

PASSWORD v1.3

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Changes from previous versions

Both the password and new password are now blanked out as they are typed, to avoid anyone reading them over your shoulder. The program is now System 7.0 compatible. Balloon help is available while the program is running. Minor changes have been made to the user interface to bring it even more into line with the guidelines.

Conditions of Use

This utility is provided as shareware on the basis that (a) the program is not supplied to anyone else without you passing on this description of it; (b) if you pass on the software to anyone else, you pass it on with the password initially set to "Secret"; (c) if you decide to regularly use this software on a single Mac you will pay the shareware fee of £10 (or equivalent in your local currency) to me at the above address. If you wish to use the software on a unlimited number of Macs at one site within one company, a site licence is available for a fee of £50. *However, if you have already paid me a shareware fee for any previous version, this upgrade is free.*

Description

This utility is provided to stop other people booting up your Mac from its Hard Disk (or any System Disk you put this on); it will **not** stop people from inserting another system disk into your Mac and using that to boot it.

To use it with Systems older than System 7.0 and Finder, use "Set Startup..." in the "Special" menu to set this as the start up application.

To use it with Systems older than System 7.0 and MultiFinder, use "Set Startup..." in the "Special" menu to set this as one of the start up applications.

To use it with System 7.0, drop it into the "Startup Applications" Folder within the System Folder to set this as one of the start up applications.

In any of these cases, on starting up, a dialog box will be shown which asks you to type in your password. Do so and click the "OK" button. If you get it right, the dialog just disappears and the program exits. If you get the password wrong, the machine will just shut down again. (There is also a "Quit" button - clicking this will also shut the machine down.) As distributed, the initial password is "Secret".

To change your password, click on the "New Password" box. A new area will appear where you can put in a new password. Provided that the old password is correct, the new password you type will be remembered before the program exits, and will be used as the password in future.

Note that both the password and the new password will not show up as you type them, but each character you type will appear on the screen as a "bullet" (•) instead, to prevent anyone else from reading your password. Please be careful when entering a new password, as you will not be able to spot any typing mistakes! It may seem a nuisance if you type the wrong password and the machine shuts down without giving you a second chance. However, this will also be more of a nuisance to someone trying to guess your password!

Compatibility

To be able run this software, you must have a Mac512ke or later hardware, and a system file version 4.1 or later. If you do not, the application should just gracefully exit to the Finder. This software should **not** be run from a Server.

If you are stuck or forget your password

Use a floppy to boot up your system, then remove the Password application from your hard disk. The system will then start up normally from your Hard Disk. You can then either reset the Startup application to whatever you like, or put a fresh copy of Password on the disk, with the password initially set to "Secret", as before.

If you are curious

The password is stored within the Password application in a string resource, which you can edit with ResEdit as another way of finding or changing a forgotten password.