



# Configuring Precision Time Protocol (PTP)

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## Restrictions and Limitations for PTP

- The output of the **show clock** command on the device and PTP servo clock displayed in the output of the **show platform software fed switch active ptp domain** command are not synchronized. These are two different clocks used on the switch.
- Inter-VLAN is not supported in PTP Transparent Clock Mode.
- PTP is not supported on Cisco StackWise Virtual enabled devices.
- The switch supports IEEE 802.1AS and IEEE 1588 Default profile and they are both mutually exclusive. Only one profile can be enabled on the switch at a time.
- The Cisco PTP implementation supports only the two-step clock and not the one-step clock. If the switch receives a one-step message from the Grand Master Clock, the message will be dropped.
- We do not recommend having non-PTP enabled devices in the PTP network since it decreases clock synchronization accuracy.
- Signaling messages are not supported in Cisco IOS XE Gibraltar 16.12.1. These messages are dropped in the switch without being processed.
- Management messages with broadcast target id will be forwarded with a reduced hop count when the boundary clock mode is enabled. Management messages will be forwarded without decreasing the boundary hop count when transparent clock mode is enabled.
- Moving directly from one PTP mode to the other is not recommended. Clear the existing mode using **no PTP mode** and then configure a new mode.
- IPv6 and VRF do not support PTP.
- Transparent clock mode is not supported on native Layer 3 ports and EtherChannel interfaces. (boundary clock mode is supported on native Layer 3 ports)

- You cannot configure PTP on any port of a supervisor module.
- Stateful Switchover (SSO) does not support PTP. The PTP protocol restarts after a switchover.
- MACsec with Precision Time Protocol (PTP) is not supported.

## Information About Precision Time Protocol

Precision Time Protocol (PTP) is defined in IEEE 1588 as Precision Clock Synchronization for Networked Measurements and Control Systems, and was developed to synchronize the clocks in packet-based networks that include distributed device clocks of varying precision and stability. PTP is designed specifically for industrial, networked measurement and control systems, and is optimal for use in distributed systems because it requires minimal bandwidth and little processing overhead.

Smart grid power automation applications such as peak-hour billing, virtual power generators, and outage monitoring and management, require extremely precise time accuracy and stability. Timing precision improves network monitoring accuracy and troubleshooting ability.

In addition to providing time accuracy and synchronization, the PTP message-based protocol can be implemented on packet-based networks, such as Ethernet networks. The benefits of using PTP in an Ethernet network include:

- Low cost and easy setup in existing Ethernet networks
- Limited bandwidth required for PTP data packets

## Ethernet Switches and Delays

In an Ethernet network, switches provide a full-duplex communication path between network devices. Switches send data packets to packet destinations using address information contained in the packets. When the switch attempts to send multiple packets simultaneously, some of the packets are buffered by the switch so that they are not lost before they are sent. When the buffer is full, the switch delays sending packets. This delay can cause device clocks on the network to lose synchronization with one another.

Additional delays occur when packets entering a switch are stored in local memory while the switch searches the MAC address table to verify packet CRC fields. This process causes variations in packet forwarding time latency, and these variations result in asymmetrical packet delay times.

Adding PTP to a network can compensate for these latency and delay by correctly adjusting device clocks so that they stay synchronized with one another. PTP enables network switches to function as PTP devices, including boundary clocks and transparent clocks.

## Message-Based Synchronisation

To ensure clock synchronization, PTP requires an accurate measurement of the communication path delay between the time source (master) and the receiver (slave). PTP sends messages between the master and slave device to determine the delay measurement. Messages are described in detail in [Precision Time Protocol Version 2 Message Types, on page 3](#). Then, PTP measures the exact message transmit and receive times and uses these times to calculate the communication path delay. PTP then adjusts current time information network data for the calculated delay, resulting in more accurate time information.

This delay measurement principle determines path delay between devices on the network, and the local clocks are adjusted for this delay using a series of messages sent between masters and slaves. The one-way delay time is calculated by averaging the path delay of the transmit and receive messages. This calculation assumes a symmetrical communication path; switched networks do not necessarily have symmetrical communication paths, due to the buffering process.

PTP provides a method, using transparent clocks, to measure and account for the delay in a time-interval field in network timing packets, making the switches temporarily transparent to the master and slave nodes on the network. An end-to-end transparent clock forwards all messages on the network the same way that a switch does.



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**Note** Cisco PTP supports multicast PTP messages only.

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The following figure shows a typical 1588 PTP network that includes grandmaster clocks, switches in boundary clock mode, and Intelligent Electronic Device (IEDs) such as a digital relays or protection devices. In this diagram, Master 1 is the grandmaster clock. If Master 1 becomes unavailable, the boundary clock slaves switch to Master 2 for synchronization.

*Figure 1: PTP Network*



## Precision Time Protocol Version 2 Message Types

PTP messages are categorized into the following types:

Event Messages are tagged with timestamps when data packets reach or leave a port and are used to calculate the link delay based on the timestamps. Messages:

- Sync
- Delay\_Req
- Pdelay\_Req
- Pdelay\_Resp

General Messages are not tagged with timestamps and are used to establish a master-slave hierarchy. General messages are listed below:

- Announce
- Follow\_Up
- Delay\_Resp
- Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up

Announce messages are used to establish the synchronization hierarchy.

Sync, Delay\_Req, Follow\_Up, and Delay\_Resp messages are used to synchronize ordinary and boundary clocks.

Pdelay\_Req, Pdelay\_Resp, and Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up messages are used to measure the link delay in transparent clocks.

The [\(Best Master Clock Algorithm \(BMCA\)\)](#) elects the grandmaster clock and assign the ports as master or slave. Following this, all the master ports start sourcing the clock to the downstream slaves using the Sync and Follow\_Up messages. The downstream slaves receive the clock and update their clock after computing the delay of the link, time offset, frequency offset and drift error parameters.

The downstream slaves compute the link delay using one of the mechanisms.

- [End-to-End Delay Mechanism, on page 4](#)
- [Peer-to-Peer Delay Mechanism, on page 5](#)

## Precision Time Protocol Event Message Sequences

This section describes the PTP event message sequences that occur during synchronization.

### End-to-End Delay Mechanism

The ordinary and boundary clocks that are configured for the delay request-response mechanism use the following event messages to generate and communicate timing information:

- Sync
- Delay\_Req
- Follow\_Up
- Delay\_Resp

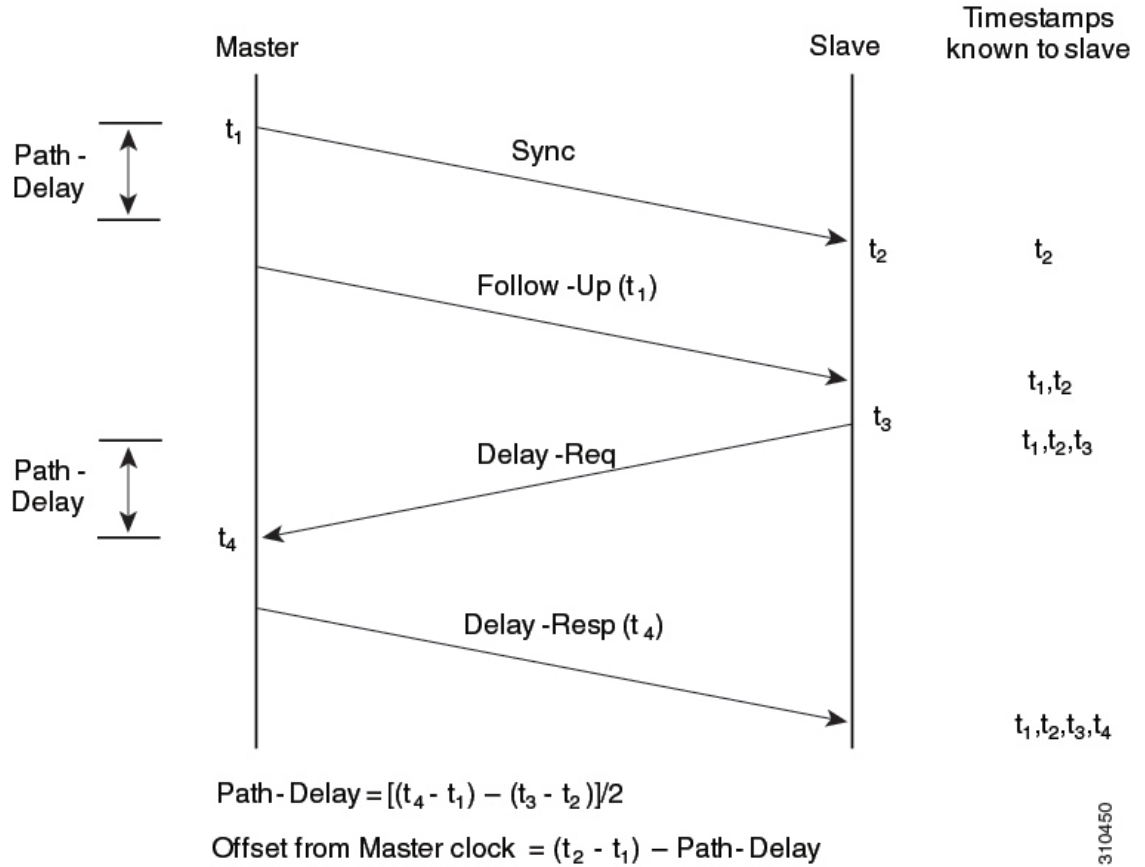
These messages are sent in the following sequence:

1. The master sends a Sync message to the slave and notes the time ( $t_1$ ) at which it was sent.
2. The slave receives the Sync message and notes the time of reception ( $t_2$ ).
3. The master conveys to the slave the timestamp  $t_1$  by embedding the timestamp  $t_1$  in a Follow\_Up message.
4. The slave sends a Delay\_Req message to the master and notes the time ( $t_3$ ) at which it was sent.
5. The master receives the Delay\_Req message and notes the time of reception ( $t_4$ ).
6. The master conveys to the slave the timestamp  $t_4$  by embedding it in a Delay\_Resp message.

After this sequence, the slave possesses all four timestamps. These timestamps can be used to compute the offset of the slave clock relative to the master, and the mean propagation time of messages between the two clocks.

The offset calculation is based on the assumption that the time for the message to propagate from master to slave is the same as the time required from slave to master. Assumption is not always valid on an Ethernet network due to asymmetrical packet delay times.

Figure 2: End-to-End Delay Mechanism



## Peer-to-Peer Delay Mechanism

When the network includes multiple levels of boundary clocks in the hierarchy, with non-PTP enabled devices between them, synchronization accuracy decreases.

The round-trip time is assumed to be equal to  $\text{mean\_path\_delay}/2$ , this is not always valid for Ethernet networks. To improve accuracy, the resident time of each intermediary clock is added to the offset in the end-to-end transparent clock. Resident time, however, does not take into consideration the link delay between peers, which is handled by peer-to-peer transparent clocks.

Peer-to-peer transparent clocks measure the link delay between two clock ports implementing the peer delay mechanism. The link delay is used to correct timing information in Sync and Follow\_Up messages.

Peer-to-peer transparent clocks use the following event messages:

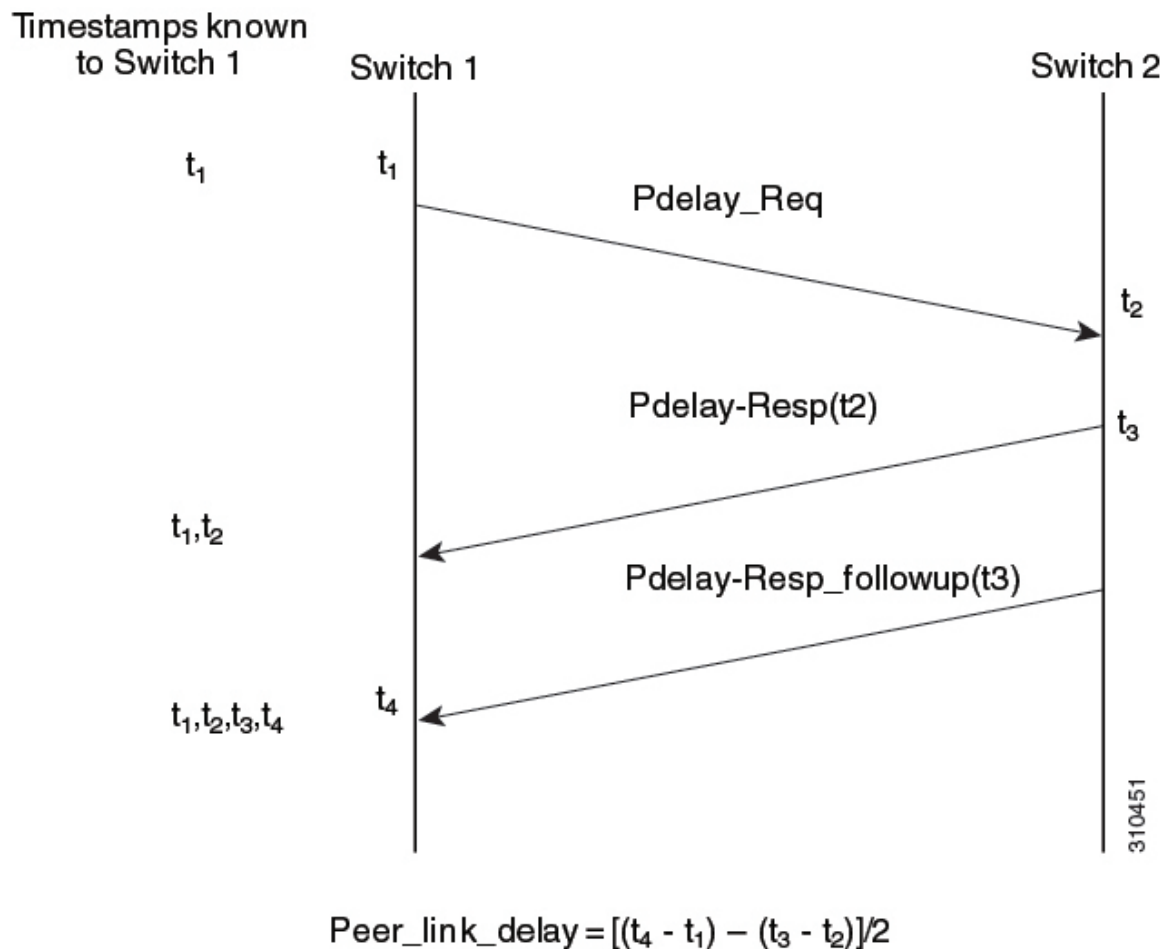
- Pdelay\_Req
- Pdelay\_Resp
- Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up

These messages are sent in the following sequence:

1. Port 1 generates timestamp  $t_1$  for a Pdelay\_Req message.

2. Port 2 receives and generates timestamp  $t_2$  for this message.
3. Port 2 returns and generates timestamp  $t_3$  for a Pdelay\_Resp message.  
To minimize errors due to any frequency offset between the two ports, Port 2 returns the Pdelay\_Resp message as quickly as possible after the receipt of the Pdelay\_Req message.
4. Port 2 returns timestamps  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  in the Pdelay\_Resp and Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up messages respectively.
5. Port 1 generates timestamp  $t_4$  after receiving the Pdelay\_Resp message. Port 1 then uses the four timestamps ( $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ ,  $t_3$ , and  $t_4$ ) to calculate the mean link delay.

Figure 3: Peer-to-Peer Delay Mechanism



## Synchronizing the Local Clock

In an ideal PTP network, the master and slave clock operate at the same frequency. However, drift can occur on the network. Drift is the frequency difference between the master and slave clock. You can compensate for drift by using the timestamp information in the device hardware and follow-up messages (intercepted by the switch) to adjust the frequency of the local clock to match the frequency of the master clock.

## Best Master Clock Algorithm

The Best Master Clock Algorithm (BMCA) is the basis of PTP functionality. The BMCA specifies how each clock on the network determines the best master clock in the subdomain of all the clocks that it can see, including itself. The BMCA runs locally on each port in network continuously for every Announce interval and quickly adjusts for changes in network configuration. BMCA based on IEEE 1588-2008 uses Announce messages for advertising clock properties.

The BMCA uses the following criteria to determine the best master clock in the subdomain:

- Clock quality. Example, GPS is considered the highest quality.
- Accuracy of the clock's time base
- Stability of the local oscillator
- Closest clock to the grandmaster

BMCA based on IEEE 1588-2008 uses own data set with the received data set to determine the best clock based on the attributes with the following properties, in the indicated order:

1. Priority1 — User-assigned priority to each clock. The range is from 0 to 255. The default value is 128.
2. Class — Class to which a clock belongs, each class has its own priority.
3. Accuracy — Precision between clock and UTC, in nanoseconds
4. Variance — Variability of clock
5. Priority2 — Final priority. The range is from 0 to 255. The default value is 128.
6. Unique Identifier — 64-bit Extended Unique Identifier (EUI)

In addition to identifying the best master clock, the BMCA also ensures that clock conflicts do not occur on the PTP network by ensuring that:

- There is no misconfiguration, such as two master clocks or no master clocks, as a result of the master clock identification process.
- Clocks do not have to negotiate with one another

## Precision Time Protocol Clocks

A PTP network is made up of PTP-enabled devices. These devices typically consist of the following clock types.

### Grandmaster Clock

Within a PTP domain, the grandmaster clock is the primary source of time for clock synchronization using PTP. The grandmaster clock usually has a very precise time source, such as a GPS or atomic clock. When the network does not require any external time reference and only needs to be synchronized internally, the grandmaster clock can have a free run.




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**Note** Use the device as grandmaster clock in the network considering its reduced clock accuracy.

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### Ordinary Clock

An ordinary clock is a PTP clock with a single PTP port. It functions as a node in a PTP network and can be selected by the BMCA as a master or slave within a subdomain. These are the most common clock type on a PTP network because they are used as end nodes on a network that is connected to devices requiring synchronization. Ordinary clocks have various interfaces to external devices.

### Boundary Clock

A boundary clock in a PTP network operates in place of a standard network switch or router. Boundary clocks have more than one PTP port, and each port provides access to a separate PTP communication path. Boundary clocks provide an interface between PTP domains. They intercept and process all PTP messages, and pass all other network traffic. The BMCA is used to select the best clock seen by any port. The selected port is then set as a slave and the other ports are set as master. The master port synchronizes the clocks that are connected downstream, while the slave port synchronizes with the upstream master clock.

To set a port permanently as primary (master), use the **ptp role primary** command in interface configuration mode. Setting a port permanently as primary (master) ensures that the port remains as a primary (master) even if a clock connected to the port can be elected as a grandmaster clock.




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**Note** The command **ptp role primary** must be used only on ports that are used as end nodes on a network that are connected to devices requiring synchronization.

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Use the **show ptp port interface\_id** command to verify if the port is set as primary (master).

### Transparent Clock

The role of transparent clocks in a PTP network is to update the time-interval field that is part of PTP event message. This update compensates for switch delay and has an accuracy of within one picosecond.

There are two types of transparent clocks:

**End-to-end (E2E) transparent clocks** measure the PTP event message transit time (also known as resident time) for SYNC and DELAY\_REQUEST messages. This measured transit time is added to a data field (correction field) in the corresponding messages:

- The measured transit time of a SYNC message is added to the correction field of the corresponding SYNC or the FOLLOW\_UP message.
- The measured transit time of a DELAY\_REQUEST message is added to the correction field of the corresponding DELAY\_RESPONSE message.

The slave uses this information when determining the offset between the slave's and the master's time. E2E transparent clocks do not provide correction for the propagation delay of the link itself.

**Peer-to-peer (P2P) transparent clocks** measure PTP event message transit time the same way E2E transparent clocks do. In addition, P2P transparent clocks measure the upstream link delay. The upstream link delay is

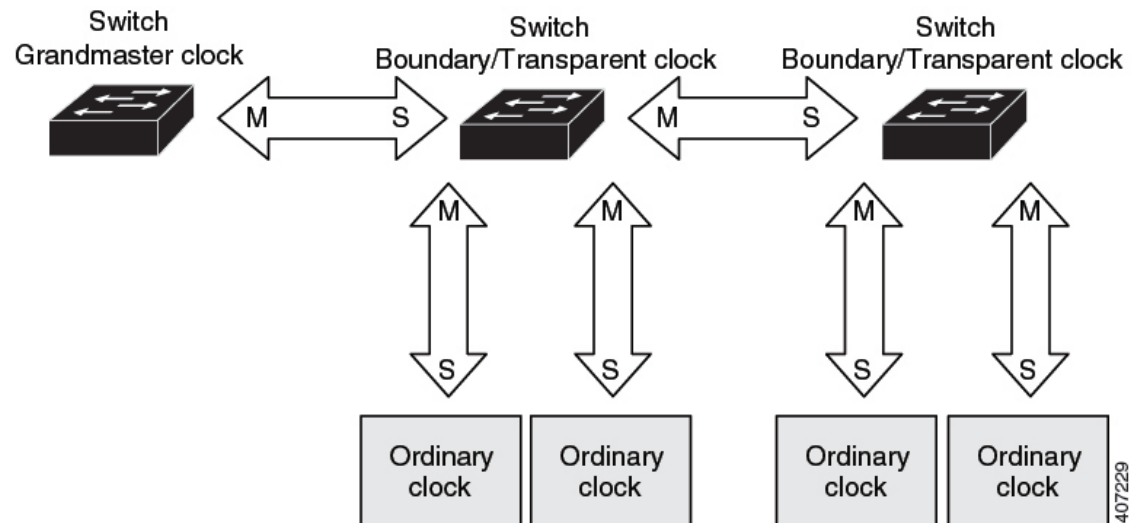


the estimated packet propagation delay between the upstream neighbor P2P transparent clock and the P2P transparent clock under consideration.

These two times (message transit time and upstream link delay time) are both added to the correction field of the PTP event message, correction field of the message that is received by the slave contains the sum of all link delays. In theory, this is the total end-to-end delay (from master to slave) of the SYNC packet.

The following figure illustrates PTP clocks in a master-slave hierarchy within a PTP network.

**Figure 4: PTP Clock Hierarchy**



## Precision Time Protocol Profiles

The IEEE 1588 definition of a PTP profile is the set of allowed PTP features applicable to a device. A PTP profile is usually specific to a particular type of application or environment and defines the following values:

- Best master clock algorithm options
- Configuration management options
- Path delay mechanisms (peer delay)
- Range and default values of all PTP configurable attributes and data set members
- Closest clock to the grandmaster
- Transport mechanisms that are required, permitted, or prohibited
- Node types that are required, permitted, or prohibited
- Options that are required, permitted, or prohibited

### Default Profile

The default PTP profile mode on switch is default profile mode. The PTP mode of transport is Layer 2 and Layer 3.

By default, PTP default profile is disabled globally on these platforms.

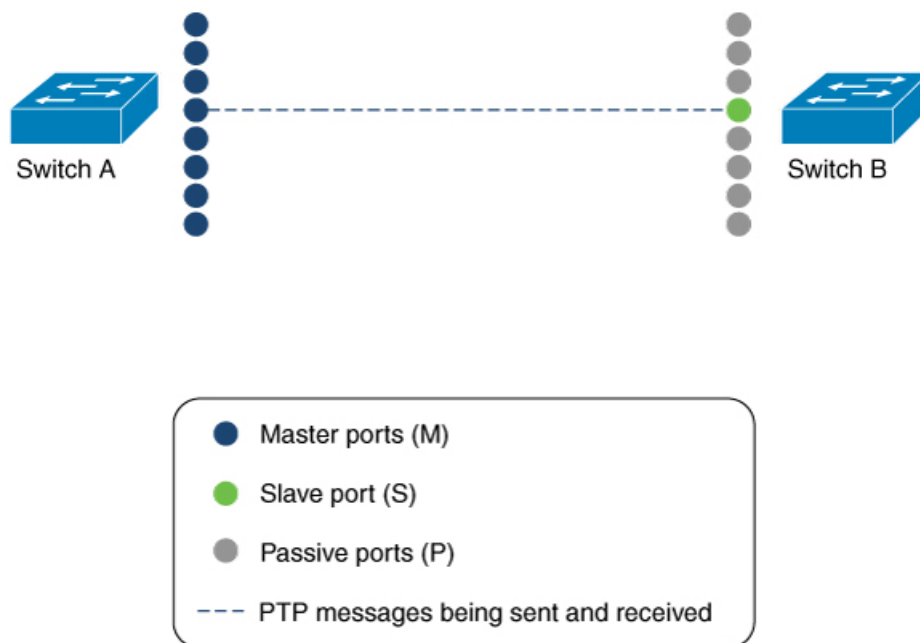
## Precision Time Protocol on an EtherChannel Interface

An EtherChannel interface allows multiple physical Ethernet links to combine into one logical channel. Configuring EtherChannel interface allows load sharing of traffic among the links in the channel as well as redundancy if one or more links in the EtherChannel fail. This behaviour of an EtherChannel interface does not change when PTP is configured. The example below illustrates how PTP works when it is configured on an EtherChannel interface.

For example, in the figure below there are two switches (Switch A and Switch B) connected through an eight member EtherChannel. If you consider Switch A as the master clock, all the ports part of the EtherChannel are master ports. Similarly, Switch B is the slave clock and one of the ports from the EtherChannel bundle becomes the slave port while all other ports become passive ports. It is always the port with the lowest port number in the Etherchannel bundle that is designated as the slave port. If that slave port is disabled or shut down for any reason, the next port with the lowest port number is designated as the slave port.

The master and slave relationship is established when the feature is configured on an EtherChannel interface as well. The master ports from Switch A sends and receives PTP messages. In Switch B only the slave port exchanges PTP messages. There is no exchange of PTP messages in the passive ports.

**Figure 5: Precision Time Protocol on an EtherChannel Interface**



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## How to Configure Precision Time Protocol

### Configuring Precision Time Protocol Default Profile

To configure Layer 2 PTP globally, follow these steps:

## Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>   | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br>Enter your password if prompted.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device <b>configure terminal</b>  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ptp mode {boundary {delay-req   pdelay-req}   e2transparent   p2ptransparent}</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp mode boundary delay-req</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp mode boundary pdelay-req</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp mode e2transparent</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp mode p2ptransparent</b> | Specifies the synchronization clock mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>boundary</b> to enable the switch to participate in selecting the best master clock. If no better clocks are detected, the switch becomes the grandmaster clock on the network and the parent clock to all connected devices. If the best master is determined to be a clock that is connected to the switch, the switch synchronizes to that clock as a child to the clock, then acts as a parent clock to devices connected to other ports. After initial synchronization, the switch and the connected devices exchange timing messages to correct time skew that is caused by clock offsets and network delays. Use this mode when overload or heavy load conditions produce significant delay jitter</li> <li>• <b>e2transparent</b> for the switch to synchronize all switch ports with the grand master clock that is connected to the switch,. This is the default clock mode. The switch corrects for the delay that is incurred by every packet passing through it (referred to residence time). This mode causes less jitter and error accumulation than boundary mode.</li> <li>• <b>p2ptransparent</b> where the switch does not synchronize its clock with the master clock. A switch in this mode does not participate in master clock selection and uses the default PTP clock mode on all ports.</li> </ul> |

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose  |
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|               |  | <p><b>Note</b> Once PTP default profile is enabled globally, PTP is enabled on all the interfaces. To disable PTP selectively on individual interfaces, use <b>no ptp enable</b> command in interface configuration mode.</p>                  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <p><b>[no]ptp domain</b> <i>value</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# ptp domain 8</pre> | <p>Configures the domain value on PTP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single domain value can be set. The range is from 4 to 127. The default value is 0. <b>no ptp domain</b> command will set the value to default.</li> </ul> |

## Configuring Precision Time Protocol on Layer 2 interface

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <p><b>enable</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device&gt; enable</pre>  | <p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <p>Enter your password if prompted.</p>   |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <p><b>configure terminal</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device configure terminal</pre>                                    | <p>Enters global configuration mode.</p>   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <p><b>interface</b> <i>interface-id</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# interface TenGigabitEthernet1/0/1</pre> | <p>Specifies the physical interface to be configured, and enters interface configuration mode. The interface that you specify can be part of an EtherChannel.</p>  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <p><b>[no ]ptp enable</b></p>   |  |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <p><b>ptp vlan</b> <i>vlan-id</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-if)# ptp vlan 5</pre>                           | <p>Sets the PTP VLAN on a trunk port. The default is the native VLAN of the trunk port. In boundary mode, only PTP packets in PTP VLAN will be processed, PTP packets from other VLANs will be dropped. Before configuring the PTP VLAN on an interface, the PTP VLAN must be created and allowed on the trunk port.</p> |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <p><b>end</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p>  | <p>Returns to privileged EXEC mode.</p>  |

|  | Command or Action             | Purpose |
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|  | Device(config-if)# <b>end</b> |         |

## Configuring Precision Time Protocol on SVI or Layer 3 Interface

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>   | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br>Enter your password if prompted.   |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>configure terminal</b>                 | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ptp transport ipv4 udp</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp transport ipv4 udp</b> | Configures IPv4 as the PTP transport mode.<br><b>Note</b> Only IPv4 is supported as the PTP transport method for Layer 3 PTP. |

## Configuring the Source IP on Precision Time Protocol

To configure the source IP on PTP, perform this procedure:

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose  |
|---------------|--|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br>Enter your password if prompted.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>configure terminal</b>  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>[no]ptp source {source-address   loopback  vlan}</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp source source address</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp source loopback</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp source vlan</b> | Specifies the synchronization clock mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>source address</b> once configured, PTP messages in all the interfaces will carry this source ip.</li> <li>• <b>loopback</b> PTP messages in all the interfaces will carry the IP that is configured on the loopback interface.</li> </ul> |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
|               |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>vlan</b> PTP messages will carry the IP configured on the SVI interface corresponding to the port.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> You can use <b>no ptp source</b> command as default.</p> |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>end</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if) # <b>end</b> | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.  |

## Configuring PTP Timers

To configure the PTP timer values from default to required values, follow these steps:

### Before you begin

Timer inputs are measured in units of log mean message interval value. To determine the *value* in seconds for the **interval** keyword, use a logarithmic scale. The following table shows examples of the *value* keyword converted to seconds with a logarithmic scale:

| Value Entered | Logarithmic Calculation | Value in Seconds |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| -1            | $2^{-1}$                | 1/2              |
| 0             | $2^0$                   | 1                |

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose   |
|---------------|--|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>Enter your password if prompted.                   |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>configure terminal</b>  | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>interface</b> <i>interface-id</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>interface</b><br><b>gigabitethernet2/0/1</b> | Specifies the physical port to be configured, and enters interface configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ptp announce</b> { <b>interval</b> <i>value</i>   <b>timeout</b> <i>count</i> }<br><br><b>Example:</b>                      | (Optional) Configures the interval between PTP announce messages on an interface or the |

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose  |
|---------------|--|--|
|               | Device(config-if) # <code>ptp announce interval 1</code>   | number of PTP intervals before a timeout occurs on an interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>interval value</b> sets the logarithmic mean interval to send announce messages. The range is 0 to 4. The default is 0 (1 second).</li> <li>• <b>timeout count</b> sets the logarithmic mean interval in seconds to announce timeout messages. The range is 2 to 10. The default is 3 (8 seconds).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>ptp sync {interval value   limit offset-value}</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if) # <code>ptp sync interval 1</code> | (Optional) Configures the interval between PTP synchronization messages on an interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>interval value</b> sets the logarithmic mean interval to send synchronization messages. The range is -3 to 1. The default is 0 (1 second).</li> <li>• <b>limit offset-value</b> sets the maximum clock offset value before PTP attempts to resynchronize. The range is from 50 to 500000000 nanoseconds. The default is 500000000 nanoseconds.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>ptp delay-req interval value</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if) # <code>ptp delay-req interval 1</code>              | (Optional) Configures the logarithmic mean interval allowed between PTP delay request messages when the port is in the master state. The range is 0 to 5. The default is 0 (1 second).   |
| <b>Step 7</b> | <b>ptp pdelay-req interval value</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if) # <code>ptp pdelay-req interval 1</code>            | (Optional) Configures the logarithmic mean interval allowed between pdelay request messages when the port is in the master state. The range is 0 to 5. The default is 0 (1 second).  |
| <b>Step 8</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-if) # <code>end</code>  | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.   |

## Configuring the Values of Precision Time Protocol Clocks

Follow these steps to configure the values of PTP clock priority1 and priority2:

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose                       |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <code>enable</code> | Enables privileged EXEC mode. |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
|               | <b>Example:</b><br>Device> <b>enable</b>  | Enter your password, if prompted.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# <b>configure terminal</b>         | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>ptp priority1 value</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp priority1 120</b> | Sets the value of PTP clock priority1. The range is from 0 to 255. The default value is 128.<br><br><b>Note</b> If the value of priority1 is configured as 255, the clock cannot be considered as Grandmaster. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>ptp priority2 value</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>ptp priority2 120</b> | Sets the value of PTP clock priority2. The range is from 0 to 255. The default value is 128.   |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# <b>exit</b>                             | Returns to global configuration mode.  |

## Configuration Examples for PTP

The following sections provide various PTP configuration examples:

### Example: Layer 2 and Layer 3 PTP Configurations

#### Example

**show ptp port interface** *interface-name*

To verify PTP port state, use **show ptp port interface** *interface-name* command.

To verify the PTP port states on all interfaces use **show ptp brief** command.

The following is a sample output for boundary mode configuration with delay request mechanism:

```
Device# show ptp port GigabitEthernet1/0/45
PTP PORT DATASET: GigabitEthernet1/0/45
  Port identity: clock identity: 0xCC:46:D6:FF:FE:C5:24:0
  Port identity: port number: 45
  PTP version: 2
  Port state: SLAVE
  Delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Announce receipt time out: 3
```



```

Announce interval(log mean): 1
Sync interval(log mean): 0
Delay Mechanism: End to End
Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
Sync fault limit: 500000000

```

The following is a sample output for boundary mode configuration with pdelay request mechanism:

```

Device# show ptp port GigabitEthernet1/0/45
PTP PORT DATASET: GigabitEthernet1/0/45
  Port identity: clock identity: 0xCC:46:D6:FF:FE:C5:24:0
  Port identity: port number: 45
PTP version: 2
Port state: MASTER
Delay request interval(log mean): 0
Announce receipt time out: 3
Announce interval(log mean): 1
Sync interval(log mean): 0
Delay Mechanism: Peer to Peer
Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
Sync fault limit: 500000000

```

### show ptp brief

To verify the PTP port states on all interfaces use **show ptp brief** command.

The following is a sample output for **show ptp brief** command:

```

Device# show ptp brief
Interface                               Domain      PTP State
TenGigabitEthernet1/0/1                 0          MASTER
TenGigabitEthernet1/0/2                 0          SLAVE
TenGigabitEthernet1/0/3                 0          FAULTY

```

### show ptp clock

To verify the PTP clock identity details and to verify the configured values of Priority1 and Priority2, use **show ptp clock** command.

The following is a sample output for **show ptp clock** command:

```

Device# show ptp clock
PTP CLOCK INFO
  PTP Device Type: Boundary clock
  PTP Device Profile: Default Profile
  Clock Identity: 0xCC:46:D6:FF:FE:C5:24:0 <<clock identity of this
switch>>
  Clock Domain: 0
  Number of PTP ports: 52
  Priority1: 128
  Priority2: 128
  Clock Quality:
    Class: 248
    Accuracy: Unknown
    Offset (log variance): 16640
  Offset From Master(ns): 0

```

```
Mean Path Delay(ns) : 0
Steps Removed: 1
```

### show ptp parent

To identify which Grandmaster Clock identity the device is synced to in boundary mode, use **show ptp parent** command.




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**Note** **show ptp parent** will not display any output if the device is configured in transparent clock mode.

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The following is a sample output for **show ptp parent** command:

```
Device# show ptp parent
PTP PARENT PROPERTIES
Parent Clock:
Parent Clock Identity: 0x0:11:1:FF:FE:0:0:1
Parent Port Number: 1
Observed Parent Offset (log variance): 16640
Observed Parent Clock Phase Change Rate: N/A

Grandmaster Clock:
Grandmaster Clock Identity: 0x0:11:1:FF:FE:0:0:1    <<Grandmaster clock
identity to which the device is synced to>>
Grandmaster Clock Quality:
    Class: 6
    Accuracy: Within 25ns
    Offset (log variance): 0
    Priority1: 128
    Priority2: 128
```

### show platform software fed switch active ptp domain 0

To verify the local servo PTP clock synchronization to Grandmaster clock on a device configured in boundary mode with delay-request mechanism, use **show platform software fed switch active ptp domain 0** command.

```
Device# show platform software fed switch active ptp domain 0
```

```
Displaying data for domain number 0
```

```
=====
```

```
Profile Type : DEFAULT
Profile State: enabled
Clock Mode : BOUNDARY CLOCK
Delay mechanism: End-to-End
PTP clock : 2017-6-28 5:58:59
Transport Method: L2 Ethernet
```

By default, local servo PTP clock will be displaying EPOCH time(1970-1-1) when the device is not synced to any PTP Grandmaster Clock.

**Example**

**show ptp port interface** *interface-name*

To verify PTP port state, use **show ptp port interface** *interface-name* command.

To verify the PTP port states on all interfaces use **show ptp brief** command.

The following is a sample output for boundary mode configuration with delay request mechanism:

```
Device# show ptp port FortyGigabitEthernet1/0/10
PTP PORT DATASET: FortyGigabitEthernet1/0/10
  Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A3:D1:FF:FE:5A:12:0
  Port identity: port number: 10
  PTP version: 2
  Port state: SLAVE
  Delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Announce receipt time out: 3
  Announce interval(log mean): 1
  Sync interval(log mean): 0
  Delay Mechanism: End to End
    << PTP mode delay >>
  Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Sync fault limit: 500000000
```

**show ptp parent**

To identify which Grandmaster Clock identity the device is synced to in boundary mode, use **show ptp parent** command.




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**Note** **show ptp parent** will not display any output if the device is configured in transparent clock mode.

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The following is a sample output for **show ptp parent** command:

```
Device# show ptp parent
PTP PARENT PROPERTIES
  Parent Clock:
  Parent Clock Identity: 0x38:E:4D:FF:FE:81:FE:29
<< Immediate next Master >>
  Parent Port Number: 196
  Observed Parent Offset (log variance): 17258
  Observed Parent Clock Phase Change Rate: N/A

  Grandmaster Clock:
  Grandmaster Clock Identity: 0x0:0:0:5:0:0:0:1
<< GM: External Clock Source acting Grand Master >>
  Grandmaster Clock Quality:
  Class: 6
  Accuracy: Within 1us
  Offset (log variance): 0
  Priority1: 128
  Priority2: 128
```

**show platform software fed switch active ptp domain 0**

To verify the local servo PTP clock synchronization to Grandmaster clock on a device configured in boundary mode with delay-request mechanism, use **show platform software fed switch active ptp domain 0** command.

```
Device# show platform software fed switch active ptp domain 0
Displaying data for domain number 0
=====

Profile Type : DEFAULT
Profile State: enabled
Clock Mode : BOUNDARY CLOCK
Delay Mechanism: : END-TO-END
PTP clock : 2017-12-15 15:27:27
mean_path_delay 214 nanoseconds
Transport Method : udp-ipv4                                << PTP Transport Method
>>
```

**Table 1: Debug Commands**

| Command                   | Purpose   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>debug ptp messages</b> | Enables debugging of PTP messages.                        |
| <b>debug ptp error</b>    | Enables debugging of PTP errors.                          |
| <b>debug ptp bmc</b>      | Enables debugging of the PTP Best Master Clock Algorithm. |
| <b>debug ptp event</b>    | Enables debugging of PTP state event.                     |

**Example: Configuring Precision Time Protocol on an EtherChannel Interface****Master Clock**

The following command verifies the PTP state on an interface:

```
Device# show ptp brief | exclude FAULTY
Interface          Domain    PTP State
TenGigE1/0/39     0        MASTER
TenGigE1/0/44     0        MASTER
TenGigE1/0/48     0        MASTER
```

The following command verifies if interface configured on each port is an EtherChannel interface:

```
Device# show etherchannel 1 summary
Flags:  D - down          P - bundled in port-channel
        I - stand-alone  s - suspended
        H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
        R - Layer3       S - Layer2
        U - in use       f - failed to allocate aggregator

        M - not in use, minimum links not met
        u - unsuitable for bundling
        w - waiting to be aggregated
```

```

    d - default port

    A - formed by Auto LAG
Number of channel-groups in use: 3
Number of aggregators:          3

Group  Port-channel  Protocol    Ports
-----+-----+-----+-----
1      Po1(SU)        LACP        Hu1/0/39(P)   Hu1/0/44(P)
                               Hu1/0/48(P)

```

The following command verifies port state of each interface:

```

Device# show ptp port tengigabitethernet 1/0/39
PTP PORT DATASET: TenGigE1/0/39
  Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A7:42:FF:FE:8A:84:C0
  Port identity: port number: 39
  PTP version: 2
  Port state: MASTER
  Delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Announce receipt time out: 3
  Announce interval(log mean): 0
  Sync interval(log mean): 0
  Delay Mechanism: End to End
  Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Sync fault limit: 500000000

```

```

Device# show ptp port tengigabitethernet 1/0/44
PTP PORT DATASET: TenGigE1/0/44
  Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A7:42:FF:FE:8A:84:C0
  Port identity: port number: 44
  PTP version: 2
  Port state: MASTER
  Delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Announce receipt time out: 3
  Announce interval(log mean): 0
  Sync interval(log mean): 0
  Delay Mechanism: End to End
  Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Sync fault limit: 500000000

```

```

Device# show ptp port tengigabitethernet 1/0/48
PTP PORT DATASET: TenGigE1/0/48
  Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A7:42:FF:FE:8A:84:C0
  Port identity: port number: 48
  PTP version: 2
  Port state: MASTER
  Delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Announce receipt time out: 3
  Announce interval(log mean): 0
  Sync interval(log mean): 0
  Delay Mechanism: End to End
  Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
  Sync fault limit: 500000000

```

### Slave Clock

The following command can be used to verify the PTP state on the interfaces:

```

Device# show ptp brief | exclude FAULTY
Interface          Domain  PTP State
tenGigE1/0/12     0      SLAVE
TenGigE1/0/20     0      PASSIVE
TenGigE1/0/23     0      PASSIVE

```

The following command verifies if interface configured on each port is an EtherChannel interface:

```
Device# show etherchannel 1 summary
Flags:  D - down          P - bundled in port-channel
        I - stand-alone  s - suspended
        H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
        R - Layer3       S - Layer2
        U - in use       f - failed to allocate aggregator

        M - not in use, minimum links not met
        u - unsuitable for bundling
        w - waiting to be aggregated
        d - default port
        A - formed by Auto LAG

Number of channel-groups in use: 1
Number of aggregators:          1

Group  Port-channel  Protocol    Ports
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
1      Pol(SU)      LACP        Hu1/0/12(P)  Hu1/0/20(P)
                               Hu1/0/23(P)
```

The following command verifies port state of each interface:

```
Device# show ptp port tengigabitethernet 1/0/12
PTP PORT DATASET: TenGigE1/0/12
Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A7:42:FF:FE:9B:DA:E0
Port identity: port number: 12
PTP version: 2
PTP port number: 12
PTP slot number: 0
Port state: SLAVE
Delay request interval(log mean): 0
Announce receipt time out: 3
Announce interval(log mean): 0
Sync interval(log mean): 0
Delay Mechanism: End to End
Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
Sync fault limit: 500000000

Device# show ptp port tengigabitethernet 1/0/20
PTP PORT DATASET: TenGigE1/0/20
Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A7:42:FF:FE:9B:DA:E0
Port identity: port number: 20
PTP version: 2
PTP port number: 20
PTP slot number: 0
Port state: PASSIVE
Delay request interval(log mean): 0
Announce receipt time out: 3
Announce interval(log mean): 0
Sync interval(log mean): 0
Delay Mechanism: End to End
Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
Sync fault limit: 500000000

Device# show ptp port tengigabitethernet 1/0/23
PTP PORT DATASET: TenGigE1/0/23
Port identity: clock identity: 0x0:A7:42:FF:FE:9B:DA:E0
Port identity: port number: 23
PTP version: 2
PTP port number: 23
PTP slot number: 0
```

```

Port state: PASSIVE
Delay request interval(log mean): 0
Announce receipt time out: 3
Announce interval(log mean): 0
Sync interval(log mean): 0
Delay Mechanism: End to End
Peer delay request interval(log mean): 0
Sync fault limit: 500000000

```

## Feature History for Precision Time Protocol

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

| Release                        | Feature  | Feature Information  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a      | IEEE 1588v2, Precision Time Protocol (PTP) support | PTP was developed to synchronize the clocks in packet-based networks that include distributed device clocks of varying precision and stability.<br><br>Support for PTP on Layer 2 ports was introduced.<br><br>Support for this feature was introduced only on the C9500-12Q, C9500-16X, C9500-24Q, C9500-40X models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches. |
| Cisco IOS XE Gibraltar 16.12.1 | IEEE 1588v2, Precision Time Protocol (PTP) support | PTP Version 2 (PTPv2) was introduced.<br><br>Support for this feature was introduced only on the C9500-32C, C9500-32QC, C9500-48Y4C, and C9500-24Y4C models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.  |
| Cisco IOS XE Gibraltar 16.12.1 | PTP on native Layer 3 ports                        | Support for PTP on native Layer 3 ports was introduced.<br><br>Support for this feature was introduced on all the models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.   |
| Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.2.1  | IEEE 1588v2 PTP on EtherChannel Interfaces         | Support for PTP on an EtherChannel was introduced.<br><br>Support for this feature was introduced on all the models of the Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches.  |
| Cisco IOS XE Bengaluru 17.5.1  | Port primary                                       | Support was introduced to set a port permanently as primary (master) using the <b>ptp role primary</b> command.  |

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