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Centrify Express Mac OS X Quick Start

This Quick Start Guide provides a brief summary of the steps for installing and getting started quickly with Centrify Express on a Mac OS X computer. For more information about any step, see the appropriate chapters in the *Centrify Express for Linux and UNIX Administrator's Guide*.

Before getting started, make sure you have:

- The administrative username and password (or sudo rights) for every Mac system on which you want to install Centrify Express.
- The username and password of an Active Directory account that has permission to join a computer to Active Directory. Talk to your Active Directory administrator if you need help, or see the *Centrify Express for Linux and UNIX Administrator's Guide* for details.
- Downloaded the correct Centrify Express archive file from the Centrify website to the target Mac, or the Mac has access to the file.
- If you are using the Apple Active Directory plugin, disable the plugin.

Now you are ready to get started:

1. On the Mac computer, log on as an administrator.
2. If necessary, unzip the centrify-infrastructure-services archive file. Then open the DMG file: `centrifyDC-version.dmg`.
3. Run ADCheck and enter your Active Directory domain name to analyze your network and Active Directory environment. If all tests pass, go to the next step; otherwise review the tests that failed and fix any issues if possible.

4. Launch the CentrifyDC-version.pkg to install agent and follow the prompts.
5. When the installation is complete, the Centrify Join Assistant appears in which you can join Active Directory. You can also join Active Directory later by launching the Join Assistant from `/Applications/Utilities/Centrify`.

Note Make sure that the Apple AD plug-in is disabled prior to joining Active Directory.

6. When prompted by the Join Assistant, specify Auto Zone the zone to join, and disable licensed features. When the Join Assistant finishes, your Mac computer is joined to the Active Directory domain through the Centrify Express agent.
7. Verify authentication by attempting to log on to a Mac OS X computer that is part of the Active Directory domain using an Active Directory user account. The Active Directory user account name must be different than that of any local Mac OS X users. On Mac OS X computers, the local account database is checked for authentication before Active Directory. If a local user has the same profile (user name, UID, and GID) as an Active Directory user, the local user account is used for authentication, instead of the Active Directory name.

The Express agent connects to the domain through a single predefined Auto Zone for the entire forest. By default, all users and groups defined in Active Directory for the forest automatically become valid users and groups on the Mac OS X computer joined to the domain.

Your Centrify Express installation is now complete.

For more information about any topic, see the *Centrify Express for Linux and UNIX Administrator's Guide*.