

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 either the IP address or the MAC address. In either condition, you can change the automatic device name to a custom name. The custom name will appear throughout the ExtraHop system.

Here are some important considerations about device names:

- Custom names are not synchronized between Command and Discover appliances.
 - 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 in to the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>`.
 2. Click **Assets** and select **Device** in the left pane.
 3. [Find a device](#) and then click the device name.
The Overview page appears, which displays traffic and protocol activity for the selected device.
 4. Click **Edit Properties**.
 5. Click **Display custom name**.
 6. Type a custom name in the field.
 7. Click **Done**.