

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.

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

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 Certificate](#) section in the Admin UI guide.

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.