

Lab - Configure Network Devices with SSH

Topology



Addressing Table

Device	Interface	IP Address	Subnet Mask	Default Gateway
R1	G0/0/1	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.0	N/A
S1	VLAN 1	192.168.1.11	255.255.255.0	192.168.1.1
PC-A	NIC	192.168.1.3	255.255.255.0	192.168.1.1

Objectives

Part 1: Configure Basic Device Settings

Part 2: Configure the Router for SSH Access

Part 3: Configure the Switch for SSH Access

Part 4: SSH from the CLI on the Switch

Background / Scenario

In the past, Telnet was the most common network protocol used to remotely configure network devices. Telnet does not encrypt the information between the client and server. This allows a network sniffer to intercept passwords and configuration information.

Secure Shell (SSH) is a network protocol that establishes a secure terminal emulation connection to a router or other networking device. SSH encrypts all information that passes over the network link and provides authentication of the remote computer. SSH is rapidly replacing Telnet as the remote login tool of choice for network professionals. SSH is most often used to log in to a remote device and execute commands. However, it can also transfer files using the associated Secure FTP (SFTP) or Secure Copy (SCP) protocols.

The network devices that are communicating must be configured to support SSH in order for SSH to function. In this lab, you will enable the SSH server on a router and then connect to that router using a PC with an SSH client installed. On a local network, the connection is normally made using Ethernet and IP.

Instructions

Part 1: Configure Basic Device Settings

Step 1: Cable the network as shown in the topology.

Step 2: Initialize and reload the router and switch.

Step 3: Configure the router.

- a. Disable DNS lookup to prevent the router from attempting to translate incorrectly entered commands as though they were host names.
- b. Assign class as the privileged EXEC encrypted password.
- c. Assign **cisco** as the console password and enable login.
- d. Assign **cisco** as the VTY password and enable login.
- e. Encrypt the plaintext passwords.

```
router(config) # service password-encryption
```

f. Create a banner that will warn anyone accessing the device that unauthorized access is prohibited.

```
router(config) # banner motd $ Authorized Users Only! $
```

- g. Configure and activate the G0/0/1 interface on the router using the information contained in the Addressing Table.
- h. Save the running configuration to the startup configuration file.

Step 4: Configure PC-A.

- a. Configure PC-A with an IP address and subnet mask.
- b. Configure a default gateway for PC-A.

Step 5: Verify network connectivity.

Ping R1 from PC-A. If the ping fails, troubleshoot the connection.

Part 2: Configure the Router for SSH Access

Using Telnet to connect to a network device is a security risk because all the information is transmitted in a clear text format. SSH encrypts the session data and provides device authentication, which is why SSH is recommended for remote connections. In Part 2, you will configure the router to accept SSH connections over the VTY lines.

Step 1: Configure device authentication.

The device name and domain are used as part of the crypto key when it is generated. Therefore, these names must be entered prior to issuing the **crypto key** command.

a. Configure device name.

```
router(config) # hostname R1
```

b. Configure the domain for the device.

```
R1(config) # ip domain-name ccna-lab.com
```

Step 2: Configure the encryption key method.

```
R1(config)# crypto key generate rsa modulus 1024

The name for the keys will be: R1.ccna-lab.com

% The key modulus size is 1024 bits
% Generating 1024 bit RSA keys, keys will be non-exportable...
[OK] (elapsed time was 1 seconds)

R1(config)#

*Jan 28 21:09:29.867: %SSH-5-ENABLED: SSH 1.99 has been enabled
```

Step 3: Configure a local database username.

Configure a username using admin as the username and Adm1nP@55 as the password.

```
R1(config) # username admin secret Adm1nP@55
```

Step 4: Enable SSH on the VTY lines.

a. Enable Telnet and SSH on the inbound VTY lines using the transport input command.

```
R1(config) # line vty 0 4
R1(config-line) # transport input telnet ssh
```

b. Change the login method to use the local database for user verification.

```
R1(config-line)# login local
R1(config-line)# end
```

Step 5: Save the running configuration to the startup configuration file.

Step 6: Establish an SSH connection to the router.

- a. Start Tera Term from PC-A.
- b. Establish an SSH session to R1. Use the username **admin** and password **Adm1nP@55**. You should be able to establish an SSH session with R1.

Part 3: Configure the Switch for SSH Access

In Part 3, you will configure the switch to accept SSH connections. After the switch has been configured, establish an SSH session using Tera Term.

Step 1: Configure the basic settings on the switch.

- Console into the switch and enable privileged EXEC mode.
- b. Enter configuration mode.
- c. Disable DNS lookup to prevent the router from attempting to translate incorrectly entered commands as though they were host names.
- d. Assign **class** as the privileged EXEC encrypted password.
- e. Assign **cisco** as the console password and enable login.
- f. Assign **cisco** as the VTY password and enable login.
- g. Encrypt the plain text passwords.

```
switch(config)# service password-encryption
```

h. Create a banner that will warn anyone accessing the device that unauthorized access is prohibited.

```
switch(config)# banner motd $ Authorized Users Only! $
```

i. Configure and activate the VLAN 1 interface on the switch according to the Addressing Table.

```
switch(config) # interface vlan 1
switch(config-if) # ip address 192.168.1.11 255.255.255.0
switch(config-if) # no shutdown
```

j. Save the running configuration to the startup configuration file.

Step 2: Configure the switch for SSH connectivity.

Use the same commands that you used to configure SSH on the router in Part 2 to configure SSH for the switch.

- a. Configure the device name as listed in the Addressing Table.
- b. Configure the domain for the device.

```
S1(config) # ip domain-name ccna-lab.com
```

c. Configure the encryption key method.

```
S1(config) # crypto key generate rsa modulus 1024
```

d. Configure a local database username.

```
S1(config) # username admin secret Adm1nP@55
```

e. Enable Telnet and SSH on the VTY lines.

```
S1(config)# line vty 0 15
S1(config-line)# transport input telnet ssh
```

f. Change the login method to use the local database for user verification.

```
S1(config-line)# login local
S1(config-line)# end
```

Step 3: Establish an SSH connection to the switch.

Start Tera Term from PC-A, and then SSH to the SVI interface on S1.

Are you able to establish an SSH session with the switch?

Yes. SSH can be configured on a switch using the same commands that were used on the router.

Part 4: SSH From the CLI on the Switch

The SSH client is built into the Cisco IOS and can be run from the CLI. In Part 4, you will SSH to the router from the CLI on the switch.

Step 1: View the parameters available for the Cisco IOS SSH client.

Use the question mark (?) to display the parameter options available with the **ssh** command.

```
S1# ssh ?
  -c    Select encryption algorithm
  -l    Log in using this user name
  -m    Select HMAC algorithm
```

```
    Specify options
    Connect to this port
    Specify SSH Protocol Version
    Specify vrf name
    WORD IP address or hostname of a remote system
```

Step 2: SSH to R1 from S1.

a. You must use the **–I admin** option when you SSH to R1. This allows you to log in as user **admin**. When prompted, enter **Adm1nP@55** for the password.

```
S1# ssh -l admin 192.168.1.1
Password:
Authorized Users Only!
R1>
```

b. You can return to S1 without closing the SSH session to R1 by pressing **Ctrl+Shift+6**. Release the **Ctrl+Shift+6** keys and press **x**. The switch privileged EXEC prompt displays.

R1> S1#

c. To return to the SSH session on R1, press Enter on a blank CLI line. You may need to press Enter a second time to see the router CLI prompt.

```
S1#
[Resuming connection 1 to 192.168.1.1 ...]
```

d. To end the SSH session on R1, type **exit** at the router prompt.

```
R1# exit

[Connection to 192.168.1.1 closed by foreign host]
S1#
```