

Password Pro 1.7

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This is a very simple security application which allows the user to lock the screen with a password. Also, if Password Pro is dropped in the system folder under Start Up Items, it will prevent unauthorized access to your macintosh upon start up. Password Pro allows the owner of the computer to set up a guest account, although the guest has all the priveledges that the owner does right now. Don't worry, that will change in future versions. This program, however, is far from government level security. It can be defeated by either restarting your mac (if you are not using it as a start up item) or it can be bypassed by hitting option-command-esc simultaneously, which forces Password Pro to quit.

How to Use Password Pro

Here's how to use Password Pro, though I hope it is obvious. Double click on the Password Pro icon and you will see a dialog box prompting you for a password. Click on the About button and you will see the About screen. A new feature has been added to this version. Now the administrator or owner can set up a guest login account. Unfortunately, I have not yet implemented a feature allowing the administrator to limit the other user's access. However, this feature will be added in future versions. To add another user, just click on 'Add' and you will be prompted for the administrator password. The default for this password is set at "password" without the quotes. You can change the administrator password by clicking on the change button in the first dialog box. After entering the administrator password you are asked to give the new name of the guest user. Then, you are asked to set the password for this guest user. Then you are done. Next time, try logging in with the guest's name and password. By the way, the default for the guest's name and password is set at "guest" without the quotes. If you want, you can try logging in with this before changing them to something new. Remember, to change the owner or administrator's password, click on the change button and you will be prompted for the old password which is set at "password" without the quotes. Then, just enter the new administrator password. Oh, did I tell you that the default administrator name is "tankersley" without the quotes? Well, I did now! You're all set!

More features to come

In version 1.0, 1.5, and 1.7 when you type in your password, you can see the characters you are typing. In future versions, however, these characters will be changed to bullets. Also, a Shut Down Button will be enabled. Hopefully the next version will allow the administrator to set access privileges for the other user. Also, I realize that only allowing one other user account to be set up is not enough but this version was sort of just a test to see if I could do even do it!! This application is still in its early stages, so be patient while it take its real shape.

Bugs

Yes, there are bugs in this version, I realize that. But if you discover them I would still love to hear from you about exactly what happened. Let me give you this one piece of advice: When you play around with the change or about or add button sometimes you Password Pro won't recognize your password. If this ever happens, just type option-command-esc and then open it again. It should always work if you just type in the name and password without fooling around. If not, let me know.

Shareware

I feel this version has enough features to warrant me asking for two dollars. So, if you agree with me, please take the time to drop two bucks in the mail. If you can't raise those kind of funds, I would *really* appreciate it if you are using my program if you could just drop me some mail and tell me how you like it. I encourage you to let me know of any bugs you find as well. Keep in mind that this was not widely tested as I only have one computer. If you do mail me in response to Password Pro, I will take down your name so that when the subsequent versions come out, you will get a free copy.

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Disclaimer

As I said before, this application has not been tested on any other macs. Therefore I cannot be responsible for any damage it causes your Macintosh. Again, you are using this application **at your own risk**. Don't say I didn't warn you!