



Network Monitoring and Management

Cisco Configuration



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Topics

- CLI modes
- Accessing the configuration
- Basic configuration (hostname and DNS)
- Authentication and authorization (AAA)
- Log collection
- Time Synchronization (date/timezone)
- SNMP configuration
- Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)

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 router

Before setting up SSH

- telnet 10.10.x.254
- login “cisco” and “cisco” (user and password)

Privileged user can go to privileged mode:

- `rtr> enable` (default password is “cisco”)
- `rtr# configure terminal`
- `rtr(config)#`

Type in configuration commands

Exit and save the new configuration

- `rtr(config)# end`
- `rtr# write memory`

Accessing the configuration

There are two configurations:

- ***Running config*** is the actual configuration that is active on the router and stored in RAM (will be gone if router is rebooted):

```
rtr# configure terminal          (conf t)
rtr(config)# end
rtr# show running-config        (show run)
```

- ***Startup config***

Stored in NVRAM (Non-Volatile RAM):

```
rtr# copy running-config startup-config  (or)
rtr# write memory                        (wr mem)
rtr# show startup-config                 (sh start)
```

Basic configuration (hostname and DNS)

- Assign a name

```
rtr(config)# hostname rtrX
```

- Assign a domain

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

- Assign a DNS server

```
rtr(config)# ip name-server 10.10.0.241
```

- Or, disable DNS resolution

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

if no dns this is *very useful* to avoid long waits

Authentication and authorization

Configuring passwords:

- Passwords stored as a hash

Example:

```
# enable secret 0 cisco
```

```
# user admin secret 0 cisco
```

Authentication and authorization

Configuring SSH with a 2048 bit key (at least 768 for OpenSSH clients)

```
rtr(config)# aaa new-model  
rtr(config)# crypto key generate rsa (key size prompt)
```

Verify key creation:

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

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

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

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

```
rtr(config)# line vty 0 4  
rtr(config)# transport input ssh
```

Note: on CatOS, you'll need to explicitly disable telnet

Log collection (syslog*)

Send logs to the *syslog* server:

```
rtr(config)# logging 10.10.x.x
```

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

```
rtr(config)# logging facility local5
```

Up to what priority level do you wish to record?

```
rtr(config)# logging trap <logging_level>
```

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

Time synchronization

It is essential that all devices in our network are time-synchronized
In config mode:

```
rtr(config)# ntp server pool.ntp.org  
rtr(config)# clock timezone <timezone>
```

To use UTC time:

```
rtr(config)# no clock timezone
```

If your site observes daylight savings time you can do:

```
rtr(config)# clock summer-time recurring last Sun Mar 2:00 last Sun Oct 3:00
```

Verify:

```
rtr# show clock
```

```
22:30:27.598 UTC Tue Feb 15 2011
```

```
rtr# 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...
```

SNMP configuration

Start with SNMP version 2

- It's easier to configure and understand
- Example:

```
rtr(config)# snmp-server community NetManage ro 99  
rtr(config)# access-list 99 permit 10.10.0.0 0.0.255.255
```

SNMP configuration

From a Linux machine (once snmp utils are installed), try:

```
snmpwalk -v2c -c NetManage 10.10.x.254 sysDescr
```

Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)

Enabled by default in most modern routers

If it's not enabled:

```
Rtr(config) # cdp enable
```

```
Rtr(config) # cdp run
```

(in older CISCO IOS versions)

To see existing neighbors:

```
rtr# show cdp neighbors
```

Tools to visualize/view CDP announcements:

tcpdump

cdpr

wireshark

tshark

Enabling NetFlow (traffic flow export)

Configure FastEthernet 0/0 to generate netflow and export flows to 10.10.0.250 on port 9996:

```
rtr# configure terminal
rtr(config)# interface FastEthernet 0/0
rtr(config-if)# ip flow ingress
rtr(config-if)# ip flow egress
rtr(config-if)# exit
rtr(config-if)# ip flow-export destination 10.10.0.250 9996
rtr(config-if)# ip flow-export version 5
rtr(config-if)# ip flow-cache timeout active 5
```

This breaks up long-lived flows into 5-minute fragments. You can choose any number of minutes between 1 and 60. If you leave it at the default of 30 minutes your traffic reports will have spikes.

Note: Newer version of Cisco IOS have changed this syntax.

Enabling NetFlow cont.

```
rtr(config)# snmp-server ifindex persist
```

Ensures that counter index numbers persist across reboots

Now configure how you want the ip flow top-talkers to work:

```
rtr(config)#ip flow-top-talkers
rtr(config-flow-top-talkers)#top 20
rtr(config-flow-top-talkers)#sort-by bytes
rtr(config-flow-top-talkers)#end
```

Verify what we've done

```
rtr# show ip flow export
rt# show ip cache flow
```

See your "top talkers" across your router interfaces:

```
rtr# show ip flow top-talkers
```

Questions?



For more information, check out

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/12_2/configfun/configuration/guide/ffun_c.html