


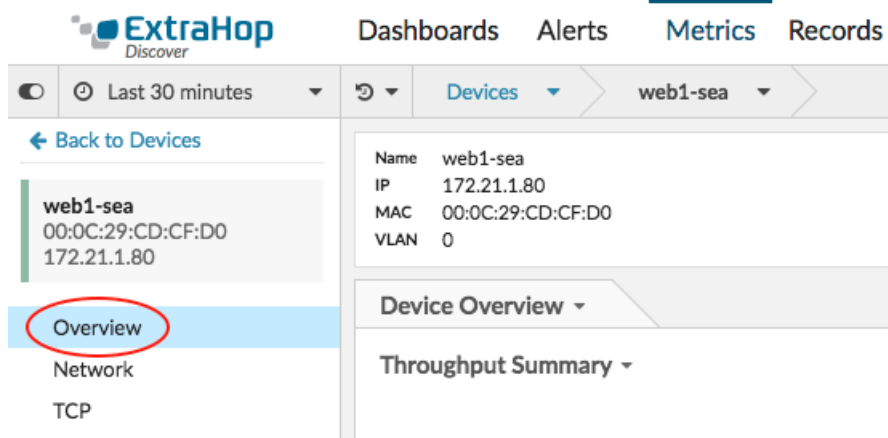
# Change a device name

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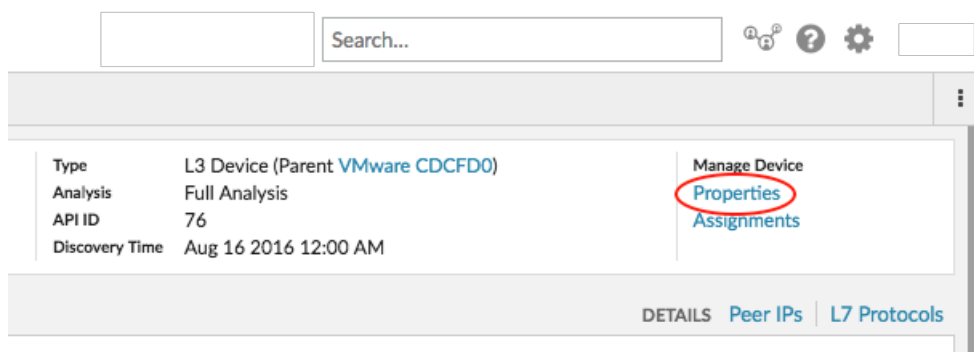
The ExtraHop system automatically names devices by passively monitoring naming protocol traffic (DNS, DHCP, NETBIOS, CDP). If naming protocol traffic is not observed for a device, the device name displays the IP address for L3 devices or the MAC address for L2 devices. In either condition, you can change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



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



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