

Recommendation H.350.5 - Directory Services Architecture for Non-Standard Protocols

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Keywords

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1 Scope

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1.1 Extending the Schema

The genericIdentity classes may be extended as necessary for specific implementations. See the base H.350 document for a discussion on schema extension.

In general, non-standard protocols will have a variety of attributes that only have meaning to the specific protocol. Implementers should be careful to use consistent and meaningful naming schemes to avoid confusion with other protocols that may be represented by the same object class.

It should be noted that standardized protocols should not extend and use genericIdentity but should instead create and standardize their own protocol-specific auxiliary classes as new contributions to the H.350 series of recommendations.

2 References

The following ITU-T Recommendations and other references contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and other references are subject to revision; users of this Recommendation are therefore encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and other references listed below. A list of the currently valid ITU-T Recommendations is regularly published.

The reference to a document within this Recommendation does not give it, as a stand-alone document, the status of a Recommendation

2.1 Normative References

- ITU-T Recommendation H.350 (2003), *Directory Services Architecture for Multimedia Conferencing*.
- IETF RFC 3377 (2002), *Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (v3): Technical Specification*.

2.2 Non-Normative References

- Timothy A. Howes, PhD, Mark C. Smith, Gordon S. Good, New Riders Publishing (1999), ISBN: 1578700701, *Understanding And Deploying LDAP Directory Services*.
- Timothy A. Howes, PhD, Mark C. Smith, New Riders Publishing (1997), ISBN: 1578700000, *LDAP Programming Directory-Enabled Applications with Lightweight Directory Access Protocol*.

3 Definitions

The following terms used throughout the document:

commObject: An LDAP object class defined in ITU-T H.350 that represents generic multimedia conferencing endpoints.

White Pages: An application that allows end users to look up the address of another user.

4 Abbreviations

LDAP: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol as defined in RFC 3377.

5 Conventions

In this Recommendation, the following conventions are used:

"Shall" indicates a mandatory requirement.

"Should" indicates a suggested but optional course of action.

"May" indicates an optional course of action rather than a recommendation that something take place.

References to clauses, sub clauses, annexes and appendices refer to those items within this Recommendation unless another specification is explicitly listed.

6 Object Class Definitions

The genericIdentity object class represents generic multimedia conferencing information associated with a person or resource. It is an auxiliary class and is related to the commObject class, which is defined in the ITU-T H.350 Recommendation. It should be noted that the particular user or resource with which an endpoint is associated via commOwner takes on special importance, as that may represent contact information required for further information in the use of the particular endpoint.

If specific attributes such as IP address or URIs are necessary to support this endpoint type, then the standard attributes defining IP address and URI should be used. Keep in mind that in a directory of directories scenario, external searches will only be aware of the genericIdentity attributes and will not know to display IP address or URI.

6.1 genericIdentity

```
OID: 0.0.8.350.1.1.7.2.1
objectclasses: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.2.1
NAME 'genericIdentity'
DESC 'genericIdentity object'
SUP top AUXILIARY
    MAY (genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier $ genericIdentityMessage
    )
)
```

6.2 genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier

```
OID: 0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.1
attributetypes: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.1
NAME 'genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier'
DESC 'name of the non-standard protocol'
EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15)
```

Application utility class

Standard

Number of values

multi

Definition

Text string indicating the name of the non-standard protocol represented by this endpoint.

Notes

Semantics

Example applications for which this attribute would be useful

Search for endpoints that support a specific non-standard protocol.

Example (LDIF fragment)

```
genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier: 'MPEG2' //MPEG2 endpoint
```

6.3 genericIdentityMessage

OID: 0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.2

attributetypes: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.2

NAME 'genericIdentityMessage'

DESC 'informative text string'

EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch

SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch

SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15)

Application utility class

Standard

Number of values

multi

Definition

Informative text string containing information about multimedia conferencing capabilities of the associated user and/or location of the service. This information may include instructions, other connection information, or pointers to specific documentation.

Notes

Semantics

Example applications for which this attribute would be useful

Multimedia conferencing services that are not H.323, H.320, or SIP; for example: MPEG2, Access Grid or other IP Multicast service; Instant Messaging Service

Example (LDIF fragment)

```
genericIdentityMessage: 'see www.foo.com/mpeg2 for connection instructions'
```

7 genericIdentity LDIF Files

This section contains a schema configuration file for genericIdentity that can be used to configure an LDAP server to support this class

```
# genericIdentity Object Schema
```

```
#
```

```
# Schema for representing a genericIdentity Protocol Object in an LDAP Directory
```

```
#
# Abstract
#
# This document defines the schema for representing genericIdentity
# object in an LDAP directory [LDAPv3]. It defines schema elements
# to represent an genericIdentity object [genericIdentity].
#
#           .1 = Communication related work
#           .1.7 = genericIdentity
#           .1.7.1 = attributes
#           .1.7.2 = objectclass
#           .1.7.3 = syntax
#
#
# Attribute Type Definitions
#
#   The following attribute types are defined in this document:
#
#   genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier
#   genericIdentityMessage
dn: cn=schema
changetype: modify
#
# if you need to change the definition of an attribute,
#   then first delete and re-add in one step
#
# if this is the first time you are adding the genericIdentity
# objectclass using this LDIF file, then you should comment
# out the delete attributetypes modification since this will
# fail. Alternatively, if your ldapmodify has a switch to continue
# on errors, then just use that switch -- if you're careful
#
delete: attributetypes
attributetypes: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.1 NAME 'genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier' )
attributetypes: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.2 NAME 'genericIdentityMessage' )
-
#
# re-add the attributes -- in case there is a change of definition
#
#
add: attributetypes
attributetypes: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.1
  NAME 'genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier'
  DESC 'name of the non-standard protocol'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15 )
attributetypes: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.1.2
  NAME 'genericIdentityMessage'
  DESC 'informative text string'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15 )
-
# Object Class Definitions
#
#   The following object class is defined in this document:
#
#   genericIdentity
#
```

```
# genericIdentity
#
#
delete: objectclasses
objectclasses: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.2.1 NAME 'genericIdentity' )
-
add: objectclasses
objectclasses: (0.0.8.350.1.1.7.2.1
    NAME 'genericIdentity'
    DESC 'genericIdentity object'
    SUP top AUXILIARY
    MAY ( genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier $ genericIdentityMessage )
)
-
#
# end of LDIF
#
```

Annex A: Indexing Profile

A Annex A Indexing Profile

Indexing of attributes is an implementation-specific activity and depends upon the desired application. Non-indexed attributes can result in search times sufficiently long to render some applications unusable. Use of this profile is optional.

genericIdentityProtocolIdentifier: equality

genericIdentityMessage: equality

Appendix I Electronic Attachment

I Electronic Attachment

The attached file `genericIdentity.ldif.txt` contains a text only version of the LDIF file described in section 7.



`genericIdentity.ldi
f.txt`
