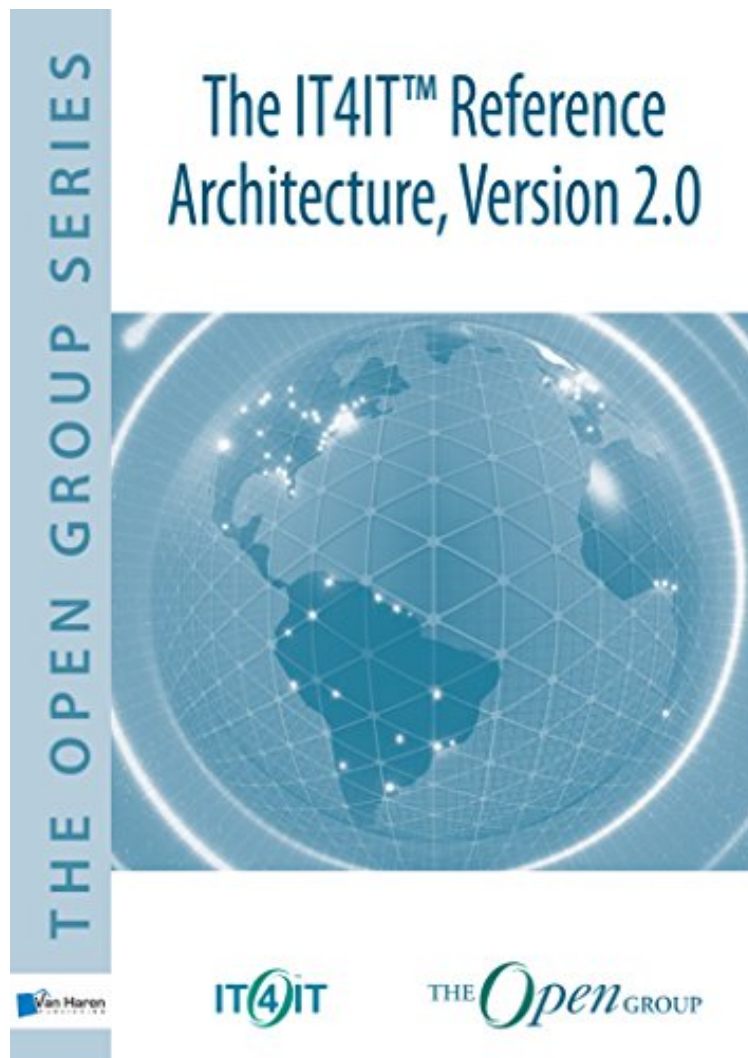


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Correct Each IT Value Stream is centered on a key aspect of the service model, the essential data objects (information model), and functional components (functional model) that support it. Together, the four value streams play a vital role in helping IT control the service model as it advances through its lifecycle. The IT4IT Reference Architecture:

- Provides prescriptive guidance on the specification of and interaction with a consistent service model backbone (common data model/context)
- Supports real-world use-cases driven by the Digital Economy (e.g., Cloud-sourcing, Agile, DevOps, and service brokering)
- Embraces and complements existing process frameworks and methodologies (e.g., ITIL, CoBIT, SAFe, and TOGAF) by taking a data-focused implementation model perspective, essentially specifying an information model across the entire value chain

The audience for this standard is:

- IT Professionals who are responsible for delivering services in a way that is flexible, traceable, and cost-effective
- IT Professionals / Practitioners who are focused on instrumenting the IT management landscape
- IT Leaders who are concerned about their operating model
- Enterprise Architects who are responsible for IT business transformation

Topics covered include:

- An introduction to the standard and the purpose of the IT4IT work
- Key terminology of the standard
- An introduction for executives and others introducing the IT Value Chain and IT4IT Reference Architecture concepts
- IT4IT Core, which defines the structure of the IT4IT standard as well as the process and document structure used by the IT4IT standard
- The Strategy to Portfolio (S2P) Value Stream
- The Requirement to Deploy (R2D) Value Stream
- The Request to Fulfill (R2F) Value Stream
- The Detect to Correct (D2C) Value Stream
- Background information on the standard.

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