

Then, the selected time zone should be displayed.

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Current default time zone: 'US/Eastern'  
Local time is now:      Mon Dec  7 21:15:30 EST 2015.  
Universal Time is now:  Tue Dec  8 02:15:30 UTC 2015.
```

Verify if the time zone is correctly set.

```
admin@Switch$cat /etc/timezone  
US/Eastern
```

Setting Date and Time

The switch has a hardware clock that maintains system time, even when the switch is rebooted or powered off. The hardware clock is powered by a battery on the system board. When the switch is running, PicOS maintains its own software clock. During switch boot up, the hardware clock is copied to the software clock maintained by PicOS. The software clock is then referenced for anything that requires time keeping. During switch shut down, the software clock is copied back to the hardware clock.

To set the date and time on the software clock, use the **date** command as root.

```
admin@Switch$sudo date --set 2015-12-07  
Mon Dec  7 00:00:00 EST 2015  
admin@Switch$sudo date --set 13:21:00  
Mon Dec  7 13:21:00 EST 2015
```

To display the current date and time, use the **date** command without arguments.

```
admin@Switch$date  
Mon Dec  7 13:23:00 EST 2015
```

To set the date and time on the hardware clock, use the **hwclock** command as root.