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1 General

LAN Board 7271RC is a **Network Time Server** (NTS) for the **hopf** 7001RC System in 19" (3U) racks.

Board 7271RC is equipped with 10/100 Base-T (auto-sensing) Ethernet interface, which can be used by networks for highly accurate synchronisation over **NTP (Network Time Protocol)**, which is available worldwide. The Board can be installed at any desired point on the network.

Up to 31 of these LAN Boards can be implemented independently from each other in the Base System 7001RC on a modular basis.

Due to its **hot-plug capability**, the Board can be removed from and re-connected to the running 7001RC system at any time and at any point, without affecting the function of other system boards.

A variety of management and monitoring functions are available (e.g. SNMP traps, email notification, Syslog messages).

Increased security is freely available via optional encryption methods such as symmetric keys, Autokey and access restrictions and the disabling of unused protocols.

Extensive parameters are provided to suit the conditions of individual applications by means of a variety of access / configuration channels.

- The accessibility of the LAN Board 7271RC in the network can be established via the **hopf** Base System menu or remote software.
- The Board is configured over Ethernet by means of a web browser over:
 - HTTP/HTTPS WebGUI (**G**raphical **U**ser **I**nterface)
 - Or text-based menus over Telnet and SSH
- Various protocols (e.g. IPv4, http, https, Telnet etc.) are available for the Ethernet connection.

2 Board 7271RC Basic Functions

Time Protocols

- NTPv4 Server
- NTP Broadcast Mode
- NTP Multicast Mode
- NTP Client for additional NTP Servers (redundancy)
- SNTP Server
- NTP Symmetric Key Encryption
- NTP Autokey Encryption
- NTP Access Restrictions
- PPS Time Source
- RFC-867
DAYTIME Server
- RFC-868
TIME Server

TCP/IP Network Protocols

- IPv4: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol - DHCP (RFC 2131)
- HTTP/HTTPS
- FTP
- DHCP
- Telnet
- SSH
- SNMP
- NTP

Configuration

- Status LEDs
- HTTP/HTTPS WebGUI (browser-based)
- Telnet Login
- SSH Login
- External LAN configuration tool

Management

- HTTP/HTTPS (status, control)
- SNMPv2c, SNMP Traps (MIB-II, Private Enterprise MIB)
- SNMPv3
- Email Notification
- Syslog Messages to external Syslog Server
- Real Time Extension / PPSKIT
- Quality of Service (not over TCP/IP)
- Update over TCP/IP
- Fail-safe / Watchdog

Hardware

- Update
- Watchdog Circuit
- Power Management
- System Management

Internal to the Board

An embedded Linux is responsible for the correct operation of the Board. The following Linux operating system version is in use:

Linux hopf727x 2.4.21-NANO (Linux Kernel 2.4.21 with Nano Kernel extension).

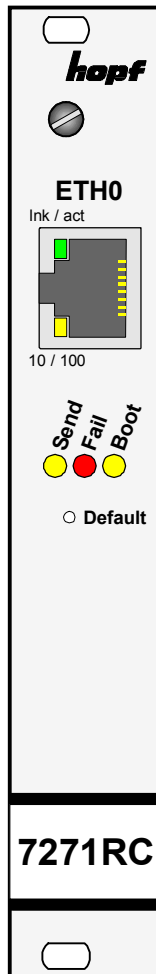
3 Board 7271RC Construction

This Chapter describes the hardware components of Board 7271RC.

3.1 Board 7271RC Front Panel

Board 7271RC has a 3U/4HP front panel for 19" systems. It is equipped with the following components:

3U/4HP Front Panel



ETH0-RJ45 socket - Ethernet LAN Interface

Ink/act LED - Activity with the Ethernet

10/100 LED - 10/100 MBit Ethernet

Send/system bus LED – Access to the Internal System Bus

Fail LED – Readiness for Operation

Boot LED – Boot Status

Default Button – Board Reset / Default Setting

3.1.1 Status LEDs

Board 7271RC has Status LEDs on the front panel. These facilitate detection of the operating status of installed boards.

The LEDs represent the following board conditions:

SEND LED (yellow)	Description
Flashing / flickering	Normal case – indicates access to the system bus. Board 7271RC is correctly integrated into System 7001RC or 68xx.
Off	Board 7271RC is not ready for operation.
On	Fault on Board 7271RC.

Fail LED (red)	Description
Off	Normal case – Board 7271RC is not detecting any operating failure.
On	Board 7271RC is not ready for operation or booting of the Board is delayed (see Chapter 4.1 Delayed Readiness for Operation after Switch-on / Reset).
Flashing (every second)	Default button activated for less than 5 seconds.

Boot LED (yellow)	Description
Off	Normal case – Board 7271RC is in operation.
On	Board 7271RC is booting its operating system (duration approx. 1 minute).

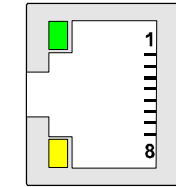
Ink/act LED (green)	Description
Off	There is no LAN connection to a network.
On	LAN connection available.
Flashing	Activity (send / receive) on network.

10/100 LED (yellow)	Description
Off	10 MBit Ethernet detected.
On	100 MBit Ethernet detected.

3.1.2 RJ45 Socket (ETH0)

ETH0

Ink / act



10 / 100

Pin No.	Assignment
1	Tx+
2	Tx–
3	Rx+
4	Not in use
5	Not in use
6	Rx–
7	Not in use
8	Not in use
9	Not in use

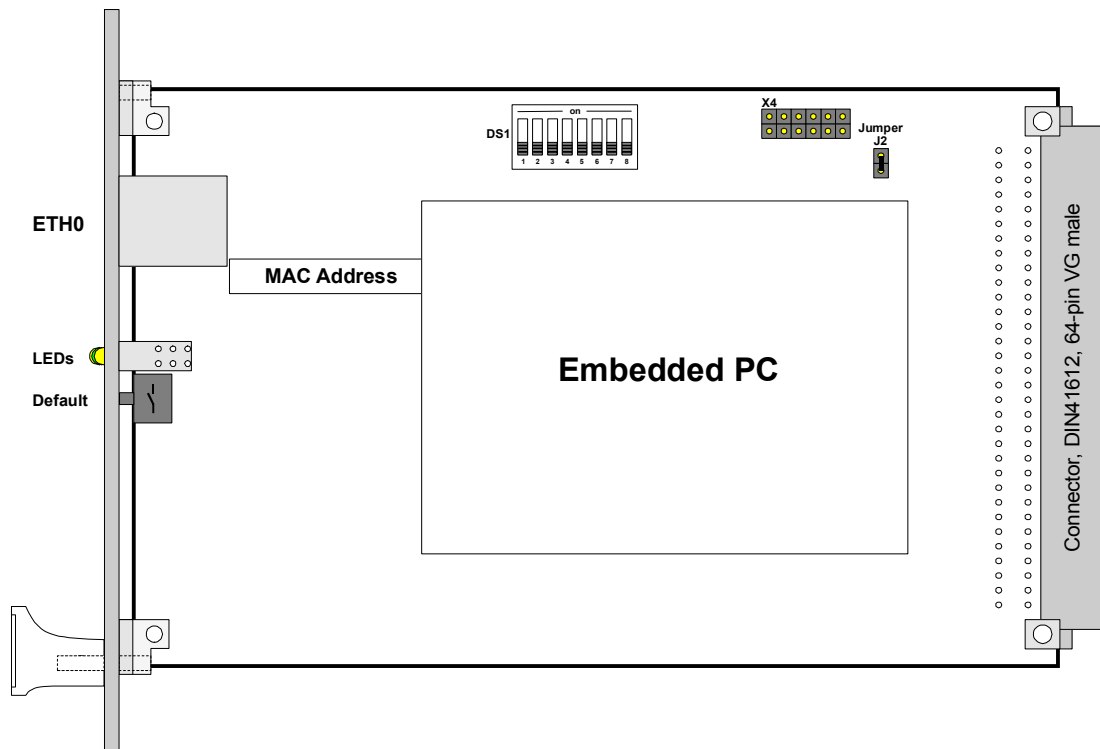


The meanings of the RJ45 socket LEDs are described in **Chapter 3.1.1 Status LEDs**.

3.1.3 Reset / Default Button

The default button is activated by means of a thin object through the hole in the front panel next to the "Default" inscription (see **Chapter 4.2 Reset / Default**).

3.2 Overview of Board 7271RC (3U/4HP) Assembly



3.2.1 DIP Switch DS1

The Board number in the Base System is set here.

DIP Switch DS1	Function
8	No function at present
7	
6	
5	Board number in System 7001RC (see Chapter 5.1 Setting the System Board Number)
4	
3	
2	
1	

3.2.2 MAC Address Labels

Each LAN interface is uniquely identifiable in the Ethernet by means of a MAC address (hardware address). The MAC address assigned to the respective LAN interface can be found on the label assigned to the interface. A unique MAC address is assigned by **hopf** Elektronik GmbH for each LAN interface.



hopf Elektronik GmbH MAC addresses begin with **00:03:C7:xx:xx:xx**.

3.2.3 Heat Sink

Due to the installation height, care should be taken to ensure that the heat sink does not make contact with surrounding system components when removing or inserting Board 7271RC.

4 Board 7271RC System Performance

Behaviour of Board 7271RC when switching on and resetting the Base System and when activating the default button on the front panel.

4.1 Delayed Readiness for Operation after Switch-on / Reset

Board 7271RC requires an increased supply current during the boot procedure (Board start-up). In order to guarantee the power management of the system, booting of the Board is delayed dependent on the set System Board number.

The red Fail LED on the front panel lights up during the delay phase.



Booting delay = Board number x 30 seconds

4.2 Reset / Default Button

Board 7271RC can be reset or placed in default status with the aid of the default button which is located behind the Board's front panel. The default button can be accessed by means of a thin object through a small hole in the front panel.

Default Button	Description
Press for approx. 1 second	Trigger Board reset (see Chapter 4.2.1 Board Reset)
Press for more than 5 seconds	Place Board in default status (see Chapter 4.2.2 Place LAN Parameters in Default Status)

4.2.1 Board Reset

A reset is triggered on Board 7271RC by briefly pressing the default button (approx. 1-2 seconds). This reset does not affect the Base System and its other functions.

Trigger Board reset with the default button:

1. Briefly press default button (approx. 1-2 seconds).
2. Board reset takes place maximum 5 seconds after releasing the default button.
3. Red Fail LED lights up ⇒ Board 7271RC is not yet ready for operation.
4. Yellow Send LED flickers ⇒ Board 7271RC is integrated into the Base System.
5. Red Fail LED goes out and yellow Boot LED lights up ⇒ the Board begins to boot depending on the set Board number (the boot process can take up to one minute).
6. Full operating status is obtained when:
 - Send LED flickers
 - Fail LED is not lit
 - Boot LED is not lit



Board 7271RC is not immediately accessible following a reset (see **Chapter 4.1 Delayed Readiness for Operation after Switch-on / Reset**).

4.2.2 Place LAN Parameters in Default Status

Board 7271RC can be placed in default status by means of the default button in the event that the Board is no longer reachable on the Ethernet following incorrect configuration (e.g. over the Ethernet).

If the default button is pressed for longer than 5 seconds, the following LAN parameters which are stored on the Board are set in the DHCP mode:

- IP 000.000.000.000
- Gateway 000.000.000.000
- Network mask 000.000.000.000



The LAN parameter like IP address, Netmask and Gateway are not changed in the system 7001RC. After a default they will be assumed from the board 7271RC.



All other configurations can only be set to default status via the Ethernet interface (see **Chapter 7.3.5.3 Restoring the Factory Settings - Factory Defaults**).

Set Board 7271RC to default status.

1. Press the default button
2. Red Fail LED flashes every second until "Trigger Default" is reached (after approx. 5 seconds)
3. Release the default button
4. Board 7271RC takes over the default settings
5. Board 7271RC triggers a Board reset
6. Create accessibility to the Ethernet via the Base System (reset the IP address, gateway and network mask via the Base System menu)
7. Check all configurations in the WebGUI and reset if necessary

5 Implementing Board 7271RC in a **hopf** Base System

All Function Boards are parameterised individually from within the Base System.



Each Function Board is uniquely identified in a **hopf** Base System via the Board type and an assigned Board number

The following steps are required for the purpose of implementation:

- Free slot available in the Base System
- Not more than 30 LAN boards already implemented in the system
- Set a Board number that is not yet assigned in the Base System via the DIP switch on Board 7271RC
- Insert the LAN Board
- Select the LAN Board setting menu in the Base System (LAN x / x = set Board number)
- Set the desired LAN parameters (IP address, network mask and gateway) via the menu or remote software
- Configure LAN Board 7271RC over WebGUI and Ethernet

5.1 Setting the System Board Number

The boards must be coded to a System Board number in order to enable the various LAN Boards to be administered and configured in the Base System.



Under no circumstances may two LAN Boards 7271RC with the same Board number be integrated into one Base System. This leads to unspecified faults on these two Boards!

The coding of the Board number takes place on Board 7271RC via DIP switch bank (**DS1**).

5.1.1 Setting the Board Number for Base System 7001RC

A maximum of 31 LAN Boards 7271RC can be configured in System 7001RC. The Board number is set via the DIP switch bank (**DS1-Dip1-5**) for unique identification in the Base System.

DIP 5	DIP 4	DIP 3	DIP 2	DIP 1	System Board No.:
off	off	off	off	off	-
off	off	off	off	on	Board Nr. 01
off	off	off	on	off	Board Nr. 02
off	off	off	on	on	Board Nr. 03
off	off	on	off	off	Board Nr. 04
off	off	on	off	on	Board Nr. 05
off	off	on	on	off	Board Nr. 06
off	off	on	on	on	Board Nr. 07
off	on	off	off	off	Board Nr. 08
off	on	off	off	on	Board Nr. 09
off	on	off	on	off	Board Nr. 10
off	on	off	on	on	Board Nr. 11
off	on	on	off	off	Board Nr. 12
off	on	on	off	on	Board Nr. 13
off	on	on	on	off	Board Nr. 14
off	on	on	on	on	Board Nr. 15
on	off	off	off	off	Board Nr. 16
on	off	off	off	on	Board Nr. 17
on	off	off	on	off	Board Nr. 18
on	off	off	on	on	Board Nr. 19
on	off	on	off	off	Board Nr. 20
on	off	on	off	on	Board Nr. 21
on	off	on	on	off	Board Nr. 22
on	off	on	on	on	Board Nr. 23
on	on	off	off	off	Board Nr. 24
on	on	off	off	on	Board Nr. 25
on	on	off	on	off	Board Nr. 26
on	on	off	on	on	Board Nr. 27
on	on	on	off	off	Board Nr. 28
on	on	on	off	on	Board Nr. 29
on	on	on	on	off	Board Nr. 30
on	on	on	on	on	Board Nr. 31



Only these Board numbers set with the DIP switch are allowable in System 7001RC.
System 7001RC is unable to configure Board numbers which are set outside the range of the system (31).

5.2 Creating the Network Connection



Ensure that the network parameters of the LAN Board are configured in accordance with the local network before connecting the LAN Board to the network (see **Chapter 6 Board 7271RC Network Configuration via the Base System**).



Connecting a network to an incorrectly configured LAN Board (e.g. duplicated IP address) may cause interference in the network.



Request the required network parameters from your network administrator if you do not know them.

The network connection is made via a LAN cable and RJ45 plug (recommended cable type: CAT5 or better).

6 Board 7271RC Network Configuration via the Base System

The only configuration that is carried out on Board 7271RC via the Base System is to enable it to be reachable on the network. All other configurations on the Board are carried out over the WebGUI.

LAN Board 7271RC is configured via the keyboard or remote software of the respective Base System. The necessary network parameters such as IP address, Gateway, Netmask and general control bytes are configured.

The Technical Description of the respective Base System 7001RC is the basis for configuration.



After they have been entered fully, the LAN parameters configured through the system menu are transferred to the control board by pressing the **ENT** key. From here the parameters are transferred to the LAN board.



The Base System accept LAN parameters which are subsequently changed via the WebGUI.

IP Address (IPv4)

AN IP address is a 32 bit value divided into four 8 bit numbers. The standard presentation is 4 decimal numbers (in the range 0...255) separated from each other by dots (dotted quad notation).

Example: 192.002.001.123

The IP address consists of a leading network ID followed by the host ID. Four common network classes were defined in order to cover different requirements. Depending on the network class, the last one, two or three bytes define the host while the rest define the network (network ID) in each case.

In the following text the "x" stands for the host part of the IP address.

Class A Networks

IP addresses 001.xxx.xxx.xxx to 127.xxx.xxx.xxx

There is a maximum of 127 different networks in this class. This allows the possibility to connect a very high number of devices (max. 16.777.216)

Example: 100.000.000.001, (Network 100, Host 000.000.001)

Class B Networks

IP addresses 128.000.xxx.xxx to 191.255.xxx.xxx

Each of these networks can consist of up to 65534 devices.

Example: 172.001.003.002 (Network 172.001, Host 003.002)

Class C Networks

IP addresses 192.000.000.xx to 223.255.255.xxx

These network addresses are the most commonly used. Up to 254 devices can be connected.

Class D Networks

The addresses from 224.xxx.xxx.xxx - 239.xxx.xxx.xxx are used as multicast addresses.

Class E Networks

The addresses from 240.xxx.xxx.xxx - 254.xxx.xxx.xxx are designated as "Class E" and are reserved.

Gateway Address

The gateway or router address is required in order to be able to communicate with other network segments. The standard gateway must be set to the router address which connects these segments. This address must be within the local network.

Network Mask

The network mask is used to partition IP addresses outside of network classes A, B and C. When entering the network mask it is possible to designate the number of bits of the IP address to be used as the network part and the number to be used as the host part, e.g.:

Network Class	Network Part	Host Part	Network Mask Binary	Network Mask Decimal
A	8 Bit	24 Bit	11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000	255.0.0.0
B	16 Bit	16 Bit	11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000	255.255.0.0
C	24 Bit	8 Bit	11111111.11111111.11111111.00000000	255.255.255.0

The number of bits for the host part is entered in order to calculate the network mask:

Network Mask	Host Bits
255.255.255.252	2
255.255.255.248	3
255.255.255.240	4
255.255.255.224	5
255.255.255.192	6
255.255.255.128	7
255.255.255.000	8
255.255.254.000	9
255.255.252.000	10
255.255.248.000	11
.	.
.	.
255.128.000.000	23
255.000.000.000	24

Example:

Desired network mask:

255.255.255.128

Value to be entered:

7

6.1 Input Functions of Base Systems 7001RC



After they have been entered fully, the LAN parameters configured through the system menu are transferred to the control board by pressing the **ENT** key. From here the parameters are transferred to the LAN board.

The input and display functions of the board parameters are polled in the menu heading **BOARD-SETUP : 4**

with **ENT** key ⇒ Main menu

with **4** key ⇒ Board setup

with **N** key ⇒ Scroll to menu heading:

[illegible]

Select with key **Y**

Search for board to be parameterized with key **N** and select with key **Y**.

Example:

PARAMETER	BOARD 03 OF 25	7271 NO.: 01
STATUS: M/ -	BOARDNAME: "ETHERNET"	SET>Y/N

PARAMETER BOARD 03 OF 25	⇒ board 03 of 25 implemented
7271RC NO.: 01	⇒ board type 7271RC with board number 01
STATUS: M (I)/- (E)	⇒ M or I = monitoring or no monitoring
	⇒ E or – = without error operating or board error
BOARDNAME:"ETHERNET "	⇒ ETHERNET board name freely selected by customer

6.1.1 Inputting the Static IPv4 Address / DHCP Mode

The IP address / DHCP mode are entered via the following selection frames:

Static IPv4 Address

In the upper line the selected board appears with its board number and IPv4 address. For configuration of a new IPv4 address the complete entry of the 4 groups of digits is necessary.

The IPv4 address is entered in 4 groups of digits configurable from 000 to 255. They are separated by a dot (.). Input must be in the form of 3 digits (e.g.: 2 ⇒ 002).

An example of a complete entry would be as follows:

B	.	7	2	7	1	N	O	:	0	1	I	P	-	A	D	R	>	1	9	2	.	1	6	8	.	0	1	7	.	0	0	1	<		
						N	E	W	I	P	-	A	D	D	R	E	S	S	>	~	~	~	.	~	~	~	.	~	~	~	.	~	~	~	<

In the case of an implausible entry (such as 265), an INPUT ERROR is sent and the complete entry is rejected.

DHCP / Static IP Address Assignment

For the use of DHCP, the IP address, gateway address and network mask are all to be fully set to >000.000.000.000< (invalid IP address).

All other addresses are interpreted as static IP addresses.

6.1.2 Inputting the Gateway Address

The gateway address can be entered via the selection screen.

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B . 7 2 7 1  N O . : 0 1  G W - A D R  > 2 5 5 . 0 0 0 . 0 0 0 . 0 0 0 <
NEW  G W - A D D R E S S  > ~ ~ ~ . ~ ~ ~ . ~ ~ ~ . ~ ~ ~ <

```

The Gateway address can now be entered in the same way as the IP address, as described in **Chapter 6.1.1 Inputting the Static IPv4 Address / DHCP Mode**.

A demarcation arrow follows the last group of figures "<".

6.1.3 Inputting the Network Mask

The network mask can be entered via the selection screen.

```

B . 7 2 7 1  N O . : 0 1  N E T M A S C  > 2 5 5 . 2 5 5 . 0 0 0 . 0 0 0 <
NEW  N E T M A S C  > ~ ~ ~ . ~ ~ ~ . ~ ~ ~ . ~ ~ ~ <

```

The network mask can now be entered in the same way as the IP address, as described in **Chapter 6.1.1 Inputting the Static IPv4 Address / DHCP Mode**.

A demarcation arrow follows the last group of figures "<".

6.1.4 Inputting the Control-Byte (no function at present)

The Control-Byte is shown on the top line with the currently set values.

```

B . 7 2 7 1  N R . : 0 1  C O N T R O L - B Y T E  0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
NEW  C O N T R O L - B Y T E  > ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ <

```

For the purposes of manipulation, the individual bits of the new byte are to be entered on the second line using "0" and "1". The complete Control Byte must always be recorded and confirmed with the **ENT** key.

The bits of the Control Byte are numbered in descending order:

```

C O N T R O L - B Y T E  > 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 <

```

Bits 7-0	No function at present
0	These bits should always be set to "0" for reasons of compatibility.

6.1.5 Inputting the Parameterbyte 01 (no function at present)

Parameter of Parameter-Byte 01 is shown on the top line with the currently set values.

B . 7 2 7 1	N O . : 0 1		O L D :	B Y T E	0 1	>	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	<	
B Y T E	=	B I T	7 . . 0	N E W :	B Y T E	0 1	>	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	<

For the purposes of manipulation, the individual bits of the new byte are to be entered on the second line using "0" and "1". The complete Parameter Byte must always be recorded and confirmed with the **ENT** key.

The bits of the Parameter Byte are numbered in descending order:

B Y T E	0 1	>	7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0	<
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Bits 7-0	No function at present
0	These bits should always be set to "0" for reasons of compatibility.

6.1.6 Inputting the Parameterbyte 02 (no function at present)

Parameter of Parameterbyte 02 is shown on the top line with the currently set values.

B . 7 2 7 1	N O . : 0 1		O L D :	B Y T E	0 2	>	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	<	
B Y T E	=	B I T	7 . . 0	N E W :	B Y T E	0 2	>	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	<

For the purposes of manipulation, the individual bits of the new byte are to be entered on the second line using "0" and "1". The complete Parameter Byte must always be recorded and confirmed with the **ENT** key.

The bits of the Parameter Byte are numbered in descending order:

B Y T E	0 2	>	7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0	<
---------	-----	---	-----------------	---

Bits 7-0	No function at present
0	These bits should always be set to "0" for reasons of compatibility.

7 HTTP/HTTPS WebGUI – Web Browser Configuration Interface



JavaScript and Cookies must be enabled in the browser in order for the WebGUI to display and function correctly.



The WebGUI has been tested with the following browsers: MOZILLA 1.x, Netscape 7.x and IE 6.x – some functions do not run on older versions.

7.1 Quick Configuration

This Chapter briefly describes the basic operation of the WebGUI installed on the Board.

7.1.1 Requirements

- Ready-for-operation **hopf** Base System with implemented Board 7271RC
- Board made accessible to the network (see **Chapter 6 Board 7271RC Network Configuration via the Base System**)
- PC with installed web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer) in the sub-network of Board 7271RC

7.1.2 Configuration Steps

- Create the connection to the Board with a web browser
- Login as a '**master**' user (no password is set initially)
- Switch to Network tab and enter the DNS Server (required for NTP and the alarm)
- Save the configuration
- Switch to Device tab and restart Network Time Server
- NTP Service is now available with the standard settings



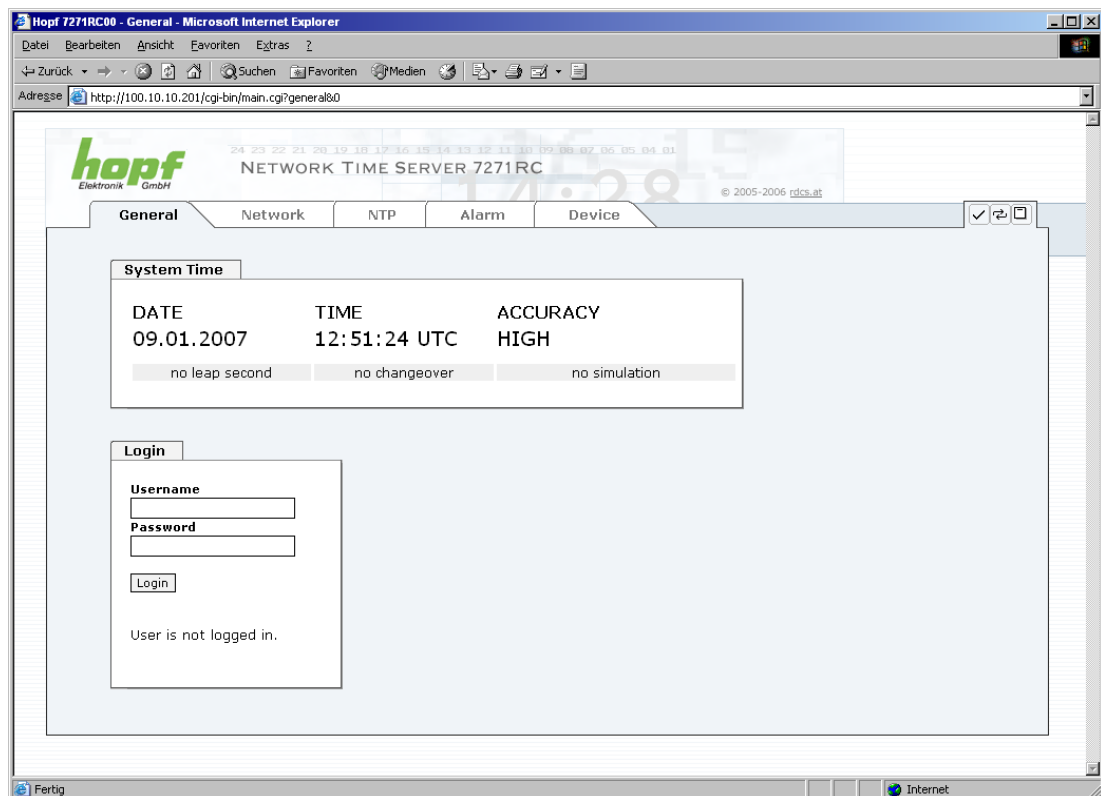
The following detailed explanatory information should be read if anything is unclear while executing the configuration steps.

7.2 General – Introduction

Board 7271RC should be accessible to a web browser if it has been set up correctly. Enter the IP address - as set up on the Board earlier - or the DNS name on the address line <<http://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx>> and the following screen should appear.



Configuration can only be completed via the Board's WebGUI!



The WebGUI was developed for multi-user read access but not multi-user write access. It is the responsibility of the user to pay attention to this issue.

7.2.1 LOGIN and LOGOUT as a User

All of the Board's data can be read without being logged on as a special user. However, the Board data can only be configured or modified by an authorised user! Two types of user are defined:

- **"master"** user (user name **<master>** no password is set on delivery)
- **"device"** user (user name **<device>** no password is set on delivery)

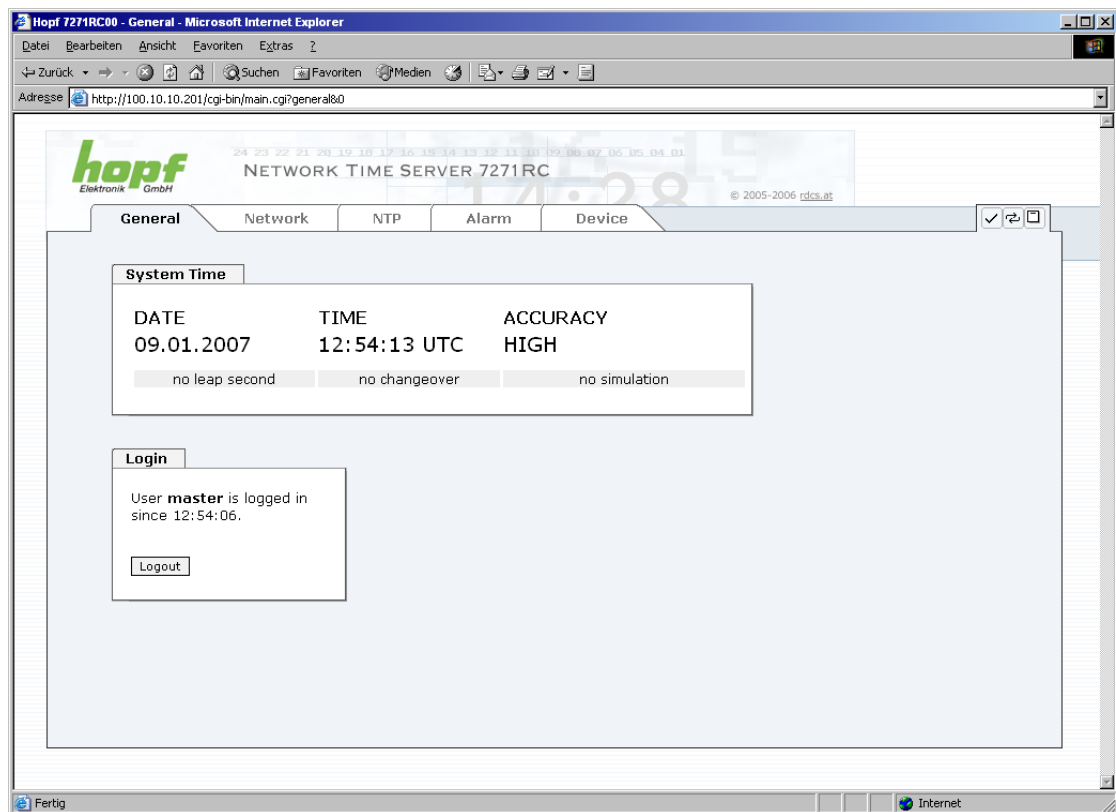


Differentiation is made between **upper and lower case** characters in the password. Alphanumeric characters and the following symbols can be used: **[] () * - _ ! \$ % & / = ?**



The password should be changed after the first login for security reasons (see **chapter 7.3.5.6 Passwords**).

The following screen should be visible after logging in as a "master" user:



Click on the **Logout** button to log out. WebGUI is equipped with session management. If a user does not log out, he or she is automatically logged off after 10 minutes of inactivity (idle time).

After successful login, depending on the access level (device or master user), changes can be made to the configuration and saved.

Users logged in as **Master** have all access rights to Board 7271RC.

Users logged in as **Device** do not have access to:

- Trigger reboot
- Trigger factory defaults
- Carry out image update
- Carry out H8 firmware update
- Upload certification
- Change master password
- Download configuration files

7.2.2 Navigation via the Web Interface

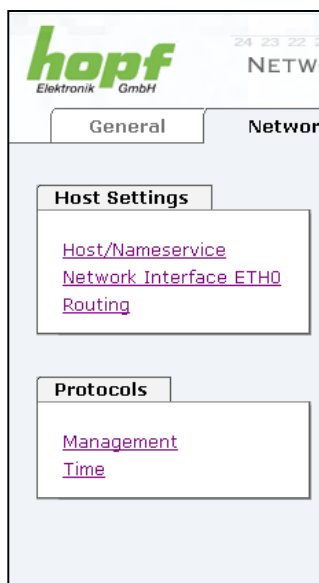
The WebGUI is divided into function tabs. Click on one of these tabs to navigate through the Board. The selected tab is identified by a darker background colour, see the following image (General in this case).



User login is not required in order to navigate through the Board configuration options.



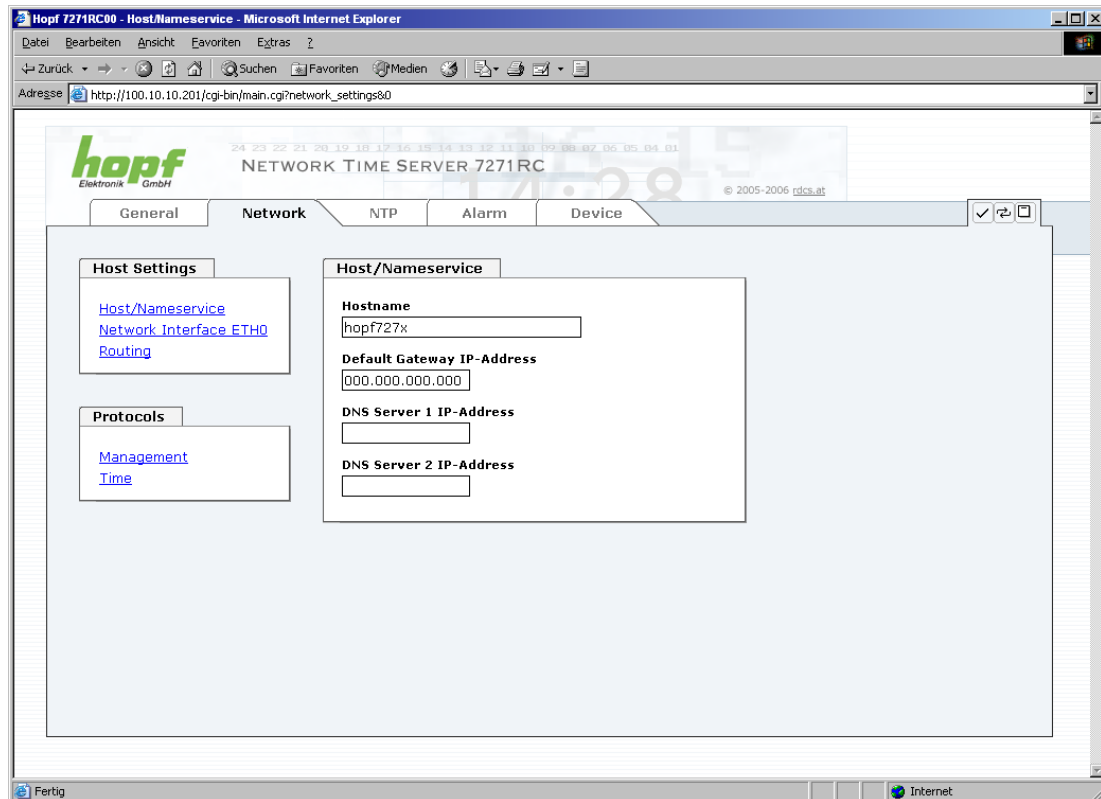
JavaScript should be enabled in the browser in order to guarantee the correct operation of the web interface.



All the links within the tabs on the left hand side lead to corresponding detailed setting options.

7.2.3 Inputting or Changing Data

It is necessary to be logged on as one of the users described above in order input or change data.



After an entry has been made the configured field is marked with a star ' * '. This means that a value has been entered or changed but is not yet stored in the flash memory. It is necessary to be acquainted with the symbols shown below in order to be able to save the configuration or the changed value.



Meaning of the symbols from left to right:

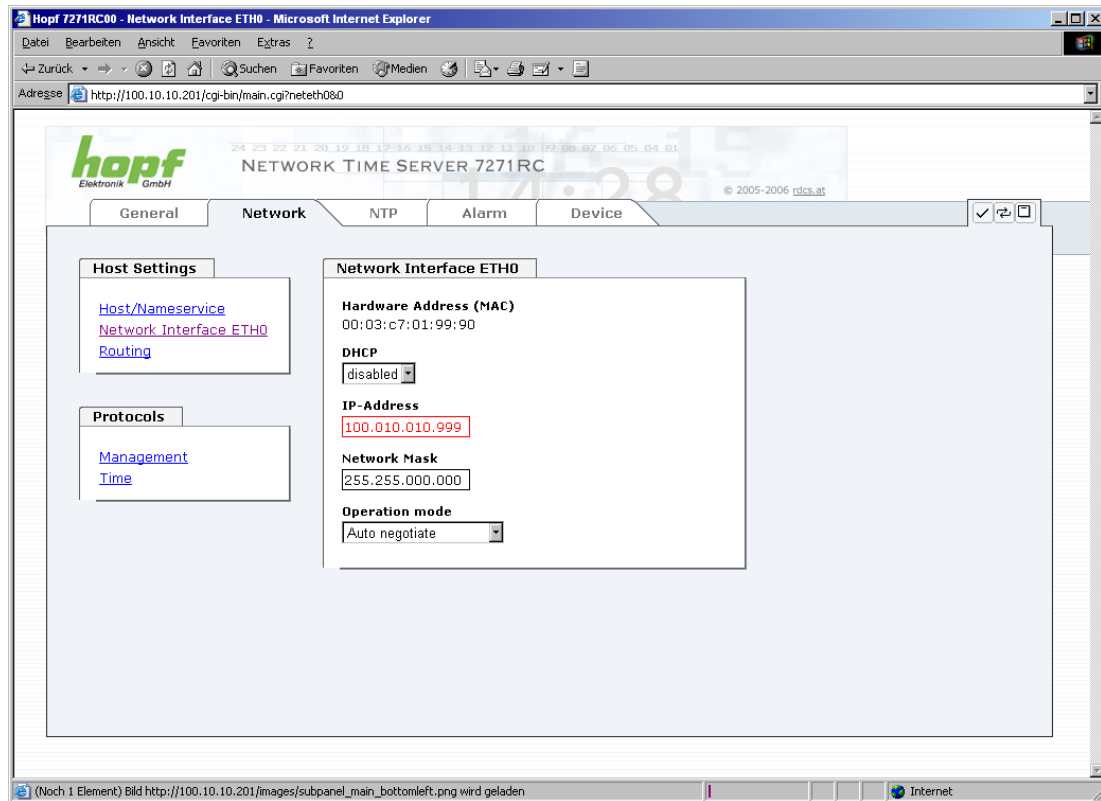
No.	Symbol	Description
1	Apply	Acceptance of changes and entered data
2	Reload	Restoring the saved data
3	Save	Permanent storage of the data in the flash configuration

For permanent storage the value **MUST** be accepted by the Board with **Apply** and then saved with **Save**.

If the data is only to be tested it is sufficient to accept the changes with **Apply**. However, this data is then lost when the **hopf** Base System is switched off or restarted.

7.2.4 Plausibility Check during Input

A plausibility check is generally carried out during input.



As can be seen in the above image (field "IP-Address"), an invalid value (e.g. text where a number should be entered, IP address instead of a range etc.) is identified by a red border when an attempt is made to accept these settings. It should be noted here that this is only a semantic check and not to test whether an entered IP address can be used on the network or in the configuration! If an error message is displayed it is not possible to save the configuration in the Board's flash memory.



The error check only verifies semantics and the validity of ranges. It is **NOT** a logic or network check for entered data.

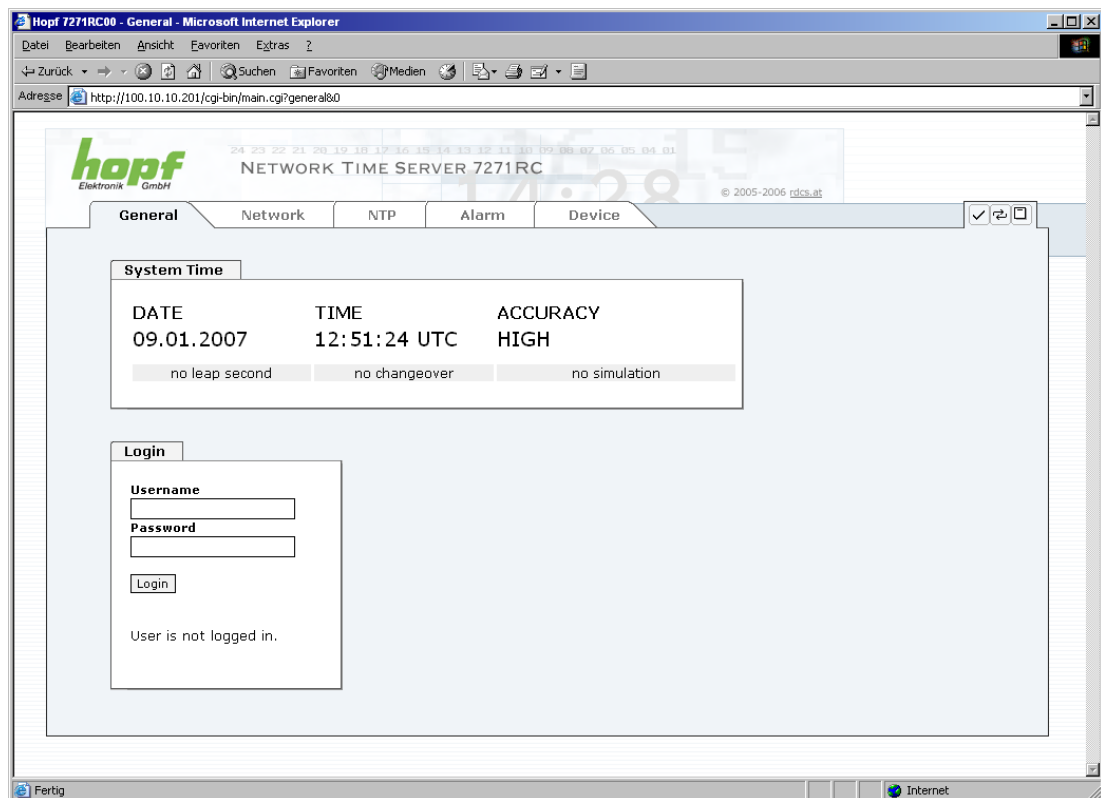
7.3 Description of the Tabs

The WebGUI is divided into the following tabs:

- General
- Network
- NTP
- Alarm
- Device

7.3.1 GENERAL Tab

This is the first tab which is displayed when using the web interface.



This area shows basic information about the current time and date of the Board. The time ALWAYS corresponds to UTC time. The reason for this is that NTP always works with UTC and not local time.

The **ACCURACY** field contains the values LOW, MEDIUM and HIGH. The meaning of these values is explained in **Chapter 11.5 Accuracy & NTP**.

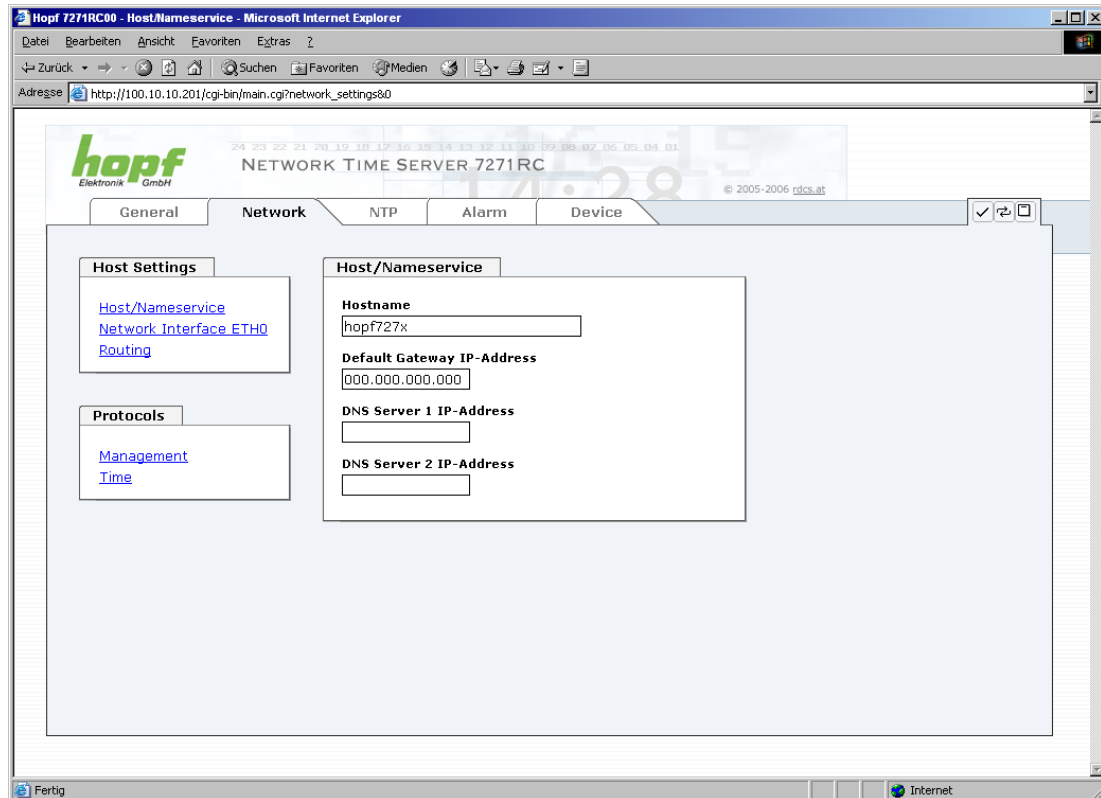
The **Leapsecond** and **Changeover** display fields announce that such an event is to take place on the next hour change.

The **Simulation display** is used if the system time of the **hopf** Base System is marked as a simulated time (not currently available).

The **Login** box is used in accordance with **Chapter 7.2.1 LOGIN and LOGOUT as a User**.

7.3.2 NETWORK Tab

All the links within the tabs on the left hand side lead to corresponding detailed setting options.



7.3.2.1 Hostname/Nameservice

Setting for the unique network identification.

7.3.2.1.1 Hostname

The standard setting for the Hostname is "**hopf727x**". This name should also be adapted to the respective network infrastructure.

If in doubt, simply leave the standard value in place or ask your network administrator.



A BLANK Hostname is not a valid name and can cause the Board to malfunction.

7.3.2.1.2 Default Gateway

The standard gateway is generally configured via the Base System menu. However it can also be changed via the web interface.

Contact your network administrator for details of the standard gateway if not known.

If no standard gateway is available (special case), enter 0.0.0.0 in the input field or leave the field blank.

7.3.2.1.3 DNS Server 1 & 2

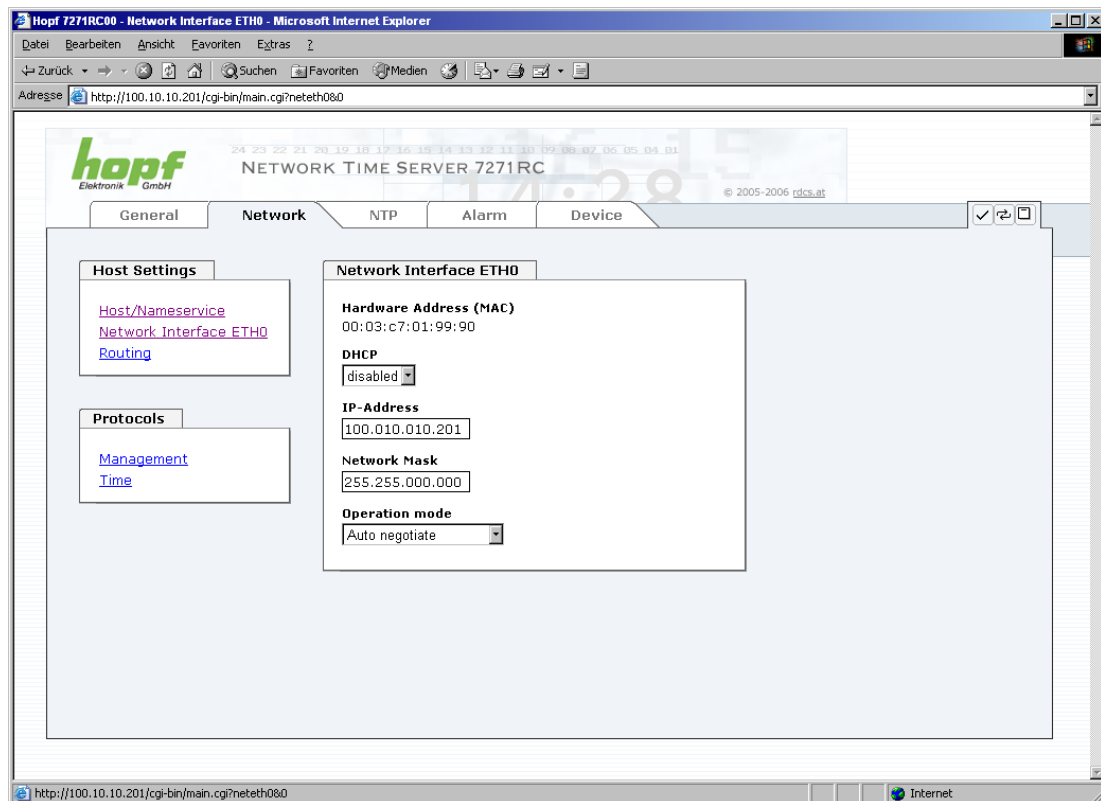
The IP address of the DNS server should be entered if you wish to use complete Hostnames (hostname.domainname) or work with reverse lookup.

Contact your network administrator for details of the DNS server if not known.

If no DNS server is available (special case), enter 0.0.0.0 in the input field or leave the field blank.

7.3.2.2 Network Interface ETH0

Configuration of the Ethernet interface.



7.3.2.2.1 Hardware Address (MAC Address)

The MAC address can only be read and cannot be changed by the user. It is assigned once-only by **hopf** Elektronik GmbH for each Ethernet.



hopf Elektronik GmbH MAC addresses begin with **00:03:C7:xx:xx:xx**.

7.3.2.2.2 DHCP

If DHCP is to be used, 0.0.0.0 should be entered as the IP address via the **hopf** Base System menu (likewise for gateway and network mask). This change can also be made via the web interface by enabling the DHCP.



Changes to the IP address or the enabling of DHCP take immediate effect when the settings are accepted. The connection to the web interface must be adapted and regenerated.

7.3.2.2.3 IP Address

The IP address is generally configured via the **hopf** Base System menu. However it can also be changed via the web interface.

Contact your network administrator for details of the IP address if not known.

7.3.2.2.4 Network Mask

The network mask is generally configured via the **hopf** Base System menu. However it can also be changed via the web interface.

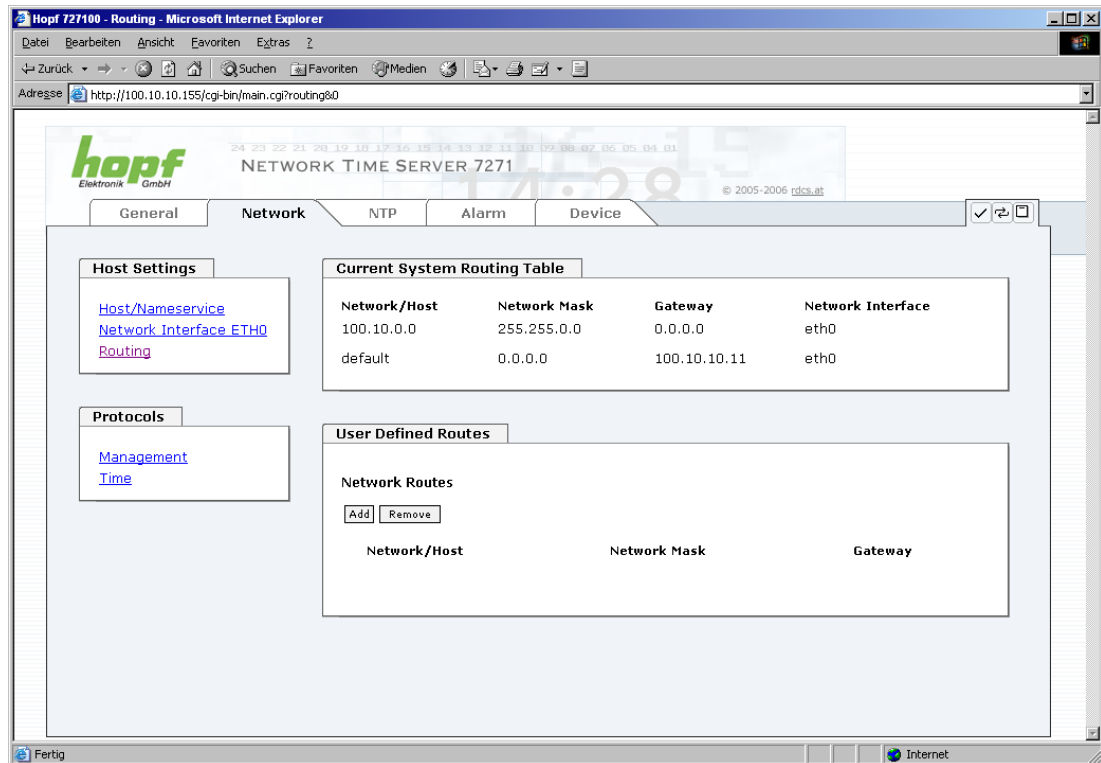
Contact your network administrator for details of the network mask if not known.

7.3.2.2.5 Operation Mode

The network device usually adjusts the speed and duplex mode to the device to which it is connected (e.g. HUB, SWITCH) automatically. If the network device requires a certain speed or duplex mode, this can be configured via the web interface. The value should only be changed in special cases. The automatic setting is normally used.

7.3.2.3 Routing

A route must be configured if the Board is to be used in more than the local sub-network.



Routes cannot be used where the gateway / gateway host is not in the local sub-network range of the Board.



This feature is an extended option and can cause problems in the network if it is not configured correctly!

The image above shows every configured route of the Base System Routing Table as well as the User Defined Routes.



The Board cannot be used as a router!

7.3.2.4 Management / Time Protocols / SNMP

Protocols that are not required should be disabled for security reasons. The only protocol that cannot be disabled is the HTTP/HTTPS. A correctly configured Board is always accessible via the web interface.

Changes to the security for a protocol (enable/disable) take effect immediately.

Management Protocols	SNMP
HTTP/HTTPS enabled	System Location
SSH enabled	System Contact
TELNET enabled	SNMP Read Only Community public
SNMP enabled	SNMP Read Write Community private

All fields must be completed for the SNMP to operate correctly. Contact your network administrator if you do not have all the data.

The SNMP protocol should be enabled when using SNMP Traps.



These service settings are applicable across the board! Services with “disabled” status are not externally accessible and are not made externally available by the Board!!!

Time Protocols
NTP enabled
DAYTIME enabled
TIME enabled

Various synchronisation protocols can be enabled/disabled here.

7.3.3 NTP Tab

This tab shows the options for all of the NTP services, which can also be configured here. This is the Board's main service.

If you are not familiar with the subject of NTP you can find a short description in the Glossary. More information is also available at <http://www.ntp.org/>.

NTP functionality is provided by an NTP-Demon (product version ntp-4.2.0), which runs on the embedded Linux of the Board. The Linux system is equipped with a NANO kernel extension (PPS kit 2.1.2) in order to achieve the highest possible accuracy as well as nanosecond resolution in the kernel.

Depending on the **hopf** Base System it may take several hours until long-term accuracy is obtained. During this time the NTP algorithm adjusts the internal accuracy parameters.



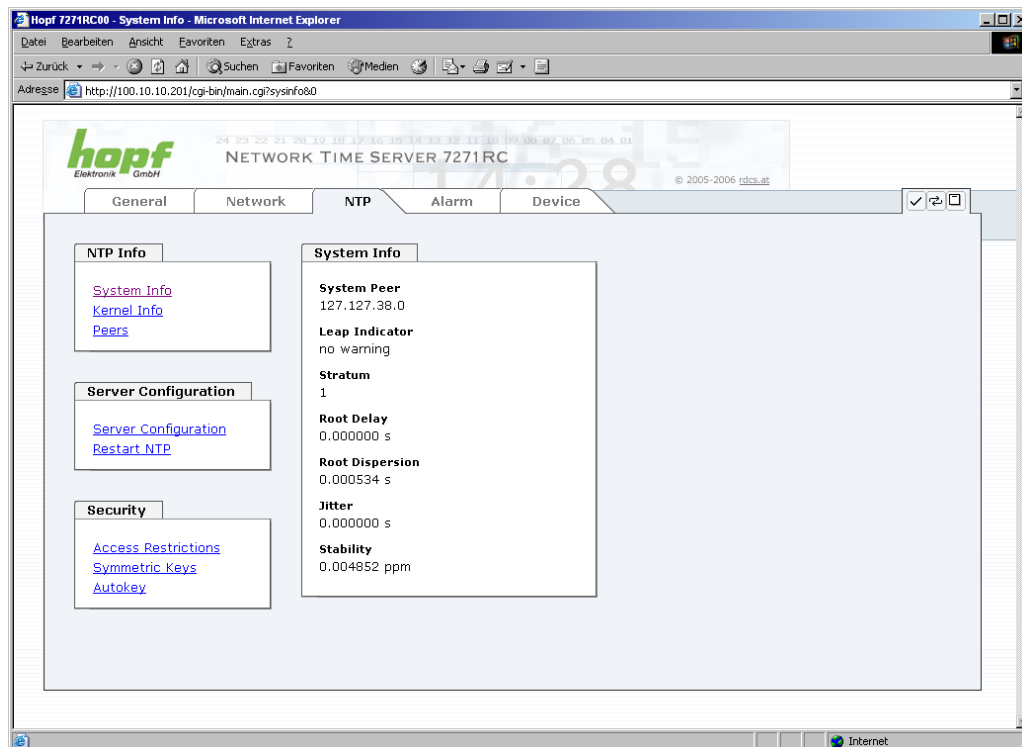
NTP time protocol must be enabled in order to use NTP
(see **Chapter 7.3.2.4 Management / Time Protocols / SNMP**).

7.3.3.1 System Info

The Base System "System Info" summary, which is shown in the image below, displays the momentary NTP data of the embedded Linux and provides additional information about stratum, leap second, current Base System peer, jitter and the stability of the time information.

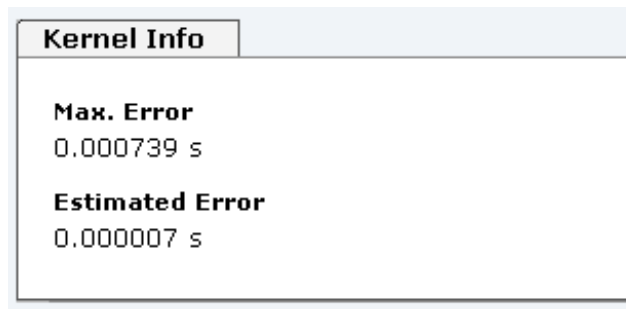
The NTP version used correctly adjusts the leap second.

The NTP server works with stratum 1 and belongs to the best available class of NTP server, as it has a reference clock with direct access.



7.3.3.2 Kernel Info

The “Kernel Info” summary shows the current error values of the embedded Linux kernel. Both values are internally updated every second.



This screenshot shows a maximum kernel error of 0.739 msec (milliseconds). The estimated error value is 7µs (microseconds).

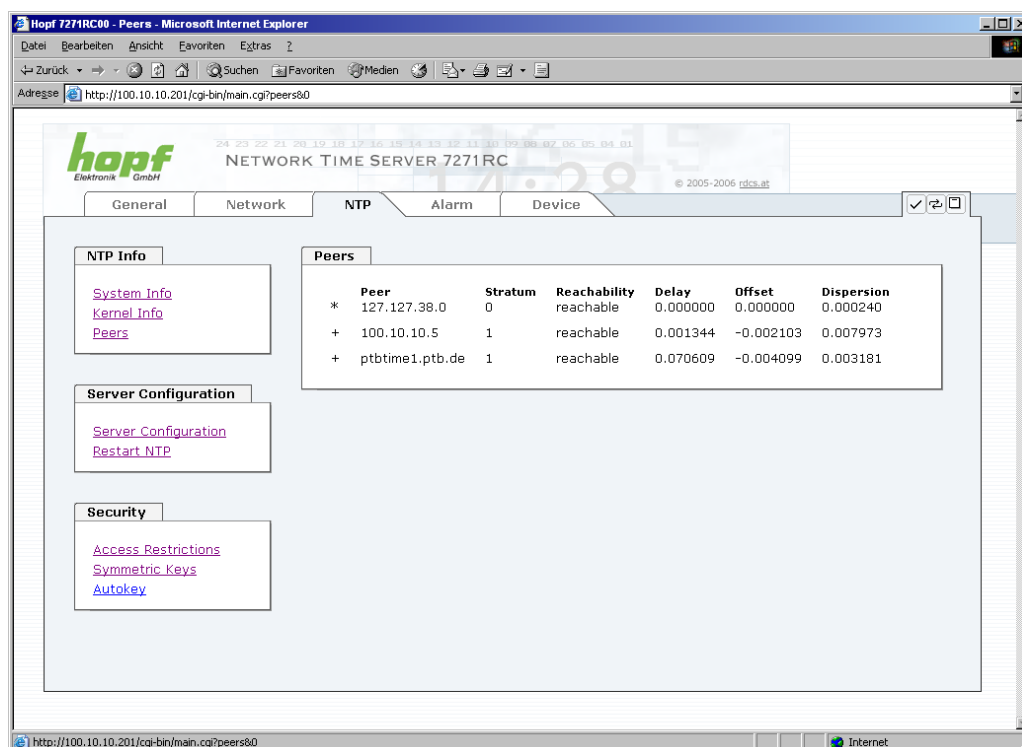
7.3.3.3 Peers

The “Peers summary” is used to track the performance of the configured NTP server/driver and the NTP algorithm itself.

The information displayed is identical with the information available via NTPQ or NTPDC programmes.

Each NTP server/driver that has been set up in the NTP server configuration is displayed in the peer information.

The connection status is displayed in the “Reachability” column (not reachable, bad, medium, reachable).



Three lines can be seen in the above image. The first line is **always displayed**, as this concerns the **hopf refclock ntp driver** with pps interface (127.127.38.0), which gets its time information directly from the **hopf** Base System.

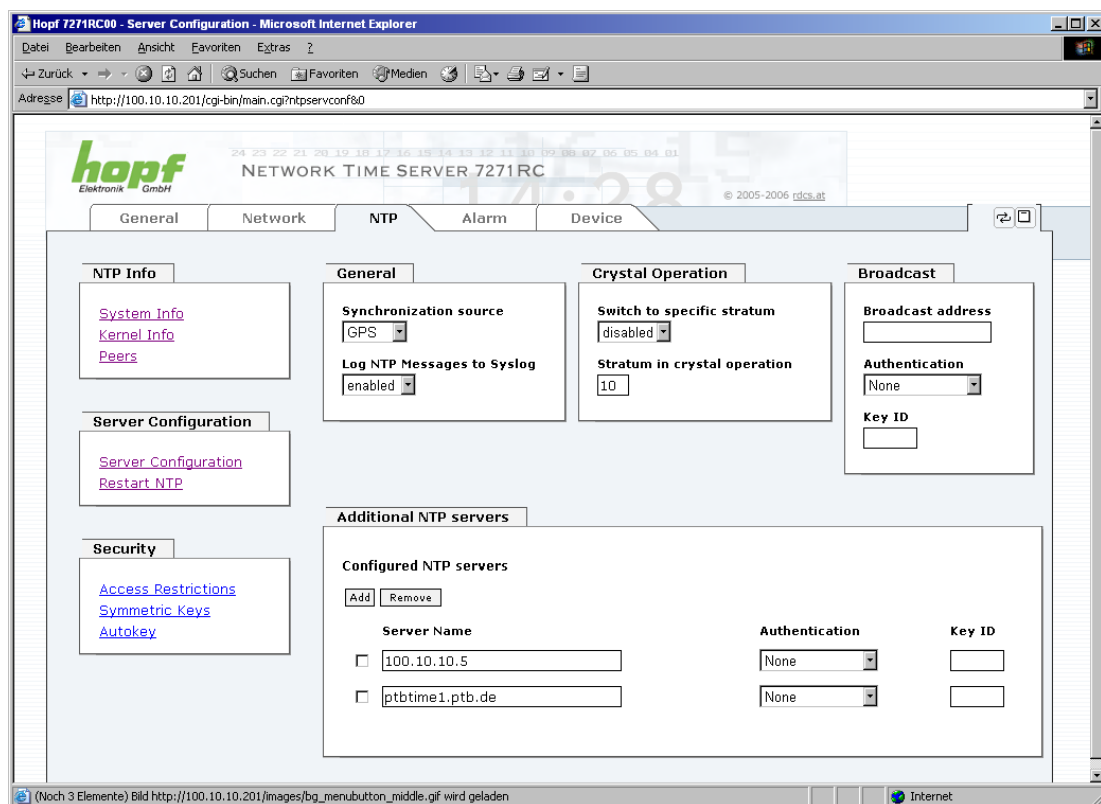
Further external NTP servers are configured in the second and third lines.

A short explanation and definition of the displayed values can be found in **Chapter 11 Glossary and Abbreviations**.

The character in the first column on the left presents the current status of the NTP association in the NTP selection algorithm. A list and description of possible characters can be found in the Glossary.

7.3.3.4 Server Configuration

The basic settings for NTP base functionality are displayed when the “Server Configuration” link is selected.



The NTP-hopf-refclock driver is already configured as standard (127.127.38.0 in the “Peers Summary”) and is not explicitly displayed here.

7.3.3.4.1 General / Synchronization Source

The two possible options, GPS and DCF77, must be configured in order to align the accuracy and the algorithm, dependent on the selected synchronisation source of the **hopf** Base System.

If the GPS setting is selected though it is no GPS-based Base System it is possible that HIGH accuracy status may never be achieved.

7.3.3.4.2 General / Log NTP Messages to Syslog

This option enables or disables Syslog messages which are generated from the NTP service.

This value has no effect if this option is disabled or Syslog is not configured in the ALARM tab (see **Chapter 7.3.4.1 Syslog Configuration**).

7.3.3.4.3 Crystal Operation / Switch to Specific Stratum

If the **hopf** Base System is running in quartz mode, NTP on Board 7271RC generally performs in such a way that it stops time transfer from the **hopf** Base System, changes its own stratum level to 16 (illegal level) and neither transmits time signals nor responds to network requests, which leads to the loss of service for connected clients.

This NTP performance can be changed in **hopf** Base Systems with stabilised quartz (OCXO) or rubidium oscillator, which guarantee a stable and precise time over a specified period of time while loss of synchronisation. The "*Switch to specific stratum*" function must be enabled here by setting the value to "*enabled*". This sets the so-called downgrading stratum (see **Chapter 7.3.3.4.4 Crystal Operation / Stratum in Crystal Operation**).

This function is often used when **hopf** Base Systems are tested in an environment without synchronisation sources. In this case it should be noted that from the viewpoint of NTP the synchronisation status of the **hopf** Base System (quartz) is ignored and thus permanent operation in quartz mode is not detected under certain circumstances (only via the high stratum value selected).

7.3.3.4.4 Crystal Operation / Stratum in Crystal Operation

The value defined here (range 1-15) designates the transmitted fallback NTP stratum level of the Board in "*Quartz*" synchronisation status and should be in the range 5-15. This value is generally set to 10 or higher and therefore a lower Stratum. Stratum 1 should be configured if downgrading is not desired.



Changes in data do not take effect immediately after clicking on the Apply symbol. The NTP service MUST also be restarted (see **Chapter 7.3.3.5 RESTART NTP (SERVICE)**).

The value is only adjustable if the "*Switch to specific stratum*" function is enabled (see **Chapter 7.3.3.4.3 Crystal Operation / Switch to Specific Stratum**).

7.3.3.4.5 Broadcast/Broadcast Address

This section is used to configure the Board as a broadcast or multicast server.

The broadcast mode in NTPv3 and NTPv4 is limited to clients on the same sub-network and Ethernet which support broadcast technology.

This technology does not generally extend beyond the first hop (such as router or gateway).

The broadcast mode is provided for configurations which are designed to facilitate one or more servers and as many clients as possible in a sub-network. The server continuously generates broadcast messages at defined intervals, corresponding to 16 seconds (minpoll 4) on the LAN Board. Care should be taken to ensure that the correct broadcast address is used for the sub-network, usually xxx.xxx.xxx.255 (e.g. 192.168.1.255). If the broadcast address is not known, this can be requested from the network administrator.

This section can also be used to configure the LAN Board as a multicast server. The configuration of a multicast server is similar to that of a broadcast server. However, a multicast group address (class D) is used instead of the broadcast address.

An explanation of multicast technology goes beyond the scope of this document.

In principle, a host or router sends a message to an Ipv4 multicast group address and expects all hosts and routers to receive this message. In doing so, there is no limit to the number of senders and receivers and a sender may also be a receiver and vice-versa. The IANA has assigned the multicast group address IPv4 224.0.1.1 to the NTP, however this should only be used if the multicast range can be safely limited in order to protect neighbouring networks. As a basic principle, administratively manageable IPv4 group addresses should be used as described in RFC-2365 or GLOP group addresses as described in RFC-2770.

7.3.3.4.6 Broadcast/Authentication/Key ID

Broadcast packets can be protected by authentication for security reasons.

If a security method is selected here this must be configured **ADDITIONALLY** in the security settings of the NTP tab. A key must be defined if the “Symmetric Key” is selected.

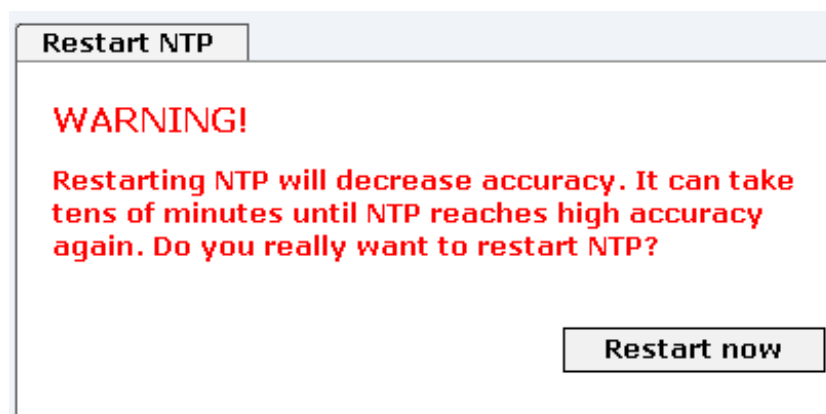
7.3.3.4.7 Additional NTP SERVERS

The addition of further NTP servers provides the opportunity to implement a security system for the time service. However, this has an effect on the accuracy and stability of the Board.

Detailed information on this subject can be found in the NTP documentation (<http://www.ntp.org/>).

7.3.3.5 RESTART NTP (SERVICE)

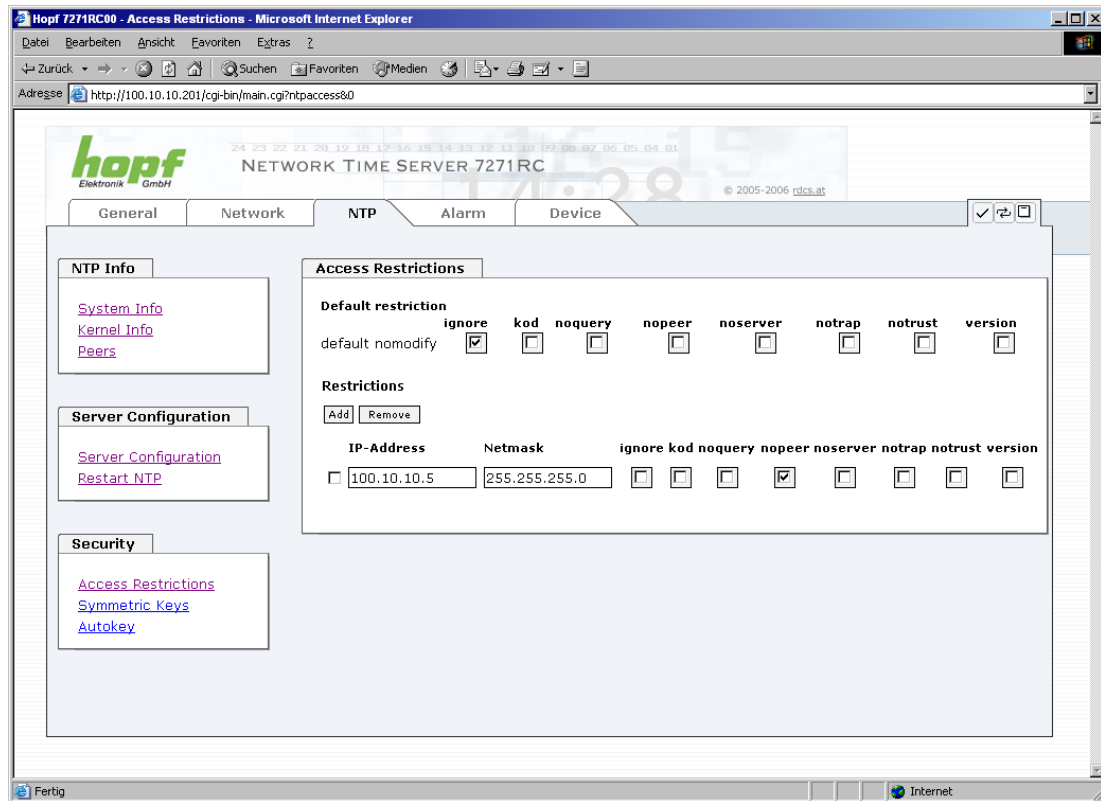
The following screen appears after clicking on the Restart NTP option:



Restarting NTP Services is the only possibility of making NTP changes effective without having to restart the entire Board 7271RC. As can be seen from the warning message, the currently reachable stability and accuracy are lost due to this restart.

7.3.3.6 Access Restrictions / Configuring the NTP Service Restrictions

One of the extended configuration options for NTP is “Access Restrictions”.



Restrictions are used in order to control access to the Board's NTP service and these are regrettably the most misunderstood options of the NTP configuration.

If you are not familiar with these options, a detailed explanation can be found at <http://www.ntp.org/>.



IP addresses should be used when configuring the restrictions – no Hostnames!

The following steps show how restrictions can be configured – should these not be required it is sufficient to retain the standard settings.

The standard restrictions tell the NTP service how to handle packets from hosts (including remote time servers) and sub-networks which otherwise have no special restrictions.

The NTP configuration can simplify the selection of the correct standard restrictions whilst making the required security available.

Before beginning the configuration you should ask yourself the following questions:

7.3.3.6.1 NAT or Firewall

Are incoming connections to the NTP Service blocked by NAT or a Stateful Inspection Firewall?	
No	Proceed to Chapter 7.3.3.6.2 Blocking Unauthorised Access.
Yes	No restrictions are required in this case. Proceed further to Chapter 7.3.3.6.4 Internal Client Protection / Local Network Threat Level.

7.3.3.6.2 Blocking Unauthorised Access

Is it really necessary to block all connections from unauthorised hosts if the NTP Service is openly accessible?	
No	Proceed to Chapter 7.3.3.6.3 Allow Client Requests .
Yes	<p>In this case the following restrictions are to be used:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ignore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If a standard restriction is selected in this area, exceptions can be declared in separate lines for each authorised server, client or sub-network. See Chapter 7.3.3.6.5 Addition of Exceptions to Standard .</p>

7.3.3.6.3 Allow Client Requests

Are clients to be allowed to see the server status information when they receive the time information from the NTP service (even if this is information about the LAN Board, operating system and NTPD version)?	
No	<p>In this case select from the following standard restrictions: See Chapter 7.3.3.6.6 Access Control Options.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> kod <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notrap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nopeer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> noquery. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </p>
Yes	<p>In this case select from the following standard restrictions: See Chapter 7.3.3.6.6 Access Control Options:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> kod <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notrap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nopeer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>If a standard restriction is selected in this area, exceptions can be declared in separate lines for each authorised server, client or sub-network. See Chapter 7.3.3.6.5 Addition of Exceptions to Standard .</p>

7.3.3.6.4 Internal Client Protection / Local Network Threat Level

How much protection from internal network clients is required?							
Yes	<p>The following restrictions can be enabled if greater security settings than the installed authentication are required in order to protect the NTP service from the clients see Chapter 7.3.3.6.6 Access Control Options.</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>kod</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>notrap</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>nopeer</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td></tr></tbody></table>	kod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notrap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	nopeer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
kod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
notrap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
nopeer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

7.3.3.6.5 Addition of Exceptions to Standard Restrictions

After the standard restrictions have been set, certain exceptions may be necessary for special hosts/sub-networks in order to allow remote time servers and client hosts/sub-networks to contact the NTP service.

These standard restrictions are to be added in the form of restriction lines.

Access Restrictions									
Default restriction default nomodify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ignore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> kod <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> noquery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nopeer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> noserver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notrap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notrust <input type="checkbox"/> version <input type="checkbox"/>									
Restrictions <input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Remove"/>									
IP-Address	Netmask	ignore	kod	noquery	nopeer	noserver	notrap	notrust	version
<input type="checkbox"/> 192.168.017.123	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 192.168.001.101	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 192.168.001.000	255.255.255.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Unrestricted access of Board 7271RC to its own NTP service is always allowed, irrespective of whether standard restrictions are ignored or not. This is necessary in order to be able to display NTP data on the web interface.

Add restriction exception: (for each remote time server)

Restrictions:

Press

Enter the IP address of the remote time server.

Enable restrictions: e.g.

notrap / nopeer / noquery ☒

Allow **unrestricted access** to a special host (e.g. System administrator's workstation):

Restrictions:

Press

IP address 192.168.1.101

Do not enable any restrictions

Allow a **sub-network** to receive time server and query server statistics:

Restrictions:

Press

IP address 192.168.1.0

Network mask 255.255.255.0

notrap / nopeer ☒

7.3.3.6.6 Access Control Options

The official documentation concerning the current implementation of the restriction instructions can be found on the "Access Control Options" page at <http://www.ntp.org/>.

Numerous access control options are used. The most important of these are described in detail here.

nomodify – "Do not allow this host/sub-network to modify the ntpd settings unless it has the correct key."



DEFAULT: Always active. Can't be modified by the user.

As standard, NTP requires authentication with a symmetric key in order to carry out modifications with ntpdc. If a symmetric key is not configured for the NTP service, or if this is kept in a safe place, it is not necessary to use the nomodify option unless the authentication procedure appears to be unsafe.

noserve – "Do not transmit time to this host/sub-network."

This option is used if a host/sub-network is only allowed access to the NTP service in order to monitor or remotely configure the service.

notrust – "Ignore all NTP packets which are not encrypted."

This option tells the NTP service that all NTP packets which are not encrypted should be ignored (it should be noted that this is a change from ntp-4.1.x). The notrust option MUST NOT be used unless NTP Crypto (e.g. symmetric key or Autokey) has been correctly configured on both sides of the NTP connection (e.g. NTP service and remote time server, NTP service and client).

noquery – "Do not allow this host/sub-network to request the NTP service status."

The ntpd status request function, provided by ntpd/ntpdc, declassifies certain information over the running ntpd Base System (e.g. operating system version, ntpd version), which under certain circumstances ought not to be made known to others. It must be decided whether it is more important to hide this information or to give clients the possibility of seeing synchronisation information over ntpd.

Ignore – "In this case ALL packets are refused, including ntpq and ntpdc requests".

Kod – "A kiss-o'-death (KoD) packet is transmitted if this option is enabled in the case of an access error."

KoD packets are limited. They cannot be transmitted more frequently than once per second. Any KoD packet which occurs within one second from the last packet is removed.

Notrap – "Denies support for the mode 6 control message trap service in order to synchronise hosts."

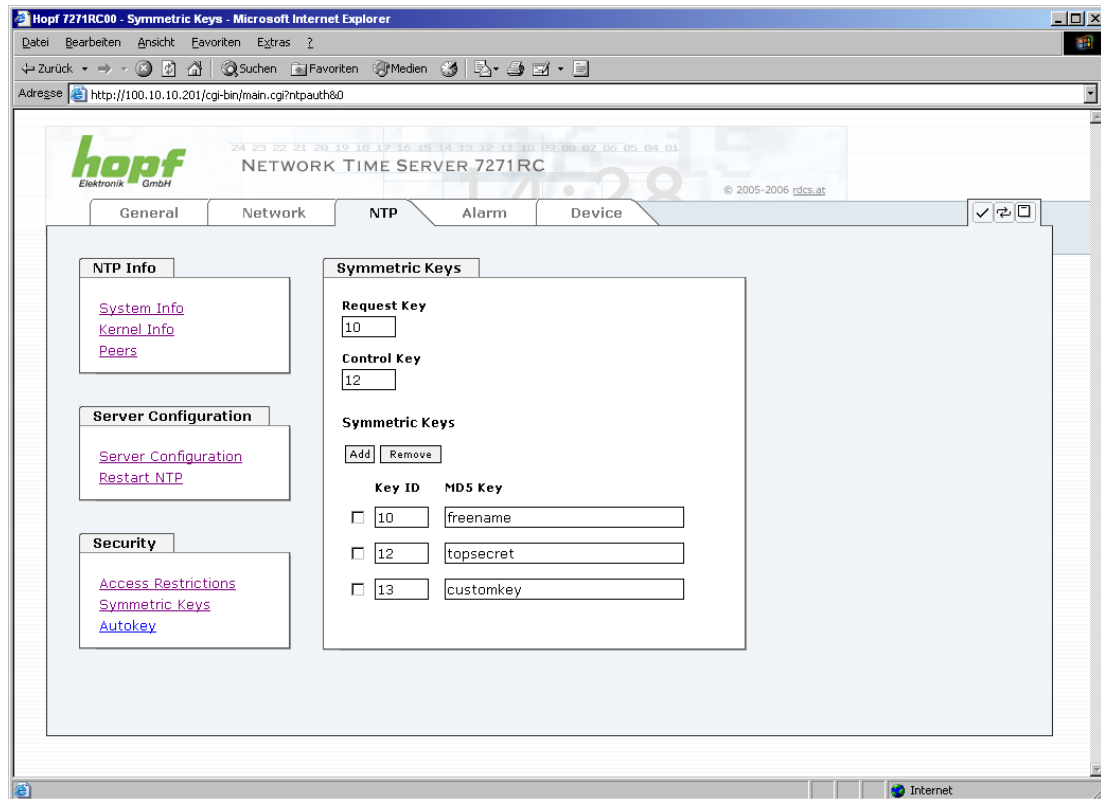
The trap service is a sub-system of the ntpq control message protocols. This service logs remote events in programmes.

Version – "Denies packets which do not correspond to the current NTP version."



Changes in data do not take effect immediately after clicking on the "Apply" symbol. The NTP service MUST also be restarted (see **Chapter 7.3.3.5 RESTART NTP (SERVICE)**).

7.3.3.7 Symmetric Key and Autokey



7.3.3.7.1 Why Authentication?

Most NTP users do not require authentication as the protocol contains several filters (for bad time).

Despite this, however, the use of authentication is common.

There are certain reasons for this:

- Time should only be used from safe sources
- An attacker broadcasts false time signals
- An attacker poses as another time server

7.3.3.7.2 How is Authentication used in the NTP Service?

Client and server can execute an authentication whereby a code word is used on the client side and a restriction on the server side.

NTP uses keys to implement the authentication. These keys are used when data is exchanged between two machines.

In principle both sides must know this key. The key can generally be found in the “*/etc/ntp.keys” directory. It is unencrypted and hidden from public view. This means that the key has to be distributed on a safe route to all communication partners. The key can be downloaded for distribution under “Downloads” on the DEVICE tab. It is necessary to be logged in as “Master” in order to access this.

The keyword key of a client's ntp.conf determines the key that is used to communicate with the designated server (e.g. the NTS board). The key must be reliable if time is to be synchronised. Authentication causes a delay. This delay is automatically taken into account and adjusted in the current versions.

7.3.3.7.3 How is a key created?

A key is a sequence of up to 31 ASCII characters. Some characters with special significance cannot be used (alphanumeric characters and the following symbols can be used: [] () * - _ ! \$ % & / = ?).

A new line can be inserted by pressing the **ADD** key. The key which is stored in the key file is entered on this line. The key ID is used to identify the key and is in the range from 1 – 65534. This means that 65534 different keys can be defined.

Duplicate key ID's are not allowed. Having now explained the principles of keys, it should be possible to use a key in practically the same way as a password.

The value of the request key field is used as the password for the ntpdc tool while the value of the control key field is used as the password for the ntpq tool.

More information is available at <http://www.ntp.org/>.

7.3.3.7.4 How does authentication work?

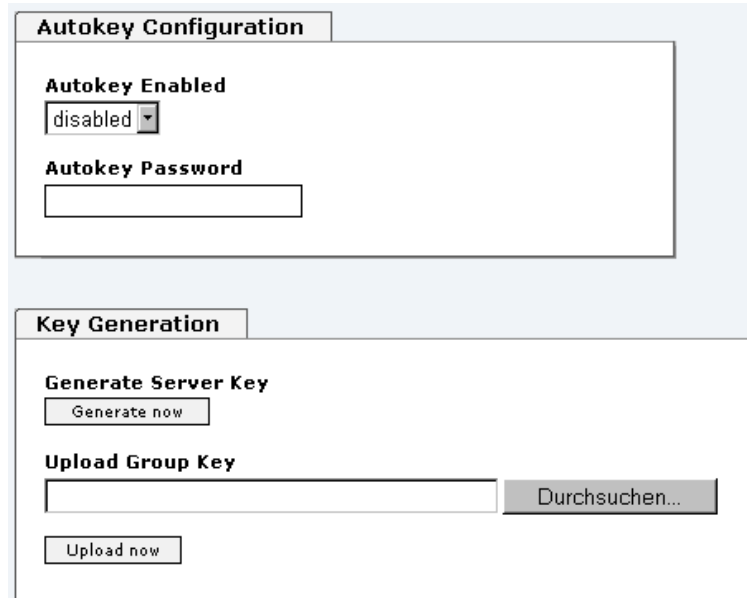
Basic authentication is a digital signature and not data encryption (if there is any difference between the two). The data packet and the key are used to create a non-reversible number which is attached to the packet.

The receiver (which has the same key) carries out the same calculation and compares the results. Authentication has been successful if the results concur.

7.3.3.8 Autokey / Public Key Cryptography

NTPv4 offers a new Autokey scheme based on **public key cryptography**.

As a basic principle, public key cryptography is safer than symmetric key cryptography, as protection is based on a private value which is generated by each host and is never visible.



The screenshot shows a web interface with two main sections. The top section, titled "Autokey Configuration", contains a dropdown menu for "Autokey Enabled" currently set to "disabled", and a text input field for "Autokey Password". The bottom section, titled "Key Generation", contains a "Generate Server Key" button, a "Generate now" button, a "Upload Group Key" section with a text input field and a "Durchsuchen..." button, and an "Upload now" button.

In order to enable Autokey v2 authentication, the "Autokey Enabled" option must be set to "enabled" and a password specified (may not be blank).

A new server key and certificate can be generated by pressing the "Generate now" button.



Generate now :

This should be carried out regularly as these keys are only valid for one year.

If the NTS board is to form part of an NTP trust group, a group key can be defined and uploaded with the "Upload now" button.

Detailed information about the NTP Autokey scheme can be found in the NTP documentation (<http://www.ntp.org/>).



Changes in data do not take effect immediately after clicking on the "Apply" symbol. The NTP service **MUST** also be restarted (see **Chapter 7.3.3.5 RESTART NTP (SERVICE)**).

7.3.4 ALARM Tab

All the links within the tabs on the left hand side lead to corresponding detailed setting options.

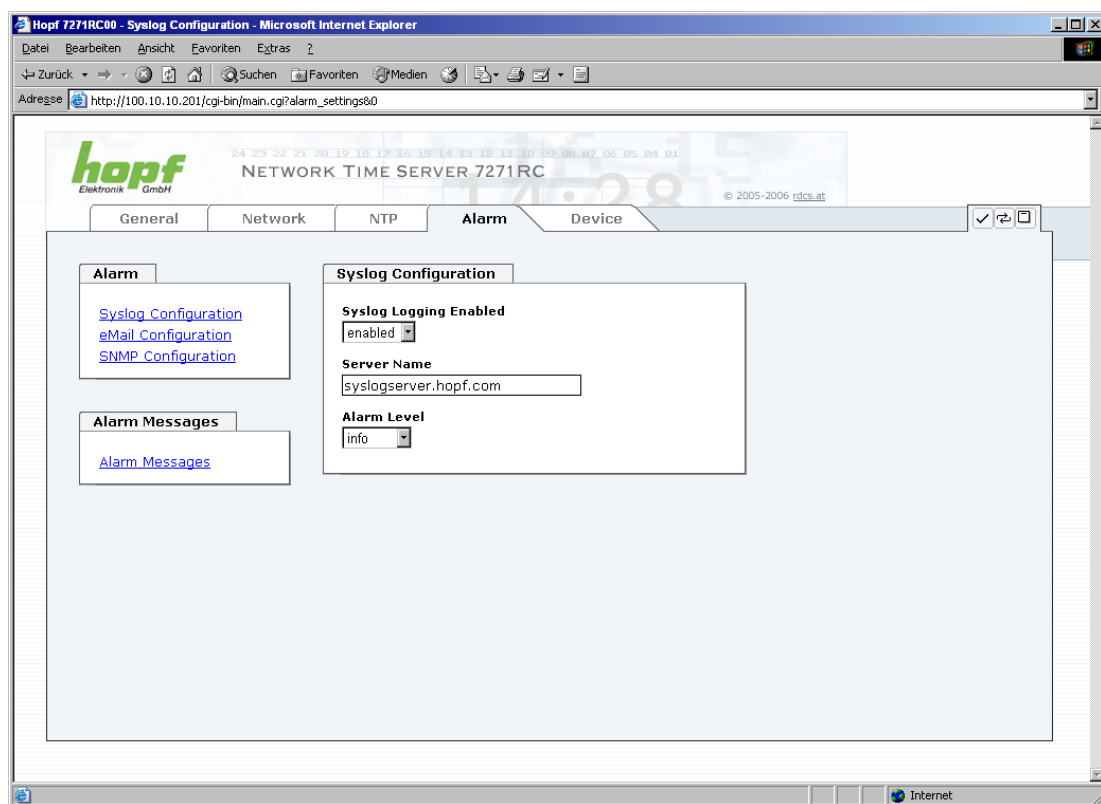
7.3.4.1 Syslog Configuration

It is necessary to enter the name or IP address of a Syslog server in order to store every configured alarm situation which occurs on the Board in a Linux/Unix Syslog. If everything is configured correctly and enabled (dependent on the Syslog level), every message is transmitted to the Syslog server and stored in the Syslog file there.

Syslog uses Port 514.

Co-logging on the Board itself is not possible as the flash memory is not of sufficient size.

It should be noted that the standard Linux/Unix Syslog mechanism is used for this functionality. This is not the same as the Windows System Event mechanism!

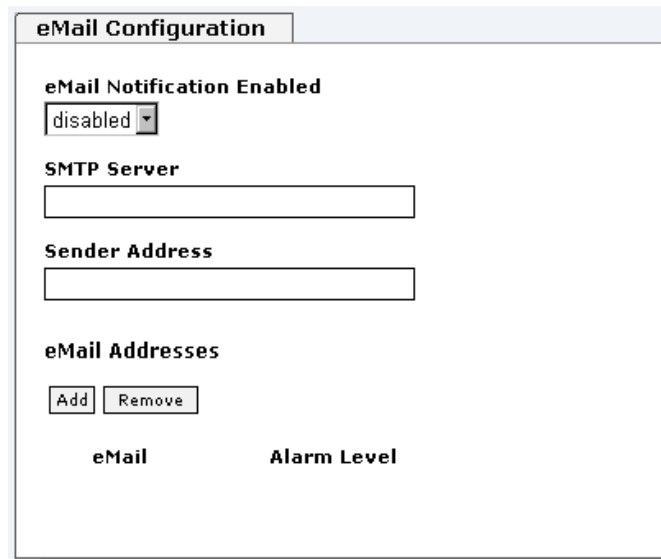


The alarm level designates the priority level of the messages to be transmitted and the level from which transmission is to take place (see **Chapter 7.3.4.4 Alarm**).

Alarm Level	Transmitted Messages
none	no messages
info	info / warning / error / alarm
warning	warning / error / alarm
error	error / alarm
alarm	alarm

The NTP service implemented on this Board can transmit its own Syslog messages (see **Chapter 7.3.3.4.2 General / Log NTP Messages to Syslog**).

7.3.4.2 eMail Configuration



Email notification is one of the important features of this device which offer technical personnel the opportunity to monitor and/or control the IT environment.

It is possible to configure various, independent email addresses which each have different alarm levels.

Dependent on the configured level, an email is sent after an error has occurred on the respective receiver.

A valid email server (SMTP server) must be entered for the purpose of correct configuration.

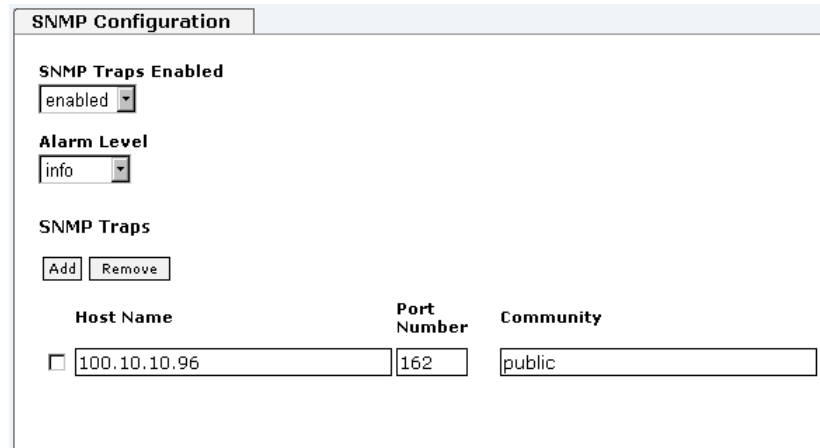
Some email servers only accept messages if the sender address entered is valid (spam protection). This can be inserted in the "Sender Address" field.

The Alarm Level designates the priority level of the messages to be sent and the level from which they are to be sent (see **Chapter 7.3.4.4 Alarm**).

Alarm Level	Transmitted Messages
none	no messages
info	info / warning / error / alarm
warning	warning / error / alarm
error	error / alarm
alarm	alarm

7.3.4.3 SNMP Configuration / TRAP Configuration

It is possible to use an SNMP agent (with MIB) or to configure SNMP traps in order to monitor the Board over SNMP.



The screenshot shows the 'SNMP Configuration' window. It contains the following elements:

- SNMP Traps Enabled:** A dropdown menu set to 'enabled'.
- Alarm Level:** A dropdown menu set to 'info'.
- SNMP Traps:** A section with 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons.
- Host Name:** A checkbox followed by a text input field containing '100.10.10.96'.
- Port Number:** A text input field containing '162'.
- Community:** A text input field containing 'public'.

SNMP traps are sent to the configured hosts over the network. It should be noted that these are based on UDP and therefore it is not certain that they will reach the configured host!

Several hosts can be configured. However, all have the same alarm level.

The private **hopf** enterprise MIB is also available over the web (see **Chapter 7.3.5.7 Downloading Configurations - Downloads**).

The “Alarm Level” designates the priority level of the messages to be sent and the level from which they are to be sent (see **Chapter 7.3.4.4 Alarm**).

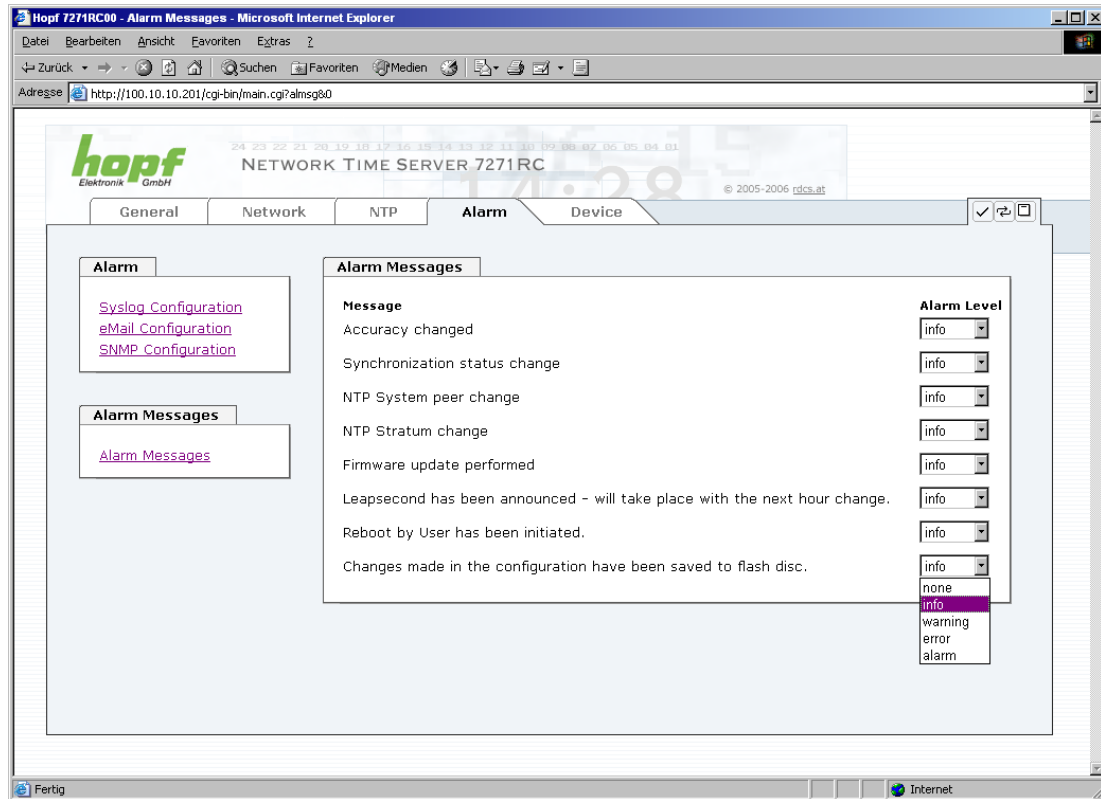
Alarm Level	Transmitted Messages
none	no messages
info	info / warning / error / alarm
warning	warning / error / alarm
error	error / alarm
alarm	alarm



SNMP protocol must be enabled in order to use SNMP (see **Chapter 7.3.2.4 Management / Time Protocols / SNMP**).

7.3.4.4 Alarm Messages

Every message shown in the image can be configured with the displayed alarm levels. If level NONE is selected this means that this message is completely ignored.



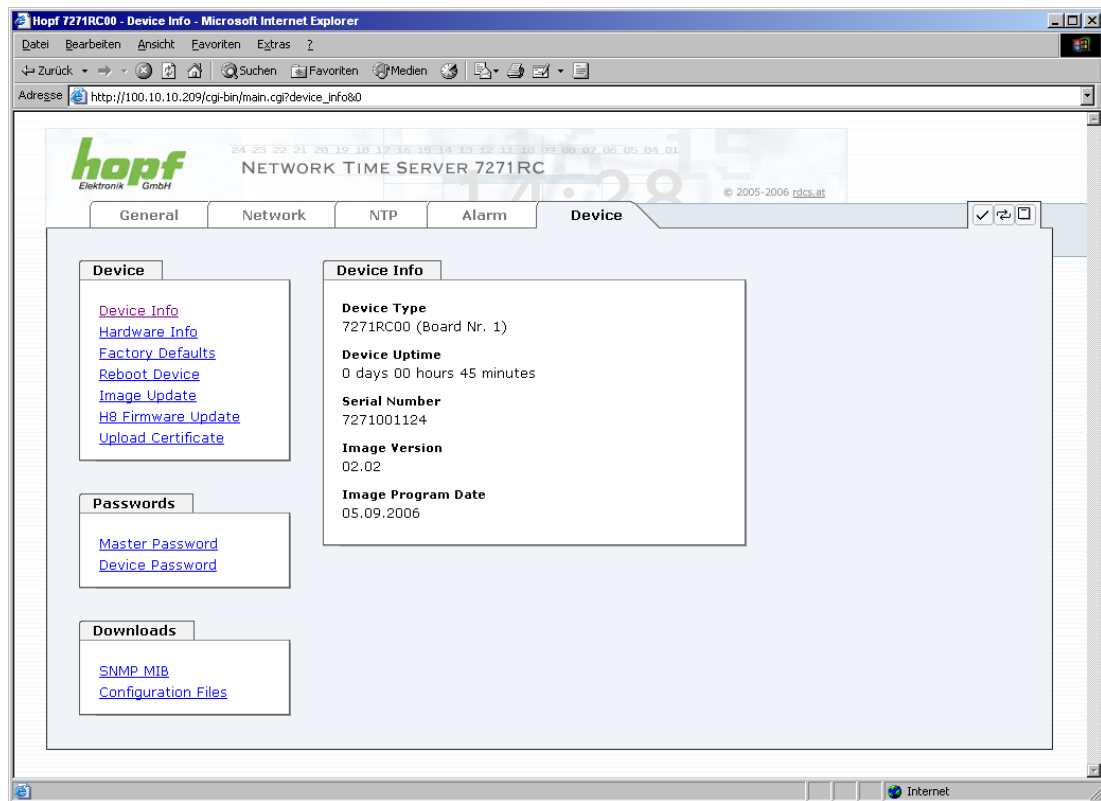
A corresponding action is carried out if an event occurs, depending on the messages, their configured levels and the configured notification levels of the emails.



Always remember to save any changed value to the flash disc in order to store this permanently, otherwise this will be lost in the event of a restart!

7.3.5 DEVICE Tab

All the links within the tabs on the left hand side lead to corresponding detailed setting options.



This tab provides the basic information about the Board hardware and software/firmware. Password administration and the update services for the Board are also made accessible via this website. The complete download zone is also a component of this site.

7.3.5.1 Device Information

All information is available exclusively in write-protected and read-only form. Information about the Board type, serial number and current software versions is provided to the user for service and enquiry purposes.

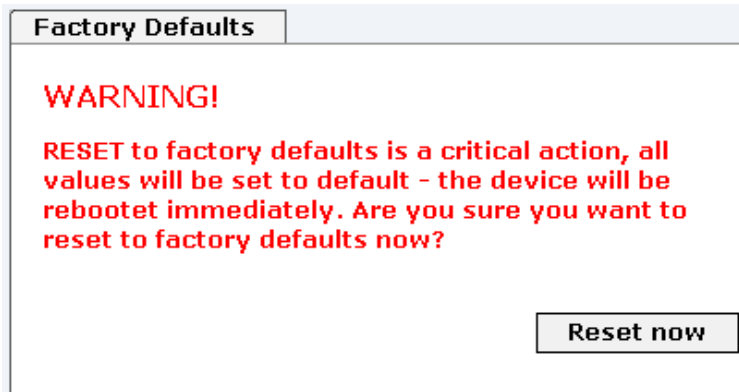
7.3.5.2 Hardware Information

Hardware Info
Serial Number 7271001124
H8 Firmware Version 00.77 (07.09.2006)
MACH Firmware Version 01.01
Card Layout 00
Special Program 08
Network Interface 1 10/100 MBit Autosensing
Network Interface 2 Not available

Read-only access is provided here in the same way as for device information. The user requires this information in the case of service requests, e.g. MACH version hardware status etc.

7.3.5.3 Restoring the Factory Settings - Factory Defaults

In some cases it may be necessary or desirable to restore all of the Board's settings to their delivered condition (factory defaults).



This function serves to restore all values in the flash memory to their default values. This also includes passwords. (See **Chapter 10 Factory Default**).

Please log in as a "Master" user in accordance with the description in **Chapter 7.2.1 LOGIN and LOGOUT as a User**.

Press the "**Reset now**" button and wait until the restart has been completed.

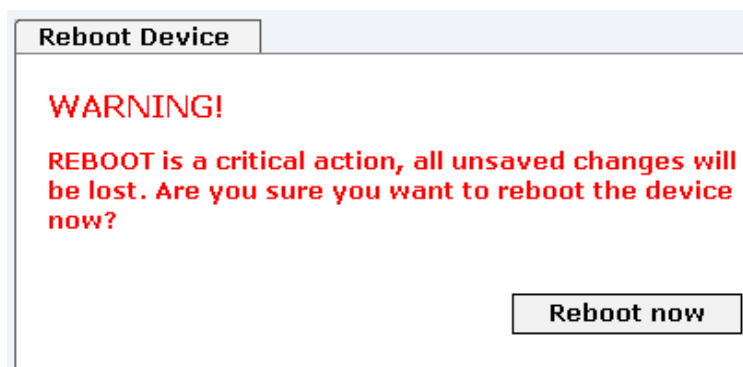
Once this procedure has been triggered there is NO possibility of restoring the deleted configuration.



WARNING:

A complete check (and reconfiguration of the Board where appropriate) is required after every **Factory Default** procedure. In particular, the MASTER and DEVICE passwords must be reset.

7.3.5.4 Restarting (Rebooting) the Board



All settings not saved with "**Save**" are lost on reset (see **Chapter 7.2.3 Inputting or Changing Data**).

In broad terms, the **NTP service** implemented on the Board is restarted. This leads to a renewed alignment phase with the loss of the stability and accuracy reached up to this point.

Please log in as a "Master" user in accordance with the description in **Chapter 7.2.1 LOGIN and LOGOUT as a User**.

Press the "**Reset now**" button and wait until the restart has been completed.

This procedure can take up to one minute. The website is not automatically updated.

7.3.5.5 Image Update & H8 Firmware Update

Patches and error recovery are provided for the individual Boards by means of updates.

Both the embedded software and the H8 firmware can only be downloaded to the Board via the web interface (login as "Master" user required).



The following points should be noted regarding updates:

- Only experienced users or trained technical personnel should carry out an update after checking all necessary preconditions.
- Important: **Faulty updates** or **update attempts** may under certain circumstances require the Board to be returned to the factory for rectification at the owner's expense.
- Check that the update on hand is suitable for your Board. If in doubt please consult a **hopf** engineer.
- In order to guarantee a correct update, the "**New version of saved site**" function must be set to "**On each access to the site**" in the Internet browser used.
- A restart is absolutely essential prior to downloading an update (see **Chapter 7.3.5.4 Restarting (Rebooting) the Board**).
- During the update procedure, the device **must not be switched off** and **settings must not be saved to the flash memory!**
- Updates are usually executed as a set, i.e. H8 firmware update + image update. Unless specifically defined otherwise in the SET, it is absolutely essential to complete the H8 firmware update first, followed by the image update.

In order to carry out an update, enter the name and the folder in which the update / firmware image is located in the text field or open the file selection dialogue by pressing the "Browse" button.

Correct image designations are:

20050821_upgrade.img	for the embedded image and	(update takes 3-5 minutes)
20060222_727x.bin	for the H8 firmware .	(update takes 3-5 minutes)

The update process is started by pressing the "**Update now**" button. The update is installed if the transfer and checksum test are successful. A success page is displayed and shows the number of bytes that have been transferred and installed.

The Board must be restarted following the update.

Image Update

WARNING!
IMAGE UPDATE is a critical action. Please ensure not to switch off power during update!

Update file:

H8 Firmware Update

WARNING!
H8 FIRMWARE UPDATE is a critical action. Please ensure not to switch off power during upload and reboot after upload! In 6xxx and 7001 Systems the rest of the System will go in AUTORESET MODE!

Update file:

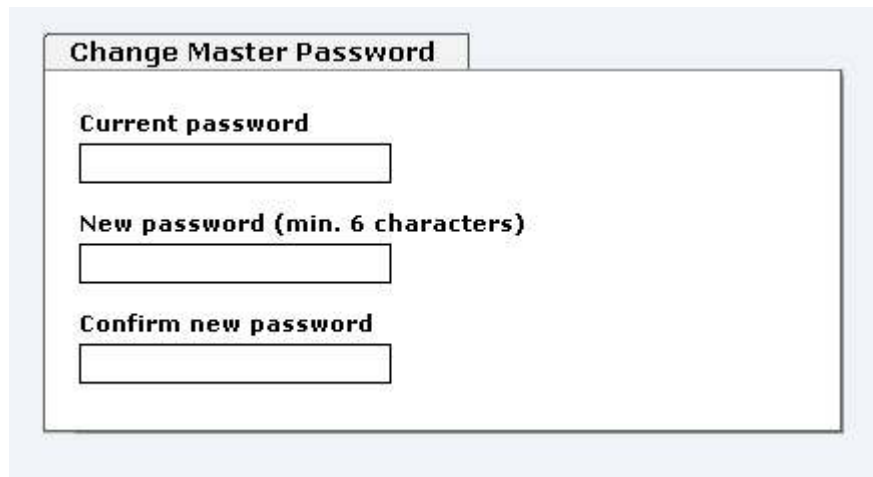
The procedure for the **H8 update** differs only in that the Board 7271RC is restarted automatically.

7.3.5.6 Passwords

Differentiation is made between upper and lower case characters in passwords. In principle, all alphanumeric characters and the following symbols are allowed in passwords:

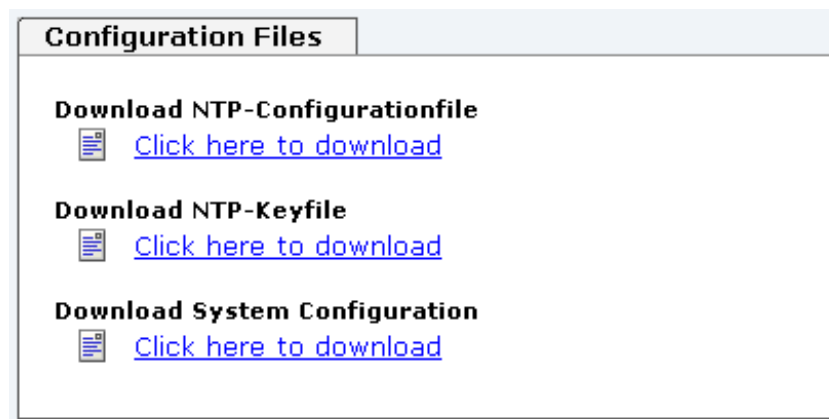
[] () * - _ ! \$ % & / = ?

(See also **Chapter 7.2.1 LOGIN and LOGOUT as a User**)



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Change Master Password". It contains three input fields: "Current password", "New password (min. 6 characters)", and "Confirm new password". Each field is represented by a rectangular text box.

7.3.5.7 Downloading Configurations - Downloads



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Configuration Files". It lists three download options, each with a document icon and a blue hyperlink: "Download NTP-Configurationfile", "Download NTP-Keyfile", and "Download System Configuration".

In order to be able to download certain configuration files via the web interface it is necessary to be logged on as a "Master" user. Only the documentation can be downloaded without logging on.

The private **hopf** enterprise MIB is also available via the web.

8 SSH and Telnet Basic Configuration



Only basic configuration is possible via SSH or Telnet. The complete configuration of Board 7271RC takes place exclusively via the WebGUI.

It is just as easy to use SSH (Port 22) or Telnet (Port 23) as the WebGUI. Both protocols use the same user interface and menu structure.

The user names and passwords are the same as on the web and are kept in alignment. (See **Chapter 7.2.1 LOGIN and LOGOUT as a User and 7.3.5.6 Passwords**)



SSH does not allow blank passwords for safety reasons (however this is the condition as delivered). Therefore, in order to use SSH, a password must have been pre-set via Telnet or the WebGUI.



The corresponding service is to be enabled for the use of Telnet or SSH (see **Chapter 7.3.2.4 Management / Time Protocols / SNMP**)

```
kaw@paris:~/Entwicklung/workspace/727x/src
[kaw@paris src]$ telnet 192.168.1.211
Trying 192.168.1.211...
Connected to 192.168.1.211.
Escape character is '^]'.
Username: master
Password:
Login successful.

      N   N   TTTTTT   SSSSS
     NN  N    T       S   S
    N N  N    T       S
   N  N N    T   SSSSS
  N   NN    T    S   S
 N    N    T   SSSSS

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Press Enter to continue

Main Menu
1 ... General
2 ... Network
3 ... Alarm
4 ... NTP
5 ... Device Info
0 ... Exit
Choose a Number =>
```

Navigation through the menu takes place by entering the respective number associated with the menu option (as can be seen in the above image).

9 Technical Data

9.1 General

Model	Euro-board 160 x 100 mm
Racks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19" 3U racks with 3U/4HP front panel • Slim Line 1U racks with 1U front panel
Power supply internal system voltage Vcc	5V DC \pm 5% via system bus
Power consumption	
Normal operation	approx. 3.5 VA
Boot phase	approx. 6 VA
MTBF	> 285,000 hours
Network interface	10/100 Base-T
Ethernet compatibility	Version 2.0 / IEEE 802.3
Isolation voltage (network to system side)	1500 Vrms

9.2 Ambient conditions

Temperature range	
Operating	0°C to +50°C
Storage	-20°C to +75°C
Humidity	max. 90%, not condensed
Cooling	passive cooling (heat sink)

9.3 CE compliant to 89/336/EC and 73/23/EC

CE compliant to EMC Directive 89/336/EC and Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EC		
Safety / Low Voltage Directive		DIN EN 60950-1:2001 + A11 + Corrigendum
EN 61000-6-4		
EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) / Interference Immunity		EN 610000-4-2 /-3/-4/-5/-6/-11
EN 61000-6-2		EN 61000-3-2 /-3
Radio Interference Voltage	EN 55022	EN 55022 Class B
Radio Interference Emission	EN 55022	EN 55022 Class B

9.4 LAN

Network Connection	Takes place via a LAN cable with RJ45 plug (recommended cable type CAT5 or better).
Requests per second	max. 1000 requests
Number of connectable clients	Theoretically unlimited

9.5 Accuracy of Board 7271RC

GPS System	
Internal Kernel Accuracy	Better than 5 μ sec depending on the long-term accuracy of the synchronisation system
LOW – Lambda	> 15 msec
MEDIUM – Lambda	< 15 msec
HIGH – Lambda	< 15 msec AND stability < 0.05 ppm
DCF77 System	
Internal Kernel Accuracy	Better than 200 μ sec depending on the long-term accuracy of the synchronisation system
LOW – Lambda	> 15 msec
MEDIUM – Lambda	< 15 msec
HIGH – Lambda	< 15 msec AND stability < 0.3 ppm
Other Signal Sources	
	with quartz synchronisation status configured with additional NTP servers
LOW – Lambda	> 15 msec
MEDIUM – Lambda	< 15 msec
HIGH – Lambda	< 15 msec AND stability < 0.8 ppm

9.6 Time Protocols

- NTPv4 Server
- NTP Broadcast Mode
- NTP Multicast Mode
- NTP Client for additional NTP Servers (Redundancy)
- SNTP Server
- NTP Symmetric Key Encryption
- NTP Autokey Encryption
- NTP Access Restrictions
- PPS Time Source
- RFC-867
DAYTIME Server
- RFC-868
TIME Server

9.7 TCP/IP Network Protocols

- IPv4: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol - DHCP (RFC 2131)
- HTTP/HTTPS
- FTP
- DHCP
- Telnet
- SSH
- SNMP
- NTP

9.8 Configuration

- HTTP/HTTPS-WebGUI (Browser Based)
- Telnet Login
- SSH Login
- External LAN configuration tool

9.9 Management

- HTTP/HTTPS (status, control)
- SNMPv2c, SNMP Traps (MIB-II, Private Enterprise MIB)
- SNMPv3
- Email Notification
- Syslog Messages to External Syslog Server
- Real Time Extension / PPSKIT
- Quality of Service (not over TCP/IP)
- Update over TCP/IP
- Fail-safe / Watchdog

9.10 Hardware

- Update
- Watchdog Circuit
- Power Management
- System Management

10 Factory Defaults

Board 7271RC is generally delivered in accordance with the factory defaults.

With the exception of the DCF77 system, the **"NTP / General / Sync. Source"** to **"DCF77"** function is configured.

NTP Server Configuration	Setting	WebGUI
Sync. Source	DCF77	DCF77

10.1 Network

Host/Name Service	Setting	WebGUI Presentation
Hostname	hopf727x	hopf727x
Default Gateway	No change	---
DNS 1	Blank	---
DNS 2	Blank	---
Network Interface ETH0	Setting	WebGUI
DHCP	Enabled	Enabled
IP	No change	No change
Netmask	No change	No change
Operation mode	Auto negotiate	Auto negotiate
Routing	Setting	WebGUI
User Defined Routes	Blank	---
Management	Setting	WebGUI
HTTP/HTTPS	Enabled	Enabled
SSH	Disabled	Disabled
TELNET	Disabled	Disabled
SNMP	Disabled	Disabled
System Location	Blank	---
System Contact	Blank	---
Read Community	Blank	---
Read/Write Community	Blank	---
Time	Setting	WebGUI
NTP	Enabled	Enabled
DAYTIME	Disabled	Disabled
TIME	Disabled	Disabled

10.2 NTP

NTP Server Configuration	Setting	WebGUI
Sync. source	GPS	GPS
NTP to Syslog	Disabled	Disabled
Switch to specific stratum	Disabled	Disabled
Stratum in crystal operation	10	10
Broadcast address	Blank	---
Authentication	Disabled	None
Key ID	Blank	---
Additional NTP Servers	Blank	---
NTP Access Restrictions	Setting	WebGUI
Access Restrictions		Default nomodify
NTP Symmetric Keys	Setting	WebGUI
Request Key	Blank	---
Control Key	Blank	---
Symmetric Keys	Blank	---
NTP Autokey	Setting	WebGUI
Autokey	Disabled	Disabled
Password	Blank	---

10.3 ALARM

Syslog Configuration	Setting	WebGUI
Syslog	Disabled	Disabled
Server Name	Blank	---
Alarm Level	Disabled	None
Email Configuration	Setting	WebGUI
Email Notifications	Disabled	Disabled
SMTP Server	Blank	---
Sender Address	Blank	---
Email Addresses	Blank	---
SNMP Traps Configuration	Setting	WebGUI
SNMP Traps	Disabled	Disabled
Alarm Level	Disabled	None
SNMP Trap Receivers	Blank	---
Alarm Messages	Setting	WebGUI
Alarms	All disabled	All none

10.4 DEVICE

User Passwords	Setting	WebGUI
Master Password	Blank	---
Device Password	Blank	---

11 Glossary and Abbreviations

11.1 NTP-specific terminology

Stability	The average frequency stability of the clock system.
Accuracy	Specifies the accuracy in comparison to other clocks.
Precision of a clock	Specifies how precisely the stability and accuracy of a clock system can be maintained.
Offset	This value represents the time difference between two clocks. It is the offset by which the local time would have to be adjusted in order to keep it congruent with the reference clock.
Clock skew	The frequency difference between two clocks (first derivative of offset over time).
Drift	Real clocks vary in frequency difference (second derivative of offset over time). This variation is known as drift.
Roundtrip delay	Roundtrip delay of an NTP message to the reference and back.
Dispersion	Represents the maximum error of the local clock relative to the reference clock.
Jitter	The estimated time error of the system clock measured as the average exponential value of the time offset.

11.2 Tally Codes (NTP-specific)

space	reject	Rejected peer – either the peer is not reachable or its synchronisation distance is too great.
x	false tick	The peer was picked out by the NTP intersection algorithm as a false time supplier.
.	excess	The peer was picked out by the NTP sort algorithm as a weak time supplier on the basis of synchronisation distance (concerns the first 10 peers).
-	outlier	The peer was picked out by the NTP clustering algorithm as an outlier.
+	candidate	The peer was selected as a candidate for the NTP combining algorithm.
#	selected	The peer is of good quality but not among the first six peers selected by the sort algorithm on the basis of synchronisation distance.
*	sys.peer	The peer was selected as a system peer. Its characteristics are transferred to the Base System.
o	pps.peer	The peer was selected as a system peer. Its characteristics are transferred to the Base System. The current synchronisation is derived from a PPS (pulse-per-second) signal either indirectly via PPS reference clock driver or directly via kernel interface.

11.2.1 Time-specific expressions

UTC	UTC Time (Universal Time Coordinated) was dependent on the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) definition of the zero meridian. While GMT follows astrological calculations, UTC is based on the stability and accuracy of the Caesium standard. The leap second was defined in order to cover this deviation.
Time Zone	<p>The globe was originally divided into 24 longitudinal segments or time zones. Today, however, there are a number of time zones which in part apply specifically to certain individual countries only.</p> <p>In relation to the time zones, consideration was given to the fact that local daylight and sunlight coincide at different times in the individual time zones.</p> <p>The zero meridian runs through the British city of Greenwich.</p>
Time Offset	<p>This is the difference between UTC and the standard time.</p> <p>The time offset for calculating the regional standard time comes from the time zones.</p>
Standard Time (winter time)	<p>Standard Time = UTC + Time Offset</p> <p>The time offset is defined by the local time zone and the local political regulations.</p>
Daylight Saving Time (summer time)	<p>Daylight Saving Time = Standard Time + 1h</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time was introduced to reduce the energy requirement in some countries. In this case one hour is added to the standard time during the summer months.</p>
Leap Second	<p>A leap second is a second which is added to the official time (UTC) in order to synchronise this with Greenwich Mean Time when required.</p> <p>Leap seconds are defined internationally by the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS).</p>

11.3 Abbreviations

D, DST	Daylight Saving Time (Summer Time)
ETH0	Ethernet Interface 0
FW	Firmware
GPS	Global Positioning System
HW	Hardware
IF	Interface
IP	Internet Protocol
LAN	Local Area Network
LED	Light Emitting Diode (indicator lamp)
NTP	Network Time Protocol (version 3: RFC 1305)
NE	Network Element
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
OS	Operating System
PC	Personal Computer
RFC	Recommendation for Comments
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol (handled by more than 60 RFC's)
SNTP	Simple Network Time Protocol (version 4: RFC 2030)
S, STD	Standard Time (Winter Time)
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
ToD	Time of Day
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated
WAN	Wide Area Network
msec	Millisecond (10^{-3} Seconds)
μ sec	Microsecond (10^{-6} Seconds)
ppm	Parts per Million / 10^{-6}
RFC	Remote Function Call

11.4 Definitions

An explanation of the terms used in this document.

11.4.1 DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)

DHCP makes it possible to integrate a new computer into an existing network with no additional configuration. It is necessary only to set the automatic reference of the IP address on the client. Without DHCP, relatively complex settings need to be made. In addition to setting the IP address, other parameters such as network mask, gateway and DNS server would need to be entered. A DHCP server can assign these parameters automatically by DHCP when starting up a new computer (DHCP client).

DHCP is an extension of the BOOTP protocol. A valid IP address is allocated automatically if a DHCP server is available on the network and DHCP is enabled.

The Board is supplied from the factory with DHCP enabled.



See RFC 2131 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol for further information

11.4.2 NTP (Network Time Protocol)

Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a standard for the synchronisation of clocks in computer systems over packet-based communication networks. Although it is processed mainly over UDP, it can also be transported by other layer 4 protocols such as TCP. It was specially developed to facilitate reliable timing via networks with variable roundtrip times.

NTP uses the Marzullo algorithm (devised by Keith Marzullo of San Diego University in his dissertation) with a UTC timescale and which supports leap seconds from Version 4.0. NTP. It is one of the oldest TCP/IP protocols still in use. It was developed by David Mills of the University of Delaware and published in 1985. The protocol and UNIX implementation continue to be developed under his direction. Version 4 is the up to date version of the protocol. This uses UDP Port 123.

NTPv4 can maintain the local time of a system to an accuracy of some 10 milliseconds via the public Internet. Accuracies of 500 microseconds and better are possible under ideal conditions in local networks.

With a sufficiently stable, local clock generator (oven-stabilised quartz, rubidium oscillator, etc.) and using the kernel PLL (see above), the phase error between reference clock generator and local clock can be reduced to something of the order of a few hundred microseconds. NTP automatically compensates for the drift of the local clock.

NTP can be installed over firewalls and offers a range of security functions.



See RFC 1305 for further information.

11.4.3 SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is a network protocol which was developed by the IETF in order to be able to monitor and control network elements from a central station. This protocol regulates the communication between the monitored devices and the monitoring station. SNMP describes the composition of the data packets which can be transmitted and the communication procedure. SNMP was designed in such a way that every network-compatible device can be monitored. The network management tasks which are possible with SNMP include:

- Monitoring of network components
- Remote control and configuration of network components.
- Fault detection and notification

Due to its simplicity, SNMP has become the standard which is supported by most management programmes. SNMP Versions 1 and 2c offer hardly any safety mechanisms. The safety mechanisms have been significantly expanded in the current Version 3.

With the aid of description files known as MIB's (Management Information Base), the management programmes are in a position to represent the hierarchical structure of the data of any desired SNMP agent and to request data from them. In addition to the MIB's defined in the RFC's, every software and hardware manufacturer can define his own so-called private MIB's, which reflect the special characteristics of his product.

11.4.4 TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol)

TCP and IP are generally used concurrently and thus the term TCP/IP has become established as the standard for both protocols.

IP is based on network layer 3 (layer 3) in the OSI Layer Model while TCP is based on layer 4, the transport layer. In other words, the expression TCP/IP signifies network communication in which the TCP transport mechanism is used to distribute or deliver data over IP networks. As a simple example: Web browsers use TCP/IP to communicate with web servers.

11.5 Accuracy & NTP Basic Principles



NTP is based on Internet protocol. Transmission delays and errors and the loss of data packets can lead to unpredictable accuracy data and time synchronisation effects.



NTP protocol neither defines nor guarantees the accuracy or correctness of the time server.

Thus the QOS (Quality of Service) used for direct synchronisation with GPS or serial interface does not apply to synchronisation via NTP.

In simplified terms, accuracies of between 1msec and 1sec can be expected, depending on the accuracies of the servers used.

The accuracy of IP-based time synchronisation is dependent on the following criteria:

- Characteristics and accuracy of the time server / time signal used
- Characteristics of the sub-network
- Characteristics and quality of the synchronisation client
- The algorithm used

In order to guarantee the highest possible quality for the time synchronisation of the Board, an embedded Linux with NANO kernel extension is used as the operating system.

NTP has a variety of algorithms to equalise the possible characteristics of IP networks. Algorithms also exist to equalise the offset between reference time source and the local clock.

However, under some circumstances it is not possible to provide an algorithmic solution.

For example:

1. Time servers which do not deliver any correct time cannot be detected at all. The only option available to NTP is to mark these time servers as FALSETICKERS in comparison to other time servers and to disregard them. However, this means that if only 2 time servers are configured, NTP has no way of determining the correctness of the individual times and clearly identifying which time is incorrect.
2. Asymmetries in the transmission between NTP servers and NTP clients can neither be measured nor calculated by NTP. NTP works on the assumption that the transmission path to the NTP server is exactly as long as the return path. The NTP algorithm can only filter out changes on a statistical basis. The use of several servers makes it possible for the combining algorithm to pick up and filter out any such errors. However, there is no possibility of filtering if this asymmetry is present on all or most of the NTP servers (faulty routing etc).
3. It goes without saying that the accuracy of the synchronised time cannot be greater than the accuracy resolution of the local clock on the NTP server and NTP client.

With reference to the above mentioned error circumstances, the delivered **time offset** of the NTP should be considered to be at best the most favourable case and in no way to be a value that takes account of all possible errors.

In order to resolve this problem, NTP delivers the maximum possible error in relation to the offset. This value is designated as the synchronisation distance ("**LAMBDA**") and is the sum of the **Root Dispersion** and half of the **Root Delay** of all NTP servers used. This value describes the worst possible case and thus the maximum error that can be expected.



For further information see Appendix H (Analysis of Errors and Correctness Principles) of RFC1305 [1].

Finally, please note that the user of the Board is responsible for the network conditions between the Board and the NTP clients.

As an example, we mention the case where a network has a delay of 500msec and an accuracy shift (asynchronisation.) of 50msec occurs. The synchronised clients will therefore NEVER achieve accuracy values of one millisecond or even microseconds!

The accuracy value in the GENERAL tab of the web interface is designed to help the user to estimate the accuracy.

GPS signal sources with radio-synchronous synchronisation status:

- LOW – Lambda > 15 msec
- MEDIUM – Lambda < 15 msec
- HIGH – Lambda < 15msec AND Stability < 0.05 ppm

DCF77 signal sources with radio-synchronous synchronisation status:

- LOW – Lambda > 15 msec
- MEDIUM – Lambda < 15 msec
- HIGH – Lambda < 15msec AND stability < 0.3 ppm

Other signal sources with quartz synchronisation status, configured with additional NTP servers:

- LOW – Lambda > 15 msec
- MEDIUM – Lambda < 15 msec
- HIGH – Lambda < 15msec AND stability < 0.8 ppm

12 List of RFC's

- IPv4:
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol - DHCP (RFC 2131)
- Network Time Protocol (NTP):
NTP v2 (RFC 1119), NTP v3 (RFC 1305), NTP v4 (no RFC)
- Symmetric Key and Autokey Authentication
- Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP):
SNTP v3 (RFC 1769), SNTP v4 (RFC 2030)
- Time Protocol (TIME):
Time Protocol (RFC 868)
- Daytime Protocol (DAYTIME):
Daytime Protocol (RFC 867)
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP):
HTTP/HTTPS (RFC 2616)
- Secure Shell (SSH):
SSH v1.3, SSH v1.5, SSH v2 (OpenSSH)
- Telnet:
(RFC 854-RFC 861)
- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP):
SNMPv1 (RFC 1157), SNMPv2c (RFC 1901-1908)
- Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (RFC 2821)

13 List of Open Source Packages used

- boa-0.94.13.tar.gz
- busybox-1.00-pre5.tar.bz2
- e100-2.3.43.tar.gz
- ethtool-3.tar.gz
- gmp-4.1.2.tar.bz2
- liboop-1.0.tar.gz
- linux-2.4.21.tar.bz2
- lsh-1.5.3.tar.gz
- mini_httpd-1.19.tar.gz
- mtd-snapshot-20040303.tar.bz2
- net-snmp-5.2.1.2.tar.gz
- ntp-4.2.0.tar.gz
- openssl-0.9.6l.tar.gz
- passwd.tar.gz
- PPSkit-2.1.2.tar.bz2
- smc91111.tar.bz2
- syslogd-1.4.1.tar.gz
- tinylogin-1.4.tar.bz2
- uClibc-0.9.26.tar.bz2
- udhcp-0.9.8.tar.gz
- zlib-1.2.1.tar.bz2