

## Specifying Which NTP Server a C-series Controller Contacts on Startup

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When you boot a C-series Controller, it issues an `ntpdate` request, which polls a network server to determine the local date and time. Configure a server that the system uses to determine the time when the system boots. Otherwise, NTP cannot synchronize with a time server if the server's time is very far off the local system's time.

To configure the NTP boot server:

1. From configuration mode, access the configuration statement that configures NTP.

```
[edit]  
user@host# edit system ntp
```

2. Specify the address or hostname of the network NTP server.

```
[edit system ntp]  
user@host# set boot-server address
```

For example:

```
[edit system ntp]  
user@host# set boot-server 192.0.2.20
```

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