Screen Lock 3.0

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This is a simple application that secures your screen from any tampering while you are away. Screen Lock can also be used to limit access to your system on start up by placing it in the Start Up Items Folder in your System Folder. By leaving Screen Lock in your Start Up Items Folder, you will prevent any access to the hard drive at start up time.

Using Screen Lock

To open Screen Lock, double click on the icon. You will then be prompted for a password. **IMPORTANT: The default password is "password" without the quotes.** If you would like to change the password, which I'm sure you will, simply click on the "change" button. You will then be prompted for the old password (mentioned above). Type it in and click "OK". You will then be asked for the new password. Type in your desired password carefully, as you will not get a chance to verify it and it is hidden with bullets. Once you change the password, you will need to use that password in order to get free of Screen Lock. Also, you will use your new password to change the password in the future.

Security Features

Screen Lock is more secure than most shareware security programs. Once Screen Lock has been opened, there is no way to get out of it without entering the correct password. You **will not** be able to Force-Quit Screen Lock by hitting option-command-esc. If you do try this your computer will not respond. In Screen Lock 3.0 I have added the option to disable the shift key at start up. When the shift key is disabled you will not be able to bypass **ANY** of your extensions or start up items!! Use this feature at your own risk!

Bypassing Screen Lock

There are two ways to bypass Screen Lock when it is used as a Start Up Item. One way is to hold down the shift key while your computer is starting up. This will prevent Screen Lock from ever opening. (Note that this will only work if you have not chosen to disable the shift key.)

Also, you can start from a floppy disk with a copy of your system software on it. Again, there is no way to quit Screen Lock once it has been opened.

If you have forgotten your password, however, you are not totally screwed. Get a copy of ResEdit and open up the 'STR ' resource. Double click on the resource ID 128 and there is your password. Edit away!

Freeware

Screen Lock is freeware. But if you are using my program, please drop me a note and give me some feedback. Of course, I do accept donations! If you distribute Screen Lock, please change the password back to 'password', and also include this documentation.

Disclaimer

I am not responsible for any damage that Screen Lock does to your computer. Use this program at your own risk.

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