## Getting date and time at bootup from a time server

This should be done AFTER having set up networking and having checked whether ping works properly. Thanks to Jason Vanick and Johnny Billquist for this information.

To **set date and time automatically during bootup**, put the following line just before ntpt in /etc/rc.local:

```
ntp -sf pool.ntp.org
Change the last line in /etc/ntp.conf to
  server pool.ntp.org
```

To get the **timezone** for the system set up properly, first check available timezones in <a href="mailto:/usr/share/zoneinfo">/usr/share/zoneinfo</a>. Use the file name of your time zone in this directory as <a href="mailto:timezone">timezone</a> in the command below.

```
Login as root

cd /etc
mv localtime localtime.old
ln -s /usr/share/zoneinfo/timezone localtime
```