Audit Sponsor: The person who’s paying for the audit to be performed. Whilst there are a number of stakeholders, there is usually only one sponsor. It is important to satisfy as many stakeholders as you can. It is essential to satisfy the sponsor.

Body of Knowledge: The definition of the problem space, and the associated breakdown of the problem space into a hierarchical structure. The BOK is used as the basis for the audit process.

System under Scrutiny: The system being studied as the subject of the audit.

Time Window: The period of time over which the audit, or certain aspects of it, takes place (e.g., the system probe window).