

**Packet Tracer - Configure Secure Passwords and SSH**

# Addressing Table

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Device** | **Interface** | **IP Address** | **Subnet Mask** | **Default Gateway** |
| RTA | G0/0 | 172.16.1.1 | 255.255.255.0 | N/A |
| PCA | NIC | 172.16.1.10 | 255.255.255.0 | 172.16.1.1 |
| SW1 | VLAN 1 | 172.16.1.2 | 255.255.255.0 | 172.16.1.1 |

# Scenario

The network administrator has asked you to prepare **RTA** and **SW1** for deployment. Before they can be connected to the network, security measures must be enabled.

# Intructions Step 1: Configure Basic Security on the Router

*Open a command prompt*

1. Configure IP addressing on **PCA** according to the Addressing Table.

*Close a command prompt Open configuration window*

1. Console into RTA from the Terminal on PCA.
2. Configure the hostname as **RTA**.
3. Configure IP addressing on **RTA** and enable the interface.
4. Encrypt all plaintext passwords.

RTA(config)# **service password-encryption**

1. Set the minimum password length to 10.

## RTA(config)# security password min-length 10

1. Set a strong secret password of your choosing. **Note**: Choose a password that you will remember, or you will need to reset the activity if you are locked out of the device.
2. Disable DNS lookup.

RTA(config)# **no ip domain-lookup**

1. Set the domain name to **CCNA.com** (case-sensitive for scoring in PT).

## RTA(config)# ip domain-name CCNA.com

1. Create a user of your choosing with a strong encrypted password.

RTA(config)# **username *any\_user* secret *any\_password***

1. Generate 1024-bit RSA keys.

**Note**: In Packet Tracer, enter the crypto key generate rsa command and press Enter to continue.

## RTA(config)# crypto key generate rsa

The name for the keys will be: **RTA.CCNA.com**

Choose the size of the key modulus in the range of 360 to 2048 for your General Purpose Keys. Choosing a key modulus greater than 512 may take

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a few minutes.

How many bits in the modulus [512]: **1024**

l. Block anyone for three minutes who fails to log in after four attempts within a two-minute period.

### RTA(config)# login block-for 180 attempts 4 within 120

m. Configure all VTY lines for SSH access and use the local user profiles for authentication.

RTA(config)# **line vty 0 4**

### RTA(config-line)# transport input ssh

RTA(config-line)# **login local**

n. Set the EXEC mode timeout to 6 minutes on the VTY lines.

#### RTA(config-line)# **exec-timeout 6**

1. Save the configuration to NVRAM.

*Close configuration window*

1. Access the command prompt on the desktop of **PCA** to establish an SSH connection to **RTA**.

*Open a command prompt*

C:\> **ssh /?**

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Usage: **SSH -l username target** C:\>

*Close a command prompt*

# Step 2: Configure Basic Security on the Switch

Configure switch **SW1** with corresponding security measures. Refer to the configuration steps on the router if you need additional assistance.

1. Click on **SW1** and select the **CLI** tab.

*Open a configuration window*

1. Configure the hostname as **SW1**.
2. Configure IP addressing on SW1 **VLAN1** and enable the interface.
3. Configure the default gateway address.
4. Disable all unused switch ports.

**Note**: On a switch it is a good security practice to disable unused ports. One method of doing this is to simply shut down each port with the ‘**shutdown**’ command. This would require accessing each port individually. There is a shortcut method for making modifications to several ports at once by using the **interface range** command. On **SW1** all ports except FastEthernet0/1 and GigabitEthernet0/1 can be shutdown with the following command:

## SW1(config)# interface range F0/2-24, G0/2

### SW1(config-if-range)# shutdown

%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface FastEthernet0/2, changed state to administratively down

%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface FastEthernet0/3, changed state to administratively down

<Output omitted>

%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface FastEthernet0/24, changed state to administratively down

%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface GigabitEthernet0/2, changed state to administratively down

The command used the port range of 2-24 for the FastEthernet ports and then a single port range of GigabitEthernet0/2.

f. Encrypt all plaintext passwords.

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2. Disable DNS lookup.
3. Set the domain name to **CCNA.com** (case-sensitive for scoring in PT).
4. Create a user of your choosing with a strong encrypted password.
5. Generate 1024-bit RSA keys.
6. Configure all VTY lines for SSH access and use the local user profiles for authentication.
7. Set the EXEC mode timeout to 6 minutes on all VTY lines.
8. Save the configuration to NVRAM.

*Close a configuration window*

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