

Configure ERSPAN with VMware

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The Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) enables you to monitor traffic on multiple network interfaces or VLANs and then send the monitored traffic to one or more destinations. We support the VMware Encapsulated Remote Mirroring Source packet mirror feature, an ERSPAN-like capability.

The following procedures explain how to configure an interface on the ExtraHop system to receive ERSPAN traffic and how to configure the VMware server with the vSphere Web Client.

For more information about configuring networking on the ExtraHop system, see the [ExtraHop Admin UI Guide](#).

For more information about configuring the VMware vSphere server, see the *Working with Port Mirroring* section in the ESXi and vCenter Server 6.0 Documentation.

Configure the ExtraHop interface settings

1. Log in to the Administration settings on the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>/admin`.
2. In the Network Settings, click **Connectivity**.
3. In the Interfaces section, click **Interface 1**.



Note: If you select **Interface 1** for management and **Interface 2** for ERSPAN, you cannot configure both interfaces on the same subnet.

4. Select **Management Port + RPCAP/ERSPAN/VXLAN Target** from the **Interface Mode** drop-down list.
5. Complete the remaining fields and then click **Save**.
6. Optional: Depending on your configuration, configure or disable the remaining interfaces.



Note: For more information about setting up network interfaces, see the [Connectivity](#) section in the ExtraHop Administration Guide.

Configure port mirroring on the vSphere server

1. Log in to the vSphere Web Client and select the vSphere distributed switch (VDS) from which you want to monitor traffic.
2. Click the **Manage** tab, and then click **Settings**.
3. Click **Port Mirroring**.
4. Click **New...** to create a port mirroring session to mirror vSphere distributed switch traffic to specific physical switch ports.



Tip: For detailed information about creating a port mirroring session, see your vSphere documentation.

- a) In the Select session type section, select **Encapsulated Remote Mirroring (L3) Source** and click **Next**.
- b) In the **Edit properties** section, specify the name, description, and session details for the new port mirroring session. Select **Enabled** from the Status drop-down list and then click **Next**.
- c) In the Select sources section, select existing ports or create new source ports and then click **Next**.
- d) In the Select Destinations section, click the green plus (+) sign to add the IP addresses that should receive the traffic.
- e) In the Ready to complete section, verify the settings and then click **Finish**.



Tip: Consider turning off TCP segmentation offloading on the operating systems where the forwarded communication is coming from.