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**Summary**

ITU-T Recommendation X.500 | ISO/IEC 9594-1 introduces the concepts of the Directory and the DIB (Directory Information Base) and overviews the services and capabilities which they provide.

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