Oracle Directory Services Plus (ODS Plus) provides identity virtualization, storage, and synchronization services for high-performance enterprise and carrier-grade environments. As part of ODS Plus, Oracle Internet Directory (OID) is a general-purpose LDAPv3 compliant directory storage that is extremely scalable, highly available and secure. Oracle Internet Directory serves as the central user repository for Oracle Identity Management, a component of Fusion Middleware, simplifying user administration in the Oracle environment and providing a standards-based application directory for the heterogeneous enterprise. Its unique and agile design includes built-in synchronization that allows seamless integration with other enterprise user repositories, and facilitates enterprise directory standardization.

Directory Services Requirements and Challenges
Directory services are key building blocks for identity-enabled business applications and the underlying enterprise identity management (IdM) architecture. Well-structured and organized directory services are the foundation of efficient and effective security services.

One of the identity management challenges enterprises face is the lack of a single source for identity data and the proliferation of identity stores, including directories and databases. Enterprises have employee information in HR databases and/or Active Directory (AD), customer and partner data in CRM databases and/or LDAP directories. This proliferation of data results in high administration and maintenance cost, inconsistent identity data, and compliance issues.

Oracle Directory Services Plus Solution
Oracle has the most comprehensive directory services offering on the market, including virtualization, storage and synchronization. As part of ODS Plus, Oracle Virtual Directory (OVD) provides identity aggregation and transformation without synchronization while the Oracle Internet Directory (OID) provides data storage and synchronization services through the Directory Integration Platform (DIP).
Specifically, Oracle Internet Directory

- provides the ability to store multiple contexts, thus disparate data can be managed in a single service.
- scales to extremely large deployments on less hardware as demonstrated by its published Two-Billion-Entry and 500-Million-Entry Benchmarks with extreme performance. This reduces the footprint required to deploy enterprise directory services in the data-center resulting in cost savings and a greener enterprise.
- is the most secure directory service providing security at every level from data in transit to storage and backups. In addition to LDAP security, it leverages Oracle database security features like Database Vault and Transparent Data Encryption.
- ensures maximum availability with several layers of high availability (HA). In addition to multi-master LDAP replication, OID also supports Oracle database Real Application Cluster (RAC) and OID Clusters.
- delivers un-paralleled ease of use for a general purpose directory storage via Oracle Directory Services Manager (ODSM). ODSM is the common unified management console for all Oracle Directory Services products including OID and OVD.
- provides advanced technologies to help enterprise standardize on OID and consolidate existing directories into a single directory storage.
- delivers enterprise wide manageability through Oracle Enterprise Manager.
- provides Metadirectory functionality through the Directory Integration Platform (DIP)

**Oracle Directory Services Benefits**

**Increased ROI and reduced cost through**

- standardization on OID as the general purpose directory reduces the number of directories.
- data integration with AD leverages AD enterprise investments, preventing the need to add an AD Lightweight Directory Service for each new application.
- better leveraging existing OID infrastructure and expertise that comes with Oracle applications.

**Enhanced Security with**

- data security in transit, storage, and backup.
- separation of duty (SOD) through Oracle Database Vault.
- out of the box Application Integration.

**Conclusion**

OID is the optimized directory solution for Oracle applications and Oracle Identity and Access Management solutions, E.g., Oracle Access Manager, Oracle E-Business
Suite, PeopleSoft, Siebel CRM, etc.

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