

NTP Timing Based on GPS Clock

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Configure NTP using GPS Time

From IOS XE release 17.6.1, you can set up Network Time Protocol (NTP) to use GPS time as the reference clock using the **ntp refclock gps** command.

The cellular modem-based GPS works only with cellular and not with the GPS on Dead Reckoning module.

Before you begin

- Enable the cellular modem-based GPS and verify that it is working. To know more about cellular modem-based GPS, see Configuring GPS in the Cellular Pluggable Interface Module Configuration Guide.
- Verify that you have a location fix for this feature to work using the **show cellular** *cellualr slot* **gps** command.
- Enable National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) streaming. For more details on enabling NMEA, see the Enable NMEA Data Streaming section in the Cellular Pluggable Interface Module Configuration Guide.
- Set up GPS time as a stratum 0 source and configure the Cisco IOS NTP server as a stratum 1 device to provide accurate time to NTP clients.

Procedure

Step 1 Use the **configure terminal** command to enter global configuration mode.

Example:

```
Router# configure terminal
```

Step 2 Use the **controller cellular** comamnd to configure cellular location.

Example:

```
Router(config)# controller cellular 0/4/0
```

Step 3 Use the **lte gps nmea** command to enable National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) streaming.

Example:

```
Router(config-controller)# lte gps nmea
```

Step 4 Use the **end** command to exit NMEA configuration mode and return to privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Router(config-controller-nmea)# end
```

Step 5 Use the **configure terminal** command to enter global configuration mode.

Example:

```
Router# configure terminal
```

Step 6 Use the **ntp refclock gps interface Cellular 0/4/0** commad to configure the NTP reference clock as GPS.

Example:

```
Router(config)# ntp refclock gps interface Cellular 0/4/0
```

Step 7 Use the **exit** command to exit from the configuration prompt.

Example:

```
Router(config)# exit
```

Step 8 (Optional) Use the **show cellular** *cellualr slot* **gps** command to view the GPS information.

Example:

```
Router# show cellular 0/4/0 gps
GPS Feature = enabled
GPS Mode Configured = standalone
Current Constellation Configured = gps
GPS Port Selected = Dedicated GPS port
GPS Status = GPS coordinates acquired
Last Location Fix Error = Offline [0x0]
Latitude = 50 Deg 36 Min 44.9907 Sec North
Longitude = 5 Deg 35 Min 12.0240 Sec East
Timestamp (GMT) = Tue Dec 17 17:06:05 2024

Fix type = 2D, Height = 64m
Satellite Info
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Satellite #4, elevation 8, azimuth 329, SNR 31 *
Satellite #5, elevation 9, azimuth 88, SNR 37 *
Satellite #18, elevation 29, azimuth 170, SNR 48 *
Satellite #20, elevation 14, azimuth 54, SNR 30 *
Satellite #25, elevation 43, azimuth 111, SNR 40 *
Satellite #26, elevation 38, azimuth 292, SNR 34 *
Satellite #28, elevation 55, azimuth 227, SNR 44 *
Satellite #29, elevation 76, azimuth 67, SNR 38 *
Satellite #31, elevation 51, azimuth 281, SNR 29 *
Satellite #49, elevation 31, azimuth 180, SNR 46  **
Satellite #9, elevation 0, azimuth 0, SNR 0
Satellite #12, elevation 5, azimuth 106, SNR 0 *
Satellite #16, elevation 6, azimuth 288, SNR 0
```

Step 9 (Optional) Use the **show ntp associations** command to view the network time protocol associations.

Example:

```
Router# show ntp associations
  address         ref clock       st   when   poll reach  delay  offset   disp
x~127.127.5.1     .GPS.            0     58     64     3  0.000  -0.031 3938.4
*~45.87.78.35     244.220.219.218  2     51     64     3 13.985 495.081 64.377
 * sys.peer, # selected, + candidate, - outlyer, x falseticker, ~ configured
```

Step 10 (Optional) Use the **show clock** command to display the current time and clock details.

Example:

```
Router# show clock
17:12:56.870 UTC Tue Dec 17 2024
```

Step 11 (Optional) Use the **debug ntp refclock** command to troubleshoot the configuration.

Example:

```
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.
```