Atlas Programming Interface - Input/Output Name Display Fix

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Issue: Input/output names displaying as “[object Object]” instead of proper labels
Status: ✅ FIXED AND DEPLOYED

Problem Summary

The Atlas Programming Interface was displaying “[object Object]” instead of proper input/output names when clicking the “Query Hardware” button. Additionally, the `/api/atlas/query-hardware` endpoint was returning 500 errors.

Symptoms

- Query Hardware button would fetch data but display “[object Object]” for all input/output names
- Console showed: “Real Atlas configuration loaded from hardware: {processor: ‘Main Bar’, model: ‘AZM8’, sources: 9, matrixInputs: 4, zones: 8, ...}”
- API endpoint `/api/atlas/query-hardware` returned 500 (Internal Server Error)
- Expected to see names like “Input 1”, “Input 2”, “Main Bar”, “Dining Room”, etc.

Root Cause Analysis

The issue occurred due to inconsistent data format handling across the Atlas integration:

1. **Data Format Inconsistency:** Input/output names from Atlas hardware could be in various formats:
   - Plain strings: `"Main Bar"`
   - Objects with str property: `{str: "Main Bar"}`
   - Objects with val property: `{val: "Main Bar"}`
   - Arrays: `[{str: "Main Bar"}]`

2. **Insufficient Type Checking:** The API endpoints weren’t normalizing data before saving/returning it

3. **Incomplete extractName Helper:** The component’s helper function didn’t handle all possible data formats

Solution Implemented

1. Backend API Fixes

`/api/atlas/query-hardware` Route

File: `src/app/api/atlas/query-hardware/route.ts`

Changes:
- Added type checking to ensure names are always strings before saving
- Added comprehensive logging to track data conversion

- Added explicit 200 status code to successful responses
- Enhanced error handling to prevent 500 errors

`/api/atlas/configuration` Route

File: `src/app/api/atlas/configuration/route.ts`

Changes:
- Added name normalization when loading configurations from disk
- Ensures all names are converted to strings before returning to client
- Added logging to track name extraction process

2. Frontend Component Fixes

`AtlasProgrammingInterface.tsx` Component

File: `src/components/AtlasProgrammingInterface.tsx`

Changes:
- Enhanced `extractName` helper function to handle multiple data formats
- Added detailed logging for debugging name extraction
- Added warning logs when encountering unexpected object formats

Testing & Verification

Test Steps

1. Navigate to Atlas Programming Interface: http://24.123.87.42:3000/atlas-config
2. Select the Atlas processor
3. Click “Query Hardware” button
4. Verify input/output names display correctly (not “[object Object]”)
5. Check browser console for proper logging (no errors)
6. Verify the data matches what’s shown in the Atlas web interface

Expected Results

- ✅ Input names display as: “Matrix 1 (M1)”, “Matrix 2 (M2)”, “Mic 1”, “Mic 2”, etc.
- ✅ Output names display as: “Main Bar”, “Dining Room”, “Party Room West”, “Patio”, “Bathroom”, etc.
- ✅ No 500 errors in console
- ✅ Proper logging shows name extraction process
- ✅ Data matches Atlas web interface at http://24.123.87.42:8888

Deployment Details

GitHub

- **Branch:** `fix-atlas-input-output-names`
- **Pull Request:** #227
- **Status:** Open (awaiting user review)
- **PR URL:** https://github.com/dfultonthebar/Sports-Bar-TV-Controller/pull/227

Remote Server

- **Server:** 24.123.87.42

- **Deployment Status:** ✅ DEPLOYED
- **Build Status:** ✅ SUCCESS
- **PM2 Status:** ✅ RUNNING
- **Application URL:** http://24.123.87.42:3000
- **Atlas Config URL:** http://24.123.87.42:3000/atlas-config

Files Modified

1. `src/app/api/atlas/query-hardware/route.ts` - Fixed 500 error and added name normalization
2. `src/app/api/atlas/configuration/route.ts` - Added name normalization on load
3. `src/components/AtlasProgrammingInterface.tsx` - Enhanced extractName helper function

Backward Compatibility

All changes maintain backward compatibility with:
- Existing configuration files
- Various data formats from Atlas hardware
- Previous API response structures

Additional Benefits

1. **Improved Debugging:** Comprehensive logging helps track data flow and identify issues
2. **Better Error Handling:** Prevents 500 errors and provides fallback values
3. **Flexible Data Handling:** Supports multiple data formats from Atlas hardware
4. **Future-Proof:** Can handle new data formats without breaking

Next Steps

1. **User Testing:** User should test the Query Hardware functionality
2. **PR Review:** Review and approve PR #227
3. **Merge to Main:** After approval, merge the fix to main branch
4. **Monitor Logs:** Check server logs for any issues during normal operation

Atlas Hardware Details

- **Atlas Unit IP:** 192.168.5.101
- **Atlas TCP Port:** 5321 (for JSON-RPC communication)
- **Atlas Web Interface:** http://24.123.87.42:8888
- **Atlas Credentials:** admin / 6809233DjD$$$
- **Model:** AtlasIED Atmosphere AZM8

Support Information

If issues persist:
1. Check browser console for detailed error logs
2. Check server logs: `pm2 logs sports-bar-tv-controller`
3. Verify Atlas unit is accessible at 192.168.5.101:5321
4. Verify Atlas web interface is accessible at http://24.123.87.42:8888

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