

# TecomC4

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General Information

#### 1. What is TecomC4?

TecomC4 is a management software platform, giving end-users and site operators the ability to manage multiple systems from one interface. Operators are able to monitor and control safety and security of staff, manage visitors, and ensure the security of physical assets across multiple sites and remote locations. TecomC4 provides a single interface to manage your security needs across a single or multi-site, incorporating intrusion, access control, video surveillance and fire detection.

#### 2. Is there a cost for workstations/clients?

There is no cost for TecomC4 client licences.

#### 3. Is demo software available for TecomC4?

Yes. Once you install TecomC4, you will have the opportunity to trial the software for 60 days. After that period, you will need to purchase a license for the devices. Please note licensing is only available on supported drivers (refer TecomC4 Portal for current list).

Please also note that 60 day trial of drivers commences at date of software installation, not date of driver install.

#### 4. Where can I buy TecomC4?

TecomC4 is available to trained installers and can be purchased from Hills. Visit [www.hills.com.au](http://www.hills.com.au) to find your local branch.

### Licensing

#### 5. How are licenses managed? Can we transfer to new hardware if upgrading server?

Licenses are managed via a MAC address on the computer the server is installed on (typically the main network card). Transferring a license to new hardware can be discussed with your local distributor or your Interlogix sales representative.

#### 6. How long will it take to receive my license?

We anticipate it will take no more than 48 business hours (2 days).

#### 7. Is there an online registration process?

Yes, you will be able to register your license online at [www.interlogix.com.au/registerTecomC4](http://www.interlogix.com.au/registerTecomC4).

### Support Options

#### 8. What support is offered for TecomC4?

Tecom distributor, Hills, will provide a full range of support for the product and you are encouraged to make contact with your place of purchase. For more complex issues, there will be an escalation procedure to the Interlogix Technical Support team. Installers must be trained and certified on the product prior to installation.

## Training

### 9. What training is offered?

A range of training programs is available via Hills. Please contact Hills or visit [www.hills.com.au](http://www.hills.com.au) to view or register for an upcoming course. Installers must be trained and certified on the product prior to installation.

## Software Maintenance Agreement

### 10. What is software maintenance??

TecomC4 Software Maintenance is called SUSP (Software Upgrade and Support Plan). It is a 12 month contract which includes access to technical support and any software upgrades, patches and bug fixes that may become available for your licensed software during the active term of your maintenance agreement. For ongoing management of your site, you will be required to purchase a SUSP annually for the life of your system.

### 11. What happens once my product is out of support period?

Technical support will not be available for the customer and the site will no longer receive updates, patches and bug fixes. It is recommended that for the life of the software you maintain a SUSP plan.

### 12. What happens if I don't sign up to a SUSP and I want to upgrade my software to the latest version?

Your sales representative will offer a quote for a new software license, however it is more cost effective to maintain an annual SUSP.

## Upgrade from existing platforms

### 13. Is there an upgrade path from my existing Tecom software to TecomC4?

TecomC4 is a brand new product therefore there is no migration path from existing Tecom software platforms. TecomC4 imports programming from the Challenger panel, users are managed via the software and programming changes are handled by TitanCT).

### 14. Can I still purchase any of the existing Tecom software platforms?

Yes, the current range of Tecom software (Security Commander, Titan and Forcefield) will continue to be available and supported.

### 15. What is TitanCT and is it the same as Titan?

TitanCT is a configuration tool, which is used to program your Challenger panel hardware, and uses a client-server based application. TitanCT complements the user management functionality offered in TecomC4, and provides a technician-friendly interface to streamline configuration tasks.

### 16. Do I have to register TitanCT?

No, you will not have to register TitanCT. It is an installer's configuration tool and will be available online, at no cost.

### 17. I have had my current software less than a year and I want to move to TecomC4. Is there a rebate/trade in option?

No, there is no migration path or trade-in option. Depending on site requirements it will be the decision of the end-user which software is the most appropriate. We recommend that you speak with your local distributor or an Interlogix representative for further discussion.

## 18. There are a few Tecom software options. How do I know which software to purchase?

A full comparison matrix of all Tecom software will be available on the Interlogix website, showing the differences between TecomC4, Security Commander, Forcefield and Titan.

TecomC4 is a “Unified Software platform” targeted specifically towards end-users, and is the only software platform which is hardware agnostic. It has over 100 products integrated, and communicates via a common SDK to multiple intrusion, access control, and video products which allows them to be presented in a consistent and uniform manner, regardless of the hardware. TecomC4 user interface is intuitive, powerful and operator friendly, requiring minimal training to use effectively.

Both Security Commander and Forcefield have installation options, which are not available in TecomC4 however can be accessed using a separate configuration tool (TitanCT).

## Features and Panel Support

### 19. Does TecomC4 support Challenger V8?

Not in the initial release, however V8 support is planned in a future release.

### 20. Do I need a specific machine to run the software?

Please refer to TecomC4 datasheet for minimum specifications. Your local distributor and/or Interlogix representative will work with the integrator to determine specification of the required server.

### 21. What versions of windows is the software is compatible with?

Win 7, Win 8, Win10 and Win Server (2003 onwards).

### 22. Will TecomC4 run on a Mac?

No, not at this stage.

### 23. Does TecomC4 support Photo ID, image capture, and card printing?

Yes, these are standard features and require no additional licensing.

### 24. Does TecomC4 allow importing and exporting of users?

Importing and exporting is a standard feature, and uses an industry-standard CSV file format.

### 25. Does TecomC4 have graphic maps?

TecomC4 has a fully developed Monitor for graphic maps that includes the following features:

- Scalable map points (dynamically keeps points in the same place when map is resized)
- Live points (inputs, doors etc have icons that will update with the panel)
- Ability to add custom text, buttons, polygons, etc to perform a wide variety of actions
- Detachable live event monitor, history viewer, and alarm handling

### 26. What formats can the Graphics Map import as a background image?

- Bitmap Image: jpg, jpeg, gif, png, bmp
- AutoCAD Vector Image: dwfx

**27. Is an icon designer available for the map points?**

No, there is no icon designer currently available.

**28. Can you assign different alert tones to alarm types?**

No.

**29. Will TecomC4 buffer commands if offline? Can this be cleared?**

Users, door groups, alarm groups etc. changes are buffered until communications are enabled. Changes to device control commands (for example, arming an area) are only sent whilst a panel is actively connected, and will not be buffered. There is currently no practical method of clearing a buffer.

**30. Is there a card designer built-in?**

Yes.

**31. Can you create shortcuts on the main screen? i.e. add a button to trigger a sequence of actions or print a report?**

You can create shortcuts on the map only.

**32. Can you adjust fonts size and colour etc?**

Yes, on the map.

**33. Can you apply restrictions to workstations / clients?**

No, this is handled by persons permissions and roles.

**34. Can you log into the software using card credentials?**

No.

**35. Is there a policies module or integration option?**

Active Directory is the only option at this time for policy modules.

**36. Can you capture an event and export video and alarm history for viewing by a 3rd party?**

Yes.

**37. How many events per second can the system handle?**

This is server dependant however the number of expected events per second will be approximately 100.

**38. Is there a card enrolment option for badging cards into the software?**

Yes, cards can be assigned to users by badging a card on any specified reader that is attached to a Challenger panel.

**39. Can users be created or deleted in bulk?**

Yes, users can be created in bulk by importing via a csv file, and can be deleted in bulk by using standard modifier keys (such as ctrl and shift) to select multiple users.

**40. Is there an option to use a touchscreen optimised user interface?**

No, the software is designed to be operated by a keyboard and mouse.

**41. Is there a built in help utility??**

Yes, the function key F1 will open help files.

**42. I want to integrate a 3rd party system not currently listed. What is the process to achieve this?**

Please contact your sales representative for product, specification and time required to implement. The sales team will help with quote and time line for delivery.

**43. Is there a time and attendance module or option?**

No.

**44. Is there a mustering report?**

No.

**45. Can I backup a Challenger configuration and restore it if required?**

Configuration of Challenger panels are handled via TitanCT, with user set up via TecomC4. Both systems will require system back ups.

**46. Are there any system tools to investigate alarm sync errors or communication issues?**

Log files are generated for TecomC4, and can allow for any issues to be diagnosed. Assistance from Interlogix Technical Support may be required.

**47. Can I create events and actions across Challenger panels?**

Yes, this can be achieved across multiple panels.

**48. Can I create Multiple Alarm Points on maps?**

Yes.

**49. Can I restrict access to individual maps?**

Yes.

**50. Can I record audio from a CCTV feed?**

This would be done via your recorder if enabled, not through TecomC4.

**51. Does the system have the multiple door state represented with the icons i.e. different colours for isolated, locked, open, secure and can these be changed?**

Multiple states are supported for events such as door open, isolated device, armed area etc, however these icons and colours are not customisable.