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Overview

There are 3 methods to query the MIT Directory from Athena: finger, ldaps, and the web-based people directory.

finger

To find someone's Athena username if you know their real name, you can try querying the MIT directory, using "finger" at the athena% prompt:

finger lastname@mit
finger firstname_lastname@mit
finger firstname_initial_lastname@mit

These will give you information from the MIT directory. If you get more than one returned entry, like:

name: Schiller, Jeffrey I
department: Network Services
title: Network Manager
alias: J-schiller

name: Schiller, Peter H
department: Brain & Cog Sci
title: D.w. Poitras Professor
alias: P-schiller

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from fingering @mit, you can get more detailed information about a specific user from the list by using the alias field. For example, if you were interested in just Jeff's information, you could type the following to get more detailed information, including Jeff's mail address (if available):

finger j-schiller@mit

Help about the on-line directory is available by typing "finger help@mit".

Note however, that some entries in the directory may have a different email address, such as one for Lincoln Labs (@ll.mit.edu). In that case, to find their username, you must search the LDAP directory.

ldaps

athena% athrun consult ldaps "firstname lastname" uid

Example:

athena% athrun consult ldaps "Joe A User" uid
dn: cn=Joe A Test User+employeeNumber=d5c9bff6b4c9c931ca743160d8a64204,ou=affiliates,dc=mit,dc=edu
ufn: Joe A Test User + d5c9bff6b4c9c931ca743160d8a64204, affiliates, mit.edu
uid: joeuser

And the "uid" is the person's username, in this case "joeuser".

Web directory

You can search the MIT directory online at http://web.mit.edu/people.html.