OpenLDAP client tools

Query LDAP directories

CONCEPTS

Connect -H uri, -Z StartTLS
↓ bind
Bind -x -D -W or SASL
↓ search
Search -b base -s scope filter
↓ return
Entries attrs, LDIF output

One ldapsearch run

> Always add -x unless you want SASL: without it the tools try SASL and often fail with confusing errors.

CONNECT AND BIND

-H ldap://<host>[:<port>]
Server URI (plain or StartTLS)

-H ldaps://<host>
TLS from the first byte

-x
Simple bind instead of SASL

-D <binddn>
Bind as this DN

-W
Prompt for the password

-ZZ
StartTLS, fail if it cannot be used

SEARCHING

-b <base>
Search base DN

-s base / one / sub / children
Search scope (default sub)

"(<attr>=<value>)"
Equality filter

"(<attr>=<pre>*)"
Substring/wildcard match

"(&(<f1>)(<f2>))"
AND of filters

"(|(<f1>)(<f2>))"
OR of filters

ATTRIBUTES AND OUTPUT

... <filter> cn mail
Return only listed attributes

"*" "+"
User plus operational attributes

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Return DNs only

-LLL
Plain LDIF, no comments or version

-S <attr>
Sort entries client-side

-E pr=<n>/noprompt
Paged results

CHANGE ENTRIES

ldapadd -x -D <binddn> -W -f <file>
Add entries from LDIF

ldapmodify -x -D <binddn> -W -f <file>
Apply LDIF changes

ldapdelete -x -D <binddn> -W "<dn>"
Delete an entry

ldappasswd -x -D <binddn> -W -S "<dn>"
Set a password (prompts)

ldapwhoami -x -D <binddn> -W
Show the identity after bind

LDIF change record

Line	Meaning
`dn: <dn>`	Entry to change
`changetype: modify`	Modify (also add, delete, modrdn)
`add: / replace: / delete: <attr>`	Operation on an attribute
`-`	Ends one operation block