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## server\_(Diameter)

To associate a Diameter server with a Diameter authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) server group, use the **server** command in Diameter server group configuration submode. To remove a server from the server group, enter the **no** form of this command.

**server** *name*

**no server** *name*

### Syntax Description

<i>name</i>	Character string used to name the Diameter server. <b>Note</b> The name specified for this command should match the name of a Diameter peer defined using the <b>diameter peer</b> command.
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### Command Default

No server is associated with a Diameter AAA server group.

### Command Modes

Diameter server group configuration

### Command History

Release	Modification
12.4(9)T	This command was introduced.

### Usage Guidelines

The **server** command allows you to associate a Diameter server with a Diameter server group.

### Examples

The following example shows how to associate a Diameter server with a Diameter server group:

```
Router (config-sg-diameter)# server
  dia_peer_1
```

### Related Commands

Command	Description
<b>aaa accounting</b>	Enables AAA accounting of requested services for billing or security purposes.
<b>aaa authentication login</b>	Set AAA authentication at login.
<b>aaa authorization</b>	Sets parameters that restrict user access to a network.

Command	Description
aaa group server diameter	Configures a server group for Diameter.

## server (RADIUS)

To configure the IP address of the RADIUS server for the group server, use the **server** command in server-group configuration mode. To remove the associated server from the authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) group server, use the **no** form of this command.

```
server ip-address [auth-port port-number] [acct-port port-number]
```

```
no server ip-address [auth-port port-number] [acct-port port-number]
```

### Syntax Description

<i>ip-address</i>	IP address of the RADIUS server host.
<b>auth-port</b> <i>port-number</i>	(Optional) Specifies the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) destination port for authentication requests. The port-number argument specifies the port number for authentication requests. The host is not used for authentication if this value is set to 0.
<b>acct-port</b> <i>port-number</i>	(Optional) Specifies the UDP destination port for accounting requests. The port number argument specifies the port number for accounting requests. The host is not used for accounting services if this value is set to 0.

### Command Default

If no port attributes are defined, the defaults are as follows:

- Authentication port: 1645
- Accounting port: 1646

### Command Modes

Server-group configuration

### Command History

Release	Modification
12.0(5)T	This command was introduced.
12.0(7)T	The following new keywords/arguments were added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>auth-port</b> <i>port-number</i></li> <li>• <b>acct-port</b> <i>port-number</i></li> </ul>
12.2(33)SRA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRA.

Release	Modification
12.2SX	This command is supported in the Cisco IOS Release 12.2SX train. Support in a specific 12.2SX release of this train depends on your feature set, platform, and platform hardware.

### Usage Guidelines

Use the **server** command to associate a particular server with a defined group server. There are two different ways in which you can identify a server, depending on the way you want to offer AAA services. You can identify the server simply by using its IP address, or you can identify multiple host instances or entries using the optional **auth-port** and **acct-port** keywords.

When you use the optional keywords, the network access server identifies RADIUS security servers and host instances associated with a group server on the basis of their IP address and specific UDP port numbers. The combination of the IP address and UDP port number creates a unique identifier, allowing different ports to be individually defined as RADIUS host entries providing a specific AAA service. If two different host entries on the same RADIUS server are configured for the same service--for example, accounting--the second host entry configured acts as failover backup to the first one. Using this example, if the first host entry fails to provide accounting services, the network access server will try the second host entry configured on the same device for accounting services. (The RADIUS host entries will be tried in the order they are configured.)

### Examples

#### Examples

The following example shows the network access server configured to recognize several RADIUS host entries with the same IP address. Two different host entries on the same RADIUS server are configured for the same services--authentication and accounting. The second host entry configured acts as fail-over backup to the first one. (The RADIUS host entries are tried in the order in which they are configured.)

```
! This command enables AAA.
aaa new-model
! The next command configures default RADIUS parameters.
aaa authentication ppp default radius
! The next set of commands configures multiple host entries for the same IP address.
radius-server host 172.20.0.1 auth-port 1000 acct-port 1001
radius-server host 172.20.0.1 auth-port 2000 acct-port 2000
```

#### Examples

In this example, the network access server is configured to recognize two different RADIUS group servers. One of these groups, group1, has two different host entries on the same RADIUS server configured for the same services. The second host entry configured acts as failover backup to the first one.

```
! This command enables AAA.
aaa new-model
! The next command configures default RADIUS parameters.
aaa authentication ppp default group group1
! The following commands define the group1 RADIUS group server and associates servers
! with it.
aaa group server radius group1
  server 172.20.0.1 auth-port 1000 acct-port 1001
! The following commands define the group2 RADIUS group server and associates servers
! with it.
aaa group server radius group2
  server 172.20.0.1 auth-port 2000 acct-port 2001
! The following set of commands configures the RADIUS attributes for each host entry
! associated with one of the defined group servers.
radius-server host 172.20.0.1 auth-port 1000 acct-port 1001
```

```
radius-server host 172.20.0.1 auth-port 1000 acct-port 1001
radius-server host 172.31.0.1 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646
```

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<b>aaa group server</b>	Groups different server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.
<b>aaa new-mode l</b>	Enables the AAA access control model.
<b>radius-server host</b>	Specifies a RADIUS server host.

## server name (IPv6 TACACS+)

To specify an IPv6 TACACS+ server, use the **server name** command in TACACS+ group server configuration mode. To remove the IPv6 TACACS+ server from configuration, use the **no** form of this command.

**server name** *server-name*

**no server name** *server-name*

### Syntax Description

server-name	The IPv6 TACACS+ server to be used.
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### Command Default

No server name is specified.

### Command Modes

TACACS+ group server configuration (config-sg-tacacs+)

### Command History

Release	Modification
Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2S	This command was introduced.

### Usage Guidelines

You must configure the **aaa group server tacacs** command before configuring this command. Enter the **server name** command to specify an IPv6 TACACS+ server.

### Examples

The following example shows how to specify an IPv6 TACACS+ server named server1:

```
Router(config)# aaa group server tacacs+
Router(config-sg-tacacs+)# server name server1
```

### Related Commands

Command	Description
<b>aaa group server tacacs</b>	Configures the TACACS+ server for IPv6 or IPv4 and enters TACACS+ server configuration mode.

## server-private (RADIUS)

To configure the IP address of the private RADIUS server for the group server, use the **server-private** command in server-group configuration mode. To remove the associated private server from the authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) group server, use the **no** form of this command.

**server-private** *ip-address* [**auth-port** *port-number*] [**acct-port** *port-number*] [**non-standard**] [**timeout** *seconds*] [**retransmit** *retries*] [**key** *string*]

**no server-private** *ip-address* [**auth-port** *port-number*] [**acct-port** *port-number*] [**non-standard**] [**timeout** *seconds*] [**retransmit** *retries*] [**key** *string*]

### Syntax Description

<i>ip-address</i>	IP address of the private RADIUS server host.
<b>auth-port</b> <i>port-number</i>	(Optional) User Datagram Protocol (UDP) destination port for authentication requests. The default value is 1645.
<b>acct-port</b> <i>port-number</i>	(Optional) UDP destination port for accounting requests. The default value is 1646.
<b>non-standard</b>	(Optional) RADIUS server is using vendor-proprietary RADIUS attributes.
<b>timeout</b> <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Time interval (in seconds) that the router waits for the RADIUS server to reply before retransmitting. This setting overrides the global value of the radius-server timeout command. If no timeout value is specified, the global value is used.
<b>retransmit</b> <i>retries</i>	(Optional) Number of times a RADIUS request is resent to a server, if that server is not responding or responding slowly. This setting overrides the global setting of the radius-server retransmit command.
<b>key</b> <i>string</i>	(Optional) Authentication and encryption key used between the router and the RADIUS daemon running on the RADIUS server. This key overrides the global setting of the radius-server key command. If no key string is specified, the global value is used.

### Command Default

If server-private parameters are not specified, global configurations will be used; if global configurations are not specified, default values will be used.

### Command Modes

Server-group configuration

**Command History**

Release	Modification
12.2(1)DX	This command was introduced on the Cisco 7200 series and Cisco 7401ASR.
12.2(2)DD	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(2)DD.
12.2(4)B	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B.
12.2(13)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(13)T.
12.2(28)SB	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(28)SB.
12.2(33)SRC	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRC.
12.2(33)SXH	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXH.
12.2(33)SXI	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXI.

**Usage Guidelines**

Use the **server-private** command to associate a particular private server with a defined server group. To prevent possible overlapping of private addresses between Virtual Route Forwardings (VRFs), private servers (servers with private addresses) can be defined within the server group and remain hidden from other groups, while the servers in the global pool (default "radius" server group) can still be referred to by IP addresses and port numbers. Thus, the list of servers in server groups includes references to the hosts in the global configuration and the definitions of private servers.

**Note**

If the **radius-server directed-request** command is configured, then a private RADIUS server cannot be used as the group server by configuring the **server-private (RADIUS)** command.

**Examples**

The following example shows how to define the sg\_water RADIUS group server and associate private servers with it:

```
aaa group server radius sg_water
 server-private 10.1.1.1 timeout 5 retransmit 3 key xyz
 server-private 10.2.2.2 timeout 5 retransmit 3 key xyz
```

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<b>aaa group server</b>	Groups different server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.
<b>aaa new-mode l</b>	Enables the AAA access control model.

Command	Description
<b>radius-server host</b>	Specifies a RADIUS server host.
<b>radius-server directed-request</b>	Allows users logging into a Cisco network access server (NAS) to select a RADIUS server for authentication.

## server-private (TACACS+)

To configure the IPv4 or IPv6 address of the private TACACS+ server for the group server, use the **server-private** command in server-group configuration mode. To remove the associated private server from the authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) group server, use the **no** form of this command.

**server-private** {*ip-address* | *name* | *ipv6-address*} [**nat**] [**single-connection**] [**port** *port-number*] [**timeout** *seconds*] [**key** [0 | 7] *string*]

**no server-private**

### Syntax Description

<i>ip-address</i>	IP address of the private RADIUS or TACACS+ server host.
<i>name</i>	Name of the private RADIUS or TACACS+ server host.
<i>ipv6-address</i>	IPv6 address of the private RADIUS or TACACS+ server host.
<b>nat</b>	(Optional) Specifies the port Network Address Translation (NAT) address of the remote device. This address is sent to the TACACS+ server.
<b>single-connection</b>	(Optional) Maintains a single open connection between the router and the TACACS+ server.
<b>port</b> <i>port-number</i>	(Optional) Specifies a server port number. This option overrides the default, which is port 49.
<b>timeout</b> <i>seconds</i>	(Optional) Specifies a timeout value. This value overrides the global timeout value set with the <b>tacacs-server timeout</b> command for this server only.
<b>key</b> [0   7]	(Optional) Specifies an authentication and encryption key. This key must match the key used by the TACACS+ daemon. Specifying this key overrides the key set by the global <b>tacacs-server key</b> command for this server only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If no number or 0 is entered, the string that is entered is considered to be plain text. If 7 is entered, the string that is entered is considered to be encrypted text.</li> </ul>
<i>string</i>	(Optional) Character string specifying the authentication and encryption key.

**Command Default** If server-private parameters are not specified, global configurations will be used; if global configurations are not specified, default values will be used.

**Command Modes** Server-group configuration (server-group)

Release	Modification
12.3(7)T	This command was introduced.
12.2(33)SRA1	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRA1.
12.2(33)SXH	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXH.
12.2(33)SXI	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SXI.
12.2(54)SG	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(54)SG.
Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2S	This command was modified. The <i>ipv6-address</i> argument was added.

**Usage Guidelines** Use the **server-private** command to associate a particular private server with a defined server group. To prevent possible overlapping of private addresses between virtual route forwardings (VRFs), private servers (servers with private addresses) can be defined within the server group and remain hidden from other groups, while the servers in the global pool (default "TACACS+" server group) can still be referred to by IP addresses and port numbers. Thus, the list of servers in server groups includes references to the hosts in the global configuration and the definitions of private servers.

**Examples** The following example shows how to define the tacacs1 TACACS+ group server and associate private servers with it:

```
aaa group server tacacs+ tacacs1
  server-private 10.1.1.1 port 19 key cisco
  ip vrf cisco
  rd 100:1
  interface Loopback0
  ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
  ip vrf forwarding cisco
```

#### Related Commands

Command	Description
<b>aaa group server</b>	Groups different server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.
<b>aaa new-mode l</b>	Enables the AAA access control model.

Command	Description
<b>ip tacacs source-interface</b>	Uses the IP address of a specified interface for all outgoing TACACS+ packets.
<b>ip vrf forwarding (server-group)</b>	Configures the VRF reference of an AAA RADIUS or TACACS+ server group.
<b>tacacs-server host</b>	Specifies a TACACS+ server host.

## service password-encryption

To encrypt passwords, use the **service password-encryption** command in global configuration mode. To restore the default, use the **no** form of this command.

**service password-encryption**

**no service password-encryption**

**Syntax Description** This command has no arguments or keywords.

**Command Default** No passwords are encrypted.

**Command Modes** Global configuration

### Command History

Release	Modification
10.0	This command was introduced.
12.2(33)SRA	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRA.
12.2SX	This command is supported in the Cisco IOS Release 12.2SX train. Support in a specific 12.2SX release of this train depends on your feature set, platform, and platform hardware.
12.2(33)SB	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SB.

### Usage Guidelines

The actual encryption process occurs when the current configuration is written or when a password is configured. Password encryption is applied to all passwords, including username passwords, authentication key passwords, the privileged command password, console and virtual terminal line access passwords, and Border Gateway Protocol neighbor passwords. This command is primarily useful for keeping unauthorized individuals from viewing your password in your configuration file.

When password encryption is enabled, the encrypted form of the passwords is displayed when a **more system:running-config** command is entered.



#### Caution

This command does not provide a high level of network security. If you use this command, you should also take additional network security measures.



#### Note

You cannot recover a lost encrypted password. You must clear NVRAM and set a new password.

**Examples**

The following example causes password encryption to take place:

```
service password-encryption
```

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<b>enable password</b>	Sets a local password to control access to various privilege levels.
<b>key-string (authentication)</b>	Specifies the authentication string for a key.
<b>neighbor password</b>	Enables MD5 authentication on a TCP connection between two BGP peers.

## service password-recovery

To enable password recovery capability, use the **service password-recovery** command in global configuration mode. To disable password recovery capability, use the **no service password-recovery** command.

**service password-recovery**

**no service password-recovery**

**Syntax Description** This command has no arguments or keywords.

**Command Default** Password recovery capability is enabled.

**Command Modes** Global configuration

### Command History

Release	Modification
12.3(8)YA	This command was introduced.
12.3(14)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T.
15.1(1)SY	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 15.1(1)SY.

### Usage Guidelines

#### Note

This command is not available on all platforms. Use Feature Navigator to ensure that it is available on your platform.

If you plan to disable the password recovery capability with the the **no service password-recovery** command, we recommend that you save a copy of the system configuration file in a location away from the device. If you are using a device that is operating in VTP transparent mode, we recommend that you also save a copy of the vlan.dat file in a location away from the device.



#### Caution

Entering the **no service password-recovery** command at the command line disables password recovery. Always disable this command before downgrading to an image that does not support password recovery capability, because you cannot recover the password after the downgrade.

The configuration register boot bit must be enabled so that there is no way to break into ROMMON when this command is configured. Cisco IOS software should prevent the user from configuring the boot field in the config register.

Bit 6, which ignores the startup configuration, and bit 8, which enables a break should be set.

The Break key should be disabled while the router is booting up and disabled in Cisco IOS software when this feature is enabled.

It may be necessary to use the **config-register** global configuration command to set the configuration register to autoboot *before* entering the **no service password-recovery** command. The last line of the **show version EXEC** command displays the configuration register setting. Use the **show version EXEC** command to obtain the current configuration register value, configure the router to autoboot with the **config-register** command if necessary, then enter the **no service password-recovery** command.

Once disabled, the following configuration register values are *invalid* for the **no service password-recovery** command:

- 0x0
- 0x2002 (bit 8 restriction)
- 0x0040 (bit 6)
- 0x8000 (bit 15)

### Catalyst Switch Operation

Use the **service password-recovery** command to reenble the password-recovery mechanism (the default). This mechanism allows a user with physical access to the switch to hold down the **Mode** button and interrupt the boot process while the switch is powering up and to assign a new password. Use the **no** form of this command to disable the password-recovery capability.

When the password-recovery mechanism is disabled, interrupting the boot process is allowed only if the user agrees to set the system back to the default configuration. Use the **show version EXEC** command to verify if password recovery is enabled or disabled on a switch.

The **service password-recovery** command is valid only on Catalyst 3550 Fast Ethernet switches; it is not available for Gigabit Ethernet switches.

### Examples

#### Examples

The following example shows how to obtain the configuration register setting (which in this example is set to autoboot), disable the password-recovery capability, and then verify that the configuration persists through a system reload. The **noconfirm** keyword prevents a confirmation prompt from interrupting the booting process.

```
Router# show version
Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software
IOS (tm) 5300 Software (C7200-P-M), Version 12.3(8)YA, RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc1)
TAC Support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Copyright (c) 1986-2004 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Wed 05-Mar-03 10:16 by xxx
Image text-base: 0x60008954, data-base: 0x61964000
ROM: System Bootstrap, Version 12.3(8)YA, RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc1)
BOOTLDR: 7200 Software (C7200-KBOOT-M), Version 12.3(8)YA, RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc1)
Router uptime is 10 minutes
System returned to ROM by reload at 16:28:11 UTC Thu Mar 6 2003
.
.
.
125440K bytes of ATA PCMCIA card at slot 0 (Sector size 512 bytes).
8192K bytes of Flash internal SIMM (Sector size 256K).
Configuration register is 0x2012
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# no service password-recovery noconfirm
WARNING:
```

```

Executing this command will disable the password recovery mechanism.
Do not execute this command without another plan for password recovery.
Are you sure you want to continue? [yes/no]: yes

```

```

.
.
Router(config)# exit
Router#
Router# reload
Proceed with reload? [confirm] yes
00:01:54: %SYS-5-RELOAD: Reload requested
System Bootstrap, 12.3(8)YA...
Copyright (c) 1994-2004 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
C7400 platform with 262144 Kbytes of main memory
PASSWORD RECOVERY FUNCTIONALITY IS DISABLED

```

```

.

```

```

.

```

The following example shows what happens when a break is confirmed and when a break is not confirmed.

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```

PASSWORD RECOVERY FUNCTIONALITY IS DISABLED
program load complete, entry point: 0x80013000, size: 0x8396a8
Self decompressing the image :
#####
[OK] !The 5-second window starts.
telnet> send break
Restricted Rights Legend
Use, duplication, or disclosure by the Government is subject to restrictions as set forth
in subparagraph (c) of the Commercial Computer Software - Restricted Rights clause at FAR
sec. 52.227-19 and subparagraph (c) (1) (ii) of the Rights in Technical Data and Computer
Software clause at DFARS sec. 252.227-7013.
Cisco Systems, Inc.
170 West Tasman Drive
San Jose, California 95134-1706
Cisco IOS Software, C831 Software (C831-K903SY6-M), Version 12.3(8)YA
Copyright (c) 1986-2004 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Fri 13-Aug-04 03:21
Image text-base: 0x80013200, data-base: 0x81020514
PASSWORD RECOVERY IS DISABLED.
Do you want to reset the router to factory default configuration and proceed [y/n]?
!The user enters "y" here.
Reset router configuration to factory default.
This product contains cryptographic features and is subject to United States and local
country laws governing import, export, transfer and use. Delivery of Cisco cryptographic
products does not imply third-party authority to import, export, distribute or use encryption.
Importers, exporters, distributors and users are responsible for compliance with U.S. and
local country laws. By using this product you agree to comply with applicable laws and
regulations. If you are unable to comply with U.S. and local laws, return this product
immediately.
A summary of U.S. laws governing Cisco cryptographic products may be found at:
http://www.cisco.com/wwl/export/crypto/tool/stqrg.html
If you require further assistance please contact us by sending email to export@cisco.com.
Cisco C831 (MPC857DSL) processor (revision 0x00) with 46695K/2457K bytes of memory.
Processor board ID 0000 (1314672220), with hardware revision 0000 CPU rev number 7
3 Ethernet interfaces
4 FastEthernet interfaces
128K bytes of NVRAM
24576K bytes of processor board System flash (Read/Write)
2048K bytes of processor board Web flash (Read/Write)
--- System Configuration Dialog ---
Would you like to enter the initial configuration dialog? [yes/no]: no
!Start up config is erased.
SETUP: new interface FastEthernet1 placed in "up" state
SETUP: new interface FastEthernet2 placed in "up" state
SETUP: new interface FastEthernet3 placed in "up" state
SETUP: new interface FastEthernet4 placed in "up" state
Press RETURN to get started!
Router> enable
Router# show startup configuration
startup-config is not present

```

```
Router# show running-config | incl service
no service pad
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption !The "no service password-recovery" is disabled.
=====
```

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```
PASSWORD RECOVERY FUNCTIONALITY IS DISABLED
telnet> send break
program load complete, entry point: 0x80013000, size: 0x8396a8
Self decompressing the image :
=====
[OK]
telnet> send break
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sec. 52.227-19 and subparagraph (c) (1) (ii) of the Rights in Technical Data and Computer
Software clause at DFARS sec. 252.227-7013.
Cisco Systems, Inc.
170 West Tasman Drive
San Jose, California 95134-1706
Cisco IOS Software, C831 Software (C831-K9O3SY6-M), Version 12.3(8)YA
Copyright (c) 1986-2004 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Fri 13-Aug-04 03:21
Image text-base: 0x80013200, data-base: 0x81020514
PASSWORD RECOVERY IS DISABLED.
Do you want to reset the router to factory default configuration and proceed [y/n]?
!The user enters "n" here.
This product contains cryptographic features and is subject to United States and local
country laws governing import, export, transfer and use. Delivery of Cisco cryptographic
products does not imply third-party authority to import, export, distribute or use encryption.
Importers, exporters, distributors and users are responsible for compliance with U.S. and
local country laws. By using this product you agree to comply with applicable laws and
regulations. If you are unable to comply with U.S. and local laws, return this product
immediately.
A summary of U.S. laws governing Cisco cryptographic products may be found at:
http://www.cisco.com/wwl/export/crypto/tool/stqrg.html
If you require further assistance please contact us by sending email to export@cisco.com.
Cisco C831 (MPC857DSL) processor (revision 0x00) with 46695K/2457K bytes of memory.
Processor board ID 0000 (1314672220), with hardware revision 0000 CPU rev number 7
3 Ethernet interfaces
4 FastEthernet interfaces
128K bytes of NVRAM
24576K bytes of processor board System flash (Read/Write)
2048K bytes of processor board Web flash (Read/Write)
Press RETURN to get started! !The Cisco IOS software boots as if it is not interrupted.
Router> enable
Router# show startup configuration
Using 984 out of 131072 bytes
!
version 12.3
no service pad
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
no service password-recovery
!
hostname Router
!
boot-start-marker
boot-end-marker
!
memory-size iomem 5
!
no aaa new-model
ip subnet-zero
!
ip ips po max-events 100
no ftp-server write-enable
```

```

!
interface Ethernet0
no ip address
shutdown
!
interface Ethernet1
no ip address
shutdown
duplex auto
!
interface Ethernet2
no ip address
shutdown
!
interface FastEthernet1
no ip address
duplex auto
speed auto
!
interface FastEthernet2
no ip address
duplex auto
speed auto
!
interface FastEthernet3
no ip address
duplex auto
speed auto
!
interface FastEthernet4
no ip address
duplex auto
speed auto
!
ip classless
!
ip http server
no ip http secure-server
!
control-plane
!
line con 0
no modem enable
transport preferred all
transport output all
line aux 0
line vty 0 4
!
scheduler max-task-time 5000
end
Router# show running-configuration | incl service
no service pad
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
no service password-recovery

```

## Examples

The **no service password-recovery** command expects the router configuration register to be configured to autoboot. If the configuration register is set to something other than to autoboot *before* the **no service password-recovery** command is entered, a prompt like the one shown in the following example asking you to use the **config-register** global configuration command to change the setting.

```

Router(config)# no service password-recovery
Please setup auto boot using config-register first.

```

**Note**

To avoid any unintended result due to the behavior of this command, use the **show version** command to obtain the current configuration register value. If not set to autoboot, then the router needs to be configured to autoboot with the **config-register** command before entering the **no service password-recovery** command.

Once password recovery is disabled, you cannot set the bit pattern value to 0x40, 0x8000, or 0x0 (disables autoboot). The following example shows the messages displayed when invalid configuration register settings are attempted on a router with password recovery disabled.

```
Router(config)# config-register 0x2143
Password recovery is disabled, cannot enable diag or ignore configuration.
The command resets the invalid bit pattern and continue to allow modification of nonrelated bit patterns. The configuration register value resets to 0x3 at the next system reload, which can be verified by checking the last line of the show version command output:
```

```
Configuration register is 0x2012 (will be 0x3 at next reload)
```

**Examples**

The following example shows how to disable password recovery on a switch so that a user can only reset a password by agreeing to return to the default configuration:

```
Switch(config)# no service-password recovery
Switch(config)# exit
```

To use the password-recovery procedure, a user with physical access to the switch holds down the **Mode** button while the unit powers up and for a second or two after the LED above port 1X goes off. When the button is released, the system continues with initialization. If the password-recovery mechanism is disabled, the following message is displayed:

```
The password-recovery mechanism has been triggered, but is currently disabled. Access to the boot loader prompt through the password-recovery mechanism is disallowed at this point. However, if you agree to let the system be reset back to the default system configuration, access to the boot loader prompt can still be allowed.
Would you like to reset the system back to the default configuration (y/n)?
```

If you choose not to reset the system back to the default configuration, the normal boot process continues, as if the **Mode** button had not been pressed. If you choose to reset the system back to the default configuration, the configuration file in flash memory is deleted and the VLAN database file, flash:vlan.dat (if present), is deleted.

The following is sample output from the **show version** command on a device when password recovery is disabled:

```
Switch# show version
Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software
IOS (tm) C3550 Software (C3550-I9Q3L2-M), Version 12.3(8)YA, RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc1)
Copyright (c) 1986-2004 by cisco Systems, Inc.
Compiled Wed 24-Oct-01 06:20 by xxx
Image text-base: 0x00003000, data-base: 0x004C1864
ROM: Bootstrap program is C3550 boot loader
flam-1-6 uptime is 1 week, 6 days, 3 hours, 59 minutes
System returned to ROM by power-on
Cisco WS-C3550-48 (PowerPC) processor with 65526K/8192K bytes of memory.
Last reset from warm-reset
Running Layer2 Switching Only Image
Ethernet-controller 1 has 12 Fast Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interfaces
Ethernet-controller 2 has 12 Fast Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interfaces
Ethernet-controller 3 has 12 Fast Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interfaces
Ethernet-controller 4 has 12 Fast Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interfaces
Ethernet-controller 5 has 1 Gigabit Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interface
Ethernet-controller 6 has 1 Gigabit Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interface
```

```
48 FastEthernet/IEEE 802.3 interface(s)
2 Gigabit Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 interface(s)
The password-recovery mechanism is disabled.
32K bytes of flash-simulated non-volatile configuration memory.
Base ethernet MAC Address: AA:00:0B:2B:02:00
Configuration register is 0x10F
```

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<b>config-register</b>	Changes the configuration register settings.
<b>show version</b>	Displays version information for the hardware and firmware.