



- Title :- Understand and Compare Telnet and SSH protocol
- Objective :- To understand the difference between Telnet and SSH protocols and simulate their usage in Cisco packet tracer
- Mode Used :- Cisco Packet Tracer

◦ Theory :-

1) Telnet (Telecommunication Network) :- It is a type of protocol that enables one computer to connect to the local computer. It is used as a standard TCP/IP protocol for virtual terminal service which is provided by ISO.

- During telnet operation, whatever is being performed on the remote computer will be displayed by the local computer.
- It operates on a client server principle
- It is an unencrypted remote management protocol used to access and manage devices remotely.
- It operates on port 23.

Advantages of telnet :-

1. It provides remote access to someone's computer system.
2. Telnet allows user for more access with



fewer problems in data transmission.

3. Telnet saves a lot of time.
4. The oldest system with .tel can be connect to a newer system with telnet having different operating system.
5. It is straightforward and easy to set up.

Disadvantages of Telnet :

1. Data is send in plain text, making it vulnerable to eavesdropping and attacks like man-in-the middle.
2. It's lack of encryption poses security risks especially on untrusted networks.
3. Some capabilities are disabled because of not proper interlinking of the remote and local devices.

2) SSH (Secure Shell) :- It is network protocol that provides a secure way to access and manage devices remotely over an unsecured network.

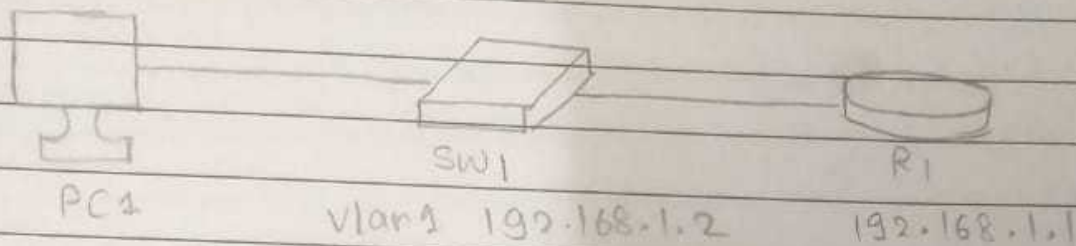
- It provides encrypted and secure access to remote devices such as servers, routers and switches. SSH
- It is commonly used for remote login, file transfer and command execution.
- It ensures confidentiality and integrity of data by encrypting the communication between the client and server, making it resistant to eavesdropping and tampering.
- It uses port 22.



- It is considered more secure alternative to protocols like Telnet.

• Procedure is

- Create a network topology in Cisco Packet Tracer as given in figure.



• Configure Telnet.

1. Click on switch 1 → CLI. Type the commands as follows.

- en
- config t
- int vlan 1
- ip address 192.168.1.2 255.255.255.0
- no shutdown

- This configure ip address for SW1

2. Click on Router → CLI. Type the commands

- en
- config t
- int g0/0
- ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
- no shutdown

- This configures ip address for R1

3. To configure user on R1. Type following commands.



- exit

- username cisco password lab

4. To configure user on Sw1. Use following commands

- exit

- username cisco password lab

5. To configure ~~vt~~ vty line on Sw1 and R1.

~~#~~ vty (Virtual teletype)

- vty stands for virtual teletype.

- Sw1 :- (commands)

1. line vty 0-15

2. login local

3. transport input telnet

- R1 :- (commands)

1. line vty 0 15

2. login local

3. transport input telnet

6. Go on PC1 > Desktop > Command prompt

- telnet 192.168.1.2

- provide username and password.

- exit

Try now for router 1

- telnet 192.168.1.1

- provide username and password

- exit.

Here we get access to the command line of R1 and Sw1.



• Configure SSH:

1. Configure ip address

• Sw1 >> CLI

- en

- config t

- hostname sw1.

- int vlan1

- ip address 192.168.1.2 255.255.255.0

- no shutdown.

• R1 >> CLI

- en

- config t

- hostname R1

- int g0/0

- ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0

- no shutdown

2. To configure single user on Switch and router

• ex sw1 :-

- exit

- username cisco password lab

• R1 :-

- exit

- username cisco password lab

3. To configure DNS domain name on each device.

• R1 :-

- ip domain-name cisco.com

• sw1

- ip domain-name cisco.com



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4. To generate keys to encrypt the packet.

- sw1 :
- crypto key generate rsa
- 1024

- R1 :
- crypto key generate rsa
- 1024

5. To configure vty line.

- R1 :
- line vty 0 15
- login local
- transport input ssh
- exec timeout 5

- sw1 :
- line vty 0 15
- login local
- transport input ssh
- exec timeout 5

6. For using SSH version 2 use following command in R1 and Sw1.

- exit
- ip ssh version 2

7. To connect to command line of sw1 and R1 from PC1

(Telnet command doesn't work here)

use following command in command prompt of PC1

- ssh -l cisco .192.168.1.2
- enter password
- exit



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- ssh -l : cisco 192.168.1.1
- enter password
- exit.

• Observation :-

1. When using Telnet, the connection is established in plain text and the password is transmitted as plain text.
2. When using SSH the connection is encrypted, ensuring secure communication and the password is not visible during transmission.

• Conclusion :- • Telnet is easy to configure but lacks security due to its plain text nature

- SSH provides secure, encrypted communication making it the preferred choice for remote management, especially in sensitive environment.
- It is important to use SSH over telnet for secured network connection.