

# Dictionary File Reference

The Dictionary File is an instance of an XML document that is stored in LightWave Server's filesystem. The Dictionary File contains the type definitions that LightWave Server needs to:

- map incoming JSON requests to the appropriate IPM structure for process or serverclass requests.
- map the process or serverclass reply IPM to the outgoing JSON reply.

The Dictionary Manager is used to maintain the Dictionary File, but from time to time it may be necessary to manually edit the Dictionary File. This section describes the Dictionary File structure.

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