

IT MEAIT Technical Competency Framework

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1. Purpose

This document functions as a guideline to determine the knowledge, skills, and/or abilities of Accor IT hotel-based team members in India, Middle East and Africa.

Based on the team members' technical competencies, Accor will support them to grow in their careers and expand their skill sets through several initiatives such as learning and development, succession planning, and performance management as well as recruitment and selection. This will support the team members in acquiring and developing the necessary knowledge, skills, and / or abilities required to perform their specific jobs.

This aims at helping line managers and employees to familiarize themselves with the concept of technical competencies and their applications as well as to build a culture with high productivity.

2. Scope

This applies to all the IT hotel-based team members in India, Middle East and Africa.

3. What are technical competencies?

Technical competencies define the knowledge, skills and/or abilities required to fulfill job tasks, duties and responsibilities.

4. What is a technical competency framework?

The technical competency framework is a set of anticipated knowledge, skills, and/or abilities that lead to an acceptable performance level at work. It describes competencies in technical terms, using indicators to help recognize the competencies of the team members relevant to their roles and responsibilities.

4.1. TECHNICAL COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK STRUCTURE

- **Competency Title.** Inherent qualities a team member possesses combining skills, knowledge and ability.
- **Competency Definition.** Description of the competency title. This defines in details what the competency is about and what it encompasses.
- **Job Title.** Title that describes the team member's job or position.
- Proficiency level. This describes the advancement of proficiency of the technical indicators in relation with the <u>Accor Leadership Capability Framework</u>. The level of progression and complexity of the competency gradually increases as the employee moves from one level to another.
- Competency Indicators. These provide information and details on specific technical aspects of the competency at each level, providing examples of how the competency can be demonstrated and assessed. The technical indicators at each proficiency level are illustrative rather than definitive, which means that other



similar examples of technical aspects (knowledge, skills, and / or abilities) are also possible.

Moreover, each proficiency level is cumulative, which means that technical indicators from lower levels will not be repeated at higher levels although they still apply.

5. Applications of the technical competencies

5.1. LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

During the skills assessment phase, it supports the identification of knowledge, skills, and / or abilities that require development. Based on the discussions between the line manager and the team member, they can agree on certain technical competencies that the team member needs to focus on and improve in order to reach the proficiency level associated with his / her job.

The line manager shall consider learning and development opportunities which support the team member in acquiring the targeted proficiency level. This could be done through for example:

- Accor Academy Program on INES
- IT-related online courses on Percipio
- Coaching and mentoring
- Champions group

5.2. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

During the performance review, the line manager along with the team member shall discuss and agree on goals and competencies which the team member shall achieve and demonstrate during the year. The technical competencies relevant to the job and responsibilities, will help in creating SMART objectives (S-Specific, M-Measurable, A-Attainable, R-Realistic, and T-Time bound).

The line manager shall provide the team member with constant feedback on performance against set goals and competencies during the next steps of the performance management system. Any identified gaps between the team member's performance and the proficiency levels set in the technical competencies framework will be a basis for development and will be a reference for the learning and development cycle.

5.3. SUCCESSION PLANNING

Succession planning is a strategic approach to motivate the team members to further their career growth and supports the business continuity by having an adequate number of qualified, trained, and experienced team members ready to move horizontally or to be promoted to leadership and/or key positions should opportunities come.

This helps the Talent and Culture Department along with the line managers and team members in identifying the proficiency level that the team member should demonstrate in order to indicate his / her readiness for the career move. Identified gaps in performance shall be closed through adequate learning and development activities.

5.4. RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION



This helps to develop competency-based questions which can be used during job interviews to help assessing the candidate's knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in order to select the best fit for the job.



Appendix A: Technical competency framework



Competency	IT Coordinator (or Assistant Manager)	IT Cluster Director (or Cluster Manager)	IT Country Director
	Emerging/Professional Leader	Executive Leader	Strategic Leader
Business Requirements The process of adopting and integrating new and improved technology solutions to support the organizational objectives		 Support the implementation of the IT strategy, structure, budgets, people, financial outcomes and scorecard metrics for the hotels' IT Department. Initiate and manage IT projects for the cluster hotels and consult the key stakeholders in strategic IT matters concerning the hotel. Provide business cases to justify investment and expenditure as part of the approval process. 	
	- Perform IT maintenance activities on a monthly basis.	 Support the IT Operations team to ensure smooth day-to-day operation. Manage day-to-day IT operations in the hotels and implement Accor IT brand standards, new technologies, systems and projects. 	Accor IT brand standards, new technologies, systems and projects.
	 Follow all Accor IT Policies and guidelines such as user rights, security policy, backup policy, preventive maintenance, contingency plan etc. Assist with implementation of Accor IT brand standards, new technologies, systems and projects. 	completed, and reports are submitted. - Enforce IT standards and policies in hotels, including user rights, backup policy, preventive maintenance, contingency planning etc. - Ensure hotel compliance with the Accor IT brand standards, policies, guidelines and audit requirements.	standards guidelines and requirements e.g. PCI DSS, IT Audit, GDPR etc Ensure that all Accor IT Policies and Guidelines are being applied in the hotel such as user rights, security policy, backup policy, preventive maintenance, contingency plan etc.
		available, up to date and accessible and give feedback if and when SOPs are reviewed by SOP champions.	
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	- Identify IT related risks and issues and escalate them to hotel management and IT Cluster Director.	 Identify IT related risks and issues and implement risk mitigation strategies together with hotel management and Country IT Director. 	 Identify IT related risks and issues and implement risk mitigation strategies together with hotel management and Executive Director of IT MEAIT.
	- Escalate IT issues to IT Cluster Director.	 Manage follow-up reviews and escalated IT issues from clustered hotels. 	- Follow-up reviews and management of IT issues escalated by hotels.
	- Travel as required by the business.	 Iravel as required by the business and ensure presence in each hotel at least once monthly 	- Travel as required by the business and to hotels in his / her region.

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The ability to understand the		 Manage / plan hotels P&L, business plans, budget and future technology investments. 	- Support Cluster Director with managing / planning hotel P&L, business plans, budget and future technology investments as required.
financial data and operations			
of the department.	 Review monthly IT P&L with IT Cluster Director and identify possible cost optimization plans for the hotel. 	 Review monthly IT P&L with management & those responsible for cost optimization plans for the hotels. 	 Support Cluster Director with IT P&L review with hotel management & assistance with cost optimization plans for the hotels as required.
	- Review SLAs for systems and services, in consultation with the IT Cluster Director, at least yearly.	 Manage SLAs for systems and services and review annually. Negotiate vendor contracts to take advantage of economies of scale. 	SLAs for systems and services as required.

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Relationship Management The process of maintaining an ongoing level of	 Maintain good relationships with hotel GM, HODs, users, guests, vendors and other business stakeholders. 	 Maintain good relationships with hotel GM, HODs, users, guests, vendors and other business stakeholders. 	 Manage relationships with hotel GMs, VPO's, IT EXCOM, Owners, vendors and other key business stakeholders.
engagement with key stakeholders	regular basis as required. This includes submitting monthly reports, complying with new standards, following up on new	a regular basis as required. This includes submitting	
	 Attend meetings in the hotels whenever requested by GM or IT Cluster Director. 	 Attend key meetings in the hotels such as HOD meetings, budget meetings or whenever requested by the GM. 	 Attend key meetings in the hotels such as owner meetings, project meetings or whenever requested from GM, VPO or Executive Director of IT MEAIT.
	 Attend Accor key regional meetings and workshops such as AH weekly call, Budget meetings etc. 		 Attend Accor key regional meetings and workshops such as AH weekly call, Annual IT conference, IT Ingenuity quarterly meeting, Budget meetings etc.
	 Liaise with vendors to ensure support provided to hotel is in line with Accor standards. 	 Manage relationships with vendors, ensuring that support provided to hotels is in line with Accor standards. 	 Support the Cluster Director with vendor relationship management, ensuring that support provided to hotels is in line with Accor standards.
			Provide recommendation to the Regional office for changes.

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Teamwork and Team Leadership The ability to collaborate	 Manage day-to-day IT operations and ensure smooth running of all computer systems in the hotel for users and guests. 	 Manage the local IT team (direct reports) to ensure effective and reliable day-to-day operations. 	 Work with the IT Cluster Directors to ensure day-to-day operations are covered and systems are functioning effectively.
with the team, build and			
	 Provide technical support and training on systems and networks. 		
the department's goals and			
to establish and shape the culture within the department.	- Participate in Accor regional eLearning platform.	·	Cluster IT Directors.

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Personal Development	- Stay up-to-date with industry trends and on how IT can	- Stay up-to-date with industry trends and on how IT can	- Stay up-to-date with industry trends and on how IT can
_	help to improve operational efficiencies, enhance revenue		help to improve operational efficiencies, enhance revenue
skills and talent in nursuit of	,	,	and optimise the cost of doing business.
skiiis and talent in parsuit	- Enrol in Accor regional eLearning platform and upskill	- Enrol in Accor regional eLearning platform and upskill	- Enrol in Accor regional eLearning platform and upskill
personal growth.	regularly.	regularly.	regularly.

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Data Security Management The process of setting,	- Implement up to date systems versions/patches.	- Ensure systems versions/patches are up to date.	- Oversee the use of up to date systems versions/patches.
implementing, and updating data security strategies and plans to ensure responding	 Identify, respond, and report data security vulnerabilities (e.g. intrusions and attacks), as well as proposes rectifying measures. 	- Respond to complex data security vulnerabilities in a timely manner.	- Support IT teams with any complex data security vulnerabilities in a timely manner.
to vulnerabilities and			
retrieval of data in timely manner	 Follow all Regional office and industry standard guidelines and requirements e.g. PCI, IT Audit, GDPR etc. 	 Contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive plan for data recovery as part of contingency plan. 	 Implement the Corporate IT security strategy to minimize security risks based on Accor's policies and procedures.
	accessing records, and transferring records via different	'- Monitor and assess the information security compliance practices of all employees in accordance with Accor's standard policies and procedure.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	- Ensure backup of all relevant user generated data.	'- Ensure implementation of data security policies, procedures, and processes.	- Set data recovery strategies and continency plans.

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IT Databases The process of developing, updating and monitoring	 Troubleshoot and carry out repairs and data backup / restoration when necessary. 	 Identify, rectify, and report database performance issues to enhance its capabilities. 	- Ensure database optimization.
databases in order to ensure security and integrity of		 Prepare and implement test plans and procedures (e.g. unit tests, end users' acceptance tests, etc.) to assess the effectiveness of the databases. 	 Communicate Accor policies and expectations to secure, back-up, restore and repair database information.
information		- Conduct regular and ad hoc database related audits to ensure integrity.	 Establish and ensure the implementation of Accor standard methods for sharing database information.

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The process of providing and	- Implement IT infrastructure related knowledge and principles in the hotel.	- Demonstrate expert knowledge in IT infrastructure- related principles, initiatives, and trends.	- Ensure the application of well-proven practices such as ITIL (IT infrastructure library, SANS (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, and Security Institute), etc.
managing IT infrastructure e.g. networks, server, software, hardware, etc.	 Resolve basic IT infrastructure related problems using standard diagnostic tools. 	 Resolve non-routine IT infrastructure related problems and make recommendations concerning improvements. 	
across the organization in order to fulfill business		 Oversee and participate in IT infrastructure design and upgrade initiatives. 	
requirements and needs			
· ·	 Monitor systems and network performance on an ongoing, daily basis. 	 Monitor system logs and activity on all servers and make adequate recommendations to mitigate any potential risks. 	
	 Install and configure software and hardware as per Accor standard. 		
			 Develop and ensure the implementation of relevant standards, guidelines, and control functions to ensure uninterrupted operations.

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IT Programs and Applications The process of adopting and	 Understand the applicability of new and improved IT developments and solutions. 	- Monitor recent technology developments and recommends implementation as deemed appropriate.	adoption of new technologies and solutions, in partnership
integrating new and improved technology			with Regional office and Digital Transformation.
solutions to support the	 Display ability to identify potential upgrades, enhancements, new products and their effects 	enhancements.	 Lead and direct the development of new IT solutions to improve the efficiency of systems.
organizational objectives		 Champion productive technology solutions to meet business needs. 	and ways to reengineer business processes to effectively
		 Participate in the functional development and specifications of new IT solutions. 	
	- Conduct basic software training.	 Conduct basic software training. Ensure effectiveness of the training on the technology 	
		and applications in place.	
			- Analyze external IT developments for data integrity and
			access control management.

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The process of performing regular and ad hoc maintenance of the hardware and software to ensure	 Demonstrate good understanding of the hotel's software / hardware. Conduct tests on hardware /software for maintenance purposes. Perform diagnostic functions including replacing suspect components with other serviceable components and reloading of associated software. Perform routine maintenance activities in order to identify and/or prevent events that might hinder operations. 	- Ensure systems are utilized to their maximum capacity.	 Communicate maintenance standards for the region's hardware / software and ensures compliance. Establish and ensure the implementation of hardware / software preventive maintenance schedules.
		- Simulate damage scenarios in order to conduct further	
		analysis on damaged equipment and find comprehensive solutions for recurring problems.	
		- Examine supported systems and makes recommendations for improvement.	 Review, analyze and evaluate supported systems to determine improvements and / or to make adequate recommendations.
	 Install only the latest, original and properly licensed software is running on the hotel's systems and computers. 	- Ensure only original and properly licensed software is running on the hotel's systems and computers.	 Oversees that no End of Life products are installed and/or connected to the hotel network.
	- Maintain software licenses and follow recommended upgrade schedules.	- Ensure no End of Life products are installed and/or connected to the hotel network.	
		 Review reports on security breaches and ensures the implementation of recovery measures in a timely manner. 	
		 Consult with hardware / software providers in order to ensure provision of specific maintenance services. Establish, update, and ensure the implementation of a disaster recovery plan if deemed required. 	

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Technical Support The process of providing quality technical support services in a professional and timely manner	 Provide local first level technology, guest & employee enduser support. Troubleshoot issues on hotel's local network, computers, software and systems. Work as onsite hand-and-eyes function for remote support. 	 Act as level 2 support for any escalation from the clustered hotels. Ensure the provision of prompt and quality technical support services to IT users across the organization. 	- Act as level 3 support for any escalation in the hotels.
		 Meet with IT Coordinators on a regular basis to discuss recurring IT problems and to find permanent solutions. Participates in Champions groups as per expertise and experience. 	 Meet with Cluster Director on a regular basis to discuss recurring IT problems and to find permanent solutions.
			- Create and update technical support guidelines and manuals.

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Hotel Pre-opening Support The process of providing quality support services to the opening and transition	developments and hotel integration projects as required Work closely with senior CSM team to execute the pre-	 Assist the IT New Developments team with new hotel developments and hotel integration projects as required. Assist with hardware configuration and application set up, training and go live. 	integration projects.
hotels in a professional and timely manner		Assist with the pre-opening office set up.	 Provide support for pre-opening office implementation,IT procurement process and coordination of hardware and software, and applications implementation.