



# 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.

XClarity Controller 2 <	し! Think	Edge SE360 V2	CPU Planar System	Name:			
↑ Home	Other Hardwa	re					0
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	
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	>
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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@localho	st ~]# nmcli	i d				
DEVICE	TYPE	STATE	CONN	IECTION		
eth4	ethernet	connected	eth4			
eth2	ethernet	connected	eth2			
eth5	ethernet	connected	eth5			
usb0	ethernet	connected				
virbr0						
eth0						
eth1						
eth3	ethernet	disconnected				
wlan0					wireless devi	ice
pzp-dev-wiand	loopback	unmanaged			•	
lo [root@localho					Enable WiFi	Function
[root@localho						e WiFi access point
IN-USE BSSID		SSID	MODE	CHAN	RATE	SIGNAL >
			Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	
	:A6:CA:43:33		Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	85 >
E0:CE	3:4E:DC:E2:D6	5 WL520GU	Infra		0 Mbit/s	84 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:3	l lenovo-guest	Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	84 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:32		Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	84 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:30	) lenovo	Infra	112	405 Mbit/s	84 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:10	) lenovo	Infra		195 Mbit/s	82 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:12	2 lenovo-internet	Infra		195 Mbit/s	82 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:1	l lenovo-guest	Infra		195 Mbit/s	82 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:43:13	3 lenovo-IoT	Infra		195 Mbit/s	77 >
1C:60	:DE:63:4B:B0	0 MQTTtest	Infra	13	270 Mbit/s	77 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:20:32	2 lenovo-internet	Infra		195 Mbit/s	89     >       85     >       84     >       84     >       84     >       82     >       82     >       77     >       77     >       70     >       70     >
D0:15	:A6:CA:20:3	l lenovo-guest	Infra		195 Mbit/s	70 >
D0:15	:A6:CA:20:30		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.

[				p a grep 7/24 brd		.255 sc	ope global	dynamic nop	orefixro	oute eth2	
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5	4 bytes	from	hkg12s3	2-in-f4.1	le100.net	(142.25	0.207.68):	icmp_seq=1	ttl=56	time=20.3	ms
5	4 bytes	from	hkg12s3	2-in-f4.1	le100.net	(142.25	0.207.68):	icmp_seq=2	ttl=56	time=22.1	ms
								icmp_seq=3			
5	4 bytes	from	hkg12s3	2-in-f4.1	le100.net	(142.25	0.207.68):	icmp_seq=4	ttl=56	time=19.8	ms
5	4 bytes	from	hkg12s3	2-in-f4.1	le100.net	(142.25	0.207.68):	icmp_seq=5	ttl=56	time=28.2	ms
5	4 bytes	from	hkg12s3	2-in-f4.1	le100.net	(142.25	0.207.68):	icmp_seq=6	ttl=56	time=21.4	ms
2	r -										

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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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.



YaST2 - Module — YaST2 - lan @ localhost     Network Settings     General Network Settings   Network Settings   Network Settings   Network Settings     IPv6 Protocol Settings   IPv6 Protocol Settings   IPv6 Protocol Settings   DHCP Client Options   DHCP Client identifier   Image: Hostname to Send
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☑ Change Default Route via DHCP
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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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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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Ethernet Co	onnect	ion E823-L1	GbE	DHCP	eth2			
Ethernet Co	onnect	ion E823-L1	GbE	DHCP	eth5			
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Wi-Fi 6 AX	210/AX	War Netw	ork is c	urrently hand ly disabled. Y			r re some options. <u>O</u> K	

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.

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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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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@se3	60v2:~# ni	mcli r wif	i on	
root@se360v2	:/home/conie#	nmclı d		
DEVICE	11115	JINIL	CONNECTION	
wlp5s0	wifi	disconnected		
eno1	ethernet	unmanaged		
eno2	ethernet	unmanaged		
eno3np3	ethernet	unmanaged		
eno4np2	ethernet	unmanaged		
eno5np1	ethernet	unmanaged		
eno6np0	ethernet	unmanaged		
lo '	loopback	unmanaged		
and day ups	on wifi non	upmonogod		
root@se360v2	:/home/conie#	nmcli ř wifi	on	

Figure 20. Wi-Fi radio checking

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

root@se360v2:~# nmcli d wifi list

	360v2:/home/conie# 360v2:/home/conie#							
IN-USE	R221D	2210	MODE	CHAN		SIGNAL	BARS	SECURITY
	E0:CB:4E:DC:E2:D6	WL520GU			54 Mbit/s			WPA2
	D0:15:A6:CA:43:11	lenovo-guest				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
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	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
≀ING www.google.com (172.217.163.36) 56(84) bytes of data. 64 bytes from maa05s01−in−f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_sed=1 ttl=56 time=1.94 ms
4 bytes from tsa01s13-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=1 tt1=36 time=1.94 ms
4 bytes from tsa0is13-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=3 ttl=56 time=2.06 ms
5: 53tco from max05501 in (1.10100.net (172.217.100.06), iemp_504_1 tt1=56 time=1.01 m5
64 bytes from tsa01s13-in-f4.1e100.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
−−− 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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