

Discover and Command Post-deployment Checklist

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After you deploy the ExtraHop Discover or Command appliance, log into the Admin UI and configure the following settings. Refer to the section of the [ExtraHop 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 [Default User Accounts FAQ](#).

NTP

Time is critical in the ExtraHop 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 [Configure the system time](#).

Time Zone

The correct time zone is critical to run scheduled reports at the correct time. Ensure the ExtraHop appliance has the correct time zone. For more information, see [Configure the system time](#).

Remote Authentication

Set up remote authentication. The ExtraHop appliance integrates with [LDAP](#), [RADIUS](#), and [TACACS+](#) for remote integration.

Firmware Update

The ExtraHop appliance firmware is updated often with enhancements and resolved defects. Verify that you have the current firmware. For more information, see [Upgrade the firmware on your ExtraHop appliance](#).

Audit Logging

The ExtraHop appliance can send events to a remote syslog collector. For more information, see the [Send audit log data to a remote syslog server](#).

SMTP

The ExtraHop appliance can email alerts and system-health notifications. Set up and test notifications. For more information, see [Configure email settings for notifications](#).

System Notifications

The ExtraHop appliance can send email when it detects problems. Create an email group to receive notifications. For more information, see [Configure an email notification group](#).

iDRAC

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

SSL Certificate

Each ExtraHop appliance ships with a self-signed certificate. If you have a PKI deployment, generate your own certificate and upload it to each ExtraHop appliance. For more information, see the [SSL certificates](#) section in the Admin UI Guide.

DNS A Record

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

Customizations and Datastore Backup

Create a system backup prior to upgrading firmware, or before making a major change in your environment. For more information, see [Back up a Discover or Command appliance](#).

Connect

Connect Command and Discover appliances to all Explore and Trace appliances. For more information, see [Connect the Discover and Command appliances to Explore appliances](#) and [Connect the Discover and Command appliances to the Trace appliance](#).