Enabling Processes

PREVIEW VERSION
These following pages provide a preview of the information contained in *COBIT 5: Enabling Processes*. The publication provides a detailed reference guide to the processes defined in the COBIT 5 process reference model. This includes the COBIT 5 goals cascade, a process model explanation and the press reference model.

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**Chapter 1: Introduction**

*COBIT 5: Enabling Processes* complements COBIT 5 ([figure 1](#)). This publication contains a detailed reference guide to the processes that are defined in the COBIT 5 process reference model.

**Figure 1—COBIT 5 Product Family**

The COBIT 5 framework is built on five basic principles, which are covered in detail, and includes extensive guidance on enablers for governance and management of enterprise IT.

The COBIT 5 product family includes the following products:

- **COBIT 5** (the framework)
- **COBIT 5 enabler guides**, in which governance and management enablers are discussed in detail. These include:
  - *COBIT 5: Enabling Processes*
  - *COBIT 5: Enabling Information* (in development)
  - Other enabler guides (check [www.isaca.org/cobit](http://www.isaca.org/cobit))
- **COBIT 5 professional guides**, which include:
  - *COBIT 5 Implementation*
  - *COBIT 5 for Information Security* (in development)
  - *COBIT 5 for Assurance* (in development)
  - *COBIT 5 for Risk* (in development)
  - Other professional guides (check [www.isaca.org/cobit](http://www.isaca.org/cobit))
- **A collaborative online environment**, which will be available to support the use of COBIT 5

This publication is structured as follows:

- In chapter 2, the COBIT 5 goals cascade—also explained in the COBIT 5 framework—is recapitulated and complemented with a set of example metrics for enterprise goals and IT-related goals.
- In chapter 3, the COBIT 5 process model is explained and its components defined. This chapter explains what information is included in the detailed process information section. The COBIT 5 process model includes 37 governance and management processes; this set of processes is the successor to the COBIT 4.1, Val IT and Risk IT processes, and includes all processes required for end-to-end treatment of governance and management of enterprise IT.
- Chapter 4 shows the diagram of the process reference model, which was developed based on best practices, standards and the opinion of experts. It is important to understand that the model and its contents are generic and not prescriptive, and it has to be adapted to suit the enterprise. Also, the guidance defines practices and activities at a relatively high level and does not describe how the process procedure is to be defined.
- Chapter 5—the main section in this publication—contains the detailed process information for all 37 COBIT 5 processes in the process reference model.
- A number of appendices are also included:
  - Appendix A contains a mapping between the COBIT 4.1, Val IT 2.0 and Risk IT processes (and their control objectives or management practices) and their COBIT 5 equivalents.
  - Appendices B and C contain the mapping tables from the goals cascade, i.e., mapping enterprise goals to IT-related goals and IT-related goals to processes.