

# Assign an alert to a source

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You can assign an alert configuration to a source such as an application, network, device, or device group. An alert configuration does not start monitoring until it is assigned to a source, and the alert monitors metric data only from the sources to which it is assigned.

## Before you begin

You must configure an alert before you assign the alert as described in [Configure threshold alert settings](#) and [Configure trend alert settings](#).

Although you configure alert settings from the System Settings window, you assign an alert configuration to a source from the Metrics page in the ExtraHop Web UI. The following procedure shows you how to assign an alert configuration to a device, which is similar for other sources.

1. Log into the Web UI on the ExtraHop Discover or Command appliance.
2. Click **Metrics** from the top menu.
3. Click **Devices** in the left pane.
4. Select the checkbox for each device you want monitored by an alert configuration.
5. Click the **Assign Alert** icon from the top of the page.
6. Select the checkbox for each alert configuration you want to assign to the selected devices.
7. Click **Assign Alerts**.

The alert configuration monitors the selected devices for the alert conditions specified in the alert settings.



**Tip:** You can also manage alert assignments for a device from the device overview page. From the Manage Device section, click **Assignments** to add or remove alert assignments from the device and to view which alerts are already assigned to the device.

## Next steps

- View generated alerts in the [Alert History](#)