

EMDIR inquiry via Email

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Note that this information is also included in the new CERN Electronic Mail User Guide, available from UCO on paper and also online via XFIND and WWW.

You can send an Email message to cerndir@cern.ch or cerndir@dxmint.cern.ch and in the "Subject:" field and/or in the body enter the names of persons you are looking for separated by a semicolon (;) or carriage return. You will receive a reply with the retrieved EMDIR entries that match exactly or (in case of no exact match) approximately your query.

The service has the capability of searching for approximate matches, up to two mistakes and accepts the use of two wildcards, '?' for any one character and '*' for any number of characters. If just one string is

entered, e.g. {*lit dupond*}, it will be treated as a surname, if you want to specify firstnames as well, the syntax *firstname.surname* should be used e.g. *herve.dupond* if you want to retrieve all entries of a certain *firstname*, you have to terminate it with a dot and leave a blank before the separator e.g. *herve.*

The allowed separators within parts of the *firstname(s)* and/or *surname(s)* are the dot, hyphen,

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From CERNDIR Tue Feb 8 15:57:25 1994
Date: Tue, 8 Feb 1994 15:57:24 +0100
From: CERNDIR
Subject: Re: Your query to CERN DIRectory
Apparently-To: dimou
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***** CERN DIRectory Lookup Mail Service *****

The following records match exactly your requested query: Alcibiades.

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1. First name(s): ALCIBIADES *****Last name(s): APOSTOLAKIS
   Cern phone number:6039 *****Beep number:
   Division:PPE/LR ***** Office:20/R-030
   E-mail address: APOST@CERNVM.CERN.CH
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underscore, whitespace and single quote. E.g. sending mail to cerndir@cern.ch with 'Subject: Alcibiades. ; and no message body, you will receive a message as shown in the box, below.

EMAIL PROBLEMS

For information or problems related to EMDIR contact emdir@cern.ch. For information or problems related to the inquiry via Email contact mail.support@cern.ch.

Please remember that your preferred Email address in EMDIR should always be in the format user@HOST.DOMAIN, i.e. it MUST contain a host.

VALET-Plus Support

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In the January 1993 edition of "Online", it was announced that new applications for the VALET-Plus were discouraged. Nevertheless, the VALET-Plus has a number of loyal users, and some who have expressed an interest in its use, particularly as a platform for "PILS" - the Portable Interactive Language System, which has facilitated many applications from the complex, such as the CPLear and JetSet experiments, to simple hardware

development and test. However, it should be understood that owing to the exigencies of new developments and particularly the progress in technology on the PC and Macintosh file servers, it has not been possible to keep the VALET-Plus in line with new technology.

Thus those concerned with its support, particularly ECP/DS and ESS Groups (in the person of Yves Perrin, Jørgen Petersen, Louis

Tremblet, Anne Perrelle and Chris Parkman) are no longer able to provide support for the VALET-Plus as such other than at the most superficial level.

ECP/ESS/OS will help continue to help users with hardware problems, and EPROM updates and manuals will continue to be provided until the current (very small) stock is exhausted.

Users still having essential applications are encouraged to discuss their future requirements with any of the above. who will do their best to suggest alternative solutions.