



NTP Timing Based on GPS Clock

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Configuring NTP using GPS Time

You can configure the GPS time as the reference clock for NTP using the command **ntp refclock gps**.



Note This feature is available with IOS XE release 17.6.1. Further information can be found in [NTP Clock Sync with GPS](#) in the [Cellular Pluggable Interface Module Configuration Guide](#).

The GPS time acts as a stratum 0 source, and the Cisco IOS NTP server acts as a stratum 1 device, which in turn provides clock information to its NTP clients (stratum 2 and 3).

Step 1 Enter global configuration mode:

Example:

```
Router# configure terminal
```

Step 2 Configure the NTP reference clock as GPS:

Example:

```
Router(config)#ntp refclock gps
```

Step 3 To verify the configuration, use the **show** commands in the following example:

Example:

```
Router#  
Sep 24 19:58:43.046 GMT: %PKI-6-AUTHORITATIVE_CLOCK: The system clock has been set.  
Router#show ntp status  
Clock is synchronized, stratum 1, reference is .GPS.  
nominal freq is 250.0000 Hz, actual freq is 249.9970 Hz, precision is 2**10  
ntp uptime is 94000 (1/100 of seconds), resolution is 4016  
reference time is E31778F3.0B851ED8 (19:58:43.045 GMT Thu Sep 24 2020)  
clock offset is 11.0000 msec, root delay is 0.00 msec
```

```

root dispersion is 3950.55 msec, peer dispersion is 3938.47 msec
loopfilter state is 'CTRL' (Normal Controlled Loop), drift is 0.000011995 s/s
system poll interval is 64, last update was 7 sec ago.
Router#
Router#
Router#show ntp associations

address ref clock st when poll reach delay offset disp
*~127.127.5.1 .GPS. 0 38 64 7 0.000 11.000 1938.8
* sys.peer, # selected, + candidate, - outlyer, x falseticker, ~ configured
Router#
Router#show clock
20:00:43.660 GMT Thu Sep 24 2020
Router#

```

Step 4 Use the `debug ntp refclock` command to troubleshoot the configuration:

Example:

```

Router#debug ntp ?
adjust NTP clock adjustments
all NTP all debugging on
core NTP core messages
events NTP events
packet NTP packet debugging
refclock NTP refclock messages

Router#debug ntp refclock
*Sep 24 19:58:43.045 GMT: GPS: Poll Requested
*Sep 24 19:58:43.045 GMT: GPS (19:58:43.056 GMT Thu Sep 24 2020)
*Sep 24 19:58:43.045 GMT: Valid time rcvd from GPS: 2020/09/24 19:58:43.056 (frac = 0x0E560440)
*Sep 24 19:58:43.045 GMT: RTS poll timestamp (local clock) was 0xE31778F3.0B851ED8
*Sep 24 19:58:43.045 GMT: GPS timestamp is 0xE31778F3.0E560440
*Sep 24 19:58:43.045 GMT: NTP Core(NOTICE): ntpd PPM
*Sep 24 19:58:43.046 GMT: NTP Core(NOTICE): trans state : 5
*Sep 24 19:58:43.046 GMT: NTP Core(NOTICE): Clock is synchronized.

```
