



# Configuring PTP

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.

For information about configuring PTP on the IE 4000 switch, see [Precision Time Protocol Software Configuration Guide for IE 4000 and IE 5000 Switches](#).

