

RYZEN Master 1.5 – Quick Reference Guide

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A NOTE ON RYZEN MASTER GENERAL USAGE

- AMD Ryzen and Ryzen Threadripper processors are designed for outstanding performance out-of-the-box, on first use, with any Windows application, without AMD Ryzen Master
- ▲ AMD Ryzen Master is a tool for enthusiast users
 - Who use the various controls to experiment with processor and system configurations
 - Often outside of specified and warrantied range of operation
 - Attempting to further optimize general performance or performance of a specific application or set of tasks
 - Who accept the risk that some control settings may result in lower performance or instability and system crashes
- ✓ The Ryzen Master Game Mode profile is offered as a preconfigured group of settings
 - Intended only for Ryzen Threadripper processors when running games
 - Not intended for Ryzen 3, Ryzen 5, and Ryzen 7 processors, as it will show no benefit on these models
 - Only use Game Mode if the stock processor settings, also pre-configured as the 'Creator Mode' profile, produce lessthan-expected game performance
 - If so, try 'Game Mode' and use the settings that delivers the highest performance in the game

RYZEN MASTER USAGE TIPS

- ▲ AMD recommends the following Windows 10 Power Options settings when using Ryzen Master for any purpose.
 - High Performance power plan selected
 - Uncheck "Turn on fast startup" under Power Options > Choose what the power buttons do > Shutdown Settings
- ✓ For a Ryzen Master configuration change that requires a restart or shutdown
 - Ryzen Master will always tell you if a restart requires you to push the system power button and restart Ryzen Master
 - If Ryzen Master causes the system to power off, you must restart using the power button, and then restart Ryzen Master after booting to Windows.
 - If Ryzen Master doesn't prompt the user to power off the system, the system will restart without user intervention, and Ryzen Master will restart itself in time; wait for it.
 - In this case, it may take on the order of 10 seconds for Ryzen Master to appear, depending on core and performance settings.

RYZEN MASTER INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION

INSTALLING RYZEN MASTER

- ✓ The Ryzen Master application installer is available to download from AMD <u>here</u>
 - Along with this Quick Reference Guide
- Ryzen Master will only install on a Windows 10 PC running an AMD Ryzen desktop processor
- ✓ If Ryzen Master will not install, it may not be enabled:
 - In the case of a pre-built PC, the manufacturer has control over whether the PC is allowed to overclock. If the PC has been blocked from overclocking, Ryzen Master will advise
 of such and will not install.
 - Windows 10 Virtualization-Based Security must be disabled for Ryzen Master to function.
- During the installation process, a legal disclaimer and click-through license agreement must be accepted
 - Ryzen Master allows the user to configure the processor beyond stock operating conditions which may result in system instability, loss of or corruption of data from open applications, processor failure and system damage
 - The user must accept these risks to proceed with the installation
- ✓ If Ryzen Master fails to uninstall or upgrade properly when a new version is being installed, use the Microsoft install/uninstall troubleshooter to clean up the Ryzen Master elements so that Ryzen Master can be cleanly installed
 - See Microsoft application installation troubleshooter
- On first use after installation, Ryzen Master uses the currentprocessor parameters to establish default reset parameters
 - If the processor is first configured in BIOS to other than default parameters, these changes will be reflected in the Ryzen Master default settings
 - If the processor is changed after Ryzen Master installation, please uninstall then re-install Ryzen Master to associate the new processor
 - If a new system BIOS is installed, please uninstall then re-install Ryzen Master to link supporting BIOS elements
 - These steps will assure that Ryzen Master is accessing the correct information for the new processor and new BIOS
- Ryzen Master checks for updates
 - After installation, Ryzen Master checks for new updates every 15 days
 - The user can check manually by starting the AMD AutoUpdate task through Windows Start > AMD AutoUpdate

RYZEN MASTER VERSION 1.5 NEW FEATURE REVIEW

WELCOME TO AMD RYZEN MASTER 1.5

SUPPORTING AMD RYZEN AND AMD RYZEN THREADRIPPER DESKTOP PROCESSORS

- Ryzen Master 1.5 adds support for AMD Ryzen™ Threadripper™ 2970WX and 2920X CPUs
 - See the <u>RM1.3 Quick Reference Guide</u> for the basics
- New Features in version 1.5:
 - Profile export and import
 - Dynamic Local Mode
 - Specifically for AMD Ryzen[™] Threadripper[™] WX Series processors
 - automatically improves performance in select applications
 - Toggle control for user experimentation
 - All memory controls in one Group
 - Keyboard entry of any field
 - Auto-update configuration through Settings page



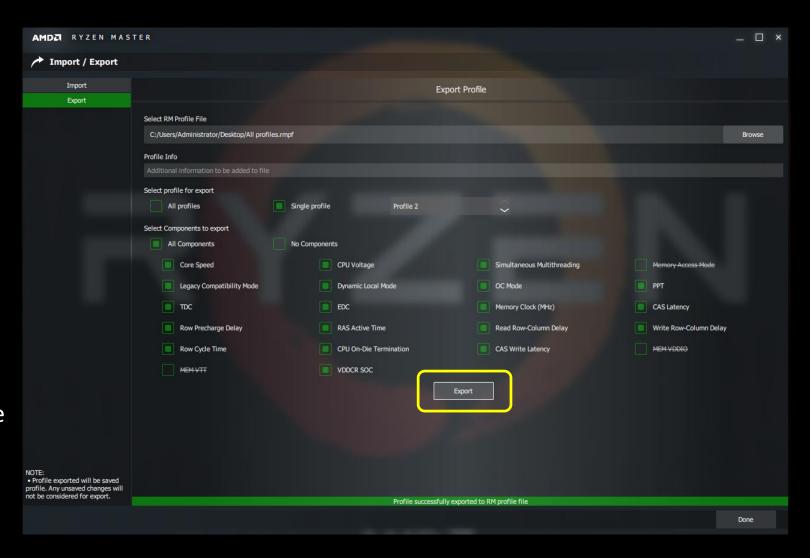
RYZEN MASTER FEATURE SUPPORT FOR RYZEN PROCESSORS

■ Ryzen Master 1.5 supports all Ryzen processors, but not all features are available for all processors:

Feature	Ryzen and Ryzen Threadripper 2000-Series Processors	Ryzen with Radeon Vega Graphics Processors	Ryzen and Ryzen Threadripper 1000-Series Processors
Core speed overclocking	All cores same speed, cores speed per CCX, and per-core speeds	All cores at same speed	All cores at same speed
Precision Boost Overdrive	Yes	No	No
Core performance indicators	Yes	No	No
Core disabling	In user-defined pairs, and full CCX disable (core symmetry across die required for Ryzen Threadripper)	In pairs	Ryzen 3/5/7: In core pairs Ryzen Threadripper: In core quads
Control Mode Auto/Manual switching	Yes	No	No
Integrated GPU overclocking	No (no GPU)	Yes	No (no GPU)
Stability stress test	Yes (Cores & Memory)	No	No
Power and current monitoring	Yes (EDC monitoring not available for Ryzen Threadripper 2000-Series)	Yes	No
Dynamic Local Mode service and Ryzen Master toggle control	Only for Ryzen Threadripper 2990WX and 2970WX	No	No

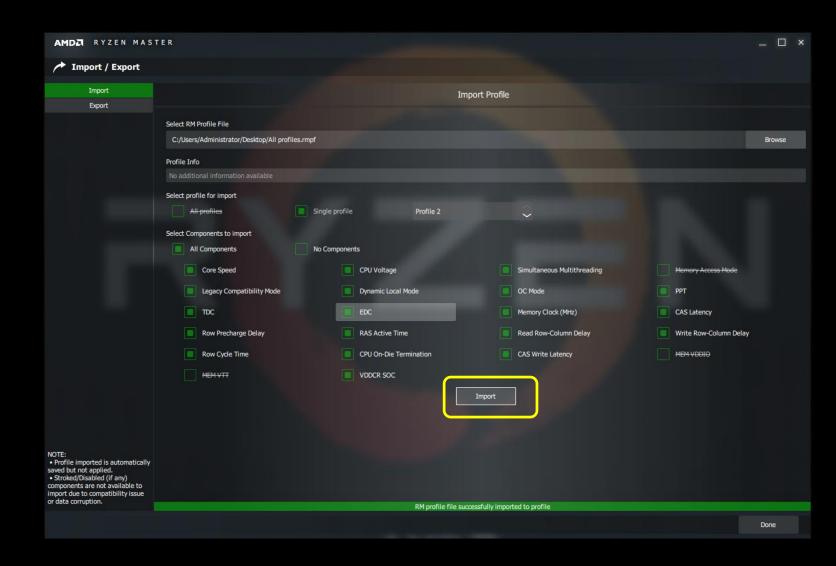
PROFILE EXPORT

- User's may wish to save profiles to load later
- Each profile tab offers export of
 - Specific or all profiles
 - User-specified or all parameters
 - With a field for describing the profiles
- ✓ The exported file is encrypted to discourage tampering
- Use the Export button to complete the profile export
- Use the Done button to return to the profile



PROFILE IMPORT

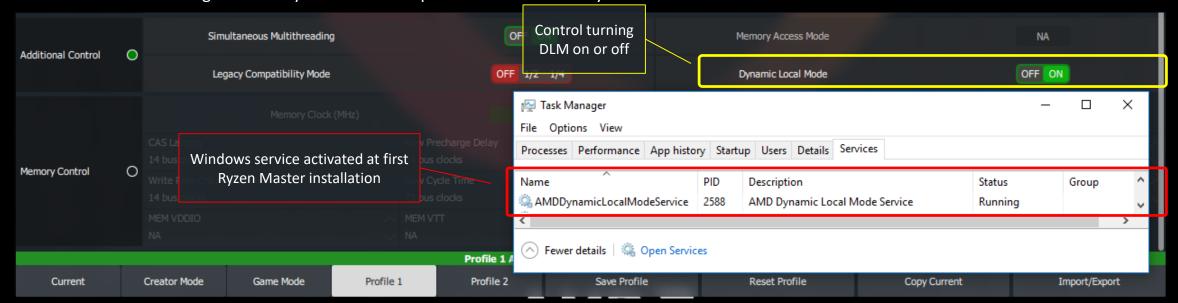
- ▲ A profile file can be loaded for the user to Apply
- After selecting the profile file to load, the user can select which parameters to load
- Use the Import button to load the saved profile's parameters and insert them into the current profile
- Use the Done button to return to the profile
- The user must still click 'Apply' for the imported profile to take effect



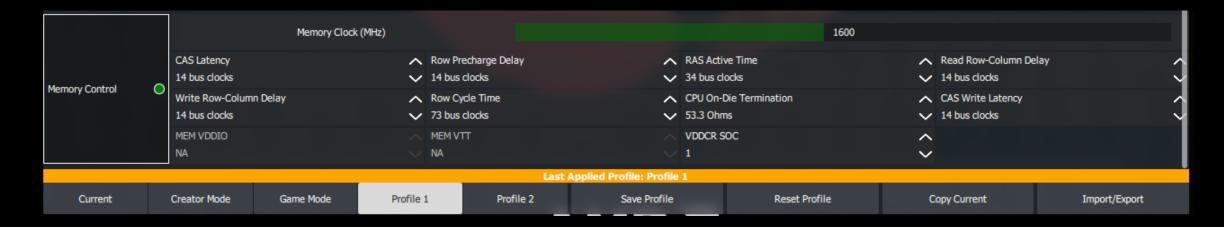
AMD DYNAMIC LOCAL MODE (DLM)

ONLY AVAILABLE ON RYZEN THREADRIPPER 2990WX AND 2970WX PROCESSORS

- The Dynamic Local Mode feature is a Windows service.
 - Installed and activated with the installation of Ryzen Master 1.5 only to the Ryzen Threadripper 2990WX and 2970WX processors
 - This service can be turned on and off through Ryzen Master profile controls in the Additional Control group
 - Do NOT start or stop this service through the Task Manager/Services interface. If you do, reboot the system.
- DLM dynamically associates the threads scheduled for an application with cores of die directly attached to memory to reduce memory latency, improving performance
- Recommended operation should be with DLM on. Ryzen Master allows the user to experiment with different settings to optimize performance for applications that have not yet been profiled
- ✓ Note that the DLM setting active in Ryzen Master will persist after both the Ryzen Master Current view Reset and a soft or hard reboot



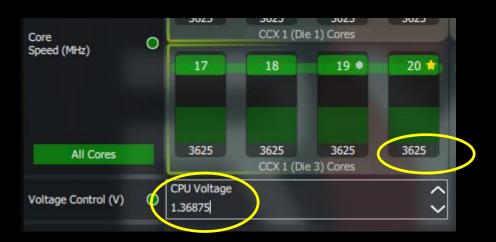
CONSOLIDATED MEMORY CONTROL GROUP



- All Ryzen Master settings that control system memory performance are now in a single Memory Control group, including memory clock, memory timings, module voltage (MEM VDDIO) and processor memory controller voltage (VDDCR SOC)
- When the Memory Control group is active, any change to any group parameter requires a reboot and all parameters are applied, not just the ones that have changed. This insures that the BIOS-level memory training uses all profile Memory Control parameters in the re-training attempt.

KEYBOARD ENTRY FOR CORE SPEEDS AND VOLTAGE

- Fields containing values can now be entered by keyboard
- Note that voltage and frequency values are limited to increments that the processor will set to when Applying a value entered
- The Ryzen Master Current View will reflect the actual setting
- ✓ To see the actual setting in a profile, use the Copy Current command of the profile

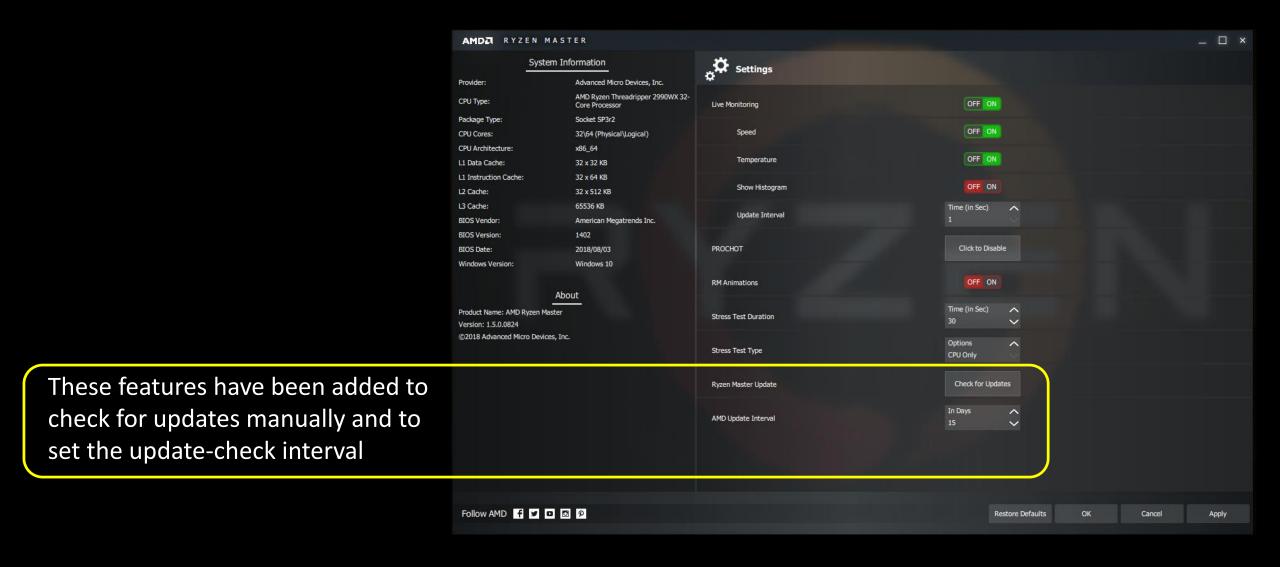


LEGACY COMPATIBILITY MODE LIMITED TO >8 CORES FOR ANY PROCESSOR

- ✓ The Legacy Compatibility Mode (LCM) feature has been restricted to processors of more than 8 cores
 - where the feature may improve performance of some legacy applications
 - subject to user experimentation per application
- ✓ For processors of 8 cores or less, LCM is deactivated and displayed as "NA"
 - The Game Mode profile remains useful even with LCM deactivated
 - Use the profile to tune other parameters for your favorite game
 - Hint: Overclocking memory is your best, first step to improving legacy and modern game performance for any processor



CHECKING FOR RYZEN MASTER UPDATES



RYZEN MASTER VERSION 1.4 FEATURE REVIEW

WELCOME TO AMD RYZEN MASTER 1.4

SUPPORTING AMD RYZEN AND AMD RYZEN THREADRIPPER DESKTOP PROCESSORS

- Ryzen Master 1.4 adds new features to Ryzen Master 1.3
 - See the <u>Version 1.3 Quick Reference Guide</u> for the basics
- ✓ New to Ryzen Master 1.4 for Ryzen & Ryzen Threadripper 2000-Series
 - Precision Boost Overdrive feature (PBO)
 - Allows the CPU to use the full power headroom of the motherboard
 - Performance results scale with premium cooling and low ambient temperature
 - Real-time power monitoring
 - Motherboard power resources for PPT and TDC reported as a % of the current limit
 - Board maximum limit displayed for manual PBO optimization
 - Fastest and second-fastest cores identified
 - Expanded to cover each die of the Ryzen 3/5/7 and Threadripper processors
 - Improved user interface for per-CCX and per-core clock control



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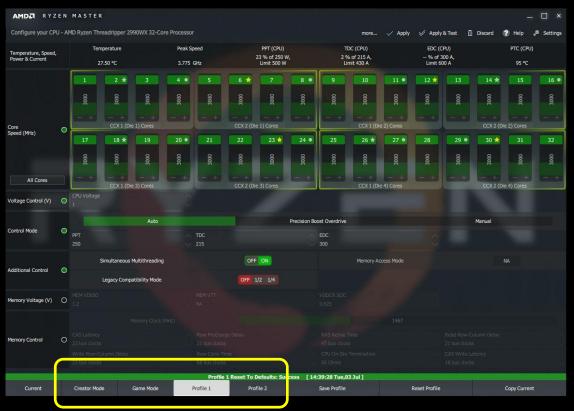
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INTERFACE VIEWS

- Current view
 - The dashboard of the current configuration
 - With performance monitoring
 - Not for changing configuration Use a profile



- Profiles for user-defined configurations
 - Editing parameters, running stress tests
 - 'Creator Mode' and 'Game Mode' partially preconfigured for those application types
 - Profiles 1 & 2 fully configurable
 - Click profile tab to change the name

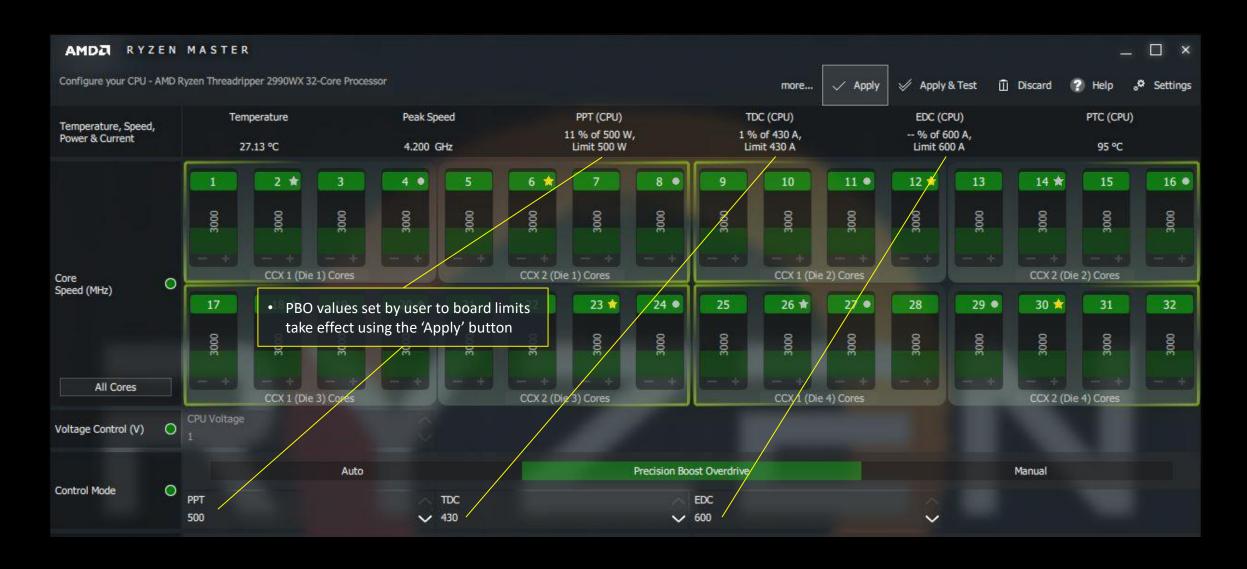


PRECISION BOOST OVERDRIVE (PBO)



• These manual PBO values are applied when PBO is selected, allowing the user to override the default values up to the board's maximum limits.

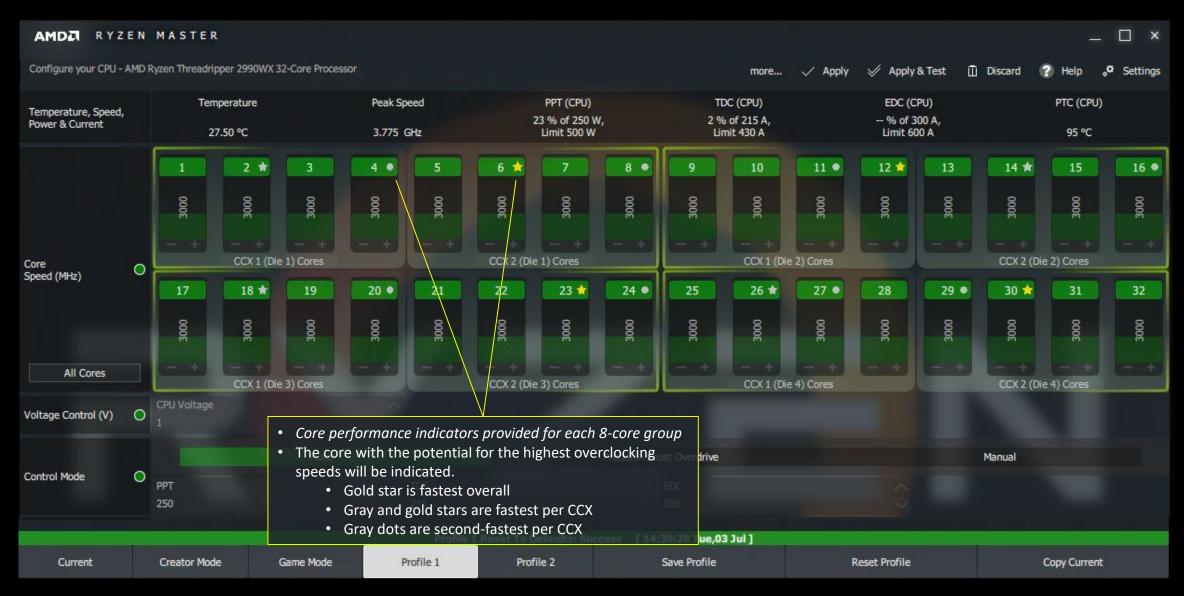
PRECISION BOOST OVERDRIVE AT BOARD LIMITS



CURRENT VIEW – POWER MONITORING



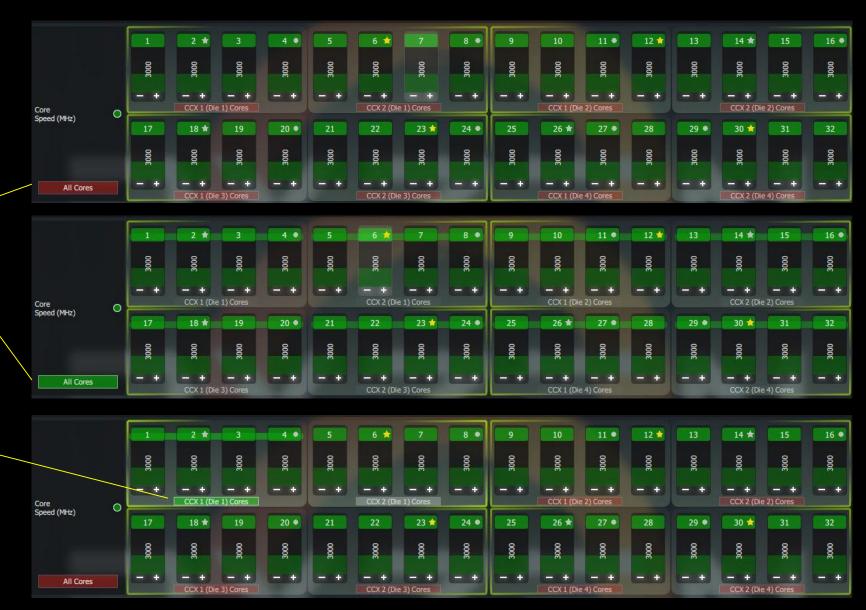
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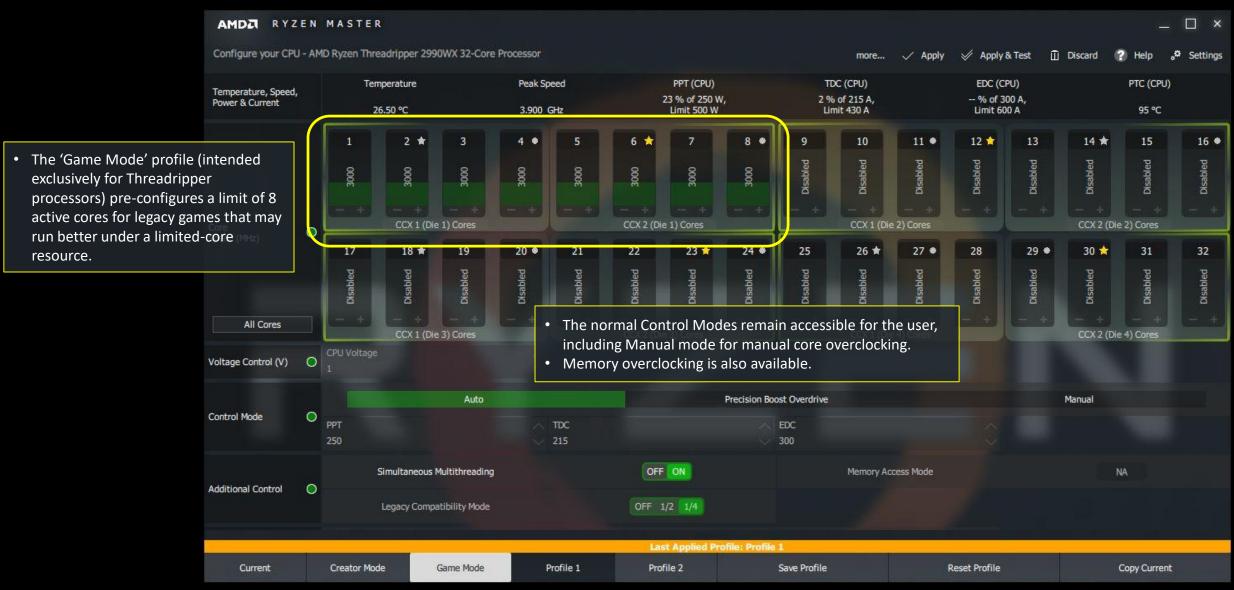
PER-CCX CONTROL OF CORE SPEEDS

- All Cores button (green) enables all cores to match the speed changes as you adjust a single core
- When off (red), each core is adjusted individually

 The CCX button allows setting the speeds of the CCX's cores together (green) or individually (red).

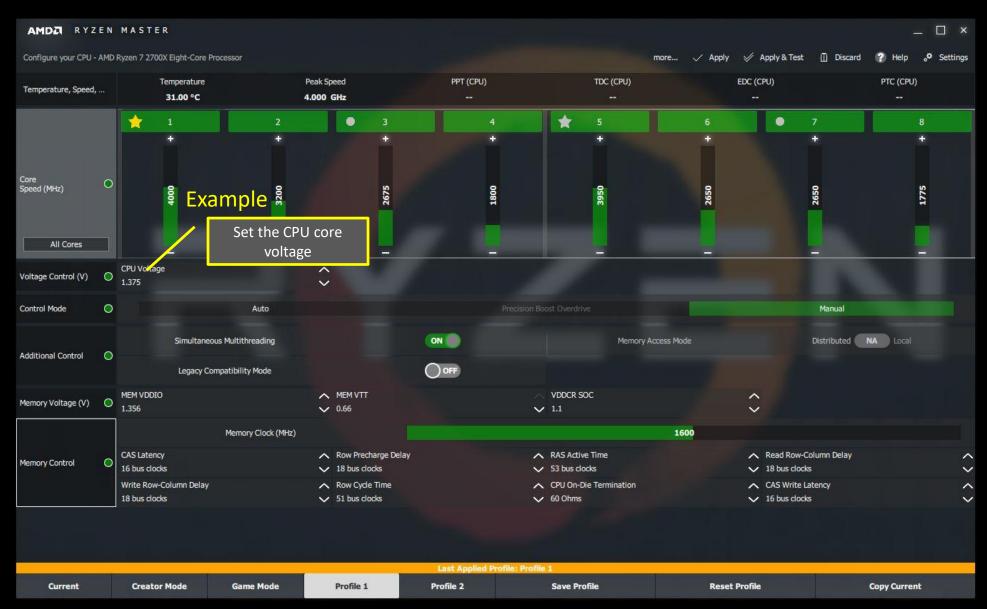


RYZEN THREADRIPPER GAME MODE PROFILE



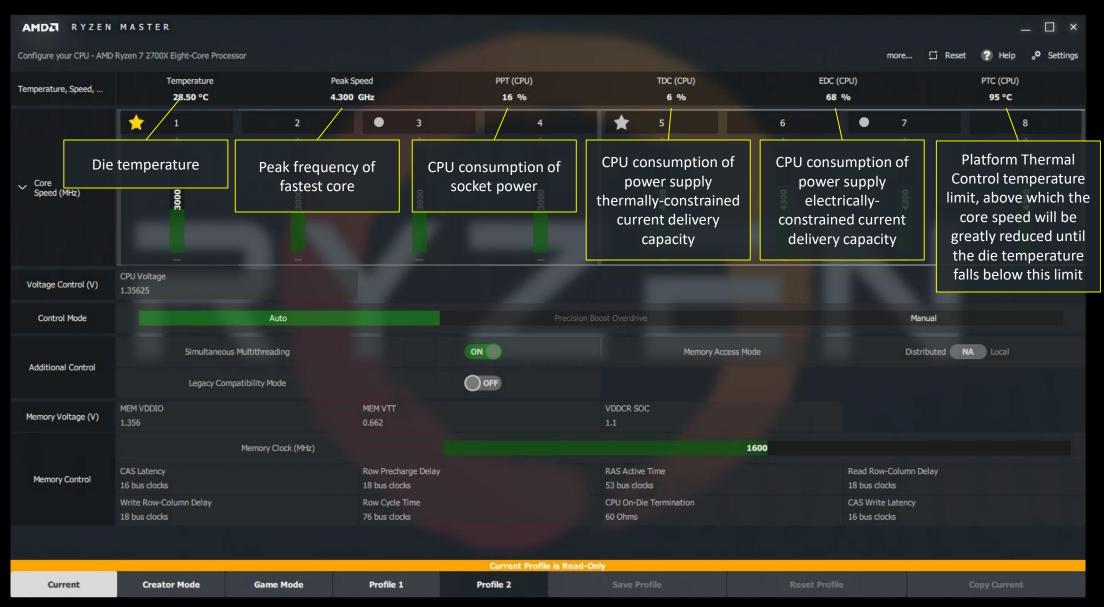
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OVERVIEW AND OPERATION

CURRENT VIEW – PERFORMANCE MONITORING



GETTING AROUND THE PROFILES INTERFACE



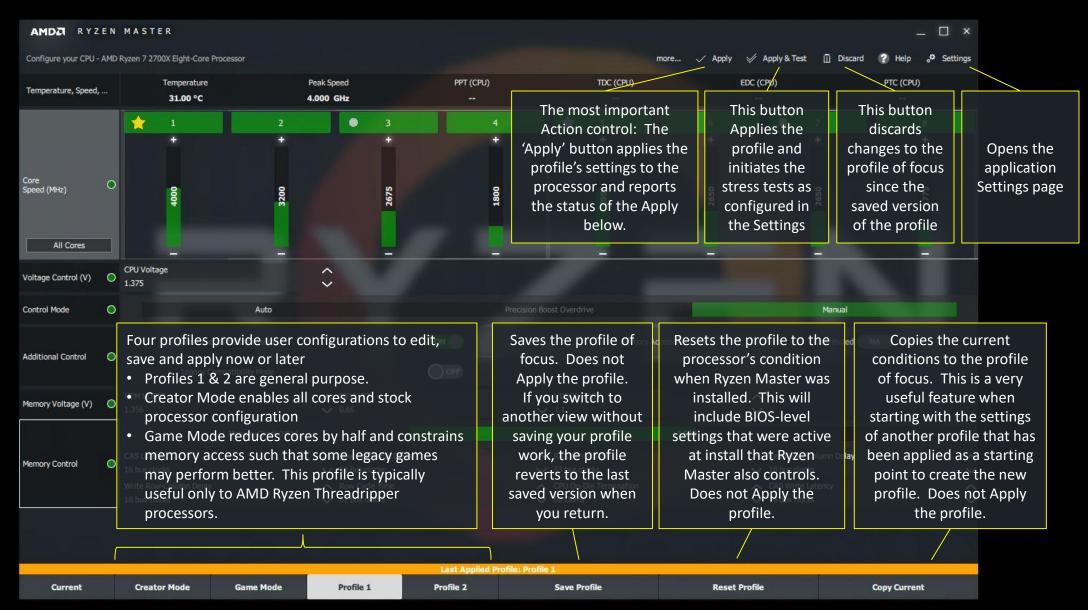
PROFILE USAGE DETAILS

- The left edge green buttons determine whether the control group is considered for changes when Applied
 - Selected (green): Apply group on Apply
 - De-selected (gray): Ignore group on Apply
 - This can be useful when you have multiple changes across groups but wish to apply them one group at a time to test for effect
- ✓ Changes to the following parameters require a restart:
 - Cores disabled, SMT, any Memory Voltage Control group value, any Memory Control value
- Ryzen Master presents the most commonly-applied and significant memory over-clocking parameters
 - Support of memory overclocking from Ryzen Master depends on motherboard BIOS enablement
 - Parameters that are not active indicate the BIOS does not support them at the application level
 - The BIOS also controls how many memory training attempts are made with the overclocked settings before a default is used
- ✓ Influence of Windows Power Options/Power Plans
 - In High Performance mode, cores will run at the top, overclocked power-state speed they are set for
 - This mode is key for the Copy Current function to capture the top speeds
 - In Balanced mode, cores will modulate between the top, overclocked speed and the lower-speed power states.
 - Using Copy Current in this mode may result in sampling lower power-state speeds.

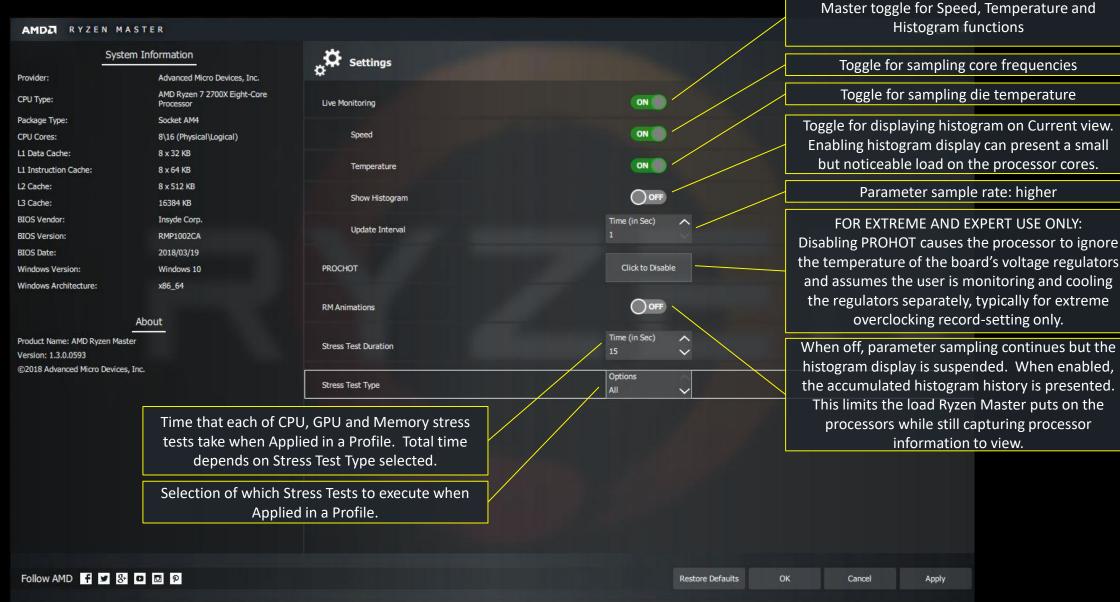


- After selecting Manual Control Mode and setting the speed of all or some CPU cores
 - always set or confirm the core voltage THEN Apply
 - A core voltage too low for the frequency requested will be instable
- For Ryzen processors with graphics, the GFX Voltage is referenced to the SOC Voltage
 - The GFX Voltage can be raised above the SOC Voltage without reset
 - If the GFX Voltage is lowered below the SOC Voltage, the GFX Voltage will be automatically set to the SOC Voltage
 - If SOC Voltage is raised, a restart will then reset GFX Voltage to the new SOC Voltage

PROFILE ACTIONS



SETTINGS CONTROL BEHAVIOR OF SOME FEATURES



BASIC OVERCLOCKING

RYZEN MASTER – UNDERSTANDING PROCESSOR POWER DOMAINS

CPU Power Domain



VDDCR CPU Power W
TDC (CPU) % of max
EDC (CPU) % of max

CPU Voltage setting

CPU Cores

Core speed control
Core Disable control
SMT control

SOC Power Domain

SOC Voltage setting

Memory Controller

Memory Clock control

Board memory VDDIO & VTT settings

APU GFX Voltage setting

Graphics

APU GFX Clock control

POWER

VDDCR SOC Power W TDC (SOC) % of max

EDC (SOC) % of max

The CPU Voltage setting determines how far the CPU Cores frequency can be driven to a point of instability

- Ryzen Master now reports CPU-domain-sampled values for
 - CPU Power in Watts
 - CPU Thermal Design Current (TDP) as a % of board capacity
 - CPU Electrical Design Current (EDC) as a % of board capacity

- The SOC Voltage setting drives the overclocking potential for the memory controller and, if an APU, for the Graphics (GFX)
 - The APU GFX Voltage is derived from the SOC Voltage and determines how far the GFX frequency can be driven to the point of instability
- Ryzen Master now reports SOC domain sampled values for
 - SOC Power in Watts
 - SOC Thermal Design Current (TDP) as a % of board capacity
 - SOC Electrical Design Current (EDC) as a % of board capacity

BASIC OVERCLOCKING FOR ALL RYZEN PROCESSORS



CHANGES, RESTARTS AND SHUTDOWNS

These Ryzen Master configuration changes	require this system change and user action.
 Control Mode to Manual Core speed, core voltage, per-core speed 	No restart or shutdown required, activated on Apply
 From Manual to Auto mode Disabling any cores Disabling Simultaneous Multithreading Disabling or Enabling Memory Access Mode or Legacy Compatibility Mode Any Memory Voltage or Memory Control change 	Ryzen Master-initiated restart, no user action required
Enabling all coresEnabling Simultaneous Multithreading	Ryzen Master-initiated shutdown then User-initiated power-on and re-start Ryzen Master

CONFIGURATION & OVERCLOCKING PERSISTENCE THROUGH RESTARTS AND SHUTDOWNS

	State after reboot to Windows	
Type of reboot	Active cores, SMT setting	Control Mode & OC frequency
Ryzen Master restart	Per profile Applied	Per profile Applied
Ryzen Master shutdown	Per profile Applied	Stock. Please reapply the profile.
User-initiated Windows Restart Shutdown	At the configuration when Shutdown	Stock
Reload BIOS defaults & restart	Stock	Stock

CONTROLS FOR RYZEN PROCESSORS WITH RADEON VEGA GRAPHICS

- Graphics Clock control
- - Referenced from SOC Voltage



CURRENT VIEW AT IDLE



- ✓ Current View of AMD Ryzen 5 2400G
 - Stock configuration, no processor overclocking
 - But with Memory overclocking to DDR4-2933
 - At idle

...AND WITH A HEAVY CPU LOAD



- Under heavy core load, still under stock automation control
 - Note higher CPU current, power, peak core speed, CPU Voltage, and temperature
 - Note lower GFX Clock, not needed for a heavy core load
 - And thus lower SOC power and current

CURRENT VIEW AT IDLE



...AND WITH A HEAVY GRAPHICS LOAD



- ✓ Current View of AMD Ryzen 5 2400G
 - Stock configuration, no processor overclocking
 - But with Memory overclocking to DDR4-2933
 - At idle

- Under heavy graphics load, some core load, still under stock automation control
 - Note higher SOC current, power, and GFX clock
 - Note lower CPU power, not needed for a heavy graphics load

OVERCLOCKING EXAMPLE



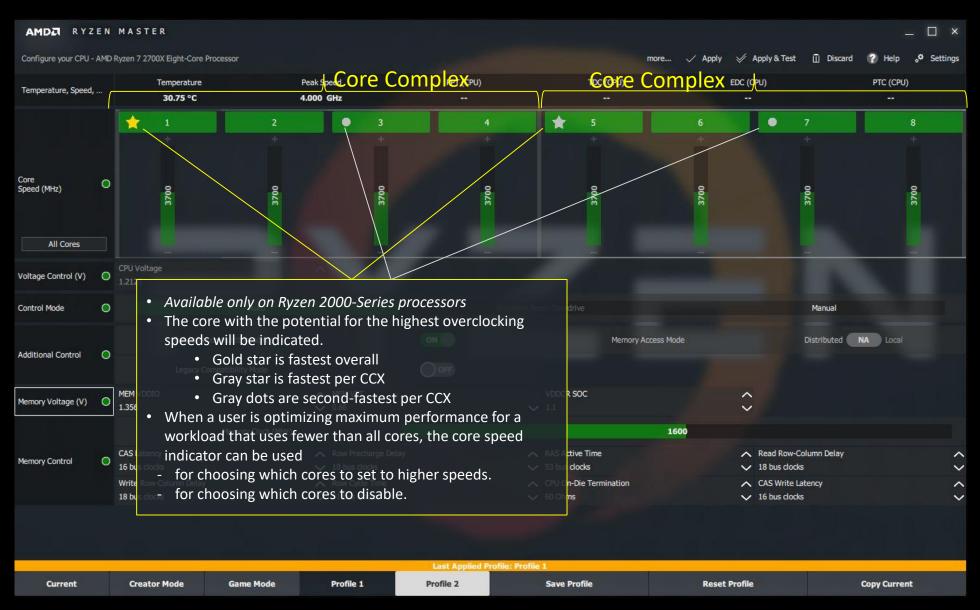


- With user Profile 1
 - CPU voltage and speed raised
 - SOC Voltage and GFX Voltage raised
 - GFX Clock speed raised and Memory Clock set for DDR4-2933 speed
 - Memory voltages and parameters set

- ▲ Applying Profile 1 requires a restart
 - Note update of all settings

ADVANCED OVERCLOCKING

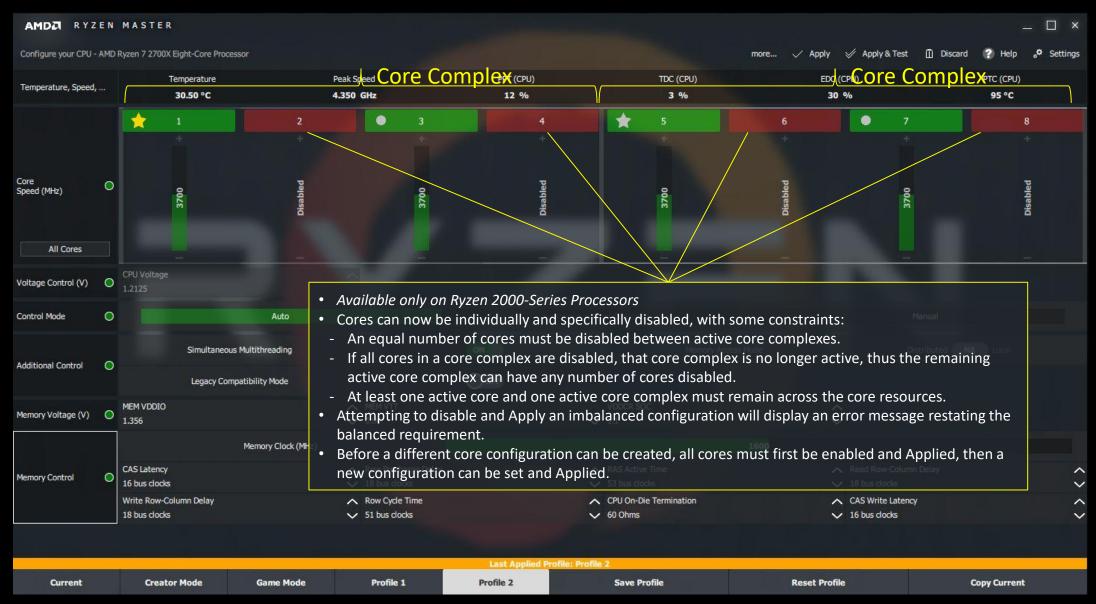
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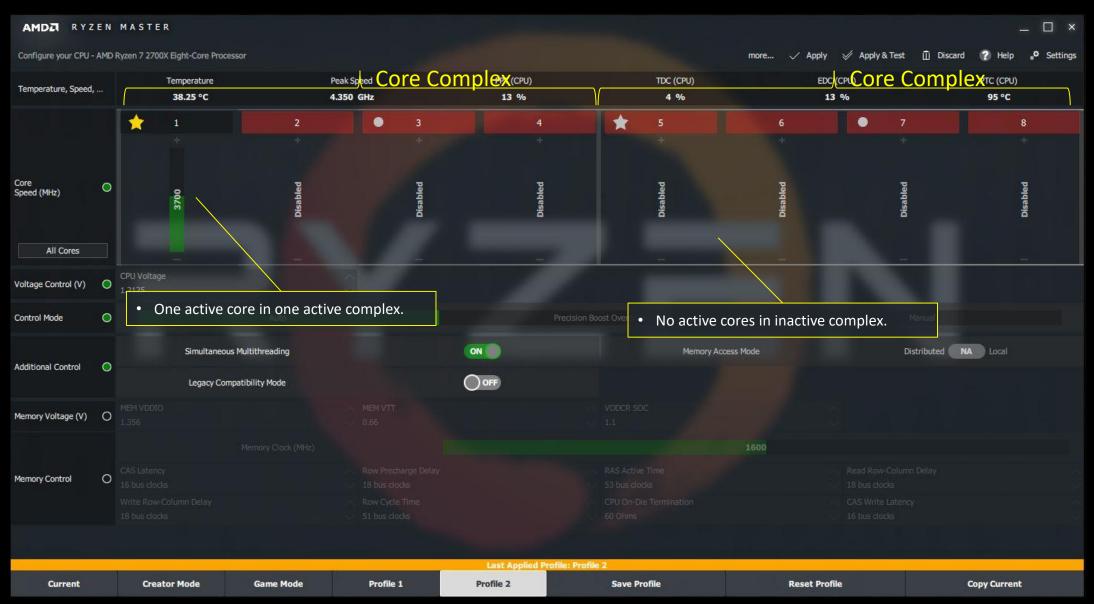
PER-CORE SPEED CONTROL FOR EACH CORE COMPLEX



CORE DISABLE SELECTION WITHIN CORE COMPLEX



ISOLATING A SINGLE CORE



RYZEN MASTER INTERFACE VIEWS BY PREVIOUSLY RELEASED PROCESSORS FOR FEATURE REFERENCE

- RYZEN WITH RADEON VEGA GRAPHICS
- RYZEN 1000-SERIES PROCESSORS
- RYZEN THREADRIPPER 1000-SERIES PROCESSORS

RYZEN WITH RADEON VEGA GRAPHICS PROCESSORS

CURRENT VIEW



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PROFILES VIEW



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SETTINGS VIEW



RYZEN 1000-SERIES PROCESSORS

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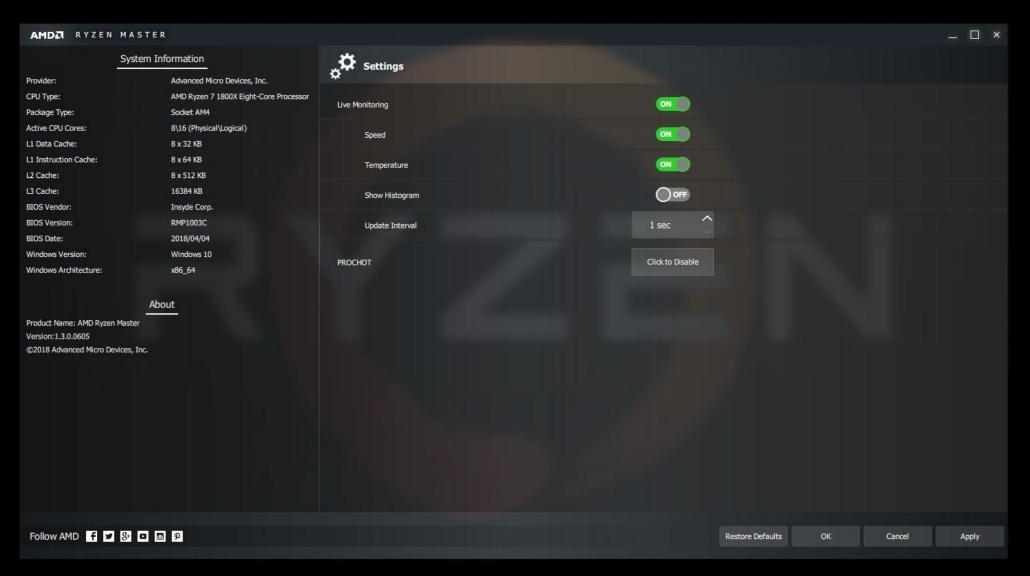
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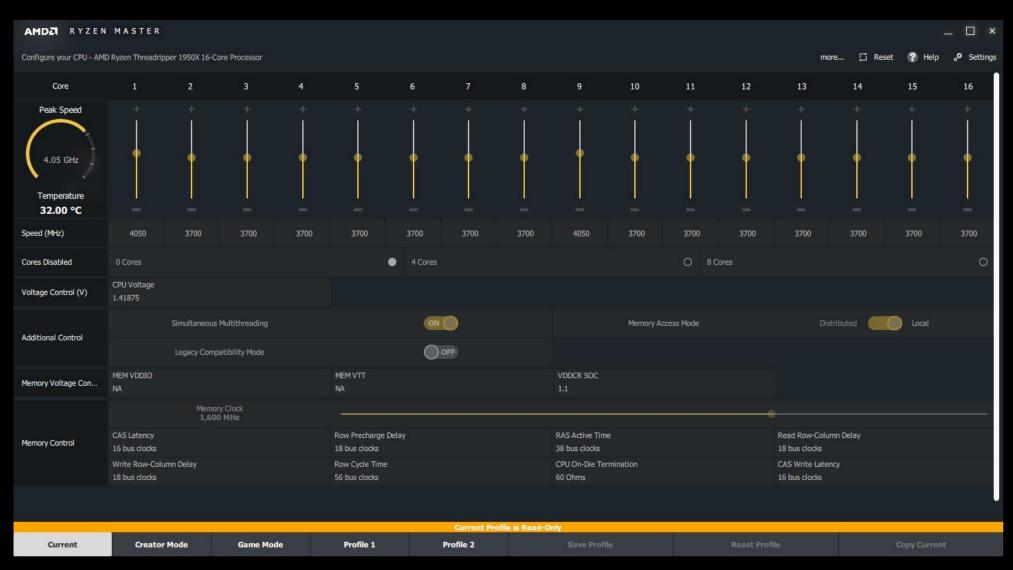
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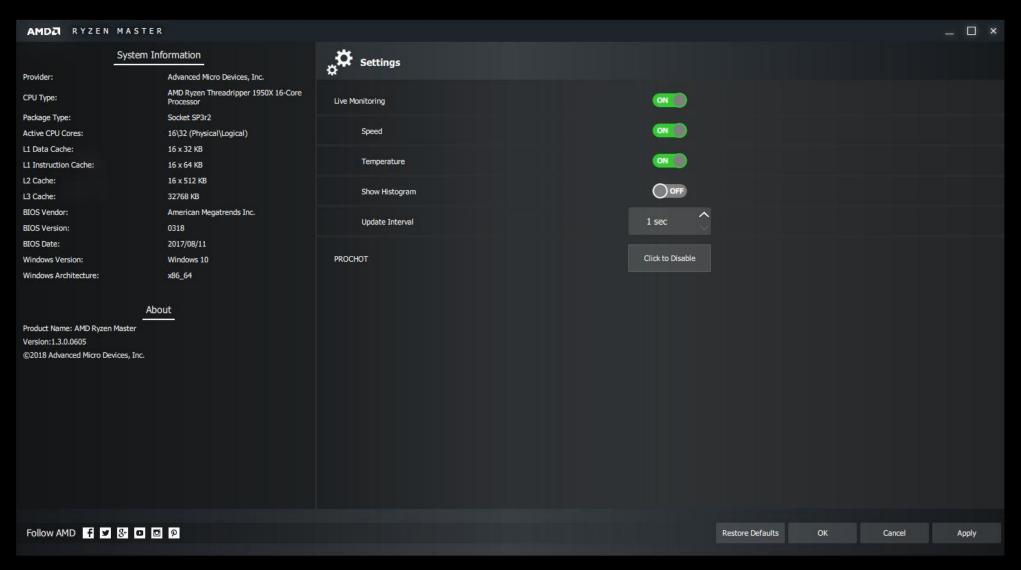
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