



## Top Secret® for z/OS Administrator Productivity

A TSSadmin Express™ Whitepaper

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**Bottom Line:**

*TSSadmin Express™ streamlines many tasks with Top Secret® for z/OS:*

*Minutes-long tasks now take **seconds**.*

*Hours-long tasks now take **minutes**.*

*Weeks-long tasks now take **days**.*

*Months-long tasks now take **weeks**.*

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*TSSadmin Express™ provides essential functionality to efficiently maintain, search, locate, report and summarize content within your Top Secret® for z/OS implementation.*

## Maximize Productivity with Top Secret® for z/OS Administrators

Administrators, technical support, and auditors each have a unique perspective of managing, maintaining, and assessing your Top Secret® for z/OS implementation. With the right tools, this staff can add, update, assess, and report security content, and a lot of it.

*But too many Top Secret® for z/OS users rely on inefficient, manual workflows. Yesterday's methods simply don't keep up with today's demands of fluid organizations, frequent application updates, complex OS upgrades, and the onslaught of government regulations.*

Performing accurate and expedient provisioning, research, reporting, and assessment is an essential part of today's "just-in-time" security needs and expectations. Too often, administrators and technical support staff must unnecessarily and excessively prioritize the workload because the typical administration approach has a costly trait: **The process is slow, manual and complex.** Without the right tools to maximize productivity, staffing costs for managing and operating the security environment often far exceed the cost of the technology itself.

**TSSadmin Express™ changes everything:**  
It's an easy-to-use productivity tool with features designed specifically to complement Top Secret® for z/OS.

Administrators, technical support staff, and auditors can now work more quickly, accurately, and thoroughly through improved operational efficiency.

## TSSadmin Express™: A Game Changer

Maximizing productivity to improve service levels, maintain accuracy, and simplify Top Secret® for z/OS administration is what TSSadmin Express™ is all about. ***Our customers have proven that TSSadmin Express™ upgrades their security posture by significantly improving their ability to control and maintain their Top Secret® implementation.*** How? By simplifying tasks, collecting, correlating and clarifying data, and improving productivity. By leveraging TSSadmin Express™, you can increase the depth, quality, and quantity of your mainframe security administration. Check out these benefits:

### STEPS-UP QUERY AND REPORTING

Search, locate and report like never before. Fast online results in formats familiar to your staff. Users, Profiles, Permissions, Attributes, Admin Authority, Certificates and Keyrings are now easily searchable.

### UTILIZES TSS-SPECIFIC TOOLS

Command functions and documentation made specifically for Top Secret®. Requiring no translation, intuitive functions meet the needs specific to TSS administrators.

### SIMPLIFIES TASKS

Administrators are empowered to focus on security needs and solutions vs. the distractions caused by unnecessary busywork. Command shortcuts and automated workflows are designed to eliminate the rote command syntax entry and to automate obvious process sequences.

### IMPROVES AUDIT CAPABILITIES

Responding to auditor requests for information from your Top Secret® implementation is a breeze with TSSadmin Express™. Search/locate, filter, summarize and report most any aspect of your TSS SECFILE contents and change history. Output is often presented in columns that are ready for sorting, analysis or importing to a spreadsheet.

### IMPROVES SERVICE LEVELS

In short: tasks are completed more quickly. Daily tasks are simplified and blazing fast through:

- 1) elimination of bulky command syntax
- 2) bringing life and reuse-ability to otherwise static output
- 3) automating many rote/repetitive workflows
- 4) producing instant/online results for most functions

### BRINGS RISKS TO LIGHT

Critical risks and anomalies within your TSS implementation jump out through the use of ColorGuard™ and simplified columnar output.

### RECONCILES & TRACKS

Identify differences between multiple SECFILEs (or verify they are in sync as intended). Compare today's SECFILE with a snapshot from a previous period.

### ENERGIZES TSS PROJECTS

Comprehensive ad-hoc research and automated generation of TSS commands help facilitate mass maintenance tasks, large-scale assessments, and secure/verified implementation of new resources.

### LEVERAGES SMART DISTRIBUTION

Results from your research or admin work can be instantly transferred to an email inbox or saved for future reference.

### UTILIZES PROVEN TECHNOLOGY

TSSadmin Express™ has been satisfying Top Secret® for z/OS customers since 2006.

### DIRECT ACCESS TO DEVELOPERS

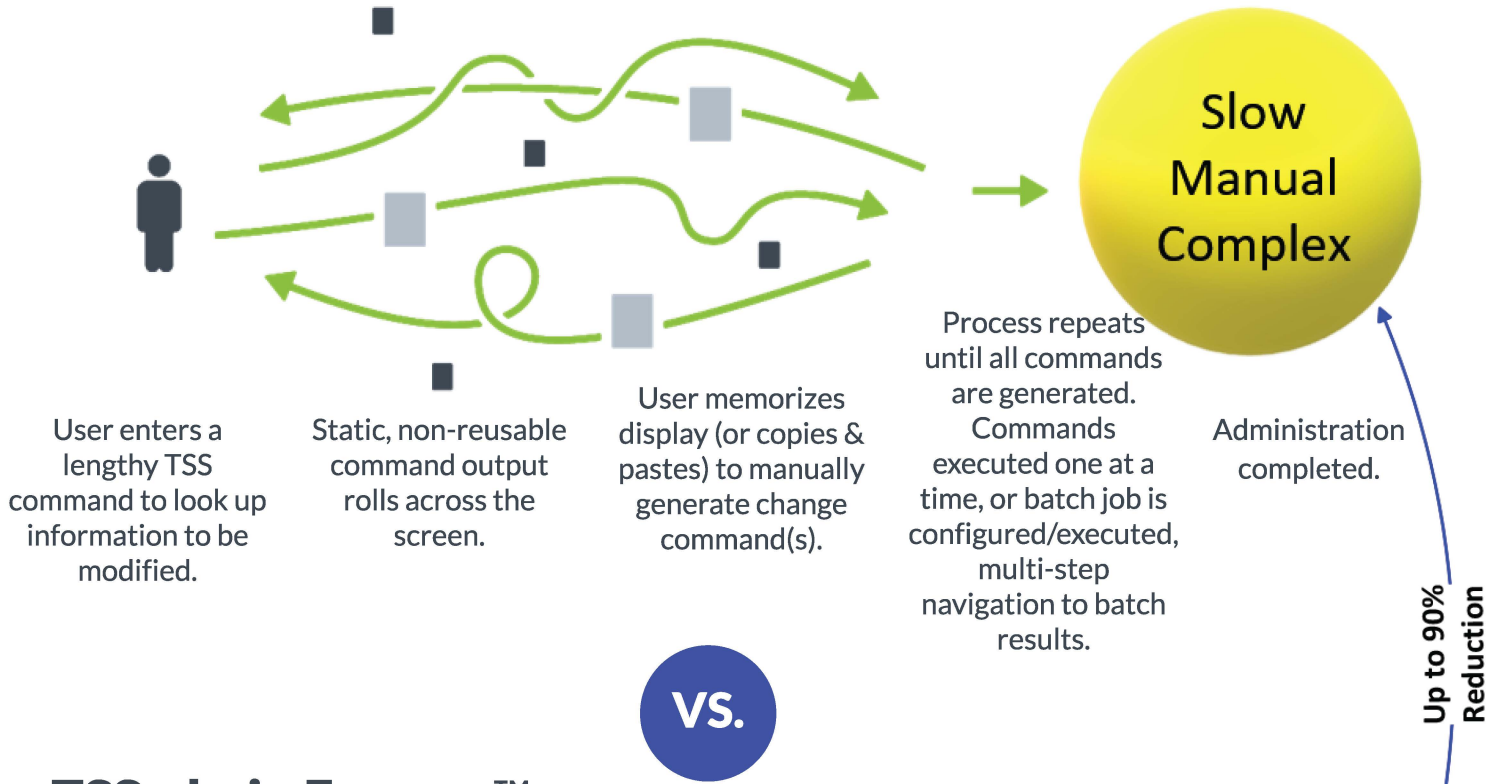
Got an issue or suggestion? We respond with clear communication and we don't utilize inexperienced "Level 1" support staff. You communicate directly with a developer on every support ticket -- someone who knows the operation and capabilities of both TSSadmin Express™ and Top Secret®.



#1 reason given for \*not\* having  
TSSadmin Express™

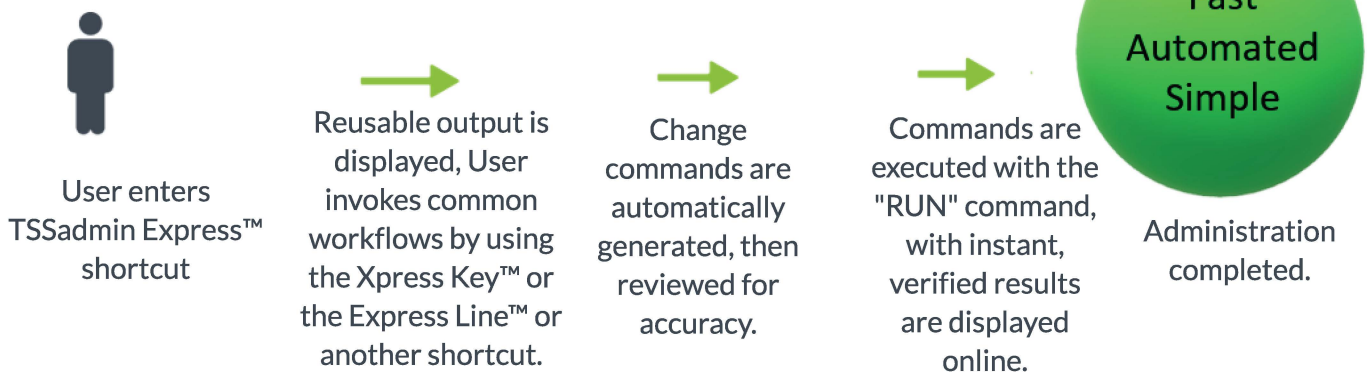
## Typical Admin Process

Administrators often grudgingly perform legacy manual processes, requiring navigation across multiple screens, execution of batch jobs, and/or using limited in-house-built tools. Output can be relatively difficult and time consuming to interpret. Ad-hoc search, display, reporting and mass maintenance is complex at best. In many cases no functionality exists to help perform individual tasks, much less complex workflows.



## TSSadmin Express™

Workflow is accelerated with shortcuts, live/reusable output, and automation. In many cases, TSSadmin Express™ provides functionality that is enhanced with ColorGuard™, summarized in columns, and enhanced with critical reference details. Often you'll use functionality that is not otherwise possible compared with using legacy manual processes. Reports or research results can be instantly sent to an internal email inbox. Customers regularly realize 10%, 30%, 50%, and even as much as 90% reduction in time to completion of administration tasks. This productivity benefit repeats with every task performed.



## Next Steps

Contact us to see a live demonstration of TSSadmin Express™. Round up your administrators, tech support and auditors. We'll step you through an overview of commonly used features. Next, if you need more assurance before subscribing, we offer a complimentary trial -- take as long as you need -- so that you can experience and prove the value of TSSadmin Express™ in *your* environment. During this trial you have full access to all functions of the software -- no limits on functionality. We even provide full technical support and will assist with training as needed.

While the trial is progressing we'll provide a formal proposal and Master Services Agreement for review by your procurement team. Once you've decided to move forward and the proposal is accepted, you'll have full and uninterrupted access to the software while the remainder of the procurement process is completed.

### 1. LIVE DEMONSTRATION

We'll show you the basic features so you can see the look and feel of the product. If we are informed of your specific goals, we can tailor the demonstration to show you the features most important to you.

### Contact Us for a Live Demonstration here:

<https://www.tssadmin.com/contact>



### 2. TRY IT ON YOUR SYSTEM

Next, test drive TSSadmin Express™ on *your* system. Installation is simple: We supply you with QuickStart Guides so you can learn the basics first and then master the more powerful functions that perform advanced workflows. We are here to help you along the way.

### Register for your trial here:

<https://www.tssadmin.com/trial>

### 3. SUBSCRIBE

Finally, accept the proposal and the Master Services License Agreement to activate your subscription. Since your trial is a full installation, you'll already have everything you need to continue being productive without interruption!

## Safe, Simple Installation

Your technical support team and auditors will appreciate that TSSadmin Express™ requires **no APF authorization**, modifies no existing programs or exits on your system, and requires no servers. It runs as a standalone product within your TSO session or within any batch job that you configure to use it. And since it honors all TSS administration authority and access controls, it doesn't *\*allow\** you to do anything, but rather it boosts your ability to perform tasks you have been permitted to do much more quickly and accurately!

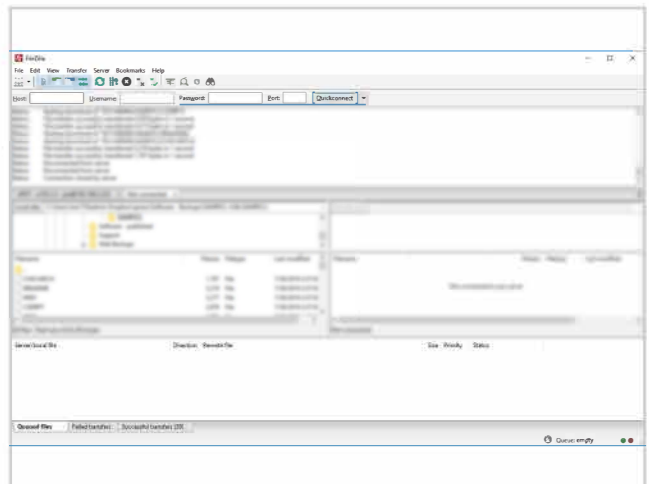
### 1. DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE

After a quick registration on the [www.tssadmin.com](http://www.tssadmin.com) website, you simply download the Full Install Package, Installation and User Guide, and QuickStart Training Guides. Also, register the CPU serial number(s) where you'll be running the software and we'll send you License Keys.



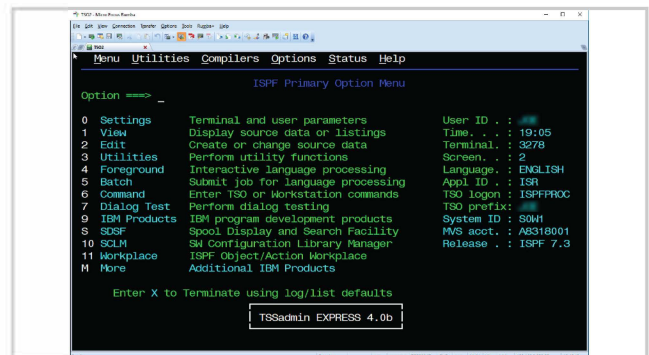
### 2. UPLOAD/INSTALL

Next, upload the installation files to your mainframe with your FTP client. Follow steps to configure installation JCL and site-specific control options. Step-by-step instructions are in the *Installation and User Guide* that you have downloaded. It's easy! Install processing takes only 15 minutes, but gathering and configuring site-specific information will extend this time.



### 3. READY TO USE!

After installation, users you've authorized may now invoke TSSadmin Express™ from their ISPF Primary Option menu. All functions are now accessible to the user (subject, of course, to the TSS authority you've granted to them).



## Frequently Asked Questions

We've compiled some of the more common questions that we hear from new customers considering a subscription of TSSadmin Express™ to improve their Top Secret® for z/OS security administrator productivity.

### HOW DOES LICENSING WORK?

We license TSSadmin Express™ with an Annual Subscription and pricing is based on the number of concurrent administrators who will be using it, regardless of size and number of CPUs. We offer substantial discounting for licensing multiple users and multi-year subscriptions. Government-site discounts also apply.

### IS TSSadmin Express™ NEW?

TSSadmin Express™ is a mature product. First introduced in 2006, we utilize proven technology and are currently on version 4. We have an exceptional customer satisfaction record.

### WHAT IF WE ALREADY HAVE IAM SOFTWARE?

Many of our customers use IAM software to perform much of the simple and pre-defined daily user provisioning. While TSSadmin Express™ can help with many IAM functions, these customers use it to help do the heavy lifting that's required for configuring, troubleshooting, researching, reporting, and maintaining their Top Secret® for z/OS implementation. Much of the functionality is unique and separate from IAM applications.

### WHY NOT DEVELOP IN-HOUSE?

Our customers often do develop special needs tools in-house -- but TSSadmin Express™ frees them from the majority of that effort. We perform constant development to add new features, keep up with maintenance and documentation, and provide training materials and personal training assistance when needed.

### ISN'T THE 3270 "GREEN SCREEN" OBSOLETE?

Our first focus is on productivity, so we have kept this technology directly on the mainframe. This enables the use of ultra efficient cross-memory services and avoids dependencies and latency inherent to data unnecessarily traversing through middleware and networks. Our customers agree that even without a pretty browser the productivity is phenomenal! And, we do make use of advanced features including color, highlighting and interactive content throughout.



### IS TSSadmin Express™ CA/BROADCOM SOFTWARE?

No. Access Solutions, Inc. participates with the CA Technologies *Technology Partner Program*, but this software is offered through us directly as a complement to work alongside your Top Secret® for z/OS implementation.

### WE ARE A SMALL SHOP. WHAT'S THE VALUE?

Regardless of implementation size, all Top Secret® for z/OS sites have similar administration needs. Our subscription pricing model scales from small shops to large. Small shops use and appreciate the same features and benefits. In many cases administrators in smaller shops are not dedicated to working full-time with security, so simplicity and productivity is critical.

### HOW DO I LEARN HOW TO USE TSSadmin Express™?

We offer complimentary QuickStart Training Guides that you can follow at your own pace to learn the basic and more advanced functions of TEX. The basic query functions -- ones that you'll use most often -- are intuitive and you'll be productive right away with them. Keep the Desktop Reference Guide nearby as a reminder to use and explore other functions.

As always, we are here to answer any questions and help in any way we can!



## About Access Solutions, Inc.

As the logo states, we help transform your technology investments into productivity. We focus exclusively on TSSadmin Express™ and related services for improving productivity with administration, technical support and auditing of your Top Secret® for z/OS implementation.

Founded in 1994, Access Solutions, Inc. is a US based small business .

## Questions? Need more information?

**Contact Us:** <https://www.tssadmin.com/contact>

**Trial Registration:** <https://www.tssadmin.com/webapp/register>

**Product Overview Video:** <https://www.tssadmin.com/doforyou>

**This Document:** <https://www.tssadmin.com/whitepaper/>

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## Satisfied Users

We have a satisfied client base and we scored a near perfect performance rating through the Dun & Bradstreet Open Ratings survey, where 100% of our customers participating in the survey provided positive responses.

## Our Customers

Our customers include organizations from the following industries:

- Banking
- Financial/Investments
- Government
- Insurance
- Manufacturing / Retail

**We honor the privacy request of our customers and do not reveal details of these organizations without their express permission.**

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