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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'ntp\_gettime.3'

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### NAME

ntp\_gettime, ntp\_gettimex - get time parameters (NTP daemon interface)

### SYNOPSIS

#include <sys/timex.h>

int ntp\_gettime(struct ntptimeval \*ntv);

int ntp\_gettimex(struct ntptimeval \*ntv);

### DESCRIPTION

Both of these APIs return information to the caller via the ntv argu?

ment, a structure of the following type:

struct ntptimeval {

struct timeval time; /\* Current time \*/

long maxerror; /\* Maximum error \*/

long esterror; /\* Estimated error \*/

long tai; /\* TAI offset \*/

/\* Further padding bytes allowing for future expansion \*/

};

The fields of this structure are as follows:

time The current time, expressed as a timeval structure:

struct timeval {
time\_t tv\_sec; /\* Seconds since the Epoch \*/
suseconds\_t tv\_usec; /\* Microseconds \*/

};

#### maxerror

Maximum error, in microseconds. This value can be initialized by ntp\_adjtime(3), and is increased periodically (on Linux: each second), but is clamped to an upper limit (the kernel constant NTP\_PHASE\_MAX, with a value of 16,000).

#### esterror

Estimated error, in microseconds. This value can be set via ntp\_adjtime(3) to contain an estimate of the difference between the system clock and the true time. This value is not used in? side the kernel.

tai TAI (Atomic International Time) offset.

ntp\_gettime() returns an ntptimeval structure in which the time, maxer?

ror, and esterror fields are filled in.

ntp\_gettimex() performs the same task as ntp\_gettime(), but also re? turns information in the tai field.

#### **RETURN VALUE**

succeed.

The return values for ntp\_gettime() and ntp\_gettimex() are as for adj? timex(2). Given a correct pointer argument, these functions always

### VERSIONS

The ntp\_gettime() function is available since glibc 2.1. The ntp\_get? timex() function is available since glibc 2.12.

#### ATTRIBUTES

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see at?

tributes(7).

?Interface ? Attribute ? Value ?

?ntp\_gettime(), ntp\_gettimex() ? Thread safety ? MT-Safe ?

### CONFORMING TO

ntp\_gettime() is described in the NTP Kernel Application Program Inter?

face. ntp\_gettimex() is a GNU extension.

### SEE ALSO

adjtimex(2), ntp\_adjtime(3), time(7)

NTP "Kernel Application Program Interface"

?http://www.slac.stanford.edu/comp/unix/package/rtems/src/ssrlApps/

ntpNanoclock/api.htm?

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