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What is Hackman ?

Hackman is a Hex editor, a disassembler and a powerful security manager. You may edit **any** file from standard ASCII to assembly translated machine code.

Although there is **no** limitation (at least in this version) on editing files, you should take all the necessary precautions not to infringe any copyright laws.

- Using this particular version of Hackman (1.1) you may edit and debug any source code and encrypt or decrypt it without limitations.

Note: Do not infringe any copyright laws as you may be prosecuted by law.

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How to uninstall Hackman ?

Being a 32-bit program, Hackman is strictly following all win 95/NT development compliances including automated uninstallation. To fully uninstall the product you should follow this sequence:

Start → Settings → Control Panel → Add/Remove Programs → Select Hackman → Add/Remove.

Answer positively in all questions posed from Windows 95 or NT during the uninstallation process. To verify the uninstallation, go to the directory which was the installation dir. for Hackman and delete the folder.

Note: This folder may not be removed due to files that were created after the installation of this product.

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How safe is this program ?

Hackman is extremely safe (even the preview editions from build 109 and above) as long as you are **completely aware** of what you are doing.

Here is a tip: take always a backup of the file that you intend to interfere with. To accomplish this you could use the Windows Explorer or from Files|Backup generate a backup copy of your selected file.

There was no report from beta testers for damage caused by the program itself. For further discussion of the security issued, please visit Hackman's site often to obtain the most up-to-date kernel.

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Is it possible to trace a serial number ?

Yes, but you should proceed only if you don't infringe any copyright laws. Time consumption depends on experience and/or program's serial protection. Should vary from 5 minutes to several hours for intermediate level.

You should use a debugger first to trace the location within the file that the serial protection is activated. We recommend Numega's SoftIce for Windows 95/NT an excellent tool that ships as shareware.

Note down the location, then go to Hackman and open this file to the Hex Editor. Use Jump to go to the desired location then use the disassembler to "read" the code. If you are not familiar with assembly you may use the Help file which gives a pretty good idea of assembly to the newbies.

Change the assembly codes using Ms-Dos debug (it is included in \command folder of Windows 95/NT). You may also consult Books Online coming with Hackman.

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Is it possible to duplicate a locked disk ?

Yes, but you should proceed only if you don't infringe any copyright laws. This topic is widely discussed in the main help file, chapter "Protection Issues", under the section of "Disk Protection".

Don't ask me for examples at this time, cause I intend to put more stuff later.

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Cracking programs

Yeah, sure it's possible to crack programs. Hackman offers a unique knowledge and tool base to start cracking programs. First you should be aware that doing this is illegal and those who are using cracked programs are punished by law.

You may crack programs that:

- Are protected by a **doc-check type**: they ask to enter a word or phrase from the manual (usually).
- Are protected with a **serial**: they ask you to enter a bunch of digits and letters to verify that you've bought the software.
- Are **disk-protected**: you can't just diskcopy the diskette cause it simply won't work. Pretty easy though to trace this protection.

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I found a bug. What should I do?

First, no need to panic. You should note if this bug appears **every time** you repeat certain actions. Tell them to us and try to describe it as much as possible. You should also give us information about the exact version of your operating system ex. Windows 95 OSR 2.

Go to our web site <http://members.tripod.com/~techmasters/> and click on feedback. You should fill the form following the guidelines above. Oh, thanx for your interest once again!

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