COBIT 5
AN ISACA® FRAMEWORK

What drives IT Governance?

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. The 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; high level IT-related goals that define what the different enablers should achieve.

These enterprise goals for IT are used to formalize and structure stakeholders need. 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. Each enabler:

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

Enablers

Goals Cascade

1

Principles, Policies and Frameworks

Desired Behavior

Translate → Day-to-Day Management

Practical Guidance

2

Processes

Describe an organized set of practices and activities to achieve certain objectives.

Produce a set of outputs and support of achieving overall IT-related goals.

3

Organizational Structures

Key decision-making entities in an enterprise.

4

Culture, Ethics and Behaviour

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

Resources

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Information

• Pervasive throughout any organization.
• Includes all information produced and used by the enterprise.
• Required for keeping the organization running and well governed.
• Key product of the enterprise.

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Services, Infrastructure and Application

Infrastructure | Technology | Application

Enterprise

Provided with information technology processing and services

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People, Skill and Competencies

Linked to people and required for:
• Successful completion of all activities
• Making correct decisions
• Taking corrective actions

Enablers Directly Influence

Governance and Management of Enterprise IT