## Connecting Directly to the CTP1000 Platform

When you connect a console directly to the device, use the **COM 2** port on the RJ-45 connector. To do this, you must use the special DB-9 adapter with a straight-through RJ-45 cable. Direct access through the **COM 2 serial** port enables you to monitor the device while it boots.

To connect a console directly to the device:

1.  Connect the female DB-9 connector to the **COM 2** port on the device's RTM.

2.  Connect the crossover adapter connector to your PC's serial port.

3.  Power on the device.

    When you power on the device, the CLI appears on your console's screen. You can begin configuration. .

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