Core Switch Time Synchronization



Overview

Design of Time-Synchronized Switch Based on Zynq To meet the demands for high precision, high flexibility, and broad applicability, a switch with WR functi.

Key Takeaways

Core switches use NTP to synchronize system time across the network, ensuring accurate timestamps, security, and operational consistency. Overview of Time Synchronization on Core SwitchesCore switches typically synchronize their clocks using Network Time Protocol (NTP), often sourcing time from a GPS or external NTP server. Accurate time is critical for logging, authentication, auditing, and coordination of network events.

Both IPv4 and IPv6 NTP servers are supported, and it is recommended to configure NTP before enabling secure management protocols.

Configuring NT

P on Core SwitchesEnable NTP and Authentication: Configure NTP on the switch and enable authentication to ensure secure time updates. For example, using MD5 keys: CodeCopyswitch# ntp authentication-key 1 md5 switch# ntp authenticateswitch# ntp server 10. 100.

1. 254 key 1 This ensures the switch only accepts time updates from trusted sources. Redundancy: For high availability, configure multiple NTP servers.

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Core switches can act as NTP sources for downstream devices, including Windows servers. Windows clients can be configured with multiple NTP peers to automatically switch if one server fails: CodeCopyw32tm /config /manualpeerlist:"IP_of_Core_Switch_A, IP_of_Core_Switch_B" /syncfromflags:manual /reliable:yes /updatew32tm /resync This setup provides redundancy and prevents time drift if one switch becomes unreachable.

Management I

P vs Loopback: Use a reachable IP address (management or loopback) for NTP configuration. Loopback addresses are preferred for stability, as they remain reachable even if a physical interface goes down.

Windows Time Service Integration

Windows servers use the W32Time service to synchronize with NTP servers. By default, domain-joined computers sync through the Active Directory hierarchy, but they can be manually configured to use core switches as NTP sources.

W32

Time communicates over UDP port 123, which must be open on firewalls between the server and the switch.

Verification and Troubleshooting

On switches, use commands like show ntp status and show ntp associations to verify synchronization and server reachability. On Windows servers, use w32tm /query /status to check the current time source and synchronization state. Common issues include firewall restrictions, incorrect NTP server IPs, high clock drift, or misconfigured NTP peering.

Best Practices

Set all devices to UTC to simplify multi-timezone management.

Enable NT

P authentication to prevent malicious time updates. Regularly monitor NTP status to detect drift or synchronization failures. Use multiple NTP servers for redundancy and reliability.

By following these practices, core switches can provide a stable and secure time synchronization service across the network, supporting both network devices and Windows servers.

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Time Synchronization

One of the most commonly-used protocols to accomplish this is the Network Time Protocol (NTP), which can use both local and Internet-hosted servers to synchronize system time across a network.

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Configuring Time Synchronization on AOS-S Switches Time synchronization in a switch ensures maintaining a uniform time among all interoperating devices. Classic Central offers the following time

Sub-nanosecond Network Synchronisation

Challenge of Accurate Time Synchronisation f synchronisation of the slave to the master clock is described below. Here the two clocks are physically separated and so ther The two clocks are ticking

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If the packet contains a matching authentication key, the time-stamp information that is contained within the packet is accepted by the receiving client. NTP synchronization packets that do

Use Best Practices for Network Time Protocol

Core routers have a client/server relationship with external time sources, the internal time servers have a client/server relationship with the core routers, the internal user (non-time servers)

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