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Foreword

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Introduction

This document facilitates the development of a process assessment model (PAM) for service management described in ISO/IEC TS 33074.

A process reference model is a model comprising definitions of processes described in terms of process purpose and outcomes, together with an architecture describing the relationships between the processes. Using the process reference model in a practical application can require additional elements suited to the environment and circumstances.

The process reference model specified in this document describes the processes including the service management system (SMS) processes implied by ISO/IEC 20000-1. Each process of this process reference model provides traceability to requirements. The process reference model does not attempt to place the processes in any specific environment nor does it pre-determine any level of process capability required to fulfil the ISO/IEC 20000-1 requirements. The process reference model does not provide the evidence required to be conformant to the evidence requirements of ISO/IEC 20000-1. The process reference model is not intended to be used for a conformity assessment audit or as a process implementation reference guide.

ISO/IEC 33001 describes the concepts and terminology used for process assessment. ISO/IEC 33002 describes the requirements for conducting an assessment. ISO/IEC 33004 describes the requirements for process reference, process assessment and maturity models. ISO/IEC 33020 describes the measurement scale for assessing the process quality characteristic of process capability. ISO/IEC TR 24774 describes the common elements of processes.

The relationships between ISO/IEC 20000-1, ISO/IEC TR 24774, ISO/IEC 33002, ISO/IEC 33004, ISO/IEC 33020, this document and ISO/IEC TS 33074 are shown in [Figure 1](#).

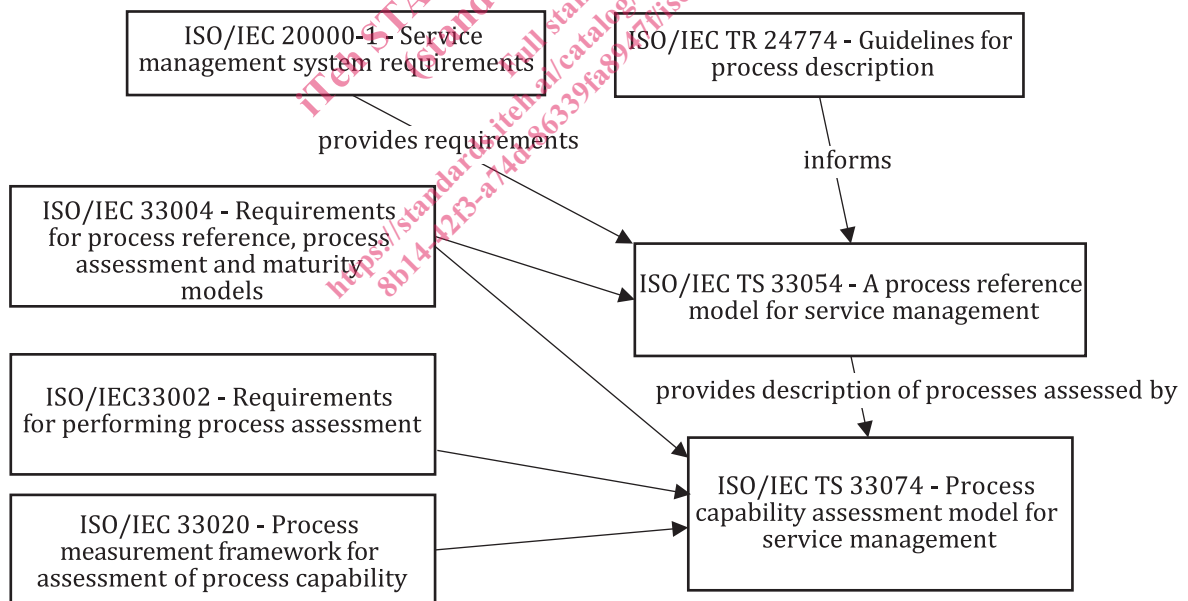


Figure 1 — Relationships between relevant standards

[Clause 4](#) provides an overview of the process reference model.

[Clause 5](#) describes the processes in the process reference model.

[Annex A](#) describes the relationship between management system requirements and process model elements.

[Annex B](#) provides the statement of conformity in accordance with ISO/IEC 33004.

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1 Scope

This document defines a process reference model for the domain of service management.

The model specifies a process architecture for the domain and comprises a set of processes. Each process is described in terms of process purpose and outcomes.

The process reference model in this document is directed at assessment sponsors and competent assessors who wish to select a model, and associated documented process method, for assessment (for either capability determination or process improvement).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 20000-10, *Information technology — Service management — Part 10: Concepts and vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 33001, *Information technology — Process assessment — Concepts and terminology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 33001 and ISO/IEC 20000-10 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Overview of the process reference model

This clause describes the structure of a process reference model to support service management. The process reference model includes processes, which can already exist in the context of a service management system of a service provider.

[Figure 2](#) identifies the processes derived from ISO/IEC 20000-1 requirements.

Processes are grouped according to their primary purpose, namely, generic processes associated with the management system implementation, processes associated with technical aspects of service management, and organisational processes associated with management of service management activities.

NOTE The model shown in [Figure 2](#) covers all the requirements of ISO/IEC 20000-1 but the grouping is different.

The term "common processes" refers to those processes identified with the text within the management system sub-clauses that is common to all management system standards. The "leadership" process is also common to all management system standards.

Technical processes include those associated with the following groups:

- service delivery processes;
- service design, build and transition processes;
- resolution and fulfilment processes;
- service control processes;
- supply and demand processes;
- service assurance processes.

Organizational processes are those that include processes in the group "relationship and agreement processes".

[Table A.2](#) shows the detailed traceability from ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018 to the process reference model outcomes.

Users of this document may freely reproduce the detailed descriptions contained in this process reference model as part of any tool or other material to support the performance of process assessments, so that it can be used for its intended purpose.

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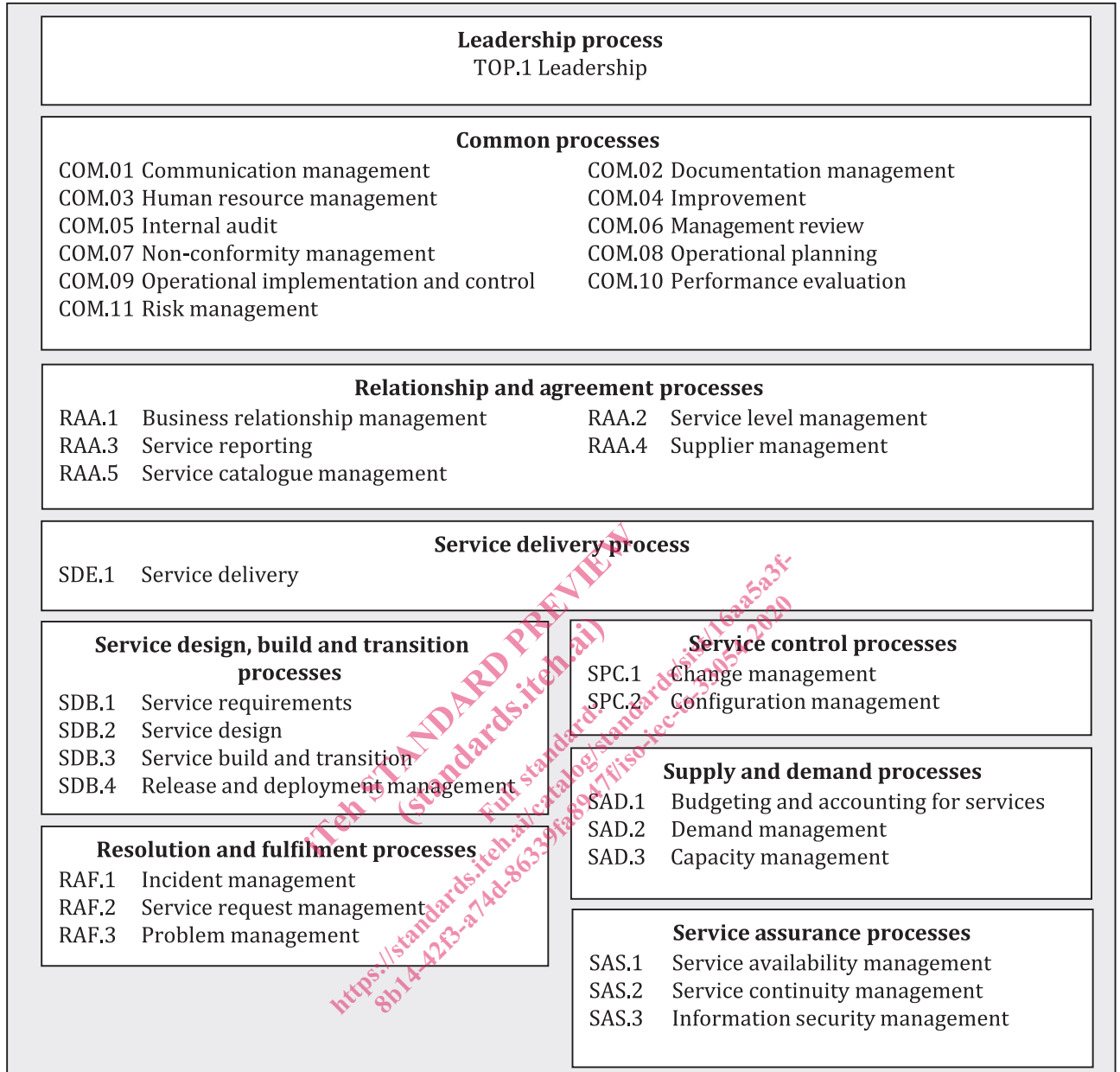


Figure 2 — Processes in the process reference model

5 Process descriptions

5.1 General

The process descriptions in this process reference model are defined following the guidance provided in ISO/IEC TR 24774.

Each process in the process reference model has the following descriptive elements:

- a) Process ID: Each process belonging to a group is identified with a process identifier consisting of the group abbreviated name and a sequential number of the process in that group.
- b) Name: the name of a process is a short phrase that summarizes the scope of the process, identifying the principal concern of the process, and distinguishes it from other processes within the scope of the process reference model.

- c) Purpose: the purpose of the process is a high level, overall goal for performing the process.
- d) Outcomes: an outcome is an observable result of the successful achievement of the process purpose. Outcomes are measurable, tangible, technical or business results that are achieved by a process. Outcomes are observable and assessable.
- e) Requirements traceability: the outcomes are based on the requirements of ISO/IEC 20000-1. The references identify the applicable subclauses of ISO/IEC 20000-1, the subclause heading, and the outcomes that are supported. (See A.6).
- f) Number of outcomes: the set of process outcomes are necessary and sufficient to achieve the purpose of the process.

In 5.2 to 5.34, all entries in the requirements traceability row end with numbers in square brackets, (i.e. [n]). Each number in the square brackets is a reference to a numbered outcome. These outcomes are directly linked to the requirements of ISO/IEC 20000-1.

Some outcomes are shown in square brackets. These are only indirectly linked to requirements of ISO/IEC 20000-1. The outcomes in square brackets are not referenced by any of the entries in the requirements traceability row. These additional outcomes have been included because they are considered necessary in order for this type of process reference model to serve as the basis of the PAM (ISO/IEC TS 33074). With these additional outcomes, the process is complete and the process purpose can be achieved.

5.2 COM.01 Communication management

Process ID	COM.01	
Name	Communication management	
Purpose	The purpose of communication management is to produce timely and accurate information products to support effective communication and decision making.	
Outcomes	As a result of successful implementation of this process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information content is defined in terms of identified communication requirements. 2. Parties to communicate with are identified. 3. The party responsible for the communication is identified. 4. Events that require communication actions are identified. 5. The channel for the communication is selected. 6. Information products are communicated to relevant interested parties. 	
Requirements traceability	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 5.2.2	Communicating the service management policy [6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 6.2.1	Establish objectives [6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.4	Communication [1,2,3,4,5]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.1.3	Change management activities [6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.2.3	Build and transition [6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.6.1	Incident management [6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.7.3.1	Information security policy [6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.2.2	[6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.4	Service reporting [6]

5.3 COM.02 Documentation management

Process ID	COM.02
Name	Documentation management
Purpose	The purpose of documentation management is to provide relevant, timely, complete, valid documented information to designated parties.
Outcomes	As a result of successful implementation of this process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documented information to be documented is identified. 2. The forms of documented information representation are defined. [3. The documented information content status is known.] 4. Documented information is current, complete and valid. 5. Documented information is released according to defined criteria. 6. Documented information is available to relevant interested parties. 7. Documented information is archived, or disposed of, as required.
Requirements traceability	<p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 4.3 Determining the scope of the service management system [4,6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 5.2.2 Communicating the service management policy [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 6.1.2 [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 6.2.1 Establish objectives [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.2 Competence [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.5.2 Creating and updating documented information [1,2,4]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.5.3.1 [6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.5.3.2 [1,4,6,7]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.5.4 Service management system documented information [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.6 Knowledge [1,4,6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.1 Operational planning and control [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.2.2 Plan the services [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.2.3.1 [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.2.4 Service catalogue management [4,6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.2.6 Configuration management [1,6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.2 Business relationship management [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.3 Service level management [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.4.1 Management of external suppliers [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.4.2 Management of internal suppliers and customers acting as a supplier [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.4.3 Capacity management [1,4]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.1.1 Change management policy [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.1.3 Change management activities [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.2.2 Design [1]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.3 Release and deployment management [1,6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.6.1 Incident management [4]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.6.2 Service request management [4,6]</p> <p>ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.6.3 Problem management [4,6]</p>

Process ID	COM.02	
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.7.1	Service availability management [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.7.2	Service continuity management [1,6]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.7.3.1	Information security policy [1,5]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.7.3.2	Information security controls [1,5]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.1	Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.2.2	[1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.3	Management review [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 10.1.2	[1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 10.2	Continual improvement [1]

5.4 COM.03 Human resource management

Process ID	COM.03	
Name	Human resource management	
Purpose	The purpose of human resource management is to provide the organization with necessary competent human resources and to improve their competencies, in alignment with business needs.	
Outcomes	As a result of successful implementation of this process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The competencies required by the organization to produce products and services are identified. 2. Identified competency gaps are filled through training or recruitment. 3. Understanding of roles and activities in achieving organisational objectives in product and service provision is demonstrated by each person. 	
Requirements traceability	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.2	Competence [1,2]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 7.3	Awareness [3]

5.5 COM.04 Improvement

Process ID	COM.04	
Name	Improvement	
Purpose	The purpose of improvement is to continually improve the management system, its processes, products and services.	
Outcomes	As a result of successful implementation of this process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunities for improvement are identified. 2. Opportunities for improvement are evaluated against defined criteria. 3. Improvements are prioritised. 4. Improvements are implemented. 5. The effectiveness of implemented improvements is evaluated. 	
Requirements traceability	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.2	Business relationship management [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.3	Service level management [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.4.1	Management of external suppliers [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.3.4.2	Management of internal suppliers and customers acting as a supplier [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.1.3	Change management activities [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.5.3	Release and deployment management [1]

Process ID	COM.04	
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.6.1	Incident management [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 8.7.3.3	Information security incidents [1]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 10.2	Continual improvement [2,3,4,5]

5.6 COM.05 Internal audit

Process ID	COM.05	
Name	Internal audit	
Purpose	The purpose of internal audit is to independently determine conformity of the management system, products, services, and processes to the requirements, policies, plans and agreements, as appropriate.	
Outcomes	As a result of successful implementation of this process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The scope and purpose of each audit is defined. 2. The objectivity and impartiality of the conduct of audits and selection of auditors are assured. 3. Conformity of selected services, products and processes with requirements, plans and agreements is determined. 	
Requirements traceability	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.2.1	[3]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.2.2	[1,2]

5.7 COM.06 Management review

Process ID	COM.06	
Name	Management review	
Purpose	The purpose of management review is to assess the performance of the management system, to identify and make decisions regarding potential improvements.	
Outcomes	As a result of successful implementation of this process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The objectives of the review are established. 2. The status and performance of an activity or process are assessed in terms of the established objectives. 3. Risks, problems and opportunities for improvement are identified. 	
Requirements traceability	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 5.3	Organizational roles, responsibilities and authorities [2]
	ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, 9.3	Management review [1,2,3]