Encrypts data with your password.

Decrypts data.

List of protected objects.

Add new object to the list of the protection.

Exits the program.

Copys the path to selected object.

Edits object's properties.

Click here to delete object from the list and remove protection.

Finds a string on the list.

Opens explorer with current selection.

Lets Hide Folder Lite to stay on top.

With this option enabled, Hide Folder Lite protects selected objects after quit.

Selects font for the list.

Shows help.

Context help. Select this item, then click on any object in the program to receive help.

Registers the program.

Displays version information, version number and copyright information.

Select trusted processes.

Clear the list of protected objects.

Click here to disable protection.

Click here to enable protection.

Click here to select file to protect.

Click here to select folder to protect.

Click here to select drive to protect.

Toolbar will help you to get quick access to items of the menu.

Status bar displays current status of Hide Folder Lite

Select object's type here.

Enter the name of an object or the path here.

Also, you can press Browse button, which is on the left.

The field of permission information for the selected item.

Press Browse button on the left to set access permissions.

Press this Browse button to select an object.

Press this Browse button to set access permissions for the selected item.

By default, permissions you have set apply to both files in the directory and to the directory itself. Clear the checkbox to apply the permissions to the directory only.

Works only for folders and disks.

This is the list of current processes. Select processes, which you trust.

All programs are untrusted by default.

This button allows you to select all processes.

This button allows you to deselect all processes.

Enter password here.

Confirm password here.

Check this checkbox to grant **READ** access.

Check this checkbox to grant **WRITE** access.

Check this checkbox to grant **DELETE** access.

Check this checkbox to grant **VISIBILITY** access.

Check this radio button to grant full access.

Check this radio button to forbid all access

Check this radio button to customize access.

Check this checkbox to grant **EXECUTE** access.

Not available yet.

The list of available drives in the system. Select the drive, which you need.
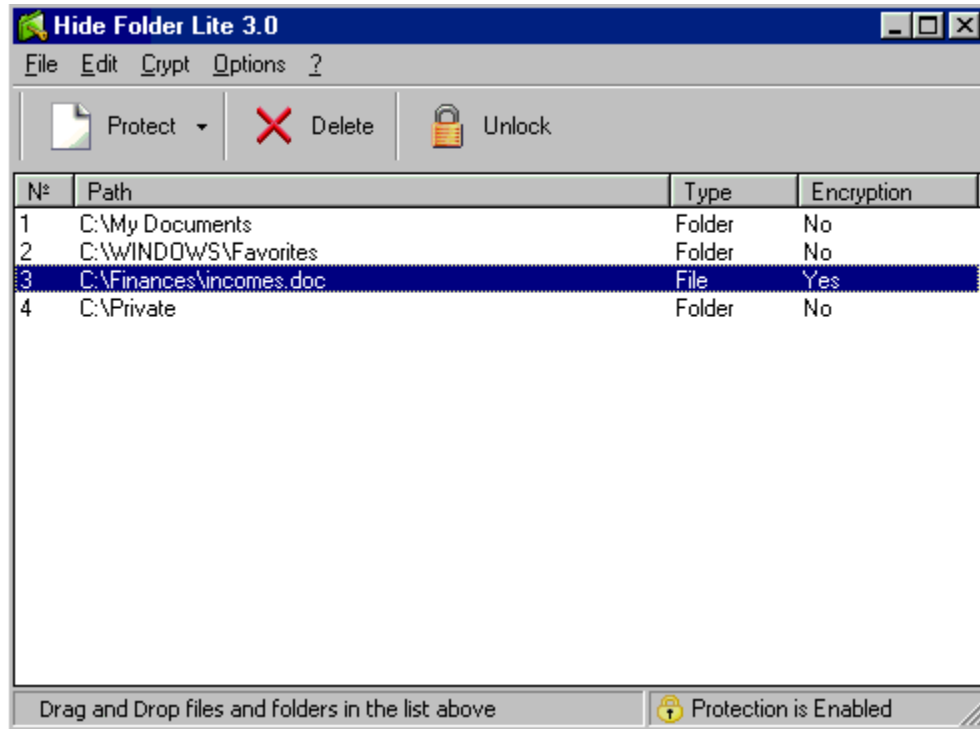
Enter mask using the * wildcard.

The list of available COM ports in the system. Select the COM port, which you need.

Main window

This is the main screen of Hide Folder Lite, which allows you to specify which objects are to be protected. From here, you will be able to configure other options of the program.

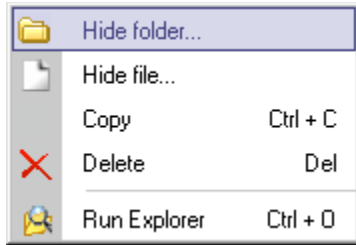On this picture, you can see that:
1. We have lock folder F:\Private.
2. We have lock folder C:\My Documents.
3. We have lock folder C:\Windows\Favorites.
3. We have lock important file C:\Finances\incomes.doc.

We can't delete and even see this files and folders.

The main window consists of menu, toolbar and the list of protected objects.

Menu And Toolbar:

'File' menu

File - Protect drive…

Creates new protected drive.
Also, you can drag and drop files, folders and drives from Windows Explorer.
This tool is also available on the toolbar.

File - Protect folder…
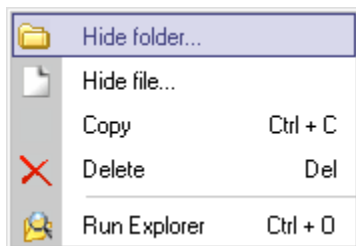
Creates new protected drive.
Also, you can drag and drop files, folders and drives from Windows Explorer.
This tool is also available on the toolbar.

File - Protect file…

Creates new protected drive.
Also, you can drag and drop files, folders and drives from Windows Explorer.
This tool is also available on the toolbar.

File - Exit

Exits the program.

'Edit' menu

Edit - Copy

Copies text from selected string.

Edit - Delete

Deletes selected string.
This tool is also available on the toolbar.

Edit - Clear List

Deletes all elements from the object list.

<u>Edit - Find…</u>

Finds text in the object list.

<u>Edit - Run Explorer</u>

You can jump to a directory by double-clicking on the output line. Hide Folder Lite will launch Explorer and navigate directly to the directory or file, where the target directory resides.
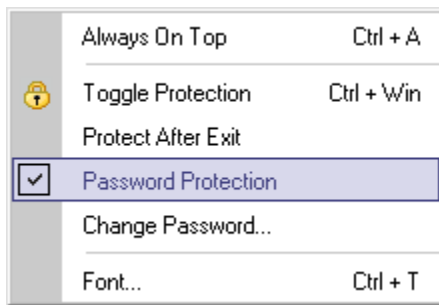
<u>Encryption - Encrypt file</u>

This menu command opens the data encryption settings dialogue.

<u>Encryption - Decrypt file</u>

This menu command opens the data decryption settings dialogue.

'<u>Options</u>' menu

<u>Options - Always on Top</u>

Allows the main window to stay on the top of all applications.

<u>Options – Toggle Protection</u>

Allows you to quickly remove protection. You can use hotkey Ctrl+Win.

<u>Options – Protect After Exit</u>

Auto-protects your files, folders and disks after closing Hide Folder Lite.

<u>Options – Password Protection</u>

This option allows you to protect Hide Folder Lite with password.

<u>Options – Change Password</u>

Allows changing Hide Folder Lite password.

<u>Options - Font…</u>

Allows changing the font used in the listview.

? - Help

Opens program's help file.

? – Context Help

Shows quick help for the selected item. You can use hotkey Shift+F1.

? – Tip of the Day

Shows useful tips and hints.

? – Order Now!

Allows you to order Hide Folder Lite.

? - Register

Shows the registration screen. You can use it to enter your registration details.

? - About

Shows information about the program.

Protected object's list:

It consists of 3 columns:
Object's number;
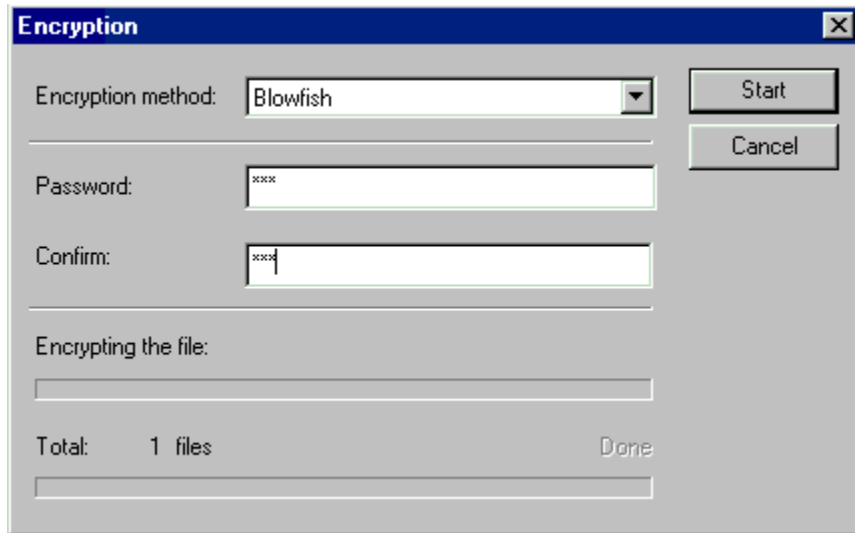Object's name or full path to object;
Object's type;

You can select a desired object by clicking on the string representing it in the list or — using cursor control keys.

Encryption Window

You will see this screen when you select 'Security|Encrypt' or 'Security|Decrypt' item from the Main Window's menu

Controls:

The data encryption starts from this window. You can choose the encryption method and set the password in this window.
Encryption method combobox: you must choose the data encryption method here.
Password string: you must set the password here.
Confirm string: you must confirm your password here.
Start button: start the encrypting.
Stop button: stop the encrypting.

Setup Password Window

You will see this screen   when you run Hide Folder Lite for the very first time. Type and confirm your password.
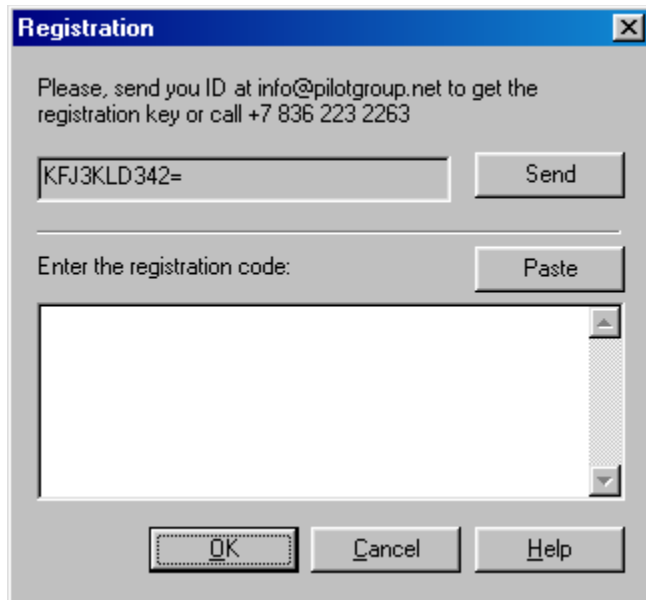

In other cases confirm string will be grayed. You will only be allowed to enter password. The password screen prevents unauthorized people from gaining access to the Hide Folder Lite Main Window. After all, you do not want anybody to change your settings.

Registration Window

You will see this screen when you select '?|Register...' item from the Main Window's menu.

You should enter this dialog only after you have received an email or letter from Pilot Group LLC with your license information. If you do not have it yet, please click on Cancel button.

Your license letter will list your "Key" value. The easiest way to enter your registration code correctly is to copy the Key to the clipboard (select it with the mouse and press Ctrl+C) and then paste it into the appropriate edit box (using Ctrl+V or press Paste button).

After entering the   registration code, in most cases, you may just click on OK button and restart Hide Folder Lite. If all was entered correctly, the word "Unregistered" disappears form the title of the program and from the About dialog.

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How to… FAQ

Hide Folder Lite is a secure and easy to use program that allows you to password-protect and easily prevent access to your personal and important folders. It supports modes for making your folders completely invisible, simply inaccessible or allowing read-only access. It even allows you to specify, which programs are still able to access protected items, such as virus scanners or disk drive utilities. A protected folder and its contents will be prevented from being renamed, modified, deleted, copied, moved, accessed or even seen on the system.

Wherever — at home, work or any other environment where you share your computer with others, this program can really help you to secure your files and folders from prying eyes, malicious programs, users and getting infected by deadly viruses, trojans and unwanted access or accidental damage.

It is a must have tool for anyone seeking to secure their system with ease but in confidence and trust. Yes that's right; it is so secure that even if it crashes or if someone kills the program maliciously, it will still keep protecting your folders.

To get started please read the following topics:

Password Screen
Main Window Screen

Install and Uninstall

How to… FAQ

Install
To install Hide Folder Lite, simply run the setup program. After setup is complete, you can start using the security features of Hide Folder Lite.

Uninstall
The uninstall process can only be carried out if Hide Folder Lite is not running, so you must exit Hide Folder Lite before you can begin the uninstall process. Use the Windows Add/Remove Programs tool on the Control Panel to perform a clean uninstall.

Trial vs. Registered

Hide Folder Lite is Try Before You Buy software. It is NOT intended to be free or public domain software, which means that you can evaluate the program for a specified amount of time and register it if you think that it will meet your needs or — otherwise, stop using it. In the case with Hide Folder Lite, the trail period is set for 30 days (these days do not have to be continuous calendar dates from the date of installation).

The trial version of Hide Folder Lite is NOT crippled in any way, nor is there any functionality disabled in the program. This allows you to properly try out the software, so that you know whether this is what you want.

However in the unlicensed copy (trial version):

· The license screen will always pop up whenever you start the program.
· You can't protect more that 10 files or folders.

Once you purchase the program, you will not get these limitations anymore, and you will also qualify for full technical support and free upgrades. See the order page for more information.

Please read the license agreement regarding Hide Folder Lite.

Order Hide Folder Lite

The current price is $20 U.S to license a single copy of Hide Folder Lite. If you wish to license multiple copies, we provide volume discounts and educational pricing. Please contact us with relevant information such as your organization, number of licenses you would like to purchase, and appropriate contact information. Credit cards are accepted.

Licensed users are eligible for free software upgrades and support.

You can license Hide Folder Lite using the following methods:

1: Online
2: Phone
3: Fax
4: Mail

Visa, MasterCard/EuroCard, American Express, Discover credit cards are accepted.

All information will be encrypted before transmission to prevent possible interception by a third party. Your transmissions while in this area are absolutely secure and private.

The link provided below will allow you to get more information about registering online.

Order page:
http://www.hide-folder.com/order/index.php
Upon receipt of your registration, we will send you your serial number via email A.S.A.P.

Contact us

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<u>Email Address</u>

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Please inform us about the following:
Program version (from the "About" dialog)
Windows 95/98/Me version (including service packs and other fixes installed), US or
international
Description of your problem (as much information as possible to retrieve the problem)

If you are a registered user, please include your registration name.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How does Hide Folder Lite work?

A: Hide Folder Lite works by installing a low-level file system driver, which monitors and intercepts calls to files, folders and drives made by a particular program before they reach Windows. In other words, it acts like a middle man between the operating system (Windows) and other software programs. When a request is made i.e. for example to open a folder, Hide Folder Lite iterates through the available list of folders that have been for protection and acts accordingly to protect it. Hide Folder Lite is designed so that even if the program crashes for some unfortunate reason, it will still keep protecting your folders.

During the protection process, Hide Folder Lite does not attempt to modify your files/folders in anyway, so even if something goes wrong with Hide Folder Lite or, unfortunately, Windows crashed, your files will remain unchanged.

Q: Will Hide Folder Lite encrypt my files?

A: Other than encrypting its own settings such as passwords etc. Hide Folder Lite does NOT attempt to encrypt or otherwise modify your files in ANY WAY.

Q: What happens if Hide Folder Lite crashes or someone terminates the program?

A: Well, we've even catered for this. Hide Folder Lite is very sincere in the way that it protects your folders, so even if the program crashes for some reason or — a malicious user somehow terminates the program, your folders will still be protected for the entire Windows session. The only way to unprotect them while Windows is running is to startup Hide Folder Lite and access setup.

Q: Can I protect folders on the network?

A: Yes. Hide Folder Lite allows you to protect folders both on local and network drives. The dialog for adding folders will also allow you to browse network paths.

Q: How secure is Hide Folder Lite?

A: We have tried our best to make this version as secure as we could. We take the security provided by Hide Folder Lite very seriously. If you have found a security related bug in the program, please contact us, so that we can investigate it. If you are looking for more generic tools to protect your PC <u>contact us</u>.

If you think that we have missed out an important FAQ that everyone else would be interested knowing about and it should end up in this list, please feel free to <u>contact us</u> and let us know so that we can add it to this list.

Useful Hints

Drag and Drop support

You can drag and drop files and folders to Hide Folder Lite.

Don't hide critical system files

DON'T hide folders that contain critical system files. If Windows needs a file that exists only in one of your hidden folders, it won't be able to find it until you make the folder visible. If you accidentally hide important system files, it is very possible that your computer won't boot correctly, and you'll need to restore the system manually. Other solution is to set System processes as trusted.

Locking removable media

If you do not want people running programs from CD-ROM drives or floppy drives i.e. your A drive, etc. —hide them; that will prevent users from opening files from CD-ROMS and running programs from floppies.

Locking the Windows desktop

You can lock your Windows desktop, so that users cannot delete, add or modify your shortcuts, icons, etc.   on your desktop. To lock your Windows desktop, set read access to the folder path to your Windows desktop.