 1. How data is arranged within a report: Each pattern specifies the structure and organization of report elements.
- 2. What types of periods and balance types can be combined? Rules ensure the compatibility and semantic validity of combined data.
- 3. The logical consistency and integrity of report components: Constraints prevent errors and misalignments in reporting.

The specific Concept Arrangement Patterns are as follows:

- *Set*:
  - A simple grouping of related concepts or facts without requiring any specific arithmetic relationships.
- Roll Up:
  - Represents a summation relationship where individual items (e.g., line items) roll up into a total.
  - Example: Summing expenses across categories to produce a total expense.
- Roll Forward:
  - Tracks change over time, starting with an opening balance, adding changes (e.g., income or expense), and ending with a closing balance.
  - Example: Cash flow statements.
- Roll Forward Info:
  - Add explanatory details or metadata to a roll forward, such as descriptions or supporting notes.
- Adjustment:

- Represents changes or corrections applied to data, such as restatements or journal adjustments.
- Variance:
  - Compares two data points to calculate differences, often used for budget vs. actual comparisons.
  - Example: Comparing forecasted vs. actual revenue.
- Arithmetic Expression:
  - Represents a formula or rule that defines a calculation beyond simple summation or comparison.
  - Example: Profit = Revenue Expenses.
- TextBlock:
  - Represents narrative or textual content within a report, such as notes, policies, or disclosures.
  - Attributes:
    - *TextBlocks* can include formatted content and often serve as containers for descriptive text.
    - Specific levels or types of *TextBlock* (e.g., Notes, Policies, Disclosures) are standard in financial reporting.

#### **Key Features of the Patterns**

- Whole-Part Structure:
  - The patterns rely on a hierarchical structure in which smaller components aggregate into larger, more comprehensive elements (e.g., line items *roll up* into totals).
- Integrity Rules:
  - Each pattern is associated with integrity rules that govern the data types and relationships allowed within the pattern. These rules ensure consistency and validity.
  - Example Rules:

- Time periods must align in *Roll Forward* patterns.
- Balance types (e.g., *debit* vs. *credit*) must be consistent across calculations.

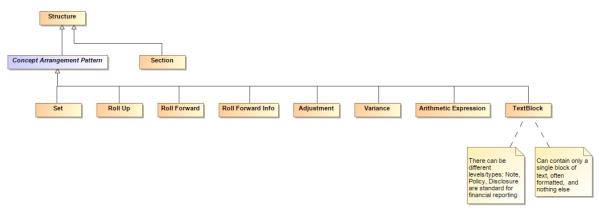


Figure 8: Concept Arrangement Patterns

#### 7.9.1 Set Concept Arrangement Pattern

Figure 9 represents a structural pattern that organizes a sequence of elements without imposing any numeric or computational relationships between them. This pattern is particularly useful for grouping related elements hierarchically or sequentially, emphasizing organization over calculation.

- 1. Non-Numeric Relationships:
  - Unlike other patterns (e.g., *Roll Up* or *Arithmetic Expression*), the *Set Pattern* does not involve any mathematical or logical computations.
  - Its purpose is purely organizational, creating a structured sequence of related elements.
- 2. Sequence Arrangement:
  - The pattern arranges elements in a specific sequence, represented by the *SetMember* class.
  - The *sequence* attribute (an integer) specifies the order of elements within the set, ensuring that the hierarchy or sequence is clearly defined.
- 3. Member Elements:
  - Each *Set* contains one or more *SetMembers* (1..\* cardinality), which are individual elements of the set.
  - Each *SetMember* references exactly one *Report Element*, linking the member to its corresponding structural or content component.
- 4. Exclusions:
  - Not a TextBlock: The Set Pattern differs from *TextBlocks* used for narrative or descriptive content.
  - No Mathematical Computations: This pattern is not used for numeric relationships like summation, comparison, or roll-forward logic.

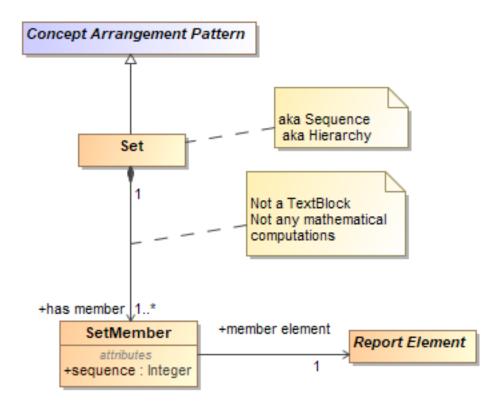


Figure 9: Set Concept Arrangement Pattern

#### 7.9.2 Roll Up Concept Arrangement Pattern

In this pattern sequence of inputs are accumulated (added or subtracted depending on the property isAdded) to form a total for the same period.

Figure 10 represents the foundational structure for organizing and calculating numeric data within financial and other structured reports. This pattern accumulates a sequence of numeric inputs, adding or subtracting them based on their properties to calculate a total for the same time period. It ensures the consistency and accuracy of aggregated data, aligning with best practices for reporting.

- Accumulation of Inputs:
  - This pattern aggregates multiple inputs to produce a total value.
  - The *isAdded* attribute determines the accumulation logic (addition or subtraction) for the specific input value:
    - *isAdded* = true: The value is added to the total.
    - *isAdded* = false: The value is subtracted from the total.
- Sequence and Order:
  - The *sequence* attribute of *Numeric Input* specifies the order of inputs, ensuring that the aggregation follows a defined progression.
- Numeric Consistency:
  - All inputs in a *Roll Up* must share the same *Dimensions* (e.g., time period, unit of measure) and datatype to ensure consistency and avoid mismatched calculations.
- Numeric Concept:
  - The *Numeric Concept* class represents the meaning of all the numeric values.

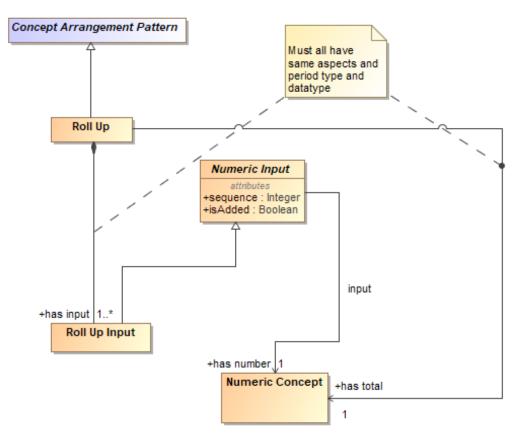
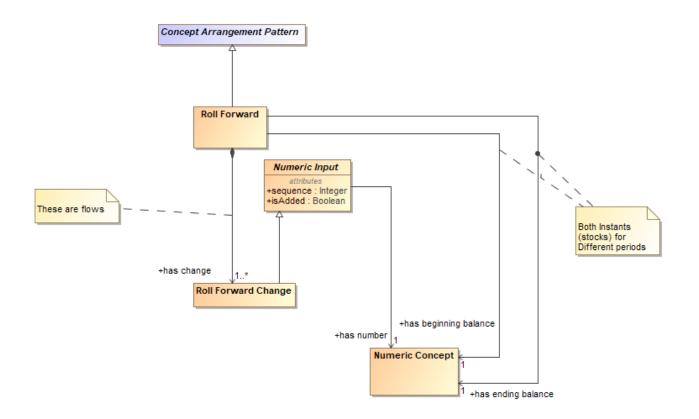


Figure 10: Roll Up Concept Arrangement Pattern

#### 7.9.3 Roll Forward Concept Arrangement Pattern

Figure 11 represents a design to track changes over time by linking beginning balances, incremental changes (inflows and outflows), and ending balances for a given period. This pattern is essential in financial and operational reporting to reconcile values across time periods, ensuring logical consistency and data traceability.

- Flows and Stocks:
  - This pattern captures flows (changes over time) and stocks (values at specific instants).
  - Flows represent changes within a given period (e.g., revenues, expenses, adjustments).
  - **Stocks** represent balances at specific instants, such as the beginning and ending balances of a reporting period.
- Structure and Components:
  - *Roll Forward Change*: Represents one or more incremental changes (e.g., inflows or outflows) during the reporting period.
  - *Numeric Input*: The underlying data element for flows, with attributes:
    - *sequence*: Determines the order of changes.
    - *isAdded*: Boolean that specifies whether a change is an inflow (added) or an outflow (subtracted).
  - *Numeric Concept*: Represents the meaning of each number.
- Period Alignment:
  - The *beginning balance* and *ending balance* are stocks captured as **instants**, ensuring alignment with specific reporting periods.
  - The flows between these instants (represented by *Roll Forward Change*) define these balances' differences.



#### 7.9.4 Roll Forward Info Concept Arrangement Pattern

Figure 12 represents a specialized variation of the Roll Forward Concept Arrangement Pattern, with a key distinction: it does not incorporate any numeric changes or flows. Instead, this pattern provides additional contextual or explanatory information associated with a beginning balance and an ending balance for a specific reporting period.

- No Changes:
  - Unlike the *Roll Forward Pattern*, this pattern excludes numeric changes (e.g., inflows, outflows, or adjustments).
  - It focuses solely on the beginning and ending balances, serving as a static representation of these values over time.
- Informational Context:
  - This pattern is typically used to present explanatory or descriptive information that adds meaning to the reported balances.
  - For example, it may include supporting details, metadata, or narratives relevant to the balances.
- Structure and Components:
  - *Roll Forward Info*: As the pattern's primary container, linking the balances and associated information.
  - *Numeric Concept*: represents the meaning of all the numeric values.

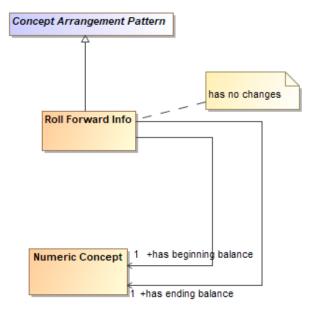


Figure 12: Roll Forward Info Concept Arrangement Pattern

#### 7.9.5 Adjustment Concept Arrangement Pattern

Figure 13 represents the design to handle corrections or adjustments to an original numeric value, resulting in a restated (corrected) value for the same reporting period. This pattern is particularly useful for financial and operational reporting when errors or retroactive changes need to be captured and reconciled in a structured manner.

- Corrections to Original Data:
  - This pattern adjusts an *original balance* using one or more *Adjustment Changes* (e.g., corrections, restatements).
  - The final result is a *restated balance* for the same reporting period.
- Structure and Components:
  - *Adjustment*: The central pattern that organizes and manages the correction process.
  - *Adjustment Change*: Represents individual corrections applied to the original balance.
  - *Numeric Input*: The underlying data for the adjustment, with attributes:
    - *sequence*: Specifies the order in which adjustments are applied.
    - *isAdded*: A Boolean indicating whether the adjustment is positive (added) or negative (subtracted).
  - Numeric Concept: Represents the meaning of all of the numeric values.
- Same Reporting Period:
  - The *original balance* and the *restated balance* apply to the same reporting period but may be reported at different times (e.g., after corrections are made).

Figure 13: Adjustment Concept Arrangement Pattern

#### 7.9.6 Variance Concept Arrangement Pattern

The pattern in Figure 14 facilitates the comparison of elements or structures across two distinct scenarios or assumptions. This pattern is particularly useful for identifying differences between projected and actual values or contrasting alternative outcomes under various assumptions. It provides a structured way to analyze and report financial, operational, or strategic variances.

- Comparison Across Scenarios:
  - This pattern evaluates the same element (e.g., a *Report Element*) or structure under two different *Reporting Scenarios*.
  - Common examples include:
    - Budget vs. Actual: Analyzing differences between planned and realized results.
    - Forecast vs. Actual: Comparing predictions to outcomes.
    - Stress Test Assumptions: Evaluating variances under hypothetical conditions.
- Structure and Components:
  - *Variance*: The central concept organizes the comparative analysis.
  - Reporting Scenario:
    - Represents the context or condition (e.g., budget, forecast, actual) for the comparison.
    - Allows alignment of assumptions across different *Structure Elements*.
  - Structure Element:
    - Represents the hierarchical arrangement of *Report Elements* subject to comparison.
  - Report Element:
    - The individual data points or components which differ between the scenarios, which may exist at any level of the reporting hierarchy.
- Flexibility Across Reporting Levels:

• The pattern can be applied at any level of the reporting hierarchy, enabling detailed or high-level variance analysis.

Figure 14: Variance Concept Arrangement Pattern

#### 7.9.7 Arithmetic Expression Concept Arrangement Pattern

Figure 15 models mathematical calculations within a structured reporting environment. This pattern is essential for financial and business reporting, where derived metrics rely on formulas. The structure supports numeric concepts, operators, and operands while ensuring logical consistency and validation through constraints.

- Central Expression Structure:
  - Arithmetic *Expression* serves as the core construct for representing mathematical operations. It can include simple calculations or nested expressions for hierarchical operations.
  - Nested expressions are supported through the *as nested expression* relationship, enabling multi-step calculations.
- Operator and Operand Integration:
  - *Operators* specify the type of operation (e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division) defined through the *has operator* relationship.
  - *Operands* represent inputs for operations, which can be constants, numeric concepts, or nested expressions.
  - Operands include a *sequence* attribute, which orders the inputs to ensure correctness in multi-input calculations.
- Numeric Concept Usage:
  - Numeric values, either as operands or results, are represented by Numeric Concept elements. These values are identified via the *as number* relationship.
- Constraint Validation:
  - The pattern enforces logical consistency through constraints such as {xor}, ensuring that either a Numeric Concept or another Arithmetic Expression is used as an operand, but not both simultaneously.
- Flexibility for Complex Calculations:
  - Supports both basic arithmetic formulas (e.g., Profit = Revenue Expenses) and nested, multi-layered computations (e.g., Net Income = (Total Revenue -Total Expenses) / Total Assets).

Figure 15: Arithmetic Expression Concept Arrangement Pattern

## 7.10 Hypercube Structure

Hypercubes, or Multi-Dimensional Tables, shown in Figure 16, are specialized structures that organize and analyze data across multiple *Dimensions*. They extend the general whole-part structure by incorporating dimensions, or axes, that define the context for data elements. These dimensions provide the framework for arranging data hierarchically and enable sophisticated reporting and analysis. *Hypercubes* are particularly useful in financial and operational reporting, where data relationships and aggregations must be precisely structured and maintained. Each Hypercube consists of *Line Items* (the core data elements) and a set of *Dimensions*, which can either be explicitly defined or dynamically generated through *Datatypes*.

- Multi-Dimensional Structure:
  - *Hypercubes* organize data along multiple axes or *Dimensions*, each representing a unique aspect of the data, such as time, location, or product category.
- Line Items:
  - The *Dimensions* arrange and contextualize the core reportable elements within the table, such as revenue, expenses, or sales figures.
- Dimension Categories:
  - *Explicit Dimensions*: Defined by a finite, named set of *Members* (e.g., regions or departments).
  - *Typed Dimensions*: Use custom *Datatypes* (e.g., dates or numerical ranges) for dynamic or infinite *Members*.
- Hierarchical Member Relationships:
  - *Members* within *Dimensions* can be arranged hierarchically, supporting rollups or aggregations. For example, individual sales data can be aggregated to regional totals and then to a global total.
  - The *isHierarchyAdditive* attribute ensures that Members contribute arithmetically to their parent level.
- Support for Aggregation:

- Fact Values associated with Members can be aggregated to higher levels within a Dimension, often culminating in an All Member representing the complete set for that Dimension.
- Domain Definition:
  - *Explicit Dimensions* are tied to a *Domain*, which defines the total population of possible *Members* for a *Dimension*, ensuring data completeness and consistency.
- Flexibility Through Typed Dimensions:
  - Using custom *Datatypes*, *Typed Dimensions* provide flexibility in dynamically defining *Members*, expanding the applicability of *Hypercubes* to diverse reporting scenarios.
- Attribute for Closure:
  - The *isClosed* attribute specifies whether the Hypercube contains a complete set of dimensions critical for ensuring data integrity in certain reporting use cases.

By leveraging these features, Hypercubes offer a powerful and flexible mechanism for organizing and presenting multi-dimensional data while ensuring consistency, accuracy, and compliance with reporting standards.

Figure 16: Hypercube Structure

#### 7.11 Datatypes

Figure 17 shows SBRM's specification comprehensive set of general Datatypes that extend beyond traditional XML-oriented types (whose names start *xsd*). These Datatypes support diverse reporting needs, including numerical and non-numerical data. While foundational Datatypes such as numeric values, strings, and booleans remain central, SBRM introduces specialized types like *shares*, *percentages*, and *text* blocks for broader applicability. The Datatypes framework is extensible, allowing additional custom types to be defined as needed.

- Generalized Datatypes:
  - Moves beyond XML-specific constraints, offering a broader and more versatile foundation for data representation.
  - Enables reuse in non-XML-based applications or systems.

- Classification:
  - Numeric Datatypes:
    - Includes basic XML (*xsd*) types like *Integer*, *Decimal*, and *Float* and domain-specific types like *monetary* values, *shares*, and *per-share* amounts.
    - *Fractional* representation (with attributes *numerator* and *denominator*) allows precise mathematical modeling.
  - NonNumeric Datatypes:
    - Covers standard types such as S*tring* and Boolean alongside specialized representations like *TextBlock*, *XML*, and *JSON*.
- Extensibility:
  - The framework allows custom types to be added to support evolving business or domain-specific requirements.
- Precision and Flexibility:
  - *Numeric DataTypes* include attribute *rounding* for precision.
  - Specialized types (e.g., *TextBlock* and *JSON*) cater to narrative and structured data requirements.
- Cross-Domain Support:
  - Datatypes like *Monetary* values and *Shares* are tailored for financial and economic domains, while general-purpose types like *String* and *Boolean* address universal needs.

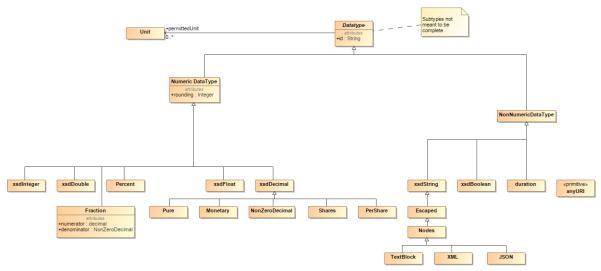


Figure 17: Datatypes

## 8. Ontology

The metamodel is also (more rigorously) represented as a set of ontologies, expressed in the Web Ontology Language (OWL). To provide additional semantic validation, optional constraints are expressed separately using SHACL (Shapes Constraint Language).

The ontology representation provides a more formalized structure than the UML diagrams in previous chapters, supporting reasoning, automated validation, and semantic interoperability across diverse applications. The files containing these ontologies are machine-readable and modular, allowing users to apply only the necessary components for their specific context.

## 8.1 Namespace Definitions for External Ontologies

The namespaces and prefixes corresponding to external elements required for use in the SBRM ontologies defined herein are provided in Table 8-1. These namespaces provide the foundational vocabularies and structural elements required for building and using the SBRM ontologies. The namespaces include OMG's Commons ontologies (e.g., cmns-av, cmns-doc), which provide foundational building blocks for modeling annotations, documents, and other elements.

The prefixes provided in Table 8-1 are normative, and their use is required in any conformant application or extension.

Namespace Prefix	Namespace
rdf	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
rdfs	http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#
owl	http://www.w3.org/2002/07/ow1#
sh	http://www.w3.org/ns/shacl#
xsd	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#
dct	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
skos	http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#
cmns-av	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/AnnotationVocabulary/
cmns-col	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/Collections/
cmns-cxtdsg	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/ContextualDesignators/
cmns-doc	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/Documents/

Table 8-1 Prefixes and Namespaces for Referenced/External Vocabularies

cmns-docc	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/DocumentComponents/			
cmns-dsg	s://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/Designators/			
cmns-dt	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/DatesAndTimes/			
cmns-pts	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/PartiesAndSituations/			
cmns-txt	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/TextDatatype/			
deo	http://purl.org/spar/deo			
doco	http://purl.org/spar/doco			
ро	http://www.essepuntato.it/2008/12/pattern#			

## 8.2 Namespace Definitions for the Ontologies Included in this Specification

Table 8-2 provides the namespace declarations required for use of the ontologies included in this specification. The prefixes provided in Table 8-2 are normative, and their use is required in any conformant application or extension.

The namespace approach taken for the SBRM ontologies included herein is based on OMG guidelines and is constructed as follows:

- The standard protocol, authority, and top-level specification part of any OMG specification namespace, which is <u>https://www.omg.org/spec/</u>
- The abbreviation for the specification: in this case SBRM
- The ontology name

Note that the namespaces end "/" as opposed to the common alternative of "#" (referred to as a "slash" rather than "hash" approach), in order to accommodate server-side applications, since for web access text after a "#" would not be sent to the server.

Namespace prefixes are constructed as follows with the components separated by "-":

- The abbreviation used for prefix purposes across SBRM: *sbrm*
- An abbreviation for the ontology name

The namespaces and prefixes for the individual ontologies are summarized in Table 8-2. Note that these are not versioned, although version IRIs are included in every OWL ontology and are documented in the metadata for each of them. See the metadata tables for the individual ontologies for that level of detail, below.

Namespace Prefix	Namespace
sbrm-frst	https://www.omg.org/SBRM/FinancialReportElements/
sbrm-rev	https://www.omg.org/SBRM/ReportingEnvelope/
sbrm-rst	https://www.omg.org/SBRM/ReportStructure/

#### Table 8-2 Prefix and Namespaces for the SBRM Ontologies

## 8.3 Reporting Envelope Ontology

The Reporting Envelope Ontology defines a "reporting envelope," a framework for organizing reports and their associated roles, such as submitters and recipients. This ontology corresponds to the Reporting Envelope metamodel detailed in Section 7.1 and extends its principles to provide a more formal representation using OWL (Web Ontology Language).

Designed to be high-level and flexible, this ontology supports various domain-specific reporting scenarios, including regulatory, business, and operational reports. It leverages foundational ontologies from the OMG Commons Ontology Library to ensure interoperability and reusability across diverse domains.

This ontology has been applied in multiple projects, such as the Financial Industry Business Ontology (FIBO), the Retail Industry Ontology (RIO), and the Pistoia Alliance's Identification of Medicinal Products Ontology (IDMP-O). These real-world applications demonstrate its versatility and effectiveness in addressing domain-specific reporting requirements.

Metadata for the Reporting Envelope ontology, which uses annotation properties from Dublin Core, SKOS, and the Commons Annotation Vocabulary, is given in Table 8-3, below.

Metadata Term	Value
OntologyIRI	https://www.omg.org/spec/SBRM/ReportingEnvelope/
rdfs:label	Reporting Envelope Ontology
dct:abstract	This ontology defines the general notion of a reporting envelope and related party concepts. It is designed to be very high level such that it can be extended to support any kind of domain-specific report, including but not limited to a business or regulatory report.
cmns-av:copyright	Copyright (c) 2018-2024 EDM Council, Inc.

#### Table 8-3 Reporting Envelope Ontology Metadata

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cmns-av:copyright	Copyright (c) 2019-2024 Federated Knowledge, LLC				
cmns-av:copyright	Copyright (c) 2022-2024 Adaptive, Inc.				
cmns-av:copyright	2022-2024 Auditchain Labs AG				
dct:license	https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT				
owl:versionIRI	https://www.omg.org/spec/SBRM/20241101/ReportingEnvelope/				
owl:imports	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/AnnotationVocabulary/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/ContextualDesignators/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/DatesAndTimes/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/Documents/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/PartiesAndSituations/				
skos:note	This ontology was originally designed for use in the Financial Industry Business Ontology (FIBO) for representing regulatory and other business reports, such as credit reports. It has since been extended based on usage in other projects, such as the emerging OMG Retail Industry Ontology (RIO) and Pistoia Alliance's Identification of Medicinal Products Ontology (IDMP-O) project.				

#### **Key Concepts**

The Reporting Envelope Ontology introduces several critical concepts:

- *Reporting Envelope*: A container that organizes a report and its associated parties, such as submitters and recipients.
- *Report*: A document presenting information for a specific purpose, often within a defined period or context.
- Related Parties: Entities involved in the reporting process, including:
  - *Submitter*: The party submitting the report.
  - *Intended Recipient*: The party authorized to receive the report.
  - *Reporting Party*: The entity responsible for creating the report.

These classes include properties to define relationships, such as submission date, report date, and the reporting period.

#### **Use of External Ontologies**

The ontology imports several foundational ontologies:

- Commons Annotation Vocabulary: For metadata annotations.
- Commons Documents: To describe reports as formal documents.
- Commons Parties and Situations: To define roles like submitter and recipient.
- Commons Dates and Times: Standardize temporal properties such as report and submission dates.

The Reporting Envelope Ontology provides a structured, extensible framework for modeling reports and their associated parties. Its integration with the OMG Commons Ontology Library ensures compatibility with other ontologies, supporting diverse reporting use cases across domains. By formalizing reporting concepts, this ontology enables consistent, reusable, and interoperable data models for regulatory, business, and operational contexts.

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composition	document containing a presentation of facts or a description of some proceeding, investigation or event	
- context	adapted from	080
designation	ISO 5127:2017(en), Information and documentation - Foundation and vocabulary, clause 3.4.7.32	
document     decentificate	explanatory note	080
	Reports may refer to specific periods, events, or subjects, and may be communicated or presented in oral, electronic, or written form.	
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Figure 8-1 Overview of the Report Class in Protégé

An overview *Reporting Envelope* ontology, showing detail of the main *Report* class, is given in Figure 8-1, above, which is a screenshot from the Protégé tool from Stanford University<sup>[1]</sup>. The detailed annotations and axioms that comprise the *Reporting Envelope* ontology are provided in Table 8-4, below.

#### Table 8-4 Reporting Envelope Ontology Details

Classes

Name	Annotations	Class Expressions
<b>IntendedRecipient</b> (intended recipient)	<u>Definition</u> : party that is responsible for and authorized to receive something, such as a message, package, or business or regulatory report	Parent Class: cmns-pts:PartyRole
	<u>Adapted from</u> : ISO 11568:2023(en) Financial services — Key management (retail), clause 3.73	
Report (report)	<u>Definition</u> : document containing a presentation of facts or a description of some	Parent Class: cmns-doc:Document
	proceeding, investigation or event	<u>Property Restriction</u> : $\geq 0$ isReportedTo.IntendedRecipient
	Explanatory note: Reports may refer to specific periods, events, or subjects, and may be communicated or presented in oral,	<u>Property Restriction</u> : $\geq 0$ isSubmittedBy.Submitter
	electronic, or written form. <u>Adapted from</u> : ISO 5127:2017(en),	<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 cmns- cxtdsg:hasApplicablePeriod.cmns- dt:DatePeriod
	Information and documentation - Foundation and vocabulary, clause 3.4.7.32	<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 hasReportDateTime.cmns-dt:DateTime
		<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 hasSubmissionDateTime.cmns- dt:DateTime
		<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 hasReportDate.cmns-dt:ExplicitDate
		<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 hasSubmissionDate.cmns- dt:ExplicitDate
		<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 isSubmittedTo.cmns-pts:PartyRole
		<u>Property Restriction</u> : ∃ isReportedBy.ReportingParty
ReportingParty (reporting	Definition: party that develops and provides a	Parent Class: cmns-pts:PartyRole
party)	report, often in response to some contractual, legal, business, or regulatory requirement	<u>Property Restriction</u> : ∃ cmns- doc:specifies.Report
Submitter (submitter)	Definition: party delivering something, such as a regulatory report	Parent Class: cmns-pts:PartyRole
	Explanatory note: Note that in many cases, but not all, the reporting party and submitter are the same party.	<u>Property Restriction</u> : ≥ 0 submits.Report

#### Properties

Name	Annotations	Property Axioms
hasReportDate (has report date)	Definition: date on which a report was issued	Parent Property: cmns- dt:hasDateOfIssuance, cmns-dt:hasExplicitDate <u>Range</u> : cmns- dt:ExplicitDate
hasReportDateTime (has report date time)	<u>Definition</u> : date and time at which a report was issued	Parent Property: cmns- dt;hasDateTime <u>Range</u> : cmns- dt:DateTime
hasSubmissionDate (has submission date)	<u>Definition</u> : date on which a report was provided to its intended recipient	<u>Parent Property</u> : cmns- dt:hasDateOfIssuance, cmns-dt:hasExplicitDate <u>Range</u> : cmns- dt:ExplicitDate
hasSubmissionDateTime (has submission date time)	<u>Definition</u> : date and time at which a report was provided to its intended recipient	Parent Property: cmns- dt;hasDateTime <u>Range</u> : cmns- dt:DateTime
<b>isReportedBy</b> (is reported by)	Definition: indicates the party that reports something	<u>Parent Property</u> : cmns- pts:hasPartyRole <u>Range</u> : ReportingParty
isReportedTo (is reported to)	<u>Definition</u> : indicates the party for which a report has been prepared and to whom the report should be delivered	<u>Parent Property</u> : cmns- pts:hasPartyRole <u>Range</u> : IntendedRecipient
<b>isSubmittedBy</b> (is submitted by)	<u>Definition</u> : indicates the party that submits something	Parent Property: cmns- pts:hasPartyRole <u>Range</u> : Submitter <u>Inverse</u> : submits
<b>isSubmittedTo</b> (is submitted to)	<u>Definition</u> : indicates the party to which something is submitted	<u>Parent Property</u> : cmns- pts:hasPartyRole <u>Range</u> : PartyRole
reportsOn (reports on)	<u>Definition</u> : indicates a subject matter, observation(s), assessment(s), focus or other topic of a report	<u>Parent Property</u> : cmns- doc:isAbout <u>Domain</u> : Report

<sup>[1]</sup> <u>https://protege.stanford.edu/</u>

## 8.4 Report Structure Ontology

This ontology defines concepts used for specifying the structure of a report. It is designed to be very high level such that it can be extended to support any kind of domain-specific report, including but not limited to a business or regulatory report. It reuses ontologies defined in the OMG's Commons Ontology Library.

Metadata for the Report Structure ontology, which uses annotation properties from Dublin Core, SKOS, and the Commons Annotation Vocabulary, is given in Table 8-5, below.

Metadata Term	Value			
OntologyIRI	https://www.omg.org/spec/SBRM/ReportStructure/			
rdfs:label	Report Structure Ontology			
dct:abstract	This ontology defines concepts used for specifying the structure of a report. It is designed to be very high level such that it can be extended to support any kind of domain-specific report, including but not limited to a business or regulatory report.			
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cmns-av:copyright	Copyright (c) 2018-2024 Thematix Partners LLC			
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cmns-av:copyright	2022-2024 Auditchain Labs AG			
dct:license	https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT			
owl:versionIRI	https://www.omg.org/spec/SBRM/20241101/ReportStructure/			
owl:imports	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/AnnotationVocabulary/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/ContextualDesignators/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/DatesAndTimes/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/Documents/ https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/PartiesAndSituations/			

Table 8-5 Report Structure Ontology Metadata

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- e hypercube		000
aspect classifier	explanatory note Often the fact value takes the form of a number, but it can also be textual information, or narrative/prose.	080
- e dimension	explanatory note	000
factor     collection	The links a relevant time point or period is intentionally vague to allow for variation depending on the nature of the fact and whether or not time is a factor in describing the fact.	000
fact set     structured collection		
value domain	Description: fact	
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Figure 8-2 Overview of the Report Structure and Fact Class in Protégé

An overview of the *Report Structure* ontology, showing detail of the main *Fact* class is given in Figure 8-2, above.

### 8.5 Financial Report Elements Ontology

This ontology defines concepts used for specifying financial components of a report. It is designed to be very high level such that it can be extended to support any kind of domain-specific report, including but not limited to a business or regulatory report. It reuses ontologies defined in the OMG's Commons Ontology Library.

Metadata for the Financial Report Elements ontology, which uses annotation properties from Dublin Core, SKOS, and the Commons Annotation Vocabulary, is given in Table 8-5, below.

Metadata Term	Value
OntologyIRI	https://www.omg.org/SBRM/FinancialReportElements/
rdfs:label	Financial Report Elements Ontology
dct:abstract	This ontology defines concepts used for specifying financial components of a report. It is designed to be very high level such that it can be extended to support any kind of domain-specific report, including but not limited to a business or regulatory report.
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cmns-av:copyright	Copyright (c) 2022-2024 Adaptive, Inc.				
cmns-av:copyright	2022-2024 Auditchain Labs AG				
dct:license	https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT				
owl:versionIRI	https://www.omg.org/SBRM/20241101/FinancialReportElements/				
owl:imports	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/AnnotationVocabulary/				
	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/ContextualDesignators/				
	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/DatesAndTimes/				
	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/Documents/				
	https://www.omg.org/spec/Commons/PartiesAndSituations/				

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owl:Thing	rdfstabel	88
gent     garangement	adjusted value	
aspect	definition	08
collection	modified value for something included in a report	
- context	example For example, an adjusted value in a financial report is a modified value after accounting for specific changes, such as corrections, reclassifications, or non-recurring items, to better reflect financial performance or a position.	00
discourse element		08
document     expression	explanatory note Additional anotations that explain the reasons for and provide data lineage may be required depending on the report.	00
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	thas expression	000
situation     specification	Thas original value 'exactly 1's calar quantity value'     Thas related value' vacue' 1's calar quantity value'	008
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Figure 8-3 Overview of the Financial Report Elements Hierarchy and Adjusted Value Class in Protégé

An overview of the *Financial Report Elements* ontology, showing detail of the *adjusted value* class, is given in Figure 8-3, above.

# Annex A Standard Business Report Model Narrative Introduction (Informative)

This clause contains a narrative building up the structure of a (financial) report from the most primitive facts to more sophisticated structures. It is illustrated with examples in both traditional XBRL structures (with footnotes linking to live web-based examples), and the SBRM equivalent, showing both the relevant parts of the metamodel (as diagrams) and the equivalent data (as RDF corresponding to the equivalent SBRM ontology)

## A.1 Report Basics

A scalar is a fact which has no characteristics; it stands on its own. For example, the value of pi is a scalar, the value of pi never changes; it always has the same value for everyone. (Pi or  $\pi$  is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and always has the value of equal to 3.14)

## Fact Value 3.14

A business **report**<sup>1</sup> communicates information in the form of numbers and words. A **fact**<sup>2</sup> defines a single, observable, reportable piece of information contained within a business report, or **fact value**<sup>3</sup>, contextualized for unambiguous interpretation or analysis by one or more distinguishing aspects (a.k.a. characteristics). For example, below are two facts with the values of "2,000" and "1,000". However, the two facts above are not contextualized.

Fact Value	
2,000	
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An **aspect**<sup>4</sup> describes a fact. An aspect provides information necessary to describe a fact or distinguish one fact from another fact within a report. For example, below you see the concept aspect of the numbers "2,000" and "1,000" which relates to the concepts "Revenues" and "Net income" respectively:

Concept Aspect	Fact Value
Revenues	2,000
Net income	1,000

To fully describe a fact, you need more than just one aspect. A fact must always provide three **core aspects**<sup>5</sup>: reporting entity that reported the fact, calendar period of the reported fact, and the concept that describes the reported fact. Below you see two facts which are characterized by three core aspects which are used to differentiate the two facts from one another.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Report, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Report.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fact, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Fact.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fact Value, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/FactValue.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Aspect, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Aspect.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Core Aspect, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/CoreAspect.html</u>

Reporting Entity Aspect	Calendar Period Aspect	Concept Aspect	Fact Value
ABC Company	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	2,000
ABC Company	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Net income	1,000

In addition to the core aspects that you always must use, creators of reports can also provide additional **noncore aspects**<sup>6</sup>. A noncore aspect is simply some additional aspect that is created to further distinguish facts beyond the capabilities of the three core aspects. Below you see the noncore aspect "Legal Entity Aspect" has been added to the two facts we have been working with:

Reporting Entity Aspect	Legal Entity Aspect	Calendar Period Aspect	Concept Aspect	Fact Value
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	2,000
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Net income	1,000

Fact values can be **numeric**<sup>7</sup> or **nonnumeric**<sup>8</sup>. Numeric fact values require additional information to describe the units of the numeric fact and the rounding that is used to report the numeric fact. **Units**<sup>9</sup> and **rounding**<sup>10</sup> are properties of the fact value that provide information necessary to describe numeric fact values. Below you see that the units of "US Dollars" and that the rounding of the fact value is "Thousands of dollars":

Reporting Entity Aspect	Legal Entity Aspect	Calendar Period Aspect	Concept Aspect	Fact Value	Units	Rounding
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	2,000	US Dollars	Thousands of dollars
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Net income	1,000	US Dollars	Thousands of dollars

To summarize where we are thus far and to be crystal clear; below you see one fact. That single fact is characterized by a set of four aspects. The numeric fact value is described as having units of "US Dollars" and that the fact value is rounded to the nearest "Thousands of dollars".

Reporting Entity Aspect	Legal Entity Aspect	Calendar Period Aspect	Concept Aspect	Fact Value	Units	Rounding
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	2,000	US Dollars	Thousands of dollars

A **fact set**<sup>11</sup> is a set of facts which go together (tend to be cohesive and share a certain common nature) for some specific purpose within a business report. Synonyms for fact set are block and fact table. Below you see three facts that make up a fact set that are used to describe the breakdown of revenues by geographic area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Noncore Aspect, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/NoncoreAspect.html</u>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Numeric Fact Value, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/NumericFactValue.html</u>
 <sup>8</sup> Nonnumeric Fact Value,

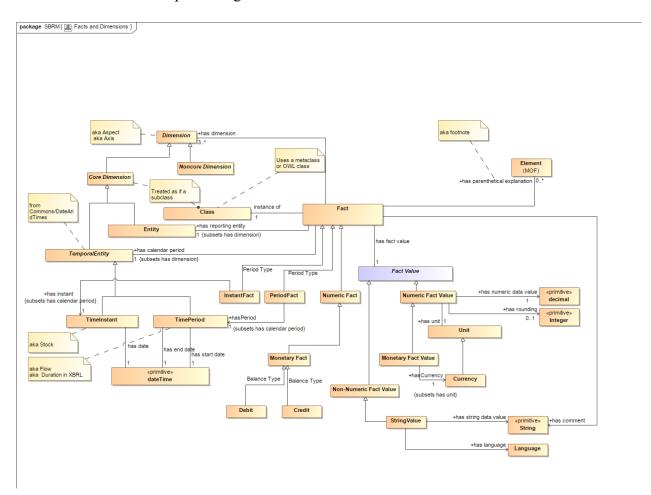
http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/NonnumericFactValue.html
 Units, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Units.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Rounding, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Onits.num</u>

Fract Set, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/FactSet.html

Reporting Entity Aspect	Legal Entity Aspect	Geographic Area Aspect	Calendar Period Aspect	Concept Aspect	Fact Value	Units	Rounding
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	All Geographic Areas Combined	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	2,000	US Dollars	Thousands of dollars
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	North America	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	1,000	US Dollars	Thousands of dollars
ABC Company	Consolidated entity	South America	Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019	Revenues	1,000	US Dollars	Thousands of dollars

Here is the metamodel representing the material covered so far:



And here is the RDF representing the data above, using [Turtle] syntax.

First the definitions for this report type, providing extensions to standard SBRM for specific fact types and noncore aspects.

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pattern: a owl:Ontology ;
   owl:imports sbrm:, lcc: .
   pattern:Revenues a owl:Class ;
   rdfs:subClassOf sbrm:MonetaryFact, sbrm:Credit, sbrm:PeriodFact .
```

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pattern:hasGeographicArea a owl:ObjectProperty ;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf sbrm:hasAspect ;
  rdfs:range lcc:GeographicRegion .
pattern:hasLegalEntity a owl:ObjectProperty ;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf sbrm:hasAspect .
```

#### Now the data:

```
sample:ABC a sbrm:Entity; rdfs:label "ABC Company".
sample:FY-2019 a sbrm:Period;
  sbrm:hasStartDate "2019-01-01T00:00:00Z"^^xs:dateTime ;
  sbrm:hasEndDate "2019-12-31T00:00:00Z"^^xs:dateTime ;
sample:RevenuesAll a pattern:Revenues ;
  sbrm:hasReportingEntity sample:ABC ;
  sbrm:hasPeriod sample:FY-2019 ;
  pattern:hasGeographicArea sample:All ;
 pattern:hasLegalEntity pattern:ConsolidatedEntity ;
  sbrm:hasFactValue sample:RevenuesAllV.
sample:RevenuesAllV a sbrm:MonetaryFactValue ;
  sbrm:hasNumericDataValue "2000"^^xs:decimal ;
  sbrm:hasUnit sbrm:USD ;
  sbrm:hasRounding -3;
sample:RevenuesNA a pattern:Revenues ;
  sbrm:hasReportingEntity sample:ABC ;
  sbrm:hasPeriod sample:FY-2019 ;
  pattern:hasGeographicArea LCC:NorthAmerica ;
 pattern:hasLegalEntity pattern:ConsolidatedEntity ;
  sbrm:hasFactValue sample:RevenuesNAV.
sample:RevenuesNAV a sbrm:MonetaryFactValue ;
  sbrm:hasNumericDataValue "1000"^^xs:decimal ;
  sbrm:hasUnit sbrm:USD ;
  sbrm:hasRounding -3;
sample:RevenuesSA a pattern:Revenues ;
  sbrm:hasReportingEntity sample:ABC ;
  sbrm:hasPeriod sample:FY-2019 ;
  pattern:hasGeographicArea LCC:SouthAmerica ;
 pattern:hasLegalEntity pattern:ConsolidatedEntity ;
  sbrm:hasFactValue sample:RevenuesSAV.
sample:RevenuesSAV a sbrm:MonetaryFactValue ;
  sbrm:hasNumericDataValue "1000"^^xs:decimal ;
  sbrm:hasUnit sbrm:USD ;
  sbrm:hasRounding -3;
```

**Rules**<sup>12</sup> guide, control, suggest, or influence behavior. Rules cause things to happen, prevent things from happening, or suggest that it might be a good idea if something did or did not happen. Rules help shape judgment, help make decisions, help evaluate, help shape behavior.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Rule, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Rule.html</u>

Don't make the mistake of thinking that rules are completely inflexible and that you cannot break rules. Sure, maybe there are some rules that can never be broken. Maybe there are some rules that you can break. It helps to think of breaking rules as penalties in a football game. The point is that the guidance, control, suggestions, and influence offered by rules are a choice of business professionals. The meaning of a rule is separate from the level of enforcement someone might apply to the rule.

So, considering our fact set below we know that the value "2,000" is for the concept "Revenues", for the period "Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019", relates to the legal entity "Consolidated entity", of the reporting entity "ABC Company" and is the total of all "Geographic Areas". "North America" and "South America" are part of the *whole* "All Geographic Areas Combined". A rule that expresses that relationship might be expressed as:

"All Geographic Areas Combined = North America + South America".

Rules both describe and can be used to verify that reported facts are consistent with the provided description. There are many different types of rules including mathematical, structural, mechanical, logical, and accounting related rules.

```
For SBRM, the [SHACL] language is used to express the rules.
```

```
In this example it would be:
pattern:RevenueShape
 a sh:NodeShape ;
 sh:targetClass pattern:Revenues ;
 sh:sparql [
    a sh:SPARQLConstraint ;
    sh:message "Revenue for All must be the total of all areas" ;
    sh:select """
      SELECT DISTINCT ?this ?total
      WHERE {
       {SELECT(SUM(?in) as ?total)
         WHERE {
            ?region pattern:hasGeographicArea ?a; ?a a
LCC:GeographicRegion;
            ?this ?region/sbrm:hasFactValue/sbrm:hasNumericDataValue ?in}
 GROUP BY ?this }
       ?this sbrm:hasOutput ?out.
      FILTER (?total != ?out)
      }
     """;
 1.
```

### A.2 Report Rendering

An **information model definition**<sup>13</sup> is a structure which is created to represent each fragment of a report. The following pieces, or **report elements**<sup>14</sup>, are commonly used to construct the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Information Model Definition, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/InformationModelDefinition.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Report Element, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ReportElement.html</u>

information model description: Network<sup>15</sup>, Table<sup>16</sup>, Axis<sup>17</sup>, Member<sup>18</sup>, Line Items<sup>19</sup>, Abstract<sup>20</sup>, and Concept<sup>21</sup>. Table is a synonym for hypercube. Axis is a synonym for dimension. Line items is a synonym for primary items.

Below you see the information model description of the structure of a fragment of a report, in this case one fact set which is used to describe the components of inventory:

#	Label	Report Element Class	Period Type	Balance	Name
1	Inventory, by Compoment [Table]	[Table]			gaap:InventoryByCompomentTable
2	Legal Entity [Axis]	[Axis]			frm:LegalEntityAxis
3	Consolidated Entity [Member]	[Member]			frm:ConsolidatedEntityMember
4	Inventory, by Component [Line Items]	[Line Items]			gaap:InventoryByComponentLineItems
- 5	Inventory, by Component [Roll Up]	[Abstract]			gaap:InventoryByComponentRollUp
6	Finished Goods	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:FinishedGoods
7	Work in Progress	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:WorkInProgress
8	Raw Material	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:RawMaterial
9	Inventory	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:Inventory

Something is important to point out. We mentioned that in XBRL you have core aspects and noncore aspects. In the typical software applications created today, the core aspects reporting entity and calendar period are commonly not represented in the information model description that is typically created by software applications. The graphic above shows that sort of representation.

Below you see a truer information model description which includes the reporting entity and the calendar period. Also, per the US GAAP XBRL Taxonomy, the IFRS XBRL Taxonomy the term "[Axis]" is used as a synonym of "Aspect". Axis and aspect are synonyms and mean exactly the same thing. Also "Period" and "Calendar Period" are exactly the same thing.

#	Label	Report Element Class	Period Type	Balance	Name
1	Inventory, by Compoment [Table]	[Table]			gaap:InventoryByCompomentTable
2	Reporting Entity [Axis]	[Axis]			xbrl:ReportingEntityAxis
3	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	[Member]			http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890
4	Period [Axis]	[Axis]			xbrl:PeriodAxis
5	12/31/2010	[Member]			12/31/2010
6	12/31/2009	[Member]			12/31/2009
7	Legal Entity [Axis]	[Axis]			frm:LegalEntityAxis
8	Consolidated Entity [Member]	[Member]			frm:ConsolidatedEntityMember
9	Inventory, by Component [Line Items]	[Line Items]			gaap:InventoryByComponentLineItems
10	Inventory, by Component [Roll Up]	[Abstract]			gaap:InventoryByComponentRollUp
11	Finished Goods	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:FinishedGoods
12	Work in Progress	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:WorkInProgress
13	Raw Material	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:RawMaterial
14	Inventory	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	gaap:Inventory

Another part of the information model description is the mathematical rules that are used to describe and verify the roll up relations of the concepts that are a part of the information model description. Here are the roll up relations that are part of this information model description.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Network, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Network.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Table, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Table.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Axis, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Axis.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Member, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Member.html</u>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Line Items, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/LineItems.html</u>
 <sup>20</sup> Abstract http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Abstract.html

Abstract, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Abstract.html</u>
 Concernt http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Abstract.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Concept, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Concept.html</u>

#	Label	Report Element Class	Weight	Balance	Name
1	Inventory	[Concept] Monetary			gaap:Inventory
2	Finished Goods	[Concept] Monetary	+1	Debit	gaap:FinishedGoods
3	Work in Progress	[Concept] Monetary	+1	Debit	gaap:WorkInProgress
4	Raw Material	[Concept] Monetary	+1	Debit	gaap:RawMaterial

Another part of the information model description is the facts within the fact set themselves. Here is the fact set or the **fact table** for the facts that go with the information model description provided above.

#	Reporting Entity [Aspect]	Period [Aspect]	Concept [Aspect]	Legal Entity [Aspect]	Fact Value	Unit	Rounding
1	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2010	Finished Goods	Consolidated Entity [Member]	600,000	USD	Thousands
2	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2009	Finished Goods	Consolidated Entity [Member]	600,000	USD	Thousands
3	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2010	Work in Progress	Consolidated Entity [Member]	300,000	USD	Thousands
4	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2009	Work in Progress	Consolidated Entity [Member]	300,000	USD	Thousands
5	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2010	Raw Material	Consolidated Entity [Member]	100,000	USD	Thousands
6	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2009	Raw Material	Consolidated Entity [Member]	100,000	USD	Thousands
7	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2010	Inventory	Consolidated Entity [Member]	1,000,000	USD	Thousands
8	http://regulator.gov/id#1234567890	12/31/2009	Inventory	Consolidated Entity [Member]	1,000,000	USD	Thousands

A software application takes the information model description structure, the information model description rules provided, the facts that are included within the fact set, and known best practices for rendering a business report that are coded into the software application in some manner and then generates a human-readable rendering of the reported information for a fragment or fact set of a report.

The following is the **rendering** of the inventory components disclosure that we are working with above:

Reporting Entity [Aspect]	http://regulator.gov/id#123456	57890				
Legal Entity [Aspect]	Consolidated Entity [Member]					
	Period (Aspec	t]				
Concept [Aspect]	12/31/2020	12/31/2019				
Inventory, by Component [Roll Up]						
Finished Goods	600,000	600,000				
Work in Progress	300,000	300,000				
Raw Material	100,000	100,000				
Inventory	1,000,000	1,000,000				

Different software applications may provide slightly different renderings using the same input information<sup>22</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Comparison of Renderings for Concept Arrangement Patterns, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Prototype/conformancesuite/Production/ComparisonOfConceptArrangementPatternRenderings.pdf

Component: (Net	twork and Table)					
Network	JG - Schedule - Inventory, by Com	ponent				
Table	Inventory, by Compoment [Table]					
Reporting Entity [/	Axis]	1234567890 http://regulator.gov/id	1			
Legal Entity [Axis] Unit [Axis]		Consolidated Entity [Momber]				
Inventory, by Con	nponent [Line Items]	2010-12-31	2009-12-31			
Inventory, by Co	omponent [Roll Up]					
Finished Goods		600	600			
Work in Progress		300	300			
Raw Material		100	100			
	Inventor	1,000	1,000			

#### Here is what the information model description might look like in that software application:

bel			Report Element Class	Period	Balance	Preferred Label Role	Name
- 1	nvento	ory, by Compoment [Table]	[Table]			Standard Label	gaap:Inventory8yCompomentTable
v	Leg	al Entity [Axis]	[Axis]			Standard Label	frm:LegalEntityAxis
		Consolidated Entity [Member]	[Member]			Standard Label	frm:ConsolidatedEntityMember
v	Inve	entory, by Component [Line Items]	[LineItems]			Standard Label	gaap:InventoryByComponentLineItens
	¥	Inventory, by Component [Roll Up]	[Abstract]			Standard Label	gaap:Inventory8yComponentRolUp
		Finished Goods	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	Standard Label	gaap:FinishedGoods
		Work in Progress	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	Standard Label	gaap:WorkInProgress
		Raw Material	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	Standard Label	gaap:RawMaterial
		Inventory	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	Standard Label	gaap:Inventory

Here is what the roll up rule relations representation might look like in that software application:

Lab	bel		Report Element Class	Balance	Weight	Name
*	Inv	ventory, by Compoment [Table]	[Table]		0	gaap:InventoryByCompomentTable
	*	Inventory	[Concept] Monetary	Debit	0	gaap:Inventory
		Finished Goods	[Concept] Monetary	Debit	1	gaap:FinishedGoods
		Work in Progress	[Concept] Monetary	Debit	1	gaap:WorkInProgress
		Raw Material	[Concept] Monetary	Debit	1	gaap:RawMaterial

Software applications use the rule relations that describe or explain the relations to verify that reported facts are consistent with that explanation. Here is a software application interface for verifying that the reported facts are consistent with the rules that explain the relations between the facts:

La	bel		Rendered Value	Op	Reported Value	Calculated Value	Balance	Result	Name
¥	Inve	entory, by Component [Line Items]							gaap:Inventory8yComponentLineItem
	v 1	inventory, by Component [Roll Up]							gaap:Inventory8yComponentRolUp
		Finished Goods	600	+	600		Debit		gaap://inishedGoods
		Work in Progress	300	+	300		Debit		gaap:WorkInProgress
		Raw Material	100	+	100		Debit		gaap:RawMaterial
		Inventory	1,000		1,000	1,000	Debit	Verified	gaap:Inventory
a.	and .		Rendered Value	Cin.	Reported Value	Calculated Value	Balance	Regit	Name

Lai	bel		Rendered Value	Op	Reported Value	Calculated Value	Balance	Result	Name
۷	Inv	entory, by Component [Line Items]					1.1.1.1	1	gaap:Inventory8yComponentLineItems
	v	Inventory, by Component [Roll Up]							gaap:InventoryByComponentRollUp
		Finished Goods	600	+	600		Debit		gaap:FinishedGoods
		Work in Progress	300	+	300		Debit		gaaptWorkInProgress
		Raw Material	100	+	100		Debit		gaap:RawMaterial
		Inventory	1,000		1,000	1,000	Debit	Verified	gaap:Inventory

Alternatively, note that the renderings provided as examples of this fact set contain two green cells which confirm that mathematical relation for the roll up total is consistent with the explanation provided by the rules.

Information about the properties of each report element which makes up the information model description should be accessible to the user of the business report:

Properties	Labels	References	Occurrences	To Do	
	Standard andard Li	Lab Inventor	ry		
Docume	ntation	Suspend		is sed, dictum quis, inter non mauris. Proin sed o	
Propertie					
Class		[Concep	t] Monetary		
Prefo	¢ .	gaap			
	£	gaap:Inv	ventory		
Name					
Name					
Other	ce Type	Debit			
Other Balan	d Type	Debit As Of (in	istant)		
Other Balan	d Type	As Of (in	rstant) y (xbriicmonetar	yltemType)	

Information about the properties of each fact which is represented within the report is accessible to the user of the business report:

Properties	Occurrences	To Do		
Reportin	g Entity		1234567890 http://regulator.gov/id	
Period			2010-12-31	
Legal En	tity [Axis]		Consolidated Entity [Member]	
Concept			Inventory	
Name	6		gaap:Inventory	
Prefix			gaap	
Balan	се Туре		Debit	
Period	d Type		As Of (instant)	
Data	Туре		Monetary (xbriomonetaryItemType)	
Fact Val	Je		1000	
Units			iso4217:USD	
Decimal	s (rounding)		0	

This same information is provided for each and every fact set that makes up a business report. Facts could be used in multiple fact sets. The facts used in fact sets must be consistent within a fact set and between the individual fact sets that make up a report.

Remember that a financial report is a special type of business report. Every financial report is a business report; but it is not the case that every business report is a financial report. Every financial report has the characteristic of complying with the accounting equation and double-entry accounting.

## A.3 Report Structure

A business report can be broken down into fragments. A **fragment**<sup>23</sup> is a set of one to many *fact sets* which go together some specific purpose within a report. For example, a balance sheet is a fragment of a business report that is made up of two fact sets: a roll up of assets and a roll up of liabilities and equity.

Each fact set has a concept arrangement pattern property. A **concept arrangement pattern**<sup>24</sup> specifies the nature of the relationship between the concept aspect of an information model definition.

A set<sup>25</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern where concepts have no mathematical relations between each other within the fact set. Essentially, a set is a flat list of concepts. A synonym for set is hierarchy.

A roll  $up^{26}$  is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents a basic roll up type mathematical relationship: Fact A + Fact B + Fact C = Fact D (a set of items and a total of those items).

A **roll forward**<sup>27</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents a basic roll forward mathematical relation: Beginning balance (stock) + change1 (flow) + change2 (flow) + change3 (flow) = Ending balance (stock). The beginning and ending balances are two different instances in time (stock) and the changes (flow) are between those two instances. An **adjustment**<sup>28</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents a basic mathematical reconciliation between an originally stated value and a restated value usually due to a correction or error: Originally stated balance + adjustment1 + adjustment2 + adjustment3 = restated balance. The originally stated balance and restated balance are the same concept as of the same instant in time that are differentiated by the date those facts are reported. The adjustments are the changes that reconcile the originally stated to the restated balance.

A **variance**<sup>29</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents a mathematical difference between two reporting scenarios: Amount (projected scenario) + Amount(variance) = Amount (actual scenario).

A **complex computation**<sup>30</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents any arbitrary mathematical relationship between a set of numeric facts. A complex computation is comprised of some flat set of numeric concepts and a rule that represents the mathematical relation between that set of concepts.

A roll forward info<sup>31</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents a nonmathematical relation of information about a roll forward.

Fragment, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Fragment.html</u>
 Concept Arrangement Pattern,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ConceptArrangementPattern.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Set, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Set.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Roll Up, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/RollUp.html</u>

Roll Forward, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/RollForward.html</u>
 A divisitment: <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/A divisitment html</u>

Adjustment, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Adjustment.html</u>
 Variance http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Adjustment.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Variance, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Variance.html</u> <sup>30</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>30</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>30</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>31</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>32</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>33</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>34</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>34</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>35</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>36</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>36</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>36</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>36</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>37</sup> Commission http://consumation.pdf <sup>36</sup> Commission http://consumation.p

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Complex Computation, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ComplexComputation.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Roll Forward Info, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/RollForwardinfo.html</u>

A text block<sup>32</sup> is a type of concept arrangement pattern which represents a non-mathematical relationship in the form of prose. A text block concept arrangement pattern is comprised of exactly one concept. There are three sub classes or type of text blocks: Level 1 Note Text Block<sup>33</sup>, Level 2 Policy Text Block<sup>34</sup>, and Level 3 Disclosure Text Block<sup>35</sup>.

Each fact set has a member arrangement pattern property. A **member arrangement pattern**<sup>36</sup> expresses the relations between members within an aspect other than the concept aspect (which is explained by the concept arrangement pattern).

The members of an axis might be related mathematically. **Member aggregation**<sup>37</sup> is a type of member arrangement pattern where the members of an axis roll up the same as the roll up concept arrangement pattern. **Member flat**<sup>38</sup> list is a type of member aggregation pattern where the members for a flat list. **Member nonaggregating**<sup>39</sup> is a type of member arrangement pattern where the members of an axis are not related mathematically but simply are used to differentiate reported facts.

Reported facts could need additional arbitrary descriptive information. A **parenthetical explanation**<sup>40</sup> provides additional descriptive information about a fact. A synonym for parenthetical information is comment.

A financial **reporting scheme**<sup>41</sup> is a formal specification for how financial reports are to be created and the underlying accounting rules and is usually created by a standards setter or regulator. For example, US GAAP, IFRS, and IPSAS are all financial reporting schemes. Financial reports are not forms. Financial reporting schemes allow for a certain amount of flexibility and variability when reporting certain specific disclosures or subtotals contained within a disclosure. A **disclosure**<sup>42</sup> is a set of one to many fact sets or a set of one to many fragments which form an accounting disclosure that is either required by statutory or regulatory rules or provided at the discretion of a reporting entity. A **template**<sup>43</sup> is a representation of a possible disclosure that can be used as a prototype in the process of creating a report. An **exemplar**<sup>44</sup> is a representation of a disclosure from an existing report of some economic entity that can be leveraged in the process of creating a report. Because variability exists in the allowed possible approaches that economic entities represent their financial disclosures, different economic entities have different reporting styles. A **reporting style**<sup>45</sup> is a set of relations, consistency crosscheck rules, mapping rules, and

Text Block, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/TextBlock.html</u>
 Level 1 Note Text Block,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Level1NoteTextBlock.html
 Level 2 Policy Text Block,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Level2PolicyTextBlock.html
 Level 3 Disclosure Text Block,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Level3DisclosureTextBlock.html
 Member Arrangement Pattern,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MemberArrangementPattern.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Member Aggregation, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MemberAggregation.html</u>
 <sup>38</sup> Member Flat List http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MemberAggregation.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Member Flat List, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MemberFlatList.html</u>
 <sup>39</sup> Member Nonaggregating,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MemberNonaggregation.html
 Parenthetical Explanation,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ParentheticalExplanation.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Reporting Scheme, <u>http://xbrlsite.azurewebsites.net/2018/Library/ReportingSchemes-2018-12-30.pdf</u>
 <sup>42</sup> Disclosure, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Disclosure.html</u>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Template, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023</u>/Framework/Details/Template.html

Exemplar, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Exemplar.html
 Exemplar, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Exemplar.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Reporting Style, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ReportingStyle.html</u>

impute rules that are used to check fundamental accounting concept relations for a specific type of report or style of reporting. For example, a classified balance sheet and an order of liquidity balance sheet are two different reporting styles for creating a balance sheet. A **consistency crosscheck rule**<sup>46</sup> is a type of rule that tests the relations of fundamental accounting concept relations within a report against a specified reporting style to make sure there are no inconsistencies or contradictions between reported facts within a report. An **impute rule**<sup>47</sup> is a type of rule that explains how to logically derive a fact that have not been explicitly reported based on other facts that have been explicitly reported, or which have been logically derived from other reported information. For example, an economic entity might not explicitly report the line item "Noncurrent assets"; but does report "Assets" and "Current assets". Given the impute rule "Assets = Current assets + Noncurrent assets"; the fact value for Noncurrent assets can be reliably derived logically using the other two reported facts and the impute rule.

A **mapping rule**<sup>48</sup> is a type of rule that explains how a base reporting scheme taxonomy concept reported by an economic entity relates to a fundamental accounting concept. For example, the notion of "Cost of Revenue" could be reported using the concept "Cost of Revenue", or "Cost of Goods and Services Sold", or "Cost of Goods Sold", or "Cost of Services Sold", etc. Basically, mapping rules enable information to be extracted from a report reliably.

A **disclosure mechanics rule**<sup>49</sup> is a type of rule that describes the structural and mechanical representation of a disclosure against a specification or prototype of that disclosure. For example, every disclosure that has the property of concept arrangement pattern of "roll up" must always have a total. A disclosure mechanics rule would specify the concept that would be used to represent that total. A specific disclosure, such as "inventory components roll up" would be required to use a specific concept such as "Inventory, Net" to represent that total. A disclosure mechanics rule would specify the used as alternatives to some specific total concept to represent a disclosure. A disclosure mechanics rule would specify those alternatives. Every Level 4 Disclosure Detail representation has some complementary Level 3 Disclosure Text Block representation. A disclosure mechanics rule would specify that relation.

A type or class rule<sup>50</sup> is a type of rule that expresses an allowed or a disallowed relation between two reporting scheme concepts for some reporting style. For example, the concept "Operating Expense (indirect operating expense)" would never be part of "Cost of Revenue (direct operating expense)", a type or class rule would be used to explicitly disallow this relation. Alternatively, explicitly allowed relations are also expressed using type or class rules.

A **reporting checklist rule**<sup>51</sup> is a type of rule that describes the reportability of a statutory or regulatory disclosure required by a reporting scheme. For example, some disclosures are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Consistency Crosscheck Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ConsistencyCrosscheckRule.html

Impute Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ImputeTypeRule.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Mapping Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MappingTypeRule.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Disclosure Mechanics Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/DisclosureMechanicsRule.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Type or Class Rule, <u>http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/TypeClassRule.html</u>
 <sup>51</sup> Reporting Checklist Rule,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ReportingChecklistRule.html

always required. Other disclosures are required only if a specific line item is reported. Other disclosures could be used as alternatives for some other disclosure.

A report set<sup>52</sup> is a set of one to many reports. For example, if you are comparing the reports of an economic entity for the past five years, the five reports that you use to perform that analysis are your report set.

A reporting entity aspect<sup>53</sup> is a core aspect that distinguishes the economic entity which creates a report.

A calendar period aspect<sup>54</sup> is a core aspect that distinguishes the calendar period of a reported fact. A stock<sup>55</sup> is a type of calendar period aspect that is used to represent a fact as of a specific point in time. A synonym for stock is instant. A flow<sup>56</sup> is a type of calendar period aspect that is used to represent a fact over a period of time. A synonym for stock is duration.

A **concept aspect**<sup>57</sup> is a core aspect that is used to express the concept that relates to a fact. Synonyms for concept aspect include primary item and line item.

A fragment arrangement pattern<sup>58</sup> is the relationship between fragments or the order or sequence of fragments within a report.

**Prose**<sup>59</sup> is a type of fact value that is structure in nature (i.e. a table, an ordered list, an unordered list, paragraphs of text, or any combination of those structures).

**Text**<sup>60</sup> is a type of fact value that is nonnumeric unstructured text (i.e. not prose).

A logical rule<sup>61</sup> is a type of rule expresses logical relations between entities that make up a report.

An **accounting rule**<sup>62</sup> is a type of logical rule that is used to express a logical assertion specifically related to accounting rules.

A mechanical rule<sup>63</sup> is a type of logical rule that is used to express the relations between the report elements that make up a disclosure.

Report Set, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ReportSet.html 52 53 Reporting Entity Aspect,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ReportingEntityAspect.html

<sup>54</sup> Calendar Period Aspect, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/CalendarPeriodAspect.html

<sup>55</sup> Stock, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Stock.html

<sup>56</sup> Flow, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Flow.html

Concept Aspect, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/ConceptAspect.html 57 58 Fragment Arrangement Pattern,

http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/FragmentArrangementPattern.html 59

Prose, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Prose.html 60 Text, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/Text.html

<sup>61</sup> Logical Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/LogicalRule.html

<sup>62</sup> 

Accounting Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/AccountingRule.html 63 Mechanical Rule, http://accounting.auditchain.finance/sbrm/2023/Framework/Details/MechanicalRule.html

# Annex B. Simple Narrative Example (Informative)

The following provides a very basic example of using SBRM to represent a business financial report. An example from financial reporting is used to provide this very basic example. Most business professionals are familiar with the accounting equation<sup>64</sup> which is "Assets = Liabilities and Equity" and represents the high-level financial elements that would appear within a balance sheet.

We will use this very short list of terms and the equation to demonstrate how SBRM would be used to create a provably properly functioning logical system.

The first step would be to represent the terms, associations between the terms, assertions, structures, and then express a set of facts. Here is this information in the form of statements which define the pieces of this business report logical system:

- Terms:
  - Assets is-a simple term.
  - Liabilities is-a simple term.
  - Equity is-a simple term.
  - Balance sheet is-a functional term.
- Properties:
  - Assets has balance type of debit.
  - Liabilities has balance type of credit.
  - Equity has balance type of credit.
  - Assets has period type of instant.
  - Liabilities has period type of instant.
  - Equity has period type of instant.
- Structure
  - Balance sheet has-part Assets.
  - o Balance sheet has-part Liabilities.
  - $\circ$  Balance sheet has-part Equity.
- Rules:
  - $\circ$  Assets = Liabilities + Equity
- Facts:
  - ABC Company is an entity.
  - Assets for December 31, 2019 for ABC Company is \$5,000 US Dollars.
  - Liabilities for December 31, 2019 for ABC Company is \$1,000 US Dollars.
  - Equity for December 31, 2019 for ABC Company is \$4,000 US Dollars.

The statements are not machine readable, but they could  $be^{65}$ . So above you see all of the statements that exist within this very basic example of a financial report that is comprised of a balance sheet that reports high-level facts that relate to the accounting equation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Wikipedia, Accounting Equation, <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accounting\_equation</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Wikipedia, Attempto Controlled English, <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attempto\_Controlled\_English</u>

Per all the statements, the logical system appears to be properly functioning. All the terms are defined, as are properties, rules, and facts. To be sure the point is being understood consider making two changes to the existing logical system.

Suppose that the value for the fact "Assets" was changed to say \$5,500. If that were the case, because there is a rule that specifies that "Assets = Liabilities + Equity" and because of the values of Liabilities and Equity, the logical system would NOT be functioning properly. This is because \$5,500 = \$1,000 + \$4,000 is inconsistent with other supporting statements within the logical system. If that provided rule, "Assets = Liabilities + Equity" did not exist, then the logical system would not be considered "complete", but the inconsistency would not be detected by automated processes.

However, since all the statements are provided and the statements are consistent with one another we can say that the logical system that is used to represent this very basic business report is precise and complete because (a) it does reflect reality given the statements provided and (b) no statement seems to be missing from the logical system.

Above we have verified the logical system using human-readable statements and the rules of logic. We will now explain the key highlights of the logical model using this very basic report to provide a high-level overview of the logical conceptualization of a business report. An **information model description** is created for the **report**:

#	Label	Report Element Class	Period Type	Balance	Name
1	Core [Table]				(Implied)
2	Balance Sheet [Abstract]	[Abstract]			core:BalanceSheetAbstract
3	Assets	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Debit	core:Assets
4	Liabilities	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Credit	core:Liabilities
5	Equity	[Concept] Monetary	As Of	Credit	core:Equity

This very basic report has one **fact set**:

#	Reporting Entity [Axis]	Period [Axis]	Concept	Fact Value	Unit	Rounding	Parenthetical Explanations
1	GH259400TOMPUOLS65II (http://standards.iso.org/iso/17442)	2020-12-31	Assets	5000	USD	INF	
2	GH259400TOMPUOLS65II (http://standards.iso.org/iso/17442)	2020-12-31	Liabilities	1000	USD	INF	
3	GH259400TOMPUOLS65II (http://standards.iso.org/iso/17442)	2020-12-31	Equity	4000	USD	INF	

The fact set contains three **facts**. The facts are distinguished from one another using three **aspects**: reporting entity, period, and concept. The **fact value** is numeric and described by the **unit** and **rounding property**. The rendering is created

	Period [Axis]
Balance Sheet [Abstract]	2020-12-31
Balance Sheet [Abstract]	
Assets	5,000
Liabilities	1,000
Equity	4,000