**COBIT 2019** is one of the most important governance frameworks you’ll learn in your GRC career.  
It’s not a security-only framework like ISO 27001 or NIST 800-53 — it’s a **comprehensive IT governance & management framework** that aligns IT goals with business objectives.

**📅 Day Plan – COBIT 2019**

**🔹 Step 1 – Understand What COBIT 2019 Is**

* Published by **ISACA** (Information Systems Audit and Control Association).
* **Purpose**: Provide governance & management objectives for IT, ensuring alignment between IT operations and business strategy.
* **Key Difference from Others**: It’s *business-focused*, not just technical security.

**🔹 Step 2 – COBIT 2019 Structure**

**1. Core Components**

* **Governance System**:
  + Principles, Policies, Procedures
  + Processes
  + Organizational Structures
  + Information Flows
  + Culture, Ethics, Behavior
  + People, Skills, Competencies
  + Services, Infrastructure, Applications
* **Governance & Management Objectives**:
  + 5 Governance Domains (Evaluate, Direct, Monitor)
  + 4 Management Domains (Plan, Build, Run, Monitor)

**2. 5 Governance & Management Domains (with 40 objectives):**

| **Domain** | **Focus** |
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| **EDM** – Evaluate, Direct, Monitor | Governance-level oversight |
| **APO** – Align, Plan, Organize | Strategy, enterprise architecture, risk, compliance |
| **BAI** – Build, Acquire, Implement | IT solution development, change management |
| **DSS** – Deliver, Service, Support | Operations, incident handling, continuity |
| **MEA** – Monitor, Evaluate, Assess | Performance, conformance, assurance |

**3. Example Objectives (COBIT Codes)**

* **EDM01** – Ensure Governance Framework Setting & Maintenance
* **APO12** – Manage Risk
* **BAI06** – Manage Changes
* **DSS02** – Manage Service Requests & Incidents
* **MEA03** – Monitor, Evaluate & Assess Compliance

**🔹 Step 3 – Implementer vs Auditor Perspective**

**Implementer View:**

* Map business goals → IT goals → Governance/Management Objectives
* Assign roles & responsibilities (RACI)
* Establish KPIs & metrics for governance
* Integrate COBIT with ISO 27001, ITIL, NIST (COBIT works *with* them)

**Auditor View:**

* Review documentation for governance processes (charters, RACI)
* Check whether IT goals align with business objectives
* Evaluate metrics, performance reports, meeting minutes
* Validate risk management and compliance tracking

**🔹 Step 4 – Today’s Deliverable**

Make a **Day Table** with:

1. **Domain Code & Name**
2. **Objective Example**
3. **Implementation Tip**
4. **Audit Evidence**

For today, focus on **EDM, APO, DSS** — these three are most discussed in interviews & practical governance projects.

**📚 Study Materials for COBIT 2019**

* **COBIT 2019 Framework: Introduction & Methodology** (Free from ISACA) → ISACA COBIT Page
* **COBIT 2019 Framework: Governance & Management Objectives**
* ISACA whitepapers: “COBIT 2019 Mapping to ISO 27001” & “COBIT and Risk Management”
* YouTube — “COBIT 2019 in 20 Minutes” crash courses