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OVERVIEW

Over the years, best-practice frameworks have been developed and promoted to assist in the process of understanding, designing and implementing enterprise governance of information and technology (EGIT). COBIT® 2019 builds on and integrates more than 25 years of development in this field, not only incorporating new insights from science, but also operationalizing these insights as practices.

From its foundation in the IT audit community, COBIT® has developed into a broader and more comprehensive information and technology (I&T) governance and management framework and continues to establish itself as a generally accepted framework for I&T governance.

WHAT IS COBIT?

COBIT is a framework for the governance and management of enterprise information and technology, aimed at the whole enterprise. COBIT defines the components and design factors to build and sustain a best-fit governance system.

The globally recognized COBIT® 2019 Framework helps ensure effective EGIT, facilitating easier, tailored implementation—strengthening COBIT’s continuing role as an important driver of innovation and business transformation.

WHY HAS THE LOGO CHANGED?

COBIT® 5 was published in 2012, making it almost 7 years old. Since that time, other frameworks and standards have evolved, resulting in a different landscape. The emergence of new technology and business trends in the use of IT (e.g. digital transformation, DevOps) have not been incorporated into COBIT, requiring a re-alignment.

To remain relevant, it is imperative that COBIT continues to evolve requiring more frequent and fluid updates. The red arrow symbolizes this notion of continuous evolution. Additionally, to ensure effective version control, all future updates will be stamped with the year corresponding to the release of the most updated guidance.

WHAT TITLES ARE INCLUDED IN THE COBIT® 2019 PRODUCT FAMILY AND WHEN WILL THE NEW GUIDES BE AVAILABLE?

Available November 2018

- **COBIT® 2019 Framework: Introduction and Methodology** – an introduction to the key concepts of COBIT® 2019.
- **COBIT® 2019 Framework: Governance and Management Objectives** - comprehensively describes the 40 core governance and management objectives, the processes contained therein, and other related components. This guide also references other standards and frameworks.



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Available December 2018

- **COBIT® 2019 Design Guide: Designing an Information and Technology Governance Solution** – this guide explores design factors that can influence governance and includes a workflow for planning a tailored governance system for the enterprise.
- **COBIT® 2019 Implementation Guide: Implementing and Optimizing an Information and Technology Governance Solution** – this title represents an evolution of the *COBIT® 5 Implementation* guide and develops a road map for continuous governance improvement. It may be used in combination with the *COBIT® 2019 Design Guide*.

The COBIT® 2019 product family is open-ended. Development of new guidance, training and resources to support the COBIT® 2019 product family will be continuously assessed based on market demand and managed through ISACA's product roadmap.

WILL THE NEW COBIT GUIDANCE BE FREE TO MEMBERS?

As part of ISACA's commitment to provide optimal value for its members, the PDF download of the following four (4) core COBIT® 2019 publications will be free to members.

- *COBIT® 2019 Framework: Introduction and Methodology*
- *COBIT® 2019 Framework: Governance and Management Objectives*
- *COBIT® 2019 Design Guide: Designing an Information and Technology Governance Solution*
- *COBIT® 2019 Implementation Guide: Implementing and Optimizing an Information and Technology Governance Solution*

Additionally, ISACA members will receive exclusive discounts on the purchase of print publications.

Please visit www.isaca.org/COBIT for additional details.

DOES COBIT® 2019 ALIGN WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORKS?

One of the guiding principles applied throughout the development of COBIT® 2019 was to maintain the positioning of COBIT as an umbrella framework. Thus, COBIT continues to align with a number of relevant standards, frameworks and/or regulations. The COBIT® 2019 includes references and aligns to concepts originating in other sources (e.g., other IT standards and frameworks).

In this context, alignment means:

- COBIT® 2019 does not contradict any guidance in the related standards
- COBIT® 2019 does not copy the contents of these related standards
- COBIT® 2019 provides equivalent statements or references to related guidance

A full list of referenced standards and guidance used during the development of the COBIT® 2019 can be found in the COBIT® 2019 Overview power point (part of the COBIT® 2019 toolkit) and also available in *COBIT® 2019 Framework: Introduction and Methodology*.



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WILL THERE BE TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR COBIT® 2019?

Training to support the release of the updated guidance will be available in 2019.

January 2019

COBIT Bridge workshop:

This one-day bridge course highlights the concepts, models and key definitions of the new framework with a primary focus on the major differences between COBIT® 2019 and COBIT5.

COBIT® 2019 Foundation training

Developed to prepare attendees for the COBIT® 2019 Foundation certificate exam. This training course will dive into the context, components, benefits and key reasons COBIT is used as an information and technology governance framework.

April 2019

COBIT® 2019 Design and Implementation training

Developed to prepare attendees for the COBIT® 2019 Design and Implementation certificate exam. Attendees will learn how to design a tailor a best fit governance system using COBIT.

The COBIT 2019 product family and training is open ended. ISACA will continue to evaluate the development of future training modules based on feedback and market need.

WHERE CAN I FIND COBIT® 2019 TRAINING?

COBIT® 2019 training will be available starting January 2019, through the following modalities and channels:

- ISACA's onsite training program
- ISACA Conferences and Pre-conference workshops
- Training Weeks
- ISACA Virtual Instructor-led training
- ISACA Chapters
- Accredited training Partners

Please visit www.isaca.org/Education for details about ISACA events or for information about ISACA's accredited training providers. For details about how to bring COBIT® 2019 training to your organization please visit www.isaca.org/onsite.

HOW CAN MY TRAINING ORGANIZATION OFFER COBIT® 2019 TRAINING?

Accreditation is required to offer COBIT® 2019 training. There will be two paths to accreditation.

Transition Path

Specifically, for training organizations that are currently accredited for COBIT® 5 and want to extend the scope of their offerings to include COBIT® 2019.

New Training Partner Path

For those that want to offer COBIT® 2019 training and are not accredited for COBIT® 5.



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Additional details including requirements and timelines will be available in the upcoming weeks on www.isaca.org/COBIT.

WILL COBIT® 5 GUIDANCE STILL BE AVAILABLE?

ISACA will continue to support the many governments and non-government organizations that have implemented COBIT® 5 since its inception in 2012. All COBIT® 5 guidance (and derivative products) will be continue to be available for electronic download or purchase. Additionally, all COBIT® 5 products, resources and related training programs will remain available (along-side COBIT® 2019).

To access COBIT® 5 guidance or for information about training options please visit www.isaca.org/COBIT5.

WILL THE COBIT® 2019 TRAINING SCHEMES REPLACE THE COBIT® 5 TRAINING SCHEMES?

ISACA will continue to support the accreditation and delivery of the COBIT® 5 training and certificate schemes. COBIT® 5 training will continue to live alongside COBIT® 2019 training, delivered through our network of accredited training partners or ISACA's on-site team.

For more details accreditation and or to find a COBIT® 5 training partner please visit

www.isaca.org/COBIT5. For information about bringing COBIT® 5 training to your organization please visit www.isaca.org/onsite

ARE THERE PLANS TO UPDATE COBIT ONLINE WITH THE NEW COBIT® 2019 GUIDANCE?

Options for the electronic delivery of the COBIT® 2019 guidance are currently under evaluation.

ISACA does not have any near-term plans to update COBIT online, however purchases and renewals of multiple use license for COBIT® 5 will still be available through COBIT online at COBITONLINE.isaca.org.

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COBIT® 2019 AND COBIT® 5?

COBIT® 2019 offers greater flexibility and openness to enhances the currency and relevance of COBIT.

- The introduction of new concepts such as focus areas and design factgors allow for additional guidance for tailoring a governance system to the enterprise's needs
- Updated alignment to global standards, frameworks and best practices enhances the relevancy of COBIT
- An "open-source" model will allow the global governance community the ability to inform future updates by providing feedback, sharing applications and proposing enhancements to the framework and derivative products in real-time, with further COBIT evolutions released on a rolling basis.
- New guidance and tools support the development of a best-fit governance system, making COBIT® 2019 more prescriptive.

Please visit www.isaca.org/COBIT and download the toolkit for additional details about the differences between COBIT® 2019 and COBIT® 5.