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impact business processes - Ensuring IT resources fulfill the Service Level Agreement and minimizing disruption to business functions This book describes the relevant concepts, as well as planning for and implementing Business Service Management. The implementation is described using a sample business function of an e-business solution.