

What if there was a way to reduce IT-related risks, maximize the benefits of technology investment, increase the value attained from IT, and ensure compliance, continuity, security and privacy?

There is:

Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT®), developed by ISACA®.

What is COBIT?

COBIT is:

- An international unifying framework that integrates all of the main global IT standards, including ITIL, CMMI and ISO 17799.
- A product of 15 years of research and cooperation among global IT and business experts.
- A tool for compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley and many other global standards.

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Building on the success of COBIT, and focusing on key IT governance areas of value delivery and risk management, ISACA developed two additional IT governance frameworks, Val IT™ and Risk IT. These frameworks are closely aligned with and complement COBIT, but deliver value to enterprises in their own right. While COBIT ensures that IT is working as effectively as possible to maximize the benefits of technology investment, Val IT helps enterprises make better decisions about where to invest, ensuring that the investment is consistent with the business strategy. And while COBIT provides a set of controls to mitigate IT risk in IT processes, Risk IT provides a framework for enterprise to identify, govern and manage IT-related risks.

“Companies need a strong governance model in place to align IT investments with business requirements. The business process within IT at Unisys has improved as a result of using COBIT for ongoing Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and other IT governance related projects.”

— John Carrow, Chief Information Officer and Vice President,
Information Technology, Unisys



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COBIT® *The comprehensive IT governance framework that addresses every aspect of IT and integrates all of the main global IT standards.*



COBIT 4.1

- Does your enterprise's IT support the business?
- Is it aligned with the business?
- Is your IT performing to its optimal capability?
- Is your IT adding value to the business?
- Are IT risks being effectively mitigated?
- Are your IT investments being effectively managed throughout their life cycle?
- Is the importance of governance understood at all levels of your enterprise?
- Are the benefits of your IT being maximized?



If you did not answer yes to all of the above questions, your enterprise does not have an effective IT governance framework in place. Most, if not all, business activities are affected by IT, with an increasingly visible impact to end users. Successful enterprises recognize the need to maximize the value of IT-related investments and that the need for the governance of IT is greater now than ever before. The best way to ensure this is to implement an IT governance framework.

An effective IT governance framework:

- Provides clear direction to ensure that IT investments support the business
- Is an effective way to manage change
- Creates value for the business in alignment with enterprise objectives
- Addresses the complete life cycle of IT investment

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COBIT 4.1 addresses every aspect of IT and is the only governance framework that addresses the complete life cycle of IT investment.

COBIT Update Project

ISACA has started on a multiyear strategic initiative to develop the next generation of the COBIT Framework, COBIT 5, and supporting products. Building on more than fifteen years of practical use of COBIT by many IT professionals from the business, IT, risk management, security and assurance communities, the COBIT 5 deliverables will be designed to meet the current and future needs of stakeholders and align with the most up-to-date thinking in enterprise governance and IT management practices. ISACA recognizes that there is a need to provide transition materials and implementation guidance to assist IT professionals and their enterprises once the COBIT 5 Framework becomes available. Further announcements will be made, on the ISACA COBIT web page and in other communications (www.isaca.org/cobit), as plans and development work progress.

What Does COBIT Do?

COBIT:

- Improves IT efficiency and effectiveness
- Helps IT understand the needs of the business
- Puts practices in place to meet the business needs as efficiently as possible
- Helps executives understand and manage IT investments throughout their life cycle
- Provides a method to assess whether IT services and new initiatives are meeting business requirements and are likely to deliver the benefits expected
- Helps to develop and document the appropriate organizational structures, processes and tools for effective management of IT
- Provides an authoritative, international set of generally accepted practices that helps boards of directors, executives and managers increase the value of IT and reduce related risks

How Does COBIT Support the Governance of IT?

COBIT supports the Governance of IT by providing a framework to ensure that:

- IT is aligned with the business
- IT enables the business and maximizes benefits
- IT resources are used responsibly
- IT risks are managed appropriately

What are the Benefits of Implementing COBIT?

There is a clear difference between enterprises that manage their IT well and those that don't, or can't. Implementation of COBIT is a sign of a well-run enterprise, as it is a proven and internationally accepted set of tools and techniques.

The benefits of implementing COBIT include:

- A common language for executives, business and IT staff
- A view, understandable to management, of what IT does
- A better understanding of how the business and IT can work together for successful delivery of IT initiatives
- Better alignment, based on a business focus
- Better quality IT services
- Improved efficiency and optimization of cost
- Reduced operational risk
- More effective management of IT
- Clear policy development
- More efficient and successful audits
- Clear ownership and responsibilities, based on process orientation

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IT GOVERNANCE FOCUS AREAS

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT focuses on ensuring the linkage of business and IT plans, on defining, maintaining and validating the IT value proposition, and on aligning IT operations with enterprise operations.

VALUE DELIVERY is about executing the value proposition throughout the delivery cycle, ensuring that IT delivers the promised benefits against the strategy, concentrating on optimizing costs and proving the intrinsic value of IT.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT is about the optimal investment in, and the proper management of, critical IT resources: processes, people, applications, infrastructure and information. Key issues relate to the optimization of knowledge and infrastructure.

RISK MANAGEMENT requires risk awareness by senior corporate officers, a clear understanding of the enterprise's appetite for risk, transparency about the significant risks to the enterprise, and embedding of risk management responsibilities into the organization.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT tracks and monitors strategy implementation, project completion, resource usage, process performance and service delivery, using, for example, balanced scorecards that translate strategy into action to achieve goals measurable beyond conventional accounting.