



Network Management & Monitoring

Cisco/HP Configuration Elements



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Overview

- Basic things that we need to make sure are configured on a Cisco routers, Cisco switches and HP switches to do proper network management
- These apply to other network equipment manufacturers of course, and to servers and workstations

Elements

Hostname:	Hostname of the device
SSH:	Enable S ecure S hell
DNS:	D omain N ame L ookup
NTP:	Time synchronization (N etwork T ime P rotocol)
Syslog:	S ystem l og messages
SNMP:	SNMP configuration
SNMP traps:	Where to send traps
CDP:	C isco D iscovery P rotocol

Cisco equipment

Accessing the device

1. telnet 10.10.X.254

2. You are in “user mode”

```
rtr>
```

3. If you're user has the privileges, go to “privileged mode”

```
rtr>enable      (class password)
```

```
rtr#conf t
```

```
rtr(config)#
```

4. Type in configuration commands.

5. Exit and save/build your new configuration

```
rtr(config)#exit
```

```
rtr#wr mem
```

A few useful commands

1. Display the configuration

```
rtr#show run
```

```
rtr#show run | inc pattern
```

2. Show interface info

```
rtr#show ip int brief
```

```
rtr#show ip int FastEthernet0/0
```

3. Show console messages to login session

```
rtr#term mon
```

```
rtr#term no mon
```

4. Hit ? or Tab at any point to get a list of possible completions

Hostname

Preferably we use the FQDN (**F**ully **Q**ualified **D**omain **N**ame).

In config mode on the router something like this:

```
rtr(config) #hostname RX.MGMT
```

DNS configuration

In config mode on the router:

```
ip domain-name mgmt  
ip name-server 10.10.254.200
```

ALTERNATIVELY: disable DNS resolution entirely

```
no ip domain-lookup
```

Just be consistent in your choice!

NTP + time configuration

In config mode:

```
ntp server 10.10.254.200  (*)  
clock timezone XXXX 3
```

If needed:

```
clock summer-time XXXX recurring \  
last Sun Mar 2:00 last Sun Oct \  
3:00
```

Replace “XXXX” with the timezone abbreviation for the location of your router.

Manually doing this can often backfire as “fixed” dates may change.

Verify:

```
rtr>show clock
```

SSH

Only crypto version of IOS/CatOS have support for SSH – there are export restrictions... In config mode:

```
rtr# aaa new-model  
rtr# crypto key generate rsa  
rtr# username sysadmin secret \  
menog7
```

...above is required to be allowed to enable SSH. Verify creation with:

```
sh crypto key mypubkey rsa
```

Use at least 768 bits - OpenSSH requires it

SSH (continued)

Enforce ssh (disabling telnet) on vty lines

```
rtr#conf t
rtr(config)#line vty 0 4
rtr(config)#transport input ssh
rtr(config)#^Z      (“exit” completely)
rtr#wr mem
```

SSH is now enabled

Telnet is disabled if there's only one (ssh) configured:

```
transport input ssh
```

Syslog

In config mode, enable logging to your NOC machine (X is your network)

```
rtr(config)#logging 10.10.X.1  
rtr(config)#logging facility local5  
rtr(config)#logging trap debugging
```

SNMP

In config mode:

```
# snmp-server community xxxxxxxxxx RO  
# snmp-server location XX
```

- Replace xxxxxxxxxx with the private community string chosen in class.
- For traps/alarms the usage of syslog is recommended
- To restrict the clients allowed to query the router an access-list can be configured

CDP

Cisco Discovery Protocol

- Enabled by default nowadays in current IOS versions.
- Otherwise, enable with "cdp enable" or "cdp run" in configure mode on your router.
- tcpdump and tools like cdpr will show you CDP announcements
- check neighbor announcement with:
`rtr>show cdp neighbors`

HP switches

Accessing

- Using telnet or ssh (telnet by default)
- By default, no user, only a password:

```
Password: *****
```

```
SW1 - HP 2510-G#
```

- Menu mode: not all options available!
- Shell mode: similar to Cisco IOS shell
 - i.e.: spanning-tree not enabled by default, and cannot be enabled via the menu:

```
SW1 - HP 2510-G# conf t
```

```
SW1 - HP 2510-G(config)# spanning-tree
```


Hostname

- Like Cisco, but specify FQDN:

```
SW1# conf t
```

```
SW1 (config)# hostname sw1.mgmt
```

```
SW1 (config)# ^Z
```

```
SW1#
```

DNS

- HP layer 2 switches don't support DNS resolution

NTP

```
SW1# conf t
```

```
SW1 (config)# sntp server 192.168.80.5
```

```
SW1 (config)# sntp server unicast
```

```
SW1 (config)# ^Z
```

```
SW1#
```

SSH

```
SW1 (config)# crypto key generate ssh
```

Installing new RSA key. If the key/entropy cache is depleted, this could take up to a minute.

```
SW1 (config)# ip ssh
```

```
SW1 (config)# no telnet-server
```

```
SW1 (config)# ^Z
```

```
SW1# write mem
```

```
SW1#
```

SSH is now enabled – by default the user you log in as is ignored, only the password matters.

TELNET IS DISABLED!

Syslog

```
SW1 (config)# logging 192.168.10X.30
```

```
SW1 (config)# logging facility local5
```

```
SW1 (config)# ^Z
```

```
SW1# write mem
```

SNMP

```
SW1 (config)# snmp-server community xxx
```

```
SW1 (config)# ^Z
```

```
SW1# write mem
```

By default, community is RO (read only)

CDP and LLDP/802.1ab

- HP eqpt. supports both Cisco's discovery protocol (CDP) as well as the open standard 802.1ab (LLDP – Link Layer Discovery Protocol)
- By default, CDP is enabled

```
SW1 (config)# cdp run
```

```
SW1 (config)# cdp enable 1-24
```

```
SW1 (config)# ^Z
```

```
SW1# write mem
```

Questions?

