

# Create a device group

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You can create both dynamic and static device groups. Dynamic groups automatically add all devices that match specified criteria to the group, while static groups require you to manually add each device.

## Create a dynamic device group

You can create dynamic device groups with complex filters, which enable you to specify multiple criteria and create nested groups of criteria.



**Tip:** You can quickly create a dynamic device group from a filtered list of devices on the Devices page. Click **Create Dynamic Group** from the upper right corner.

You can also create a dynamic device group from a built-in device group. From the Devices page, click a role or protocol, update the filter criteria, and then click the Save  icon from the upper right corner.

1. Log in to the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>`.
2. From the top menu, click **Assets** and then click **Device Groups** in the left pane.
3. Click **Create Device Group**.
4. In the **Group Name** field, type a descriptive name to identify the group
5. Optional: In the **Description** field, add information about this device group.
6. In the Group Type section, click **Dynamic**.
7. In the Filter Criteria section, click **Match All** and then select one of the following match operators from the drop-down list:

### FILTER CRITERIA



Option	Description
Match All	Filters only devices that match all of the specified criteria.
Match Any	Filters devices that matches any of the specified criteria.
Match None	Filters devices that do not match any of the specified criteria.

8. Click **Name** and select one of the following categories from the drop-down list:

## FILTER CRITERIA



Option	Description
Name	Filters devices by the discovered device name. For example, a discovered device name can include the IP address or hostname.
MAC Address	Filters devices by the device MAC address.
IP Address	Filters devices by IP address in IPv4, IPv6, or CIDR block formats.
Site	Filters devices associated with a connected site. Command appliances and Reveal(x) 360 only.
Discovery Time	Filters devices automatically discovered by the ExtraHop system within the specified time interval. For more information, see <a href="#">Create a device group based on discovery time</a> .
Model	Filters devices by models and model sets, which are logical groupings of device models. Model sets common on your network are suggested until you filter a specific string.
Activity	Filters devices by protocol activity associated with the device. For example, selecting HTTP Server returns devices with HTTP server metrics, and any other device with a device role set to HTTP Server.
Cloud Account	Filters devices by the cloud service account associated with the device.
Cloud Instance ID	Filters devices by the cloud instance ID associated with the device.
Cloud Instance Type	Filters devices by the cloud instance type associated with the device.
Critical	Filters devices that are considered critical because they provide authentication services or support essential services on your network.
Role	Filters devices by the assigned device role, such as gateway, firewall, load balancer, and DNS Server.

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Software	Filters devices by operating system software detected on the device.
Subnet	Filters devices by the subnet associated with the device.
Tag	Filters devices by user-defined device tags.
Virtual Private Cloud	Filters devices by the VPC associated with the device.
Vendor	Filters devices by the device vendor name, as determined by the Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI) lookup.
VLAN	Filters devices by the device VLAN tag. VLAN information is extracted from VLAN tags, if the traffic mirroring process preserves them on the mirror port.  Only available if the <code>devices_accross_vlans</code> setting is set to <code>False</code> in the Running Config file.
CDP Name	Filters devices by the CDP name assigned to the device.
Cloud Instance Name	Filters devices by the cloud instance name assigned to the device.
Custom Name	Filters devices by the custom name assigned to the device.
DHCP Name	Filters devices by the DHCP name assigned to the device.
DNS Name	Filters devices by any DNS name assigned to the device.
NetBIOS Name	Filters devices by the NetBIOS name assigned to the device.

- Select one of the following operators from the drop-down list; the operators available are based on the selected category:



Option	Description
=	Filters devices that are an exact match of the search field for the selected category.

Option	Description
≠	Filters devices that do not exactly match the search field.
≈	Filters devices that include the value of the search field for the selected category.
≈/	Filters devices that exclude the value of the search field for the selected category.
starts with	Filters devices that start with the value of the search field for the selected category.
exists	Filters devices that have a value for the selected category.
does not exist	Filters devices that do not have a value for the selected category.

10. In the search field, type the string to be matched, or select a value from the drop-down list. The input type is determined by the selected category.

For example, if you want to find devices based on Name, type the string to be matched in the search field. If you want to find devices based on Role, select from the drop-down list of roles.

**FILTER CRITERIA**

The screenshot shows a filter criteria panel with a 'Match All' dropdown. Below it, a search field is configured with 'Name' as the category, an equals sign icon, and the text 'accounting-'. A small icon with a star and asterisk is visible in the search field. Below the search field are two buttons: 'Add Filter' and 'Add Filter Group'.

**FILTER CRITERIA**

The screenshot shows a filter criteria panel with a 'Match All' dropdown. Below it, a search field is configured with 'Role' as the category, an equals sign icon, and a dropdown menu showing 'Select an item...'. A dropdown menu is open below the search field, listing 'Filter...', 'Database', 'DHCP Server', and 'DNS Server'. Below the search field is an 'Add Filter' button.

**Tip:** Depending on the selected category, you can click the Regex icon in the text field to enable matching by regular expression.

#### FILTER CRITERIA



11. Optional: Click **Add Filter** to add more filter criteria.
12. Optional: Click **Add Filter Group** to add filter criteria to the results of the original filter.  
For example, if you filter for devices names that start with "acct", you can add a new group of criteria that filters for a certain role or tag within the group of devices that start with "acct".
13. Click **Save**.

You can change the criteria by clicking the group you want to modify from the Device Groups page, and then clicking **Properties**.

## Create a static device group

1. Log in to the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>`.
2. Click **Assets** and then click **Device Groups**.
3. Click **Create Device Group**.
4. In the **Name** field, type a name for the new group.
5. In the Group Type section, select **Static**.
6. Optional: In the **Description** field, add information about this device group.
7. Click **Save**.  
Your device group is now created.
8. Add devices to your group.
  - a) Click **Devices** in the left pane.
  - b) [Find a device](#) and then select the checkbox next to the devices you want to add to your group.
  - c) At the top of the device table, click **Assign to Group**.
  - d) Select a device group from the Group drop-down list.
  - e) Click **Add to Group**.

#### Next steps

Remove devices from a group by selecting the checkbox next to the device name and clicking **Remove from Group** in the upper right corner.