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## Foreword

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- *Part 1: Service management system requirements*
- *Part 2: Guidance on the application of service management systems*
- *Part 3: Guidance on scope definition and applicability of ISO/IEC 20000-1*
- *Part 4: Process reference model* [Technical Report]
- *Part 5: Exemplar implementation plan for ISO/IEC 20000-1*
- *Part 9: Guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 20000-1 to cloud services* [Technical Report]
- *Part 10: Concepts and terminology* [Technical Report]
- *Part 11: Guidance on the relationship between ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 and service management frameworks: ITIL®<sup>1</sup>*, [Technical Report]

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 6: Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of service management systems*
- *Part 8: Guidance on the application of service management systems for smaller organizations*

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## Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 can assist readers in relating the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 to supporting text in one of the most commonly used service management frameworks, ITIL. Service providers can refer to this guidance as a cross-reference between the two documents to help them plan and implement a service management system (SMS).

A description of the purpose and content of both publications is followed by a table showing high-level correlations between ITIL and clauses in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011. Annex A provides a comparison of terms and definitions. Annex B provides information on the ITIL text that correlates with requirement clauses of ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011.

ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 is the International Standard for service management and specifies requirements which can be used as the basis of a conformity assessment. ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 can be used in different ways, including:

- a) as a source of requirements for service providers on the design, transition, delivery and improvement of services and service management capabilities;
- b) to establish a consistent approach for an organization to use with all of its service providers, including those in its supply chain;
- c) as an unbiased basis to assess, measure and report service delivery and management capabilities including performance of specific service management processes;
- d) as a set of criteria for audit and assessment of a service provider's SMS, including service management processes.

ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 specifies an integrated process approach when the service provider plans, establishes, implements, operates, monitors, reviews, maintains and improves a service management system (SMS). The services can be delivered to internal or external customers or a combination of both. ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 requires the application of the methodology known as "Plan-Do-Check-Act" (PDCA) to all parts of the service management system (SMS) and the services. Other parts of ISO/IEC 20000 provide supporting guidance.

ITIL is defined in the ITIL Glossary as:

*"A set of best-practice publications for IT service management. Owned by Axelos, ITIL gives guidance on the provision of quality IT services and the processes, functions and other capabilities needed to support them. The ITIL framework is based on a service lifecycle and consists of five lifecycle stages (service strategy, service design, service transition, service operation and continual service improvement), each of which has its own supporting publication. There is also a set of complementary ITIL publications providing guidance specific to industry sectors, organization types, operating models and technology architectures. See <https://www.axelos.com/best-practice-solutions/itil> for more information."*

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ITIL is organized around a service lifecycle framework and provides detailed guidance gathered from practical industry experience.

Service providers can implement and improve their SMS using the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011, the guidance in the other parts of ISO/IEC 20000 and ITIL. Both ISO/IEC 20000 and ITIL provide guidance to identify, plan, design, deliver and improve services that deliver value to the business and its customers. A service provider can adopt ITIL processes to enable them to plan, deliver and manage their services in alignment with the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011. Other guidance can also be used to support ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011.

# Information technology — Service management —

## Part 11:

# Guidance on the relationship between ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 and service management frameworks: ITIL®

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 is a Technical Report that provides guidance on the relationship between ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 and a commonly used service management framework, ITIL. It can be used by any organization or person wishing to understand how ITIL can be used with ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011, including:

- a) a service provider that has demonstrated or intends to demonstrate conformity to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 and is seeking guidance on the use of ITIL to establish and improve an SMS and the services;
- c) a service provider that already uses ITIL and is seeking guidance on how ITIL can be used to support efforts to demonstrate conformity to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011;
- d) an assessor or auditor who wishes to understand the use of ITIL as support to achieve the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011.

The correlations provided in this part of ISO/IEC 20000 are for ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 and ITIL-2011.

[Clause 4](#) describes how ITIL can support the demonstration of conformity to ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011. [Clause 5](#) relates chapters in ITIL to clauses in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011. The tables in Annex A and Annex B relate terms, clauses and processes in ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 to ITIL.

## 2 Normative references

The following document, in whole or in part, is normatively referenced in this document and is indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011, *Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Service management system requirements*