

COBIT5® Poster Series #5



Principles Explained

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COBIT 5 provides enterprises with a comprehensive framework that assist enterprises in achieving its objectives for the governance and management of enterprise IT. It does so in a generic way, ensuring its usefulness for enterprises of all sizes, whether commercial, non-for-profit or in the public sector. It is based on five key principles for governance and management of enterprise IT.

1 MEETING STAKEHOLDER NEEDS

Enterprises exist to create value for their stakeholders, by maintaining a balance between the realisation of benefits, optimisation of risk and resources.

COBIT 5 provides all the required processes and enablers in order to support value creation through the use of IT. Enterprises have different objectives, therefore each enterprise can customise COBIT 5 to its own context through goals cascade.

Goals cascade translate high-level enterprise goals into manageable, specific, IT-related goals and mapping these to specific processes and practices.

2 COVERING THE ENTERPRISE END-TO-END

COBIT 5 addresses the governance and management of information and related technology from an enterprise wide end-to-end perspective. It presents the end-to-end governance approach (the foundation of COBIT 5).

- GOVERNANCE ENABLERS:** The organisational resources for governance.
- GOVERNANCE SCOPE:** View of the enterprise to which the governance is applied.
- ROLES, ACTIVITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS:** Defines who is involved in governance, how they are involved, what do they do and how they interact within the scope of any governance system.

3 APPLYING A SINGLE INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK

COBIT 5 is a single Integrated Framework that:

- Aligns with the latest relevant standards and frameworks
- Provides complete enterprise coverage, providing the basis for effectively integrating other frameworks, standards, and practices already in use.
- Serves as a consistent and integrated source of guidance in a non-technical, technology agnostic common language.
- Provides a simple architecture for structuring guidance materials and producing a consistent ISACA product set.
- Generates the optimal value from IT by realizing benefits and optimizing risk and resources

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4 SEPARATING GOVERNANCE FROM MANAGEMENT

COBIT 5 framework makes governance and management encompass different activities and purposes. Nevertheless, interaction between them is essential for the success of the enterprise.

GOVERNANCE ensures that stakeholder needs, conditions and options are evaluated to determine balanced agreed on enterprise objectives to be achieved; setting direction through prioritisation and decision making; and monitoring performance and compliance against agreed-on direction and objectives.

MANAGEMENT plans, builds, runs and monitors activities in alignment with the direction set by the governance body to achieve the enterprise objectives