



OpenDJ Directory Server Developer's Guide

Version 3

Mark Craig

ForgeRock AS
201 Mission St., Suite 2900
San Francisco, CA 94105, USA
+1 415-599-1100 (US)
www.forgerock.com

Copyright © 2015-2016 ForgeRock AS.

Abstract

Hands-on guide to using OpenDJ directory server with an emphasis on command-line tools. The OpenDJ project offers open source LDAP directory services in Java.



This work is licensed under the [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/).

To view a copy of this license, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/> or send a letter to Creative Commons, 444 Castro Street, Suite 900, Mountain View, California, 94041, USA.

ForgeRock™ is the trademark of ForgeRock Inc. or its subsidiaries in the U.S. and in other countries. Trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

UNLESS OTHERWISE MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE PARTIES IN WRITING, LICENSOR OFFERS THE WORK AS-IS AND MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND CONCERNING THE WORK, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF TITLE, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, OR THE ABSENCE OF LATENT OR OTHER DEFECTS, ACCURACY, OR THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE OF ERRORS, WHETHER OR NOT DISCOVERABLE. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, SO SUCH EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN NO EVENT WILL LICENSOR BE LIABLE TO YOU ON ANY LEGAL THEORY FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THIS LICENSE OR THE USE OF THE WORK, EVEN IF LICENSOR HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

DejaVu Fonts

Bitstream Vera Fonts Copyright

Copyright (c) 2003 by Bitstream, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Bitstream Vera is a trademark of Bitstream, Inc.

Permission is hereby granted, free of charge, to any person obtaining a copy of the fonts accompanying this license ("Fonts") and associated documentation files (the "Font Software"), to reproduce and distribute the Font Software, including without limitation the rights to use, copy, merge, publish, distribute, and/or sell copies of the Font Software, and to permit persons to whom the Font Software is furnished to do so, subject to the following conditions:

The above copyright and trademark notices and this permission notice shall be included in all copies of one or more of the Font Software typefaces.

The Font Software may be modified, altered, or added to, and in particular the designs of glyphs or characters in the Fonts may be modified and additional glyphs or characters may be added to the Fonts, only if the fonts are renamed to names not containing either the words "Bitstream" or the word "Vera".

This License becomes null and void to the extent applicable to Fonts or Font Software that has been modified and is distributed under the "Bitstream Vera" names.

The Font Software may be sold as part of a larger software package but no copy of one or more of the Font Software typefaces may be sold by itself.

THE FONT SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED "AS IS", WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NON-INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER RIGHT. IN NO EVENT SHALL BITSTREAM OR THE GNOME FOUNDATION BE LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIM, DAMAGES OR OTHER LIABILITY, INCLUDING ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, ARISING FROM, OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE FONT SOFTWARE OR FROM OTHER DEALINGS IN THE FONT SOFTWARE.

Except as contained in this notice, the names of Gnome, the Gnome Foundation, and Bitstream Inc., shall not be used in advertising or otherwise to promote the sale, use or other dealings in this Font Software without prior written authorization from the Gnome Foundation or Bitstream Inc., respectively. For further information, contact: fonts at gnome dot org.

Arev Fonts Copyright

Copyright (c) 2006 by Tavmjong Bah. All Rights Reserved.

Permission is hereby granted, free of charge, to any person obtaining a copy of the fonts accompanying this license ("Fonts") and associated documentation files (the "Font Software"), to reproduce and distribute the modifications to the Bitstream Vera Font Software, including without limitation the rights to use, copy, merge, publish, distribute, and/or sell copies of the Font Software, and to permit persons to whom the Font Software is furnished to do so, subject to the following conditions:

The above copyright and trademark notices and this permission notice shall be included in all copies of one or more of the Font Software typefaces.

The Font Software may be modified, altered, or added to, and in particular the designs of glyphs or characters in the Fonts may be modified and additional glyphs or characters may be added to the Fonts, only if the fonts are renamed to names not containing either the words "Tavmjong Bah" or the word "Arev".

This License becomes null and void to the extent applicable to Fonts or Font Software that has been modified and is distributed under the "Tavmjong Bah Arev" names.

The Font Software may be sold as part of a larger software package but no copy of one or more of the Font Software typefaces may be sold by itself.

THE FONT SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED "AS IS", WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NON-INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER RIGHT. IN NO EVENT SHALL TAVMJONG BAH BE LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIM, DAMAGES OR OTHER LIABILITY, INCLUDING ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, ARISING FROM, OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE FONT SOFTWARE OR FROM OTHER DEALINGS IN THE FONT SOFTWARE.

Except as contained in this notice, the name of Tavmjong Bah shall not be used in advertising or otherwise to promote the sale, use or other dealings in this Font Software without prior written authorization from Tavmjong Bah. For further information, contact: tavmjong @ free . fr .

Admonition graphics by Yannick Lung. Free for commercial use. Available at Freeecs.Cumulus.

Table of Contents

Preface	v
1. Using This Guide	v
2. Formatting Conventions	vi
3. Accessing Documentation Online	vii
4. Joining the ForgeRock Community	vii
1. Performing RESTful Operations	1
1.1. About ForgeRock Common REST	2
1.2. Authenticating Over REST	13
1.3. Creating Resources	15
1.4. Reading a Resource	16
1.5. Updating Resources	17
1.6. Deleting Resources	20
1.7. Patching Resources	23
1.8. Using Actions	29
1.9. Querying Resource Collections	32
2. Performing LDAP Operations	43
2.1. Command-Line Tools	43
2.2. Searching the Directory	49
2.3. Comparing Attribute Values	57
2.4. Updating the Directory	57
2.5. Changing Passwords	67
2.6. Configuring Default Settings	69
2.7. Authenticating To the Directory Server	70
2.8. Configuring Proxied Authorization	73
2.9. Authenticating Using a Certificate	76
3. Using LDAP Schema	91
3.1. Getting Schema Information	92
3.2. Respecting LDAP Schema	95
3.3. Abusing LDAP Schema	98
3.4. Standard Schema Included With OpenDJ Server	99
4. Working With Groups of Entries	103
4.1. Creating Static Groups	104
4.2. Creating Dynamic Groups	107
4.3. Creating Virtual Static Groups	109
4.4. Looking Up Group Membership	111
4.5. Nesting Groups Within Groups	111
4.6. Configuring Referential Integrity	113
5. Working With Virtual and Collective Attributes	117
5.1. Virtual Attributes	117
5.2. Collective Attributes	120
6. Working With Referrals	129
6.1. About Referrals	130
6.2. Managing Referrals	130

Index	133
-------------	-----

Preface

This guide shows you how to develop scripts that use OpenDJ tools.

If you are building a Java-based LDAP client application, refer to the *OpenDJ LDAP SDK Developer's Guide* instead.

In reading and following the instructions in this guide, you will learn how to:

- Access OpenDJ directory server by using REST APIs over HTTP
- Access OpenDJ directory server using the LDAP tools delivered with the server
- Use LDAP schema
- Work with standard LDAP groups and OpenDJ-specific groups
- Work with LDAP collective attributes and OpenDJ virtual attributes
- Work with LDAP referrals in search results

1 Using This Guide

This guide is intended for directory administrators who write scripts that use OpenDJ directory services.

This guide is written with the expectation that you already have basic familiarity with the following topics:

- Installing OpenDJ directory server, if the server is not yet installed

If you are not yet familiar with OpenDJ directory server installation, read the OpenDJ Installation Guide first.

- Using command-line tools
- LDAP and directory services
- Basic OpenDJ server configuration

Some examples in this guide require OpenDJ configuration steps.

- HTTP, JavaScript Object Notation (JSON), and web applications

2 Formatting Conventions

Most examples in the documentation are created in GNU/Linux or Mac OS X operating environments. If distinctions are necessary between operating environments, examples are labeled with the operating environment name in parentheses. To avoid repetition file system directory names are often given only in UNIX format as in `/path/to/server`, even if the text applies to `C:\path\to\server` as well.

Absolute path names usually begin with the placeholder `/path/to/`. This path might translate to `/opt/`, `C:\Program Files\`, or somewhere else on your system.

Command line, terminal sessions are formatted as follows:

```
$ echo $JAVA_HOME
/path/to/jdk
```

Command output is sometimes formatted for narrower, more readable output even though formatting parameters are not shown in the command. In the following example, the query string parameter `_prettyPrint=true` is omitted and some of the output is replaced with an ellipsis (`...`):

```
$ curl https://bjensen:hifalutin@opendj.example.com:8443/users/newuser
{
  "_rev" : "000000005b337348",
  "_id" : "newuser",
  ...
}
```

Program listings are formatted as follows:

```
class Test {  
    public static void main(String [] args) {  
        System.out.println("This is a program listing.");  
    }  
}
```

3 Accessing Documentation Online

ForgeRock core documentation, such as this document, aims to be technically accurate and complete with respect to the software documented.

Core documentation therefore follows a three-phase review process designed to eliminate errors:

- Product managers and software architects review project documentation design with respect to the readers' software lifecycle needs.
- Subject matter experts review proposed documentation changes for technical accuracy and completeness with respect to the corresponding software.
- Quality experts validate implemented documentation changes for technical accuracy, completeness in scope, and usability for the readership.

The review process helps to ensure that documentation published for a ForgeRock release is technically accurate and complete.

Fully reviewed, published core documentation is available at <http://backstage.forgerock.com/>. Use this documentation when working with a ForgeRock Enterprise release.

You can find pre-release draft documentation at the online [community resource center](#). Use this documentation when trying a nightly build.

4 Joining the ForgeRock Community

Visit the [community resource center](#) where you can find information about each project, download nightly builds, browse the resource catalog, ask and answer questions on the forums, find community events near you, and of course get the source code as well.

Chapter 1

Performing RESTful Operations

OpenDJ lets you access directory data as [JSON](#) resources over HTTP. OpenDJ maps JSON resources onto LDAP entries. As a result, REST clients perform many of the same operations as LDAP clients with directory data.

This chapter demonstrates RESTful client operations by using the default configuration and sample directory data imported into OpenDJ directory server as described in Procedure 4.2, “To Import LDIF Data” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*, from the LDIF file [Example.ldif](#).

In this chapter, you will learn how to use the OpenDJ REST API that provides access to directory data over HTTP. In particular, you will learn how to:

- [Create](#) a resource that does not yet exist
- [Read](#) a single resource
- [Update](#) an existing resource
- [Delete](#) an existing resource
- [Patch](#) part of an existing resource
- Perform a predefined [action](#)
- [Query](#) a set of resources

Before trying the examples, enable HTTP access to OpenDJ directory server as described in Procedure 5.7, “To Set Up REST Access to OpenDJ Directory

Server” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*. The examples in this chapter use HTTP, but the procedure also shows how to set up HTTPS access to the server.

Interface stability: Evolving (See Section I.2, “ForgeRock Product Interface Stability” in the *OpenDJ Reference*.)

The OpenDJ REST API is built on a common ForgeRock HTTP-based REST API for interacting with JSON Resources. All APIs built on this common layer let you perform the following operations.

1.1 About ForgeRock Common REST

For many REST APIs that are not defined by external standards, ForgeRock products provide common ways to access web resources and collections of resources. This section covers what is common across products. Adapt the examples to your types of resources and to your deployment.

1.1.1 Common REST Resources

Servers generally return JSON-format resources, though resource formats can depend on the implementation.

Resources in collections can be found by their unique identifiers (IDs). IDs are exposed in the resource URIs. For example, if a server has a user collection under `/users`, then you can access a user at `/users/user-id`. The ID is also the value of the `_id` field of the resource.

Resources are versioned using revision numbers. A revision is specified in the resource's `_rev` field. Revisions make it possible to figure out whether to apply changes without resource locking and without distributed transactions.

1.1.2 Common REST Verbs

The common REST APIs use the following verbs, sometimes referred to collectively as CRUDPAQ. For details and HTTP-based examples of each, follow the links to the sections for each verb.

Create

Add a new resource.

This verb maps to HTTP PUT or HTTP POST.

For details, see [Section 1.1.5, "Create"](#).

Read

Retrieve a single resource.

This verb maps to HTTP GET.

For details, see [Section 1.1.6, "Read"](#).

Update

Replace an existing resource.

This verb maps to HTTP PUT.

For details, see [Section 1.1.7, "Update"](#).

Delete

Remove an existing resource.

This verb maps to HTTP DELETE.

For details, see [Section 1.1.8, "Delete"](#).

Patch

Modify part of an existing resource.

This verb maps to HTTP PATCH.

For details, see [Section 1.1.9, "Patch"](#).

Action

Perform a predefined action.

This verb maps to HTTP POST.

For details, see [Section 1.1.10, "Action"](#).

Query

Search a collection of resources.

This verb maps to HTTP GET.

For details, see [Section 1.1.11, "Query"](#).

1.1.3 Common REST Parameters

Common REST reserved query string parameter names start with an underscore, `_`.

Reserved query string parameters include, but are not limited to, the following names:

```
_action  
_fields  
_mimeType  
_pageSize
```

_pagedResultsCookie
_pagedResultsOffset
_prettyPrint
_queryExpression
_queryFilter
_queryId
_sortKeys
_totalPagedResultsPolicy



Note

Some parameter values are not safe for URLs, so URL-encode parameter values as necessary.

Continue reading for details about how to use each parameter.

1.1.4 Common REST Extension Points

The *action* verb is the main vehicle for extensions. For example, to create a new user with HTTP POST rather than HTTP PUT, you might use `/users?_action=create`. A server can define additional actions. For example, `/tasks/1?_action=cancel`.

A server can define *stored queries* to call by ID. For example, `/groups?_queryId=hasDeletedMembers`. Stored queries can call for additional parameters. The parameters are also passed in the query string. Which parameters are valid depends on the stored query.

1.1.5 Create

There are two ways to create a resource, either with an HTTP POST or with an HTTP PUT.

To create a resource using POST, perform an HTTP POST with the query string parameter `_action=create` and the JSON resource as a payload. Accept a JSON response. The server creates the identifier if not specified:

```
POST /users?_action=create HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: application/json
{ JSON resource }
```

To create a resource using PUT, perform an HTTP PUT including the case-sensitive identifier for the resource in the URL path, and the JSON resource as a payload. Use the `If-None-Match: *` header. Accept a JSON response:

```
PUT /users/some-id HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: application/json
If-None-Match: *
{ JSON resource }
```

The `_id` and content of the resource depend on the server implementation. The server is not required to use the `_id` that the client provides. The server response to the create request indicates the resource location as the value of the `Location` header.

If you include the `If-None-Match` header, its value must be `*`. In this case, the request creates the object if it does not exist, and fails if the object does exist. If you include the `If-None-Match` header with any value other than `*`, the server returns an HTTP 400 Bad Request error. For example, creating an object with `If-None-Match: revision` returns a bad request error. If you do not include `If-None-Match: *`, the request creates the object if it does not exist, and *updates* the object if it does exist.

Parameters

You can use the following parameters:

`_prettyPrint=true`
Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`
Return only the specified fields in the body of the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is `{"parent": {"child": "value"}}`, `parent/child` refers to the `"child": "value"`.

1.1.6 Read

To retrieve a single resource, perform an HTTP GET on the resource by its case-sensitive identifier (`_id`) and accept a JSON response:

```
GET /users/some-id HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
```

Parameters

You can use the following parameters:

`_prettyPrint=true`

Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`

Return only the specified fields in the body of the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is `{"parent": {"child": "value"}}`, `parent/child` refers to the `"child": "value"`.

`_mimeType=mime-type`

Some resources have fields whose values are multi-media resources such as a profile photo for example.

By specifying both a single *field* and also the *mime-type* for the response content, you can read a single field value that is a multi-media resource.

In this case, the content type of the field value returned matches the *mime-type* that you specify, and the body of the response is the multi-media resource.

The `Accept` header is not used in this case. For example, `Accept: image/png` does not work. Use the `_mimeType` query string parameter instead.

1.1.7 Update

To update a resource, perform an HTTP PUT including the case-sensitive identifier (`_id`) for the resource with the JSON resource as a payload. Use the `If-Match: _rev` header to check that you are actually updating the version you modified. Use `If-Match: *` if the version does not matter. Accept a JSON response:

```
PUT /users/some-id HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: application/json
If-Match: _rev
{ JSON resource }
```

When updating a resource, include all the attributes to be retained. Omitting an attribute in the resource amounts to deleting the attribute unless it is not under the control of your application. Attributes not under the control of your

application include private and read-only attributes. In addition, virtual attributes and relationship references might not be under the control of your application.

Parameters

You can use the following parameters:

`_prettyPrint=true`
Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`
Return only the specified fields in the body of the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is `{"parent": {"child": "value"}}`, `parent/child` refers to the `"child": "value"`.

1.1.8 Delete

To delete a single resource, perform an HTTP DELETE by its case-sensitive identifier (`_id`) and accept a JSON response:

```
DELETE /users/some-id HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
```

Parameters

You can use the following parameters:

`_prettyPrint=true`
Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`
Return only the specified fields in the body of the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is `{"parent": {"child": "value"}}`, `parent/child` refers to the `"child": "value"`.

1.1.9 Patch

To patch a resource, send an HTTP PATCH request including the patch for the resource as the payload. Optionally set the `If-Match` header to the revision if the patch should only operate on that version of the resource. Accept a JSON response:

```
PATCH /users/some-id HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: application/json
If-Match: _rev
{ JSON resource }
```



Note

Some HTTP client libraries do not support the HTTP PATCH operation. Make sure that the library you use supports HTTP PATCH before using this REST operation.

For example, the Java Development Kit HTTP client does not support PATCH as a valid HTTP method. Instead, the method `HttpURLConnection.setRequestMethod("PATCH")` throws `ProtocolException`.

Parameters

You can use the following parameters:

`_prettyPrint=true`

Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`

Return only the specified fields in the body of the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is `{"parent": {"child": "value"}}`, `parent/child` refers to the `"child": "value"`.

1.1.10 Action

Actions are a means of extending common REST APIs and are defined by the resource provider, so the actions you can use depend on the implementation.

The standard action indicated by `_action=create` is described in [Section 1.1.5, "Create"](#).

Parameters

You can use the following parameters. Other parameters might depend on the specific action implementation:

`_prettyPrint=true`

Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`

Return only the specified fields in the body of the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is {"parent": {"child": "value"}}, parent/child refers to the "child": "value".

1.1.11 Query

To query a resource collection (or resource container if you prefer to think of it that way), perform an HTTP GET and accept a JSON response, including at least a `_queryExpression`, `_queryFilter`, or `_queryId` parameter. These parameters cannot be used together:

```
GET /users?_queryFilter=true HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: application/json
```

The server returns the result as a JSON object including a "results" array and other fields related to the query string parameters that you specify.

Parameters

You can use the following parameters:

`_queryFilter=filter-expression`

Query filters request that the server return entries that match the filter expression. You must URL-escape the filter expression.

The string representation is summarized as follows. Continue reading for additional explanation:

```

Expr          = OrExpr
OrExpr        = AndExpr ( 'or' AndExpr ) *
AndExpr       = NotExpr ( 'and' NotExpr ) *
NotExpr       = '!' PrimaryExpr | PrimaryExpr
PrimaryExpr   = '(' Expr ')' | ComparisonExpr | PresenceExpr | LiteralExpr
ComparisonExpr = Pointer OpName JsonValue
PresenceExpr  = Pointer 'pr'
LiteralExpr   = 'true' | 'false'
Pointer       = JSON pointer
OpName        = 'eq' | # equal to
               'co' | # contains
               'sw' | # starts with
               'lt' | # less than
               'le' | # less than or equal to
               'gt' | # greater than
               'ge' | # greater than or equal to
               STRING # extended operator
JsonValue     = NUMBER | BOOLEAN | '"' UTF8STRING '"'
STRING        = ASCII string not containing white-space
UTF8STRING    = UTF-8 string possibly containing white-space

```

Note that white space, double quotes ("), parentheses, and exclamation characters need URL encoding in HTTP query strings.

A simple filter expression can represent a comparison, presence, or a literal value.

For comparison expressions use *json-pointer comparator json-value*, where the *comparator* is one of the following:

```

eq (equals)
co (contains)
sw (starts with)
lt (less than)
le (less than or equal to)
gt (greater than)
ge (greater than or equal to)

```

For presence, use *json-pointer pr* to match resources where the JSON pointer is present.

Literal values include true (match anything) and false (match nothing).

Complex expressions employ and, or, and ! (not), with parentheses, (*expression*), to group expressions.

`_queryId=identifier`

Specify a query by its identifier.

Specific queries can take their own query string parameter arguments, which depend on the implementation.

`_pagedResultsCookie=string`

The string is an opaque cookie used by the server to keep track of the position in the search results. The server returns the cookie in the JSON response as the value of `pagedResultsCookie`.

In the request `_pageSize` must also be set and non-zero. You receive the cookie value from the provider on the first request, and then supply the cookie value in subsequent requests until the server returns a null cookie, meaning that the final page of results has been returned.

The `_pagedResultsCookie` parameter is supported when used with the `_queryFilter` parameter. The `_pagedResultsCookie` parameter is not guaranteed to work when used with the `_queryExpression` and `_queryId` parameters.

The `_pagedResultsCookie` and `_pagedResultsOffset` parameters are mutually exclusive, and not to be used together.

`_pagedResultsOffset=integer`

When `_pageSize` is non-zero, use this as an index in the result set indicating the first page to return.

The `_pagedResultsCookie` and `_pagedResultsOffset` parameters are mutually exclusive, and not to be used together.

`_pageSize=integer`

Return query results in pages of this size. After the initial request, use `_pagedResultsCookie` or `_pageResultsOffset` to page through the results.

`_totalPagedResultsPolicy=string`

When a `_pageSize` is specified, and non-zero, the server calculates the "totalPagedResults", in accordance with the `totalPagedResultsPolicy`, and provides the value as part of the response. The "totalPagedResults" is either an estimate of the total number of paged results (`_totalPagedResultsPolicy=ESTIMATE`), or the exact total result count (`_totalPagedResultsPolicy=EXACT`). If no count policy is specified in the query, or if `_totalPagedResultsPolicy=NONE`, result counting is disabled, and the server returns value of -1 for "totalPagedResults".

`_sortKeys=[+-]field[, [+ -]field...]`

Sort the resources returned based on the specified field(s), either in + (ascending, default) order, or in - (descending) order.

The `_sortKeys` parameter is not supported for predefined queries (`_queryId`).

`_prettyPrint=true`

Format the body of the response.

`_fields=field[,field...]`

Return only the specified fields in each element of the "results" array in the response.

The field values are JSON pointers. For example if the resource is {"parent": {"child": "value"}}, parent/child refers to the "child": "value".

1.1.12 HTTP Status Codes

When working with a common REST API over HTTP, client applications should expect at least the following HTTP status codes. Not all servers necessarily return all status codes identified here:

200 OK

The request was successful and a resource returned, depending on the request.

201 Created

The request succeeded and the resource was created.

204 No Content

The action request succeeded, and there was no content to return.

304 Not Modified

The read request included an If-None-Match header, and the value of the header matched the revision value of the resource.

400 Bad Request

The request was malformed.

401 Unauthorized

The request requires user authentication.

403 Forbidden

Access was forbidden during an operation on a resource.

404 Not Found

The specified resource could not be found, perhaps because it does not exist.

405 Method Not Allowed

The HTTP method is not allowed for the requested resource.

406 Not Acceptable

The request contains parameters that are not acceptable, such as a resource or protocol version that is not available.

409 Conflict

The request would have resulted in a conflict with the current state of the resource.

410 Gone

The requested resource is no longer available, and will not become available again. This can happen when resources expire for example.

412 Precondition Failed

The resource's current version does not match the version provided.

415 Unsupported Media Type

The request is in a format not supported by the requested resource for the requested method.

428 Precondition Required

The resource requires a version, but no version was supplied in the request.

500 Internal Server Error

The server encountered an unexpected condition that prevented it from fulfilling the request.

501 Not Implemented

The resource does not support the functionality required to fulfill the request.

503 Service Unavailable

The requested resource was temporarily unavailable. The service may have been disabled, for example.

1.2 Authenticating Over REST

When you first try to read a resource that can be read as an LDAP entry with an anonymous search, you learn that you must authenticate as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "code" : 401,
  "reason" : "Unauthorized",
  "message" : "Unauthorized"
}
```

HTTP status code 401 indicates that the request requires user authentication.

To prevent OpenDJ directory server from requiring authentication, set the HTTP connection handler property `authentication-required` to `false`, as in the following example:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-connection-handler-prop \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --port 4444 \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name "HTTP Connection Handler" \
  --set authentication-required:false \
  --no-prompt \
  --trustAll
```

By default, both the HTTP connection handler and also the REST to LDAP gateway allow HTTP Basic authentication and HTTP header-based authentication in the style of OpenIDM. The authentication mechanisms translate HTTP authentication to LDAP authentication to the directory server.

When you install OpenDJ either with generated sample user entries or with data from [Example.ldif](#), the relative distinguished name (DN) attribute for sample user entries is the user ID (uid) attribute. For example, the DN and user ID for Babs Jensen are:

```
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: bjensen
```

Given this pattern in the user entries, the default REST to LDAP configuration translates the HTTP user name to the LDAP user ID. User entries are found directly under `ou=People,dc=example,dc=com`.¹ In other words, Babs Jensen authenticates as `bjensen` (password: `hifalutin`) over HTTP. The corresponding LDAP bind DN is `uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com`.

HTTP Basic authentication works as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
  --user bjensen:hifalutin \
  http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "_rev" : "0000000016cbb68c",
  ...
}
```

The alternative HTTP Basic `username:password@` form in the URL works as shown in the following example:

¹ In general, REST to LDAP mappings require that LDAP entries mapped to JSON resources be immediate subordinates of the mapping's baseDN.

```
$ curl \
  http://bjensen:hifalutin@opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "_rev" : "0000000016cbb68c",
  ...
}
```

HTTP header based authentication works as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
  --header "X-OpenIDM-Username: bjensen" \
  --header "X-OpenIDM-Password: hifalutin" \
  http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "_rev" : "0000000016cbb68c",
  ...
}
```

If the directory data is laid out differently or if the user names are email addresses rather than user IDs, for example, then you must update the configuration in order for authentication to work.

The REST to LDAP gateway can also translate HTTP user name and password authentication to LDAP PLAIN SASL authentication. Likewise, the gateway falls back to proxied authorization as necessary, using a root DN authenticated connection to LDAP servers. See Appendix A, in the *OpenDJ Reference* for details on all configuration choices.

1.3 Creating Resources

There are two alternative ways to create resources:

- To create a resource using an ID that you specify, perform an HTTP PUT request with headers `Content-Type: application/json` and `If-None-Match: *`, and the JSON content of your resource.

The following example shows you how to create a new user entry with ID `newuser`:

```
$ curl \
--request PUT \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--header "If-None-Match: *" \
--data '{
  "_id": "newuser",
  "contactInformation": {
    "telephoneNumber": "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress": "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "name": {
    "familyName": "New",
    "givenName": "User"
  },
  "displayName": "New User",
  "manager": [
    {
      "_id": "kvaughan",
      "displayName": "Kirsten Vaughan"
    }
  ]
}' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/newuser
{
  "_rev" : "000000005b337348",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "newuser",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "New",
    "givenName" : "User"
  },
  "userName" : "newuser@example.com",
  "displayName" : "New User",
  "meta" : {
    "created" : "2013-04-11T09:58:27Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  } ]
}
```

- To create a resource and let the server choose the ID, perform an HTTP POST with `_action=create` as described in [Section 1.8, "Using Actions"](#).

1.4 Reading a Resource

To read a resource, perform an HTTP GET as shown in the following example:


```
$ curl \
--request GET \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/newuser
{
  "_rev" : "000000005b337348",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "newuser",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "New",
    "givenName" : "User"
  },
  "userName" : "newuser@example.com",
  "displayName" : "New User",
  "meta" : {
    "created" : "2013-04-11T09:58:27Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  } ]
}
```

1.5 Updating Resources

To update a resource, perform an HTTP PUT with the changes to the resource. Use an If-Match header to ensure the resource already exists. For read-only fields, either include unmodified versions, or omit them from your updated version.

To update a resource regardless of the revision, use an If-Match: * header. The following example adds a manager for Sam Carter:

```
$ curl \
--request PUT \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--header "If-Match: *" \
--data '{
  "contactInformation": {
    "telephoneNumber": "+1 408 555 4798",
    "emailAddress": "scarter@example.com"
  },
  "name": {
    "familyName": "Carter",
    "givenName": "Sam"
  },
  "userName": "scarter@example.com",
  "displayName": "Sam Carter",
  "groups": [
    {
      "_id": "Accounting Managers"
    }
  ],
  "manager": [
    {
      "_id": "trigden",
      "displayName": "Torrey Rigden"
    }
  ]
}' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/scarter
{
  "_rev" : "00000000a1923db2",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 4798",
    "emailAddress" : "scarter@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "scarter",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "Carter",
    "givenName" : "Sam"
  },
  "userName" : "scarter@example.com",
  "displayName" : "Sam Carter",
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "trigden",
    "displayName" : "Torrey Rigden"
  } ],
  "meta" : {
    "lastModified" : "2015-09-29T10:24:01Z"
  },
  "groups" : [ {
    "_id" : "Accounting Managers"
  } ]
}
```

To update a resource only if the resource matches a particular version, use an `If-Match: revision` header as shown in the following example:

```

$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/scarter?_fields=_rev
{"_id":"scarter","_rev":"revision"}

$ curl \
--request PUT \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--header "If-Match: revision" \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '{
  "contactInformation": {
    "telephoneNumber": "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress": "scarter@example.com"
  },
  "name": {
    "familyName": "Carter",
    "givenName": "Sam"
  },
  "userName": "scarter@example.com",
  "displayName": "Sam Carter",
  "groups": [
    {
      "_id": "Accounting Managers"
    }
  ],
  "manager": [
    {
      "_id": "trigden",
      "displayName": "Torrey Rigden"
    }
  ]
}' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/scarter
{
  "_rev" : "00000000a1ee3da3",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "scarter@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "scarter",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "Carter",
    "givenName" : "Sam"
  },
  "userName" : "scarter@example.com",
  "displayName" : "Sam Carter",
  "meta" : {
    "lastModified" : "2015-09-29T10:23:27Z"
  },
  "groups" : [ {
    "_id" : "Accounting Managers"
  } ],
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "trigden",
    "displayName" : "Torrey Rigden"
  } ]
}

```

1.6 Deleting Resources

To delete a resource, perform an HTTP DELETE on the resource URL. The operation returns the resource you deleted as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--request DELETE \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/newuser
{
  "_rev" : "000000003a5f3cb2",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "newuser",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "New",
    "givenName" : "User"
  },
  "userName" : "newuser@example.com",
  "displayName" : "New User",
  "meta" : {
    "created" : "2013-04-11T09:58:27Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  } ]
}
```

To delete a resource only if the resource matches a particular version, use an If-Match: *revision* header as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/newuser?_fields=_rev
{"_id":"newuser", "_rev":"revision"}

$ curl \
--request DELETE \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--header "If-Match: revision" \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/newuser
{
  "_rev" : "00000000383f3cae",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "newuser",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "New",
    "givenName" : "User"
  },
  "userName" : "newuser@example.com",
  "displayName" : "New User",
  "meta" : {
    "created" : "2013-04-11T12:48:48Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  } ]
}
```

To delete a resource and all of its children, you must change the configuration, get the REST to LDAP gateway or HTTP connection handler to reload its configuration, and perform the operation as a user who has the access rights required. The following steps show one way to do this with the HTTP connection handler.

In this example, the LDAP view of the user to delete shows two child entries as seen in the following example:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN uid=nbohr,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com "(&)" dn
dn: uid=nbohr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=quantum dot,uid=nbohr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=qubit generator,uid=nbohr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
```

1. In the configuration file for the HTTP connection handler, by default `/path/to/opendj/config/http-config.json`, set `"useSubtreeDelete" : true`.



Note

After this change, only users who have access to request a tree delete can delete resources.

2. Force the HTTP connection handler to reread its configuration as shown in the following **dsconfig** commands:

```
$ dsconfig \
set-connection-handler-prop \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--port 4444 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--handler-name "HTTP Connection Handler" \
--set enabled:false \
--no-prompt \
--trustAll

$ dsconfig \
set-connection-handler-prop \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--port 4444 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--handler-name "HTTP Connection Handler" \
--set enabled:true \
--no-prompt \
--trustAll
```

3. Request the delete as a user who has rights to perform a subtree delete on the resource as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
  --request DELETE \
  --user kvaughan:bribery \
  http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/nbohr
{
  "_rev" : "000000003d912113",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "nbohr@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "nbohr",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "Bohr",
    "givenName" : "Niels"
  },
  "userName" : "nbohr@example.com",
  "displayName" : "Niels Bohr"
}
```

1.7 Patching Resources

OpenDJ lets you patch JSON resources, updating part of the resource rather than replacing it. For example, you could change Babs Jensen's email address by issuing an HTTP PATCH request as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--request PATCH \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '[
{
  "operation": "replace",
  "field": "/contactInformation/EmailAddress",
  "value": "babs@example.com"
}
]' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "_rev" : "00000000f3fdd370",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1862",
    "emailAddress" : "babs@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "bjensen",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "Jensen",
    "givenName" : "Barbara"
  },
  "userName" : "babs@example.com",
  "displayName" : "Barbara Jensen",
  "meta" : {
    "lastModified" : "2013-05-13T14:35:31Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "trigden",
    "displayName" : "Torrey Rigden"
  } ]
}
```

Notice in the example that the data sent specifies the type of patch operation, the field to change, and a value that depends on the field you change and on the operation. A single-valued field takes an object, boolean, string, or number depending on its type, whereas a multi-valued field takes an array of values. Getting the type wrong results in an error. Also notice that the patch data is itself an array. This makes it possible to patch more than one part of the resource by using a set of patch operations in the same request.

OpenDJ supports four types of patch operations:

add

The add operation ensures that the target field contains the value provided, creating parent fields as necessary.

If the target field is single-valued and a value already exists, then that value is replaced with the value you provide. *Note that you do not get an error when adding a value to a single-valued field that already has a value.* A single-valued field is one whose value is not an array (an object, string, boolean, or number).

If the target field is multi-valued, then the array of values you provide is merged with the set of values already in the resource. New values are added, and duplicate values are ignored. A multi-valued field takes an array value.

remove

The remove operation ensures that the target field does not contain the value provided. If you do not provide a value, the entire field is removed if it already exists.

If the target field is single-valued and a value is provided, then the provided value must match the existing value to remove, otherwise the field is left unchanged.

If the target field is multi-valued, then values in the array you provide are removed from the existing set of values.

replace

The replace operation removes existing values on the target field, and replaces them with the values you provide. It is equivalent to performing a remove on the field, then an add with the values you provide.

increment

The increment operation increments or decrements the value or values in the target field by the amount you specify, which is positive to increment and negative to decrement. The target field must take a number or a set of numbers. The value you provide must be a single number.

One key nuance in how a patch works with OpenDJ concerns multi-valued fields. Although JSON resources represent multi-valued fields as *arrays*, OpenDJ treats those values as *sets*. In other words, values in the field are unique, and the ordering of an array of values is not meaningful in the context of patch operations. If you reference array values by index, OpenDJ returns an error.²

Perform patch operations as if arrays values were sets. The following example includes Barbara Jensen in a group by adding her to the set of members:

² OpenDJ does allow use of a hyphen to add an element to a set. Include the hyphen as the last element of the field JSON pointer path. For example: `curl --user kvaughan:bribery --request PATCH --header "Content-Type: application/json" --data '{"operation": "add", "field": "/members/-", "value": { "_id": "bjensen" } }]' http://opendj.example.com:8080/groups/Directory%20Administrators`.

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--request PATCH \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '[
{
  "operation": "add",
  "field": "/members",
  "value": [
    {
      "_id": "bjensen"
    }
  ]
}
]' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/groups/Directory%20Administrators
{
  "_rev" : "00000000b70c881a",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "_id" : "Directory Administrators",
  "displayName" : "Directory Administrators",
  "meta" : {
    "lastModified" : "2013-05-13T16:40:23Z"
  },
  "members" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  }, {
    "_id" : "rdaugherty",
    "displayName" : "Robert Daugherty"
  }, {
    "_id" : "bjensen",
    "displayName" : "Barbara Jensen"
  }, {
    "_id" : "hmiller",
    "displayName" : "Harry Miller"
  } ]
}
```

The following example removes Barbara Jensen from the group:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--request PATCH \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '[
{
  "operation": "remove",
  "field": "/members",
  "value": [
    {
      "_id": "bjensen"
    }
  ]
}
]' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/groups/Directory%20Administrators
{
  "_rev" : "00000000e241797e",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "_id" : "Directory Administrators",
  "displayName" : "Directory Administrators",
  "meta" : {
    "lastModified" : "2013-05-13T16:40:55Z"
  },
  "members" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  }, {
    "_id" : "rdaugherty",
    "displayName" : "Robert Daugherty"
  }, {
    "_id" : "hmiller",
    "displayName" : "Harry Miller"
  } ]
}
```

To change the value of more than one attribute in a patch operation, include multiple operations in the body of the JSON patch, as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--request PATCH \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '[
{
  "operation": "replace",
  "field": "/contactInformation/telephoneNumber",
  "value": "+1 408 555 9999"
},
{
  "operation": "add",
  "field": "/contactInformation/emailAddress",
  "value": "barbara.jensen@example.com"
}
]' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "contactInformation": {
    "emailAddress": "barbara.jensen@example.com",
    "telephoneNumber": "+1 408 555 9999"
  },
  "displayName": "Barbara Jensen",
  "manager": [
    {
      "displayName": "Torrey Rigden",
      "_id": "trigden"
    }
  ],
  "meta": {
    "lastModified": "2015-04-07T10:19:41Z"
  },
  "schemas": [
    "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0"
  ],
  "_rev": "00000000e68ef438",
  "name": {
    "givenName": "Barbara",
    "familyName": "Jensen"
  },
  "_id": "bjensen",
  "userName": "barbara.jensen@example.com"
}
```

Notice that for a multi-valued attribute, the value field takes an array, whereas the value field takes a single value for a single-valued field. Also notice that for single-valued fields, an add operation has the same effect as a replace operation.

You can use resource revision numbers in If-Match: *revision* headers to patch the resource only if the resource matches a particular version, as shown in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen?_fields=_rev
{"_id":"bjensen","_rev" : "revision"}

$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--request PATCH \
--header "If-Match: revision" \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '[
{
  "operation": "add",
  "field": "/contactInformation/emailAddress",
  "value": "babs@example.com"
}
]' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users/bjensen
{
  "_rev" : "00000000f946d377",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1862",
    "emailAddress" : "babs@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "bjensen",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "Jensen",
    "givenName" : "Barbara"
  },
  "userName" : "babs@example.com",
  "displayName" : "Barbara Jensen",
  "meta" : {
    "lastModified" : "2013-05-13T16:56:33Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "trigden",
    "displayName" : "Torrey Rigden"
  } ]
}
```

The resource revision changes when the patch is successful.

1.8 Using Actions

OpenDJ REST to LDAP implements the actions described in this section.

1.8.1 Using the Create Resource Action

OpenDJ implements an action that lets the server set the resource ID on creation. To use this action, perform an HTTP POST with header Content-Type:

application/json, _action=create in the query string, and the JSON content of the resource.

The following example creates a new user entry:

```
$ curl \
--request POST \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '{
  "_id": "newuser",
  "contactInformation": {
    "telephoneNumber": "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress": "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "name": {
    "familyName": "New",
    "givenName": "User"
  },
  "displayName": "New User",
  "manager": [
    {
      "_id": "kvaughan",
      "displayName": "Kirsten Vaughan"
    }
  ]
}' \
http://opendj.example.com:8080/users?_action=create
{
  "_rev" : "0000000034a23ca7",
  "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
  "contactInformation" : {
    "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 1212",
    "emailAddress" : "newuser@example.com"
  },
  "_id" : "newuser",
  "name" : {
    "familyName" : "New",
    "givenName" : "User"
  },
  "userName" : "newuser@example.com",
  "displayName" : "New User",
  "meta" : {
    "created" : "2013-04-11T11:19:08Z"
  },
  "manager" : [ {
    "_id" : "kvaughan",
    "displayName" : "Kirsten Vaughan"
  } ]
}
```

1.8.2 Using the Password Modify Action

OpenDJ implements an action for resetting and changing passwords.

This action requires HTTPS to avoid sending passwords over insecure connections. Before trying the examples that follow, enable HTTPS on the HTTP connection handler as described in Procedure 5.7, “To Set Up REST Access to OpenDJ Directory Server” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*. Notice that the following examples use the exported server certificate, `server-cert.pem`, generated in that procedure. If the connection handler uses a certificate signed by a well-known CA, then you can omit the `--cacert` option.

To use this action, perform an HTTP POST with header `Content-Type: application/json`, `_action=passwordModify` in the query string, and the password reset information in JSON format as the POST data.

The JSON can include the following fields:

`oldPassword`

The value of this field is the current password as a UTF-8 string.

Users provide this value when changing their own passwords.

Administrators can omit this field when resetting another user's password.

`newPassword`

The value of this field is the new password as a UTF-8 string.

If this field is omitted, OpenDJ returns a generated password on success.

The following example demonstrates a user changing their own password. On success, the HTTP status code is 200 OK, and the response body is an empty JSON resource:

```
$ curl \
  --request POST \
  --cacert server-cert.pem \
  --user bjensen:hifalutin \
  --header "Content-Type: application/json" \
  --data '{"oldPassword": "hifalutin", "newPassword": "password"}' \
  https://opendj.example.com:8443/users/bjensen?_action=passwordModify
{}
```

The following example demonstrates an administrator changing a user's password. Before trying this example, make sure the password administrator user has been given the password-reset privilege as shown in Procedure 6.2, “To Add Privileges on an Individual Entry” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*. Otherwise, the password administrator has insufficient access. On success, the HTTP status code is 200 OK, and the response body is a JSON resource with a `generatedPassword` containing the new password:

```
$ curl \
--request POST \
--cacert server-cert.pem \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
--header "Content-Type: application/json" \
--data '{}' \
https://opendj.example.com:8443/users/bjensen?_action=passwordModify
{"generatedPassword":"qno66vyz"}
```

The password administrator communicates the new, generated password to the user.

1.9 Querying Resource Collections

To query resource collections, perform an HTTP GET with a `_queryFilter=expression` parameter in the query string. For details about the query filter *expression*, see [Section 1.1.11, "Query"](#).

The `_queryId`, `_sortKeys`, and `_totalPagedResultsPolicy` parameters described in [Section 1.1.11, "Query"](#) are not used in OpenDJ software at present.

The following table shows some LDAP search filters with corresponding examples of query filter expressions.

Table 1.1. LDAP Search and REST Query Filters

LDAP Filter	REST Filter
(&)	<code>_queryFilter=true</code>
(uid=*)	<code>_queryFilter=_id+pr</code>
(uid=bjensen)	<code>_queryFilter=_id+eq+'bjensen'</code>
(uid=*jensen*)	<code>_queryFilter=_id+co+'jensen'</code>
(uid=jensen*)	<code>_queryFilter=_id+sw+'jensen'</code>
(&(uid=*jensen*)(cn=babs*))	<code>_queryFilter=(_id+co+'jensen'+and +displayName+sw+'babs')</code>
(!(uid=*jensen*)(cn=sam*))	<code>_queryFilter=(_id+co+'jensen'+or +displayName+sw+'sam')</code>
(!(uid=*jensen*))	<code>_queryFilter=!(_id+co+'jensen')</code>
(uid<=jensen)	<code>_queryFilter=_id+le+'jensen'</code>

LDAP Filter	REST Filter
(uid>=jensen)	_queryFilter=_id+ge+'jensen'

For query operations, the filter *expression* is constructed from the following building blocks. Make sure you URL-encode the filter expressions, which are shown here without URL-encoding to make them easier to read.

In filter expressions, the simplest *json-pointer* is a field of the JSON resource, such as `userName` or `id`. A *json-pointer* can also point to nested elements as described in the [JSON Pointer](#) Internet-Draft:

Comparison expressions

Build filters using the following comparison expressions:

json-pointer eq *json-value*

Matches when the pointer equals the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+eq+'bjensen@example.com'"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "bjensen",
    "_rev" : "00000000cf71e05d",
    "schemas" : [ "urn:scim:schemas:core:1.0" ],
    "userName" : "bjensen@example.com",
    "displayName" : "Barbara Jensen",
    "name" : {
      "givenName" : "Barbara",
      "familyName" : "Jensen"
    },
    "contactInformation" : {
      "telephoneNumber" : "+1 408 555 9999",
      "emailAddress" : "bjensen@example.com"
    },
    "meta" : {
      "lastModified" : "2015-09-23T14:09:13Z"
    },
    "manager" : [ {
      "_id" : "trigden",
      "displayName" : "Torrey Rigden"
    } ]
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 1,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

json-pointer *co* *json-value*

Matches when the pointer contains the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+co+'jensen'&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "ajensen",
    "_rev" : "00000000c899a6da",
    "userName" : "ajensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "bjensen",
    "_rev" : "000000001431e1ef",
    "userName" : "bjensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "gjensen",
    "_rev" : "00000000cba2a3c3",
    "userName" : "gjensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "jjensen",
    "_rev" : "0000000046f5a1a2",
    "userName" : "jjensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "kjensen",
    "_rev" : "00000000a9e0a59d",
    "userName" : "kjensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "rjensen",
    "_rev" : "00000000f54ea4d2",
    "userName" : "rjensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "tjensen",
    "_rev" : "0000000095d1a096",
    "userName" : "tjensen@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 7,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

json-pointer *sw* *json-value*

Matches when the pointer starts with the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+sw+'ab'&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "abarnes",
    "_rev" : "00000000b84ba3b0",
    "userName" : "abarnes@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "abergin",
    "_rev" : "0000000011db996e",
    "userName" : "abergin@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 2,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

json-pointer lt *json-value*

Matches when the pointer is less than the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+lt+'ac'&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "abarnes",
    "_rev" : "00000000b84ba3b0",
    "userName" : "abarnes@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "abergin",
    "_rev" : "0000000011db996e",
    "userName" : "abergin@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 2,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

json-pointer le *json-value*

Matches when the pointer is less than or equal to the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+le+'ad'&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "abarnes",
    "_rev" : "00000000b84ba3b0",
    "userName" : "abarnes@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "abergin",
    "_rev" : "0000000011db996e",
    "userName" : "abergin@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "achassin",
    "_rev" : "00000000cddca3ec",
    "userName" : "achassin@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 3,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

json-pointer gt *json-value*

Matches when the pointer is greater than the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+gt+'tt'&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "ttully",
    "_rev" : "00000000d07da286",
    "userName" : "ttully@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "tward",
    "_rev" : "0000000083419fa3",
    "userName" : "tward@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "wlutz",
    "_rev" : "00000000a4f29dfa",
    "userName" : "wlutz@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 3,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

json-pointer ge *json-value*

Matches when the pointer is greater than or equal to the value, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+ge+'tw'&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "tward",
    "_rev" : "0000000083419fa3",
    "userName" : "tward@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "wlutz",
    "_rev" : "00000000a4f29dfa",
    "userName" : "wlutz@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 2,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

Presence expression

json-pointer pr matches any resource on which the *json-pointer* is present, as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
?_queryFilter=userName+pr&_fields=userName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "abarnes",
    "_rev" : "00000000b84ba3b0",
    "userName" : "abarnes@example.com"
  }, ... {
    "_id" : "newuser",
    "_rev" : "00000000fca77472",
    "userName" : "newuser@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 152,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

Literal expressions

true matches any resource in the collection.

false matches no resource in the collection.

In other words, you can list all resources in a collection as in the following example:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/groups?_queryFilter=true&_fields=displayName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "Directory Administrators",
    "_rev" : "0000000060b85b8b",
    "displayName" : "Directory Administrators"
  }, {
    "_id" : "Accounting Managers",
    "_rev" : "0000000053e97a0a",
    "displayName" : "Accounting Managers"
  }, {
    "_id" : "HR Managers",
    "_rev" : "000000005ff5730a",
    "displayName" : "HR Managers"
  }, {
    "_id" : "PD Managers",
    "_rev" : "000000001e1e75a0",
    "displayName" : "PD Managers"
  }, {
    "_id" : "QA Managers",
    "_rev" : "00000000e0747323",
    "displayName" : "QA Managers"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 5,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

Complex expressions

Combine expressions using boolean operators and, or, and ! (not), and by using parentheses (*expression*) with group expressions. The following example queries resources with last name Jensen and manager name starting with Bar:

```
$ curl \
--user kvaughan:bribery \
"http://opendj.example.com:8080/users?_queryFilter=\
(userName+co+'jensen'+and+manager/displayName+sw+'Sam')&_fields=displayName"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "jjensen",
    "_rev" : "000000003ef3a150",
    "displayName" : "Jody Jensen"
  }, {
    "_id" : "tjensen",
    "_rev" : "000000009367a0b6",
    "displayName" : "Ted Jensen"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 2,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : null,
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

Notice that the filters use the JSON pointers `name/familyName` and `manager/displayName` to identify the fields nested inside the `name` and `manager` objects.

You can page through search results using the following query string parameters that are further described in [Section 1.1.11](#), "Query":

- `_pagedResultsCookie=string`
- `_pagedResultsOffset=integer`
- `_pageSize=integer`

The following example demonstrates how paged results are used:

```
# Request five results per page, and retrieve the first page.
```

```
$ curl \
  --user bjensen:hifalutin \
  "http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
  ?_queryFilter=true&_fields=userName&_pageSize=5"
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "abarnes",
    "_rev" : "00000000b589a3d4",
    "userName" : "abarnes@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "abergin",
    "_rev" : "00000000131199bd",
    "userName" : "abergin@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "achassin",
    "_rev" : "00000000aaf8a2ac",
    "userName" : "achassin@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "ahall",
    "_rev" : "0000000023e19cdc",
    "userName" : "ahall@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "ahel",
    "_rev" : "0000000033309a22",
    "userName" : "ahel@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 5,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : "AAAAAAAAA8=",
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

```
# Provide the cookie to request the next five results.
```

```
$ curl \
  --user bjensen:hifalutin \
  "http://opendj.example.com:8080/users
  ?_queryFilter=true&_fields=userName&_pageSize=5\
  &_pagedResultsCookie=AAAAAAAAA8="
{
  "result" : [ {
    "_id" : "ahunter",
    "_rev" : "00000000eclaa3bb",
    "userName" : "ahunter@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "ajensen",
    "_rev" : "00000000d4b9a728",
    "userName" : "ajensen@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "aknutson",
    "_rev" : "000000002135ab65",
    "userName" : "aknutson@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "alangdon",
    "_rev" : "000000009bc5a8e3",
    "userName" : "alangdon@example.com"
  }, {
    "_id" : "alutz",
    "_rev" : "0000000060b9a4bd",
    "userName" : "alutz@example.com"
  } ],
  "resultCount" : 5,
  "pagedResultsCookie" : "AAAAAAAAABQ=",
  "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE",
  "totalPagedResults" : -1,
  "remainingPagedResults" : -1
}
```

```
# Request the tenth page of five results.
```


Notice the following features of the responses:

- "remainingPagedResults" : -1 means that the number of remaining results is unknown.
- "totalPagedResults" : -1 means that the total number of paged results is unknown.
- "totalPagedResultsPolicy" : "NONE" means that result counting is disabled.

Chapter 2

Performing LDAP Operations

OpenDJ directory server includes the OpenDJ control panel browser and also command-line tools for performing LDAP operations. In this chapter, you will learn how to use the command-line tools to perform LDAP operations.

2.1 Command-Line Tools

Before you try the examples in this guide, set your PATH to include the OpenDJ directory server tools. The location of the tools depends on the operating environment and on the packages used to install OpenDJ. [Table 2.1, "Paths To Administration Tools"](#) indicates where to find the tools.

Table 2.1. Paths To Administration Tools

OpenDJ running on...	OpenDJ installed from...	Default path to tools...
Apple Mac OS X, Linux distributions, Oracle Solaris	.zip	/path/to/openssl/bin
Linux distributions	.deb, .rpm	/opt/openssl/bin
Microsoft Windows	.zip	C:\path\to\openssl\bat
Oracle Solaris	SVR4	/usr/openssl/bin

You find the installation and upgrade tools, **setup**, **upgrade**, and **uninstall**, in the parent directory of the other tools, as these tools are not used for everyday administration. For example, if the path to most tools is `/path/to/openssl/bin` you can find these tools in `/path/to/openssl`. For instructions on how to use the installation and upgrade tools, see the OpenDJ Installation Guide.

All OpenDJ command-line tools take the `--help` option.

All commands call Java programs and therefore involve starting a JVM.

Table 2.2, "Tools and Server Constraints" indicates the constraints, if any, that apply when using a command-line tool with a directory server.

Table 2.2. Tools and Server Constraints

Commands	Constraints
backendstat create-rc-script dsjavaproperties encode-password list-backends setup start-ds upgrade windows-service	These commands must be used with the local OpenDJ directory server in the same installation as the tools. These commands are not useful with non-OpenDJ directory servers.
control-panel dsconfig export-ldif import-ldif manage-account manage-tasks rebuild-index restore status stop-ds uninstall verify-index	These commands must be used with OpenDJ directory server having the same version as the command. These commands are not useful with non-OpenDJ directory servers.
dsreplication	With one exception, this command can be used with current and previous OpenDJ directory server versions. The one exception is the dsreplication reset-change-number subcommand, which requires OpenDJ directory server version 3.0.0 or later.

Commands	Constraints
	This commands is not useful with other types of directory servers.
make-ldif	<p>This command depends on template files. The template files can make use of configuration files installed with OpenDJ directory server under config/MakeLDIF/.</p> <p>The LDIF output can be used with OpenDJ and other directory servers.</p>
base64 ldapcompare ldapdelete ldapmodify ldappasswordmodify ldapsearch ldif-diff ldifmodify ldifsearch	These commands can be used independently of OpenDJ directory server, and so are not tied to a specific version.

The following list uses the UNIX names for the commands. On Windows all command-line tools have the extension .bat:

backendstat

Debug databases for pluggable backends.

For details see backendstat(1) in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

backup

Back up or schedule backup of directory data.

For details see backup(1) in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

base64

Encode and decode data in base64 format.

Base64-encoding represents binary data in ASCII, and can be used to encode character strings in LDIF, for example.

For details see base64(1) in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

create-rc-script (UNIX)

Generate a script you can use to start, stop, and restart the server either directly or at system boot and shutdown. Use **create-rc-script -f script-file**.

For details see `create-rc-script(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

dsconfig

The **dsconfig** command is the primary command-line tool for viewing and editing an OpenDJ configuration. When started without arguments, **dsconfig** prompts you for administration connection information. Once connected it presents you with a menu-driven interface to the server configuration.

When you pass connection information, subcommands, and additional options to **dsconfig**, the command runs in script mode and so is not interactive.

You can prepare **dsconfig** batch scripts by running the command with the `--commandFilePath` option in interactive mode, then reading from the batch file with the `--batchFilePath` option in script mode. Batch files can be useful when you have many **dsconfig** commands to run and want to avoid starting the JVM for each command.

Alternatively, you can read commands from standard input by using the `--batch` option.

For details see `dsconfig(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

dsjavaproperties

Apply changes you make to `opendj/config/java.properties`, which sets Java runtime options.

For details see `dsjavaproperties(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

dsreplication

Configure data replication between directory servers to keep their contents in sync.

For details see `dsreplication(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

encode-password

Encode a cleartext password according to one of the available storage schemes.

For details see `encode-password(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

export-ldif

Export directory data to LDIF, the standard, portable, text-based representation of directory content.

For details see `export-ldif(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

import-ldif

Load LDIF content into the directory, overwriting existing data.

For details see `import-ldif(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldapcompare

Compare the attribute values you specify with those stored on entries in the directory.

For details see `ldapcompare(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldapdelete

Delete one entry or an entire branch of subordinate entries in the directory.

For details see `ldapdelete(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldapmodify

Modify the specified attribute values for the specified entries.

Use the **ldapmodify** command with the `-a` option to add new entries.

For details see `ldapmodify(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldappasswordmodify

Modify user passwords.

For details see `ldappasswordmodify(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldapsearch

Search a branch of directory data for entries that match the LDAP filter you specify.

For details see `ldapsearch(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldif-diff

Display differences between two LDIF files, with the resulting output having LDIF format.

For details see `ldif-diff(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldifmodify

Similar to the **ldapmodify** command, modify specified attribute values for specified entries in an LDIF file.

For details see `ldifmodify(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

ldifsearch

Similar to the **ldapsearch** command, search a branch of data in LDIF for entries matching the LDAP filter you specify.

For details see `ldifsearch(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

list-backends

List backends and base DN's served by OpenDJ directory server.

For details see `list-backends(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

make-ldif

Generate directory data in LDIF based on templates that define how the data should appear.

The **make-ldif** command is designed to help generate test data that mimics data expected in production, but without compromising real, potentially private information.

For details see `make-ldif(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

manage-account

Lock and unlock user accounts, and view and manipulate password policy state information.

For details see `manage-account(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

manage-tasks

View information about tasks scheduled to run in the server, and cancel specified tasks.

For details see `manage-tasks(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

rebuild-index

Rebuild an index stored in an indexed backend.

For details see `rebuild-index(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

restore

Restore data from backup.

For details see `restore(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

start-ds

Start OpenDJ directory server.

For details see `start-ds(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

status

Display information about the server.

For details see `status(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

stop-ds

Stop OpenDJ directory server.

For details see `stop-ds(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

verify-index

Verify that an index stored in an indexed backend is not corrupt.

For details see `verify-index(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

windows-service (Windows)

Register OpenDJ as a Windows Service.

For details see windows-service(1) in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

2.2 Searching the Directory

Searching the directory is akin to searching for a phone number in a paper phone book. You can look up a phone number because you know the last name of a subscriber's entry. In other words, you use the value of one attribute of the entry to find entries that have another attribute you want.

Whereas a paper phone book has only one index (alphabetical order by name), the directory has many indexes. When performing a search, you always specify which index to use, by specifying which attribute(s) you are using to lookup entries.

Your paper phone book might be divided into white pages for residential subscribers and yellow pages for businesses. If you are looking up an individual's phone number, you limit your search to the white pages. Directory services divide entries in various ways, often to separate organizations, and to separate groups from user entries from printers, for example, but potentially in other ways. When searching you therefore also specify where in the directory to search.

The **ldapsearch** command, described in ldapsearch(1) in the *OpenDJ Reference*, thus takes at minimum a search base DN option and an LDAP filter. The search base DN identifies where in the directory to search for entries that match the filter. For example, if you are looking for printers, you might specify the base DN as ou=Printers,dc=example,dc=com. Perhaps you are visiting the GNB00 office and are looking for a printer as shown in the following example:

```
$ ldapsearch --baseDN ou=Printers,dc=example,dc=com "(printerLocation=GNB00)"
```

In the example, the LDAP filter indicates to the directory that you want to look up printer entries where the printerLocation attribute is equal to GNB00.

You also specify the host and port to access directory services, and the type of protocol to use (for example, LDAP/SSL, or StartTLS to protect communication). If the directory service does not allow anonymous access to the data you want to search, you also identify who is performing the search and provide their credentials, such as a password or certificate. Finally, you can specify a list of attributes to return. If you do not specify attributes, then the search returns all user attributes for the entry.

Review the following examples in this section to get a sense of how searches work:

- [Example 2.1, "Search: Using Simple Filters"](#)
- [Example 2.2, "Search: Using Complex Filters"](#)
- [Example 2.3, "Search: Return Operational Attributes"](#)
- [Example 2.4, "Search: Returning Attributes for an Object Class"](#)
- [Example 2.5, "Search: Escaping Search Filter Characters"](#)
- [Example 2.6, "Search: Listing Active Accounts"](#)
- [Example 2.7, "Search: Using Language Subtypes"](#)

Example 2.1. Search: Using Simple Filters

The following example searches for entries with user IDs (uid) containing jensen, returning only DNs and user ID values:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com "(uid=*jensen*)" uid
dn: uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: ajensen

dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: bjensen

dn: uid=gjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: gjensen

dn: uid=jjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: jjensen

dn: uid=kjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: kjensen

dn: uid=rjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: rjensen

dn: uid=tjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: tjensen

Result Code: 0 (Success)
```

Example 2.2. Search: Using Complex Filters

The following example returns entries with uid containing jensen for users located in Santa Clara:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN ou=people,dc=example,dc=com \
"(&(uid=*jensen*)(l=Santa Clara))" \
@person
dn: uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: top
cn: Allison Jensen
telephoneNumber: +1 408 555 7892
sn: Jensen

dn: uid=gjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: top
cn: Gern Jensen
telephoneNumber: +1 408 555 3299
sn: Jensen

dn: uid=kjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: top
cn: Kurt Jensen
telephoneNumber: +1 408 555 6127
sn: Jensen

dn: uid=tjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: top
cn: Ted Jensen
telephoneNumber: +1 408 555 8622
sn: Jensen
```

The command returns the attributes associated with the person object class.

Complex filters can use both "and" syntax, `(&(filtercomp)(filtercomp))`, and "or" syntax, `(|(filtercomp)(filtercomp))`.

Example 2.3. Search: Return Operational Attributes

Use `+` in the attribute list after the filter to return all operational attributes, as in the following example:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=bjensen +
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
numSubordinates: 0
structuralObjectClass: inetOrgPerson
pwdPolicySubentry: cn=Default Password Policy,cn=Password Policies,cn=config
subschemaSubentry: cn=schema
hasSubordinates: false
entryDN: uid=bjensen,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
entryUUID: fc252fd9-b982-3ed6-b42a-c76d2546312c
```

Alternatively, specify operational attributes by name.

Example 2.4. Search: Returning Attributes for an Object Class

Use `@objectClass` in the attribute list after the filter to return the attributes associated with a particular object class as in the following example:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=bjensen @person
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: top
cn: Barbara Jensen
cn: Babs Jensen
telephoneNumber: +1 408 555 1862
sn: Jensen
```

Example 2.5. Search: Escaping Search Filter Characters

[RFC 4515: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol \(LDAP\): String Representation of Search Filters](#) mentions a number of characters that you must handle with care when using them in search filters.

For a filter like `(attr=value)`, the following list indicates characters that you must replace with a backslash (`\`) followed by two hexadecimal digits when using them as part of the *value* string:

- Replace `*` with `\2a`.
- Replace `(` with `\28`.
- Replace `)` with `\29`.
- Replace `\` with `\5c`.
- Replace NUL (0x00) with `\00`.

The following example shows a filter with escaped characters matching an actual value:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \  
"(description=\28*\5c*\2a\29)" description  
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
description: (A \great\ description*)
```

Example 2.6. Search: Listing Active Accounts

OpenDJ directory server supports extensible matching rules, meaning you can pass in filters specifying a matching rule OID that extends your search beyond what you accomplish with standard LDAP. One specific matching rule that OpenDJ directory server supports is the generalized time-based *later than* and *earlier than* matching rules. See Example 7.3, “Configure an Extensible Match Index” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*, which shows how to build an index for these matching rules.

You can use these matching rules to list, for example, all users who have authenticated recently.

First set up an attribute to store a last login timestamp. You can do this by adding a schema file for the attribute as in the following example:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--hostname opendj.example.com \  
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
--bindPassword password  
dn: cn=schema  
changetype: modify  
add: attributeTypes  
attributeTypes: ( lastLoginTime-oid  
    NAME 'lastLoginTime'  
    DESC 'Last time the user logged in'  
    EQUALITY generalizedTimeMatch  
    ORDERING generalizedTimeOrderingMatch  
    SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.24  
    SINGLE-VALUE  
    NO-USER-MODIFICATION  
    USAGE directoryOperation  
    X-ORIGIN 'OpenDJ example documentation' )  
  
Processing MODIFY request for cn=schema  
MODIFY operation successful for DN cn=schema
```

Configure the applicable password policy to write the last login timestamp when a user authenticates. The following command configures the default password policy to write the timestamp in generalized time format to the `lastLoginTime` operational attribute on the user's entry:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-password-policy-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --policy-name "Default Password Policy" \
  --set last-login-time-attribute:lastLoginTime \
  --set last-login-time-format:"yyyyMMddHH'Z'" \
  --trustAll \
  --no-prompt
```

Wait for users to authenticate again (or test it yourself) so that OpenDJ writes the timestamps. The following search then returns users who have authenticated in the last three months (13 weeks) after you configured OpenDJ to keep the last login timestamps:

```
$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  "(lastLoginTime:1.3.6.1.4.1.26027.1.4.6:=13w)" mail
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: bjensen@example.com

dn: uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: kvaughan@example.com
```

Example 2.7. Search: Using Language Subtypes

OpenDJ directory server supports many language subtypes. For a list see Appendix H, in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

When you perform a search you can request the language subtype by OID or by language subtype string. For example, the following search gets the French version of a common name. The example uses the **base64** command provided with OpenDJ directory server to decode the attribute value:

```
$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  "(givenName:fr:=Frédérique)" cn\;lang-fr
dn: uid=fdupont,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn;lang-fr:: RnJlZM0pcmlxdWUgRHVwb250

$ base64 decode -d RnJlZM0pcmlxdWUgRHVwb250
Frédérique Dupont
```

At the end of the OID or language subtype, further specify the matching rule as follows:

- Add .1 for less than
- Add .2 for less than or equal to
- Add .3 for equal to (default)
- Add .4 for greater than or equal to
- Add .5 for greater than
- Add .6 for substring

The following table describes the operators you can use in LDAP search filters.

Table 2.3. LDAP Filter Operators

Operator	Definition	Example
=	Equality comparison, as in (sn=Jensen). This can also be used with substring matches. For example, to match last names starting with Jen, use the filter (sn=Jen*). Substrings are more expensive for the directory server to index. Substring searches therefore might not be permitted for many attributes.	"(cn=My App)" matches entries with common name My App. "(sn=Jen*)" matches entries with surname starting with Jen.
<=	Less than or equal to comparison, which works alphanumerically.	"(cn<=App)" matches entries with commonName up to those starting with App (case-insensitive) in alphabetical order.
>=	Greater than or equal to comparison, which works alphanumerically.	"(uidNumber>=1151)" matches entries with uidNumber greater than 1151.
=*	Presence comparison. For example, to match all entries having a userPassword, use the filter (userPassword=*).	"(member=*)" matches entries with a member attribute.
~=	Approximate comparison, matching attribute values similar to the value you specify.	"(sn~=jansen)" matches entries with a surname that sounds similar to Jansen (Johnson, Jensen, and other surnames).

Operator	Definition	Example
[:dn] [:oid]:=	<p>Extensible match comparison.</p> <p>At the end of the OID or language subtype, you further specify the matching rule as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add .1 for less than • Add .2 for less than or equal to • Add .3 for equal to (default) • Add .4 for greater than or equal to • Add .5 for greater than • Add .6 for substring 	<p>(uid:dn:=bjensen) matches entries where uid having the value bjensen is a component of the entry DN.</p> <p>(lastLoginTime: 1.3.6.1.4.1.26027.1.4.5:=-13w) matches entries with a last login time more recent than 13 weeks.</p> <p>You also use extensible match filters with localized values. Directory servers like OpenDJ support a variety of internationalized locales, each of which has an OID for collation order, such as 1.3.6.1.4.1.42.2.27.9.4.76.1 for French. OpenDJ also lets you use the language subtype, such as fr, instead of the OID.</p> <p>"(cn:dn:=My App)" matches entries who have My App as the common name and also as the value of a DN component.</p>
!	<p>NOT operator, to find entries that do not match the specified filter component.</p> <p>Take care to limit your search when using ! to avoid matching so many entries that the server treats your search as unindexed.</p>	'!(objectclass=person)' matches non-person entries.
&	AND operator, to find entries that match all specified filter components.	'(&(l=San Francisco)(!(uid=bjensen)))' matches entries for users in San Francisco other than the user with ID bjensen.
	OR operator, to find entries that match one of the specified filter components.	" (sn=Jensen)(sn=Johnson)" matches entries with surname Jensen or surname Johnson.

2.3 Comparing Attribute Values

The compare operation checks whether an attribute value you specify matches the attribute value stored on one or more directory entries.

Example 2.8. Compare: Checking authPassword

In this example, Kirsten Vaughan uses the **ldapcompare** command, described in `ldapsearch(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*, to check whether the hashed password value matches the stored value on `authPassword`:

```
$ ldapcompare \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword bribery \  
'authPassword:MD5$dFHgpDxXUT8=$qLC4xMXvmVlusJLz9/WJ5Q==' \  
uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com  
Comparing type authPassword with value  
MD5$dFHgpDxXUT8=$qLC4xMXvmVlusJLz9/WJ5Q== in entry  
uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com  
Compare operation returned true for entry  
uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
```

2.4 Updating the Directory

Authorized users can change directory data using the LDAP add, modify, modify DN, and delete operations. You can use the **ldapmodify** command to make changes. For details see `ldapmodify(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*.

2.4.1 Adding Entries

With the **ldapmodify -a** command, authorized users can add entire entries from the same sort of LDIF file used to import and export data.

Example 2.9. Adding Two New Users

The following example adds two new users:

```
$ cat new-users.ldif
dn: cn=Arsene Lupin,ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: top
cn: Arsene Lupin
telephoneNumber: +33 1 23 45 67 89
sn: Lupin

dn: cn=Horace Vermont,ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: person
objectClass: top
cn: Horace Vermont
telephoneNumber: +33 1 12 23 34 45
sn: Vermont

$ ldapmodify \
--defaultAdd \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \
--bindPassword bribery \
--filename new-users.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=Arsene Lupin,ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN
  cn=Arsene Lupin,ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
Processing ADD request for cn=Horace Vermont,ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN
  cn=Horace Vermont,ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
```

2.4.2 Modifying Entry Attributes

With the **ldapmodify** command, authorized users can change the values of attributes in the directory using LDIF as specified in [RFC 2849](#).

Example 2.10. Modify: Adding Attributes

The following example shows you how to add a description and JPEG photo to Sam Carter's entry:

```
$ cat scarter-mods.ldif
dn: uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
add: description
description: Accounting Manager
-
add: jpegphoto
jpegphoto:<file:///tmp/Samantha-Carter.jpg

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \
--bindPassword bribery \
--filename scarter-mods.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
```

Example 2.11. Modify: Changing an Attribute Value

The following example replaces the description on Sam Carter's entry:

```
$ cat scarter-newdesc.ldif
dn: uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
replace: description
description: Accounting Director

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \
--bindPassword bribery \
--filename scarter-newdesc.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
```

Example 2.12. Modify: Deleting an Attribute Value

The following example deletes the JPEG photo on Sam Carter's entry:

```
$ cat /path/to/scarter-deljpeg.ldif
dn: uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
delete: jpegphoto

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \
--bindPassword bribery \
--filename scarter-deljpeg.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
```

Example 2.13. Modify: Using Optimistic Concurrency

Imagine you are writing an application that lets end users update user profiles through a browser. You store user profiles as OpenDJ entries. Your end users can look up user profiles and modify them. Your application assumes that the end users can tell the right information when they see it, and updates profiles exactly as users see them on their screens.

Consider two users, Alice and Bob, both busy and often interrupted. Alice has Babs Jensen's new phone and room numbers. Bob has Babs's new location and description. Both assume that they have all the information that has changed. What can you do to make sure that your application applies the right changes when Alice and Bob simultaneously update Babs Jensen's profile?

OpenDJ directory server includes two features to help you in this situation. One of the features is the LDAP Assertion Control, described in Assertion request control in the *OpenDJ Reference*, used to tell the directory server to perform the modification only if an assertion you make stays true. The other feature is OpenDJ's support for [entity tag](#) (ETag) attributes, making it easy to check whether the entry in the directory is the same as the entry you read.

Alice and Bob both get Babs's entry. In LDIF, the relevant attributes from the entry look like this. Notice the ETag:

```
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
telephoneNumber: +1 408 555 1862
roomNumber: 0209
l: San Francisco
ETag: 000000007a1999df
```

Bob prepares his changes in your application. Bob is almost ready to submit the new location and description when Carol stops by to ask Bob a few questions.

Alice starts just after Bob, but manages to submit her changes without interruption. Now Babs's entry looks like this:

```
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
description: Updated by Alice
telephoneNumber: +47 2108 1746
roomNumber: 1389
l: San Francisco
ETag: 00000000aec2c1e9
```

In your application, you use the ETag attribute value with the assertion control to prevent Bob's update from succeeding although the ETag value has changed. Your application tries the equivalent of the following commands with Bob's updates:

```
$ cat /path/to/bobs.ldif
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
replace: l
l: Grenoble
-
add: description
description: Employee of the Month

$ ldapmodify \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --port 1389 \
  --filename /path/to/bobs.ldif \
  --assertionFilter "(ETag=000000007a1999df)"
Processing MODIFY request for uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation failed
Result Code: 122 (Assertion Failed)
Additional Information: Entry uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cannot be modified because the request contained an LDAP assertion control
and the associated filter did not match the contents of the that entry
```

Your application reloads Babs's entry, gets the new ETag value 00000000aec2c1e9, and lets Bob try again. This time Bob's changes do not collide with other changes. Babs's entry is successfully updated:

```
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
description: Employee of the Month
telephoneNumber: +47 2108 1746
roomNumber: 1389
l: Grenoble
ETag: 00000000e882c35e
```

2.4.3 Filtering Add and Modify Operations

Some client applications send updates including attributes with names that differ from the attribute names defined in OpenDJ. Other client applications might try to update attributes they should not update, such as the operational attributes `creatorsName`, `createTimestamp`, `modifiersName`, and `modifyTimestamp`. Ideally, you would fix the client application behavior, but that is not always feasible.

You can configure the attribute cleanup plugin to filter add and modify requests, rename attributes in requests using incorrect names, and remove attributes that applications should not change.

Example 2.14. Renaming Incoming Attributes

The following example renames incoming email attributes to mail attributes. First, configure the attribute cleanup plugin to rename the inbound attribute:

```
$ dsconfig \
create-plugin \
--port 4444 \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--type attribute-cleanup \
--plugin-name "Rename email to mail" \
--set enabled:true \
--set rename-inbound-attributes:email:mail \
--trustAll \
--no-prompt
```

Next, confirm that it worked as expected:

```
$ cat email.ldif
dn: uid=newuser,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: newuser
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: top
cn: New User
sn: User
ou: People
email: newuser@example.com
userPassword: changeme

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename email.ldif
Processing ADD request for uid=newuser,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN uid=newuser,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=newuser mail
dn: uid=newuser,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: newuser@example.com
```

Example 2.15. Removing Incoming Attributes

The following example prevents client applications from adding or modifying `creatorsName`, `createTimestamp`, `modifiersName`, and `modifyTimestamp` attributes. First, set up the attribute cleanup plugin:

```
$ dsconfig \
create-plugin \
--port 4444 \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--type attribute-cleanup \
--plugin-name "Remove attrs" \
--set enabled:true \
--set remove-inbound-attributes:creatorsName \
--set remove-inbound-attributes:createTimestamp \
--set remove-inbound-attributes:modifiersName \
--set remove-inbound-attributes:modifyTimestamp \
--trustAll \
--no-prompt
```

Next, confirm that it worked as expected:

```
$ cat badattrs.ldif
dn: uid=badattr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
uid: newuser
objectClass: person
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: top
cn: Bad Attr
sn: Attr
ou: People
mail: badattr@example.com
userPassword: changeme
creatorsName: cn=Bad Attr
createTimestamp: Never in a million years.
modifiersName: cn=Directory Manager,cn=Root DNs,cn=config
modifyTimestamp: 20110930164937Z

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename badattrs.ldif
Processing ADD request for uid=badattr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN uid=badattr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=badattr +
dn: uid=badattr,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
numSubordinates: 0
structuralObjectClass: inetOrgPerson
pwdPolicySubentry: cn=Default Password Policy,cn=Password Policies,cn=config
subschemaSubentry: cn=schema
hasSubordinates: false
entryDN: uid=badattr,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
entryUUID: 35e5cb0e-e929-49d8-a50f-2df036d60db9
pwdChangedTime: 20110930165959.135Z
creatorsName: cn=Directory Manager,cn=Root DNs,cn=config
createTimestamp: 20110930165959Z
```

2.4.4 Renaming Entries

The Relative Distinguished Name (RDN) refers to the part of an entry's DN that differentiates it from all other DNs at the same level in the directory tree. For example, `uid=bjensen` is the RDN of the entry with the DN `uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com`.

With the **ldapmodify** command, authorized users can rename entries in the directory.

When you change the RDN of the entry, you are renaming the entry, modifying the value of the naming attribute, and the entry's DN.

Example 2.16. Rename: Modifying the DN

Sam Carter is changing her last name to Jensen, and changing her login from `scarter` to `sjensen`. The following example shows you how to rename and change Sam Carter's entry. Notice the boolean field, `deleteoldrdn: 1`, which indicates that the previous RDN, `uid: scarter`, should be removed. (Setting `deleteoldrdn: 0` instead would preserve `uid: scarter` on the entry.)

```
$ cat /path/to/scarter-sjensen.ldif
dn: uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modrdn
newrdn: uid=sjensen
deleteoldrdn: 1

dn: uid=sjensen,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
replace: cn
cn: Sam Jensen
-
replace: sn
sn: Jensen
-
replace: homeDirectory
homeDirectory: /home/sjensen
-
replace: mail
mail: sjensen@example.com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \
--bindPassword bribery \
--filename /path/to/scarter-sjensen.ldif
Processing MODIFY DN request for uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY DN operation successful for DN uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
Processing MODIFY request for uid=sjensen,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=sjensen,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com
```


2.4.5 Moving Entries

When you rename an entry with child entries, the directory has to move all the entries underneath it.



Note

The modify DN operation only works when moving entries in the same backend, under the same suffix. Also, depending on the number of entries you move, this can be a resource-intensive operation.

With the **ldapmodify** command, authorized users can move entries in the directory.

Example 2.17. Move: Merging Customer and Employees Under ou=People

The following example moves `ou=Customers,dc=example,dc=com` to `ou=People,dc=example,dc=com`, then moves each employee under `ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com` under `ou=People,dc=example,dc=com` as well, and finally removes the empty `ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com` container. Here, `deleteoldrdn: 1` indicates that the old RDN, `ou: Customers`, should be removed from the entry. For employees, `deleteoldrdn: 0` indicates that old RDNs, in this case, `uid` attribute values, should be preserved:

```

$ cat move-customers.ldif
dn: ou=Customers,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modrdn
newrdn: ou=People
deleteoldrdn: 1
newsuperior: dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename move-customers.ldif
Processing MODIFY DN request for ou=Customers,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY DN operation successful for DN ou=Customers,dc=example,dc=com

$ cat move-employees.pl
#!/usr/bin/perl -w

# For each employee, construct a spec to move under ou=People.
while (<>)
{
    # Next line folded for readability only. Should not be split.
    $_ =~ s/dn: (.*?)(.*)/dn: $1$2\nchangetype: moddn\nnewrdn: $1\n
        deleteoldrdn: 0\nnewsuperior: ou=People,dc=example,dc=com/;
    print;
}

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com uid=* - \
| move-employees.pl > /tmp/move-employees.ldif

$ head -n 6 /tmp/move-employees.ldif
dn: uid=abarnes,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: moddn
newrdn: uid=abarnes
deleteoldrdn: 0
newsuperior: ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename /tmp/move-employees.ldif
Processing MODIFY DN request for uid=abarnes,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY DN operation successful for DN uid=abarnes,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
Processing MODIFY DN request for uid=abergin,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY DN operation successful for DN uid=abergin,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
...
Processing MODIFY DN request for uid=wlutz,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY DN operation successful for DN uid=wlutz,ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapdelete \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
Processing DELETE request for ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com
DELETE operation successful for DN ou=Employees,dc=example,dc=com

```

2.4.6 Deleting Entries

With the **ldapmodify** command, authorized users can delete entries from the directory.

Example 2.18. Delete: Removing a Subtree

The following example shows you how to use the subtree delete option to remove all special users from the directory:

```
$ ldapdelete \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
--bindPassword password \  
--deleteSubtree "ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com"  
Processing DELETE request for ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com  
DELETE operation successful for DN ou=Special Users,dc=example,dc=com
```

2.5 Changing Passwords

With the **ldappasswordmodify** command, described in `ldappasswordmodify(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*, authorized users can change and reset user passwords.

Example 2.19. Resetting Passwords

The following example shows Kirsten Vaughan resetting Sam Carter's password. Kirsten has the appropriate privilege to reset Sam's password:

```
$ ldappasswordmodify \  
--useStartTLS \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword bribery \  
--authzID "dn:uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--newPassword ChangeMe  
The LDAP password modify operation was successful
```



Tip

The **ldappasswordmodify** command uses the LDAP Password Modify extended operation. If this extended operation is performed on a connection that is already associated with a user (in other words, when a user first does a bind on the connection, then requests the LDAP Password Modify extended operation),

then the operation is performed as the user associated with the connection. If the user associated with the connection is not the same user whose password is being changed, then OpenDJ considers it a password reset.

Whenever one user changes another user's password, OpenDJ considers it a password reset. Often password policies specify that users must change their passwords again after a password reset.

If you want your application to change a user's password, rather than reset a user's password, have your application request the password change as the user whose password is changing.

To change the password as the user, bind as the user whose password should be changed, and use the [LDAP Password Modify extended operation](#) with an authorization ID but without performing a bind, or use proxied authorization. For instructions on using proxied authorization, see [Section 2.8, "Configuring Proxied Authorization"](#).

You could also accomplish a password reset with the **manage-account** command, described in `manage-account(1)` in the *OpenDJ Reference*, although **set-password-is-reset** is a hidden option, supported only for testing:

```
$ manage-account \  
  set-password-is-reset \  
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
  --bindPassword password \  
  --targetDN uid=scarter,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com \  
  --operationValue true  
Password Is Reset: true
```

Example 2.20. Changing One's Own Password

You can use the **ldappasswordmodify** command to change your password, as long as you know your current password:

```
$ ldappasswordmodify \  
  --port 1389 \  
  --authzID "dn:uid=bjensen,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
  --currentPassword hifalutin \  
  --newPassword secret12  
The LDAP password modify operation was successful
```

The same operation works for `cn=Directory Manager`:

```
$ ldappasswordmodify \
--port 1389 \
--authzID "dn:cn=Directory Manager" \
--currentPassword password \
--newPassword secret12
The LDAP password modify operation was successful
```

Example 2.21. Changing Passwords With Special Characters

OpenDJ expects passwords to be UTF-8 encoded (base64-encoded when included in LDIF):

```
$ echo $LANG
en_US.utf8

$ ldappasswordmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com \
--bindPassword hifalutin \
--currentPassword hifalutin \
--newPassword pàsswörd
The LDAP password modify operation was successful

$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com \
--bindPassword pàsswörd \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
"(uid=bjensen)" cn
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
userPassword: {SSHA}k0eEeCxj9YRXUp8yJn0Z/mwqe+wrcFb1N1gg2g==
cn: Barbara Jensen
cn: Babs Jensen
```

2.6 Configuring Default Settings

You can use `~/opendj/tools.properties` to set the defaults for bind DN, host name, and port number as in the following example:

```
hostname=directory.example.com
port=1389
bindDN=uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

ldapcompare.port=1389
ldapdelete.port=1389
ldapmodify.port=1389
ldappasswordmodify.port=1389
ldapsearch.port=1389
```

The location on Windows is `%UserProfile%/opendj/tools.properties`.

2.7 Authenticating To the Directory Server

Authentication is the act of confirming the identity of a principal. Authorization is the act of determining whether to grant or to deny access to a principal. Authentication is performed to make authorization decisions.

As explained in Chapter 6, in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*, OpenDJ directory server implements fine-grained access control for authorization. Authorization for an operation depends on who is requesting the operation. In LDAP, directory servers must therefore authenticate a principal before they can authorize or deny access for particular operations. In LDAP, the bind operation authenticates the principal. The first LDAP operation in every LDAP session is generally a bind.

Clients bind by providing both a means to find their principal's entry in the directory and also by providing some credentials that the directory server can check against their entry.

In the simplest bind operation, the client provides a zero-length name and a zero-length password. This results in an anonymous bind, meaning the client is authenticated as an anonymous user of the directory. In the simplest examples in [Section 2.2, "Searching the Directory"](#), notice that no authentication information is provided. The examples work because the client commands default to requesting anonymous binds when no credentials are provided, and because access controls for the sample data allow anonymous clients to read, search, and compare some directory data.

In a simple bind operation, the client provides an LDAP name, such as the DN identifying its entry, and the corresponding password stored on the `userPassword` attribute of the entry. In [Section 2.4, "Updating the Directory"](#), notice that to change directory data, the client provides the bind DN and bind password of a user who has permission to change directory data. The commands do not work with a bind DN and bind password because access controls for the sample data only let authorized users change directory data.

Users rarely provide client applications with DN's, however. Instead, users might provide a client application with an identity string like a user ID or an email address. Depending on how the DN's are constructed, the client application can either build the DN directly from the user's identity string, or use a session where the bind has been performed with some other identity to search for the user entry based on the user's identity string. Given the DN constructed or found, the client application can then perform a simple bind.

For example, suppose Babs Jensen enters her email address, `bjensen@example.com`, and her password in order to log in. The client application might search for the entry matching `(mail=bjensen@example.com)` under base DN `dc=example, dc=com`. Alternatively, the client application might know to extract the user

ID bjensen from the address, then build the corresponding DN, uid=bjensen, ou=people,dc=example,dc=com in order to bind.

When an identifier string provided by the user can be readily mapped to the user's entry DN, OpenDJ directory server can translate between the identifier string and the entry DN. This translation is the job of a component called an identity mapper. Identity mappers are used to perform PLAIN SASL authentication (with a user name and password), SASL GSSAPI authentication (Kerberos V5), SASL CRAM MD5, and DIGEST MD5 authentication. They also handle authorization IDs during password modify extended operations and proxied authorization.

One use of PLAIN SASL is to translate user names from HTTP Basic authentication to LDAP authentication. The following example shows PLAIN SASL authentication using the default Exact Match identity mapper. In this (contrived) example, Babs Jensen reads the hashed value of her password. (According to the access controls in the example data, Babs must authenticate to read her password.) Notice the authentication ID is her user ID, u:bjensen, rather than the DN of her entry:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--useStartTLS \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
--saslOption mech=PLAIN \
--saslOption authid=u:bjensen \
--bindPassword h1falutin \
"(cn=Babs Jensen)" cn userPassword
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Barbara Jensen
cn: Babs Jensen
userPassword: {SSHA}7S4Si+vPE513cYQ7oti qb8hjiCzU7XNTv0RPBA==
```

The Exact Match identity mapper searches for a match between the string provided (here, bjensen) and the value of a specified attribute (by default the uid attribute). If you know users are entering their email addresses, you could create an exact match identity mapper for email addresses, then use that for PLAIN SASL authentication as in the following example:

```
$ dsconfig \
  create-identity-mapper \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --port 4444 \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --mapper-name "Email Mapper" \
  --type exact-match \
  --set match-attribute:mail \
  --set enabled:true \
  --no-prompt

$ dsconfig \
  set-sasl-mechanism-handler-prop \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --port 4444 \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name PLAIN \
  --set identity-mapper:"Email Mapper" \
  --no-prompt

$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --useStartTLS \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  --saslOption mech=PLAIN \
  --saslOption authid=u:bjensen@example.com \
  --bindPassword hifalutin \
  "(cn=Babs Jensen)" cn userPassword
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Barbara Jensen
cn: Babs Jensen
userPassword: {SSHA}7S4Si+vPE513cYQ7otiqb8hjiCzU7XNTv0RPBA==
```

OpenDJ directory server's Regular Expression identity mapper uses a regular expression to extract a substring from the string provided, then searches for a match between the substring and the value of a specified attribute. In the case of example data where an email address is *user ID + @ + domain*, you can use the default Regular Expression identity mapper in the same way as the email mapper from the previous example. The default regular expression pattern is `^([^\@]+)\.+$`, and the part of the identity string matching `([^\@]+)` is used to find the entry by user ID:


```
$ dsconfig \
  set-sasl-mechanism-handler-prop \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --port 4444 \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name PLAIN \
  --set identity-mapper:"Regular Expression" \
  --no-prompt

$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --useStartTLS \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  --saslOption mech=PLAIN \
  --saslOption authid=u:bjensen@example.com \
  --bindPassword hifalutin \
  "(cn=Babs Jensen)" cn userPassword
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Barbara Jensen
cn: Babs Jensen
userPassword: {SSHA}7S4Si+vPE513cYQ7otiqb8hjiCzU7XNTv0RPBA==
```

Try the **dsconfig** command interactively to experiment with `match-pattern` and `replace-pattern` settings for the Regular Expression identity mapper. The `match-pattern` can be any regular expression supported by `javax.util.regex.Pattern`.

2.8 Configuring Proxied Authorization

Proxied authorization provides a standard control as defined in [RFC 4370](#) (and an earlier Internet-Draft) for binding with the user credentials of a proxy, who carries out LDAP operations on behalf of other users. You might use proxied authorization, for example, to bind your application with its credentials, then carry out operations as the users who login to the application.

Proxied authorization is similar to the UNIX **sudo** command. The proxied operation is performed as if it were requested not by the user who did the bind, but by the proxied user. [Table 2.4, "Whether Proxy Authorization Allows an Operation on the Target"](#) shows how this affects permissions.

Table 2.4. Whether Proxy Authorization Allows an Operation on the Target

	Bind DN no access	Bind DN has access
Proxy ID no access	No	No
Proxy ID has access	Yes	Yes



Note

When you configure resource limits as described in Chapter 12, in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*, know that the resource limits do not change when the user proxies as another user. In other words, resource limits depend on the bind DN, not the proxy authorization identity.

Suppose you have an administrative directory client application that has an entry in the directory with DN `cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com`. You can give that application the access rights and privileges to use proxied authorization. The default access control for OpenDJ lets authenticated users use the proxied authorization control.

Suppose also that when directory administrator, Kirsten Vaughan, logs in to your application to change Babs Jensen's entry, your application looks up Kirsten's entry, and finds that she has DN `uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com`. For the example commands in [Procedure 2.1, "To Configure Proxied Authorization"](#), My App uses proxied authorization to make a change to Babs's entry as Kirsten.

Procedure 2.1. To Configure Proxied Authorization

In order to carry out LDAP operations on behalf of another user, the user binding to OpenDJ directory server needs:

- Permission to use the LDAP Proxy Authorization Control.

Permissions are granted using access control instructions (ACIs). This calls for an ACI with a `targetcontrol` list that includes the Proxy Authorization Control OID `2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.18` that grants `allow(read)` permission to the user binding to the directory.

- Permission to proxy as the given authorization user.

This calls for an ACI with a `target scope` that includes the entry of the authorization user that grants `allow(proxy)` permission to the user binding to the directory.

- The privilege to use proxied authorization.

Privileges are granted using the `ds-privilege-name` attribute.

Follow these steps to configure proxied authorization for applications with DNs that match `cn=*,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com`:

1. If the global ACIs do not allow access to use the Proxy Authorization Control, grant access to applications to use the control.

The control has OID 2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.18:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
--bindPassword password  
dn: dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: aci  
aci: (targetcontrol="2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.18") (version 3.0; acl  
  "Apps can use the Proxy Authorization Control"; allow(read)  
  userdn="ldap:///cn=*,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com");)  
  
Processing MODIFY request for dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation successful for DN dc=example,dc=com
```

2. Grant access to applications that can use proxied authorization:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
--bindPassword password  
dn: dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: aci  
aci: (target="ldap:///dc=example,dc=com") (targetattr ="*  
  ")(version 3.0; acl "Allow apps proxied auth"; allow(all, proxy  
  )(userdn = "ldap:///cn=*,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com");)  
  
Processing MODIFY request for dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation successful for DN dc=example,dc=com
```

3. Grant the privilege to use proxied authorization to My App:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
--bindPassword password  
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: ds-privilege-name  
ds-privilege-name: proxied-auth  
  
Processing MODIFY request for cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation successful for DN cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
```

4. Test that My App can use proxied authorization:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword password \  
--proxyAs "dn:uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com"  
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
replace: description  
description: Changed through proxied auth  
  
Processing MODIFY request for uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
```

If you need to map authorization identifiers using the `u:` form rather than using `dn:`, you can set the identity mapper with the global configuration setting, `proxied-authorization-identity-mapper`. For example, if you get user ID values from the client, such as `bjensen`, you can configure OpenDJ directory server to use the exact match identity mapper to match those to DNs based on an attribute of the entry. Use the **`dsconfig`** command interactively to determine the settings you need.

2.9 Authenticating Using a Certificate

One alternative to simple binds with user name/password combinations consists of storing a digital certificate on the user entry, then using the certificate as credentials during the bind. You can use this mechanism, for example, to let applications bind without using passwords.

By setting up a secure connection with a certificate, the client is in effect authenticating to the server. The server must close the connection if it cannot trust the client certificate. However, the process of establishing a secure connection does not in itself identify the client to OpenDJ directory server.

Instead, when binding with a certificate, the client must request the SASL External mechanism by which OpenDJ directory server maps the certificate to the client entry in the directory. When it finds a match, OpenDJ sets the authorization identity for the connection to that of the client, and the bind is successful.

For the whole process of authenticating with a certificate to work smoothly, OpenDJ and the client must trust each others' certificates, the client certificate must be stored on the client entry in the directory, and OpenDJ must be configured to map the certificate to the client entry.

This section includes the following procedures and examples:

- [Procedure 2.2, "To Add Certificate Information to an Entry"](#)

- [Procedure 2.3, "To Use a PKCS #12 Truststore"](#)
- [Procedure 2.4, "To Configure Certificate Mappers"](#)
- [Example 2.22, "Authenticating With Client Certificates"](#)

Procedure 2.2. To Add Certificate Information to an Entry

Before you try to bind to OpenDJ directory server using a certificate, create a certificate, then add the certificate attributes to the entry.

[Example.ldif](#) includes an entry for `cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com`. Examples in this section use that entry, and use the Java **keytool** command to manage the certificate:

1. Create a certificate using the DN of the client entry as the distinguished name string:

```
$ keytool \  
-genkey \  
-alias myapp-cert \  
-keyalg rsa \  
-dname "cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com" \  
-keystore keystore \  
-storepass changeit \  
-keypass changeit
```

2. Get the certificate signed.

If you cannot get the certificate signed by a Certificate Authority, self-sign the certificate:

```
$ keytool \  
-selfcert \  
-alias myapp-cert \  
-validity 7300 \  
-keystore keystore \  
-storepass changeit \  
-keypass changeit
```

3. Make note of the certificate fingerprints.

Later in this procedure you update the client application entry with the MD5 fingerprint, which in this example is `48:AC:F9:13:11:E0:AB:C4:65:A2:83:9E:DB:FE:0C:37`:

```
$ keytool \
-list \
-v \
-alias myapp-cert \
-keystore keystore \
-storepass changeit
Alias name: myapp-cert
Creation date: Jan 18, 2013
Entry type: PrivateKeyEntry
Certificate chain length: 1
Certificate[1]:
Owner: CN=My App, OU=Apps, DC=example, DC=com
Issuer: CN=My App, OU=Apps, DC=example, DC=com
Serial number: 5ae2277
Valid from: Fri Jan 18 18:27:09 CET 2013 until: Thu Jan 13 18:27:09 CET 2033
Certificate fingerprints:
  MD5: 48:AC:F9:13:11:E0:AB:C4:65:A2:83:9E:DB:FE:0C:37
  SHA1: F9:61:54:37:AA:C1:BC:92:45:07:64:4B:23:6C:C9:CD:1D:44:0F
  SHA256: 2D:B1:58:CD:33:40:E9:....FD:61:EA:C9:FF:6A:19:93:FE:E4:84:E3
  Signature algorithm name: SHA256withRSA
  Version: 3

Extensions:

#1: ObjectId: 2.5.29.14 Criticality=false
SubjectKeyIdentifier [
KeyIdentifier [
0000: 54 C0 C5 9C 73 37 85 4B   F2 3B D3 37 FD 45 0A AB   T...s7.K.;.7.E..
0010: C9 6B 32 95                      .k2.
]
]
```

4. Export the certificate to a file in binary format:

```
$ keytool \
-export \
-alias myapp-cert \
-keystore keystore \
-storepass changeit \
-keypass changeit \
-file myapp-cert.crt
Certificate stored in file </path/to/myapp-cert.crt>
```

5. Modify the entry to add attributes related to the certificate.

By default, you need the `userCertificate` value.

If you want OpenDJ to map the certificate to its fingerprint, use the `ds-certificate-fingerprint` attribute. This example uses the MD5 fingerprint, which corresponds to the default setting for the fingerprint certificate mapper.

If you want to map the certificate subject DN to an attribute of the entry, use the `ds-certificate-subject-dn` attribute:

```
$ cat addcert.ldif
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
add: objectclass
objectclass: ds-certificate-user
-
add: ds-certificate-fingerprint
ds-certificate-fingerprint: 48:AC:F9:13:11:E0:AB:C4:65:A2:83:9E:DB:FE:0C:37
-
add: ds-certificate-subject-dn
ds-certificate-subject-dn: CN=My App, OU=Apps, DC=example, DC=com
-
add: userCertificate;binary
userCertificate;binary:<file:///path/to/myapp-cert.crt

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename addcert.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
```

6. Check your work:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
"(cn=My App)"
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
ds-certificate-fingerprint: 4B:F5:CF:2C:2D:B3:86:14:FF:43:A8:37:17:DD:E7:55
userCertificate;binary:: MIID0zCCAi0gAwIBAgIESfC6IjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADBOMRMwEQY
KCZImiZPyLGBGRYDY29tMRcwFQYKCCImiZPyLGBGRYHZXhhbXBsZTENMAsgA1UECxEQXBwcEPMA
0GA1UEAxMGTXkgQXBwMB4XDTEzMDExNzE3MTcwM1oXDTEzMDQxNzE3MTcwM1owTjETMBEGCgmS
JomT8ixkARKwA2NvbTEXMBUGCgmSJomT8ixkARKwB2V4YW1wbGUxDTALBgNVBAsTBFEFwcHMxZDZANBgNVBAMT
Bk15IEFwcDCCASIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBAJQYq+jG4ZQdNkyBT40QBZ0sFkL
X5o2yBVlDMG1lsSWIRGLpFwu6iq1chndPBjYTC+FkT66yEE0wwOpSfcYdFHKMQP0qp5A8mgP6bYkeH1
R0vQ1nhLs0ILuksR10CVI05b1zv6bGEFhA9gSKmpHfQ0St9PXq8+kuz+4RgZk9iL28tgDNMm91wSjr7
kqi5g7a2a7Io5s9L2FelhVSBYwinWQnASk8nENrhce0hHkrpGsaxdhIQBQ0vm+SRC0dI4E9iwbGI3Lw
lV3a4KTa5DlYD6cDREI6B8XlSdc1DaIhwC8CbsE0WJQoCERSURdjkUhrPck6f69HKUFRiC7JMT3dFbs
CAwEAAMhMB8wHQYDVR00BBYEFFTAxZxzN4VL8jvTN/1FCqvJazKVMA0GCSqGSI3DQEBCCUAA4IBAQ
BXsAIEw7I5XUzLFHvXb2N0hmW/Vmhb/Vlv9LTT8JcCRJy4zaiyS9Q+Sp9zOUkrXauFnNAhJLwpAymjZ
MC0q1Th1bw9LnIzbccPQ/1+ZHLKDU5pgnc5BcvaV6Zl6C0LLH200t0XMZ/0r0DBV1M6StfhChqcowff
xp72pWMe+kpZfzjeDBk4kK2hUNTZsimB9qRyrDAMCIXdmdmFv1o07orxjy8c/6S1329swiiVqFckBR
aXIa8wCcXjpQbZacD0DeKk6wZIKxw4miLg1YByCma7vkUfz+Jj+JHgbHjyoT/G82mtDbX02chLgXbDm
xJPFN3mwAC7NEkSPbqd35nJlf3
objectClass: person
objectClass: inetOrgPerson
objectClass: organizationalPerson
objectClass: ds-certificate-user
objectClass: top
ds-certificate-subject-dn: CN=My App, OU=Apps, DC=example, DC=com
cn: My App
sn: App
```

7. When using a self-signed certificate, import the client certificate into the truststore for OpenDJ.

When the client presents its certificate to OpenDJ, by default OpenDJ must trust the client certificate before it can accept the connection. If OpenDJ cannot trust the client certificate, it cannot establish a secure connection:


```
$ keytool \
-import \
-alias myapp-cert \
-file /path/to/myapp-cert.crt \
-keystore /path/to/openssl/config/truststore \
-storepass `cat /path/to/openssl/config/keystore.pin`
Owner: CN=My App, OU=Apps, DC=example, DC=com
Issuer: CN=My App, OU=Apps, DC=example, DC=com
Serial number: 5ae2277
Valid from: Fri Jan 18 18:27:09 CET 2013 until: Thu Jan 13 18:27:09 CET 2033
Certificate fingerprints:
  MD5:  48:AC:F9:13:11:E0:AB:C4:65:A2:83:9E:DB:FE:0C:37
  SHA1: F9:61:54:37:AA:C1:BC:92:45:07:64:4B:23:6C:BC:C9:CD:1D:44:0F
  SHA256: 2D:B1:58:CD:33:40:E9:...:FD:61:EA:C9:FF:6A:19:93:FE:E4:84:E3
Signature algorithm name: SHA256withRSA
Version: 3

Extensions:

#1: ObjectId: 2.5.29.14 Criticality=false
SubjectKeyIdentifier [
KeyIdentifier [
0000: 54 C0 C5 9C 73 37 85 4B   F2 3B D3 37 FD 45 0A AB   T...s7.K.;.7.E..
0010: C9 6B 32 95                               .k2.
]
]

Trust this certificate? [no]:  yes
Certificate was added to keystore
```

8. When using a certificate signed by a CA whose certificate is not delivered with the Java runtime environment¹, import the CA certificate either into the Java runtime environment truststore, or into the OpenDJ trust store as shown in the following example:

¹\$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts holds the certificates for many CAs. To get the full list, use the following command:

```
$ keytool \
-list \
-v \
-keystore $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts \
-storepass changeit
```

```
$ keytool \
-import \
-alias ca-cert \
-file ca.crt \
-keystore /path/to/openssl/config/truststore \
-storepass `cat /path/to/openssl/config/keystore.pin`
Owner: EMAILADDRESS=admin@example.com, CN=Example CA, O=Example Corp, C=FR
Issuer: EMAILADDRESS=admin@example.com, CN=Example CA, O=Example Corp, C=FR
Serial number: d4586ea05c878b0c
Valid from: Tue Jan 29 09:30:31 CET 2013 until: Mon Jan 24 09:30:31 CET 2033
Certificate fingerprints:
  MD5:  8A:83:61:9B:E7:18:A2:21:CE:92:94:96:59:68:60:FA
  SHA1: 01:99:18:38:3A:57:D7:92:7B:D6:03:8C:7B:E4:1D:37:45:0E:29:DA
  SHA256: 5D:20:F1:86:CC:CD:64:50:1E:54:...:DF:15:43:07:69:44:00:FB:36:CF
Signature algorithm name: SHA1withRSA
Version: 3

Extensions:

#1: ObjectId: 2.5.29.35 Criticality=false
AuthorityKeyIdentifier [
KeyIdentifier [
0000: 30 07 67 7D 1F 09 B6 E6   90 85 95 58 94 37 FD 31  0.g.....X.7.1
0010: 03 D4 56 7B                               ..V.
]
[EMAILADDRESS=admin@example.com, CN=Example CA, O=Example Corp, C=FR]
SerialNumber: [   d4586ea0 5c878b0c]
]

#2: ObjectId: 2.5.29.19 Criticality=false
BasicConstraints:[
  CA:true
  PathLen:2147483647
]

#3: ObjectId: 2.5.29.14 Criticality=false
SubjectKeyIdentifier [
KeyIdentifier [
0000: 30 07 67 7D 1F 09 B6 E6   90 85 95 58 94 37 FD 31  0.g.....X.7.1
0010: 03 D4 56 7B                               ..V.
]
]

Trust this certificate? [no]:  yes
Certificate was added to keystore
```

9. If you updated the OpenDJ truststore to add a certificate, restart OpenDJ to make sure it reads the updated truststore and recognizes the certificate:

```
$ stop-ds --restart
Stopping Server...
...
... The Directory Server has started successfully
```

Procedure 2.3. To Use a PKCS #12 Truststore

The Java **keytool** command does not support importing trusted certificates into a PKCS #12 format store. Yet, Java does support creating a PKCS #12 format keystore, and using an existing PKCS #12 format store as a truststore. You can use a PKCS #12 store as an OpenDJ truststore.

1. Add the PKCS #12 format store to OpenDJ's configuration.

By default, OpenDJ expects the store to be `/path/to/opendj/config/truststore.p12`. The following example uses that default:

```
$ cp /path/to/pkcs12-store /path/to/opendj/config/truststore.p12
```

Here, *pkcs12-store* is the file name of the PKCS #12 format store.

2. Configure the OpenDJ PKCS12 trust manager provider to use the PKCS #12 store, and restart OpenDJ server to force it to read the store.

In the following example, the store password is `changeit`:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-trust-manager-provider-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --provider-name PKCS12 \
  --set enabled:true \
  --set trust-store-pin:changeit \
  --no-prompt \
  --trustAll
$ stop-ds --restart
```

3. Configure a connection handler to use the PKCS12 trust manager provider.

The following example configures the LDAPS connection handler:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-connection-handler-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name "LDAPS Connection Handler" \
  --set trust-manager-provider:PKCS12 \
  --no-prompt \
  --trustAll
```

4. Verify SSL mutual authentication to check your work.

The following example assumes the client certificate for My App is present in the PKCS #12 store, and that the certificate has been added to the entry for My App as in [Procedure 2.2, "To Add Certificate Information to an Entry"](#):

```
$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1636 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  --useSSL \
  --useSASLExternal \
  --certNickName myapp-cert \
  --keyStorePath keystore \
  --keyStorePassword changeit \
  --trustStorePath /path/to/opendj/config/keystore \
  --trustStorePasswordFile /path/to/opendj/config/keystore.pin \
  "(cn=My App)" userPassword
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
userPassword: {SSHA}9jjvsv9wLTW7Ikflzc2/wMNBjAN6G4CbbTKYIw==
```

Procedure 2.4. To Configure Certificate Mappers

OpenDJ uses certificate mappers during binds to establish a mapping between a client certificate and the entry that corresponds to that certificate. The certificate mappers provided out of the box include the following:

Fingerprint Certificate Mapper

Looks for the MD5 (default) or SHA1 certificate fingerprint in an attribute of the entry (default: `ds-certificate-fingerprint`).

Subject Attribute To User Attribute Mapper

Looks for a match between an attribute of the certificate subject and an attribute of the entry (default: match `cn` in the certificate to `cn` on the entry, or match `emailAddress` in the certificate to `mail` on the entry).

Subject DN to User Attribute Certificate Mapper

Looks for the certificate subject DN in an attribute of the entry (default: ds-certificate-subject-dn).

Subject Equals DN Certificate Mapper

Looks for an entry whose DN matches the certificate subject DN.

If the default configurations for the certificate mappers are acceptable, you do not need to change them. They are enabled by default.

The following steps demonstrate how to change the Fingerprint Mapper default algorithm of MD5 to SHA1:

1. List the certificate mappers to retrieve the correct name:

```
$ dsconfig \
list-certificate-mappers \
--port 4444 \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password
```

Certificate Mapper	: Type	: enabled

Fingerprint Mapper	: fingerprint	: true
Subject Attribute to User Attribute	: subject-attribute-to-user-attribute	: true
Subject DN to User Attribute	: subject-dn-to-user-attribute	: true
Subject Equals DN	: subject-equals-dn	: true

2. Examine the current configuration:

```
$ dsconfig \
get-certificate-mapper-prop \
--port 4444 \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--mapper-name "Fingerprint Mapper"
```

Property	: Value(s)

enabled	: true
fingerprint-algorithm	: md5
fingerprint-attribute	: ds-certificate-fingerprint
user-base-dn	: -

3. Change the configuration as necessary:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-certificate-mapper-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --mapper-name "Fingerprint Mapper" \
  --set fingerprint-algorithm:sha1 \
  --no-prompt
```

4. Set the External SASL Mechanism Handler to use the appropriate certificate mapper (default: Subject Equals DN).

Client applications use the SASL External mechanism during the bind to have OpenDJ set the authorization identifier based on the entry that matches the client certificate:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-sasl-mechanism-handler-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name External \
  --set certificate-mapper:"Fingerprint Mapper" \
  --no-prompt
```

Example 2.22. Authenticating With Client Certificates

Instead of providing a bind DN and password as for simple authentication, use the SASL EXTERNAL authentication mechanism, and provide the certificate. As a test with example data, you can try an anonymous search, then try with certificate-based authentication.

Before you try this example, make sure OpenDJ is set up to accept StartTLS from clients, and that you have set up the client certificate as described above. Next, create a password .pin file for your client key store:

```
$ echo changeit > keystore.pin
$ chmod 400 keystore.pin
```

Also, if OpenDJ directory server uses a certificate for StartTLS that was not signed by a well-known CA, import the appropriate certificate into the client keystore, which can then double as a truststore. For example, if OpenDJ uses a self-signed certificate, import the server certificate into the keystore:

```
$ keytool \  
-export \  
-alias server-cert \  
-file server-cert.crt \  
-keystore /path/to/openssl/config/keystore \  
-storepass `cat /path/to/openssl/config/keystore.pin`  
  
$ keytool \  
-import \  
-trustcacerts \  
-alias server-cert \  
-file server-cert.crt \  
-keystore keystore \  
-storepass `cat keystore.pin`
```

If OpenDJ directory server uses a CA-signed certificate, but the CA is not well-known, import the CA certificate into your keystore:

```
$ keytool \  
-import \  
-trustcacerts \  
-alias ca-cert \  
-file ca-cert.crt \  
-keystore keystore \  
-storepass `cat keystore.pin`
```

Now that you can try the example, notice that OpenDJ does not return the `userPassword` value for an anonymous search:

```
$ ldapsearch \  
--port 1389 \  
--hostname openssl.example.com \  
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \  
--useStartTLS \  
--trustStorePath keystore \  
--trustStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \  
"(cn=My App)" userPassword  
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
```

OpenDJ does let users read the values of their own `userPassword` attributes after they bind successfully:

```
$ ldapsearch \  
--port 1389 \  
--hostname opendj.example.com \  
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \  
--useStartTLS \  
--useSASLExternal \  
--certNickName myapp-cert \  
--keyStorePath keystore \  
--keyStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \  
--trustStorePath keystore \  
--trustStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \  
"(cn=My App)" userPassword  
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com  
userPassword: {SSHA}vy/vTth0QoV/wH3MciT0BKkR40X+0dSN/a09Ew==
```

You can also try the same test with other certificate mappers:


```
# Fingerprint mapper
$ dsconfig \
  set-sasl-mechanism-handler-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name External \
  --set certificate-mapper:"Fingerprint Mapper" \
  --no-prompt

$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  --useStartTLS \
  --useSASLExternal \
  --certNickName myapp-cert \
  --keyStorePath keystore \
  --keyStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \
  --trustStorePath keystore \
  --trustStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \
  "(cn=My App)" userPassword
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
userPassword: {SSHA}vy/vTth0QoV/wH3MciTOBKkR40X+0dSN/a09Ew==

# Subject Attribute to User Attribute mapper
$ dsconfig \
  set-sasl-mechanism-handler-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name External \
  --set certificate-mapper:"Subject Attribute to User Attribute" \
  --no-prompt

$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  --useStartTLS \
  --useSASLExternal \
  --certNickName myapp-cert \
  --keyStorePath keystore \
  --keyStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \
  --trustStorePath keystore \
  --trustStorePasswordFile keystore.pin \
  "(cn=My App)" userPassword
dn: cn=My App,ou=Apps,dc=example,dc=com
userPassword: {SSHA}vy/vTth0QoV/wH3MciTOBKkR40X+0dSN/a09Ew==

# Subject DN to User Attribute mapper
$ dsconfig \
  set-sasl-mechanism-handler-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --handler-name External \
  --set certificate-mapper:"Subject DN to User Attribute" \
  --no-prompt
```

```
$ ldapsearch \
  --port 1389 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
  --useStartTLS \
  --useSASLExternal \
  --certNickName myapp-cert \
```

Chapter 3

Using LDAP Schema

LDAP services are based on X.500 Directory Services, which are telecommunications standards. In telecommunications, interoperability is paramount. Competitors must cooperate to the extent that they use each others' systems. For directory services, the protocols for exchanging data and the descriptions of the data are standardized. LDAP defines *schema* that describe both what attributes a given LDAP entry must have and may optionally have, and also what attribute values can contain and how they can be matched. Formal schema definitions protect interoperability when many applications read and write to the same directory service. Directory data are much easier to share as long as you understand how to use LDAP schema.

Chapter 14, in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide* covers LDAP schema from the server administrator's perspective. Administrators can update LDAP directory schema. OpenDJ directory server includes a large number of standard schema definitions available by default. Administrators can also adjust how strictly OpenDJ directory server applies schema definitions.

This chapter covers LDAP schema from the script developer's perspective. As a script developer, you use the available schema and accept the server's application of schema when updating directory entries.

In this chapter you will learn how to:

- Look up available schemas
- Understand what the schemas allow
- Understand and resolve errors that arise due to schema violations

3.1 Getting Schema Information

Directory servers publish information about services they provide as operational attributes of the *root DSE*. The root DSE is the entry with an empty string DN, "". DSE is an acronym for DSA-Specific Entry. DSA is an acronym for Directory System Agent. The DSE differs by server, but is generally nearly identical for replicas.

OpenDJ directory server publishes the DN of the entry holding schema definitions as the value of the attribute `subschemaSubentry` as shown in [Example 3.1, "Finding the Schema Entry"](#).

Example 3.1. Finding the Schema Entry

Look up the schema DN:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN "" --searchScope base "(&)" subschemaSubentry
dn:
subschemaSubentry: cn=schema
```

By default, the DN for the schema entry is `cn=schema`.

The schema entry has the following attributes whose values are schema definitions:

`attributeTypes`

Attribute type definitions describe attributes of directory entries, such as `givenName` or `mail`.

`objectClasses`

Object class definitions identify the attribute types that an entry must have, and may have. Examples of object classes include `person` and `organizationalUnit`. Object classes inherit from other object classes. For example, `inetOrgPerson` inherits from `person`.

Object classes are specified as values of an entry's `objectClass` attribute.

An object class can be one of the following:

- *Structural* object classes define the core structure of the entry, generally representing a real-world object.

By default, OpenDJ directory entries have a single structural object class or at least a single line of structural object class inheritance.

The `person` object class is structural, for example.

- *Auxiliary* object classes define additional characteristics of entries.

The `posixAccount` object class is auxiliary, for example.

- *Abstract* object classes define base characteristics for other object classes to inherit, and cannot themselves inherit from other object classes.

The top object class from which others inherit is *abstract*, for example.

`ldapSyntaxes`

An *attribute syntax* constrains what directory clients can store as attribute values.

`matchingRules`

A *Matching rule* determines how the directory server compares attribute values to assertion values for LDAP search and LDAP compare operations.

For example, in a search having the filter `(uid=bjensen)` the assertion value is `bjensen`.

`nameForms`

A *name form* specifies which attribute can be used as the relative DN (RDN) for a structural object class.

`dITStructureRules`

A *DIT structure rule* defines a relationship between directory entries by identifying the name form allowed for subordinate entries of a given superior entry.

Example 3.2. Reading an Object Class Schema Definition

The schema entry in OpenDJ directory server is large because it contains all of the schema definitions. Filter the results when reading a specific schema definition. As schema definitions themselves are long strings, pass the `--dontWrap` option to the **ldapsearch** command when reading one.

The example below reads the definition for the `person` object class:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN "cn=schema" \
--searchScope base \
--dontWrap \
"(&)" \
objectClasses \
| grep '\person\
objectClasses: ( 2.5.6.6 NAME 'person' SUP top STRUCTURAL MUST ( sn $ cn )
MAY ( userPassword $ telephoneNumber $ seeAlso $ description )
X-ORIGIN 'RFC 4519' )
```

Notice the use of the object class name in **grep \'**person**\'** to filter search results. The actual result would not be wrapped.

The object class defines which attributes an entry of that object class *must* have and which attributes the entry *may* optionally have. A person entry must have a cn and an sn attribute. A person entry may optionally have userPassword, telephoneNumber, seeAlso, and description attributes.

To determine definitions of those attributes, read the LDAP schema as demonstrated in [Example 3.3, "Reading Schema Definitions for an Attribute"](#).

Example 3.3. Reading Schema Definitions for an Attribute

The following example shows you how to read the schema definition for the cn attribute:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN "cn=schema" \
--searchScope base \
--dontWrap \
"(&)" \
attributeTypes \
| grep '\cn\'
attributeTypes: ( 2.5.4.3 NAME ( 'cn' 'commonName' ) SUP name X-ORIGIN 'RFC 4519' )
```

The cn attribute inherits its definition from the name attribute. That attribute definition indicates attribute syntax and matching rules as shown in the following example:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN "cn=schema" \
--searchScope base \
--dontWrap \
"(&)" \
attributeTypes \
| grep '\name\'
attributeTypes: ( 2.5.4.41 NAME 'name' EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{32768} X-ORIGIN 'RFC 4519' )
```

This means that the server ignores case when matching a common name value. Use the OID to read the syntax as shown in the following example:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN "cn=schema" \
--searchScope base \
--dontWrap \
"(&)" \
ldapSyntaxes \
| grep 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15
ldapSyntaxes: ( 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15 DESC 'Directory String' )
```

Taken together with the information for the name attribute, the common name attribute value is a Directory String of at most 32,768 characters. For details about syntaxes, read [RFC 4517, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol \(LDAP\): Syntaxes and Matching Rules](#). That document describes a Directory String as one or more UTF-8 characters.

3.2 Respecting LDAP Schema

For the sake of interoperability and to avoid polluting directory data, scripts and applications should respect LDAP schema. In the simplest case, scripts and applications can use the schemas already defined.

OpenDJ directory server does accept updates to schema definitions over LDAP while the server is running. This means that when a new application calls for attributes that are not yet defined by existing directory schemas, the directory administrator can easily add them as described in Section 14.2, “Updating Directory Schema” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide* as long as the new definitions do not conflict with existing definitions.

General purpose applications handle many different types of data. Such applications must manage schema compliance at run time. Software development kits such as the Java-based OpenDJ LDAP SDK provide mechanisms for reading schema definitions at run time and checking whether entry data is valid according to the schema definitions.

Many scripts do not require run time schema checking. In such cases it is enough properly to handle schema-related LDAP result codes when writing to the directory:

LDAP result code: 17 (Undefined attribute type)

The requested operation failed because it referenced an attribute that is not defined in the server schema.

LDAP result code: 18 (Inappropriate matching)

The requested operation failed because it attempted to perform an inappropriate type of matching against an attribute.

LDAP result code: 20 (Attribute or value exists)

The requested operation failed because it would have resulted in a conflict with an existing attribute or attribute value in the target entry.

For example, the request tried to add a second value to a single-valued attribute.

LDAP result code: 21 (Invalid attribute syntax)

The requested operation failed because it violated the syntax for a specified attribute.

LDAP result code: 34 (Invalid DN syntax)

The requested operation failed because it would have resulted in an entry with an invalid or malformed DN.

LDAP result code: 64 (Naming violation)

The requested operation failed because it would have violated the server's naming configuration.

For example, the request did not respect a name form definition.

LDAP result code: 65 (Object class violation)

The requested operation failed because it would have resulted in an entry that violated the server schema.

For example, the request tried to remove a required attribute, or tried to add an attribute that is not allowed.

LDAP result code: 69 (Object class mods prohibited)

The requested operation failed because it would have modified the object classes associated with an entry in an illegal manner.

When you encounter an error, take the time to read the additional information. The additional information from OpenDJ directory server often suffices to allow you to resolve the problem directly.

[Example 3.4, "Object Class Violations"](#) and [Example 3.5, "Invalid Attribute Syntax"](#) show some common problems that can result from schema violations.

Example 3.4. Object Class Violations

A number of schema violations show up as object class violations. The following request fails to add an undefined attribute:


```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword bribery  
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: undefined  
undefined: This attribute is not defined.  
  
Processing MODIFY request for uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation failed  
Result Code: 65 (Object Class Violation)  
Additional Information: Entry uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com cannot  
be modified because the resulting entry would have violated the server schema:  
Entry uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com violates  
the Directory Server schema configuration because  
it includes attribute undefined which is not allowed  
by any of the objectclasses defined in that entry
```

The solution in this case is to make sure that the undefined attribute is defined and that it is allowed by one of the object classes defined for the entry.

The following request fails to add a second structural object class:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword bribery  
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: objectClass  
objectClass: organizationalUnit  
  
Processing MODIFY request for uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation failed  
Result Code: 65 (Object Class Violation)  
Additional Information: Entry uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com cannot  
be modified because the resulting entry would have violated the server schema:  
Entry uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com violates  
the Directory Server schema configuration because  
it includes multiple conflicting structural objectclasses  
inetOrgPerson and organizationalUnit.  
Only a single structural objectclass is allowed in an entry
```

The solution in this case is to define only one structural object class for the entry. Either Babs Jensen is a person or an organizational unit, but not both.

Example 3.5. Invalid Attribute Syntax

The following request fails to add an empty string as a common name attribute value:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword bribery  
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: cn  
cn:  
  
Processing MODIFY request for uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation failed  
Result Code: 21 (Invalid Attribute Syntax)  
Additional Information: When attempting to modify entry  
uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com to add one or more values  
for attribute cn, value "" was found to be invalid  
according to the associated syntax:  
The operation attempted to assign a zero-length value to an attribute  
with the directory string syntax
```

As mentioned in [Example 3.3, "Reading Schema Definitions for an Attribute"](#), a Directory String has one or more UTF-8 characters.

3.3 Abusing LDAP Schema

Follow the suggestions in [Section 3.2, "Respecting LDAP Schema"](#) as much as possible. In particular follow these rules of thumb:

- Test with your own copy of OpenDJ directory server to resolve schema issues before going live.
- Adapt your scripts and applications to avoid violating schema definitions.
- When existing schemas are not sufficient, request schema updates to add definitions that do not conflict with any already in use.

When it is not possible to respect the schema definitions, you can sometimes work around LDAP schema constraints without changing OpenDJ directory server configuration. The schema defines an `extensibleObject` object class. The `extensibleObject` object class is auxiliary. It effectively allows entries to hold any user attribute, even attributes that are not defined in the schema.

Example 3.6. Working Around Restrictions With `ExtensibleObject`

The following example adds one attribute that is undefined and another that is not allowed:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" \  
--bindPassword bribery  
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
changetype: modify  
add: objectClass  
objectClass: extensibleObject  
-  
add: undefined  
undefined: This attribute is not defined in the LDAP schema.  
-  
add: serialNumber  
serialNumber: This attribute is not allowed according to the object classes.  
  
Processing MODIFY request for uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com  
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
```

Use of the `extensibleObject` object class opens the door to abuse and can prevent interoperability. Restrict its use to cases where no better alternative is available.

3.4 Standard Schema Included With OpenDJ Server

OpenDJ directory server provides many standard schema definitions in these LDIF files under `/path/to/openssl/config/schema`:

`00-core.ldif`

This file contains a core set of attribute type and object class definitions from the following Internet-Drafts, RFCs, and standards:

- draft-ietf-boreham-numsubordinates
- draft-findlay-ldap-groupofentries
- draft-furuseth-ldap-untypedobject
- draft-good-ldap-changelog
- draft-ietf-ldup-subentry
- draft-wahl-ldap-adminaddr
- RFC 1274
- RFC 2079
- RFC 2256
- RFC 2798
- RFC 3045
- RFC 3296
- RFC 3671
- RFC 3672
- RFC 4512
- RFC 4519
- RFC 4523
- RFC 4524

RFC 4530
RFC 5020
X.501

01-pwpolicy.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [draft-behera-ldap-password-policy](#) (Draft 09), which defines a mechanism for storing password policy information in an LDAP directory server.

02-config.ldif

This file contains the attribute type and objectclass definitions for use with the directory server configuration.

03-changelog.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [draft-good-ldap-changelog](#), which defines a mechanism for storing information about changes to directory server data.

03-rfc2713.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 2713](#), which defines a mechanism for storing serialized Java objects in the directory server.

03-rfc2714.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 2714](#), which defines a mechanism for storing CORBA objects in the directory server.

03-rfc2739.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 2739](#), which defines a mechanism for storing calendar and vCard objects in the directory server. Note that the definition in RFC 2739 contains a number of errors, and this schema file has been altered from the standard definition in order to fix a number of those problems.

03-rfc2926.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 2926](#), which defines a mechanism for mapping between Service Location Protocol (SLP) advertisements and LDAP.

03-rfc3112.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 3112](#), which defines the authentication password schema.

03-rfc3712.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 3712](#), which defines a mechanism for storing printer information in the directory server.

03-uddiv3.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 4403](#), which defines a mechanism for storing UDDIv3 information in the directory server.

04-rfc2307bis.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [draft-howard-rfc2307bis](#), which defines a mechanism for storing naming service information in the directory server.

05-rfc4876.ldif

This file contains schema definitions from [RFC 4876](#), which defines a schema for storing Directory User Agent (DUA) profiles and preferences in the directory server.

05-samba.ldif

This file contains schema definitions required when storing Samba user accounts in the directory server.

05-solaris.ldif

This file contains schema definitions required for Solaris and OpenSolaris LDAP naming services.

06-compat.ldif

This file contains the attribute type and objectclass definitions for use with the directory server configuration.

Chapter 4

Working With Groups of Entries

OpenDJ supports several methods of grouping entries in the directory. Static groups list their members, whereas dynamic groups look up their membership based on an LDAP filter. OpenDJ also supports virtual static groups, which uses a dynamic group-style definition, but allows applications to list group members as if the group were static.

When listing entries in static groups, you must also have a mechanism for removing entries from the list when they are deleted or modified in ways that end their membership. OpenDJ makes that possible with *referential integrity* functionality.

In this chapter you will learn how to:

- Create static (enumerated) groups
- Create dynamic groups based on LDAP URLs
- Create virtual static groups that make dynamic groups look like static groups
- Look up group membership efficiently
- Work with nested groups
- Make sure that when an entry is deleted or modified, OpenDJ also updates affected groups appropriately



Tip

The examples in this chapter are written with the assumption that an `ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com` entry already exists. If you imported data from [Example.ldif](#), then you already have the entry. If you generated data during setup and did not create an organizational unit for groups yet, create the entry before you try the examples:

```
$ ldapmodify \  
--defaultAdd \  
--port 1389 \  
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \  
--bindPassword password  
dn: ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com  
objectClass: organizationalunit  
objectClass: top  
ou: Groups  
  
Processing ADD request for ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com  
ADD operation successful for DN ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

4.1 Creating Static Groups

A *static group* is expressed as an entry that enumerates all the entries that belong to the group. Static group entries grow as their membership increases.



Tip

Large static groups can be a performance bottleneck. The recommended way to avoid the issue is to use dynamic groups instead as described in [Section 4.2, "Creating Dynamic Groups"](#). If using dynamic groups is not an option for a deployment with large static groups that are updated regularly, use an entry cache. For details, see Section 18.3.6, "Caching Large, Frequently Used Entries" in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*.

Static group entries can take the standard object class `groupOfNames` where each member attribute value is a distinguished name of an entry, or `groupOfUniqueNames`

where each `uniqueMember` attribute value has Name and Optional UID syntax.¹ Like other LDAP attributes, `member` and `uniqueMember` attributes take sets of unique values.

Static group entries can also have the object class `groupOfEntries`, which is like `groupOfNames` except that it is designed to allow groups not to have members.

When creating a group entry, use `groupOfNames` or `groupOfEntries` where possible.

To create a static group, add a group entry such as the following to the directory:

```
$ cat static.ldif
dn: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
cn: My Static Group
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: top
ou: Groups
member: uid=ahunter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tmorris,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename static.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

To change group membership, modify the values of the membership attribute:

¹Name and Optional UID syntax values are a DN optionally followed by *#BitString*. The *BitString*, such as '0101111101'B, serves to distinguish the entry from another entry having the same DN, which can occur when the original entry was deleted and a new entry created with the same DN.

```
$ cat add2grp.ldif
dn: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
add: member
member: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename add2grp.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN
cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
"(cn=My Static Group)"
dn: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ou: Groups
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: top
member: uid=ahunter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tmorris,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: My Static Group
```

RFC 4519 says a groupOfNames entry must have at least one member. Although OpenDJ allows you to create a groupOfNames without members, strictly speaking, that behavior is not standard. Alternatively, you can use the groupOfEntries object class as shown in the following example:

```
$ cat group-of-entries.ldif
dn: cn=Initially Empty Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Initially Empty Static Group
objectClass: groupOfEntries
objectClass: top
ou: Groups

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename group-of-entries.ldif
Processing ADD request for
cn=Initially Empty Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN
cn=Initially Empty Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

$ cat add-members.ldif
# Now add some members to the group.
dn: cn=Initially Empty Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
add: member
member: uid=ahunter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tmorris,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename add-members.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for
cn=Initially Empty Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN
cn=Initially Empty Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

4.2 Creating Dynamic Groups

A *dynamic group* specifies members using LDAP URLs. Dynamic groups entries can stay small even as their membership increases.

Dynamic group entries take the `groupOfURLs` object class, with one or more `memberURL` values specifying LDAP URLs to identify group members.

To create a dynamic group, add a group entry such as the following to the directory.

The following example builds a dynamic group of entries, effectively matching the filter `"(l=San Francisco)"` (users whose location is San Francisco). Change the filter if your data is different, and so no entries have `l: San Francisco`:

```
$ cat dynamic.ldif
dn: cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
cn: My Dynamic Group
objectClass: top
objectClass: groupOfURLs
ou: Groups
memberURL: ldap:///ou=People,dc=example,dc=com??sub?l=San Francisco

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename dynamic.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

Group membership changes dynamically as entries change to match the memberURL values:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
"(&(uid=*jensen)(isMemberOf=cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com))" \
mail
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: bjensen@example.com

dn: uid=rjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: rjensen@example.com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password
dn: uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
replace: l
l: San Francisco

Processing MODIFY request for uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
^D
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
"(&(uid=*jensen)(isMemberOf=cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com))" \
mail
dn: uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: ajensen@example.com

dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: bjensen@example.com

dn: uid=rjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mail: rjensen@example.com
```

4.3 Creating Virtual Static Groups

OpenDJ lets you create *virtual static groups*, which let applications see dynamic groups as what appear to be static groups.

The virtual static group takes auxiliary object class `ds-virtual-static-group`. Virtual static groups also take either the object class `groupOfNames`, or `groupOfUniqueNames`, but instead of having `member` or `uniqueMember` attributes, have `ds-target-group-dn` attributes pointing to other groups.

Generating the list of members can be resource-intensive for large groups, so by default, you cannot retrieve the list of members. You can change this with the **dsconfig** command by setting the `Virtual Static member` or `Virtual Static uniqueMember` property:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-virtual-attribute-prop \
  --port 4444 \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --name "Virtual Static member" \
  --set allow-retrieving-membership:true \
  --trustAll \
  --no-prompt
```

The following example creates a virtual static group, and reads the group entry with all members:

```
$ cat virtual.ldif
dn: cn=Virtual Static,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Virtual Static
objectclass: top
objectclass: groupOfNames
objectclass: ds-virtual-static-group
ds-target-group-dn: cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename virtual.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=Virtual Static,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=Virtual Static,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com "(cn=Virtual Static)"
dn: cn=Virtual Static,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: ds-virtual-static-group
objectClass: top
member: uid=jwalker,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=jmuffly,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tlabonte,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=dakers,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=jreuter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=rfisher,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=pshelton,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=rjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=jcampaig,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=mjablons,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=mlangdon,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=aknutson,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bplante,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=awalker,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=smason,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=ewalker,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=dthorud,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=btalbot,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tcruise,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=kcarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=aworrell,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=ajensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=cwallace,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=mwhite,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=kschmith,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=mtalbot,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tschmith,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=gfarmer,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=speterso,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=prose,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=jbourke,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=mtyler,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=abergin,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=mschneid,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Virtual Static
ds-target-group-dn: cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

4.4 Looking Up Group Membership

OpenDJ lets you look up which groups a user belongs to by using the `isMemberOf` attribute:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
uid=bjensen \
isMemberOf
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Virtual Static,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

You must request `isMemberOf` explicitly.

4.5 Nesting Groups Within Groups

OpenDJ directory server lets you nest groups. The following example shows a group of groups of managers and administrators:

```
$ cat /path/to/the-big-shots.ldif
dn: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
cn: The Big Shots
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: top
ou: Groups
member: cn=Accounting Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
member: cn=Directory Administrators,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
member: cn=HR Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
member: cn=PD Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
member: cn=QA Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename /path/to/the-big-shots.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

Although not shown in the example above, OpenDJ lets you nest groups within nested groups, too.

OpenDJ lets you create dynamic groups of groups. The following example shows a group of other groups. The members of this group are themselves groups, not users:

```
$ cat /path/to/group-of-groups.ldif
dn: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Group of Groups
objectClass: top
objectClass: groupOfURLs
ou: Groups
memberURL: ldap:///ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com??sub?ou=Groups

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename /path/to/group-of-groups.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

Use the `isMemberOf` attribute to determine what groups a member belongs to, as described in [Section 4.4, "Looking Up Group Membership"](#). The following example requests groups that Kirsten Vaughan belongs to:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
uid=kvaughan \
isMemberOf
dn: uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Directory Administrators,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=HR Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

Notice that Kirsten is a member of the group of groups of managers and administrators.

Notice also that Kirsten does not belong to the group of groups. The members of that group are groups, not users. The following example requests the groups that the directory administrators group belongs to:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
"(cn=Directory Administrators)" \
isMemberOf
dn: cn=Directory Administrators,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

The following example shows which groups each group belong to:


```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
ou=Groups \
isMemberOf
dn: ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=Accounting Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=Directory Administrators,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=HR Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=PD Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=QA Managers,ou=groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=My Dynamic Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=The Big Shots,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
isMemberOf: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com

dn: cn=Group of Groups,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
```

Notice that the group of groups is not a member of itself.

4.6 Configuring Referential Integrity

When you delete or rename an entry that belongs to static groups, that entry's DN must be removed or changed in the list of each group to which it belongs. You can configure OpenDJ to resolve membership on your behalf after the change operation succeeds by enabling referential integrity.

Referential integrity functionality is implemented as a plugin. The referential integrity plugin is disabled by default. To enable the plugin, use the **dsconfig** command:

```
$ dsconfig \
  set-plugin-prop \
    --port 4444 \
    --hostname opendj.example.com \
    --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
    --bindPassword password \
    --plugin-name "Referential Integrity" \
    --set enabled:true \
    --trustAll \
    --no-prompt
```

With the plugin enabled, you can see OpenDJ referential integrity resolving group membership automatically:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com "(cn=My Static Group)"
dn: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ou: Groups
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: top
member: uid=ahunter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tmorris,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: My Static Group

$ ldapdelete \
  --port 1389 \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
Processing DELETE request for uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
DELETE operation successful for DN uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com "(cn=My Static Group)"
dn: cn=My Static Group,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com
ou: Groups
objectClass: groupOfNames
objectClass: top
cn: My Static Group
member: uid=ahunter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
member: uid=tmorris,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
```

By default, the referential integrity plugin is configured to manage member and uniqueMember attributes. These attributes take values that are DNs, and are indexed for equality by default for the default backend. Before you add an additional attribute to manage, make sure that it has DN syntax and that it is indexed for equality. OpenDJ directory server requires that the attribute be indexed because an unindexed search for integrity would potentially consume too many of the server's resources. Attribute syntax is explained in Chapter 14, in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*. For instructions on indexing attributes, see Section 7.3, “Configuring and Rebuilding Indexes” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*.

You can also configure the referential integrity plugin to check that new entries added to groups actually exist in the directory by setting the `check-references` property to `true`. You can specify additional criteria once you have activated the check. To ensure that entries added must match a filter, set the `check-references-filter-criteria` to identify the attribute and the filter. For example, you can specify that group members must be person entries by setting `check-references-filter-criteria` to `member:(objectclass=person)`. To ensure that entries must be located in the same naming context, set `check-references-scope-criteria` to `naming-context`.

Chapter 5

Working With Virtual and Collective Attributes

OpenDJ supports virtual attributes with dynamically generated values. Virtual attributes are used by the server. You can also define your own. OpenDJ also supports standard collective attributes as described in [RFC 3671](#), allowing entries to share common, read-only attribute values.

In this chapter you will learn how to define virtual and collective attributes.

5.1 Virtual Attributes

Virtual attributes augment directory entries with attribute values that OpenDJ directory server computes or obtains dynamically. Virtual attribute values do not exist in persistent storage. They help to limit the amount of data that needs to be stored and are great for some uses, such as determining the groups a users belongs to or adding an ETag to an entry.

Do not index virtual attributes. Virtual attribute values generated by the server when they are read. They are not designed to be stored in a persistent index.

Since you do not index virtual attributes, searching on a virtual attribute can result in an unindexed search. For an unindexed search OpenDJ directory server potentially has to go through all entries to look for candidate matches. Looking through all entries is resource-intensive for large directories. By default, OpenDJ directory server allows only the Directory Manager superuser to perform unindexed searches. Generally avoid searches that use a simple filter with a

virtual attribute. Instead, consider the alternatives. You can assign a password policy to a group as described in Procedure 10.5, “To Assign a Password Policy to a Group” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide*. The procedure use a virtual attribute only in a subtree specification filter. If you must use a virtual attribute in a search filter, use it in a complex search filter after narrowing the search by filtering on an indexed attribute. For example, the following filter first narrows the search based on the user's ID before checking group membership. Make sure that the user performing the search has access to read `isMemberOf` in the results:

```
(&(uid=user-id)(isMemberOf=group-dn))
```

Two virtual attributes, `entryDN` and `isMemberOf`, can also be used in simple equality filters. The following example shows how to add access to read `isMemberOf` and then run a search that returns the common names for members of a group:

```
$ ldapmodify \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password
dn: dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
add: aci
aci: (targetattr="isMemberOf")(version 3.0;
  acl "See isMemberOf"; allow (read,search,compare) groupdn=
    "ldap:///cn=Directory Administrators,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com");)

Processing MODIFY request for dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN dc=example,dc=com
$ ldapsearch \
--hostname opendj.example.com \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
--bindDN uid=kvaughan,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com \
--bindPassword bribery \
"(isMemberOf=cn=Directory Administrators,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com)" \
cn
dn: uid=hmiller,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Harry Miller

dn: uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Kirsten Vaughan

dn: uid=rdaugherty,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
cn: Robert Daugherty
```

OpenDJ defines the following virtual attributes by default:

`entryDN`

The value is the DN of the entry.

entryUUID

Provides a universally unique identifier for the entry.

etag

Entity tag as defined in [RFC 2616](#), useful for checking whether an entry has changed since you last read it from the directory.

hasSubordinates

Boolean. Indicates whether the entry has children.

numSubordinates

Provides the number of direct child entries.

isMemberOf

Identifies groups the entry belongs to.

By default OpenDJ generates `isMemberOf` on user entries (entries that have the object class `person`), and on group entries (entries that have the object class `groupOfNames`, `groupOfUniqueNames`, or `groupOfEntries`). You can change this by editing the filter property of the `isMemberOf` virtual attribute configuration.

member

Generated for virtual static groups.

uniqueMember

Generated for virtual static groups.

pwdPolicySubentry

Identifies the password policy that applies to the entry.

By default OpenDJ directory server assigns *root DN* users the password policy with DN `cn=Root Password Policy,cn=Password Policies,cn=config`, and regular users the password policy with DN `cn=Default Password Policy,cn=Password Policies,cn=config`. See Chapter 10, in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide* for information on configuring and assigning password policies.

subschemaSubentry

References the schema definitions.

collectiveAttributeSubentries

References applicable collective attribute definitions.

governingStructureRule

References the rule on what type of subordinates the entry can have.

structuralObjectClass

References the structural object class for the entry.

These virtual attributes are typically operational, so you get them back from a search only when you request them:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com dc=example
dn: dc=example,dc=com
dc: example
objectClass: domain
objectClass: top

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com dc=example numSubordinates
dn: dc=example,dc=com
numSubordinates: 4
```

You can use the existing virtual attribute types to create your own virtual attributes, and you can also use the user-defined type to create your own virtual attribute types. The virtual attribute is defined by the server configuration, which is not replicated:

```
$ dsconfig \
  create-virtual-attribute \
  --hostname opendj.example.com \
  --port 4444 \
  --bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
  --bindPassword password \
  --name "Served By Description" \
  --type user-defined \
  --set enabled:true \
  --set attribute-type:description \
  --set base-dn:dc=example,dc=com \
  --set value:"Served by OpenDJ.Example.com" \
  --trustAll \
  --no-prompt

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=bjensen description
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
description: Served by OpenDJ.Example.com
```

Collective attributes cover many use cases better than virtual attributes.

5.2 Collective Attributes

Collective attributes provide a standard mechanism for defining attributes that appear on all the entries in a subtree potentially filtered by object class. Standard collective attribute type names have the prefix `c-`.

OpenDJ extends collective attributes to make them easier to use. You can define any OpenDJ attribute as collective using the `;collective` attribute option. You can use LDAP filters in your subtree specification for fine-grained control over which entries have the collective attributes.

You can have entries inherit attributes from other entries through collective attributes. You establish the relationship between entries either by indicating the attribute holding the DN of the entry from which to inherit the attributes, or by specifying how to construct the RDN of the entry from which to inherit the attributes.

Procedure 6.3, “To Add Privileges For a Group of Administrators” in the *OpenDJ Administration Guide* demonstrates setting administrative privileges in OpenDJ using collective attributes. The following examples demonstrate additional ways to use collective attributes:

- [Example 5.1, “Class of Service With Collective Attributes”](#)
- [Example 5.2, “Inheriting an Attribute From the Manager's Entry”](#)
- [Example 5.3, “Inheriting Attributes From the Locality”](#)

Example 5.1. Class of Service With Collective Attributes

This example defines attributes that specify services available to a user depending on their service level.



Note

The following example depends on the `cos` object class, and the `classOfService` attribute type defined but commented out in the [Example.ldif](#) file imported as sample data. To try this example for yourself, add the attribute type and object class definitions in comments near the top of the file, and then uncomment the `objectClass: cos` and `classOfService` attribute lines in `Example.ldif` before importing the data into OpenDJ.

This example positions collective attributes that depend on the `classOfService` attribute values:

- For entries with `classOfService: bronze`, `mailQuota` is set to 1 GB, and `diskQuota` is set to 10 GB.
- For entries with `classOfService: silver`, `mailQuota` is set to 5 GB, and `diskQuota` is set to 50 GB.
- For entries with `classOfService: gold`, `mailQuota` is set to 10 GB, and `diskQuota` is set to 100 GB.

You define collective attributes in the user data using a subentry. In other words, collective attributes can be replicated. Collective attributes use attributes defined in the directory schema. First, add the mailQuota and diskQuota attributes, and adjust the definition of the cos object class to allow the two quota attributes:

```
$ cat quotas.ldif
dn: cn=schema
changetype: modify
add: attributeTypes
attributeTypes: ( example-class-of-service-attribute-type NAME 'classOfService
' EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch ORDERING caseIgnoreOrderingMatch SUBSTR caseIgnore
SubstringsMatch SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15 SINGLE-VALUE USAGE user
Applications X-ORIGIN 'OpenDJ Documentation Examples' )
-
add: attributeTypes
attributeTypes: ( example-class-of-service-disk-quota NAME 'diskQuota
' EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch ORDERING caseIgnoreOrderingMatch SUBSTR case
IgnoreSubstringsMatch SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15 USAGE user
Applications X-ORIGIN 'OpenDJ Documentation Examples' )
-
add: attributeTypes
attributeTypes: ( example-class-of-service-mail-quota NAME 'mailQuota
' EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch ORDERING caseIgnoreOrderingMatch SUBSTR case
IgnoreSubstringsMatch SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15 USAGE user
Applications X-ORIGIN 'OpenDJ Documentation Examples' )
-
add: objectClasses
objectClasses: ( example-class-of-service-object-class NAME 'cos' SUP top AUX
ILIARY MAY ( classOfService $ diskQuota $ mailQuota ) X-ORIGIN 'OpenDJ Doc
umentation Examples' )

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename quotas.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for cn=schema
MODIFY operation successful for DN cn=schema
```

Use the following collective attribute definitions to set the quotas depending on class of service:

```
# cos.ldif: quotas by class of service
dn: cn=Bronze Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: collectiveAttributeSubentry
objectClass: extensibleObject
objectClass: subentry
objectClass: top
cn: Bronze Class of Service
diskQuota;collective: 10 GB
mailQuota;collective: 1 GB
subtreeSpecification: { base "ou=People", specificationFilter "(classOfService=
bronze)" }

dn: cn=Silver Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: collectiveAttributeSubentry
```

```
objectClass: extensibleObject
objectClass: subentry
objectClass: top
cn: Silver Class of Service
diskQuota;collective: 50 GB
mailQuota;collective: 5 GB
subtreeSpecification: { base "ou=People", specificationFilter "(classOfService=
silver)" }

dn: cn=Gold Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: collectiveAttributeSubentry
objectClass: extensibleObject
objectClass: subentry
objectClass: top
cn: Gold Class of Service
diskQuota;collective: 100 GB
mailQuota;collective: 10 GB
subtreeSpecification: { base "ou=People", specificationFilter "(classOfService=
gold)" }
```

You can add the collective attribute subentries by using the **ldapmodify** command:

```
$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--defaultAdd \
--filename cos.ldif
Processing ADD request for cn=Bronze Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=Bronze Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
Processing ADD request for cn=Silver Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=Silver Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
Processing ADD request for cn=Gold Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
ADD operation successful for DN cn=Gold Class of Service,dc=example,dc=com
```

With the collective attributes defined, you can see the results on user entries:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
uid=bjensen \
classOfService mailQuota diskQuota
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mailQuota: 1 GB
classOfService: bronze
diskQuota: 10 GB

$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
uid=kvaughan \
classOfService mailQuota diskQuota
dn: uid=kvaughan,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mailQuota: 5 GB
classOfService: silver
diskQuota: 50 GB

$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
uid=scarter \
classOfService mailQuota diskQuota
dn: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
mailQuota: 10 GB
classOfService: gold
diskQuota: 100 GB
```

Example 5.2. Inheriting an Attribute From the Manager's Entry

This example demonstrates how to instruct OpenDJ to set an employee's department number using the manager's department number. To try the example, first import [Example.ldif](#) into OpenDJ in order to load the appropriate sample data.

For this example, the relationship between employee entries and manager entries is based on the manager attributes on employee entries. Each manager attribute on an employee's entry specifies the DN of the manager's entry. OpenDJ retrieves the department number from the manager's entry to populate the attribute on the employee's entry.

The collective attribute subentry that specifies the relationship looks like this:

```
dn: cn=Inherit Department Number From Manager,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: top
objectClass: subentry
objectClass: inheritedCollectiveAttributeSubentry
objectClass: inheritedFromDNCollectiveAttributeSubentry
cn: Inherit Department Number From Manager
subtreeSpecification: { base "ou=People" }
inheritFromDNAttribute: manager
inheritAttribute: departmentNumber
```

This entry specifies that users inherit department number from their manager.

As seen in `Example.ldif`, Babs Jensen's manager is Torrey Rigden:

```
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
manager: uid=trigden, ou=People, dc=example,dc=com
```

Torrey's department number is 3001:

```
dn: uid=trigden,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
departmentNumber: 3001
```

Babs inherits her department number from Torrey:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=bjensen departmentNumber
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
departmentNumber: 3001
```

Example 5.3. Inheriting Attributes From the Locality

This example demonstrates how to instruct OpenDJ to set a user's language preferences and street address based on locality. To try the example, first import `Example.ldif` into OpenDJ in order to load the appropriate sample data.

For this example, the relationship between entries is based on locality. The collective attribute subentry specifies how to construct the RDN of the object holding the attribute values to inherit:

```
dn: cn=Inherit From Locality,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: top
objectClass: subentry
objectClass: inheritedCollectiveAttributeSubentry
objectClass: inheritedFromRDNCollectiveAttributeSubentry
cn: Inherit From Locality
subtreeSpecification: { base "ou=People" }
inheritFromBaseRDN: ou=Locations
inheritFromRDNAttribute: l
inheritFromRDNTType: l
inheritAttribute: preferredLanguage
inheritAttribute: street
collectiveConflictBehavior: real-overrides-virtual
```

This specifies that the RDN of the entry to inherit attributes from is like `l=localityName,ou=Locations`, where *localityName* is the value of the `l` (`localityName`) attribute on the user's entry.

In other words, if the user's entry has `l: Bristol`, then the RDN of the entry from which to inherit attributes starts with `l=Bristol,ou=Locations`. The actual entry looks like this:

```
dn: l=Bristol,ou=Locations,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: top
objectClass: locality
objectClass: extensibleObject
l: Bristol
street: 60 Queen Square
preferredLanguage: en-gb
```

The subentry also specifies two attributes to inherit for preferred language and street address.

The object class `extensibleObject` is added to allow the entry to take a preferred language.¹

Notice the last line of the collective attribute subentry:

```
collectiveConflictBehavior: real-overrides-virtual
```

This line indicates that if a collective attribute clashes with a real attribute, the real value takes precedence over the virtual, collective value. You can also set `collectiveConflictBehavior` to `virtual-overrides-real` for the opposite precedence, or to `merge-real-and-virtual` to keep both sets of values.

¹The object class `extensibleObject` means, "Let me add whatever attributes I want." It is usually better practice to add your own auxiliary object class if you need to decorate an entry with more attributes. The shortcut is taken here as the focus of this example is not schema extension, but instead how to use collective attributes.

Here, users can set their own language preferences. When users set language preferences manually, the collective attribute subentry is configured to give the user's settings precedence over the locality-based setting, which is only a default guess.

Sam Carter is located in Bristol. Sam has specified no preferred languages:

```
dn: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
l: Bristol
```

Sam inherits both the street address and also preferred language from the Bristol locality:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=scarter \
  preferredLanguage street
dn: uid=scarter,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
preferredLanguage: en-gb
street: 60 Queen Square
```

Babs's locality is San Francisco. Babs prefers English, but also knows Korean:

```
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
preferredLanguage: en, ko;q=0.8
l: San Francisco
```

Babs inherits the street address from the San Francisco locality, but keeps her language preferences:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=bjensen \
  preferredLanguage street
dn: uid=bjensen,ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
preferredLanguage: en, ko;q=0.8
street: 500 3rd Street
```

Chapter 6

Working With Referrals

Referrals point directory clients to another directory container, which can be another directory server running elsewhere, or another container on the same server. The client receiving a referral must then connect to the other container to complete the request.



Note

Some clients follow referrals on your behalf by default. The OpenDJ **ldapsearch** command does not follow referrals.

Referrals are used, for example, when some directory data are temporarily unavailable due to maintenance. Referrals can also be used when a container holds only some of the directory data for a suffix and points to other containers for branches whose data is not available locally.

In this chapter you will learn how to:

- Add referrals with the **ldapmodify** command
- Remove referrals with the **ldapmodify** command

You can also use the Manage Entries window of the control panel to handle referrals.

6.1 About Referrals

Referrals are implemented as entries with [LDAP URL](#) ref attribute values that point elsewhere. The ref attribute type is required by the referral object class. The referral object class is structural, however, and therefore cannot by default be added to an entry that already has a structural object class defined. When adding a ref attribute type to an existing entry, you can use the `extensibleObject` auxiliary object class.

When a referral is set, OpenDJ returns the referral to client applications requesting the affected entry or child entries. Client applications must be capable of following the referral returned. When the directory server responds, for example, to your search with referrals to one or more LDAP URLs, your client then constructs new searches from the LDAP URLs returned, and tries again.

6.2 Managing Referrals

To create an LDAP referral, either create a referral entry, or add the `extensibleObject` object class and the ref attribute with an LDAP URL to an existing entry. This section demonstrates use of the latter approach:

```
$ cat referral.ldif
dn: ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
add: objectClass
objectClass: extensibleObject
-
add: ref
ref: ldap://opendj.example.com:2389/ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename referral.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
```

The example above adds a referral to `ou=People,dc=example,dc=com`. OpenDJ can now return a referral for operations under the People organizational unit:

```
$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com uid=bjensen description
SearchReference(referralURLs=
{ldap://opendj.example.com:2389/ou=People,dc=example,dc=com??sub?})

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com ou=people
SearchReference(referralURLs=
{ldap://opendj.example.com:2389/ou=People,dc=example,dc=com??sub?})
```

To access the entry instead of the referral, use the Manage DSAIT control:

```
$ ldapsearch \
--port 1389 \
--baseDN dc=example,dc=com \
--control ManageDSAIT:true \
ou=people \
ref
dn: ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
ref: ldap://opendj.example.com:2389/ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ cat people.ldif
dn: ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
changetype: modify
delete: ref
ref: ldap://opendj.example.com:2389/ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--filename people.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
A referral entry ou=People,dc=example,dc=com indicates that the operation must
be processed at a different server
[ldap://opendj.example.com:2389/ou=People,dc=example,dc=com]

$ ldapmodify \
--port 1389 \
--bindDN "cn=Directory Manager" \
--bindPassword password \
--control ManageDSAIT \
--filename people.ldif
Processing MODIFY request for ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
MODIFY operation successful for DN ou=People,dc=example,dc=com

$ ldapsearch --port 1389 --baseDN dc=example,dc=com ou=people
dn: ou=People,dc=example,dc=com
ou: People
objectClass: organizationalunit
objectClass: extensibleObject
objectClass: top
```

The example above shows how to remove the referral using the Manage DSAIT control with the **ldapmodify** command.

Index

A

Authenticating, 70

C

Certificates, 76
Changing passwords, 31, 68, 69
Collective attributes, 120
Commands, 43
Comparing attribute values, 57

G

Groups
 Dynamic, 107
 Membership, 111
 Nested, 111
 Referential integrity, 113
 Static, 104
 Virtual static, 109

H

HTTP, 1

I

Identity mappers, 71

J

JSON, 1

L

LDIF
 Examples, 57

P

Passwords
 Changing, 67
Ports
 Settings for tools, 69
Proxied authorization, 73

R

Referrals, 129
Replication
 Not for virtual attributes, 120
Resetting passwords, 31, 67
REST, 1

S

Schema, 91
 Bundled definitions, 99
 Reading definitions, 92
 Respecting definitions, 95
Searching data, 49
SSL, 76
StartTLS, 76

U

Updating data, 57
 Filtering, 61

V

Virtual attributes, 117

