

Differences between IT4IT and ITIL

Attribute	ITIL	IT4IT Reference Architecture
Characteristics	Framework describing functions/capabilities/disciplines.	Information model-driven reference architecture that accommodates multiple process frameworks.
Origins	An aggregate of best practices drawn from a world-wide community of executives, managers, and individual contributors.	Driven by specific needs of Enterprise Architects and IT managers.
Form	Primarily narrative.	Primarily architectural, framed using the TOGAF standard and presented using the ArchiMate language.
Utility	Oriented to education.	Solution-orientation; usable “off-the-shelf”.
Value Proposition	Enable detailed analysis at the function process level.	Enables choreography of four high-level IT value streams (Strategy to Portfolio, Requirement to Deploy, Request to Fulfill, Detect to Correct) and offers prescriptive guidance for the design of products and services that deliver them.
Structure		Mutually-exclusive and comprehensive architectural catalogs.
Granularity		Precise and prescriptive representation of data and integration patterns for the whole IT management domain.
Agility	Implicit waterfall, top-down planning orientation.	Explicit accommodation of agile and DevOps trends and lean Kanban approaches.
Provenance	Evolved through various proprietary ownerships.	Dynamic, open peer-to-peer development and review processes under the aegis of The Open Group.