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Statement of TAPI SP for Meridian 1 server requirement for embedded 25pin D type Parallel Port for attachment of Security Device

Introduction

This bulletin is being issued to confirm that all versions of TAPI SP for the Meridian 1 require the server on which the product is being loaded to incorporate an Integrated IBM compatible 25pin D type connector parallel port.

The bulletin is being issued in response the trend within the PC Server market not to supply such a parallel port.

PVI Server Requirement

Nortel Networks' TAPI SP for the Meridian 1 is a software product supplied with Engineering Guidelines intended to allow customers to provision an appropriate IBM compatible server on which the product can be loaded.

The detailed Engineering Guideline supplied with the product should be followed in detail to ensure the product is provisioned to ensure operation to design intent.

The server requirements include the statement that the Server must incorporate an Integrated IBM compatible 25pin D type connector parallel port.

The parallel port is used to connect the Nortel supplied TAPI SP Security Device.

The TAPI SP software polls for presence of the valid TAPI SP Security Device during product configuration and during product operation.

TAPI SP will not operate on a server that is not fitted with an Integrated IBM compatible 25pin D type connector parallel port.

Parallel Port emulator support

Nortel Networks are working with the leading Server vendors on this requirement and have confirmed that various alternatives offered by Server vendors such as PCI card Parallel port adaptor cards and USB to Parallel Port cards do not allow operation of TAPI SP for the Meridian 1.

Nortel Networks will continue to work with the leading Server vendors and will publish any successful workarounds as they are validated.

Future Plans for TAPI SP for Meridian 1

It is Nortel Networks' intention to follow the trend in the Server market away from the reliance on an Integrated IBM compatible 25pin D type connector parallel port in future plans for TAPI SP for the Meridian 1.

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