

# Network Time Protocol Ntp

Ntpd The ntpd program is an operating-system daemon that sets and maintains a computer system's system time in synchronization The Network Time Protocol daemon (ntpd) is an operating system program that maintains the system time in synchronization with time servers using the Network Time Protocol (NTP). using the Network Time Protocol (NTP) 91c05237a4

== Common NTP client problems  
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The most troublesome problems have involved NTP server addresses hardcoded in the firmware of consumer networking devices. As major... 91c05237a4  
== Comparison with the reference implementation == 91c05237a4  
The time reference used by a time server could be another time

server on the network or the Internet, a connected radio clock or an atomic clock. The most common true time source is a GPS or GPS master clock. Time servers are sometimes multi-purpose network servers, dedicated network servers, or dedicated devices. All a dedicated time server does is provide accurate time. 91c05237a4 The most important and widely used protocol for distributing and synchronising time over the Internet is the Network Time Protocol (NTP), though other less-popular or outdated time protocols continue in use. A variety of protocols are in common use for sending time signals over radio links and serial connections. 91c05237a4 Many Unix-like operating systems used the Time Protocol to monitor or synchronize their clocks using the rdate utility, but this function was superseded by the Network Time Protocol (NTP) and the corresponding ntpdate utility. NTP is more... 91c05237a4

NTP server misuse and abuse One

incident was branded NTP vandalism in an open letter from Poul-Henning Kamp to the router manufacturer D-Link in 2006. Misuse of a Network Time Protocol (NTP) server ranges from flooding it with traffic (effectively a DDoS attack) or violating the server's access policy. Misuse of a Network Time Protocol (NTP) server ranges from flooding it with traffic (effectively a DDoS attack) or violating the server's access policy or the NTP rules of engagement. There is, however, no evidence that any of these problems are deliberate vandalism. They are more usually caused by shortsighted or poorly chosen default configurations. This term has later been extended by others to retroactively include other incidents.

RTCP itself does not provide any flow encryption or authentication methods. Such mechanisms may be implemented, for example, with the Secure Real-time Transport Protocol (SRTP).

protocol is usually described in terms of a client-server model, but can as easily be used in peer-to-peer relationships where both peers consider the other to be a potential time source.

Implementations send and receive timestamps using the User Datagram Protocol (UDP); the service is normally on port number... 91c05237a4 Typically, RTP will be sent on an even-numbered UDP port, with RTCP messages being sent over the next higher odd-numbered port.

91c05237a4 The primary function of RTCP is to provide feedback on the quality of service (QoS) in media distribution by periodically sending statistics information such as transmitted octet and packet counts, packet loss, packet delay variation, and round-trip delay time to participants in a streaming multimedia session. An application may use this information to control quality of service parameters, perhaps by limiting flow, or using a different codec. 91c05237a4

Precision Time Protocol In a local area network (LAN), accuracy can be sub-microsecond – making it suitable for measurement and control systems applications. In a local area network (LAN), accuracy The Precision Time Protocol (PTP) is a protocol for clock synchronization throughout a computer network with relatively high precision as compared to using the earlier developed Network Time Protocol (NTP) and therefore potentially higher accuracy depending on the configuration. earlier developed Network Time Protocol (NTP) and therefore potentially higher accuracy depending on the configuration. PTP can be used to synchronize financial transactions, mobile phone tower transmissions, sub-sea acoustic arrays, and networks that require precise timing as an alternative to using the timestamp of satellite navigation signals or where sub-nanosecond accuracy as provided by the White Rabbit Project is unnecessary 91c05237a4

The Time Protocol may be implemented over the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or the User Datagram Protocol (UDP). A host connects to a server that supports the Time Protocol on port 37. The server then sends the time as a 32-bit unsigned integer in binary format and in network byte order, representing the number of seconds since 00:00 (midnight) 1 January 1900 GMT, and closes the connection. Operation over UDP requires the sending of any datagram to the server port, as there is no connection setup for UDP. 91c05237a4 The first version of PTP, IEEE 1588-2002, was published in 2002. IEEE 1588-2008, also known as PTP Version 2, is not backward compatible with the 2002 version. IEEE 1588-2019 was published in November 2019 and includes backward-compatible improvements to the 2008 publication. IEEE 1588-2008 includes a profile concept defining PTP operating parameters and options. Several profiles have been defined for applications including

telecommunications, electric power distribution... 91c05237a4

Time Protocol the Time Protocol to monitor or synchronize their clocks using the rdate utility, but this function was superseded by the Network Time Protocol (NTP) and The Time Protocol is a network protocol in the Internet Protocol Suite. Its purpose is to provide a site-independent, machine readable date and time  
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Rdate replaced by the Network Time Protocol (NTP). The Time Protocol is generally considered obsolete and has been replaced by the Network Time Protocol (NTP). When used to set the local system time, rdate operates by changing system time immediately to the time and date On Unix-like operating systems, rdate is a tool for querying the current time from a network server and, optionally, setting the system time. Rdate uses the Time Protocol  
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The fixed 32-bit data format means that the timestamp rolls over approximately every 136 years, with the first such occurrence on 7 February 2036. Programs that use the Time Protocol must be carefully designed to use context-dependent information to distinguish these dates from those in 1900.

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Chrony It runs on Unix-like operating systems. chrony is an implementation of the Network Time Protocol (NTP). It is the default NTP client and server in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15, and available in many Linux distributions. It is an alternative to ntpd, a reference implementation of NTP. It runs on Unix-like operating systems (including Linux and macOS) and is released under the GNU GPL v2. It is an alternative to ntpd, a reference implementation of NTP. is an implementation of the Network Time Protocol (NTP)

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RTCP provides basic functions expected to be implemented in all RTP sessions: 91c05237a4 As of May 2026, the pool consists of 3,790 active servers on IPv4 and 2,280 active servers on IPv6. Because of the decentralization of this project, accurate statistics on the number of clients cannot be obtained, but according to the project's website, the pool provides time to hundreds of millions of systems around the world. 91c05237a4

Time server The time server may be a local network time server or an internet time server. and synchronising time over the Internet is the Network Time Protocol (NTP), though other less-popular or outdated time protocols continue in use. A A time server is a server computer that reads the actual time from a reference clock and distributes this information to its clients using a computer network 91c05237a4

== See also == 91c05237a4

RTP Control Protocol Network Time Protocol (NTP) (which is in seconds relative to midnight UTC on 1 January 1900) and an RTP timestamp that corresponds to the same time as The RTP Control Protocol (RTCP) is a binary-encoded out-of-band signaling protocol that functions alongside the Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP). RTCP provides statistics and control information for an RTP session. It partners with RTP in the delivery and packaging of multimedia data but does not transport any media data itself 91c05237a4

NTP pool The geographic zone selection is sometimes unnecessary, obviated either by authoritative DNS servers that use geolocation or anycast server addresses. The NTP pool is a dynamic collection of networked computers that volunteer to provide highly accurate time via the Network Time Protocol to clients worldwide The NTP pool is a dynamic collection of networked computers that volunteer to

provide highly accurate time via the Network Time Protocol to clients worldwide. ntp. org domain as well as of several subdomains divided by geographical zone and are distributed to NTP clients via round-robin DNS. The machines that are "in the pool" are part of the pool 91c05237a4

The pool consists of the following parts: 91c05237a4 NTP time servers. Because of client growth, the project is in perpetual need of more servers. The more time servers there are in the pool, the lower the resource demand on each member. Joining the pool requires a static IP address, and accurate time from another NTP server. Joining the server can be done on the website... 91c05237a4 In contrast to NTPsec, which is a security-focused fork of ntpd, chrony was implemented from scratch. It was designed to synchronize time even in difficult conditions such as intermittent network connections (such as laptops) and congested networks.

Some improvements in this regard (compared to reference ntpd) include that it never steps (abruptly adjusts) time outside of startup, can correct for asymmetric network jitters, and can use larger clock rate adjustments on Linux to deal with a broken clock. It typically synchronizes faster and more accurately. 91c05237a4

Network Time Protocol The Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a networking protocol for clock synchronization between computer systems over packet-switched, variable-latency data The Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a networking protocol for clock synchronization between computer systems over packet-switched, variable-latency data networks. NTP was designed by David L. Mills of the University of Delaware. In operation since before 1985, NTP is one of the oldest Internet protocols in current use 91c05237a4

NTP is intended to synchronize participating computers to within a

few milliseconds of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). It uses the intersection algorithm, a modified version of Marzullo's algorithm, to select accurate time servers and is designed to mitigate the effects of variable network latency. NTP can usually maintain time to within tens of milliseconds over the public Internet, and can achieve better than one millisecond accuracy in local area networks under ideal conditions. Asymmetric routes and network congestion can cause errors of 100 ms or more.

91c05237a4 Unlike ntpd, it supports synchronizing the system clock via hardware timestamping (i.e. packet times on the network adapter), improving accuracy...

91c05237a4 xntpd is the Network Time Protocol version three (1992) daemon software. The "x" was added to the name because the branch of code that eventually became NTPv3 was "experimental". The name of the software changed back to "ntpd" for version four because the inventor of NTP, Dave Mills,

decided that something probably should not remain... 91c05237a4 When used to set the local system time, rdate operates by changing system time immediately to the time and date returned by the server. Abrupt changes of clock settings have been found to cause problems for software relying on timing. This led to the development of the Network Time Protocol, which gradually changes the system time and does not skip ticks. 91c05237a4 An existing network server (e.g. a file server) can become a time server with additional software. The NTP homepage provides a free and widely used reference implementation of the NTP server and client for many popular operating systems. The other choice is a dedicated time... 91c05237a4 Website 91c05237a4 A deliberate form of NTP server abuse came to note at the end of 2013, when NTP servers were used as part of amplification denial-of-service attacks. Some NTP servers would respond to a single "monlist"

UDP request packet, with packets describing up to 600 associations. By using a request with a spoofed IP address attackers could direct an amplified stream of packets at a network. This resulted in one of the largest distributed denial-of-service attacks known at the time.

91c05237a4 == Protocol functions == 91c05237a4 Due to the problems described above, rdate is generally used only on systems where NTP is not available, or in specialized circumstances where it is required that system time be set correctly as soon as possible during initial setup, before services which may be vulnerable to abrupt time-changes have started.

91c05237a4 The ntpd program is an operating-system daemon that sets and maintains a computer system's system time in synchronization with Internet-standard time servers. It is a complete implementation of the Network Time Protocol (NTP) version 4, but retains compatibility with versions 1, 2, and 3 as defined by RFC 1059, RFC 1119, and RFC

1305, respectively. ntpd performs most computations in 64-bit floating point arithmetic and uses 64-bit fixed point operations only when necessary to preserve the ultimate precision, about 232 picoseconds. While ordinary workstations and networks cannot achieve the ultimate precision as of 2015, future processors and networks may require it.

91c05237a4 Support for Network Time Security (NTS) was added in version 4.0. 91c05237a4 == Description == 91c05237a4

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