

Cisco Device Configuration

(To Facilitate Monitoring)

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CLI Modes

- ▶ User EXEC
 - Limited access to the router
 - Can show some information but cannot view nor change configuration

rtr>

- ▶ Privileged EXEC
 - Full view of the router's status, troubleshooting, manipulate config, etc.

rtr> enable

rtr#

Accessing the configuration

- ▶ There are two configurations:
 - *Running config* is the actual configuration that is active on the router
 - Stored in RAM (will be gone if router is rebooted)
rtr# configure terminal
rtr(config)#end
rtr# show running-config
 - *Startup config*
 - Stored in NVRAM (Non-Volatile RAM)
rtr# copy running-config startup-config
rtr# show startup-config

Basic configuration (hostname and DNS)

- Assign a name

 - rtr(config)# hostname pcx-pcl-rtr

- Assign a domain

 - rtr(config)# ip domain-name ws.nsrc.org

- Assign a DNS server

 - rtr(config)# ip name-server 8.8.8.8

Or else disable DNS entirely (your choice):

```
rtr(config)# no ip domain-lookup
```

Authentication and authorization

- ▶ Configure passwords in the most secure manner.
 - Use the improved method which uses hash function
 - Example:

```
#enable secret wer56$21  
#user admin secret sdf!231
```

Authentication and authorization

- ▶ Use SSH, disable *telnet* (only use telnet if no other option)

```
#line vty 0 4  
    transport input ssh
```

- ▶ Configuring with a 2048 byte key:

```
#aaa new-model  
#crypto key generate rsa modulus 2048
```

- ▶ Verify key creation:

```
#show crypto key mypubkey rsa
```

- ▶ Restrict to only use SSH version 2. Optionally register events:

```
#ip ssh logging events  
#ip ssh version 2
```

Log collection (syslog)

- ▶ Send logs to the *syslog* server:

```
#logging 10.0.0.5
```

- ▶ Identify what channel will be used (local0 to local7):

```
#logging facility local5
```

- ▶ Up to what priority level do you wish to record?

```
#logging trap <logging_level>
```

<0-7>	Logging severity level	
alerts	Immediate action needed	(severity=1)
critical	Critical conditions	(severity=2)
debugging	Debugging messages	(severity=7)
emergencies	System is unusable	(severity=0)
errors	Error conditions	(severity=3)
informational	Informational messages	(severity=6)
notifications	Normal but significant conditions	(severity=5)
warnings	Warning conditions	(severity=4)

Time synchronization

It is essential that all devices in our network are time-synchronized

In config mode:

```
# ntp server pool.ntp.org  
# clock timezone <timezone>
```

If your site observes daylight savings time you can do:

```
# clock summer-time recurring last Sun Mar 2:00 last Sun Oct 3:00
```

Verify

```
# show clock  
  
11:20:44.470 CMT Tue Aug 3 2010  
  
# show ntp status  
  
Clock is synchronized, stratum 3, reference is 4.79.132.217  
nominal freq is 250.0000 Hz, actual freq is 249.9999 Hz, precision is 2**18  
reference time is D002CE85.D35E87B9 (11:21:09.825 CMT Tue Aug 3 2010)  
clock offset is 2.5939 msec, root delay is 109.73 msec  
root dispersion is 39.40 msec, peer dispersion is 2.20 msec
```

SNMP Configuration

- ▶ Start with SNMP version 2
 - It's easier to configure and understand
 - Example:

```
rtr(config) #snmp-server community NetManage ro 99  
r10(config) #access-list 99 permit 10.10.0.0 0.0.0.255  
r10(config) #access-list 99 permit 10.10.254.0 0.0.0.255
```

SNMP Configuration

- ▶ Later on, we recommend utilizing SNMP version 3:
 - Has access protection and encryption
- ▶ Configuring SNMP v3:

```
snmp-server view <view> <MIB family> included  
snmp-server group <group> v3 auth read <view>  
snmp-server user <user> <group> v3 auth <hash> <password> [ priv des56 <key> ]
```

- Example:

Configure a user with complete access to the SNMP tree, read only.

Password is hashed via MD5 (Auth) and without encrypting the SNMP response:

```
snmp-server view ro-view internet included  
snmp-server group ro-group v3 auth read ro-view  
snmp-server user admin ro-group v3 auth md5 nsrc
```

Checking SNMP configuration

- ▶ From a Linux machine, try:

```
snmpwalk -v2c -c NetManage gw sysDescr
```

```
snmpwalk -v3 -a MD5 -A nsric -l authNoPriv -u admin gw sysDescr
```

Configuring Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)

- Enabled by default in most modern routers
- If it's not enabled:
 - `cdp enable`
 - `cdp run` in older CISCO IOS versions
- To see existing neighbors:
 - `show cdp neighbors`
- Tools to visualize/view CDP announcements:
 - `tcpdump`
 - `cdpr`
 - Wireshark