

## Network Computers

# Create an alias host name

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You can give a computer one or more alias names. For example, you may want to use a different host name depending on which user is using the computer at the time. Or you may want to associate different host names with various server processes running on the same computer.

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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 enter the **root** password when you start HostManager.

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- 2 **Double-click HostManager in /NextAdmin.**

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- 3 **Choose Host submenu-arrow8.tiff ↵ Open from the HostManager menu.**

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- 4 **Select the domain and host name for the computer you want to give an alias and click OK**  
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- 5 **Type the alias in the host window and click Add**  
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**d;;**. You can create several aliases in the Host Name Alias box.

The name may be up to 8 lowercase characters, including letters, digits, dashes (-), and underbars (\_). Don't use the reserved names **localhost**, **broadcasthost**, or **mailhost**.

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**6 Click the close box in the host window and then click Yes to save the changes.**

If you set up a password for host additions, the system asks you for it before saving the changes.

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The new names appear as values of the **name** property in the host entry. All host entries are stored in the **/machines** directory. You can use an alias in any of the manager applications or in NetInfo shell scripts to refer to the host.

If you no longer want to use the alias, select it in the host window and click Remove.

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