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Overview of WinGuard

WinGuard V.2.2 can protect a personal computer running Windows 3.1 from having any of its Program Manager groups or items rearranged or damaged (accidentally or intentionally). These protections would probably be most useful to someone in charge of a number of computers at a school or business, though a parent might wish to prevent little fingers on a mouse from dragging all of the Program Manager icons into a (not so) nice "happy face"!

WinGuard provides for the automatic setting of any one of seven different protection levels (actually, eight, including a "zero protection" setting), as well as allowing the hiding of "sensitive" programs, such as Windows Setup, Control Panel, or File Manager, behind its password-protected shell.   WinGuard also allows the hiding of selected Program Manager groups and Control Panel icons, restricting access to them to the authorized user only.

Thus, it can be seen that WinGuard enables the authorized user to configure the Program Manager interface to allow the guest user easy access to selected applications, while minimizing the chances of damage (accidental or intentional) to Windows and the programs accessible through it.

See also:

Password Entry Window
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Password Entry Window

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Please Enter the WinGuard Password :

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OK   Cancel

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Main WinGuard Window

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Level 0	Level 4		Change Password
Level 1	Level 5		Protect Now
Level 2	Level 6		Unprotect Now
Level 3	Level 7		Cancel Changes

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WinGuard

Current Protection Level is 2
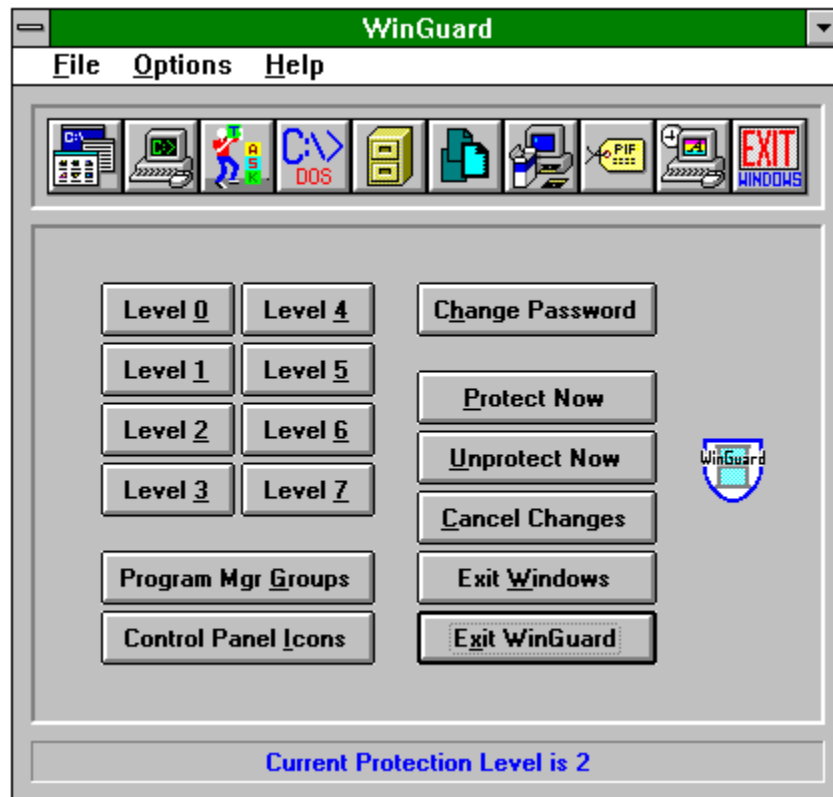
Program Manager Groups

WinGuard provides the opportunity for the <u>authorized user</u> to hide one or more of the program groups (such as Main, Accessories, Applications, etc.) shown in the <u>Program Manager</u> window, preventing the <u>guest user</u> from accessing (or perhaps even knowing about) any such groups, once protected.   If the authorized user needs to redisplay any hidden group, this may be done easily from within WinGuard, although this does require restarting Windows (but this may also easily be done from within WinGuard).

If it is desired merely to hide a few selected icons that are present in several different groups, it might be advantageous to create a Program Manager group just for them, and then to move each of them to the new group (by dragging and dropping with the mouse), before hiding the group with WinGuard.

Of course, WinGuard's companion security program, ProGuard, allows password-protecting one or several individual icons, without removing them from sight, still allowing for quick access to them by the authorized user.

Note that Windows must be restarted before any program group display change (either hiding a visible group or redisplaying a hidden group) will take effect.

See also:

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Program Manager Groups

Visible Groups

Group1=c:\windows\main.grp
Group3=c:\windows\microsof.grp
Group4=c:\windows\startup.grp
Group5=c:\windows\accessor.grp
Group7=c:\windows\words.grp
Group8=c:\windows\graphics.grp
Group9=c:\windows\design.grp
Group10=c:\windows\terminal.grp

Hidden Groups

Group2=c:\windows\science.grp
Group6=c:\windows\backup.grp
Group14=c:\windows\pctools.grp

Deselect

Hide

Show

Close

Hide/Show Program Manager groups.
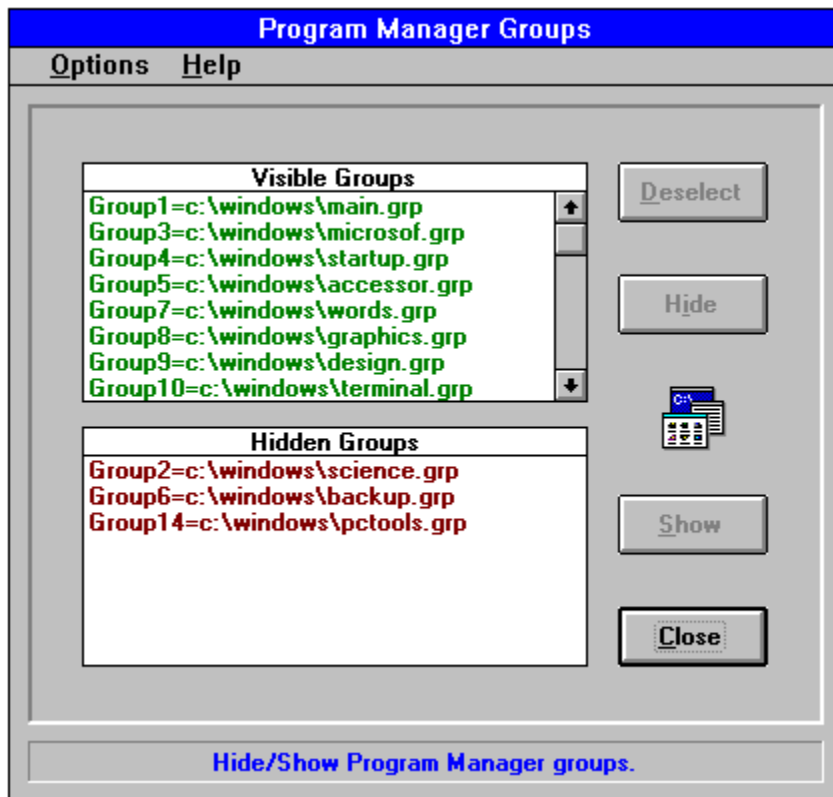
Program Manager Groups Window

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Exiting from WinGuard

WinGuard provides several ways to close itself, depending upon the circumstance.   It is possible to close WinGuard and then return to Windows, either with or without saving any <u>protection level</u> changes that may have just been made.   It is also possible to close WinGuard and then to either exit or restart Windows, to bring about desired <u>Program Manager</u> protection level and/or group changes immediately.

The Protect Now command will restart Windows with the currently selected protection level in place.   The Unprotect Now command will restart Windows with Level 0 in place, regardless of the current protection level setting.

The Cancel Changes command will close WinGuard and then return to Windows, after first undoing any protection level changes made during that running of WinGuard.   Note, however, that the Cancel Changes button will undo only protection level changes, not program group changes or <u>Control Panel</u> icon changes (which must be undone individually).

The Exit Windows command will close WinGuard and then exit Windows, activating the currently selected protection level.   The Exit WinGuard command will close WinGuard and then return to Windows, to have any changes made in Program Manager groups or protection level take place the next time that Windows is started.

See also:

No Windows Close
Protection Levels
Program Manager Groups
Control Panel Icons

No Windows Close

WinGuard's Options Menu includes a No Windows Close command item, as well as an opposite Allow Windows Close item.

Checking the No Windows Close menu item will prevent the <u>guest user</u> from exiting Windows by any of the usual methods;   once the command is in effect, the File Menu's Exit Windows command and the Control Menu's Close command will both be "<u>dimmed</u>", and double-clicking on the Control Menu icon will also become ineffective for closing Windows.

Checking the Allow Windows Close menu item will enable exiting from Windows by the normal means, either by using the File Menu's Exit Windows command or the Control Menu's Close command, or by double-clicking on the Control Menu Icon.

Even if the No Windows Close command is in effect, the <u>authorized user</u> still has the ability to exit from Windows from within WinGuard, either by using the Exit Windows command button or the Exit Windows File Menu item.

Note the Windows must be restarted before either the No Windows Close command or the Allow Windows Close command will take effect.

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Protection Levels

WinGuard may be utilized by the <u>authorized user</u> to configure <u>Program Manager</u> for any one of seven increasingly restrictive <u>protection levels,</u> or to return it to its default zero-protection setting.   These safeguards run from merely preventing spatial changes from being made by the <u>guest user</u> to bringing about the total inactivation of virtually all Program Manager file functions.

Each <u>protection level</u> change is accomplished by first activating the appropriate WinGuard protection level command button (or menu item), and then restarting Windows (which may also be done from within WinGuard).

See also:

[Protection Level 0](#)
[Protection Level 1](#)
[Protection Level 2](#)
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Protection Level 0

Protection Level 0 provides no protection against changes made to Program Manager.   (This, of course, is Program Manager's normal, default state, which WinGuard was designed to modify.)   Although one of the other protection levels would be more suitable for most security purposes, Level 0 must still temporarily be invoked for those Program Manager changes that the authorized user must occasionally make.

Protection Level 0 may be applied by using either the Level 0 command button or the Unprotect button (or by using either of the corresponding menu items).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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Protection Level 1

Protection Level 1 will "dim" the Save Settings on Exit command in the Program Manager Options Menu, preventing the desktop from being permanently rearranged.   Under this protection level, spatial modifications to Program Manager may still be temporarily made, but it becomes impossible to save those changes. Therefore, the next time that Windows is started, Program Manager will come up with the original desktop layout intact.

It should be noted, though, that Level 1 does not protect against either the creation or deletion of groups, nor does it protect against the creation, deletion, or moving of individual items, or against changes to their properties.

Protection Level 1 may be applied by using the Level 1 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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Protection Level 2

Protection Level 2 will prevent the deletion of existing Program Manager groups, or the creation of new groups, as well as maintaining the protections offered by Level 1.   When an attempt is made to use the File Menu's New, Move, Copy, or Delete commands while the focus is on a group, it will be found that they are "dimmed", as will be the entire Properties box.

Note, however, that no protection is provided against any changes to individual program items or to their properties under Level 2.

Protection Level 2 may be applied by using the Level 2 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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Protection Level 3

Protection Level 3 incorporates the safeguards of Levels 1 and 2, plus it will also prevent the deletion or creation of Program Manager items.   If an attempt is made to use the File Menu's New, Move, Copy, or Delete commands, it will be found that they are "dimmed".

It should be noted, however, that Level 3 does not prevent the changing of any item's properties.

Protection Level 3 may be applied by using the Level 3 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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Protection Level 4

Protection Level 4 prevents modifications to the command line (which will be "dimmed") for any program item in the File Menu's Properties dialog box.   Level 4 carries over all of the protection features of Levels 1, 2, and 3, as well.

Protection Level 4 may be applied by using the Level 4 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

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Protection Level 5

Protection Level 5, besides maintaining the safeguards of Levels 1 through 4, will protect against the changing of any program item's properties, by "dimming" the New, Move, Copy, and Delete commands in the File Menu, as well as all of the entry fields in its Properties dialog box.

Protection Level 5 may be applied by using the Level 5 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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Protection Level 6

Protection Level 6 will "dim" the Run line in the File Menu, thus preventing one from starting a program not already present as an icon in Program Manager.   Since Level 6 carries over all of the protections provided up through Level 5, the only functional commands in the File Menu will be Open, Properties, and Exit Windows (and the Properties option will only be informational in function, since the entire Properties dialog box will be "dimmed").

Protection Level 6 may be applied by using the Level 6 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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Protection Level 7

Protection Level 7 removes the entire File Menu from Program Manager, as well as preserving all the safeguards provided by Levels 1 through 6, providing the maximum level of protection against Program Manager changes.

Protection Level 7 may be applied by using the Level 7 command button (or by using the corresponding menu item).   Windows must be restarted before the level change will take effect.

See also:

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WinGuard Security

In order to restrict access to WinGuard and the programs that it protects, it is necessary for the <u>authorized user</u> to use a password.   For the shareware version of WinGuard, the default password at the time of initial installation is "shield", but this should be changed to one of the authorized user's own choosing as soon as possible.   The actual working password is stored in a file, wngrd.dll, in coded form.

If the authorized user ever forgets the working password, or if the password file becomes corrupted, then wngrd.dll should be deleted;   WinGuard may then be started by using the default password of "shield", and the working password may then be chosen once again.   (Note that the registered version of WinGuard comes with a private default password chosen at the time of registration.)

The password may be changed at any time from within WinGuard after the correct working password has been entered.   The password must consist entirely of letters (not case-sensitive) and/or numbers, with no spaces or punctuation, and is limited to twenty characters.

To make it more difficult for someone else to see the password as the authorized user enters it, the password itself does not appear on the screen (except when the working password is actually being changed, which should be done in private).   Furthermore, if either a period or comma is typed at the end of the actual password, several "decoy" characters may be entered immediately afterward (as WinGuard will only read the characters up to the period or comma), so that someone watching the password being entered would have trouble even counting how long the password actually is.
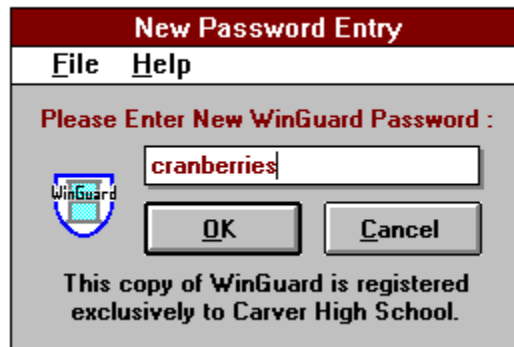
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Password Change Window

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Please Enter New WinGuard Password :

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OK   Cancel

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Control Panel Icons

WinGuard provides the opportunity for the authorized user to hide one or more of the icons in the Control Panel window, preventing the guest user from accessing the Program Manager settings for such features as colors, drivers, fonts, printers, virtual memory, and desktop details (such as wallpaper or screen savers).

In order that the authorized user may still obtain access to any Control Panel icons that are hidden, WinGuard's Control Panel Icons Window provides command buttons for all of the regular Control Panel functions.
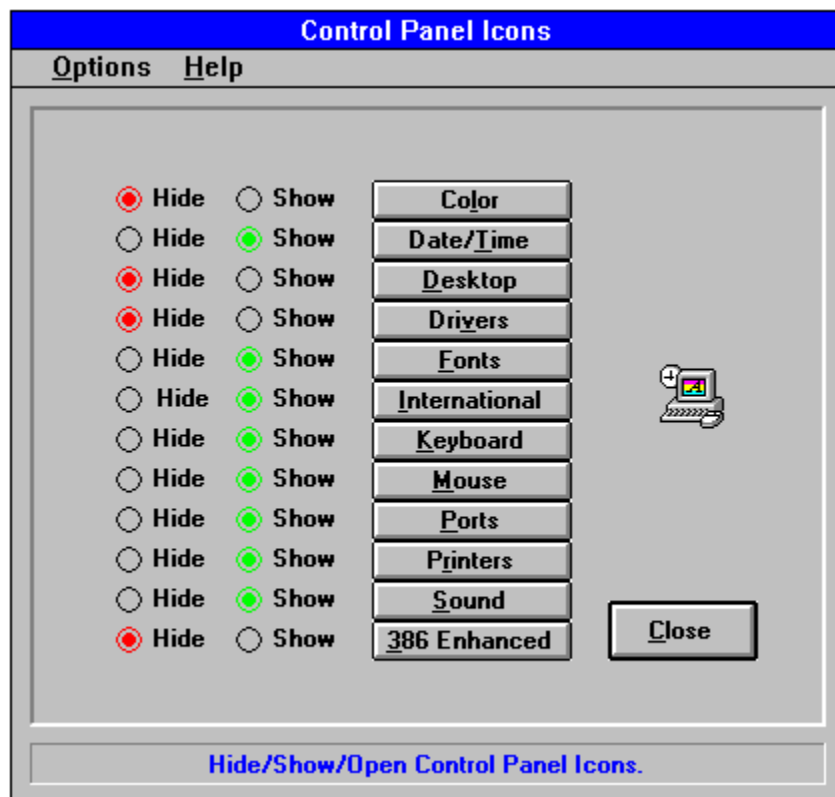
Note that any changes made in Control Panel icon display will be already be in effect the very next time Control Panel is opened (unlike WinGuard's other protections, which require restarting Windows before taking effect).

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⦿ Hide	○ Show	Color
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Date/Time
⦿ Hide	○ Show	Desktop
⦿ Hide	○ Show	Drivers
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Fonts
○ Hide	⦿ Show	International
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Keyboard
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Mouse
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Ports
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Printers
○ Hide	⦿ Show	Sound
⦿ Hide	○ Show	386 Enhanced

Close

Control Panel Icons Window

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Hide/Show/Open Control Panel Icons.

ProGuard Introduction

In addition to WinGuard, Cetus Software offers a related security program, ProGuard.   Unlike WinGuard, which is intended to protect Program Manager itself, ProGuard is designed to password-protect individual Program Manager icons.   Thus, while WinGuard is more "global" in its protections, ProGuard is more application-specific.

ProGuard is designed to make it impossible for a guest user to run selected programs by double-clicking on their icons in Program Manager.   Once a particular program's icon has been protected by ProGuard, the guest user will find that attempting to run the program will cause ProGuard to run instead, and that a password will be needed before the actual program can be made to start.

Logical programs to protect might include Windows Setup, Control Panel, PIF Editor, System Editor, and File Manager (and most users will have other programs that they would wish to protect, as well).   When ProGuard is installed, the setup program provides icons for the above programs, already protected by ProGuard (and it's a simple matter to add ProGuard's protection to any other application's Program Manager icon, as well).

The shareware version of ProGuard is available on several bulletin boards systems, or may be obtained on diskette in uncompressed form, directly from Cetus Software (P.O. Box 700, Carver, MA 02330 USA) for a nominal charge ($5.00, postpaid).

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About Cetus Software

Cetus Software is the creator of several Windows utilities, including ProGuard, StormWindows, PadLock, and Reveille, as well as WinGuard.   Shareware versions of these products may be found on several bulletin board systems, or may be obtained on diskette directly from Cetus Software for a nominal charge ($5.00 each, postpaid).

Please direct all inquiries regarding Cetus Software's products to:

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See also:

ProGuard Introduction
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StormWindows Introduction

In addition to WinGuard, Cetus Software offers a related security program, StormWindows, offering essentially the same functions as WinGuard, but depending on an entirely different means of security.

Like WinGuard, StormWindows can protect a Windows 3.1 computer from having any of its Program Manager groups or icons rearranged or damaged.   StormWindows can also hide "sensitive" programs, such as Windows Setup, Control Panel, or File Manager, as well as selected Program Manager groups and Control Panel icons.

StormWindows' protections would probably be the most useful to someone in charge of a number of computers at a business or at a school.   For security purposes, StormWindows is designed to perform its functions directly from a diskette, kept in the possession of the authorized user, and thus StormWindows can conveniently provide ideal protection to any number of Windows computers on display in a store, without requiring installation onto any of their hard disks.

The shareware version of StormWindows is available on several bulletin board systems, or may be obtained on diskette in uncompressed form, directly from Cetus Software (P.O. Box 700, Carver, MA 02330 USA) for a nominal charge ($5.00, postpaid).

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PadLock Introduction

PadLock may be used to "lock out" unauthorized users from accessing Windows or any Windows application. While PadLock is running, no keyboard or mouse command will have any effect outside of the PadLock window itself.   Entry of the proper password (chosen by the authorized user) is required to access any of PadLock's controls or to end its protection.

PadLock may be configured to "lock up" Windows automatically at startup, or PadLock may simply be run whenever the authorized user desires to "freeze" Windows (such as when leaving the computer unattended), preventing any access by unauthorized users.   PadLock even provides the authorized user with the means to edit system files, and to exit Windows, restart Windows, or reboot the computer from within itself.

The shareware version of PadLock is available on several bulletin board systems, or may be obtained on diskette in uncompressed form, directly from Cetus Software (P.O. Box 700, Carver, MA 02330 USA) for a nominal charge ($5.00, postpaid).

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Reveille Introduction

Reveille is a Windows application that will play musical tunes, either on demand while it is running, or at start-up using command line parameters sent it by a separate timer or scheduler application (and a timer application for this purpose is included).   A reminder message may be specified in the command line that starts the program, and Reveille will display it in the Status Bar at the bottom of the Reveille window at the designated time.

Reveille tunes are stored in simple ASCII text files that emulate BASIC "play" strings (which, in fact, may be imported into Reveille).   Tune files (18 of which are included) may be created and/or edited from within Reveille (or by using any plain-ASCII text editor, such as Notepad), and groups of tunes may be compiled and saved as compilation files.   A sound card is NOT required, as Reveille will play directly through a PC's own speaker.

The shareware version of Reveille is available on several bulletin board systems, or may be obtained on diskette in uncompressed form, directly from Cetus Software (P.O. Box 700, Carver, MA 02330 USA) for a nominal charge ($5.00, postpaid).

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WinGuard Registration

WinGuard is NOT "freeware" !!!

The shareware version of WinGuard is being distributed on a trial basis for evaluation purposes, and is not "crippled" in any way, so that you may fairly judge WinGuard thoroughly.   You may install the unregistered, shareware version of WinGuard on any one computer, and then try it out for 30 days.   After this trial period you MUST either register your use of WinGuard, OR uninstall it, removing it from that computer.   If you do indeed find WinGuard to be a useful addition to your computer's hard disk, then you MUST register your use of the program;   in doing so you will be entitled to receive on disk a copy of the latest registered version of WinGuard, without any "reminder screens".

CLICK ON THIS LINE TO VIEW A REGISTRATION FORM (which optionally may be printed).

On the registration form you are given the opportunity to choose your own private default password (the password that may be used to access WinGuard if the password file, wngrd.dll, is deleted).   Selecting a private default password will prevent even other knowledgeable WinGuard owners from being able to access your WinGuard program.   Note that the password must consist of no more than twenty letters (not case-sensitive) and/or numbers, with no spaces or punctuation.   Note also that, if you do not choose a private default password, then the default password on your registered copy of WinGuard will remain as "shield".   (Of course, the "regular" current password, coded into the wngrd.dll file, may be changed from within WinGuard by you at any time.)

A single-user Individual License for WinGuard may be obtained for $14.95.   A Site License for the use of WinGuard on any number of computers at one specific institutional location may be obtained for $74.95.   An individual who has registered a previous version of WinGuard may upgrade to Version 2.0 for $9.95;   an institution that has registered a previous version may upgrade for $49.95.   Note that all of the above prices include shipping costs.

An Individual License entitles one individual registered user to install and use WinGuard on any computer(s) that he/she personally owns, but he/she must NOT allow his/her registered copy of WinGuard to be installed or used on any other computer(s).   A copy of WinGuard registered to an individual user may be installed and used on his/her own personal computer(s) at an institution, but that personal copy of WinGuard must NOT be installed or used on any other computer at that institution, whether belonging to another individual or to that institution.

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However, any person is permitted (and, in fact, ENCOURAGED) to distribute the UNregistered, shareware version of WinGuard to others, as long as ALL of its files are distributed together.   For further information on WinGuard registration, or to obtain a copy on disk of the shareware version of WinGuard for free distribution and evaluation, please contact Cetus Software.

Cetus Software thanks you for trying out WinGuard !!!

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Registration Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY :

Date _____

Name of User (for Individual License) _____
(or)
Name of Institution (for Site License) _____
(If multiple Site Licenses are being obtained, please list on the back of this form.)

Mailing Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Telephone Number (with Area Code) _____

Default Password Choice _____
(Maximum of 20 letters or numbers, with no spaces or punctuation)

Please circle size of diskette desired: 3-1/2"   5-1/4"

Please fill in the appropriate line with the amount you are enclosing:

One Individual License @ $14.95 = $_____.95

_____ Site License(s) @ $74.95 = $_____.___

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_____ Site License Upgrade(s) @ $49.95 = $_____.___

(Massachusetts residents: Please include 5% state sales tax.)

(Please note that the above prices include shipping and handling costs.)

Please send this Registration Form, along with payment (or purchase order) to:

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Cetus Software thanks you for your WinGuard registration !!!

YOU MAY CLICK ON THIS LINE TO PRINT OUT THIS REGISTRATION FORM.

Obtaining Help

WinGuard provides several ways to obtain help, including (but not limited to) this help file.

You will find, as you use WinGuard's Main Window, that the text message in the Status Bar at the bottom of the window changes as you move the mouse (or change the focus with the Tab key).   The Status Bar will show the current protection level at start-up (regardless of where the cursor is or where the focus is), and at any time the mouse is moved over the Main Window's background.   Otherwise, the Status Bar will provide a short message relating to the command button that the mouse cursor is over (or to which the Tab key moves the focus).

If you click with the right mouse button on any Main Window command button, you will find that you may obtain context-sensitive help from this file, without having to go to the help contents first to find the topic. You may also receive help for a specific WinGuard control by pressing the F1 key while that feature has the focus, or you may simply use the Help Menu in any of the WinGuard windows.

By the way, WinGuard actually comes with two help files.   One is named winguard.hlp, but that is not the file you are reading now.   For security purposes, winguard.hlp is a small help file with only one window that warns the guest user about WinGuard's password protection, and is the file that is accessed by using the F1 key before the correct password has been entered.   However, once the correct password has been typed in by the authorized user, the file you are now reading (which is actually named winguard.dll) comes up, instead, whenever Windows help is invoked.

See also:

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WinGuard's Windows

WinGuard involves five windows, as follows:

The center of the WinGuard program is the Main WinGuard Window.   One of the other windows is an opening window (the Password Entry Window) that leads to the Main Window, and the other three windows are accessed from within the Main Window.

The principal functions of the Main WinGuard Window include setting the Program Manager protection level, accessing "sensitive" Windows programs that may be hidden within WinGuard, reaching other WinGuard windows, and exiting from WinGuard.

Accessible from the Main Window are windows for controlling the visibility of Program Manager program groups, controlling the visibility of Control Panel icons, and changing the WinGuard working password.

See also:

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Main WinGuard Window
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Replacing Task List

Ordinarily, Windows Task List (Task Manager) may be started by double-clicking on the Windows desktop, as well as by activating the Switch To command in the Control Menu of many Windows applications.   However, the authorized user has the option of replacing such access to Task List with easy access to WinGuard, instead. That is, double-clicking on the desktop would bring up WinGuard rather than Task List.   (WinGuard would still require the proper password, of course.)

Task List may be replaced by clicking on the Replace Task List command in WinGuard's Main Window Options Menu, or the change may be negated by clicking on it once again.   If WinGuard has been so set to replace Task List, a checkmark will appear next to the menu item, which will disappear when normal access to Task List has been restored.   Note that Windows must be restarted for the actual change to take effect.

Even after making this change, the authorized user would still be able to invoke Task List from within WinGuard, by activating the Switch To command button in WinGuard's Main Window (or the corresponding menu item).   (Technically, Task List is not actually replaced, as it is only the access to it that has been changed, having been switched to WinGuard instead.)

It is a simple matter at any time for the authorized user to have WinGuard restore normal access to Task List, and even to certain custom task manager installations.   However, if WinGuard detects that a third-party task manager is installed on the computer in such a way that WinGuard would be unable to restore it, then the Replace Task List menu command will be disabled.

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Switch To Button

The Switch To command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File Menu item) may be used to access Task List (Task Manager), allowing the authorized user to easily reach it through WinGuard.

Ordinarily, Task List may be started by double-clicking on the Windows desktop, as well as by activating the Switch To command in the Control Menu of many Windows applications.   However, WinGuard gives the authorized user the option of replacing such access to Task List with easy access to itself, instead.

If this change were made, the authorized user would still be able to invoke Task List from within WinGuard, by activating the Switch To command button in WinGuard's Main Window (or the corresponding menu item).

🛡 Uninstalling WinGuard

WinGuard may be uninstalled by using the utility, uninstal.exe, which should be found on the WinGuard program diskette or in the winguard.zip file.

PLEASE NOTE: At the time that WinGuard is uninstalled, the following conditions MUST be present:

- WinGuard itself must NOT be running.

- NO other program (besides Program Manager or File Manager) should be running.

- WinGuard Protection Level 0 MUST be in effect.

- ALL Program Manager groups MUST be visible.

- WinGuard MUST be set to Allow Windows Close.

- ALL Control Panel icons MUST be visible.

- WinGuard must NOT be set for replacing Task List.

Basically, ALL of the protections that WinGuard offers should be defeated, returning Program Manager to its normal, default state BEFORE attempting to uninstall WinGuard.

It is very important that ALL of the above be VERIFIED before uninstalling WinGuard.

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Button Bar

The button bar is the row of command buttons at the top of the Main WinGuard Window.   Each button invokes one of the various Windows functions and utilities that the authorized user might wish to remove from Program Manager, but would still have access to within WinGuard.

Click on any one of the above buttons for help.

Cancel Button

In the Password Entry Window, the Cancel command button may be used to exit WinGuard before accessing the Main WinGuard Window.

In the Password Change Window, the Cancel command button may be used to return to the Main Window without accepting a new password.

Close Button

The Close button, found in both the <u>Program Manager</u> Groups Window and the <u>Control Panel</u> Icons Window, is used to return to the Main WinGuard   Window.   The Close button has no effect on any changes that may have been made within its parent window.

Control Panel Button

The Control Panel command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access Windows Control Panel, allowing the authorized user to remove its icon from Program Manager (for security purposes, if so desired), but still enabling him/her to reach the utility through WinGuard.

Deselect Button

In the Program Manager Groups Window, the Deselect command button may be used to deselect any Program Manager group that has been selected in either the Visible Groups listbox or the Hidden Groups listbox.

DOS Prompt Button

The <u>DOS Prompt</u> command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access DOS, allowing the <u>authorized user</u> to remove the DOS Prompt icon from <u>Program Manager</u> (for security purposes, if so desired), but still enabling him/her to easily reach it through WinGuard.

Exit Windows Button

The Exit Windows command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File Menu item) allows the <u>authorized user</u> to exit from Windows from within WinGuard.   (This would be especially useful with <u>Protection Level</u> 7, which removes the entire File Menu, including the Exit Windows command, from <u>Program Manager</u>, or if WinGuard's No Windows Close command is in effect, which removes all normal ways of exiting from Windows.)

File Manager Button

The File Manager command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access Windows File Manager, allowing the authorized user to remove its icon from Program Manager (for security purposes, if so desired), but still enabling him/her to reach it through WinGuard.

File Menu

Within the Password Entry Window, the File Menu provides the OK and Cancel commands, which (like the window's command buttons) may be used to accept the password entered or to exit before reaching the Main Window.

Within WinGuard's Main Window, the File Menu contains menu items that duplicate the functions of the command buttons in the Main Window's button bar, and the functions of the Exit WinGuard and Exit Windows buttons, primarily for keyboard access to these commands.

Within the Password Change Window, the File Menu provides the OK and Cancel commands, which (like the window's command buttons) may be used to accept the new password or to exit before returning to the Main Window.

Help Menu

Each of WinGuard's windows has a Help menu, where help on topics related to that window may be obtained.

Hidden Groups

The <u>Hidden Groups</u> listbox in the <u>Program Manager</u> Groups Window displays the program groups that have been set to be visible in Program Manager.

Any group may be moved to the Hidden Groups listbox by using the Hide command button or by double-clicking directly on it in the <u>Visible Groups</u> listbox.

Note that Windows must be restarted before any changes made, either hiding groups or showing groups, actually take effect.

Hide Button

In the <u>Program Manager</u> Groups Window, the Hide command button may be used to move any Program Manager group that has been selected in the <u>Visible Groups</u> listbox into the <u>Hidden Groups</u> listbox.   (It is also possible to double-click directly on any group in the Visible Groups listbox to move it to the Hidden Groups listbox.)   The next time Windows is started, any Program Manager group so moved will be hidden from view.

Hide Icon Option Buttons

Within the <u>Control Panel</u> Icons Window, the Hide Icon option buttons are used to select which Control Panel icons are to be hidden from view.

Main Window Options Menu

The Options menu in the Main WinGuard Window provides essentially the same functions as the command buttons in the window itself, including commands for changing protection levels and the password, for accessing the Program Manager Group Window and the Control Panel Icon Window, and for exiting WinGuard (and Windows).   However, there are two additional WinGuard functions available ONLY in the Main Window Options Menu:

The authorized user may configure Windows to replace access to Task List with easy access to WinGuard, instead (access to Task List would still be available inside WinGuard).   This option is provided with the Replace Task List menu command;   note that Windows must be restarted before the change will take effect.

A guest user may be prevented from using the various means of exiting Windows by selecting the No Windows Close menu command (Windows could still be closed from within WinGuard).   Normal methods for exiting Windows can be reinstated by selecting the Allow Windows Close menu command.   Note that Windows must be restarted before either change will take effect.

OK Button

In the Password Entry Window, once the correct password has been entered in the Password Entry Box, the OK command button may be used to reach the Main WinGuard Window.

In the Password Change Window, once the new password has been entered in the Password Entry Box, the OK command button may be used to accept the new password and return to the Main Window.

Open Button

The Open command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used by the <u>authorized user</u> to access an Open dialog box, in order to run a program from within WinGuard.

Open Control Panel Icon Buttons

Within the <u>Control Panel</u> Icons Window, the Open Control Panel Icon buttons are used to open any of the Control Panel icons, including those that are hidden from view in Control Panel's window by WinGuard.

Options Menu

Several of WinGuard's windows have Options menus, which generally duplicate the functions of the command buttons within each window.

Password Entry Box

In the Password Entry Window, the Password Entry Box is employed to enter the password used to access WinGuard.   After the password has been entered, the OK command button should be pressed.   The password must be entered correctly within three tries or the Password Entry Window closes itself.

In the Password Change Window, the Password Entry Box is employed to enter the new password, after which the OK command button should be pressed to return to the Main Window.

PIF Editor Button

The <u>PIF Editor</u> command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access PIF Editor, allowing the <u>authorized user</u> to remove its icon from <u>Program Manager</u> (for security purposes, if so desired), but still enabling him/her to reach it through WinGuard.

Run Button

The Run command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access the Windows Run dialog box, allowing the authorized user to easily reach it through WinGuard. (This would be especially useful with Protection Level 6, which "dims" the Run command in the Program Manager File menu, or with Level 7, which removes the entire File menu, including the Run command.)

Show Button

In the <u>Program Manager</u> Groups Window, the Show command button may be used to move any Program Manager group that has been selected in   the <u>Hidden Groups</u> listbox into the <u>Visible Groups</u> listbox.   (It is also possible to double-click directly on any group in the Hidden Groups listbox to move it to the Visible Groups listbox.)   The next time Windows is started, any Program Manager group so moved will be returned to view.

Show Icon Option Buttons

Within the <u>Control Panel</u> Icons Window, the Show Icon option buttons are used to select which Control Panel icons are to be visible.

Status Bar

At the bottom of the Main WinGuard Window, the <u>Program Manager</u> Groups Window, and the <u>Control Panel</u> Icons Window is a <u>Status Bar</u> (or Status Label), which is one way by which WinGuard provides help for the various features of these three windows.

You will find that the text message in the Status Bar changes as you move the mouse (or change the focus with the Tab key). In the Main Window, the Status Bar will show the current <u>protection level</u> at start-up (regardless of where the cursor is or where the focus is), and at any time the mouse is moved over the Main Window's background.   Otherwise, in each of these the larger windows, the Status Bar will provide a short message relating to the command button that the mouse cursor is over (or to which the Tab key moves the focus).

System Editor Button

The System Editor command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access System Editor, allowing the authorized user to remove its icon from Program Manager (for security purposes, if so desired), but still enabling him/her to reach it through WinGuard.

Visible Groups

The Visible Groups listbox in the Program Manager Groups Window displays the program groups that have been set to be hidden in Program Manager.

Any group may be moved to the Visible Groups listbox by using the Show command button or by double-clicking directly on it in the Hidden Groups listbox.

Note that Windows must be restarted before any changes made, either hiding groups or showing groups, actually take effect.

Windows Setup Button

The <u>Windows Setup</u> command button in the Main WinGuard Window (or the corresponding File menu item) may be used to access the Windows Setup utility, allowing the <u>authorized user</u> to remove its icon from <u>Program Manager</u> (for security purposes, if so desired), but still enabling him/her to reach it through WinGuard.

authorized user

the person using a computer with WinGuard installed who, by the use of a password, is able to modify and/or bypass WinGuard's protections

button bar

the row of command button at the top of the Main WinGuard Window that provides access to several "sensitive" Windows features and utilities

Control Panel

a Windows utility that allows access to the settings of many of Program Manager's features (and whose icons may be hidden from the guest user by WinGuard)

desktop

the screen area outside of any active window, usually toward the margins of the screen

dim

to inactivate a menu item (so that it appears "dimmed" or "grayed out")

dimmed

the visual appearance of a menu item that has been inactivated (also sometimes referred to as "grayed out")

dimming
inactivating a menu item (so that it appears "dimmed" or "grayed out")

DOS Prompt

the name of a Windows icon that allows the user to "shell out" to DOS from within Windows (and which may be hidden from a guest user by WinGuard)

File Manager

the Windows application that allows access to every program and data file on a computer (and whose icon may be hidden from the guest user within WinGuard)

guest user

any person allowed to use a computer with WinGuard installed who may be restricted by WinGuard from accessing certain functions and/or programs

Hidden Groups

Program Manager program groups that are not visible to the guest user, but that still exist, and may still be redisplayed by the authorized user from within WinGuard

Open . . .

a Program Manager menu item that allows opening a file or starting a program, which may be disabled by WinGuard (but whose functioning would still be available to the authorized user from within WinGuard)

PIF Editor

the Windows utility used for the configuring of Program Information Files (used for running DOS programs within Windows), and whose icon may be hidden from the guest user within WinGuard

Program Manager

the default Windows shell, the user-friendly interface to which WinGuard offers several levels and types of protections

protection level

one of a series of seven sets of user restrictions, offering varying degrees of security to Program Manager

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Run . . .

a Program Manager menu item that opens a dialog box to enter a command line, which may be disabled by WinGuard (but would still be accessible to the authorized user from within WinGuard)

Save Settings on Exit

a Program Manager menu item that allows any user to preserve changes (authorized or not) made to Program Manager, and which may be disabled by WinGuard

status bar

the label at the bottom of the Main WinGuard Window that provides help on WinGuard features

Switch To . . .

the Program Manager menu item that invokes Windows Task Manager (Task List), which may be disabled by WinGuard (but would still be available to the authorized user from within WinGuard)

System Editor

a Windows utility that allows for the editing of important DOS and Windows configuration files (autoexec.bat, config.sys, win.ini, and system.ini), and whose icon may be hidden from the guest user within WinGuard

Task List

the Windows utility, also known as Task Manager, that allows a user to switch between running applications, and to rearrange certain aspects of Program Manager (and whose icon may be hidden from the guest user within WinGuard)

Visible Groups

Program Manager program groups visible to the guest user, and whose icons are accessible to the guest user (unless hidden by WinGuard)

Windows Setup

a Windows utility that allows access to several fundamental aspects of Windows (video mode, keyboard, mouse, and network settings), and whose icon may be hidden from the guest user within WinGuard