

UCSB Identity and LDAP

The central campus directory and authentication system

UCSB Identity System

UCSBnetID authentication

UCSB-wide student and employee info

<http://www.identity.ucsb.edu/>

LDAP Overview

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

Based on the X.500, created in the 80s

You can

- Authenticate: Bind
- Lookup Information: Search
- Manage: Add, Modify, Delete

LDAP Overview

Servers:

- Apache Directory Server
- Apple Open Directory
- Microsoft Active Directory
- Novell eDirectory
- OpenLDAP

LDAP Schema

ou = Organizational Unit

cn = Common Name (Full Name)

dc = Domain Component

sn = Surname (Last Name)

givenName = Given Name (First Name)

LDAP Structure

Information is stored in a folder structure.

The “path” is quite different than a filesystem.

Name=Value pairs, separated by commas.

Spaces are ok! This is called a DN (more later).

`ou=People,o=ucsb`

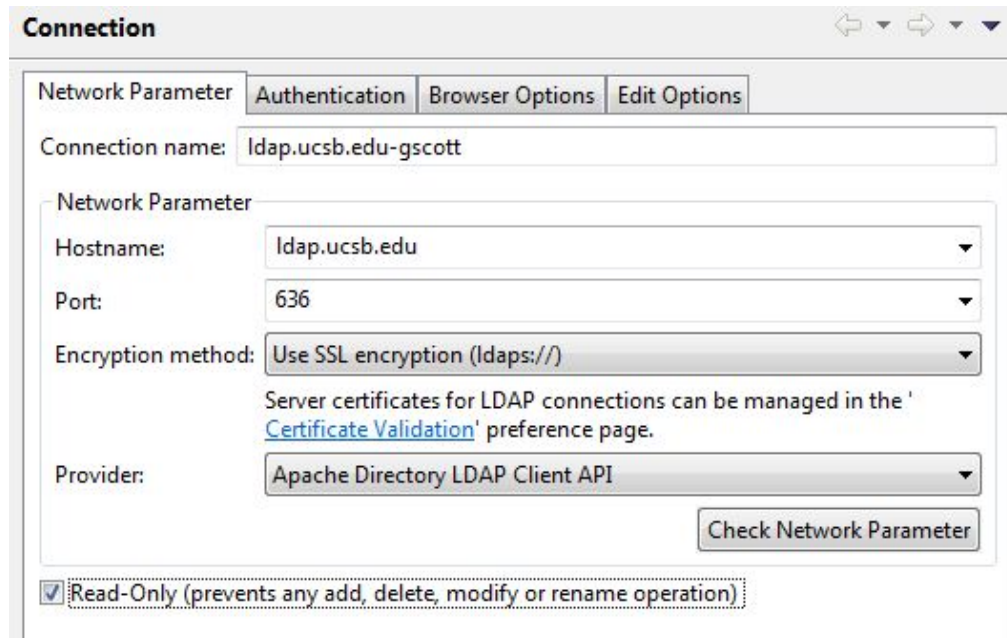
`cn=Leroy,ou=Super Dept,dc=arit,dc=com`

Connect to UCSB LDAP

Host: ldap.ucsb.edu

Port: 636

Security: Yes!



The screenshot shows a 'Connection' dialog box with the following settings:

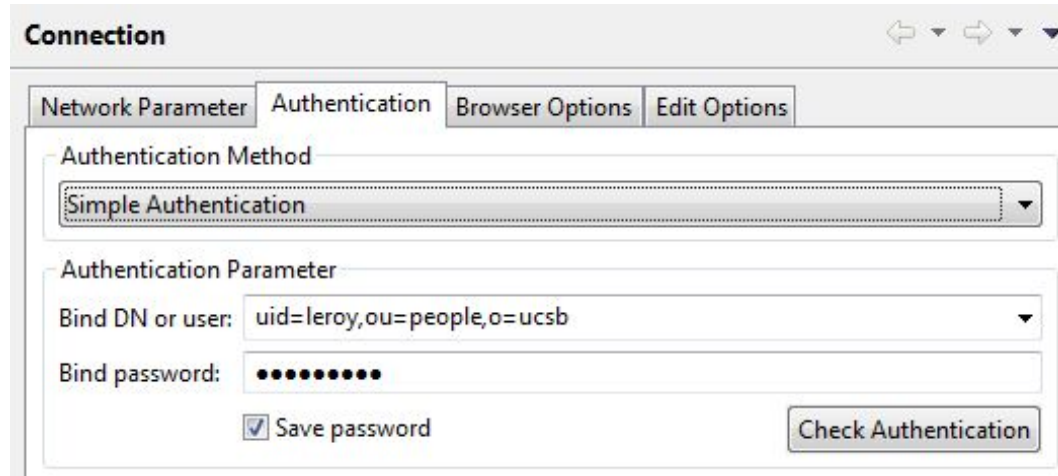
- Connection name:** ldap.ucsb.edu-gscott
- Network Parameter:**
 - Hostname:** ldap.ucsb.edu
 - Port:** 636
 - Encryption method:** Use SSL encryption (ldaps://)
- Provider:** Apache Directory LDAP Client API
- Check Network Parameter:** (button)
- Read-Only (prevents any add, delete, modify or rename operation):** (checked checkbox)

Additional text in the dialog: 'Server certificates for LDAP connections can be managed in the ' [Certificate Validation](#) ' preference page.'

Login

You login with a DN (distinguished name).

uid=leroy,ou=people,o=ucsb



The screenshot shows a 'Connection' dialog box with four tabs: 'Network Parameter', 'Authentication', 'Browser Options', and 'Edit Options'. The 'Authentication' tab is selected. Under 'Authentication Method', a dropdown menu shows 'Simple Authentication'. Under 'Authentication Parameter', there are two fields: 'Bind DN or user:' containing 'uid=leroy,ou=people,o=ucsb' and 'Bind password:' containing a series of dots. A 'Save password' checkbox is checked. A 'Check Authentication' button is located at the bottom right.

Connection

Network Parameter Authentication Browser Options Edit Options

Authentication Method

Simple Authentication

Authentication Parameter

Bind DN or user: uid=leroy,ou=people,o=ucsb

Bind password:

☒ Save password

Check Authentication

Login

Authenticating is called Binding.

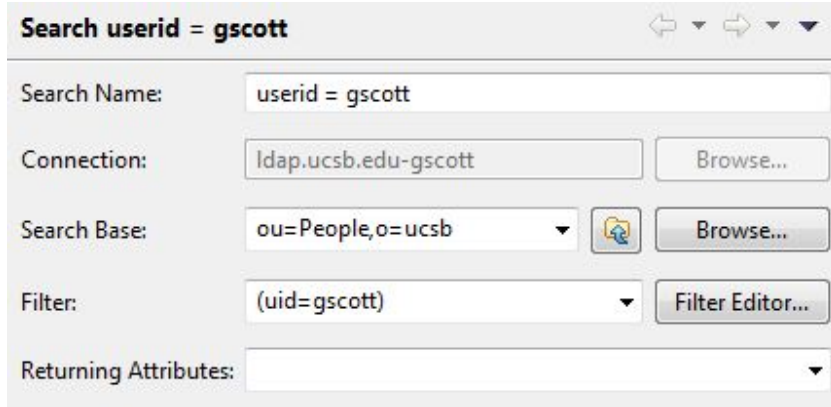
Tip: LDAP will accept a blank password and connect **anonymously**. Your application should not allow blank user passwords, otherwise it will get a “success” on bind!
A false positive and possible security issue.

Search

Search Base: root folder to search from

Filter: query parameters

Returning Attributes: list of fields to return



The screenshot shows a search configuration window with the title "Search userid = gscott". It contains several fields and buttons:

- Search Name:** A text field containing "userid = gscott".
- Connection:** A text field containing "ldap.ucsb.edu-gscott" and a "Browse..." button.
- Search Base:** A dropdown menu showing "ou=People,o=ucsb" and a "Browse..." button.
- Filter:** A dropdown menu showing "(uid=gscott)" and a "Filter Editor..." button.
- Returning Attributes:** A dropdown menu that is currently empty.

Search Results

The screenshot displays a LDAP search results window. The top bar shows the search criteria: `uid=gscott,ou=People,o=UCSB`. Below this, a table lists the attributes and their values for the entry `DN: uid=gscott,ou=People,o=UCSB`.

Attribute	Description	Value
cn		Gary Scott
sn		Scott
departmentNumber		ARIT
departmentNumber		INFS
displayName		Scott, Gary
givenName		Gary
mail		gscott@arit.ucsb.edu
telephoneNumber		805-320-8600
title		Business Systems Developer
ucsbAffiliation		employee
ucsbCampusID		11EB7CE0-2A91-11E3-8796-64461A0F2768
ucsbCufn		Gary
ucsbDisplayDept1		ARIT
ucsbEmailBusiness1		gscott@arit.ucsb.edu
ucsbGroup		arit_connect
ucsbMailCode		6130
uid		gscott

To the right of the table is an 'Outline' pane showing the hierarchical structure of the entry:

- uid=gscott,ou=People,o=UCSB
 - ucsbGroup (1)
 - ucsbEmailBusiness1 (1)
 - telephoneNumber (1)
 - ucsbCufn (1)
 - mail (1)
 - ucsbMailCode (1)
 - displayName (1)
 - givenName (1)
 - objectClass (7)
 - ucsbCampusID (1)
 - ucsbAffiliation (1)
 - cn (1)
 - title (1)
 - uid (1)
 - departmentNumber (2)
 - ucsbDisplayDept1 (1)
 - sn (1)

Search Syntax

Search filters are done with parentheses in a name=value format: **(attribute=value)**

Asterisk is the wildcard: **(attribute=value*)**

Spaces are ok: **(attribute=v a l u e)**

Search Syntax: AND/OR

AND: is the “&” in front

(& (givenName=Leroy) (sn=Jackson))

(& (givenName=Leroy) (sn=Jackson) (ucsbAffiliation=employee) (departmentNumber=ARIT))

OR: is the “pipe” in front

(| (sn=Scott) (sn=Jackson))

(| (sn=a*) (sn=b*) (sn=c*) (sn=d*) (sn=e*) (sn=f*))

Be careful on your logic here. Make sure it is correct.

LDAP Client Tool

Apache Directory Studio

<https://directory.apache.org/studio/>

Free, works well. Must have Java installed!

Use to help debug your application or system.

Code - Connect/Auth

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.DirectoryServices.Protocols;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net;

namespace Ucsb.Arit.Ldap
{
    public sealed class UcsbLdap : IDisposable
    {
        private LdapConnection ldapConnection = null;

        private const string LdapServer = "ldap.ucsb.edu";
        private const int LdapPort = 636;
        private const string LdapBaseDn = "o=UCSB";
        private const string LdapPeopleSearchBaseDn = "ou=People,o=UCSB";
        private const SearchScope LdapSearchScope = SearchScope.OneLevel;
```

Code - Connect/Auth

```
public UcsbLdap(string ucsbNetId, string password, LdapUserType userType)
{
    try
    {
        if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(ucsbNetId))
        {
            throw new FormatException(LdapUtils.InvalidUcsbNetIdMessage);
        }

        if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(password))
        {
            throw new FormatException(LdapUtils.InvalidPasswordMessage);
        }
    }
}
```


Code - Connect/Auth

```
var ldap = new LdapDirectoryIdentifier(LdapServer, LdapPort);

string dn = LdapUtils.BuildDn(ucsbNetId, userType);

var nc = new NetworkCredential(dn, password);

this.ldapConnection = new LdapConnection(ldap, nc, AuthType.Basic);

this.ldapConnection.SessionOptions.SecureSocketLayer = true;

this.ldapConnection.SessionOptions.VerifyServerCertificate = (con, cert) => true;

this.ldapConnection.Bind();
}
catch (Exception)
{
    this.Dispose();
    throw;
}
}
```

Ucsb.Arit.Ldap

Have a .NET application? Need UCSBnetID authentication and lookup?

Get **Ucsb.Arit.Ldap** library as a Nuget package from <http://code.arit.ucsb.edu>

Get the source code from <https://github.com/arit-ucsb/Arit.Common>

(Your access may vary, talk to me)

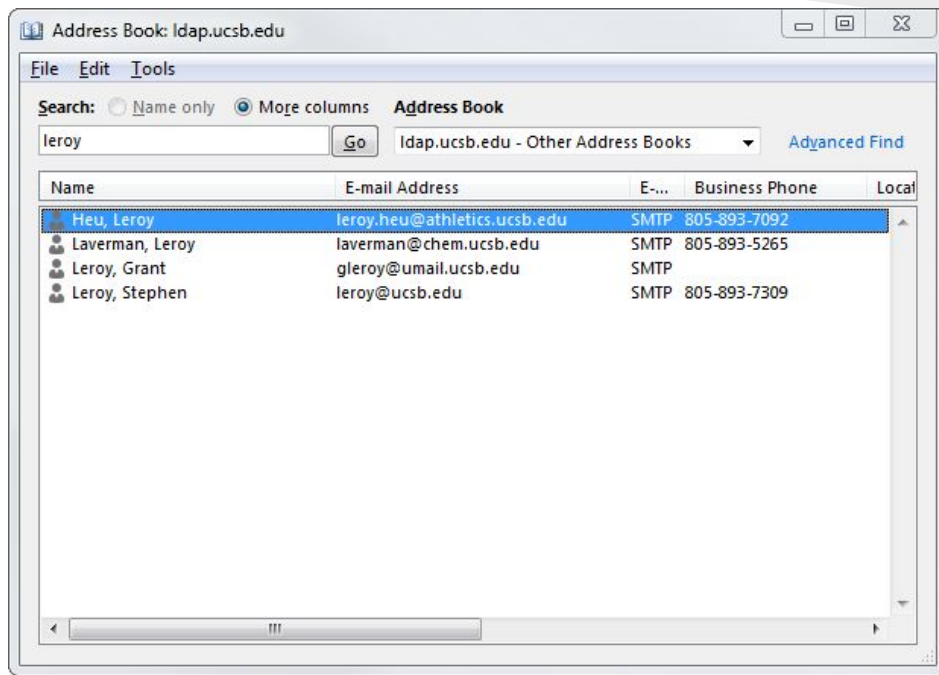
Apps that use Ucsb.Arit.Ldap

- ISDesk (ServiceNow)
Data Import
- UCSB Learning
Center
- Housing Room
Prefs/Applications
- UCen Access Card
Account Center
- RMS Mercury Portal
Auth
- HRS Student
Employment

Outlook Address Book

You can add the UCSB LDAP as an address book in Outlook.

Look up all UCSB people directly!



Access Issues - Account

Login with your personal account? You can only query a small set of fields.

Request an “Application” account from ETS for your system and you can query all the data.

Access Issues - Network

The UCSB LDAP system can only be accessed from an on-campus network.

If your system is externally hosted there are other methods for authentication.

See “shibboleth” on www.identity.ucsb.edu.

Get Help

Talk to me! I banged my head on the wall so you don't have to!

<http://www.identity.ucsb.edu/technologists/>

ETS Support is very good for LDAP.

Thank you

Questions?

Let's talk later.

Demo!

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