

# **ATTO360™ Networking**

# Tuning, Monitoring, and Analytics Software Installation and Operation Manual



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### **ATTO360™ Networking Edition - Features and Overview**

#### **Overview**

The following document provides a tutorial on how to use ATTO360™ Networking Edition to tune for network performance, monitor, and identify potential network issues when using ATTO FastFrame™ and ThunderLink™ Ethernet adapters on macOS®, Windows®, and Linux®.

### **Getting Started**

In general, to install the ATTO360 Networking application, you must:

- 1. Ensure you have the equipment and software you need for the installation:
  - FastFrame NIC or Thunderlink
  - · A computer running macOS, Windows, or Linux

#### **Software Installation**

Note: Admistrator priviledges are required to install

#### Windows

- 1. Power on your system
- 2. Go to <a href="https://www.atto.com/">https://www.atto.com/</a>
- 3. Click on support > software downloads ATTO360 Networking software is included within the driver download with each OS. Ethernet Suite installs the driver and 360 utility. If you would like more control you can choose to install them seperately
- 4. You can also visit <a href="https://www.atto.com/products/software/atto-360-tuning-monitoring-and-analytics-software/">https://www.atto.com/products/software/atto-360-tuning-monitoring-and-analytics-software/</a> to download the latest version of ATTO360 Networking
- 5. ATTO Ethernet Suite includes an ATTO hardware driver for Windows 10 with option to install ATTO360 Networking along with Driver installation
- 6. Scroll down to and click the Windows download.
- 7. A download window appears. Choose Save File.
- 8. Double-click the downloaded file to extract and launch the ATTO360 Ethernet Suite.
- 9. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the software installation.

#### Linux

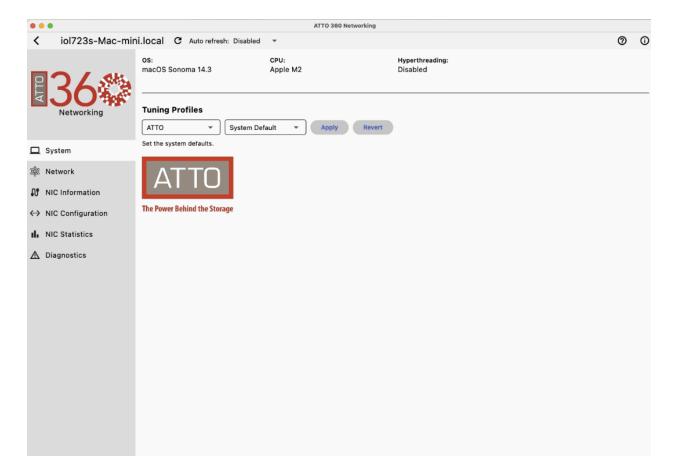
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- 5. ATTO Ethernet Suite is an installer package that includes ATTO hardware driver as well as ATTO360 Networking software
- 6. A download window appears. Choose Save File.
- 7. After the download has completed, open the ATTO360 volume on the desktop.
- 8. Open the Linux folder.
- 9. Copy the .tgz file to a temporary folder.
- 10. Open a terminal window and change the location of the copied tgz.
- 11. Extract the file using the command tar -xfz <filename.tgz>.
- 12. Embedded in the TGZ is a \*.run file that must be run as 'sudo <filename>.run'

#### macOS

- 1. Power on your system
- 2. Go to <a href="https://www.atto.com/">https://www.atto.com/</a>
- 3. Click on support > software downloads − ATTO360 Networking<sup>™</sup> software is included within the driver packages for all ATTO Ethernet devices
- 4. You can also visit <a href="https://www.atto.com/products/software/atto-360-tuning-monitoring-and-analytics-software/">https://www.atto.com/products/software/atto-360-tuning-monitoring-and-analytics-software/</a> to download the latest version of ATTO360 Networking
- 5. A .dmg file for ATTO360 Networking will appear on your desktop
- 6. Click on ATTO360 icon to install ATTO360 Networking™
- 7. Follow the on-screen instructions.

# **System Information & Tuning Profiles**



System information is the first screen that loads when you launch ATTO360 ™

Here you can access relevant information about your system in one convenient area. You can identify items like Operating System, CPU and see TCP/IP settings like Receive/Transmit Buffers, TCP Window Scale, firewall, IP forwarding, and hyper-threading.

#### **TUNING PROFILES**

In this area you can also apply or delete our tuning profiles. The first drop down box indicates what brand of profile you want to select. You can choose from several ATTO branded profiles custom made by our engineers for different workflows. You can choose from options like "High Throughput, Low Latency, and SMB or NFS connections".

You can also select a number of profiles crafted for our partner storage companies like Dell, Quantum, NetApp, Rohde & Schwarz, Symply, AVID, and Autodesk

The Tuning Profiles area contains 1-click settings for applying pre-designated NIC and system parameters that are designed to work with specific workflows and storage use cases. These profiles were designed by ATTO engineers to work best in certain environments.

## **System Information and Tuning Profiles**

**Default** – The system default.

**High throughput** – This is optimized for high throughput. This is better for systems that transmit or receive large amounts of data and favor throughput over latency.

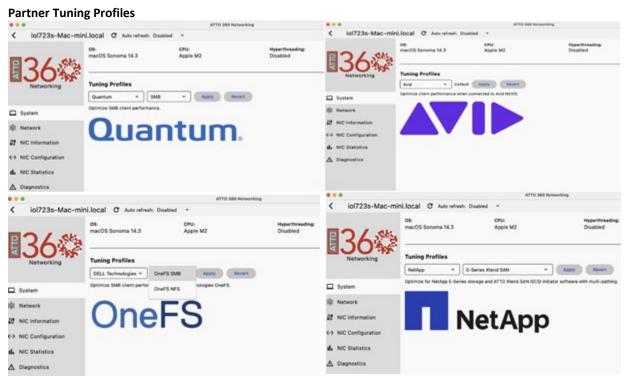
Low Latency – This is optimized for reducing latency and favors reducing packet loss over high throughput.

**Multi-stream Throughput** – This is optimized for multi-stream packet processing. This is better for systems that transmit or receive large amounts of data over multiple queues. This profile favors throughput over latency.

SMB - This profile is optimized for high throughput with SMB specific connections

NFS - This profile is optimized for high throughput with NFS specific connections

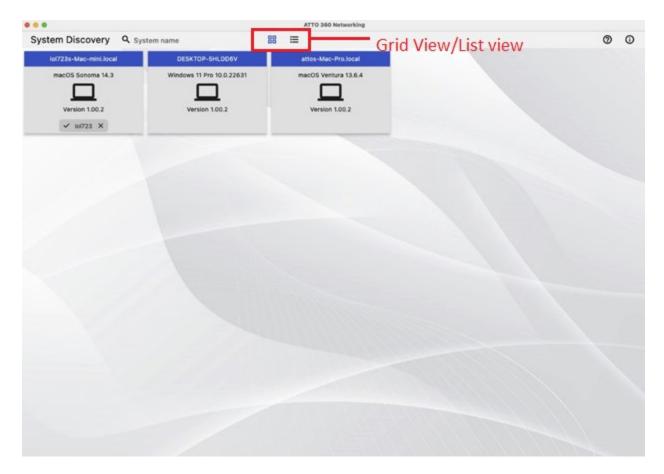
**SMB MultiChannel** – This profile is optimized for high throughput with SMB MultiChannel connections(Windows only)



You can select between several ATTO branded tuning profiles or a number of profiles custom made for our storage partners. Click on the first drop downdown box to see the full list. Partner profiles are designed and developed in conjuction with select storage partners and should be used when connecting your system to the corresponding partner storage devices.

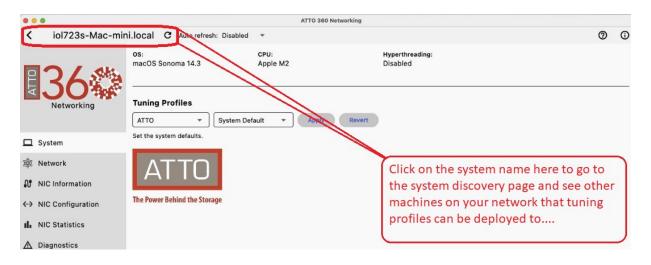
If you own any of our partner storage devices you should feel comfortable knowing that ATTO engineers have spent thousands of hours testing and validating and the recipes inside these custom partner tuning profiles will ensure you are getting the most out of your investment in storage.

# **System Discovery**

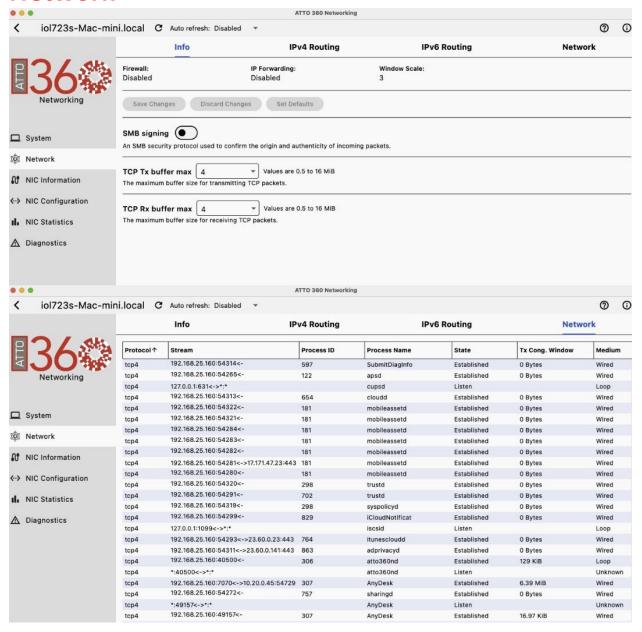


A completely new area for this version is our System Discovery page. This page will display all of the systems on your network with 360 installed and allow you to deploy tuning profiles to these systems over the network. Systems are listed by their name, Operating System, and which version of ATTO360™ is installed. Click anywhere on the tile to select that machine.

List view/Gridview at the top lets you select multiple machines at one time.



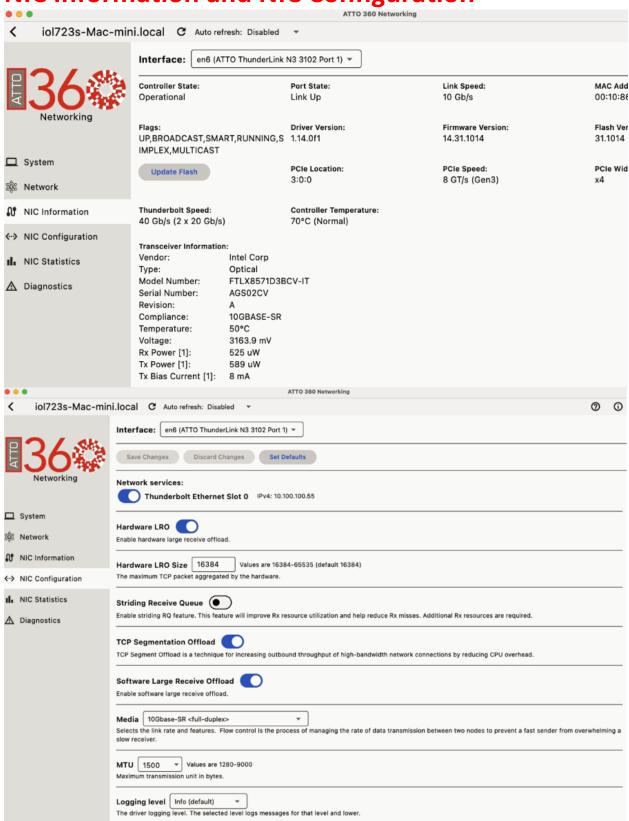
### **Network**



The next area is the network tab. It has been divided into 4 sections. Info, IPv4 Routing, IPv6 Routing, and Network. Flipping between these sections is easy using the top menu columns. Under "info" you can view information about firewall settings and set TCP buffer sizes. Next to that you access IPv4 and IPv6 routing tables.

The final column "Network" displays open sockets. Depending on the operating system there will be as many as 24 points of data collected for each socket that will be displayed in this area. It offers valuable information that is used for the troubleshooting, diagnostics, and analytics areas within the application. See the "Glossary" section at the end of the manual for definitions for the data points we are collecting and monitoring.

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The next 2 areas are NIC information and NIC configuration. NIC info now displays information specific to our SmartNICs where as NIC Configuration has several features and parameters that can be adjusted within your FastFrame™ and ThunderLink™ Ethernet devices.

Select the network interface you would like to display information for in the top drop down box. You will see all the available ATTO device interfaces that are connected.

When you select a corresponding ATTO interface you will be given access to several points of data about your NIC including, Link status/speed, Model, channel, current PCIe slot, PCI location, flags, MAC address, MTU size/selection, RSS profiles (Linux and Windows), driver version, network services(macOS only), and firmware version.

You can also adjust several important settings that help in fine-tuning the performance of your NIC and can affect throughput positively or negatively.

**aRFS** - **Accelerated Receive Flow Steering** is a technique where packets are forwarded based on the location of the application consuming the packet directly to a CPU that is local to the thread consuming the data. – *Linux only* 

**GRO – Generic Receive Offload** is a widely-used software based offloading technique to reduce perpacket processing overheads. – *Linux only* 

**LRO – Large Receive Offload** is a technique for increasing inbound throughput of high-bandwidth network conditions by reducing CPU overhead.

**TSO – TCP segmentation Offload** is a technique for increasing outbound throughput of high-bandwidth TCP network communications by reducing CPU overhead.

**RSC – Receive Segment Coalescing** enables network card miniport drivers to coalesce multiple TCP segments and indicate them as a single coalesced unit. – *Windows only* 

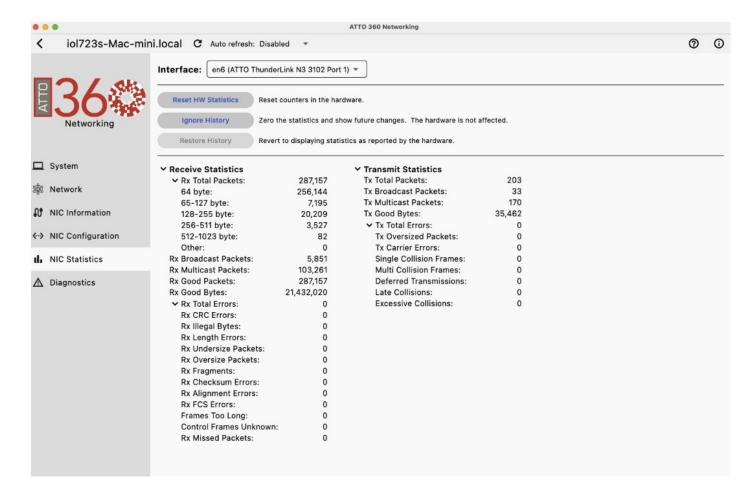
**LSO – Large Send Offload** is a technique for increasing outbound throughput of high-bandwidth network communications by reducing CPU overhead. – *Windows only* 

**RSS - Receive Side Scaling** is a network driver technology that enables the efficient distribution of network receive processing across multiple CPUs in multiprocessor systems. – *Windows only* 

**Flow control** – Flow control is the process of managing the rate of data transmission between two nodes to prevent a fast sender from overwhelming a slow receiver.

**Striding RQ** – Enables a striding queue that offloads packet processing helping users deal with smaller packet traffic (not supported by FFRM-N351 and N352)

### **NIC Statistics**



The NIC Statistics page allows the user to monitor Layer 2 Frame statistics and offer a view into Layer 1, for the purpose of assisting with troubleshooting issues and offering insight into performance-tuning opportunities. See our GLOSSARY of terms below for info on the items being displayed in this and other areas of our application.

# **Diagnostics**



The Diagnostics menu will be highlighted red if the application recognizes settings that could be negatively impacting performance or connectivity. Selecting this option will present any built-in alerts that point to possible areas of concern or issues with performance.

Term	Definition
Rx Total Packets	Total number of all packets received (unicast, broadcast, multicast), regardless of length, errors, or L2 filtering, but excluding flow control packets.
Rx Broadcast Packets	Number of good (non-erred) broadcast packets received while the broadcast address filter is configured to allow reception of broadcast packets.
Rx Multicast Packets	Number of good (non-erred) multicast packets received that pass L2 filtering, excluding broadcast packets and flow control packets.
Rx Good Packets	Number of good (non-erred) packets received that pass L2 filtering and have a legal length. Counts of good packets received are also displayed by packet size.
Rx Good Bytes	Total number of all bytes received in good (non-erred) packets from the field through the field, inclusively.
Rx Errors	Total number of errors in packets received. When errors are displayed, check SFP, cable, MTU as well as local or remote interfaces.
CRC Errors	Number of packets received with CRC errors, not including packets whose length is less than 64 bytes (Fragments) or greater than the max packet size (Jabbers).
Illegal Bytes	Number of packets received with illegal byte errors, such as an illegal symbol in the packet.
Length Errors	Number of packets received whose packet length field in the MAC header doesn't match the actual packet length.
Undersize Packets	Receive undersize errors: Received frames that are shorter than the minimum size (64 bytes) and have a valid CRC.
Oversize Packets	Receive oversize errors: Received frames that are longer than the configured maximum packet size and have a valid CRC.
Fragments	Receive fragment errors: Received frames that are shorter than the minimum size (64 bytes) and have an invalid CRC
Checksum Errors	Number of packets received that contain IPv4, TCP, UDP or SCTP checksum errors. Checksum errors are not counted when a packet has any MAC error (CRC, length, undersize, oversize, byte error or symbol error).
Allocation Fails	Number of packets that were dropped because of a memory allocation failure.
Rx Missed Packets	Number of packets received that were dropped because no buffer was available to receive the data. Check MBUF structures with netstat –m. Counts the total number of packets missed on all Traffic Classes (TC).
Tx Total Packets	Total number of all packets transmitted, including standard, secure, FC, and manageability packets.

Tx Broadcast Packets Number of broadcast packets transmitted.

Tx Multicast Packets Number of multicast packets transmitted.

Tx Good Bytes Number of successfully transmitted bytes, including bytes from the field.

Tx Inlined Packets Number of Inlined packets transmitted.

Tx Errors Total number of errors in packets transmitted

Map Fails Number of packets that were dropped because of an error mapping the packet memory.

Other Fails Number of packets that were dropped due to a general failure.

Tx Oversized Packets Oversize errors: Frames that are longer than the configured maximum packet size and

have a valid CRC

TSO Count Number of Transmit Segmentation Offload operations attempted (including attempts

that may have failed)

LRO Flushed Number of Large Receive Offloads operations flushed.

Rx Flow Control XOFFs Counts of Ethernet Pause Frames (Flow Control). Flow control is a Link layer attempt to

relieve the pressure on queues to avoid congestion. When an Ethernet device gets congested or over loaded, flow control allows it to send PAUSE requests to the transmitter until the over loaded condition dissipates. If flow control is not enabled and

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OS Indicates which Operating System is installed on the system running ATTO360. An

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resources, and provides common services for computer programs.

CPU Indicates CPU model is installed on system running ATTO360. A central processing unit

(CPU) is the electronic circuitry within a computer that carries out the instructions of a

computer program by performing the basic arithmetic, logic, controlling, and

input/output (I/O) operations specified by the instructions.

Performance Mode Indicates which CPU is running in high performance mode rather than power saving or

sleep modes that would cause performance problems

Firewall Indicates whether or not firewall is established.

IP Forwarding Indicates whether IP forwarding is enabled/disabled.

Hyper Threading Indicates whether Hyper Threading is enabled/disabled. Hyper Threading is a high-

performance computing architecture that simulates some degree of overlap in

executing two or more independent sets of instructions.

Receive Buffer Displays size of receive buffer window. The buffer size of system memory that can be

used by the adapter for receiving packets

Transmit Buffer Displays size of transmit buffer window. The buffer size of system memory that can be

used by the adapter for sending packets

Window Scale Displays TCP Window Scale option. The TCP window scale option is an option to

increase the receive window size allowed in Transmission Control Protocol above its

former maximum value of 65,535 bytes.

Link Status Displays whether Link Status is up or down.

Model Indicates model number for the ATTO adapter that is currently installed

Channel Indicates which Ethernet port the application is monitoring

Thunderbolt is the brand name of a hardware interface developed by Intel (in

collaboration with Apple) that allows the connection of external peripherals to a

computer.

PCIe Generation Displays PCI Express generation NIC is running

PCIe Width Displays PCIe width determining the number of lanes that can be used in parallel by the

device for communication (i.e. x4, x8, x16)

PCIe Speed Displays PCIe speed in gigatransfers per second

PCIe Location Displays PCIe location

Link Speed Displays the maximum speed in bits per second that your device can communicate with

the device that it is linked to.

IPv4 Address Displays IPv4 address. The IPv4 address is a 32-bit number that uniquely identifies a

network interface on a machine.

IPv6 Address Displays IPv6 address. An IPv6 address is a 128-bit value that identifies an endpoint

device in the Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) addressing scheme.

MAC Address Displays MAC address. A media access control address of a device is a unique identifier

assigned to a network interface controller.

MTU Here you can change MTU size. Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) is the size of the

largest protocol data unit (PDU) that can be communicated in a single network layer

transaction.

Driver Version Displays what driver version is installed

FW Version Displays what Firmware version is installed for the selected adapter