

# Configure NTP Server in AD

## Option 1 - Via GPO

Setup GPO for NTP Server and apply it to the Domain Controller.

The screenshot shows the Group Policy Object (GPO) configuration interface. The path is: Computer Configuration (Enabled) > Policies > Administrative Templates > System/Windows Time Service/Time Providers. The 'Configure Windows NTP Client' policy is set to 'Enabled'. Below this, a table lists the NTP server settings.

Policy	Setting	Comment
Configure Windows NTP Client	Enabled	
NtpServer	10.1.1.1,0x9	
Type	NTP	
CrossSiteSyncFlags	2	
ResolvePeerBackoffMinutes	15	
ResolvePeerBackoffMaxTimes	7	
SpecialPollInterval	1024	
EventLogFlags	0	

Policy	Setting	Comment
Enable Windows NTP Client	Enabled	
Enable Windows NTP Server	Enabled	

Setup GPO for NTP Client for Member Server

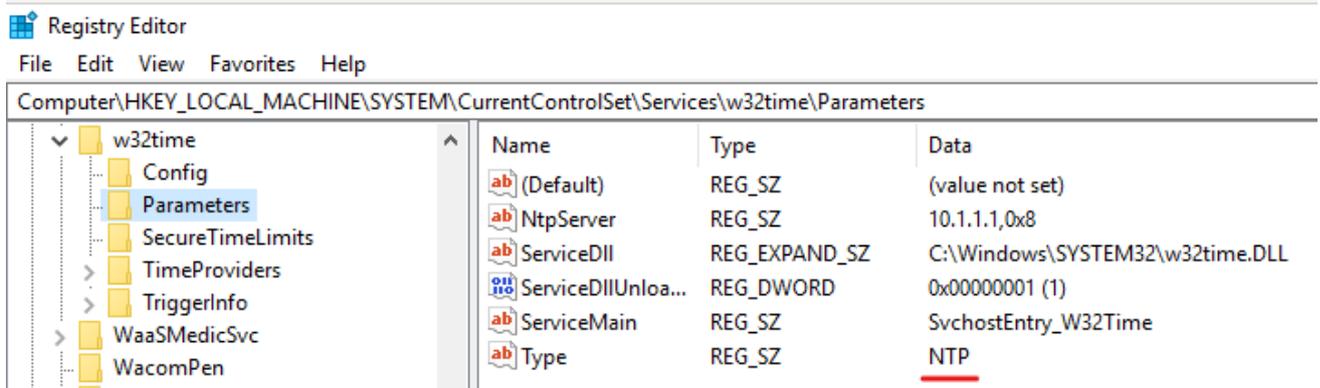
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Policies			hide
Administrative Templates			hide
Policy definitions (ADMX files) retrieved from the local computer.			
System/Windows Time Service/Time Providers			hide
Policy	Setting	Comment	
Configure Windows NTP Client	Enabled		
NtpServer		lab-dc1.homelab.local	
Type		NTP	
CrossSiteSyncFlags		2	
ResolvePeerBackoffMinutes		15	
ResolvePeerBackoffMaxTimes		7	
SpecialPollInterval		1024	
EventLogFlags		0	
Policy	Setting	Comment	
Enable Windows NTP Client	Enabled		

## Option 2 - Manually via Regedit

Enable NTP Server in Domain Controller.

1. Change the server type to NTP. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Select **Start > Run**, type *regedit*, and then select **OK**.
2. Locate and then select the following registry subkey:  
 HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\Parameters
3. In the pane on the right, right-click **Type**, and then select **Modify**.
4. In **Edit Value**, type *NTP* in the **Value data** box, and then select **OK**.
5. Example:

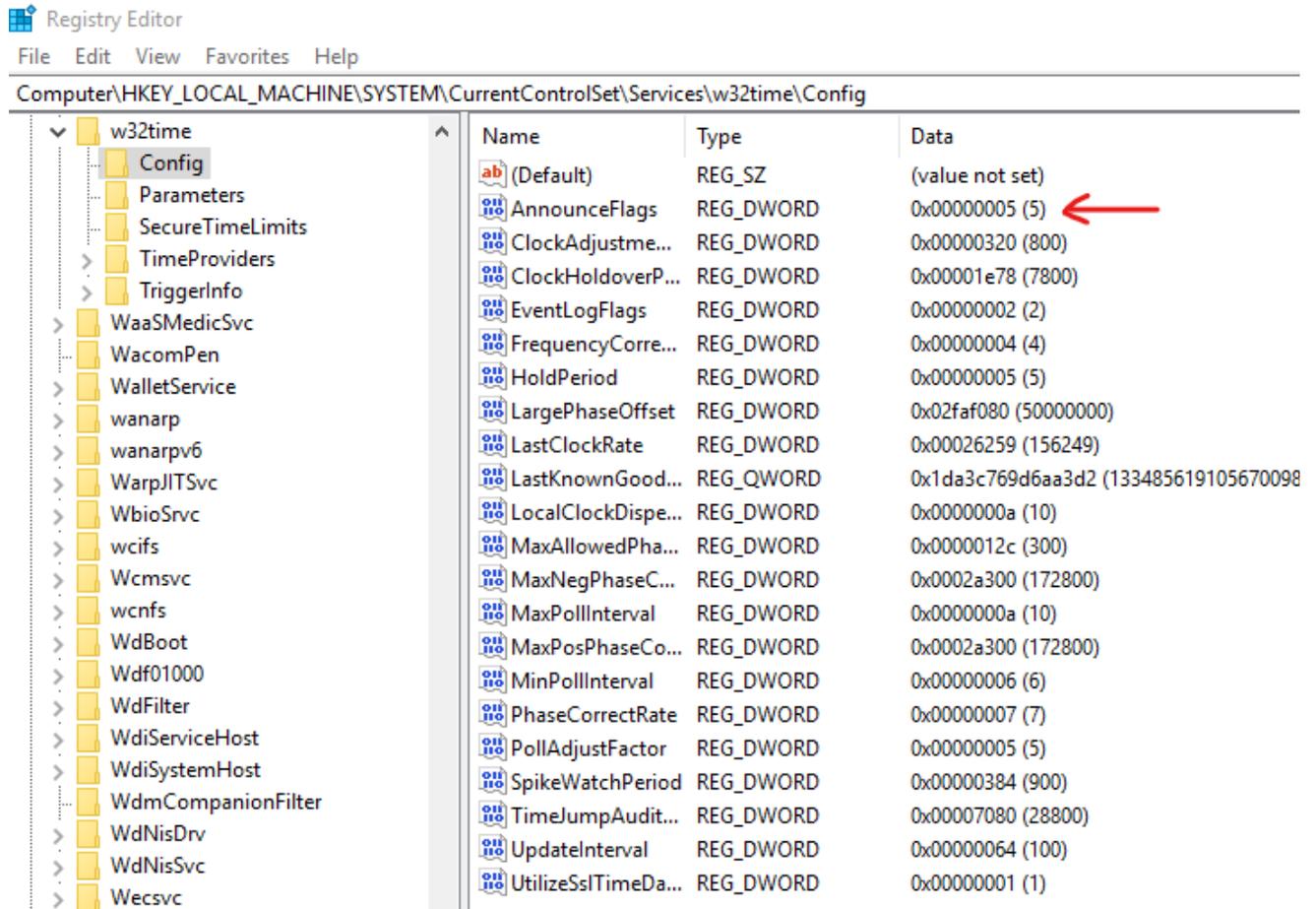


2. Set **AnnounceFlags** to 5. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Locate and then select the following registry subkey:  
 HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\Config
2. In the pane on the right, right-click **AnnounceFlags**, and then select **Modify**.

3. In **Edit DWORD Value**, type 5 in the **Value data** box, and then select **OK**.

4. Example:



3. Enable NTPServer. To do this, follow these steps:

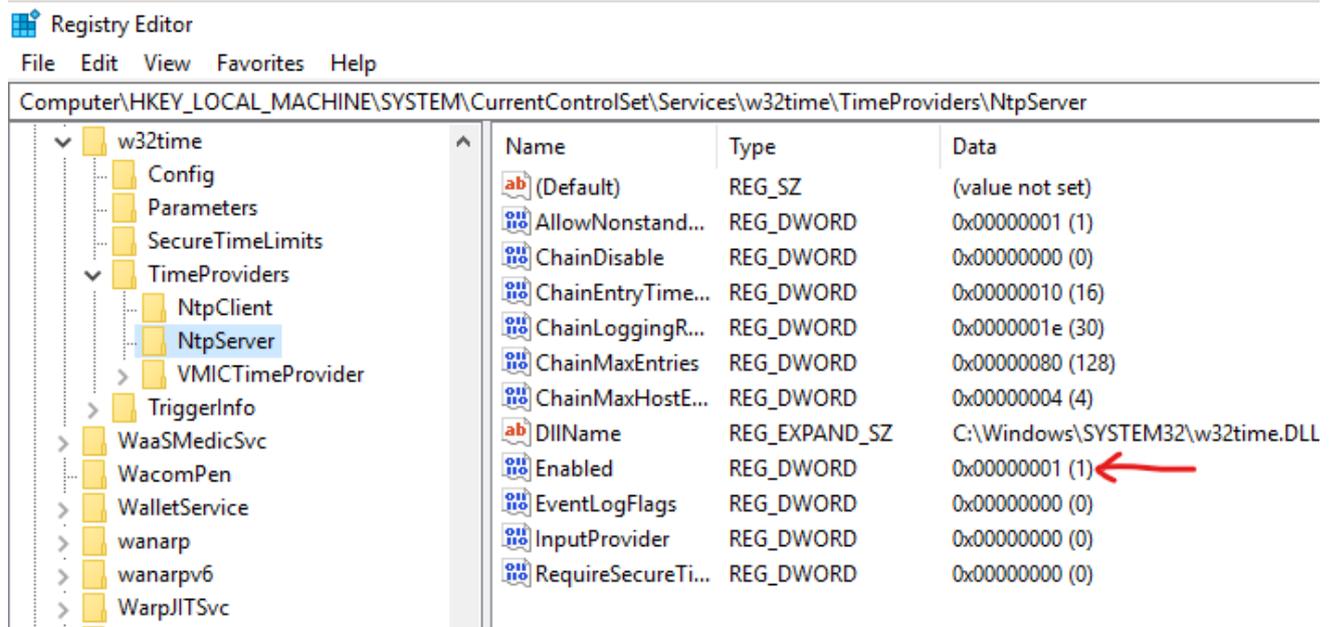
1. Locate and then select the following registry subkey:

`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\TimeProviders\NtpServer`

2. In the pane on the right, right-click **Enabled**, and then select **Modify**.

3. In **Edit DWORD Value**, type 1 in the **Value data** box, and then select **OK**.

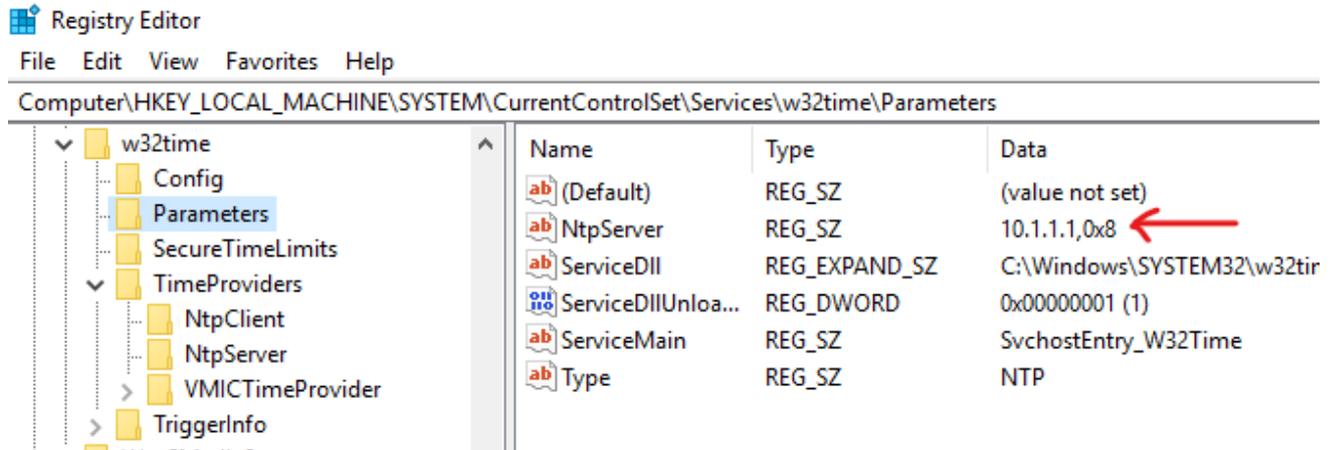
4. Example:



4. Specify the time sources. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Locate and then click the following registry subkey:  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\Parameters
2. In the pane on the right, right-click **NtpServer**, and then select **Modify**.
3. In **Edit Value**, type *Peers* in the **Value data** box, and then select **OK**.

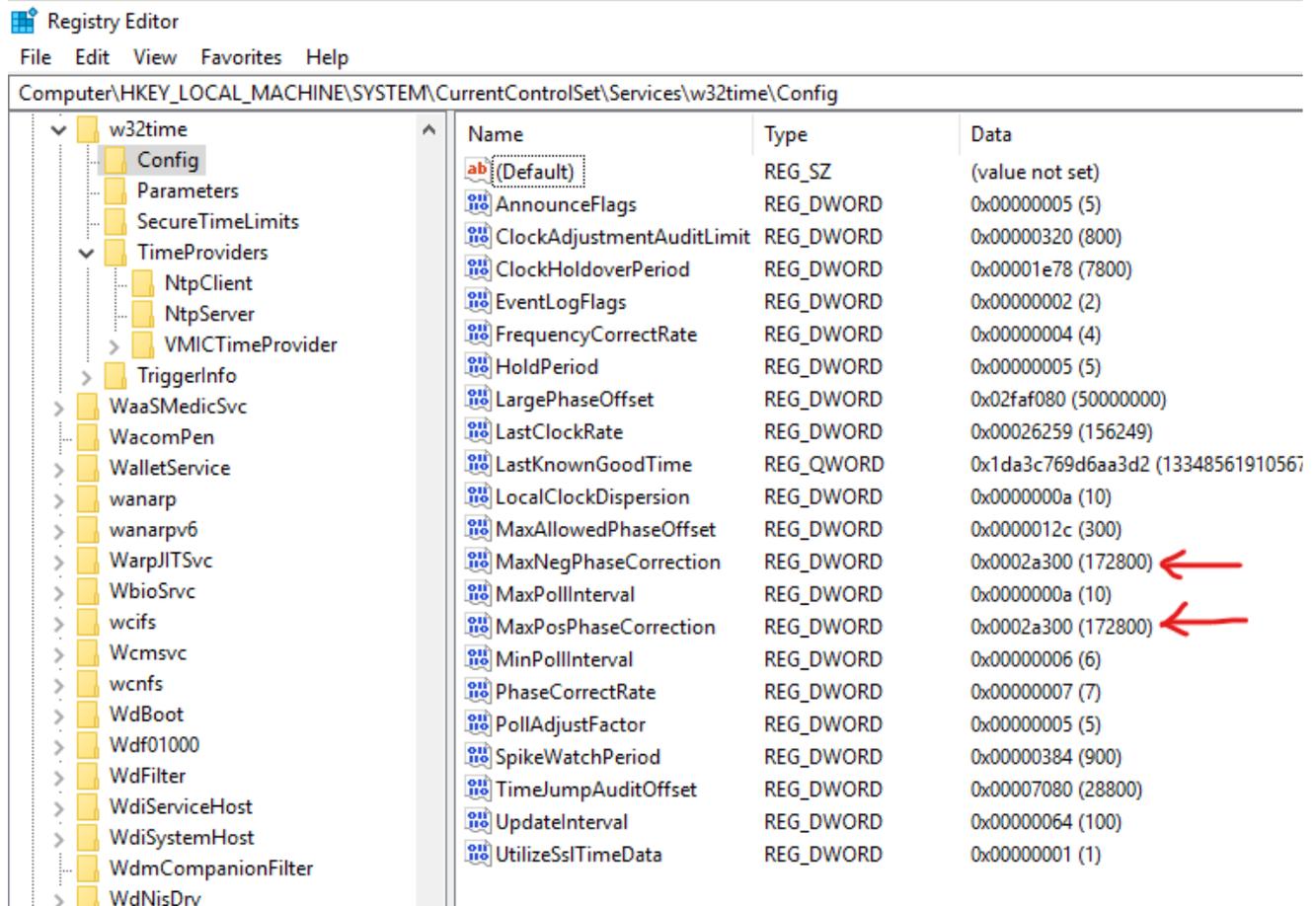
4. Example:



5. Configure the time correction settings. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Locate and then click the following registry subkey:  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\Config
2. In the pane on the right, right-click **MaxPosPhaseCorrection**, and then select **Modify**.
3. In **Edit DWORD Value**, click to select **Decimal** in the **Base** box.
4. In **Edit DWORD Value**, type *TimeInSeconds* in the **Value data** box, and then select **OK**.
5. Locate and then click the following registry subkey:  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\Config
6. In the pane on the right, right-click **MaxNegPhaseCorrection**, and then select **Modify**.

7. In **Edit DWORD Value**, click to select **Decimal** in the **Base** box.
8. In **Edit DWORD Value**, type *TimeInSeconds* in the **Value data** box, and then select **OK**.
9. Example:



6. Close Registry Editor.
7. At the command prompt, type the following command to restart the Windows Time service, and then press Enter:

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net stop w32time && net start w32time
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