

# Specify high value devices through the REST API

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The ExtraHop REST API enables you to specify that a device is high value. You can specify the device through the REST API Explorer or automate the procedure by reading device criteria from a CSV or similar file through a REST API script.

## Before you begin

- For sensors and ECA VMs, you must have a valid API key to make changes through the REST API and complete the procedures below. (See [Generate an API key](#).)
- For Reveal(x) 360, you must have valid REST API credentials to make changes through the REST API and complete the procedures below. (See [Create REST API credentials](#).)

## Specify a high value device through the REST API Explorer

### Retrieve the ID of the device

Before you can specify a high value device, you must retrieve the REST API ID of the device.

1. In a browser, navigate to the REST API Explorer.  
The URL is the hostname or IP address of your sensor or console, followed by `/api/v1/explore/`. For example, if your hostname is `seattle-eda`, the URL is `https://seattle-eda/api/v1/explore/`.
2. Click **Enter API Key** and then paste or type your API key into the **API Key** field.
3. Click **Authorize** and then click **Close**.
4. Click **POST /devices/search**.
5. Click **Try it out**.

The JSON schema is automatically added to the body parameter text box.

6. In the body text box, type search criteria that selects the device.  
The following search criteria returns a device with an IP address of 10.10.10.200:

```
{
  "filter": {
    "field": "ipaddr",
    "operand": "10.10.10.200",
    "operator": "="
  }
}
```

For more information about device search filters, see [Operand values for device search](#).

7. Click **Send Request**.  
In the Response body section, note the `id` field of the device.

### Specify a high value device

1. Click **PATCH /devices/{id}**.
2. Click **Try it out**.
3. In the **body** field, type the following JSON object:

```
{
  "custom_criticality": "critical"
}
```

```
}
```

4. In the **id** field, type the ID of the device that [you retrieved in the previous procedure](#).
5. Click **Send Request**.

If the request is successful, a 204 response code appears in the Server response section.

## Retrieve and run the example Python script

The ExtraHop GitHub repository contains an example Python script that reads a list of IP addresses from a CSV file and specifies all devices with those addresses as high value.

1. Go to the [ExtraHop code-examples GitHub repository](#) and download the contents of the `specify_high_value` directory to your local machine.
2. In a text editor, open the `ip_list.csv` file and replace the IP addresses with the IP addresses of the devices you want to specify as high value.
3. In a text editor, open the `specify_high_value.py` file and replace the configuration variables with information from your environment.
  - For sensors and ECA VMs, specify the following configuration variables:
    - **HOST**: The IP address or hostname of the sensor or ECA VM.
    - **API\_KEY**: The API key.
  - For Reveal(x) 360, specify the following configuration variables:
    - **HOST**: The hostname of the Reveal(x) 360 API. This hostname is displayed in the Reveal(x) 360 API Access page under API Endpoint. The hostname does not include the `/oauth2/token`.
    - **ID**: The ID of the Reveal(x) 360 REST API credentials.
    - **SECRET**: The secret of the Reveal(x) 360 REST API credentials.
4. Run the following command:

```
python3 specify_high_value.py
```



**Note:** If the script returns an error message that the SSL certificate verification failed, make sure that [a trusted certificate has been added to your sensor or console](#). Alternatively, you can add the `verify=False` option to bypass certificate verification. However, this method is not secure and not recommended. The following code sends an HTTP GET request without certificate verification:

```
requests.get(url, headers=headers, verify=False)
```