

# Connect the Discover and Command appliances to Explore appliances

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After you deploy an Explore appliance, you must establish a connection from all ExtraHop Discover and Command appliances to the Explore appliance before you can query for stored records.

**Important:** If your Explore cluster is configured with master nodes, only connect the Discover and Command appliances to the data-only nodes. Do not connect to the master-only nodes.

1. Log in to the Admin UI on the Command or Discover appliance.



**Note:** If the Explore appliance connections are managed from a Command appliance, you must perform this procedure from the Command appliance instead of from each Discover appliance.

2. In the ExtraHop Explore Settings section, click **Connect Explore Appliances**.
3. Click **Add New**.
4. In the Explore node field, type the hostname or IP address of any Explore appliance in the Explore cluster.




**Note:** Only add data-only nodes if the cluster also contains master-only nodes.

5. For each additional Explore appliance in the cluster, click **Add New** and enter the individual hostname or IP address in the corresponding Explore node field.


6. Click **Save**.
7. Confirm that the fingerprint on this page matches the fingerprint of Node 1 of the Explore cluster.
8. In the Explore Setup Password field, type the password for the Explore Node 1 **setup** user account and then click **Connect**.
9. When the Explore cluster settings are saved, click **Done**.

#### Next steps

 **Important:** If you only deployed a single Explore appliance, after you connect to your Discover or Command appliance, you must log in to the Admin UI on the Explore appliance and set the **Explore Cluster Settings > Cluster Data Management > Replication Level** to **0**.

## Disconnect the Explore appliances

To halt the ingest of records to the Explore appliance, disconnect all Explore appliances from the Command and Discover appliances.

 **Note:** If appliance connections are managed by a Command appliance, you can only perform this procedure on the Command appliance.

1. Log in to the Administration page on the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>/admin`.
2. In the ExtraHop Explore Settings section, click **Connect Explore Appliances**.
3. Click the red **X** next to every node in the Explore cluster.

**Node 2** ✘

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4. Click **Save**.