
Database Modeling MSc

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2. LDAP database, LDAP API

Essential knowledge units

1. LDAP model, LDAP database
 2. Architecture of LDAP database
 3. Elements of LDAP schema
 4. LDIF schema language
 5. LDIF nodeset expressions
 6. LDIF access control commands
 7. OpenLDAP commands
 8. LDAP API architecture, classes
 9. Query and update in Java LDAP API
 10. Conversion of ER model into LDIF schema
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Practical objectives

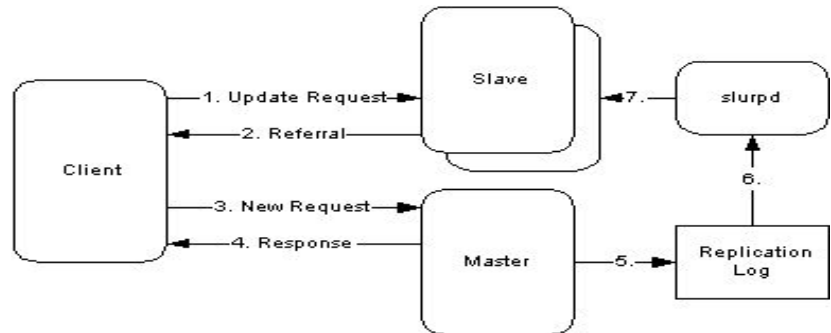
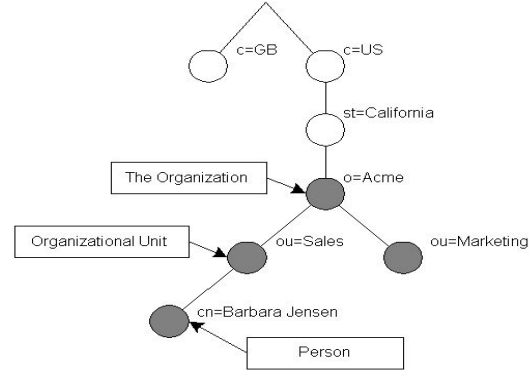
1. development of LDAP schema
2. usage of LDAP clients
3. development of LDIF schemas
4. programming Java LDAP API
5. development of LDAP DB from ER

development: JDeveloper, OpenLDAP

1. LDAP model, LDAP database

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

It is based on the X.500 protocol(1992)
Directory service (RFC1777) (no DBMS)
Hierarchical data model
Simple data structure
Optimized for Read
No transaction management
Client - server structure
Distributed data storage
ACL based security
Simple operations

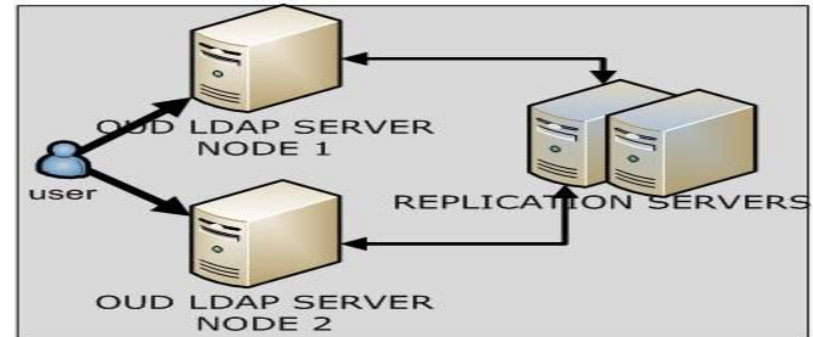
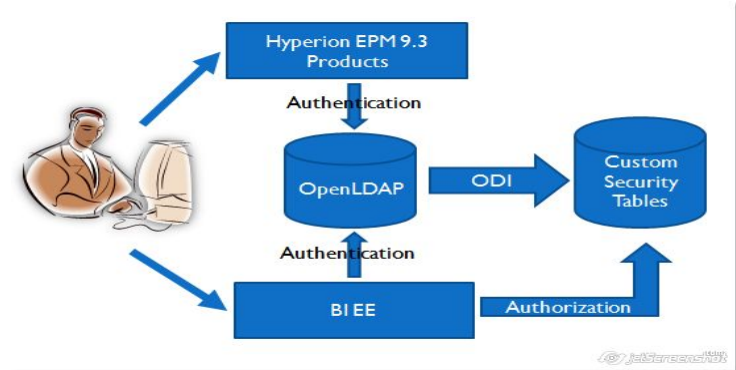


1.b LDAP model, LDAP database

Application areas:

- common directory information base
- centralised user id / password management
- resource repository
- employee repository
- configuration repository
- device catalog

data repository: it stores typed and ordered information about objects



1.c LDAP model, LDAP database

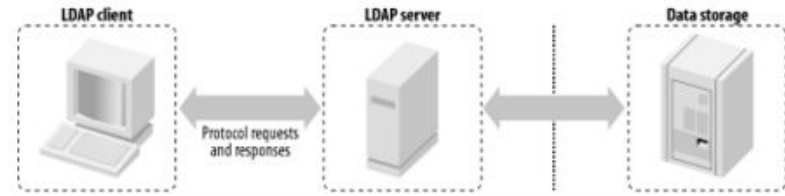
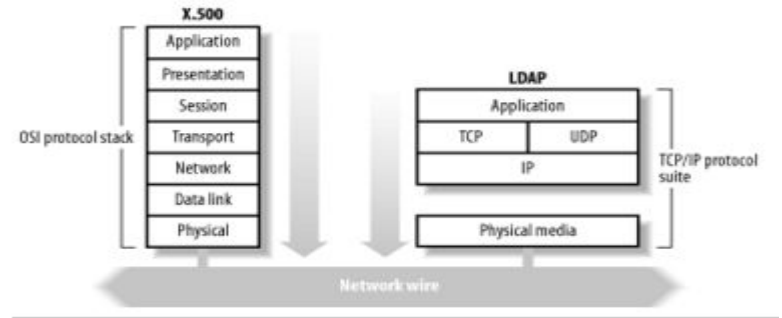
LDAP:

it is based on a light network suite

It uses a separate layer for schema and physical storage

Components of the LDAP model:

- informational
- naming
- functional
- security
- LDIF language
- external utilities



2. Architecture of LDAP database

Client - multi Server structure

One logical server

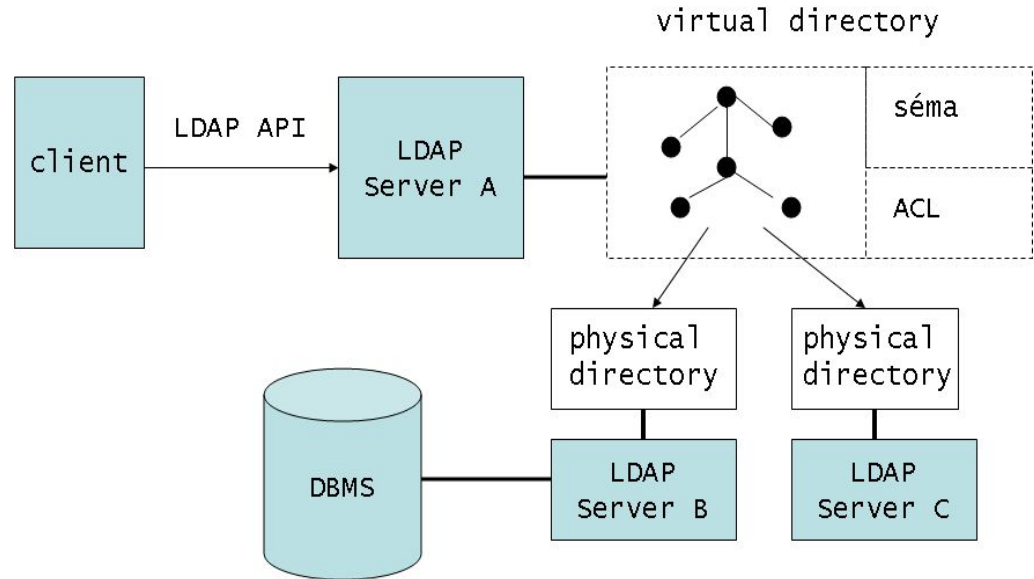
Virtual object repository

Separate physical databases

Distributed data storage

Supports different types of data storages

Schema support



2.b Architecture of LDAP database

The connection is message-based

Separate messages (stateless)

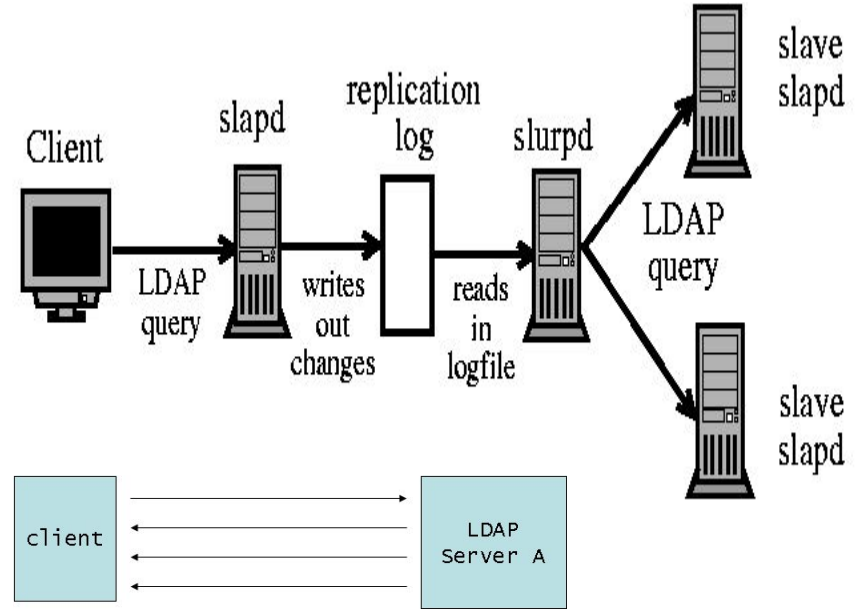
several parallel messages from the same client

different types of messages

DCL: connect, bind, unbind, abandon

DML: add, delete, modify

DQL: search, compare



3. Elements of LDAP schema

LDAP schema:

very flexible hierarchy structure

a node is a simple record having several (attribute + value) pairs

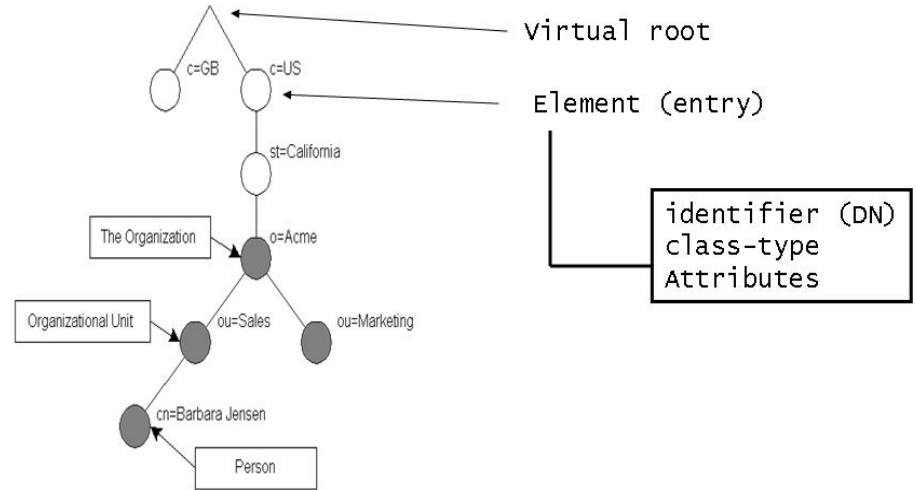
there is a key attribute (+ value)

simple schema control

identification of node: access path

DN: distinct node name
(reverse access path)

RDN: relative DN



dn: dc=iit,dc=uni-miskolc,dc=hu

dn: o=ab,dc=iit,dc=uni-miskolc,dc=hu

3.b Elements of LDAP schema

Logical and physical structure

Logical part:

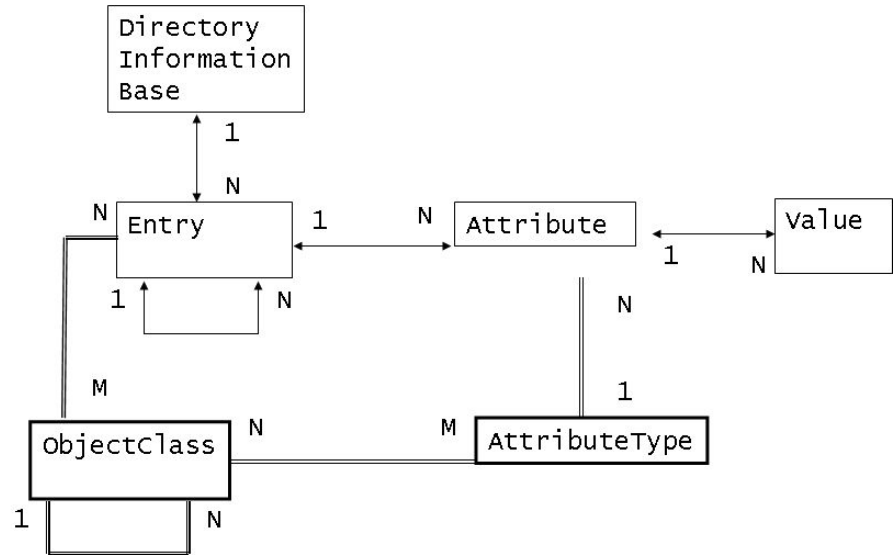
- hierarchy
- node (entry)
- attribute + value

schema: object

- objectclass
- attributetype
- no constraint on child schema

Physical part:

- text file
- databases



3.c Elements of LDAP schema

Special kinds of entries: Referral and Alias

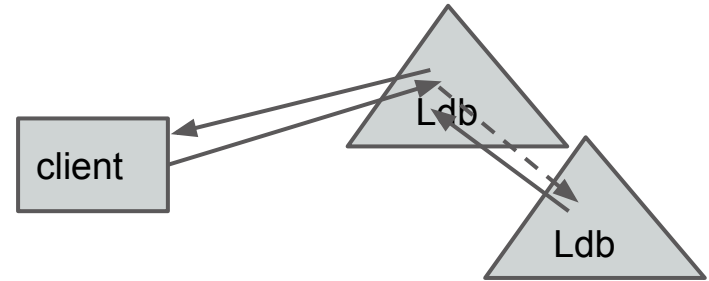
Referral:

the entry contains a reference to another entry point (at the local or remote server)
Inter-LDAP server Jump

the reference is resolved by the client or by the server (chaining)

Alias:

a link to another entry within the same entry tree



```
dn: o=grommets,dc=example,dc=com
objectClass: referral
objectClass: extensibleObject
o: grommets
ref: ldap://ldap2.example.com/o=grommets,dc=net
```

```
dn: uid=jschmidt,ou=people,dc=example,dc=de
objectClass: alias
objectClass: extensibleObject
uid: jschmidt
aliasedObjectName:
uid=jschmidt,ou=people,dc=example,dc=kr
```

4. LDIF schema language

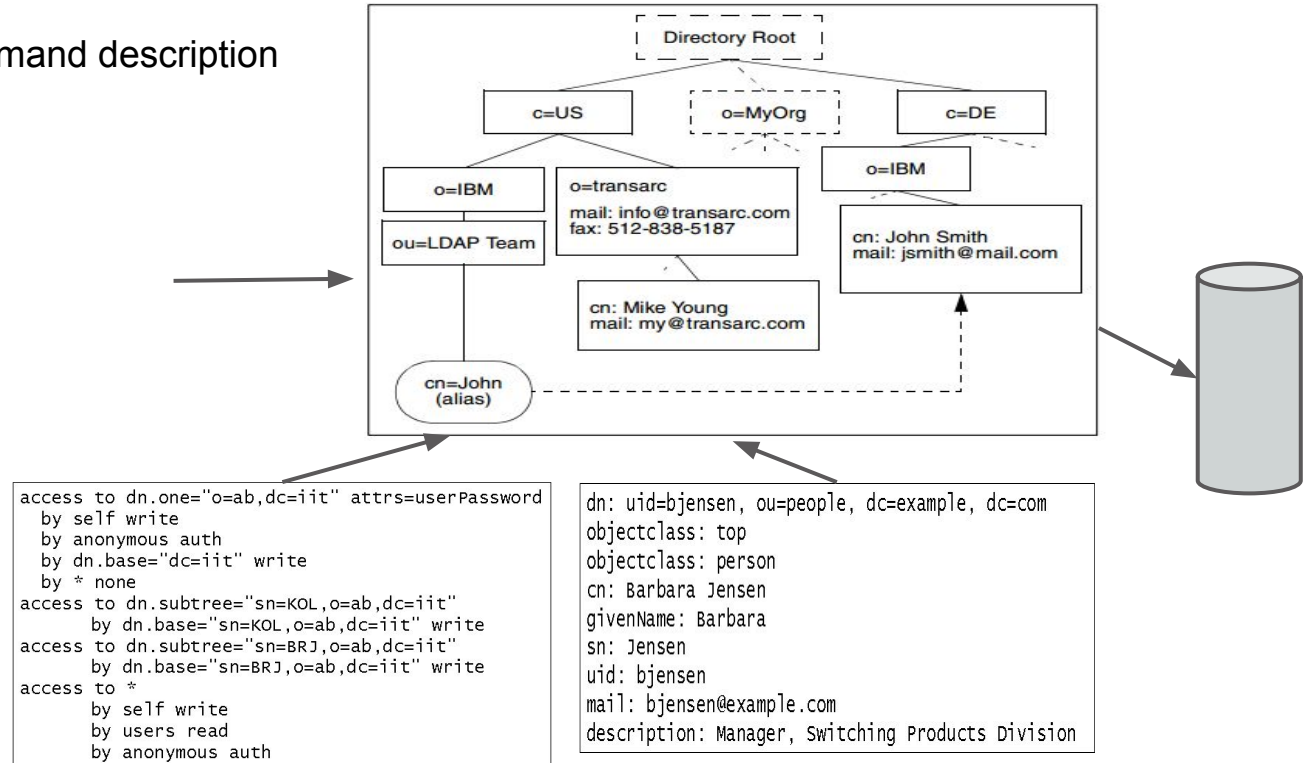
LDIF : schema and command description language for LDAP

schema description

ACL commands

DML commands

Query commands



4.b LDIF schema language

Attribute type specification:

- OID
- name
- data type
- single value or multi valued
- value constraint
- description
- parent attribute type (inheritance)
- equality mode
- ordering mode

```
attributetype (
  2.5.4.6
  NAME ( 'c' 'countryName' )
  DESC 'RFC2256: ISO-3166 country 2-letter code'
  SUP name
  SINGLE-VALUE )

attributetype ( 2.5.4.16 NAME 'postalAddress'
  DESC 'RFC2256: postal address'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreListMatch
  SUBSTR caseIgnoreListSubstringsMatch
  SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.41 )
```

Value being represented	H-R OBJECT IDENTIFIER
ACI Item	N 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.1
Access Point	Y 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.2
Attribute Type Description	Y 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.3
Audio	N 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.4
Binary	N 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.5
Bit String	Y 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.6
Boolean	Y 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.7
Certificate	N 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.8
Certificate List	N 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.9
Certificate Pair	N 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.10
Country String	Y 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.11
...	...

4.c LDIF schema language

Object class definition:

- name
- OID
- parent type (inheritance)
- category (structural, abstract,..)
- mandatory attributes
- optional attributes
- description

```
objectclass ( 2.5.6.2 NAME 'country'  
             DESC 'RFC2256: a country'  
             SUP top STRUCTURAL  
             MUST c  
             MAY ( searchguide $ description ) )
```

```
attributetype ( 12.12.12.7 NAME 'db'  
               DESC 'darabszam'  
               SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.27{128} )  
attributetype ( 12.12.12.8 NAME 'lakcim'  
               DESC 'lakcim'  
               EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
               SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{128} )  
##  
objectclass ( 12.12.13.1 NAME 'kiado'  
             DESC 'kiado'  
             SUP top STRUCTURAL  
             MUST ( adoszam $ nev)  
             MAY ( varos ) )  
objectclass ( 12.12.13.2 NAME 'konyv'  
             DESC 'konyv'  
             SUP top STRUCTURAL  
             MUST ( iksbn $ cim)  
             MAY ( ar ) )  
objectclass ( 12.12.13.3 NAME 'ugyfel'  
             DESC 'vevo ugyfel'  
             SUP top STRUCTURAL  
             MUST ( nev $ lakcim $ db)
```

5. LDIF nodeset expressions

Components of a selection expression

base: the root of the search subtree

scope: subset of the subtree

scope mode:

LDAP_SCOPE_BASE
LDAP_SCOPE_ONE
LDAP_SCOPE_SUBTREE

filter:

condition on parameter values

sample LDAP tree:

```
0: o=suffix
1: cn=Manager,o=suffix
2: ou=people,o=suffix
3: uid=kdz,ou=people,o=suffix
4: cn=addresses,uid=kdz,ou=people,o=suffix
5: uid=hyc,ou=people,o=suffix
```

Nodeset expressions:

```
dn.base="ou=people,o=suffix"    → 2
dn.one="ou=people,o=suffix"     → 3,5
dn.subtree="ou=people,o=suffix" → 2,3,4,5
```

6. LDIF access control commands

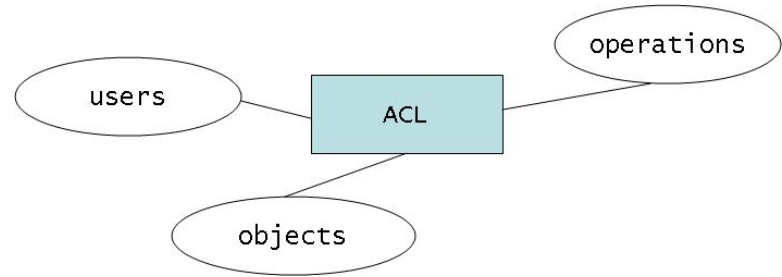
The access control is a crucial component of the LDAP repository

there is a root who can access every data items.

ACL -based access control

ACL entry in configuration file :

TO nodes BY user operation



identification of the users:

* | self | anonymous | users | dn.regex = DN

operation codes:

none | auth | search | read | write

6.b LDIF access control commands

identification of the objects:

```
* | dn.base=DN | dn.one=DN |  
dn.subtree=DN | dn.regex = DN  
filter=kif  
attrs=tul.lista
```

standard users:

A user corresponds to an LDAP entry
this entry has a field userPassword

The user name is equal to the DN of the
related entry

```
to dn.one="ou=people,o=suffix" filter=(objectClass=person)
```

```
to * by self write  
by anonymous auth  
by * read
```

```
to dn.subtree="dc=example,dc=com" attr=homePhone  
by self write  
by dn.children=dc=example,dc=com" search
```

```
Konfigurációs bejegyzés:  
access to dn.base="" by * read  
access to dn.base="cn=Subschema" by * read  
access to *  
by self write  
by users read  
by anonymous auth
```

6.c LDIF access control commands

basic control operations:

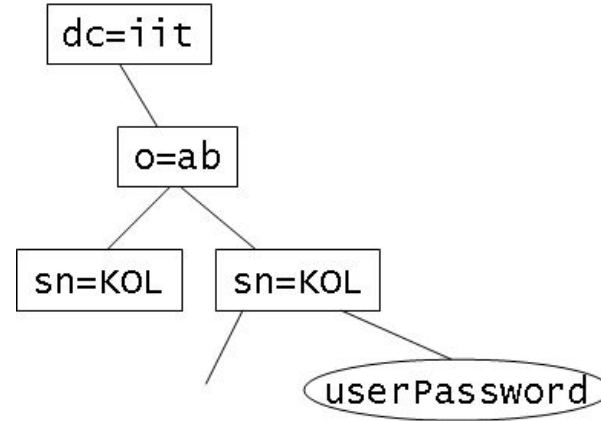
1. connect / anonymous
can read only the root
2. connect / bind:KOL
can read everything (except password)
it can modify only its subtree

Login:

dn: sn=KOL,o=ab,dc=iit
pwd: KOL

Admin parameters are given in the configuration file

rootdn DN
rootpw PWD



6.d LDIF access control commands

The order of the ACL rules has an important role

The first rule in the sequence is executed

```
access to dn.one="o=ab,dc=iit" attrs=userPassword
  by self write
  by anonymous auth
  by dn.base="dc=iit" write
  by * none
access to dn.subtree="sn=KOL,o=ab,dc=iit"
  by dn.base="sn=KOL,o=ab,dc=iit" write
access to dn.subtree="sn=BRJ,o=ab,dc=iit"
  by dn.base="sn=BRJ,o=ab,dc=iit" write
access to *
  by self write
  by users read
  by anonymous auth
```

7. OpenLDAP commands

insert a new entry into the LDAP tree:

`add(DN,attvallist)`

DN: entry DN

Attvallist: the description of the attributes

```
ldapadd -h ldap.example.com -D "cn=directory manager"
-w secret -f updates.ldif
```

query in the LDAP tree:

```
ldapsearch -h ldap.example.com -s base -b
"uid=bjensen,ou=people,dc=example,dc=com" "(objectclass=*)"
```

`search(base-DN,scope, attlist, filter, limits)`

base-DN: root of the subtree

scope: search level (base, onelevel, sub)

attlist: required attributes

filter: filter condition

limits: constraints on execution time and
size of the result

7.b OpenLDAP commands

LDAP Servers:

Apache Directory Server (Apache Software Foundation)

OpenLDAP (Kurt Zeilenga and others (based on Slapd))

Mandriva Directory Server

Oracle Internet Directory (Oracle)

Active Directory (Microsoft)

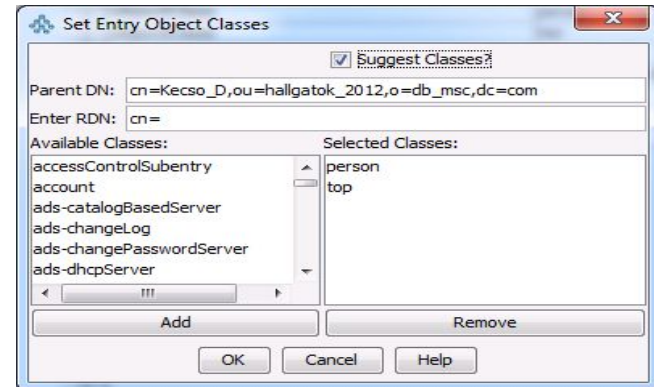
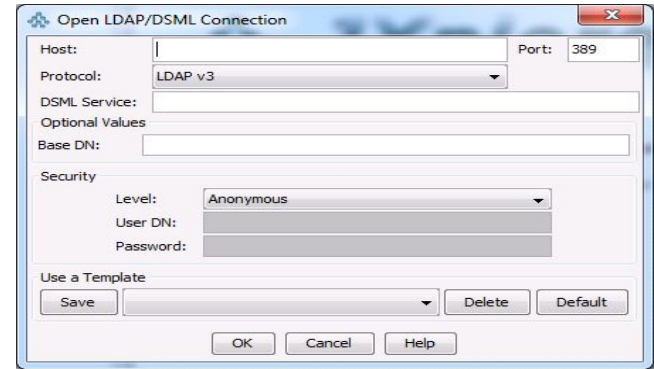
Ldap Clients:

Apache Directory Server/Studio - an LDAP browser and directory client

JXplorer - a Java-based browser that runs in any operating environment.

phpLDAPadmin - a web-based LDAP administration tool

Active Directory Explorer - a freeware LDAP client tool from Microsoft



7.c OpenLDAP commands

JXplorer client:

- LDAP add/delete/copy/modify
- tree copy, move and delete
- Drag-n-drop editing
- Complex searching
- UI for search filter construction
- SSL/TLS support
- SASL Authentication
- Full i18n support
- Hungarian, French and German
- Traditional and Simplified Chinese
- Unicode Support
- UTF8 allowed in DNS
- Schema support
- Supports complex DNS
- Paged results
- Extensive Help System

The top screenshot shows the JXplorer client interface with a search for 'cn'. The 'Schema' tab is active, displaying a table of attribute types and values:

attribute type	value
DESC	RFC2256: a person
MAY	description
MAY	seeAlso
MAY	telephoneNumber
MAY	userPassword
MUST	cn
MUST	sn
	person
	synthetic_JXplorer_schema_obj
	top
	2.5.6.6
	top

The bottom screenshot shows the JXplorer client interface with a tree view of a domain structure. The 'HTML View' tab is active, displaying a table of attributes and values for a user:

attribute type	value
cn	zsolt
objectClass	person
objectClass	top
sn	TZs
telephoneNumber	2244
userPassword	(non string)
description	
seeAlso	

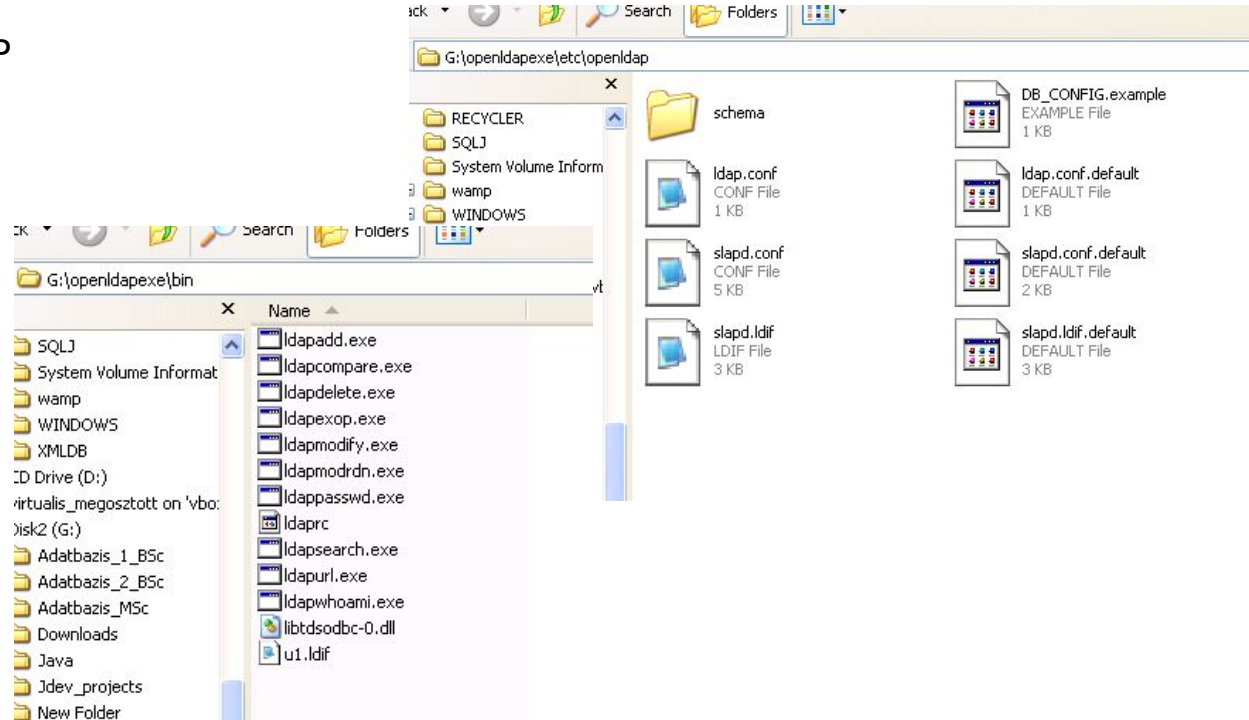
8. LDAP API architecture, classes

Installation of OpenLDAP

different data source
option

config files:
slapd.conf
lapd.conf

schema files



8.b LDAP API architecture, classes

SLAPD.configuration file:

```
include      ../etc/openldap/schema/core.schema
include      ../etc/openldap/schema/cosine.schema
logfile      ../var/log/openldap.log
moduleload   back_bdb.la

database     bdb
suffix       "dc=my-domain,dc=com"
rootdn       "cn=Manager,dc=my-domain,dc=com"
rootpw       {SSHA}ELYEVFER2s6yqWugfOzoIpJZJ09cO6dN
directory   ../var/openldap-data

access to attrs=userPassword
  by dn="cn=Manager,dc=my-domain,dc=com" write
  by anonymous auth
  by * none
```

9. Query and update in Java LDAP API

Java LDAP API : Java classes to perform operations in LDAP repository

class library:

```
import com.novell.ldap.*
```

connection class:

```
LDAPConnection lc = new LDAPConnection();
```

connect / disconnect

```
lc.connect(host, port);  
lc.disconnect();
```

bind:

```
lc.bind(ldapversion, loginDN, password);
```

9.b Query and update in Java LDAP API

constraints on the operations:

```
LDAPConstraints cons = lc.getConstraints();  
cons.setTimeLimit(6000);
```

search operations:

```
String searchBase = "cn=TZs,o=ME";  
int searchScope = LDAPConnection.SCOPE_BASE;  
String searchFilter = "(year=10)";
```

```
LDAPSearchResults searchResults =  
lc.search( searchBase,searchScope,searchFilter,...);
```

9.b Query and update in Java LDAP API

```
while ( searchResults.hasMore() ) {
    LDAPEntry nextEntry = null;
    try {
        nextEntry = searchResults.next();
        System.out.println("\n" + nextEntry.getDN());
        LDAPAttributeSet attributeSet = nextEntry.getAttributeSet();
        Iterator allAttributes = attributeSet.iterator();
        while(allAttributes.hasNext()) {
            LDAPAttribute attribute =
                (LDAPAttribute)allAttributes.next();
            String attributeName = attribute.getName();
            if (attributeName.compareTo("sn")==0) {
                Enumeration allValues = attribute.getStringValues();
                String attributevalue = (String) allValues.nextElement();
                System.out.println("  " + attributeName + " :: " + attributevalue);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

9.c Query and update in Java LDAP API

DML operations:

```
lc.add(entry);
```

```
LDAPAttribute attribute = null;
```

```
String cn = "Toth Anna";
```

```
attribute = new LDAPAttribute("cn", cn);
```

```
attributeSet.add(attribute);
```

```
String dn = "cn=TothA," + containerName;
```

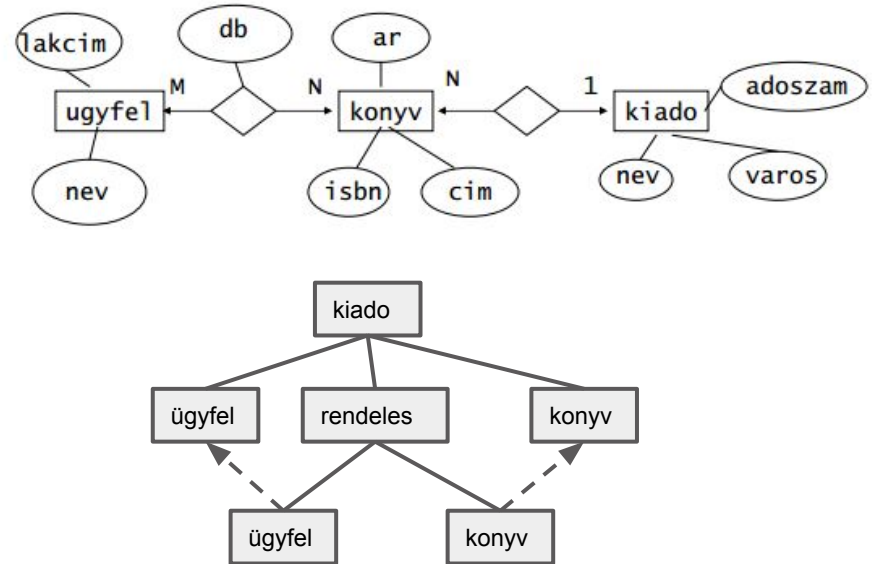
```
LDAPEntry newEntry = new LDAPEntry(dn, attributeSet);
```

```
lc.add(newEntry);
```

10. Conversion of ER into LDIF schema

Steps of implementation:

- convert ER into a hierarchical model (1:N relationships)
- develop the attribute and objectclass definitions
- create LDIF files to implement the repository



Examples

```
#attributetype ( 2.5.4.1 NAME ( 'aliasedObjectName' 'aliasedEntryName' )  
#           DESC 'RFC2256: name of aliased object'  
#           EQUALITY distinguishedNameMatch  
#           SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.12 SINGLE-VALUE )
```

```
attributetype ( 2.5.4.2 NAME 'knowledgeInformation'  
                DESC 'RFC2256: knowledge information'  
                EQUALITY caseIgnoreMatch  
                SYNTAX 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.15{32768} )
```

```
# system schema
```

```
#attributetype ( 2.5.4.3 NAME ( 'cn' 'commonName' )  
#           DESC 'RFC2256: common name(s) for which the entity is known by'  
#           SUP name )
```

Examples

```
import com.novell.Ldap.*;
import java.io.UnsupportedEncodingException;

public class LdapJ {
    public LdapJ() {
        super();
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LdapJ ldapJ = new LdapJ();
        ldapJ.Ldapproba();
    }
    public void Ldapproba() {
        int ldapPort = LDAPConnection.DEFAULT_PORT;
        int ldapVersion = LDAPConnection.LDAP_V3;
        String ldapHost = "localhost";
        String loginDN = "cn=Manager,dc=my-domain,dc=com";
        String password = "secret";
        String objectDN = "sn=BP,ou=geial,dc=my-domain,dc=com";
        String testPassword = "BP1";
        LDAPConnection lc = new LDAPConnection();
```

Examples

```
try {
    // connect to the server
    lc.connect( ldapHost, ldapPort );
    System.out.println("S1");
    // authenticate to the server
    lc.bind( ldapVersion, loginDN, password.getBytes("UTF8") );

    System.out.println("S2");

    LDAPAttribute attr = new LDAPAttribute(
        "userPassword", testPassword );
    System.out.println("S3");
    boolean correct = lc.compare( objectDN, attr );
    System.out.println("S4");

    System.out.println( correct ? "The password is correct.":
        "The password is incorrect.\n");
}
```

Examples

```
// disconnect with the server
    lc.disconnect();
}
catch( LDAPException e ) {
    if ( e.getResultCode() == LDAPException.NO_SUCH_OBJECT ) {
        System.err.println( "Error: No such entry" );
    } else if ( e.getResultCode() ==
                LDAPException.NO_SUCH_ATTRIBUTE ) {
        System.err.println( "Error: No such attribute" );
    } else {
        System.err.println( "Error: " + e.toString() );
    }
}
catch( UnsupportedEncodingException e ) {
    System.out.println( "Error: " + e.toString() );
}
System.exit(0);
}
```
