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## Foreword

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The present document is part 8 of a multi-part TS covering the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Partnership Project: Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Telecommunication Management; Configuration Management, as identified below:

- Part 1: “3G Configuration Management: Concept and Requirements”;
- Part 2: “Notification Integration Reference Point: Information Service Version 1”;
- Part 3: “Notification Integration Reference Point: CORBA Solution Set Version 1:1”;
- Part 4: “Notification Integration Reference Point: CMIP Solution Set Version 1:1”;
- Part 5: “Basic Configuration Management IRP Information Model (including NRM) Version 1”;
- Part 6: “Basic Configuration Management IRP CORBA Solution Set Version 1:1”;
- Part 7: “Basic Configuration Management IRP CMIP Solution Set Version 1:1”;
- Part 8: “Name Convention for Managed Objects”.**

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## Introduction

Configuration Management (CM), in general, provides the operator with the ability to assure correct and effective operation of the 3G network as it evolves. CM actions have the objective to control and monitor the actual configuration on the Network Elements (NEs) and Network Resources (NRs), and they may be initiated by the operator or by functions in the Operations Systems (OSs) or NEs.

CM actions may be requested as part of an implementation programme (e.g. additions and deletions), as part of an optimisation programme (e.g. modifications), and to maintain the overall Quality Of Service (QOS). The CM actions are initiated either as a single action on a NE of the 3G network or as part of a complex procedure involving actions on many NEs.

The Itf-N interface for CM is built up by a number of Integration Reference Points (IRPs) and a related Name Convention, which realise the functional capabilities over this interface. The basic structure of the IRPs is defined in to 3GPP TS 32.101 [11] and 3GPP TS 32.102 [12]. For CM, a number of IRPs (and the Name Convention) are defined herein,

used by this as well as other specifications for Telecom Management (TM) produced by 3GPP. All these are included in 3GPP TS 32.106 from Part 2 and onwards.

The present document is Part 8 of 3GPP TS 32.106 (3GPP TS 32.106-8) – Name Convention for Managed Objects.

### **Current problems**

At present, multiple name conventions are used by different vendors' NEs, or even within the same vendor, to name network resources. Following problems arise:

- Different classes of NE use different name conventions. Network Management applications, when interfacing with these NEs, are required to understand multiple name conventions to manage the NEs.
- Network management applications (e.g., Fault Management application), when interfacing with other applications (e.g., Configuration Management application, trouble ticket system) are required to understand multiple name conventions.
- When a customer purchases multiple classes of NEs from the same or different vendors, the customer is confronted with multiple name conventions.
- Without a name convention, it is difficult to integrate IRP conformant vendors' resource name space (see subclause 3.1.5 for definition of name space) into the customer's Enterprise name space.

### **Benefits**

The benefits of using the subject name convention to name 3G network resources for network management purposes are as follows:

- A resource name is guaranteed to be unambiguous in that it refers to, at most, one network resource. Unambiguous naming of managed network resources is necessary for interoperability among managing applications and systems.
- The resource name syntax is specified such that management applications can be designed with assurance that its name-parsing algorithm needs not be modified in the future. We can derive this benefit only if the subject name convention is widely accepted.

The root and upper portions of the name hierarchy are based on name infrastructure of Domain Name System (DNS) (see IETF RFC2247 [5]). The subject name convention can naturally fit in DNS and can integrate well with other hierarchical naming systems, such as ITU-T Recommendation X.500 [2].

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# 1 Scope

A more detailed background and introduction of the IRP concept is given in 3GPP TS 32.101 [11] and 3GPP TS 32.102 [12].

To perform network management tasks, co-operating applications require identical interpretation of names assigned to network resources under management. Such names are required to be unambiguous as well. The present document recommends one name convention for network resources under management in the IRP context.

To facilitate integration of network management information obtained via multiple IRPs of different technologies such as CMIP and CORBA, identical network resource name semantics shall be conveyed in all IRPs. The present document specifies one such name convention.

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

- [1] Void.
- [2] ITU-T Recommendation X.500 (11/93): "Information technology - Open Systems Interconnection - The directory: Overview of concepts, models, and services".
- [3] T. Howes, ISBN 1-57870-070-1: "Understanding and Deploying LDAP Directory Services".
- [4] IETF RFC1737 (1994): "Functional Requirements for Uniform Resource Names".
- [5] IETF RFC2247 (January 1998): "Using Domains in LDAP Distinguished Names".
- [6] IETF RFC1035 (November 1987): "Domain Name – Implementation and Specification".
- [7] IETF RFC2253 (December 1997): "Lightweight Directory Access Protocol version 3: UTF-8 String Representation of Distinguished Name".
- [8] 3GPP TS 32.111-2: "Alarm IRP: Information Service".
- [9] 3GPP TS 32.106-5: "Basic Configuration Management IRP: Information Model".
- [10] IETF RFC733: "Standard for the Format of ARPA Network text messages".
- [11] 3GPP TS 32.101: "3G Telecom Management principles and high level requirements".
- [12] 3GPP TS 32.102: "3G Telecom Management architecture".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply. This subclause defines terms essential for understanding of name convention in the IRP context. For terms and definitions not found here, please refer to 3GPP TS 32.101 [11] and 3GPP TS 32.102 [12].

#### 3.1.1 IRP Agent

See 3GPP TS 32.102 [12].

#### 3.1.2 IRP Manager

See 3GPP TS 32.102 [12].

#### 3.1.3 Managed Object and Network Resource

In the context of the present document, a Managed Object (MO) is a software object that encapsulates the manageable characteristics and behaviour of a particular network resource. Examples of network resource are switch, scanner for monitoring performance data, cell, site, transmission links, satellite, operator profile, etc. In the present document, MO sometimes is referred to as MO instance.

#### 3.1.4 Name

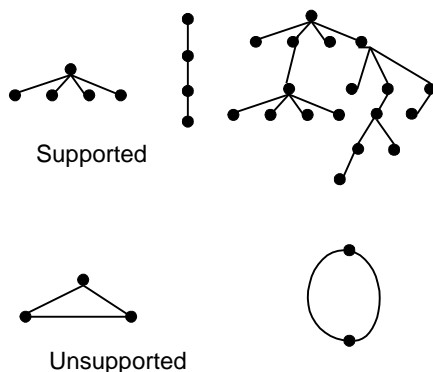
In the context of the present document, a name is restricted to the identification of a MO, that is, a software object representing a real network resource.

#### 3.1.5 Name space

A name space is a collection of names. This name convention uses a hierarchical containment structure, including its simplest form - the one-level, flat name space. This name convention does not support an arbitrarily connected name space, or graph structure, in which a named object can be both child and parent of another named object.

Figure 1 shows some examples of supported and unsupported name spaces (this figure is from T. Howes, ISBN 1-57870-070-1 [3] and it provides useful information on name space design).

**Figure 1: Examples of supported and unsupported name spaces**



### 3.1.6 Global Root and Local Root

Names in name space are organised in hierarchy. An MO instance that contains another one is referred to as the superior (parent), whereas the contained MO instance is referred to as the subordinate (child).

In modern network management, it is expected that the Enterprise name space be partitioned for implementations in multiple managed system (see Annex C for reasons of name space partitioning). The parent of all MO instances in a single managed system is called the Local Root. The ultimate parent of all MO instances of all managed systems is called the Global Root.

### 3.1.7 Distinguished Name and Relative Distinguished Name

A Distinguished Name (DN) is used to uniquely identify a MO within a name space. A DN is built from a series of “name components”, referred to as Relative Distinguished Names (RDNs). ITU-T Recommendation X.500 [2] defines the concepts of DN and RDN in detail, using ASN.1, in the following way:

```
DistinguishedName ::= RDNSequence
RDNSequence ::= SEQUENCE OF RelativeDistinguishedName
  RelativeDistinguishedName ::= SET SIZE (1..MAX)
    OFAttributeTypeAndValue
AttributeTypeAndValue ::= SEQUENCE {
  type AttributeType, value AttributeValue}
```

The present document references this ASN.1 structure but it only uses single-valued (not multi-valued) RDN.

From a DN of a MO, one can derive the DN of its containing MO, if any. This containment relation is the only relation carried by the DN. No other relation can be carried or implied by the DN.

See Annex B for a rule for MO designers to avoid ambiguity concerning the `AttributeType` of a DN string.

See Annex C for discussion of DN prefix.

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
BER	Basic Encoding Rules
BNF	Backus-Naur Form
CM	Configuration Management
CMIP	Common Management Information Protocol
CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture
DC	Domain Component
DN	Distinguished Name
DNS	Domain Name Service
EM	Element Manager
FM	Fault Management
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IRP	Integration Reference Point
ITU-T	International Telecommunication Union, Telecommunication Standardisation Sector
LDN	Local Distinguished Name
MIB	Management Information Base
MIM	Management Information Model
MO	Managed Object
MOC	Managed Object Class
MOI	Managed Object Instance
NE	Network Element
NM	Network Manager



NR	Network Resource
NRM	Network Resource Model
OMG	Object Management Group
RDN	Relative Distinguished Name
UML	Unified Modelling Language (OMG)

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## 4 System overview

### 4.1 System context

Situations under which MO (representing network resource) names are used are as follows:

- a) MO names cross various Integration Reference Points (IRPs).

EXAMPLE 1: In the context of Alarm IRP 3GPP TS 32.111-2 [8], IRPAgent notifies IRPManager of the alarm condition of a network resource. The DN of the MO, representing alarmed network resource, encoded as specified in the present document, is carried in the Managed Object Instance parameter of the notification.

EXAMPLE 2: In the context of Basic CM IRP 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9], IRPAgent notifies IRPManager of the creation of new object. The DN of the newly created object, encoded as specified in the present document, is carried in the notification.

EXAMPLE 3: In the context of Basic CM IRP 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9], IRPManager requests IRPAgent to search for a particular object by specifying the start point of the search. The DN of the base object, upon which the search begins downward hierarchically, is carried in the request.

- b) Co-operating management applications need to exchange information that includes MO (representing network resource) names.

EXAMPLE 1: A Fault Management (FM) application may request a trouble ticket system to open a new trouble ticket reporting the alarmed condition of a network resource by specifying, among other things, the MO name representing the alarmed network resource. The DN of the MO, encoded as specified in the present document, is included in the request.

EXAMPLE 2: A Performance Management (PM) system that produces reports on performance of network resources. The DNs of the MOs, representing the reported network resources, encoded as specified in the present document, are printed on the report.

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## 5 Name Convention for Managed Objects

Network resources shall be named using name convention in ITU-T Recommendation X.500 [2] with one restriction listed below. Central to the X.500 name convention is the concept of Distinguished Name (DN). See subclause 3.1.7.

The restriction is that this IRP name convention does not support multi-valued RDN. It only supports single-value RDN.

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## 6 Representations of DN

DN can be encoded and represented in many ways. The present document specifies two representations. Future IRP work may specify other representations.

- DN is encoded using ASN.1/BER encoding scheme. Traditional TMN compliant systems use this encoding scheme. IRP CMIP Solution Set compliant systems shall use this scheme. Since this scheme is documented in ITU-T X.500 Recommendation [2], their specification is not repeated here.

- DN is encoded using string representation. The present document contains the specification of this scheme.

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## 7 String Representation of DN

This clause specifies the string representation of DN. This work is based on IETF RFC 2253 [7]. A DN string representation, using the string-encoding scheme specified in the present document, is also a valid DN string according to IETF RFC 2253 [7].

The string-encoding scheme specified in the present document imposes further restrictions as compared to IETF RFC 2253 [7]. The most important restrictions are:

- Multi-valued RDN is not supported in the subject name convention.
- Character star (\*, ASCII 42) is used to denote wildcard in the subject name convention.

### 7.1 Converting DN from ASN.1 to a String

The following subclauses define the algorithm for converting from an ASN.1 structured representation to string representation.

#### 7.1.1 Converting RDNSequence

If the `RDNSequence` is an empty sequence, the result is the empty or zero length string.

Otherwise, the output consists of the string encoding of each RDN in the `RDNSequence` (according to subclause 7.1.2), starting with the first element of the sequence and moving forward toward the last element.

The encoding of adjacent RDNs are separated by a comma character (“,”, ASCII 44), to be consistent with IETF RFC 2253 [7].

White spaces adjacent to the slash character shall be ignored.

#### 7.1.2 Converting RelativeDistinguishedName

When converting from an ASN.1 RDN to a string, the output consists of the string encoding of the singleton `AttributeTypeAndValue` (according to subclause 7.1.1).

Although X.500 DN supports multi-valued RDN, this specification supports single-valued RDN only.

#### 7.1.3 Converting AttributeTypeAndValue

The `AttributeTypeAndValue` is encoded as the string representation of the `AttributeType`, followed by an equals character (“=”, ASCII 61), followed by the string representation of the `AttributeValue`.

If the `AttributeType` is published in Table A.1 of Annex A, then the type name string from that table is used. If the `AttributeType` is not in the published table, implementation is free to use any string as long as the string does not begin with “IRP”.

Although X.500 ASN.1 `AttributeValue` and `AttributeType` support wide range of character representation, this specification supports a restrictive set of characters according to subclause 7.2.

String representation of `AttributeValue` allows character escape mechanism such as the use of a backslash followed by two hex digits to replace a character in a string. String representation of `AttributeType` does not allow character escape mechanism.

EXAMPLE: "CN=Before\0DAfter,O=Test,C=GB. In this example, the backslash and the two hex digits form a single byte in the code of the escaped character. The backslash followed by "0D" indicates a carriage return. See Annex B for a rule for MO designers to avoid ambiguity concerning the AttributeType of a DN string.

## 7.2 Character syntax

This subclause specifies the character syntax for AttributeType and AttributeValue.

They are:

1. Any character except <special> where <special> is

“,”, “=”, <CR>, <LF>, “+”, “<”, “>”, “#”, “,”, “\” or “””

2. The dot character (‘.’, ASCII 46). This character shall be used in the AttributeValue whose AttributeType is “DC”. An example is “DC=lme.companyZ.se”. This dot character shall not be used in AttributeType.
3. The star character (‘\*’, ASCII 42) is reserved to denote wild card. Wild card character(s) can appear in AttributeType and AttributeValue.

## 7.3 BNF of DN String Representation

The following is the BNF for DN in string representation (Backus-Naur Form is popular in IETF specifications to define format syntax. See [10] for more information):

```
DistinguishedName := RDNSequence
<spaced-separator> ::= <optional-space> <separator> <optional-space>
<separator> ::= ", "
<optional-space> ::= ( <CR> ) * ( " " )
RDNSequence := RDNSequence <spaced-separator>
               RDNSequence | RelativeDistinguishedName
RelativeDistinguishedName := AttributeTypeAndValue
AttributeTypeAndValue := AttributeType "=" AttributeValue
<special> ::= ", " | "=" | <CR> | <LF> | "+" | "<" | ">" | "#" | ";" | "\" | ""
AttributeType := <one or more StringChar>
AttributeValue := <one or more StringChar>
StringChar := any character except <special>
```

## 7.4 Maximum size of DN string

The maximum length of a DN string, including RDN separators and including white spaces, shall not exceed 400 bytes (8-bit).

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# 8 Examples of DN in string representation

This subclause gives a few examples of DN written in the string representation specified in the present document.

## EXAMPLE 1:

“DC=com, DC=CompanyXYZ, DC=Marketing, IRPAgent=ATMPVCBilling, Log=19990101131000, AccountingRecord=100098”. In this example, the name space aligns with DNS. The AttributeType of the top three RDN are “DC”. Concatenation of the corresponding AttributeValues produces the DNS registered name, i.e. “marketing.companyXYZ.com”. The top RDN is the Global Root because DNS defines “DC=com” as the root of its name space. That top RDN is the Local Root as well.

## EXAMPLE 2:

“DC=marketing.CompanyXYZ.com, IRPAgent=ATMPVCBilling, Log=19990101131000, AccountingRecord=100098”. In this example, the name space aligns with DNS as well. Instead of using three RDNs to represent the DNS registered name, this example chooses to use one RDN. The top RDN is the Global Root (and Local Root as well).

## EXAMPLE 3:

“IRPNetwork=ABCNetwork, Subnet=TN2, BSS=B5C0100”. In this example, the name space designer chooses not to name its objects under the DNS nor X.500 scheme. The name space designer chooses to use “IRPNetwork=ABCNetwork” as the Local Root of its name space (by looking at the DN string, it is not possible to say if the Local Root is the Global Root). DNs in this name space will start with that string as their Local Root. One string (“IRPNetwork”) for AttributeType (of the AttributeTypeAndValue of the RDN) starts with “IRP”. This indicates that this string is mapped from the MO class names specified in NRM of [9]. Other strings do not start with “IRP”, indicating that those strings are not mapped from MO class names specified in NRM of [9]. They are probably mapped from MO classes that are specific for a particular product and thus specified in a product-specific NRM (MIM).

## EXAMPLE 4:

The following example illustrates the use of “,” as separator for RDNs. It also illustrates the use of space and period as part of the legal character syntax for RDNs.

```
CN=John T. Mills, O= Cyber System Consulting, L= Göteborg, C=SE
```

## 9 Usage Scenario

### 9.1 DN prefix usage

This subclause presents recommended steps designer uses to partition the Enterprise name space while building an Alarm IRP compliant NE (the Alarm IRP Agent).

1. The NE designer specifies the NRM (3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9]) for the NE. Suppose the NRM is a two level hierarchy with 3 classes like:

```
Node
 |----- Port
 |----- CrossConnect
```

2. The NE designer, based on the NRM and other design choices, decides that there are 7 instances within the NE that can report alarms, such as  
Port=1, Port=2, Port=3, Port=4, Port=5, CrossConnect=1, Node=1.
3. The NE designer decides on the DN prefix (see Annex C) and configures its system accordingly. Since NE designer will not know the customer’s name space in advance, he would normally configure the DN prefix to reflect his test environment. The DN prefix can be configured to “Network=test”. The Global Root is “Network=test”. The Local Root is “Node=1”. It should be noted that the NE should not hard code the DN prefix but should treat DN prefix as a system configuration parameter, settable, for example, at system start-up time.
4. When constructing the alarm record (in coding phase), NE designer shall concatenate the name of the alarmed instance with the DN prefix to form the DN of his test environment. The resultant DN (e.g.,

“Network=test,Node=1,Port=3”) will be placed in the Managed Object Instance (MOI) field of the alarm record.

5. The NE is sold to a customer. The customer administrator knows his Enterprise name space, the topology of his network and where the NE will be deployed. Based on the information, he configures the DN prefix of the NE. For example, the customer administrator can configure it to:

“DC=CompanyXYZ.com,Net=DS3BackBone,Station=TMR”.

The Global Root in this case is “DC=CompanyXYZ.com”.

6. At run time, whenever NE is reporting an alarm on Port=3 via the IRP, the following string will be in the MOI field of the alarm record.

“DC=CompanyXYZ.com,Net=DS3BackBone,Station=TMR,Node=1,Port=3”.

## Annex A (normative): Mapping of RDN AttributeType to Strings

NOTE: This annex is normative for users of string representation.

AttributeType of RDN are mapped into strings for use in the DN string representation. This annex specifies the mapping.

The AttributeType shall include all MO classes defined in the Network Resource Model (NRM) of 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9].

There is one AttributeType that is not defined in NRM of 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9]. This special AttributeType is used to denote the domain component of the DNS. The following partial DN string representations are examples to illustrate the valid use of “DC” strings for the three DNS domain components of “lme.companyZ.se”.

- DC=se.companyZ.lme, ..
- DC=se, DC=companyZ, DC=lme, ..
- DC=se, DC=companyZ.lme, ..
- DC=se.companyZ, DC=lme, ..

**Table A.1: Example of RDN AttributeType Strings**

String	AttributeType
DC	Domain component of DNS
Network	MO class name <code>Network</code> defined in NRM of 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9].
ManagedElement	MO class name <code>ManagedElement</code> defined in NRM of 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9].
Cell	MO Class name <code>Cell</code> defined in NRM of 3GPP TS 32.106-5 [9].
etc.	Other MO class names as defined in NRM or product-specific NRM (extension to standard NRM).

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## Annex B (normative): Rule for MO Designers regarding `AttributeType` interpretation

NOTE: This annex is normative for users of string representation.

This annex discusses the two possible interpretations for the `AttributeType` of the DN string and recommends a rule for MO designers to avoid ambiguity concerning its usage. It identifies the protocol environment(s) under which each interpretation functions. It then recommends a rule for designing MO classes such that one DN string, regardless of protocol environment (therefore, regardless of interpretation used), will result in the unique reference to the identical network resource.

### First interpretation

ITU-T Recommendation X.500 [2] uses the `AttributeType` (defined for use as the first component of the `AttributeTypeAndValue` of a RDN, see subclause 3.1.6) to identify one attribute of the subject MO for naming purpose. This `AttributeType` is called the *naming attribute* to distinguish itself from other attributes that may be present in the MO.

Suppose the following is the MO class definition in pseudo notation and this MO class is inherited from root.

```
Class Bsc {  
    Attribute id;  
    Attribute ..}
```

Suppose further that the naming attribute is `id`.

If this (first) interpretation is used for constructing the DN string, then the DN will be “...,id=123”. MO class name cannot be derived from the DN string. The value of the `AttributeValue` contains the value of the naming attribute.

### Second interpretation

In CORBA protocol environment, it is preferable to use the following interpretation.

The `AttributeType` (defined for use as the first component of the `AttributeTypeAndValue` of a RDN) is used to identify the MO class.

If this interpretation is used for constructing the DN string, then the DN will be “...,Bsc=123”. The name of the naming attribute cannot be derived from the DN string. The value of the `AttributeValue` contains the value of the naming attribute.

### Rule

Given the two interpretations, a DN reader cannot know how to interpret the `AttributeType`, i.e. if the `AttributeType` identifies class or naming attribute. To avoid ambiguity, the following rules shall apply:

- If `AttributeType` of a naming attribute is not a concatenation of MO class name and “Id”, then the DN writer shall use “...,yyy.zzz=123,..” where “yyy” is the MO class name and “zzz” is the naming attribute. For example, if “Bsc” is the MO class name and if its naming attribute is “SerialNumber”, then the DN shall be “,,Bsc.serialNumber=123,..”.
- If `AttributeType` of a naming attribute is a concatenation of MO class name and “Id”, then the DN writer shall use “...,xxx=123,..” where “xxx” is the MO class name. For example, if “Bsc” is the MO class name and if its naming attribute is “BscId”, then the DN shall be “,,Bsc=123,..”.

## Annex C (informative): DN Prefix and Local Distinguished Name (LDN)

A Distinguished Name (DN) is used to uniquely identify a MO within a name space. A DN is built from a series of “name components”, referred to as Relative Distinguished Names (RDNs).

DNs within a name space are arranged in hierarchy similar to concepts of naming files in UNIX file system. A file name, in the context of a local subdirectory, contains the path (series of subdirectory names) of the file starting from the local subdirectory. The same file, in the global context, contains the path of the file starting from the root directory. Similar concept applies to naming MOs. From a particular (local) context, the name of a MO is the Local Distinguished Name (LDN). From a global context, the name of the same MO is the DN. LDN is a proper subset of DN. In the context of a particular local context, a DN prefix is defined such that all LDNs in that particular context, if attached behind the DN prefix of that context, will yield the DNs of the MOs.

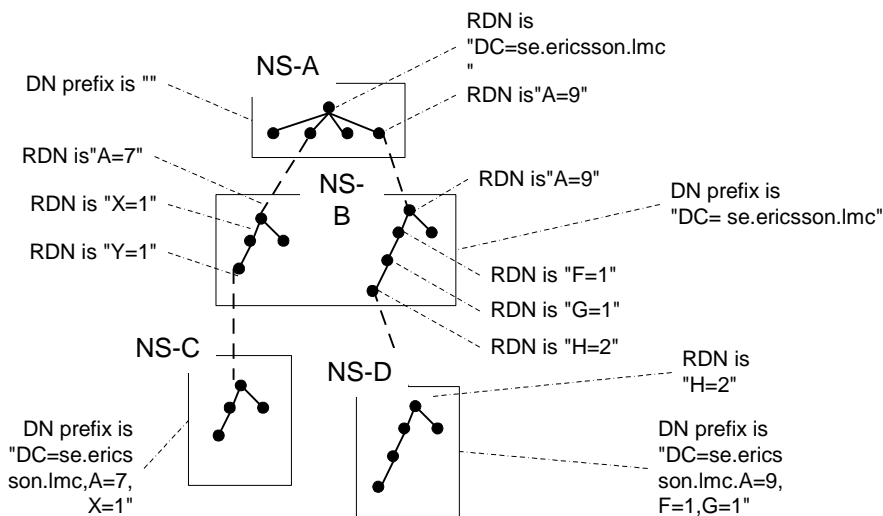
The concepts of DN Prefix and LDN support the partitioning of large name space into smaller ones for efficient name space implementation. DN design, the subject of the present document, does not depend on these concepts. There exist other concepts that support partitioning of large name space as well. Although these concepts are independent from DN design, their use is wide spread and this Annex illustrates their use in partitioning large name space.

In modern network management, it is expected that the Enterprise name space be partitioned for implementations in multiple hosts. The following are reasons for the partitioning.

- The Enterprise name space can be large (e.g., containing millions of objects). Partition of a large name space facilitates name space management. For example, it may be easier to manage two name spaces of 1 million objects each than to manage one name space with two million objects.
- Separate IRPAgents manage sub-set of the Enterprise name space relevant to their own local environment. For example, one NE manages a name space (subset of the Enterprise name space) containing names of its MOs representing its own network resources. Another NE manages another sub-set, etc.
- For reasons such as security, replication, back-up policy and performance, sub-sets of the Enterprise name space are managed by separate systems. For example, Operation and Marketing departments may want to manage their name spaces using their respective management policies. Partitioning of Enterprise name space according to departmental jurisdiction may facilitate deployment of independent management policies.

Suppose the Enterprise name space is organized hierarchically and is partitioned into 4 sub-sets as shown in figure C.1.

**Figure C.1: Name space partitions**





NS (name space)-A contains 5 objects. DN prefix is NULL. The Global Root and Local Root of NS-A is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc" (see the Note below). DN of top object is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc". RDNs of the other four objects are, from bottom left to bottom right, "A=1", "A=7", "A=3" and "A=9". DNs of the same four objects are "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=1", "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=7", "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=3" and "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=9". The second and fourth objects are reference objects to MOs in NS-B.

NS-B contains two branches. They have the same DN prefix that is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc". The Global Root is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc".

The Local Root and RDN of top object of the right branch is "A=9". Its DN is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=9". RDNs of other objects are shown in figure C.1.

DN of the bottom object is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=9,F=1,G=1,H=2". This object refers to object of another name space called NS-D.

The Local Root and RDN of the top object of the left branch is "A=7". Its DN is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=7". RDNs of other objects are shown in figure C.1.

DN of the bottom object is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=7,X=1,Y=1". This object refers to object of another name space called NS-C.

NS-C contains a branch of 4 objects. Its DN prefix is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=7,X=1". The Local Root and RDN of the top object is "Y=1".

NS-D contains a branch of 5 objects. Its DN prefix is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=9,F=1,G=1". The Local Root and RDN of the top object is "H=2".

In figure C.1, the bottom object of NS-B right branch has the following names:

- DN is "DC=se.companyZ.lmc,A=9,F=1,G=1,H=2".
- LDN is "A=9,F=1,G=1,H=2".
- RDN is "H=2".

With this example, we can see that DN of an object is a series of RDNs spanning the global name space. LDN of an object is a series of RDNs spanning the local name space where the subject MO resides.

The concatenation of the LDN with DN prefix of that (partitioned) name space shall produce the DN of the global name space.

**NOTE:** Use of "DC" in "DC=se.companyZ.lmc" is an attempt to align the RDN with DNS name associated with the named organisation. The "DC" stands for Domain Component and is an attribute name defined by IETF for use in directory work. Annex A specifies other valid ways to align RDN with DNS as well. Equally valid, the example can choose to align the RDN with the X.500 convention. In such case, the subject string can be "C=se,O=CompanyZ,L=lmc" where C, O and L are X.500 standard attributes denoting country, organisation and location respectively. The alignment choice belongs to the name space designer of each operator. The choice will be reflected in the value of the DN prefix, probably a product configuration parameter. See Clause 7 for more information.

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## Annex D (informative): Change history

Change history							
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