

The Guard Dog™ Users Guide

Introduction:

The Guard Dog is a simple to use, yet powerful utility that allows you to decide who does and does not have access to the files on your Macintosh computers. It works on any Macintosh that uses Finder 6.1 and System 6.0.2 or greater and works on hard drives or floppies. The Guard Dog is "shareware". This does not mean it is free. You are expected to send \$20.00 for each machine you place it on. Please keep in mind that this is the second release of Guard Dog. We would not be able to enhance this program if it wasn't for all those who have sent in their shareware fee.

If you have a large number of machines that you would like to put this on you may contact us for a site license at (612) 424-3838.

The Guard Dog may not be sold by anyone without the permission of Nemesis Systems and may not be placed on any disk that is sold for any reason.

Installation:

Installing the Guard Dog is easy. Take the file "The Guard Dog" and place it in the system folder of your startup volume. In most cases this will be your hard drive. Now restart your computer. The Guard Dog installs itself on boot up.

Using The Guard Dog:

To bring up The Guard Dog, look under the Apple Menu in the upper left hand corner of your screen. You will be able to pull down and select the item "Control Panel". Scroll through the Control Devices (CDEV's), until you get to The Guard Dog. If the Guard Dog does not appear, you did not install the program as indicated above. Click on the paw icon and you should see a dialog box something like Figure #1, below.

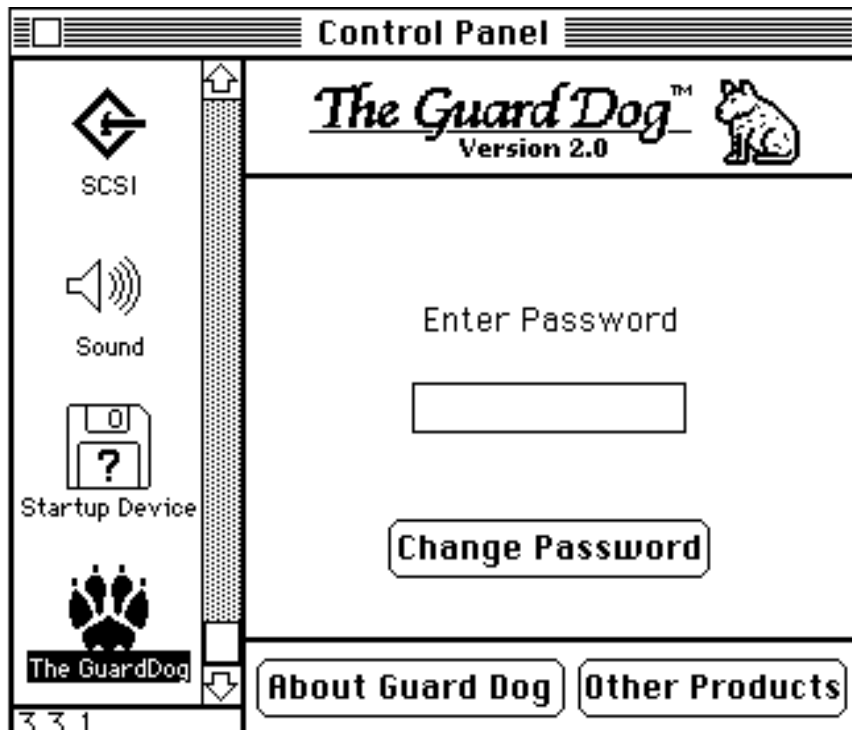


Figure #1

Figure #1 is the startup screen for The Guard Dog. It is here that you must enter the password to actually begin the The Guard Dog. Enter the password (up to twelve characters) and hit the return key. If you entered the correct password, you will see a window like the one in Figure #2. If you entered the incorrect password, The Guard Dog will bark and refuse entry.

If you got The Guard Dog off of Compuserve® or other public source, there shouldn't be a password on it and you should simply hit the return key. (If you place this program on a bulletin board or other public source, please clear the password to blank before you do so and include this documentation). If you wish to change or clear the password, click on the "Change Password" button. Read the section on changing and clearing the password.



Figure #2

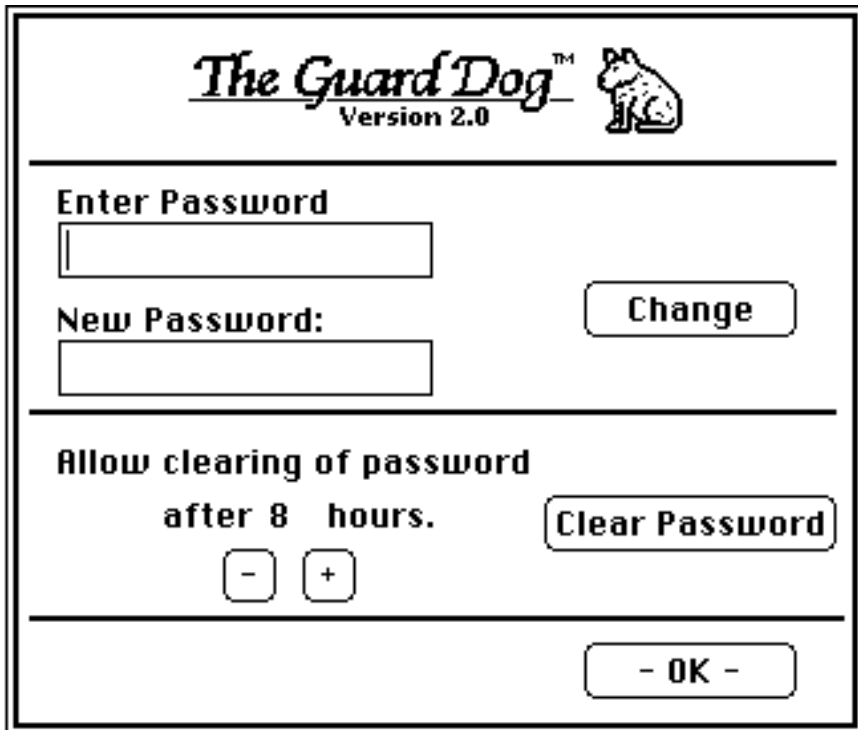
Figure #2 is how The Guard Dog should look if you have entered the correct password. You may now decide how you want to configure The Guard Dog. The question here is *When do you want to allow the desktop modifications (renaming files, deleting files, copying files, etc.) to be allowed?*

Possibilities are: Always (The Guard Dog is effectively turned off - all is normal), Never (The desktop may never be modified, the maximum protection is in effect), or with the Caps Lock, Shift Key, Control Key or any combination held down (the most flexible).

If you choose the "With these keys down", you must then choose what combination of keys will allow access. For example, if you choose only the control key, your children must be pressing the control key as they nonchalantly toss the yearly budget in the trash can or if you have the Shift Key and the Control Key chosen, both must be pressed at the same time. Things worth noting are that if you choose "With these keys down" but don't pick any keys, the effect is the same as if you chose "Never". Since the Caps Lock stays down by itself, it can be useful when you are working and don't want to have to remember to hold down a key whenever you move a file or whatever. Yet if you have to get up to answer the phone, etc., you simply hit the Caps Lock again.

Changing or Clearing the Password:

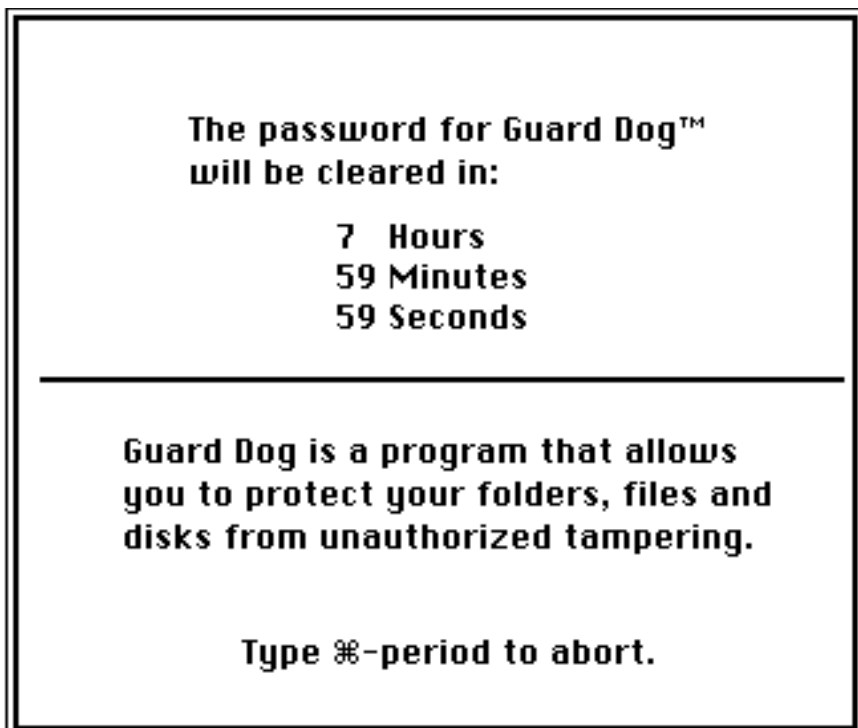
If you wish to change or clear the password, click on the "Change Password" button. You will see a window something like Figure #3:



The screenshot shows a window titled "The Guard Dog™ Version 2.0" with a small dog icon. It contains two main sections. The first section, "Enter Password", has a text input field. Below it, the "New Password:" label is followed by another text input field and a "Change" button. The second section, "Allow clearing of password after 8 hours.", features a "Clear Password" button and two small square buttons with minus and plus signs. At the bottom right is an "- OK -" button.

Figure #3

In the example above, The Guard Dog is waiting for you to enter the current password. After you do so, you can enter the "New Password" and push the CHANGE Button. If you have forgotten the password, you may clear the password after a certain predetermined amount of time. (In this case, eight hours). See figure #4.



The screenshot shows a window with the text "The password for Guard Dog™ will be cleared in:" followed by a countdown: "7 Hours", "59 Minutes", and "59 Seconds". Below this, a horizontal line separates the text "Guard Dog is a program that allows you to protect your folders, files and disks from unauthorized tampering." from the instruction "Type ⌘-period to abort." at the bottom.

Figure #4

This time limit may be set by you by clicking the "+" or "-" keys after you have entered the the correct current password. Choose a time that will discourage anyone from simply clearing the password when they want to get in, but that you can live with. You will not be able to use your computer during the period of time The Guard Dog is waiting to clear. You may choose any number of hours between zero (pointless) and NEVER (not recommended).

Under no circumstances will we at Nemesis Systems assist anyone in sidestepping this feature. If you set this to 24 hours for example and then forget your password, don't compound your mistake by wasting a long distance call to us to explain your dilemma and ask that we tell you how to clear it sooner. Our answer will be to wait 24 hours.

After you wait the predetermined time a dialog box as seen Figure #5 will appear and you may then change the password by simply leaving the current password blank and entering a new password under "New Password" and then pushing the CHANGE Button.

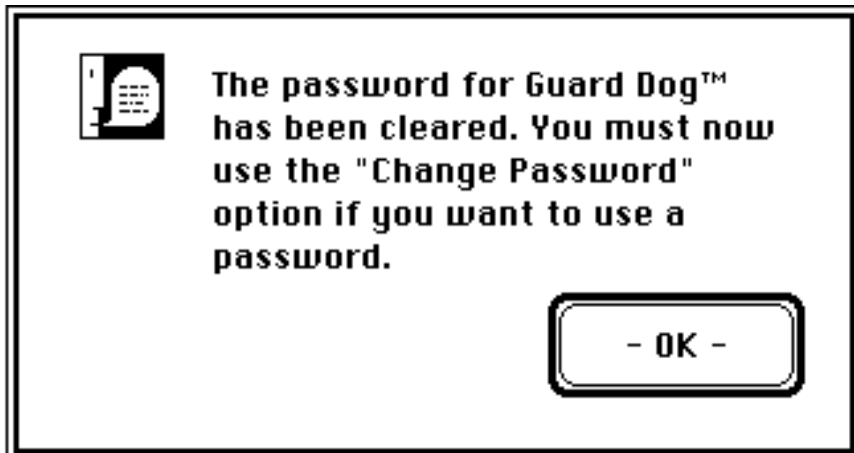


Figure #5

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