REMOTE ADMINISTRATION FOR nShield HSMs

Thales e-Security introduces Remote Administration for nShield hardware security modules (HSMs), designed to save you time and money. Remote Administration lets you manage your HSMs—including adding applications, upgrading firmware, checking status, and more—from your location, and whenever you choose. This means far less travel to data centers, helping you cut costs and optimize your resources.

With Remote Administration, you will present smart cards, similar to the Security World Administrator Card Sets (ACS) and Operator Card Set (OCS) cards you use today, to a Thales smart card reader, known as a trusted verification device (TVD). The TVD, in conjunction with Remote Admininstration Client software, enables a secure channel between you and your remote HSMs. Once connected, you can manage your HSMs as if physically present with them—but without the travel—all while relying on the security you count on from Thales.

BENEFITS OF REMOTE ADMINISTRATION
- Cuts travel costs and reduces time away from the office
- Eliminates the risk of traveling with physical smart cards
- 24 x 7 management
- Shorter on-site installation time, executing configuration tasks remotely

Remote Administration, purchased separately in kits, is a component of the new Thales version 12.00 software release. In addition to Remote Administration, v12 also expands OS support, including Red Hat Linux AS/ES 7, and offers maintenance enhancements across the nShield product line.

SUPPORTED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE
Remote Administration works with PCIe Solo and Solo+ and Connect and Connect+ nShield HSMs. V12 is compatible with all of the above plus nShield Edge. (Remote Administration and v12 do not support legacy nShield Solo PCI.)

Remote Administration Client software, which runs in your local environment, supports Windows and Linux. For a list of all v12 supported operating systems, please consult the Release Notes. V12 also includes new FIPS-pending firmware required for Remote Administration.

HOW TO UPGRADE
The v12 maintenance software release only is available free of charge to all customers covered by a current Thales nShield maintenance agreement. Please contact Thales Support to request your maintenance upgrade.

To begin using Remote Administration, you will need a separately priced Remote Administration Kit containing Remote Administration Cards, TVDs, and Remote Administration client software. Please contact Thales Sales to request your Remote Administration Kit[1].

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[1] Thales can place your order starting in December 2015. Your Sales manager will have details on availability.