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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Object identifier resolution system*
- *Part 2: Procedures for the object identifier resolution system operational agency*

Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the object identifier resolution system. This provides the return (using an ORS client) of information associated with an OID node.

It uses a mapping of the International Object Identifier tree naming scheme (using OID-IRI values) onto the DNS naming scheme (see 7.3).

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies requirements on the management of DNS zone files that are mapped from ORS-supported OID nodes to provide (standardized) information related to an International Object Identifier tree node for a variety of applications, and on the behaviour of an ORS client that interacts with the DNS system to obtain that information and provide it to an application.

Six requirements emerged in the mid/late-2000s:

- an application to be able to translate any OID-IRI value into a canonical OID-IRI (a unique string of numeric Unicode labels that would identify a node): the COID ORS service, supporting IRI comparison of names in the IETF "oid" IRI scheme (see Annex B);
- an application to determine child information from an OID node: the CINF service (see Annex C);
- an application to obtain registration information (such as contact information about the owner of the OID node, and how to request a child node, etc.): the RINF service (see Annex D);
- an application to obtain a reference to the ASN.1 module (if any) associated with a node: the MINF service (see Annex E);
- support for access to multimedia information (triggered by tag-based identification) using the ORS;
- support for access to information contained in an OID node that relates to cybersecurity features.

There are probably other applications that will require further information (specified by an application standard) contained in an ORS-supported OID node and accessible by the ORS.

To meet these needs, it was decided to map the OID tree into a part of the DNS tree (see IETF RFC 1035), with the root of the OID tree mapped into .oid-res.org (see 7.3).

The mapping is from any OID-IRI value that identifies an International OID node into a DNS name (in the .oid-res.org domain). The information about an ORS-supported OID node is inserted into DNS zone files and can then be retrieved by any ORS client (running on any computer system with DNS access), using any of the OID-IRI identifications for that International Object Identifier tree node.

The associated information is specified by those applications that choose to use the ORS. The requirements on such applications are included in this Recommendation | International Standard. Some application specifications are included as normative annexes to this Recommendation | International Standard. Others are specified externally.

All DNS zone files for the .oid-res.org domain correspond to ORS-supported OID nodes, but not all DNS names algorithmically mapped from an OID-IRI will be present in the DNS. All DNS zone files in the .oid-res.org domain are required to conform to this Recommendation | International Standard.

Information for an International OID tree node (for each application) is specified by the owner of that node, and determines the appropriate configuration of DNS zone files, in accordance with the specification for each ORS service (see Annex A), and would be retrieved by an application using a local ORS client implementation interacting with a local DNS client (see clause 7). The information would be included in NAPTR resource records, qualified by the ORS service type.

An ORS client takes as input any OID-IRI value, together with an ORS service type. It will return node information for that OID-IRI value and ORS service type (based on the configuration of the DNS zone files, and particularly of NAPTR resource records). Each resource record will consist of one or more pieces of information together with the requested ORS service type.

The procedures for the appointment of the ORS operational agency are contained in ISO/IEC 29168-2. These procedures involve only ISO/IEC for appointment and contractual purposes. They do not have any ITU-T involvement.

Clause 5 provides an overview of the OID resolution system architecture and its interaction with the DNS.

Clause 6 specifies the requirements and restrictions on DNS zone files in the .oid-res.org domain in order to support navigation to DNS names mapped from the International OID tree (including the use of long arcs) and the provision of information needed for the ORS resolution process using any specified ORS service type.

NOTE – This Specification relates only to the use of DNAME DNS resource records and NAPTR resource records using a service field commencing "ORS+". Use of other DNS resource records are not in the scope of this Recommendation | International Standard, and are neither forbidden (except when they would conflict with the use for the ORS) nor are they required.

Clause 7 specifies the operation of an ORS client, including the mapping of an OID-IRI value into a DNS name.

Clause 8 specifies the requirements on an ORS application specification, including specification of NAPTR information and recommendations on ORS application processing.

Security considerations are discussed and specified in 5.2.3 to 5.2.6, 6.4, 7.5 and 8.2.2.

Annex A (normative) specifies the assigned ORS service types at the time of publication of this Recommendation | International Standard.

Annex B (normative) specifies the COID service.

Annex C (normative) specifies the requirements for the CINF service.

Annex D (normative) specifies the requirements for the RINF service.

Annex E (normative) specifies the requirements for the MINF service.

Annex F (informative) provides a description of the use cases for the ORS, referencing each application that has a specified ORS service type (see Annex A).

Annex G (informative) provides examples of possible DNS zone files to support the ORS and additional examples of NAPTR resource records.

Annex H (informative) provides a short history of the development of the International OID tree.

Annex I (informative) provides bibliographic references.

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RECOMMENDATION ITU-T****Information technology – Open systems interconnection –
Object identifier resolution system****1 Scope**

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the OID resolution system, including the overall architecture and a DNS-based resolution mechanism.

It specifies the means for inserting any application-defined information associated with an OID node into the DNS (see clause 6) and the means of retrieval of that information using the ORS (see clause 7).

It does not restrict the number of applications it can support.

It specifies the required operation of an ORS client (see clause 7), including the mapping of an OID-IRI value by the ORS client into a DNS name to produce a DNS query for the specified application information and the processing of any returned information. The ORS has no role in the allocation or registration of OID nodes.

The required behaviour of an ORS client is specified, but the interfaces to it are specified only in terms of the semantics of the interaction. A bit-level application program interface is platform and software dependent, and is not in the scope of this Recommendation | International Standard.

It does not include a tutorial or complete specification on the management of DNS zone files (for that, see IETF RFC 1035 and IETF RFC 3403); it specifies (only) the DNS resource records (see 6.3) that need to be inserted in the zone files in order to support ORS access to the information associated with an OID node.

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies required DNS zone file resource records, and prohibits the use of other resource records of a similar form but with different semantics (in DNS zone files in the .oid-res.org domain) – see 6.2. It does not otherwise restrict the general use of DNS zone files.

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.

2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

- Recommendation ITU-T X.509 (2005) | ISO/IEC 9594-8:2005, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks*.
- Recommendations ITU-T X.660 series | ISO/IEC 9834 multi-part standard, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Procedures for the operation of OSI Registration Authorities*.
- Recommendations ITU-T X.680 (2008) series | ISO/IEC 8824:2008 multi-part standard, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)*.
- Recommendation ITU-T X.693 (2008) | ISO/IEC 8825-4:2008, *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: XML Encoding Rules (XER)*.

2.2 Additional references

- IETF RFC 1034 (1987), *Domain names – Concepts and facilities*.
- IETF RFC 1035 (1987), *Domain names – Implementation and specification*.
- IETF RFC 3403 (2002), *Dynamic Delegation Discovery System (DDDS) Part Three: The Domain Name System (DNS) Database*.

- IETF RFC 3454 (2002), *Preparation of Internationalized Strings ("stringprep")*.
- IETF RFC 3490 (2003), *Internationalizing Domain Names in Applications (IDNA)*.
- IETF RFC 3492 (2003), *Punycode: A Bootstring encoding of Unicode for Internationalized Domain Names in Applications (IDNA)*.
- IETF RFC 4033 (2005), *DNS Security Introduction and Requirements*.
- IETF RFC 5155 (2008), *DNS Security (DNSSEC) Hashed Authenticated Denial of Existence*.

NOTE – It is recommended that the IETF RFC index be consulted for updates to the RFCs listed above.

- Unicode 5.2 (2002), *The Unicode Standard, Version 3.2.0*, The Unicode Consortium (Reading, MA, Addison-Wesley).
- W3C, *HTML 4.01 Specification*, W3C Recommendation 24 December 1999, <http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-html401-19991224>.