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## How To Restart Linux NFS Server Properly When Network Become Unavailable

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Q. How do I restart NFS server when network link goes down between two servers or NFS client / server under CentOS 4.x / RHEL / CentOS Linux 5.x? Forceful umount command result into more problems such as unresponsive NFS server and cold reboot only solves my problem.



A. The simplest and easiest way to stop and start (no restart option) NFS under RHEL / CentOS / Fedora Linux is use init script located at /etc/init.d/ directory.

## Stop and Start NFS and Related Services

For example type the following command to stop NFS server:



WARNING! Using restart option (i.e. service nfs restart) may crash / freeze your Linux computer if executed.

- # service nfslock stop
- # service nfs stop
- # service portmap stop
- # umount /proc/fs/nfsd

## Now start service in following order:

- # service portmap start
- # service nfs start
- # service nfslock start
- # mount -t nfsd nfsd /proc/fs/nfsd

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