

# [MS-OXLDAP]: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) Version 3 Extensions

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# 1 Introduction

This **document** specifies Office extensions to the **Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)**, as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#) and [\[RFC4512\]](#), as well as extensions to the LDAP user schema [\[RFC4519\]](#). LDAP is an Internet protocol used to query and modify directory entries, and is commonly leveraged to query and create a user directory containing information about a large number of users or groups of users.

## 1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-OXGLOS\]](#):

**distinguished name (DN)**  
**LDAP server**  
**Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)**

The following terms are specific to this document:

**AD-type server:** An LDAP server that returns an object identifier (OID) value of "1.2.840.113556.1.4.800" when queried for the supportedCapabilities LDAP attribute. See section [3.1.3.2](#).

**LDAP attribute:** The attribute specified in [\[RFC4512\]](#) section 2.2.

**LDAP Distinguished Name:** A string representing an object on a directory server, as specified in [\[RFC4514\]](#).

**multi-valued LDAP attribute:** An LDAP attribute that can have one or more values, as specified in [\[RFC4512\]](#).

**MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT:** These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

## 1.2 References

### 1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact [dochelp@microsoft.com](mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com). We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624>, as an additional source.

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### 1.3 Protocol Overview

LDAP is an Internet protocol specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#) that is used for querying and modifying entries in a directory server.

This document specifies an extension to the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#), [\[RFC4512\]](#), and [\[RFC4519\]](#). It specifies which portions of these RFCs are implemented by this protocol extension, and it defines specific attributes used in addition to those specified in these RFCs.

### 1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This protocol extends [\[RFC4511\]](#), [\[RFC4512\]](#), and [\[RFC4519\]](#).

### 1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

None.

## **1.6 Applicability Statement**

This protocol extension can be used to retrieve specific information from an **LDAP server**.

## **1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation**

This protocol extension does not introduce any versioning constraints beyond those specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

## **1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields**

None.

## **1.9 Standards Assignments**

None.

## 2 Messages

### 2.1 Transport

This protocol extends the LDAP protocol as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

### 2.2 Message Syntax

**Message** syntax follows the LDAP standard, as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#). According to the LDAP standard, an attribute list can contain implementation-specific attributes. The attributes specific to this protocol extension are defined in this section.

The following table lists every **LDAP attribute** for which the client SHOULD query. In many cases, more than one LDAP attribute corresponds to a single field in the table below, because different server implementations of the LDAP protocol use different attribute names to represent similar concepts (fields). In those cases, attributes listed first in the table take precedence over attributes listed later. For example, for the Last Name field, the sn attribute takes precedence over the surname attribute. The client need only query for one attribute name in each field.

The client SHOULD implement [\[RFC4519\]](#), [\[RFC4524\]](#), [\[RFC2798\]](#), and [\[RFC4523\]](#), and it SHOULD support the attributes that are listed in the following table. Attributes that are specific to this protocol are marked by comments in the "Additional Notes" column.

Field	LDAP attribute	Additional notes
<b>Name attributes</b>		
<b>Display Name</b>	display-name displayname <b>CN</b> commonName	The display-name and displayName attributes are specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.1.1</a> ). The CN and commonName attributes are specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Last Name	sn surname	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
First Name	givenName	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Initials	initials	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
<b>Organizational attributes</b>		
Company Name	organizationName o <a href="#">&lt;1&gt;</a>	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Title	title	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Organizational Unit	ou organizationalUnitName department	The department attribute is specific to this protocol, and is used in the same way that the ou and organizationalUnitName attributes are used. The ou and organizationalUnitName attributes are specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Office Location	physicalDeliveryOfficeName	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Assistant Name	secretary	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .



Field	LDAP attribute	Additional notes
Manager	manager	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .
Reports	directReports reports	Multi-valued attributes, specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.2.1</a> ).
<b>E-Mail attributes</b>		
Email Address	mail	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .
Exchange <b>Distinguished Name</b>	legacyExchangeDN	This attribute is specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.3.1</a> ).
Account	mailNickname uid	The mailNickname attribute is specific to this protocol, and is used in the same way that the uid attribute is used. The uid attribute is specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
X.400 Address	TextEncodedORaddress	This attribute is specific to this protocol, and specifies a text representation of an X.400 O/R address. This attribute is specified in <a href="#">[RFC1274]</a> .
Exchange Home Server	msExchHomeServerName	This attribute is specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.3.3</a> ).
Proxy Addresses	proxyAddresses otherMailbox	Multi-valued attributes specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.4.1</a> ).
<b>Physical Address attributes</b>		
Address	postalAddress streetAddress	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Locality / City	l	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
State	st	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Postal Code	postalCode	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Country	c	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
<b>Telephone attributes</b>		
Telephone Number	telephoneNumber	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Secondary Phone Number	Telephone-Office2	This attribute is specific to this protocol, and is used to query for a secondary telephone number associated with the directory entry.
Fax Number	facsimileTelephoneNumber	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
Assistant Phone Number	Telephone-Assistant	This attribute is specific to this protocol, and is used to query for the assistant's telephone number associated with the directory entry.
Home Phone	homephone	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .

Field	LDAP attribute	Additional notes
Cell Phone	mobile	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .
Pager Number	pager	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .
Notes	info	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4524]</a> .
<b>Other attributes</b>		
User Certificate	userCertificate;binary	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4523]</a> .
<b>S/MIME Certificate</b>	userSMIMECertificate;binary	This attribute is specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.4.2</a> ).
Unused	user-cert;binary <a href="#">&lt;2&gt;</a>	
Object class	objectClass	This attribute is specific to this protocol (section <a href="#">2.2.4.1</a> ).
Role Occupant	roleOccupant	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .

## 2.2.1 Protocol-Specific Name Attributes

### 2.2.1.1 Display Name

The display name attribute SHOULD be used as the primary name to be shown to the user when displaying an LDAP entry. If the display name entry is empty or not user-readable, the client SHOULD construct a display name from other attributes. Applications use implementation-specific logic to construct a display name when needed. [<3>](#)

## 2.2.2 Protocol-Specific Organizational Attributes

### 2.2.2.1 Reports

The Reports attribute is a multi-valued string attribute containing the LDAPdistinguished names of any direct reports.

## 2.2.3 Protocol-Specific E-Mail Attributes

### 2.2.3.1 Exchange Distinguished Name

Exchange Distinguished Name (*legacyExchangeDN*) is an attribute that represents a distinguished name of the entry. This distinguished name MUST be formatted as specified in [\[MS-OXOABK\]](#). This value MAY be used as a proxy address for an entry. [<4>](#)

### 2.2.3.2 Proxy Addresses

If multiple e-mail addresses are associated with an entry, they MUST be included in the Proxy Addresses attribute. These addresses can be used as alternate e-mail addresses to reach the user. Specific e-mail addresses can be retrieved from this value depending on the intended use. The semantics of proxy addresses are not constrained by this protocol, and are specific to the protocol that creates the proxy addresses. This protocol does not constrain how a client uses proxy addresses. For the client, these proxy addresses have the same semantics as the values of the [PidTagAddressBookProxyAddresses](#) property specified in [\[MS-OXOABK\]](#).

The format of each e-mail address MUST be:

```
emailString = <emailType> ":" <emailAddress>
emailType   = <a string indicating what type of e-mail it is. i.e. SMTP, x500, etc>
emailAddress = <a string representing the e-mail address>
```

Examples:

```
SMTP:user1@example.com
x500:/o=example/cn=user1
```

### 2.2.3.3 Exchange Home Server

The Exchange Home Server attribute MUST contain the distinguished name of the **Mailbox** server where mail is delivered for that user. For the client, this attribute has the same semantics as the [PidTagAddressBookHomeMessageDatabase](#) **property** specified in [\[MS-OXOABK\]](#).

## 2.2.4 Other Protocol-Specific Attributes

### 2.2.4.1 Object Class

The client SHOULD support the following values for the objectClass attribute.

Value	User type
organizationalPerson	Specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> .
groupOfNames group	groupOfNames is specified in <a href="#">[RFC4519]</a> . group is a value specific to this protocol and is used in the same way as groupOfNames.
Remote-Address	A value specific to this protocol; represents a <b>recipient</b> that is known to be from a foreign or remote messaging system.
Public- <b>folder</b>	A value specific to this protocol; represents a place where public discussions take place such as a bulletin board, <b>public folder</b> , or shared folder.

The protocol client SHOULD use this value to help distinguish between different types of directory entries when displaying entries to the user. For example, the protocol client could display a different icon or bold the item to make it easy for a user viewing the object to distinguish its type. If no objectClass is returned for an entry, then the client MUST treat it as an organizationalPerson.

This value is used to determine [PidTagDisplayType](#) as specified in [\[MS-OXOABK\]](#). The following objectClass values correspond to the following [PidTagDisplayType](#) values.

objectClass value	PidTagDisplayType value
organizationalPerson	DT_MAILUSER
groupOfNames group	DT_DISTLIST

<b>objectClass value</b>	<b>PidTagDisplayType value</b>
Remote-Address	DT_REMOTE_MAILUSER
Public-folder	DT_FORUM

#### **2.2.4.2 S/MIME Certificate**

This binary attribute contains certificates in the format specified in [\[RFC2798\]](#) or certificates in the format defined for the [PidTagUserX509Certificate](#) property, as specified in [\[MS-OXOABK\]](#). If available, this attribute SHOULD be preferred over the userCertificate attribute for S/MIME applications.

## 3 Protocol Details

### 3.1 Client Details

#### 3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This extension does not introduce any states or conceptual objects beyond the ones specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

#### 3.1.2 Timers

None.

#### 3.1.3 Initialization

Besides the initialization specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#), this protocol extension specifies two operations that SHOULD be performed upon connecting to an LDAP server.

##### 3.1.3.1 Querying for Supported Controls

Upon connecting to the LDAP server, the client SHOULD query the server for the supportedControl attribute as specified in [\[RFC4512\]](#). The object identifier (OID) values returned by the server indicate what controls the server supports and makes available to the client. The client SHOULD [<5>](#) recognize the following three OID values that a server can return.

Object Identifier (OID) value	Server support
2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.9	Virtual List Support, as specified in <a href="#">[LDAPEX-SVB]</a> . <a href="#">&lt;6&gt;</a>
1.2.840.113556.1.4.319	Paged Results Support, as specified in <a href="#">[RFC2696]</a> .
1.2.840.113556.1.4.473	Server Sort Support, as specified in <a href="#">[RFC2891]</a> .

Any other OID value returned by the server MAY [<7>](#) be ignored by the client.

##### 3.1.3.2 Querying for Supported Capabilities

Upon connecting to the LDAP server, the client SHOULD query the server for the supportedCapabilities custom attribute as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#), and MUST recognize the OID value for an **AD-type server**: 1.2.840.113556.1.4.800.

Object Identifier (OID) value	Server type
1.2.840.113556.1.4.800	AD-type server.

Any other OID values returned by the server MAY [<8>](#) be ignored by the client. If the client does not query for this capability, or the server does not return the value in the table above, the client MUST treat the server as a non-AD-type LDAP server.

When sorting, the protocol client SHOULD use the displayName attribute instead of the CN attribute on AD-type servers.

### 3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

### 3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

#### 3.1.5.1 Issuing a Search Request

All search requests issued by the client MUST follow the **Search Request** definition specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#) section 4.5.1, with the following options specified.

Search Request parameters	Value
baseObject	See section <a href="#">3.1.5.1.1</a> .
Scope	wholeSubtree
derefAliases	derefAlways
typesOnly	FALSE
sizeLimit	Specified by user.
timeLimit	Specified by user.
AttributeSelection	CN, commonName, mail, roleOccupant, display-name, displayName, sn, surname, c, organizationName, o, givenName, legacyExchangeDN, objectClass, uid, mailNickname, title, company, physicalDeliveryOfficeName, telephoneNumber
Filter	Depends on the type of search (sections <a href="#">3.1.5.1.2</a> , <a href="#">3.1.5.1.3</a> , and <a href="#">3.1.5.1.4</a> ).

#### 3.1.5.1.1 Retrieving a Search Base

A **Search Base** is a string representing the **LDAP Distinguished Name** of the base object entry relative to which a search is to be performed. This value SHOULD be used as the baseObject of a **Search Request** as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

The client can use a user-provided string as the search base. If a search base is not specified, the client SHOULD [<9>](#) send a Search Request to the server (as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#) section 4.5.1) with the following options specified.

Search request parameters	Value
baseObject	Empty string (i.e. a zero length string).
Scope	baseObject
derefAliases	neverDerefAliases
typesOnly	FALSE
sizeLimit	0
TimeLimit	0
Filter	(objectClass=*)

Search request parameters	Value
Attributes	objectClass, defaultNamingContext

If the server returns a defaultNamingContext attribute, it MAY [<10>](#) be used as the search base for the LDAP search. The client SHOULD query for the defaultNamingContext attribute before any search, and SHOULD then utilize the return value as the baseObject of any subsequent searches. Since the baseObject SHOULD be specified during a search, the client SHOULD issue an LDAP search request for a defaultNamingContext before any other search requests, if no Search Base has been specified.

### 3.1.5.1.2 Basic Search Filter

When performing a basic search, the client SHOULD use the following filter as the search filter. [<11>](#)

This search filter is specified in **Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF)** specified in [\[RFC4234\]](#).

```
basicSearchFilter = " (&(|(mail= " <search-string> "*" )(cn= " <search-string> "*" )(sn= "
<search-string> "*" )(givenName= " <search-string> "*" )(displayName= " <search-string> "*" ))) "
search-string = <a user specified search string>
```

### 3.1.5.1.3 Advanced Search Filter

The client SHOULD [<12>](#) provide a way to search on one or more LDAP attributes. The client SHOULD use strings provided by the user to construct the appropriate LDAP filter.

This search filter is specified in Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF), as specified in [\[RFC4234\]](#).

```
advancedFilter = " (&(| " * <individualAttribute> ")) "
individualAttribute = "( " <attributeName> "= " <attributeValue> ") "
attributeName = displayName / display-name / cn / physicalDeliveryOfficeName / roomNumber /
uid / mailNickname / givenName / sn / telephoneNumber / l / title / department / mail
attributeValue = [<containsORbegins>] <userSpecifiedValue> "*" "
containsORbegins = "*" ; include if searching for a substring, exclude if looking for a string
beginning with a substring
userSpecifiedValue = <a user specified value for that field>
```

For each **Search Field** requested by the user, the client MUST add all <attributeValue> entries specified in the following table.

Search Field	attributeValue	Notes
display name	displayName display-name CN	displayName and display-name are used in AD-type search filters. CN is used in non-AD-type search filters. For more details about which LDAP servers are AD-type servers, see section <a href="#">3.1.3.2</a> .
Office Location	physicalDeliveryOfficeName roomNumber	

Search Field	attributeValue	Notes
Account	uid mailNickname	
First Name	givenName	
Last Name	sn	
Telephone Number	telephoneNumber	
Locality / City	l	
Title	title	
Department	department	
Email	mail	

#### 3.1.5.1.4 Ambiguous Name Resolution (ANR) Search Filter

An **ambiguous name resolution (ANR)** search is a search algorithm implemented by the client that allows a client to find directory objects by matching user-provided strings with common attributes. ANR is useful when locating objects for which the user does not have complete information. For example, a user might know the name "John Smith", but not the e-mail address. When the client performs an ANR search, it SHOULD use the following query.

This search query is specified in ABNF, as specified in [\[RFC4234\]](#).

```
ANRFilter = " (&(mail=*) (|(mail= " <search-string> "*" )(cn= " <search-string> "*" )(sn= " <search-string> "*" )(givenName= " <search-string> "*" )(displayName= " <search-string> "*" ))) "
search-string = <a user specified search string>
```

#### 3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

#### 3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

### 3.2 Server Details

#### 3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

This extension does not introduce any states or conceptual objects beyond those specified by [\[RFC4511\]](#).

#### 3.2.2 Timers

None.



### 3.2.3 Initialization

This protocol extension requires no initialization beyond that specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

### 3.2.4 Higher-layer Triggered Events

None.

### 3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

#### 3.2.5.1 Handling a Query for the supportedControl Attribute

The server MUST respond to a query for the supportedControl attribute as specified in [\[RFC4512\]](#). For each of the following controls it supports, the server MUST return the corresponding OID value.

Object Identifier (OID) value	Server support
2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.9	Virtual List Support Server MUST implement <a href="#">[LDAPEX-SVB]</a> .
1.2.840.113556.1.4.319	Paged Results Support Server MUST implement <a href="#">[RFC2696]</a> .
1.2.840.113556.1.4.473	Server Sort Support Server MUST implement <a href="#">[RFC2891]</a> .

The server SHOULD return other OID values if it provides support for more controls than the ones specified in this protocol.

#### 3.2.5.2 Handling a Query for the supportedCapabilities Attribute

The server MUST respond to a query for the supportedCapabilities custom attribute as specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#). If the server supports AD-type server capabilities [<13>](#) as specified in this protocol, it MUST return the following OID value.

Object Identifier (OID) value	Server type
1.2.840.113556.1.4.800	AD-type server.

The server SHOULD return other OID values if it provides support for more capabilities than the ones specified in this protocol.

#### 3.2.5.3 Handling Search Requests

##### 3.2.5.3.1 Handling a Query for the defaultNamingContext Attribute

The server MAY [<14>](#) respond to a query for the attribute defaultNamingContext as specified in section [3.1.5.1.1](#). If the server returns a value for the defaultNamingContext, the server MUST return the LDAP Distinguished Name of the base object. The client MUST use the value returned by this query as the baseObject in future search requests.

##### 3.2.5.3.2 Responding to Query Attributes

A server SHOULD [<15>](#) support the attributes specified in section [2.2](#).

### **3.2.6 Timer Events**

None.

### **3.2.7 Other Local Events**

None.

## 4 Protocol Examples

### 4.1 Simple Search Scenario

If the client is directed to search for a user named "John" in an AD-type LDAP server, the following sequence of events will occur:

- The client sends an LDAP **Bind Request** to the server, as described in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

```
BindRequest (0x00):  
Version: 3  
Name: Null  
authentication: Authentication type = sasl
```

- The LDAP server receives the request and returns a **Bind Response** to the client, as described in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

```
BindResponse (0x01):  
Status: Success  
MatchedDN: Null  
ErrorMessage: Null
```

- The client sends a **Search Request** to the server for the defaultNamingContext (as described in section [3.1.5.1.1](#)).

```
SearchRequest (0x03):  
BaseObject: Null  
Scope: baseObject  
Alias: neverDerefAliases  
SizeLimit: 0 (no limit)  
TimeLimit: 0 (no limit)  
TypesOnly: False  
Filter: (objectClass=*)  
Attributes: (objectClass) (defaultNamingContext)
```

- The LDAP server returns the **Search Base** to the client in the defaultNamingContext attribute.

```
SearchResultEntry (0x04):  
ObjectNames: Null  
Attributes Returned:  
defaultNamingContext: (DC=company,DC=corp, DC=contoso,DC=com)
```

```
SearchResultDone (0x05):  
Status: Success  
MatchedDN: NULL  
ErrorMessage: NULL
```

- The client uses the **Search Base** and the simple query as specified in section [3.1.5.1.2](#) to send another **Search Request** to the server.

```
Search Request (0x03):
BaseObject: (DC=company,DC=corp, DC=contoso,DC=com)
Scope: WholeSubtree
Alias: derefAlways
SizeLimit: 100 entries
TimeLimit: 60 seconds
TypesOnly: False
Filter: (&(|(mail=john*)(cn=john*)(sn=john*)(givenName=john*)(displayName=john*)))
Attributes: (cn)(commonName)(mail)(roleOccupant)(display-
name)(displayname)(sn)(surname)(c)(organizationName)(o)(givenName)(legacyExchangeDN)(objectCl
ass)(uid)(mailNickname)(title)(company)(physicalDeliveryOfficeName)(telephoneNumber)
```

- The LDAP server returns results that match the query. (The trace below represents one result that matched the query.)

```
SearchResultsEntry (0x04):
ObjectName: CN=John, OU=UsersOU, DC=company, DC=corp, DC=contoso, DC=com
Attributes:
objectClass: ( top ) ( person ) (organizationalPerson ) ( user )
cn: John Smith
sn: Smith
title: Dr.
physicalDeliveryOfficeName: 36/2495
telephoneNumber: 1 (425) 555-0534
givenName: John
displayName: John Smith
company: contoso
mailNickname: jsmith
legacyExchangeDN: /o=contoso/ou=First Admin Group/cn=Recipients/cn=jsmith
mail: jsmith@contoso.com

SearchResultDone (0x05):
Status: Success
MatchedDN: NULL
ErrorMessage: NULL
```

- The client sends an LDAP **Unbind Request** to the server, as described in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

```
UnbindRequest (0x02)
```

- The client uses the attributes returned by the server to display search results to the user.

## 5 Security

### 5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no security considerations specific to this protocol extension beyond those specified in [\[RFC4511\]](#).

### 5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

## 6 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following product versions. References to product versions include released service packs.

- Microsoft Office Outlook 2003
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2003
- Microsoft Office Outlook 2007
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2007
- Microsoft Outlook 2010
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2010

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that product does not follow the prescription.

[<1> Section 2.2:](#) Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 query for the 'o' attribute, but do not use the value received from the server.

[<2> Section 2.2:](#) Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 query for this attribute, but do not use the value received from the server.

[<3> Section 2.2.1.1:](#) Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 consider a display name to be not user-readable if it is exactly the same as one of the E-Mail Address attributes. Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 will construct the display name in the following manner:

```
displayName ::= <common name> / <givenname> " "<surname> / <surname> / <company name> /  
<email address> ;
```

NOTE: Priority is given to non-empty combinations listed first.

```
common name ::= ; Common Name LDAP attribute  
givenname ::= ; First Name LDAP attribute  
surname ::= ; Last name LDAP attribute  
company name ::= ; Organization Name LDAP attribute  
email address ::= ; E-Mail Address LDAP attribute
```

[<4> Section 2.2.3.1:](#) Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 add the Exchange distinguished name to the list of proxy addresses (see section [2.2.3.2](#)) if it is not there already. It adds the entry as:

```
proxyAddressAddition ::= "EX:" <Exchange DN>  
<Exchange DN> ::= ; The value of the LDAP attribute legacyExchangeDN
```

The Exchange distinguished name is not used elsewhere in Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010.

<5> [Section 3.1.3.1](#): These controls are only used if the client supports browsing the server; if a client does not support this feature, it can choose to ignore them.

<6> [Section 3.1.3.1](#): Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 use the following string as the VLV search filter "(&(mail=\*)(CN=\*))".>

<7> [Section 3.1.3.1](#): Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 ignore all other values.

<8> [Section 3.1.3.2](#): Outlook 2003, Outlook 2007, and Outlook 2010 ignore all other values.

<9> [Section 3.1.5.1.1](#): In Outlook 2003, empty string Search Bases will trigger a defaultNamingContext query to the server. In Outlook 2007, empty string Search Bases will be used as empty strings.

<10> [Section 3.1.5.1.1](#): Outlook 2003 attempts to verify the Search Base returned by the defaultNamingContext attribute. If a Search Base is deemed invalid, the subsequent search query will not take place. Outlook 2007 does not verify the Search Base and the search query will always take place.

<11> [Section 3.1.5.1.2](#): Outlook 2003 does not implement Basic Search.

<12> [Section 3.1.5.1.3](#): Outlook 2003 does not support E-Mail (LDAP attribute mail) in advanced searches.

<13> [Section 3.2.5.2](#): An AD-type server will receive different attributes and filters from the client than a non-AD-type server. In general, the displayname and display-name attributes will be requested instead of the CN and commonname attributes. For more details about the client behavior, see section [3.1.3.2](#).

<14> [Section 3.2.5.3.1](#): **Active Directory** servers do respond to queries for the defaultNamingContext attribute.

<15> [Section 3.2.5.3.2](#): The client can ask for more than one attribute representing the same conceptual data. For more details about which attributes the client can request, and the order of precedence used when handling return values, see section [3.1](#). A server is only required to return the value for one of the attributes corresponding to a piece of data requested by the client.

## 7 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes made to [MS-OXLDAP] protocol documentation between November 2009 and February 2010 releases. Changes are classed as major, minor, or editorial.

**Major** changes affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of major changes are:

- A document revision that incorporates changes to interoperability requirements or functionality.
- An extensive rewrite, addition, or deletion of major portions of content.
- A protocol is deprecated.
- The removal of a document from the documentation set.
- Changes made for template compliance.

**Minor** changes do not affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples are updates to fix technical accuracy or ambiguity at the sentence, paragraph, or table level.

**Editorial** changes apply to grammatical, formatting, and style issues.

**No changes** means that the document is identical to its last release.

Major and minor changes can be described further using the following revision types:

- New content added.
- Content update.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- New content added for template compliance.
- Content updated for template compliance.



- Content removed for template compliance.
- Obsolete document removed.

Editorial changes always have the revision type "Editorially updated."

Some important terms used in revision type descriptions are defined as follows:

**Protocol syntax** refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.

**Protocol revision** refers to changes made to a protocol that affect the bits that are sent over the wire.

Changes are listed in the following table. If you need further information, please contact [protocol@microsoft.com](mailto:protocol@microsoft.com).

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Revision Type
<a href="#">2.2 Message Syntax</a>	49856 Revised the wording regarding attributes that are specific to the document. Updated and clarified the "Additional notes" entries for Organizational Unit, Account, X.400 Address, S/MIME Certificate, and Object class.	N	Content update.

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