

NetInfo

Add a property

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All information in a NetInfo domain is stored as *property keys* and *values*.

SimpleNetworkStarter creates a domain with certain default property keys and values. Manager applications such as UserManager and HostManager automatically create some property keys and values.

Generally the information is used by various processes accessing requiring information. You can use NetInfoManager to add your own properties to any directory to accomodate a particular process or for your own purposes, such as comments.

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BEFORE YOU START: Most NetInfo properties are stored for use by processes issuing requests for information to function properly. Be sure you understand the requirements of the processes for which you're adding properties, and be careful of your spelling. Don't inadvertently alter existing properties!

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1 Log in as root on any computer on the network.

If you don't log in as **root**, you can type the **root** password if the User Authentication panel appears.

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2 Double-click NetInfoManager in /NextAdmin.

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3 Choose Domain *submenu-arrow8.tiff* ↵ Open from the NetInfoManager menu, select the domain you want to work with, and click OK.

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4 Select the directory to which you want to add a property.

Use the browser to select a directory in the hierarchy.

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5 Double click the directory.

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6 Choose Directory 863262_submenu-arrow8.tiff ↗ New Property.

NetInfoManager will create a new property. Re-enter the property key name you want in the text box below. 842232_PointDashedRule3Black.eps ↗

7 Close the New_Directory window and save changes.

The Save Changes panel will let you cancel or Don't Save if you wish. If you click Save, NetInfoManager creates the new property.

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How Properties are displayed

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The new property appears at the end of the list with the name **new_property**.

You can type a new name in the text field at the bottom of the directory window and press Return. (The text field appears only in browser view.)

You can select a property and choose Insert Property to insert a new property before the selection.

Or you can choose Append Property to add the new property after the selection.

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How to

Once you create a property, you can define one or more values for it.

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You can display properties and values in a browser or a table.

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