

# Upgrade the firmware on your ExtraHop system

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The following procedure shows you how to upgrade your ExtraHop system to the latest firmware release. While the firmware upgrade process is similar across all ExtraHop appliances, some appliances have additional considerations or steps that you must address before you install the firmware in your environment. If you need assistance with your upgrade, contact ExtraHop Support.

## Pre-upgrade checklist

Here are some important considerations and requirements about upgrading ExtraHop appliances.

- If you have multiple types of ExtraHop appliances, you must upgrade them in the following order:
  1. Command appliance
  2. Discover appliances
  3. Explore appliances
  4. Trace appliances
- If you have a Command appliance, apply the following guidance:
  - For large Command appliance deployments (managing 50,000 devices or more), reserve a minimum of one hour to perform the upgrade.
  - The Command appliance firmware version must be greater than or equal to the firmware version of all connected appliances.
- If you have Explore appliances, apply the following guidance:
  - Do not upgrade Explore appliances to a firmware version that is newer than the version installed on connected Command and Discover appliances.
  - After upgrading the Command and Discover appliances, halt the ingest of records from the Command and Discover appliances before upgrading the Explore appliance. If you are upgrading from a firmware version prior to 7.4, temporarily [remove any connected Explore appliances](#), or alternatively, [disable triggers](#) that commit records and disable the [automatic flow records](#) setting. If you are upgrading from firmware version 7.4 or later, after upgrading the Command Discover appliances [disable record ingest on the Explore cluster](#) before upgrading the Explore appliance.

You must re-enable these settings after all nodes in the Explore cluster are upgraded.
  - You must upgrade all Explore nodes in an Explore cluster. The cluster will not function correctly if nodes are on dissimilar firmware versions.
    - ❗ **Important:** The message `Could not determine ingest status on some nodes` and `ERROR` appear on the Cluster Data Management page in the Admin UI of the upgraded nodes until all nodes in the cluster are upgraded. These errors are expected and can be ignored.
  - You must [enable shard reallocation](#) from the Cluster Data Management page the Admin UI after all nodes in the Explore cluster are upgraded.
- If you have Trace appliances, apply the following guidance:
  - Do not upgrade Trace appliances to a firmware version that is newer than the version installed on connected Command and Discover appliances.

## Upgrade the firmware

1. Download the firmware for the appliance from the [ExtraHop Customer Portal](#) to your computer.
2. Log in to the Administration page on the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>/admin`.
3. In the Appliance Settings section, click **Firmware**.
4. Click **Upgrade**.
5. On the Upgrade Firmware page, select one of the following options:
  - To upload firmware from a file, click **Choose File**, navigate to the `.tar` file you want to upload, and click **Open**.
  - To upload firmware from a URL, click **retrieve from URL** instead and then type the URL in the Firmware URL field.
6. If you do not want to automatically restart the appliance after the firmware is installed, clear the **Automatically restart appliance after installation** checkbox.
7. Click **Upgrade**.  
The ExtraHop system initiates the firmware upgrade. You can monitor the progress of the upgrade with the Updating progress bar. The appliance restarts after the firmware is installed.
8. If you did not choose to automatically restart the appliance, click **Reboot** to restart the system.  
After the firmware update is installed successfully, the ExtraHop appliance displays the version number of the new firmware on the Admin UI.



**Note:** Your browser might time out after 5 minutes of inactivity. Refresh the browser page if the update appears incomplete.

If the browser session times out before the ExtraHop system is able to complete the update process, you can try the following connectivity tests to confirm the status up the upgrade process:

- Ping the appliance from the command line of another appliance or client workstation.
  - From the Admin UI on a Command appliance, view the appliance status on the Manage Connected Appliances page.
  - Connect to the appliance through the iDRAC interface.
9. If you disconnected any Explore appliances from Command and Discover appliances, make sure to [reconnect them](#). If you [disabled any triggers](#), [automatic flow records](#), or [disabled record ingest](#), make sure to re-enable those settings.