

# COBIT5® Poster Series #2

## What drives IT Governance

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Governance, as defined in the scope of COBIT 5, is driven by enablers. Enablers are factors that individually and collectively influence whether something will work. In the case of COBIT 5 this refers to governance and management over enterprise IT. COBIT 5 Framework describes seven categories of enablers that are listed below. Some of the enablers are also enterprise resources that need to be managed and governed as well.

Enablers are driven by the **goals cascade**, that are high level IT-related goals that define what the different enablers should achieve.

These enterprise goals for IT are used to formalise and structure the stakeholder needs. Enterprise goals can be linked to IT-related goals, and these can be achieved through the optimal use and execution of all **enablers**.



To achieve the main objectives of the enterprise, it must always consider an interconnected set of enablers. That is, that each enabler:

- Needs the input of other enablers to be fully effective
- Delivers output to the benefit of other enablers

### ENABLERS

1



**PRINCIPLES, POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS**

DESIRED BEHAVIOUR

TRANSLATE  
DAY-TO-DAY  
MANAGEMENT

PRACTICAL GUIDANCE

2

#### PROCESSES

Describe an organised set of practices and activities to achieve certain objectives. Produce a set of outputs and support of achieving overall IT-related goals.

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#### ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

Key decision-making entities in an enterprise.

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#### CULTURE, ETHICS AND BEHAVIOUR

Often underestimated as a success factor in governance and management activities.

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#### INFORMATION

Pervasive throughout. Includes all information produced and used by the enterprise.

- Required for keeping the organisation running and well governed.
- Key product of the enterprise.

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#### INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS

Physical and logical resources that support the enterprise's IT-related goals.

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#### PEOPLE, SKILL AND COMPETENCIES

Linked to people and required to:

- Successful completion of all activities
- Making correct decisions
- Taking corrective actions

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