

ITIL® Poster Series #7

The Lifecycle Approach



This poster illustrates the stages and evolution of a service and shows how the activities map to the books.

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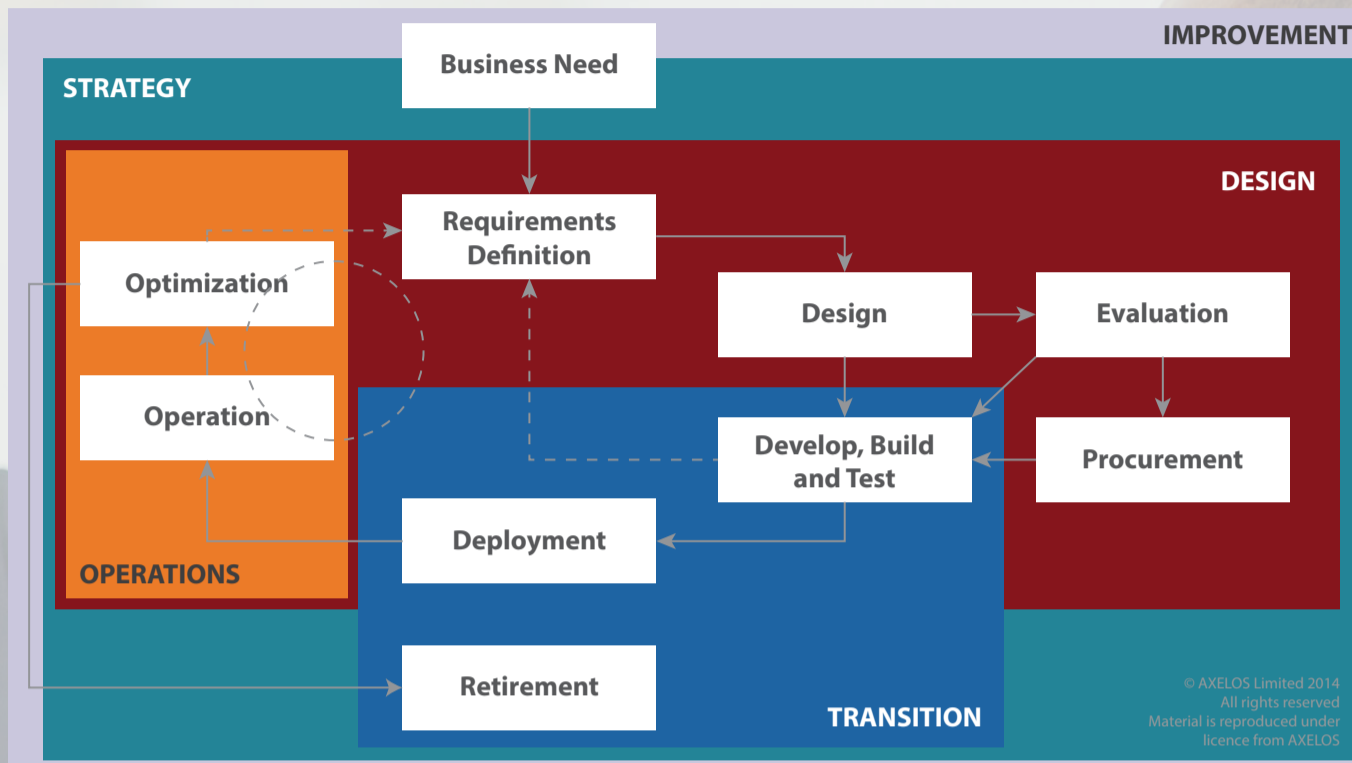
The Business need is identified in **Strategy**.

The Requirements Definition, Design, Develop build and test, Evaluation and Procurement happen as part of **Design**.

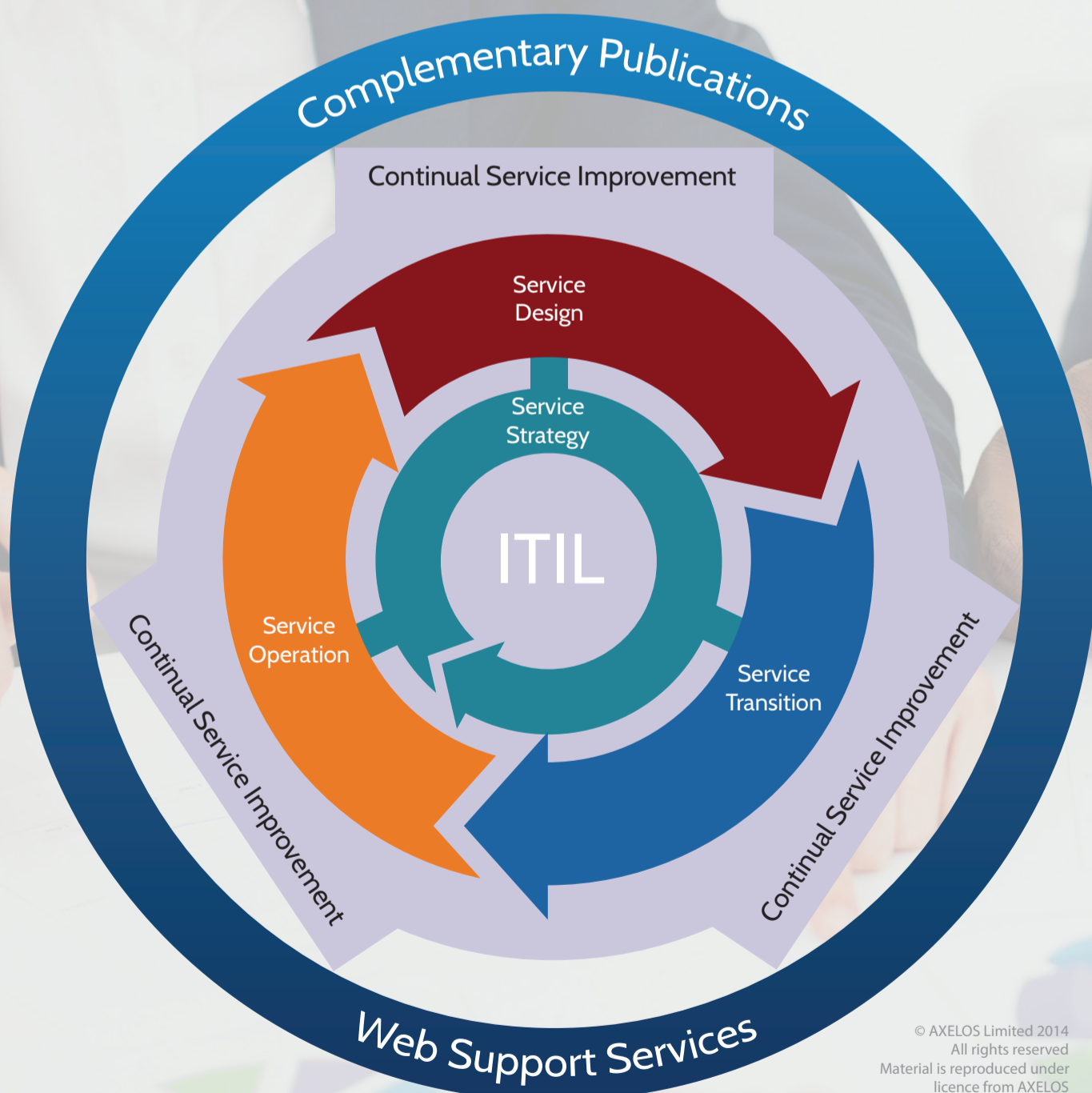
The Ongoing Develop build and test, and Deployment are dealt with in **Transition**.

Operations is concerned with Operation and Optimization, feeding back into Requirements. When Services are Retired from Operations, this is done through **Transition**.

Finally, **Improvement** covers every area.



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Service Lifecycle

Service Strategy
Service Strategy (SS) is the axis around which the lifecycle rotates. It represents **policies** and **objectives**.

Service Design, Operation and Transition
Service Design (SD), Operation (SO) and Transition (ST) implement the strategy. They are progressive phases of the lifecycle that represent **change** and **transformation**.

Continual Service Improvement
Continual Service Improvement (CSI) helps place and prioritize improvement programmes and projects based on strategic objectives. CSI represents **learning** and **improvement**.

