

CipherTrust Manager k160 Quick Start Guide

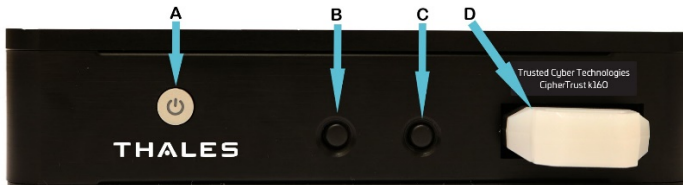
This document details quick instructions for starting up and configuring a Thales Trusted Cyber Technologies (TCT) CipherTrust Manager k160 appliance. Full documentation is located here: https://www.thalesdocs.com/ctp/cm/latest/get_started/deployment/index.html.

WARNING: To avoid inadvertently locking the token HSM, wait to insert the first USB token HSM until ready to proceed with the “Perform the HSM Setup” instructions below.

Required Equipment

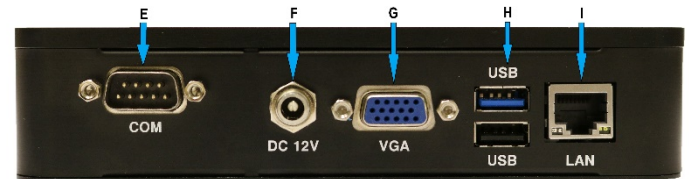
- Power supply and cable
- Serial-to-USB adapter cable
- Null Modem cable
- (2) Mounting brackets with screws
- KeySecure k160 Appliance
- (2) USB Tokens (Standard or High Assurance)
- USB Extender Cable (High Assurance)
- Ethernet cable (not included)

Front of Unit



Item	Name	Description
A	Power On/Off	Powers the appliance on or off.
B	Round Button 1	Reserved for future use.
C	Round Button 2	Reserved for future use.
D	USB Token HSM	Standard or High Assurance. (High Assurance token shown.)

Back of Unit



Item	Name	Description
E	(COM) Console Port	Connect a terminal to this port using the included DB9 to USB cable.
F	DC 12V	Power Adaptor connection.
G	VGA	Connect a standard VGA monitor.
H	USB ports	Used to register additional tokens.
I	LAN	CAT5 Networking Port.

Physical Installation

1. Install the CipherTrust k160 in an appropriate mounting rack that provides sufficient space front, side, and back for cabling, airflow, and maintenance.
2. Connect the provided Null Modem cable to the COM port (E). If your computer does not have a serial port, use the provided Serial-to-USB adapter cable.
3. Insert an Ethernet cable into the LAN port (I) and connect the other end to the network.
4. Insert the power cable into the DC 12V (F) and then plug to an AC power source. The CipherTrust k160 will power up automatically.
5. Press the power button (A) to turn off.

NOTE: If the adapter is not recognized by your computer, you may need to install a USB driver. Contact TCT Technical Support for assistance.

Establish a Connection and Change Default Passwords

After you have rack-mounted the appliance, you must log in to the console to create a secure password for the **ksadmin** user, and then log in to the GUI to change the default SSH key and **admin** user password. Changing these defaults ensures the security of CipherTrust Manager and is required before beginning to create keys or engage any other cryptographic process.

Open a Serial Connection

A serial connection is initially required to set administrative credentials and perform any necessary network configurations.

1. Connect the Null Modem cable to the COM port on the back panel of the k160. If your computer does not have a serial port, connect the Serial-to-USB adapter cable between the Null Modem cable and a USB port on your computer.

NOTE: If your system does not automatically install the USB driver, contact TCT Technical Support for assistance.

2. Use a terminal emulation package, such as PuTTY, to open a serial connection to the k160. Set the serial connection parameters as follows:

VT100/ANSI
Baud rate: 19200
Data bits: 8
Parity: None
Flow Control: None
Stop bits: 1

NOTE: You may need to press ENTER several times to initiate the session.

3. When the connection is made, a DHCP-assigned IP address appears together with the appliance login prompt:

```
ciphertrust login:
```

4. As the System Administrator, enter "**ksadmin**" to log in and follow the prompts to create a secure password.

The system services start to launch at this point, which can take several minutes.

5. [Optional] To set a static IP, use NMCLI:

```
nmcli conn modify "Wired connection 1"  

ipv4.method manual ipv4.addresses <k160  

IP/netmask (CIDR)> ipv4.gateway <Gateway IP>  

ipv4.dns <comma separated IPs>
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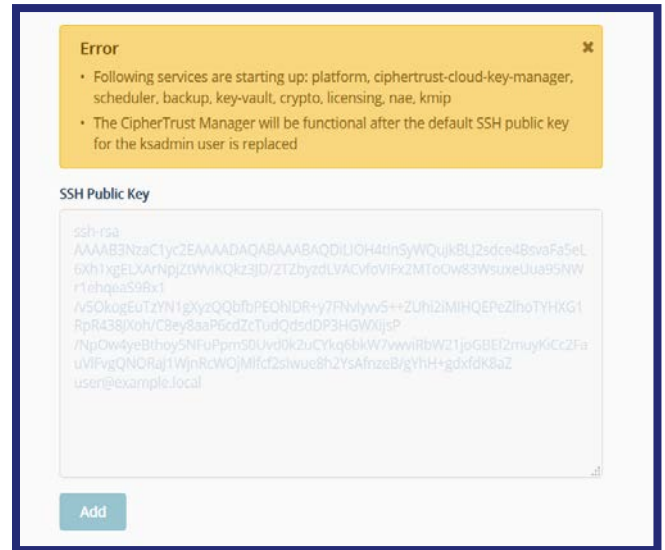
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nmcli conn up "Wired connection 1"
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NOTE: See also, "CipherTrust Manager > Getting Started > CipherTrust Manager Deployment > Network Configuration Tutorial" in the full product documentation.

6. [Optional] Close the serial connection.

Connecting to the GUI for the first time

1. In a web browser, navigate to the IP address displayed or set via the serial connection. The error displayed is normal.



2. Paste into the field your SSH Public Key and then select **Add**.

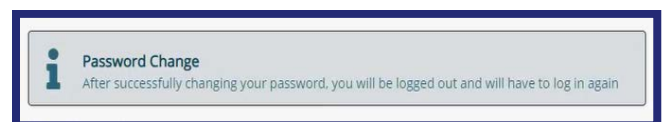
NOTE: The SSH Public Key must be a 'PEM-formatted RSA key'. You can generate this key using 'PuTTYgen' or similar utility. **Be sure to store and securely protect the associated private SSH key, as this key will be required to SSH to the appliance.**

3. Log in using the initial default credentials:

Username: admin
Password: admin

4. Enter a new password using this default Password Policy:

Length: 8-30 characters
At least 1 each: uppercase, lowercase, digit, and other



Log in again using this new password. The CipherTrust Manager Web Page appears.

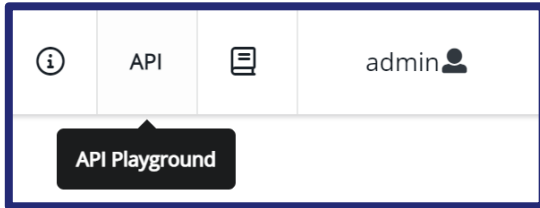
HSM Root of Trust Configuration

The CipherTrust k160 utilizes a token HSM as its root of trust. After registering the first token HSM, additional tokens may be added.

NOTE: Verify that the tokens are firmly inserted into their USB interfaces and, if applicable, the High Assurance token is not illuminated red.

Download the CLI Toolkit

1. In the web GUI, click the “API” button at the far right of the top title bar to open the API Playground.



2. On the top left, click into the CLI Guide.
3. Download the **ksctl_images.zip** package using the blue download button on the top left of the window.



This package contains the CLI tools and sample configuration file to initialize the HSM tokens to the k160.

NOTE: Previous versions of KSCTL may not be fully compatible. Use the CLI package as downloaded from the k160 being deployed.

4. Unpackage the ZIP archive on your client workstation.
5. Navigate to the **ksctl_images** directory, copy the **config_example.yaml** under a new name (e.g. “k160.yaml”), and modify these lines within:

```
KSCTL_URL: <k160 IP>:443
KSCTL_PASSWORD: <password set in GUI above>
KSCTL_TIMEOUT: 180
```

Removing a Token During Operation

Removing the token HSM triggers the system services to shut down within 1 minute, shutting off all access to cryptographic materials and rendering keys, stored objects, etc. encrypted and unusable.

- The system services enter into a restart loop, checking for the reintroduction of a registered token HSM.
- Once a registered token HSM is provided, the system will start back up and resume operations.
- Stored objects can only be recovered by reintroducing a registered token HSM or by performing a system reset and restoring from a backup.

Perform the HSM Setup

1. Insert the first token HSM into the front slot of the appliance.
2. From the CLI toolkit (**ksctl_images**) directory, execute the following command, aligned to the model of k160:

```
ksctl --configfile "<path>\<k160>.yaml" hsm
setup k160 --reset [--ha | --std]

"--ha" for High Assurance | "--std" for Standard
```

The HSM configuration validates and the system will reset.

NOTE: If you attempt to log in on the GUI, you will see various messages about services starting up and it will take over 10 minutes to complete the start-up process.

3. Log back into the GUI with the **original login credentials** (admin/admin) and reestablish a new admin password.
4. [Optional] Verify the HSM token has been set up by visiting the HSM settings page at “Admin Settings → HSM.”

Register an Additional Token HSM

1. Keeping the first token inserted into the k160, insert another token into an open USB slot on the back of the k160 device. For HA models, use the provided USB extender cable.
2. From the CLI toolkit (**ksctl_images**) directory, execute the following command:

```
ksctl --configfile "<path>\<k160>.yaml" hsm
tokens reg
```

3. Once the command completes, remove the additional token from the back of the k160.

NOTE: Removing the token from the front of the k160 will cause a system restart.