

# Microsoft Purview Concepts

## Asset

- Atomic level of data component of interest
- Derived dependent on data source type
- Examples (table, view, ADLS folder/file, Power BI report)

## Collection

- Logically grouped set of assets based on technical or business driven need
- Collections can be organized in hierarchies for navigation

## Data Source

- A connector used to connect to a specific type of component within the technical architecture
- E.g. Azure Data Lake, SQL DB, Synapse, Power BI, etc.

## Scan

- Contained within a data source, providing the data discovery and ingestion processes to feed metadata repository
- Can be scheduled and can be either full or incremental

## Glossary

- Grouping of business terms and definitions to be defined by data stewards
- Can be assigned to individual or groups of assets

## Asset Curation

- Process of assigning glossary terms, classifications, certifications, data owners and experts
- Typically carried out by data stewards or delegates.

