

# PROFINET Tap App

Enrich IIoT projects quickly and efficiently with PROFINET process data

- Non-interacting and PLC-neutral PROFINET data tapping
- IIoT-suitable data provision via MQTT
- Simplified commissioning due to automatic topology recognition
- Semantic project upgrade via import of TIA-Portal symbols



## Creating IIoT value from PROFINET process data through passive network tapping

The platform-independent container netFIELD App PROFINET Tap captures the data stream of a PROFINET controlled network in real-time and transfers filtered device process data into the IIoT protocol MQTT. For each PROFINET process data packet, it can be specified whether it is tapped continuously or at intervals and, if the latter, which topic and at which interval the data is transmitted to the MQTT broker. A PROFINET data buffer and MQTT payload transmission as a data array prevent data overflows.

A physical data access point is used to tap data on the Ethernet network non-interactively for forwarding it to the container context. It's installed directly after the PROFINET controller and can be run as a managed switch with Gigabit mirror port or with Hilscher's netMIRROR in combination with a netX-SoC network controller integrated in the container's host.

Tapping data parallel to the controller and making it available to IoT technologies enables long-term data analysis and the identification of trends and error scenarios. Plant operators benefit from increased asset productivity through predictive maintenance, minimization of downtime, and optimization of workflows through intelligent machine learning algorithms.

The container automatically determines the PROFINET network configuration during a network startup phase and prepares it according to topology in its integrated web interface. Process data to be published to the MQTT broker is configured in the network tree. If SIMATIC® PROFINET controllers are used, symbol information can be added to the topology view by importing TIA project data.

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# Product Information

## Technical Data

### General

**Software type**

Container

**Repository**

<https://hub.docker.com/r/hilscherautomation/netfield-app-profinet-tap>

### Hardware requirements

**Processor architecture**

x64, ARM64

**Container size**

400 MB, unpacked

**Memory requirements**

Minimum 200 MB, plus 100 KB of usable data buffer size per filtered process data

**Data feed**

1x 1000 Mbit standard Ethernet port (via network switch with port mirroring function)  
2x 10/100 Mbit netX-SoC based industrial Ethernet ports (via netMIRROR Ethernet mirror tap)

### Runtime properties

**Inbound protocol**

PROFINET (as listening-only device)

**Inbound protocol sampling rate**

Continuously or in configurable sampling intervals per process data

**Outbound protocol**

MQTT (as a client)

**Outbound protocol send rate**

Adjustable from 1 ms, typically 100 ms

**Data throughput**

Processor performance dependent

### Software requirements

**Operating system**

Linux

**Container runtime environment**

Required, e.g., Docker

**Data distribution**

Any MQTT broker, e.g., Mosquitto (Access within the container network context)

### Licensing

**Container protection**

CodeMeter licensing technology

**Product activation**

License key

**Network license server**

Required for license storage and retrieval (Windows and Container)

**Billing model**

One-time payment

### Product Overview

NFA-PNT-OTP

1917.057

netFIELD App PROFINET Tap, floating license includes all updates within 1 year of license activation

### Optional items

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NFA-ECT-OTP

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netFIELD App EtherCAT Tap, floating license  
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NMR-TFE-RE

7340.100

netMIRROR 10/100 Mbit Ethernet mirror TAP

NFX8M-D2-N32-010

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netFIELD Compact X8M - ARM computing platform for containerized applications

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1321.300/NFLD

netFIELD OnPremise - x64 computer platform for containerized applications with netX support



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