As Thunderbolt™ 3 adapters start to appear on the market, many users will continue to utilize the impressive bandwidth of Thunderbolt 2 products. ATTO Technology offers the widest portfolio of Thunderbolt 2 adapters on the market compatible with all platforms, and now that compatibility is extended to include Thunderbolt 3 platforms.

**Challenge**

Thunderbolt 2 products remain very popular and convenient devices for workstations, all-in-ones and mobile workstations. Users want to take advantage of the 20Gb/s bandwidth available with Thunderbolt 2 devices, however, with the transition to USB-C style connectors, users are seeking new ways to utilize the newest platforms with their current devices.

Many manufacturers already have released Thunderbolt 3 Windows® platforms, including:

- Dell
- HP
- MSI
- VAIO
- Lenovo
- Acer
- ASUS
- Razer

**Solution**

Legacy adapters are available as an easy plug-and-play solution that allows the use of Thunderbolt 2 adapters to connect to Thunderbolt 3 platforms. The use of Thunderbolt 2 devices with Thunderbolt 3 platforms extends the lifecycle and helps to bridge the gap as Thunderbolt 3 adapters become available.

ATTO continues to have the widest portfolio of Thunderbolt adapters, including interoperability with Fibre Channel, Ethernet and SAS/SATA devices, which provide a high-performance solution for connecting workbooks, workstations and networks for optimal performance and minimal latency. At 60% smaller than Thunderbolt 1 adapters, the ATTO Thunderbolt 2 platform was designed specifically for professionals who need high-performance connectivity.

ATTO Thunderbolt 2 products not only provide a wide range of interoperability and certifications, they contain proprietary technology to ensure consistent workflows. All Thunderbolt 2 products feature exclusive ATTO Advanced Data Streaming (ADS™) which is specifically designed to control acceleration of data transfers, enabling users to move large amounts of data faster and more efficiently and enjoy the highest consistent performance. ATTO MultiPath Director™ gives Thunderbolt 2 Fibre Channel users failover and load balancing for Fibre Channel infrastructures.

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**About ATTO**

For 30 years ATTO Technology, Inc. has been a global leader across the IT and media & entertainment markets, specializing in storage and network connectivity and infrastructure solutions for the most data-intensive computing environments. ATTO works with partners to deliver end-to-end solutions to better store, manage and deliver data. Working as an extension of customer’s design teams, ATTO manufactures host and RAID adapters, network adapters, storage controllers, Thunderbolt™ adapters, and software. ATTO solutions provide a high level of connectivity to all storage interfaces, including Fibre Channel, SAS/SATA, iSCSI, Ethernet, NVMe, NVMe over Fabrics and Thunderbolt. ATTO is the Power Behind the Storage.

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Extend the reach of Thunderbolt™ 2 adapters with Thunderbolt on 3 enabled platforms

**Legacy adapters bridge the gap between Thunderbolt 3 enabled platforms and Thunderbolt 2 adapters**

**Benefits**

Legacy adapters will allow users of Thunderbolt 2 adapters to connect to Thunderbolt 3 enabled platforms. This will extend the lifespan of Thunderbolt 2 adapters while Thunderbolt 3 adapters are being developed. With more than 100 million Thunderbolt ports and platforms currently in the market, a number expected to continue growing in 2017 and beyond, Thunderbolt enabled adapters will continue to be a smart choice for a wide range of markets looking to take advantage of the increased bandwidth Thunderbolt allows.