



# *Integrating COBIT<sup>®</sup> into the IT Audit Process (Planning, Scope Development, Practices)*

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# Audience Poll

## COBIT Knowledge

- First exposure?
- General understanding?
- Strong knowledge of COBIT framework?

## Current Users of COBIT

- Incorporated Into Audit Process?
- Adopted by IT Management?
- Users of a framework other than COBIT?



# AGENDA

Topic
Overview of COBIT® Components
Integrating COBIT® Domains into IT Audit Planning & Scope Development
- <i>Audit Universe</i> Considerations
- Ensuring Consistent Coverage
- Integrating Relevant Industry Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices
- Organizational IT Policy, Standard, Guideline, and Procedure Considerations
Integrating COBIT® into the IT Audit Lifecycle
Using COBIT® to Establish IT Risk & Control Measurement
Resources & Wrap-up



# Overview of COBIT® Components

*IT Governance Institute*  
(<http://www.itgi.org/>)





# COBIT® - Background

“Generally applicable and accepted international standard of good practice for IT control”

**C** Control  
**OB** **OB**jectives  
**I** for **I**nformation  
**T** and Related **T**echnology

“An authoritative, up-to-date, international set of generally accepted *Information Technology Control Objectives* for day-to-day use by business managers and auditors.”



# COBIT's Scope & Objectives

- COBIT<sup>®</sup> 4.0 was developed and by the IT Governance Institute ([www.itgi.org](http://www.itgi.org)) and was released in December, 2005.
- COBIT<sup>®</sup> has evolved into an IT governance / control framework:
  - A toolkit of “best practices” for IT control representing the consensus of experts
  - IT Governance focus
  - Linkage with business requirements (bridges the gap between control requirements, technical issues, and business risks).
  - Management – process owner – orientation (accountability)
  - Measurement and maturity driven
  - Generic focus – applicable to multiple environments
  - Organizes IT activities into a generally accepted process model (in alignment with ITIL, ISO, and other relevant ‘best practices’)
  - Identifies the major IT resources to be leveraged
  - Defines control objectives and associated assurance guidelines

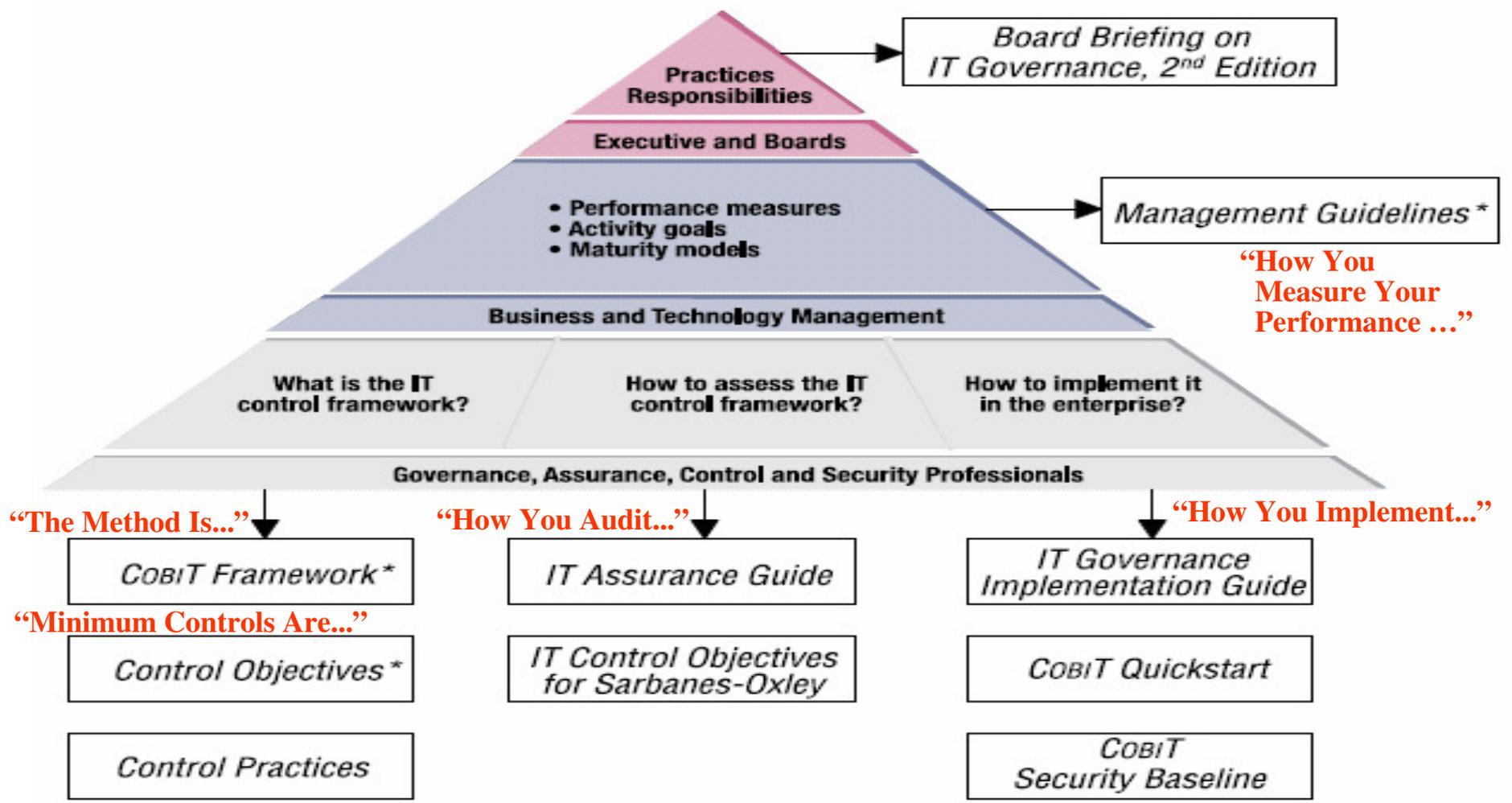


# COBIT® As A Framework

- ❖ Enables the **auditor** to review specific IT processes against COBIT's Control Objectives to determine where controls are sufficient or advise management where processes need to be improved.
- ❖ Helps **process owners** answer questions - "Is what I'm doing adequate and in line with best practices? If not, what should I be doing and where should I focus my efforts?"
- ❖ COBIT® is a framework and is NOT exhaustive or definitive. The scope and breadth of a COBIT® implementation varies from organization to organization.
- ❖ COBIT® prescribes "what" best practices should be in place. An effective implementation requires that COBIT® be supplemented with other sources of best practice that prescribe the "how" for IT governance and controlled process execution.



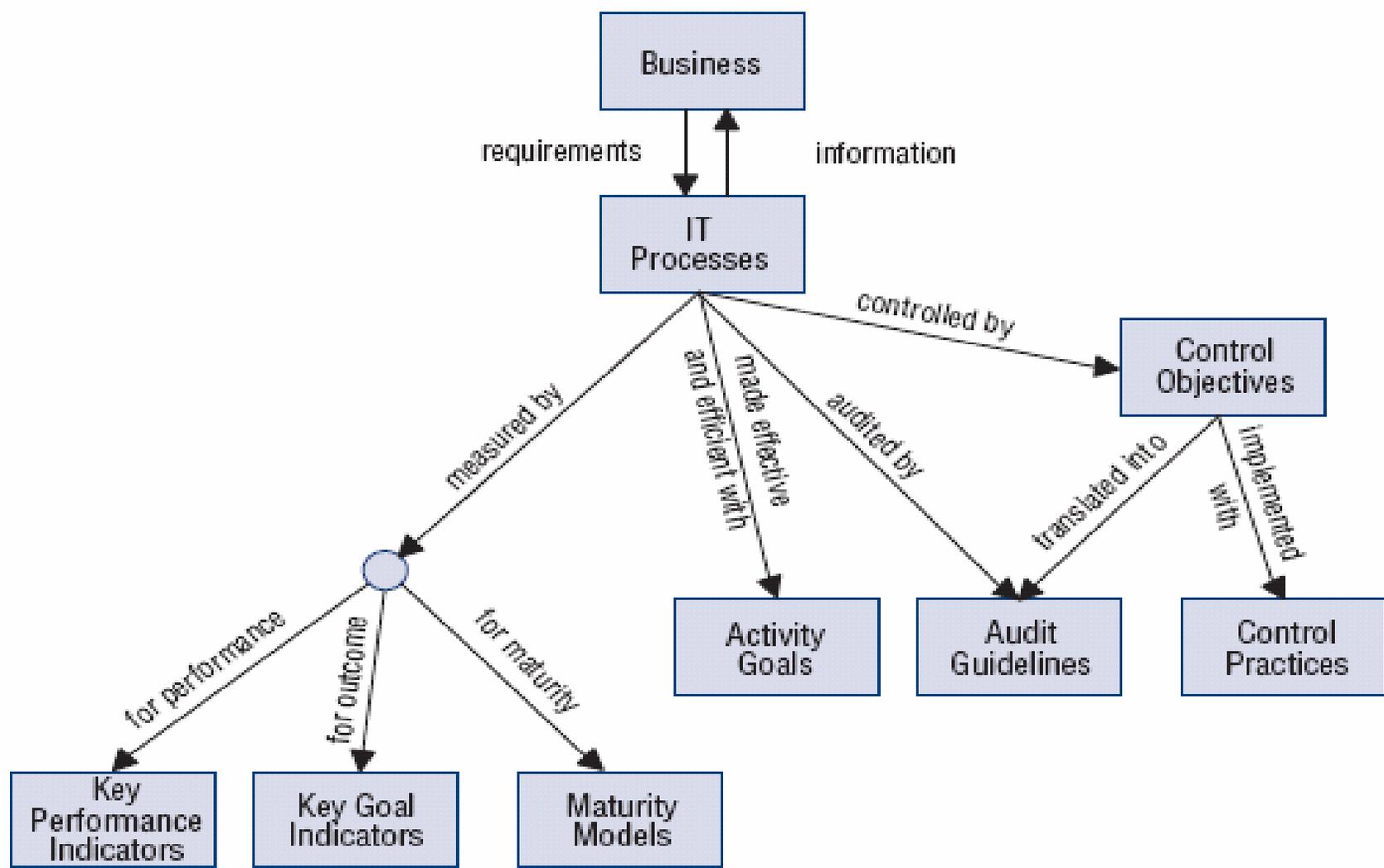
# Hierarchy of COBIT® Components



\* Now integrated into COBIT 4.0



# Relationship of COBIT® Components





# COBIT® Structure Overview

- ◆ Starts from the premise that IT needs to *deliver the information* that the enterprise needs to *achieve its objectives*
- ◆ Promotes *process focus* and *process ownership*
- ◆ Divides IT into 34 processes belonging to four domains (providing a high level control objective for each process)
- ◆ Looks at fiduciary, quality and security needs of enterprises, providing seven *information criteria* that can be used to generically define what the business requires from IT
- ◆ Is supported by a set of over 200 detailed control objectives



### IT Domains

- ◆ Plan & Organize
- ◆ Acquire & Implement
- ◆ Deliver & Support
- ◆ Monitor & Evaluate



### Information Criteria

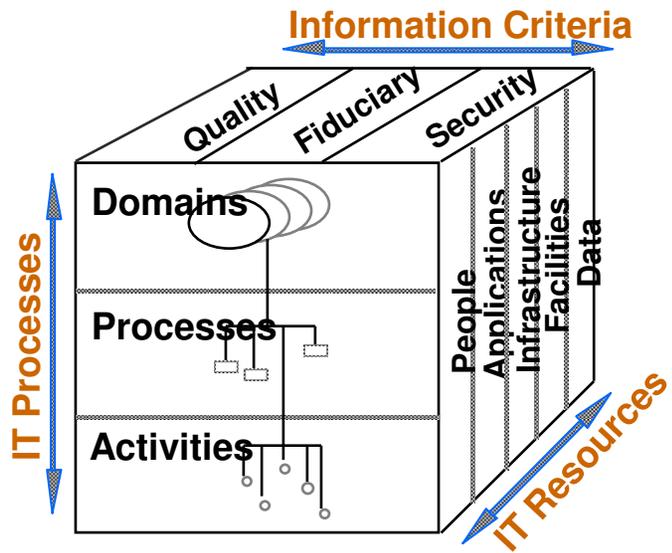
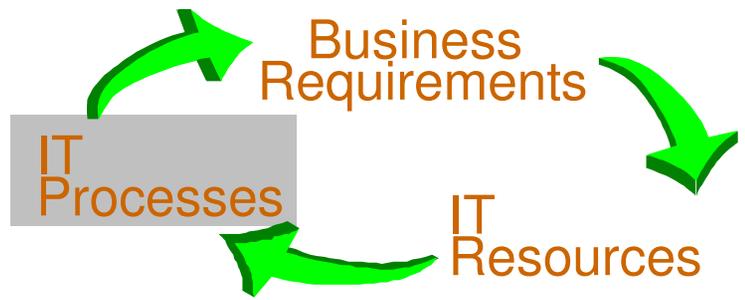
- ◆ Effectiveness
- ◆ Efficiency
- ◆ Availability
- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Confidentiality
- ◆ Reliability
- ◆ Compliance

### Business Requirements

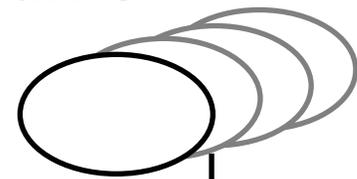


# COBIT® Structure

## *Aligning Requirements, Processes, Resources & Activities*

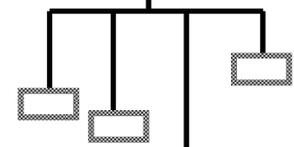


### Domains



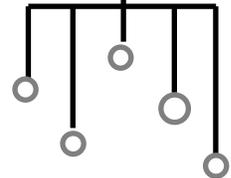
- Natural grouping of processes, often matching an organizational domain of responsibility.

### Processes



- A series of joined activities with natural (control) breaks.

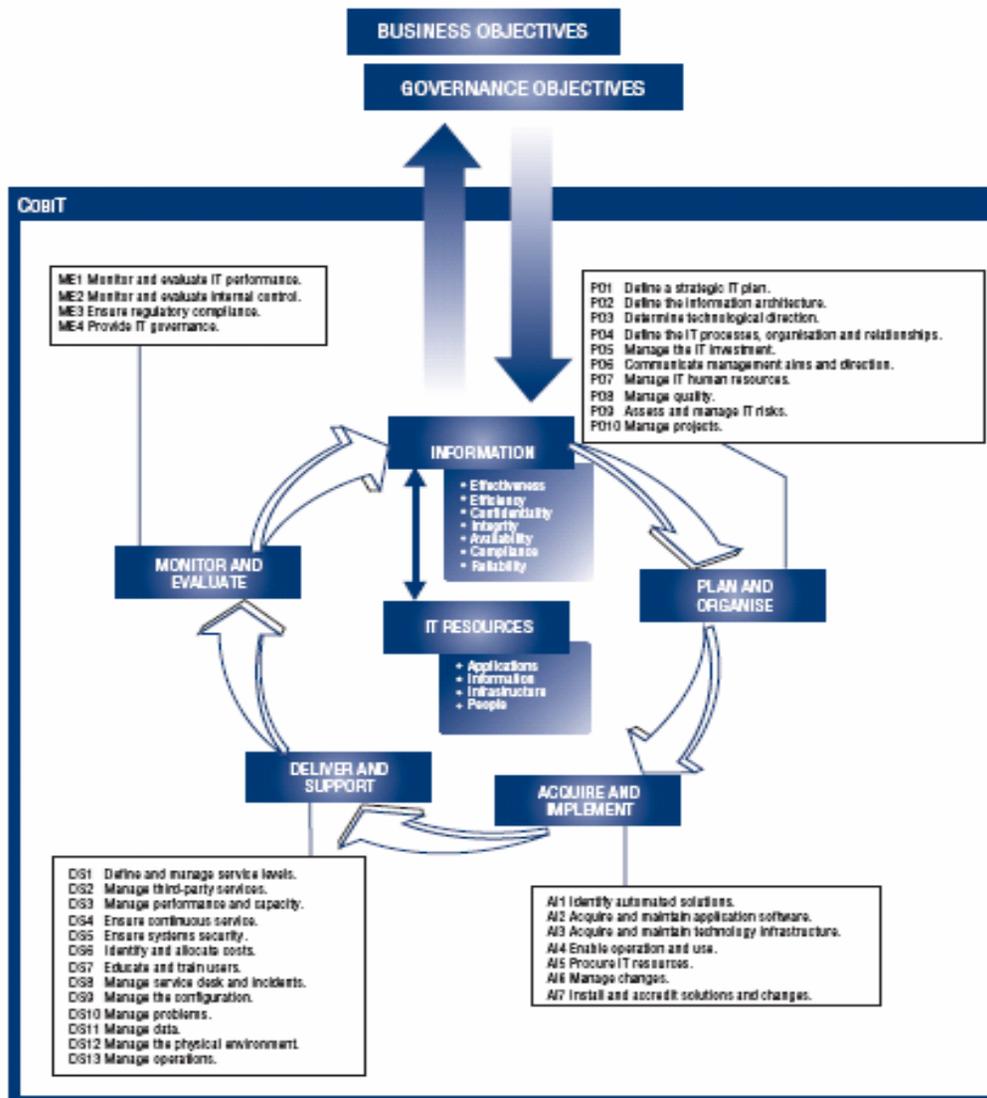
### Activities



- Actions needed to achieve a *measurable* result. Activities have a life-cycle whereas tasks are discreet.



# COBIT® Structure Example



## IT Domains

- Plan & Organize
- Acquire & Implement
- **Deliver & Support**
- Monitor & Evaluate

## IT Processes

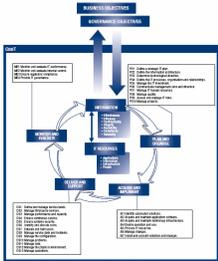
- Change Management
- Contingency Planning
- **Problem Management**
- Policy & Procedures
- Acceptance Testing
- etc...

## Activities

- Record new problem
- Analyze problem
- Propose solution
- Monitor solution
- **Record known problem**
- etc...



# COBIT® *High-Level Processes / Objectives*

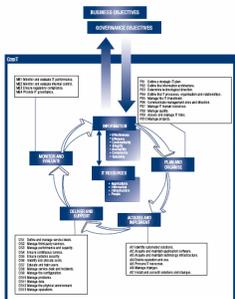


## Plan & Organize

- PO 1 Define a Strategic IT Plan
- PO 2 Define the Information Architecture
- PO 3 Determine Technological Direction
- PO 4 Define the IT Processes, Organization, & Relationships
- PO 5 Manage the IT Investment
- PO 6 Communicate Management Aims and Direction
- PO 7 Manage IT Human Resources
- PO 8 Manage Quality
- PO 9 Assess & Manage IT Risks
- PO 10 Manage Projects



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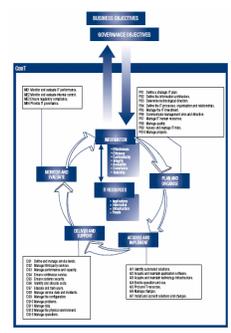


## Acquire & Implement

- AI 1 Identify Automated Solutions
- AI 2 Acquire and Maintain Application Software
- AI 3 Acquire and Maintain Technology Infrastructure
- AI 4 Enable Operation and Use
- AI 5 Procure IT Resources
- AI 6 Manage Changes
- AI 7 Install and Accredite Solutions and Changes



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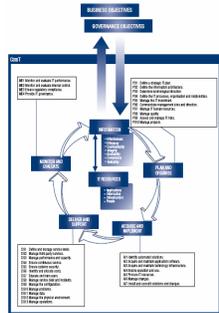


## Deliver & Support

- DS 1 Define and Manage Service Levels
- DS 2 Manage Third-Party Services
- DS 3 Manage Performance and Capacity
- DS 4 Ensure Continuous Service
- DS 5 Ensure Systems Security
- DS 6 Identify and Allocate Costs
- DS 7 Educate and Train Users
- DS 8 Manage Service Desk and Incidents
- DS 9 Manage the Configuration
- DS 10 Manage Problems
- DS 11 Manage Data
- DS 12 Manage the Physical Environment
- DS 13 Manage Operations



# COBIT® *High-Level Processes / Objectives*



## Monitor & Evaluate

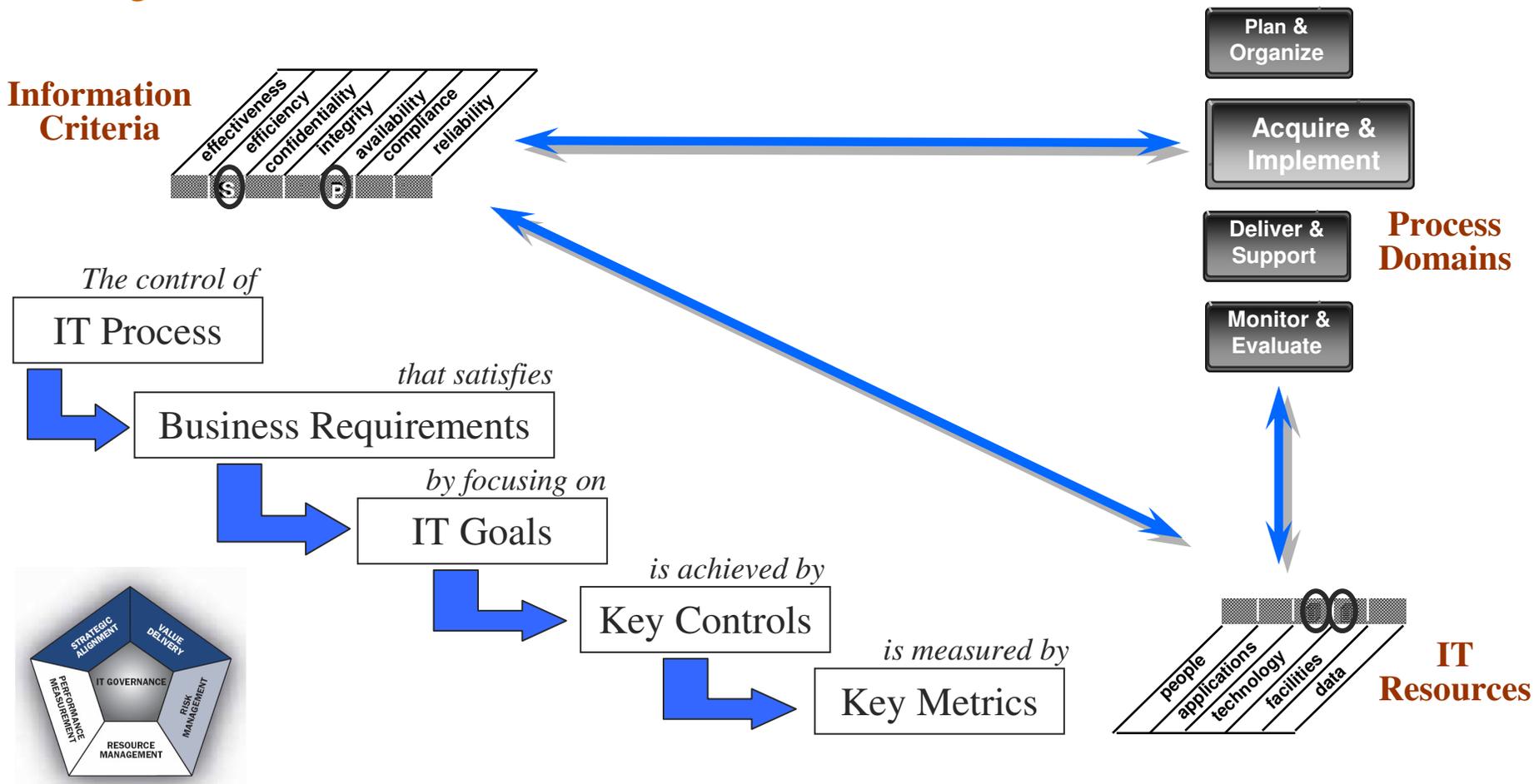
- M 1 Monitor and Evaluate IT Performance
- M 2 Monitor and Evaluate Internal Control
- M 3 Ensure Regulatory Compliance
- M 4 Provide IT Governance



# Linking The Processes To Control Objectives (34 High-level and 200+ Detailed Objectives)

## COBIT's Waterfall and Navigation Aids

*Linking Process, Resource & Criteria*



# Example of COBIT® 4.0 - DS5 (page 1)

**Deliver and Support DS5**  
 Ensure Systems Security

**HIGH-LEVEL CONTROL OBJECTIVE**

**DS5 Ensure Systems Security**  
 The need to maintain the integrity of information and protect IT assets requires a security management process. This process includes establishing and maintaining IT security roles and responsibilities, policies, standards and procedures. Security management also includes performing security monitoring and periodic testing and implementing corrective actions for identified security weaknesses or incidents. Effective security management protects all IT assets to minimise the business impact of security vulnerabilities and incidents.



Plan and Organise

Acquire and Implement

Deliver and Support

Monitor and Evaluate

**Control over the IT process of**  
 Ensure systems security

**that satisfies the business requirement for IT of**  
 maintaining the integrity of information and processing infrastructure and minimising the impact of security vulnerabilities and incidents

**by focusing on**  
 defining IT security policies, procedures and standards, and monitoring, detecting, reporting and resolving security vulnerabilities and incidents

**Is achieved by**

- Understanding security requirements, vulnerabilities and threats
- Managing user identities and authorisations in a standardised manner
- Testing security regularly

**and is measured by**

- Number of incidents damaging reputation with the public
- Number of systems where security requirements are not met
- Number of violations in segregation of duties




- Process Description
- IT Domains & Information Indicators
- IT Goals
- Process Goals
- Key Practices
- Key Metrics
- IT Governance & IT Resource Indicators

# Example of COBIT® 4.0 - DS5 (page 2)

**DS5 Deliver and Support**  
**Ensure Systems Security**

**DETAILED CONTROL OBJECTIVES**

**DS5 Ensure Systems Security**

**DS5.1 Management of IT Security**  
 Manage IT security at the highest appropriate organisational level, so the management of security actions is in line with business requirements.

**DS5.2 IT Security Plan**  
 Translate business information requirements, IT configuration, information risk action plans and information security culture into an overall IT security plan. The plan is implemented in security policies and procedures together with appropriate investments in services, personnel, software and hardware. Security policies and procedures are communicated to stakeholders and users.

**DS5.3 Identity Management**  
 All users (internal, external and temporary) and their activity on IT systems (business application, system operation, development and maintenance) should be uniquely identifiable. User access rights to systems and data should be in line with defined and documented business needs and job requirements. User access rights are requested by user management, approved by system owner and implemented by the security-responsible person. User identities and access rights are maintained in a central repository. Cost-effective technical and procedural measures are deployed and kept current to establish user identification, implement authentication and enforce access rights.

**DS5.4 User Account Management**  
 Ensure that requesting, establishing, issuing, suspending, modifying and closing user accounts and related user privileges are addressed by user account management. An approval procedure outlining the data or system owner granting the access privileges should be included. These procedures should apply for all users, including administrators (privileged users), internal and external users, for normal and emergency cases. Rights and obligations relative to access to enterprise systems and information are contractually arranged for all types of users. Perform regular management review of all accounts and related privileges.

**DS5.5 Security Testing, Surveillance and Monitoring**  
 Ensure that IT security implementation is tested and monitored proactively. IT security should be re-credited periodically to ensure the approved security level is maintained. A logging and monitoring function enables the early detection of unusual or abnormal activities that may need to be addressed. Access to the logging information is in line with business requirements in terms of access rights and retention requirements.

**DS5.6 Security Incident Definition**  
 Ensure that the characteristics of potential security incidents are clearly defined and communicated so security incidents can be properly treated by the incident or problem management process. Characteristics include a description of what is considered a security incident and its impact level. A limited number of impact levels are defined and for each the specific actions required and the people who need to be notified are identified.

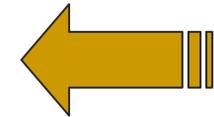
**DS5.7 Protection of Security Technology**  
 Ensure that important security-related technology is made resistant to tampering and security documentation is not disclosed unnecessarily, i.e., it keeps a low profile. However, do not make security of systems reliant on secrecy of security specifications.

**DS5.8 Cryptographic Key Management**  
 Determine that policies and procedures are in place to organise the generation, change, revocation, destruction, distribution, certification, storage, entry, use and archiving of cryptographic keys to ensure the protection of keys against modification and unauthorized disclosure.

**DS5.9 Malicious Software Prevention, Detection and Correction**  
 Ensure that preventive, detective and corrective measures are in place (especially up-to-date security patches and virus control) across the organisation to protect information systems and technology from malware (viruses, worms, spyware, spam, internally developed fraudulent software, etc.).

**DS5.10 Network Security**  
 Ensure that security techniques and related management procedures (e.g., firewalls, security appliances, network segmentation and intrusion detection) are used to authorize access and control information flows from and to networks.

**DS5.11 Exchange of Sensitive Data**  
 Ensure sensitive transaction data are exchanged only over a trusted path or medium with controls to provide authenticity of content, proof of submission, proof of receipt and non-repudiation of origin.



Detailed  
Control  
Objectives



# COBIT® Management Guidelines

## COBIT 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition added a *Management and Governance* layer, providing management with a toolbox containing...

- A *maturity model* to assist in benchmarking and decision-making for control over IT
- A list of *critical success factors (CSF)* that provides succinct non-technical best practices for each IT process
- Generic and action oriented *performance measurement* elements (*key performance indicators [KPI]* and *key goal indicators [KGI]* - outcome measures and performance drivers for all IT processes)

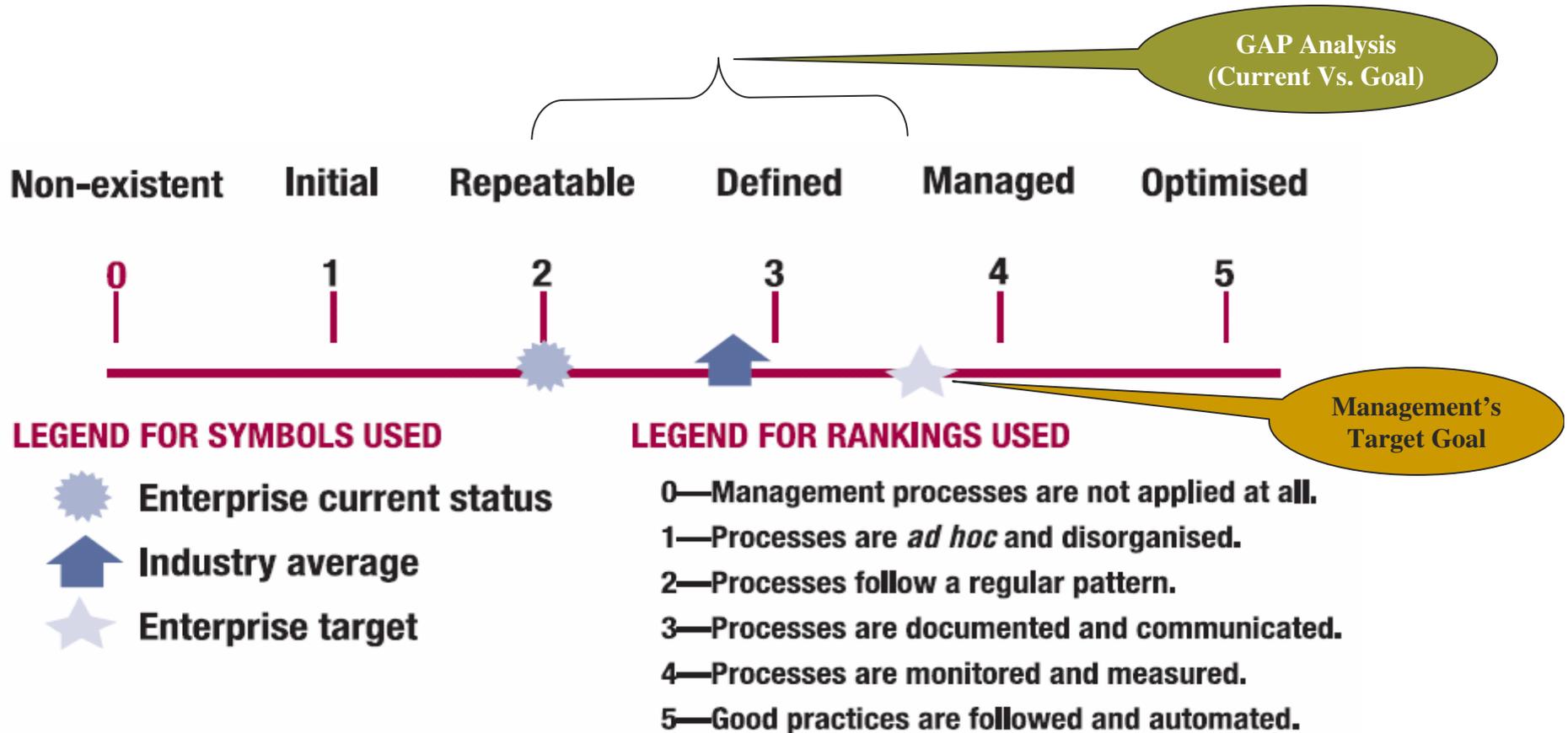
### Purpose...

- IT Control profiling – **what is important?**
- Awareness – **where is the risk?**
- Benchmarking - **what do others do?**



# COBIT® Maturity Model

*Maturity Model: Method of scoring the maturity of IT processes...*



# Metrics as CSF, KPI, & KGI

## ❖ Critical Success Factors (CSF)

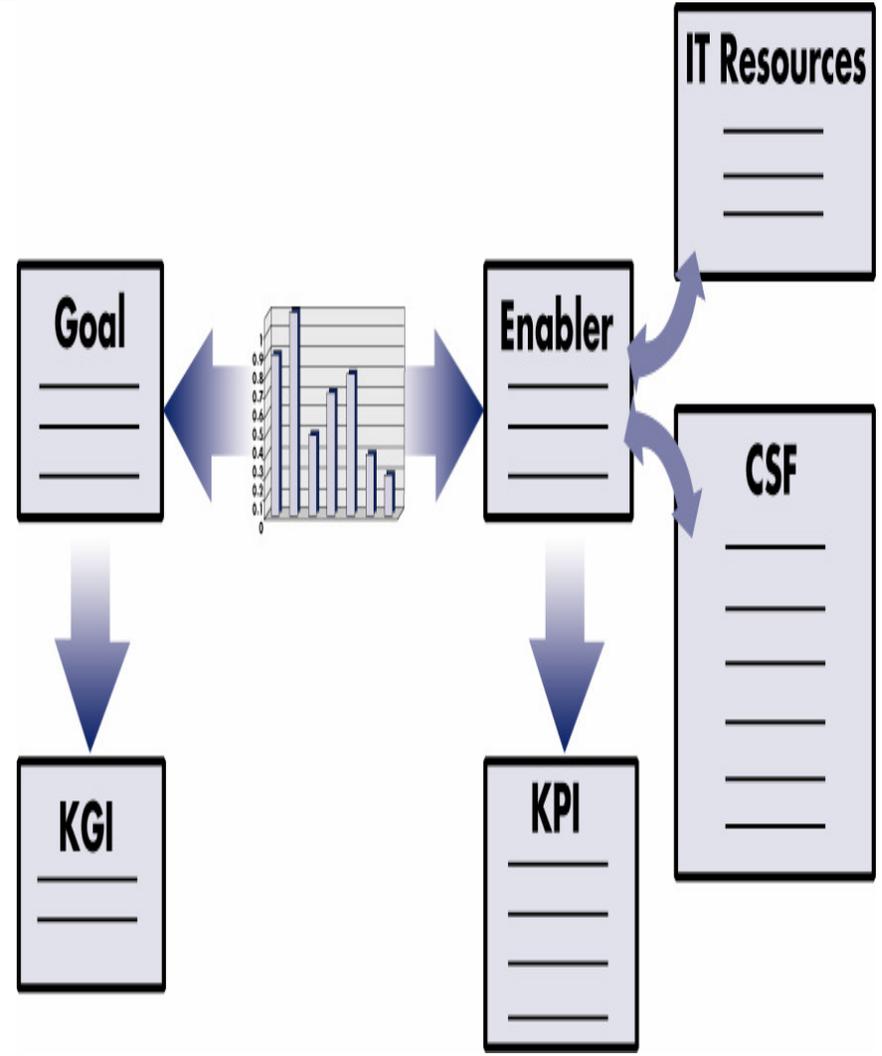
What are the most important things to do to increase the probability of success of the process?

## ❖ Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

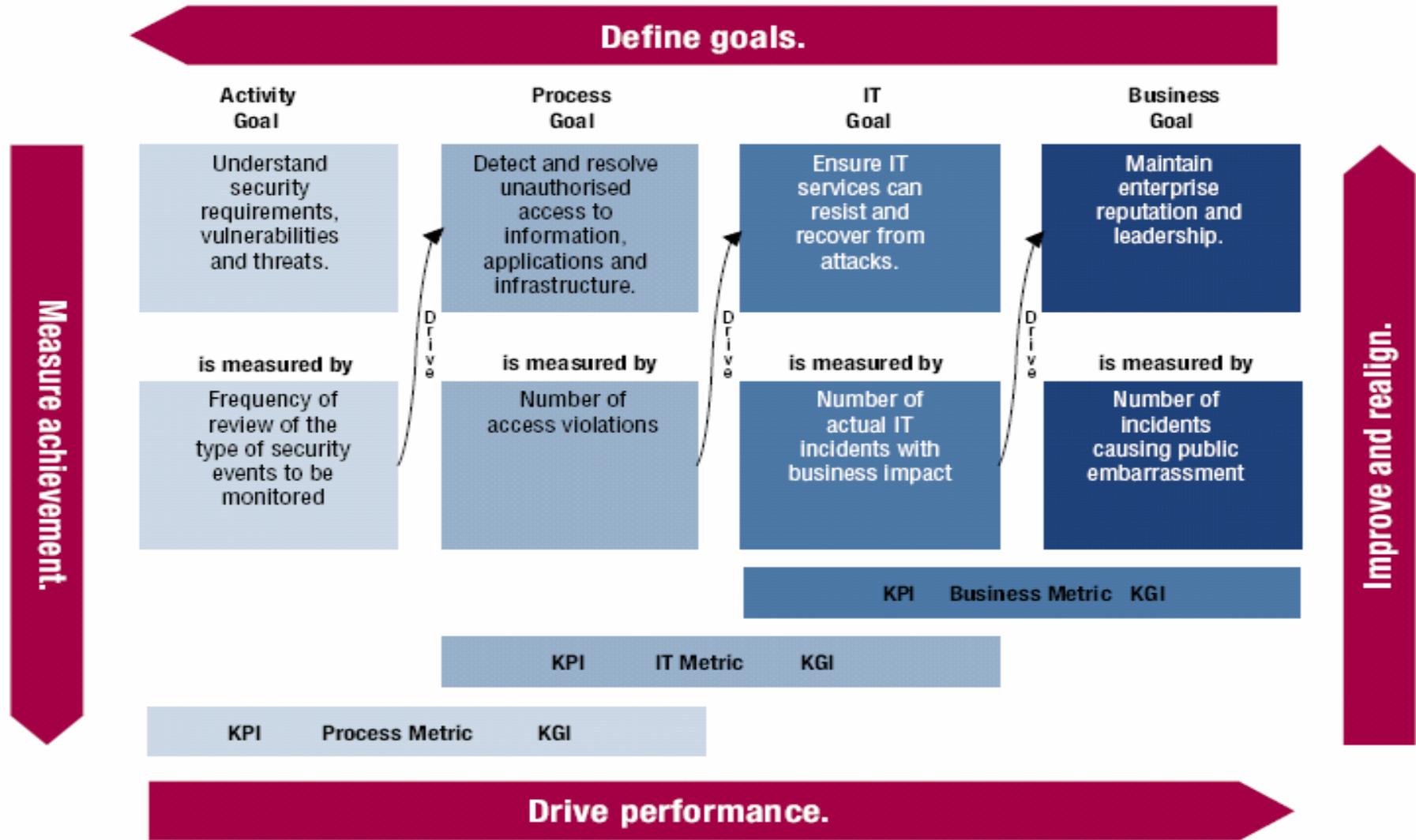
Measure how well a process is performing.

## ❖ Key Goal Indicators (KGI)

Measure whether a process achieved its business requirements.



# Measuring Success – Example of COBIT® DS5



# Example of COBIT® 4.0 - DS5 (page 3)

**Deliver and Support DS5**  
 Ensure Systems Security

**MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

**DS5 Ensure Systems Security**

From	Inputs
D02	Information architecture; assigned data classifications
D03	Technology standards
D09	Risk assessment
A02	Application security controls specification
DS1	GLAs

Outputs	To
Secure incident definition	DS5
Specific training requirements as security awareness	DS7
Process performance reports	ME1
Required security changes	ME
Security threats and vulnerabilities	PO9

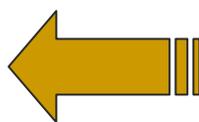
**RACI Chart**

Activities	Functions										
	CEO	COO	Business Systems	CP	Business Process Owner	IT and Operations	Chief Architect	IT and Development	Head of Application	IT and Security	IT and Risk
Define and maintain an IT security plan.	I	C	C	A	C	C	C	C	I	I	R
Define, establish and operate an identity (access) management process.				A	C	R	R	I			C
Monitor potential and actual security incidents.				A	I	R	C	C			R
Periodically review and validate user access rights and privileges.				I	A	C					R
Establish and maintain procedures for maintaining and safeguarding cryptographic keys.				A		R				I	C
Implement and maintain technical and procedural controls to protect information flow across networks.				A	C	C	R	R			C
Conduct regular availability assessments.		I		A	I	C	C	C			R

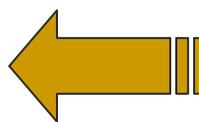
A RACI chart identifies who is Responsible, Accountable, Consulted and/or Informed.

**Goals and Metrics**

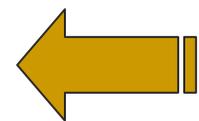
Activity Goals	Process Goals	IT Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding security requirements, vulnerabilities and threats</li> <li>Managing user identities and authorizations in a standardized manner</li> <li>Defining security incidents</li> <li>Testing security regularly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit access to critical and sensitive data only to authorized users.</li> <li>Identify, monitor and report security vulnerabilities and incidents.</li> <li>Detect and resolve unauthorized access to information, applications and infrastructure.</li> <li>Minimize the impact of security vulnerabilities and incidents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure critical and confidential information is withheld from those who should not have access to it.</li> <li>Ensure authorized business transactions and information exchanges can be trusted.</li> <li>Maintain the integrity of information and processing infrastructure.</li> <li>Account for and protect all IT assets.</li> <li>Ensure IT services and infrastructure can resist and recover from failure due to error, deliberate attack or disaster.</li> </ul>
<small>are measured by</small> <b>Key Performance Indicators</b>	<small>are measured by</small> <b>Process Key Goal Indicators</b>	<small>are measured by</small> <b>IT Key Goal Indicators</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequency and review of the type of security events to be monitored</li> <li># and type of obsolete accounts</li> <li># of unauthorized IP addresses, ports and traffic types denied</li> <li>% of cryptographic keys compromised and revoked</li> <li># of access rights authorized, revoked, reset or changed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># and type of suspected and actual access violations</li> <li># of violations in segregation of duties</li> <li>% of users who do not comply with password standards</li> <li># and type of malicious code prevented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of incidents with business impact</li> <li># of systems where security requirements are not met</li> <li>Time to grant, change and revoke access privileges</li> </ul>



Process Relationships



RACI Chart  
(Major activities and associated responsibilities)



IT Goals & Performance Metrics

# Example of COBIT® 4.0 - DS5 (page 4)

**DS5 Deliver and Support**  
 Ensure Systems Security

**MATURITY MODEL**

**DS5 Ensure Systems Security**

Management of the process of *Ensure systems security* that satisfies the business requirements for IT of *maintaining the integrity of information and processing infrastructure and minimising the impact of security vulnerabilities and incidents* is:

**0 Non-existent** when  
 The organisation does not recognise the need for IT security. Responsibilities and accountabilities are not assigned for ensuring security. Measures supporting the management of IT security are not implemented. There is no IT security reporting and no response process for IT security breaches. There is a complete lack of a recognisable system security administration process.

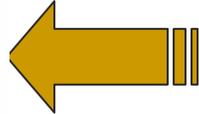
**1 Initial/Ad Hoc** when  
 The organisation recognises the need for IT security. Awareness of the need for security depends primarily on the individual. IT security is addressed on a reactive basis. IT security is not measured. Detected IT security breaches invoke finger-pointing responses, because responsibilities are unclear. Responses to IT security breaches are unpredictable.

**2 Repeatable but Intuitive** when  
 Responsibilities and accountabilities for IT security are assigned to an IT security co-ordinator, although the management authority of the co-ordinator is limited. Awareness of the need for security is fragmented and limited. Although security-relevant information is produced by systems, it is not analysed. Services from third parties may not address the specific security needs of the organisation. Security policies are being developed, but skills and tools are inadequate. IT security reporting is incomplete, misleading or not pertinent. Security training is available but is undertaken primarily at the initiative of the individual. IT security is seen primarily as the responsibility and domain of IT and the business does not see that IT security is within its domain.

**3 Defined Process** when  
 Security awareness exists and is promoted by management. IT security procedures are defined and aligned with IT security policy. Responsibilities for IT security are assigned and understood, but not consistently enforced. An IT security plan and security solutions exist as driven by risk analysis. Reporting on security does not contain a clear business focus. *Ad hoc* security testing (e.g., intrusion testing) is performed. Security training is available for IT and the business but is only informally scheduled and managed.

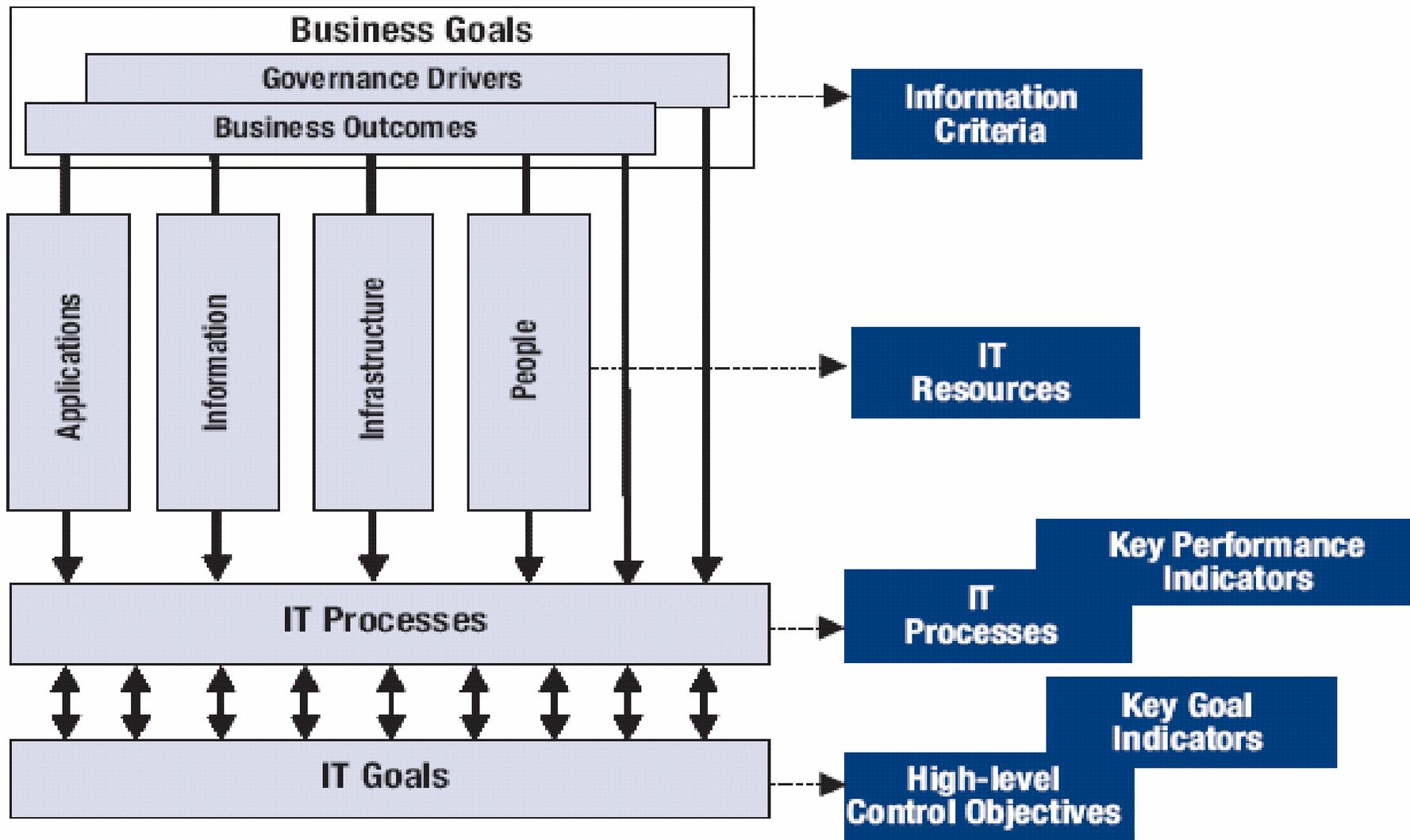
**4 Managed and Measurable** when  
 Responsibilities for IT security are clearly assigned, managed and enforced. IT security risk and impact analysis is consistently performed. Security policies and practices are completed with specific security baselines. Exposure to methods for promoting security awareness is mandatory. User identification, authentication and authorisation are standardised. Security certification is pursued for staff who are responsible for the audit and management of security. Security testing is done using standard and formalised processes leading to improvements of security levels. IT security processes are co-ordinated with an overall organisation security function. IT security reporting is linked to business objectives. IT security training is conducted in both the business and IT. IT security training is planned and managed in a manner that responds to business needs and defined security risk profiles. KGIs and KPIs for security management have been defined but are not yet measured.

**5 Optimised** when  
 IT security is a joint responsibility of business and IT management and is integrated with corporate security business objectives. IT security requirements are clearly defined, optimised and included in an approved security plan. Users and customers are increasingly accountable for defining security requirements, and security functions are integrated with applications at the design stage. Security incidents are promptly addressed with formalised incident response procedures supported by automated tools. Periodic security assessments are conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of implementation of the security plan. Information on threats and vulnerabilities is systematically collected and analysed. Adequate controls to mitigate risks are promptly communicated and implemented. Security testing, root cause analysis of security incidents and proactive identification of risk are used for continuous process improvements. Security processes and technologies are integrated organisationwide. KGIs and KPIs for security management are collected and communicated. Management uses KGIs and KPIs to adjust the security plan in a continuous improvement process.


 Process  
 Specific  
 Maturity  
 Model

# Summing It All Up

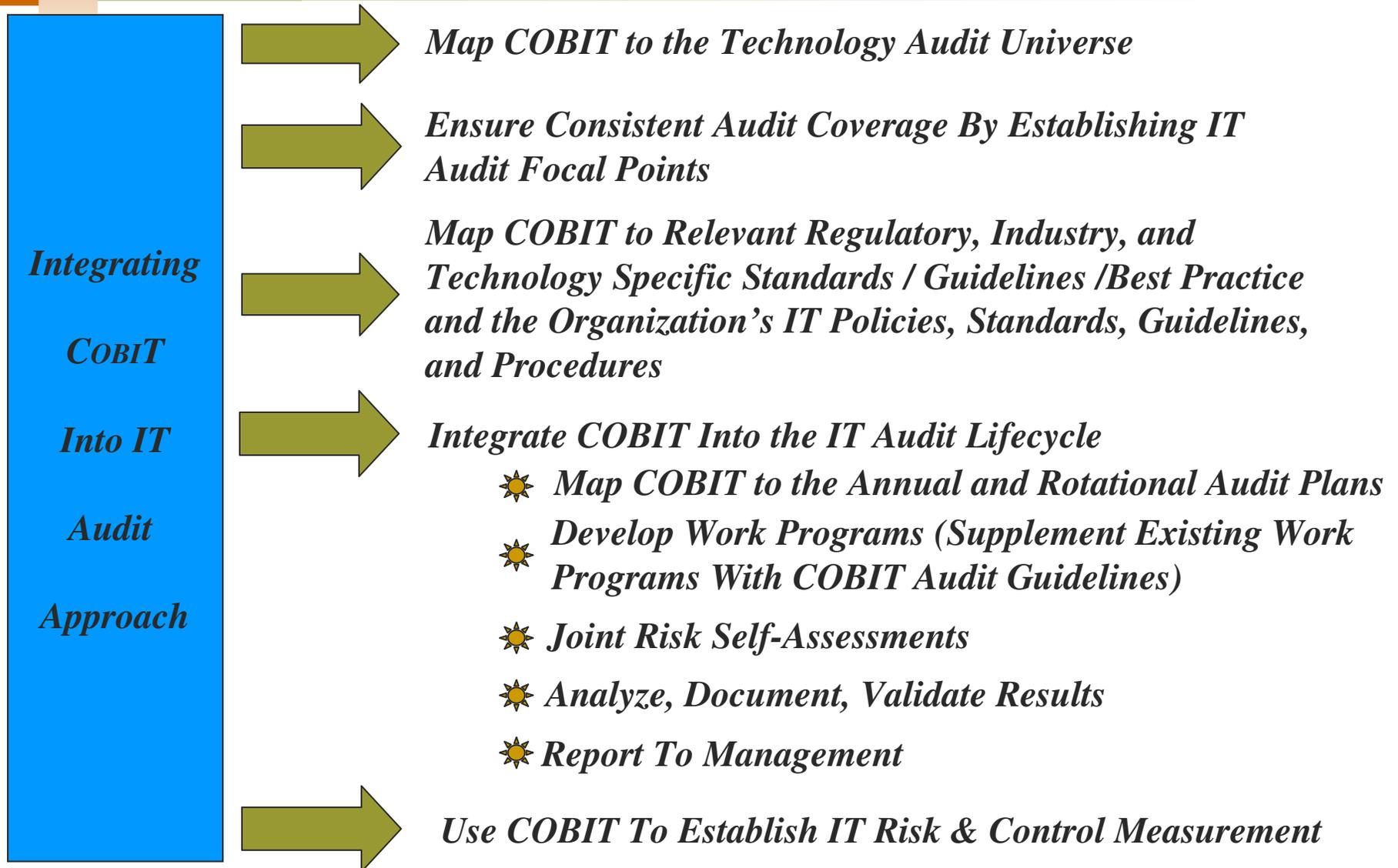
## *Business Goals Drive IT Goals*

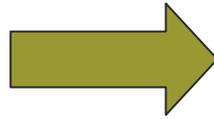
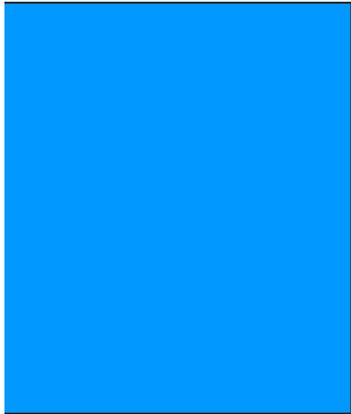




# Integrating COBIT<sup>®</sup> Domains Into IT Audit Planning & Scope Development

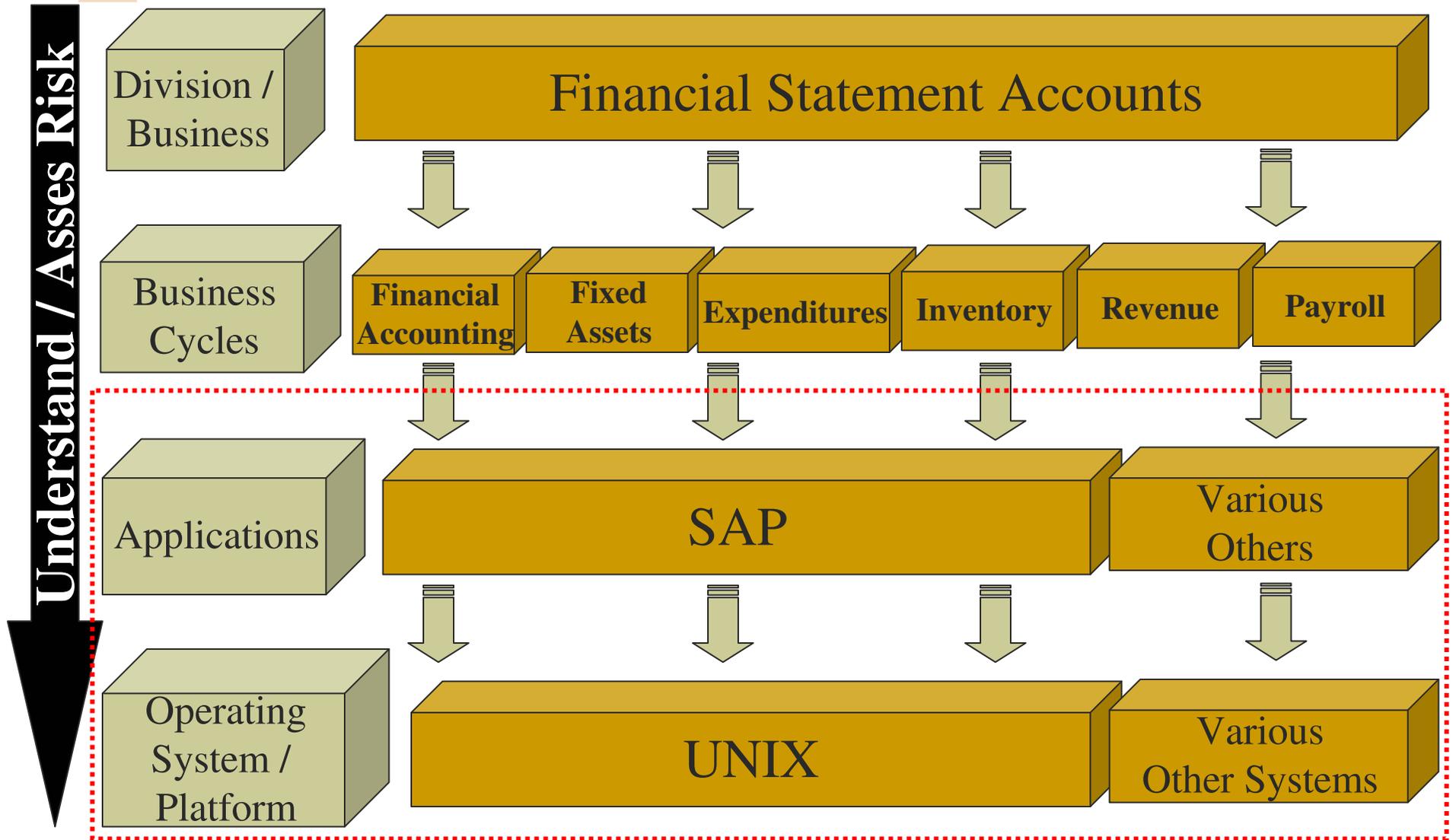
# Integration Overview





**Mapping COBIT<sup>®</sup> to the  
*Technology Audit Universe***

# Drilling Down to the Technology Infrastructure



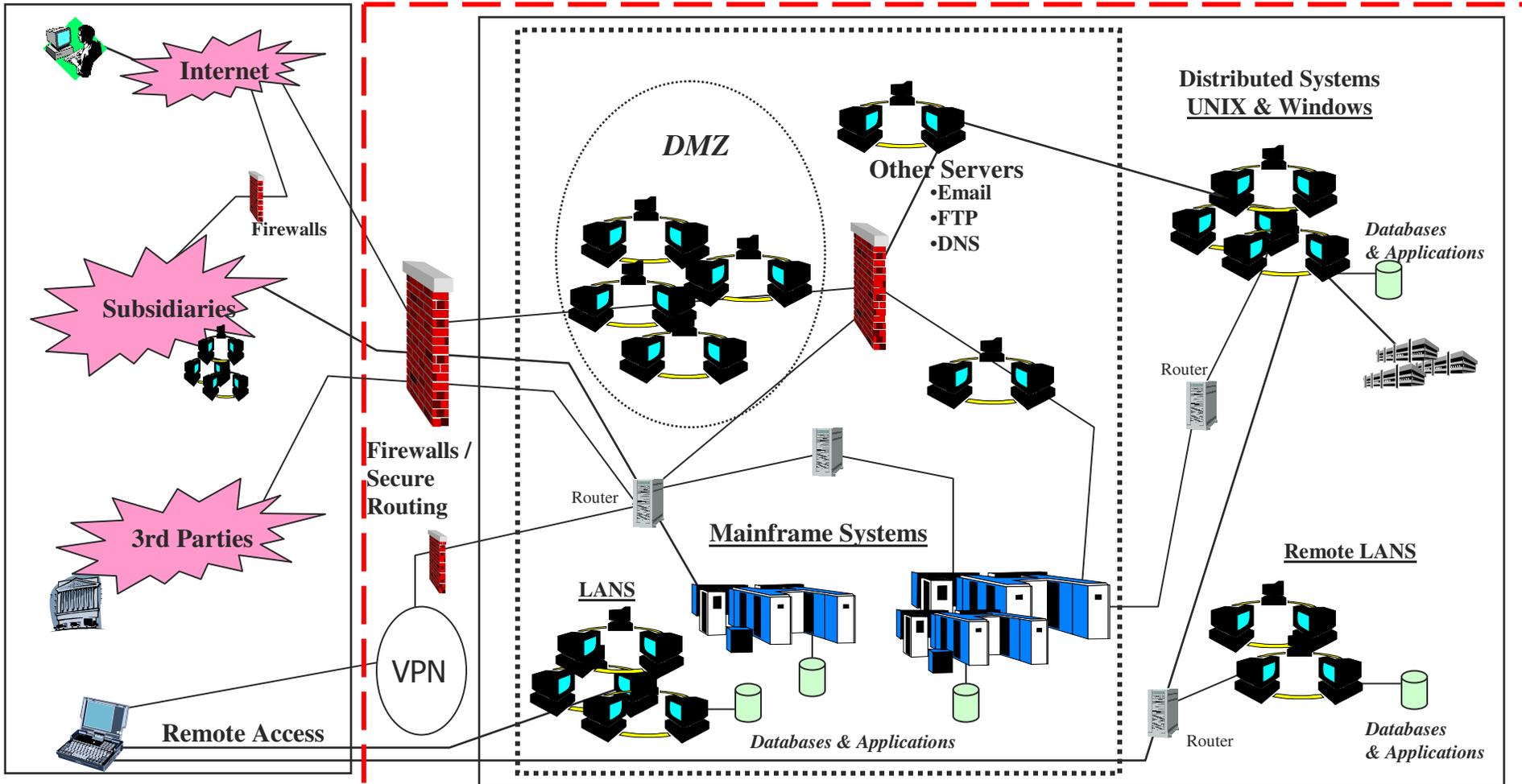
# Understanding the Technology Infrastructure

## External Risks

*Vulnerability to Hackers*

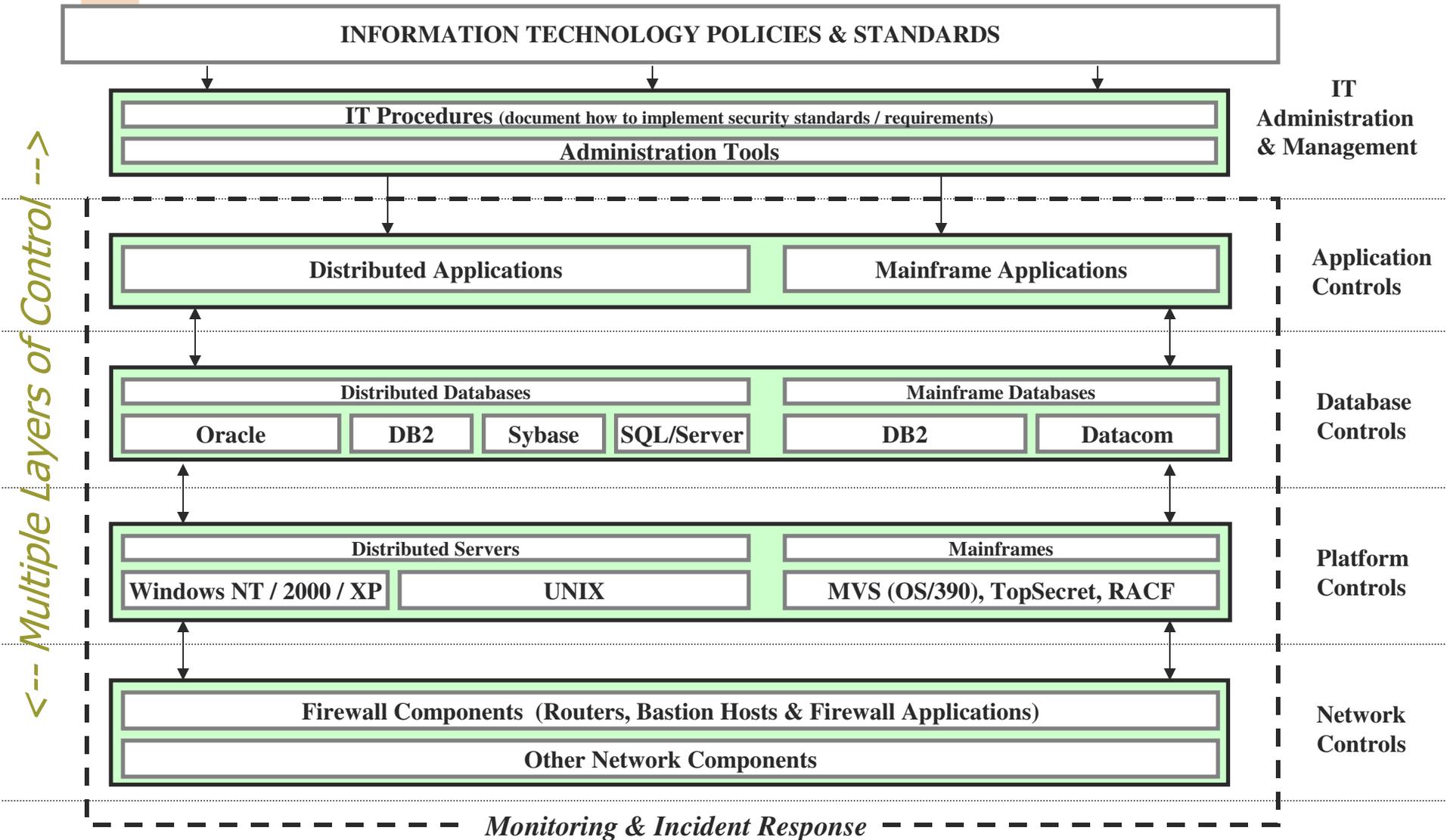
## Internal Risks

*Unauthorized Access by Internal Users (employees or contractors)*



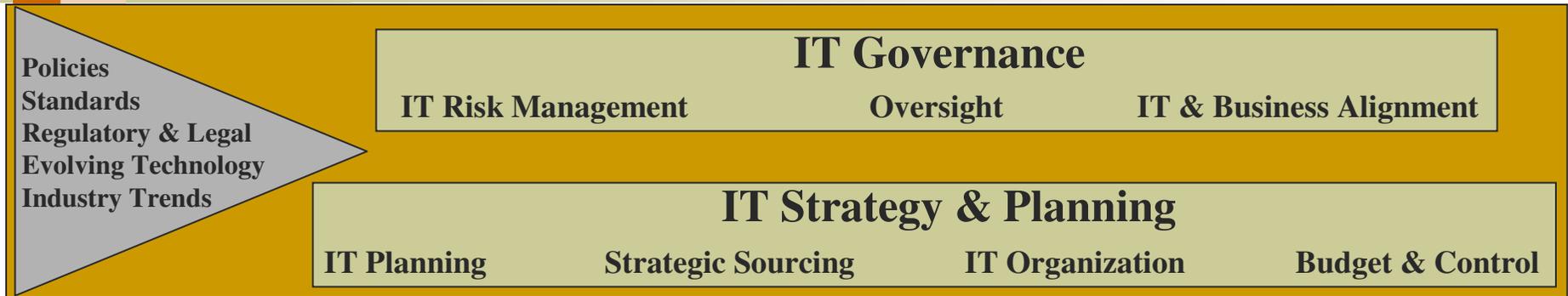
**Monitoring, Intrusion Detection & Anti-Virus Systems**

# Identifying Relevant Technology “Layers”



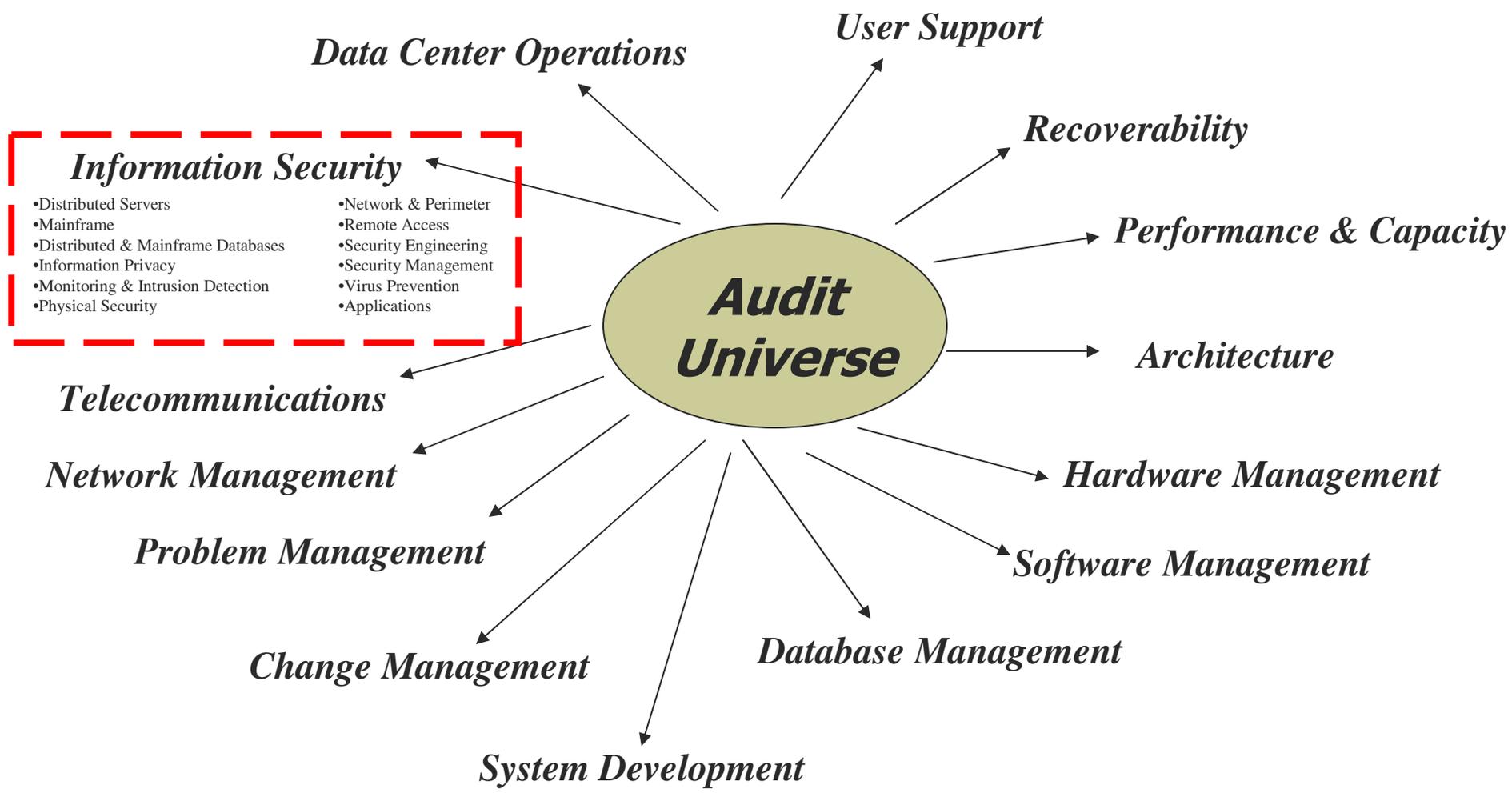


# Understanding the IT Governance Framework





# Defining the *Technology Audit Universe*

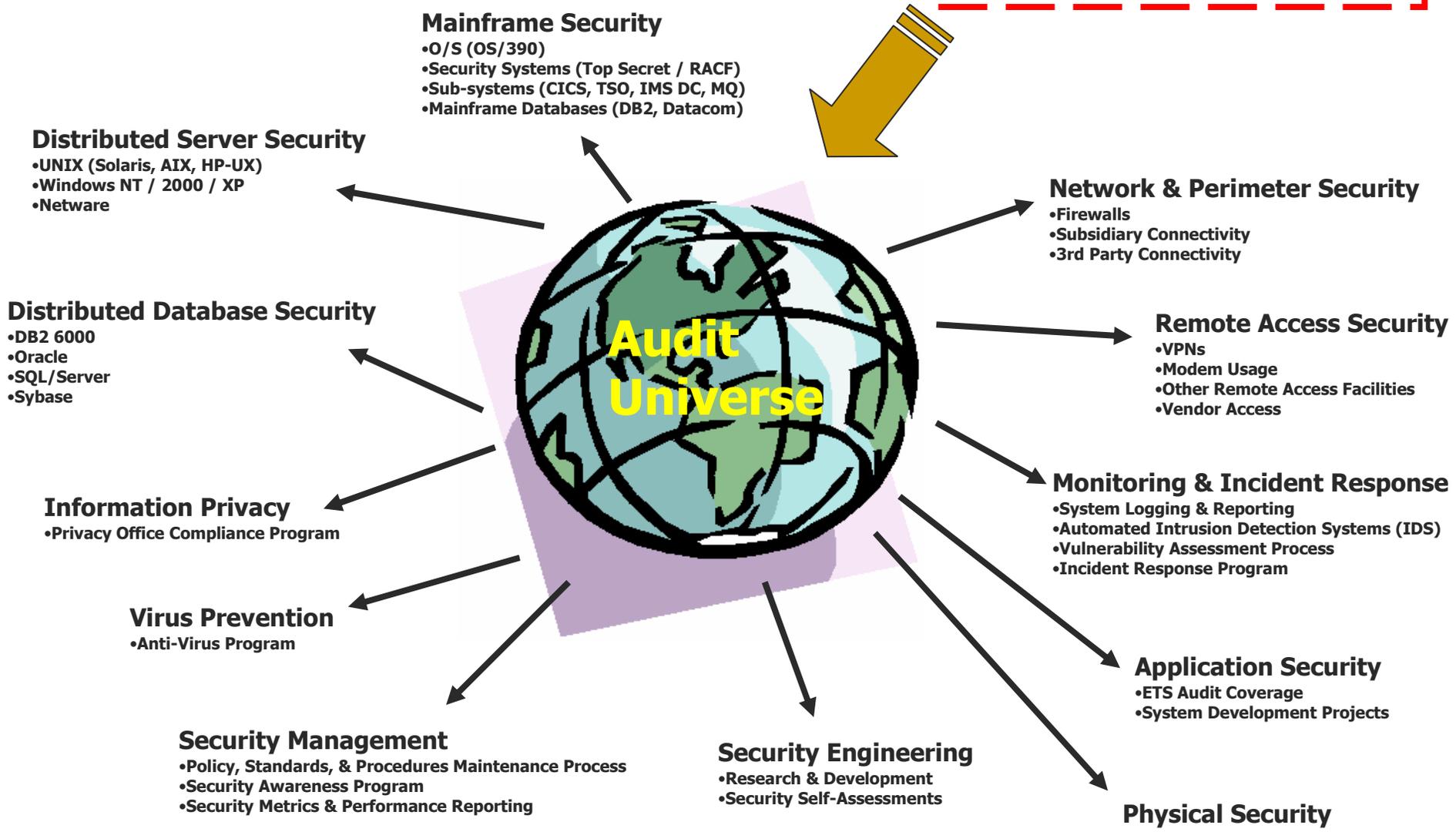




# Security Audit Universe

**Information Security**

- Distributed Servers
- Mainframe
- Distributed & Mainframe Databases
- Information Privacy
- Monitoring & Intrusion Detection
- Physical Security
- Network & Perimeter
- Remote Access
- Security Engineering
- Security Management
- Virus Prevention
- Applications



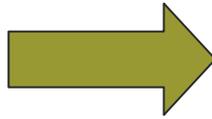
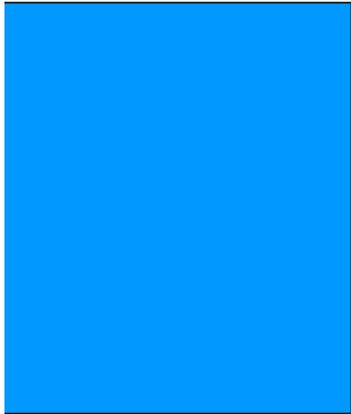
# Map Audit Universe To COBIT®

High Level Objective (e.g. PO2)

Ref.	COBIT Domains & High-Level Control Objectives	Infrastructure Audit Universe											Security Audit Universe										
		Architecture	Change Management	Data Center Operations	Database Management	Hardware Management	Network Management	Performance & Capacity	Problem Management	Recoverability	Software Management	Telecom. Management	User Support	Database Server	Distributed Server	Information Privacy	Monitoring & IDS	Mainframe Perimeter	Network & Remote Access	Engineering	Management	Physical Security Virus Prevention	
<i>PLANNING &amp; ORGANIZATION</i>																							
PO1	Define a Strategic IT Plan	X								X												X	
PO2	Define the Information Architecture	X																		X	X		
PO3	Determine the Technological Direction	X																		X	X		
PO4	Define the IT Organization and Relationships	X																					
PO5	Manage the Information Technology Investment	X																					
PO6	Communicate Management Aims and Direction	X								X												X	
PO7	Manage Human Resources	X																				X	
PO8	Ensure Compliance with External Requirements	X								X										X	X		
PO9	Assess Risks	X								X										X	X		
PO10	Manage Projects																			X			
PO11	Manage Quality			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X										
<i>ACQUISITION &amp; IMPLEMENTATION</i>																							
AI1	Identify Automated Solutions			X	X		X			X	X	X									X		
AI2	Acquire and Maintain Application Software		X																		X		
AI3	Acquire and Maintain Technology Infrastructure			X	X	X	X														X		
AI4	Develop and Maintain Procedures	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X									X		
AI5	Install and Acquire Systems			X	X		X														X		
AI6	Manage Changes		X	X	X	X	X				X	X									X		
<i>DELIVERY &amp; SUPPORT</i>																							
DS1	Define and Manage Service Levels		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X								X		
DS2	Manage Third-Party Services			X	X	X	X				X	X	X								X		
DS3	Manage Performance & Capacity						X	X				X											
DS4	Ensure Continuous Service			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X				X							
DS5	Ensure System Security											X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
DS6	Identify & Allocate Costs				X		X					X									X		

Illustration Only

Applicable Objectives Noted With 'X'



**Ensuring Consistent Coverage**  
*IT Audit Focal Points*

# Audit Focal Points

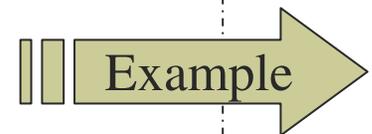
*Audit Focal Points*  
ensure consistent coverage across audits  
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the “state of controls” over time.

## Infrastructure

- Strategy & Structure
- Methodologies & Procedures
- Measurement & Reporting
- Tools & Technology

## Information Security

- Access Control
- System Security Configuration
- Monitoring, Vulnerability Assessment, & Response
- Security Management & Administration





# Security Audit Focal Points / Areas of Emphasis (Example)

## Access Control

### Standards & Procedures

Standards and procedures for access control are documented, approved, and communicated.

### Account Management

Account management procedures exist and are effective.

### Password Management

Password management mechanisms are in place to ensure that user passwords comply with Schwab password syntax and management criteria.

### User Profile Configurations

User profile configurations are defined based on job responsibilities.

### Group Profile Configurations

Group profile configurations are defined to ensure consistent access by users performing similar job responsibilities.

### Privileged & Special User Accounts

Privileged and Special User accounts are authorized and restricted.

### Generic & Shared Accounts

Generic & Shared accounts are not used as per Schwab standards.

### Logon / Logoff Processes

Systems should be configured to lock after consecutive invalid attempts.

### System Boot Process

System boot process is configured to ensure that only authorized security settings and system services are initiated during the system boot / IPL process.

### Remote Access

Appropriate mechanisms are in place to control and monitor remote user access to Schwab's internal network.

### Resource Safeguards (File/Dataset & Directory/Volume Protection)

System level security has been configured to appropriately protect critical system resources (files/datasets, directories/volumes, applications, etc.).

## System Security Configuration

### Standards

Standards for secure platform configuration are documented, approved, and communicated.

### Configuration Management

Procedures are in place to facilitate an effective configuration management process for standard images, patches and other updates. Procedures are in place for handling exceptions for non-standard configurations.

### Procedures

Defined procedures exist to ensure that systems are configured in compliance with Schwab security standards. The procedures are tested, documented and approved by management.

### System Security Parameters

Systems are configured with security parameters consistent with corporate standards.

### System Utilities

System utilities are managed effectively.

## Monitoring, Vulnerability Assessment & Response

### Standards & Procedures

Formal standards and procedures for monitoring and incident response are documented, approved and communicated.

### Logging

Critical system and security events are logged according to logging standards.

### Reporting & Review

Reports are produced and reviewed by management periodically.

### Incident Response

Security incident response procedures exist and are applied consistently in an event of a security breach. Escalation protocols have been defined.

## Security Management & Administration

### Security Program Strategy

Overall security strategy and direction has been established and communicated.

### Security Policy & Standards

Overall security policy and standards are documented, approved and communicated.

### Procedures

Daily operational procedures have been defined, documented and communicated to ensure that individuals with administrative responsibilities are able to effectively execute standard administration procedures.

### Roles, Responsibilities, & Staffing

Roles and responsibilities have been defined, documented and communicated to ensure that individuals are informed of their responsibilities.

### User Education & Awareness

Awareness and education programs have been established to ensure that users are aware of appropriate corporate security policy and standards.

### Security Advisories & Alerts

Industry security advisories and alerts should be closely monitored to ensure that appropriate mitigating controls are in place for identified vulnerabilities / exposures.

### Security Administration

Responsibility for security administration is appropriately assigned and accountability has been established.

### Environment Understanding

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the computer-processing environment and the relevant controls in place.

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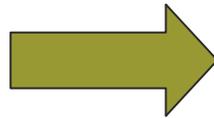
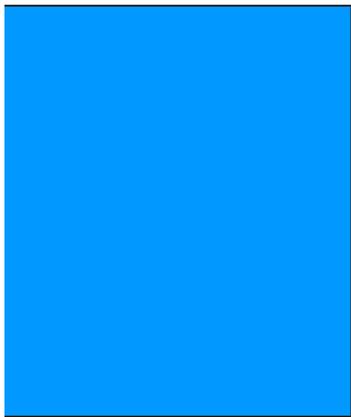
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*Record Applicable Focal Points & Areas of Emphasis*

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*Detailed Objectives*



# Mapping COBIT<sup>®</sup> to Relevant Industry Standards, Guidelines & Best Practices





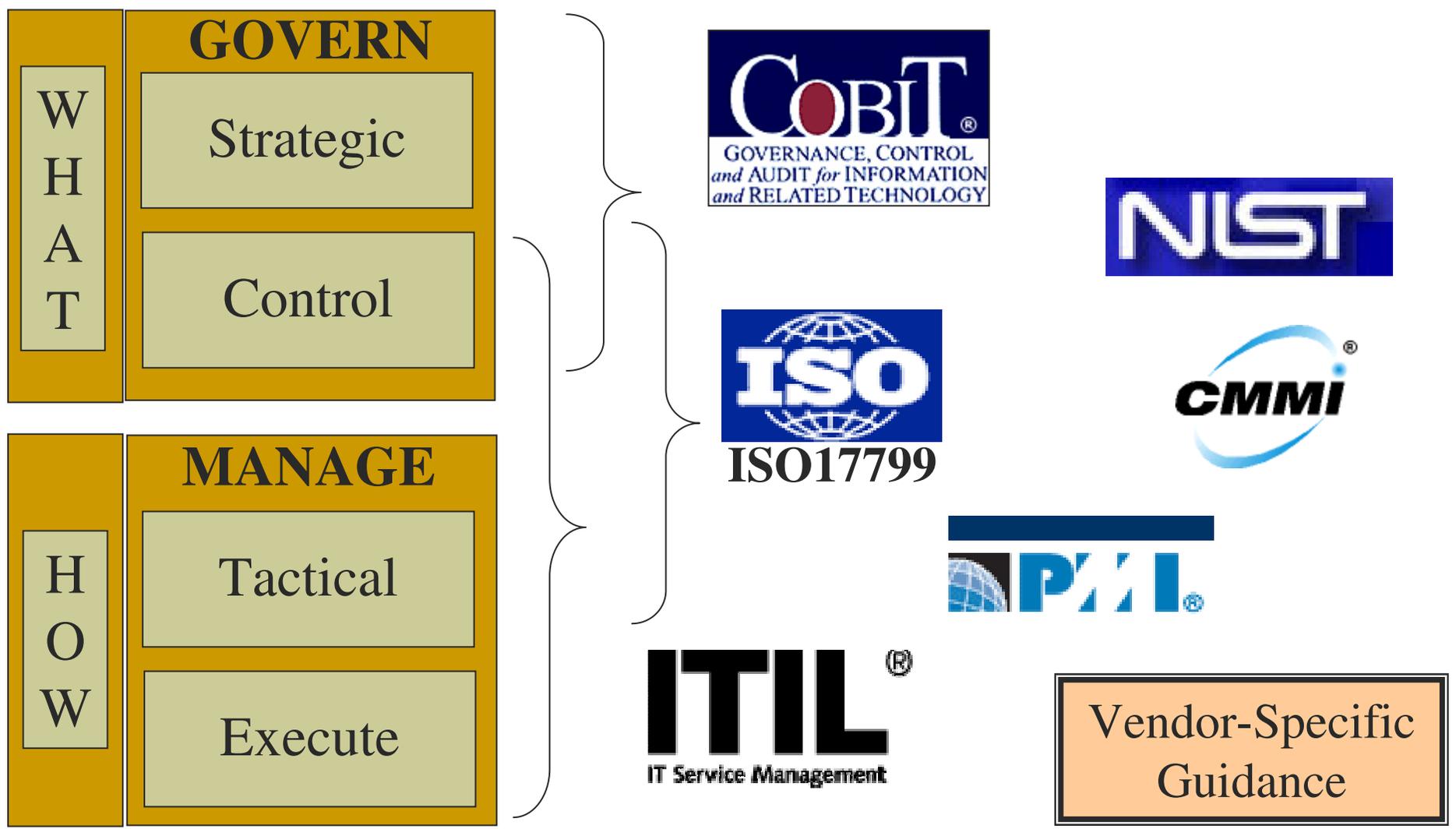
# Classifying Sources

**Identify relevant industry standards, guidelines, and best practices (classify by purpose)...**

- *Governance* (strategic) focus versus *Management* (tactical) focus.
- Process *Control* focus versus process *Execution* focus.
- *What To Do* versus *How To Do IT*



# Classification (Example)



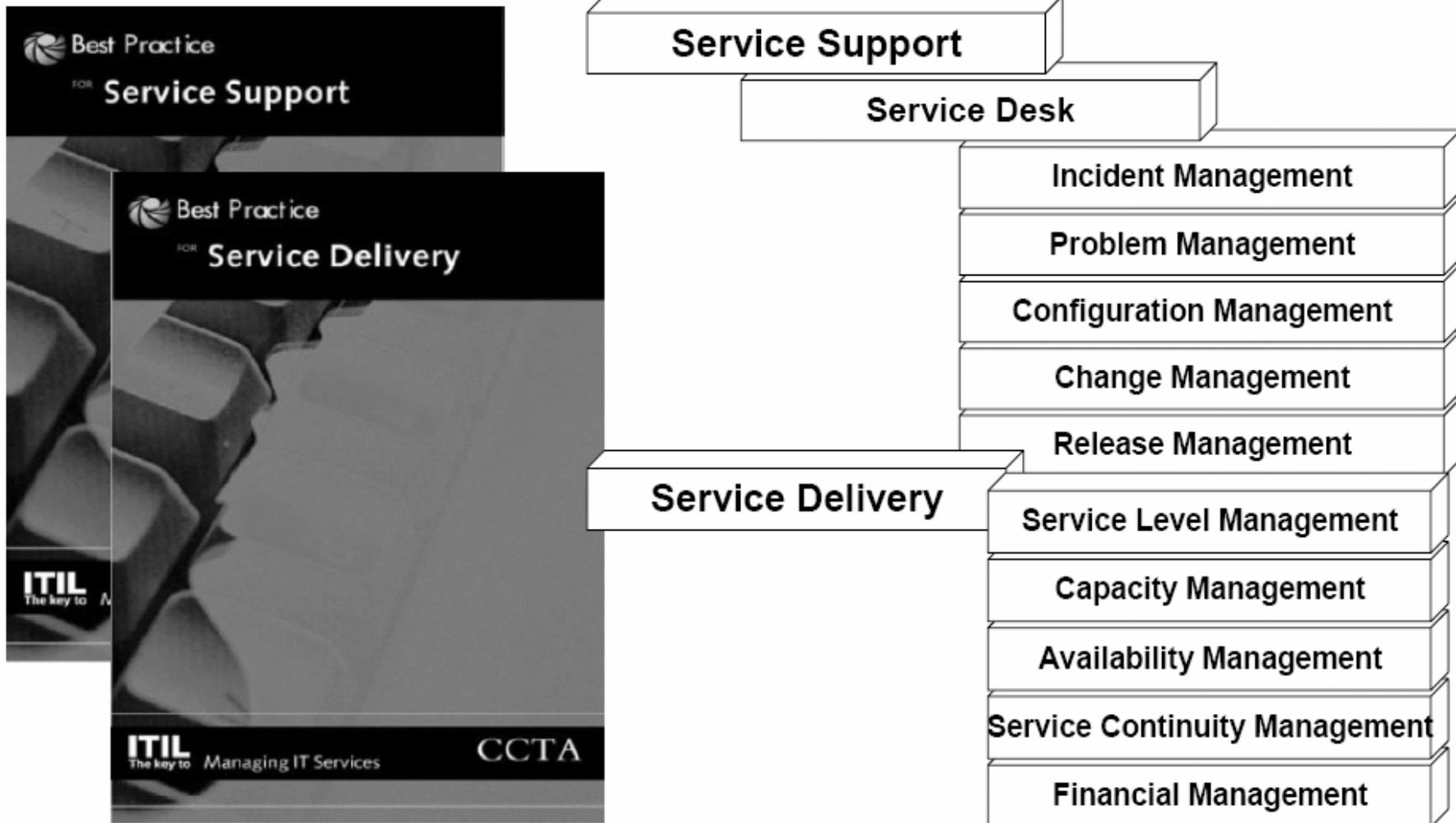


# ITIL Overview



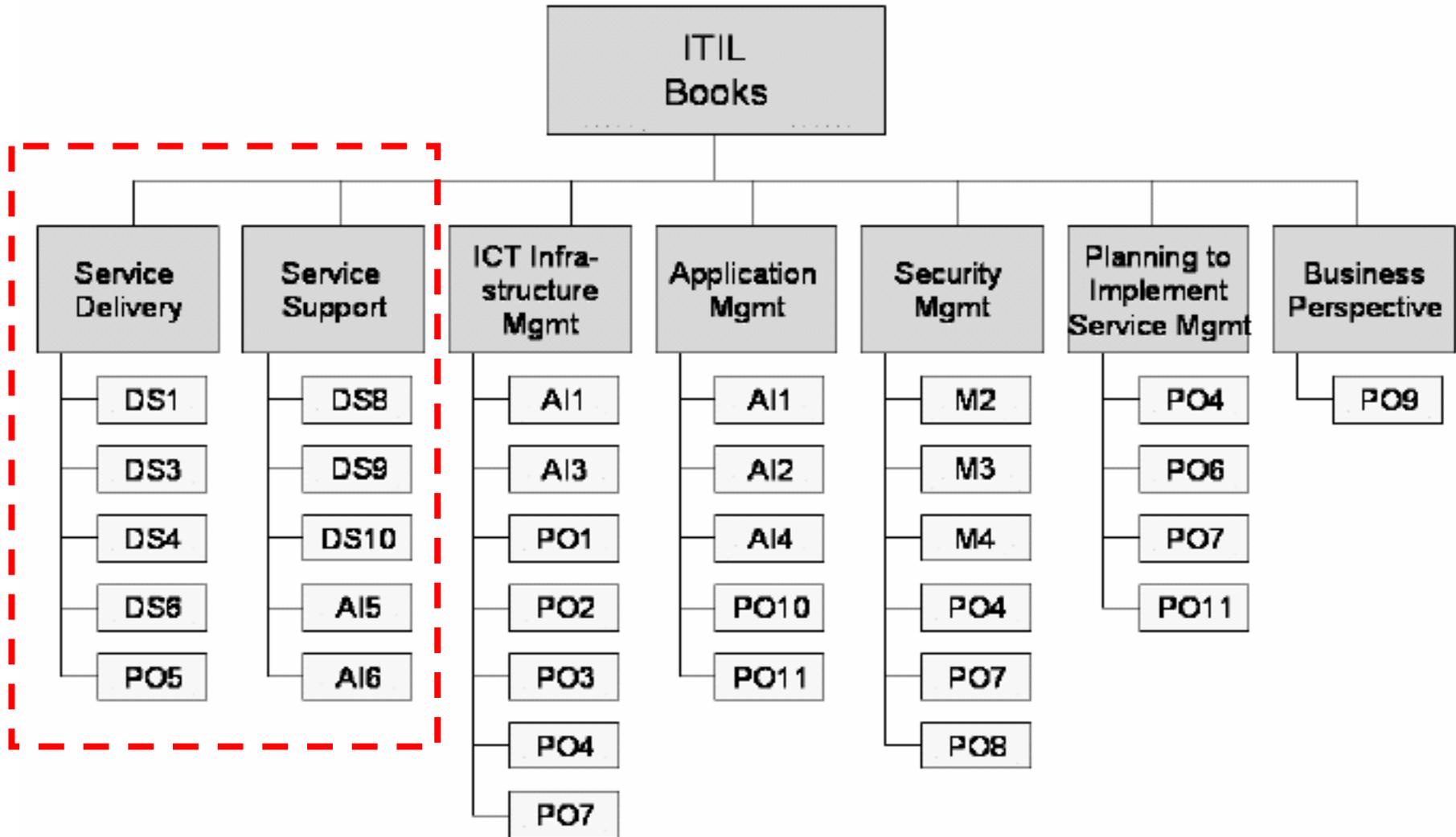
- Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)
- Set of books detailing best practices for IT Service Management (the “*how*”)
- Originally developed by the UK government to improve IT Service Management
- Now more globally accepted
- Currently under revision
- [www.itil.co.uk](http://www.itil.co.uk)

# ITIL – The Most Popular Books



Source: 2005 COBIT User Convention

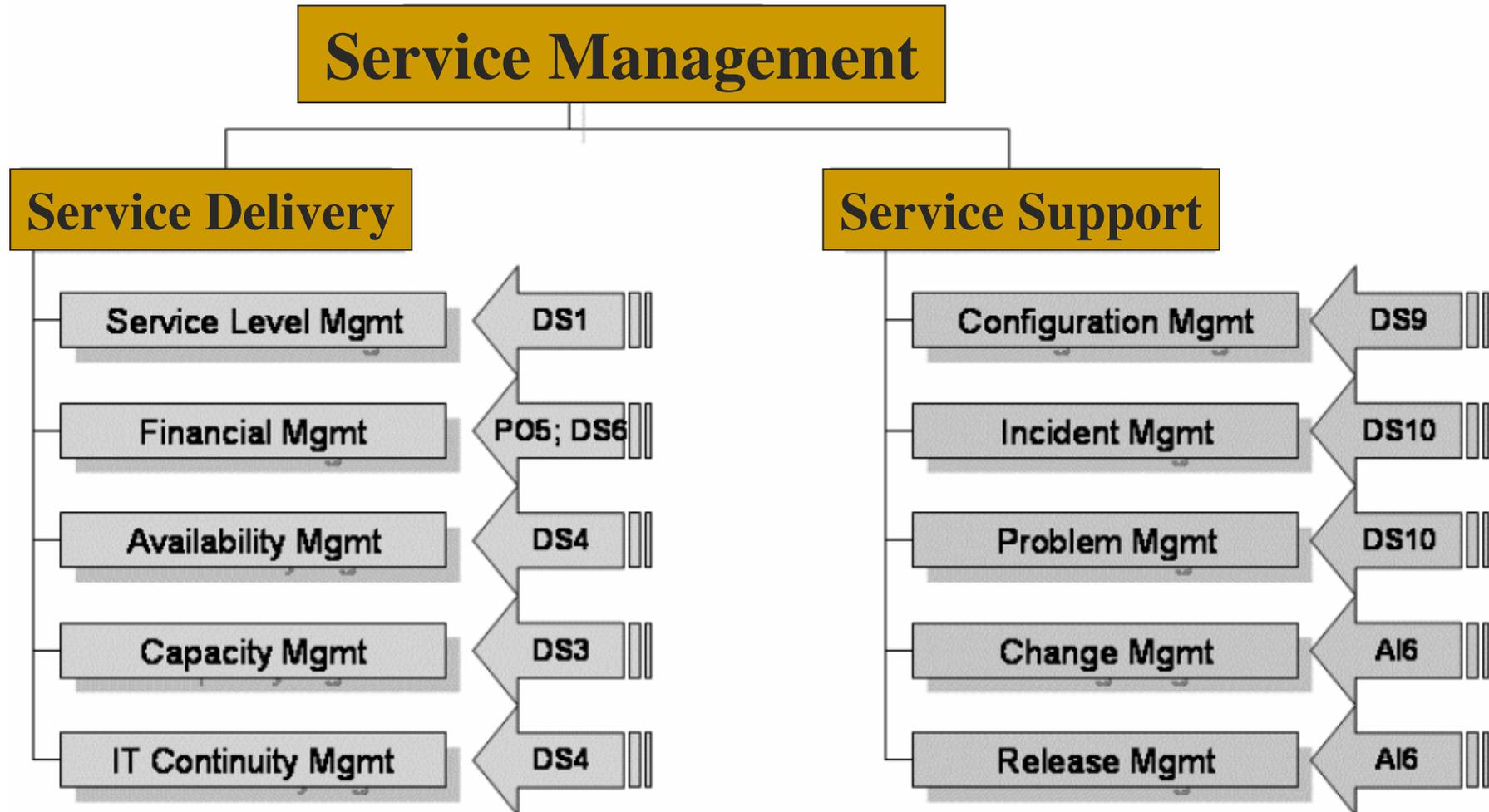
# ITIL Mapping To COBIT®



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# ITIL Mapping To COBIT®

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# ISO 17799 Overview



- ISO/IEC 17799:2005  
*Code of Practice for Information Security Management*
- Established guidelines and general principles for initiating, implementing, maintaining, and improving information security management.
- Objectives outlined provide general guidance on the commonly accepted goals of information security management.
- Updated in 2005
- [www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)



# ISO 17799 Components



**ISO 17799 contains best practices for control objectives and controls in the following areas...**

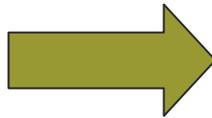
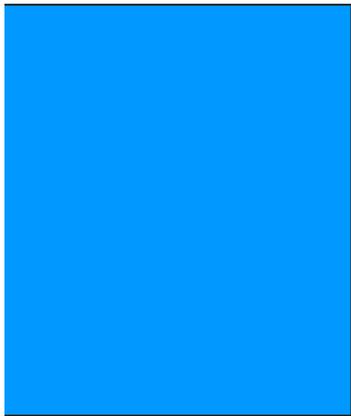
- Security Policy
- Organization of Information Security
- Asset Management
- Human Resource Security
- Physical & Environmental Security
- Communications & Operations Management
- Access Control
- Information Systems Acquisition, Development, and Maintenance
- Information Security Incident Management
- Business Continuity Management
- Compliance



# Aligning COBIT<sup>®</sup>, ITIL, and ISO 17799

## A Management Briefing from ITGI and OGC...

- IT Governance Institute
- Office of Government Commerce.
- Useful guidance for implementing COBIT, ITIL and ISO17799
- Useful mapping of ITIL and ISO17799 to COBIT (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)
- Available at *ISACA.ORG*
  - Go to *Downloads*
  - Then *COBIT*



**Mapping COBIT<sup>®</sup> to Organizational  
IT Policies, Standards, Guidelines &  
Procedures**

# Policies, Standards, Guidelines & Procedures

WHAT

## IT Policies

### Policies:

High-level statements. When there is no specific standard to follow, policies provide general guidance.

## IT Standards

### Standards:

Standards establish a point of reference, providing criteria that may be used to measure the accuracy and effectiveness of procedures / mechanisms that are in place.

HOW

## IT Guidelines

### Guidelines:

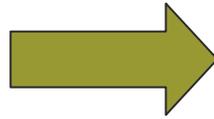
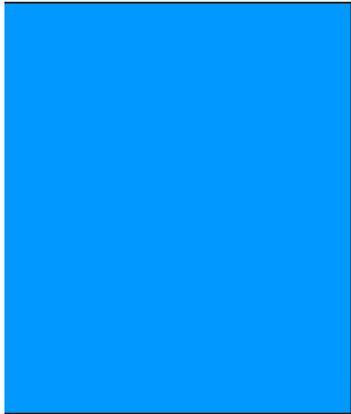
Guidelines provide specific and detailed requirements relative to implementing specific IT standards (i.e., platform specific; function specific; component specific, etc.).

## IT Procedures

### Procedures:

Procedures provide step-by-step instructions for end-users and technical staff for the execution of specific IT processes.





# **Integrating COBIT<sup>®</sup> Into the *IT Audit Lifecycle***





# IT Audit Approach Overview

**5 Client Work Sessions**

COBIT  
Manuals &  
Other Best  
Practice Material

**1 Audit Planning Session**

**Audit Team**

**COBIT Risk & Control Assessment Questionnaire**

Internal Audit Department  
COBIT Control Assessment Questionnaire

Assessment Questionnaire Organized By COBIT Objectives

High-level Control Objective: High-level Objective 1 (From COBIT order: PO, BA, DS, MA, ME, Overall Maturity Rating: *Insert Rating Here*)

Domain Control Objective	Maturity Rating	Assessment Question	Class Response & Assessment Results
<b>EXAMPLE:</b> Domain Objective 1: IT Strategy, Technology Area Under Review: - The organization's IT strategy is developed and approved by senior management. - The organization's IT strategy is consistent with its overall business strategy. - The organization's IT strategy is approved by senior management. - The organization's IT strategy is approved by senior management. - The organization's IT strategy is approved by senior management.	Rating: None	1. Describe the organization's IT strategy, including the role of IT in the organization's overall business strategy. 2. Is the organization's IT strategy consistent with its overall business strategy? 3. Is the organization's IT strategy approved by senior management? 4. Are there any other policies and procedures that are related to the organization's IT strategy?	
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**6 Audit Testing**



**Work Program**

Internal Audit Department  
Audit Work Program

COBIT Risk & Control Assessment Questionnaire: 2007 Edition

Work Program

The work program is a detailed plan of the audit procedures to be performed to assess the organization's IT strategy, including the role of IT in the organization's overall business strategy.

**7 Exit Meeting**



**2 COBIT To Audit Mapping Template**

COBIT Integration  
COBIT To Audit Mapping Template

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3.5	3.1.5 Technology Standards		
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4.1	4.1.1 IT Planning or Steering Committee		
4.2	4.1.2 Organizational Placement of the IT Function		
4.3	4.1.3 Review of Organizational Achievements		
4.4	4.1.4 Roles & Responsibilities		

**3 Engagement Scope**

1.4 Scope (Clear Target)

1.4.1 Audit Dates

1.4.2 Materiality

1.4.3 Risk Rating

1.4.4 Other Information

The scope of the audit is defined by the organization's IT strategy, including the role of IT in the organization's overall business strategy.

**4 Kick-Off Meeting**



**8 Reporting**

Internal Audit Department  
Audit Report

COBIT Risk & Control Assessment Questionnaire: 2007 Edition

Audit Report

The audit report provides a summary of the audit findings, including the organization's IT strategy, including the role of IT in the organization's overall business strategy.

**9 QAR**

Internal Audit Department  
Quality Assurance Report

QAR

The Quality Assurance Report (QAR) provides a summary of the audit findings, including the organization's IT strategy, including the role of IT in the organization's overall business strategy.



# Map Audit Scope To COBIT®

Supplemented by other mapping results...

High Level Objective (e.g. PO1)

Detailed Level Objective (e.g. 2.1)

Applicable Objectives Noted In This Column

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# COBIT® Control Assessment Questionnaire

One Table For Each High-Level COBIT Objective Included In Scope

Questionnaire is used during joint work sessions held with clients to complete a joint risk assessment of the area under review.

Overall Maturity Rating for each High-Level Control Objective assigned based on results of joint assessments of each Detailed Control Objective.

Internal Audit Department  
COBIT Control Assessment Questionnaire

**Assessment Questionnaire Organized By COBIT Objective:**

High-level Control Objective: <High-level Objective 1 (follow COBIT order: PO first, then AI, DS, M)>		Overall Maturity Rating: <Insert Rating Here>	
Definition: <COBIT Management Definition of High Level Objective taken from the page in the Management Guidelines booklet with the rating definitions – begins with "Control over the IT process ... with the business goal of ...">			
Detailed Control Objectives	Maturity Rating	Assessment Questions	Client Responses & Assessment Results
<p><b>EXAMPLE:</b> <u>Visitor Escort</u></p> <p><b>Objectives Specific to XYZ Company Technology Area Under Review:</b> Visitors should be properly identified prior to being accorded access to the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors to critical areas of the site (those areas that house critical computer and network hardware, monitoring areas where hardware and software can be controlled, and environmental control and monitoring areas) should be escorted and monitored by an appropriate IT representative.</li> <li>Logs should be kept to record activity.</li> <li>Security guards and general staff should understand the requirements related to admitting visitors to the site.</li> <li>Visitor access procedures should detail requirements for authorization of entry and supervision.</li> </ul> <p><b>Applicable COBIT Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DS12.3 Visitor Escort</li> <li>Appropriate procedures are to be in place ensuring that individuals who are not members of the IT function's operations group are escorted by a member of that group when they must enter the computer facilities. A visitor's log should be kept and reviewed regularly.</li> </ul>	<Rating Here>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe visitor access requirements, detailing identification, escort and monitoring of site visitors.</li> <li>Is a log kept to record the entry and exit of each visitor to the site?</li> <li>Are visitors provided with electronic access badges? If so, please describe any controls relevant to restricting access to appropriate areas of the facility, and terminating access.</li> <li>Are visitor access policies and procedures documented?</li> </ol>	
<p>&lt;Name of COBIT Detailed Objective&gt;</p> <p><b>Objectives Specific to XYZ Company Technology Area Under Review:</b> &lt;Include XYZ Company specific objectives here&gt;</p> <p><b>Applicable COBIT Objective:</b> &lt;Number and name of COBIT objective&gt; &lt;Text of the control objective as taken from COBIT&gt;</p>		1. Assessment Questions Here	

XYZ Company Specific Control Objectives

COBIT Maturity Rating (0-5) assigned based on Joint Assessment

Preplanned Assessment Questions

Client's Response & Assessment Results

One COBIT Control Objective Per Row

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# COBIT® Based Executive Audit Report

Joint Risk Assessment <Audit Name Here> XYZ Company

Executive Summary	At-A-Glance																
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**Overall Conclusion Statements Supporting Overall Rating**

**Concise Background & Scope**

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**Audit Metrics**

**MGT Reports**

**Responsible Manager Provided Response**

**Due Date**

**Client Provided Responses**



# COBIT® Based Audit Report

(continued)

*Strategic Focal Point Table  
(one row for each high-level objective included in scope)*

Joint Risk Assessment <Audit Name Here> XYZ Company

Strategic Focal Points (By COBIT High-Level Control Objectives)			
COBIT Objectives	Maturity Rating	Rating Justification	Indicators/Metrics
High-level Objective Form & Here Detailed Objective: ... Internal Note: ...	5: Optimized 4: Managed 3: Repeatable 2: Defined 1: Initial 0: Non-Existent	<AD Internal Note: This section highlights assessment results for each of the COBIT high-level objectives included in scope. There is one row per high-level objective (COBIT detailed level objectives are listed in the full assessment report). Include an overall conclusion assessment summarizing the results that support the rating (in line with the MIAD audit report). Include concise bullet points that provide further detail to justify the rating. Assess bullet points only when necessary. Sub-bullets only when necessary.	Last day indicators here
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*Highlighting Key Performance Indicators (i.e., Metrics)*

*Summary Conclusions and Points Supporting Rating*

*Control Focal Point Table (highlighting key controls)*

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Standard Image COBIT: CSO 1 Configuration Baseline	5: Optimized 4: Managed 3: Repeatable 2: Defined 1: Initial 0: Non-Existent	Coarse bullet-points that support the rating <AD Internal Note: This section highlights the top 3-5 key controls that are critical to the success of the function being assessed. Each row included here equates to a row in the COBIT Control Assessment Questionnaire.>	Last day indicators here
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# COBIT® Based Audit Report (continued)

*Process Workflow Diagram For Area Assessed*

*Table Defining Key Control Points In Process Flow*

Joint Risk Assessment <Audit Name Here> XYZ Company  
 ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE ONLY (Not representative of a real environment)

**Workflow Diagram**  
 (Overview of Key Tasks & Control Points)

**E-Mail Infrastructure Overview**

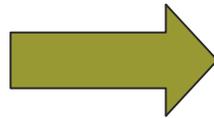
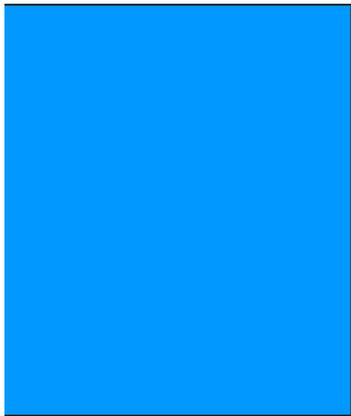
Process Step	Control Point Reference	Control Type (Manual or System)	Performance Indicator
Provide Internet gateway protection. T.V.C. server patched on a weekly basis for vendor software updates.	1	Programmed control	
Secure line of defense. Underpin infrastructure by change & read software. Software updated weekly or as necessary.	2	Programmed control	
All Exchange infra board-level configurations secured. T.V.C. server patched on a daily basis for vendor software updates.	3	Programmed control	
Home and Public network drives secure/whistleblowing. All files scanned weekly on all local drives. Software updated bi-weekly or as necessary with Change.	4	Manual control	
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Active mail of all sensitive content (e.g. sensitive data) scanned weekly on all mail servers in mail store. Software updated bi-weekly with Change.	6	Manual control	

**LEGEND:**  
 Manual control  
 Programmed control

**Automated or Manual Control**

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*Highlighting Key Performance Indicators (i.e., Metrics)*



**Using COBIT<sup>®</sup> to Establish  
*IT Risk & Control Measurement***



# Analysis of Audit & Key Technology Metrics

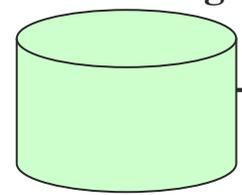
*Goal is to proactively monitor audit results and IT metrics on an ongoing basis to focus the scope of audits on high-risk processes and tasks where performance indicators indicate potential problems.*

*Results of metric analysis is presented to client management on a periodic basis via management reports. The analysis indicates any changes to the audit scope planned for upcoming audits.*

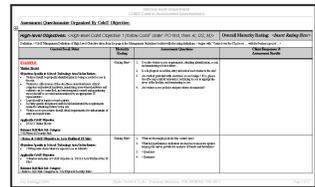


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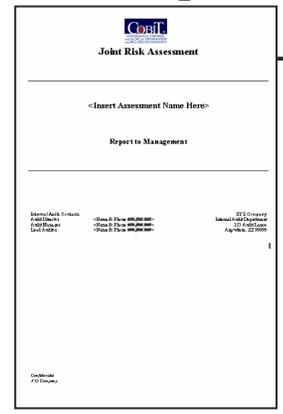
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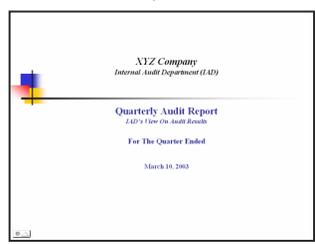
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COBIT Integration  
2002 Audit Coverage Analysis

Ref.	COBIT Domains	2002 Infrastructure Audits										2002 Security Audits									
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1.4	IT Long-Range Plan Changes					R	R	R				M									
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**MGT REPORTS**  
*Trending Audit Results Over Time...*



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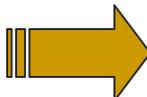
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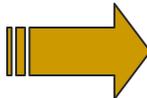
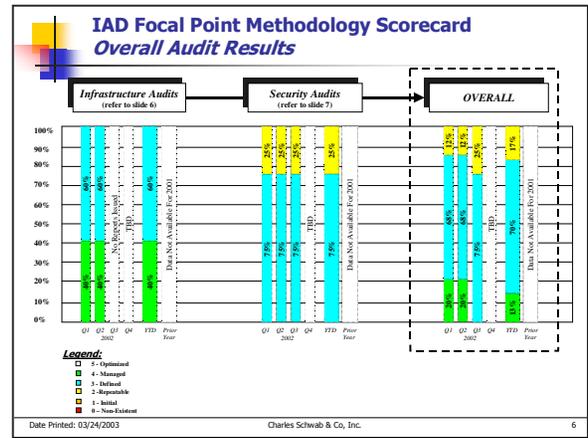
**Report to IT Management**

*Audit Results*  
&  
*Analysis of Key Technology Metrics*

**For the Quarter Ended**  
**March 31, 2006**



## Audit Results Metrics



## Analysis of Key Technology Metrics

**Example of Metric Analysis To Include In QAR**  
*(Illustration Only)*

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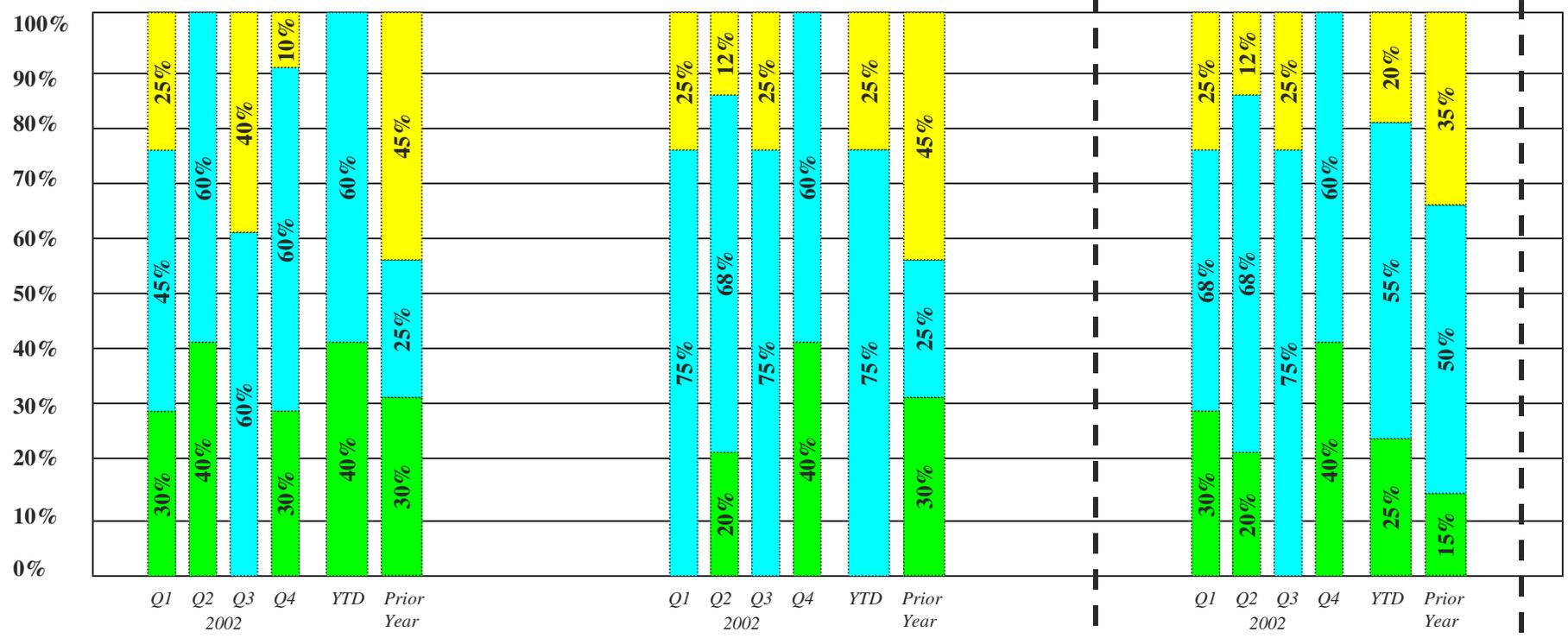
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# Example of Audit Result Metrics

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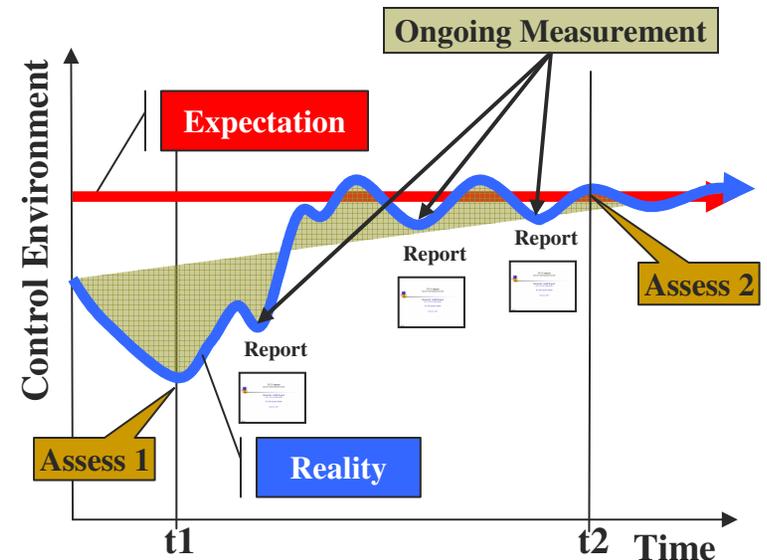
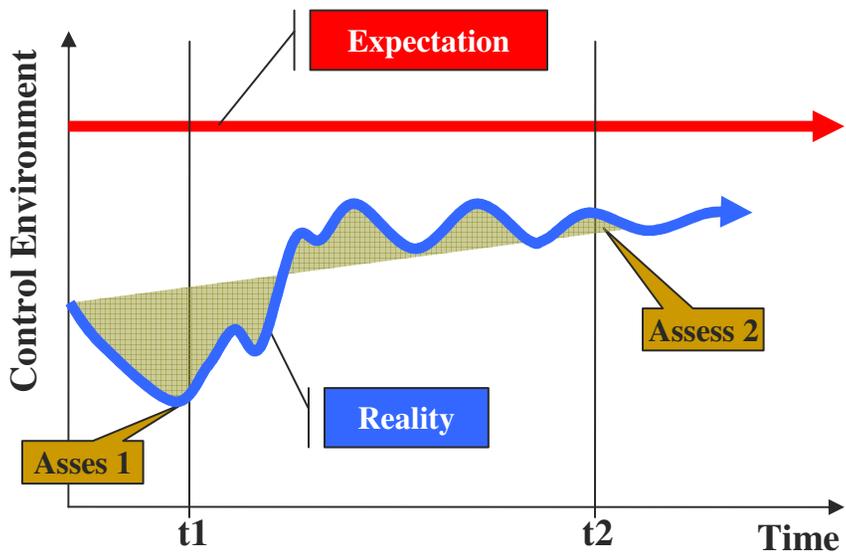
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**Auditors monitor key indicators for mission critical technology functions on an ongoing basis...**

Traditional Audit Approach



Ongoing Monitoring Of Indicators

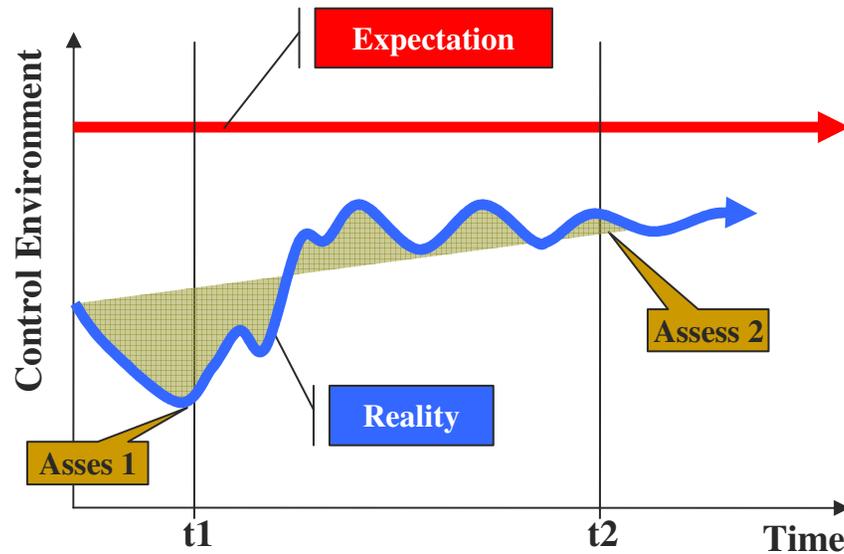


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### Traditional Audit Approach

*(Audit rotation schedule based on annual risk assessment of function)*



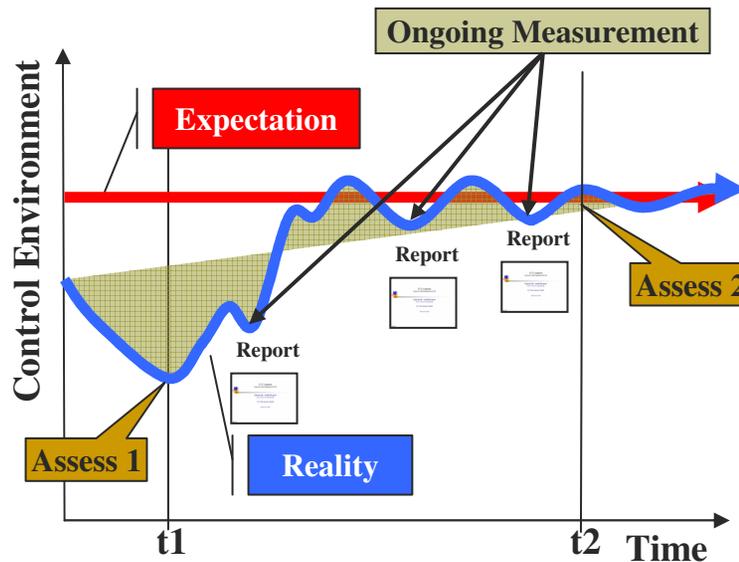
### “Point-In-Time” Audit – Challenges

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- Audit reporting is reflective of results as of a point in time.
- Audit scope may be influenced by prior results.
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# Continuous Monitoring / Auditing

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### Ongoing Monitoring Of Risk Indicators *(Gaining Efficiencies Through Focus On High Risk Indicators)*



### Benefits of Ongoing Monitoring

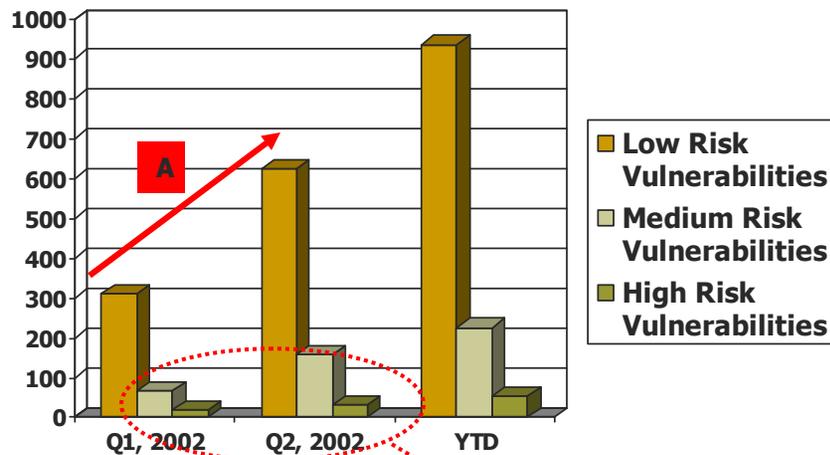
- Periodic (e.g., quarterly) readout of assessment results for technology management.
- Ongoing dialogue regarding areas of significant or increasing risk.
- IAD focuses the scope of individual audits on known risk factors ultimately leading to audit efficiencies which may result in less time impact on client personnel.



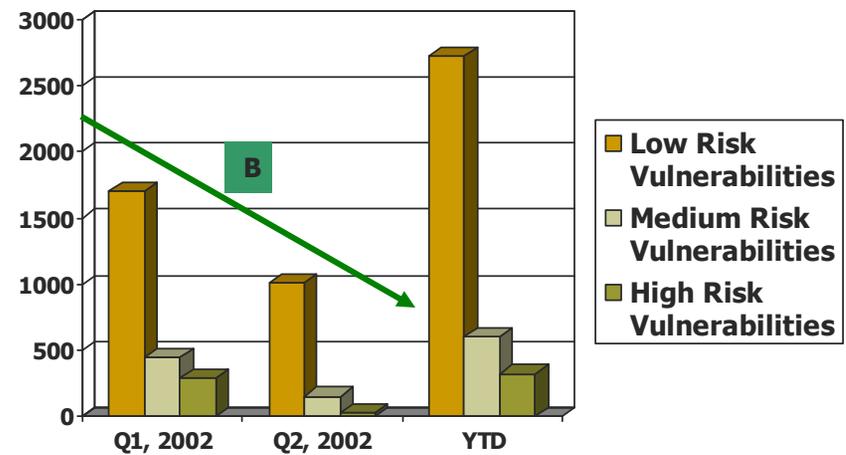
# Information Security: *Measuring Performance* (illustration only)

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**Internal Vulnerability Scans**



**External Vulnerability Scans**



**Slight increase in high risk vulnerabilities**

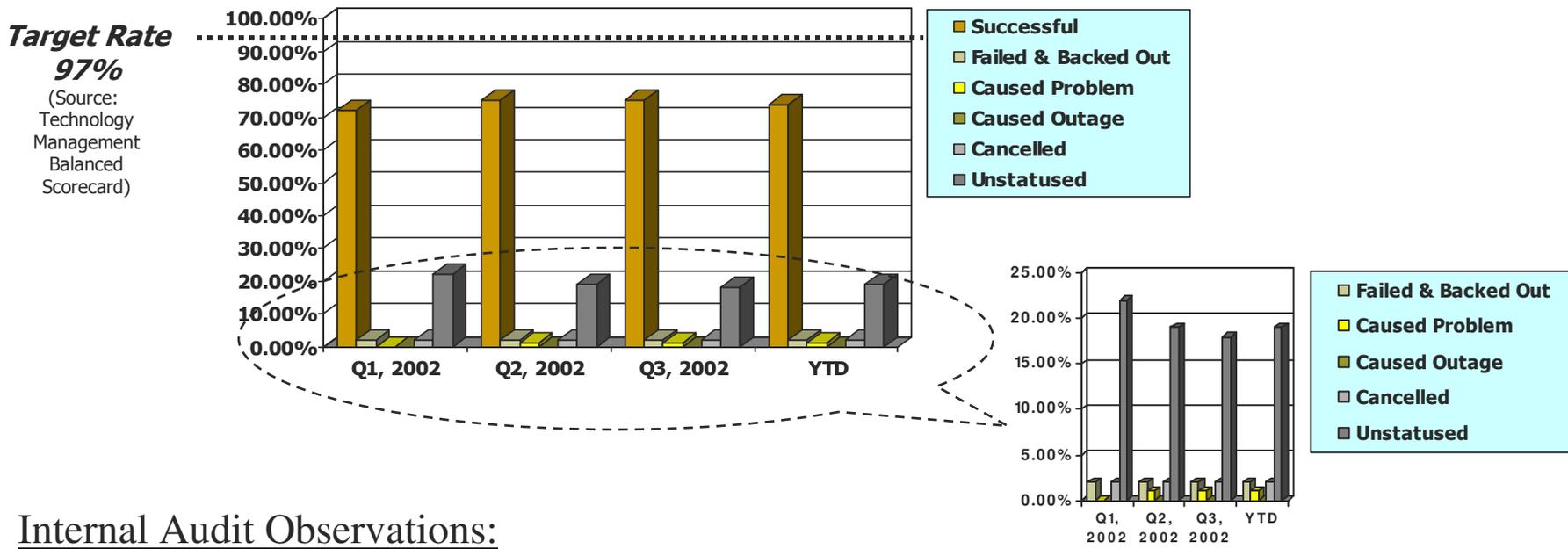
## Observations:

- **A** An increase in *internal* vulnerabilities occurred from Q1 to Q2. The increase is explained due to new system patches checked for by the vulnerability scanner that have not been applied to the XYZ company servers. Technology management appropriately applies patches only after the patches have been tested and certified.
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# Change Management: *Measuring Performance (illustration only)*

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## Summary & Wrap-Up



## Benefits Realized...

- IT management partners with Internal Audit throughout the audit life cycle, including input into the audit schedule and scope.
- IT management becomes conversant in risk, control, and audit concepts.
- Relationships transformed into partnerships by jointly assessing control procedures.
- Audit Report streamlined...concise report supported by detailed questionnaire.
- Audit approach is methodical and is consistent with industry standards / best practices as well as IT Governance practices implemented throughout the company's technology organization.
- Meaningful reporting for senior IT management.



# Templates & Additional Resources

- **Templates** ([www.sfisaca.org/resources/downloads.htm](http://www.sfisaca.org/resources/downloads.htm))
- **IT Governance Implementation Guide** ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org))
- **IT Control Practice Statements** ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org))
- **Questionnaire for IT Control Practice Statements** ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org))
- **IT Control Objectives for Sarbanes-Oxley** ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org))
- **COBIT Security Baseline** ([www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org))
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- **COBIT Case Studies**  
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## Questions / Thank You!

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