

# SmartKey User Manual v12.1

---

## **Copyrights and Trademarks**

The SmartKey SDK and its documentation are copyrighted © 1985 - 2008 by Aladdin Knowledge Systems Ltd. All rights reserved.

All other trademarks, brands, and product names used in this guide are trademarks of their respective owners.

---

## SMARTKEY AND SMARTPICO END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** - PLEASE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THE CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGE AND/OR BEFORE DOWNLOADING OR INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE PRODUCT. ALL ORDERS FOR AND USE OF THE SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO PRODUCTS (hereinafter "**Product**") SUPPLIED BY **EUTRONSEC S.P.A.**, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF ALADDIN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS LTD, (hereinafter "**Aladdin**") ARE AND SHALL BE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

BY OPENING THE PACKAGE CONTAINING THE PRODUCTS AND/OR BY DOWNLOADING THE SOFTWARE (as defined hereunder) AND/OR BY INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE ON YOUR COMPUTER AND/OR BY USING THE PRODUCT, YOU ARE ACCEPTING THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

**IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ARE NOT WILLING TO BE BOUND BY IT, DO NOT OPEN THE PACKAGE AND/OR DOWNLOAD AND/OR INSTALL THE SOFTWARE AND PROMPTLY (at least within 10 days from the date you received this package) RETURN THE PRODUCTS TO ALADDIN, ERASE THE SOFTWARE, AND ANY PART THEREOF, FROM YOUR COMPUTER AND DO NOT USE IT IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER.**

This Agreement has 3 sections:

**Section I** applies if you are downloading or using the Product free of charge for evaluation purposes only.

**Section II** applies if you have purchased or have been otherwise granted by Aladdin a license to use the Product.

**Section III** applies to all grants of license.

### **SECTION I -- TERMS APPLICABLE TO GRANT OF EVALUATION LICENSE**

**License Grant.** Aladdin hereby grants to you, and you accept, a nonexclusive license to use the Product in machine-readable, object code form only, free of charge, for the purpose of evaluating whether to purchase an ongoing license to the Product and only as authorized in this License Agreement. The evaluation period is limited to the maximum amount of days specified in your applicable evaluation package. You may use the Product, during the evaluation period, in the manner described in Section III below under "Extent of Grant."

**DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY.** The Product is provided on an "AS IS" basis, without warranty of any kind. IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, SATISFACTION AND MERCHANTABILITY SHALL NOT APPLY. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW EXCLUSIONS OF AN IMPLIED WARRANTY, SO THIS DISCLAIMER MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU AND YOU MAY HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS THAT VARY BY JURISDICTION. The entire risk as to the quality and performance of the Product is borne by you. This disclaimer of warranty constitutes an essential part of the agreement.

If you initially acquired a copy of the Product without purchasing a license and you wish to purchase a license, contact Aladdin or any Aladdin representative.

### **SECTION II -- APPLICABLE TERMS WHEN GRANTED A LICENSE**

**License Grant.** Subject to your payment of the license fees applicable to the type and amount of licenses purchased by you and set forth in your applicable purchase order, Aladdin hereby grants to you, and you accept, a personal, nonexclusive and fully revocable limited License to use the Software (as such term is defined in Section III hereunder, in the Intellectual Property subsection), in executable form only, as described in the Software accompanying user documentation and only according to the terms of this Agreement: (i) you may install the Software and use it on computers located in your place of business, as described in Aladdin's related documentation; (ii) you may merge and link the Software into your computer programs for the sole purpose described in the SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO Guide; however, any portion of the Software merged into another computer program shall be deemed as derivative work and will continue to be subject to the terms of this Agreement; and (iii) you are permitted to make a reasonable number of copies of the Software solely for backup purposes. The Software shall not be used for any other purposes.

**Sub-Licensing.** After merging the Software in your computer program(s) according to the License Grant section above, you may sub-license, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the merged Software and resell the hardware components of the Product, which you purchased from Aladdin, if applicable, to distributors and/or users. Preceding such a sale and sub-licensing, you shall make sure that your contracts with any of your distributors and/or end users (and their contracts with their customers) shall contain warranties, disclaimers, limitation of liability, and license terms which are no less protective of Aladdin's rights than such equivalent provisions contained herein. In addition, you shall make it abundantly clear to your distributors and/or end users, that Aladdin is not and shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible or liable in any way for the software and software licenses contained in your computer programs which you merge with the Aladdin Software and distribute to your distributors and/or end users, including, without limitation, with respect to extending license terms and providing maintenance for any software elements and/or computer programs which are not the Aladdin Software. Aladdin expressly disclaims any responsibility and liability with respect to any computer programs, software elements, and/or hardware elements which are not and do not form part of the Aladdin product.

**Limited Warranty.** Aladdin warrants, for your benefit alone, that (i) the Software, when and as delivered to you, and for a period of three (3) months after the date of delivery to you, will perform in substantial compliance with the SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO Guide, provided that it is used on the computer hardware and with the operating system for which it was designed; and (ii) that the SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO, for a period of twelve (12) months after the date of delivery to you, will be substantially free from significant defects in materials and workmanship.

**Warranty Disclaimer.** ALADDIN DOES NOT WARRANT THAT ANY OF ITS PRODUCT(S) WILL MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS OR THAT THEIR OPERATION WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, ALADDIN EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS WARRANTIES NOT STATED HERE AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. NO ALADDIN'S DEALER, DISTRIBUTOR, RESELLER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY MODIFICATIONS, EXTENSIONS, OR ADDITIONS TO THIS WARRANTY. If any modifications are made to the Software or to any other part of the Product by you during the warranty period; if the media and the SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO is subjected to accident, abuse, or improper use; or if you violate any of the terms of this Agreement, then the warranty in Section 2.3 above, shall immediately be terminated. The warranty shall not apply if the Software is used on or in conjunction with hardware or program other than the unmodified version of hardware and program with which the Software was designed to be used as described in the SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO Guide. For Italian consumers (as defined by Legislative Decree No. 206 of September 6, 2005) both the above-mentioned warranty periods last for 24 months.

**Limitation of Remedies.** In the event of a breach of the warranty set forth above, Aladdin's sole obligation, and your sole remedy shall be, at Aladdin's sole discretion: (i) to replace or repair the Product, or component thereof, that does not meet the foregoing limited warranty, free of charge; or (ii) to refund the price paid by you for the Product, or component thereof. Any replacement or repaired component will be warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period or 30 days, whichever is longer. Warranty claims must be made in writing during the warranty period and within seven (7) days of the observation of the defect accompanied by evidence satisfactory to Aladdin. All Products should be returned to the distributor from which they were purchased (if not purchased directly from Aladdin) and shall be shipped by the returning party with freight and insurance paid. The Product or component thereof must be returned with a copy of your receipt. Italian consumers (as defined by Legislative Decree No. 206 of September 6, 2005) have 2 months from the observation of the defect to complain about it with Aladdin and have to pay no cost to return the Product to Aladdin.

### **SECTION III -- TERMS APPLICABLE TO ALL GRANTS OF LICENSE**

**Extent of Grant and Prohibited Uses.** Except as specifically permitted in Sections 2.1 and 2.2 above, you agree not to (i) use the Product in any manner beyond the scope of license purchased by you in accordance with your applicable purchase order; (ii) use, modify, merge or sub-license the Software or any other of Aladdin's products except as expressly authorized in this Agreement and in the SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO Guide; and (iii) sell, license (or sub-license), lease, assign, transfer, pledge, or share your rights under this License with/to anyone else; and (iv) modify, disassemble, decompile, reverse engineer, revise or enhance the Software or attempt to discover the Software's source code; and (v) place the Software onto a server so that it is accessible via a public network; and (vi) use any back-up or archival copies of the Software (or allow someone else to use such copies) for any purpose other than to replace an original copy if it is destroyed or becomes defective. If you are a member of the European Union, this agreement does not affect your rights under any legislation implementing the EC Council Directive on the Legal Protection of Computer Programs. If you seek any information within the meaning of that Directive you should initially approach Aladdin.

**Intellectual Property.** THIS IS A LICENSE AGREEMENT AND NOT AN AGREEMENT FOR SALE. The software component of Aladdin's SMARTKEY and SMARTPICO Product, including any revisions, corrections, modifications, enhancements, updates and/or upgrades thereto, (hereinafter in whole or any part thereof defined as: "**Software**"), and the related documentation, ARE NOT FOR SALE and are and shall remain in Aladdin's sole property. All intellectual property rights (including, without limitation, copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, etc.) evidenced by or embodied in and/or attached/connected/related to the Product, (including, without limitation, the Software code and the work product performed in accordance with Section II above) are and shall be owned solely by Aladdin. This License Agreement does not convey to you an interest in or to the Software but only a limited right of use revocable in accordance with the terms of this License Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes a waiver of Aladdin's intellectual property rights under any law.

**Records & Audit.** During the term of this End User License Agreement, you undertake to maintain records and reports with respect to all Product Activations and of the floating network seats consumed through your services ("**Records**"). Aladdin shall be entitled to audit your Records at any time upon prior written notice. Any such audit shall be performed during normal business hours.

**Termination.** Without prejudice to any other rights, Aladdin may terminate this license upon the breach by you of any term hereof. Upon such termination by Aladdin, you agree to destroy, or return to Aladdin, the Product and the Documentation and all copies and portions thereof.

**Limitation of Liability.** Aladdin's cumulative liability to you or any other party for any loss or damages resulting from any claims, demands, or actions arising out of or relating to this Agreement and/or the use of the Product shall not exceed the license fee paid to Aladdin for the use of the Product/s that gave rise to the action or claim, and if no such Product/s is/are so applicable then Aladdin's liability shall not exceed the amount of license fees paid by You to Aladdin hereunder during the twelve (12) months period preceding the event. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AND UNDER NO LEGAL THEORY, TORT, CONTRACT, OR OTHERWISE, SHALL ALADDIN OR ITS SUPPLIERS OR RESELLERS OR AGENTS BE LIABLE TO YOU OR ANY OTHER PERSON FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY TYPE INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF GOODWILL, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, COMPUTER FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION, LOSS OF BUSINESS PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS INFORMATION, DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR ANY AND ALL OTHER COMMERCIAL DAMAGES OR LOSSES, EVEN IF ALADDIN SHALL HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, OR FOR ANY CLAIM BY ANY OTHER PARTY. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR IN CASE OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ALADDIN, SO THIS LIMITATION AND EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

**No other Warranties.** Except and to the extent specifically provided herein, Aladdin makes no warranty or representation, either express or implied, with respect to its Products as, including their quality, performance, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

**Export Controls.** You acknowledge that the Product is subject to certain export control laws, rules, and/or regulations, including, without limitation, to the United States and/or Israeli export control laws, rules, and/or regulations, and you therefore agree that the Product will not be shipped, transferred, or exported into any country or used in any manner prohibited by applicable law.

**Governing Law & Jurisdiction.** This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of Italy (except for conflict of law provisions) and only the courts in Italy shall have jurisdiction in any conflict or dispute arising out of this Agreement. The application of the United Nations Convention of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods is expressly excluded. The failure of either party to enforce any rights granted hereunder or to take action against the other party in the event of any breach hereunder shall not be deemed a waiver by that party as to subsequent enforcement of rights or subsequent actions in the event of future breaches.

**Third Party Software.** If the Product contains any software provided by third parties, such third party's software are provided "As Is" and shall be subject to the terms of the provisions and condition set forth in the agreements contained/attached to such software. In the event such agreements are not available, such third party's software are provided "As Is" without any warranty of any kind and this Agreement shall apply to all such third party software providers and third party software as if they were Aladdin and the Product respectively.

**Miscellaneous.** This Agreement represents the complete agreement concerning this license and may be amended only by a writing executed by both parties. THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY PURCHASE ORDER PLACED BY YOU, IS EXPRESSLY MADE CONDITIONAL ON YOUR ASSENT TO THE TERMS SET FORTH HEREIN, COMBINED WITH THE APPLICABLE LICENSE SCOPE AND TERMS, IF ANY, SET FORTH IN YOUR PURCHASE ORDER. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, such provision shall be reformed only to the extent necessary to make it enforceable. The failure of either party to enforce any rights granted hereunder or to take action against the other party in the event of any breach hereunder shall not be deemed a waiver by that party as to subsequent enforcement of rights or subsequent actions in the event of future breaches.

---

## Certifications

### CE Compliance



The SmartKey hardware key is in compliance with the following test specification:

**EN 61000-4-2; EN 61000-4-3; CISPR22**

as required by:

**EN 61000-6-1, EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3, EN 61000-6-4**

which are specified for the following test:

“ESD Immunity test”

“Radiated radio-frequency and electromagnetic field immunity test”

“Radiated Emission Verification”

in compliance with the “Essential Requisites” for the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC & 2004/108/EEC

CONFORMITY APPROVAL TO EN60529 (IP67)

This hardware key is in compliance with essential evaluation elements for the conformity approval to EN 60529 (IP67) concerning safety (EN 60529:1991-10 + EN 60529 corr:1993-05 + EN 60529/A1:2000-02) as required by LVD directive.

### FCC Compliance



FCC ID: TFC-AAI

Eutronsec Spa  
SmartKey  
Supply: 5V DC  
Absorption: 30 mA

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio

frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception,

which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Caution: changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

#### IMPORTANT REMARKS

Due to the limited space on the product shell, all FCC certification references are on this technical manual.

---

## Index

<b>1</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION .....</b>	<b>12</b>
1.1	OBJECTIVES OF THE MANUAL .....	12
1.2	TO WHOM THE MANUAL IS ADDRESSED .....	12
1.3	HOW TO CONTACT ALADDIN .....	12
<b>2</b>	<b>WHY SHOULD I PROTECT SOFTWARE? .....</b>	<b>13</b>
2.1	THE MENACE OF PIRACY INCREASES THE NEED FOR PROTECTION .....	13
2.2	COMMERCIAL REASONS FOR PROTECTING SOFTWARE .....	13
2.3	PIRACY? RUINOUS TO THE SOFTWARE INDUSTRY .....	13
2.4	A HISTORY OF SOFTWARE PROTECTION SYSTEMS .....	14
2.5	SMARTKEY PAVES THE WAY FOR A NEW SOFTWARE PROTECTION ERA .....	14
<b>3</b>	<b>INTRODUCING SMARTKEY .....</b>	<b>15</b>
3.1	WHO NEEDS SMARTKEY? .....	16
3.2	WHAT ARE SMARTKEY'S CHARACTERISTICS? .....	16
3.3	HOW DOES SMARTKEY WORK? .....	17
3.4	HOW MUCH TIME IS NEEDED TO PROTECT A PROGRAM? .....	17
3.5	WHAT IS SMARTKEY'S DEGREE OF SECURITY? .....	17
3.6	PROGRAMS FOR SMARTKEY .....	17
3.7	SMARTKEY FOR LINUX AND MAC OS X .....	17
3.8	GETTING STARTED .....	18
3.8.1	<i>Installation</i> .....	18
<b>4</b>	<b>SMARTKEY MODELS .....</b>	<b>19</b>
4.1	FX .....	19
4.2	PR .....	19
4.3	EP .....	19
4.4	SP & XM .....	20
4.5	NET .....	20
4.6	A COMPARISON OF SMARTKEY MODELS .....	20
4.7	WHICH SMARTKEY TO USE? .....	21
<b>5</b>	<b>PROTECTING A PROGRAM WITH SMARTKEY .....</b>	<b>22</b>
5.1	MANUAL PROTECTION .....	22
5.2	AUTOMATIC PROTECTION .....	22
5.3	SHOULD I USE MANUAL OR AUTOMATIC PROTECTION? .....	22
<b>6</b>	<b>PROTECTION IN A LOCAL NETWORK .....</b>	<b>24</b>
6.1	AUTOMATIC PROTECTION ON A LOCAL NETWORK .....	24
6.2	MANUAL PROTECTION ON A LOCAL NETWORK .....	24
6.3	PROTECTING SEVERAL PROGRAMS WITH SMARTKEY .....	24
<b>7</b>	<b>SMARTKEY'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE .....</b>	<b>25</b>
7.1	ID-CODE REGISTER: THE PERSONAL CODE .....	25
7.2	LABEL REGISTER: THE IDENTIFICATION AND ACCESS LABEL .....	25
7.3	PASSWORD REGISTER: THE DATA ACCESS DONGLE .....	25
7.4	SECURE DATA REGISTER: THE DATA OF THE NON-VOLATILE MEMORY .....	26
7.5	FAIL COUNTER REGISTER: THE INCORRECT ACCESSES ALARMS .....	26
<b>8</b>	<b>AUTOMATIC PROTECTION .....</b>	<b>27</b>

8.1	AUTOMATIC PROTECTION WITH GSS .....	27
8.2	PROTECTION OF WINDOWS PLATFORMS WITH GSS .....	28
8.3	GSS: THE COMMON OPTIONS.....	28
8.3.1	<i>Control of dongle presence</i> .....	28
8.3.2	<i>Programming Error Messages</i> .....	28
8.3.3	<i>Encryption of executable code</i> .....	28
8.3.4	<i>Parameter-based protection</i> .....	28
8.3.5	<i>Message displayed in absence of the dongle (key)</i> .....	29
8.3.6	<i>Limitation of number of executions and licenses</i> .....	29
8.3.7	<i>Automatic cryptography of data files</i> .....	29
8.3.8	<i>Protection of programs on a network</i> .....	29
8.3.9	<i>Protecting files executable in series</i> .....	29
8.4	RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM'S PROTECTION .....	29
<b>9</b>	<b>MANUAL PROTECTION.....</b>	<b>30</b>
9.1	EXECUTION METHOD OF SMARTKEY COMMANDS .....	30
9.2	LOCATING .....	31
9.2.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	31
9.3	SCRAMBLING.....	32
9.3.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	32
9.4	READING .....	32
9.4.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	33
9.5	WRITING .....	33
9.5.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	34
9.6	BLOCK READING MODE.....	34
9.6.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	35
9.7	BLOCK WRITING .....	35
9.7.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	35
9.8	FIXING.....	36
9.8.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	36
9.9	PROGRAMMING .....	37
9.9.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	37
9.10	COMPARING .....	38
9.10.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	38
9.11	MODEL READING .....	39
9.11.1	<i>Parameter transfer</i> .....	39
9.12	SERIAL NUMBER READING.....	39
9.13	EXT MODEL READING .....	40
9.14	FIX READING .....	40
9.15	FAIL COUNTER READING.....	41
9.16	AES AUTHENTICATION .....	41
9.16.1	<i>Authentication</i> .....	41
9.16.2	<i>Utilization</i> .....	42
9.17	AES SET .....	42
9.18	AES SCRAMBLE .....	42
9.19	ERRORS .....	42
9.20	SOME SUGGESTIONS ON USING SMARTKEY'S FUNCTIONS .....	43
<b>10</b>	<b>PROGRAM PROTECTION TECHNIQUES AND EXAMPLES .....</b>	<b>44</b>
10.1	GENERAL GUIDELINES .....	44

10.1.1	Check the dongle in different points of your program .....	44
10.1.2	Extensive use of the AES Scrambling operation .....	44
10.1.3	Extensive use of the Scrambling.....	44
10.1.4	Hiding Label and Password.....	45
10.1.5	Use the .OBJ version of the drivers .....	45
10.1.6	Checksum of your executable files and of the DLLs.....	45
10.1.7	Do not stop execution immediately if the dongle is not found.....	45
10.2	EXAMPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION.....	46
10.2.1	Example 1 – Basic Use .....	46
10.2.2	Example 2 – Basic use of Scrambling.....	46
10.2.3	Example 3/4 – Storing and using a C function in the SmartKey memory .....	47
10.2.4	Example 5 – Control of the DLL checksum .....	50
10.2.5	Example 6 – Hiding Label and Password information .....	50
10.2.6	Example 7 – Scrambling confidential data .....	51
10.2.7	Example 8/9 – Generating and using a large Scrambling table .....	52
10.2.8	Example 10 – Code encrypting .....	56
10.2.9	Example 11 – AES authentication.....	56
<b>11</b>	<b>MANUAL PROTECTION IN A NETWORK.....</b>	<b>60</b>
11.1	OPEN MODE .....	60
11.2	ACCESS MODE .....	60
11.3	USER NUMBER MODE.....	61
11.4	CLOSE MODE .....	61
11.5	CLOSE MODE ON TIMEOUT.....	61
11.6	ERRORS .....	61
11.7	STANDALONE OR MULTILAN DRIVERS?.....	62
<b>12</b>	<b>PROTECTING SEVERAL PROGRAMS WITH SMARTKEY .....</b>	<b>63</b>
12.1	OPERATING METHODS .....	63
12.2	PROGRAMMING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES AND EXECUTIONS .....	63
12.3	MAP AUTOMATIC PROTECTION .....	64
12.4	MAP MANUAL PROTECTION .....	64
12.4.1	Open mode Map: an example .....	65
<b>13</b>	<b>INSTALLING SMARTKEY .....</b>	<b>66</b>
13.1	WARNINGS ON INSTALLATION .....	66
13.2	OPTIONS OF SMARTKEY DRIVER INSTALLER (SDI).....	66
13.3	THE SDI LIBRARY .....	67
13.4	INSTALLATION OF SMARTKEY IN LINUX .....	68
13.4.1	Linux user level usb .....	68
13.4.2	Linux user level lpt.....	68
13.4.3	Using APIs for Linux .....	68
13.5	INSTALLATION OF SMARTKEY IN MAC OS X.....	68
13.5.1	Using APIs for Mac OS X.....	68
<b>14</b>	<b>INSTALLING SMARTKEY ON A NETWORK.....</b>	<b>69</b>
14.1	TCPIP PROTOCOL .....	69
14.2	ANP PROTOCOL .....	69
14.3	INSTALLATION FOR WINDOWS .....	70
14.4	INSTALLATION FOR LINUX AND MAC OS X .....	70
<b>15</b>	<b>SMARTKEY CONFIGURATION CENTRAL (SCC) .....</b>	<b>71</b>

15.1	CONFIGURATION OF THE SERVER.....	71
15.2	CONFIGURATION OF CLIENT .....	72
15.2.1	<i>Selection and configuration phases</i> .....	73
<b>16</b>	<b>SMARTKEY PROGRAMMING CENTRAL (SPC).....</b>	<b>75</b>
16.1	IDENTIFICATION PANEL .....	75
16.2	INFO PANEL .....	75
16.3	RESET DEFAULT PANEL.....	76
16.4	MAP PANEL .....	77
16.5	SCRAMBLING PANEL.....	78
16.6	CONTENTS PANEL .....	79
16.7	FIXING PANEL.....	80
16.8	PROGRAMMING PANEL .....	80
16.9	AES SCRAMBLING PANEL .....	82
16.10	DIAGNOSTIC PANEL .....	83
16.11	REPORT PANEL .....	84
<b>17</b>	<b>TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS .....</b>	<b>85</b>
17.1	WARNINGS .....	85
17.2	FUNCTIONALITY .....	85
17.3	SMARTKEY 2 PARALLEL .....	85
17.4	SMARTKEY 3 USB / SMARTKEY 3 USB DL.....	85

---

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Objectives of the manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide a full overview of SmartKey's application environments and of the product's operational potential in general.

This manual deals with the following subjects:

the importance of protecting software.

SmartKey's use methods for manual protection.

the use methods for automatic protection: this manual deals exhaustively with the techniques and instruments for automatic protection of software and data.

the different application situations and the protection implementation methods within the sphere of local networks.

## 1.2 To whom the manual is addressed

Consultation of this manual is useful for those:

who are dealing with software protection technique for the first time, and seek a full overview of the state-of-the-art and practical effective instructions.

requiring the traditional techniques of manual protection, but at the same time, seeking secure, versatile instruments for automatic protection of software and data.

who need to control the authorisation and execution of software: in fact, with only a few operations and using the instruments supplied with the *Developer Kit*, the *SmartKey* technology can be used to build sophisticated mechanisms for controlling licenses and execution parameters, simply by using a *SmartKey NET* dongle.

## 1.3 How to contact Aladdin

The best way to contact Aladdin about SmartKey is to send an e-mail message to the helpdesk [helpdesk@eutronsec.it](mailto:helpdesk@eutronsec.it).

You can also telephone the Assistance Service at number 035697055 or send a fax to number 035697092.

For all types of commercial contacts, phone 035697080 or send an e-mail message to this address: [info@eutronsec.it](mailto:info@eutronsec.it).

---

## **2 Why should I protect software?**

Illegal duplication of programs is a very widespread practice: it is very simple, cheap and does not require complex, costly equipment. The methods used to prevent or at least, make copying difficult, have not proved effective, as they could be overcome in a few months or even a few days. SmartKey approaches the problem in a different way: copying is not prevented, but use of the program by an unauthorized person.

### **2.1 The menace of piracy increases the need for protection**

In a world dominated by technology, software has become very important. The development of software calls for enormous resource in terms of time, work, and money. That is why software has become the intellectual property of the developer or of the company producing it. But this right of the developers is often breached, almost always causing serious economic losses. Consequently, there is a need to protect software.

Companies need to control their intellectual properties to protect themselves against IT pirates, who alter and distribute software to users without a license and registration. Moreover, loss of profits due to piracy has a chain-reaction resulting in lower economic return for developers, employees and all who work in the Information Technology sector. This puts a question mark on the availability of further funds for research and development, for paying qualified developers, and, even for marketing for new products.

Another reason why piracy has become so widespread is because the falsification of this type of intellectual property makes it possible to produce perfect, functional copies. This is in addition to large profits through the illicit sale of software.

While the levels of piracy differ from county to country, the Business Software Alliance (BSA) announced that, in 2005, about 40% of software used in the world originated from piracy. This led, that year, to a loss of more than 10 million dollars in assets. BSA estimated that in 2005, 25% of software in the United States was obtained through piracy. Permissive laws and lack of political commitment in developing countries to prevent piracy have only worsened the problem.

### **2.2 Commercial reasons for protecting software**

Piracy has put software developers on the defensive. In their market plans, managers take into consideration the loss of profits due to piracy. In view of the alarming losses, the commercial reasons for creating a solution to protect software have drawn the attention of an increasing number of the sector's operators.

An idea is taking shape in the community of developers: there could be a good balance between the costs of implementing software protection and the benefits thus obtained. Furthermore, to convince managers about the economic advantages of software protection, developers must consider the following factors:

- The percentage of software pirated in one's own market niche, if one operates in such a niche. (If the percentage is very high, one risks losing that niche).
- The percentage of software pirated in the countries where one intends to sell software.

Considering the first two factors, is it necessary and useful to add a protection facility to one's application?

### **2.3 Piracy? Ruinous to the software industry**

Information Technology piracy has endangered the very concept of intellectual property. In brief, IT piracy is the practice of copying and using a software product without permission of the proprietor or developer. The idea that use and duplication of proprietary software is illegal has only recently began to spread among users, although many still show a general disinterest in treating software as intellectual property with its own value.

IT piracy occurs in different ways. We shall explain a few cases of this below:

Theft of software: buying a single license and loading the software on several computers, in breach of the contract clauses.

Upload and download: providing unauthorized copies of the software to users connected by modem to a provider or to the Internet.

Forging of software: unlawfully duplicating software and selling it as if it were new.

OEM unbundling: selling what was originally stand-alone software, while pretending it is an integral part of one's own hardware.

Hard disk loading: unlawful installation on the hard-disk of personal computers, often as an incentive for end-users to buy hardware from a particular hardware dealer.

Hire: sale of unauthorized software for temporary use, as if one were hiring a video-cassette.

There are also different types of IT pirates:

- Resellers selling hardware with illegally preinstalled software.
- Companies using unauthorized copies of software for internal use.
- Persons obtaining profits by forging software
- Any person who makes an illegal copy of another person's program.

#### **2.4 A history of software protection systems**

In the seventies, most software was proprietary, designed for use in a specific commercial environment, and operating on mainframe systems. Therefore, piracy did not exist. As soon as computers changed from mainframe architecture to client/server architecture, installing software on one's own workstation became standard practice, and the concept of distribution and license was thus born.

The 80s saw a rapid spread of personal computers leading to the creation of a large-scale pirate underground network for illegal distribution of software. This made it necessary to protect software. The 90s saw piracy take a further step ahead thanks to the Internet, which opened up new channels for unlawful distribution. New technologies, such as CD writers, made illegal software duplication and distribution even easier, thus contributing to further growth of piracy.

The battle to topple piracy began in the 80s. Software protection mechanisms were used in the DOS environment, such as special disk formatting using functions, which were not, part the operating system itself (additional tracks, non-formatted tracks, disk sector exchanges, modification of disk rotations peed, etc.), of the magnetic support was altered.

Other protection systems also spread around: such as, inhibiting copies with the standard DOS commands (and, therefore, the back-up copies too). When the software protection technologies improved, hardware security systems began to be integrated with license management programs.

As the need for protection grew, techniques were developed to make software and programs ever more secure. In spite of this, piracy backers still survive, and grow causing huge economic damage. The on-going growth of technology is one of the main factors that makes piracy possible. The possible illegal gains are its motivating factor. It does not seem that piracy will stop in the short-term. All this increases the need for a software protection solution.

#### **2.5 SmartKey paves the way for a new software protection era**

Aladdin has created an innovative technology that differs from the traditional protection model. SmartKey solution effectively resists piracy and the globally widespread cracking methods. Software protection strategy has shifted its attention from "protection of the copy" to a more realistic "control of software execution". The prevention of IT piracy goes beyond mere inhibition of an abusive copy. It has evolved to limiting use of software to one copy at a time.

The SmartKey dongle for protecting software is designed mainly for the requirements of this type of security. By using leading-edge anti-hacking mechanisms, SmartKey is the hardware protection system that offers the best solutions for software sellers.

SmartKey is a small electronic device, which can be fitted in the parallel or USB connector of any computer. Each dongle has a unique personalized digital *fingerprint*, which can be recognized by the software it protects.

Encryption is the heart of this software protection technology. Through use of a combination of algorithms and encrypting dongles, SmartKey resists the most advanced breaching attempts by pirates. SmartKey also overcomes the disadvantages of normal anti-copy protection because it enables the user to make back-up copies of his/her own protected program.

### 3 Introducing SmartKey

Just imagine being able to limit the execution of any PC program, so that *you* can decide on which and how many computers your software can be executed. SmartKey is a software protection dongle, i.e. a hardware device that performs this very function, with the aim of preventing illegal diffusion of the software. The program that is protected by a call to the system, controls if SmartKey is present on the computer or on the SmartKey server computer, in the case of a 'networked' configuration. If the dongle is not present, the program shuts down. The call to the system usually occurs when the program has been commanded to execute, but can occur several times or when the programmer considers it most appropriate.

SmartKey is available in two versions:

- *SmartKey Parallel*: SmartKey is connected to the computer via the parallel port
- *SmartKey USB*: SmartKey is connected to the computer via the USB port.

Both models are small and compact, less than matchbox size. Using *SmartKey Parallel* does not prevent you from using the parallel port for the printer. In fact, you can connect, other *SmartKey Parallels* to *SmartKey Parallel*, or a printer cable or the cable of any other device using the parallel port. Several *SmartKey USBs* can be connected to the system by using the USB hub. Using SmartKey neither slows down the system nor creates hardware or software conflicts with other devices and programs. *SmartKey Parallel* must be fitted in the parallel port and connected to the other devices before switching on the computer. Instead, *SmartKey USB* can be fitted and removed also while the computer is in operation.

In terms of programs, the two types of SmartKey are used in the same way: a program protected by a *SmartKey Parallel* can also be used with a *SmartKey USB* and vice-versa without making any modifications to the software. Hardware management of the two types of SmartKey is wholly assigned to the drivers supplied.

The SmartKeys area available in five different models, distinguished by their functions:

- *SmartKey FX (Fixed)* With fixed security algorithms and codes
- *SmartKey PR (Programmable)* With programmable safety codes, and internal memory
- *SmartKey EP (Extended Protection)* Like PR, with extended security performance
- *SmartKey SP (Super Protection)* Like EP, with more memory and user-programmable security algorithms.
- *SmartKey XM (Extended Memory)* Like SP, with more memory.
- *SmartKey NET (Network)* For networked programs.

*SmartKey SP* and *XM* are the version offering the greatest degree of security. *SmartKey NET* also makes it possible to protect programs installed on several computers connected by a network. It is the most expensive, but a single dongle is sufficient to protect the programs in a network of computers.

SmartKey is compatible with Linux, Mac OS X and all Microsoft Windows operating systems. Both the drivers and the libraries for these operating systems are available. However, *SmartKey Parallel* is not supported by Mac OS X and *SmartKey USB* cannot be used with operating systems that do not support the USB port. *SmartKey USB* is also available in *Driver Less (DL)* model that does not require any additional driver installation for its usage.

The libraries supplied make it possible to write protected programs in Windows, Linux and Mac OS X.

For Microsoft operating systems, programs with a graphic interface are available, that facilitate the installation, configuration and use of SmartKey. By using the *Global Security System (GSS)*, you can automatically protect a program without any particular IT knowledge and without having the programs source code.

*GSS* is not available for use with Linux and Mac OS X and, therefore, manual protection only is possible with these two operating systems.

The following tables summarize the support supplied for operating systems Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X.

Operating system	Support Utilities	Automatic protection	SmartKey 2 Parallel	SmartKey 3 USB	SmartKey 3 USB DL (Driver Less)
Windows i386	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows x64	✓		✓	✓	✓
Linux i386/amd64			✓	✓	✓
Mac OS X Intel/PowerPC				✓	✓

**Table 1** Software available.

### 3.1 Who needs SmartKey?

SmartKey is mainly aimed at software houses, because they need to protect their software against diffusion and illegal copies.

However, SmartKey is needed not only by software developers: end-users such as company managers, information systems managers, and sales managers can obtain great benefits from its technology. With GSS technology, programs can be protected without knowing the source code.

- **Software-houses** use SmartKey to prevent software piracy and the illegal spreading of their programs. Only users with the dongle can activate execution of protected programs.
- **Sales managers** use SmartKey to provide potential customers with fully operational copies of the programs, without the risk, however, of operational copies being made. By using SmartKey, they can even monitor the number of executions performed by the programs.
- **Company managers** and **information system managers** use SmartKey to prevent civil and criminal responsibilities for the theft of software by employees. With SmartKey, the site-licenses agreements for the purchased software are safeguarded against users' temptations.
- **IT lab managers** of schools and universities use SmartKey to prevent responsibility for abusive copies of software by students. Software for school use is purchased at special conditions and, heavy penalties are imposed when the programs are used outside the school.

End-users do not have to worry about how to use SmartKey: all they have to do is to insert the dongle in the parallel port or USB port and forget about it. SmartKey protects programs, while being completely transparent to the user.

### 3.2 What are SmartKey's characteristics?

SmartKey is based on the use of electronic chips, dedicated microprocessors and algorithms that implement security functions.

- **High security:** cloning via hardware is impossible thanks to the implementation of dongle questioning algorithms (scrambling).
- **Installation on parallel port:** *SmartKey Parallel* installs on the parallel port of any personal computer.
- **Installation on USB port:** *SmartKey USB* installs on the parallel port of any personal computer with at least one USB port.
- **Algorithmic interrogation:** SmartKey has an algorithmic interrogation mechanisms used to both protect the software and to encrypt confidential data.
- **Personalized codes:** every SmartKey is individually personalized with a factory fitted internal code, which differs for each user.
- **Code programming capability:** SmartKey has additional codes programmable by the user. No special programming devices are necessary, just the supplied software utilities.
- **Internal memory** up to 8192 bytes of non-volatile memory for reading and writing, and over 16+16 access code bytes are available inside SmartKey
- **Standalone and network use:** models are available for protecting both standalone software and programs on a local network.
- **Protection of executable programs:** the *Global Security System (GSS)* technology makes it possible to protect programs in executable format even without provision of source codes.
- **Interfacing with software:** SmartKey can be used with leading development environments and operating systems, including Windows98, Windows Me, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 2003, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Linux, Mac OS X and AutoCAD.
- **Power supply:** it neither uses internal batteries nor does it need an external power supply.
- **Compact:** The outer dimensions are highly compact and also suitable for programs such as notebook and laptop.
- **Stackability** (for *SmartKey Parallels* only): Several *SmartKey Parallel* dongles can be stacked on the same parallel port, by means of a daisy chain connection. This characteristic was not implemented on the *SmartKey USB*, because the USB protocol itself makes it possible to daisy-chain connect several devices by means of the USB HUB.
- **Transparency** (for *SmartKey Parallel* only): *SmartKey Parallel* does not prevent use of the parallel port for other purposes, because it permits bypassing. The dongle can be connected - in daisy-chain manner - to the printer or to most of the numerous peripheral devices using the parallel port (network adapter, SCSI adapter, portable hard-disk, other protection dongles, etc). The only constraint is that *SmartKey Parallel* and the devices connected to it must be installed before switching on the computer.

### 3.3 How does SmartKey work?

This is the use principle of SmartKey: fitting the dongle in the PC's parallel or USB port, and control of the dongle's presence by the protected software. Each dongle is characterized by the unique 'digital credentials', personalized for every user, which are recognized by the software and enable correct operation.

Immediately after the program starts, or in other strategic points, the software verifies if SmartKey is present on the PC's port. If the verification proves negative, the program stops its execution. If, instead, the dongle is present, the program continues its execution correctly, and, if necessary, runs further controls on the dongle's parameters.

An internal non-volatile memory enables implementation of selective protection criteria or individual personalization of the installed dongles, for example, so that the serial number of the program to be protected matches the contents of the dongle. SmartKey can be used for special marketing strategies such as granting of demo packages, hire of software for specified periods, measurement of software usage, control of subsequent versions, etc.

SmartKey is a sure, flexible software protection dongle, designed for transparent fitting on the computer's parallel or USB port. Every SmartKey dongle has unique, customizable codes, so that every software house is able to implement its own original, secure protection systems.

### 3.4 How much time is needed to protect a program?

SmartKey's flexibility makes it possible to define various levels of protection. They use the dongle's resources in a different way and require longer or shorter implementation time.

- **A few minutes:** thanks to the supplied *Global Security System (GSS)* program, you can directly protect your executable file in a short time, without any action on the source codes. In fact, the entire protection process (i.e. prepare the personalized codes, program them on the dongle, select the program and protect it) can be run in only a few minutes.
- **A few hours:** this is the most common case. You don't have much time, but don't worry: a few hours are enough to implement the dongle's main security functions to create a personalized protection scheme, using the supplied software drivers and obtaining a program with an extremely high level of protection.
- **A few days:** in just a few days, you can write an almost inviolable software by fully exploiting SmartKey's characteristics and adapting them to your own security requirements.

### 3.5 What is SmartKey's degree of security?

SmartKey is state-of-the-art in terms of software security. The use of microprocessors and sophisticated encrypting algorithms makes dongle cloning virtually impossible.

Whether you decide to protect the programs with the supplied functions or by using the *GSS* automatic utility, SmartKey provides a high degree of security.

As concerns *GSS*, this program does not just protect your other programs, but encrypts the software, using the values of the registers stored in SmartKey as a *coding dongle*. When the program protected by *GSS* is commanded into execution mode, it instantly decodes itself using the registers in SmartKey. Without SmartKey, the program will never be decoded.

### 3.6 Programs for SmartKey

SmartKey is supplied with the following support software:

- *GSS, Global Security System*, a utility for rapid, direct protection of executable files without any modification to the program's sources.
- *SPC, SmartKey Programming Central*, a utility for programming and personalizing the dongles with the user's own security codes.
- *SDI, Smart Driver Installation*, a utility for installing drivers both manually and automatically.
- *SCC, SmartKey Programming Central*, a utility for configuring the servers and clients of a SmartKey network.
- Interfacing drivers for different programming languages and for diverse operating systems.

In addition to these tools, programs written for the leading development environments are supplied to learn how to use the functions of the libraries supplied.

The programs described in this paragraph are available only for the Windows environment.

### 3.7 SmartKey for Linux and Mac OS X.

SmartKey can be used also with operating systems Linux and Mac OS X, but subject to some limitations when compared to the Windows operating system.

On Linux environment SmartKey can only be used for standalone with manual protection. On Mac OS X environment SmartKey can be used for standalone and multilan with manual protection.

SmartKey installation for Linux and Mac OS X is explained in chapter 13.

On Linux environment is supported the *SmartKey Parallel*, *SmartKey 3 USB* and the *SmartKey 3 USB DL*. On Mac OS X environment is supported the *SmartKey 3 USB* and the *SmartKey 3 USB DL*.

### **3.8 Getting Started**

SmartKey's ease of use and its development kit will help you to start using the system quickly.

#### **3.8.1 Installation**

The installation of the programs for using SmartKey and its drivers is in two stages.

- Installation of programs SmartKey Control Central (SCC), SmartKey Driver Installation (SDI), SmartKey Global Security System (GSS), SmartKey Programming Central (SPC), SmartKey Remote Update (SRU) and installation of the development kit.
- Installation of the drivers for *SmartKey USB*, for *SmartKey Parallel* and for *Global Security System*. (only the *Global Security System* program requires its own drivers.)

When the installation CD-ROM is inserted in the reader, the program installation procedure starts automatically. To finish it, you just have to specify the directory for installing the programs if you do not wish to use the default directory. After the programs are installed, start program *SmartKey Driver Installation (SDI)* and select the driver to be installed. To automatically protect an executable file, install the driver of SmartKey (USB or Parallel) and of *GSS*. To install *SmartKey Parallel*, the SmartKey must be connected to the computer and to the printer, if any, before the computer is switched on. To install *SmartKey USB*, make sure you connect it *after* installing the drivers. To check if the drivers were correctly installed, use the *SmartKey Program Central* program. If the SmartKey is fitted and if the drivers were correctly installed, this SmartKey must appear in the list of SmartKeys present on the computer.

---

## 4 SmartKey models

The software protection requirements include both simple programs for low-cost packages and costly sophisticated programs requiring maximum security and flexibility. There's a cost-effective SmartKey model for every situation. All models have been implemented to ensure high-to-low compatibility: if a program operates with a SmartKey, it will surely also operate with a more complex one. For example, a program written for SmartKey *FX* will operate with all other SmartKeys.

This chapter provides a detailed description of the characteristics of the SmartKey models, and the selection criteria for using the one most suited to your needs.

### 4.1 *FX*

*SmartKey FX* is the simplest, low-cost model. It makes use of a protection mechanism based on the assignment of a unique, personal internal identification code: Identification Code or *Id-Code*.

Protection is algorithmic (thus without a fixed response) and uses encrypted coding operations, which refer to the internal code. The *Id-Code* is used as the main parameter for coding. A set of data is sent and is returned suitably encrypted in a different way according to the *Id-Code*.

Dongle presence can thus be verified by comparing the returned data-item with the expected one. If the two data-items coincide, program execution continues normally, but if they do not, execution can be stopped.

- Algorithmic protection based on a unique, personal code (*Id-Code*)
- Algorithmic protection based on a 20 customizable security codes using the AES cryptographic algorithm for *SmartKey USB 3*

### 4.2 *PR*

*SmartKey PR* is the model conceived for the most versatile programs where every single package must be personalized, e.g. in program serialization operations.

In fact, *SmartKey PR*, in addition to having the same algorithmic protection mechanism as SmartKey *KX*, can also be programmed. The dongle contains a 64/128 byte memory register for both reading and writing. This can be accessed only by sending two access codes entitled *Label* and *Password* (each has 16 bytes). The data stored in the dongle are defined as *Secure Data*, because only the person who knows the password can read or write them.

The *Label* and *Password* codes, with a length of 16 bytes, can be programmed from the software, without the need for external programming devices. This means that the dongle can be programmed for each different program to be protected. Stored data can be dynamically varied by the protected program, thus enabling highly sophisticated applications, such as use of the data themselves as access counters.

*SmartKey PR* uses a 'double-lock' protection mechanism: security is guaranteed by the unique *ID-Code* fixed in the factory, by the password, and by the programmed data known to the software house only.

- Algorithmic protection based on a unique, personal code (*Id-Code*)
- Algorithmic protection based on a 20 customizable security codes using the AES cryptographic algorithm for *SmartKey USB 3*
- Additional 16-byte programmable security codes (*Label* and *Password*)
- 64-byte of internal programmable memory (*Secure Data*). 128 for *SmartKey 3 USB DL (Driver Less)*
- Optional limitation of the number of executions of the program to be protected.

### 4.3 *EP*

*SmartKey EP* expands the security characteristics of the previous models and is the model suitable for high security applications, such as control of access to databanks, and confidential programs.

In addition to having the same protection mechanisms of *SmartKey PR*, *SmartKey EP* enables detection of attempted accesses with an incorrect password. A specific internal counter (*Fail Counter*) reports the number of 'break-in' attempts to enable the lawful user to take any action - via software - for defending the data or programs.

*SmartKey EP*'s second special characteristic is the option for freezing passwords and data after they are programmed: This means one can irreversibly fix the codes and data programmed in the dongle by the software-house. Any subsequent manipulation of the dongle for fraudulent purposes is prevented, e.g. to modify one's access rights to databanks or the operational limits of the supplied software.

- Algorithmic protection based on a unique, personal code (*Id-Code*)

- Algorithmic protection based on a 20 customizable security codes using the AES cryptographic algorithm for *SmartKey USB 3*
- Additional 16-byte programmable security codes (*Label* and *Password*)
- 64-byte of internal programmable memory (*Secure Data*). 128 for *SmartKey 3 USB DL (Driver Less)*
- Counter of fraudulent access attempts (*Fail Counter*)
- Freezing of programmed data.
- Optional limitation of the number of executions of the program to be protected.

#### 4.4 SP & XM

*SmartKey SP* and *XM* are the most sophisticated models of the *SmartKey* family. They are suitable for top-security applications, for expensive programs and for at-risk environments, where there is a very high probability of disseminating illegal copies.

*SmartKey SP* is a development of *SmartKey EP*, extending its internal memory (*Secure Data*) from 64 bytes to 416/896. *SmartKey XM* extends the memory to 8192 bytes.

- Algorithmic protection based on a unique, personal code (*Id-Code*)
- Algorithmic protection based on a 20 customizable security codes using the AES cryptographic algorithm for *SmartKey USB 3*
- Additional 16 byte programmable security codes (*Label* and *Password*)
- 416 byte of internal programmable memory. 896 for *SmartKey USB 3*, 8192 for *SmartKey XM (Secure Data)*
- Counter of fraudulent access attempts (*Fail Counter*)
- Freezing of programmed data.
- Optional limitation of the number of executions of the program to be protected.

#### 4.5 NET

*SmartKey NET* is the model for programs on a local network. *SmartKey NET* is designed to:

- Protect the software written for local networks from the abusive copy
- Enable control of the number of users who may simultaneously use the protected program.

The protection requires a single *SmartKey NET* dongle installed on any computer of the network.

*SmartKey NET* is capable of managing several networked users. The maximum number of users can be programmed on the dongle itself. One can define the number of users enabled to use the same software package.

- Algorithmic protection based on a unique, personal code (*Id-Code*)
- Algorithmic protection based on a 20 customizable security codes using the AES cryptographic algorithm for *SmartKey USB 3*
- Additional 16-byte programmable security codes (*Label* and *Password*)
- 416-byte of internal programmable memory (*Secure Data*)
- Counter of fraudulent access attempts (*Fail Counter*)
- Freezing of programmed data.
- Protection of programs on a local network by means of just one protection dongle.
- The number of users simultaneously enabled to use the protected program and the number of its executions is all programmable.

#### 4.6 A comparison of SmartKey models

If we compare *SmartKey* to a safe, this will help us to better understand the difference between the various *SmartKeys*.

The *FX* model is similar to a safe requiring a particular physical dongle to be opened: safes of different owners have different dongles, and, likewise, the *FX* dongles of different users have different *Id-Codes*.

Instead, the *PR* model resembles a more sophisticated safe: you need a physical dongle to open it, but you also have to set a special combination on an appropriate knob (*two turns to the left, three to the right, etc.*). Likewise, the *PR* dongle has an *Id-Code (the physical device)* and a *Password (the combination)*. Both the safe and the *PR* model have a programmable combination - only if you know the *Password*, can you verify its *Secure Data (i.e. access the contents of the safe)*.

The *EP* model is a variation of the *PR* dongle, and in our analogy, it corresponds to a safe with a lock (*Id-Code*) and a combination (*Password*). Furthermore, an internal device counts the number of incorrect set combinations (*Fail*

*Counter*). In addition to that, a mechanism, available on request, prevents anyone fraudulently changing the set combination.

The *SP* has 416 bytes (896 for USB 3 model) instead of 64 bytes (*it is a larger safe*). The *XM* has 8192 bytes of memory.

Finally, the *NET* dongle has the same security mechanisms as the *SP* dongle, but is suitable for personal computer networked programs.

Here is a table summarizing the characteristics of the SmartKey models:

SmartKey	Network	IdCode/ AES	Password	Memory	Fail Counter
<b>FX</b>		✓			
<b>PR</b>		✓	✓	64/128 byte	
<b>EP</b>		✓	✓	64/128 byte	✓
<b>SP</b>		✓	✓	416/896 byte	✓
<b>XM</b>		✓	✓	8192 byte	✓
<b>NET</b>	✓	✓	✓	416 byte	✓

**Table 2** SmartKey models summary table.

#### 4.7 Which SmartKey to use?

It is not easy to answer this question, because there are very many both technical and economic reasons involved in steering selection to one model rather than to another. Only case-by-case examination can define the problem, while taking into account variables such as:

- The cost of the package
- The environment where the protected software is located
- The geographic area where the product is diffused
- The time available to implement the protection

In this connection, it is well to remember that protecting software entails problems and decisions similar to those of theft insurance policies ("For what sum should I insure?", "What additional guarantees should I include in the insurance package?", "What is the probability of theft?").

Here are some general considerations providing pointers to choosing an appropriate SmartKey model.

*SmartKey FX* is simple, rapidly implemented, and low-cost. It is suitable for protecting low-cost or packaged programs, where there is no need to distinguish the different programs and the different software versions from each other. Bear in mind that, in this case, the algorithmic protection mechanism is based on a unique personalized code assigned in the factory (*Id-Code*), which can no longer be modified. Therefore, all the *FX* dongles of a single user have the same code.

*SmartKey PR* is, instead, the most cost-effective model, because, in addition to the unique *Id-Code*, it has an internal memory, which can only be accessed through reserved, programmable codes. A software house can therefore program each dongle according to its specific requirements. Each dongle can therefore be prepared for protecting a particular program or a defined set of modules of the same program. The following can be written in the dongle: a serial number, the customer's name or code, a date or any other information useful for the implemented protection mechanism. This dongle is suitable for protecting most medium-cost software, because it offers high security at a reasonable price.

*SmartKey EP* is recommended for protecting costly programs, with the intent of discouraging not only attempts to copy the software, but also attempts to 'break into' the protection mechanism itself, i.e. cracking the dongle or altering its contents.

*SmartKey SP* and *XM* are required if your protection system needs a high capacity for storing the data inside the dongle.

*SmartKey NET* is a must for local network programs, to avoid installing a dongle for every user.

---

## 5 Protecting a program with SmartKey

To protect a program with SmartKey, you have to implement execution control, i.e. modify the program so that its execution depends on the presence of a dongle to protect the software.

SmartKey has two methods for implementing protection:

- **Manual protection** by intervening on the sources of the original program and using software drivers
- **Automatic protection** by intervening directly on the executable file of the original program

### 5.1 Manual protection

*Manual protection* means that the programmer has to intervene on the source of the program to be protected, to add the functions supplied. These functions enable interfacing between the program and SmartKey via its drivers (from now on we shall use the term “Application Programming Interface” or API when referring to the set of all these functions).

This is the appropriate software protection method, which makes it possible to independently define one's own protection strategy (how many calls to make in order to verify presence of the dongle, in which points of the program and when to make them, which actions to take if the dongle is absent, etc.).

Although this method calls for considerable effort by the programmer, if you have the sources of the programs to be protected, manual protection is the mechanism allowing for maximum flexibility and security.

The atomic functions of API are explained in chapter 9. However, a simplistic use of API is not sufficient to guarantee that the programs protected with SmartKey reach an adequate level of security. One should also make use of the protection techniques described in chapter 10, which suggest powerful protection strategies. We strongly advise you to read chapter 10: even a small, apparently harmless structuring of the code may frustrate all the protection work if it contains security-critical elements. Here is a simple example: the password must not be saved in non-encrypted form on the hard disk or must not be transmitted non-encrypted between server and client.

APIs are available Linux, Mac OS X and Windows and have an identical syntax for all three operating systems. This speeds up and simplifies porting of the code portions for protecting your program from one operating system to another.

### 5.2 Automatic protection

*Automatic protection* means the possibility of fully automating the procedure for protecting an executable file without having to manually intervene on the structure of the original program, thus relieving the programmer from what is sometimes a difficult job.

The *Global Security System (GSS)* proprietary technology is used to this end. It implements the automatic protection by transforming a program so that it cannot operate without the presence of a suitable protection dongle.

By using the supplied *GSS* software, you don't have to worry either about modifying the program you wish to protect, or possessing the source: starting from the original file in executable format, a second executable file is generated. It performs the same functions as the original file, providing the correct SmartKey is inserted in the system.

*GSS* operates in an extremely sophisticated manner, because it does not just add the call to SmartKey to the program being protected. It also actually encrypts the original program. The encrypting can be decrypted if the program is executed in the presence of the correct SmartKey.

When the program treated with *GSS* is commanded to execute, it immediately decrypts itself automatically. The program cannot be decrypted without SmartKey. The encrypting operation does not slow down execution of the protected program.

It is virtually impossible to analyze a file encrypted by *GSS*, because the software's reverse engineering has no significance until it is decoded in run-time. All the messages in text format in the original executable file (e.g. containing the name of the software house, the customer's name, serial number, the value of some constants) are also transformed into a sequence of indecipherable characters, thus preventing alterations by the utilities that act directly on the hard-disk sectors.

The automatic protection performed by *GSS* also makes use of a set of optional mechanisms that make it possible to solve the specific requirements of every applicative situation, e.g. periodic control of dongle presence.

A detailed description of how to automatically protect a program by using *GSS* can be found in chapter 8.

The *GSS* version is available for Windows only, and, therefore, only Windows programs can be automatically protected.

### 5.3 Should I use manual or automatic protection?

Before you begin the software protection operation, you must define the technique to be used. What are the differences between automatic protecting and personalized protection? The answer is provided briefly in the following table:

Type of protection	Time required	Is IT knowledge required?	Are the program's source codes necessary?	Security
Manual	Hours	✓	✓	Very high
Automatic	Minutes			High

**Table 3** Type of protection to use.

**Manual protection** is preferable when you have the sources, because, thanks to its flexibility, it helps introduce a very high level of security. Some initial implementation effort is required, which, however, enables you to implement personalized protection strategies.

**Automatic protection** is a secure, fast solution. When you have to protect a Windows program, this technique enables you to solve situations such as:

- Sources unavailable: the typical case of software distributors not protected by dongles in the country of origin.
- Limited time for implementing the protection.
- Programs written in uncommon programming languages, and, therefore, without the relevant software drivers for manual protection.

---

## 6 Protection in a local network

When several computers are connected in a local network, the network software can be protected in one of the following ways:

- Fit a standalone protective dongle (*FX, PR, EP, SP, XM*) on each of the computers enabled to execute the program. In this case, there is no need for any modification of the software, which is already protected for the standalone mode.
- Fit only one *NET* type protective dongle with the relevant SmartKey server software.

*SmartKey NET* is an extension of the *SP* model. It has all the latter's main characteristics, and some additional characteristics, enabling protection by using a **single dongle** installed on any computer on the network or on a non-dedicated server.

The software supplied with the dongle enables each computer on the network to interrogate the only *SmartKey NET* dongle. There is, therefore, no need to use as many dongles as the number of work stations on the network.

With the proprietary **Map** technology – Multi Application Protection, *SmartKey NET* also:

- Protects **several different programs** operating on a network (up to 116),
- Restricts, for each protected program, **the maximum number of users** who may simultaneously use the program, in order to keep the use licenses under control. For example, PROG1 can be enabled for 12 licenses, PROG2 for 27, PROG3 for an unlimited number of licenses, etc...
- Restricts the **number of executions** of each of the protected programs. This can be useful if you wish to create demo versions of the software or if you want to adopt a software hire policy, allowing the user a set number of executions.

### 6.1 Automatic protection on a local network

In addition to protecting programs operating in standalone mode, *GSS* can also protect networked programs.

Use of the protected program is absolutely transparent to the end-user. The latter may use both a local dongle and a network dongle: *GSS* initially searches the dongle on the local ports and, if the search fails, it continues by attempting to communicate with a network dongle.

### 6.2 Manual protection on a local network

The great popularity of local networks calls for a simple, intuitive approach for interfacing toward the dongle. SmartKey makes use of **Multilan** technology, which enables software developers to protect programs with a single driver independent of the operating environment, in either standalone or network mode.

- MultiLan is a single driver, for both standalone and networked programs
- MultiLan automatically identifies the type of network.

The end-user just has to install *SmartKey NET* dongle or on any PC in the Lan. If the program is locally executed, the driver automatically searches for the dongle (*SmartKey FX, PR, EP, SP, XM*) on the parallel port of the local PC.

### 6.3 Protecting several programs with SmartKey

In the Lan environment, one *SmartKey NET* only need be used to protect several software programs. The technology used is named **Map – Multi Application Protection** and makes it possible to:

- Protect more than one program in a standalone environment or on a network. In the case of a local network, one can also define a different number of enabled licenses for each protected program.
- Limit the number of executions of each of the protected programs. This can be useful if you have to create demo versions of the software or adopt a software hire policy. When the number of executions preset on the counter (reduced at every program start) expire, the program is not allowed to start any more.

## 7 SmartKey's internal structure

The structure of SmartKey dongles entails the use of some internal registers, each with a particular protection function:

- Id-Code register
- Label register (16 bytes)
- Password register (16 bytes)
- Secure Data register (64 / 128 / 416 / 896 / 8192 bytes)
- Fail Counter register (2 bytes)

### 7.1 Id-Code register: the personal code

*Id-Code* is a register programmed in the factory as each dongle is tested, and cannot be modified any more. Every SmartKey user has a different identification code, and the total number of possible codes is  $2^{32}$  (equal to about 4,000,000,000).

*Id-Code* is present in all SmartKey models and ensures that the dongles of different users are securely different from each other. In fact, it assigns a unique personal code to every owner of the protection dongles.

For reasons of security, the identification code indicated in the *Id-Code* register is not directly legible, but its value influences the result of the algorithmic interrogation of the dongle. Different users have different *Id-Codes* and, therefore, the relevant dongles provide different answers to the algorithmic interrogation by the protected software.

### 7.2 Label register: the identification and access label

The *Label* register contains one of the two codes for accessing the dongle and its function is to identify the correct dongle for the particular program being executed. In fact, the label is an electronic identification label inside the dongle.

The function of the *Label* register is particularly important when several *SmartKey Parallel* dongles are stacked in a daisy chain on the same parallel port. In fact, in this case, the *Label* is a kind of address, enabling the protected software to interrogate the correct dongle. To check the presence of the searched for dongle, the protected software sends the value of the *Label* to the parallel port: only the dongle with the coinciding *Label* will provide an answer.

It is therefore important to assign a different *Label* to each of your application programs, so that several SmartKey dongles can be installed simultaneously.

The *Label* register measures 16 bytes ( $2^{128}$  combinations, equal to  $3 \cdot 10^{38}$ ). As the number of combinations is enormous, it would be impossible for two different software-houses to decide to assign the same *Label* to their programs.

By using the programmable dongles (*PR*, *EP*, *SP*, *XM* and *NET*), the *Label* can be programmed off-line with the SPC utility, by selecting the programming mode, or on-line by means of the supplied software drivers.

For *FX* dongles, the *Label* register is fixed and coincides with the *Id-Code*.

<b>FX</b>	Non-programmable <i>Label</i>	Id-Code
<b>PR EP SP XM NET</b>	Programmable <i>Label</i>	16 bytes

**Table 4** Table of SmartKeys with non-programmable and programmable *Label*.

### 7.3 Password register: the data access dongle

The *Password* register is extremely important in the protection mechanism, because only if you know how it was programmed, can you access the data contained in the dongle's non-volatile memory. Similarly to the combination of a safe, knowing the correct *Password* will open the dongle and thus provide access to the safe's contents.

The *Password* register, which measures 16 bytes, can be programmed with the SPC utility, by selecting the programming mode.

One can never directly read the contents of the *Password* set in the dongle: access to the *Password* is possible only in writing mode during programming.

The *Password* can also be re-programmed, even if you do not know the previous one. In this case, however, the contents of the data memory (Secure Data) are automatically reset.

#### 7.4 **Secure Data register: the data of the non-volatile memory**

The *Secure Data* register is a non-volatile memory inside the dongle, which can be accessed only if you know the Password. If you control the contents of the register, you are shown if an attempted 'break-in' is concerned, or lawful installation of the software.

Model	Memory
FX Parallel/USB	0
PR, EP Parallel/USB	64
PR, EP USB Driver Less	128
SP Parallel	416
SP USB	896
XM USB	8192
NET Parallel/USB	416

**Table 5** SmartKey memory size.

The *Secure Data* intervene in different ways in the protection mechanism, but mainly through an operation that compares the expected contents with the contents effectively read by the dongle: the result of the comparison enables you to decide whether or not to continue execution of the program.

In the case of the *SP*, *XM* and *NET* dongles, the register is also used for storing the user-programmable security algorithm. Lastly, with the *NET* network dongle, some bytes are used to define the maximum number of simultaneous users of the protected program and any limitation of the total number of executions. The license management register requires 2 bytes for enabling the service, and 3 bytes for each protected program.

The *Secure Data* can be read or written from software providing the correct *Password* is first transferred.

If the *Password* is incorrect, the reading operations do not get the content of the *Secure Data*, but a pseudo-random series of bits. Writing operations with an incorrect *Password* have no effect, in order not to alter the valid content of programmed data.

#### 7.5 **Fail Counter register: the incorrect accesses alarms**

The *Fail Counter* register, available in the *EP*, *SP*, *XM* and *NET* dongles only, enables automatic counting of the number of incorrect access attempts to the dongle.

Whenever a read or write access with an incorrect *Password* is attempted, the content of the register is automatically increased by one.

This is therefore a counter that is automatically incremented for reading only, and indicates 'break-in' attempts by a search of the *Password*. For reasons of security, the counter cannot be reset by any of the dongle's writing or programming functions.

Counting is in the range from 0 to 10,000. The register is read during a READING MODE, subject to knowledge of the Password. If the *Password* is incorrect, the returned number is randomly generated.

The software to be protected can use the register for verifying any unlawful access attempts. For example, if the dongle is used to permit access to the databanks or confidential data, the software can permanently disable it by altering the content of the *Secure Data*, after a programmed number of incorrect access attempts (including non-consecutive attempts).

## 8 Automatic protection

The *Global Security System (GSS)* program protects the program automatically without having to write any code lines and without having the program's source files. Starting from the program's executable file, *GSS* generates a protected program. The protected program obtained in this way has the same functions as the original one, but can operate solely with the SmartKey for which it was generated, and with the SmartKeys with the same configuration as the generated program.

*GSS* offers a further degree of security: the encrypting of the executable file of the new program. Thanks to sophisticated encrypting algorithms, it is extremely difficult to obtain the original program from the protected one. So *GSS* offers two independent protection mechanisms:

- program shut-down if the SmartKey dongle is not present
- encrypting of the data contained in the new executable file

*GSS* also makes it possible to encrypt all the files managed by the application software. This ensures a further level of security.

Thanks to *GSS*, SmartKey offers other advantages. It can be used to effectively limit the number of executions when programs are distributed for demo purposes. When the set limit is reached, the software disables itself. Furthermore, protecting various programs in the Lan environment is now a simple matter, thanks to SmartKey. The maximum number of licenses for the protected program can also be set.

All SmartKey models are compatible with *GSS*. In the case of *SmartKey FX*, protection is based only on the *Identification Code*. For the other models, the protection is based also on other elements such as *Password* and *Secure Data*.

Figure 1 shows the *GSS* panel, which is used for inputting all data required to create the protected program. All the fields to be input are explained in the paragraphs of this chapter.

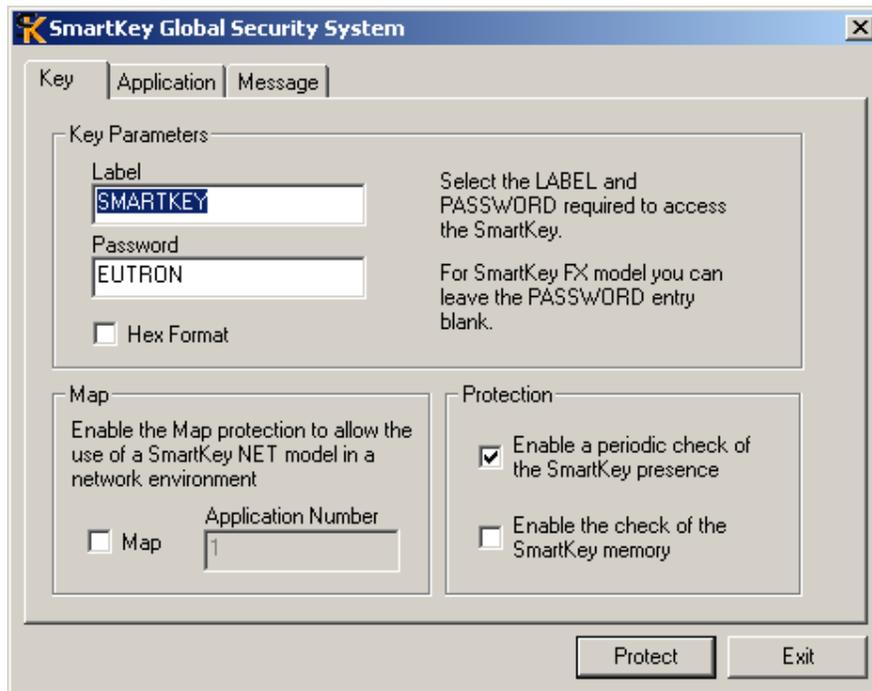


Figure 1 GSS Interface.

### 8.1 Automatic protection with GSS

SmartKey's protection makes use of *GSS* technology, which is supplied with a package of *GSS.EXE* utilities, supplied together with the SmartKey Kit. Here is a summary list of some of the advantages offered by this utility:

- Automatic protection of executable files
- Optional encryption of data files associated with the protected programs
- Protection based on *Label*, *Password* and *Memory*
- Periodic control of SmartKey presence

- Selection of the message to be displayed

## 8.2 Protection of Windows platforms with GSS

*Global Security System* can protect all executable files created for the following platforms: Windows 9x, Windows Me, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 2003, Windows Vista, Windows 7 and later.

To start the protected Windows programs, the following run-time modules must be present in the same executable directory: *modw9x.exe*, *gssvx12.vxd* and *modwnt.exe*. These files are automatically created by the GSS utility into the destination folder during the protection process. With Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 2003, Windows Vista and Windows 7 the driver of the GSS device specific for these operating systems must also be installed. To correctly install the device's driver, the user must possess the administration rights.

The SmartKey driver and the GSS device can be installed manually with the SDI utility or automatically, by integrating the SDI library with your installation procedure.

## 8.3 GSS: the common options

The different versions of GSS have a single user interface. This protects the integrity of the object code of the protected programs. It is particularly useful when, in attempting to alter a part of the code or of the numeric parameters or text strings, a hacker fraudulently modifies the object code.

Even the smallest of changes, even if only one bit is concerned, is detected by GSS, which displays a warning message at program start and immediately stops the program. GSS also provides the possibility of entering a text that is shown if the dongle is absent, or if the program file is corrupted.

### 8.3.1 Control of dongle presence

SmartKey users can often send commands for maintaining a list of dongle presences by using the Periodic Check option. This list guarantees users that the dongle is present during the entire execution of the protected program.

The "Enable a periodic check of the SmartKey presence" option also prevents the users removing the dongle after a program has been started. In the absence of the dongle, the appliance would continue operating, because no request to control dongle presence would be sent.

Furthermore, periodic control of dongle presence instead of continuous control helps starting numerous copies of the same program. This is because, in the absence of continuous control, one can first start the protected program and then remove the dongle for a given time, in order to start copies of the same program.

### 8.3.2 Programming Error Messages

SmartKey enables users to personalize the error messages that are displayed in special conditions. By using this function, one can define the error messages to one's liking. These are the conditions for which one can program error messages:

- SmartKey dongle not present
- Program code changed

The list of programmable messages depends on both the SmartKey model and the Configuration character of the Protection. The GSS utility also suggests some default messages for each of the error situations listed above.

### 8.3.3 Encryption of executable code

The GSS by default fully encrypts the original file, so that the new executable file is wholly encrypted. This defends the program against hacker attacks, because it is virtually impossible to disassemble the original program by using the executable file generated by GSS.

Any protection strategy without encryption techniques offers a rather low level of protection. Cryptography is reversible only if the SmartKey used for cryptography is connected to the computer. If the SmartKey is missing, the cryptography is irreversible.

In the case of Windows-based programs, cryptography makes it possible to avoid exporting and unlawful copying of one's resources. This is necessary, because there are many Windows-based programs that allow extraction of their resources (icons, cursors, dialogues, menus, bitmaps, toolbars, etc.) and also the copying and reuse of such resources.

### 8.3.4 Parameter-based protection

SmartKey users can use a protection based on a multiplicity of parameters in addition to that offered by cryptography. This ensures that the protected program operates only when the dongle being used is the same as the one originally used for creating the file. This is because each dongle has a unique set of parameters including *Id-Code*, *Label*, *Password* and *Memory*.

However, parameter-based protection is an option that can be easily disabled, except for the *Label*. Use of the *Label* is obligatory. When a protected program is operating and the dongle's optional parameters are disabled, only the *Label* is controlled, while the other parameters are overlooked. With a good combination of labels only, the program is successfully executed.

### 8.3.5 Message displayed in absence of the dongle (key)

If the protected program is activated in the absence of the relevant SmartKey, it stops and the following default message is shown: **No Key**.

This message is not fixed. In common with messages associated with other functions, the GSS.EXE utility makes it possible to also replace the standard message with a personalized one.

### 8.3.6 Limitation of number of executions and licenses

Use of SmartKey is not limited just to programs protected against unauthorized accesses. SmartKey also enables you to set the number of executions and licenses permitted for the protected program. This function is particularly useful for issuing demo versions of a program. It provides users with the possibility of limited use of the program. When the set number of executions is reached, the program stops operating.

Moreover, the possibility of limiting the number of licenses guarantees that the program is used inline with the licenses policy. This function is available with the *SmartKey NET* version.

### 8.3.7 Automatic cryptography of data files

To make a program completely safe against unauthorized accesses, not only must one protect the executable program, but also all the relevant data/databases (.DBF, .DAT, etc.) associated with it. Thanks to GSS technology, SmartKey now lets you do all this.

When a data string is sent to the dongle, the pre-programmed algorithm is used to encrypt it. The GSS utility is used mainly for this purpose. When it is being started, the encrypted program automatically decrypts the encrypted files. When not in use, these files are again encrypted.

### 8.3.8 Protection of programs on a network

In addition to protecting programs operating in standalone mode, SmartKey also provides security for programs based on a Local Area Network. As a protected program is used in an absolutely transparent way for the end-user, both a local and a network dongle can be used. The GSS technology first searches for the device on the local ports. If it does not find a dongle, it begins to communicate with a Lan device.

*SmartKey NET* was developed in particular with this in mind. The software supplied with the dongle enables networked computers to send the request to a single *SmartKey NET*. Consequently, there is no longer any need to use as many dongles as the number of stations connected to the network.

### 8.3.9 Protecting files executable in series

It may sometimes be necessary to automatically protect several executable files, in a single operation. In this situation, *gssline.exe*, which is the command line version of GSS, is very useful.

This is the syntax for executing GSSLINE:

```
gssline CFG_FILE EXE_FILE [DATA_FILE...] DESTINATION_DIR
```

CFG_FILE	The configuration file.
EXE_FILE or DATA_FILE	The name of the .EXE or data file to be protected.
DESTINATION_DIR	The path where the final protected .EXE file is located.

**Table 6**

When typing in the command line, the following must be considered:

- The path of the protected file (DESTINATION\_DIR) to be produced by GSSLINE, must differ from the path where the original file (EXE\_FILE|DATA\_FILE) is located.
- Clearly indicate the extension of each file (.CFG and .EXE).

## 8.4 Rapid implementation of the program's protection

In this chapter, we have up to now deal, in detail, with automatic protection of software. We shall now describe a set of key steps for rapidly implementing your program's application.

- Insert the *Label* and *Password* of your SmartKey and activate the protection based on *Memory*.
- If using *SmartKey NET*, the Map protection can be activated to control your program's licenses and executions.
- Select the Program file.
- Select an Icon file, if it exists.
- Select the possible data files referring to your program.
- Select the destination where your wish to save the protected file. We advise you to change the folder to avoid overwriting the original file.
- Change the Error Message (if you wish) according to the error situation.

---

## 9 Manual protection

Manual protection is based on the use of the functions of the library of the development kit supplied. The functions for SmartKey or API are implemented both as static libraries and as dynamic libraries (DLL, in the case of Windows). From a functional point of view, there is no difference between the two types of library. The dynamic libraries offer a lower degree of security because an expert hacker could understand when the protected program uses the dynamic library. This danger is cut down with static libraries because the link occurs when the executable file is generated.

Use of the APIs and implementation of powerful protection techniques make it possible to protect your work also against the menace of expert IT pirates with refined analysis instruments. It is very important to know these techniques, because a hacker could overcome the security systems through a banal weak point of the code. For example, the possibility of obtaining the *Label* or *Password* by analyzing the executable file must be absolutely avoided. The chapter 10 illustrates and gives examples of some of these protection techniques and is an essential addition to the current chapter.

The software drivers make it possible to activate a set of commands, each of which implements one of the following security operating modes:

- Locating mode: detects if the dongle is present, and on which parallel or USB port.
- Scrambling mode: algorithmically verifies if the *Id-Code* is correct.
- Reading mode: reads the Secure Data.
- Block Reading mode: reads the Secure Data in blocks.
- Writing mode: writes the Secure Data.
- Block Writing mode: writes the Secure Data in blocks.
- Fixing mode: fixes the contents of the dongle so that they can no longer be modified.
- Programming mode: reprograms the contents of the dongle.
- AES mode: algorithmically authenticates the SmartKey using the AES algorithm.

The SmartKey development kit contains the *smartdem* program that uses some of the commands explained in the following paragraphs. The program is the console type, and was written in C. It can be compiled with any C compiler in the following environments: Linux, Mac OS X and Windows.

The source code contained in *smartdem.c* is the same for all the operating systems, but the compiling mode is different.

### 9.1 Execution method of SmartKey commands

The execution method for SmartKey commands occurs through the exchange of a data field between the program and the SmartKey driver. The data field has a fixed format and contains all information necessary for executing the command and any result. It is defined as a structure (or record) with the following fields:

```
struct smartkey {
    word lpt;
    word command;
    byte label[16];
    byte password[16];
    byte data[64];
    word fail_counter;
    word status;
    byte ext_data[352];
}
```

Use of each field can vary according to the executed command, but is generally as follows.

lpt	Parallel or USB port identifier where the SmartKey dongle is located
command	Code of the command to be executed
label	The SmartKey's <i>Label</i> : The label is necessary for all commands.
password	The SmartKey's <i>Password</i> . The password is necessary for all commands requiring access to SmartKey's memory
data	The contents of SmartKey's memory and a generic buffer for operations requiring exchange of

	data
fail_counter	Counter of failed accesses to SmartKey.
status	Result of the execution of the command. Value 0 indicates that the command was correctly executed.
ext_data	Content of SmartKey's extended memory.

It should be considered that, although some fields have the same name as the dongle's physical registers, they are different entities. For example, the content of SmartKey's memory is actually present in the structure's *data* field only during *Reading* and *Writing* operations. For example, during the *Scrambling* operation, the *data* field contains the data for scrambling between PC and SmartKey. The *Scrambling* function uses the *data* field only as a variable in support of its own operations, and does not modify the content of SmartKey's memory.

To execute a command:

- Declare a structure type variable with SmartKey fields.
- Fill the variable's fields with the values requested by the command.  
In particular, the *command* field must be set to include the command to be executed, and all other fields required for executing the command itself.
- Call up the function defined in the SmartKey driver, passing the structure variable as the subject. The name of the function and the structure's passing method depend on the development environment being used. The function is generally called *msclink()* and the variable is passed according to address and not value.
- From the *status* field, read the result of the command and every other output value.

The SDK SmartKey contains examples of the main development environments. Refer to the *readme.txt* file of each example for more details on how to use the SmartKey driver in that specific environment.

If you wish to use a development environment differing from the environments explicitly supported, you can, in any event, make direct use of the available libraries, if the language being used is able to import static (in format .OBJ/.LIB) or dynamic (in format .DLL) external libraries.

## 9.2 Locating

The *Locating* command searches the SmartKey **with a label pre-fixed on all the ports of the system, whether parallel or USB**, and enables the protected software to detect on which of these ports the dongle is fitted.

The result of the *Locating* operation is the identifier of the port on which the dongle is installed. This identifier must be used for subsequent operations on the dongle. You cannot make assumption on this value, it may change depending on the SmartKey model, driver version, operating system installed and PC configuration. You must only get it in the *lpt* field after the *Locating* command and use it in all the other commands until the application end.

Use of the *Locating* function makes the protected software independent of the parallel/USB port on which the user installs the dongle.

After the *Locating* command the *lpt* field is filled with the identifier of the port on which the dongle is present.

Remember that with the FX dongles, the *Label* cannot be programmed and coincides with the *Id-Code*, whereas by using the programmable dongles, the *Label* can be programmed with any sequence of 16 bytes. In both cases, the *Locating* mode is fully operational.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	ALL	
Input	COMMAND LABEL	'L' Label
Output	LPT STATUS	Port Status ==0 SmartKey dongle found !=0 SmartKey dongle not found

**Table 7** Parameters for the *Locating* command.

### 9.2.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *Locating* operation, including search on all parallel and USB ports, for a dongle with a Label named "SMARTKEY".

COMMAND	4C 00	Locating ("L")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")

**Table 8** Exchange of information for the *Locating* command.

If a dongle containing the passed *Label* is present on a port, the *lpt* field will count its identifier.

### 9.3 Scrambling

The *Scrambling* mode supported by all SmartKey dongle models, is based on individual customization for every client of the *Id-Code* register. **Its function is to algorithmically discover if the Id-Code is correct.**

The identification code contained in the *Id-Code* register is used as the fundamental parameter of a mathematical coding function: a set of data are sent, processed and returned appropriately encrypted in a unique manner for every *Id-Code*. Dongle presence can therefore be verified by comparing the processed datum to the expected one.

Dongles with different *Id-Codes* use different codes and, therefore, input data being equal, the returned data will be different. This means that a table comparing original data and returned scrambled data can be associated with every different *Id-Code*.

The *Scrambling* algorithm used is high secure and non-linear.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	ALL	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL DATA[0..7]	'S' Port Label Original data (8 bytes)
Output	DATA[0..7] STATUS	Scrambled data (8 bytes) Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 9** Parameters for the *Scrambling* command.

If a *Locating* operation had been effected, the correct value is automatically assigned to the *lpt* field. This means that the programmer does not have to assign a value to that field.

The *Scrambling* function does not change the contents of the SmartKey memory, but uses the *data* field as a variable in support of the exchange of data.

#### 9.3.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *Scrambling* operation, including search for the dongle on the LPT1 parallel port:

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	53 00	Scrambling ("S")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
DATA	XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX	Data to be scrambled (8 bytes)

**Table 10** Exchange of information for the *Scrambling* command.

At the end of the operation, the first 8 bytes of the *data* field are replaced by the scrambled data that depend on both the sent original data and on the dongle's *Id-Code*.

In this case, the *lpt* field must be initialized according to the port concerned. This operation can be voided, by using the *Locating* command for automatic search of all the ports installed on the computer.

### 9.4 Reading

The programmable models of the SmartKey family are equipped with a protection system based on selective writing and reading access to the *Secure Data* register, by a password programmable on the software.

Every software-house can therefore personally encode the dongles in its possession merely by using the supplied utility software, and without the need for any external programming devices. The administration of the access codes and of the contents of the non-volatile memory is managed directly by the software-house, which thus become the unique holder of the personalization codes.

As concerns reading, the *Reading* function enables access to the *data* and *ext\_data* fields to verify their contents and compare them to the expected contents. Knowledge of *Label* and *Password* is necessary.

The *Reading* command allow the access of the first 416 bytes of memory. If the dongle has more than 416 bytes of memory, you must use the *BlockReading* command to completely access it.

For the *EP*, *SP*, *XM* and *NET* models, the value of the *FailCounter* register is also available in *Reading* mode.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	PR, EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND	'R'
	LPT	Port
	LABEL	Label
	PASSWORD	Password
Output	DATA	Read data
	EXT_DATA	Read extended data (for models with more than 64 bytes of memory)
	FAIL_CTR	Fail Counter (for models EP, SP, XM and NET only)
	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 11** *Reading* command parameters.

If the dongle found on the indicated port, with correct *Label* and *Password* values, the *data* field will contain the first 64 bytes of the read *Secure Data*, and in the case of dongles *SP*, *XM* and *NET*, the *ext\_data* field will contain the remaining 352 bytes.

If the *Password* passed to the dongle is incorrect, **Secure Data and Fail Counter are pseudo-randomly generated.**

#### 9.4.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters be transferred to execute a *READING* operation on a dongle present on the on the LPT1 parallel port:

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	52 00	Reading ("R")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")

**Table 12** Exchange of information for the *Reading* command.

### 9.5 Writing

If the *Password* is known, the *Secure Data* can be written in the same way specified for reading. The *Writing* function modifies on-line the contents of the *Secure Data*.

The *Writing* command allow the access of the first 416 bytes of memory. If the dongle has more than 416 bytes of memory, you must use the *BlockWriting* command to completely access it.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	PR, EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND	'W'
	LPT	Port
	LABEL	Label

	PASSWORD	Password
	DATA	Data to be written
	EXT_DATA	Extended data to be written (for models SP, XM and NET only)
Output	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 13** Writing command parameters.

If the dongle is found on the indicated port and if the *Label* and *Password* values are correct, the *data* field (and possibly the *ext\_data* field if the dongle has enough memory) will be transferred to the dongle's *Secure Data*.

If the password passed to the dongle is incorrect, **the data present in the Secure Data register are not changed.**

### 9.5.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters needing to be transferred to execute a *Writing* operation on a dongle fitted on the on the LPT1 parallel port:

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	57 00	Reading ("W")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX ...	Data
EXT_DATA	XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX ...	Ext Data

**Table 14** Exchange of information for the *Writing* command.

### 9.6 Block Reading mode

The *BlockReading* mode enables reading portions of the *Secure Data*, for example, one, two or a few words rather than the entire field. This saves a few fractions of a second compared to full reading with the *Reading*.

The *BlockReading* command is the only reading command which gives access to all the dongle memory.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	PR, EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND	'BR'
	LPT	Port
	LABEL	Label
	PASSWORD	Password
	DATA[0,1]	Pointer at the first word to be read (from 0 to 31 for models with 64 bytes of memory, from 0 to 63 for 128 bytes, from 0 to 207 for 416 bytes, from 0 to 447 for 896 bytes) (2 bytes)
	DATA[2,3]	Number of words to be read (from 1 to 16) (2 bytes)
Output	DATA[4,...]	Values to be read in the area indicated by the two previous parameters (2 - 32 bytes)
	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 15** *BlockReading* command parameters.

If the *Password* passed to the dongle is incorrect, **Secure Data and Fail Counter are pseudo-randomly generated.**

### 9.6.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *BlockReading* operation on a dongle present on the LPT1 parallel port. 15 words must be read (000F hex = 30 bytes) starting from the twelfth word (000B hex = address 11).

Remember that, in the parameter transfer structure, the first two bytes of the *data* field are reserved for the address of the first word to be read, and the subsequent two bytes contain the number of words to be read. The read data block will be contained from in the fifth byte onward, at the end of the operation.

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	52 42	Block Reading ("BR")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	0B 00 0F 00	Address and Number of Words

**Table 16** Exchange of information for the *BlockReading* command.

### 9.7 Block Writing

The *BlockWriting* function makes it possible to write portions of *Secure Data*, e.g. one, two or a few words rather than the whole field. This saves a few fractions of a second compared to complete writing with the *Writing*.

The *BlockWriting* command is the only writing command which gives access to all the dongle memory.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	PR, EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND	'BW'
	LPT	Port
	LABEL	Label
	PASSWORD	Password
	DATA[0,1]	Pointer at the first word to be written (from 0 to 31 for models with 64 bytes of memory, from 0 to 63 for 128 bytes, from 0 to 207 for 416 bytes, from 0 to 447 for 896 bytes) (2 bytes)
	DATA[2,3]	Number of words to be written (from 1 to 16) (2 bytes)
	DATA[4,...]	Values to be written in the area indicated by the two previous parameters (2 - 32 bytes)
Output	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 17** *BlockWriting* command parameters.

If the *Password* passed to the dongle is incorrect, the data present in the *Secure Data* register are not changed.

#### 9.7.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *BlockWriting* operation on a dongle present on the LPT1 parallel port. 10 words must be written (000A hex = 20 bytes) starting from the first word (0000 hex = address 0).

Remember that, in the parameter transfer structure, the first two bytes of the *data* field are reserved for the address of the first word to be written, and the subsequent two bytes contain the number of words. The bytes to be written are contained from in the fifth byte onward.

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	46 00	Fixing Mode ("F")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")

PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	0B 00 0F 00 XX	Address, Number of Words, and Data

**Table 18** Exchange of information for the *BlockWriting* command.

### 9.8 Fixing

Fixing data means preventing further programming of the Label, Password and Secure Data registers. **In practice, previously programmed data can be frozen.** After the *Fixing* mode has been executed, SmartKey's contents can no longer be changed in any way. The data fixing mode, together with the *Fail Counter Register* is available only on models *EP*, *SP*, *XM* and *NET*.

The possibility of fixing data enables a software-house to generate totally personalized, no longer alterable dongles. Attempts to change the contents are therefore discouraged, e.g. to vary access priority to databanks or to enable non specified software modules.

The *Fixing* operation should not be performed in testing, otherwise you would no longer be able to re-program the dongle.

We therefore recommend that the possibility of fixing the contents programmed in the dongle should only be evaluated during the final stage of implementing the protection. Important: bear in mind that the additional functions involving memory writing will not be available.

This command cannot be executed from lan, it works only with a local connection with the SmartKey.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND	'F'
	LPT	Port
	LABEL	Label
	PASSWORD	Password
	DATA	Data contained in the dongle
	EXP_DATA	Extended data contained in the dongle (for models SP, XM and NET only).
Output	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 19** *Fixing* command parameters.

*Fixing* is executed **only if the sent parameters - Label, Password and Secure Data - coincide with the contents of the respective registers.**

#### 9.8.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *Fixing* operation with dongle on the LPT1 parallel port, including sending of *label*, *password* and *data* fields, and comparison with the expected. If the parameters coincide, they are fixed.

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	46 00	Fixing Mode("F")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	53 45 43 55 52 49 54 59 20 44 41 54 41 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Data ("SECURITY DATA")

	00 00	
EXP_DATA	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...	Exp Data

**Table 20** Exchange of information for the *Fixing* command.

### 9.9 Programming

The *Programming* is used for fully re-programming the dongle and, in particular, the *Label* and *Password* registers.

The *Programming* facility allows you to set up your own program dedicated to preconfiguring the dongles, usually connected to a database, in order to associated the content of each dongle with a customers and/or products list.

To program new *Labels* and *Passwords*, you do not have to know the previous *Password* (whereas you must know the current *Label*), because the operation automatically resets the set *Secure Data* register (it is filled with 0). For obvious reasons linked to security, the *Fail Counter* is not reset.

If you have forgotten to value of the current *Label* during the tests, you can return to the default situation with the SPC utility.

The *Programming* mode is necessary for off-line programming of the dongle. We therefore advise you not to use it on-line in the software to be protected, both for reasons of safety and to prevent a programming error from activating the function on a different SmartKey in the system. Furthermore, it is normally sufficient to act on the dongle with the *Reading* and *Writing* functions that limit their action to the *Secure Data* register.

This command cannot be executed from lan, it works only with a local connection with the SmartKey.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	PR, EP, SP, XM NET	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL PASSWORD DATA[0..15]	'P' Port New Label New Password Current label (16 bytes)
Output	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 21** *Programming* command parameters.

#### 9.9.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters needing to be transferred to execute a *Programming* operation, with access to the dongle on the LPT1 parallel port, and programming of *Label* and *Password*. Let's suppose that the *Label* saved before the operation was "LABELOLD":

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	50 00	Programming("P")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	4C 41 42 45 4C 4F 4C 44 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Current Label ("LABELOLD")

**Table 22** Exchange of information for the *Programming* command.

If the dongle is found on the indicated port, the *Label* and *Password* values are transferred to the dongle, whereas the *Secure Data* in the dongle are automatically reset. The current *Label* uses the first 16 bytes of the *data* field, which are normally used for transferring *Secure Data*.

### 9.10 Comparing

The *Comparing* mode was introduced to simplify use of the dongles and to help those addressing software protection technique for the first time.

This is the simplest mechanism for using the stand-alone programmable SmartKeys dongles, i.e. models *PR*, *EP*, *SP* and *XM*. It enables automatic verification, on all the system's ports, of the presence of a protection dongle with *Label*, *Password* and *Secure Data* assigned, to find out if the dongle is present and on which door.

*Comparing* is therefore an extension of the *Locating*, valid for programmable dongles only. It can be useful in programs where verification of dongle presence is sufficient, without the need to update the contents by means of *Secure Data* rewriting operations.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	PR, EP, SP, XM	
Input	COMMAND	'C'
	LABEL	Label
	PASSWORD	Password
	DATA	Data
Output	FAIL_CTR	Fail Counter
	STATUS	Status >=0 Success, number of the port where the dongle is located. <0 Error

**Table 23** *Comparing* command parameters.

The *status* field indicates if the operation was successful, returning the port number or a value of less than 0 in case of an error.

#### 9.10.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *Comparing* operation, including search for the dongle on all parallel ports present:

COMMAND	50 00	Comparing ("C")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	53 45 43 55 52 49 54 59 20 44 41 54 41 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Data("SECURITY DATA")

**Table 24** Exchange of information for the *Comparing* command.

If the dongle is found on any of the ports present on the system, and with correct *Label*, *Password* and *Secure Data* values, the status variable will have a value of 1,2 or 3 at the end of the operation, according to the LPT.

### 9.11 Model Reading

The *ModelReading* function enables one to identify the installed SmartKey model. This is an accessory function, which, for example, can be used to activate a different type of behavior for software packages operating in both standalone and network versions.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	ALL	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL	'M' Port Label
Output	DATA[0]  DATA[1]  STATUS	SmartKey model = '1', FX = '2', PR = '3', EP = '9', SP = 'A', NET = 'D', XM  Memory available on the dongle = '0', 0 bytes = '1', 64 bytes = '2', 128 bytes = '3', 416 bytes = '4', 896 bytes = '8', 8192 bytes  Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 25** *ModelReading* command parameters.

#### 9.11.1 Parameter transfer

Parameters to be transferred to execute a *ModelReading* operation, with access to the dongle on the LPT1 parallel port.

LPT	01 00	Port
COMMAND	4D 00	Model Reading ("M")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")

**Table 26** Exchange of information for the *ModelReading* command.

If the dongle is found on the indicated port, the dongle model is available on the first byte of the *data* field.

### 9.12 Serial Number Reading

This command reads the SmartKey's *Serial Number*. The *Serial Number* is a 32-bit number unique for every SmartKey.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	ALL	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL	'N' Port Label
Output	DATA[0,1,2,3] STATUS	Serial Number Status

	==0 Success
	!=0 Error

**Table 27** *SerialNumbe Reading* command parameters.

### 9.13 Ext Model Reading

This command reads the extended information on the SmartKey dongle.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	ALL	
Input	COMMAND	'H'
	LPT	Port
	LABEL	Label
Output	DATA[0]	Mode = '1', FX = '2', PR = '3', EP = '9', SP = 'A', NET = 'D', XM
	DATA[1]	Memory available on the dongle = '0', 0 bytes = '1', 64 bytes = '2', 128 bytes = '3', 416 bytes = '4', 896 bytes = '8', 8192 bytes
	DATA[2]	Hardware model = 2, Parallel = 3, USB = 4, USB DL (Driver Less)
	DATA[3]	Functionalities (organized as a bit mask) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>bit 0 (value 1)</b> - AES_SET_MODE and AES_SCRAMBLE_MODE commands available</li> <li>• <b>bit 1 (value 2)</b> - Anti-sharing and anti-emulation protection active</li> <li>• <b>bit 3 (value 8)</b> - the AES keys are setup with the AES_SET_MODE command</li> </ul>
	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 28** *ExtModelReading* command parameters.

### 9.14 Fix Reading

This command reads the value of the *Fix* register.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND	'X'
	LPT	Port

	LABEL PASSWORD	Label Password
Output	DATA[0]  STATUS	= 1, SmartKey Fixed = 0, SmartKey not Fixed  Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 29** *FixReading* command parameters.

### 9.15 Fail Counter Reading

This command reads the value of the *Fail Counter* register. This is the same value obtained with the *Reading* command. With this command, you can obtain the register's value without reading all the memory.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	EP, SP, XM, NET	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL PASSWORD	'A' Port Label Password
Output	FAIL_COUNTER STATUS	Fail Counter value Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 30** *FailCounterReading* command parameters.

### 9.16 AES authentication

The AES authentication is based on user customization of twenty security codes. **Its function is to algorithmically discover if SmartKey is present.**

These commands allow a new authentication way using the AES 128 bit algorithm, as alternative to the *Scrambling* command, without the need of using a big scrambling table of known input/output scrambling pairs.

The AES authentication is supported by all SmartKey 3 USB. You can check if your SmartKey supports the AES authentication using the *ExtModelReading* command and checking for the corresponding functionality bit.

#### 9.16.1 Authentication

To identify the SmartKey dongle, the application generates a pseudo-random number and sends it to the dongle.

The dongle executes the XOR operation of the random number sent by the application and with serial number previously stored, then it replies by encrypting it.

$$\text{RESULT} = \text{AES\_ENCRYPT}(\text{RAND XOR SERIAL})$$

The application is so ready to decrypt the result and to get the serial number by executing the XOR operation with the pseudo-random number.

$$\text{SERIAL} = \text{AES\_DECRYPT}(\text{RESULT}) \text{ XOR RAND}$$

If the serial number is valid the application assumes that the SmartKey is present.

- by using a pseudo-random value it is sure that the dongle answers differently each time and so the same answer can not be used twice
- the cryptography utilization allows only at the application to correctly interpret the serial number
- the application can verify the serial exactness by setting beforehand part of this number equal to a fixed value.  
Example: having a 16 byte serial, 8 of these 16 bytes can be set to '0' for all the serial numbers. If these 8 bytes are equal to '0' after the decryption, the application is sure that the answer received from the key is really valid. This check assures that the program is talking with a real dongle and not with a fake one.

### 9.16.2 Utilization

In order to use the new commands, the application to be protected should use the standalone or multilan (only with the LOCAL protocol) driver that provides the common SmartKey interface and the new AES authentication commands.

According to the challenge-response protocol structure, the application must contain the AES 128 bit algorithm and a pseudo-random numbers generator in order to implement the communication with the SmartKey. It is important to underline that this implementation must be included into the application and not into the SmartKey driver because moving the authenticity from the application to the SmartKey driver, the application might work even with a fake driver.

The application code should also include some protection methods in order to hide the cryptographic key used by the authentication process.

### 9.17 AES Set

This command sets 20 different 16-byte cryptographic keys for the AES algorithm and the 16 byte serial number. The cryptographic keys and the serial number, once written on the SmartKey, can't be extracted or overwritten any longer even if you run the command again. In other words, this command can be executed only once.

**WARNING! the AES keys can be set ONLY ONE TIME!**

This command cannot be executed from lan, it works only with a local connection with the SmartKey.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Model	Only SmartKey 3 USB	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL EXTDATA[0..15] EXTDATA[16..31] ... EXTDATA[320..335]	'G' SmartKey port SmartKey Label Serial number to be set First AES key  Twentieth AES key
Output		None

**Table 31** *AESSet* command parameters.

### 9.18 AES Scramble

This command executes the AES authentication operation. The SmartKey operates on a pseudo-random value chosen by the application and gets back a value that is recognized by the application and allows it to verify the SmartKey presence based on the communication protocol previously described.

Before to use this command you must have setup the AES keys with the *AESSet* command.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Model	Only SmartKey 3 USB	
Input	COMMAND LPT LABEL DATA[0..15] DATA[16]	'O' SmartKey port SmartKey Label Pseudo-random values to use AES key to use. The first key has index 0. The last key has index 19.
Output	DATA[0..15]	Protocol result.

**Table 32** *AESScramble* command parameters.

### 9.19 Errors

After a command, in the *status* field in the communication may assume one of the following values:

Nome	Valore	Descrizione
------	--------	-------------

ST_OK	0	Operation completed with success.
ST_NONE_KEY	-1	Device not found. This error is due by: SmartKey not correctly inserted in the Parallel or USB port. Drivers not correctly installed. Wrong LABEL used.
ST_SYNT_ERR	-2	Syntax error in the command. This error is due by: One of the arguments of the command is invalid. The command is not support by the specific model of SmartKey used. For example you are trying to read the memory of a SmartKey without memory. The command is prohibited in the current SmartKey state. For example you are trying to write the memory in a SmartKey with the memory <i>Fixing</i> flag set.
ST_LABEL_FAILED	-3	Wrong LABEL used. Depending on the command or on the SmartKey model it may be returned this error or the ST_NONE_KEY error.
ST_PW_DATA_FAILED	-4	Wrong PASSWORD used.
ST_HW_FAILURE	-20	An integrity check on the hardware device is failed.

### 9.20 Some suggestions on using SmartKey's functions

Combined use of the listed functions enables you to set up protection criteria providing high security and flexibility. However, we should make some *minimum* suggestions to ensure secure implementation of the protection.

- Always use the *Locating* command to detect dongle presence. This will help you make the program independent of the parallel port where the SmartKey dongle is installed
- Use the *Scrambling* mode with different values or better the *AESScrambling* mode in different points of the program. If the result of subsequent comparisons is positive, you will be sure that a dongle with your *Id-Code* is installed on the PC.
- If you are using programmable dongles, run a *Reading* operation in different points of the program: you will be able to compare the read values with the expected values, and ensure that the software being run is really authorized thanks to the special programming of the installed SmartKey dongle.

The chapter 10 introduces some further suggestions for secure implementation of the protection.

---

## 10 Program protection techniques and examples

By using the SmartKey protection dongles, you have put in place a powerful deterrent against attempts to abusively duplicate software. However, remember that a principle typical of all security systems applies to the software protection battle too.

### **A security system has the same degree of vulnerability as its weakest component**

Consequently, a great deal of attention must be focused not only on the type of protection but also on the protection's software implementation methods.

In other words, using a protection dongle without accurately implementing it in the software means stopping medium-shrewd hackers (people doing it for a hobby, occasional users, etc.), but not criminal-commercial organizations, which may have the time, economic resources and skills to copy software or obtain confidential data.

We therefore thought it useful to provide a list below of some techniques and useful suggestions. The choice of techniques to use depends on individual programs, on the cost and level of confidentiality of the software and/or of the protected data.

In general, to make life hard for potential software pirates, bear in mind the following suggestions and comments:

- Use more than one of the protection techniques indicated below.
- Distribute the protection measures along the whole program.
- If one of the protection measures is eliminated, the remaining measures should ensure that the program seems to be working correctly for a certain time, after which it stops randomly in terms of time and method.

Lastly, remember that the psychological aspect is very important: the aggressor can never be sure that s/he has disabled all the protection mechanisms. Whenever he thinks he has found one, the protected software will make another problem emerge later on (even hours or days later!), and the hacker will probably be so frustrated, that he will give up attacking.

To protect your program, you should consider the typical attacks, and try to repel at least these most common cases, which are:

- Reverse engineering of the program and removal of any call to SmartKey API
- Using a High Level (User Level) emulator able to intercept and record any SmartKey API call and simulate the behavior of SmartKey API. These emulators potentially know the semantics of the API calls and can emulate SmartKey, but with the exception of the *Scrambling* and *AES* operations.
- Using a Low Level (Kernel or Hardware) emulator able to intercept and record physical communications on a Parallel or USB port and simulate SmartKey's physical behavior. These emulators usually totally ignore the communications semantics.

The following guidelines will considerably increase protection against these attacks.

### **10.1 General guidelines**

The following guidelines apply to all SmartKey models.

#### 10.1.1 Check the dongle in different points of your program.

The program should not control presence of SmartKey in only one point of the execution. SmartKey control should be duplicated in various points of the program. The *Locate/Open* operation can be executed at start only, but the other operations should be executed in many other points.

#### 10.1.2 Extensive use of the AES Scrambling operation

If your SmartKey model supports it, the *AESScramble* operation should be used to control the presence of a real SmartKey.

You must hide in your application one of the twenty AES key setup with the *AESSet* command, and use it to verify periodically and in many points of your application the presence of a real SmartKey with the *AESScramble* command.

#### 10.1.3 Extensive use of the Scrambling

The *Scrambling* operation should be used to control the presence of a real SmartKey.

The control must be performed by first calculating a set of input pairs and output strings of the *Scrambling* operation. When the operation has been started, some couples must be compared with the result of the same operation on the current SmartKey.

During execution, you must select the couple to be controlled, using a combination of both random and deterministic elements. For example, the choice should depend on: a random value, the system's current time, your program's point of execution, and any other variable that could differ from one program to the other.

## Example

Let's suppose that you have identified three important points of the execution, where you wish to control presence of SmartKey: start of program, the saving function and the print function. Moreover, you want control to be performed on a monthly basis, to obtain 12 different time inputs. Lastly, you want 100 different random controls.

Therefore, this table is necessary:  $3 \times 12 \times 100 = 3600$  couples.

### 10.1.4 Hiding Label and Password

The *Label* and *Password* strings should not be stored as a simple text in your program. Otherwise, a simple analysis of the resulting binaries could reveal these information items.

The following could be a good approach: generate a random string and calculate the XOR of the original information and its random value. This original information could be re-built during execution using another XOR with the original random string and the previous result.

These information items can be stored in many points of your program and can be compared during its execution.

## Example

With these pre-calculation steps:

```
LABEL = "SMARTKEY"  
RANDOM = "01234567"  
CRYPT = LABEL XOR RANDOM
```

You can do the following in your source:

```
CRYPT = "?????????" (previously computed)  
RANDOM = "01234567"  
LABEL = CRYPT XOR RANDOM  
SmartKeyCheckWithLabel(LABEL)
```

### 10.1.5 Use the .OBJ version of the drivers

If available, it is always better to prefer the .OBJ version of the driver instead of the DLL version.

The .DLL driver exposes a simple, known entry point. With this entry point, monitoring and filtering all driver calls executed by your program becomes a simple matter.

### 10.1.6 CheckSum of your executable files and of the DLLs

The CRC/CheckSum of your program and the DLLs can be calculated and controlled. This is a very important phase if you wish to use one of SmartKey's .DLL drivers. In this way, you will be certain that your program is using the original DLL and not a false version.

You should avoid using a simple CRC algorithm. For example, the CRC32 of a file can be modified with an arbitrary value, changing only 3/4 of the file's bytes. A cryptography hash function such as MD5 is certainly better.

### 10.1.7 Do not stop execution immediately if the dongle is not found

If SmartKey's behavior is negative, correct behavior is not to stop program execution suddenly, but to delay its end on another region of your code. This will avoid exposing the dongle control point.

## Example

This example uses the *KeyPresent* variable to store the result of the SmartKey control. Important: the variable is accessible only when dongle presence is detected. This partly prevents use of the debugging option that is able to control any access to a variable.

```
variable KeyPresent = False;  
  
DoSomething();  
  
if (SmartKeyPresent())  
    KeyPresent = True;  
  
DoSomethingOther();  
  
If (KeyPresent == False)  
    Abort();
```

All accesses to the *KeyPresent* variable must be executed on different levels of the function calls.

## 10.2 Examples of implementation

This chapter contains some examples of C implementation of the guidelines we have described. Furthermore, they can be found in the archive *SmartKeyProtectionGuidelinesExample.zip*.

In all the examples, we suppose that you are working with a SmartKey Demo with *Label* "SMARTKEY" and *Password* "EUTRON" as default.

### 10.2.1 Example 1 – Basic Use

This example shows the basic use of SmartKey. The purpose of the program is to initialize the variables for SmartKey and check if the dongle is actually present. The example **MUST NOT BE USED IN A REAL PROGRAM**, because the *label* and *password* are included in the code without using any protection technique and one could trace them by analyzing the executable file.

```
#include "skeylink.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;

    memset(&k,0,sizeof(k));

    strncpy(k.label,"SMARTKEY",LABEL_LENGTH);
    strncpy(k.password,"EUTRON",PASSWORD_LENGTH);

    /* Open */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_OPEN;

    smartlink(&k); /* Chiamata a sistema */
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_OPEN\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    /* Close */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

### 10.2.2 Example 2 – Basic use of Scrambling

This example shows the basic use of the scrambling operation. This example too **MUST NOT BE USED IN A REAL PROGRAM**, because the values included in the code are not protected.

```
#include "skeylink.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
```

```

/* Scrambling input/output */
unsigned char scrambling_in[SCRAMBLE_LENGTH] = { 0x45, 0x34, 0x67, 0x23, 0xa5,
0x8f, 0x2c, 0x6d };
unsigned char scrambling_out[SCRAMBLE_LENGTH] = { 0x98, 0xab, 0x22, 0x24, 0xbb,
0xe6, 0x61, 0x8f };

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;

    /* Scrambling */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_ACCESS;
    k.command = SCRAMBLING_MODE;
    memcpy(k.data, scrambling_in, SCRAMBLE_LENGTH);
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in SCRAMBLING_MODE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    if (memcmp(k.data, scrambling_out, SCRAMBLE_LENGTH) != 0) {
        printf("Wrong SCRAMBLING\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    printf("Scramble ok\n");
}

```

### 10.2.3 Example 3/4 – Storing and using a C function in the SmartKey memory

This example shows how to store and use a binary code of a C function in SmartKey's memory. There are some limitations:

- The function's dimensions must be smaller than or equal to those of the SmartKey memory.
- External functions cannot be called directly, but they can be called indirectly by passing a function pointer as the argument.
- External variables cannot be used directly, but they can be used indirectly by passing a pointer as the argument.
- Your project must be connected to the option /FIXED to avoid a new location in your code.

#### Storing the function

This example stores function *my\_func()* in SmartKey's memory.

```

#include "skeylink.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

/* Function type */
typedef int my_func_t(int m, int n);

/* Buffer used to store the function */
char my_func_data[DATA_LENGTH + EXTENDED_DATA_LENGTH];

/* Function */
static int my_func(int m, int n) {

```

```

        return m * n;
    }

    /* Marker of the end of the function */
    static int my_func_end(void) {
        return 0;
    }

    int main() {
        KEY_NET k;
        unsigned size;

        /* Preventive use of the functions to prevent collateral effects through
        optimisation of the compiler.*/
        my_func(1,1);
        my_func_end();

        /* Compute the function size */
        size = (char*)my_func_end - (char*)my_func;

        printf("Function size %d\n", size);
        if (size > DATA_LENGTH + EXTENDED_DATA_LENGTH) {
            printf("Function size %d too big\n", size);
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }

        /* Copy of function on the dongle*/
        if (size > DATA_LENGTH) {
            memcpy(k.data, ((char*)my_func), DATA_LENGTH);
            memcpy(k.ext_data, ((char*)my_func) + DATA_LENGTH, size -
DATA_LENGTH);
        } else {
            memcpy(k.data, ((char*)my_func), size);
        }

        /* Write on SmartKey */
        k.net_command = NET_KEY_ACCESS;
        k.command = WRITING_MODE;
        smartlink(&k);
        if (k.status != ST_OK) {
            printf("Error in WRITING_MODE\n");
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }

        printf("Function written on the key\n");

        /* Close */
        k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
        smartlink(&k);
        if (k.status != ST_OK) {

```

```

        printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

### Use of the function

This example reads the *my\_func()* function of SmartKey's memory and executes it.

```

#include "skeylink.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

/* Function type */
typedef int my_func_t(int m, int n);

/* Buffer used for storing the function */
char my_func_data[DATA_LENGTH + EXTENDED_DATA_LENGTH];

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;

    /* Read the function */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_ACCESS;
    k.command = READING_MODE;
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in READING_MODE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    /* Copy data in buffer */
    memcpy(my_func_data,k.data,DATA_LENGTH);
    memcpy(my_func_data + DATA_LENGTH,k.ext_data,EXTENDED_DATA_LENGTH);

    /* If the function pointer */
    my_func_ptr = (my_func_t*)my_func_data;

    /* Calls function */
    result = my_func_ptr(2,3);
    if (result != 6) {
        printf("Error in function result\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    printf("Result of the stored function %d\n",result);

    /* Close */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
}

```

```

    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

#### 10.2.4 Example 5 – Control of the DLL checksum

This example shows how to calculate and control a simple checksum of the *smartlink.dll* file

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

int main() {
    FILE* f;
    int c;
    unsigned checksum;

    /* Initialize the checksum */
    checksum = 0;

    /* Compute the checksum of the DLL */
    f = fopen("skeylink.dll", "rb");
    if (!f) {
        printf("Error opening the DLL\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    c = fgetc(f);
    while (c != EOF) {
        checksum += c;
        c = fgetc(f);
    }
    fclose(f);

    printf("DLL checksum %08X\n", checksum);

    if (checksum != 0x007ffcfc1) {
        printf("Error invalid checksum\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

#### 10.2.5 Example 6 – Hiding Label and Password information

This example shows how to hide the *Label* and *Password* information, by using a simple masking algorithm. This algorithm must be used to prevent the possibility of discovering the *Label* and *Password* from the executable file, thus frustrating all SmartKey's protections.

```

#include "skeylink.h"

```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

/* Hidden values */
static unsigned char hidden_label[LABEL_LENGTH] = {
    0x09, 0x2f, 0x2d, 0x2a, 0xd2, 0xdd, 0xed, 0xe5,
    0xd2, 0xea, 0x04, 0x20, 0x3e, 0x5e, 0x80, 0xa4
};

static unsigned char hidden_password[PASSWORD_LENGTH] = {
    0xe0, 0x91, 0xb1, 0x5a, 0x62, 0x1a, 0x7d, 0xa8,
    0xd5, 0x04, 0x35, 0x68, 0x9d, 0xd4, 0x0d, 0x48
};

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;
    unsigned i;

    memset(&k,0,sizeof(k));

    /* Calcola la label e la password corrette */
    for(i=0;i<LABEL_LENGTH;++i)
        k.label[i] = hidden_label[i] ^ (i*(i+0x7)+0x5a);
    for(i=0;i<PASSWORD_LENGTH;++i)
        k.password[i] = hidden_password[i] ^ (i*(i+0x1e)+0xa5);

    /* Open */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_OPEN;
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_OPEN\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    printf("Net password %d\n",k.net_password);

    /* Close */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

### 10.2.6 Example 7 – Scrambling confidential data

This example shows how to hide confidential data with the *Scrambling* operation.

In the example the pi value is stored as follows:

```
#include "skeylink.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>

/* Scrambled data */
unsigned char scrambled_data[SCRAMBLE_LENGTH] = {
    0x0c, 0xd8, 0xb3, 0xf6, 0x57, 0x6f, 0x4d, 0xe5
};

/* Scrambled input */
unsigned char scrambling_in[SCRAMBLE_LENGTH] = {
    0x45, 0x34, 0x67, 0x23, 0xa5, 0x8f, 0x2c, 0x6d
};

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;
    unsigned i;
    double pi;

    /* Scrambling */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_ACCESS;
    k.command = SCRAMBLING_MODE;
    memcpy(k.data, scrambling_in, SCRAMBLE_LENGTH);
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in SCRAMBLING_MODE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    for(i=0;i<sizeof(pi);++i)
        ((unsigned char*)&pi)[i] = k.data[i] ^ scrambled_data[i];

    printf("Pi greco is %g\n",pi);

    /* Close */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

### 10.2.7 Example 8/9—Generating and using a large Scrambling table

This example shows how to generate and use a large scrambling table. The input values of the scrambling operation are calculated during execution, using the index as the initialization of a simple random function.

## Generating the "table.h" file

This example generates the table.h file

```
#include "skeylink.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>

#define SCRAMBLE_MAX 1024

void scramble_in(unsigned char* dst, unsigned src) {
    unsigned i;
    for(i=0;i<SCRAMBLE_LENGTH;++i)
        dst[i] = (((src + 0x5a) >> i) * (i + 0x13)) ^ 0x3e;
}

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;
    unsigned i;
    FILE* f;

    srand(time(0));

    f = fopen("table.h","wt");
    if (!f) {
        printf("Error opening the file table.h\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    fprintf(f,"void scramble_in(unsigned char* dst, unsigned src) {\n");
    fprintf(f,"\tunsigned i;\n");
    fprintf(f,"\tfor(i=0;i<SCRAMBLE_LENGTH;++i)\n");
    fprintf(f,"\t\tdst[i] = (((src + 0x5a) >> i) * (i + 0x13)) ^ 0x3e;\n");
    fprintf(f,"}\n\n");

    fprintf(f,"#define SCRAMBLE_MAX %d\n\n",SCRAMBLE_MAX);
    fprintf(f,"unsigned char SCRAMBLE[SCRAMBLE_MAX][SCRAMBLE_LENGTH] = {\n");

    for(i=0;i<SCRAMBLE_MAX;++i) {
        unsigned j;
        k.net_command = NET_KEY_ACCESS;
        k.command = SCRAMBLING_MODE;

        scramble_in(k.data,i);

        smartlink(&k);
        if (k.status != ST_OK) {
            printf("Error in SCRAMBLING_MODE\n");
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }
    }
}
```

```

    }

    fprintf(f, "{ ");
    for(j=0; j<SCRAMBLE_LENGTH; ++j) {
        unsigned v = k.data[j];
        if (j)
            fprintf(f, ", ");
        fprintf(f, "0x%02x", v);
    }
    fprintf(f, " }");
    if (i+1!=SCRAMBLE_MAX)
        fprintf(f, ",");
    fprintf(f, "\n");
}
fprintf(f, "};\n");
fclose(f);

printf("Scrambling table written\n");

/* Close */
k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
smartlink(&k);
if (k.status != ST_OK) {
    printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

### Using the Scrambling table

This example uses the generated file to control the presence of the SmartKey dongle.

```

#include "skeylink.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>

#include "table.h"

/* Return a random index in the table */
unsigned get_scrambling_index(void) {
    time_t t;
    struct tm* ptm;
    unsigned i;

    time(&t);
    ptm = localtime(&t);

    i = (rand() % (SCRAMBLE_MAX / 31)) * 31;

```

```

        i += ptm->tm_mday;
        i = i % SCRAMBLE_MAX;

        return i;
    }

int main() {
    KEY_NET k;
    unsigned i;

    /* Initialized the random number generator */
    srand(time(0));

    /* Get the random index in the table */
    i = get_scrambling_index();
    printf("Scramble index %d\n",i);

    /* Do the scrambling */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_ACCESS;
    k.command = SCRAMBLING_MODE;
    scramble_in(k.data,i);
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in SCRAMBLING_MODE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    /* Check the scramble */
    if (memcmp(k.data,SCRAMBLE[i],SCRAMBLE_LENGTH)!=0) {
        printf("Wrong SCRAMBLING\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    printf("Scramble ok\n");

    /* Close */
    k.net_command = NET_KEY_CLOSE;
    smartlink(&k);
    if (k.status != ST_OK) {
        printf("Error in NET_KEY_CLOSE\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

### The "table.h" generated file

This is the table.h generated file

```

void scramble_in(unsigned char* dst, unsigned src) {
    unsigned i;
    for(i=0;i<SCRAMBLE_LENGTH;++i)
        dst[i] = (((src + 0x5a) >> i) * (i + 0x13)) ^ 0x3e;
}

```

```

}

#define SCRAMBLE_MAX 1024

unsigned char SCRAMBLE[SCRAMBLE_MAX][SCRAMBLE_LENGTH] = {
{ 0xa2, 0x43, 0x2d, 0xdc, 0xf0, 0x49, 0x4b, 0x5c },
{ 0x00, 0x24, 0x9f, 0x6e, 0x51, 0x10, 0x9c, 0x1a },
...stripped...
{ 0x10, 0x0f, 0x5e, 0x8e, 0x5b, 0x44, 0x67, 0x11 },
{ 0xcd, 0x0a, 0x74, 0xed, 0x78, 0xc0, 0x0a, 0x97 }
};

```

### 10.2.8 Example 10 – Code encrypting

Furthermore, SmartKey can be used to encrypt the code of your executable files or of the dynamic libraries (DLL), if these are developed in Visual C. A full, extensive example can be found in the archive:

*SmartKeyEncryptionGuidelinesExample.zip*. For further details, consult file *readme.txt*.

### 10.2.9 Example 11 – AES authentication

The following are two examples to set AES keys and use them.

#### Setkey

This example sets the AES keys. **WARNING! the AES keys can be set ONLY ONE TIME!**

```

#include "skeydrv.h"

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <windows.h>

/* Serial */
unsigned char serial[16] = {
0x39, 0x9d, 0x81, 0xd0, 0x6f, 0x78, 0x94, 0x41, 0xec, 0xfe, 0x71, 0xa1, 0x21,
0xd4, 0xe1, 0x6d,
};

/* 20 AES keys */
unsigned char aeskey[16*20] = {
0x27, 0xe1, 0x4e, 0xf4, 0x82, 0x3a, 0x1d, 0xa2, 0xbd, 0xee, 0xc7, 0xd2, 0x50,
0xe1, 0x37, 0x66,
...stripped...
0x57, 0x4b, 0x21, 0x94, 0x82, 0x38, 0x68, 0xf8, 0xf8, 0x54, 0x38, 0xa1, 0x6d,
0x05, 0x70, 0x39,
};

int main() {
    SKEY_DATA key;

    printf("SmartKey AES example\n");

    memset(&key, 0, sizeof(key));

    strncpy(key.label, "SMARTKEY", LABEL_LENGTH);
    key.command = LOCATING_MODE;
    msclink(&key);
    if (key.status != 0) {

```

```

        MessageBox(NULL, "SmartKey not found", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }

    key.command = EXT_MODEL_READING_MODE;
    msclink(&key);
    if (key.status != 0) {
        MessageBox(NULL, "SmartKey not found", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }
    if ((key.data[3] & 0x1) == 0) {
        MessageBox(NULL, "This SmartKey model doesn't support AES commands",
"Error", MB_ICONERROR | MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }

    if (MessageBox(NULL, "Set the AES keys ? The operation cannot be undone
!", "Warning", MB_YESNO | MB_ICONWARNING | MB_SYSTEMMODAL) != IDYES) {
        exit(1);
    }

    memcpy(key.ext_data, serial, 16);
    memcpy(key.ext_data + 16, aeskey, 16*20);

    key.command = AES_SET_MODE;
    msclink(&key);
    if (key.status != 0) {
        MessageBox(NULL, "Error setting the AES keys and serial.\n\rPlease
note that you can set them ONLY ONE TIME!", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }

    MessageBox(NULL, "AES keys setup correctly", "Information",
MB_ICONINFORMATION | MB_SYSTEMMODAL);

    return 0;
}

```

### **Usekey**

This example uses the AES keys.

```

#include "skeydrv.h"
#include "aes.h"

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <windows.h>

/* Serial */

```

```

unsigned char serial[16] = {
0x39, 0x9d, 0x81, 0xd0, 0x6f, 0x78, 0x94, 0x41, 0xec, 0xfe, 0x71, 0xa1, 0x21,
0xd4, 0xe1, 0x6d,
};

/* 20 AES keys */
unsigned char aeskey[16*20] = {
0x27, 0xe1, 0x4e, 0xf4, 0x82, 0x3a, 0x1d, 0xa2, 0xbd, 0xee, 0xc7, 0xd2, 0x50,
0xe1, 0x37, 0x66,
...stripped...
0x57, 0x4b, 0x21, 0x94, 0x82, 0x38, 0x68, 0xf8, 0xf8, 0x54, 0x38, 0xa1, 0x6d,
0x05, 0x70, 0x39,
};

int main() {
    SKEY_DATA key;
    aes_context aes;
    unsigned key_index;
    unsigned char result_buffer[16];
    unsigned char random_buffer[16];
    unsigned i;

    printf("SmartKey AES example\n");

    /* initialize the random number generator */
    srand(time(0));

    memset(&key, 0, sizeof(key));

    strncpy(key.label, "SMARTKEY", LABEL_LENGTH);
    key.command = LOCATING_MODE;
    msclink(&key);
    if (key.status != 0) {
        MessageBox(NULL, "SmartKey not found", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }

    key.command = EXT_MODEL_READING_MODE;
    msclink(&key);
    if (key.status != 0) {
        MessageBox(NULL, "SmartKey not found", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }
    if ((key.data[3] & 0x1) == 0) {
        MessageBox(NULL, "This SmartKey model doesn't support AES commands",
"Error", MB_ICONERROR | MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
        exit(1);
    }
}

```

```

/* set the random value */
for(i=0;i<16;++i)
    random_buffer[i] = rand() % 256;
/* set the key number */
key_index = rand() % 20;

memcpy(key.data, random_buffer, 16);
key.data[16] = key_index;
key.command = AES_SCRAMBLE_MODE;
msclink(&key);
if (key.status != 0) {
    MessageBox(NULL, "Error using the AES key", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
    exit(1);
}

aes_set_key(aes, aeskey + key_index*16, 16);
aes_decrypt(aes, key.data, result_buffer);
for(i=0;i<16;++i)
    result_buffer[i] ^= random_buffer[i];

if (memcmp(result_buffer, serial, 16) != 0) {
    MessageBox(NULL, "Wrong serial", "Error", MB_ICONERROR |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);
    exit(1);
}

MessageBox(NULL, "Correct serial", "Information", MB_ICONINFORMATION |
MB_SYSTEMMODAL);

return 0;
}

```

## 11 Manual protection in a network

*SmartKey NET* supports the standard commands of the SP model and a set of commands slaved to the network: OPEN, ACCESS, CLOSE and USER NUMBER.

All the functions explained in the following paragraphs were used in the Windows program *smartdem.c*, which is located in directories *Sdk\Manual\_Protection\Client\_Windows\_Libraries\_And\_Examples\GenericWin32Dll e Sdk\Manual\_Protection\Client\_Windows\_Libraries\_And\_Examples\GenericWin32Obj*. The program can be compiled with any C compiler.

### 11.1 Open mode

The OPEN Mode is employed by the user to activate communication with SmartKey. The OPEN operation must be carried out before all operations for accessing the dongle's memory.

The OPEN command generates a special password, named *Net Password*, which must be used in all the subsequent commands.

In the first byte of the Data field is reported the type of the protocol used in the connection. If you want to prevent the use of the LOCAL protocol, you can check this byte. Generally this is useful to force the use of the SmartKey server for license management.

To use this command with the Map protection you must also specify the Map code in the Data field as described in the Map chapter.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	NET	
Input	NET_COMMAND LABEL PASSWORD	'O' Label Password
Output	NET_PASS DATA[0]	Net Password Protocol type used: = 0, LOCAL = 2, ANP = 3, TCPIP
	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 33** Exchange of information for *Open Mode*.

### 11.2 Access mode

The ACCESS mode enables actual access to the dongle. It is selected with the Label, which must *always* be passed before carrying out any standard dongle interrogation operation. This mode requires the *NET-Password*, which identifies the Client requesting access and the Label identifying the dongle to which access is required.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	NET	
Input	NET_COMMAND NET_PASS COMMAND ...	'A' Net Password SmartKey Command
Output	... STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 34** Exchange of information for *Access Mode*.

Apart from this, the same methods - already analyzed for manual protection with a standalone program - apply.

### 11.3 User number mode

This command is used to obtain the number of users connected to the dongle specified in the Label field.

This command works only if a net protocol is used and not with the LOCAL protocol. If used with the LOCAL protocol the error -2 (SYNT\_ERR) is returned.

To use this command with the Map protection you must also specify the Map application code in the Data field as described in the Map chapter.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	NET	
Input	NET_COMMAND NET_PASS COMMAND	'A' Net Password 'U'
Output	STATUS	Status >=0 Number of connected users <0 Error

**Table 35** Exchange of information for *User Number Mode*.

### 11.4 Close mode

The CLOSE mode is used for 'closing' (LOGOUT request) of communication to SmartKey by the program connected by means of a previous OPEN call.

If, due to an error in the application software, the program ends without first executing a CLOSE operation of the open dongle, there may be problems linked to the time-out management of the Client. Such problems sometimes require booting the computer. The opening and closing operation must be carefully observed in order not to uselessly prevent other users from employing the key.

The exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	NET	
Input	NET_COMMAND NET_PASS	'C' Net Password
Output	STATUS	Status ==0 Success !=0 Error

**Table 36** Exchange of information for *Close Mode*.

### 11.5 Close mode on timeout

To prevent use of licenses if the program is terminated incorrectly (e.g. because the PC was switched off), a transparent refresh function for **timeout** is implemented. This is actually the automatic disconnection of users who have not used the CLOSE mode correctly. The timeout control function is completely transparent to user and developer alike, and is managed by the dongle's software drivers. There is therefore no need to carry out periodic dongle access operations to ensure timeout is refreshed.

### 11.6 Errors

In addition of the errors returned with the standalone driver, the *status* entry may assume one of the following values:

Nome	Valore	Descrizione
ST_NET_ERROR	-5	Generic error on the Lan communication.
ST_USER_ERROR	-8	Maximum number of user and license reached.
ST_EXEC_ERROR	-16	Maximum number of execution reached.

ST_NET_PWD_ERR	-9	Wrong <i>netpassword</i> specified.
ST_INIT_ERROR	-11	Generic error in the library initialization.
ST_TOO_MANY_OPEN_KEY	-14	Maximum number of open connection reached.
ST_NET_CONF_ERROR	-21	Generic error in the library configuration.
ST_NET_ANP_INIT_ERROR	-22	Generic error in the initialization of the protocol ANP.
ST_NET_TCPIP_INIT_ERROR	-23	Generic error in the initialization of the protocol TCPIP.
ST_NET_LOCAL_INIT_ERROR	-25	Generic error in the initialization of the protocol Local.
ST_NET_KEY_NOT_MAP	-26	Attempt to open a MAP connection without using a MAP configured device.

### 11.7 Standalone or Multilan drivers?

Use of drivers for standalone programs was described in the chapter on manual protection. The Multilan technology was instead discussed in the current chapter. This technology enables use of drivers for both standalone and networked environments. Here are a few hints on which of the two types of drivers the following should be used:

**Programs which are certainly standalone only:** use a standalone type driver, because the dimension is smaller (about half of the relevant MultiLan driver, as it does not include support of the network).

**Standalone and network programs:** user a MultiLan type driver, because it makes the program independent of the operating mode (standalone or network).

## 12 Protecting several programs with SmartKey

In the Lan environment, you can use a single *SmartKey NET* to protect several software programs. The technology used is named **Map – Multi Application Protection** and enables you to:

- Protect **more than one program** in a standalone or network environment. For local networks, a different number of enabled licenses can be defined for each protected program.
- Limit **the number of executions** of each of the protected programs. This feature can be useful for creating demo versions of the software or for adopting a software hiring policy. When the number of executions preset on a counter expires (quantity reduced at every program start-up), the program is not allowed to start any more.

### 12.1 Operating methods

Implementing Map entails only a few small differences compared to the operating methods we have described, i.e.:

- Optional limitation of the number of executions and, in the case of *SmartKey NET*, programming the number of licenses for each individual program.
- A different calling method to the management driver as regards OPEN mode and USER NUMBER mode operations.

### 12.2 Programming the number of licenses and executions

The maximum number of programs that can be protected by the same dongle is 116. The maximum number of executions for each program is in the range from 1 to 65,535. Value -1 disables this control and, therefore, there is no limit to the number of executions.

The number of licenses and executions for each program can be set by writing the value in the first bytes of the Secure Data field, and possibly, in the Extended Data field of the dongle, following the scheme below:

Offset	Value	Meaning
0	'M' (4D hex)	Map identification fixed code
1	'A' (41 hex)	Map identification fixed code
2	0 - 50	Maximum number of users for program 1
3-4	0 – 65535	Maximum number of executions for program 1
5	0 – 50	Maximum number of users for program 2
6-7	0 – 65535	Maximum number of executions for program 2
8	0 – 50	Maximum number of users for program 3
9-10	0 – 65535	Maximum number of executions for program 3
...	...	
62	0 – 50	Maximum number of users for program 20
63-0 (ext_data)	0 – 65535	Maximum number of executions for program 20
1 (ext_data)	0 – 50	Maximum number of users for program 21
2-3 (ext_data)	0 – 65535	Maximum number of executions for program 21
...	...	
285 (ext_data)	0 – 50	Maximum number of users for program 116
287-288 (ext_data)	0 – 65535	Maximum number of executions for program 116
...	...	

**Table 37** Settings for licenses management.

For example, if you wish to protect 3 different programs with the following quantities of licenses and executions:

- First program: 23 licenses, unlimited executions.
- Second program: 4 licenses, 4000 executions.

- Third program: 12 licenses, 100 executions.

The dongle memory must be set as follows:

Offset	Value	Meaning
0	'M' (4D hex)	Map identification fixed code
1	'A' (41 hex)	Map identification fixed code
2	23 (17 hex)	Maximum 23 users for program 1
3-4	65535 (FFFF hex)	Unlimited number of program executions
5	4 (04 hex)	Maximum 4 users for program 2
6-7	4000 (0FA0 hex)	Limitation active for 400 executions
8	12 (0C hex)	Maximum 12 users for program 3
9-10	100 (64 hex)	Limitation active for 100 executions
...	...	

**Table 38** Program protection setting.

### 12.3 Map automatic protection

If automatic protection via the GSS utility is performed with a network dongle, a specific push-button makes it possible to associate a code with each program. This code will be used to trace the number of licenses for which the program is enabled, and any limitation to the number of program executions (see chapter 8).

### 12.4 Map manual protection

As one can protect several programs, as regards the Open and User Number commands only, you must specify which program is being referred to (program identified by a number from 1 to 116). To this end, during the transfer of parameters referring to each of the two commands, the Data field of the relevant data structure must be initialized as follows:

Offset	Value	Meaning
0	'M' (4D hex)	Map identification fixed code
1	'A' (41 hex)	Map identification fixed code
2	1 - 116	Program reference number

**Table 39** Open/User Number Mode setting.

For the Open command the exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	NET	
Input	NET_COMMAND	'O'
	LABEL	Label
	PASSWORD	Password
	DATA[0]	'M' (4D hex)
	DATA[1]	'A' (41 hex)
	DATA[2]	1 - 116, Program reference number of the license to use
Output	NET_PASS	Net Password
	DATA[0]	Protocol type used: = 0, LOCAL = 2, ANP = 3, TCPIP
	STATUS	Status ==0 Success

	!=0 Error
--	-----------

**Table 40** Exchange of information for *Open Mode* with *Map*.

In the first byte of the Data field is reported the type of the protocol used in the connection. If you want to prevent the use of the Local protocol, you can check this byte. Generally this is useful to force the use of the SmartKey server for license management.

Please note that if the Open is not done in Map mode, the SmartKey is opened without the license check allowing any number of applications to run.

For the User Number command the exchange of information is organized like this:

Models	NET	
Input	NET_COMMAND	'A'
	NET_PASS	Net Password
	COMMAND	'U'
	DATA[0]	'M' (4D hex)
	DATA[1]	'A' (41 hex)
	DATA[2]	1 – 116, Program reference number of which you want to know the number of licenses in use
Output	STATUS	Status >=0 Number of licenses in use <0 Error

**Table 41** Exchange of information for *User Number Mode* with *Map*.

#### 12.4.1 Open mode Map: an example

Parameters that have to be transferred to execute an OPEN operation, using Map multiple protection on a network dongle; opening of program 2 is requested. If the dongle was programmed as in the previous programming table, not more than 4 simultaneous users may use the program.

NET_COMMAND	4F 00	Open ("O")
LABEL	53 4D 41 52 54 4B 45 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Label ("SMARTKEY")
PASSWORD	45 55 54 52 4F 4E 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Password ("EUTRON")
DATA	4D 41 02	Map, 2 <sup>nd</sup> program

**Table 42** Example of Open mode Map setting.

## 13 Installing SmartKey

The installation of the SmartKey drivers is executed by application *SmartKey Driver Installer* (SDI). *SDI* makes it possible to install and uninstall all the drivers needed for correct operation of SmartKey: the drivers for *SmartKey Parallel*, those for *SmartKey USB* and those for *Global Security System* (GSS), the automatic protection program.

Note that if you are using a *SmartKey 3 USB DL* (Driver Less) no driver installation is required.

Moreover, you can integrate the SmartKey installation procedures in the installation package of your own program. This is possible thanks to the libraries supplied in the development kit provided. The functions can be integrated with leading software products that generate distribution packages such as *InstallShield*.

### 13.1 Warnings on installation

*SmartKey USB* can be fitted and removed while the computer is operating (as specified by the USB standard). *SmartKey Parallel* must be fitted before the computer is switched on, and the printer must be connected in the daisy-chain manner. Otherwise, both *SmartKey Parallel* and the printer may not operate correctly.

### 13.2 Options of SmartKey Driver Installer (SDI)

SDI provides three options for the three types of installation and uninstallation: *SmartKey Parallel*, *SmartKey USB* and *Global Security System*. Figure 2 shows the graphic interface for *SmartKey USB* that is the same as the one for *SmartKey Parallel* and *Global Security System*.



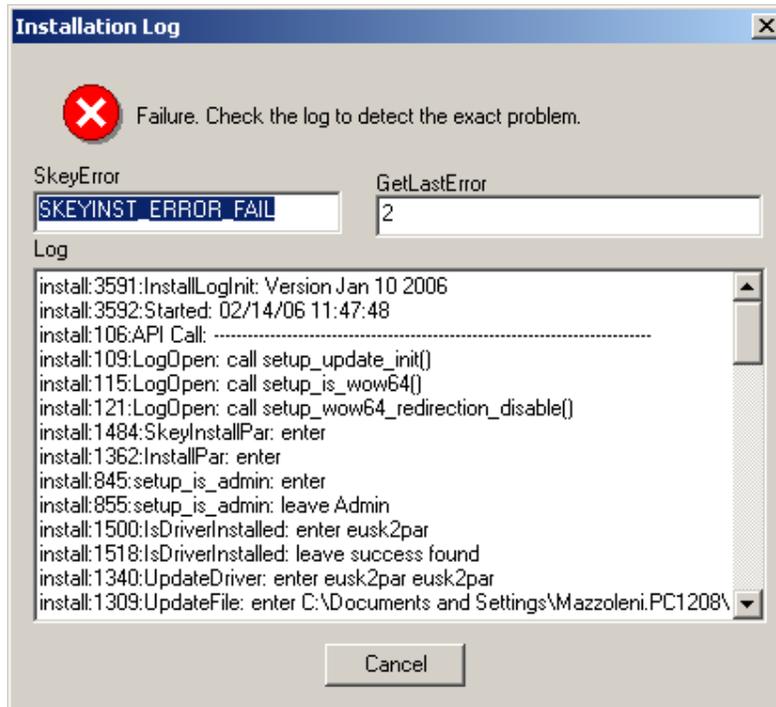
**Figure 2** SDI's graphic interface for *SmartKey USB*.

SDI's graphic interface provides three options:

- *Install*: install the drivers of the selected type
- *Uninstall*: uninstall the drivers of the selected type
- *Remove*: uninstall the drivers without controlling any dependencies.

If the installation was unsuccessful, *SDI* opens a panel showing details of the failed operations and the error number of the operating system.

Figure 3 shows an example of a pop-up due to failed installation.



**Figure 3** Pop-up log and error number of operating system.

Normally, only the *Install* and *Uninstall* functions need be used. The *Remove* function must be used only if problems occur in executing other functions. The *Remove* function removes all reference to the system's SmartKey drivers, thus making it possible to recover all the error conditions that may occur during installation of a driver. When using *Remove*, the system must always be rebooted.

### 13.3 The SDI library

The functions used for the SDI program are contained in the *skeyinst.dll* library, provided in the development kit supplied. Specifically, the prototypes of the functions are contained in *skeyinst.h* and the functions in *skeyinst.dll*. The library can be used both for writing programs and for writing installation set-up scripts.

These are the library functions:

<i>SkeyInstallUSB</i>	Installs the drivers for <i>SmartKey USB</i>
<i>SkeyInstallPar</i>	Installs the drivers for <i>SmartKey Parallel</i>
<i>SkeyInstallGSS2</i>	Installs the drivers for <i>Global Security System</i>
<i>SkeyUnInstallUSB</i>	Uninstalls the drivers for <i>SmartKey USB</i>
<i>SkeyUnInstallPar</i>	Uninstalls the drivers for <i>SmartKey Parallel</i>
<i>SkeyUnInstallGSS2</i>	Uninstalls the drivers for <i>Global Security System</i>
<i>SkeyForceUnInstallUSB</i>	Forces removal of drivers for <i>SmartKey USB</i>
<i>SkeyForceUnInstallPar</i>	Forces removal of drivers for <i>SmartKey Parallel</i>
<i>SkeyForceUnInstallGSS2</i>	Forces removal of drivers for <i>Global Security System</i>
<i>SkeyLogFile</i>	Activates writing of a log file for all performed operations.
<i>SkeyGetLastError</i>	Returns last error code.

Installation functions *SkeyInstallUSB*, *SkeyInstallPar* and *SkeyInstallGSS2* automatically control the status of the drivers before executing the installation.

To create installation and uninstallation scripts, we strongly urge you not to use functions *SkeyForceUnInstallUSB*, *SkeyForceUnInstallPar* and *SkeyForceUnInstallGSS2*. These functions were implemented only for solving abnormal situations, and not for normal use.

We advise you to use the *SkeyLogFile* function, because, thanks to the log file, one can understand where the installation script or program is inhibited.

The functions can generate the following error codes:

SKEYINST_OK	The operation was correctly terminated.
SKEYINST_ERROR_WAIT	The operation was not performed, because, at that time, the operating system was installing another component. In this case, the user must be asked to finish all other current installation processes and then re-try the operation.
SKEYINST_WARNING_MUST_REBOOT	The operation was correctly terminated, but the system must be rebooted to complete the operation.
SKEYINST_WARNING_MUST_INSERT	The operation was correctly terminated, but the USB device must be fitted to complete the operation.
SKEYINST_ERROR_FAIL	The operation failed due to an operating system error. In this case, more detailed information can be obtained from the log file.

### 13.4 Installation of SmartKey in Linux

On Linux there are two package for the installation and the use of the SmartKey:

- user level usb – package *smartkey-linux-user-usb.tar.gz*
- user level lpt – package *smartkey-linux-user-lpt.tar.gz*

The packages are kernel and distribution independent.

#### 13.4.1 Linux user level usb

The user level package doesn't require the installation of the driver but it's available an object file to statically compile with the application to communicate with the SmartKey device. This package only supports the *SmartKey 3 USB* and the *SmartKey 3 USB DL* dongle.

#### 13.4.2 Linux user level lpt

The user level package doesn't require the installation of the driver but it's available an object file to statically compile with the application to communicate with the SmartKey device. This package only supports the *SmartKey Parallel* device.

#### 13.4.3 Using APIs for Linux

The API prototypes are in the *clink.h* header file. The APIs were compiled in the object file to statically link. The dynamic link cannot be done. Read the *README* file enclosed to the package for further information.

### 13.5 Installation of SmartKey in Mac OS X

On Mac OS X are supported the *SmartKey 3 USB* and the *SmartKey 3 USB DL*.

It's not required to install the driver to access the SmartKey device; it's available a static library and a dynamic library to access the SmartKey device. For dynamic library installation is available a package for the automatic installation.

It's supported applications for the Mac OS X PPC and Universal applications (Mac OS X PPC and Mac OS X Intel).

The package to use is the Mac OS X disk image *smartkey-sdk-macosx.dmg* available in the *nix/* directory.

#### 13.5.1 Using APIs for Mac OS X

The API prototypes are in the *clink.h* headers file for the standalone interface and *skeylink.h* header file for the multilan interface. The APIs are available with the static library for static link and the framework for the dynamic link. Read the *README* file enclosed to the package for further information.

---

## 14 Installing SmartKey on a network

*SmartKey NET* can be used with any type of local network, thanks to the supplied support software. Furthermore, you can choose from the following communication protocols:

- TCPIP: Standard protocol for data transmission between computers
- ANP: Data transmission protocol via shared files. We advise you to use this protocol when TCPIP can't be used. ANP is still available only to guarantee compatibility with old DOS programs.

According to the selected protocol, it will be possible to use the dongle remotely on PCs with the following operating systems, and according to the following scheme:

SmartKey Client	TCPIP	ANP
Windows 9x/NT/2000/XP/2003/Vista	✓	✓
Mac OS X Intel/PowerPC	✓	

**Table 43** Protocols supported by SmartKeys installed on client computers.

The dongle will, instead, be physically installed on a PC to be named KeyServer. The KeyServer could be the network server or a generic Client PC. The server can use one of the following operating systems according to the protocol used:

SmartKey Server	TCPIP	ANP
Windows 9x NT/2000/XP/2003/Vista	✓	✓
Linux	✓	
Mac OS X Intel/PowerPC	✓	

**Table 44** Table of protocols supported by SmartKey installed on server computer.

### 14.1 TCPIP protocol

The TCP/IP protocol can be used on any network that supports it.

The protocol does not put any constraints on the choice of the SmartKey server, which can be either a network server or a generic client server.

To use the protocol:

- Find out the network address of the PC on which the SmartKey dongle and server will be installed.
- Check if the SmartKey server PC can be reached by all the other PCs through the network.
- Find a free TCP/UDP port, to be used for the communication. The port's number must be in the range from 1024 and 49151 to avoid conflict with other protocols: 13527 for example.
- Install and correctly configure both the sever and the SmartKey clients for using the TCPIP protocol, specifying the SmartKey server's address and the TCPIP port to be used.

If possible, it is always best to use the TCPIP protocol in preference to the other protocols.

### 14.2 ANP protocol

The ANP protocol (Algorithmic Network Protection) exploits the presence of filesystems shared for communication between client and server. The only condition for its operation, is the locking file support by the shared filesystem.

The ANP protocol is therefore the most general one, in view of the common availability of shared filesystems in all types of networks and operating systems. On the contrary, use of files makes the protocol inefficient compared to TCPIP. We advise you to use this protocol only when TCPIP cannot be used. ANP is still available but only to ensure compatibility with the old DOS programs.

The protocol does not put a constraint on the choice of the SmartKey server, which can either be the network server or any client.

To use the protocol:

- Find a network disk shared by all the client PCs (it can be the disk on which the network program normally operates), *N*: for example:

- On the identified network disk, create a work directory for the SmartKey server program. The name of the directory is arbitrary, for example:

```
MD N: \ANP
```

- Make this directory accessible for reading and writing to all the network's computer that will want to use the protected program. All computers must be able to create and modify files inside this directory. If you are not sure of this possibility, before taking the subsequent steps, try to copy some files inside this directory from all the client computers that will use the protected program.
- Install and correctly configure both the server and the SmartKey clients for using the ANP protocol and the shared directory that was created.

On some network operating systems, the locking facility is not automatically enabled for files at time of installation: refer to the documentation for details on the availability and activation of file locking.

The full name of the shared directory used for the ANP protocol may have different values among the KeyServer and the client PCs. The parameter which passed when the server program was loaded identifies the shared directory, as it is seen by KeyServer, which is not necessarily seen in the same way and with the same name by the client PCs. In fact, the KeyServer might see the shared directory as *c:\mydir*, whereas the client PCs might see this very directory as *f:\mydir*. In this case, the configuration for the SmartKey server should be *c:\mydir*, whereas the configuration for the SmartKey client should be *f:\mydir*.

### 14.3 Installation for Windows

The best way to install and configure the server and the clients in Windows is to use the *SmartKey Configuration Central* application described in the chapter 14.4.

To install and configure the server you can also use the command line utility *askeyadd* available in the directory *Sdk\Manual\_Protection\Server\_Programs\Service\_Windows* for the service and *Sdk\Manual\_Protection\Server\_Programs\Executable\_Windows* for the executable version of the server.

To configure the clients you can also use the command line utility *cskeycfg* available in the directory *Sdk\Manual\_Protection\Client\_Windows\_Libraries\_And\_Examples\CSkeyCfg*. For more details please refer at the included documentation in the same directories.

### 14.4 Installation for Linux and Mac OS X

To install the SmartKey server on Linux and Mac OS X use the relative package, expand it and with root right run *./skinstall* command. To uninstall the SmartKey server run *./skuninstall* command.

Read the *README* file enclosed in the package for further information.

Package	Descrizione
<i>smartkey-server-linux.tar.gz</i>	Server SmartKey for Linux
<i>smartkey-server-macosx.tar.gz</i>	Server SmartKey for Mac OS X PowerPC/Intel

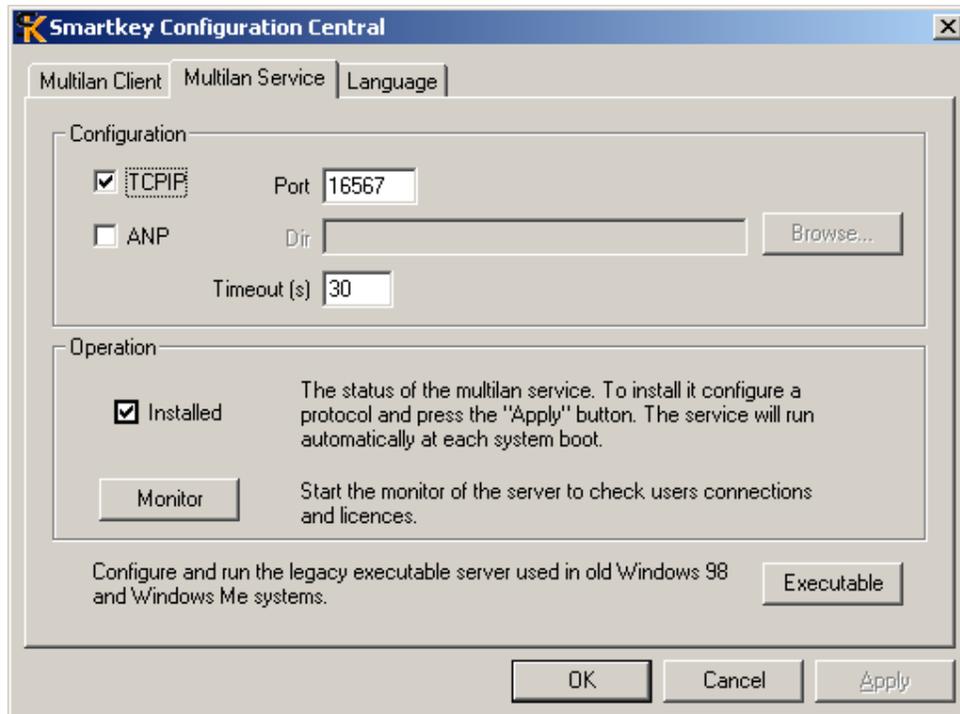
**Tabella 45** SmartKey Server for Linux and Mac OS X.

## 15 SmartKey Configuration Central (SCC)

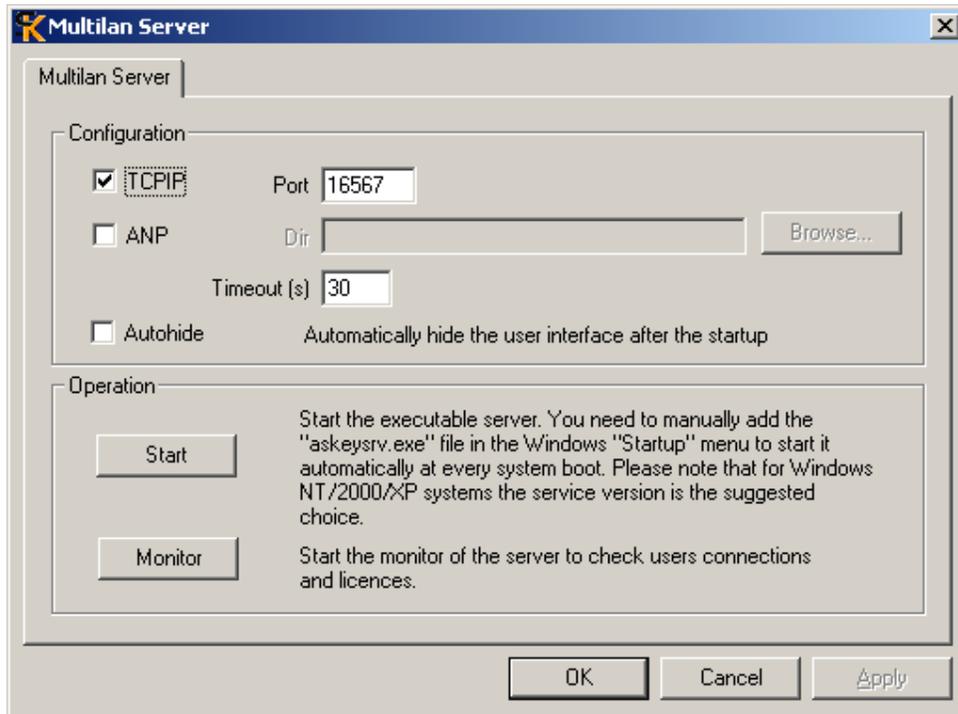
*SmartKey Configuration Central (SCC)* is a program with a graphic interface that facilitates configuring the server where *SmartKey NET* is located, and the client where the program to be protected is located. SCC operates in the Windows environment and enables configuration of client and server on networks with ANP and TCPIP protocols.

### 15.1 Configuration of the server

Configuring a server for the SmartKeys means configuring a program which effects in-background data exchange with the protected program located on a client. Data can be exchanged through the TCPIP protocol, or through the exchange of files located in a common directory (ANP protocol). The Smartkey server is available in two versions: *service* or *executable* program. The *service* version is started automatically during the boot stage, and it is compatible only with Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 2003, Windows Vista and Windows 7.



**Figure 4** *SmartKey Configuration Central: service configuration.*



**Figure 5** SmartKey Configuration Central: server configuration.

Figure **Figure 5** shows the SCC panels used for the configuration of the Smartkey server. To configure the *service* version set the protocol you want to use and press *Apply*. The Smartkey *service* will be automatically installed and started. The service will also start automatically at each system reboot.

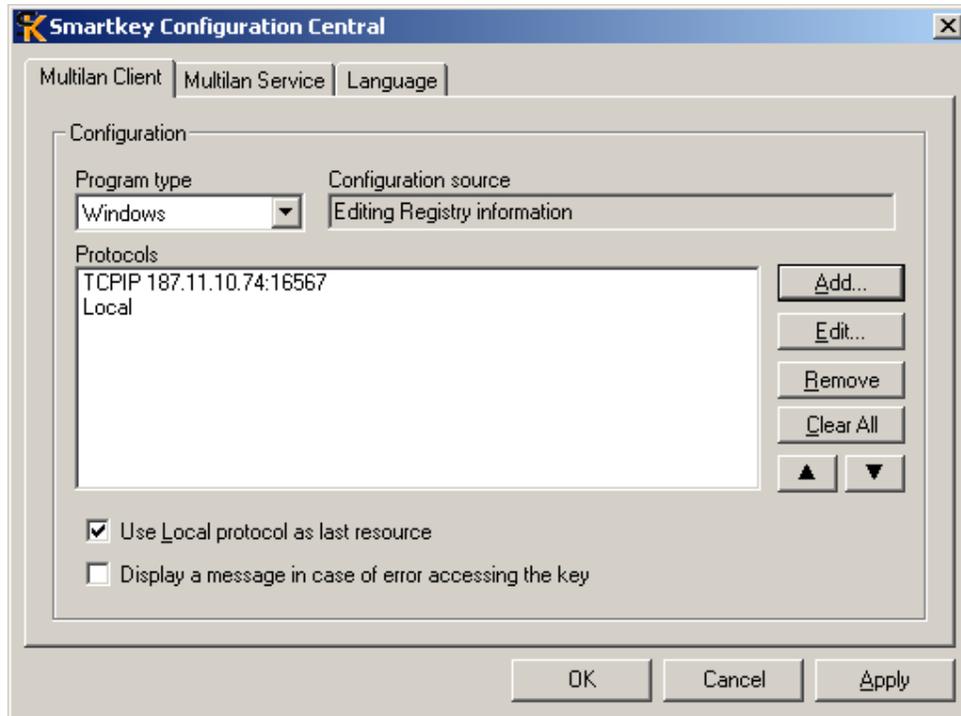
For the *Executable* version set the protocol you want to use and press *Apply*. Then press *Start* to run the Executable Server. You can add the file *askeysrv.exe* into the Windows *Programs-Startup* menu to force the automatic execution of the Executable Server.

These are the options available for the configuration:

- *TCPIP*: enables the TCPIP protocol.
- *TCPIP Port*: number of the port (TCP) used for the TCPIP protocol.
- *ANP*: enables the ANP protocol.
- *ANP Dir*: directory used by the ANP protocol for exchanging files.
- *Timeout*: timeout in seconds before a non-replying client is disconnected and its license is released. This is very useful in case of network troubles.
- *Autohide*: automatically closes the Executable Server's window after the start.
- *Monitor*: starts the server Monitor used to check available licences and client connections.

## 15.2 Configuration of client

The computer on which the program operates can be configured through the *Multilan Client* window of SCC. The central table lists all the protocols on which the protected program has to search the SmartKey. Figure 6 shows an example where the client was configured so that the Windows programs search the SmartKey on computer 187.11.10.74, port 16567, and among SmartKeys installed on local ports.



**Figure 6** SmartKey Configuration Central: client mode.

The *Multilan Client* window provides the following options:

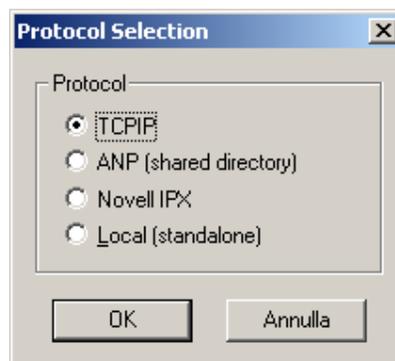
*Program type*: enables selection of the type of program to be protected: Windows, Windows 3.1 (16 bits) and DOS (16 bits).

*Use Local protocol...*: if enabled, it always searches the SmartKey in local protocol even if this protocol is not explicitly input.

*Display a message...*: if enabled, it shows - in a window - all the errors occurring during communication with the SmartKey. This option is very useful for identifying communication problems.

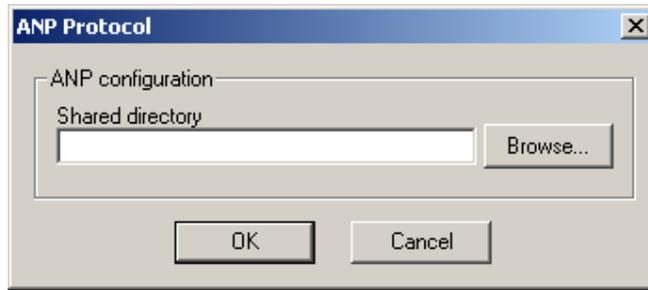
#### 15.2.1 Selection and configuration phases

When the *Add* key is pressed, a window as in figure 7 is shown, where one can choose one of the three types of protocols available.

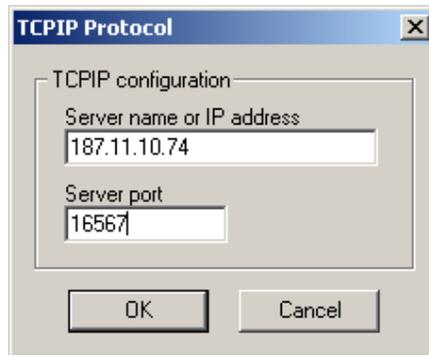


**Figure 7** Protocol selection panel.

If you choose the Local protocol, no further parameters need be input. If you choose the ANP protocol, the *ANP Protocol* window is opened as shown in figure 8 and you have to input the name of the shared directory to be used for communication between server and client. If you choose the TCPIP protocol, the *TCPIP Protocol* window is opened as shown in figure 9 and you have to input the server's symbolic or numeric name and its port.



**Figure 8** Panel for configuring the ANP protocol



**Figure 9** Panel for configuring the TCPIP protocol.

## 16 SmartKey Programming Central (SPC)

*SmartKey Programming Central (SPC)* can program SmartKey, i.e. input the data that determine the SmartKey's configuration. The number of fields to be set varies according to the SmartKey model.

*SPC* makes it possible also to read the SmartKey configuration, modify it on a file, restore it from a file and, lastly, to write it on the SmartKey. The SPC window has two parts, as shown in Figure 10. The left part is for selecting the SmartKey list you wish to configure. The right part is used for selecting one of the 10 panels for SmartKey configuration.

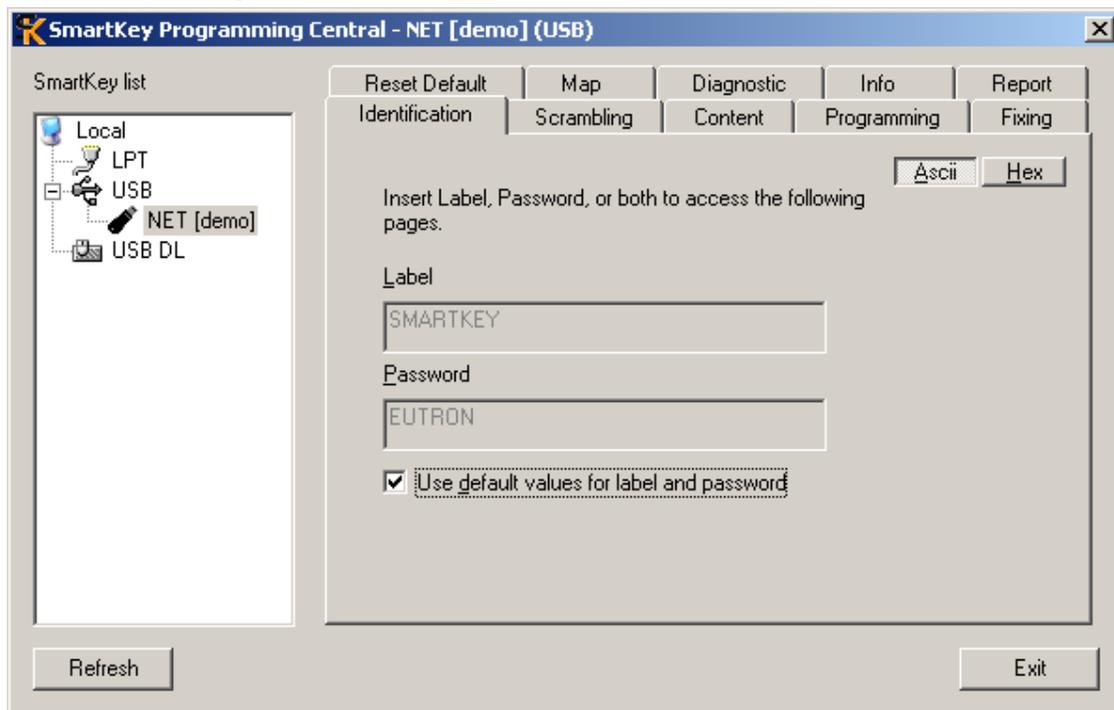
If your SmartKey is not displayed, you can update the list with the *Update* push-button. If your SmartKey is still not shown, this means that the system has not recognized it and the installation of the drivers must, therefore, be checked.

If the selected SmartKey is *Fixed* and, therefore, non-writable, the following panels are not shown: *Programming*, *Fixing*, *Contents* and *Reset Default*. The first panel to use is *Identification*. It enables identification of the SmartKey and access to the other panels. After identification, access to the panels is no longer subject to any constraint.

### 16.1 Identification panel

The SmartKey is identified by selecting the *Identification* panel and inputting the *Label* and *Password* values. The values can be written either in text format or in hexadecimal format. You can select the two options with push-buttons *ASCII* and *Hex*. If you are using a SmartKey, which still has the default values, you can avoid inputting these values by selecting the *Use default values* option. The default values are: *Label* = SMARTKEY and *Password* = EUTRON.

Figure 10 shows an example of a computer containing a NET type SmartKey, whose drivers were correctly installed, and with the *Identification* panel selected.



**Figure 10** SmartKey identification panel.

### 16.2 Info panel

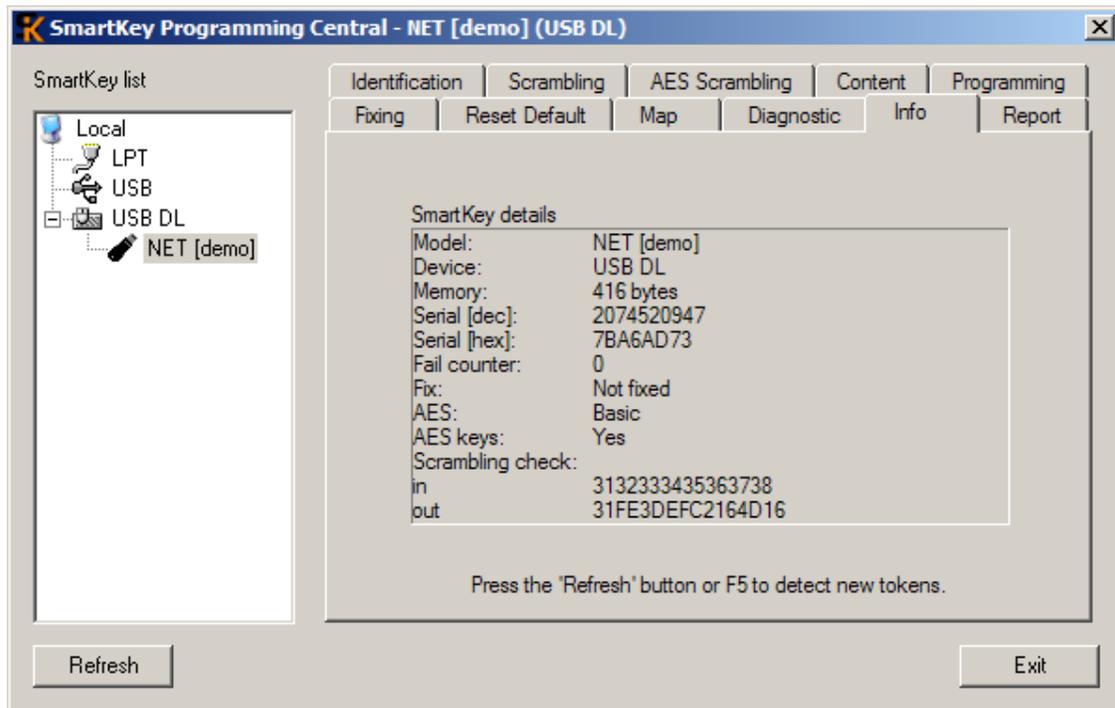
If you select the *Info* panel, some information about SmartKey is displayed.

The following values are shown:

- Model: type of SmartKey
- Device: type of device used by SmartKey (USB or parallel)
- Memory: the size of SmartKey 's programmable memory
- Serial (dec): serial number in decimal format
- Serial (Hex): serial number in hexadecimal format

- Fail counter: the number of times that somebody has input either the incorrect *label* or the incorrect *password*.
- Fix: indicates if the configuration can be modified
  - *Fixed*: cannot be modified
  - *Not Fixed*: can be modified
- AES: indicates which AES functions the key supports
  - *No*: AES functions not supported
  - *Basic*: it supports AES\_SET and AES\_SCRAMBLE functions
- AES Keys: indicates if the AES keys are set
  - *Yes*: the AES keys are set (and can not be changed)
  - *No*: the AES keys are not set
- Scrambling: shows an example of scrambling: *In* is the input value and *Out* is the output value. The two values (*In* and *Out*) unmistakably identify the dongle, because scrambling depends on the dongle's *Id-Code*.

Figure 11 shows an info panel for a *NET* type USB DL SmartKey.



**Figure 11** SmartKey Info panel.

### 16.3 Reset Default panel

The *Reset Default* panel makes it possible to reset the default values and SmartKey's memory. To do this, just press the *Reset Default* push-button. However, *Reset Default* functions only if the SmartKey is not *Fixed*, i.e. if it is still rewritable. These are the default values:

- *Label*: SMARTKEY
- *Password*: EUTRON
- *Contents of memory*: all the cells contain value “\0” (00 Hex).
- *SmartKey fixing flag*: not Fixed

Figure 12 shows the *Reset Default* panel of a *NET* type *USB SmartKey*.

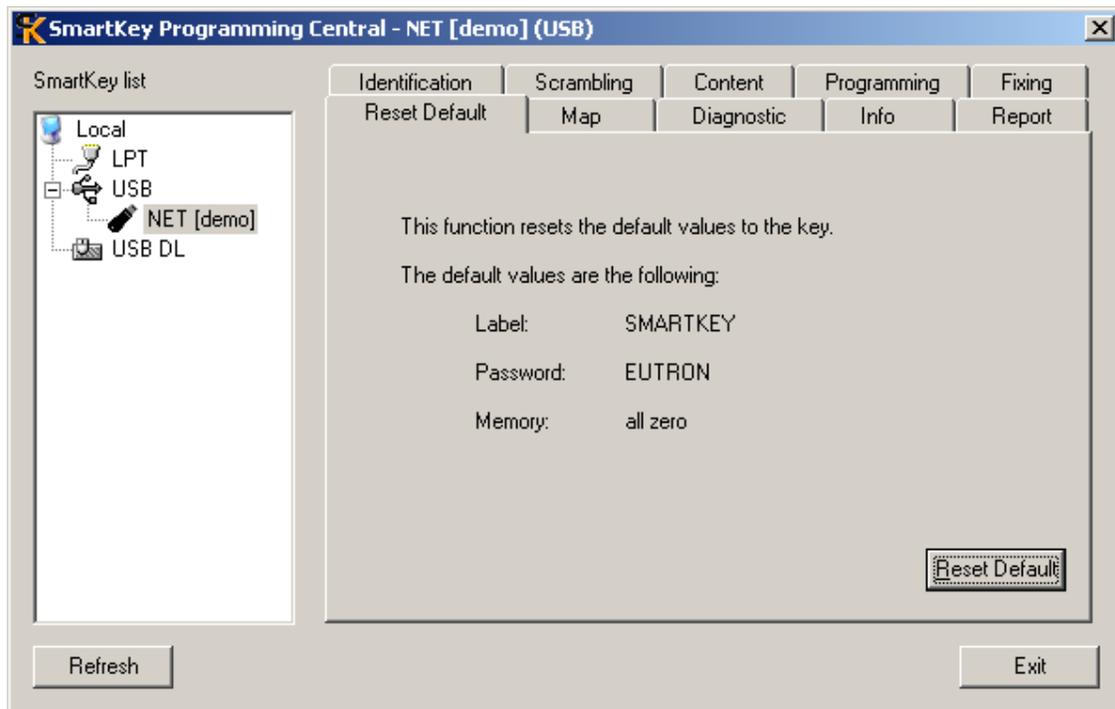


Figure 12 *Reset Default* panel of SmartKey.

#### 16.4 Map panel

The *Map* panel is used to associate, with each program, the number of possible executions and licenses.

Figure 13 shows an example of a *Map* panel used for the configuration of a *NET* type *SmartKey*.

The panel has a table with three columns:

*Program No.*, the program's identification number,

*No. of executions*; maximum number of executions

*No. of licenses*, maximum number of licenses, i.e. the maximum number of users who can simultaneously use the program.

If the *SmartKey* is not of the *NET* type, there are only two columns: *Program No.* and *No. of executions*. Two types of configurations can be done with the *Map* panel: One for managing the number of executions and the other for managing the number of licenses, if using a *SmartKey NET*. We shall now describe the operations to carry out for the two configurations:

##### SmartKey configuration for managing the number of executions

In the *No. of executions* column, input the maximum number of executions on the line referring to the program.

The value can vary from "-1" to "65,535". Value "-1" is interpreted by *SmartKey* as "Unlimited executions":

Do not type any value in the *No. of licenses* column. This column is displayed only if you are configuring a *SmartKey NET*.

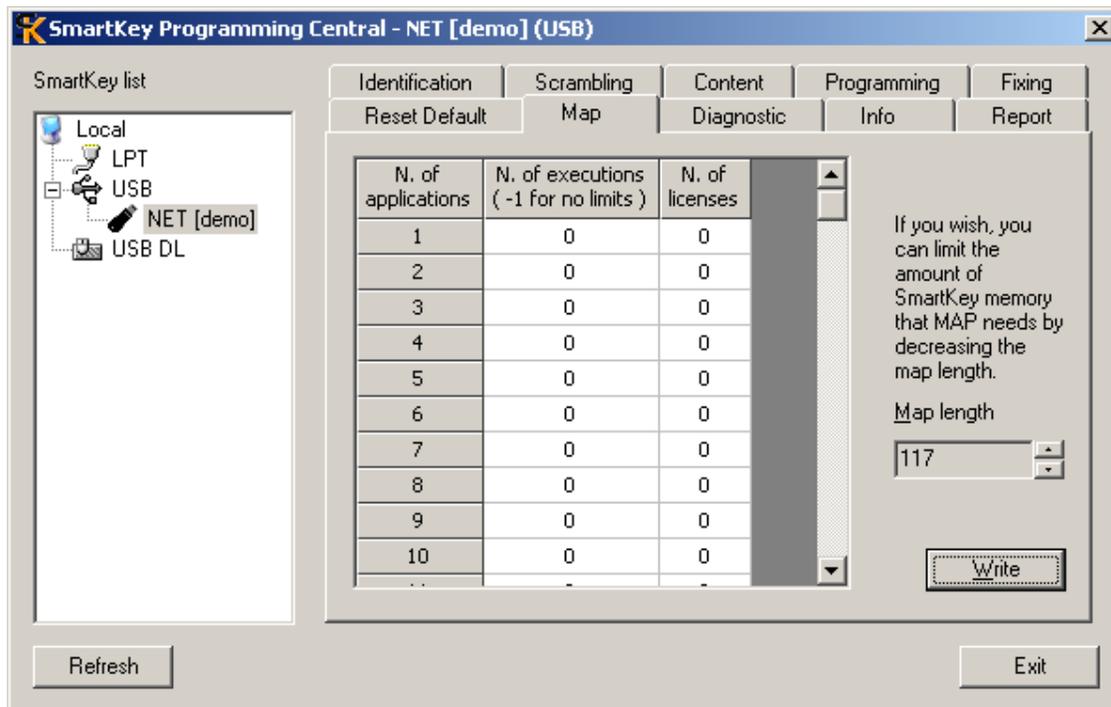
After dealing with all the programs, press the *Write* push-button to write the configuration values on *SmartKey*.

##### SmartKey configuration for managing the number of licenses (For *SmartKey NET* only)

In the *No. of executions* column, input value "-1" on the line referring to the program.

In the *No. of licenses* column, input the number of licenses on the relevant line. The number can vary from "0" to "50".

After dealing with all the programs, press the *Write* push-button to write the configuration values on *SmartKey*.



**Figure 13** *Map* panel of a *NET* type USB SmartKey.

The data required for configuring with *Map* are input in the SmartKey memory and, therefore, the number of programs that can be protected depends on memory capacity. Two bytes are required to enable the *Map* service, and three bytes for each program to be protected. When using the *Map* protection, it is best not to write SmartKey memory by using other programs, because you would risk overwriting memory cells assigned to *Map*. The memory cells used are sequential starting from cell 00. If you wish to use the free memory cells, remember that the first useful cell is number (+2(3\* number of protected programs)).

Here are two simple examples:

- *You wish to execute program 1 only 5 times:*  
 Program No. 1  
 No. of executions: 5  
 No. of licenses: no value (Leave the 0 default value)
- *You wish have program 1 executed by a maximum of 10 personnel simultaneously:*  
 Program No.: 1  
 No. of executions: -1  
 No. of licenses 10

(The last example applies to *SmartKey NET* only).

### 16.5 Scrambling panel

The *Scrambling* panel is used for displaying the output of the scrambling algorithm for known input data values. Both input and output data can be displayed in ASCII or hexadecimal format. You can select with the *ASCII* and *Hex* push buttons. This function is useful for programmers who wish to input scrambling functions in their own code.

Figure 14 shows the *Scrambling* panel with data displayed in hexadecimal format.

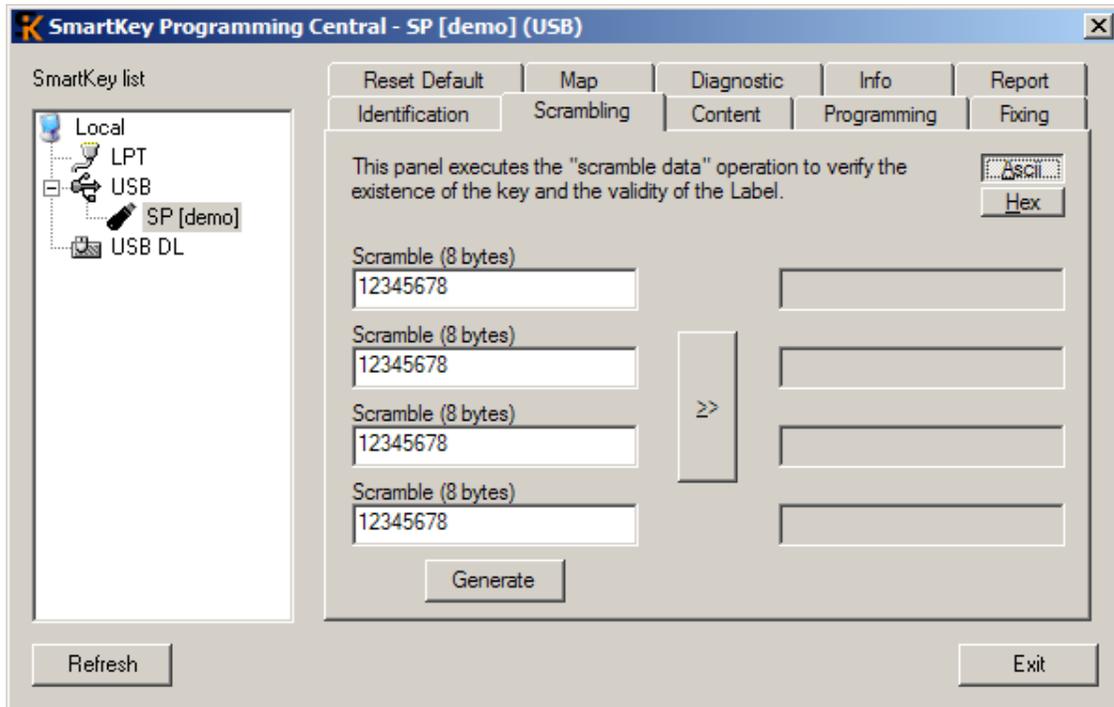


Figure 14 Scrambling panel.

### 16.6 Contents panel

The *Contents* panel is used for reading and writing SmartKey's internal memory. The values can be displayed in decimal forma, by selecting the *Dec* key, or in ASCII format, by selecting the *ASCII* key, or in hexadecimal format, by selecting the *Hex* key. The values to be input should be written directly in the table in the middle. Each cell of the table corresponds to one of SmartKey's memory cells. The values can be written in SmartKey after pressing the *Write* key. The panel can also show the SmartKey's serial number and the number of failed accesses. Figure 15 shows a *Contents* panel with values shown in text format. The cell number is determined by the sum of the number in the left column and the number at the top. For example, value "E" is in cell 9 (8 + 1), and value "U" in cell 10 (8 + 2).

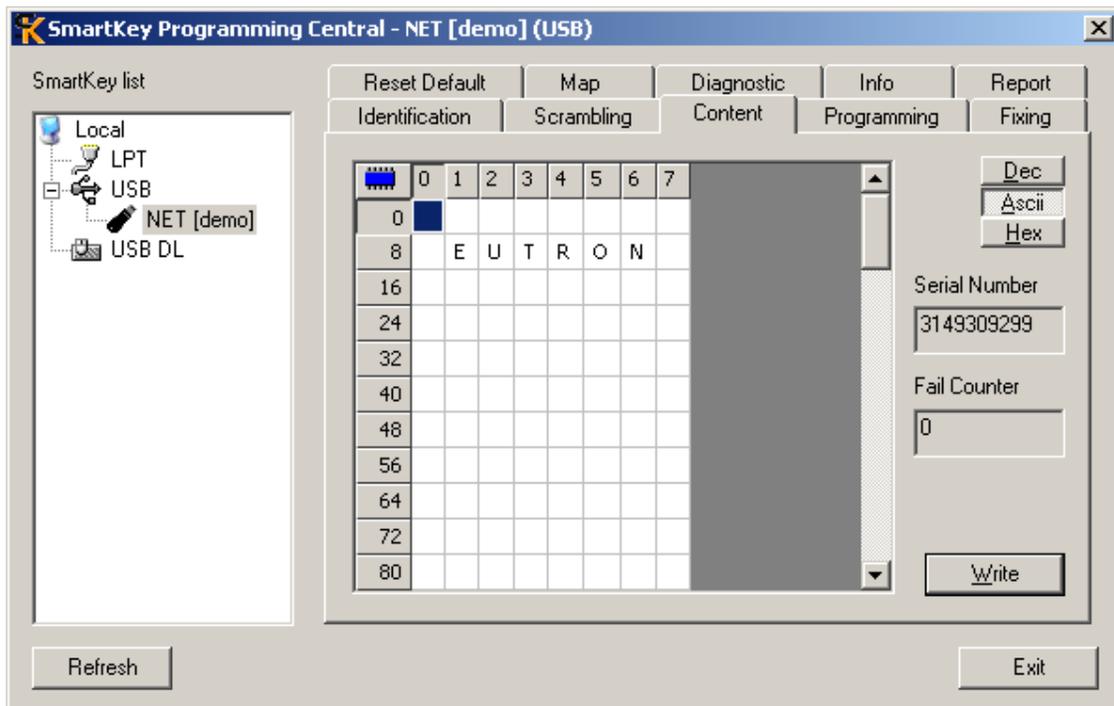


Figure 15 Contents panel of a NET type USB SmartKey.

ATTENTION: Access to the SmartKey memory is direct and without a filter. We advise you not to input data in the memory if you wish to use SmartKey to limit the number of multi-user licenses or the number of maximum executions of a program, because you would run the risk of writing over memory cells needed for these two types of service.

### 16.7 Fixing panel

The *Fixing* panel makes SmartKey non-rewritable. If you press the *Fix* push-button, the *Label* and *Password* registers and the *data memory* become non-modifiable. The *Fix* operation is irreversible. Figure 16 shows an example of the *Fixing* panel.

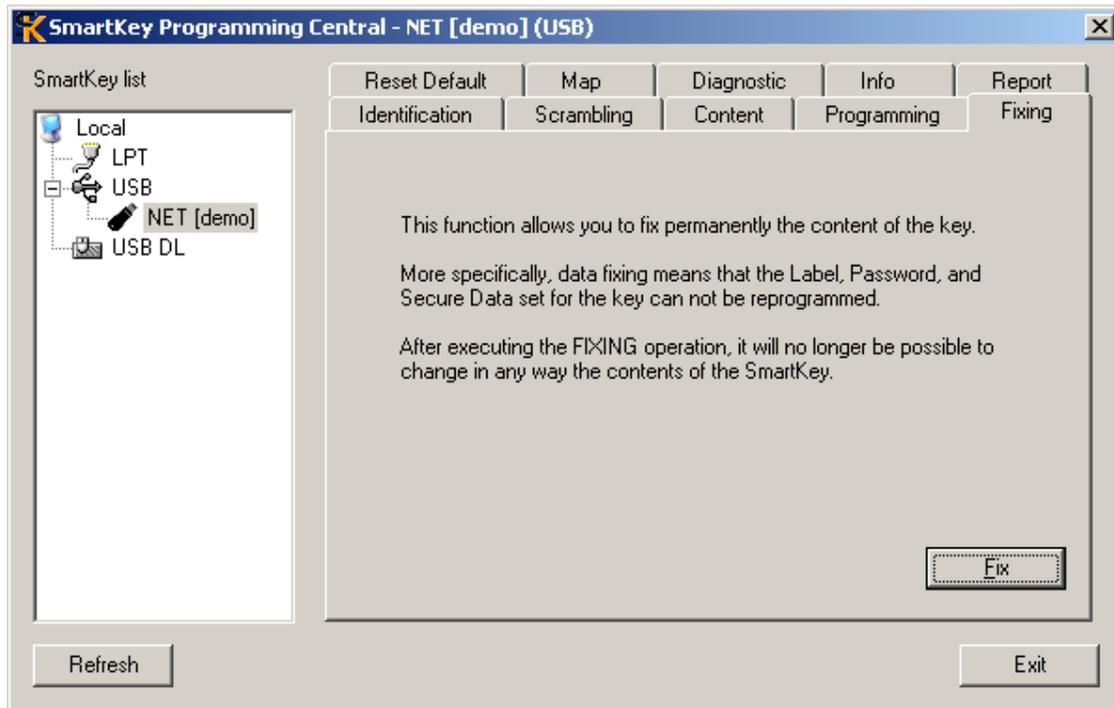


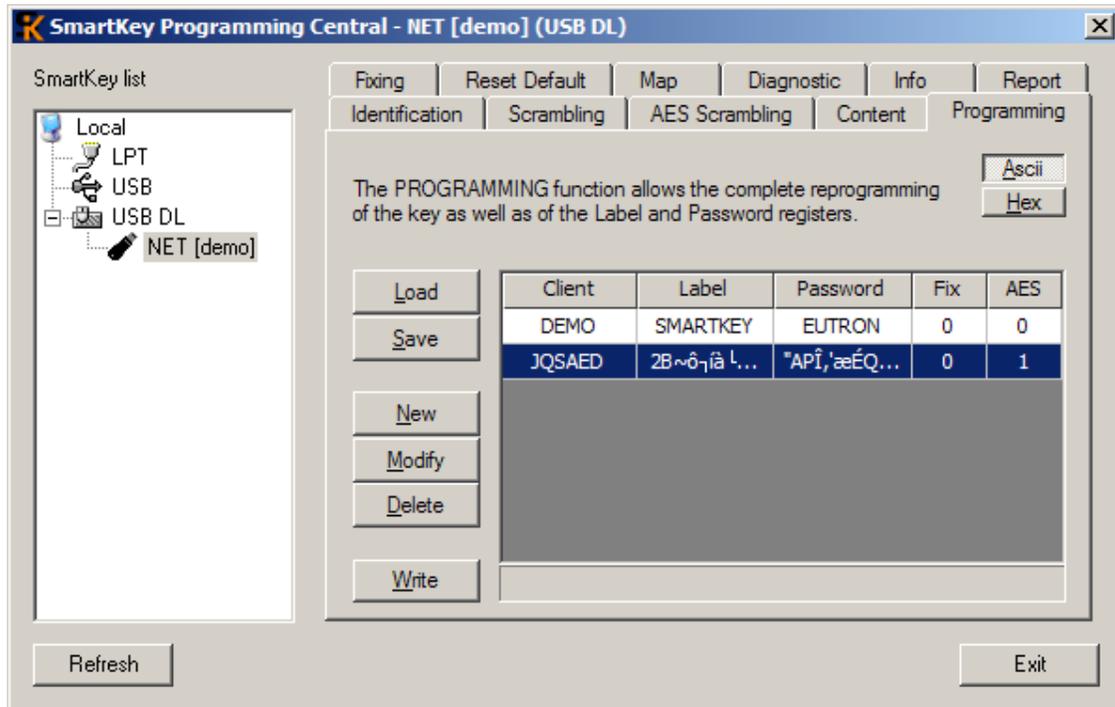
Figure 16 Fixing panel of a NET type USB SmartKey.

### 16.8 Programming panel

The *Programming* panel is designed for managing files containing SmartKey's configuration. *Programming* is used for creating a new configuration, saving it on a file, restoring a saved configuration on a file, modifying it and saving it again on a file and, lastly, writing the selected configuration on SmartKey. The different *configurations* are catalogued according to the name of the client to which the SmartKey is assigned. In fact, every saved configuration must be associated with the client who will use the SmartKey. Figure 17 shows an example of a NET type USB SmartKey in which the configuration assigned to the "INFO" client was selected. (the file was selected by clicking a mouse over the file). The central panel of *Programming* shows the possible configurations that can be written in SmartKey. Each configuration corresponds to a file opened with the *Open* key.

Functions of the panel push buttons:

- *Open*: Opens a file containing the configuration and inserts it to the list in the central table. (figure 17 shows three configurations, with the configuration selected for the INFO client)
- *Save*: Saves the selected configuration in a file.
- *New*: Creates a new configuration. By selecting the push-button, the *Client Data* panel (figure 18) is opened with all its fields empty.
- *Modify*: Modifies the selected configuration. By selecting the push-button, the *Client Data* panel (figure 18) is opened, containing all the configuration's values.
- *Delete*: eliminates the selected configuration from the table.
- *Write*: writes the selected configuration in the SmartKey. (In the case of figure 17 the configuration for client JQSAED is written). If the FIX value of the configuration is 1, the writing is irreversible (in case of error, SmartKey can no longer be used). If it is 0, the SmartKey values can be modified (writing irreversibility increases the degree of security).



**Figure 17** Programming panel of a NET type USB SmartKey.

Figure 18 shows the *Client Data* field. The panel is used for writing the configuration's data. The *configuration* fields are as follows:

- *Client's name*: the name of the client to whom the SmartKey is assigned
- *Label*: SmartKey's label
- *Password*: Password of the dongle
- *Data*: The memory cells are shown in the *data table*.
- *Fix after programming*: If you select this option, the writing of the configuration on the SmartKey becomes indelible. The selection of the option can also be seen on the central table of the configuration panel. If FIX is 1, this means that the option *Fix after writing* was selected. If it is on 0, this means that the option was not selected.
- *Set AES*: if you select this option, you set the AES keys and the AES serial number during the programming of the SmartKey. AES Serial number and keys are used during the AES authentication (refer to section 9.16) and they can be set only one time. The selection of this option can also be seen on the central table of the configuration panel. If AES is 1, this mean that the option Set AES was sselected. If it is 0, this means that the option was not selected.

The values of *Client's name*, *Label* and *Password* can be displayed in ASCII or hexadecimal format, by selecting push buttons *ASCII* and *Hex*. The *Data* values can be displayed in decimal, ASCII or hexadecimal format, by selecting push buttons *Dec*, *ASCII* and *Hex*.

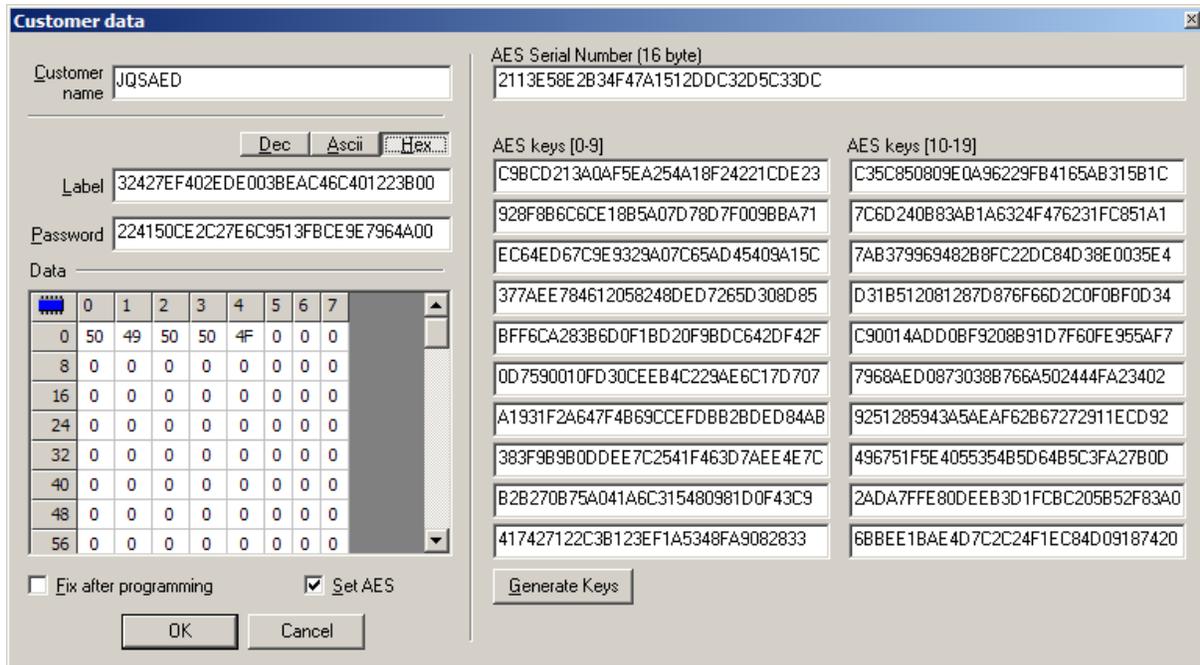


Figure 18 Client Data panel. The panel for writing the configuration.

### 16.9 AES Scrambling panel

The *AES Scrambling* panel allows to execute an authentication using the AES 128 bit algorithm, an alternative to the *Scrambling* command. This panel will be shown only if the AES keys have been set on the Smartkey.

This authentication requires the use of the AES\_SCRAMBLE command and the AES decryption function. The AES\_SCRAMBLE command requires in input pseudo-random data (16 bytes of length) and the index of the AES key present on the Smartkey dongle. The application must know the AES key used, because the result obtained by the AES\_SCRAMBLE must be decrypted to identify the Smartkey dongle. After that, the decrypted data must execute the XOR operation with the previously pseudo-random data used in input to the AES\_SCRAMBLE command. If the final result is equal to the AES serial number, the authentication of the Smartkey dongle has been ended with success. Refer to section 9.16 for a more detailed explanation.

Figure 19 shows an example of AES authentication.

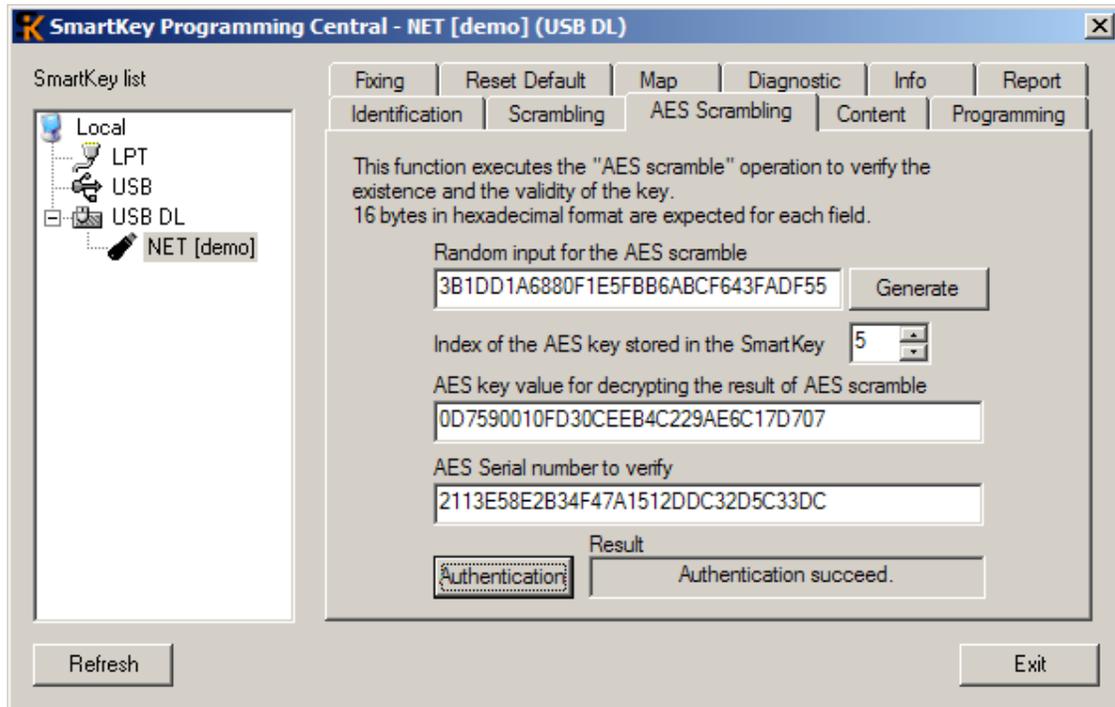


Figure 19 AES Scrambling panel.

### 16.10 Diagnostic panel

By using SPC, you can analyze SmartKey's entire memory, performing reading and writing cycles to diagnose if SmartKey is correctly installed and operating. Figure 20 shows the *Diagnostics* panel for a *SmartKey NET*. Three reading and writing cycles were selected on this panel. Reading and writing are selected with the *Writing Test* and *Reading Test* options. The number of cycles is set with *Number of cycles*. The *Execute* key starts the diagnostics process, and the *Interrupt* key ends the process before due time.

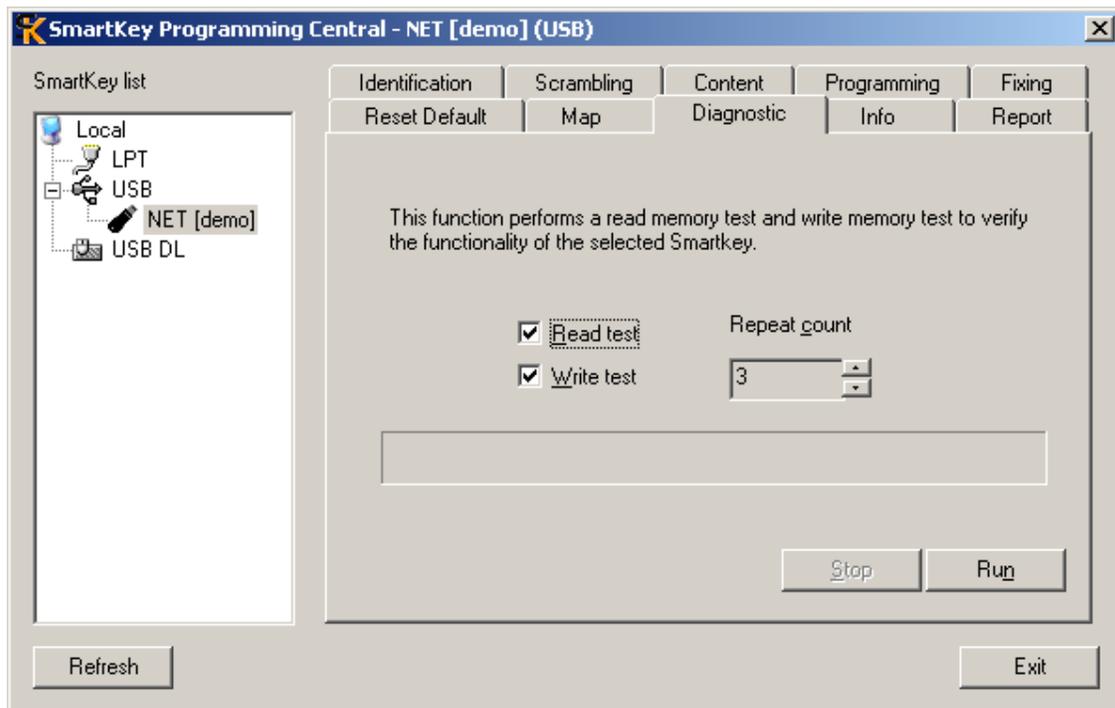


Figure 20 Diagnostic panel. Panel for diagnosing the SmartKey.

### 16.11 Report panel

The *Report* panel is used for running tests on SmartKey's drivers, the devices, the system and SmartKey itself, and it generates a report file. The report file - a normal text file - can then be sent to the customer servicing department to obtain a detailed explanation about the causes of the problem and information on how to solve it. To generate a more detailed report, you may attach a list of programs that use SmartKey. The *Add* key adds the names of the programs to the list. The *Generate report* key starts the analysis and writing procedures on the report file. Figure 21 shows the *Report* panel for a *SmartKey NET* where programs were not input in the list of programs.

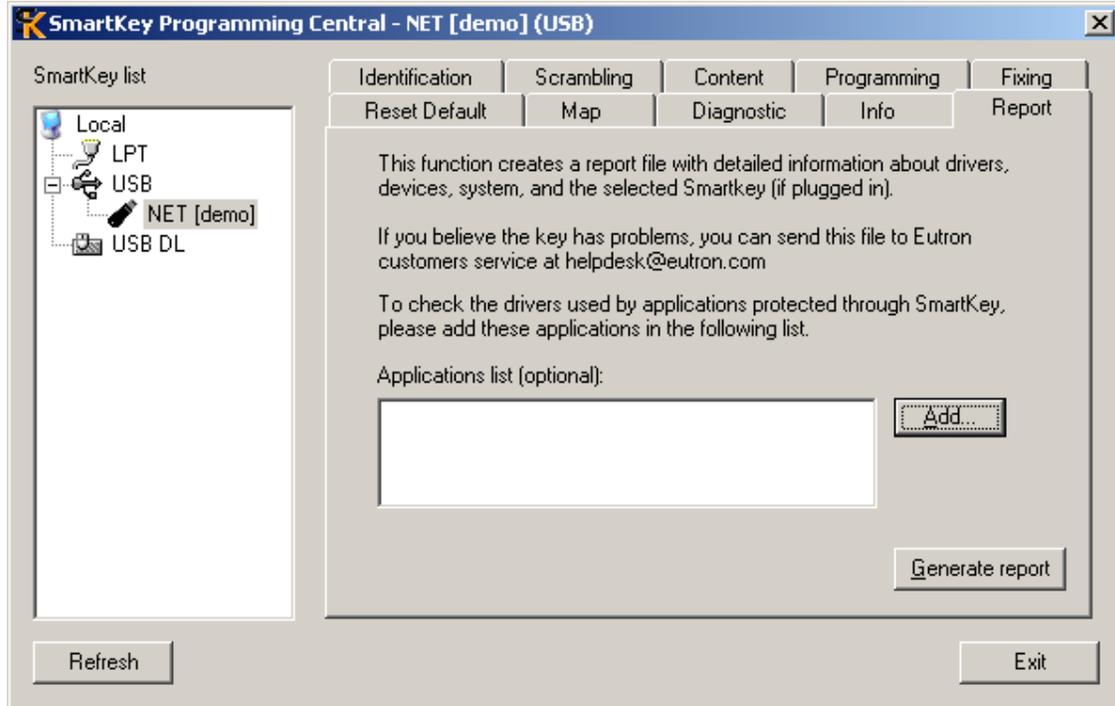


Figure 21 *Report* panel. The panel generates report files.

---

## 17 Technical specifications

### 17.1 Warnings

- Fit *SmartKey Parallel* between the PC and the printer when both are OFF.
- SmartKey is sensitive to electrostatic charges. Do not touch the pins of the SmartKey connectors.
- Do not expose SmartKey to high temperatures or high temperature ranges.
- Any electrical faults on the computer or on its peripheral units, may irreversibly damage SmartKey.
- Do not fit SmartKey in the 25-pole serial port: the voltages could change the contents of SmartKey and damage it.

### 17.2 Functionality

Protection mechanism: by password and algorithmic

Access codes: fixed or programmable 16+16 bytes

Storable data: 64/128/416/896/8192 bytes

Access attempts detection

Facility for *freezing* stored data

### 17.3 SmartKey 2 Parallel

Number of writing operations: 100,000 (typical)

Data storage. 10 years (typical)

Dongle dimensions: 48 x 52 x 15 mm

Interconnection: Centronics standard parallel port

Connector on computer side: D-type 25-pole male

Connector on printer side: D-type 25-pole female

Power supply: self-powered from parallel port

Expected MTBF: 2,800,000 hours

Operating temperature: 0 - +70 °C (32 - 158°F)

Humidity: 20-80% relative humidity

### 17.4 SmartKey 3 USB / SmartKey 3 USB DL

Number of writing operations: 100,000 (typical)

Data storage. 10 years (typical)

Interconnection: USB 2.0 LowSpeed

Connector: USB Male Type A

Power supply: self-powered from USB port

Expected MTBF: 3,000,000 hours

Temperature: -20 - +80°C

Humidity: 20-95% relative humidity