## **Password Recovery**

## **Lab Summary**

Perform password recovery on a router where a new password was configured by a contractor and unknown to technical support staff.

Figure 1 Lab Topology



## **Lab Configuration**

Start Packet Tracer File: Password Recovery

Click on the *router-1* icon and select the *CLI* folder. Hit the <enter> key for user mode prompt (>).

Step 1: Enter global configuration mode

router-1 > enable
Password: cisconet
router-1 >

Step 2: Select *Physical* folder and use right arrow key to shift right and toggle power switch off/on to restart router-1. Now go quickly to step 3.

Step 3: Select *CLI* folder and press <*Ctrl>* + <*C>* keys to start ROMmon mode.

Step 4: Modify the configuration register to prevent the startup configuration file from loading.

rommon 1 > confreg 0x2142

Step 5: Reboot router-1 with the following IOS command from ROMmon mode:
rommon 2 > reset

Step 6: Issue the following IOS command to load startup configuration to NVRAM.

Continue with configuration dialog? [yes/no] **no** 

router-1 > enable

router-1# copy startup-config running-config

Step 7: Change the password to **ccnaexam** and save changes with the following IOS commands.

router-1# configure terminal

router-1(config)# enable password ccnaexam

router-1(config)# exit

router-1# copy running-config startup-config

Step 8: Modify the configuration register with the following IOS command and restart router-1.

router-1# configure terminal

router-1(config)# config-register 0x2102

router-1(config)# end

router-1# reload

Step 9: Sign-on with the new password to verify

router-1 > enable

Password: ccnaexam