

INFORMATION SYSTEMS GOVERNANCE

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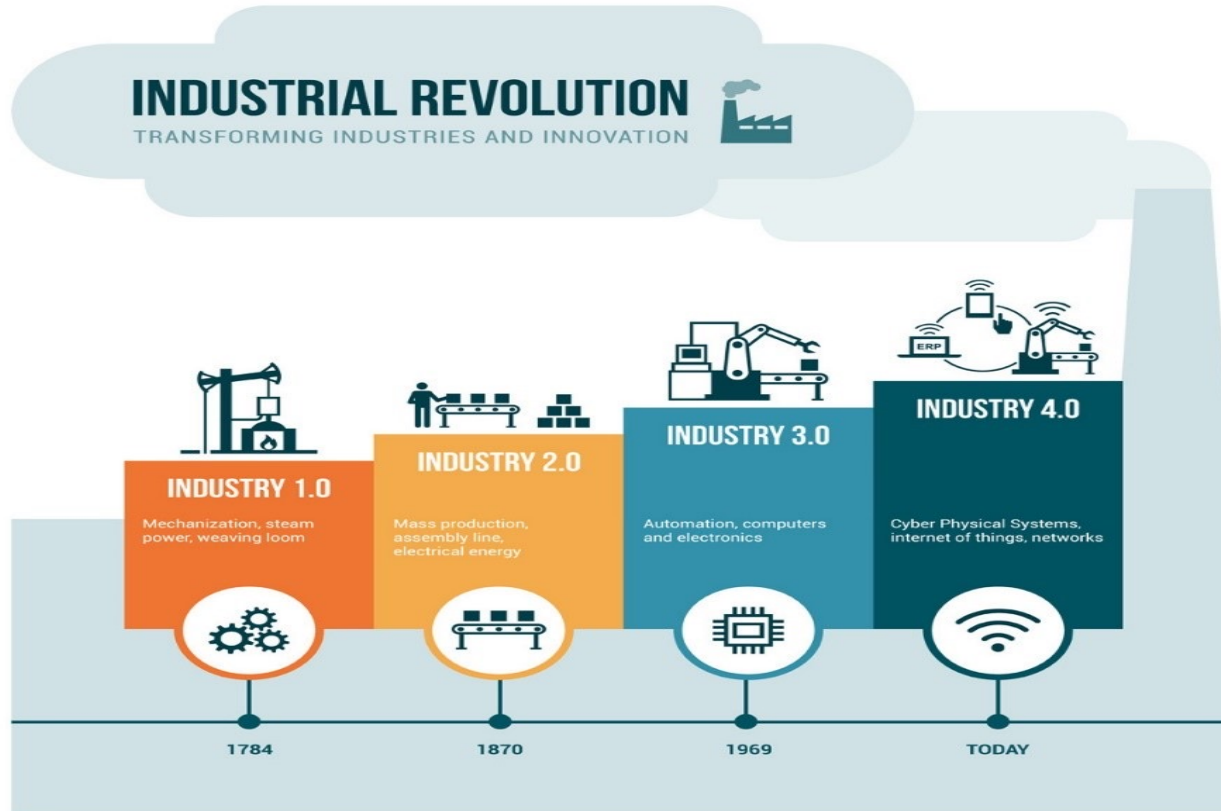
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Let's start by understanding what the current global scenario is.

Why?

Because the issues we are going to deal with are typical of extremely complex environments where it is never immediate to give an answer.
(complex questions are often followed by equally complex answers)

The aim is to rationalize and simplify needs and the Information System.



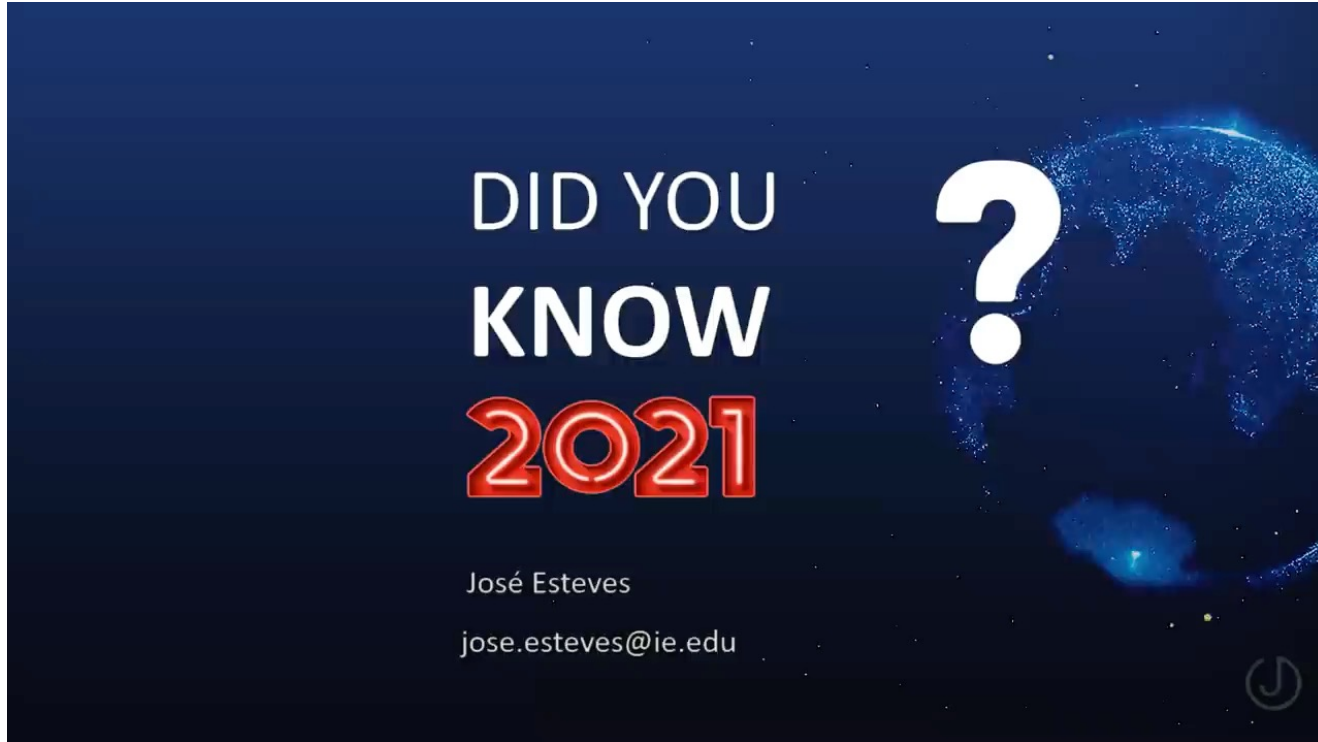
The business context

- Dynamism and complexity as structural elements
- Scenarios not definable a priori
- New forms of business
- Collapse of the myth of planning as an antidote to complexity
- Multiple actors involved (e.g. shareholders, stakeholders, globalization ...)
- Management not ready to define requirements and operationally describe "strong" choices
- Digital economy (IT as a productive factor)
- Permanence of a gap between company needs and the Information System

Consequences for company information systems

- There is not enough time to activate cycles of revision and modification of the information system that are consistent with company times
- The changing pace of business scenarios give little space to management processes of information systems that are strongly oriented towards planning
- It is necessary to design information systems with a high degree of "self-adaptation" to changed business conditions
- This result can only be achieved thanks to a radical paradigm shift in information systems and their management

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The new paradigm

The logics:

- from instructions to visions
- from cures to vaccines

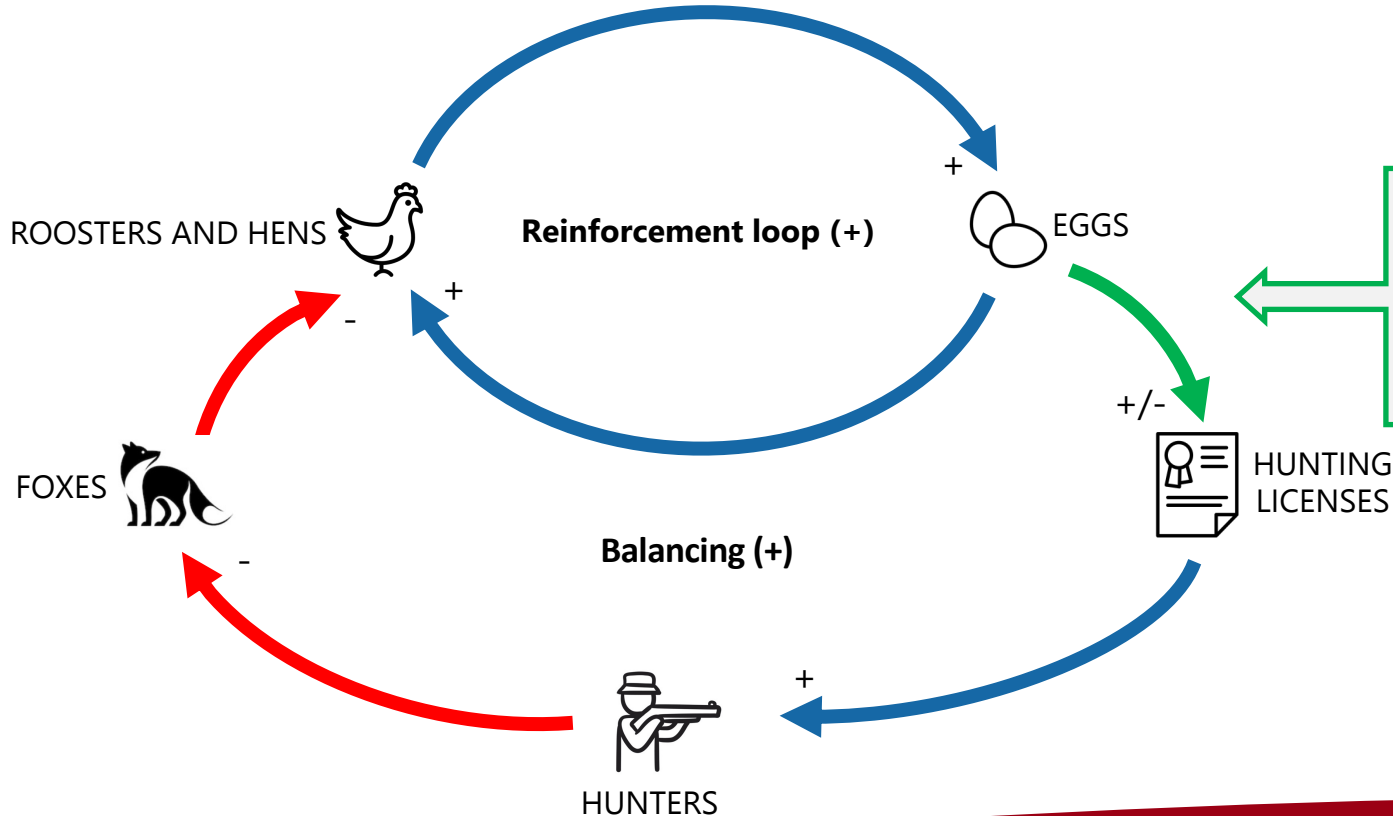


A NEW LOGIC TO GOVERN IS



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Business Dynamics example



Control relationship

By changing the relationship, the whole system is affected

The new paradigm

- Less planning and more accountability
- Less budget and more cost-effectiveness
- The «Information Systems» (IS) faces a radical change
- More adaptation systems and fewer synthetic performance indicators
- From managing IS to setting the conditions for their correct development (IS governance logic)

The new paradigm

The identification and pursuit of a new way of conceiving and managing Company Information Systems shifts attention to the issue of how to continuously obtain a (reasonable) consistency between the Information System and the Company in a context of cost effectiveness

from Management to Governance of Company Information Systems

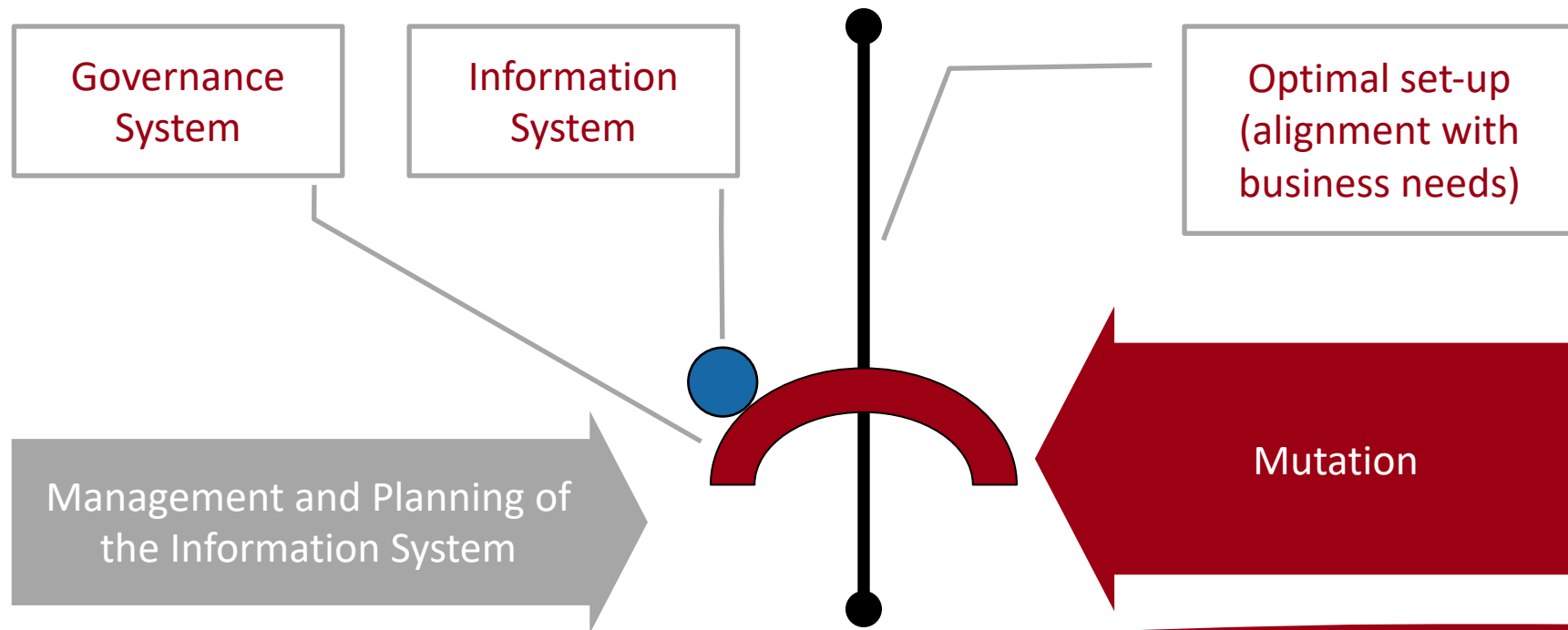
What is the Governance of Information Systems (IS Governance)?

... is a set of logics and tools aimed at creating a structural set-up and a governance context of the Company Information System that make it constantly consistent with the business needs in environments characterized by a high level of complexity

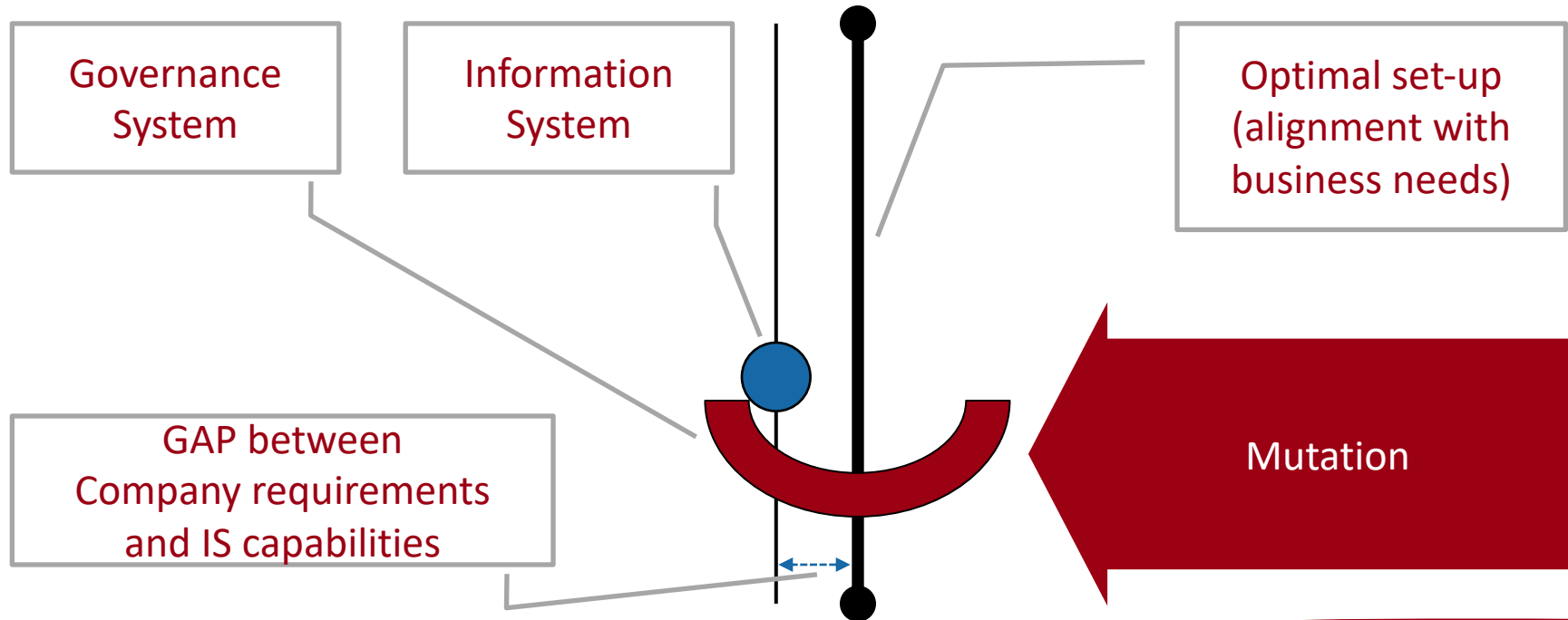
The Governance Logic

- The Information System is configured and managed in such a way as to “naturally” tend to provide good performance
- We renounce to anticipate single phenomena, we try to make the Information System structurally adequate to a complex environment
- Theories and ideas as tools for guiding action and not as the antithesis to doing
- (theory-> practice and not theory vs practice)

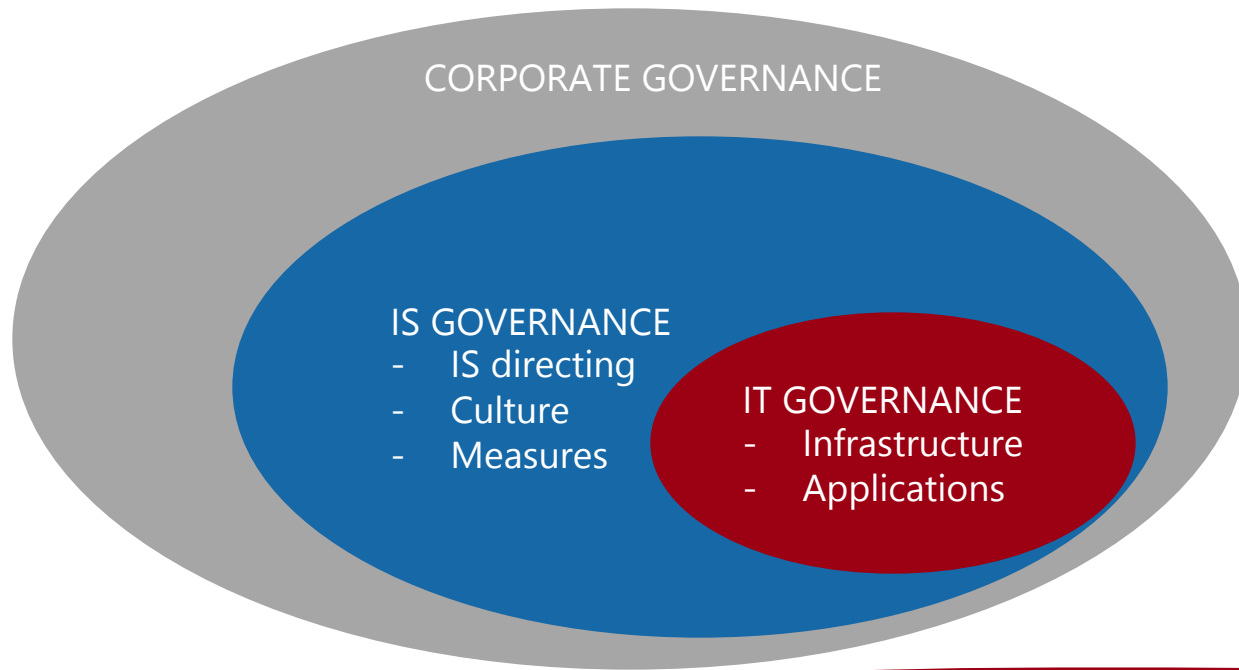
The «traditional» logic



The «new» logic



«Corporate Governance» vs «IS Governance» vs «IT Governance»



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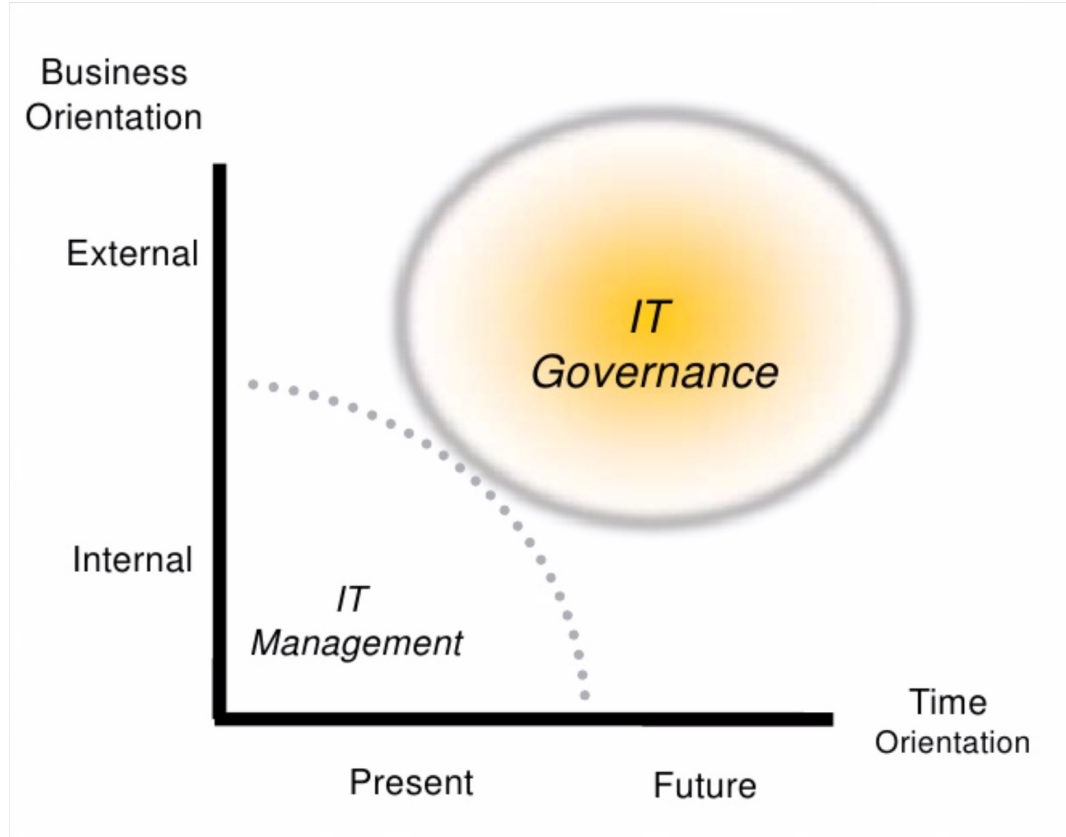
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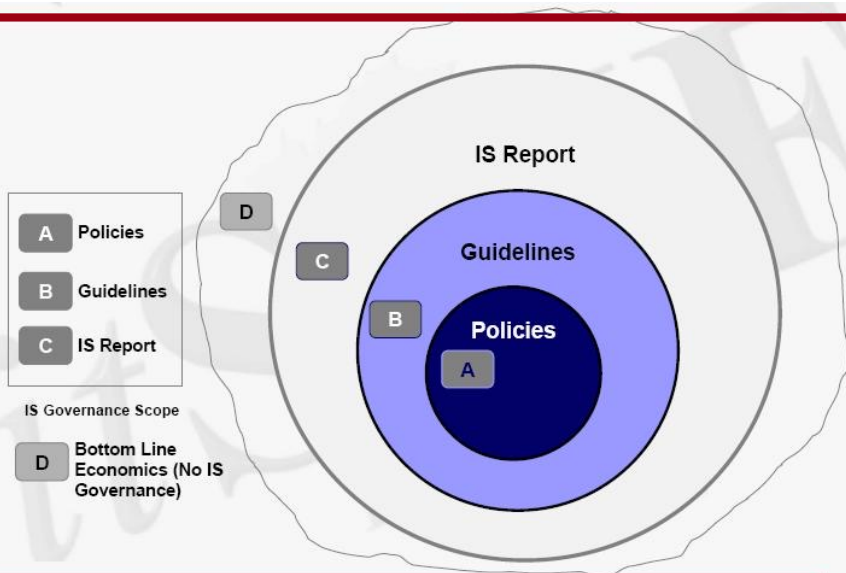


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- Within an articulated system (group of companies or complex companies) it is necessary to think of different degrees and methods of applying the IS governance system
- The diffusion and applicability of an IS Governance system must be modulated by taking into account some factors:
 - Level of integration in the group (financial vs industrial only)
 - Homogeneity level of the business system
 - Company life cycle (own or with respect to the Group)
 - Corporate governance and results measurement system
 - Areas of managerial independence
- Depending on these characteristics, each company / area is assigned to a different "IS Governance Layer"
- The differentiation may also take place at the level of individual aspects of IS Governance

The Reference Model



| | A | B | .. |
|---|---|---|----|
| IT Infrastructure | P | G | R |
| Application Portfolio | P | G | R |
| Alignment Systems: IT Service and Projects | P | P | G |
| Alignment Systems: Organization and Rules | P | R | P |
| Project Management | P | P | G |
| Human Resources and Culture | P | G | R |
| Measurement Systems and Reporting | P | R | P |

P: Policy

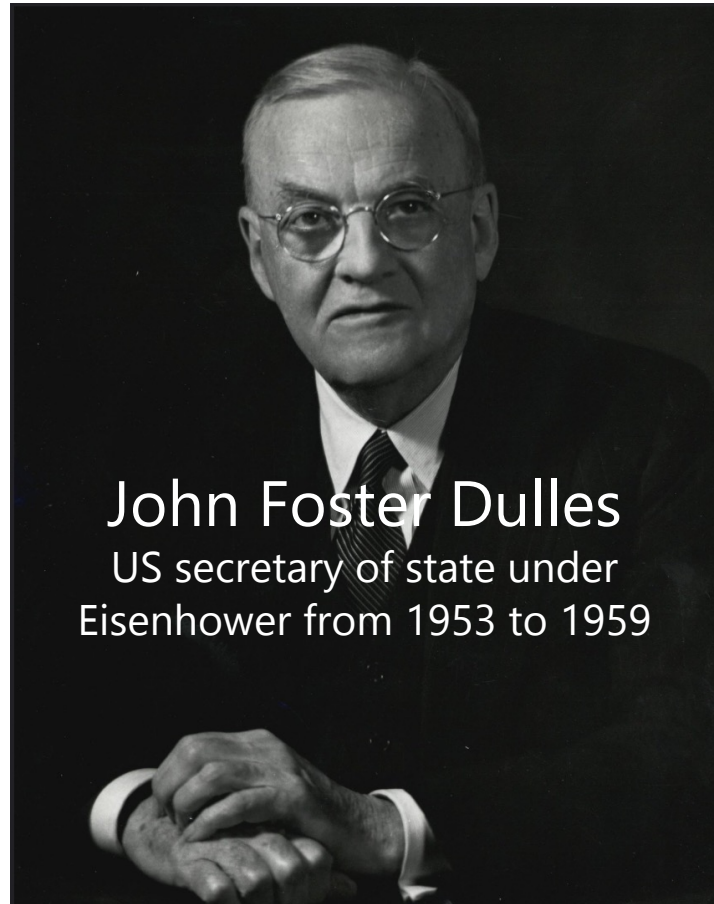
G: Guideline

R: IS Report

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"The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year."

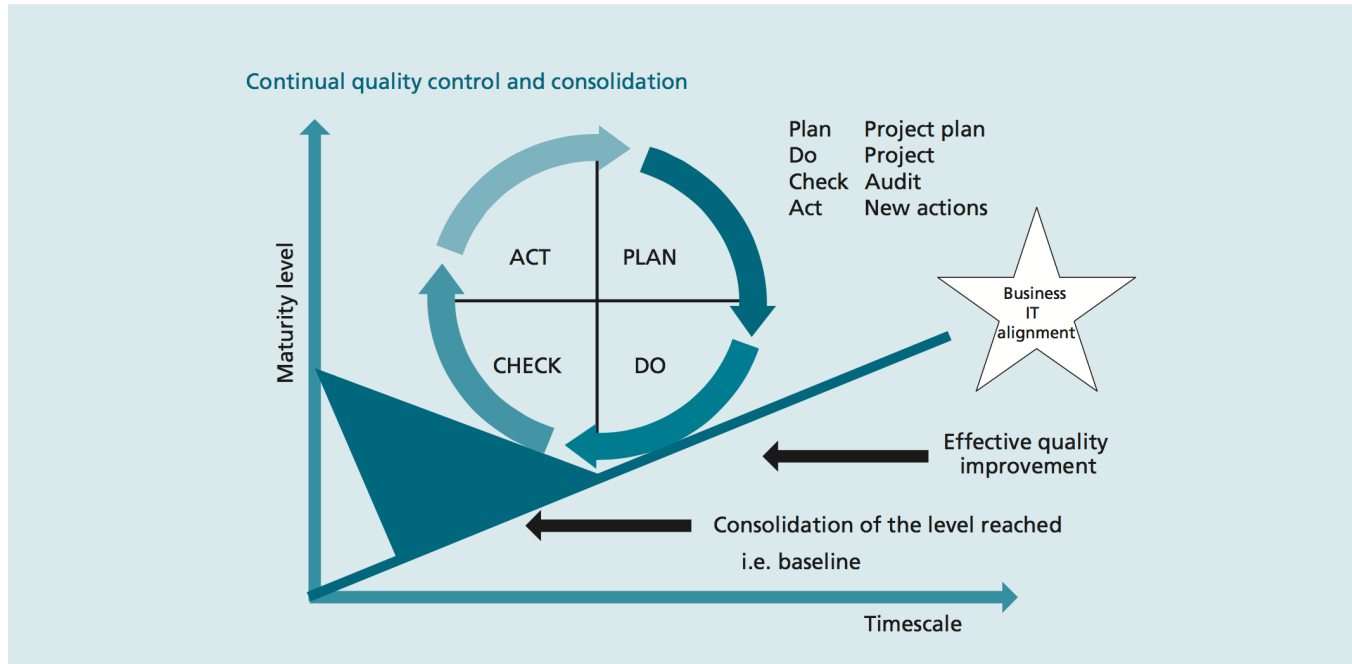


John Foster Dulles

US secretary of state under
Eisenhower from 1953 to 1959

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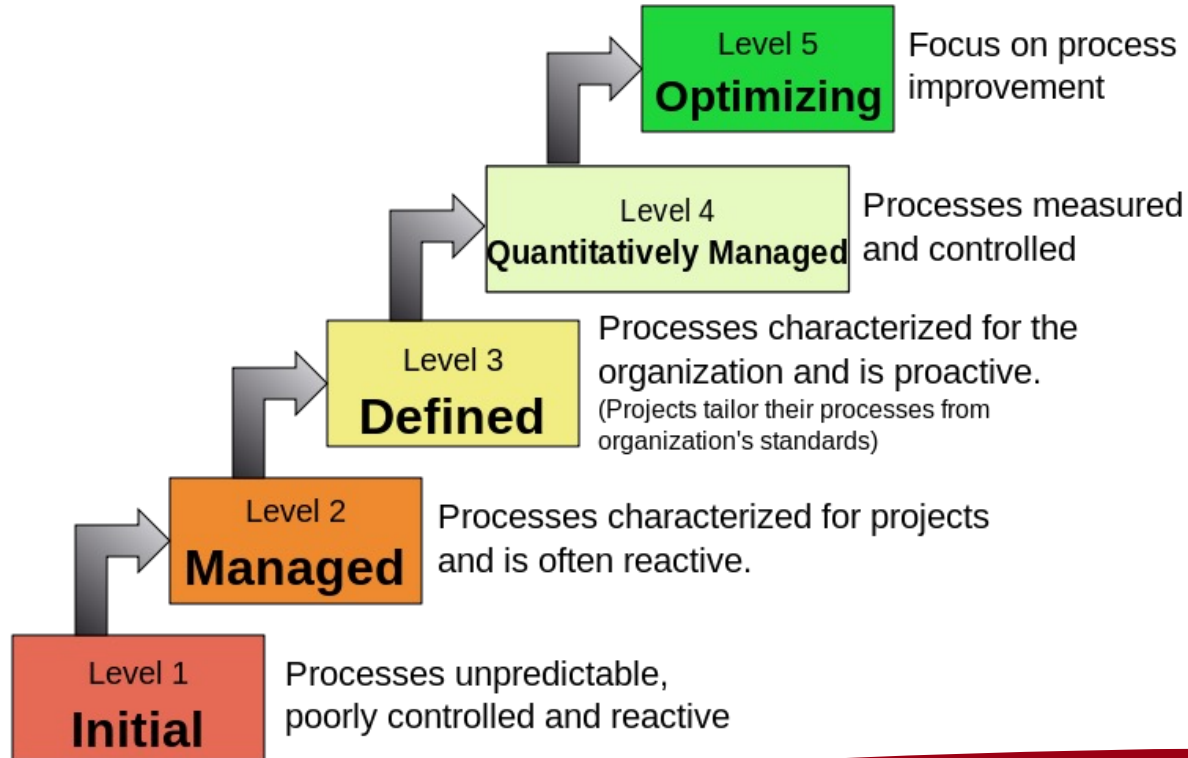
Deming Cycle



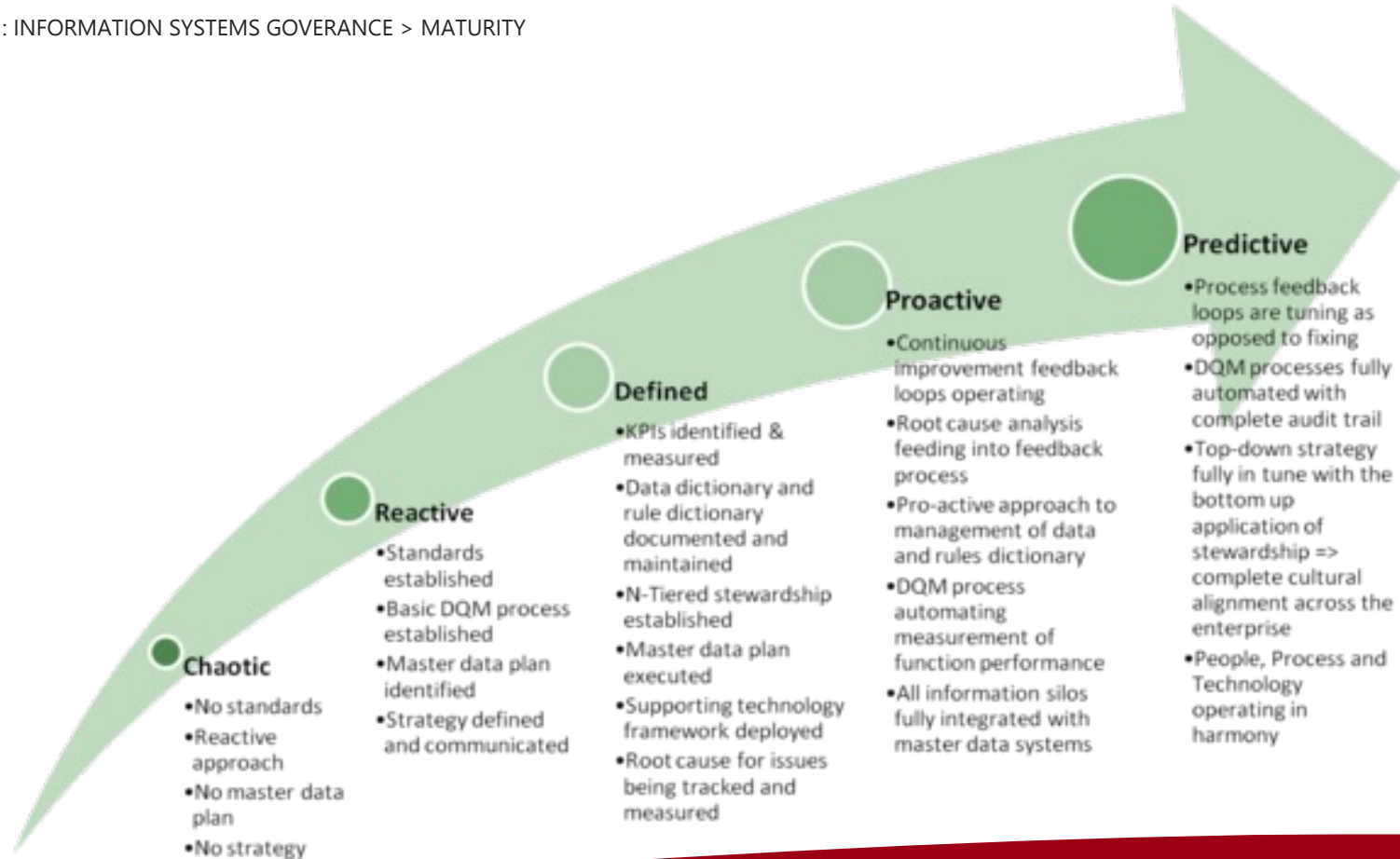
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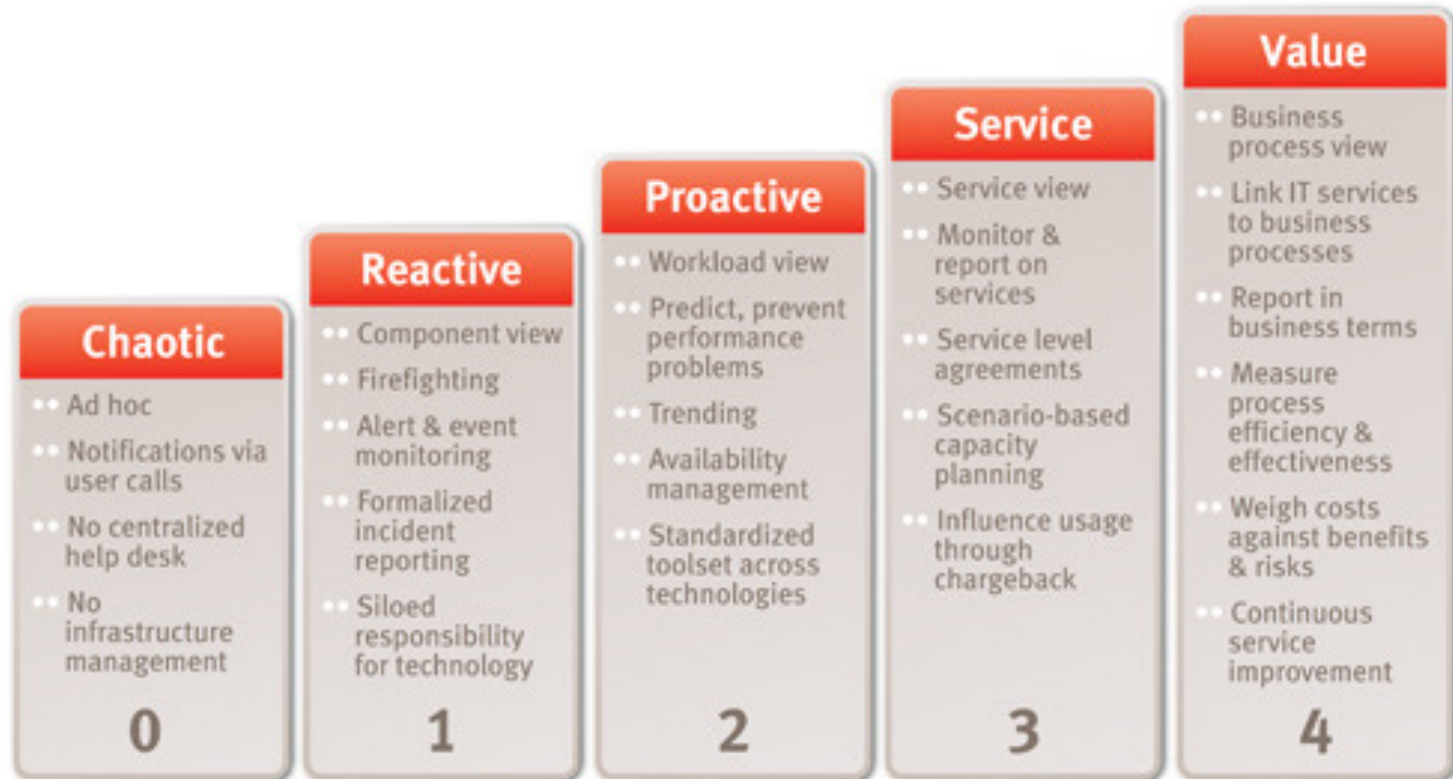
Characteristics of the Maturity levels



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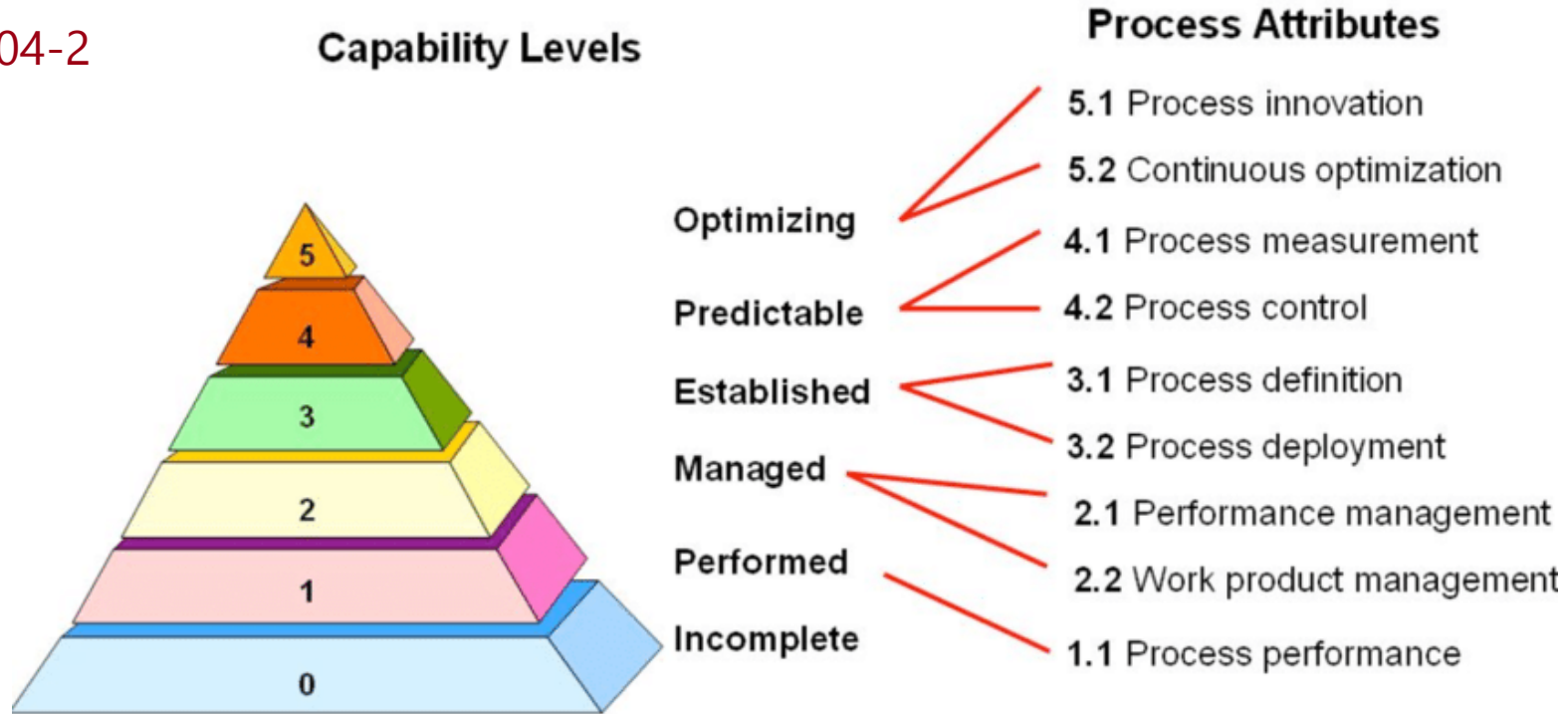
A 60,000 ft View of Gartner's Product Support Maturity Scale Version 2...

| | Reactive | Proactive | Predictive | Pre-emptive |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Customer Experience | Experiences happen | Experiences are considered | Experiences are deliberately created | Experiences are optimized |
| Content Provisioning | Content is an afterthought (if it is thought about at all) | Content confounds critics | Content creates value | Compelling content becomes compulsory |
| Issue Remediation | It breaks; we fix it (hopefully) | We make it less likely to break | We ensure it doesn't break | We break it on purpose if it needs to be broken |
| Issue Prevention | Prevention is seen as impractical | Prevention is considered theoretically possible | Prevention is a reality | Unplanned outages are extremely rare |
| Governance & Visibility | Chaotic and noisy | Data enables control | Risk mitigation and transparency | Information overload becomes wisdom |
| Product Value Extraction | The product is the value | Support value is incrementally additive | Value is more than the sum of its parts | Support becomes a product value multiplier |
| Cost Optimization | Support is seen as a tax | Support is the technical insurance premium | Support spending seen to reduce overall costs | Support identifies saving and growth opportunities |

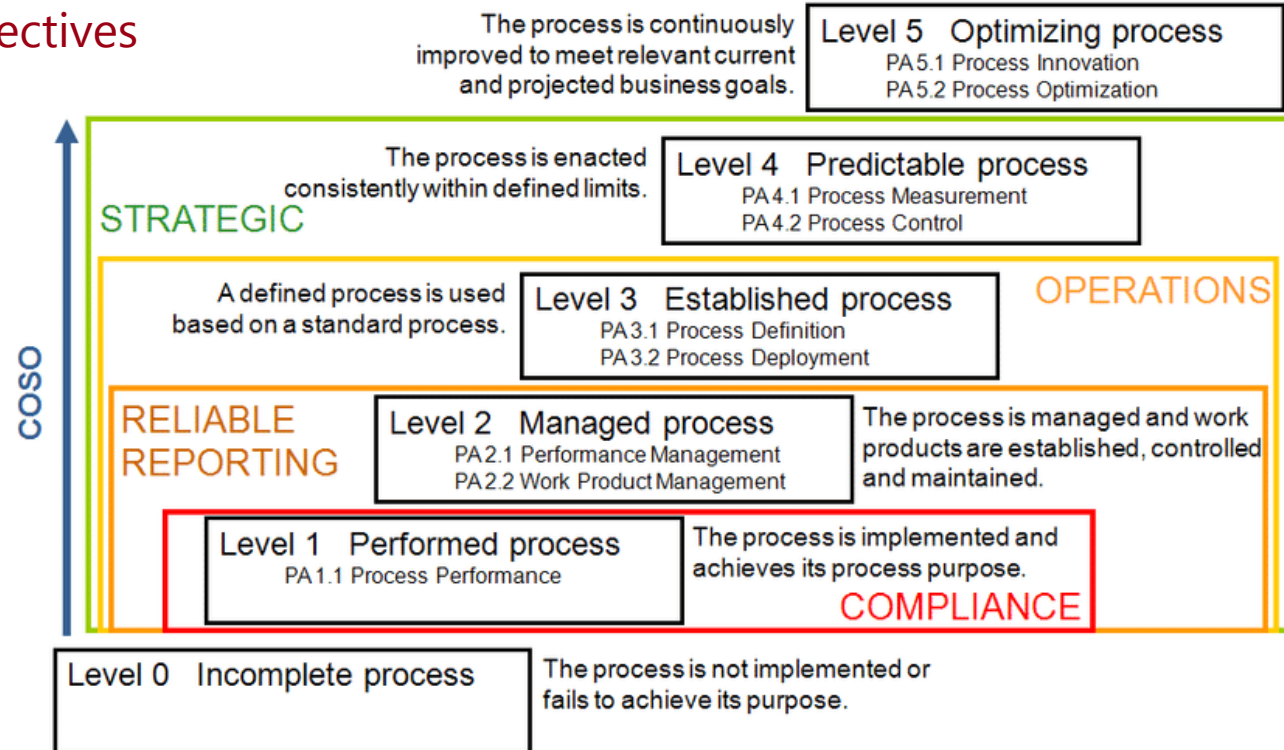
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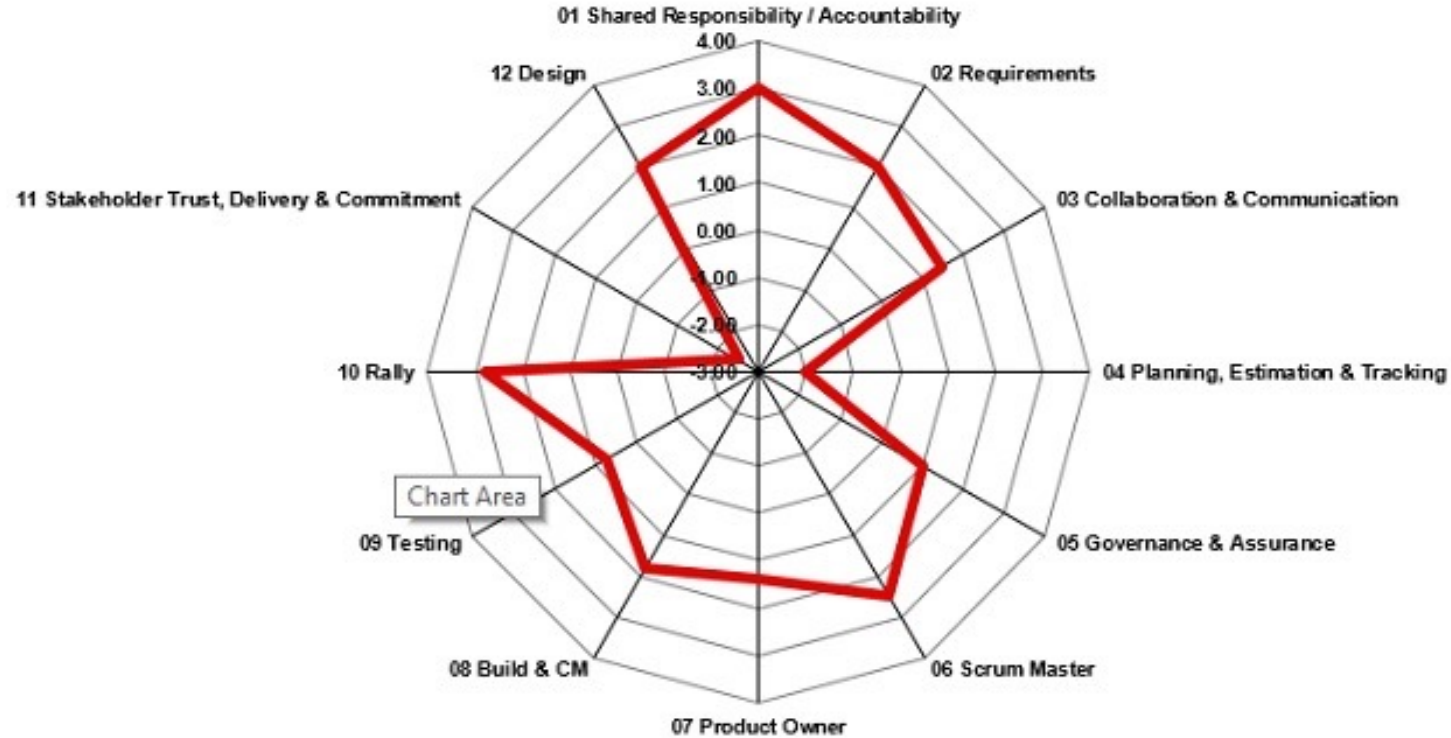
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ISO 15504 to COSO Objectives

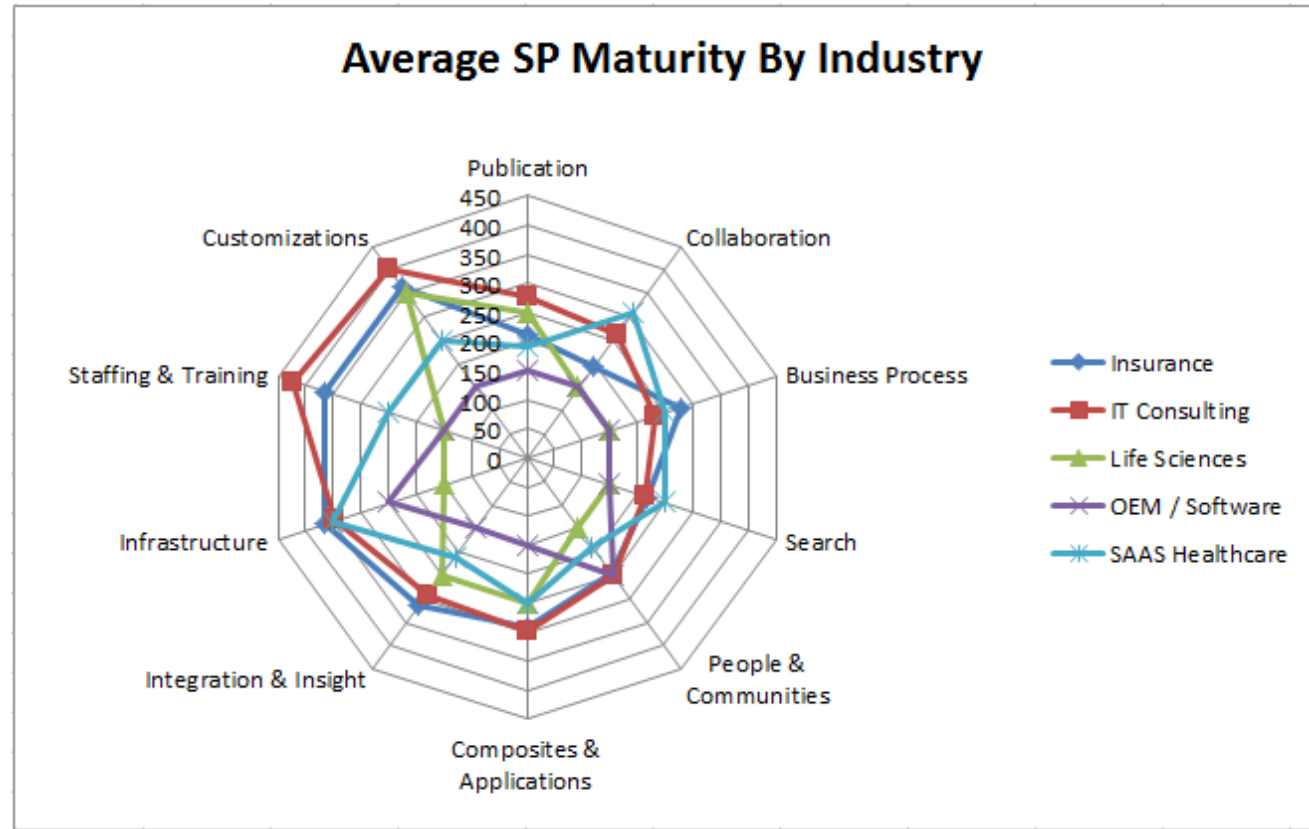


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Ability to represent
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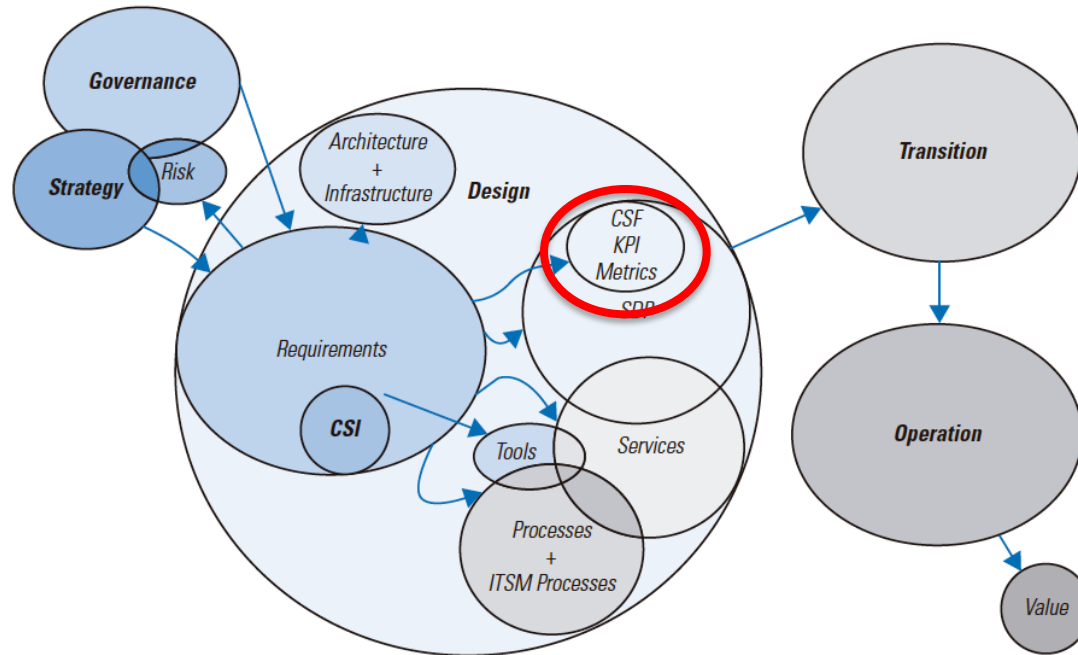


The problem of measuring maturity



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Metrics for Service Management



Maturity through training

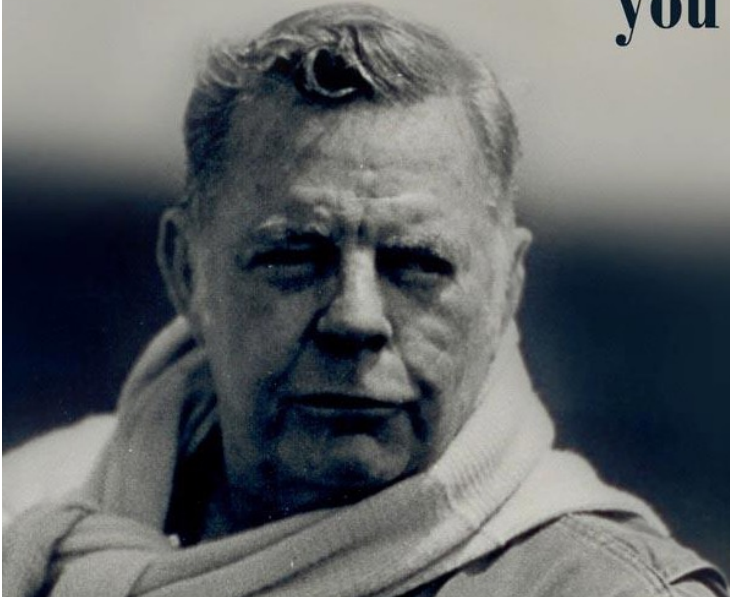
- It is no longer possible to think of being professionals in your own sector by making use only of your own experience
- Need for training
- Efficiency and Effectiveness in Service Management => ITIL
- Think about the efficiency margins achievable in Project management!

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**If you think it's expensive
to hire a professional to do the job, wait until
you hire an amateur**

Red Adair

American Oil Firefighter



For the world of work of the 21st century, in addition to knowing how to do a job, it is necessary:

- **Work ethic:** being responsible without the need for someone to control you
- **Problem Solving:** knowing how to go forward even when faced with problems
- **Communication skills:** the world of work is related to service
- **Teamwork:** one-man-bands no longer exist

source: Confindustria Study Center

Management depends on (Yes/No), (On, Off), (1,0)

The ability to say yes or no based on a specific information and in a specific situation/condition.

The rest is an extra supporting capabilities.

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