


Packets

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A network packet is a small amount of data sent over Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) networks. The ExtraHop system enables you to continuously collect, search, and download these packets with a Trace appliance, which can be useful to detect network intrusions and other suspicious activity.

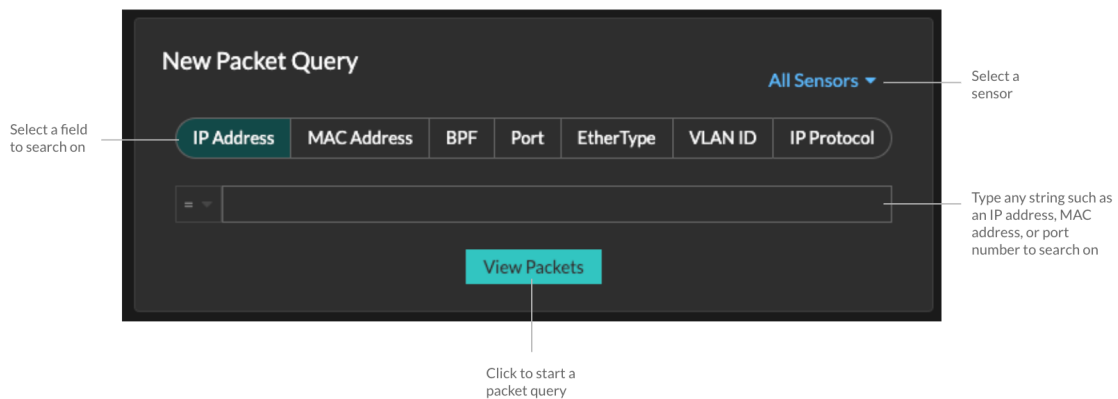
You can search for and download packets from the Packets page in the ExtraHop system and through the [Packet Search](#) resource in the ExtraHop REST API. Downloaded packets can then be analyzed through a third-party tool, such as Wireshark.

 **Note:** If you do not have a Trace appliance, you can still collect packets through [triggers](#). See [Initiate precision packet captures to analyze zero window conditions](#) for an example.

 **Video:** Watch the related training: [Packets](#)

Navigating packets

Click **Packets** from the top menu to create a new packet query. From the New Packet Query page, you can specify a filter.



The results appear on the main Packets page. Launch another packet query by clicking **Packets** again from the top menu.

The screenshot shows the ExtraHop 'Packets' page. Annotations point to:

- Set time interval:** A gray bar at the top of the query results showing the time range from Feb 23, 1:51:02 pm to Feb 23, 1:56:02 pm.
- Filter the results:** A 'BPF' (Berkeley Packet Filter) field with a dropdown menu and an 'Add Filter' button.
- Start a packet query:** A search bar at the top right with the text 'Type an IP address in the global search field and then select Search Packets'.

 The main content area displays a table of packet details with columns: Time, Src IP, Dst IP, IP Proto, Src Port, Dst Port, Flags, Bytes, Src MAC, Dst MAC, EtherType, and VLAN ID. A 'Download PCAP' button is visible on the right.

If you change the time interval, the query starts again. Either end of the gray bar displays a timestamp, which is determined by the current time interval. The time on the right displays the starting point of the query and the time on the left displays the endpoint of the query. The blue bar indicates the time range during which the system found packets. You can drag to zoom on a period of time in the blue bar to run a query again for that selected time interval.

Tip: Filter packets with Berkeley Packet Filter syntax [🔗](#).

There are multiple locations in the ExtraHop system from which you can initiate a packet query:

- Type an IP address in the global search field and then select the Search Packets icon .

The screenshot shows a search bar containing the IP address '172.25.41.12'. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu is open with the following options:

- View details for 172.25.41.12
- Search Records for 172.25.41.12
- Search Packets for 172.25.41.12
- Find devices with user 172.25.41.12

- Click **Packets** on a device page.

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Last 5 minutes ▾ | Devices / Device 120.124.80.227

Device 18.80.138.242
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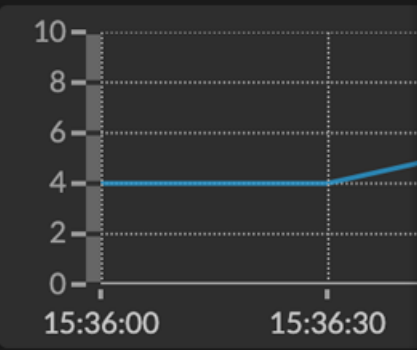
- Click the Packets icon **⊙** next to any record on a record query results page.

	Time ↓	Record Type
⊙	2022-02-23 15:04:08.999	DNS Response
⊙	2022-02-23 15:04:08.999	DNS Request
⊙	2022-02-23 15:04:08.998	Flow
⊙	2022-02-23 15:04:08.998	Flow
⊙	2022-02-23 15:04:08.998	SSL Close

- Click on an IP address or hostname in any chart with metrics for network bytes or packets by IP address to see a context menu. Then, click the Packets icon **⊙** to query for the device and time interval.

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15:36:00 15:36:30

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	Client IP
<input type="text" value="100.152.8.59"/>	100.152.8.59
<input type="text" value="192.168.23.82"/>	192.168.23.82

100.152.8.59
External Endpoint
Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

myip.opendns.com

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