

Evolving from ITIL® 4 to ITIL® (Version 5)

ITIL (Version 5) modernizes and expands the framework beyond ITIL 4 to support today's digital-first organizations. The chart below provides a clear, side-by-side comparison of the key shifts shaping ITIL (Version 5).



	ITIL 4	ITIL (Version 5)
Scope	Starts with IT service management focus.	Expands to enterprise digital product & service management —a major scope increase.
Outcomes	Emphasizes theoretical best practices.	Emphasizes practical, outcome-driven, role-aligned implementation.
Experience	Highlights governance and processes.	Shifts toward customer/employee experience
Innovation	Integrates Agile/DevOps.	Fully embeds AI guidance and digital-first practices , shaping all roles and activities.
Roles	Certifications focus on understanding the framework.	Restructures certifications around job roles, responsibilities, and outcomes.
NEW Ownership & Accountability		NEW Clearer roles, accountability, and value ownership
NEW Role-Aligned Certification Paths		NEW Simplified, role-aligned qualification pathways

Why Upskill to ITIL® 5 Now

Protect and Extend Your ITIL 4 Investment	Prepare for AI-Driven Service Management	Turn Frameworks into Outcomes	Align Services to Business Value	Enable Future-Ready Teams
• Build on what your teams already know. • Avoid rework while preparing for what's next.	• Apply AI and automation responsibly within service operations. • Improve decision-making, speed, and resilience.	• Move beyond theory to practical, experience-driven adoption. • Deliver measurable improvements in service quality and value.	• Connect service management directly to customer outcomes. • Support modern operating models: Agile, DevOps, product teams.	• Role-based learning paths aligned to real responsibilities. • Clear progression for professionals and organizations alike.

How ITIL (Version 5) Builds on ITIL 4

1. ITIL (Version 5) is an evolution, not a replacement.
2. Existing ITIL 4 knowledge and certifications remain valid.
3. The 34 ITIL Management Practices are retained and repositioned.
4. Focus shifts from memorization to purpose, value, and application.
5. Enables organizations to modernize without starting over.

The Learning Tree Advantage

- Trusted global leader in ITIL education.
- First-mover guidance grounded in verified ITIL direction.
- Expert-led, instructor-delivered, outcome-focused learning.
- Helps organizations adopt ITIL (Version 5) with confidence, continuity, and clarity.

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