



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.

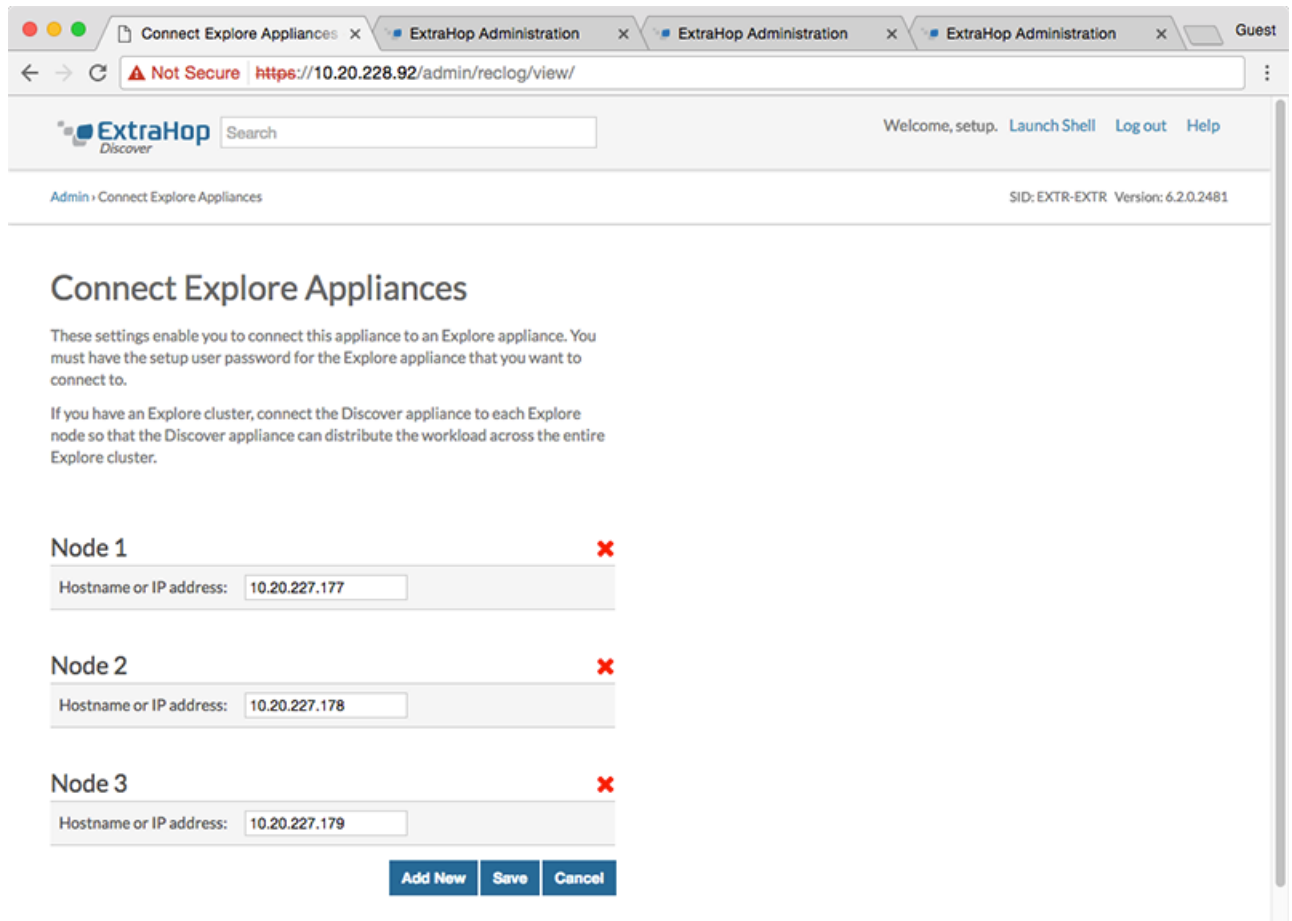
2. In the ExtraHop Explore Settings section, click **Connect Explore Appliances**.

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.



The screenshot shows the 'Connect Explore Appliances' configuration page in the ExtraHop Admin UI. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://10.20.228.92/admin/reclog/view/`. The page header includes the ExtraHop Discover logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'Welcome, setup', 'Launch Shell', 'Log out', and 'Help'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Admin > Connect Explore Appliances' and the version is 'SID: EXTR-EXTR Version: 6.2.0.2481'.

The main content area is titled 'Connect Explore Appliances' and contains the following text:

These settings enable you to connect this appliance to an Explore appliance. You must have the setup user password for the Explore appliance that you want to connect to.

If you have an Explore cluster, connect the Discover appliance to each Explore node so that the Discover appliance can distribute the workload across the entire Explore cluster.


There are three nodes listed:

- Node 1**: Hostname or IP address: (Red X icon)
- Node 2**: Hostname or IP address: (Red X icon)
- Node 3**: Hostname or IP address: (Red X icon)

At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: **Add New**, **Save**, and **Cancel**.


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 ✘

Hostname or IP address:

4. Click **Save**.