



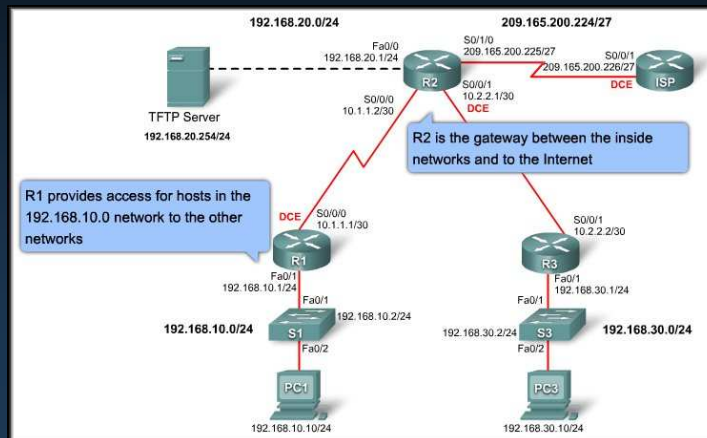
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Network Security

Part II

Introducing Network Security

Securing Cisco Routers



Router Security Issues

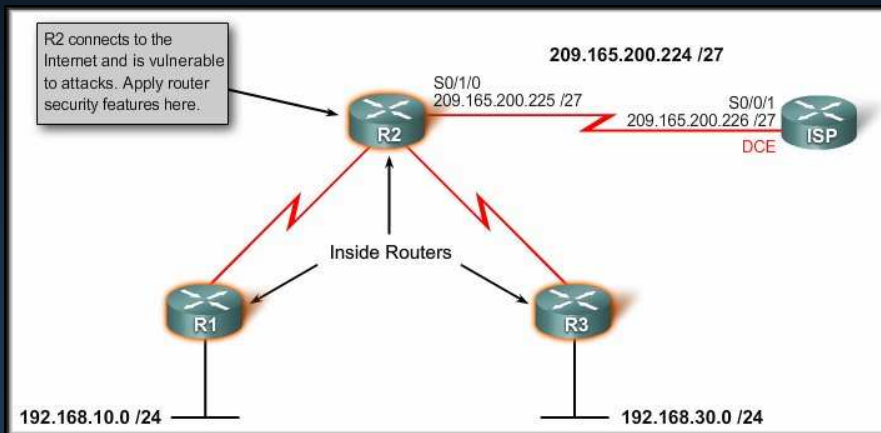
- **The Role of Routers in Network Security:**
 - Router security is a **critical element** in any security deployment and are **definite targets** for network attackers.
 - **Roles:**
 - Advertise networks and filter who can use them.
 - Provide access to network segments and subnetworks.

Router Security Issues

- **Routers Are Targets:**
 - **Compromising the access control** can expose network configuration details, thereby facilitating attacks against other network components.
 - **Compromising the route tables** can reduce performance, deny network communication services, and expose sensitive data.
 - **Misconfiguring a router traffic filter** can expose internal network components to scans and attacks, making it easier for attackers to avoid detection.

Router Security Issues

- **Securing routers at the network perimeter** is an important first step in securing the network.



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Router Security Issues

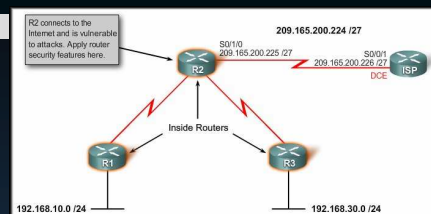
- **Securing Your Network:**

- **Physical:**

- Locate the router in a locked room that is accessible only to authorized personnel.
- UPS.

- **Update the router IOS:**

- Note that the latest version of an operating system **may not be the most stable version available**.
- Use the latest, stable release that **meets the feature requirements** of your network.



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Router Security Issues

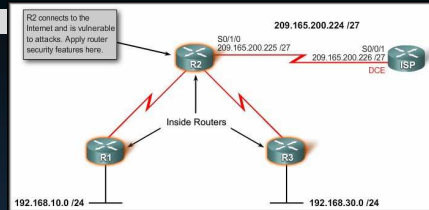
- **Securing Your Network:**

- **Configuration and IOS:**

- Keep a secure copy of the router IOS and router configuration file on a TFTP server for backup purposes.

- **Unused Services:**

- A router has many services enabled by default.
 - Harden your router configuration by disabling unnecessary services and unused ports.



Applying Cisco IOS Security Features

- **Steps to safeguard a router:**

Steps to safeguard a router:

- Step 1. Manage router security
- Step 2. Secure remote administrative access to routers
- Step 3. Logging router activity
- Step 4. Secure vulnerable router services and interfaces
- Step 5. Secure routing protocols
- Step 6. Control and filter network traffic

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 1: Manage Router Security.**
 - Basic router security consists of configuring passwords.
 - A strong password is the most fundamental element in controlling secure access to a router.
 - Follow accepted password practices.
 - Don't write it down.
 - Avoid dictionary words.
 - Combine letters, numbers and symbols.
 - Make password lengthy.
 - Change passwords frequently.

*The command **no password** on vty lines prevents any login.*

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 1: Manage Router Security.**
 - By default, Cisco IOS software leaves passwords in **plain text** when they are entered on a router.

service password-encryption ←

enable secret 2ManY-routEs ←

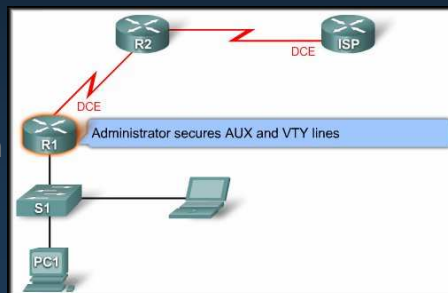
security passwords min-length 10 ←

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 2: Secure Remote Administrative Access.**
 - Local access through the console port is the preferred way for an administrator to connect to a device to manage it because it is secure.
 - Remote administrative access is more convenient than local access.
 - Using Telnet can be very insecure because all network traffic is in **plain text**.
 - An attacker could capture network traffic and sniff the administrator passwords or router configuration.

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 2: Secure Remote Administrative Access.**
 - Remote access typically involves allowing **Telnet, Secure Shell (SSH), HTTP, HTTP Secure (HTTPS), or SNMP** connections to the router from a computer.
 - Establish a dedicated management network.
 - Secure the administrative lines.
 - Encrypt all traffic between the administrator computer and the router.

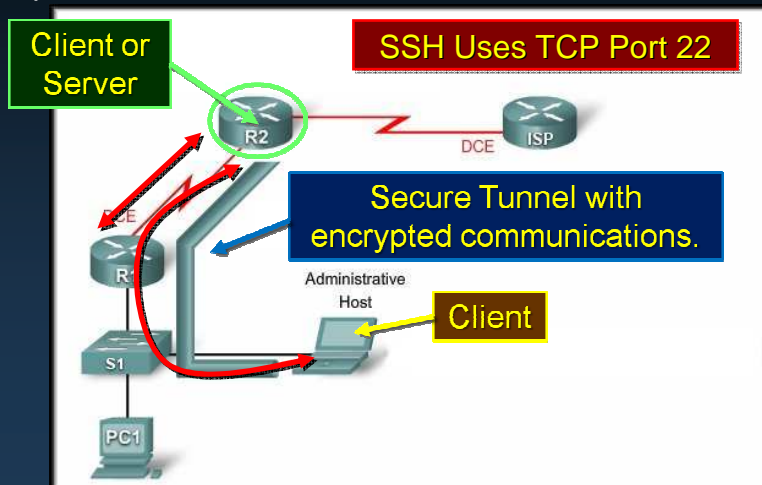


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- **Step 2: Secure Remote Administrative Access.**
 - Logins may be prevented on any line by configuring the router with the `login` and `no password` commands.
 - VTY lines should be configured to accept connections only with the protocols actually needed.
 - `transport input telnet` – only telnet
 - `transport input telnet ssh` – telnet or ssh
 - Implement Access Control Lists (ACLs) - Chapter 5.
 - Configure VTY timeouts using the `exec-timeout` command.

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 2: Secure Remote Administrative Access.**



Configuring SSH Security

- To enable SSH, the following parameters must be configured:
 - Hostname
 - Domain Name
 - Asymmetrical Keys
 - Local Authentication

Configuring SSH Security

- To enable SSH, the following parameters must be configured:

```
Router(config)#hostname R2
R2(config)#
R2(config)#ip domain-name scccs.ca
R2(config)#crypto key generate rsa
The name for the keys will be: R2.scccs.ca
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 a few minutes.

How many bits in the modulus [512]: 1024
% Generating 1024 bit RSA keys, keys will be non-exportable...[OK]
R2(config)#username student password cisco
*Mar 1 0:2:35.187: %SSH-5-ENABLED: SSH 1.99 has been enabled
R2(config)#line vty 0 4
R2(config-line)#transport input ssh
R2(config-line)#login local
R2(config-line)#exit
R2(config)#ip ssh time-out 15
R2(config)#ip ssh authentication-retries 2
R2(config)#
```


Configuring SSH Security

- To enable SSH, the following parameters must be configured:

- Step 1: Hostname:**

```
Router (config) #hostname R2
R2 (config) #
```

- Step 2: Domain Name:**

- Required for SSH.

```
R2 (config) #ip domain-name scccs.ca
```

Configuring SSH Security

- To enable SSH, the following parameters must be configured:

- Step 3: Generate the RSA key:**

- This step creates an asymmetrical key that router uses to encrypt the SSH management traffic.

```
R2 (config) #crypto key generate rsa
The name for the keys will be: R2.scccs.ca
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 a few minutes.

How many bits in the modulus [512]: 1024
% Generating 1024 bit RSA keys, keys will be non-exportable...[OK]
```

Cisco recommends a modulus length of **1024**. A longer length generates a more secure key but adds some latency.

Configuring SSH Security

- To enable SSH, the following parameters must be configured:

- Step 4: Configure local authentication and vty:**
 - You must define a local user.

```
R2 (config) #username student password cisco  
*Mar 1 0:2:35.187: %SSH-5-ENABLED: SSH 1.99 has been enabled
```

- Use the **login local** command to search the local database and assign ssh to the vty lines.

```
R2 (config) #line vty 0 4  
R2 (config-line) #transport input ssh  
R2 (config-line) #login local
```

Makes SSH the
only method.
NO TELNET

Configuring SSH Security

- To enable SSH, the following parameters must be configured:

- Step 5: Configure SSH timeouts:**
 - Not absolutely necessary for SSH but probably a good idea.

```
R2 (config) #ip ssh time-out 15  
R2 (config) #ip ssh authentication-retries 2  
R2 (config) #
```

Test SSH Security

- To connect to a router configured with SSH, you have to use an SSH client application such as **PuTTY** or **TeraTerm**.
 - Choose the SSH option and use **TCP port 22**.

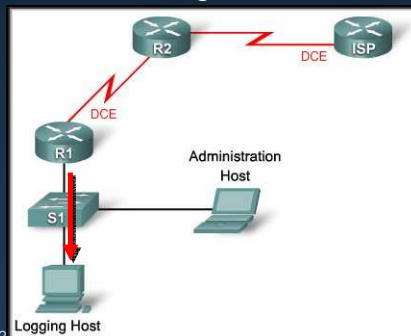


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- **Step 3: Log Router Activity.**
 - Logs allow you to verify router is working properly.
 - Routers support **8 levels** of logging.
 - The most important thing to remember about logging is that **logs must be reviewed regularly.**



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- 0: Emergencies
- 1: Alerts
- 2: Critical
- 3: Errors
- 4: Warnings
- 5: Notification
- 6: Informational
- 7: Debugging

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 4: Securing Router Network Services.**
 - Cisco routers support a large number of network services at layers 2, 3, 4, and 7.
 - Some of them are **application layer protocols**.
 - **Others are automatic processes and settings** intended to support **legacy** configurations that pose security risks.
 - **Some of these services can be restricted or disabled** to improve security without degrading the operational use of the router.
 - *Most of the services listed in this section are usually not required.*

Steps to Safeguard a Router

Feature	Description	Default	Recommendation
Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)	Proprietary Layer 2 protocol between Cisco devices.	Enabled	CDP is almost never needed; disable it.
TCP small servers	Standard TCP network services: echo, chargen, and so on.	>=11.3: disabled 11.2: enabled	This is a legacy feature; disable it explicitly.
UDP small servers	Standard UDP network services: echo, discard, and so on.	>=11.3: disabled 11.2: enabled	This is a legacy feature; disable it explicitly.
Finger	UNIX user lookup service, allows remote listing of users.	Enabled	Unauthorized persons do not need to know this; disable it.
HTTP server	Some Cisco IOS devices offer web-based configuration.	Varies by device	If not in use, explicitly disable; otherwise, restrict access.
BOOTP server	Service to allow other routers to boot from this one.	Enabled	This is rarely needed and may open a security hole; disable it.
Configuration auto-loading	Router will attempt to load its configuration via TFTP.	Disabled	This is rarely used; disable it if it is not in use.
IP source routing	IP feature that allows packets to specify their own routes.	Enabled	This rarely-used feature can be helpful in attacks; disable it.
Proxy ARP	Router will act as a proxy for Layer 2 address resolution.	Enabled	Disable this service unless the router is serving as a LAN bridge.

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Feature	Description	Default	Recommendation
IP directed broadcast	Packets can identify a target LAN for broadcasts.	>=11.3: enabled	Directed broadcast can be used for attacks; disable it.
Classless routing behavior	Router will forward packets with no concrete route.	Enabled	Certain attacks can benefit from this; disable it unless your net requires it.
IP unreachable notifications	Router will explicitly notify senders of incorrect IP addresses.	Enabled	Can aid network mapping; disabled on interfaces to untrusted networks.
IP mask reply	Router will send an IP address mask of the interface in response to an ICMP mask request	Disabled	Can aid IP address mapping; explicitly disable on interfaces to untrusted networks.
IP redirects	Router will send an ICMP redirect message in response to certain routed IP packets.	Enabled	Can aid network mapping; disable on interfaces to untrusted networks.
NTP service	Router can act as a time server for other devices and hosts.	Enabled (if NTP is configured)	If not in use, explicitly disable; otherwise, restrict access.
Simple Network Management Protocol	Routers can support SNMP remote query and configuration.	Enabled	If not in use, explicitly disable; otherwise, restrict access.
Domain Name Service	Routers can perform DNS name resolution.	Enabled (broadcast)	Set the DNS server address explicitly, or disable DNS.

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- **Step 4: Securing Router Network Services.**
 - **Turning off a service** on the router itself does not mean that the service or protocol cannot be used on the network.
 - **For example:**
 - TFTP (Trivial File Transfer Protocol)
 - DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)
 - **Turning off an automatic network feature** usually prevents a certain type of network traffic.
 - **For example:**
 - IP Source Routing is rarely used but can be used in network attacks.

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- **Step 4: Securing Router Network Services.**
 - SNMP, NTP and DNS Vulnerabilities:
 - **SNMP** (Simple Network Management Protocol):
 - SNMP is the standard Internet protocol for automated remote monitoring and administration.
 - **Versions of SNMP prior to Version 3 shuttle information in clear text.**

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 4: Securing Router Network Services.**
 - SNMP, NTP and DNS Vulnerabilities:
 - **NTP** (Network Time Protocol):
 - Cisco routers and other hosts use NTP to keep their time-of-day clocks accurate.
 - Network administrators should configure all routers as part of an NTP hierarchy.
 - One router is the master timer and provides its time to other routers on the network.
 - **If an NTP hierarchy is not available on the network, you should disable NTP.**

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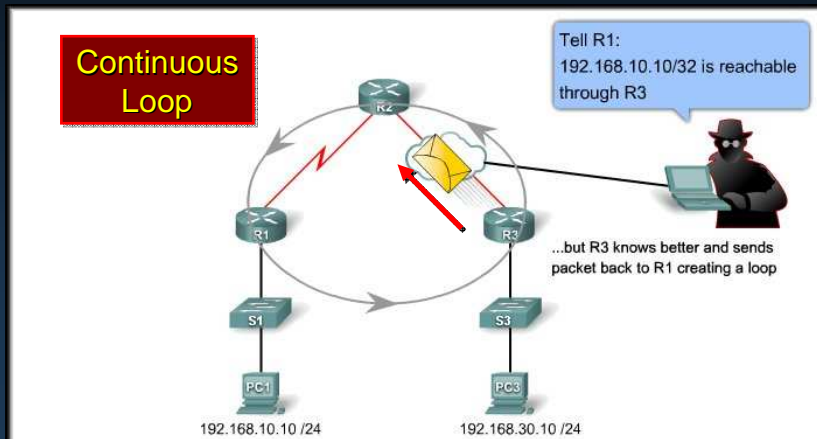
- **Step 4: Securing Router Network Services.**
 - SNMP, NTP and DNS Vulnerabilities:
 - **DNS** (Domain Name System):
 - Cisco IOS software supports looking up hostnames with the Domain Name System (DNS).
 - The basic DNS protocol offers no authentication or integrity assurance. By default, name queries are **sent to the broadcast address 255.255.255.255**.
 - Either explicitly set the name server addresses using the global configuration command **ip name-server addresses** or turn off DNS name resolution with the **no ip domain-lookup** command.

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Step 5: Securing Routing Protocols.**
 - Routing systems can be attacked in 2 ways:
 - **Disruption of peers:**
 - It is the less critical of the two attacks because routing protocols heal themselves.
 - **Falsification of routing information:**
 - Falsified routing information may generally be used to cause systems to misinform (lie to) each other, cause a DoS, or cause traffic to follow a path it would not normally follow.

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- Step 5: Securing Routing Protocols.
 - Falsification of routing information:

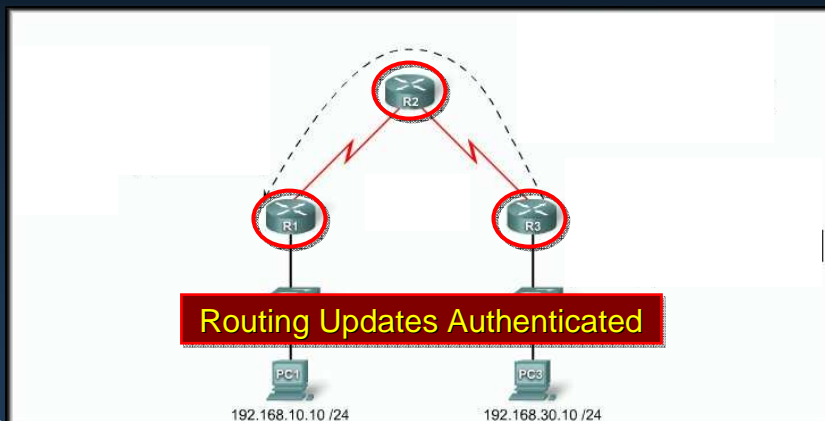


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- Step 5: Securing Routing Protocols.
 - Protect routing information using message digest algorithm 5 (MD5). Routers compare signatures.



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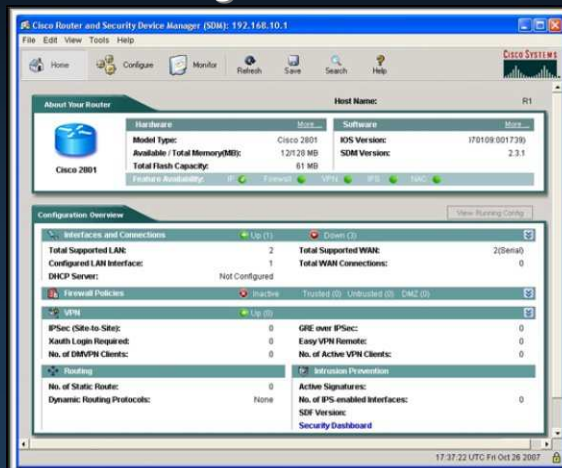
- **Step 5: Securing Routing Protocols.**
 - RIPv2, EIGRP, OSPF, IS-IS, and BGP all support various forms of MD5 authentication.
 - **For Example:**
 - Prevent RIP updates from being propagated out ports where there is no other router.
 - **passive interface** command.
 - Prevent unauthorized reception of RIP updates by **implementing MD5 authentication** with a specific key.
 - **Verify RIP routing.**
 - *While the commands are different, the same basic process is used for other protocols.*

Steps to Safeguard a Router

- **Locking Down Your Router With Cisco Auto Secure:**
 - Cisco AutoSecure uses a single command to disable non-essential system processes and services.
 - Configure it in privileged EXEC mode using the auto secure command in one of these two modes:
 - **Interactive mode:**
 - This mode prompts you with options to enable and disable services and other security features. (default)
 - **Non-interactive mode:**
 - Automatically executes the auto secure command with the recommended Cisco default settings.

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Using Cisco SDM



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Using Cisco SDM

- **Cisco SDM Overview:**
 - The Cisco Security Device Manager (SDM) is a **web-based device management tool** designed for configuring LAN, WAN, and security features on Cisco IOS software-based routers.
 - It provides:
 - Easy-to-use smart wizards.
 - Automates router security management.
 - Assists through comprehensive online help.

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Using Cisco SDM

- **Cisco SDM Overview:**
 - Cisco SDM ships preinstalled by default on all new Cisco integrated services routers.
 - If it is not preinstalled, you will have to install it.
 - If SDM is pre-installed, Cisco recommends using Cisco SDM to perform the initial configuration
 - SDM files can be installed on router, PC, or both.
 - An advantage of installing SDM on the PC is that it saves router memory, and allows you to use SDM to manage other routers on the network.

Using Cisco SDM

- **Configuring Your Router to Support SDM:**
 - Before you can install SDM on an operational router, you must ensure that a few **configuration settings** are present in the router configuration file.
 - Access the router's Cisco CLI interface using **Telnet or the console** connection.
 - Enable the **HTTP and HTTPS** servers on the router
 - Create a **user account** defined with privilege level 15.
 - Configure **SSH and Telnet** for local login and privilege level 15.

Using Cisco SDM

- **Configuring Your Router to Support SDM**

```
R1 (config) #ip http server
R1 (config) #ip http secure-server
```

HTTP and HTTPS
Generates 1024
bit RSA keys

```
R1 (config) #ip http authentication local
R1 (config) #username Student privilege 15 secret cisco
```

User
Account

```
R1 (config) #line vty 0 4
R1 (config-line) #privilege level 15
R1 (config-line) #login local
R1 (config-line) #transport input telnet ssh
R1 (config-line) #exit
```

SSH and Telnet



Administrator configures router R1 so Cisco SDM can be installed and run without disrupting network traffic.

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Using Cisco SDM

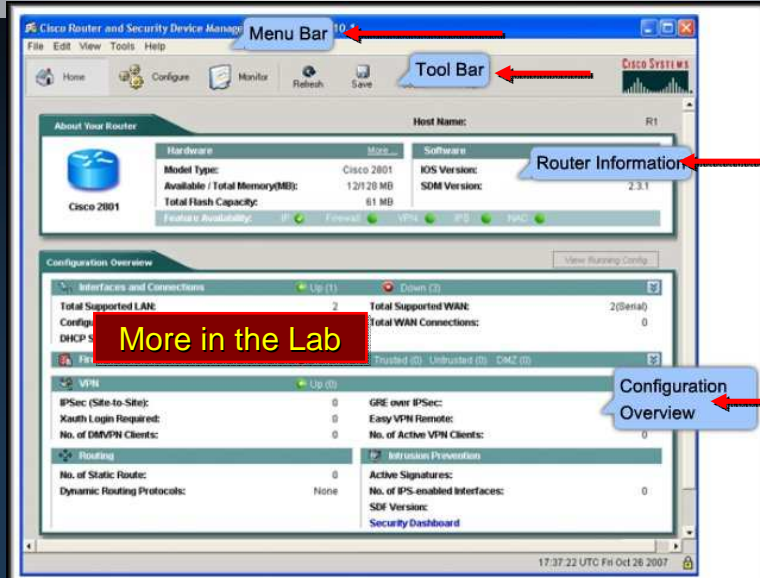
- **Starting SDM:**

- To launch the Cisco SDM use the **HTTPS protocol** and put the **IP address of the router into the browser**.
- When the **username and password** dialog box appears, enter a username and password for the privileged (privilege level 15) account on the router.
- After the launch page appears a **signed Cisco SDM Java applet** appears which must remain open while Cisco SDM is running.
- Because it is a signed Cisco SDM Java applet you may be prompted to **accept a certificate**.

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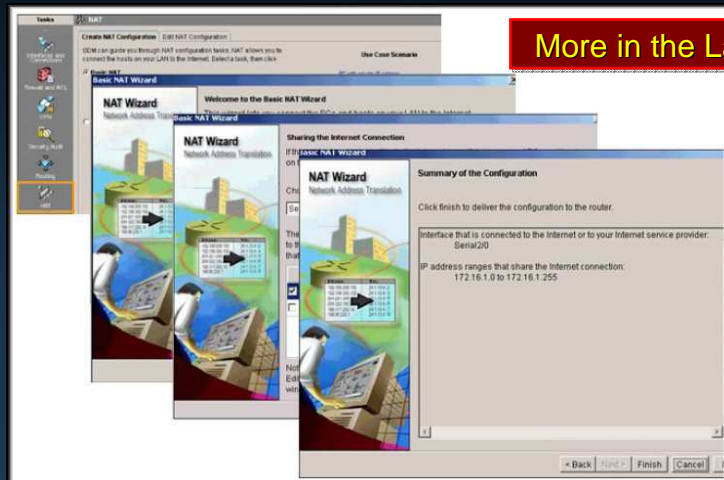
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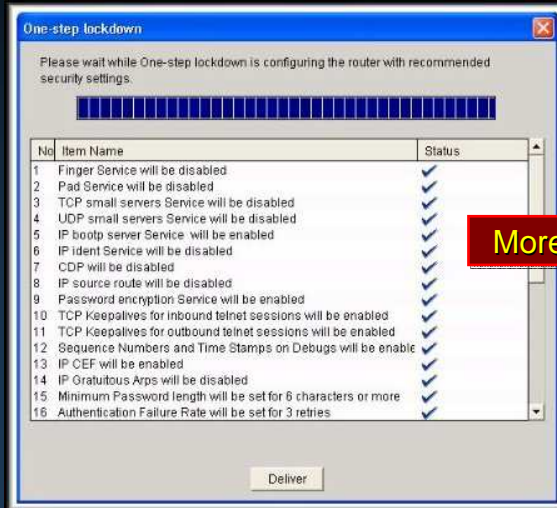
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- Cisco SDM Wizards:



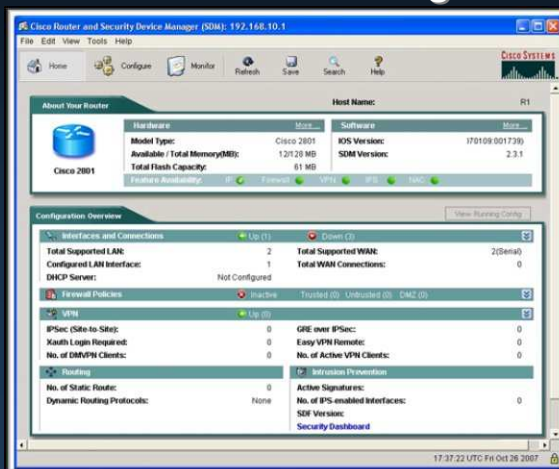
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- Locking Down a Router with SDM:



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Secure Router Management



Maintaining Cisco IOS Software Images

- There are certain guidelines that you must follow when changing the Cisco IOS software on a router.
 - **Updates:**
 - A free update replaces one release with another without upgrading the feature set. (Bug fixes)
 - **Upgrades:**
 - An upgrade replaces a release with one that has an upgraded feature set or new technologies.
 - Upgrades are not free.

Maintaining Cisco IOS Software Images

- It is not always a good idea to upgrade to the latest version of IOS software.
 - Many times that release is not stable.
 - It may include new features or technologies that are not needed in your enterprise.

Maintaining Cisco IOS Software Images

- Cisco recommends a **four-phase migration** process.
 - **Plan:**
 - Set goals, identify resources, profile network hardware and software, and create a schedule for migrating to new releases.
 - **Design:**
 - Choose new Cisco IOS releases.
 - **Implement:**
 - Schedule and execute the migration.
 - **Operate:**
 - Monitor the migration progress and make backup copies of images that are running on your network.

Maintaining Cisco IOS Software Images

- There are a number of tools available on Cisco.com to aid in migrating Cisco IOS software.
 - Some tools **do not require a Cisco.com login:**
 - Cisco IOS Reference Guide.
 - Cisco IOS software technical documents.
 - Cisco Feature Navigator.
 - **Some tools require valid Cisco.com login** accounts:
 - Download Software.
 - Bug Toolkit.
 - Software Advisor.
 - Cisco IOS Upgrade Planner.

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/tsd_most_requested_tools.html

Managing Cisco IOS Images

- Cisco IOS File Systems and Devices:
 - Cisco IOS devices provide a feature called the Cisco IOS Integrated File System (IFS).
 - The directories available depend on the platform.
 - The **show file systems** command lists all file systems.
 - It provides information such as the amount of available and free memory, type of file system and its permissions.
 - Permissions include read only (ro), write only (wo), and read and write (rw).

Managing Cisco IOS Images

- Cisco IOS File Systems and Devices:

```
R1# show file systems
File Systems:
  Size(b)   Free(b)   Type  Flags  Prefixes
  -         -         -     -      -
  -         -         opaque rw    archive:
  -         -         opaque rw    system:
  -         -         opaque rw    null:
  -         -         network rw    tftp:
  -         -         network rw    http:
  * 31932416 462848   disk  rw    flash:#
  -         -         opaque wo    sysio:
  -         -         opaque rw    xmodem:
  -         -         opaque rw    ymodem:
  -         -         network rw    rcp:
  -         -         network rw    pram:
  -         -         network rw    ftp:
  -         -         network rw    http:
  -         -         network rw    scp:
  -         -         network rw    https:
  -         -         opaque ro    cns:

R1#
```

* = current default

= bootable disk with the current IOS file

Managing Cisco IOS Images

- Cisco IOS File Systems and Devices:
 - Flash:

```
R1# dir
Directory of flash:/

 1  -rw-     720  Sep 11 2007 15:59:54 +00:00  pre_autosec.cfg
 2  -rw-     1821  Jul 11 2006 10:32:42 +00:00  advconf-18xx.cfg
 3  -rw-  4734464  Jul 11 2006 10:31:20 +00:00  sdm.tar
 4  -rw-   833024  Jul 11 2006 10:31:44 +00:00  es.tar
 5  -rw-  1052160  Jul 11 2006 10:32:14 +00:00  common.tar
 6  -rw-     1038  Jul 11 2006 10:32:36 +00:00  home.shtml
 7  -rw-   102400  Jul 11 2006 10:32:58 +00:00  home.tar
 8  -rw-     491212  Jul 11 2006 10:33:20 +00:00  128MB.pdf
 9  -rw-  1684577  Jul 11 2006 10:34:00 +00:00  securedesktop-ios-3.1.1.27-k9.pkg
10  -rw-   398305  Jul 11 2006 10:34:34 +00:00  ssiclient-win-1.1.0.154.pkg
11  -rw-  22149320  Mar 28 2007 16:02:28 +00:00  cl841-advipservicesk9-mz.124-13a.bin

31932416 bytes total (462848 bytes free)
```

Managing Cisco IOS Images

- Cisco IOS File Systems and Devices:
 - NVRAM:

```
R1# cd nvram
R1# pwd
nvram:/
R1# dir
Directory of nvram:/

190 -rw-     1253          <no date>  startup-config
191 ---         24          <no date>  private-config
192 -rw-     1253          <no date>  underlying-config
 1  -rw-         0          <no date>  ifindex-table

196600 bytes total (194247 bytes free)
R1#
```

Managing Cisco IOS Images

- **URL Prefixes for Cisco Devices:**

- Administrators do not have visual cues when working at a router CLI.
 - File locations are specified in Cisco IOS using the **URL convention**.
 - Similar to the format you know from the web.
 - For Example:

`ftp://192.168.20.254/configs/backup-configs`

Prefix

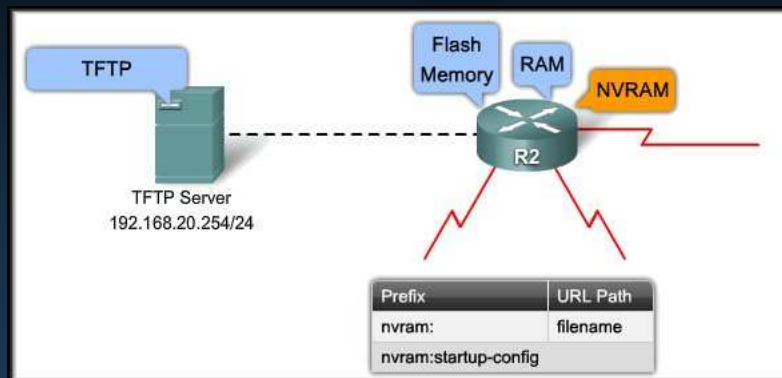
IP Address of the TFTP Server

Server master folder

Backup file name

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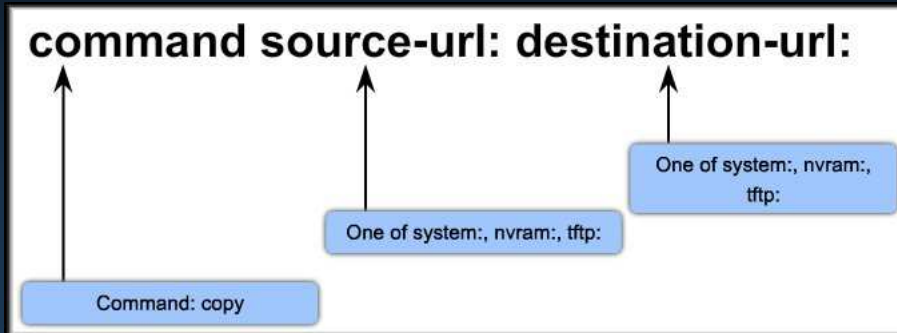
- **URL Prefixes for Cisco Devices:**



Managing Cisco IOS Images

- **URL Prefixes for Cisco Devices:**

- The **copy command** is used to move files from one device to another, such as RAM, NVRAM, or a TFTP server.



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- **URL Prefixes for Cisco Devices:**

- The **copy command** is used to move files from one device to another, such as RAM, NVRAM, or a TFTP server.

```
R2#copy run start
```

```
R2#copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config
```

```
R2#copy run tftp:
```

```
R2#copy system:running-config tftp:
```

```
R2#copy tftp: start
```

```
R2#copy tftp: nvram:startup-config
```

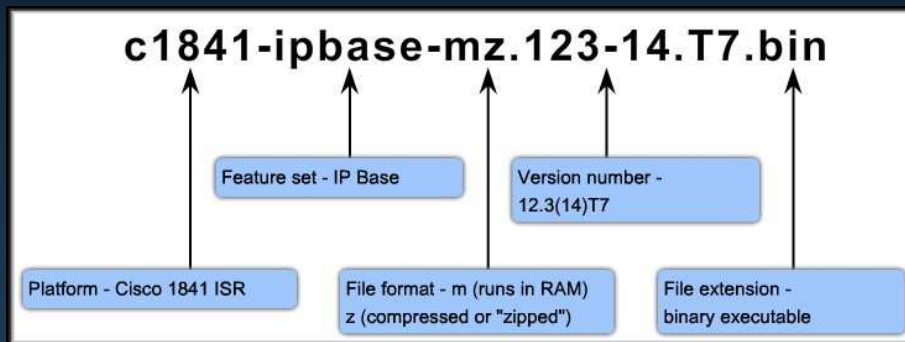
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Managing Cisco IOS Images

- **Cisco IOS File Naming Conventions:**

- The IOS image file is based on a special naming convention that contains multiple parts, each with a specific meaning.

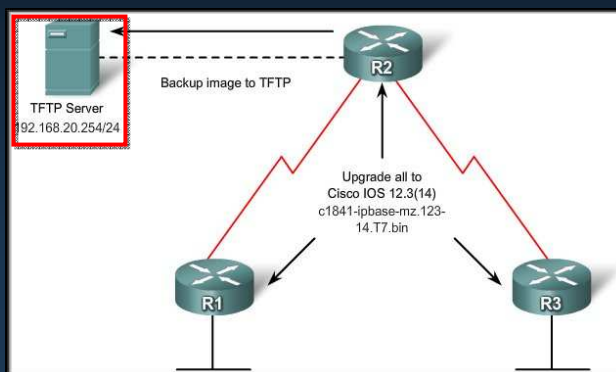


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TFTP Managed Cisco IOS Images

- For any network, it is always prudent to retain a backup copy of the IOS image in case the image in the router becomes corrupted or accidentally erased.
- Using a network TFTP server allows image and configuration uploads and downloads over the network.
- The TFTP server can be another router or a workstation.

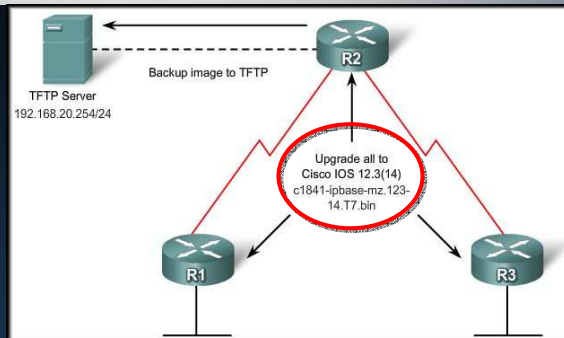


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- Before changing a Cisco IOS image on the router, you need to complete these tasks:



- **Determine the memory** required for the update.
- **Set up and test** the file transfer capability.
- **Schedule** the required downtime.

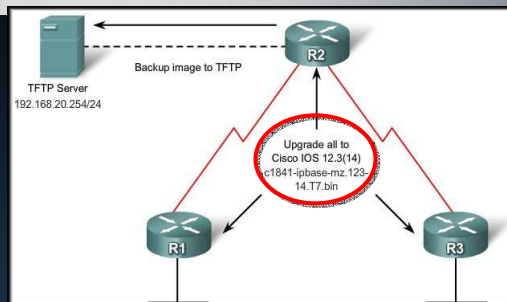
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- When you are ready to do the update:

- **Shut down all interfaces not needed** to perform the update.
- **Back up** the current operating system and the current configuration file to a TFTP server.
- **Load the update** for either the operating system or the configuration file.
- **Test** to confirm that the update works properly.



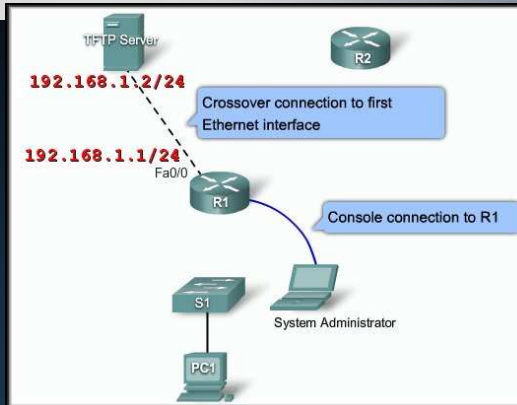
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- Using **tftpdnld**:

- Connect a PC to the console port.
- Connect the **first Ethernet port** on the router to the TFTP server with a cross-over cable.
- Configure the TFTP server with a **static IP Address**.
- Boot the router and set the **ROMmon variables**.
- Enter the **tftpdnld** command.



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```
rommon 1 > IP_ADDRESS=192.168.1.2
rommon 2 > IP_SUBNET_MASK=255.255.255.0
rommon 3 > DEFAULT_GATEWAY=192.168.1.1
rommon 4 > TFTP_SERVER=192.168.1.1
rommon 5 > TFTP_FILE=c2800nm-ipbase-mz.124-15.T1.bin
rommon 6 > tftpdnld

      IP_ADDRESS: 192.168.1.2
      IP_SUBNET_MASK: 255.255.255.0
      DEFAULT_GATEWAY: 192.168.1.1
      TFTP_SERVER: 192.168.1.1
      TFTP_FILE: c2800nm-ipbase-mz.124-15.T1.bin
Invoke this command for disaster recovery only.
WARNING: all existing data in all partitions on flash will be lost!

Do you wish to continue? y/n: [n]: y <CR>
Receiving file c2800nm-ipbase-mz.124-15.T1.bin from 192.168.1.2
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! <output omitted>
program flash location 0x62430000
program flash location 0x62440000
<output omitted>
program flash location 0x63080000
program flash location 0x63090000

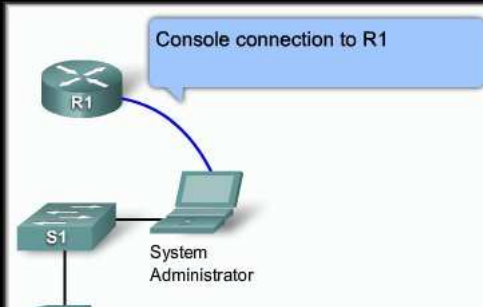
rommon 7 >
```

Case Sensitive

Either power cycle the router or use the **reset** command.

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- Using **xmodem**:
 - Connect a PC to the console port.
 - Boot the router and issue the **xmodem** command.



```
rommon1 >xmodem -c c1841-ipbase-mz.123-14.T7.bin  
Do not start the sending program yet...  
device does not contain a valid magic number
```

```
WARNING: All existing data in bootflash will be lost!  
Invoke this application only for disaster recovery.  
Do you wish to continue? y/n [n]:y <CR>
```

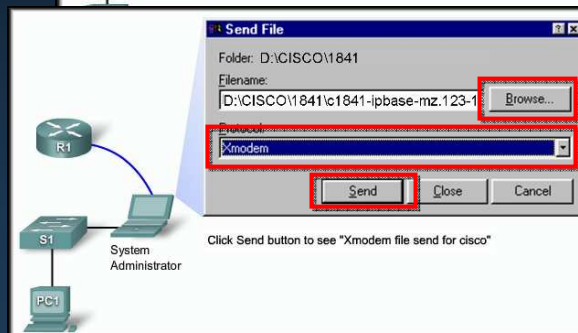
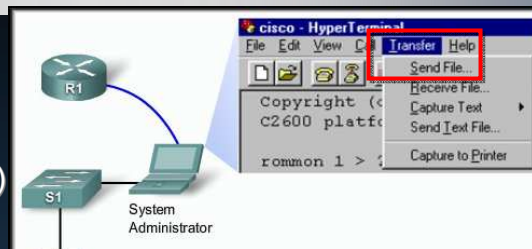
```
Ready to receive file c1841-ipbase-mz.123-14.T7.bin
```

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- Using **xmodem**:
 - Load a terminal emulation program (e.g. Hyperterminal) that supports the Xmodem protocol.
 - Once the transfer has finished, reboot the router.



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Troubleshooting Cisco IOS Configurations

- Cisco IOS troubleshooting commands:
 - **show** – configured parameters and their values.
 - **debug** – trace the execution of a process.

	show	debug
Processing characteristic	Static	Dynamic
Processing load	Low overhead	High overhead
Primary use	Gather facts	Observe processes

- By default, the router sends the **output from debug commands to the console** but it can be redirected to a logging server.

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- Considerations when using the **debug** command:
 - Plan the use of the debug command. Use it carefully.
 - Gets CPU priority and may interfere with normal routing processes.
 - Can help resolve network issues even though you may take a temporary performance hit.
 - Can generate too much output. Know what you're looking for **before** you start.
 - Different debugs generate different output. Don't be caught by surprise.

Recovering a Lost Password

- **Password Recovery:**
 - Recovering a password makes use of the router's **configuration register**.
 - This register is like the BIOS on a PC.
 - When a router boots, it will check the register and boot in the manner specified by the value in the register.
 - For this course, we will only concern ourselves with two registry values.
 - **0x2102**: the default registry value.
 - **0x2142**: instructs the router to bypass any startup configuration.

Recovering a Lost Password

- **Password Recovery Basic Steps:**
 - Connect to the router console port.
 - Issue the **show version** command to obtain the current registry value.

```
Router>show version
Cisco IOS Software, 2800 Software
  (C2800-IPBASE-M), Version 12.4(15)T1,
  RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc2)
Technical Support: http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
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<output omitted>

239K bytes of NVRAM.
62720K bytes of processor board System flash (Read/Write)

Configuration register is 0x2102

Router>
```

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- **Password Recovery Basic Steps:**
 - Power cycle the router and press the “Break” key within **60 seconds**. This puts the router in ROMmon mode.
 - Type **confreg 0x2142** at the **rommon 1 >** prompt to specify bypassing the startup configuration.
 - Type **reset** or power cycle the router.
 - Bypass any default startup questions and type **enable**.
 - Copy the **start up** configuration to the **running** configuration.

Recovering a Lost Password

- **Password Recovery Basic Steps:**
 - Change the password. (enable secret, Console or VTY)
 - Change the configuration register back to the default using the following command:
Router(config)#config-register 0x2102
 - Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration and reload or power cycle the router.

We will do this in the lab.