Packet Tracer – Configuring Secure Passwords and SSH

(Instructor Version)

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Topology



Addressing Table

Device	Interface	IP Address	Subnet Mask	Default Gateway
[[R1Name]]	G0/0	[[R1Add]]	255.255.255.0	N/A
[[PC1Name]]	NIC	[[PC1Add]]	255.255.255.0	[[R1Add]]

Scenario

The network administrator has asked you to prepare **[[R1Name]]** for deployment. Before it can be connected to the network, security measures must be enabled.

Requirements

- Configure IP addressing on [[PC1Name]] according to the Addressing Table.
- Console into [[R1Name]] from the Terminal on PC-A.
- Configure IP addressing on [[R1Name]] and enable the interface.
- Configure the hostname as [[R1Name]].
- Encrypt all plaintext passwords.

[[R1Name]](config)# service password-encryption

- Set a strong secret password of your choosing.
- Set the domain name to [[R1Name]].com (case-sensitive for scoring in PT). [[R1Name]](config)# ip domain-name [[R1Name]].com
- Create a user of your choosing with a strong password.

[[R1Name]](config)# username any_user password any_password

• Generate 1024-bit RSA keys.

Note: In Packet Tracer, enter the crypto key generate rsa command and press Enter to continue. [[R1Name]](config)# crypto key generate rsa The name for the keys will be: [[R1Name]].[[R1Name]].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 a few minutes.

How many bits in the modulus [512]: 1024

% Generating 1024 bit RSA keys, keys will be non-exportable...[OK]

- Block anyone for three minutes who fails to log in after four attempts within a two-minute period. [[R1Name]](config)# login block-for 180 attempts 4 within 120
- Configure the VTY lines for SSH access and use the local user profiles for authentication.

[[R1Name]](config)# line vty 0 4
[[R1Name]](config-line)# transport input ssh
[[R1Name]](config-line)# login local

- Save the configuration to NVRAM.
- Be prepared to demonstrate to your instructor that you have established SSH access from [[PC1Name]] to [[R1Name]].

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