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Subject: NTP Server in einer virtuellen Umgebung  
Posted by [Daniel Bauer](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2011 15:09:23 GMT  
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```
remote      refid      st t when poll reach  delay  offset
jitter
=====
=====
localhost    .INIT.      16 l  - 64  0  0.000  0.000
0.000
```

my /etc/ntp.conf looks like this:

```
driftfile /var/lib/ntp/ntp.drift
```

```
statistics loopstats peerstats clockstats
filegen loopstats file loopstats type day enable
filegen peerstats file peerstats type day enable
filegen clockstats file clockstats type day enable
```

```
server 127.0.0.1
fudge 127.0.0.1 stratum 12
```

```
restrict -4 default kod notrap nomodify nopeer noquery
restrict -6 default kod notrap nomodify nopeer noquery
```

```
restrict 127.0.0.1
restrict ::1
```

```
restrict 192.168.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0 nomodify notrap
```

does anybody knows a solution?

Thanks  
Daniel

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Posted by [Daniel Pittman](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2011 18:58:20 GMT  
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Regards

Andreas

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Posted by [Daniel Bauer](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2011 21:18:07 GMT  
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That doesn't work.

Why?

No VE and also no LAN client have access to the HN.

I've 3 subnets with 3 gateways (VE), all gateways should be a NTP  
server and couldn't be a NTP client.

Thanks  
Daniel

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Subject: Re: NTP Server in einer virtuellen Umgebung  
Posted by [MailingListe](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2011 12:07:41 GMT  
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Posted by [Daniel Bauer](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2011 18:54:40 GMT  
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Don't every expose it to untrusted networks this way.

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