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This fourth edition of ISO/IEC 9594-3 constitutes a technical revision of the third edition (ISO/IEC 9594-3:1998), which is provisionally retained in order to support implementations based on the third edition. This edition also incorporates Corrigendum 1:2002.

ISO/IEC 9594 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — The Directory*:

- *Part 1: Overview of concepts, models and services*
- *Part 2: Models*
- *Part 3: Abstract service definition*
- *Part 4: Procedures for distributed operation*
- *Part 5: Protocol specifications*
- *Part 6: Selected attribute types*
- *Part 7: Selected object classes*
- *Part 8: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks*
- *Part 9: Replication*
- *Part 10: Use of systems management for administration of the Directory*

Annex A forms a normative part of this part of ISO/IEC 9594. Annexes B, C and D are for information only.

Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard, together with the other Recommendations | International Standards, has been produced to facilitate the interconnection of information processing systems to provide directory services. A set of such systems, together with the directory information that they hold, can be viewed as an integrated whole, called the *Directory*. The information held by the Directory, collectively known as the Directory Information Base (DIB), is typically used to facilitate communication between, with or about objects such as application entities, people, terminals, and distribution lists.

The Directory plays a significant role in Open Systems Interconnection, whose aim is to allow, with a minimum of technical agreement outside of the interconnection standards themselves, the interconnection of information processing systems:

- from different manufacturers;
- under different managements;
- of different levels of complexity; and
- of different ages.

This Recommendation | International Standard defines the capabilities provided by the Directory to its users.

This fourth edition technically revises and enhances, but does not replace, the third edition of this Recommendation | International Standard. Implementations may still claim conformance to the third edition. However, at some point, the third edition will not be supported (i.e. reported defects will no longer be resolved). It is recommended that implementations conform to this fourth edition as soon as possible.

This fourth edition specifies version 1 and version 2 of the Directory protocols.

The first and second editions specified only version 1. Most of the services and protocols specified in this edition are designed to function under version 1. However, some enhanced services and protocols, e.g. signed errors, will not function unless all Directory entities involved in the operation have negotiated version 2. Whichever version has been negotiated, differences between the services and between the protocols defined in the four editions, except for those specifically assigned to version 2, are accommodated using the rules of extensibility defined in this edition of ITU-T Rec. X.519 | ISO/IEC 9594-5.

Annex A, which is an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard, provides the ASN.1 module for the Directory abstract service.

Annex B, which is not an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard, provides charts that describe the semantics associated with Basic Access Control as it applies to the processing of a Directory operation.

Annex C, which is not an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard, gives examples of the use of families of entries.

Annex D, which is not an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard, lists the amendments and defect reports that have been incorporated to form this edition of this Recommendation | International Standard.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

ITU-T RECOMMENDATION

**Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection –
The Directory: Abstract service definition**

1 Scope

This Recommendation | International Standard defines in an abstract way the externally visible service provided by the Directory.

This Recommendation | International Standard does not specify individual implementations or products.

2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

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2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

- ITU-T Recommendation X.200 (1994) | ISO/IEC 7498-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.500 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-1:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Overview of concepts, models and services*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.501 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-2:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Models*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.509 (2000) | ISO/IEC 9594-8:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.518 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-4:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Procedures for distributed operation*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.519 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-5:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Protocol specifications*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.520 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-6:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Selected attribute types*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.521 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-7:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Selected object classes*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.525 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-9:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Replication*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.530 (2001) | ISO/IEC 9594-10:2001, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Use of systems management for administration of the Directory*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.680 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-1:1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.681 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-2:1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information object specification*.

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- ITU-T Recommendation X.682 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-3:1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Constraint specification*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.683 (1997) | ISO/IEC 8824-4:1998, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Parameterization of ASN.1 specifications*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.880 (1994) | ISO/IEC 13712-1:1995, *Information technology – Remote Operations: Concepts, model and notation*.
- ITU-T Recommendation X.881 (1994) | ISO/IEC 13712-2:1995, *Information technology – Remote Operations: OSI realizations – Remote Operations Service Element (ROSE) service definition*.

2.2 Other references

- RFC 2025 (1996), *The Simple Public-Key GSS-API Mechanism (SPKM)*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 Basic Directory definitions

The following terms are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.500 | ISO/IEC 9594-1:

- a) *Directory*;
- b) *Directory Information Base*;
- c) *(Directory) User*.

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3.2 Directory model definitions

The following terms are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2:

- a) *Directory System Agent*, <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8a034ff1-7b27-429c-b434-ae265ba79a2d/iso-iec-9594-3-2001>
- b) *Directory User Agent*.

3.3 Directory information base definitions

The following terms are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2:

- a) *alias entry*;
- b) *Directory Information Tree*;
- c) *(Directory) entry*;
- d) *immediate superior*;
- e) *immediately superior entry/object*;
- f) *object*;
- g) *object class*;
- h) *object entry*;
- i) *subordinate*;
- j) *superior*;
- k) *ancestor*;
- l) *family (of entries)*;
- m) *compound entry*.

3.4 Directory entry definitions

The following terms are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2:

- a) *attribute*;
- b) *attribute type*;
- c) *attribute value*;
- d) *attribute value assertion*;
- e) *context*;
- f) *context type*;
- g) *context value*;
- h) *operational attribute*;
- i) *user attribute*;
- j) *matching rule*.

3.5 Name definitions

The following terms are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2:

- a) *alias, alias name*;
- b) *distinguished name*;
- c) *(directory) name*;
- d) *purported name*;
- e) *relative distinguished name*.

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3.6 Distributed operations definitions ISO/IEC 9594-3:2001

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The following terms are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.511 | ISO/IEC 9594-4:2001

- a) *chaining*;
- b) *referral*.

3.7 Abstract service definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.7.1 additional search: A search that starts from **joinBaseObject** as specified by the originator in the **search** request.

3.7.2 contributing member: A family member within a compound entry, which made a contribution to either a Read, Search or Modify Entry operation.

3.7.3 explicitly unmarked entry: An entry or a family member that is excluded from the **SearchResult** according to a specification given in a control attribute referenced by the governing-search-rule.

3.7.4 family grouping: A set of members of a compound attribute that are grouped together for the purpose of operation evaluation.

3.7.5 filter: An assertion about the presence or value of certain attributes of an entry in order to limit the scope of a search.

3.7.6 originator: The user that originated an operation.

3.7.7 participation member: A family member that is either a contributing member or is a member of a family grouping that as a whole matched a **search** filter.

3.7.8 primary search: The search that starts from **baseObject** as specified by the originator in the search request.

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3.7.9 relaxation: A progressive modification of the behaviour of a filter during a search operation so as to achieve more matched entries if too few are received, or fewer matched entries if too many are received.

3.7.10 service controls: Parameters conveyed as part of an operation, which constrain various aspects of its performance.

3.7.11 strand: A family grouping comprising all the members in a path from a leaf family member up to the ancestor inclusive. A family member will reside in as many strands as there are leaf family members below it (as immediate or non-immediate subordinates).

4 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following abbreviations apply.

AVA	Attribute Value Assertion
DIB	Directory Information Base
DIT	Directory Information Tree
DMD	Directory Management Domain
DSA	Directory System Agent
DUA	Directory User Agent
RDN	Relative Distinguished Name

5 Conventions

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With minor exceptions, this Directory Specification has been prepared according to the "Rules for presentation of ITU-T | ISO/IEC common text" in the Guide for ITU-T and ISO/IEC JTC 1 Cooperation, October 1996.

The term "Directory Specification" (as in "this Directory Specification") shall be taken to mean this Recommendation | International Standard. The term "Directory Specifications" shall be taken to mean the X.500-series Recommendations and all parts of ISO/IEC 9594.

This Directory Specification uses the term "1988 edition systems" to refer to systems conforming to the first edition of the Directory Specifications, i.e. the 1988 edition of the series of CCITT X.500 Recommendations and the ISO/IEC 9594:1990 edition. This Directory Specification uses the term "1993 edition systems" to refer to systems conforming to the second (1993) edition of the Directory Specifications, i.e. the 1993 edition of the series of ITU-T X.500 Recommendations and the ISO/IEC 9594:1995 edition. This Directory Specification uses the term "1997 edition systems" to refer to systems conforming to the third edition of the Directory Specifications, i.e. the 1997 edition of the series of ITU-T X.500 Recommendations and the ISO/IEC 9594:1998 edition. This Directory Specification uses the term "4th edition systems" to refer to systems conforming to this fourth edition of the Directory Specifications, i.e. the 2001 editions of ITU-T X.500, X.501, X.511, X.518, X.519, X.520, X.521, X.525, and X.530, the 2000 edition of ITU-T X.509, and parts 1-10 of the ISO/IEC 9594:2001 edition.

This Directory Specification presents ASN.1 notation in the bold Helvetica typeface. When ASN.1 types and values are referenced in normal text, they are differentiated from normal text by presenting them in the bold Helvetica, 9 point typeface. The names of procedures, typically referenced when specifying the semantics of processing, are differentiated from normal text by displaying them in bold Times. Access control permissions are presented in italicized Times.

If the items in a list are numbered (as opposed to using "-" or letters), then the items shall be considered steps in a procedure.

This Directory Specification defines directory operations using the Remote Operation notation defined in ITU-T Rec. X.880 | ISO/IEC 13712-1.

6 Overview of the Directory service

As described in ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2, the services of the Directory are provided through access points to DUAs, each acting on behalf of a user. These concepts are depicted in Figure 1. Through an access point, the Directory provides service to its users by means of a number of Directory operations.

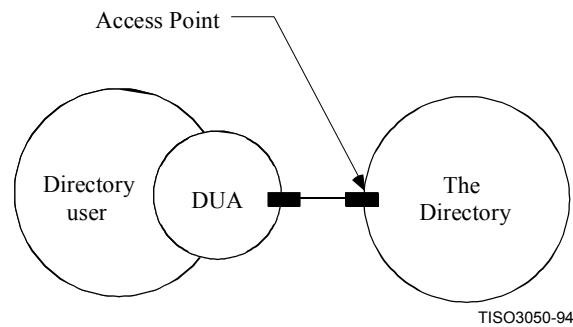


Figure 1 – Access to the Directory

The Directory operations are of three different kinds:

- a) Directory Read operations, which interrogate a single Directory entry;
- b) Directory Search operations, which interrogate potentially several Directory entries; and
- c) Directory Modify operations.

The Directory Read operations, the Directory Search operations and the Directory Modify operations are specified in clauses 9, 10, and 11, respectively. Conformance to Directory operations is specified in ITU-T Rec. X.519 | ISO/IEC 9594-5.

7 Information types and common procedures

7.1 Introduction

This clause identifies, and in some cases defines, a number of information types which are subsequently used in the definition of Directory operations. The information types concerned are those which are common to more than one operation, are likely to be in the future, or which are sufficiently complex or self-contained as to merit being defined separately from the operation which uses them.

Several of the information types used in the definition of the Directory Service are actually defined elsewhere. Subclause 7.2 identifies these types and indicates the source of their definition. Each of the subclauses (7.3 through 7.10) identifies and defines an information type.

This clause also specifies some common elements of procedure that apply to most or all of the Directory operations.

7.2 Information types defined elsewhere

The following information types are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2:

- a) **Attribute**;
- b) **AttributeType**;
- c) **AttributeValue**;
- d) **AttributeValueAssertion**;
- e) **Context**;
- f) **ContextAssertion**;
- g) **DistinguishedName**;
- h) **Name**;
- i) **OPTIONALLY-PROTECTED**;
- j) **OPTIONALLY-PROTECTED-SEQ**;
- k) **RelativeDistinguishedName**.

The following information type is defined in ITU-T Rec. X.520 | ISO/IEC 9594-6:

- a) **PresentationAddress**.

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The following information types are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.509 | ISO/IEC 9594-8:

- a) **Certificate**;
- b) **SIGNED**;
- c) **CertificationPath**.

The following information types are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.880 | ISO/IEC 13712-1:

- a) **Invokeld**.

The following information types are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.518 | ISO/IEC 9594-4:

- a) **OperationProgress**;
- b) **ContinuationReference**.

7.3 Common arguments

The **CommonArguments** information may be present to qualify the invocation of each operation that the Directory can perform.

CommonArguments ::= SET {

serviceControls	[30]	ServiceControls DEFAULT { },
securityParameters	[29]	SecurityParameters OPTIONAL,
requestor	[28]	DistinguishedName OPTIONAL,
operationProgress	[27]	OperationProgress DEFAULT { nameResolutionPhase notStarted },
aliasedRDNs	[26]	INTEGER OPTIONAL,
criticalExtensions	[25]	BIT STRING OPTIONAL,
referenceType	[24]	ReferenceType OPTIONAL,
entryOnly	[23]	BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
nameResolveOnMaster	[21]	BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
operationContexts	[20]	ContextSelection OPTIONAL,
familyGrouping	[19]	FamilyGrouping DEFAULT entryOnly }

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The **ServiceControls** component is specified in 7.5. Its absence is deemed equivalent to there being an empty set of controls.

The **SecurityParameters** component is specified in 7.10. If the argument of the operation is to be signed by the requestor, the **SecurityParameters** component shall be included in the argument. The absence of the **SecurityParameters** component is deemed equivalent to an empty set.

The **requestor** Distinguished Name identifies the originator of a particular operation. It holds the name of the user as identified at the time of binding to the Directory. It may be required when the request is to be signed (see 7.10), and shall hold the name of the user who initiated the request.

NOTE 1 – Where a user has alternative distinguished names differentiated by context, the name used as the value of **requestor** shall be the primary distinguished name where known. Otherwise, authentication and access control based on the value of **requestor** may not work as desired.

The **operationProgress**, **referenceType**, **entryOnly**, **exclusions** and **nameResolveOnMaster** components are defined in ITU-T Rec. X.518 | ISO/IEC 9594-4. They are supplied by a DUA either:

- a) when acting on a continuation reference returned by a DSA in response to an earlier operation, and their values are copied by the DUA from the continuation reference; or
- b) when the DUA represents an administrative user that is managing the DSA Information Tree and the **manageDSAIT** option is set in the service controls.

The **aliasedRDNs** component indicates to the DSA that the **object** component of the operation was created by the dereferencing of an alias on an earlier operation attempt. The integer value indicates the number of RDNs in the name that came from dereferencing the alias. (The value would have been set in the referral response of the previous operation.)

NOTE 2 – This component is provided for compatibility with 1988 edition implementations of the Directory. DUAs (and DSAs) implemented according to later editions of the Directory Specifications shall always omit this parameter from the **CommonArguments** of a subsequent request. In this way, the Directory will not signal an error if aliases dereference to further aliases.

The **operationContexts** component supplies a set of context assertions which are applied to attribute value assertions and entry information selection made within this operation, which do not otherwise contain context assertions for the same attribute type and context type. If **operationContexts** is not present or does not address a particular attribute type or context type, then default context assertions shall be applied by the DSA as described in 7.6.1 and in 8.8.2.2 and 12.8 of ITU-T Rec. X.501 | ISO/IEC 9594-2. If **allContexts** is chosen, then all contexts for all attribute types are valid and context defaults that might have been supplied by the DSA are overridden. (**ContextSelection** is defined in 7.6).

familyGrouping is used to describe which family members should be selected for processing by a given operation. It is described more fully in 7.3.2.

7.3.1 Critical extensions

The **criticalExtensions** component provides a mechanism to list a set of extensions that are critical to the performance of a Directory operation. If the originator of the extended operation wishes to indicate that the operation shall be performed with one or more extensions (i.e. that performing the operation without these extensions is not acceptable), it does so by setting the **criticalExtensions** bit(s) which corresponds to the extension(s). If the Directory, or some part of it, is unable to perform a critical extension, it returns an indication of **unavailableCriticalExtension** (as a **serviceError** or **PartialOutcomeQualifier**). If the Directory is unable to perform an extension that is not critical, it ignores the presence of the extension.

These Directory Specifications define a number of extensions. The extensions take such forms as additional numbered bits in a BIT STRING, or additional components of a SET or SEQUENCE, and are ignored by 1988 edition systems. Each such extension is assigned an integer identifier, which is the number of the bit that may be set in **criticalExtensions**. If the criticality of an extension is defined to be critical, the DUA shall set the corresponding bit in **criticalExtensions**. If the defined criticality is non-critical, the DUA may or may not set the corresponding bit in **criticalExtensions**.

The extensions, their identifiers, the operations in which they are permitted, the recommended criticality, and the clauses in which they are defined are shown in Table 1.

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Table 1 – Extensions

Extension	Identifier	Operations ISO/IEC 9594-3:2001	Criticality	Defined (subclauses)
subentries	1	All	Non-critical	7.5
copyShallDo	2	Read, Compare, List, Search	Non-critical	7.5
attribute size limit	3	Read, Search	Non-critical	7.5
extraAttributes	4	Read, Search	Non-critical	7.6
modifyRightsRequest	5	Read	Non-critical	9.1
pagedResultsRequest	6	List, Search	Non-critical	10.1
matchedValuesOnly	7	Search	Non-critical	10.2
extendedFilter	8	Search	Non-critical	10.2
targetSystem	9	Add Entry	Critical	11.1
useAliasOnUpdate	10	Add Entry, Remove Entry, Modify Entry	Critical	11.1
newSuperior	11	Modify DN	Critical	11.4
manageDSAIT	12	All	Critical	7.5, 7.13
useContexts	13	Read, Compare, List, Search, Add Entry, Modify Entry, Modify DN	Non-critical	7.6, 7.8
partialNameResolution	14	Read, Search	Non-critical	7.5
overspecFilter	15	Search	Non-critical	10.1.3 f)
selectionOnModify	16	Modify Entry	Non-critical	11.3.2
Security parameters – Response	17	All	Non-critical	7.10
Security parameters – Operation code	18	All	Non-critical	7.10

Table 1 – Extensions (concluded)

Extension	Identifier	Operations	Criticality	Defined (subclauses)
Security parameters – Attribute certification path	19	All	Non-critical	7.10
Security parameters – Error Protection	20	All	Non-critical	7.10
SPKM Credentials	21	Directory Bind	(Note 3)	8.1.1
Bind token – Response	22	Directory Bind	Non-critical	8.1.1
Bind token – Bind Int. Alg, Bind Int Key, Conf Alg and Conf Key Info	23	Directory Bind	Non-critical	8.1.1
Bind token – DIRQOP	24	Directory Bind	Non-critical	8.1.1
Service administration	25	Read, Search, ModifyEntry	Critical	10.2.2, 13, clause 16 of ITU-T Rec. X.501 ISO/IEC 9594-2
entryCount	26	Search	Non-critical	10.1.3
hierarchySelection	27	Search	Non-critical	7.5
relaxation	28	Search	Non-critical	7.8
familyGrouping	29	Compare, Search, RemoveEntry	Non-critical Non-critical Critical	7.3.2, 7.8.3 & 9.2.2 10.2 11.2.2
familyReturn	30	Read, Search, ModifyEntry	Non-critical Non-critical Non-critical	7.6.4, 7.7.1 & 9.1.3 10.2.3 11.3.3
dnAttributes	31	Search	Non-critical	10.2.2
<p>NOTE 1 – The first extension is given the identifier 1 and corresponds to bit 1 of the BIT STRING. Bit 0 of the BIT STRING is not used.</p> <p>NOTE 2 – Use of encrypted or signed and encrypted security transformation or any protection on errors or results to Add Entry, Remove Entry, Modify Entry, Modify DN requires version 2 or higher of the protocol.</p> <p>NOTE 3 – Use of GULS SESE (see ITU-T Rec. X.519 ISO/IEC 9594-5) to exchange credentials requires version 2 or higher and an application context which includes GULS SESE.</p> <p>NOTE 4 – The SPKM credentials extension shall be critical unless used in associations established using version 2 or higher.</p>				

7.3.2 Family grouping

Family grouping allows a single family member, several family members or all family members of a compound entry, to be grouped together for joint consideration prior to operation evaluation. These semantics can then be applied to the following operations (as indicated in the descriptions below): Compare (to define the scope within which the compared attribute might lie), Search (to define the groupings for which filtering might take place), Remove Entry (to define the groupings for removal). The following ASN.1 is used to select members of a family:

```

FamilyGrouping ::= ENUMERATED {
    entryOnly      (1),
    compoundEntry  (2),
    strands        (3),
    multiStrand    (4) }
    
```


entryOnly means that the specific family member selected by the operation is to be considered in the group. This is the default value, and ensures backward compatibility with previous editions of the Directory Specifications.

compoundEntry means that the complete compound entry selected by the operation is to be considered as a unit by combining all the attributes. For Remove Entry operations, it is only applicable when the object name specified is that of an ancestor of a compound entry, and it causes all family members to be removed by the same operation (subject to access control).

strands means that all the strands associated with the family member are to be selected by the operation. This option is not valid for the Remove Entry operation. For the Search operation, individual strands are considered for filter purposes. If the combined set of attributes of one or more strands matches the filter, the compound entry is said to match the filter. If the base object is a child member, only those strands that go through the base object are considered. For Compare operations, all the attributes from all the family members in all the strands to which the entry belongs are to be used in the comparison.

multiStrand is only applicable to the Search operation, and qualifies the matching rule for filtering on family information. It is ignored for other operations. It specifies that one strand from each family within a compound entry is to be considered at one time, but in all combinations. **multiStrand** is not applicable if the base object is a child family member, in which this case **multiStrand** shall be ignored and **entryOnly** shall be substituted.

7.4 Common results

The **CommonResults** or **CommonResultsSeq** information is present to qualify the result of each retrieval operation that the Directory can perform. In addition, it is present in any returned error.

```
CommonResults ::= SET {
    securityParameters [30] SecurityParameters OPTIONAL,
    performer [29] DistinguishedName OPTIONAL,
    aliasDereferenced [28] BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    notification [27] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Attribute OPTIONAL }

CommonResultsSeq ::= SEQUENCE {
    securityParameters [30] SecurityParameters OPTIONAL,
    performer [29] DistinguishedName OPTIONAL,
    aliasDereferenced [28] BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    notification [27] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Attribute OPTIONAL }
```

NOTE – **CommonResults** and **CommonResultsSeq** consist of the same components. The former is used when included in set types by the **COMPONENT OF** type, while the latter is used similarly in sequence types.

The **SecurityParameters** component is specified in 7.10. If the result is to be signed by the Directory, the **SecurityParameters** component shall be included in the result. The absence of the **SecurityParameters** component is deemed equivalent to an empty set.

The **performer** Distinguished Name identifies the performer of a particular operation. It may be required when the result is to be signed (see 7.10) and shall hold the name of the DSA that signed the result.

The **aliasDereferenced** component is set to **TRUE** when the purported name of an object or base object which is the target of the operation included any aliases which were dereferenced.

The **notification** component shall be used to qualify returned result and error APDUs, for example providing more precise error information. Standard notification attributes are defined in 5.12 of ITU-T Rec. X.520 | ISO/IEC 9594-6. Such notification attributes are not necessarily stored in directory entries.

7.5 Service controls

A **ServiceControls** parameter contains the controls, if any, that are to direct or constrain the provision of the service.

```
ServiceControls ::= SET {
    options [0] ServiceControlOptions DEFAULT { },
    priority [1] INTEGER { low (0), medium (1), high (2) } DEFAULT medium,
    timeLimit [2] INTEGER OPTIONAL,
    sizeLimit [3] INTEGER OPTIONAL,
    scopeOfReferral [4] INTEGER { dmd(0), country(1) } OPTIONAL,
    attributeSizeLimit [5] INTEGER OPTIONAL,
```