

# LockUp!

## Version 2.0

This is an updated version of LockUp, a program that allows you to password protect any Windows application.

While running Windows there is no way built in to keep a casual passer by from accessing your programs and data. All it takes is a click on an icon and you have no secrets. Unless a program has built in protection, there is no way to prevent this except to stay chained to your desk.

These concerns prompted me to write Lock-It and Lock-Up, two programs whose purpose is to password protect any Windows Program. With Lock-it and Lock-Up installed, clicking on a program icon will pop up a password interceptor that will not allow the program to run until a correct password is entered.

Here is how to install and use these programs. Since you are reading this file, you have already downloaded and extracted the program files. At this point you should have these files:

1. LOCKUP.EXE
2. LOCKIT.EXE

Copy these files into a WINDOWS directory of their own, such as C:\Windows\Lock. Once they are there, use file manager to run LOCKIT.EXE by double clicking on it. Enter a User ID and password. These can be anything, numbers - letters or any combination. Enter them carefully and remember what they are, exactly. Once you have entered this information and LOCKIT has exited, copy the file LOCKIT.EXE to a floppy disk and delete it from your hard drive. Lock-it is the key that lets you change the password and id, put it in a safe place.

The following assumes that you want to password protect the windows **write** program:

After that is done, go back to program manager. To set up the password interceptor, click once on a program's icon and then click file ... properties. Make sure that the description says the program name, such as "Write", change the command line to read "**C:\windows\lock\lockup[space]c:\windows\write.exe**." If a working directory is required by the target program set that also. Then click on change icon and select the path to the windows write file in the box C:\Windows\Write.Exe. You can also use the browse button to navigate to that file. Click OK and that will display the write icon. Click OK a couple more times and LockUp is set up for Write. Repeat this process for every program that you want to password protect.

Using another example, to "protect" your Compuserve WINCIM from someone just dying to get online at your expense, your command line would look like this: **C:\Windows\Lock\Lockup[space] C:\Cserve[your CompuServe Directory]\Wincim\Wincim.exe**

When you click on the The Program icon, LockUp will come up. Click in the Window and you will be asked for the user id and password. Enter them and click OK. If they are entered correctly and exactly (they are case sensitive so watch the caps) Write will start and LockUp will exit.

Now for the disclaimer. No security is foolproof and LockUp certainly isn't close to foolproof. It is designed merely to discourage a casual passer by from accessing your programs. Anyone with a little knowledge of computers and Windows will be able to get at the password (although it's

location is disguised and it will take some time) and call up the program on its own or bypass LockUp by using the file manager. But all that will take time and the password screen will tend to deter the casual passer by. Used for what it is intended, LockUp works fine. Just don't think that it can't be beaten.

All of the programs will use the same password and ID. **They are case sensitive** so remember them exactly.

## What's New?

So, what's new in this version? The major change is command-line parsing. This version simplifies it somewhat. If a program file resides in a directory specified in your path all that is required is the program name (i.e. the command line would be lockup program.exe). If the program is not on the path, then the full path information is required, including the drive letter. I strongly recommend that you always use the full path approach to setup LockUp. Doing it the same way every time simplifies things.

The second change is the elimination of LockUp's opening screen. Many users disliked seeing my name on their computer and since I can understand the point, I have eliminated it. Now LockUp starts directly in the dialog box that allows entry of the password. LockIt, the initial setup program, still displays my name.

One feature that is not included is a nag screen to remind you to register. While many users of this product have registered, many have not. If you are a registered user of version 1.0, here is version 2.0 with my compliments and thanks. No further registration is required. If you have not registered, please do so. I resisted the temptation to add a nag screen this time, it will take a good showing to uphold my faith in human nature so that I don't add it into any future version.

That said, here is the registration info:

LockUp is another venture into the shareware market. If you like it and decide to use it, I'd appreciate a registration. The fee is a nominal \$10.00. That ten dollars will get you my undying gratitude and will encourage me to continue to write these little utilities. The proceeds will help defray the costs involved in keeping up with the rapid advance of these contraptions. Who knows, the next "killer application" may be lurking somewhere in my head. (I don't think so, but it sounds good.)

To register send the above mentioned \$10.00 to:

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I will support LockUp to people who are checking it out but won't answer too many questions unless you register. Remember answering the questions costs me money. You can E-Mail me at 70742,1405.

Finally, my thanks to Dwight Espe, 75570,2626, who tested a couple of versions of this program at risk of life and limb and who designed the icon.. Thanks Dwight.

Tim Hatton