



# Implementing Wireless Networking on Linux on the ThinkEdge SE360 V2 Planning / Implementation

The ThinkEdge SE360 V2 edge server optionally supports wireless LAN (WLAN) to enable connectivity to Wi-Fi as clients. Red Hat, SUSE, and Ubuntu Enterprise OSes are supported on the ThinkEdge SE360 V2 server. However, the wireless setting guide is in the different Linux OS distribution document. This article consolidates all different Linux OS distribution setting methods and provides the customer with the practice of setting wireless function in all supported Linux OS distributions.



Figure 1. Lenovo ThinkEdge SE360 V2 with wireless LAN functionality

This article contains three sections. The first one introduces the wireless network devices provided by the SE360 V2 system. The second one lists wireless network connection methods used by different Linux OSes. The last one includes all the wireless setting examples of different Linux OSes to enable users to quickly configure wireless network settings.

# Prerequisites

Before setting up a wireless network, make sure that the system includes the wireless network module. See the SE360 V2 product guide for detailed information about the server for reference: https://lenovopress.lenovo.com/lp1677-thinkedge-se360-v2-server

The SE360 V2 WLAN solution is equipped with Intel AX210 module. For Intel AX210 wireless solution, user can refer to Intel website for more information:

https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/support/articles/000005511/wireless.html

Before you set up the system, you can refer to the Lenovo OS interoperability guide to get the latest support information:

https://lenovopress.lenovo.com/osig

#### **Firmware settings**

Make sure the wireless chip is listed on the system via XCC browser interface, as shown in the following figure.

Clarity Controller 2 < U I ThinkEdge SE360 V2 CPU Planar System Name:										
↑ Home	Other Hardware									
Events	Name	Manufacture ID	Serial Number	Manufacture Date	Part Number	FRU Number				
	IO BOARD	LENOVO	V1HZ2CA303N	2022-12-19	STA7B33689	03KM993				
u. Utilization	PIB	LENOVO	V1HZ2BP300F	2022-11-28	STA7B33680	03LF048				
2. Remote Console	PMB			1996-01-01						
	OP PANEL	LENOVO	V1HZ2BK303Y	2022-11-28	STA7B33679	03KM986				
🚖 Firmware Update	WLAN Module	Intel	64D69AA43873	N/A	SW17A47039	01PF627	>			
🖯 Storage 🗸 🗸										

Figure 2. Check wireless device via XCC interface

Refer to the XCC manual for all other XCC configuration details: https://pubs.lenovo.com/xcc2/iot\_servers

## **OS driver checking**

Before you proceed with the wireless connection settings, ensure that the AX210 device is visible in your operating system and that the driver iwlwifi is being used for it.

1. Check the device is existed in OS.

```
# root@se360v2:/home/conie# lspci |grep -i ax210
0000:05:00.0 Network controller: Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX210/AX211/AX411 16
0MHz (rev 1a)
```

2. Check the driver in use:

```
root@se360v2:/home/conie# lspci -s 0000:05:00.0 -vvv|grep -i kernel
Kernel driver in use: iwlwifi
Kernel modules: iwlwifi
```

3. Check the device via command "ip a" as shown in the following figure.

root@se360v2:/home/conie# ip a



Figure 3. Check wireless device

#### NetworkManager wireless software

NetworkManager is a software tool that can manage both wired and wireless network interfaces, including Wi-Fi and ethernet. It also provides users with multiple options for manually configuring their network connections, based on their specific requirements. These options include using the graphical interface or the command-line interface.

To use NetworkManager, you need to start it. Currently, most Linux operating systems employ the systemd service to launch NetworkManager. Once NetworkManager is enabled and started, it will also initiate other required services, such as WPA and 802.1x.

Details about NetworkManager in key Linux distributions:

SUSE

The SLES operating system includes NetworkManager for connecting to wireless networks. You can find more detailed information in the below official documentation:

https://documentation.suse.com/sles/15-SP5/single-html/SLES-gnome-user/index.html#sec-gnomeuser-startnetwork-connect

For more SUSE NetworkManager information, please also check SUSE document: https://documentation.suse.com/sles/15-SP5/single-html/SLES-administration/#cha-nm

• Red Hat

Red Hat Linux Enterprise Server OS introduces various NetworkManager methods to configure the NetworkManager connection. It includes:

- nmcli: Network configuration via command line
- nmtui: Network configuration via text-based user interface
- nmstatectl: Network configuration via nmstatectl API
- RHEL System Roles: Use RHEL System Roles to automate the configuration of connections on one or multiple hosts.

For details, see the following page:

https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\_hat\_enterprise\_linux/9/html-

single/configuring\_and\_managing\_networking/index#configuring-an-ethernet-connection\_configuring-and-managing-networking

Ubuntu and Debian

Ubuntu document introduces NetworkManager as a tool for wireless configuration. Ubuntu also introduces NetworkManager along with nmcli, for the practice, we will use the nmcli command as the wireless setting example:

https://help.ubuntu.com/community/NetworkManager?action=show&redirect=WifiDocs%2FNetworkManager

## Wireless configuration steps for RHEL

To configure wireless on Red Hat, use the following steps. We used RHEL 8.6 and nmcli in our lab.

1. Check the wireless device by running the 'Ispci' command and make sure the wireless device is displayed in

```
OS.

[root@localhost ~]# lspci -vvv|grep ax210

[root@localhost ~]# lspci -vvv|grep -i ax210

0000:05:00.0 Network controller: Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX210/AX211/AX411 160MHz (rev 1a)

Subsystem: Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX210 160MHz

[root@localhost ~]#
```

Figure 4. Check network device

2. Enable Wi-Fi function and list Wi-Fi access point.

[root@localhost ~]# nmcli r wifi on
[root@localhost ~]# nmcli d wifi list

[root@lo	ocalhost ~]# nmcli	d				
DEVICE	TYPE	STATE	CONN	ECTION		
eth4	ethernet	connected	eth4			
eth2	ethernet	connected	eth2			
eth5	ethernet	connected	eth5			
usb0	ethernet	connected				
virbr0						
eth0						
ethl						
eth3	ethernet	disconnected				
wlan0					wireless devi	ice
pzp-úcv lo	widno wili-pzp	ulsconnecced			•	
l0 [root@]/	LOOPDACK	unmanageo n wifi on			Enable WiFi	Function
[root@ld	ocalhost ~j# nmcli ocalhost wl# nmcli	d wifi lict			List available	WiFi access point
	BCCTD		MODE	CHAN	PATE	
IN-USE	DQ-15-A6-CA-42-34		Infra	112	AND Mbit/c	STONAL >
	D0.15.A0.CA.45.54	r = 10000-101	Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	05
	E0.CB.4E.DC.E2.D6		Infra	1	A Mhit/c	8/
	DQ-15-46-C4-43-31	lenovo-quest	Infra		405 Mhit/s	84
	D0.15.A6.CA.43.33	lenovo-internet	Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	8/
	D0.15.A6.CA.43.32		Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	81
	DQ:15:A6:CA:43:16		Infra	6	105 Mbit/s	82
	DQ-15-A6-CA-43-12	) lenovo-internet	Infra		195 Mbit/s	82
	DQ.15.46.CA.43.11		Infra		195 Mbit/s	82
	DQ:15:A6:CA:43:13		Infra	6	195 Mbit/s	77
	1C+60+DE+63+4B+B6		Infra	13	270 Mbit/s	77
	D0.15.A6.CA.20.32	) lenovo-internet	Infra	1	105 Mbit/c	72
	D0.15.A0.CA.20.32		Infra		105 Mbit/s	70
	D0.15.46.CA.20.3		Infra		195 Mbit/s	70
	D0:15:A6:CA:20:54	lenovo-IoT	Infra	132	405 Mbit/s	64 >

Figure 5. Check network device, turn on the wireless radio, and list all access point

3. Connect to AP and check the connectivity.

```
[root@localhost ~]# nmcli d wifi connect lenovo-internet password [password]
[root@localhost ~]# ip a
```



Figure 6. Connect to lenovo-internet AP



Figure 7. Check the wireless, such as wlan0,by command "ip a"

4. Disable all wired network and only leave wireless network, and then check again the connection by ping command.

[root@localhost ~]# ip a grep -i 241								
inet 10.241.99.247/24 brd 10.241.99.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth2								
froot@localhost ~l# ip a grep -i 241								
[root@localhost ~]# ping www.google.com								
PING www.google.com (142.250.207.68) 56(84) bytes of data.								
54 bytes from hkg12s32-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.207.68): icmp seq=1 ttl=56 time=20.3 ms								
54 bytes from hkg12s32-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.207.68): icmp_seq=2 ttl=56 time=22.1 ms								
54 bytes from hkg12s32-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.207.68): icmp_seq=3 ttl=56 time=18.9 ms								
54 bytes from hkg12s32-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.207.68): icmp_seq=4 ttl=56 time=19.8 ms								
54 bytes from hkg12s32-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.207.68): icmp_seq=5 ttl=56 time=28.2 ms								
54 bytes from hkg12s32-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.207.68): icmp_seq=6 ttl=56 time=21.4 ms								

Figure 8. Check the wireless by command "ip a"

5. If there is not any requirement to use Wi-Fi function, we can disable the wireless connection.

#nmcli r wifi off

## Wireless configuration steps for SLES

In the SLES OS document, it suggests using NetworkManager applet to configure the wireless connection. To set up the wireless connection, follow the steps below:

https://documentation.suse.com/sles/15-SP5/html/SLES-all/cha-network.html#sec-network-yast-netcard-global

1. Install the NetworkManager

When installing the SLES OS, such as SLES15 SP5, ensure that NetworkManager is included in the OS's installation list before proceeding with the installation. Make sure to check if the SUSE Enterprise Workstation Extension is listed in the software. If it's not listed, add it to the installation list.



Figure 9. SUSE Enterprise Workstation Extension listed in Software

Make sure the NetworkManager software is in the Software Selection and System Tasks list.

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<u>V</u> iew ▼ S <u>e</u> arch		Installation Summary			
retworkmanager      Search      Search in      Name      Keywords      Summary	Package     NetworkManager-applet     NetworkManager     NetworkManager-applet-lan     NetworkManager-bluetooth     NetworkManager-connection     NetworkManager-connection	Summary GTK+ tray applet for use Network Link Manager a Translations for package Bluetooth device plugin f LE Default SLE branding for p-editor GUI to configure connect	with NetworkManager nd user applications for it NetworkManager-applet for NetworkManager /etc/NetworkManager/Ne ions for NetworkManager	Version 1.24.0-150400.4.3.1 1.38.6-150500.1.2 1.24.0-150400.4.3.1 1.38.6-150500.1.2 24.1-150500.12.2 1.24.0-150400.4.3.1	Size 664.7 KIB 5.5 MIB 3.3 MIB 90.0 KIB 17.9 KIB 976.1 KIB
Contribution     RPM "Provides"     RPM "Reguires"     File list  Search Mode:  Contains	NetworkManager-Jang NetworkManager-openconn NetworkManager-openconn NetworkManager-openconn NetworkManager-openypn- NetworkManager-openypn-l NetworkManager-pptp- NetworkManager-pptp-Jang NetworkManager-tul	Translations for package ect NetworkManager VPN si ect-gnome Translations for package NetworkManager VPN si nome NetworkManager VPN si nome NetworkManager VPN si not norkManager VPN si notworkManager VPN si rranslations for package NetworkManager VPN si rranslations for package NetworkManager Urses	NetworkManager upport for OpenConnect upport for OpenConnect NetworkManager-openco upport for OpenVPN NetworkManager-openvpn upport for PPTP upport for PPTP NetworkManager-pptp -based UI	$\begin{array}{c} 1.38.6\!+\!150500.1.2\\ 1.2.6\!+\!150400.9.11\\ 1.2.6\!+\!150400.9.11\\ 1.2.6\!+\!150400.9.11\\ 1.8.16\!+\!150400.1.9\\ 1.8.16\!+\!150400.1.9\\ 1.8.16\!+\!150400.1.9\\ 1.2.8\!+\!150400.8.11\\ 1.2.8\!+\!150400.8.11\\ 1.2.8\!+\!150400.8.11\\ 1.3.8.6\!+\!150500.1.2\\ \end{array}$	7.5 MiB 102.5 KIB 134.1 KIB 2.0 MiB 164.3 KIB 190.6 KIB 926.3 KIB 111.3 KIB 127.5 KIB 396.3 KIB 723.3 KIB
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Figure 10. NetworkManager in the Software Selection and System Tasks list

If SLES OS is installed, but NetworkManager software is not installed yet:

a. Install NetworkManager and make sure the NetworkManager installed in OS using SUSE yast2 tool.



b. Locate the SLES-workstation repository as shown in the figure below. Follow the instructions in the SLES network document to install NetworkManager. Refer to preceding figure for an example.



Figure 11. Find the repository SLES-workstation

- 2. After completing NetworkManager installation, configure wireless setting of NetworkManager
  - a. Open the network setting via yast2 tool and make sure NetworkManager is being used.



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Network Settings	•	
Global Options Overview Hostname/DNS Routing		ĸ
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Network Setup Method	У	l
Network Manager		
IPv6 Protocol Settings		
✓ Enable IPv6		
DHCP Client Options		
DHCP Client Identifier		
Hostname to Send		
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Figure 12. Check the NetworkManager is being used via yast2 lan

b. The warning message appears. And then press "ok" to close the dialog.

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DHCP Client Optio DHCP Client Ider	ns ntifier	NetworkManager is controlled by desktop applet (KDE plasma widget and nm-applet for GNOME). Be sure it's running and if not, start it manually.	
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Figure 13. Warning message

c. Open one terminal and make sure the NetworkManager is working by systemctl command.



Figure 14. Make sure the NetworkManager is working

d. Use the yast2 tool to select network configuration and ensure that the Wi-Fi device is listed in the Overview section. Then, follow the yast2 tool's suggestion to use NetworkManager for wireless configuration and close the yast2 tool.

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	YaST2 - Module — YaST2 - Ian @ localhost.localdomain								
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<u>G</u> lobal Opt	ions	O <u>v</u> erview	Hos	tname/DNS	Ro <u>u</u> ting				
Name			-	IP Address	Device	Note			
Ethernet Co	onnect	ion E823-L1	GbE	DHCP	eth4				
Ethernet Co	onnect	ion E823-L1	GbE	DHCP	eth2				
Ethernet Co	onnect	ion E823-L10	GbE	DHCP	eth5				
Ethernet Co	onnect	ion E823-L10	GbE	DHCP	eth3				
Intel Etherr	net con	troll	_						
Intel Etherr	net con	troll			YaST2		×		
Wi-Fi 6 AX	Wi-Fi 6 AX210/AX211//           Warning           Network is currently handled by NetworkManager or completely disabled. YaST is unable to configure some options.								

Figure 15. Confirm the Wi-Fi device is listed in Overview listed

e. As shown in the figure below, click on the "Network Connection" button in the upper right corner, and select the "Select Network" option from the 'Wi-Fi Not Connected' menu.

Activities	🤈 Termir	al Dec 16 15:37			?	Ċ
				_	- <u></u>	<u>^-</u>
			?	Ethernet (eth5) Conn	ected	•
				Ethernet (eth4) Off		•
		+ root@localhost:~	Å	Ethernet (eth1) Conne	ected	•
		<pre>root@localhost:~ proot@localhost:~ proot@lo</pre>	nopret	<ul> <li>Ethernet (eth1) Connected</li> <li>Wi-Fi Not Connected</li> <li>Select Network</li> <li>Turn Off</li> <li>Wi-Fi Settings</li> <li>Settings</li> <li>Lock</li> <li>Power Off / Log Out</li> </ul>		
		a packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 2040ms				

Figure 16. "Select Network" of "Wi-Fi Not Connected"

f. Go to the "Wi-Fi Settings" and choose the appropriate AP/Security method to connect and then enter the password.

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Q Settings	Wi-Fi Connected	
় Wi-Fi		
🖬 Network	Cancel lenovo-internet Apply	
Bluetooth	Details Identity IPv4 IPv6 Security	nected <b>X</b>
🖾 Background	Security WPA& WPA2 Personal	
Notifications	Password Show password	
Q Search		
D Multitasking		
## Applications		
🖐 Privacy		
Online Accounts		
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🐠 Sound		
Ce Power		
	The Mattee_IP_2.40	

Figure 17. Choose the appropriate AP/Security method

3. After completing the wireless configuration, open one terminal to double check if the connection works by command ping.



Figure 18. Check if the connection works by command ping

## Wireless configuration steps for other Linux

For other Linux distributions, we use Ubuntu 22.04 LTS as our example.

```
root@hakuba:~# uname -mrs
root@hakuba:~# cat /etc/os-release
```



#### Figure 19. OS information checking

To configure wireless, perform these steps:

1. Check and install NetworkManager tool, such as network-manager.

```
root@se360v2:~# apt-cache search network-manager
root@se360v2:~# apt install -y network-manager
```

2. First, determine the name of the Wi-Fi interface:

root@se360v2:~# nmcli d

3. Make sure the Wi-Fi radio is on (which is its default state):

root@se360v2:~# nmcli r wifi on								
root@se360v2:/home/conie# nmcli d								
1 F F	1.00	JI III	CONNECTION					
wlp5s0	พเริ่ม	disconnected						
eno1	ethernet	unmanaged						
eno2	ethernet	unmanaged						
eno3np3	ethernet	unmanaged						
eno4np2	ethernet	unmanaged						
eno5np1	ethernet	unmanaged						
eno6np0	ethernet	unmanaged						
10	loopback	unmanaged						
non dav ulason	uifi nan	unmanaged						
root@se360v2:/	home/conie#	nmcli r wifi	on					

Figure 20. Wi-Fi radio checking

4. Then, list the available Wi-Fi networks:

root@se360v2:~# nmcli d wifi list

rooter	260v2 · /homo /conie#	nmeli r wifi on							
root@se	360v2:/home/conie#	nmcli d wifi list							
IN-USE	82210	551U	-	MODE	CHAN	RATE	SIGNAL	BARS	SECURITY
	E0:CB:4E:DC:E2:D6	WL520GU				54 Mbit/s			WPA2
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:11					195 Mbit/s	82		
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:13						82		
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:12	lenovo-internet		Infra		195 Mbit/s	80		
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:10	lenovo		Infra		195 Mbit/s	80	_	WPA2 802.1X
	1C:60:DE:63:4B:B0	MQTTtest		Infra	13	270 Mbit/s	77	_	WPA1 WPA2
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:34	lenovo-IoT		Infra	128	405 Mbit/s	77	_	
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:33	lenovo-5G		Infra	128	405 Mbit/s	74	_	WPA2 802.1X
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:30	lenovo		Infra	128	405 Mbit/s	74		WPA2 802.1X
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:32	lenovo-internet		Infra	128	405 Mbit/s	74		

Figure 21. List the available Wi-Fi networks

5. Connect the access point "lenovo-internet" (you might access the available access point in your wireless network) with the following command:

```
root@se360v2:~# nmcli d wifi connect [SSID] password [password]
```

### root@se360v2:/home/conie# nmcli d wifi connect lenovo-internet password Device 'wlp5s0' successfully activated with 'd03d08e2-71a6-4901-a8df-6e6943673bf6'.

Figure 22. Connect to the access point

6. Close all wired network, and then use the command "ping" to double confirm the wireless client network connection.

root@se360v2:~# ping www.google.com							
	_						
ionie@se360v2:"\$ ping www.google.com							
PING www.google.com (172.217.163.36) 56(84) bytes of data.							
}4 bytes from maa05s01−in−f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=1 ttl=56 time=1.94 ms							
34 bytes from tsa01s13–in–f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=2 ttl=56 time=1.88 ms							
4 bytes from tsa01s13-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=3 ttl=56 time=2.06 ms							
01 bytes i om maa05501 in ii.iei00.net (i72.217.188.86). iemp_seq=1 tti=56 time=1.81 ms							
64 bytes from tsa01s13-in-t4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=5 ttl=56 time=1.80 ms							
64 bytes from tsa01s13-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=6 ttl=56 time=2.00 ms							
64 bytes from tsa01s13-in–f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=7 ttl=56 time=1.82 ms							
64 bytes from maa05s01–in–f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=8 ttl=56 time=1.90 ms							
64 bytes from tsa01s13–in–f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=9 ttl=56 time=1.91 ms							
64 bytes from tsa01s13–in–f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=10 ttl=56 time=1.81 ms							
64 bytes from tsa01s13–in–f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=11 ttl=56 time=1.88 ms ^C							
www.google.com ping statistics							
11 packets transmitted. 11 received. 0% packet loss. time 10015ms							
rtt_min/avg/max/mdev = 1.801/1.891/2.061/0.079 ms							
conie@se360v2:~\$							

Figure 23. Confirm the wireless client network connection

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