Features
- Ongoing security hardening to keep SyncServers secure
- Security vulnerability hardening against known and yet-to-be-identified vulnerabilities
- Continuous evaluation/implementation of CVE mitigations
- Implement updates to open-source software
- Timely response to US-CERT alerts
- Assurance of behavior through future high-profile timescale events such as leap second and GNSS rollover events
- Access to 24/7 technical support

Staying Current Is a Best Practice in Network Security Strategies
It is no secret that security is likely one of the most critical aspects of networking. Any device connected to the network can become a target for exploitation and needs to be kept as secure as possible. Microchip SyncServer network time servers are no different as they provide essential time services to the network and need to remain as security-hardened as possible.

Security-hardening is an ongoing process due to the constant publication of new Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs). Microchip regularly evaluates CVEs and roadmaps in software updates to address the most relevant ones. The severity of a CVE relevant to the operation of the SyncServer determines the timeliness of the response, and US-CERT alerts get top priority.

Software Support Equals Network Protection
As a service to Microchip SyncServer customers in the form of Software Support, we track the thousands of new CVEs added to the National Vulnerability Database each year. In addition, we conduct ongoing port scans with regularly updated port scanning techniques. A cross-functional team meets regularly to triage CVEs, respond to specific CVE inquiries from customers, plan responses in the form of informational security bulletins, and roadmap changes into future software releases. The result is in timely software releases that harden the SyncServer to applicable vulnerabilities.

Direct Access to Technical Support
SyncServer Software Support also includes access to technical experts in SyncServer operation. Call centers in the US, Asia, and Europe are available to assist including Emergency assistance available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Futureproofing Software Behavior
One benefit of tracking GNSS constellations is that simulators can be used to verify proper behavior through as yet unpublished events. In particular, the International Earth Rotation Service is responsible for determining when a leap second adjustment is inserted into UTC. These events are typically announced less than six months before the actual event. In response to a leap second announcement, Microchip simulates the leap event on the most current version of software to assure proper behavior through the event. Customers on Software Support can download and install the verified version into their SyncServers and have peace of mind that time service operations will perform smoothly through the event.

Software and Hardware Support Protects Your Investment and Your Network
The network security threat environment changes every day. Microchip encourages you to be prepared for the inevitable network security challenges where you will need accurate, reliable, and secure time to help defend the network.
SyncServer S600/S650 models include a two-year Hardware Warranty. Microchip recommends adding an extra year of Extended Hardware Warranty and three years of Software Support for a comprehensive three years of Software Support protection and Hardware Warranty coverage.

SyncServer S80 models include a one-year Hardware Warranty. Microchip recommends adding two years of Extended Hardware Warranty and three years of Software Support for three years of comprehensive protection.

### Part Numbers for Software Support and Technical Support (per unit)

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### Stay Informed

Microchip encourages all customers to register on the Online Support Portal at [my.microsemi.com](http://my.microsemi.com). A broad collection of information is available here, and Microchip can keep you informed of important updates once you have registered.

### Get Protected

Please contact your local Microchip representative or Microchip directly to receive a quote on Software Support and Extended Warranty for your SyncServer(s).