## Is it possible to trace a serial number?

Yes, but you should proceed only if you don't infringe any copyright laws. Time consumption until serial is traced, depends on experience and/or program's serial protection. Should vary from 5 minutes to several hours for intermediate level.

You should use a debugger first to trace the location within the file that the serial protection is activated. We recommend Numega's SoftIce for Windows 95/NT an excellent tool that ships as shareware.

Note down the location, then go to Hackman and open this file to the Hex Editor. Use Jump to go to the desired location then use the disassembler to "read" the code. If you are not familiar with assembly you may use the Help file which gives a pretty good idea of assembly to the newbies.

Change the assembly codes using Hackman's assembler (recommended) or Ms-Dos debug if you are familiar with it (it is included in \command folder of Windows 95/NT). You may also consult Books Online coming with Hackman for additional help topics.