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# Introducing ITIL® (Version 5)

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# ITSM Academy A Brief History

From ITIL v2 Foundation to DevOps, SRE, and AI-Enabled Service Management, ITSM Academy has led the evolution of service management education for over two decades.

- 2004 | ITIL v2 era. Foundation & Service Manager only – the “clusters” had not been introduced yet.
- 2007 | 1st U.S. accredited ITIL provider under new ITIL v3 scheme.
- 2008 | Introduced **Certified Process Design Engineer** (CPDE) course.
- 2011 | V3 became **ITIL 2011**. As with previous versions, we developed all courseware in the scheme.
- 2014 | Built 1st DevOps Foundation course. ITSM Academy leadership co-founded the **DevOps Institute**.
- 2019 | Early adopter of **ITIL 4** classes. Introduced **Value Stream Mapping** and **Employee Experience** courses.
- 2022 | **Site Reliability Engineering** (SRE) courses and more, to help clients focus on modern reliability.
- 2025 | AI & AIOps. Incorporated **AI** into our learner experience, while rolling out **AIOps** related course.
- 2026 | **ITIL 5** era!!



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***Since 2004, our goal has stayed the same ...educate & inspire***

# ITIL (Version 5)



**Extends the global best-practice framework for digital product and service management.**

## Key Benefits of ITIL (Version 5)

- **ITIL (Version 5) is the global best practice framework** for everyone involved in digital products and services
  - Connecting strategy, delivery, and outcomes in the AI era.
- **Unifies product and service management**
  - One lifecycle that reduces friction, silos, and handoffs.
- **Brings business and technology together**
  - A shared model that links strategy, delivery, and measurable outcomes.
- **AI-ready by design**
  - Practical guidance to adopt and scale AI responsibly, with governance built in.
- **Experience-driven and outcome-focused**
  - Turns digital work into experiences people feel and results organizations can measure.
- **Relevant across roles and organizations**
  - Designed for IT, product, experience, and business leaders alike - not just ITSM.

Guides organizations in managing digital products, services, customer experience, and end-to-end digital operations in a structured and future-ready way.

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# An Evolution, Not a Revolution

What stays the same?	What's new?
<b>ITIL Guiding Principles</b>	One unified Digital Product and Service Lifecycle
<b>Four Dimensions of Service Management</b>	Practical, experience-driven adoption
<b>ITIL Service Value System</b>	Stronger focus on customer and employee experience
<b>ITIL Practices (34) with only minor terminology updates</b>	AI-native guidance integrated across modules
<b>Foundation as the single entry point</b>	Clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and outcomes
<b>The global trust, scale, and recognition of ITIL</b>	Clearer, role-aligned guidance - targeted, practical guidance tailored to specific roles and responsibilities

***ITIL (Version 5) protects existing investments AND expands ITIL's relevance across the digital enterprise.***

# Product + Service = One Lifecycle

Many organizations manage products and services separately, creating gaps in delivery, reliability, and customer experience.

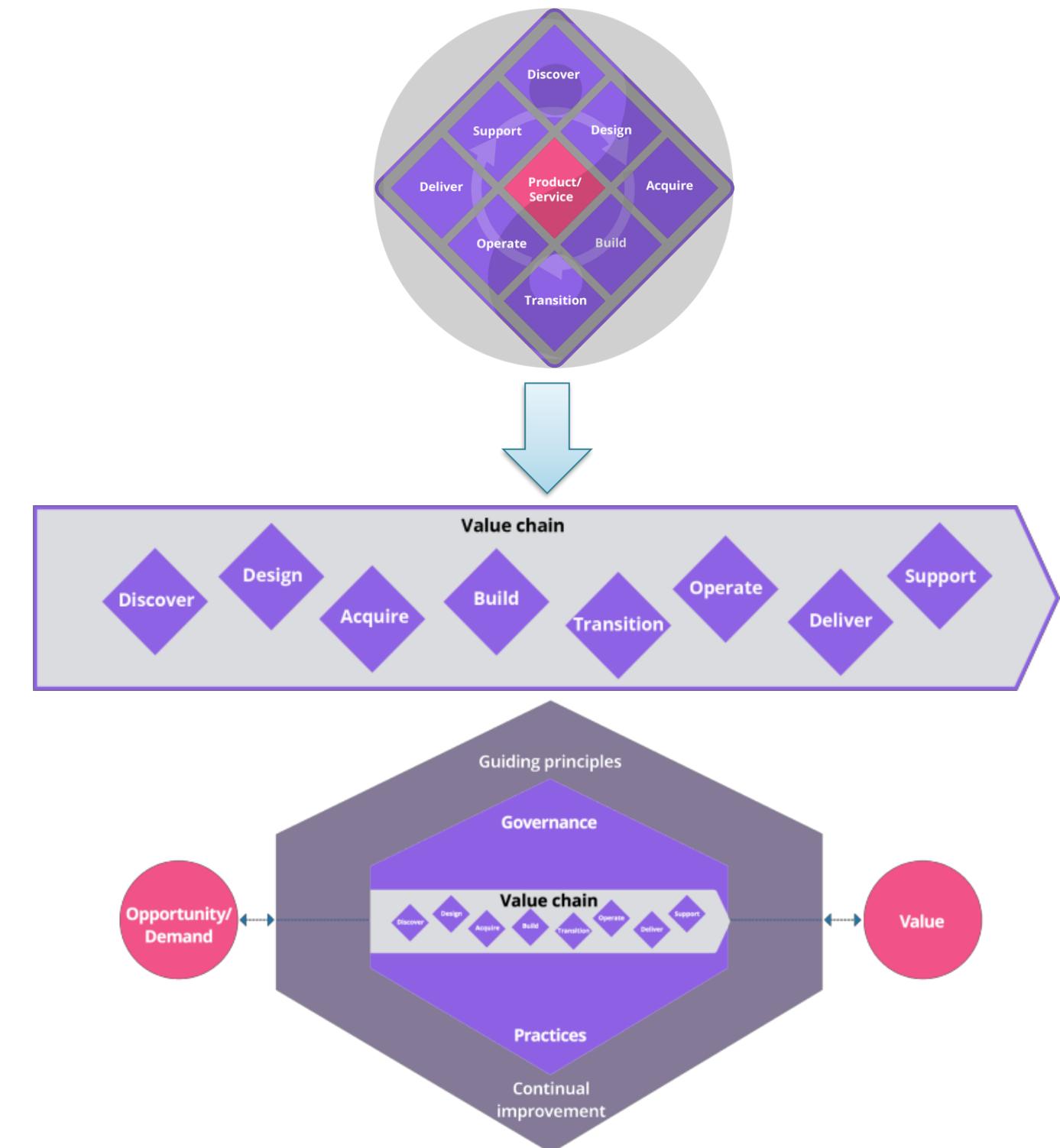
**In reality, products and services are interdependent:**

- Products are what organizations build
- Services are how value is delivered and supported

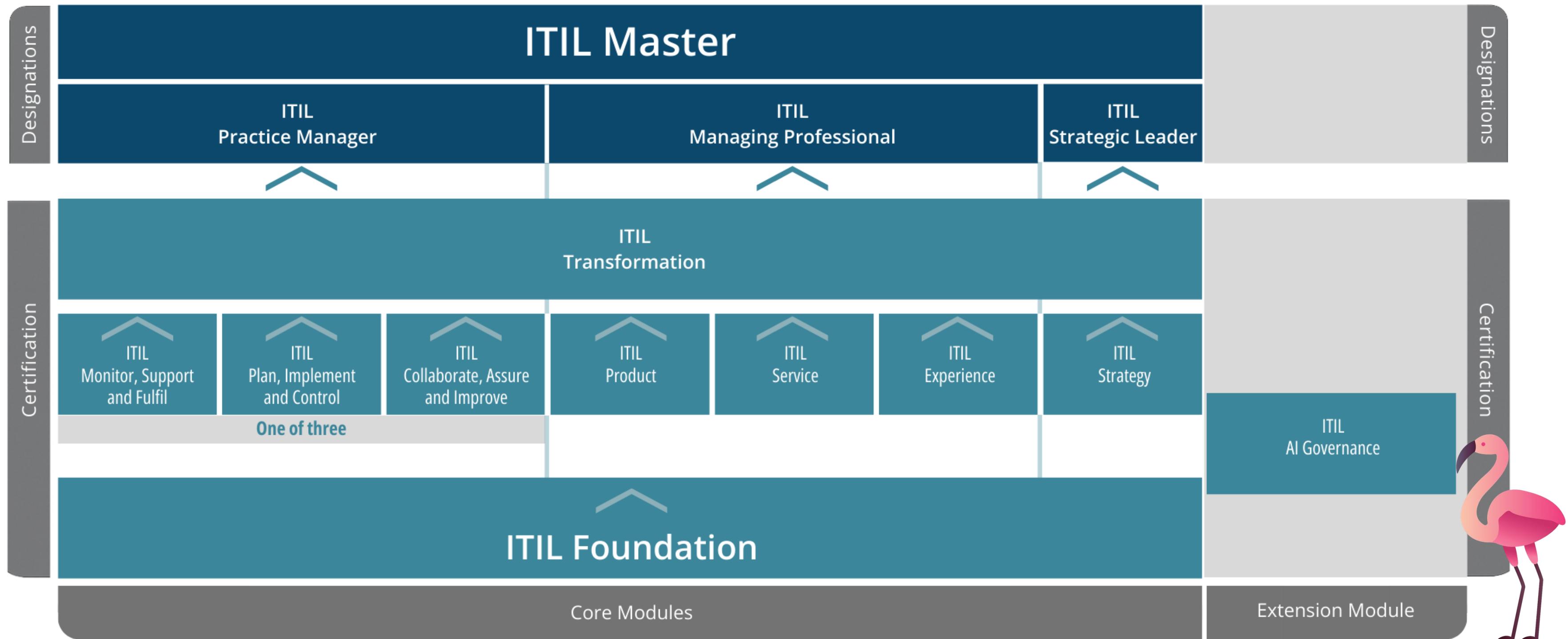
ITIL (Version 5) unifies **Digital products and services** into one lifecycle so teams can:

- Design together
- Build and launch together
- Operate and improve together

**The result: faster delivery, fewer gaps, better experiences, stronger business outcomes.**



# ITIL (Version 5) Qualification Scheme



One framework. Clear pathways. Real business value.

# Product Mapping

<p><b>“We need a common language and starting point.”</b></p>	<p><b>ITIL Foundation</b> <i>Build shared understanding across teams.</i></p>
<p><b>“We’re struggling to align product and service delivery.”</b></p>	<p><b>ITIL Product and ITIL Service</b> <i>Unify delivery across the lifecycle.</i></p>
<p><b>“Experience and outcomes matter more than processes.”</b></p>	<p><b>ITIL Experience</b> <i>Design and measure value.</i></p>
<p><b>“We need leadership alignment and direction.”</b></p>	<p><b>ITIL Strategy</b> <i>Connect vision, priorities, and execution.</i></p>
<p><b>“We need to make this real across the organization.”</b></p>	<p><b>ITIL Transformation (How to Implement)</b> <i>Embed ITIL and drive change at scale.</i></p>
<p><b>“We’re adopting AI and need governance.”</b></p>	<p><b>ITIL AI Governance</b> <i>Adopt AI responsibly and with confidence.</i></p>

**ITIL gives leaders, teams, and partners a common language to align strategy, operations, and customer experience, without losing what already works.**

# Transition from ITIL 4 to Version 5

ITIL 4 Qualification	ITIL (Version 5) Entry Point	 ITIL 4 courses & exams will NOT sunset for at least 12 months
<b>ITIL 4 Foundation</b>	Valid as prerequisite for ITIL (Version 5) advanced modules	
<b>ITIL 4 Practice Manager</b>	ITIL Transformation to become a ITIL Practice Manager (Version 5)	
<b>ITIL 4 Managing Professional</b>	Managing Professional Transition (MPT) course and exam to become an ITIL Managing Professional (Version 5)	
<b>ITIL 4 Strategic Leader</b>	ITIL Transformation to become an ITIL Strategic Leader (Version 5)	
<b>ITIL 4 Master</b>	Managing Professional Transition (MPT) course and exam to become an ITIL Master (Version 5)	

# Transition from ITIL 3 to Version 5

ITIL v3 Qualification	ITIL (Version 5) Entry Point
<b>ITIL v3 Foundation</b>	Start with ITIL (Version 5) Foundation
<b>ITIL v3 Intermediate or Capability</b> (1-4 modules)	Start with ITIL (Version 5) Foundation
<b>ITIL Expert (v3)</b> ITIL v3 Managing Across the Lifecycle (MALC)	Eligibility for ITIL (Version 5) Managing Professional (subject to review)
<b>ITIL Master (v3)</b>	Start with ITIL (Version 5) Foundation

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