

Core Switch Time Synchronization Service



AI Overview

Core switches can be configured as NTP servers to provide accurate time to network devices and servers, ensuring consistent time across the network. Configuring a Core Switch as an NTP Server

To configure a Cisco core switch (e.g., 4500 series) as an NTP server:

- Set the system clock (optional but recommended to reduce initial drift):
`CodeCopyclock set HH:MM:SS MONTH DAY YEAR`
- Configure the NTP server using a reliable time source, such as GPS or an upstream NTP server:
`CodeCopyntp server`
- Enable NTP server functionality on the core switch:
`CodeCopyntp master`

The stratum level defines the hierarchy; lower numbers indicate higher accuracy. Verify NTP status:
`CodeCopyshow ntp association`
`ssh show ntp status`

The * symbol next to an IP indicates the primary synchronization source.

Synchronizing Other Switches or Devices

Other switches or servers can synchronize with the core switch by configuring the core switch's IP as their NTP server:

- Cisco access switches:
`CodeCopyntp server`
- Windows servers:
`CodeCopyw32tm /config /manual peerlist:"IP_of_Core_Switch" /syncfromflags:manual /reliable:yes /update`
`w32tm /resync`

For redundancy, multiple NTP servers can be listed so the client automatically switches if one server fails.

Best Practices

- Redundancy:** Configure at least two core switches as NTP sources to prevent single points of failure.
- Hierarchical NTP:** Core switches sync to a primary NTP source (GPS or external NTP), and access switches sync to the core switches to reduce load and improve reliability.
- Time zone configuration:** Optional for display purposes; NTP internally uses UTC.
- Verification:** Regularly check `show ntp associations` and `show ntp status` to ensure synchronization is maintained.
- Drift management:** If client clocks drift too far from the master, initial manual clock adjustment may be necessary to prevent NTP errors.

By following these steps, your network devices and servers will maintain accurate and consistent time, which is critical for logging, authentication, and network operations.

Article Content

How to manage Network Time Protocol on Dell Networking Force10

This article explains how Network Time Protocol (NTP) is implemented on Dell Networking Force10 Switches.

Configure System Time Settings on a Switch

The switch operates only as an SNTP client, and cannot provide time services to other devices. This article provides instructions on how to configure the system time settings on your switch.

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Procedure 3.2. Enabling TSC Timer Synchronization Open the `/etc/default/grub` file in your preferred text editor and append the parameters `clocksource=tsc` `powernow-k8.tscsync=1` to the

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Network Time Protocol

The Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a networking protocol for clock synchronization between computer systems over packet-switched, variable-latency data

Configuring NTP to Synchronize Time

Networking Requirements On the data center network, manually setting system time on all devices is time-consuming and the system time may be inaccurate. The NTP protocol can quickly

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If the system clock in the VM is ahead of the host for no more than five seconds, the Hyper-V Time Synchronization Service will adjust the system clock in the virtual machine.

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Learn how to configure NTP authentication and set the polling interval for time updates on network devices. Ensure reliable time synchronization with authorized servers.

Use Best Practices for Network Time Protocol

Core routers have a client/server relationship with external time sources, the internal time servers have a client/server relationship with the core

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Regularly Sync Time on All Network Devices - Prevent drift issues. Get Expert IT Support for NTP and Time Synchronization Issues Still facing NTP failures, time

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ntp on core and access

I have a case where core switches should learn time from an authoritative source/public time server but the access switches should only learn time from the core switch and not directly with

Configuring Time Synchronization on AOS-S Switches

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5G synchronization requirements and solutions

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One of the most commonly-used protocols to accomplish this is the Network Time Protocol (NTP), which can use both local and Internet-hosted servers to synchronize system time across a network.

Time Synchronization

External Time Synchronization of Computers Time synchronization of computer systems is often referred to as "External" or "Internal". External time

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