

## NetInfo

# Create a clone NetInfo server with SNS

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If your two-level network has more than two or three computers, you should set up one or more *clone NetInfo servers* to provide a network back up in case the master NetInfo server fails.

As a rule of thumb, set up one clone for every ten computers.

You can set up the clone server on any computer (except the one that runs the master server).

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**BEFORE YOU START:** Make backup copies of any **/etc/netinfo** databases for any domains you wish to alter.

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- 1 Log in as root on the computer where you want to set up the clone server.**  
If you don't log in as root, you can type the root password when you start SimpleNetworkStarter.

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- 2 Double-click SimpleNetworkStarter in /NextAdmin.**  
SimpleNetworkStarter checks the existing **/etc/netinfo** databases and makes copies. You can choose Log from the SNS menu to monitor SNS operations.

**CAUTION** If your SimpleNetworkStarter session fails, you must restore the previous **/etc/netinfo** files yourself. Be sure you made backup copies before you proceed—for example, by copying **/etc/netinfo/\*** to **/etc/netinfo/\*ORG** to save the original files.

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- 3 Click the option "Provide the services specified below" in section 1 of the SimpleNetworkStarter window**  
;../Reference/Tools/SimpleNetworkStarter/SimpleNetworkStarterPanels/SimpleNetworkStarterWindow.rtf;↵.

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- 4 Skip section 2 in SNS' window.**

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5 Check the appropriate options in section 3 of the window

;../Reference/Tools/SimpleNetworkStarter/SimpleNetworkStarterPanels/  
SimpleNetworkStarterWindow.rtf;;↗.

You may want a computer to host a clone NetInfo server and some other network services. If your network has many computers or heavy network traffic, you may want a computer to host just the clone NetInfo server.

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6 Click Configure.

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SimpleNetworkStarter creates the directories you checked and sets up a clone of the root domain that has the tag name **network**.

If you want to examine the SNS log after you've finished creating the master server, you can use the Edit application in NextApps to open **/usr/adm/SNS.log**.

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You can move the master NetInfo server to another computer.

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