



Basic router configuration

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Default configuration

When you boot up the router for the first time, the router looks for a default file name-the PID of the router. For example, C8161-G2 looks for a file named **C8161-G2.cfg**. The Cisco 8100 Series Secure Routers looks for this file before finding the standard files-**router-config** or the **ciscortr.cfg**.

The C8161-G2 looks for a file named **C8161-G2.cfg** file in the bootflash. If the file is not found in the bootflash, the router then looks for the standard files-**router-config** and **ciscortr.cfg**. If none of the files are found, the router then checks for any inserted USB that may have stored these files in the same particular order.



Note If there is a configuration file with the PID as its name in an inserted USB, but one of the standard files are in bootflash, the system finds the standard file for use.

Use the **show running-config** command to view the initial configuration, as shown in the following example:

```
Router# show running-config
Building configuration...

Current configuration : 6118 bytes
!
! Last configuration change at 18:09:54 UTC Tue Sep 9 2025
!
version 17.18
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
platform qfp utilization monitor load 80
```

```
platform resource service-plane-heavy
!
hostname Router
!
boot-start-marker
boot-end-marker
!
!
aaa new-model
!
!
!
!
aaa session-id common
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
login on-success log
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
subscriber templating
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
product-analytics
!
!
crypto pki trustpoint TP-self-signed-303776382
  enrollment selfsigned
  subject-name cn=IOS-Self-Signed-Certificate-303776382
  revocation-check none
  rsakeypair TP-self-signed-303776382
  hash sha512
!
crypto pki trustpoint SLA-TrustPoint
  enrollment pkcs12
  revocation-check crl
  hash sha512
!
!
crypto pki certificate chain TP-self-signed-303776382
  certificate self-signed 01
```

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```
switchport
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/1/7
switchport
!
interface Vlan1
no ip address
!
router rip
version 2
network 10.0.0.0
network 192.168.1.0
no auto-summary
!
ip forward-protocol nd
ip forward-protocol udp
ip http server
ip http authentication local
ip http secure-server
!
ip ssh bulk-mode 131072
!
!
!
!
!
!
control-plane
!
!
mgcp behavior rsip-range tgcp-only
mgcp behavior comedia-role none
mgcp behavior comedia-check-media-src disable
mgcp behavior comedia-sdp-force disable
!
mgcp profile default
!
!
!
!
!
!
line con 0
activation-character 13
stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
activation-character 13
transport input ssh
line vty 5 14
activation-character 13
transport input ssh
!
!
!
!
!
!
```

Configuring global parameters

To configure the global parameters for your router, follow these steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **hostname** *name*
3. **enable password** *password*
4. **no ip domain-lookup**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router> enable Router# configure terminal Router(config)#</pre>	Enters global configuration mode when using the console port. Use the following to connect to the router with a remote terminal: <pre>telnet router-name or address Login: login-id Password: ***** Router> enable</pre>
Step 2	hostname <i>name</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# hostname Router</pre>	Specifies the name for the router.
Step 3	enable password <i>password</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# enable password cr1ny5ho</pre>	Specifies a password to prevent unauthorized access to the router. Note In this form of the command, password is not encrypted.
Step 4	no ip domain-lookup Example: <pre>Router(config)# no ip domain-lookup</pre>	Disables the router from translating unfamiliar words (typos) into IP addresses. For complete information on global parameter commands, see the Cisco IOS Release Configuration Guide documentation set.

Configuring gigabit ethernet interfaces

To manually define onboard Gigabit Ethernet interfaces, follow these steps, beginning from global configuration mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **interface** *slot/bay/port*
2. **ip address** *ip-address mask*
3. **ipv6 address** *ipv6-address/prefix*
4. **no shutdown**
5. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	interface <i>slot/bay/port</i> Example: Router(config)# interface 0/0/1	Enters the configuration mode for an interface on the router.
Step 2	ip address <i>ip-address mask</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.2 255.255.255.0	Sets the IP address and subnet mask for the specified interface. Use this Step if you are configuring an IPv4 address.
Step 3	ipv6 address <i>ipv6-address/prefix</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ipv6 address 2001.db8::ffff:1/128	Sets the IPv6 address and prefix for the specified interface. Use this step instead of Step 2, if you are configuring an IPv6 address.
Step 4	no shutdown Example: Router(config-if)# no shutdown	Enables the interface and changes its state from administratively down to administratively up.
Step 5	exit Example: Router(config-if)# exit	Exits the configuration mode of interface and returns to the global configuration mode.

Configuring a loopback interface

Before you begin

The loopback interface acts as a placeholder for the static IP address and provides default routing information. To configure a loopback interface, follow these steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **interface** *type number*
2. (Option 1) **ip address** *ip-address mask*
3. (Option 2) **ipv6 address** *ipv6-address/prefix*
4. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure		
	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface Loopback 0	Enters configuration mode on the loopback interface.
Step 2	(Option 1) ip address <i>ip-address mask</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip address 10.10.1.1 255.255.255.0	Sets the IP address and subnet mask on the loopback interface. (If you are configuring an IPv6 address, use the ipv6 address <i>ipv6-address/prefix</i> command described below.
Step 3	(Option 2) ipv6 address <i>ipv6-address/prefix</i> Example: Router(config-if)# 2001:db8::ffff:1/128	Sets the IPv6 address and prefix on the loopback interface.
Step 4	exit Example: Router(config-if)# exit	Exits configuration mode for the loopback interface and returns to global configuration mode.

The loopback interface in this sample configuration is used to support Network Address Translation (NAT) on the virtual-template interface. This configuration example shows the loopback interface configured on the Gigabit Ethernet interface with an IP address of 192.0.2.0/16, which acts as a static IP address. The loopback interface points back to virtual-template1, which has a negotiated IP address.

```

!
interface loopback 0
ip address 192.0.2.1 255.255.0.0 (static IP address)
ip nat outside
!
interface Virtual-Template1
ip unnumbered loopback0
no ip directed-broadcast
ip nat outside

```

Verifying Loopback Interface Configuration

Enter the **show interface loopback** command. You should see an output similar to the following example:

```

Router# show interface loopback 0
Loopback0 is up, line protocol is up
  Hardware is Loopback
  Internet address is 192.0.2.0/16
  MTU 1514 bytes, BW 8000000 Kbit, DLY 5000 usec,
    reliability 255/255, txload 1/255, rxload 1/255
  Encapsulation LOOPBACK, loopback not set
  Last input never, output never, output hang never
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
  Queueing strategy: fifo
  Output queue 0/0, 0 drops; input queue 0/75, 0 drops
  5 minute input rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
  5 minute output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
    0 packets input, 0 bytes, 0 no buffer
    Received 0 broadcasts, 0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles
    0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
    0 packets output, 0 bytes, 0 underruns
    0 output errors, 0 collisions, 0 interface resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out

```

Alternatively, use the **ping** command to verify the loopback interface, as shown in the following example:

```

Router# ping 192.0.2.0
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 192.0.2.0, timeout is 2 seconds:
!!!!
Success rate is 100 percent (5/5), round-trip min/avg/max = 1/2/4 ms

```

Configuring command-line access

To configure parameters to control access to the router, follow these steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **line** [console | tty | vty] *line-number*
2. **password** *password*
3. **login**
4. **exec-timeout** *minutes* [*seconds*]
5. **exit**
6. **line** [console | tty | vty] *line-number*

7. **password** *password*
8. **login**
9. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	line [console tty vty] <i>line-number</i> Example: Router(config) # line console 0	Enters line configuration mode, and specifies the type of line. The example provided here specifies a console terminal for access.
Step 2	password <i>password</i> Example: Router(config-line) # password 5dr4Hepw3	Specifies a unique password for the console terminal line.
Step 3	login Example: Router(config-line) # login	Enables password checking at terminal session login.
Step 4	exec-timeout <i>minutes</i> [<i>seconds</i>] Example: Router(config-line) # exec-timeout 5 30 Router(config-line) #	Sets the interval during which the EXEC command interpreter waits until user input is detected. The default is 10 minutes. Optionally, adds seconds to the interval value. The example provided here shows a timeout of 5 minutes and 30 seconds. Entering a timeout of 0 0 specifies never to time out.
Step 5	exit Example: Router(config-line) # exit	Exits line configuration mode to re-enter global configuration mode.
Step 6	line [console tty vty] <i>line-number</i> Example: Router(config) # line vty 0 4 Router(config-line) #	Specifies a virtual terminal for remote console access.
Step 7	password <i>password</i> Example: Router(config-line) # password aldf2ad1	Specifies a unique password for the virtual terminal line.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	login Example: <pre>Router(config-line)# login</pre>	Enables password checking at the virtual terminal session login.
Step 9	end Example: <pre>Router(config-line)# end</pre>	Exits line configuration mode, and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Example

The following configuration shows the command-line access commands.

You do not have to input the commands marked **default**. These commands appear automatically in the configuration file that is generated when you use the **show running-config** command.

```
!
line console 0
exec-timeout 10 0
password 4youreyesonly
login
transport input none (default)
stopbits 1 (default)
line vty 0 4
password secret
login
!
```

Configuring static routes

Static routes provide fixed routing paths through the network. They are manually configured on the router. If the network topology changes, the static route must be updated with a new route. Static routes are private routes unless they are redistributed by a routing protocol.

To configure static routes, follow these steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. (Option 1) **ip route** *prefix mask {ip-address | interface-type interface-number [ip-address]}*
2. (Option 2) **ipv6 route** *prefix/mask {ipv6-address | interface-type interface-number [ipv6-address]}*
3. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	(Option 1) ip route <i>prefix mask {ip-address interface-type interface-number [ip-address]}</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# ip route 192.0.2.1 255.255.0.0 10.10.10.2</pre>	Specifies a static route for the IP packets. (If you are configuring an IPv6 address, use the ipv6 route command described below.)
Step 2	(Option 2) ipv6 route <i>prefix/mask {ipv6-address interface-type interface-number [ipv6-address]}</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# ipv6 route 2001:db8:2::/64 2001:db8:3::0</pre>	Specifies a static route for the IP packets.
Step 3	end Example: <pre>Router(config)# end</pre>	Exits global configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.

In the following configuration example, the static route sends out all IP packets with a destination IP address of 192.168.1.0 and a subnet mask of 255.255.255.0 on the Gigabit Ethernet interface to another device with an IP address of 10.10.10.2. Specifically, the packets are sent to the configured PVC.

You do not have to enter the command marked **default**. This command appears automatically in the configuration file generated when you use the **running-config** command.

```
!
ip classless (default)
ip route 2001:db8:2::/64 2001:db8:3::0
```

Verifying Configuration

To verify that you have configured static routing correctly, enter the **show ip route** command (or **show ipv6 route** command) and look for static routes marked with the letter S.

When you use an IPv4 address, you should see verification output similar to the following:

```
Router# show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route
```

Gateway of last resort is not set

```

      10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C       10.108.1.0 is directly connected, Loopback0
S*     0.0.0.0/0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0

```

When you use an IPv6 address, you should see verification output similar to the following:

```

Router# show ipv6 route
IPv6 Routing Table - default - 5 entries
Codes: C - Connected, L - Local, S - Static, U - Per-user Static route
        B - BGP, R - RIP, H - NHRP, I1 - ISIS L1
        I2 - ISIS L2, IA - ISIS interarea, IS - ISIS summary, D - EIGRP
        EX - EIGRP external, ND - ND Default, NDp - ND Prefix, DCE -
Destination
        NDr - Redirect, O - OSPF Intra, OI - OSPF Inter, OE1 - OSPF ext 1
        OE2 - OSPF ext 2, ON1 - OSPF NSSA ext 1, ON2 - OSPF NSSA ext 2
        ls - LISP site, ld - LISP dyn-EID, a - Application

C    2001:DB8:3::/64 [0/0]
      via GigabitEthernet0/0/2, directly connected
S    2001:DB8:2::/64 [1/0]
      via 2001:DB8:3::1

```

Configuring dynamic routes

In dynamic routing, the network protocol adjusts the path automatically, based on network traffic or topology. Changes in dynamic routes are shared with other routers in the network.

A router can use IP routing protocols, such as Routing Information Protocol (RIP) or Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP), to learn about routes dynamically.

Configuring routing information protocol

To configure the RIP on a router, follow these steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **router rip**
2. **version {1 | 2}**
3. **network ip-address**
4. **no auto-summary**
5. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure		
	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	router rip Example:	Enters router configuration mode, and enables RIP on the router.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router(config)# router rip	
Step 2	version {1 2} Example: Router(config-router)# version 2	Specifies use of RIP version 1 or 2.
Step 3	network <i>ip-address</i> Example: Router(config-router)# network 192.168.1.1 Router(config-router)# network 10.10.7.1	Specifies a list of networks on which RIP is to be applied, using the address of the network of each directly connected network.
Step 4	no auto-summary Example: Router(config-router)# no auto-summary	Disables automatic summarization of subnet routes into network-level routes. This allows subprefix routing information to pass across classful network boundaries.
Step 5	end Example: Router(config-router)# end	Exits router configuration mode, and enters privileged EXEC mode.

The following configuration example shows RIP Version 2 enabled in IP networks 10.0.0.0 and 192.168.1.0. To see this configuration, use the **show running-config** command from privileged EXEC mode.

```
!
Router# show running-config
Building configuration...

Current configuration : 6118 bytes
!
! Last configuration change at 18:09:54 UTC Tue Sep 9 2025
!
version 17.18
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
platform qfp utilization monitor load 80
platform resource service-plane-heavy
!
hostname Router
!
boot-start-marker
boot-end-marker
!
!
aaa new-model
!
!
!
```

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```

!
ip forward-protocol nd
ip forward-protocol udp
ip http server
ip http authentication local
ip http secure-server
!
ip ssh bulk-mode 131072
!
!
!
!
!
!
control-plane
!
!
mgcp behavior rsip-range tgcp-only
mgcp behavior comedia-role none
mgcp behavior comedia-check-media-src disable
mgcp behavior comedia-sdp-force disable
!
mgcp profile default
!
!
!
!
!
!
line con 0
  activation-character 13
  stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
  activation-character 13
  transport input ssh
line vty 5 14
  activation-character 13
  transport input ssh
!
!
!
!
!
!
end

```

Router#

Verifying Configuration

To verify that you have configured RIP correctly, enter the **show ip route** command and look for RIP routes marked with the letter R. You should see an output similar to the one shown in the following example:

```

Router# show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route

```

```

Gateway of last resort is not set

10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C    10.108.1.0 is directly connected, Loopback0
R    192.0.2.2/8 [120/1] via 192.0.2.1, 00:00:02, Ethernet0/0/0

```

Configuring enhanced interior gateway routing protocol

To configure Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP), follow these steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **router eigrp** *as-number*
2. **network** *ip-address*
3. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure		
	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	router eigrp <i>as-number</i> Example: Router(config)# router eigrp 109	Enters router configuration mode, and enables EIGRP on the router. The autonomous system number identifies the route to other EIGRP routers and is used to tag the EIGRP information.
Step 2	network <i>ip-address</i> Example: Router(config)# network 192.168.1.0 Router(config)# network 10.10.12.115	Specifies a list of networks on which EIGRP is to be applied, using the IP address of the network of directly connected networks.
Step 3	end Example: Router(config-router)# end	Exits router configuration mode, and enters privileged EXEC mode.

Example

The following configuration example shows the EIGRP routing protocol enabled in IP networks 192.168.1.0 and 10.10.12.115. The EIGRP autonomous system number is 109. To see this configuration, use the **show running-config** command.

```

Router# show running-config
.
.
.
!
router eigrp 109

```

```

network 192.168.1.0
network 10.10.12.115
!
.
.
.

```

Verifying Configuration

To verify that you have configured IP EIGRP correctly, enter the **show ip route** command, and look for EIGRP routes marked by the letter D. You should see verification output similar to the following:

```

Router# show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route

Gateway of last resort is not set

10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C       10.108.1.0 is directly connected, Loopback0
D       3.0.0.0/8 [90/409600] via 2.2.2.1, 00:00:02, Ethernet0/0

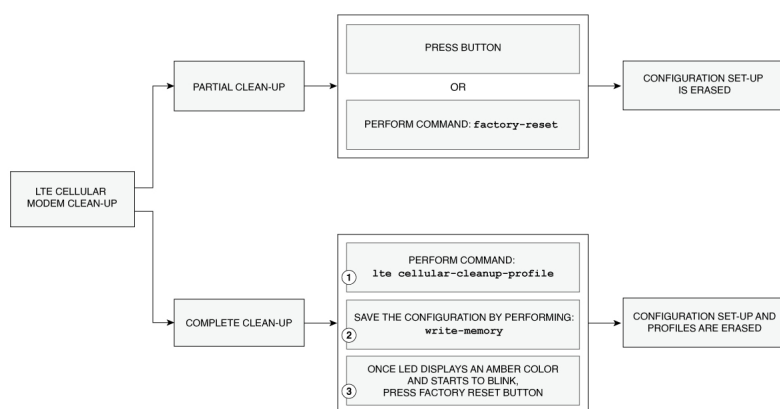
```

Erase configuration setup and cellular profiles on LTE modems

When using a cellular LTE modem, users have the option to perform a clean-up on the device. There are two types of clean-ups available for users: partial and complete.

A partial clean-up will remove the configuration set-up, while leaving user profiles intact. On the other hand, a complete clean-up will wipe the device of both configuration and profiles present in the modem.

It is up to the user to decide which clean-up option best suits their needs. The figure below shows the two types of clean-ups available for users:



Partial clean-up

The partial clean-up of an LTE cellular device involves removing the existing IOS XE configuration to ensure optimal clean-up of the device before it is repurposed.

There are two ways to enable the partial clean-up process: by pressing the factory reset button or by configuring the **factory-reset** command.

Prerequisites for erasing the configuration set-up

- Pressing the button: When the Router boots up, the LED displays an Amber color and starts to blink, take a pin or a toothpick and gently press on factory reset button for about 10 to 20 seconds.
- There are no pre-requisites before performing the **factory-reset** command.

Restrictions partial clean-up

- When using the partial clean-up method on a cellular LTE modem, only the configuration setup will be erased, leaving the profiles intact on the device.

Configuring partial cellular modem clean-up

Before you begin

Performing the **factory-reset** command is one of the ways to partially erase profiles on a cellular modem. Here are the steps:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **factory-reset**
3. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure		
	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router> enable Router# configure terminal Router(config)#</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	factory-reset Example: <pre>Router#factory-reset ? all All factory reset operations</pre>	Performs a partial clean-up of the cellular modem that erases the configuration setup.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	keep-licensing-info Keep license usage info Router# factory-reset	
Step 3	exit Example: Router(config-if)# exit	Exits the configuration mode.

The following configuration example shows partial clean-up of the cellular modem that erases the configuration set-up:

```
Router#factory-r
Router#factory-reset ?
  all                All factory reset operations
  keep-licensing-info  Keep license usage info
```