Lock-Out

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* LOCK-OUT PROFESSIONAL v2 (C)1994-6 SceptreSoft By C.Partridge *

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for the Amiga

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This is an unregistered, cut-down version of Lock-Out. (v2)

This version has many facilities from the full program that are disabled or down-

-graded. The following features, referred to in this manual, are DISABLED in this version:

- email between users

- unlimited number of users

- Hard Drive Data Protection System

The full, registered version of Lock Out (Lock Out Pro version 3) is available for

ONLY £4.00, direct from the following address:

E.C.S

15 St Nicholas Road

Tillingham

Southminster

Essex

CMO 7SQ

ENGLAND

or any other licensed distributors of HORIZON LICENSWARE.

Click Here to Continue

1.3 OverView

Lock-Out Professional v2.9

Welcome to Lock-Out Professional v2.9 - the very best in security

and User Management for your Amiga.

This is an unregistered, cut-down version of Lock-Out. (v2.9)

Lock-Out Pro. enables you to prevent unauthorised access to your

computer and simultaneously set up your own database of users with their

own identities, passwords and security levels. You may decide which users

can write data where and which users have access to which files on your

hard disk(s).

There are many other facilities, including e-mail between users,

noticeboards, User Logging and much more. So what are you waiting for?!!

Click here to find out how to get Lock-Out Pro up

and running!

1.4 Installation

I N S T A L L I N G L O C K - O U T P R O :-

First decide whether you wish to use the HD-Install program to

install Lock-Out Pro. automatically (recommended) or whether you wish to

install the program manually:

Automatic Installation

Manual Installation

1.5 Automatic Installation

Auto-Installation

Installing Lock-Out Pro. is easy! Just use the supplied

Installation program:-

- Boot up your computer from your hard drive to WorkBench.

- Make sure that Helvetica font is present in your FONTS: directory.

- Double click on the icon that reads `HD-Install'.

- Follow the instructions on screen.

< M O R E > (scroll down)

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not delete any of the files that

Lock-Out Professional puts on your hard disk - it may well stop your

computer booting if you do! This includes any files in the root of your

hard disk, such as files with .DAT or single-letter filenames such as I or R.

You have been warned! Even if these files seem to be duplicates of ones in SYS:C,

please leave them there!

You will then need to alter the file S:STARTUP-SEQUENCE to add in

the lines that the installation program gives you. To do this, enter the

CLI (by double-clicking on the CLI/Shell Icon from Workbench) and type:

ED S:STARTUP-SEQUENCE

With any luck, a window will appear with some text in it. Press

RETURN twice to add an extra two lines at the beginning and enter the

lines that you were told, in other words:

ASSIGN LOCK-OUT: <followed by the name of the directory where

you have installed the lock-out main files>

LOCK-OUT:LOCK-OUT

Then, press ESCAPE, press X and press RETURN to complete the

process.

Before going any further, it is important that you remember the

default user identity and password for the manager (you) which are:

User Identity: MANAGER

Password: PASSWORD

Once you have installed Lock-Out in this way, you should re-boot

your computer to enter the program. If you have any problems, please

write to us at our address stating exactly what you have done and what is

going wrong, including a phone number if possible.

Running the Program

1.6   Entering your ID and Password

Entering your ID and Password

When the program has loaded, you will have a screen in front of you

inviting you to enter your User Identity and Password This is the Log-On

screen. Type in MANAGER and press RETURN. Next, enter your password

(PASSWORD is the default password) and press RETURN. You should be put

through to the Lock-Out MAIN MENU...

(You are allowed three attempts at entering your password, after

which the computer will reset. Your failed attempt will also be recorded)

1.7   The Main Menu

The Main Menu

This is the menu that ALL USERS of your computer will be put through

to from the Log-On Screen having entered their IDs and passwords. It

consists of 7 buttons in a vertical row:

User Mailbox - Use this option to send e-mail to

other users or view/edit the bulletin board

Notices - Display the current notices/info.

from the manager. You may edit this.

Launch - In a future version of Lock-Out Pro.,

this will allow users to run progs.

Personal Details - This shows you your ID, name, and

lets you change your password.

Statistics - This also displays bits of useless

information.

Log Off - Logs Off and resets the computer.

Exit - Leaves the program and continues to

boot the computer as normal.

Click on the buttons above for much more detailed information on

the various options.

There is, however, one other menu which only you, the manager (and

any other managers you may choose to create) can use. This is the

cunningly-titled Manager Menu and is accessed by clicking on the small

button in the top-right hand corner of the Main Menu - the one with

"Lock-Out Pro" written on it.

Clicking on this brings up the Manager Menu

1.8   The Manager Menu

The Manager Menu

This is probably the most important part of the program, accessed by

clicking on the button in the top-right-hand corner of the Main Menu. From

here, you can add new users, delete users, change password/security, change

your security options, check the security levels, view the user log and much

more. The menu is split into four parts:

----------------------| ADD / CHANGE USERS |-------------------------

----------------------| OPTIONS |-------------------------

----------------------| GENERAL COMMANDS |-------------------------

----------------------| USER LOG |-------------------------

Clicking on Exit returns you to the Main Menu

1.9   Add / Change Users

Add / Change Users

When you click on this, a full list of all current users is

displayed on-screen, along with their passwords. If you have a large

amount of users, use the PAGE button to cycle through the pages of users.

UNREGISTERED VERSION - limited to three users.

(Full version only costs £4.00! -

If this is the first time that you have used the program, there

should only be one user on the list - yourself.

Your very first task will probably be to change your own User ID and

password - after all, MANAGER and PASSWORD aren't entirely hard to guess!

Click on your User Identity (the word Manager). An arrow should appear to

the left of it. This shows that it is currently selected, in other words

any of the buttons that you now click on, such as Delete User or Edit User

will apply to THIS USER.

To edit your details, click on your name as described in the above

paragraph and click on "Edit User". The screen changes to display your

Identity, Password, Full Name and Security Level.

Use the keyboard to change your details as you see fit - click in a

box to edit the information there and then press RETURN / TAB to move to

the next box.

Note that you will not be able to change your security level. This

is because you are the TOP MANAGER - your security must remain at "Manager"

Level. If you cannot see why, imagine that you were to change your security

to "Standard" level and re-boot. If you were the only user, how would you

ever get back to the Manager menu again now that you weren't a manager?!

Thus, there are several rules governing what you can and can't

change. These are there purely for your own protection.

When you have changed your details, click on Accept and you will be

returned to the list of users.

To add a new user, simply click on "Add User". You are put through

to the same screen as before - enter the details for the user, clicking

in a box to change the information there and pressing RETURN (or TAB)

to move onto the next box. Click on one of the four boxes to set

his/her security level. Note that any users without "Manager" security

do not have to have a password - if you leave this box blank then they

will be taken straight to the main menu once they have entered their User

Indentity on the Log-On screen. Before adding new users, you should choose

your options on the "Options" screen to get the best out of Lock-Out (see

"OPTIONS" below)

To delete a user, select the user and click on "Delete User". To

delete all the users, you should use the button in the "General" screen.

(see "GENERAL COMMANDS" below)

To return to the Manager Menu click on "Exit".

1.10   crules

Rules Governing User Changes

- THE TOP MANAGER, I.E: THE FIRST USER ON THE LIST CAN

NOT CHANGE HIS/HER SECURITY LEVEL.

- ALL THOSE WITH SECURITY LEVEL OF "MANAGER" MUST HAVE

PASSWORDS.

- PASSWORDS MUST BE OF AT LEAST 4 CHARACTERS IN LENGTH.

- NO ONE EXCEPT THE TOP MANAGER MAY EDIT THE TOP MANAGER'S

DETAILS.

- THE TOP MANAGER MAY NEVER BE DELETED.

INFORMATION ON USERS, PASSWORDS, SECURITY LEVELS

Most of the reasons behind these rules are obvious - it is also

inadvisable to have passwords that are identical to the User's Identity -

these are too easy to guess.

1.11 Options

Options

It is here that you decide which users may write to different

partitions of your hard drive, which directory (if any) you are going to

hide to users of lesser-security and also determine various other options:

Write Access To Devices

Hidden Directory

Allow Unsigned Mail

Check For Bad Language

Clicking on Exit returns to the Manager Menu

1.12 Write Access To Devices

Write Access To Devices

Down the left-hand side of the screen is a list of five devices,

which are by default HD1, HD2, HD3 and DF0 (I think - this may vary.)

The idea is that you change these device names to resemble the

partitions on your own hard drive and any other devices that you may wish

to prevent users writing data to, e.g: the floppy disk drive.

Click on each name and replace it (if necessary) with the device

name you wish by typing in the name (no colon at the end is necessary but

they are acceptable) and pressing RETURN.

Next to each device is a cycle gadget containing the four security

levels that lock-out offers - Standard, Advanced, High and Manager. Click

on this button to set the security level ABOVE WHICH USERS MAY WRITE DATA

TO THE DEVICE.

For example, suppose the list looked like this:-

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| HD0: | | ^-- | Standard |

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| HD1: | | ^-- | Advanced |

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| HD2: | | ^-- | Manager |

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| DF0: | | ^-- | Standard |

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| <blank> | | ˆ-- | Advanced |

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WITH THE ABOVE EXAMPLE:-> All Users may write data to the partition

- HD0: on your hard drive and to the floppy

| drive.

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|------> Only those with Advanced security level or

| above (i.e: this includes managers) may

| write data to the partition HD1: on your

| hard drive.

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\------> Only managers may write data to the

partition HD2: on your hard drive.

It is important to realise that in the above example, the devices

DF0: and HD0: could have been left out of the list and it would not have

made any difference to the result, because in the above example all users

were allowed to write to these devices anyway. Don't worry if you don't

really understand this concept - the important thing to remember is that

if you put a device name in the list and choose a security level then ONLY

USERS WITH THAT SECURITY LEVEL OR ABOVE WILL HAVE WRITE-ACCESS TO THIS

DRIVE. Others will be able to read data from the device, but not save

anything or delete anything to it.

1.13 Hidden Directory

Hidden Directory

If you click in the box at the bottom-right end of the screen and

type in the full pathname of a directory on your hard disk, e.g:

HD1:GRAPHICS/DPAINT/

then this directory will be hidden from workbench to all users without

security levels HIGH or MANAGER.

1.14 Allow Unsigned Mail

Allow Unsigned

If this is ticked, users may send

mail and request for the recipient

NOT to receive the identity of the

sender. If abusive mail is sent or

you simply do not want this facility,

then remove the tick from this box.

Manager Menu

1.15 Check For Bad Language In Mail

Check For Bad Language

This checks for the most common swear

words and obscenities in mail and

replaces them with asterisks. The

mail is checked as it is sent.

Manager Menu

1.16 General Commands

General Commands

This screen contains two commands:-

Delete All Users

Security Check

Click on Exit to return to the Manager Menu

1.17 Delete All Users

Delete All Users

Fairly obviously, this deletes all the current users except the

manager and all corresponding mail files and data.

Only the top manager may perform this option; you will be asked

to confirm that you wish to do this.

The program then returns to the General Commands Menu

1.18 Security Check

Security Report

This delivers you with a report concerning the current state of

security with your users. The report will warn you of things such as:

- Users with easy passwords

- Users that are Managers

- Users with security, but no password

and any other information that may be of use.

After the report, click to return to the General Commands Menu

1.19   User Logging

About The User Log

The User Log is a full log of events since Lock-Out was installed

or the Log was last cleared. The following events are logged, along with

the user that performed them, and the time/date on which they occurred:

- Users logging on.

- Users logging off.

- A User failing to enter his/her password correctly.

- A Change of Password.

- A Change of Security Level.

- Bad Language used in mail by a user (if enabled - see "Options")

- A User being Deleted.

- Anything Suspicious.

A small number of other events are also logged.

The user log can be viewed from the manager menu

1.20   Viewing the User Log

User Log

This options allows you to move through the various pages of the

user log to see what has happened since you last

'visited'!

Use the < and > buttons to move through the pages of the Log (You

are initially shown the LAST page of the log) and click on Exit to return

to the Manager Menu

1.21   User Mail Facilities

The User MailBoxes

(THIS FEATURE IS DISABLED IN THIS UNREGISTERED VERSION)

All users can use this facility, which allows you to send notes to

other users that they can then collect when they log-on at a later date.

Send Mail

Collect Mail

Bulletin Board

Exit

1.22   Send Mail

Send Mail

- This sends a note to another user.

A dialog box will appear when you click on "Send Mail"

Enter the name of the user you wish to write to, and

press <RETURN>.

You may also click in the box marked "Urgent", beforehand

in which case the user will be notified as soon

as he/she logs on that an urgent note is waiting. If

the manager has enabled this option, you may also click

"Unsigned" in which case the recipient will

not be told who has sent the note.

Next, type in your note. Notes may be up to 6 lines in

length. Use the arrow keys to move around. Click on

Send to send the note to the postbox, or Abort to cancel

the operation.

(Future versions of Lock-Out Pro. will allow you to reply

to notes directly as opposed to writing an entirely new

note to reply to someone!)

MailBox Main Menu

1.23   Collect Mail

Collect Mail

- This displays any mail that is waiting.

Notes are displayed in the order that they have been sent

to you. Any urgent notes are also highlighted in order

to draw your attention to them.

This option is disabled if there is no mail waiting.

After all your mail has been collected, you are returned

to the Mailbox Main Menu

1.24   The Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board

- This screen is open to all users, who may edit the entire

screen, i.e: they can add their own text and delete text

written by others. Use the keyboard to edit the bulletin

board and then press the Left Mouse Button to save your

changes and exit.

If you are unhappy with your changes

and wish to revert to how the board was before you

arrived, press the Right Mouse Button.

After pressing the Left Mouse Button, you are returned to

the comfort and safety of the Mailbox Main Menu

1.25   Return To Main Menu

Exit / Return To Main Menu

This button returns you to the Lock-Out Main Menu

1.26   Notices Screen

Notices

Users with "Manager" security level can edit this screen to inform

the normal users of current events, points to watch out for when using the

computer, etc...

Users without security level of "Manager" will be presented with the

notices but will be unable to edit them.

The Main Menu button is rather obvious.

1.27   The Personal Details Screen & Statistics Screen

Personal Details & Statistics

These screens contain info. such as your full name, how many times

you have logged on, your security level, which devices you may write data

to, etc...

You may change your password from the "Personal Details" screen by

pressing the button entitled Change Password (As you may have noticed

by now, Lock-Out Pro. is fairly user friendly, so writing this manual is

not hard work!)

There is also a button entitled Return to Main Menu

1.28   Logging Off

Logging Off

When the "Log-Off" button is clicked, the computer notifies the

User Log of your Log-Off and re-boots.

This option on the main menu is only really useful if you are the

manager and wish to test out other users or if a user wishes to log-on

just to collect his/her mail or read the notices.

Much more useful is the Seperate Log-Off Program included with

Lock-Out Pro.

1.29   The Log-Off Program

The Log-Off Program

Included with Lock-Out Pro. is a separate program entitled

"Log-Off". This is installed to the root directory of whichever partition

your hard drive boots from, in most cases HD0:

When the program is run, the computer records your Log-Off

in the User Log and re-boots the computer.

Thus, if you wish to charge your users for the time they spend on

your computer, you should tell your users to Log Off when they have finished

using the computer.

1.30   Exiting Lock-Out Pro.

Leaving Lock-Out Professional

When the "Exit" button is clicked, these events occur in rapid

succession:-

- Devices that the user is barred from writing to

are locked. (see Options)

- Your computer continues to boot from the rest of your

startup-sequence

You are asked to confirm that you wish to leave Lock-Out.

1.31   Notes and Credits

Final Notes

That's about everything I can think of! Good luck with using

Lock-Out and don't forget to write if you can think of any improvements I

could make, you've found a bug, or you've got into a muddle! Please

enclose a S.A.E for a prompt reply. Write to the usual address

Lock-Out Pro.is FreeWare, but from v3.0 onwards, the program is

Licensware - - you should pay a fee to Sceptresoft before

using the full program. Please DONT give copies away to

family/friends - a lot of work has gone into this product and I would be

most upset.

The fonts XHelvetica and Helvetica included are part of the freely

distributable MagicWB package, which is BRILLIANT and which I suggest you

obtain immediately if you have not yet got it! (Get MUI as well)

Stop Press

Nothing as yet!

Credits

Many thanks and greets to:-

Mum, Dad, Jenny, Chris, Mark, Ann, Susannah, Helen,

Tref., James, Nick P, MRB, Polly, Steve, Stuart,

Andy G, Dave Gee, plus everyone else I know.

17 Bit, Digitz, PD-Soft, Magnetic Fields, John Dudley.

and of course Heidi!

(in no particular order!)

LONG LIVE THE AMIGA!! /// =====

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C.Partridge

1.32   Disclaimer

Disclaimer

C.Partridge will take NO RESPONSABILITY for any damage, loss of

data, or any other misfortune that arises from the use of this program -

you use Lock-Out at your own risk! However, at the time of release I am

reasonably satisfied that the program contains no viruses or major

defects. Do feel free to write to the usual address if you experience

any problems.

1.33 glossary

You have clicked on a term defined here in the GLOSSARY. Look up

the term in the glossary below, and then click on "Retrace" (above) to

return to the text that you were reading beforehand.

Glossary:-

ASCII

A standard way of storing text data in files, composed of

hexadecimal bytes. Each number in each byte corresponds to a different

letter of the alphabet, or symbol.

ASCII is used as the format for AmigaDos scripts, such as the

startup-sequence.

DEVICE

Something in your computer that the Amiga Can read from and/or

write to, such as the floppy disk drive, a hard drive, a keyboard, a

credit-card slot, etc...

`Devices' referred to in this documentation usually refer to

physical storage devices such as Hard Drives or Floppy Drives.

Devices have Device Names attatched to them, such as HD0: or DF0:

CLI

An interface through which you communicate with AmigaDos, to

tell it to load programs, etc... by typing in commands. Similar in

many ways to MS-DOS on a PC.

To access the CLI on an Amiga from WorkBench, find and

double-click on the CLI icon, or if you have Workbench 2.0 or above, you

can execute a single CLI command from the Workbench menu.

LICENSWARE

A Program that is not free; a small amount of money is payed for

it, all or some of which goes to the author.

PASSWORD

Every user may have a password, although passwords are not

compulsary, except in the case of those with Manager Security Level.

Remember that passwords must be of at least 4 characters

in length. Capital letters and lower-case letters are not distinguished

between, as was the case in previous versions of Lock-Out. This simply

leads to confusion.

RE-BOOT

To re-boot your computer is the equivalent of turning it off and

then on again. You can do this by holding down the CTRL key and the two

keys on either side of the SPACE bar at the same time.

SECURITY LEVEL

Each user has a security level which determines which partitions

on the hard drive he/she may write to, as defined by the manager on the

Options screen.

STARTUP-SEQUENCE

A file, held in the S directory of the disk that your computer

boots up from, which tells the computer which programs to load and what to

do as it starts up. The file is in ASCII

USER

Someone entered in the list of Users as defined by the manager.

You may have as many users as you want, memory permitting. Each user

may have a full-name defined (if desired), a security level and a

password.

1.34 Contacting SceptreSoft

SceptreSoft Address

To contact SceptreSoft, please write to:

SceptreSoft,

c/o C.Partridge,

9 Westbourne Ave.,

Wrea Green,

Nr. Preston,

Lancs.,

PR4 2PL

ENGLAND

or e-mail: part2@sedsch.demon.co.uk (valid only until 7/96)

(happy to hear from you regarding ANY problems!)

<click Retrace above to return to last page>

1.35 Manual Installation

Manual Installation

We regret that due to its technical complexities, the manual

installation of Lock-Out Pro. is no longer recommended. You should use

the HD-Install program to install Lock-Out automatically

If you do experience any problems getting Lock-Out Pro. to install

automatically, please write to me at the usual address

1.36 Changing Your Password

Changing Your Password

To change your password, enter your current password, press

<RETURN>, enter your new password, press <RETURN> and then enter it again

to confirm and press <RETURN>.

Providing there are no problems (see passwords), your password

will be changed.

You will then be returned to the Personal Details screen.

1.37 Launching Programs

Program Launch

This option is unavailable in this version of Lock-Out Pro.

There is, however, a Return To Main Menu button on

the Launch Screen, which can prove great fun.

1.38 Other Programs Available From SceptreSoft

Other Programs Available From SceptreSoft

Now Available:

RadBench

TimeZoner

AmigaTable

Coming Soon:

Zulu!

FontSearcher

1.39 RadBench from SceptreSoft

() RadBench

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- Tired of waiting for Workbench to load from floppy disk?

- Sick of constantly swapping disks every time you want to

load a program?

- Then get RadBench - the hard drive for the non hard-drive

owner! New version 1.7 now available!

- Speeds up Workbench loading time by over 1600% !

(Yes, that's over 16 times faster!)

- Remains in memory even when your computer resets!

- Comes complete with the pick of the best and most useful

utilities you could wish for!

- Now available (latest version is 1.7) from all good PD

Libraries

- GET IT BEFORE YOUR WORKBENCH DISK GETS YOU!...

1.40   amigat

() AmigaTable

- - - - - - -

- Create and Edit slick and professional-looking tables

and then save as IFFs

- Use Tables in almost any DTP / WP program!

- Variable columns/rows/styles/colours/Fonts/etc...

- Shareware demo version available FREE / Full version only £4.00

from SceptreSoft (please enclose floppy disk and SAE for demo version)

AVAILABLE FROM SCEPTRESOFT DIRECT OR "FINALTABLE" ON AMINET

1.41   TimeZoner from SceptreSoft

() TimeZoner

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- Full adventure game from SceptreSoft

- Battle your way through the different Time Zones to make

your way to the teleport in a witty and enjoyable plot.

- Loads of different locations!

- Great sound effects and music!

- Full text recognition system and speech facility!

- Now available from 17 Bit Public Domain Library and all

other good PD Libraries

1.42   FontSearcher from SceptreSoft

() FontSearcher

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- Do you have a titchy font selection or are you just

on the lookout for more fonts?

- Fed up when you can't find the typeface to suit you?

- Then get this!

FontSearcher looks through all the disks

you possess and grabs all the fonts and

typefaces it can find, from Bitmap fonts

to Adobe or CG fonts - the choice is up

to you! Slam in all your coverdisks and

let it build up the best library of fonts

you could ever wish for. Ask it to show

you a sample of the fonts it finds and

choose for yourself, or just let FontSearcher

do all the work - the choice is up to you!

Don't be left with no resources - get

FontSearcher and your collection of typefaces

will be the envy of everyone!

Available from late-1995 direct from

SceptreSoft at the usual address

or from all good Licensware/PD

Libraries for only £4.00.

1.43   Zulu! from SceptreSoft

Z U L U !

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- NEW Frenzied arcade/strategy game from SceptreSoft.

- Guide your English troops across the hostile Zulu

terrain in full combat against the natives.

- Terrifyingly realistic sound!

- Buy new units as you make more money and progress

through more levels, from Battalions to Field Guns

to Rocket Launchers! Can you conquer ZuluLand??

- Available from Late 1995. Please write

for more details and free demo to the usual address

If you write for a free demo, please enclose either

a disk + S.A.E or £1 to cover disk/postage costs.

(Feel free to sellotape a pound coin to a bit of card,

that'll do fine!)