

### Current time is not accurate on workstation

#### Software

This information applies to:

- Microsoft Windows 98, NT, 2000 and XP

#### Issue

The current time on a workstation does not remain accurate.

#### Cause

A hardware failure could be preventing the workstation from keeping the correct time while powered off, or a user could be changing the time setting in Windows.

#### Solution

##### The NET TIME Command

The command “NET TIME” in DOS has the ability to synchronize the current time on the workstation to the time on any other machine on the network. The syntax is as follows:

```
NET TIME \\ComputerName /SET /YES
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The /SET command line option will change the current time on the workstation to the time on \\ComputerName. The /YES command line option automatically accepts the change without any user interaction.

##### Setting the time when a user logs on to the workstation

To synchronize the time every time a user logs on to the workstation, you can create a batch file to run the NET TIME command automatically.

1. To create the batch file, use notepad to create a file with the NET TIME command you wish to run (for example: NET TIME \\ComputerName /SET /YES).
2. Save this file as **SyncTime.bat** and create a scheduled task to run SyncTime.bat each time a user logs on to the workstation.