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## Supported Platforms

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For the features described in this document, the following platforms are supported:

- M Series
- MX Series
- T Series
- EX Series
- PTX Series

## Using the Examples in This Manual

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If you want to use the examples in this manual, you can use the **load merge** or the **load merge relative** command. These commands cause the software to merge the incoming

configuration into the current candidate configuration. The example does not become active until you commit the candidate configuration.

If the example configuration contains the top level of the hierarchy (or multiple hierarchies), the example is a *full example*. In this case, use the **load merge** command.

If the example configuration does not start at the top level of the hierarchy, the example is a *snippet*. In this case, use the **load merge relative** command. These procedures are described in the following sections.

## Merging a Full Example

To merge a full example, follow these steps:

1. From the HTML or PDF version of the manual, copy a configuration example into a text file, save the file with a name, and copy the file to a directory on your routing platform.

For example, copy the following configuration to a file and name the file **ex-script.conf**. Copy the **ex-script.conf** file to the **/var/tmp** directory on your routing platform.

```
system {
  scripts {
    commit {
      file ex-script.xsl;
    }
  }
}
interfaces {
  fxp0 {
    disable;
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 10.0.0.1/24;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

2. Merge the contents of the file into your routing platform configuration by issuing the **load merge** configuration mode command:

```
[edit]
user@host# load merge /var/tmp/ex-script.conf
load complete
```

## Merging a Snippet

To merge a snippet, follow these steps:

1. From the HTML or PDF version of the manual, copy a configuration snippet into a text file, save the file with a name, and copy the file to a directory on your routing platform.



For example, copy the following snippet to a file and name the file **ex-script-snippet.conf**. Copy the **ex-script-snippet.conf** file to the **/var/tmp** directory on your routing platform.

```
commit {
  file ex-script-snippet.xml; }
```

2. Move to the hierarchy level that is relevant for this snippet by issuing the following configuration mode command:

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

3. Merge the contents of the file into your routing platform configuration by issuing the **load merge relative** configuration mode command:

```
[edit system scripts]
user@host# load merge relative /var/tmp/ex-script-snippet.conf
load complete
```

For more information about the **load** command, see [CLI Explorer](#).

## Documentation Conventions

[Table 1 on page ix](#) defines notice icons used in this guide.

Table 1: Notice Icons







| Icon  | Meaning            | Description   |
|---|--------------------|---|
|  | Informational note | Indicates important features or instructions.                               |
|  | Caution            | Indicates a situation that might result in loss of data or hardware damage. |
|  | Warning            | Alerts you to the risk of personal injury or death.                         |
|  | Laser warning      | Alerts you to the risk of personal injury from a laser.                     |
|  | Tip                | Indicates helpful information.  |
|  | Best practice      | Alerts you to a recommended use or implementation.                          |

Table 2 on page x defines the text and syntax conventions used in this guide.

Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions

| Convention                     | Description   | Examples   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Bold text like this</b>     | Represents text that you type.  | To enter configuration mode, type the <b>configure</b> command:<br><br>user@host> <b>configure</b>   |
| Fixed-width text like this     | Represents output that appears on the terminal screen.  | user@host> <b>show chassis alarms</b><br><br>No alarms currently active  |
| <i>Italic text like this</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduces or emphasizes important new terms.</li> <li>Identifies guide names.</li> <li>Identifies RFC and Internet draft titles.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A policy <i>term</i> is a named structure that defines match conditions and actions.</li> <li><i>Junos OS CLI User Guide</i></li> <li>RFC 1997, <i>BGP Communities Attribute</i></li> </ul> |
| <i>Italic text like this</i>   | Represents variables (options for which you substitute a value) in commands or configuration statements.  | Configure the machine's domain name:<br><br>[edit]<br>root@# <b>set system domain-name</b> <i>domain-name</i>  |
| Text like this                 | Represents names of configuration statements, commands, files, and directories; configuration hierarchy levels; or labels on routing platform components.                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To configure a stub area, include the <b>stub</b> statement at the [edit protocols ospf area area-id] hierarchy level.</li> <li>The console port is labeled <b>CONSOLE</b>.</li> </ul>      |
| < > (angle brackets)           | Encloses optional keywords or variables.  | <b>stub</b> <default-metric <i>metric</i> >;   |
| (pipe symbol)                  | Indicates a choice between the mutually exclusive keywords or variables on either side of the symbol. The set of choices is often enclosed in parentheses for clarity.              | <b>broadcast</b>   <b>multicast</b><br><br>( <i>string1</i>   <i>string2</i>   <i>string3</i> )  |
| # (pound sign)                 | Indicates a comment specified on the same line as the configuration statement to which it applies.  | <b>rsvp</b> { <b>#</b> Required for dynamic MPLS only  |
| [ ] (square brackets)          | Encloses a variable for which you can substitute one or more values.  | <b>community name members</b> [ <i>community-ids</i> ]   |
| Indentation and braces ( { } ) | Identifies a level in the configuration hierarchy.  | [edit]<br>routing-options {<br>static {<br>route default {<br>nexthop <i>address</i> ;<br>retain;<br>}<br>}<br>}   |
| ;(semicolon)                   | Identifies a leaf statement at a configuration hierarchy level.   |  |

Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions (*continued*)

| Convention                   | Description  | Examples  |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| GUI Conventions              |  |   |
| <b>Bold text like this</b>   | Represents graphical user interface (GUI) items you click or select. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the Logical Interfaces box, select <b>All Interfaces</b>.</li> <li>To cancel the configuration, click <b>Cancel</b>.</li> </ul> |
| > (bold right angle bracket) | Separates levels in a hierarchy of menu selections.                  | In the configuration editor hierarchy, select <b>Protocols&gt;Ospf</b> .  |

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## CHAPTER 1

# Configuring Date and Time

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## Setting the Date and Time Locally

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You can set the date and time on a device running Junos OS by using the **set date** operational mode command:

To enter the date and time locally:

1. From operational mode, manually set the date and time.

Because this is an operational-mode command, there is no need to perform a commit operation.

```
user@host> set date YYYYMMDDhhmm.ss
```

For example:

```
user@host> set date 201307251632
Thu Jul 25 16:32:00 PDT 2013
```

2. Verify the time.

The **show system uptime** command provides the following information: current time, last boot time, protocols start time, last configuration commit time.

```

user@host> show system uptime
Current time: 2013-07-25 16:33:38 PDT
System booted: 2013-07-11 17:14:25 PDT (1w6d 23:19 ago)
Protocols started: 2013-07-11 17:16:35 PDT (1w6d 23:17 ago)
Last configured: 2013-07-23 12:32:42 PDT (2d 04:00 ago) by user
4:33PM up 13 days, 23:19, 1 user, load averages: 0.00, 0.01, 0.00

```

Starting in Junos OS 13.3, you can use the **set date** command from operational mode to instruct the device to retrieve the date and time from a configured NTP server. For example:

- From operational mode, issue the **set date** command and specify **ntp** to retrieve the date and time from a configured NTP server, or specify **ntp ntp-server** to retrieve the date and time from the given NTP server.

```
user@host> set date ntp ntp-server
```

For example:

```

user@host> set date ntp
25 Jun 16:38:28 ntpdate[2314]: step time server 192.0.2.1 offset -0.004182 sec

```

#### Release History Table

| Release | Description   |
|---------|---|
| 13.3    | Starting in Junos OS 13.3, you can use the <b>set date</b> command from operational mode to instruct the device to retrieve the date and time from a configured NTP server. |

#### Related Documentation

- Time Management Administration Guide for Routing Devices*
- [set date on page 54](#)

## NTP Overview

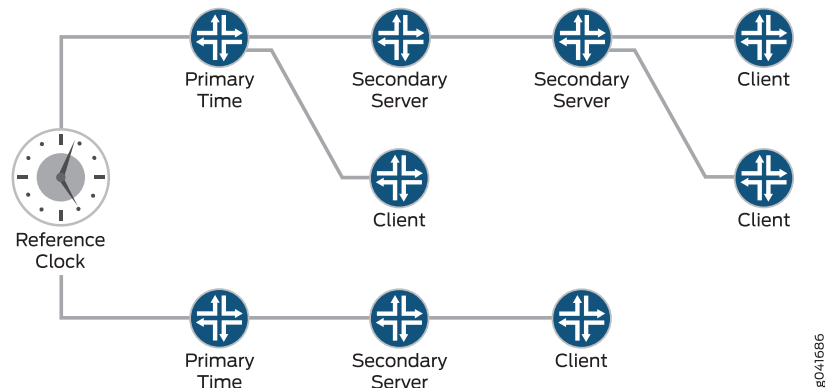
Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a widely used protocol used to synchronize the clocks of routers and other hardware devices on the Internet. Primary NTP servers are synchronized to a reference clock directly traceable to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Reference clocks include GPS receivers and telephone modem services, NTP accuracy expectations depend on the environment application requirements, however, NTP can generally maintain time to within tens of milliseconds over the public internet.

NTP is defined in the RFC 5905: Network Time Protocol Version 4: Protocol and Algorithms Specification

Devices running Junos OS can be configured to act as an NTP client, a secondary NTP server, or a primary NTP server. These variations are as follows:

- Primary NTP Server**—Primary NTP servers are synchronized to a reference clock that is directly traceable to UTC. These servers then re-distribute this time data downstream to other Secondary NTP servers or NTP clients.

- **Secondary NTP Server**—Secondary NTP servers are synchronized to a primary or secondary NTP server. These servers then re-distribute this data downstream to other Secondary NTP servers or NTP clients.
- **NTP Client**—NTP clients are synchronized to a primary or secondary NTP server. Clients do not re-distribute this time data to other devices.



**NOTE:** The NTP subnet includes a number of widely accessible public primary time servers that can be used as a network's primary NTP server. Juniper Networks strongly recommends that you authenticate any primary servers you use.

Each device on your network can be configured to run in one or more of the following NTP modes:

- **Broadcast Mode**—One or more devices is set up to transmit time information to a specified broadcast or multicast address. Other devices listen for time sync packets on these addresses. This mode is less accurate than the client/server mode.
- **Client/Server Mode**—Devices are organized hierarchically across the network in client/server relationships.



**NOTE:** QFX devices cannot act as NTP servers, only clients.

- **Symmetric Active (peer) Mode**—Two or more devices are configured as NTP server peers to provide redundancy.

By default, if an NTP client time drifts so that the difference in time from the NTP server exceeds 128 milliseconds, the NTP client is automatically stepped back into synchronization. The NTP client will still synchronize with the server even if the offset between the NTP client and server exceeds the 1000-second threshold. You can manually request that a device synchronize with an NTP server by using the **set date ntp** operational command on the router. On devices running Junos OS that have dual Routing Engines, the backup Routing Engine synchronizes directly with the master Routing Engine.

For more details about the Network Time Protocol, go to the Network Time Foundation website at <http://www.ntp.org>.



**NOTE:** All Juniper platforms that run Junos OS support the leap second adjustment. By default, if the NTP server is aware of the leap second calculations, then the Junos device will automatically add the 1 second delay. PTP (Precision Time Protocol) is used to detect and propagate leap second synchronization changes throughout all nodes in a network.



**NOTE:** NTP is required for Common Criteria compliance. For more information on the Common Criteria certification, see [Public Sector Certifications](#).

In Junos operating system (Junos OS) Release 11.2 or later, NTP supports IPv4 VPN routing and forwarding (VRF) requests. This enables an NTP server running on a provider edge (PE) router to respond to NTP requests from a customer edge (CE) router. As a result, a PE router can process any NTP request packet coming from different routing instances. In Junos OS Release 11.4 and later, NTP also supports IPv6 VRF requests.

**Related  
Documentation**

- [Synchronizing and Coordinating Time Distribution Using NTP on page 17](#)
- [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)

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## Understanding NTP Time Servers

The IETF defined the Network Time Protocol (NTP) to synchronize the clocks of computer systems connected to each other over a network. Most large networks have an NTP server that ensures that time on all devices is synchronized, regardless of the device location. If you use one or more NTP servers on your network, ensure you include the NTS server addresses in your Junos OS configuration.

When configuring the NTP, you can specify which system on the network is the authoritative time source, or time server, and how time is synchronized between systems on the network. To do this, you configure the router, switch, or security device to operate in one of the following modes:

- Client mode—In this mode, the local router or switch can be synchronized with the remote system, but the remote system can never be synchronized with the local router or switch.
- Symmetric active mode—In this mode, the local router or switch and the remote system can synchronize with each other. You use this mode in a network in which either the local router or switch or the remote system might be a better source of time.





**NOTE:** Symmetric active mode can be initiated by either the local or the remote system. Only one system needs to be configured to do so. This means that the local system can synchronize with any system that offers symmetric active mode without any configuration whatsoever. However, we strongly encourage you to configure authentication to ensure that the local system synchronizes only with known time servers.

- Broadcast mode—In this mode, the local router or switch sends periodic broadcast messages to a client population at the specified broadcast or multicast address. Normally, you include this statement only when the local router or switch is operating as a transmitter.
- Server mode—In this mode, the local router or switch operates as an NTP server.



**NOTE:** In NTP server mode, the Junos OS supports authentication as follows:

- If the NTP request from the client comes with an authentication key (such as a key ID and message digest sent with the packet), the request is processed and answered based on the authentication key match.
- If the NTP request from the client comes without any authentication key, the request is processed and answered without authentication.

#### Related Documentation

- [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)

## Synchronizing and Coordinating Time Distribution Using NTP

Using NTP to synchronize and coordinate time distribution in a large network involves these tasks:

1. [Configuring NTP on page 17](#)
2. [Configuring the NTP Boot Server on page 18](#)
3. [Specifying a Source Address for an NTP Server on page 18](#)

### Configuring NTP

To configure NTP on the router or switch, include the **ntp** statement at the **[edit system]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system]
ntp {
  authentication-key number type type value password;
  boot-server (address | hostname);
  broadcast <address> <key key-number> <routing-instance-name routing-instance-name>
    <tll value> <version value> ;
```

```

broadcast-client;
multicast-client <address>;
peer address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
server address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
source-address <source-address> <routing-instance routing-instance-name>;
trusted-key [ key-numbers ];
}

```

## Configuring the NTP Boot Server

When you boot the router or switch, it issues an **ntpdate** request, which polls a network server to determine the local date and time. You need to configure a server that the router or switch uses to determine the time when the router or switch boots. If you configure an NTP boot server, then when the router or switch boots, it immediately synchronizes with the boot server even if the NTP process is explicitly disabled or if the time difference between the client and the boot server exceeds the threshold value of 1000 seconds.

To configure the NTP boot server, include the **boot-server** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```

[edit system ntp]
boot-server (address | hostname);

```

Specify the address of the network server. You must specify an IP address or a hostname.

## Specifying a Source Address for an NTP Server

For IP version 4 (IPv4), you can specify that if the NTP server configured at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level is contacted on one of the loopback interface addresses, the reply always uses a specific source address. This is useful for controlling which source address NTP will use to access your network when it is either responding to an NTP client request from your network or when it itself is sending NTP requests to your network.



**NOTE:** The configuration of the source IP address in a routing instance by using the **source-address** statement at the **[edit system ntp source-address source-address]** hierarchy level is supported only for an NTP server. It is not supported for an NTP client

To configure the specific source address that the reply will always use, and the source address that requests initiated by NTP server will use, include the **source-address** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```

[edit system ntp]
source-address source-address;

```

**source-address** is a valid IP address configured on one of the router or switch interfaces.

Starting in Junos OS 13.3, you can also configure the source address using the **routing-instance** statement at the **[edit system ntp source-address source-address]** hierarchy level:

```


[edit system ntp source-address source-address]
user@host# set routing-instance routing-instance-name


```

For example, the following statement is configured:

```
[edit system ntp source-address source-address]  
user@host# set system ntp source-address 12.12.12.12 routing-instance ntp-source-test
```

As a result, while sending NTP message through any interface in the *ntp-source-test* routing instance, the source address 12.12.12.12 is used.

 **NOTE:** The *routing-instance* statement is optional and if not configured, the primary address of the interface will be used.

 **NOTE:** If a firewall filter is applied on the loopback interface, ensure that the *source-address* specified for the NTP server at the `[edit system ntp]` hierarchy level is explicitly included as one of the match criteria in the firewall filter. This enables the Junos OS to accept traffic on the loopback interface from the specified source address.

The following example shows a firewall filter with the source address 10.0.10.100 specified in the *from* statement included at the `[edit firewall filter firewall-filter-name]` hierarchy:

```
[edit firewall filter Loopback-Interface-Firewall-Filter]  
term Allow-NTP {  
  from {  
    source-address {  
      172.17.27.46/32; // IP address of the NTP server  
      10.0.10.100/32; // Source address specified for the NTP server  
    }  
  }  
  then accept;  
}  
}
```

If no *source-address* is configured for the NTP server, include the primary address of the loopback interface in the firewall filter.

Release History Table

| Release | Description  |
|---------|--|
| 13.3    | Starting in Junos OS 13.3, you can also configure the source address using the <b>routing-instance</b> statement at the <code>[edit system ntp source-address <i>source-address</i>]</code> hierarchy level: |

Related Documentation

- [NTP Overview on page 14](#)
- [Understanding NTP Time Servers on page 16](#)
- [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)

## Configuring NTP

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The Network Time Protocol (NTP) provides the mechanisms to synchronize time and coordinate time distribution in a large, diverse network. Debugging and troubleshooting are much easier when the timestamps in the log files of all the routers or switches are synchronized, because events that span the network can be correlated with synchronous entries in multiple logs. We recommend using the Network Time Protocol (NTP) to synchronize the system clocks of routers, switches, and other network equipment.

To configure NTP:

1. Configure Junos OS to retrieve the time when it first boots up.

Use the **boot-server** statement with the IP address of your NTP server. If DNS is configured, you can use a domain name instead of an IP address.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set boot-server (name | ip-address)
```

For example, set an IP address of 172.16.1.1 for your NTP server.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set boot-server 172.16.1.1
```

For example, set a domain name. In this example, the domain name is provided by pool.ntp.org.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set boot-server 0.north-america.pool.ntp.org
```

2. (Optional) Configure one or more reference NTP servers to keep the device synchronized with periodic updates.

It is a good practice to do this, as the Junos OS device can remain up for a long time, and therefore the clock can drift.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set server (name | ip-address)
```

For example, set an IP address of 172.16.1.1 for your NTP server.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set server 172.16.1.1
```

For example, set a domain name provided by pool.ntp.org.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set server 0.north-america.pool.ntp.org
```

3. (Optional) Set the local time zone to match the device's location.

Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) is the default. Many administrators prefer to keep all their devices configured to use the UTC time zone. This approach has the benefit of allowing you to easily compare the time stamps of logs and other events across a network of devices in many different time zones.

On the other hand, setting the time zone allows Junos OS to present the time in the correct local format.

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set time-zone time-zone
```

For example:

```
[edit system ntp]
user@host# set time-zone America/Los_Angeles
```

#### 4. Verify the configuration.

Check the system uptime. This command provides the current time, when the device was last booted, when the protocols started, and when the device was last configured.

```
user@host> show system uptime
Current time: 2013-07-25 16:33:38 PDT
System booted: 2013-07-11 17:14:25 PDT (1w6d 23:19 ago)
Protocols started: 2013-07-11 17:16:35 PDT (1w6d 23:17 ago)
Last configured: 2013-07-23 12:32:42 PDT (2d 04:00 ago) by user
4:33PM up 13 days, 23:19, 1 user, load averages: 0.00, 0.01, 0.00
```

Check the NTP server status and associations of the clocking sources used by your device.

```
user@host> show ntp associations
```

| remote                | refid | st | t | when | poll | reach | delay | offset | jitter  |
|-----------------------|-------|----|---|------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| tux.brhewig.co .INIT. |       | 16 | - | -    | 512  | 0     | 0.000 | 0.000  | 4000.00 |

```
user@host > show ntp status
status=c011 sync_alarm, sync_unspec, 1 event, event_restart,
version="ntpd 4.2.0-a Thu May 30 19:14:15 UTC 2013 (1)",
processor="i386", system="JUNOS13.2-20130530_ib_13_3_psd.1", leap=11,
stratum=16, precision=-18, rootdelay=0.000, rootdispersion=5.130,
peer=0, refid=INIT,
reftime=00000000.00000000 Wed, Feb 6 2036 22:28:16.000, poll=4,
clock=d59d4f2e.1793bce9 Fri, Jul 26 2013 12:40:30.092, state=1,
offset=0.000, frequency=62.303, jitter=0.004, stability=0.000
```

- Related Documentation**
- [Understanding NTP Time Servers on page 16](#)
  - *Time Management Administration Guide for Routing Devices*

## Configuring the NTP Time Server and Time Services

When you use NTP, configure the router or switch to operate in one of the following modes:

- Client mode
- Symmetric active mode

- Broadcast mode
- Server mode

The following topics describe how to configure these modes of operation:

1. [Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Client Mode on page 22](#)
2. [Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Symmetric Active Mode on page 22](#)
3. [Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Broadcast Mode on page 23](#)
4. [Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Server Mode on page 23](#)

## Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Client Mode

To configure the local router or switch to operate in client mode, include the **server** statement and other optional statements at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
server address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
authentication-key key-number type type value password;
boot-server address;
trusted-key [ key-numbers ];
```

Specify the address of the system acting as the time server. You must specify an address, not a hostname.

To include an authentication key in all messages sent to the time server, include the **key** option. The key corresponds to the key number you specify in the **authentication-key** statement, as described in [“Configuring NTP Authentication Keys” on page 25](#).

By default, the router or switch sends NTP version 4 packets to the time server. To set the NTP version level to 1, 2, or 3, include the **version** option.

If you configure more than one time server, you can mark one server preferred by including the **prefer** option.

For information about how to configure trusted keys, see [“Configuring NTP Authentication Keys” on page 25](#). For information about how to configure an NTP boot server, see [“Configuring the NTP Boot Server” on page 18](#). For information about how to configure the router or switch to operate in server mode, see [“Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Server Mode” on page 23](#).

The following example shows how to configure the router or switch to operate in client mode:

```
[edit system ntp]
authentication-key 1 type md5 value "$9$EgfcvX7VY4ZEcwgoHjkP5Q3CuREyv87";
boot-server 10.1.1.1;
server 10.1.1.1 key 1 prefer;
trusted-key 1;
```

## Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Symmetric Active Mode

To configure the local router or switch to operate in symmetric active mode, include the **peer** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
peer address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
```

Specify the address of the remote system. You must specify an address, not a hostname.

To include an authentication key in all messages sent to the remote system, include the **key** option. The key corresponds to the key number you specify in the **authentication-key** statement, as described in “[Configuring NTP Authentication Keys](#)” on page 25.

By default, the router or switch sends NTP version 4 packets to the remote system. To set the NTP version level to 1, 2 or 3, include the **version** option.

If you configure more than one remote system, you can mark one system preferred by including the **prefer** option:

```
peer address <key key-number> <version value> prefer;
```

## Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Broadcast Mode

To configure the local router or switch to operate in broadcast mode, include the **broadcast** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
broadcast address <key key-number> <version value> <ttl value>;
```

Specify the broadcast address on one of the local networks or a multicast address assigned to NTP. You must specify an address, not a hostname. If the multicast address is used, it must be **224.0.1.1**.

To include an authentication key in all messages sent to the remote system, include the **key** option. The key corresponds to the key number you specify in the **authentication-key** statement, as described in “[Configuring NTP Authentication Keys](#)” on page 25.

By default, the router or switch sends NTP version 4 packets to the remote system. To set the NTP version level to 1, 2, or 3, include the **version** option.

## Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Server Mode

In server mode, the router or switch acts as an NTP server for clients when the clients are configured appropriately. The only prerequisite for “server mode” is that the router or switch must be receiving time from another NTP peer or server. No other configuration is necessary on the router or switch.

To configure the local router or switch to operate as an NTP server, include the following statements at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
authentication-key key-number type type value password;
server address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
trusted-key [ key-numbers ];
```

Specify the address of the system acting as the time server. You must specify an address, not a hostname.

To include an authentication key in all messages sent to the time server, include the **key** option. The key corresponds to the key number you specify in the **authentication-key** statement, as described in [“Configuring NTP Authentication Keys” on page 25](#).

By default, the router or switch sends NTP version 4 packets to the time server. To set the NTP version level to 1, 2, or 3, include the **version** option.

If you configure more than one time server, you can mark one server preferred by including the **prefer** option.

For information about how to configure trusted keys, see [“Configuring NTP Authentication Keys” on page 25](#). For information about how to configure the router or switch to operate in client mode, see [“Configuring the Router or Switch to Operate in Client Mode” on page 22](#).

The following example shows how to configure the router or switch to operate in server mode:

```
[edit system ntp]
authentication-key 1 type md5 value "$9$txErUBErWx-wtuLNdboaUjH.T3AtOESe";
server 172.17.27.46 prefer;
trusted-key 1;
```



**NOTE:** When a host is added as an NTP server, it resolves to an IP address prior to being added to the configuration. When using a public NTP server, the host might resolve to different IP addresses.

If the resolved IP address becomes unreachable for any reason, the switch cannot access the NTP server. In order to leverage public NTP pool entities, this functionality has been modified so that a host is accepted as a string without DNS resolution.

**Related  
Documentation**

- [Understanding NTP Time Servers on page 16](#)
- [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)

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## Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization

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Debugging and troubleshooting are much easier when the timestamps in the log files of all the routers or switches are synchronized, because events that span the network can be correlated with synchronous entries in multiple logs. We strongly recommend using the Network Time Protocol (NTP) to synchronize the system clocks of routers, switches, and other network equipment.

By default, NTP operates in an entirely unauthenticated manner. If a malicious attempt to influence the accuracy of a router or switch's clock succeeds, it could have negative



effects on system logging, make troubleshooting and intrusion detection more difficult, and impede other management functions.

The following sample configuration synchronizes all the routers or switches in the network to a single time source. We recommend using authentication to make sure that the NTP peer is trusted. The **boot-server** statement identifies the server from which the initial time of day and date is obtained when the router boots. The **server** statement identifies the NTP server used for periodic time synchronization. The **authentication-key** statement specifies that an HMAC-Message Digest 5 (MD5) scheme should be used to hash the key value for authentication, which prevents the router or switch from synchronizing with an attacker's host posing as the time server.

```
[edit]
system {
  ntp {
    authentication-key 2 type md5 value "$ABC123"; # SECRET-DATA
    boot-server 10.1.4.1;
    server 10.1.4.2;
  }
}
```

#### Related Documentation

- [NTP Overview on page 14](#)
- [Understanding NTP Time Servers on page 16](#)
- [show ntp associations on page 55](#)
- [show ntp status on page 57](#)

## Configuring NTP Authentication Keys

Time synchronization can be authenticated to ensure that the local router or switch obtains its time services only from known sources. By default, network time synchronization is unauthenticated. The system will synchronize to whatever system appears to have the most accurate time. We strongly encourage you to configure authentication of network time services.

To authenticate other time servers, include the **trusted-key** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level. Only time servers transmitting network time packets that contain one of the specified key numbers and whose key matches the value configured for that key number are eligible to be synchronized to. Other systems can synchronize to the local router without being authenticated.

```
[edit system ntp]
trusted-key [ key-numbers ];
```

Each key can be any 32-bit unsigned integer except 0. Include the **key** option in the **peer**, **server**, or **broadcast** statements to transmit the specified authentication key when transmitting packets. The key is necessary if the remote system has authentication enabled so that it can synchronize to the local system.

To define the authentication keys, include the **authentication-key** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
authentication-key key-number type type value password;
```

*number* is the key number, *type* is the authentication type (only Message Digest 5 [MD5] is supported), and *password* is the password for this key. The key number, type, and password must match on all systems using that particular key for authentication.

- Related Documentation**
- [Understanding NTP Time Servers on page 16](#)
  - [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)

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## Configuring the Router or Switch to Listen for Broadcast Messages Using NTP

When you are using NTP, you can configure the local router or switch to listen for broadcast messages on the local network to discover other servers on the same subnet by including the **broadcast-client** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
broadcast-client;
```

When the router or switch detects a broadcast message for the first time, it measures the nominal network delay using a brief client-server exchange with the remote server. It then enters *broadcast client* mode, in which it listens for, and synchronizes to, succeeding broadcast messages.

To avoid accidental or malicious disruption in this mode, both the local and remote systems must use authentication and the same trusted key and key identifier.

- Related Documentation**
- [Configuring the Router or Switch to Listen for Multicast Messages Using NTP on page 26](#)
  - [Configuring the NTP Time Server and Time Services on page 21](#)
  - [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)

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## Configuring the Router or Switch to Listen for Multicast Messages Using NTP

When you are using NTP, you can configure the local router or switch to listen for multicast messages on the local network to discover other servers on the same subnet by including the **multicast-client** statement at the **[edit system ntp]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system ntp]
multicast-client <address>;
```

When the router or switch receives a multicast message for the first time, it measures the nominal network delay using a brief client-server exchange with the remote server. It then enters *multicast client* mode, in which it listens for, and synchronizes to, succeeding multicast messages.

You can specify one or more IP addresses. (You must specify an address, not a hostname.) If you do, the router or switch joins those multicast groups. If you do not specify any addresses, the software uses **224.0.1.1**.

To avoid accidental or malicious disruption in this mode, both the local and remote systems must use authentication and the same trusted key and key identifier.

**Related  
Documentation**

- [Configuring the Router or Switch to Listen for Broadcast Messages Using NTP on page 26](#)
- [Configuring the NTP Time Server and Time Services on page 21](#)
- [Example: Configuring NTP as a Single Time Source for Router and Switch Clock Synchronization on page 24](#)



## CHAPTER 2

# Configuring Time Zones

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- [Updating the IANA Time Zone Database on Junos OS Devices on page 30](#)

## Modifying the Default Time Zone for a Router or Switch Running Junos OS

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The default local time zone on a router or a switching device is UTC (Coordinated Universal Time, formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time, or GMT). To modify the local time zone, include the **time-zone** statement at the **[edit system]** hierarchy level:

```
[edit system]
time-zone (GMThour-offset | time-zone);
```

You can use the **GMT *hour-offset*** option to set the time zone relative to UTC (GMT) time. By default, ***hour-offset*** is 0. You can configure this to be a value in the range from -14 to +12.

You can also specify ***time-zone*** as a string such as PDT (Pacific Daylight Time) or WET (Western European Time), or specify the continent and major city.



**NOTE:** Junos OS complies with the POSIX time-zone standard, which is counter-intuitive to the way time zones are generally indicated relative to UTC. A time zone ahead of UTC (east of the Greenwich meridian) is commonly indicated as GMT +*n*; for example, the Central European Time (CET) zone is indicated as GMT +1. However, this is not true for POSIX time zone designations. POSIX indicates CET as GMT-1. If you include the **set system time-zone GMT+1** statement for a router or a switch in the CET zone, your device time will be set to one hour behind GMT, or two hours behind the actual CET time. For this reason, you might find it easier to use the POSIX time-zone strings, which you can list by entering **set system time-zone ?**.

For the time zone change to take effect for all processes running on the router or switch, you must reboot the router or switch.

The following example shows how to change the current time zone to **America/New\_York**:

```
[edit]
user@host# set system time-zone America/New_York
```

```
[edit]
user@host# show
system {
    time-zone America/New_York;
}
```

Starting in Junos OS Release 15.1F6, for the routers with the RE-MX-X6, RE-MX-X8, and RE-PTX-X8 Routing Engines, the date and time zones are synchronized from the admin guest Junos OS to the host OS. Thus, the guest OS and the host OS use the same time zone and there is no difference in the timestamps in system log files of Junos OS and the host OS. This time zone and date synchronization changes the time zone of the host from the default UTC to the configured time zone. However, for the time zone change to take effect for all processes running on the router, reboot the router by using the **request vmhost reboot** command.

- Related Documentation**
- [NTP Overview on page 14](#)
  - [Updating the IANA Time Zone Database on Junos OS Devices on page 30](#)

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## Updating the IANA Time Zone Database on Junos OS Devices

Junos OS devices use the tz database, also known as the IANA Time Zone Database to manage time zones. This database is periodically updated by IANA to reflect political and time changes. As such, you may need from time to time to update this file to ensure the Junos devices continue to accurately reflect worldwide time zones and daylight savings time intervals.

To update the IANA Time Zone Database, perform the following steps:

1. [Importing and Installing Time Zone Files on page 30](#)
2. [Configuring a Custom Time Zone on page 31](#)

### Importing and Installing Time Zone Files

The IANA Time Zone Database is maintained by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), which is a department of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). You can download the latest IANA Time Zone Database file from the following URL: <http://www.iana.org/time-zones>.

The following steps will guide you through one method of installing the file to your device. However, depending on your network access and other preferences, you may need to modify these steps.

1. Log into the Junos device.
2. If you are in the CLI interface, open the shell interface.  

```
device@user# start shell
```
3. Create a **tz** directory in the **/var/tmp** and navigate to that directory.

```
# mkdir /var/tmp/tz
# cd /var/tmp/tz
```

4. Using FTP, download the time zone files archive.



**NOTE:** FTP must be enabled on your device before you can use FTP. FTP is enabled by adding the `ftp` statement into the `[edit system services]` hierarchy.

```
# ftp ftp.iana.org/tz
# bin
# get tzdata-latest.tar.gz
```



**NOTE:** If needed, you can edit the above untarred files to create or modify the time zones.

5. Select the names of time zone files to compile and feed them to the following script. For example, to generate `northamerica` and `asia` tz files:

```
# /usr/libexec/ui/compile-tz northamerica asia
```

6. Enable the use of the generated tz files using the CLI:

```
[edit]
# set system use-imported-time-zones
[edit]
# set system time-zone ?
```

This should show the newly generated tz files in `/var/db/zoneinfo/`.

7. Set the time zone and commit the configuration:

```
[edit]
# set system time-zone <your-time-zone>
# commit
```

8. Verify that the time zone change has taken effect:

```
[edit]
# run show system uptime
```

## Configuring a Custom Time Zone

To use a custom time zone, follow these steps:

1. Download a time zones archive (from a known or designated source) to the router or switch. Compile the time zone archive using the `zic` time zone compiler, which generates `tz` files.

2. Using the CLI, configure the router or switch to enable the use of the generated tz files as follows:

```
[edit]
user@host# set system use-imported-time-zones
```

3. Display the imported time zones (saved in the directory `/var/db/zoneinfo/`):

```
[edit]
user@host# set system time-zone ?
```

If you do not configure the router to use imported time zones, the Junos OS default time zones are shown (saved in the directory `/usr/share/zoneinfo/`).

#### Related Documentation

- [Modifying the Default Time Zone for a Router or Switch Running Junos OS on page 29](#)
- [NTP Overview on page 14](#)
- [Understanding NTP Time Servers on page 16](#)
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## CHAPTER 3

# Configuration Statements

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## System Management Configuration Statements

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This topic lists all the configuration statements that you can include at the **[edit system]** hierarchy level to configure system management features:

```
system {  
  accounting {  
    destination {  
      radius {  
        server {  
          server-address {  
            accounting-port port-number;  
            retry number;  
            secret password;  
            source-address address;  
            timeout seconds;  
          }  
        }  
      }  
    }  
    tacplus {  
      server {
```

```

        server-address {
            port port-number;
            secret password;
            single-connection;
            timeout seconds;
        }
    }
}
enhanced-avs-max;
events [ login change-log interactive-commands ];
}
archival {
    configuration {
        archive-sites {
            ftp://<username>:<password>@<host>:<port>/<url-path>;
            ftp://<username>:<password>@<host>:<port>/<url-path>;
        }
        transfer-interval interval;
        transfer-on-commit;
    }
}
allow-v4mapped-packets;
arp {
    aging-timer minutes;
    gratuitous-arp-delay;
    gratuitous-arp-on-ifup;
    interfaces;
    passive-learning;
    purging;
}
authentication-order [ authentication-methods ];
backup-router address <destination destination-address>;
commit {
    delta-export;
    fast-synchronize;
    persist-groups-inheritance ;
    server;
    synchronize
}
synchronize;
(compress-configuration-files | no-compress-configuration-files);
default-address-selection;
dump-device (compact-flash | remove-compact | usb);
diag-port-authentication (encrypted-password "password" | plain-text-password);
dynamic-profile-options {
    versioning;
}
domain-name domain-name;
domain-search [ domain-list ];
host-name hostname;
inet6-backup-router address <destination destination-address>;
internet-options {
    tcp-mss mss-value;
    (gre-path-mtu-discovery | no-gre-path-mtu-discovery);
    icmpv4-rate-limit bucket-size bucket-size packet-rate packet-rate;
}

```

```

icmpv6-rate-limit bucket-size bucket-size packet-rate packet-rate;
(ipip-path-mtu-discovery | no-ipip-path-mtu-discovery);
(ipv6-path-mtu-discovery | no-ipv6-path-mtu-discovery);
ipv6-path-mtu-discovery-timeout;
no-tcp-rfc1323-paws;
no-tcp-rfc1323;
(path-mtu-discovery | no-path-mtu-discovery);
source-port upper-limit <upper-limit>;
(source-quench | no-source-quench);
tcp-drop-synfin-set;
}
location {
    altitude feet;
    building name;
    country-code code;
    floor number;
    hcoord horizontal-coordinate;
    lata service-area;
    latitude degrees;
    longitude degrees;
    npa-nxx number;
    postal-code postal-code;
    rack number;
    vcoord vertical-coordinate;
}
login {
    announcement text;
    class class-name {
        access-end;
        access-start;
        allow-commands "regular-expression";
        ( allow-configuration | allow-configuration-regexps ) "regular expression 1" "regular
            expression 2";
        allowed-days;
        deny-commands "regular-expression";
        ( deny-configuration | deny-configuration-regexps ) "regular expression 1" "regular
            expression 2";
        idle-timeout minutes;
        login-script
        login-tip;
        permissions [ permissions ];
    }
    message text;
    password {
        change-type (set-transitions | character-set);
        format (md5 | sha1 | des);
        maximum-length length;
        minimum-changes number;
        minimum-length length;
    }
    retry-options {
        backoff-threshold number;
        backoff-factor seconds;
        minimum-time seconds;
        tries-before-disconnect number;
    }
}

```

```

user username {
    full-name complete-name;
    uid uid-value;
    class class-name;
    authentication {
        (encrypted-password "password" | plain-text-password);
        ssh-rsa "public-key";
        ssh-dsa "public-key";
    }
}
}
login-tip number;
mirror-flash-on-disk;
name-server {
    address;
}
no-multicast-echo;
no-redirects;
no-ping-record-route;
no-ping-time-stamp;
ntp {
    authentication-key key-number type type value password;
    boot-server address;
    broadcast <address> <key key-number> <version value> <ttl value>;
    broadcast-client;
    multicast-client <address>;
    peer address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
    source-address source-address;
    server address <key key-number> <version value> <prefer>;
    trusted-key [ key-numbers ];
}
ports {
    auxiliary {
        type terminal-type;
    }
    pic-console-authentication {
        encrypted-password encrypted-password;
        plain-text-password;
        console {
            insecure;
            log-out-on-disconnect;
            type terminal-type;
            disable;
        }
    }
    processes {
        process--name (enable | disable) failover (alternate-media | other-routing-engine);
        timeout seconds;
    }
}
radius-server server-address {
    accounting-port port-number;
    port port-number;
    retry number;
    secret password;
    source-address source-address;
}

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    timeout seconds;
}
radius-options {
    enhanced-accounting
    password-protocol mschap-v2;
}
attributes {
    nas-ip-address ip-address;
}
enhanced-accounting;
password-protocol mschap-v2;
}
root-authentication {
    (encrypted-password "password" | plain-text-password);
    ssh-rsa "public-key";
    ssh-dsa "public-key";
}
(saved-core-context | no-saved-core-context);
saved-core-files saved-core-files;
scripts {
    commit {
        allow-transients;
        file filename {
            optional;
            refresh;
            refresh-from url;
            source url;
        }
        traceoptions {
            file <filename> <files number> <size size> <world-readable | no-world-readable>;
            flag flag;
            no-remote-trace;
        }
    }
    op {
        file filename {
            arguments {
                argument-name {
                    description descriptive-text;
                }
            }
            command filename-alias;
            description descriptive-text;
            refresh;
            refresh-from url;
            source url;
        }
        refresh;
        refresh-from url;
        traceoptions {
            file <filename> <files number> <size size> <world-readable | no-world-readable>;
            flag flag;
            no-remote-trace;
        }
    }
}
}
services {

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```
finger {
  connection-limit limit;
  rate-limit limit;
}
flow-tap-dtcp {
  ssh {
    connection-limit limit;
    rate-limit limit;
  }
}
ftp {
  connection-limit limit;
  rate-limit limit;
}
rest {
  control {
    allowed-sources [ value-list ];
    connection-limit limit;
  }
  enable-explorer;
  http {
    addresses [ addresses ];
    port port-number;
  }
  https {
    addresses [ addresses ];
    cipher-list [ cipher-1 cipher-2 cipher-3 ... ];
    mutual-authentication {
      certificate-authority certificate-authority-profile-name;
    }
    port port-number;
    server-certificate local-certificate-identifier;
  }
  traceoptions {
    flag flag;
  }
}
service-deployment {
  servers server-address {
    port port-number;
  }
  source-address source-address;
}
ssh {
  root-login (allow | deny | deny-password);
  protocol-version [v1 v2];
  connection-limit limit;
  rate-limit limit;
}
telnet {
  connection-limit limit;
  rate-limit limit;
}
web-management {
  http {
    interfaces [ interface-names ];
```

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    port port;
}
https {
    interfaces [ interface-names ];
    local-certificate name;
    port port;
}
session {
    idle-timeout [ minutes ];
    session-limit [ session-limit ];
}
}
xnm-clear-text {
    connection-limit limit;
    rate-limit limit;
}
xnm-ssl {
    connection-limit limit;
    local-certificate name;
    rate-limit limit;
}
}
static-host-mapping {
    hostname {
        alias [ alias ];
        inet [ address ];
        sysid system-identifier;
    }
}
syslog {
    archive <files number> <size size> <world-readable | no-world-readable>;
    console {
        facility severity;
    }
    file filename {
        facility severity;
        archive <archive-sites {ftp-url <password password>}> <files number> <size size>
            <start-time "YYYY-MM-DD.hh:mm"> <transfer-interval minutes> <world-readable |
            no-world-readable>;
        explicit-priority;
        match "regular-expression";
        match-string string-name;
        structured-data {
            brief;
        }
    }
}
host (hostname | other-routing-engine | scc-master) {
    facility severity;
    explicit-priority;
    facility-override facility;
    log-prefix string;
    match "regular-expression";
    source-address source-address;
    structured-data {
        brief;
    }
}

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    }
    source-address source-address;
    time-format (year | millisecond | year millisecond);
    user (username | *) {
        facility severity;
        match "regular-expression";
    }
}
tacplus-options {
    enhanced-accounting;
    service-name service-name;
    (no-cmd-attribute-value | exclude-cmd-attribute);
}
tacplus-server server-address {
    secret password;
    single-connection;
    source-address source-address;
    timeout seconds;
}
time-zone (GMT hour-offset | time-zone);
}
tracing {
    destination-override {
        syslog host;
    }
}
use-imported-time-zones;
}
```



## authentication-key

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|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>authentication-key <i>key-number</i> type <i>type</i> value <i>password</i>;</code>  |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.  |
| <b>Description</b>              | <p>Configure Network Time Protocol (NTP) authentication keys so that the router or switch can send authenticated packets. If you configure the router or switch to operate in authenticated mode, you must configure a key.</p> <p>Both the keys and the authentication scheme (MD5) must be identical between a set of peers sharing the same key number.</p> |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <p><b><i>key-number</i></b>—Positive integer that identifies the key.</p> <p><b><i>type type</i></b>—Authentication type. It can only be <b>md5</b>.</p> <p><b><i>value password</i></b>—The key itself, which can be from 1 through 8 ASCII characters. If the key contains spaces, enclose it in quotation marks.</p>  |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | <p>system—To view this statement in the configuration.</p> <p>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.</p>   |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Configuring NTP Authentication Keys on page 25</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">broadcast on page 43</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">peer on page 46</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">server on page 47</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">trusted-key</a></li> </ul>  |

## boot-server (NTP)

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|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>boot-server (address   hostname);</code>   |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.  |
| <b>Description</b>              | <p>Configure the server that NTP queries when the router or switch boots to determine the local date and time.</p> <p>When you boot the router or switch, it issues an <b>ntpdate</b> request, which polls a network server to determine the local date and time. You need to configure a server that the router or switch uses to determine the time when the router or switch boots. You can either configure an IP address or a hostname for the boot server. If you configure a hostname instead of an IP address, the <b>ntpdate</b> request resolves the hostname to an IP address when the router or switch boots up.</p> <p>If you configure an NTP boot server, then when the router or switch boots, it immediately synchronizes with the boot server even if the NTP process is explicitly disabled or if the time difference between the client and the boot server exceeds the threshold value of 1000 seconds.</p> |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>address</b>—The IP address of an NTP boot server.</li><li>• <b>hostname</b>—The hostname of an NTP boot server.</li></ul>   |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | system—To view this statement in the configuration.<br>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.  |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Configuring the NTP Boot Server on page 18</a></li></ul>   |

## broadcast

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>broadcast address &lt;key key-number&gt; &lt;routing-instance-name routing-instance-name&gt; &lt;ttl value&gt; &lt;version value&gt;;</code>  |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]  |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.<br><b>routing-instance-name</b> option added in Junos OS Release 14.1   |
| <b>Description</b>              | Configure the local router or switch to operate in broadcast mode with the remote system at the specified <b>address</b> . In this mode, the local router or switch sends periodic broadcast messages to a client population at the specified broadcast or multicast <b>address</b> . Normally, you include this statement only when the local router or switch is operating as a transmitter.  |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <p><b>address</b>—The broadcast address on one of the local networks or a multicast address assigned to NTP. You must specify an address, not a hostname. If the multicast address is used, it must be <b>224.0.1.1</b>.</p> <p><b>key key-number</b>—(Optional) All packets sent to the address include authentication fields that are encrypted using the specified key number.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> Any unsigned 32-bit integer</p> <p><b>routing-instance-name routing-instance-name</b>—(Optional) The routing instance name in which the interface has address in the broadcast subnet.</p> <p><b>Default:</b> The default routing instance is used to broadcast packets.</p> <p><b>ttl value</b>—(Optional) Time-to-live (TTL) value to use.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> 1 through 255</p> <p><b>Default:</b> 1</p> <p><b>version value</b>—(Optional) Specify the version number to be used in outgoing NTP packets.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> 1 through 4</p> <p><b>Default:</b> 4</p> |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | <p>system—To view this statement in the configuration.</p> <p>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.</p>  |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Configuring the NTP Time Server and Time Services on page 21</a></li> </ul>  |

## broadcast-client

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|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>broadcast-client;</code>   |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.                                |
| <b>Description</b>              | Configure the local router or switch to listen for broadcast messages on the local network to discover other servers on the same subnet.                 |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | system—To view this statement in the configuration.<br>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.  |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Configuring the Router or Switch to Listen for Broadcast Messages Using NTP on page 26</a></li></ul> |

## multicast-client

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|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>multicast-client &lt;address&gt;;</code>  |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]  |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.                                       |
| <b>Description</b>              | For NTP, configure the local router or switch to listen for multicast messages on the local network to discover other servers on the same subnet.               |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <b>address</b> —(Optional) One or more IP addresses. If you specify addresses, the router or switch joins those multicast groups.<br><b>Default:</b> 224.0.1.1. |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | system—To view this statement in the configuration.<br>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.   |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Configuring the Router or Switch to Listen for Multicast Messages Using NTP on page 26</a></li></ul>        |

## ntp

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <pre> ntp {   authentication-key <i>number</i> <i>type</i> <i>type</i> <i>value</i> <i>password</i>;   boot-server <i>address</i>;   broadcast &lt;<i>address</i>&gt; &lt;<i>key</i> <i>key-number</i>&gt; &lt;<i>routing-instance-name</i> <i>routing-instance-name</i>&gt;     &lt;<i>version</i> <i>value</i>&gt; &lt;<i>ttl</i> <i>value</i>&gt;;   broadcast-client;   multicast-client &lt;<i>address</i>&gt;;   peer <i>address</i> &lt;<i>key</i> <i>key-number</i>&gt; &lt;<i>version</i> <i>value</i>&gt; &lt;<i>prefer</i>&gt;;   server <i>address</i> &lt;<i>key</i> <i>key-number</i>&gt; &lt;<i>version</i> <i>value</i>&gt; &lt;<i>prefer</i>&gt;;   source-address <i>source-address</i> &lt;<i>routing-instance</i> <i>routing-instance-name</i>&gt;;   trusted-key [ <i>key-numbers</i> ]; }</pre> |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system]   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | <p>Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.</p> <p>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.</p>  |
| <b>Description</b>              | <p>Configure NTP on the router or switch.</p> <p>The remaining statements are explained separately.</p>   |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | <p>system—To view this statement in the configuration.</p> <p>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.</p>  |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Synchronizing and Coordinating Time Distribution Using NTP on page 17</a></li> <li>• <i>NTP Time Synchronization on SRX Series Devices</i></li> </ul>  |

## peer (NTP)

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| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>peer address &lt;key key-number&gt; &lt;version value&gt; &lt;prefer&gt;;</code>  |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]  |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.   |
| <b>Description</b>              | For NTP, configure the local router or switch to operate in symmetric active mode with the remote system at the specified address. In this mode, the local router or switch and the remote system can synchronize with each other. This configuration is useful in a network in which either the local router or switch or the remote system might be a better source of time.  |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <p><b>address</b>—Address of the remote system. You must specify an address, not a hostname.</p> <p><b>key key-number</b>—(Optional) All packets sent to the address include authentication fields that are encrypted using the specified key number.<br/><b>Range:</b> Any unsigned 32-bit integer</p> <p><b>prefer</b>—(Optional) Mark the remote system as the preferred host, which means that if all other factors are equal, this remote system is chosen for synchronization among a set of correctly operating systems.</p> <p><b>version value</b>—(Optional) Specify the NTP version number to be used in outgoing NTP packets.<br/><b>Range:</b> 1 through 4<br/><b>Default:</b> 4</p> |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | <p>system—To view this statement in the configuration.</p> <p>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.</p>  |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Configuring the NTP Time Server and Time Services on page 21</a></li></ul>  |

## server (NTP)

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>server address &lt;key key-number&gt; &lt;version value&gt; &lt;prefer&gt;;</code>   |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system <a href="#">ntp</a> ]   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.  |
| <b>Description</b>              | <p>For NTP, configure the local router or switch to operate in client mode with the remote system at the specified <b>address</b>. In this mode, the local router or switch can be synchronized with the remote system, but the remote system can never be synchronized with the local router or switch.</p> <p>If the NTP client time drifts so that the difference in time from the NTP server exceeds 128 milliseconds, the client is automatically stepped back into synchronization. If the offset between the NTP client and server exceeds the 1000-second threshold, the client still synchronizes with the server, but it also generates a system log message noting that the threshold was exceeded.</p> |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <p><b>address</b>—Address of the remote system. You must specify an address, not a hostname.</p> <p><b>key key-number</b>—(Optional) Use the specified key number to encrypt authentication fields in all packets sent to the specified address.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> Any unsigned 32-bit integer</p> <p><b>prefer</b>—(Optional) Mark the remote system as preferred host, which means that if all other things are equal, this remote system is chosen for synchronization among a set of correctly operating systems.</p> <p><b>version value</b>—(Optional) Specify the version number to be used in outgoing NTP packets.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> 1 through 4</p> <p><b>Default:</b> 4</p>                       |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | <p>system—To view this statement in the configuration.</p> <p>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.</p>   |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Configuring the NTP Time Server and Time Services on page 21</a></li> </ul>   |

## source-address (NTP, RADIUS, System Logging, or TACACS+)

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|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>source-address <i>source-address</i> routing-instance &lt;<i>routing-instance-name</i>&gt;;</code>   |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | <code>[edit system accounting destination radius server <i>server-address</i>],</code><br><code>[edit system accounting destination tacplus server <i>server-address</i>],</code><br><code>[edit system <a href="#">ntp</a>],</code><br><code>[edit system radius-server <i>server-address</i>],</code><br><code>[edit system syslog],</code><br><code>[edit system tacplus-server <i>server-address</i>]</code>   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.<br><b>routing-instance</b> option added in Junos OS Release 14.1   |
| <b>Description</b>              | Specify a source address for each configured IPv4 or IPv6 TACACS+ server, RADIUS server, NTP server, or the source address to record in system log messages that are directed to a remote machine.   |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <b><i>source-address</i></b> —A valid IP address configured on one of the router or switch interfaces. For system logging, the address is recorded as the message source in messages sent to the remote machines specified in all <b>host <i>hostname</i></b> statements at the <b>[edit system syslog]</b> hierarchy level, but not for messages directed to the other Routing Engine or to the TX Matrix router or TX Matrix Plus router in a routing matrix based on a TX Matrix router or TX Matrix Plus router.<br><br><b>routing-instance <i>routing-instance-name</i></b> —(Optional) The routing instance name in which the source address is defined. (Not supported on all platforms.)<br><br><b>Default:</b> The primary address of the interface |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | <b>system</b> —To view this statement in the configuration.<br><b>system-control</b> —To add this statement to the configuration.  |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Configuring RADIUS Server Authentication</i></li><li>• <a href="#">Specifying a Source Address for an NTP Server on page 18</a></li><li>• <i>Specifying an Alternative Source Address for System Log Messages</i></li></ul>   |



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## system

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| <b>Syntax</b>                   | system { ... }  |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit]  |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches. |
| <b>Description</b>              | Configure system management properties.   |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | system—To view this statement in the configuration.<br>system-control—To add this statement to the configuration.         |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">System Management Configuration Statements on page 33</a></li></ul>   |

## time-zone

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Syntax</b>              | <code>time-zone (GMT <i>hour-offset</i>   <i>time-zone</i>);</code>   |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>     | [edit system]   |
| <b>Release Information</b> | Statement introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.<br><b>GMT <i>hour-offset</i></b> option added in Junos OS Release 7.4.  |
| <b>Description</b>         | Set the local time zone. To have the time zone change take effect for all processes running on the router or switch, you must reboot the router or switch.  |
| <b>Default</b>             | UTC   |
| <b>Options</b>             | <p><b>GMT <i>hour-offset</i></b>—Set the time zone relative to UTC time.</p> <p><b>Range:</b> -14 through +12</p> <p><b>Default:</b> 0</p> <p><b><i>time-zone</i></b>—Specify the time zone as <b>UTC</b>, which is the default time zone, or as a string such as PDT (Pacific Daylight Time), or use one of the following continents and major cities:</p> <p>Africa/Abidjan, Africa/Accra, Africa/Addis_Ababa, Africa/Algiers, Africa/Asmera, Africa/Bamako, Africa/Bangui, Africa/Banjul, Africa/Bissau, Africa/Blantyre, Africa/Brazzaville, Africa/Bujumbura, Africa/Cairo, Africa/Casablanca, Africa/Ceuta, Africa/Conakry, Africa/Dakar, Africa/Dar_es_Salaam, Africa/Djibouti, Africa/Douala, Africa/El_Aaiun, Africa/Freetown, Africa/Gaborone, Africa/Harare, Africa/Johannesburg, Africa/Kampala, Africa/Khartoum, Africa/Kigali, Africa/Kinshasa, Africa/Lagos, Africa/Libreville, Africa/Lome, Africa/Luanda, Africa/Lubumbashi, Africa/Lusaka, Africa/Malabo, Africa/Maputo, Africa/Maseru, Africa/Mbabane, Africa/Mogadishu, Africa/Monrovia, Africa/Nairobi, Africa/Ndjamena, Africa/Niamey, Africa/Nouakchott, Africa/Ouagadougou, Africa/Porto-Novo, Africa/Sao_Tome, Africa/Timbuktu, Africa/Tripoli, Africa/Tunis, Africa/Windhoek</p> <p>America/Adak, America/Anchorage, America/Anguilla, America/Antigua, America/Aruba, America/Asuncion, America/Barbados, America/Belize, America/Bogota, America/Boise, America/Buenos_Aires, America/Caracas, America/Catamarca, America/Cayenne, America/Cayman, America/Chicago, America/Cordoba, America/Costa_Rica, America/Cuiaba, America/Curacao, America/Dawson, America/Dawson_Creek, America/Denver, America/Detroit, America/Dominica, America/Edmonton, America/EL_Salvador, America/Ensenada, America/Fortaleza, America/Glace_Bay, America/Godthab, America/Goose_Bay, America/Grand_Turk, America/Grenada, America/Guadeloupe, America/Guatemala, America/Guayaquil, America/Guyana, America/Halifax, America/Havana, America/Indiana/Knox, America/Indiana/Marengo, America/Indiana/Vevay, America/Indianapolis, America/Inuvik, America/Iqaluit, America/Jamaica, America/Jujuy, America/Juneau, America/La_Paz, America/Lima, America/Los_Angeles, America/Louisville, America/Maceio, America/Managua, America/Manaus, America/Martinique, America/Mazatlan, America/Mendoza, America/Menominee, America/Mexico_City, America/Miquelon, America/Montevideo, America/Montreal, America/Montserrat, America/Nassau, America/New_York,</p> |

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 Indian/Kerguelen, Indian/Mahe, Indian/Maldives, Indian/Mauritius, Indian/Mayotte,  
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 Pacific/Enderbury, Pacific/Fakaofo, Pacific/Fiji, Pacific/Funafuti, Pacific/Galapagos,  
 Pacific/Gambier, Pacific/Guadacanal, Pacific/Guam, Pacific/Honolulu, Pacific/Johnston,  
 Pacific/Kiritimati, Pacific/Kosrae, Pacific/Kwajalein, Pacific/Majuro, Pacific/Marquesas,  
 Pacific/Midway, Pacific/Nauru, Pacific/Niue, Pacific/Norfolk, Pacific/Noumea,  
 Pacific/Pago\_Pago, Pacific/Palau, Pacific/Pitcairn, Pacific/Ponape, Pacific/Port\_Moresby,  
 Pacific/Rarotonga, Pacific/Saipan, Pacific/Tahiti, Pacific/Tarawa, Pacific/Tongatapu,  
 Pacific/Truk, Pacific/Wake, Pacific/Wallis, Pacific/Yap

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Required Privilege</b> | system—To view this statement in the configuration.        |
| <b>Level</b>              | system-control—To add this statement to the configuration. |

- Related Documentation**
- [Modifying the Default Time Zone for a Router or Switch Running Junos OS on page 29](#)
  - [System Management Configuration Statements on page 33](#)

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## use-imported-time-zones

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|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | use-imported-time-zones;  |
| <b>Hierarchy Level</b>          | [edit system]   |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0.   |
| <b>Description</b>              | Configure a custom time zone from a locally generated time-zone database.   |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | admin—To view this statement in the configuration.<br>admin-control—To add this statement to the configuration.                       |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Updating the IANA Time Zone Database on Junos OS Devices on page 30</a></li></ul> |

## CHAPTER 4

# Operational Commands

- `set date`
- `show ntp associations`
- `show ntp status`

## set date

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**Syntax**    `set date (date-time | ntp <ntp-server> <source-address source-address>)`

**Release Information**    Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.

**Description**    Set the date and time.

```
user@host> set date ntp
21 Apr 17:22:02 ntpdate[3867]: step time server 172.17.27.46 offset 8.759252 sec
```

- Options**
- ***date-time***—Specify date and time in one of the following formats:
    - `YYYYMMDDHHMM.SS`
    - `"month DD, YYYY HH:MM(am | pm)"`
  - **ntp**—Configure the router to synchronize the current date and time setting with a Network Time Protocol (NTP) server.
  - ***ntp-server***—(Optional) Specify the IP address of one or more NTP servers.
  - ***source-address source-address***—(Optional) Specify the source address that is used by the router to contact the remote NTP server.

**Required Privilege Level**    view

**Related Documentation**

- [Setting the Date and Time Locally on page 13](#)

## show ntp associations

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | show ntp associations<br><no-resolve>  |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.<br>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 11.1 for the QFX Series.<br>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 14.1X53-D20 for the OCX Series. |
| <b>Description</b>              | Display Network Time Protocol (NTP) peers and their state.   |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <b>none</b> —Display NTP peers and their state.<br><br><b>no-resolve</b> —(Optional) Suppress symbolic addressing.   |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | view   |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">show ntp status on page 57</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>List of Sample Output</b>    | <a href="#">show ntp associations on page 56</a>   |
| <b>Output Fields</b>            | <a href="#">Table 3 on page 55</a> describes the output fields for the <b>show ntp associations</b> command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.   |

**Table 3: show ntp associations Output Fields**

| Field Name | Field Description   |
|------------|---|
| remote     | Address or name of the remote NTP peer.   |
| refid      | Reference identifier of the remote peer. If the reference identifier is not known, this field shows a value of 0.0.0.0. |
| st         | Stratum of the remote peer.   |
| t          | Type of peer: <b>b</b> (broadcast), <b>l</b> (local), <b>m</b> (multicast), or <b>u</b> (unicast).                      |
| when       | When the last packet from the peer was received.  |
| poll       | Polling interval, in seconds.   |
| reach      | Reachability register, in octal.  |
| delay      | Current estimated delay of the peer, in milliseconds.   |

Table 3: show ntp associations Output Fields (*continued*)

| Field Name       | Field Description   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>offset</b>    | Current estimated offset of the peer, in milliseconds.  |
| <b>disp</b>      | Current estimated dispersion of the peer, in milliseconds.  |
| <b>peer-name</b> | Peer name and status of the peer in the clock selection process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• space—Discarded because of a high stratum value or failed sanity checks.</li> <li>• x—Designated "falseticker" by the intersection algorithm.</li> <li>• .—Culled from the end of the candidate list.</li> <li>• — —Discarded by the clustering algorithm.</li> <li>• +—Included in the final selection set.</li> <li>• #—Selected for synchronization, but the distance exceeds the maximum.</li> <li>• *—Selected for synchronization.</li> <li>• o—Selected for synchronization, but the packets-per-second (pps) signal is in use.</li> </ul> |

## Sample Output

### show ntp associations

```

user@host> show ntp associations
  remote      refid      st t when poll reach  delay  offset  disp
=====
*devcie1@example.com  2 u  43   64  377   1.86   0.319   0.08

```



## show ntp status

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Syntax</b>                   | <code>show ntp status</code><br><code>&lt;no-resolve&gt;</code>  |
| <b>Release Information</b>      | Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.<br>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.<br>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 11.1 for the QFX Series.<br>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 14.1X53-D20 for the OCX Series. |
| <b>Description</b>              | Display the values of internal variables returned by Network Time Protocol (NTP) peers.  |
| <b>Options</b>                  | <b>none</b> —Display the values of internal variables returned by NTP peers.<br><br><b>no-resolve</b> —(Optional) Suppress symbolic addressing.  |
| <b>Required Privilege Level</b> | view   |
| <b>Related Documentation</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">show ntp associations on page 55</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>List of Sample Output</b>    | <a href="#">show ntp status on page 58</a>   |
| <b>Output Fields</b>            | <a href="#">Table 4 on page 57</a> describes the output fields for the <b>show ntp status</b> command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.   |

**Table 4: show ntp status Output Fields**

| Field Name                  | Field Description   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>status</b>               | System status word, a code representing the status items listed.  |
| <b>leap_none</b>            | Indicates a normal synchronized state with no leap seconds imminent. Other options could be <b>leap_add_sec</b> , <b>leap_del_sec</b> , or <b>leap_alarm</b> , indicating a leap second will be added, deleted, or a leap second requirement is upcoming. |
| <b>sync_ntp</b>             | Indicates the current synchronization source, in this case, an NTP server. Other options include <b>sync_alarm</b> and <b>sync_unspec</b> , both indicating that the router has not been synched.   |
| <b>x events</b>             | Indicates the number of events that have occurred since that last code change. An event is often the receipt of an NTP polling message.   |
| <b>event_peer/strat_chg</b> | Describes the most recent event, in this case, the stratum of the peer server changed.  |
| <b>version</b>              | A detailed description of the version of NTP being used.  |
| <b>processor</b>            | Indicates the current hardware platform and version of the processor.   |

Table 4: show ntp status Output Fields (*continued*)

| Field Name            | Field Description   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>system</b>         | Detailed description of the name and version of the operating system in use.  |
| <b>leap</b>           | The number of leap seconds in use.  |
| <b>stratum</b>        | The stratum of the peer server. Anything greater than 1 is a secondary reference source, and the number roughly represents the number of hops away from the stratum 1 server.. Stratum 1 is a primary reference, such as an atomic clock. |
| <b>precision</b>      | The precision of the peer clock, how precisely the frequency and time can be maintained with this particular timekeeping system.  |
| <b>rootdelay</b>      | The total roundtrip delay to the primary reference source, in seconds.  |
| <b>rootdispersion</b> | The maximum error relative to the primary reference source, in seconds.   |
| <b>peer</b>           | An identification number of the peer in use.  |
| <b>refid</b>          | Reference identifier of the remote peer. If the reference identifier is not known, this field shows a value of 0.0.0.0.   |
| <b>reftime</b>        | The local time, in timestamp format, when the local clock was last updated. If the local clock has never been synchronized, the value is zero.  |
| <b>poll</b>           | The NTP broadcast message polling interval, in seconds.   |
| <b>clock</b>          | The current time on the local router clock.   |
| <b>state</b>          | The current mode of NTP operation, where 1 is symmetric active, 2 is symmetric passive, 3 is client, 4 is server, and 5 is broadcast.   |
| <b>offset</b>         | Current estimated offset of the peer, in milliseconds. Indicates the time difference between the reference clock and the local clock.   |
| <b>frequency</b>      | The frequency of the clock.   |
| <b>jitter</b>         | Indicates the magnitude of jitter, in milliseconds, between several time queries.   |
| <b>stability</b>      | A measure of how well this clock can maintain a constant frequency.   |

## Sample Output

### show ntp status

```
user@host> show ntp status
assID=0 status=0544 leap_none, sync_local_proto, 4 events, event_peer/strat_chg,
version="ntpd 4.2.2p1@1.1570-o Tue May 19 13:57:55 UTC 2009 (1)",
processor="x86_64", system="Linux/2.6.18-164.el5", leap=00, stratum=4,
precision=-10, rootdelay=0.000, rootdispersion=11.974, peer=59475,
refid=LOCAL(0),
```

```
reftime=d495c32c.0e71eaf2 Mon, Jan 7 2013 13:57:00.056, poll=10,  
clock=d495c32c.cebd43bd Mon, Jan 7 2013 13:57:00.807, state=4,  
offset=0.000, frequency=0.000, jitter=0.977, noise=0.977,  
stability=0.000, tai=0
```

