


Change a device name

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The ExtraHop system automatically names devices by passively monitoring naming protocol traffic (DNS, DHCP, NETBIOS, CDP). If naming protocol traffic is not observed for a device, the device name displays the IP address for L3 devices or the MAC address for L2 devices. In either condition, you can change the automatic device name to a custom name. The custom name will appear throughout the ExtraHop system.

 **Note:** The ExtraHop system does not perform DNS lookups for device names. The ExtraHop system derives the DNS name for a device by observing DNS traffic over wire data. For more information, see [Device discovery](#).

1. Log into the Web UI on the Discover or Command appliance.
2. Click **Metrics** and select **Device** in the left pane.
3. [Find a device](#) and then click the device name.
A protocol page appears, which displays traffic and protocol activity for the selected device.
4. Select **Overview** in the left pane below the device name.

The screenshot shows the ExtraHop Discover interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Dashboards, Alerts, Metrics (selected), and Records. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Devices > web1-sea. On the left sidebar, the 'Overview' tab is selected and circled in red. The main content area displays device details for 'web1-sea': Name: web1-sea, IP: 172.21.1.80, MAC: 00:0C:29:CD:CF:D0, and VLAN: 0. Below the details are sections for 'Device Overview' and 'Throughput Summary'.

5. In the Manage Device section in the upper right corner of the page, click **Properties**.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Device' section of the web UI. It includes a search bar and several icons. Below this is a table with device information:

Type	L3 Device (Parent VMware CDCFD0)	Manage Device
Analysis	Full Analysis	Properties
API ID	76	Assignments
Discovery Time	Aug 16 2016 12:00 AM	

At the bottom of the table, there are links for 'DETAILS', 'Peer IPs', and 'L7 Protocols'. The 'Properties' link in the table is circled in red.

6. Click **Display custom name**.
7. Type a custom name in the field.
8. Click **Save**.