

Explore Post-deployment Checklist

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After you deploy the ExtraHop Explore appliance, log in to the Administration settings on the ExtraHop system through <https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>/admin>, and configure the following settings.

Password

Maintain system security after the evaluation period. Change the default password. For more information, see the [Default User Accounts FAQ](#).

NTP

Time is critical in the ExtraHop system, particularly when doing event correlation with time-based metrics and logs. Verify that the NTP settings are correct for your infrastructure, test settings, and sync NTP. For more information, see [Configure the system time](#).

Time Zone

The correct time zone is critical to run scheduled reports at the correct time. Ensure the ExtraHop system has the correct time zone. For more information, see [Configure the system time](#).

Remote Authentication

Set up remote authentication. The ExtraHop system integrates with [LDAP](#), [RADIUS](#), and [TACACS+](#) for remote integration.

Firmware Update

The ExtraHop firmware is updated often with enhancements and resolved defects. Verify that you have the current firmware. For more information, see [Upgrade the firmware on your ExtraHop system](#).

Audit Logging

The ExtraHop system can send events to a remote syslog collector. For more information, see the [Send audit log data to a remote syslog server](#).

SMTP

The ExtraHop system can email alerts and system-health notifications. Set up and test notifications. For more information, see [Configure email settings for notifications](#).

System Notifications

The ExtraHop system can send email notifications if disk errors are detected. Add email addresses to receive system health notifications. For more information, see [Notifications](#).

iDRAC

Each physical ExtraHop appliance has an iDRAC port, similar to iLO or KVM over Ethernet. Connect and configure the iDRAC port. For more information, see [Configure the iDRAC Remote Access Console](#).

SSL Certificate

Each ExtraHop system ships with a self-signed certificate. If you have a PKI deployment, generate your own certificate and upload it to each ExtraHop system. For more information, see the [SSL Certificate](#) section.

DNS A Record

It is easier to access an Explore system by hostname than by IP address. Create an A record in your DNS root ("exa.yourdomain.local") for each Explore appliance in your deployment. Refer to your DNS administration manual.

Cloud Services

Connect to ExtraHop Cloud Services to enable Remote Access. For more information, see [Connect to ExtraHop Cloud Services](#).