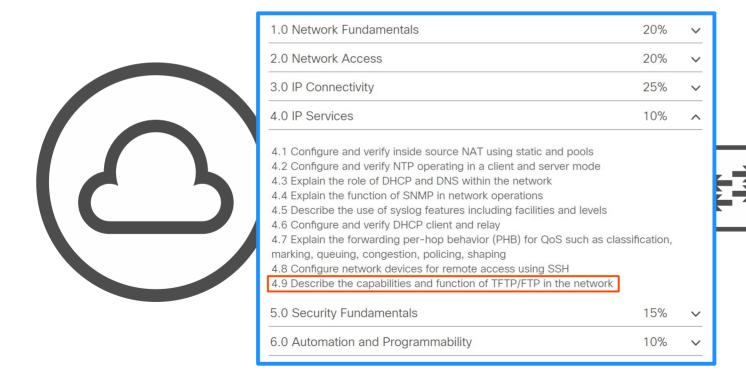


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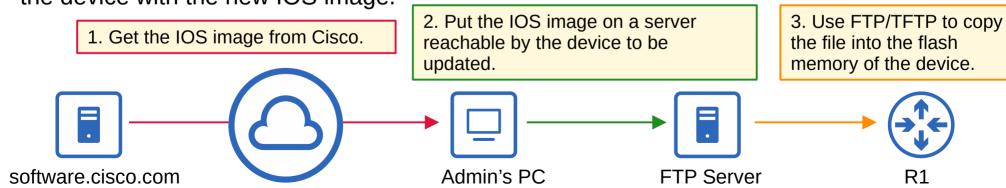




FTP & TFTP

- FTP (File Transfer Protocol) and TFTP (Trivial File Transfer Protocol) are industry standard protocols used to transfer files over a network.
- They both use a client-server model.
 - → Clients can use FTP or TFTP to copy files from a server.
 - → Clients can use FTP or TFTP to copy files to a server.
- As a network engineer, the most common use for FTP/TFTP is in the process of upgrading the operating system of a network device.

You can use FTP/TFTP to download the newer version of IOS from a server, and then reboot
the device with the new IOS image.





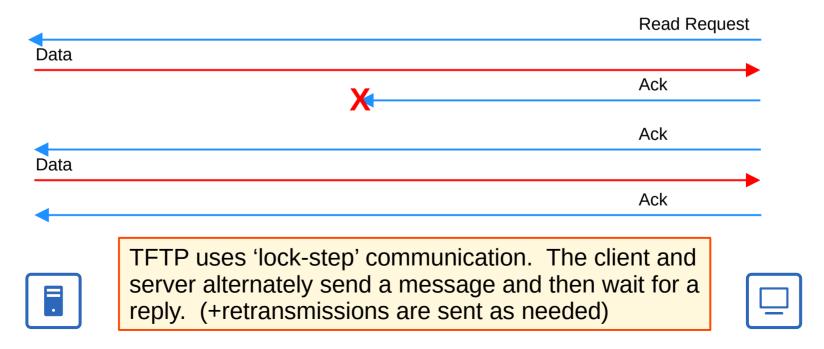
Trivial File Transfer Protocol

- TFTP was first standardized in 1981.
- Named 'Trivial' because it is simple and has only basic features compared to FTP.
 → Only allows a client to copy a file to or from a server.
- Was released after FTP, but is not a replacement for FTP. It is another tool to use when lightweight simplicity is more important than functionality.
- No authentication (username/PW), so servers will respond to all TFTP requests.
- No encryption, so all data is sent in plain text.
- Best used in a controlled environment to transfer small files quickly.
- TFTP servers listen on **UDP port 69**.
- UDP is connectionless and doesn't provide reliability with retransmissions.
- However, TFTP has similar built-in features within the protocol itself.



TFTP Reliability

- Every TFTP data message is acknowledged.
 - → If the client is transferring a file to the server, the server will send Ack messages.
 - → If the server is transferring a file to the client, the client will send Ack messages.
- Timers are used, and if an expected message isn't received in time, the waiting device will resend its previous message.





TFTP 'Connections'

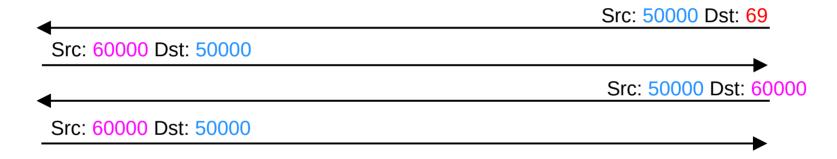
- TFTP file transfers have three phases:
 - 1: Connection: TFTP client sends a request to the server, and the server responds back, initializing the connection.
 - 2: **Data Transfer**: The client and server exchange TFTP messages. One sends data and the other sends acknowledgments.
 - 3: Connection Termination: After the last data message has been sent, a final acknowledgment is sent to terminate the connection.



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TFTP TID

- When the client sends the first message to the server, the destination port is UDP 69 and the source is a random ephemeral port.
- This random port is called a 'Transfer Identifier' (TID) and identifies the data transfer.
- The server then also selects a random TID to use as the source port when it replies, **not 69**.
- When the client sends the next message, the destination port will be the server's TID, **not 69**.



*This is beyond the scope of the CCNA, but is an interesting part of TFTP's operation.







File Transfer Protocol

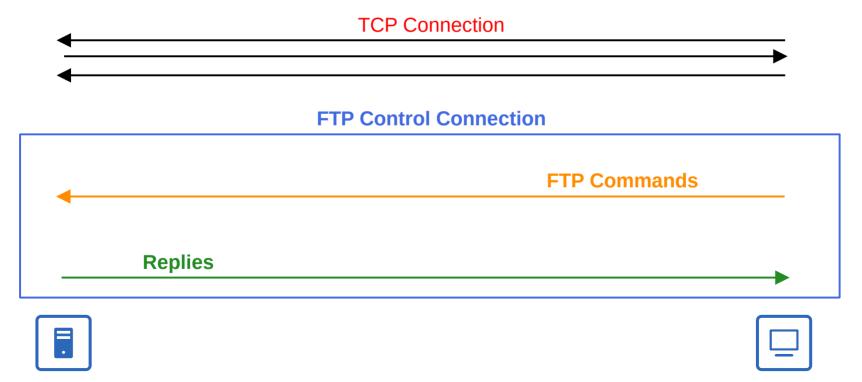
- FTP was first standardized in 1971.
- FTP uses TCP ports 20 and 21.
- Usernames and passwords are used for authentication, however there is no encryption.
- For greater security, FTPS (FTP over SSL/TLS) can be used. ← Upgrade to FTP
- SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) can also be used for greater security. New protocol
- FTP is more complex than TFTP and allows not only file transfers, but clients can also navigate file directories, add and remove directories, list files, etc.
- The client sends FTP commands to the server to perform these functions.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_FTP_commands



FTP Control Connections

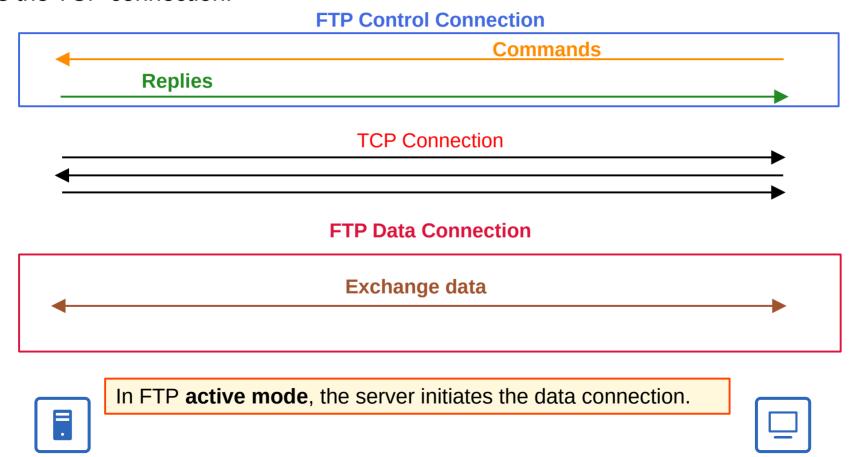
- FTP uses two types of connections:
 - → An **FTP control** connection (**TCP 21**) is established and used to send FTP commands and replies.
 - → When files or data are to be transferred, separate **FTP data** (**TCP 20**) connections are established and terminated as needed.





Active Mode FTP Data Connections

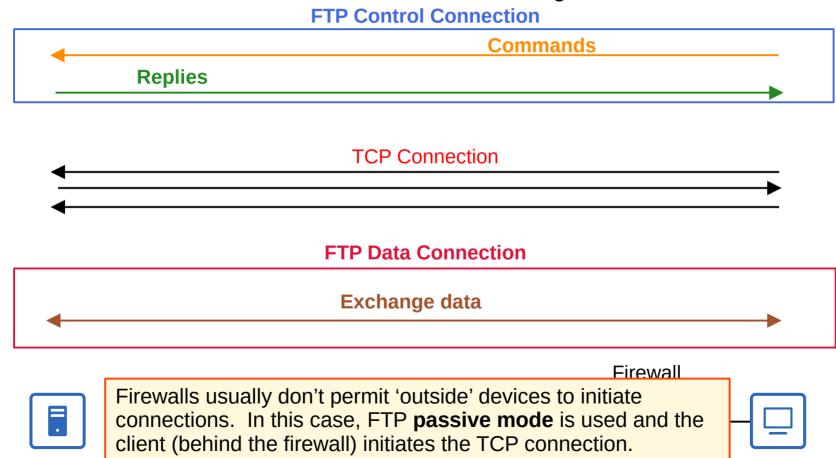
• The default method of establishing FTP data connections is **active mode**, in which the server initiates the TCP connection.





Passive Mode FTP Data Connections

• In FTP **passive mode**, the client initiates the data connection. This is often necessary when the client is behind a firewall, which could block the incoming connection from the server.





FTP VS TFTP

FTP

- -Uses TCP (20 for data, 21 for control) for connection-based communication
- -Clients can use FTP commands to perform various actions, not just copy files
- -Username/PW authentication

-More complex

TFTP

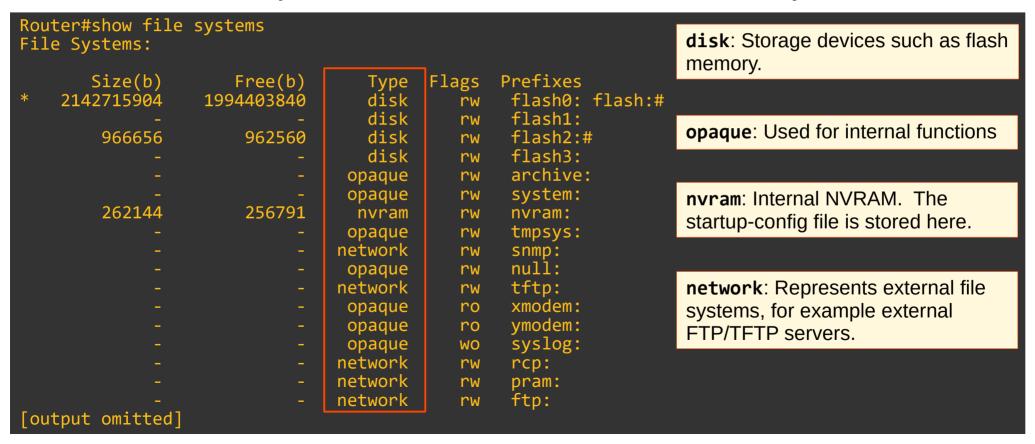
- -Uses UDP (69) for connectionless communication (although a basic form of 'connection' is used within the protocol itself)
- -Clients can only copy files to or from the server

- -No authentication
- -Simpler



105 File Systems

- A file system is a way of controlling how data is stored and retrieved.
- You can view the file systems of a Cisco IOS device with show file systems





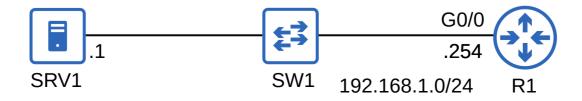
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You can view the current version of IOS with show version

```
R1#show version
Cisco IOS Software, C2900 Software (C2900-UNIVERSALK9-M), Version 15.1(4)M4, RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc2)
Technical Support: http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
Copyright (c) 1986-2012 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Thurs 5-Jan-12 15:41 by pt_team
[output omitted]
```

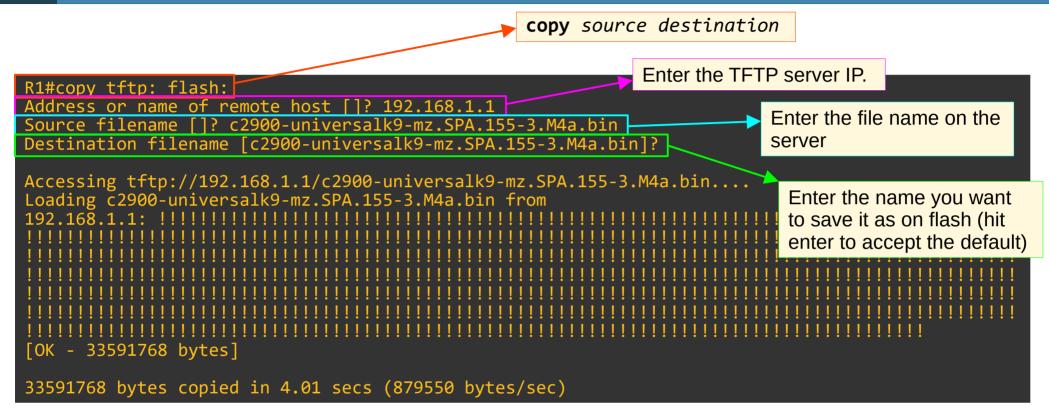
You can view the contents of flash with show flash

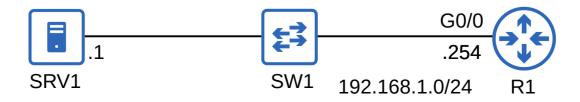
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R1#show flash
System flash directory:
File Length Name/status
3 33591768 c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-4.M4.bin
2 28282 sigdef-category.xml
1 227537 sigdef-default.xml
[33847587 bytes used, 221896413 available, 255744000 total]
249856K bytes of processor board System flash (Read/Write)
```





Copying Files (TFTP)

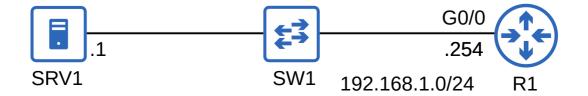






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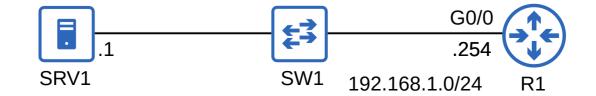
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R1#show flash
System flash directory:
File Length
               Name/status
      33591768 c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-4.M4.hin
      33591768 c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.155-3.M4a.bin
                                                                       boot system filepath
      28282 sigdef-category.xml
                                                                       *If you don't use this
      227537 sigdef-default.xml
                                                                       command, the router will use
[67439355 bytes used, 188304645 available, 255744000 total]
249856K bytes of processor board System flash (Read/Write)
                                                                       the first IOS file it finds in flash
R1#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
  (config)#boot system flash:c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.155-3.M4a.bin
  (config)#exit
R1#write memory
Building configuration...
LOK 1
R1#reload
Proceed with reload? [confirm]
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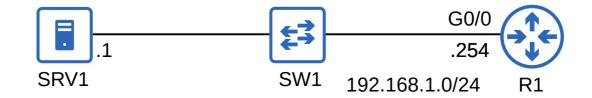
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R1#show version
Cisco IOS Software, C2900 Software (C2900-UNIVERSALK9-M), Version 15.5(3)M4a, RELEASE SOFTWARE(fc1)
[output omitted]
                                                                           delete filepath
R1#delete flash:c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-4.M4.bin
Delete filename [c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-4.M4.bin]?
Delete flash:/c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.151-4.M4.bin? [confirm]
R1#show flash
System flash directory:
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Copying Files (FTP)

```
R1(config)#ip ftp username cisco
                                                                  Configure the FTP username/password
                                                                  that the device will use when connecting
R1(config)#ip ftp password cisco
                                                                  to an FTP server.
R1(config)#exit
R1#copy ftp: flash:
Address or name of remote host []? 192.168.1.1
Source filename []? c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.155-3.M4a.bin
Destination filename [c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.155-3.M4a.bin]?
Accessing ftp://192.168.1.1/c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.155-3.M4a.bin...
Loading c2900-universalk9-mz.SPA.155-3.M4a.bin from
192.168.1.1: !!
[output omitted]
```





Command Review

```
R1# show file systems

R1# show version

R1# show flash

R1# copy source destination

R1(config)# boot system filepath

R1(config)# ip ftp username username

R1(config)# ip ftp password password
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Which of the following statements about FTP are true? (select two)

- a) FTP control connections use TCP port 20.
- b) FTP control connections use TCP port 21.
- c) FTP control connections use TCP port 69.
- d) FTP data connections use TCP port 20.
- e) FTP data connections use TCP port 21.
- f) FTP data connections use TCP port 69.



Which of the following commands can be used to transfer a file from an external TFTP server to the local device's flash storage?

- a) copy tftp: flash:
- b) copy flash: tftp:
- c) move tftp: flash:
- d) move flash: tftp:



R1 is behind a firewall and wants to connect to an external FTP server. Which of the following statements is true?

- a) R1 should use FTP passive mode for the control connection.
- b) R1 should use FTP active mode for the control connection.
- c) R1 should use FTP passive mode for the data connection.
- d) R1 should use FTP active mode for the data connection.



Which type of file system is used to store the startup-config of a device running Cisco IOS?

- a) Opaque
- b) Disk
- c) Network
- d) NVRAM



Which of the following functions are NOT possible when using TFTP? (select two)

- a) Copy a file from a server.
- b) Create a new directory on a server.
- c) List the contents of a server.
- d) Copy a file to a server.

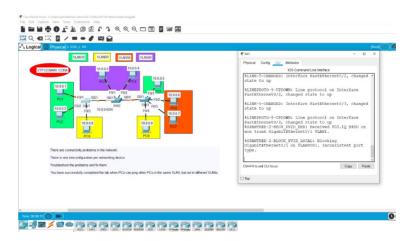


Supplementary Materials

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 (link in the description)

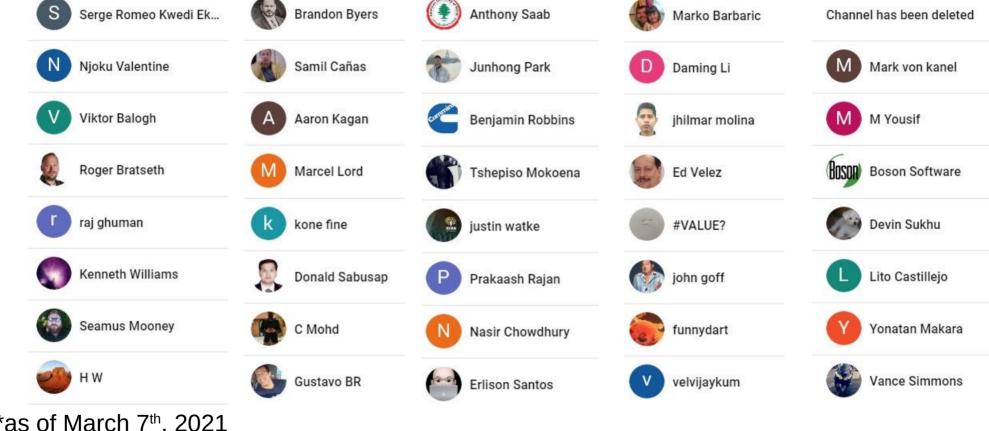


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