

# **eduPerson 1.0 Specification**

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**eduPersonAffiliation** (defined in eduPerson); *OID*: 1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.1

*Application utility class*: standard; *# of values*: multi

*Definition*

Specifies the person's relationship(s) to the institution in broad categories such as student, faculty, staff, alum, etc. (See controlled vocabulary)

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

faculty, student, staff, alum, member, affiliate, employee

*Notes*

If there is a value in eduPersonPrimaryAffiliation, that value should be stored here as well.

The list of allowed values in the current version 1.0 of the object class is CERTAINLY incomplete. We felt that any additional values should come out of discussions with the stakeholder communities. Any agreed-upon additional values will be included as part of the post-1.0 versions of eduPerson.

We also deliberately avoided including a value such as "other" or "misc" because it would be semantically equivalent to "none of the above." To indicate "none of the above," for a specific person, leave the attribute empty.

"member" is intended to include faculty, staff, student, and other persons with a basic set of privileges that go with membership in the university community (e.g., library privileges). It could be glossed as "member in good standing of the university community."

"affiliate" is intended to apply to people with whom the university has dealings, but to whom no general set of "community membership" privileges are extended.

*Semantics*

Each institution decides the criteria for membership in each affiliation classification.

A reasonable person should find the listed relationships commonsensical.

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages,  
controlling access to resources

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

eduPersonAffiliation: faculty  
*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**eduPersonNickname** (defined in eduPerson); *OID:* 1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.2

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Person's nickname, or the informal name by which they are accustomed to be hailed

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Most often a single name as opposed to displayName which often consists of a full name. Useful for user-friendly search by name. As distinct from the cn (common name) attribute, the eduPersonNickname attribute is intended primarily to carry the person's preferred nickname(s). E.g., Jack for John, Woody for Durwood, JR for Joseph Robert.

Carrying this in a separate attribute makes it relatively easy to make this a self-maintained attribute (editorial oversight is advisable!). If it were merely one of the multiple values of the cn attribute, this would be harder to do.

Application developers can use this attribute to make directory search functions more "user friendly."

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

eduPersonNickname: Spike

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**eduPersonOrgDN** (defined in eduPerson); *OID:* 1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.3

*Application utility class:* core; *# of values:* single

*Definition*

The distinguished name (DN) of the of the directory entry representing the institution with which the person is associated.

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

### *Notes*

With a distinguished name, the client can do an efficient lookup in the institution's directory to find out more about the organization with which the person is associated.

Cn (common name), sn (surname, family name) and this attribute, eduPersonOrgDN, are the three attributes satisfying the "core" application utility class of eduPerson.

### *Semantics*

The directory entry pointed to by this dn should be represented in the X.521(1993) "organization" object class. The attribute set for organization is defined as follows:

o (Organization Name, required)

Optional attributes include:

description

localeAttributeSet

postalAttributeSet

telecommunicationsAttributeSet

businessCategory

seeAlso

searchGuide

userPassword

Note that labeledURI is not included in the above list. We recommend adding the labeledURIObject auxiliary object class to the organization object pointed to by this dn, which endows it with a labeledURI attribute. Some directory servers implement this object class by default. For others, the schema may need to be extended using this definition (using the syntax specified by RFC2252):

( 1.3.6.1.4.1.250.3.15 NAME 'labeledURIObject' SUP top AUXILIARY  
MAY labeledURI )

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*  
directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

eduPersonOrgDN: o=Hogwarts, dc=hsww, dc=wiz

*Syntax: CIS; Indexing:*

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**eduPersonOrgUnitDN** (defined in eduPerson); *OID*: 1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.4

*Application utility class*: standard; *# of values*: multi

*Definition*

The distinguished name (DN) of the directory entries representing the person's Organizational Unit(s).

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

With a distinguished name, the client can do an efficient lookup in the institution's directory for information about the person's organizational unit(s).

*Semantics*

The directory entry pointed to by this dn should be represented in the X.521(1993) "organizational unit" object class. In addition to organizationalUnitName, this object class has the same optional attribute set as the organization object class:

ou (Organization Unit Name, required}

Optional attributes include:

description

localeAttributeSet

postalAttributeSet

telecommunicationsAttributeSet

businessCategory

seeAlso

searchGuide

userPassword

Note that labeledURI is not included in the above list. We recommend adding the labeledURIObject auxiliary object class to the organization object pointed to by this dn, which endows it with a labeledURI attribute. Some directory servers implement this object class by default. For others, the schema may need to be extended using this definition (using the syntax specified by RFC2252):

( 1.3.6.1.4.1.250.3.15 NAME 'labeledURIObject' SUP top AUXILIARY  
MAY labeledURI )

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

eduPersonOrgUnitDN: ou=Potions, o=Hogwarts, dc=hsww, dc=wiz

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq, sub

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**eduPersonPrimaryAffiliation** (defined in eduPerson);

*OID:* 1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.5

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* single

*Definition*

Specifies the person's PRIMARY relationship to the institution in broad categories such as student, faculty, staff, alum, etc. (See controlled vocabulary)

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

faculty, student, staff, alum, member, affiliate, employee

*Notes*

Appropriate if the person carries at least one of the defined eduPersonAffiliations. The choices of values are the same as for that attribute.

Think of this as the affiliation one might put on the name tag if this person were to attend a general institutional social gathering. Note that the single-valued eduPersonPrimaryAffiliation attribute assigns each person in the directory into one and only one category of affiliation. There are application scenarios where this would be useful.

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We also deliberately avoided including a value such as "other" or "misc" because it is semantically equivalent to "none of the above." To indicate "none of the above," for a specific person, leave the attribute unpopulated.

"member" is intended to include faculty, staff, student, and other persons granted a basic set of privileges that go with membership in the university community (e.g., library privileges). It could be glossed as "member in good standing of the university community."

"affiliate" is intended to apply to people with whom the university has dealings, but to whom no general set of "community membership" privileges are extended.

*Semantics*

Each institution decides the criteria for membership in each affiliation classification.

A reasonable person should find the listed relationships commonsensical.

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, controlling access to resources

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

eduPersonPrimaryAffiliation: student

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**eduPersonPrincipalName** (defined in eduPerson); *OID:* 1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.1.1.6

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* single

*Definition*

The "NetID" of the person for the purposes of inter-institutional authentication. Should be stored in the form of user@univ.edu, where univ.edu is the name of the local security domain.

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

If populated, the user should be able to authenticate with this identifier, using locally operated services. Local authentication systems should be able to adequately affirm (to both local and remote applications) that the authenticated principal is the person to whom this identifier was issued.

The initial intent is to use this attribute within the Shibboleth project, <http://middleware.internet2.edu/shibboleth>. However, it has quickly become clear that a number of other applications could also make good use of this attribute (e.g. H.323 video, chat software, etc).

eduPersonPrincipalName (EPPN) would be used as follows: A resource owner, A, would look at B's directory entry to discover B's EPPN. A would then tell the local authorization system that B's EPPN is allowed to use the resource. When B tries to access the resource, the application (or access control infrastructure) would validate B's identity, check with the local authorization system to ensure that B has been granted the appropriate access privileges, and then either grant or deny access.

EPPN looks like a Kerberos identifier (principal@realm). A site might choose to locally implement EPPN as Kerberos principals. However, this is not a requirement. A site can choose to do authentication in any way that is locally acceptable. Over time, many sites are expected to be using PKI for authentication; however, they may still be specifying identity in EPPN format.

Likewise, EPPN should NOT be confused with the user's published email address, although the two values may be the same. Some sites have chosen to make the user portion of email addresses and security principals the same character string; other sites have chosen not to do this. Even when they appear to be the same, they are used in different subsystems and for different purposes, and there is no requirement that they have to remain the same.

The uid attribute of the user's object within the local white pages directory may also contain a login id, a security principal; some systems (eg NDS) may put a login id in the cn attribute. These attributes are defined within objectclasses that are universal. Unfortunately, their use is not prescribed in a sufficiently precise and consistent manner for use with cross domain authorization. A variety of systems already make conflicting use of these attributes; consequently, we have defined this new attribute.

An assumption is that EPPNs are managed on an enterprise basis by the univ of univ.edu. A particular EPPN is assigned solely to the associated user; it is not a security principal identifier shared by more than one person. Lastly, each EPPN is unique within the local security domain.

How long, if ever, before a formerly assigned EPPN is reassigned to a different individual is an institutional decision. Some institutions will choose never to reassign EPPNs. Others may opt for a relatively short hiatus before reassignment. While this complicates the work of the relying parties, it is unavoidable given institutional autonomy. See MACE best practice documents on identifiers for further discussion of these issues.

This attribute should prove useful in creating some applications that are based on currently deployed technologies and on code that does not currently use LDAP or require a PKI. This attribute should help to create a

framework to foster interesting inter-institutional collaborations between sites that use different technologies. In short, this attribute provides a foundation for yet another abstraction layer.

It is expected that this attribute may become deprecated in some future version of eduPerson. This would occur as LDAP enabled infrastructures and applications become more mature. One metric of this maturity will be the convergence on best practices and their widespread adoption.

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

controlling access to resources

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

eduPersonPrincipalName: hputter@hsw.wiz

*Syntax:* CES; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**c** (defined in X.521(1993)); *OID:* 2.5.4.6

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

country name According to RFC 2256, "This attribute contains a two-letter ISO 3166 country code (countryName).

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

set of ISO 3166 country codes

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

c: ca

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**cn** (defined in person); *OID:* 2.5.4.3

*Application utility class:* core; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Common name.

According to RFC 2256, "This is the X.500 commonName attribute, which contains a name of an object. If the object corresponds to a person, it is typically the person's full name.

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

### *Notes*

Required. One of the two required attributes in the person object class from which eduPerson derives (the other is sn). As such it is one of eduPerson's three "core application utility" attributes. The third is eduPersonOrgDN.

With eduPersonOrgDN and cn, the client knows the person's name and the distinguished name of the organization with which he/she is associated. The latter could help them find a directory entry for the person's organization.

### *Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

all

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

cn: Mary Francis Xavier

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**description** (defined in person); *OID:* 2.5.4.13

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

### *Definition*

Open-ended; whatever the person or the directory manager puts here. According to RFC 2256, "This attribute contains a human-readable description of the object."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

### *Notes*

Can be anything. According to RFC 2256, "This attribute contains a human-readable description of the object."

### *Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

description: A jolly good felon

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**displayName** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 2.16.840.1.113730.3.1.241

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* single

### *Definition*

The name(s) that should appear in white-pages-like applications for this person

From RFC 2798 description: "preferred name of a person to be used when displaying entries."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Cn (common name) is multi-valued and overloaded to meet the needs of multiple applications. displayName is a better candidate for use in Dod, white pages and configurable email clients.

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages, email client

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

displayName: Jack Dougherty

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**facsimileTelephoneNumber** (defined in orgPerson); *OID:* 2.5.4.23

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

A fax number for the directory entry. Attribute values should follow the agreed format for international telephone numbers: i.e., "+44 71 123 4567".

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

A fax number for the directory entry.

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

facsimileTelephoneNumber: +44 71 123 4567

*Syntax:* TEL; *Indexing:*

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**givenName** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 2.5.4.42

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

From RFC 2256 description: "The givenName attribute is used to hold the part of a person's name which is not their surname nor middle name."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

givenName: Stephen

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**homePhone** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.20

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

From RFC 1274 description: "The [homePhone] attribute type specifies a home telephone number associated with a person. Attribute values should follow the agreed format for international telephone numbers: i.e., "+44 71 123 4567".

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

In RFC 1274, this was originally called homeTelephoneNumber

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

homePhone: +1 608 555 1212

*Syntax:* TEL; *Indexing:*

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**homePostalAddress** (defined in inetOrgPerson);

*OID:* 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.39

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

From RFC 1274 description: "The Home postal address attribute type specifies a home postal address for an object. This should be limited to up to 6 lines of 30 characters each."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

Home address. OrgPerson has a PostalAddress that complements this attribute

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

homePostalAddress: 1212 Como Ave.\$Midton, SD 45621  
*Syntax: CIS; Indexing:*

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**initials** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID: 2.5.4.43*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

From RFC 2256 description: "The initials attribute contains the initials of some or all of an individuals names, but not the surname(s)."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

initials: f x

*Syntax: CIS; Indexing:*

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**jpegPhoto** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID: 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.60*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 2798: "Used to store one or more images of a person using the JPEG File Interchange Format [JFIF]."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

A smallish photo in jpeg format.

*Semantics*

A smallish photo in jpeg format.

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

*Syntax: ; Indexing:*

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**l** (defined in orgPerson); *OID: 2.5.4.7*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

locality name.

According to RFC 2256, "This attribute contains the name of a locality, such as a city, county or other geographic region (localityName".

X.520(2000) reads: "The Locality Name attribute type specifies a locality. When used as a component of a directory name, it identifies a geographical area or locality in which the named object is physically located or with which it is associated in some other important way.

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

l: Hudson Valley

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**labeledURI** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 1.3.6.1.4.1.250.1.57

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 2079: "Uniform Resource Identifier with optional label."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Commonly a URL for a web site associated with this person. Good candidate for a self-maintained attribute. Note, however, that the vocabulary for the label portion of the value is not standardized.

Note from RFC 2079: "The labeledURI attribute type has the caseExactString syntax (since URIs are case-sensitive) and it is multivalued. Values placed in the attribute should consist of a URI (at the present time, a URL) optionally followed by one or more space characters and a label. Since space characters are not allowed to appear un-encoded in URIs, there is no ambiguity about where the label begins. At the present time, the URI portion must comply with the URL specification.

Multiple labeledURI values will generally indicate different resources that are all related to the X.500 object, but may indicate different locations for the same resource.

The label is used to describe the resource to which the URI points, and is intended as a friendly name fit for human consumption. This

document does not propose any specific syntax for the label part. In some cases it may be helpful to include in the label some indication of the kind and/or size of the resource referenced by the URI.

Note that the label may include any characters allowed by the caseExactString syntax, but that the use of non-IA5 (non-ASCII) characters is discouraged as not all directory clients may handle them in the same manner. If non-IA5 characters are included, they should be represented using the X.500 conventions, not the HTML conventions (e.g., the character that is an "a" with a ring above it should be encoded using the T.61 sequence 0xCA followed by an "a" character; do not use the HTML escape sequence "&aring").

#### Examples of labeledURI Attribute Values

An example of a labeledURI attribute value that does not include a label:

`ftp://ds.internic.net/rfc/rfc822.txt`

An example of a labeledURI attribute value that contains a tilde character in the URL (special characters in a URL must be encoded as specified by the URL document [1]). The label is "LDAP Home Page":

`http://www.umich.edu/%7Eersug/ldap/ LDAP Home Page`

Another example. This one includes a hint in the label to help the user realize that the URL points to a photo image.

`http://champagne.inria.fr/Unites/rennes.gif Rennes [photo]"`

#### *Semantics*

Most commonly a URL for a web site associated with this person

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

labeledURI: `http://www.hsw.wiz/%7Eputter Harry's home page`

*Syntax: CIS; Indexing:*

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**mail** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID*: 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.3

*Application utility class*: standard; *# of values*: multi

### *Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 1274: "The [mail] attribute type specifies an electronic mailbox attribute following the syntax specified in RFC 822. Note that this attribute should not be used for greybook or other non-Internet order mailboxes."

### *Permissible values (if controlled)*

### *Notes*

Preferred address for the "to:" field of email to be sent to this person. nowadays usually of the form localid@univ.edu. Likely only one value.

Some mail clients will not display entries unless the mail attribute is populated. See the LDAP Recipe for further guidance on email addresses, routing, etc. <http://www.georgetown.edu/giia/internet2/ldap-recipe/>

Note: RFC 1274 uses the longer name 'rfc822Mailbox' and syntax OID of 0.9.2342.19200300.100.3.5. All recent LDAP documents and most deployed LDAP implementations refer to this attribute as 'mail' and define the IA5 String (ASCII string) syntax using using the OID 1.3.6.1.4.1.1466.115.121.1.26, as is done here.

### *Semantics*

Preferred address for the "to:" field of email to be sent to this person

### *Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages, email client

### *Example (LDIF fragment)*

mail: dumbledore@hsw.wiz

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**mobile** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.41

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

### *Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 1274: "The [mobile] attribute type specifies a mobile telephone number associated with a person. Attribute values should follow the agreed format for international telephone numbers: i.e., "+44 71 123 4567"."

### *Permissible values (if controlled)*

### *Notes*

cellular or mobile phone number

RFC 1274 uses the longer name 'mobileTelephoneNumber'.

*Semantics*

cellular or mobile phone number

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

mobile: +47 22 44 66 88

*Syntax:* TEL; *Indexing:*

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- o (defined in X.521(1993)); *OID:* 2.5.4.10

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Standard name of the top-level organization (institution) with which this person is associated.

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Likely only one value.

Meant to carry the TOP-LEVEL organization name. Do not use this attribute to carry school college names.

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

o: St. Cloud State

*Syntax:* ; *Indexing:*

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- ou (defined in X.521(1993)); *OID:* 2.5.4.11

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Organizational unit(s). According to X.520(2000), "The Organizational Unit Name attribute type specifies an organizational unit. When used as a component of a directory name it identifies an organizational unit with which the named object is affiliated.

The designated organizational unit is understood to be part of an organization designated by an OrganizationName [o] attribute. It follows that if an Organizational Unit Name attribute is used in a directory name, it must be associated with an OrganizationName [o] attribute.

An attribute value for Organizational Unit Name is a string chosen by the organization of which it is a part."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

ou: Faculty Senate

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:* pres,eq,sub

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**pager** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.42

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 1274: "The [pager] attribute type specifies a pager telephone number for an object. Attribute values should follow the agreed format for international telephone numbers: i.e., "+44 71 123 4567"."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

RFC 1274 uses the longer name 'pagerTelephoneNumber'.

*Semantics*

pager number

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

pager: +1 202 555 4321

*Syntax:* TEL; *Indexing:*

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**postalAddress** (defined in orgPerson); *OID:* 2.5.4.16

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Campus or office address. inetOrgPerson has a homePostalAddress that complements this attribute. X.520(2000) reads: "The Postal Address attribute type specifies the address information required for the physical postal delivery to an object."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Campus or office address. inetOrgPerson has a homePostalAddress that complements this attribute

*Semantics*

Campus or office address. X.520(2000) reads: "The Postal Address attribute type specifies the address information required for the physical postal delivery to an object."

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

postalAddress: P.O. Box 333\$Whoville, WH 99999

*Syntax: CIS; Indexing:*

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**postalCode** (defined in orgPerson); *OID: 2.5.4.17*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

Follow X.500(2000): "The postal code attribute type specifies the postal code of the named object. If this attribute value is present, it will be part of the object's postal address." Zip code in USA, postal code for other countries.

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

ZIP code in USA, postal code for other countries.

*Semantics*

Zip code in USA, postal code for other countries.

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

postalCode: 54321

*Syntax: CIS; Indexing:*

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**postOfficeBox** (defined in orgPerson); *OID: 2.5.4.18*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

Follow X.500(2000): "The Post Office Box attribute type specifies the Postal Office Box by which the object will receive physical postal delivery. If present, the attribute value is part of the object's postal address."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Follow X.500(2000): "The Post Office Box attribute type specifies the Postal Office Box by which the object will receive physical postal delivery. If present, the attribute value is part of the object's postal address."

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

postOfficeBox: 109260

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**preferredLanguage** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID:* 2.16.840.1.113730.3.1.39

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* single

*Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 2798: "preferred written or spoken language for a person"

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

preferredLanguage: Esperanto

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**seeAlso** (defined in person); *OID:* 2.5.4.34

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Follow person object class definition: Identifies (by DN) another directory server entry that may contain information related to this entry.

According to X.520(2000), "The See Also attribute type specifies names of other Directory objects which may be other aspects (in some sense) of the same real world object."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

The distinguished name of another directory entry

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

seeAlso: cn=Department Chair, ou=physics, o=University of Technology,  
dc=utech, dc=ac, dc=uk

*Syntax ; Indexing:*

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**sn** (defined in person); *OID: 2.5.4.4*

*Application utility class: core; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

Surname or family name. According to RFC 2256, "This is the X.500 surname attribute, which contains the family name of a person."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Required. One of the two required attributes in the person object class from which eduPerson derives (the other is cn). As such it is one of eduPerson's three "core application utility" attributes. The third is eduPersonOrgDN.

If the person has a multi-part surname (whether hyphenated or not), store each component as a separate value in this multi-valued attribute. That yields the best results for the broadest range of clients doing name searches.

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

all

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

sn: Carson

*Syntax: CIS; Indexing: pres,eq,sub*

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**st** (defined in orgPerson); *OID: 2.5.4.8*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

Abbreviation for state name

Format: Standard U.S. postal service two-letter code.

According to RFC 2256, "This attribute contains the full name of a state or province (stateOrProvinceName)."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

U.S. Postal Service set of two-letter state name abbreviations

*Notes*

State or province name. While RFC 2256 specifies use of the "full name," it is customary to use the U.S. Postal Service set of two-letter state name abbreviations for states in the U.S.

*Semantics*

Standard two-letter abbreviations for U.S. state names

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

st: IL

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**street** (defined in orgPerson); *OID:* 2.5.4.9

*Application utility class:* extended; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

According to RFC 2256, "This attribute contains the physical address of the object to which the entry corresponds, such as an address for package delivery (streetAddress)."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

street: 303 Mulberry St.

*Syntax:* CIS; *Indexing:*

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**telephoneNumber** (defined in person); *OID:* 2.5.4.20

*Application utility class:* standard; *# of values:* multi

*Definition*

Office/campus phone number. Attribute values should follow the agreed format for international telephone numbers: i.e., "+44 71 123 4567".

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

directory of directories, white pages

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

telephoneNumber: +1 212 555 1234  
*Syntax: TEL; Indexing:*

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**uid** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID: 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.1*

*Application utility class: standard; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

Follow inetOrgPerson definition of RFC 1274: "The [uid] attribute type specifies a computer system login name."

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

Likely only one value. See the extensive discussion in the "LDAP Recipe" <http://www.georgetown.edu/giia/internet2/ldap-recipe/>

A number of off-the-shelf directory-enabled applications make use of this inetOrgPerson attribute, not always consistently.

RFC 1274 uses the longer name 'userid'.

*Semantics*

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*  
controlling access to resources

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

uid: gmettes

*Syntax: ; Indexing:*

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**userCertificate** (defined in inetOrgPerson); *OID: 2.5.4.36*

*Application utility class: extended; # of values: multi*

*Definition*

A user's X.509 certificate

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

RFC 2256 states that this attribute is to be stored and requested in the binary form, as 'userCertificate;binary'.

*Semantics*

Following userSMIMECertificate in RFC 2798, "A PKCS#7 [RFC2315] SignedData"

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*  
email clients, controlling access to resources

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

*Syntax: ; Indexing:*

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**userSMIMECertificate** (defined in inetOrgPerson);

*OID:* 2.16.840.1.113730.3.1.40

*Application utility class:* extended; # of values: multi

*Definition*

An X.509 certificate specifically for use in S/MIME applications (see RFCs 2632, 2633 and 2634)..

*Permissible values (if controlled)*

*Notes*

An X.509 certificate specifically for use in S/MIME applications. According to RFC 2798, "If available, this attribute is preferred over the userCertificate attribute for S/MIME applications."

RFC 2256 states that this attribute is to be stored and requested in the binary form, as 'userCertificate;binary'.

*Semantics*

Following userSMIMECertificate in RFC 2798, "A PKCS#7 [RFC2315] SignedData"

*Example applications for which this attribute would be useful*

email clients

*Example (LDIF fragment)*

*Syntax: ; Indexing:*

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