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

To make sure that it is still executable, type

    chmod +x *etc/*rc.local

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 /usr/share/zoneinfo. Use the file name of your time zone in this directory as *timezone* in the command below.

Login as root

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