

# Explore Post-deployment Checklist

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After you deploy the ExtraHop Explore appliance, log into the Explore Admin UI, and configure the following settings. Refer to the section of the [ExtraHop Explore Admin UI Guide](#) specified in each action below, except where noted.

## Password

Maintain system security after the evaluation period. Change the default password. For more information, see the [Change password](#) section.

## NTP

Time is critical in the Explore appliance, particularly when doing event correlation with time-based metrics and logs. Verify that the NTP settings are correct for your infrastructure, test settings, and sync NTP. For more information, see the [System Time](#) section.

## Time Zone

The correct time zone is critical to run scheduled reports at the correct time. Ensure the Explore appliance has the correct time zone. For more information, see the [System Time](#) section.

## Remote Authentication

Set up remote authentication. The Explore appliance integrates with RADIUS, TACACS, and LDAP for remote integration. For more information, see the [Remote Authentication](#) section.

## Firmware Update

Explore appliance firmware is updated often with enhancements and resolved defects. Verify that you have the current firmware. For more information, see the [Firmware](#) section.

## Audit Logging

The Explore appliance can send events to a remote syslog collector. Configure the Explore appliance to send audit logs. For more information, see the [Audit Log](#) section.

## SMTP

The Explore appliance can email alerts and system-health notifications. Set up and test notifications. For more information, see [Email Server and Sender](#) section.

## System Notifications

The Explore appliance can send email notifications if disk errors are detected. Add email addresses to receive disk notifications. For more information, see the [Notifications](#) section.

## iDRAC

Each physical Explore appliance has an iDRAC port, similar to iLO or KVM over Ethernet. Connect and configure the iDRAC port. For more information, see [Configuring the iDRAC Remote Access Console](#).

## SSL Certificate

Each Explore appliance ships with a self-signed certificate. If you have a PKI deployment, generate your own certificate and upload it to each Explore appliance. Generate and deploy an SSL certificate for each Explore appliance. For more information, see the [SSL Certificate](#) section.

## DNS A Record

It is easier to access an Explore appliance by hostname than by IP address. Create an A record in your DNS root ("`exa.yourdomain.local`") for each Explore appliance in your deployment. Refer to your DNS administration manual.