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Abstract

This document extends Directory-Based Information Services (DBIS) described in [[draft-bannister-dbis-mapping-00](#)] to support ethers and bootparams databases.

The database schemas SHALL be backwards compatible with the Network Information Service [[NIS](#)] but stored within [[X.500](#)] entries so that they may be resolved with the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol [[RFC4510](#)].

An ethers database maps 48-bit Ethernet addresses to IP addresses or host names, and bootparams maps hosts to boot-time kernel parameters.

This document describes LDAP object classes and attributes required to extend hosts entries [[draft-bannister-dbis-hosts-00](#)] to support parameters for ethers and bootparams maps.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED" and "MAY" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

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[1.](#) Configuration Maps

[1.1.](#) Scope

The automount database uses the standard configuration maps defined in [[draft-bannister-dbis-mapping-00](#)], [section 3](#).

Additionally, dbisMapConfig entries for ethers databases SHALL have assigned the object class dbisEtherConfig, and entries for bootparams databases SHALL have the object class dbisBootConfig.

It is RECOMMENDED that the dbisMapConfig entry for an ethers or bootparams database have the dbisMapFilter attribute set according to the following table:

Database	dbisMapFilter
ethers	objectClass=ieee802Device
bootparams	objectClass=bootableDevice

[1.2.](#) Example Configuration Map Entry

The following gives an example of a configuration map entry for an ethers database:

```
dn: cn=ethers,en=sales.corp,ou=domain-mappings,o=infra
objectClass: top
objectClass: dbisMapConfig
objectClass: dbisEtherConfig
cn: ethers
dbisMapDN: ou=hosts,o=infra
```

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```
dbisMapDN: ou=lab,ou=hosts,o=infra
dbisMapFilter: objectClass=ieee802Device
profileTTL: 900
description: Primary ethers database
```

The following is an example of a configuration map entry for a bootparams database:

```
dn: cn=bootparams,en=sales.corp,ou=domain-mappings,o=infra
objectClass: top
objectClass: dbisMapConfig
objectClass: dbisBootConfig
cn: bootparams
dbisMapDN: ou=hosts,o=infra
dbisMapDN: ou=lab,ou=hosts,o=infra
dbisMapFilter: objectClass=bootableDevice
profileTTL: 900
description: Primary bootparams database
```

2. Database

2.1. ethers

2.1.1. Definition

An ethers database contains the following fields:

- 48-bit Ethernet address in colon-separated form.
- Host name.

The information that makes up a database entry is obtained from the attributes described in the following sections.

2.1.2. Object Classes

2.1.2.1. Introduction

A dbisMapConfig entry for an ethers database SHALL be assigned the object class dbisEtherConfig.

A host entry, defined by the object class ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject [[draft-bannister-dbis-hosts-00](#)], MAY be augmented by the ieee802Device class to add information for the ethers map.

2.1.2.2. dbisEtherConfig

The dbisEtherConfig class is defined as follows:

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```
objectclass ( 1.3.6.1.4.1.23780.219.1.37
  NAME 'dbisEtherConfig'
  DESC 'DBIS ethers configuration map'
  SUP dbisMapConfig STRUCTURAL )
```

2.1.2.3. ieee802Device

The ieee802Device class is defined as follows:

```
objectclass ( 1.3.6.1.1.1.2.11 NAME 'ieee802Device'
  DESC 'A device with a 48-bit Ethernet address'
  SUP top AUXILIARY
  MAY macAddress )
```

This is an auxiliary class and it is RECOMMENDED that it is associated with ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject entries. However, if it is preferred for Ethernet addresses to be kept in separate entries it MAY be associated with the device class instead [[RFC2256](#)].

2.1.3. Attributes

2.1.3.1. macAddress

The 48-bit Ethernet address is stored in the LDAP attribute macAddress which MAY be associated with an ieee802Device entry:

```
attributetype ( 1.3.6.1.1.1.1.22
  NAME ('macAddress')
  DESC 'MAC address in maximal, colon separated hex
    notation, eg. 00:00:92:90:ee:e2'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.26 )
```

2.1.4. Example Host Entry with ieee802Device

The following is an example of an ipv4HostObject entry in LDIF format [[RFC2849](#)] with an ieee802Device class:

```
dn: rn=kilcher,ou=hosts,o=infra
objectClass: top
objectClass: ipHostObject
objectClass: ipv4HostObject
objectClass: ieee802Device
rn: kilcher
ipv4Address: 10.11.12.13
macAddress: 08:00:27:00:50:f2
```

2.2. bootparams

2.2.1. Definition

A bootparams database contains the following fields:

- Host name.
- Boot parameters.

The boot parameters are interpreted by the operating system kernel and vary between platforms. This schema does not attempt to define unique attributes for each parameter.

2.2.2. Object Classes

2.2.2.1. Introduction

A dbisMapConfig entry for a bootparams database SHALL be assigned the object class dbisBootConfig.

A host entry, defined by the object class ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject [[draft-bannister-dbis-hosts-00](#)], MAY be augmented by the bootableDevice class to add information for the bootparams map, which provides configuration information for rpc.bootparamd.

2.2.2.2. dbisBootConfig

The dbisBootConfig class is defined as follows:

```
objectclass ( 1.3.6.1.4.1.23780.219.1.38
  NAME 'dbisBootConfig'
  DESC 'DBIS bootparams configuration map'
  SUP dbisMapConfig STRUCTURAL )
```

2.2.2.3. bootableDevice

The bootableDevice class is defined as follows:

```
objectclass ( 1.3.6.1.1.1.2.12 NAME 'bootableDevice'
  DESC 'A device with boot parameters'
  SUP top AUXILIARY
  MAY ( bootFile $ bootParameter ) )
```

This is an auxiliary class and it is RECOMMENDED that it is associated with ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject entries. However, if it is preferred for Ethernet addresses to be kept in separate entries it MAY be associated with the device class instead [[RFC2256](#)].

2.2.3. Attributes

[2.2.3.1.](#) bootFile

The boot image name is stored in the LDAP attribute bootFile which MAY be associated with a bootableDevice entry:

```
attributetype ( 1.3.6.1.1.1.1.24 NAME 'bootFile'
  DESC 'Boot image name'
  EQUALITY caseExactIA5Match
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.26 )
```

[2.2.3.2.](#) bootParameter

Boot parameters are stored as "key=value" pairs in the LDAP attribute bootParameter which MAY be associated with a bootableDevice entry:

```
attributetype ( 1.3.6.1.1.1.1.23 NAME 'bootParameter'
  DESC 'rpc.bootparamd parameter'
  EQUALITY caseExactIA5Match
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.26 )
```

[2.2.4.](#) Example Host Entry with bootableDevice

The following is an example of an ipv4HostObject entry in LDIF format [[RFC2849](#)] with a bootableDevice class:

```
dn: rn=kilcher,ou=hosts,o=infra
objectClass: top
objectClass: ipHostObject
objectClass: ipv4HostObject
objectClass: ieee802Device
objectClass: bootableDevice
rn: kilcher
ipv4Address: 10.11.12.13
macAddress: 08:00:27:00:50:f2
bootParameter: root=alaska:/export/client/root
bootParameter: domain=country.music.edu
```

[3.](#) Attribute Syntax

The following syntaxes are used by the attributes defined in this document:

Syntax	OID	Value	Reference
1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.26	IA5 String		[RFC4517]

4. Implementation Notes

4.1. NIS Compatible Field Mapping

4.1.1. Introduction

All fields that are required to generate NIS-compatible space-separated ethers or bootparams database formats exist in this schema and can be mapped to attribute types using common ABNF productions described in [[draft-bannister-dbis-netgroup-00](#)], [section 1.2](#).

These are described for each database in the following sections.

4.1.2. ethers

The NIS-compatible ethers database fields are mapped as follows:

```
ether-addr  = macAddress
hostname    = rn / en ; depending on class, see below

ethers-entry = ether-addr SPACE hostname
```

In the ethers mappings above:

- hostname comes from the rn attribute if the ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject class was used. If instead the ieee802Device was associated with an object with the device class, then the hostname comes from the cn attribute.

4.1.3. bootparams

The NIS-compatible bootparams database fields are mapped as follows:

```
hostname    = rn / en ; depending on class, see below
params      = bootParameter *(SPACE bootParameter)

bootparams-entry = hostname SPACE params
```

In the bootparams mappings above:

- hostname comes from the rn attribute if the ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject class was used. If instead the bootableDevice was associated with an object with the device class, then the hostname comes from the cn attribute.

4.2. Common Search Filters

4.2.1. Search Parameters

This section provides example LDAP search filters [[RFC4515](#)] for obtaining database entries with commonly used input criteria.

These filters augment those already provided for the hosts database in [[draft-bannister-dbis-hosts-00](#)] and are intended to find ethers and bootparams entries associated with ipv4HostObject or ipv6HostObject classes.

Class and attribute names used in these search filters may be modified by the dbisMapClass and dbisMapAttr attributes assigned to the dbisMapConfig entry [[draft-bannister-dbis-mapping-00](#)].

[4.2.2. Find Host by Ethernet Address](#)

If a hosts entry has an Ethernet address "ether", its definition is located using the following search filter.

```
(&(dbisMapFilter)(!(disableObject=TRUE))
(objectClass=ieee802Device)(macAddress=ether))
```

[5. Security Considerations](#)

The security considerations discussed in [[draft-bannister-dbis-mapping-00](#)] apply equally to this document.

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