

AirTraffic

CLI Network Tool

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What is AirTraffic?

Cross-platform CLI for:

- **Monitoring** network usage per application (live & historical)
- **Blocking / allowing** apps from using the network

Platforms: macOS, Linux, Windows

Stack: Python 3.7+, psutil, SQLite

Features

Monitor Network Usage

- Live dashboard with airtraffic live
- Historical usage with airtraffic since today/month

Block or Allow Apps

- Control individual apps or all apps at once
- Commands: block, allow, blocked, allowed

Background Service

- Automatically collects stats every 60 seconds
- Easy install and uninstall commands

Module	What it does
cli.py	Handles commands you type
daemon.py	Runs in background, checks network every 60s
monitor.py	Tracks which app uses how much data
database.py	Stores and retrieves usage history
firewall.py	Blocks or allows apps from using internet

How blocking works

Windows:

- Uses built-in firewall to block apps
- Block = add firewall rule, Allow = remove firewall rule

macOS / Linux:

- No built-in per-app firewall, so we prevent the app from running
- Block = kill app + remove permission to run
- Allow = restore permission to run

Note: Needs admin/sudo to modify firewall or file permissions

How it works

Background daemon (after install):

- Checks network usage every 60 seconds
- Figures out which app used how much data
- Saves everything to a database

When you run "airtraffic since today":

- Reads the database
- Adds up all data since midnight
- Shows you the totals per app

When you run "airtraffic live":

- Monitors network in real-time (no database needed)
- Updates the screen every few seconds

Install & usage

Install:

```
pip install -e .  
airtraffic install (sudo / Admin)
```

Commands:

- `airtraffic live` – Shows real-time network usage
- `airtraffic since today | month` – Shows historical usage
- `sudo airtraffic block <app>` – Blocks app from network
- `sudo airtraffic allow <app>` – Allows app to use network
- `airtraffic blocked | allowed` – Lists blocked/allowed apps
- `airtraffic uninstall` – Removes background service

Summary

- AirTraffic lets you see which apps use your internet and control their access - all from one simple tool.
- A background service saves your network history so you can check past usage anytime.
- Works on all platforms: Windows blocks apps using its firewall; Mac/Linux stop apps from running.
- One-time setup makes the background service start automatically when you turn on your computer.