

**NAME**

ldbedit - Edit LDB databases using your preferred editor

**SYNOPSIS**

**ldbedit** [-?] [--usage] [-s base|one|sub] [-b basedn] [-a] [-e editor] [-H LDB-URL] [expression]  
[attributes...]

**DESCRIPTION**

ldbedit is a utility that allows you to edit LDB entries (in tdb files, sqlite files or LDAP servers) using your preferred editor. ldbedit generates an LDIF file based on your query, allows you to edit the LDIF, and then merges that LDIF back into the LDB backend.

**OPTIONS**

-?, --help

Show list of available options, and a phrase describing what that option does.

--usage

Show list of available options. This is similar to the help option, however it does not provide any description, and is hence shorter.

-H <ldb-url>

LDB URL to connect to. For a tdb database, this will be of the form `tdb://filename`. For a LDAP connection over unix domain sockets, this will be of the form `ldapi://socket`. For a (potentially remote) LDAP connection over TCP, this will be of the form `ldap://hostname`. For an SQLite database, this will be of the form `sqlite://filename`.

-s one|sub|base

Search scope to use. One-level, subtree or base.

-a, -all

Edit all records. This allows you to apply the same change to a number of records at once. You probably want to combine this with an expression of the form `"objectclass=*"`.

-e editor, --editor editor

Specify the editor that should be used (overrides the `VISUAL` and `EDITOR` environment variables). If this option is not used, and neither `VISUAL` nor `EDITOR` environment variables are set, then the `vi` editor will be used.

-b basedn

Specify Base Distinguished Name to use.

**-v, --verbose**

Make ldbedit more verbose about the operations that are being performed. Without this option, ldbedit will only provide a summary change line.

## ENVIRONMENT

**LDB\_URL**

LDB URL to connect to. This can be overridden by using the **-H** command-line option.)

**VISUAL** and **EDITOR**

Environment variables used to determine what editor to use. **VISUAL** takes precedence over **EDITOR**, and both are overridden by the **-e** command-line option.

## VERSION

This man page is correct for version 1.1 of LDB.

## SEE ALSO

ldb(3), ldbmodify(1), ldbdel(1), ldif(5), vi(1)

## AUTHOR

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If you wish to report a problem or make a suggestion then please see the **<http://ldb.samba.org/>** web site for current contact and maintainer information.

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## NOTES

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