

# Cisco Switch Backup Script using Netmiko

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This script connects to a Cisco switch using SSH or Telnet and backs up the running configuration.

## Python Script:

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from netmiko import ConnectHandler
from datetime import datetime

def backup_cisco_config(ip, username, password, secret="", use_telnet=False):
    device_type = 'cisco_ios_telnet' if use_telnet else 'cisco_ios'

    device = {
        'device_type': device_type,
        'ip': ip,
        'username': username,
        'password': password,
        'secret': secret, # optional, only needed if enable is required
    }

    try:
        print(f"Connecting to {ip} using {'Telnet' if use_telnet else 'SSH'}...")
        net_connect = ConnectHandler(**device)

        # Enter enable mode if secret is provided
        if secret:
            net_connect.enable()

        # Get running configuration
        config = net_connect.send_command("show running-config")

        # Save to file
        timestamp = datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d-%H%M%S')
        filename = f"backup_{ip.replace('.', '_')}_{timestamp}.txt"
        with open(filename, 'w') as f:
            f.write(config)

        print(f"Backup from {ip} saved to {filename}")
        net_connect.disconnect()
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except Exception as e:
    print(f"Failed to backup {ip}: {e}")

# Example usage:
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # === EDIT THESE ===
    ip_address = "192.168.1.1"
    username = "cisco"
    password = "cisco"
    enable_secret = "ciscoAuto2025" # Optional
    use_telnet = False # Set to True to use Telnet

    backup_cisco_config(ip_address, username, password, enable_secret, use_telnet)
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