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Abstract

This document provides an overview of the attribute types and object classes defined by the ISO/IEC JTC1 and ITU-T committees in the ISO/IEC 9594 and X.500 documents, in particular those intended for use by directory clients. This is the most widely used schema for LDAP/X.500 directories, and many other schema definitions for white pages objects use it as a basis. This document does not cover attributes used for the administration of X.500 directory servers, nor does it include attributes defined by other ISO/ITU-T documents.

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1. General Issues

This document references Syntaxes given in Section 3 of [[SYNTAX](#)] and Matching Rules specified in Section 4 of [[SYNTAX](#)].

The Attribute Type and Object Class definitions are written using the ABNF form of AttributeTypeDescription and ObjectClassDescription given in [[SYNTAX](#)]. Lines have been folded for readability.

2. Source

The schema definitions in this document are based on those found in X.500 [[X501](#)], [[X509](#)], [[X520](#)], and [[X521](#)], specifically:

Sections	Source
=====	=====
3.1	X.501 [X501]
3.2 - 3.20	X.520 [X520]
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[3.](#) Attribute Types

The Attribute Types contained in this section hold user information.

An LDAP server implementation MUST recognize the objectClass Attribute Type.

There is no requirement that servers implement the following Attribute Types:

```
knowledgeInformation
searchGuide
teletexTerminalIdentifier
```

In fact, their use is greatly discouraged.

An LDAP server implementation SHOULD recognize the rest of the Attribute Types described in this section.

[3.1](#) `aliasedObjectName`

The `aliasedObjectName` Attribute Type is used by the directory service if the entry containing this attribute is an alias. In X.501 [[X501](#)], this Attribute Type is called `aliasedEntryName`.

```
( 2.5.4.1 NAME 'aliasedObjectName'
  EQUALITY distinguishedNameMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.12
  SINGLE-VALUE )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the DN syntax.

[3.2](#) `businessCategory`

This Attribute Type describes the kind of business performed by an organization.

```
( 2.5.4.15 NAME 'businessCategory'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{128} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.3](#) `c`

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] `countryName` Attribute Type, which contains a two-letter ISO 3166 [[Codes](#)] country code.

```
( 2.5.4.6 NAME 'c'  
  SUP name  
  SINGLE-VALUE )
```

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[3.4](#) cn

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] commonName Attribute Type, which contains a name of an object. If the object corresponds to a person, it is typically the person's full name.

```
( 2.5.4.3 NAME 'cn'
  SUP name )
```

[3.5](#) description

This Attribute Type contains a human-readable description of the object.

```
( 2.5.4.13 NAME 'description'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{1024} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.6](#) destinationIndicator

This attribute is used for the telegram service.

```
( 2.5.4.27 NAME 'destinationIndicator'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.44{128} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Printable String syntax.

[3.7](#) distinguishedName

This Attribute Type is not used as the name of the object itself, but it is instead a base type from which attributes with DN syntax inherit.

It is unlikely that values of this type itself will occur in an entry. LDAP server implementations which do not support attribute subtyping need not recognize this attribute in requests. Client implementations MUST NOT assume that LDAP servers are capable of performing attribute subtyping.

```
( 2.5.4.49 NAME 'distinguishedName'
  EQUALITY distinguishedNameMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.12 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the DN syntax.

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3.8 dnQualifier

The dnQualifier Attribute Type specifies disambiguating information to add to the relative distinguished name of an entry. It is intended for use when merging data from multiple sources in order to prevent conflicts between entries which would otherwise have the same name. It is recommended that the value of the dnQualifier attribute be the same for all entries from a particular source.

```
( 2.5.4.46 NAME 'dnQualifier'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  ORDERING caseIgnoreOrderingMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.44 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Printable String syntax.

3.9 enhancedSearchGuide

This attribute is for use by X.500 clients in constructing search filters.

```
( 2.5.4.47 NAME 'enhancedSearchGuide'
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.21 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Enhanced Guide syntax.

3.10 facsimileTelephoneNumber

A value of this Attribute Type is a telephone number for a facsimile terminal (and, optionally, its parameters).

```
( 2.5.4.23 NAME 'facsimileTelephoneNumber'
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.22 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Facsimile Telephone Number syntax.

3.11 generationQualifier

The generationQualifier Attribute Type contains the part of a person's name which typically is the suffix, as in "IIIrd".

```
( 2.5.4.44 NAME 'generationQualifier'
  SUP name )
```

3.12 givenName

The givenName Attribute Type is used to hold the part of a person's name which is not their surname nor middle name.

```
( 2.5.4.42 NAME 'givenName'  
  SUP name )
```

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[3.13](#) **houseIdentifier**

This Attribute Type is used to identify a building within a location.

```
( 2.5.4.51 NAME 'houseIdentifier'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{32768} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.14](#) **initials**

The initials Attribute Type contains the initials of some or all of an individuals names, except the surname(s).

```
( 2.5.4.43 NAME 'initials'  
  SUP name )
```

[3.15](#) **internationalISDNNumber**

A value of this Attribute Type is an ISDN address, as defined in ITU Recommendation E.164 [[ISDN](#)].

```
( 2.5.4.25 NAME 'internationalISDNNumber'  
  EQUALITY numericStringMatch  
  SUBSTR numericStringSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.36{16} ) i
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Numeric String syntax.

[3.16](#) **knowledgeInformation**

This attribute is superseded by the system schema attributes which hold the pointers to other LDAP servers.

```
( 2.5.4.2 NAME 'knowledgeInformation'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{32768} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.17](#) **l**

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] localityName Attribute Type, which contains the name of a locality or place, such as a city, county or other geographic region.

```
( 2.5.4.7 NAME 'l'
```

SUP name)

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[3.18](#) member

A value of this Attribute Type is the Distinguished Name of an object that is on a list or in a group.

```
( 2.5.4.31 NAME 'member'
  SUP distinguishedName )
```

[3.19](#) name

The name Attribute Type is the attribute supertype from which string Attribute Types typically used for naming may be formed. It is unlikely that values of this type itself will occur in an entry. LDAP server implementations which do not support attribute subtyping need not recognize this attribute in requests. Client implementations MUST NOT assume that LDAP servers are capable of performing attribute subtyping.

```
( 2.5.4.41 NAME 'name'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{32768} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.20](#) o

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] organizationName Attribute Type, which contains the name of an organization.

```
( 2.5.4.10 NAME 'o'
  SUP name )
```

[3.21](#) objectClass

The values of the objectClass Attribute Type describe the kind of object which an entry represents. The objectClass attribute is present in every entry.

```
( 2.5.4.0 NAME 'objectClass'
  EQUALITY objectIdentifierMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.38 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the OID syntax.

[3.22](#) ou

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] organizationalUnitName Attribute Type, which contains the name of an organizational unit.

```
( 2.5.4.11 NAME 'ou'  
  SUP name )
```

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[3.23](#) owner

A value of this Attribute Type is the Distinguished Name of an object that has an ownership responsibility for the object that is owned.

```
( 2.5.4.32 NAME 'owner'  
  SUP distinguishedName )
```

[3.24](#) physicalDeliveryOfficeName

This attribute contains the name that a Postal Service uses to identify a post office.

```
( 2.5.4.19 NAME 'physicalDeliveryOfficeName'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{128} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.25](#) postalAddress

This attribute contains an address used by a Postal Service to perform services for the object.

```
( 2.5.4.16 NAME 'postalAddress'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreListMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreListSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.41 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Postal Address syntax.

[3.26](#) postalCode

This attribute contains a code used by a Postal Service to identify a postal service zone, such as the southern quadrant of a city.

```
( 2.5.4.17 NAME 'postalCode'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{40} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.27](#) postOfficeBox

This attribute contains the number that a Postal Service uses when a customer arranges to receive mail at a box on premises of the Postal

Service.

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```
( 2.5.4.18 NAME 'postOfficeBox'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{40} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.28](#) preferredDeliveryMethod

This attribute contains an indication of the preferred method of getting a message to the object.

```
( 2.5.4.28 NAME 'preferredDeliveryMethod'  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.14  
  SINGLE-VALUE )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Delivery Method syntax.

[3.29](#) presentationAddress

This attribute contains an OSI presentation layer address.

```
( 2.5.4.29 NAME 'presentationAddress'  
  EQUALITY presentationAddressMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.43  
  SINGLE-VALUE )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Presentation Address syntax.

[3.30](#) protocolInformation

This Attribute Type is used in conjunction with the presentationAddress Attribute Type, to provide additional information to the OSI network service.

```
( 2.5.4.48 NAME 'protocolInformation'  
  EQUALITY protocolInformationMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.42 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Protocol Information syntax.

[3.31](#) registeredAddress

This attribute holds a postal address suitable for reception of telegrams or expedited documents, where it is necessary to have the recipient accept delivery.

```
( 2.5.4.26 NAME 'registeredAddress'  
  SUP postalAddress
```

SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.41)

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Postal Address syntax.

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[3.32](#) **roleOccupant**

A value of this Attribute Type is the Distinguished Name of an object (normally a person) that fulfills the responsibilities of a role object.

```
( 2.5.4.33 NAME 'roleOccupant'  
  SUP distinguishedName )
```

[3.33](#) **searchGuide**

This Attribute Type is for use by clients in constructing search filters. It is superseded by enhancedSearchGuide, described above in [section 3.9](#).

```
( 2.5.4.14 NAME 'searchGuide'  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.25 ) ; Guide
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Guide syntax.

[3.34](#) **seeAlso**

A value of this Attribute Type is the Distinguished Name of an object that is related to the subject object.

```
( 2.5.4.34 NAME 'seeAlso'  
  SUP distinguishedName )
```

[3.35](#) **serialNumber**

This attribute contains the serial number of a device.

```
( 2.5.4.5 NAME 'serialNumber'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.44{64} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Printable String syntax.

[3.36](#) **sn**

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] surname Attribute Type, which contains the family name of a person.

```
( 2.5.4.4 NAME 'sn'  
  SUP name )
```

[3.37](#) **st**

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] stateOrProvinceName attribute, which

contains the full name of a state or province.

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```
( 2.5.4.8 NAME 'st'  
  SUP name )
```

[3.44](#) street

This is the X.520 [[X520](#)] `streetAddress` attribute, which contains the physical address of the object to which the entry corresponds, such as an address for package delivery.

```
( 2.5.4.9 NAME 'street'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{128} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Directory String syntax.

[3.39](#) supportedApplicationContext

This attribute contains the identifiers of OSI application contexts.

```
( 2.5.4.30 NAME 'supportedApplicationContext'  
  EQUALITY objectIdentifierMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.38 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the OID syntax.

[3.40](#) telephoneNumber

A value of this Attribute Type is a telephone number complying with ITU Recommendation E.123 [[E123](#)].

```
( 2.5.4.20 NAME 'telephoneNumber'  
  EQUALITY telephoneNumberMatch  
  SUBSTR telephoneNumberSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.50{32} ) ; TelephoneNumber
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Telephone Number syntax.

[3.41](#) teletexTerminalIdentifier

The withdrawal of Rec. F.200 has resulted in the withdrawal of this attribute.

```
( 2.5.4.22 NAME 'teletexTerminalIdentifier'  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.51 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Teletex Terminal Identifier syntax.

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3.42 telexNumber

A value of this Attribute Type is a telex number, country code, and answerback code of a telex terminal.

```
( 2.5.4.21 NAME 'telexNumber'  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.52 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Telex Number syntax.

3.43 title

This attribute contains the title, such as "Vice President", of a person in their organizational context. The "personalTitle" attribute would be used for a person's title independent of their job function.

```
( 2.5.4.12 NAME 'title'  
  SUP name )
```

3.44 uniqueMember

A value of this Attribute Type is the Distinguished Name of an object that is on a list or in a group, where the Relative Distinguished Name of the object includes a value that distinguishes between objects when a distinguished name has been reused.

```
( 2.5.4.50 NAME 'uniqueMember'  
  EQUALITY uniqueMemberMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.34 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Name and Optional UID syntax.

3.45 userPassword

A value of this Attribute Type is a character string that is known only to the user and the system to which the user has access.

```
( 2.5.4.35 NAME 'userPassword'  
  EQUALITY octetStringMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.40{128} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Octet String syntax.

Passwords are stored using an Octet String syntax and are not encrypted. Transfer of cleartext passwords is strongly discouraged where the underlying transport service cannot guarantee confidentiality and may result in disclosure of the password to unauthorized parties.

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[3.46](#) x121Address

A value of this Attribute Type is a data network address as defined by ITU Recommendation X.121 [[X121](#)].

```
( 2.5.4.24 NAME 'x121Address'  
  EQUALITY numericStringMatch  
  SUBSTR numericStringSubstringsMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.36{15} )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Numeric String syntax.

[3.55](#) x500UniqueIdentifier

The x500UniqueIdentifier Attribute Type is used to distinguish between objects when a distinguished name has been reused. In X.520 [[X520](#)], this Attribute Type is called uniqueIdentifier. This is a different Attribute Type from both the "uid" and "uniqueIdentifier" Attribute Types.

```
( 2.5.4.45 NAME 'x500UniqueIdentifier'  
  EQUALITY bitStringMatch  
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.6 )
```

The SYNTAX oid indicates the Bit String syntax.

4. Object Classes

LDAP servers MUST recognize the Object Class "top". LDAP servers SHOULD recognize all the other Object Classes listed here as values of the objectClass attribute.

4.1 alias

The alias Object Class enables more than one Distinguished Name to designate an entry by providing an alias entry. The alias entry contains a pointer to the other entry. The pointer is automatically followed when the alias entry is found in the process of locating the target entry(s) of an operation.

```
( 2.5.6.1 NAME 'alias'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST aliasedObjectName )
```

4.2 applicationEntity

The applicationEntity Object Class definition is the basis of an entry which represents the interconnection aspects of an application process in a distributed environment.

```
( 2.5.6.12 NAME 'applicationEntity'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST ( presentationAddress $
          cn )
  MAY ( supportedApplicationContext $
        seeAlso $
        ou $
        o $
        l $
        description ) )
```

4.3 applicationProcess

The applicationProcess Object Class definition is the basis of an entry which represents an application executing in a computer system.

```
( 2.5.6.11 NAME 'applicationProcess'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST cn
  MAY ( seeAlso $
        ou $
        l $
```

description))

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[4.4](#) country

The country Object Class definition is the basis of an entry which represents a country.

```
( 2.5.6.2 NAME 'country'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST c
  MAY ( searchGuide $
        description ) )
```

[4.5](#) device

The device Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents an appliance or computer or network element.

```
( 2.5.6.14 NAME 'device'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST cn
  MAY ( serialNumber $
        seeAlso $
        owner $
        ou $
        o $
        l $
        description ) )
```

[4.6](#) dSA

The dSA (Directory System Agent) Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a server in a directory system.

```
( 2.5.6.13 NAME 'dSA'
  SUP applicationEntity
  STRUCTURAL
  MAY knowledgeInformation )
```

[4.7](#) groupOfNames

The groupOfNames Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a set of named objects including information related to the purpose or maintenance of the set.

```
( 2.5.6.9 NAME 'groupOfNames'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST ( member $
```

cn)
MAY (businessCategory \$
seeAlso \$

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```
owner $
ou $
o $
description ) )
```

[4.8](#) groupOfUniqueNames

The groupOfUniqueNames Object Class is the same as the groupOfNames object class except that the object names are not repeated or reassigned within a set scope.

```
( 2.5.6.17 NAME 'groupOfUniqueNames'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST ( uniqueMember $
    cn )
  MAY ( businessCategory $
    seeAlso $
    owner $
    ou $
    o $
    description ) )
```

[4.9](#) locality

The locality Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a place in the physical world.

```
( 2.5.6.3 NAME 'locality'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MAY ( street $
    seeAlso $
    searchGuide $
    st $
    l $
    description ) )
```

[4.10](#) organization

The organization Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a structured group of people.

```
( 2.5.6.4 NAME 'organization'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST o
  MAY ( userPassword $ searchGuide $ seeAlso $
    businessCategory $ x121Address $ registeredAddress $
```

destinationIndicator \$ preferredDeliveryMethod \$
telexNumber \$ teletexTerminalIdentifier \$ telephoneNumber \$
internationalISDNNumber \$ facsimileTelephoneNumber \$

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```
street $ postOfficeBox $ postalCode $  
postalAddress $ physicalDeliveryOfficeName $ st $  
l $ description ) )
```

[4.11](#) **organizationalPerson**

The organizationalPerson Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a person in relation to an organization.

```
( 2.5.6.7 NAME 'organizationalPerson'  
  SUP person  
  STRUCTURAL  
  MAY ( title $ x121Address $ registeredAddress $  
        destinationIndicator $ preferredDeliveryMethod $  
        telexNumber $ teletexTerminalIdentifier $ telephoneNumber $  
        internationaliSDNNumber $ facsimileTelephoneNumber $  
        street $ postOfficeBox $ postalCode $ postalAddress $  
        physicalDeliveryOfficeName $ ou $ st $ l ) )
```

[4.12](#) **organizationalRole**

The organizationalRole Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a job or function or position in an organization.

```
( 2.5.6.8 NAME 'organizationalRole'  
  SUP top  
  STRUCTURAL  
  MUST cn  
  MAY ( x121Address $ registeredAddress $ destinationIndicator $  
        preferredDeliveryMethod $ telexNumber $  
        teletexTerminalIdentifier $ telephoneNumber $  
        internationaliSDNNumber $ facsimileTelephoneNumber $  
        seeAlso $ roleOccupant $ preferredDeliveryMethod $  
        street $ postOfficeBox $ postalCode $ postalAddress $  
        physicalDeliveryOfficeName $ ou $ st $ l $ description ) )
```

[4.13](#) **organizationalUnit**

The organizationalUnit Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a piece of an organization.

```
( 2.5.6.5 NAME 'organizationalUnit'  
  SUP top  
  STRUCTURAL  
  MUST ou  
  MAY ( userPassword $ searchGuide $ seeAlso $ businessCategory $  
        x121Address $ registeredAddress $ destinationIndicator $  
        preferredDeliveryMethod $ telexNumber $  
        teletexTerminalIdentifier $ telephoneNumber $
```

```
internationaliSDNNumber $ facsimileTelephoneNumber $  
street $ postOfficeBox $ postalCode $ postalAddress $  
physicalDeliveryOfficeName $ st $ l $ description ) )
```

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[4.14](#) person

The person Object Class is the basis of an entry which represents a human being.

```
( 2.5.6.6 NAME 'person'
  SUP top
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST ( sn $
         cn )
  MAY ( userPassword $
        telephoneNumber $
        seeAlso $
        description ) )
```

[4.15](#) residentialPerson

The residentialPerson Object Class is the basis of an entry which includes a person's residence in the representation of the person.

```
( 2.5.6.10 NAME 'residentialPerson'
  SUP person
  STRUCTURAL
  MUST 1
  MAY ( businessCategory $ x121Address $ registeredAddress $
        destinationIndicator $ preferredDeliveryMethod $
        telexNumber $ teletexTerminalIdentifier $ telephoneNumber $
        internationaliSDNNumber $ facsimileTelephoneNumber $
        preferredDeliveryMethod $ street $ postOfficeBox $
        postalCode $ postalAddress $ physicalDeliveryOfficeName $
        st $ l ) )
```

[4.16](#) top

The top Object Class is the conceptual beginning of the inheritance hierarchy of object classes. Top guarantees that every entry has the objectClass attribute, which identifies the type of the entry.

```
( 2.5.6.0 NAME 'top'
  ABSTRACT
  MUST objectClass )
```

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5. Security Considerations

Attributes of directory entries are used to provide descriptive information about the real-world objects they represent, which can be people, organizations or devices. Most countries have privacy laws regarding the publication of information about people.

Transfer of cleartext passwords is strongly discouraged where the underlying transport service cannot guarantee confidentiality and may result in disclosure of the password to unauthorized parties.

It is required that strong authentication be performed in order to modify directory entries using LDAP.

Several X.500 Attribute Types and Object Classes, such as, the userCertificate Attribute Type or the certificationAuthority Object Class, are used to include key-based security information in directory entries. The Attribute Types are:

- authorityRevocationList
- cACertificate
- certificateRevocationList
- crossCertificatePair
- deltaRevocationList
- supportedAlgorithms
- userCertificate

The Object Classes are:

- certificationAuthority
- certificationAuthority-V2
- cRLDistributionPoint
- strongAuthenticationUser
- userSecurityInformation

These Attribute Types and Object Classes are specified for LDAP by the PKIX Working Group, and so, are not included in this document.

The BNF notation in [RFC 1778](#) [Syn String] for User Certificate, Authority Revocation List, and Certificate Pair are not recommended to be used.

6. Acknowledgements

The definitions, on which this document is based, have been developed by committees for telecommunications and international standards. No new attribute definitions have been added.

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Annex A Change Log

This annex lists the changes that have been made from [RFC 2256](#) to this I-D.

Changes to [RFC 2256](#) resulting in [draft-ietf-ldapbis-user-schema-00.txt](#):

1. Revision of the Status of this Memo.
2. Dependencies on [RFC 1274](#) have been eliminated.
3. The references to X.500(96) have been expressed in terms of the "edition", rather than the standard date. Note that the version of X.500 which is the basis for this document, is the third edition, which was finalized in 1996, but approved in 1997.
4. The "teletexTerminalNumber" attribute and syntax are marked as obsolete.
5. Removed "The syntax definitions are based on the ISODE "QUIPU" implementation of X.500." from [section 6](#).
6. Added text to 6.1, the octetString syntax, in accordance with X.520.
7. Some of the attribute types MUST be recognized by servers. Also, several attributes are obsolete. Therefore, the various kinds of attribute types have been placed in separate sections:
 - necessary for the directory to operate ([section 3.1](#))
 - for holding user information ([section 3.2](#))
 - superseded or withdrawn ([section 3.3](#)).
8. Since "top" may be implicitly specified and "alias" is not abstract, the last sentence in the description of the "objectClass" attribute type, [section 3.1.1](#), has been deleted. The clause that preceded the deleted sentence has been removed, also.
9. Add a description to the definition of the "telephoneNumber" attribute type, [section 3.2.17](#).
10. Add text to mark the "teletexTerminalIdentifier" attribute

type as obsolete.

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11. Add a security consideration requiring strong authentication in order to modify directory entries.

Changes to [draft-ietf-ldapbis-user-schema-00.txt](#), resulting in [draft-ietf-ldapbis-user-schema-01.txt](#):

12. Delete the conformance requirement for subschema object classes in favor of a statement in [SYNTAX].
13. Add a Table of Contents
14. Replace the term "obsolete" with "superseded or withdrawn"
15. Added explanations to many attributes.
16. In the title, correct the X.500 reference to have the second edition as the basis.
17. Throughout this I-D, cleaned up whitespace in the BNF definitions.
18. Removed [Section 4](#), Syntaxes, and [Section 6](#), Matching Rules, (moved to [draft-ietf-ldapbis-syntaxes-01.txt](#)).
19. Reorganized [Section 3](#), Attributes, to eliminate grouping attributes according to conformance requirements. Reordered [Section 3](#), Attributes, and [Section 4](#), Object Classes, alphabetically.
20. Added an explanation for each object class.

Changes to [draft-ietf-ldapbis-user-schema-01.txt](#), resulting in [draft-ietf-ldapbis-user-schema-02.txt](#):

21. Removed the certificate-related Attribute Types:
 authorityRevocationList,
 cACertificate,
 certificateRevocationList,
 crossCertificatePair,
 deltaRevocationList,
 supportedAlgorithms, and
 userCertificate.

Removed the certificate-related Object Classes:
 certificationAuthority,
 certificationAuthority-V2,
 cRLDistributionPoint,
 strongAuthenticationUser, and
 userSecurityInformation

Noted in the Security Considerations ([Section 7](#)) that they are covered in PKIX WG documents.

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22. Removed the dmdName Attribute Type and dmd Object Class because they are not in the version of X.500 which is referenced.
23. Removed embedded comments from the ABNF productions throughout the document.
24. Cleaned up the references; adopted word instead of number tags; split [Section 7](#) into normative and informative subsections.

