

## Network Computers

# Add a computer automatically

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You can add new computers to your network automatically if you've enabled automatic host addition.

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**BEFORE YOU START:** To be sure of the domain to which your computer will bind, and make sure that you enabled automatic host addition for only one domain on the local network ;EnableAutomaticHostAddition.rtf;;↵.

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**1 Attach the computer to the network and turn it on.**

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**2 Enter a name for the computer at the prompt and press Return.**

The name may be up to eight lowercase letters or numerals. Avoid special characters.

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**3 Type y and press Return.**

If you set up password for automatic host addition, the configuration server prompts you for the password. Enter the password and press Return.

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4 Double-click **SimpleNetworkStarter** in **/NextAdmin**.

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5 Choose the option **Access shared network resources as a client.**<sup>o</sup>

This option is in section 1 of the SimpleNetworkStarter window

../Reference/Tools/SimpleNetworkStarter/AboutSimpleNetworkStarter.rtf;;↵.

If you want to use the computer to provide network services, choose that option instead. You can ignore sections 2 and 3.

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6 Click **Configure**.

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SimpleNetworkStarter creates a host entry for the new computer in the **/machines** directory of the domain with automatic host addition. It also assigns an Ethernet address and an Internet address.

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**Concepts**

Not sure what a host entry is or why you need to add one?  
;AboutNetworkComputers.rtf;;¬ **About network computers**

Need a basic review of domains?  
;../NetInfo/AboutNetInfo.rtf;;¬ **About NetInfo domains**

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**How to**

You can enable automatic host addition when you first set up a NetInfo master server. Or you can enable it with the HostManager application.

;EnableAutomaticHostAddition.rtf;;¬ **Enable automatic host addition**

You can also add a computer manually if you want to control the Ethernet and Internet addresses yourself.

;AddComputerManually.rtf;;¬ **Add a computer manually**

You can use NetInfoManager to check the **/machines** directory

for the Ethernet and Internet address of the new host.

;../NetInfo/ExamineHostEntry.rtf;;¬ **Examine a host entry**