## nShield<sup>®</sup> General Purpose Hardware Security Modules



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## Security you can trust

Entrust nShield hardware security modules (HSMs) are hardened, tamper-resistant devices that protect your company's most sensitive data. These FIPS certified modules perform cryptographic functions such as generating, managing, and storing encryption and signing keys, as well as executing sensitive functions within their protected boundaries.

A powerful addition to your security stack, nShield HSMs help you to:

- Achieve higher levels of data security and trust
- Meet and exceed important regulatory standards
- Maintain high service levels and business agility

## The nShield family

To suit your specific environment, the nShield family of general purpose HSMs includes the following models:

## Network-attached HSMs

nShield HSMs that deliver cryptographic services to applications distributed across the network. Available in the powerful new nShield 5c models and established nShield Connect XC models.

## Portable USB HSMs

nShield Edge HSMs are desktop devices designed for convenience and economy. nShield Edge is ideal for developers, and supports applications such as low volume root key generation.

## PCI Express embedded HSMs

nShield HSMs in low-profile PCI-Express card form factor that deliver cryptographic services to applications hosted on a server or appliance. Available in a range of new, high-specification nShield 5s models and established nShield Solo XC models.

## nShield as a Service

#### Subscription-based solution for accessing nShield HSMs in the cloud

nShield as a Service provides access to dedicated FIPS Level 3 certified nShield HSMs via a subscription model. The solution delivers the same features and functionality as on-premises HSMs combined with the benefits of a cloud service deployment. This allows customers to fulfill their cloud-first objectives and leave the maintenance of these appliances to the experts at Entrust.

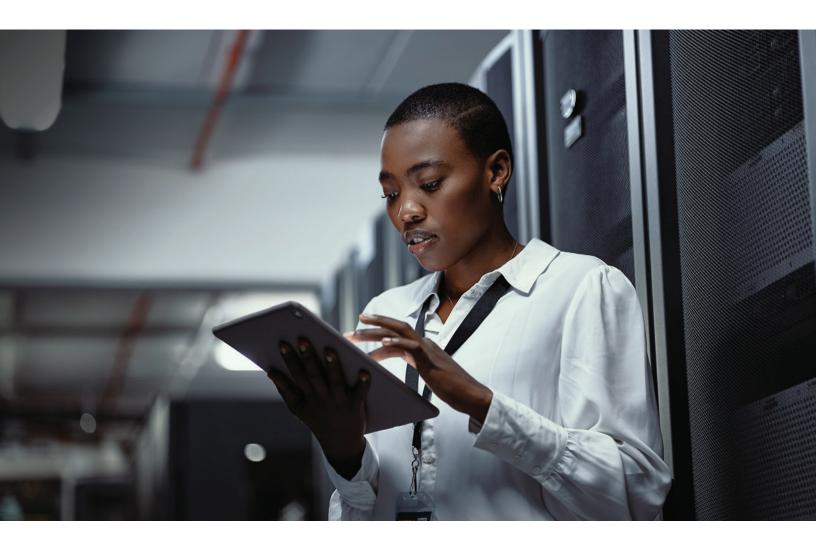






nShield as a Service lets customers own their keys, not the HSM, and since it uses the same unique Security World key management architecture as on-premises nShield deployments, customers can easily migrate their cryptographic operations from on-premises to the cloud, or use a hybrid approach, mixing on-premises and cloud-based HSMs for increased redundancy and reliability.

nShield as a Service is available across fully redundant data centers in the EU (Germany), the UK, USA, and Australia. Regional data centers facilitate geo-fencing to meet cloud data security and data sovereignty mandates. A range of service options are offered to meet a variety of customer needs. For price-sensitive customers, a self-managed single HSM instantiation is available in the customer's preferred location. Standard, Premium, and Enterprise customers can specify preferred HSM locations to meet their operational, disaster recovery, and data sovereignty needs while choosing the optimum performance and price point.



# Support for a wide variety of uses

Entrust customers use nShield HSMs as the root of trust in a variety of business applications including public key infrastructures (PKIs), TLS/SSL encryption key protection, code signing, digital signing, 5G telco applications, and blockchain. As growth in the Internet of Things creates greater demand for device IDs and certificates, nShield HSMs will continue to support critical security measures such as device authentication using digital certificates.

nShield HSMs also support a wide range of cryptographic algorithms, including elliptic-curve cryptography algorithms ideally suited for today's low power computing environments such as smart meter devices and new quantum-resistant algorithms to help you prepare for a post-quantum future.

## Features of the nShield family

## Cloud-friendly web service interfaces

The nShield Web Service RESTful interface offers an innovative approach to deployments by removing the need to integrate applications directly with nShield, and eliminates dependencies on OS and architecture design choices.



### Containerized support on premises or in the cloud

The nShield Container Option Pack enables the seamless development and deployment of containerized applications or processes underpinned by Entrust's high-assurance hardware security modules. This option provides a set of pre-packaged scripts that greatly simplify the integration of nShield HSMs into a container application environment while supporting the dynamic, scaling needs of customers' applications and containerized hosts.

### Stronger key management for your cloud data with Entrust's nShield Cloud Integration Option Pack

Supporting Bring Your Own Key (BYOK) deployments, the nShield Cloud Integration Option Pack lets you generate strong keys in your on-premises nShield HSM and securely export them to your cloud applications, whether you use Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, Microsoft Azure, or Salesforce. With BYOK, you strengthen the security of your key management practices, gain greater control over your keys, and ensure that you are sharing in the responsibility of keeping your data secure in the cloud.









BYOK with nShield HSMs brings you the following benefits:

- Safer key management practices that strengthen the security of your sensitive data in the cloud
- Stronger key generation using nShield's high-entropy random number generator protected by FIPS-certified hardware
- Greater control over keys use your own nShield HSMs in your own environment to create and securely export your keys to the cloud while retaining your own backup

### Maximum control of your keys with Hold Your Own Key (HYOK)

Regulated industries typically have their options prescribed by security and data handling policies, government mandates (data sovereignty considerations for example), and the overall security posture of the organization. Data sovereignty has recently become a hot potato in the European Union, where the outcome of the Schrems II legal case has led to over 5,000 EU organizations having to think carefully about where their cryptographic keys and encrypted data reside. In response, cloud service provider AWS offer their Key Management Service External Key Store or AWS KMS XKS. It empowers organizations to own, hold, and manage their cryptographic keys on premises or in a cloud-based solution under their control, completely outside of the AWS ecosystem. nShield HSMs integrate seamlessly with AWS KMS XKS. In Microsoft Azure Information Protection (AIP) environments, nShield HSMs support Double Key Encryption designed to help enterprises protect their most sensitive content in Microsoft 365.

## Streamlined operations using remote monitoring and management

nShield Monitor and nShield Remote Administration, available for nShield network-attached and PCIe HSMs, help you cut operational costs while staying informed and in command 24x7 of your HSM estates.

Entrust's remote monitoring and management offer the following benefits:

- Optimize HSM performance, infrastructure planning, and uptime using nShield Monitor to inform your staff about load trends, usage statistics, tamper events, warnings, and alerts
- Reduce travel costs and save time by managing HSMs through nShield Remote Administration's powerful and secure interface

#### **Remote configuration**

nShield network-attached models offer a serial console option simplifying the physical installation of the HSM to racking, cabling, and applying power. All other HSM and network configuration can then be done remotely. This makes for easy deployment and redeployment without the need to revisit the data center. This feature supports a provider/tenant model where the provider controls the network configuration and the tenant has full control of their key material.

### Security World's highly flexible architecture

nShield Security World supports Entrust nShield HSMs by creating a unique, flexible key management environment. With nShield Security World, you can combine different nShield HSM models to build a unified ecosystem that delivers scalability, seamless failover, and load balancing. nShield Security World provides interoperability whether you deploy one or hundreds of HSMs, lets you manage an unlimited number of keys, and backs up and restores key material automatically and remotely.

nShield Security World offers the following benefits:

- Helps you easily scale your nShield HSM estate as your needs grow
- Preserves system resiliency
- Saves time by eliminating time-consuming HSM backups

#### Centralized remote management KeySafe 5

Available with Security World software, Entrust KeySafe 5 allows organizations to centrally manage their estate of HSMs and associated Security Worlds remotely.

### CodeSafe — nShield's secure execution environment

In addition to protecting your sensitive keys, nShield network-attached and PCIe HSMs also provide a secure environment for running your proprietary applications. The CodeSafe option lets you develop and execute code within the nShield's FIPS Level 3 physical boundary, safeguarding your applications from potential attacks.

CodeSafe helps you to:

- Achieve high assurance by executing sensitive applications and protecting application data endpoints inside a certified environment
- Protect security-sensitive applications against hazards, such as insider attacks, malware, and advanced persistent threats
- Eliminate the risk of unauthorized application changes or malware infection using code signing
- Prepare for post-quantum cryptography, deploying the NIST shortlisted PQC algorithms using the nShield PQC SDK with CodeSafe running inside the FIPS boundary of an nShield HSM



"The Entrust nShield HSMs are state of the art and have therefore enabled us to use a more sophisticated and secure chip in our technology."

Bill Kavadas, Senior Director for Information Systems, Memjet

# Partnering with industry leaders

Entrust partners with leading technology providers to deliver enhanced solutions that address a wide set of industry security challenges and help customers achieve their digital transformation goals. Through the Entrust technology partner program, Entrust collaborates with partners to integrate nShield HSMs into a variety of security solutions including credentialing and PKI, database security, code signing, digital signatures, privileged account management, 5G, application delivery, and cloud and big data intelligence. nShield HSMs support our partners' security applications to provide the strongest cryptographic processing, key protection, and key management available, while facilitating compliance with government and industry data security regulations.



Matt Landrock, Corporate Director, Cryptomathic

"The launch of nShield as a Service from Entrust gives F5 customers enhanced security choices with the ability to achieve data sovereignty on a subscription-based model. Shifting security from a capital to an operational expenditure enables greater flexibility and cost-effectiveness for organizations."

John Morgan, VP & GM of Security, F5 Networks

## Versatility and high performance

nShield network-attached and PCIe form factor HSMs are available in three performance levels to suit your environment, whether your transaction rates are moderate or your application demands high throughput. nShield as a Service, our subscription-based solution for accessing nShield HSMs in the cloud, is underpinned by our highest performance network-attached HSMs.

## nShield root of trust for enterprise KMS

If your organization is seeking an enterprise key management service underpinned by an HSM root of trust, consider Entrust KeyControl. It redefines cryptographic key management by combining traditional key lifecycle management and a decentralized vault-based architecture with a comprehensive central policy and compliance management dashboard. The new platform offers decentralized security with centralized visibility across the enterprise's cryptographic ecosystem. This powerful feature combination ensures data is protected in line with stringent regulatory compliance mandates.

## Certification to industry standards

Entrust's adherence to rigorous standards helps you demonstrate compliance in regulated environments while delivering high confidence in the security and integrity of nShield HSMs. Below is a partial list of the standards to which we comply. Complete lists are available on our website and in our data sheets.

## FIPS 140-2/FIPS 140-3

Recognized globally, Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 is a U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) certification that validates the security robustness of cryptographic modules. In 2022 this was superseded by the new NIST FIPS 140-3 standard. nShield Solo XC and Connect XC HSMs have been certified to the established FIPS 140-2 standard. The nShield 5s and 5c models are undergoing certification to the new FIPS 140-3 standard, currently in review. Check **here** for the latest certification status.



Common Criteria



#### **Common Criteria and eIDAS compliance**

nShield XC HSMs are certified to Common Criteria EAL4+ and recognized as qualified signature creation devices (QSCDs) under the eIDAS regulation. With the Common Criteria EAL4+ certified Entrust Remote QSCD, Entrust is enabling TSPs and signing system integrators (SIs) to offer eIDAS certified remote signing services, compliant with the current eIDAS regulation and in line with future security requirements. The Entrust Remote QSCD combines the **Entrust SAM** with the **Entrust nShield Connect XC or Solo XC HSMs** to establish the root of trust needed for a highly secure and future-proof remote signature and seal services.

Additionally nShield Solo XC and Connect XC HSMs are compliant with the Common Criteria Protection Profile EN 419 221-5 "Cryptographic Module for Trust Services." nShield HSMs are therefore able to serve as the security backbone for the digitalization of EU member states and businesses. This includes enabling national ID schemes and cross-border services, qualified services for electronic documents and transaction signing, plus services for authentication, timestamping, secure email, and long-term document preservation. Although these certifications were established as part of a European regulation, they are being adopted by many countries around the globe.

## For more information

Visit us at **entrust.com/HSM** to learn how we can protect your business-critical information and applications on your own premises, in the cloud, and in virtual environments.

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