

Cisco Config Elements

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Notes:

- * Commands preceded with "\$" imply that you should execute the command as a general user - not as root.
- * Commands preceded with "#" imply that you should be working as root.
- * Commands with more specific command lines (e.g. "rtr>" or "mysql>") imply that you are executing commands on remote equipment, or within another program.
- * If a command line ends with "\" this indicates that the command continues on the next line and you should treat this as a single line.

Exercises Part I

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1. Connect to your router

Log in to your vm/pc image and install Telnet:

```
$ sudo apt-get install telnet
```

Connect to router in your group. If you are not sure remember to review the classroom network diagram:

```
http://noc.ws.nsrc.org/wiki/Diagram
```

Now connect to your router:

```
$ telnet 10.10.N.254
```

```
username: cisco
password: cisco
```

Display information about your router

```
rtrN>enable                (default pw "cisco")
rtrN#show run              (space to continue)
rtrN#show int FastEthernet0/0
rtrN#show ?                (lists all options)
rtrN#exit                  (log off router)
```

2. Configure your router to only use SSH

These steps will do the following:

- * Create an ssh key for your router
- * Create an encrypted password for the user cisco
- * Encrypt the enable password (cisco)

- * Turn off telnet (unencrypted) access to your router
- * Turn on SSH (version 2) access to your router

You need to work in groups of 4. Get together with the members of your router group and assign one person to enter commands. To start connect to one of the PCs in use by your group. From that PC image telnet to your router:

```
$ telnet rtrN.ws.nsrc.org      (or "telnet 10.10.N.254")
```

```
username: cisco
password: cisco
```

```
rtrN> enable                      (en)
password: cisco
rtrN# configure terminal          (conf t)
rtrN(config)# aaa new-model
rtrN(config)# crypto key generate rsa
```

```
How many bits in the modulus [512]: 2048
```

Wait for the key to generate. You can now specify passwords and they will be encrypted. First let's remove our cisco user temporarily, then we'll recreate the user:

```
rtrN(config)# no username cisco
rtrN(config)# username cisco secret 0 cisco
```

Now the cisco user's password (of cisco) is encrypted. Next let's encrypt the enable password as well:

```
rtrN(config)# enable secret 0 cisco
```

Now we'll tell our router to only allow SSH connections on the 5 defined consoles (vty 0 through 4):

```
rtrN(config)# line vty 0 4
rtrN(config-line)# transport input ssh
rtrN(config-line)# exit
```

This drops us out of the "line" configuration mode and back in to the general configuration mode. Now we'll tell the router to log SSH-related events and to only allow SSH version 2 connections:

```
rtrN(config)# ip ssh logging events
rtrN(config)# ip ssh version 2
```

Now exit from configuration mode:

```
rtrN(config)# exit
```

And, write these changes to the routers permanent configuration:

```
rtrN# write memory              (wr mem)
```

Ok. That's it. You can no longer use telnet to connect to your router. You must connect using SSH with the user "cisco" and password "cisco". The enable password is, also, "cisco" - Naturally in a real-world situation you would use much more secure passwords.

Let's exit from the router interface and reconnect using SSH:

```
rtrN# exit
```

First, try connection again with telnet:

```
$ telnet rtrN.ws.nsrc.org
```

What happens? You should see something like:

```
Trying 10.10.2.254...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused
```

Now try connecting with SSH:

```
$ ssh cisco@rtrN.ws.nsrc.org
```

You should see:

```
The authenticity of host 'rtr2.ws.nsrc.org (10.10.2.254)' can't be
established. RSA key fingerprint is 93:4c:eb:ad:5c:4a:a6:3e:8b:9e:
4f:e4:e2:eb:e4:7f. Are you sure you want to continue connecting
(yes/no)?
```

Enter in "yes" and press ENTER to continue...

Now you'll see the following:

```
Password: cisco
rtrN>
```

Type "enable" to allow us to execute privileged commands:

```
rtrN> enable
Password: cisco
rtrN#
```

Now let's view the current router configuration:

```
rtrN# show running (sh run)
```

Press the space bar to continue. Note some of the entries like:

```
enable secret 5 $1$p4/E$PnPk6VaF8QoZMhJx56oXs.
.
.
.
username cisco secret 5 $1$uNg1$M1yscHhYs..upaPP4p8gX1
.
```

```
.  
.  
line vty 0 4  
  exec-timeout 0 0  
  transport input ssh
```

You can see that both the enable password and the password for the user cisco have been encrypted. This is a good thing.

Now you should exit the router interface to complete this exercise:

```
rtrN# exit
```

NOTES

- 1.) If you are locked out of your router after this exercise let your instructor know and they can reset your router's configuration back to its original state.
- 2.) Please only do this exercise once. If multiple people do this exercise it's very likely that access to the router will be broken.
- 3.) During the week you will configure items such as SNMP, Netflow and more on your group's router. From now on you can simply connect to the router directly from your laptop or desktop machine using SSH.