

About the program

Detailed information about this software:

- Title : Access Lock
- Target OS : Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP
- Copyright : Ixis, Ltd.
- Email address to contact: msaprykin@softheap.com
- Home Page of the program: <http://www.softheap.com/lock.html>
- Latest release of the program: <http://www.softheap.com/download/lock.zip>
- Software type: Shareware
- Registration Form: <http://www.softheap.com/lockpurchase.html>

Reviews and Awards:

- ZdNet : 5 stars
- Icon Shareware: 4 Star Award
- 5 Star Shareware: 5 stars
- Shareware Junkies: 5 stars
- Simply the Best: Silver Award

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[Purpose of the program](#)

Access Lock is an easy-to-use system-tray security application you can use to secure your desktop when you are away from your computer. Just configure the program, define a password and double click the Access Lock system-tray icon every time when you need to disable and hide your desktop. While it is locked, the system keys and taskbar are disabled and the mouse cursor is trapped, unauthorized password entries are met with an audio alert and logged to disk. The only thing is available in this mode is a pop-up password-entry dialog with an input area for the password that restores your desktop to working condition. Access Lock offers you two lockup methods. The first method hides your desktop, shows a screen saver and allows people around to leave messages, which you can see after unlocking. The second method does not hide your desktop while locking and what is more, it allows people around to watch it. It is very useful when you would like to demonstrate something to people but do not want them to play with it. In addition, the program has a built-in event tracker with a viewer giving you an ability to spy on your PC users and other people trying to access to your system. Also, an adjustable autoload/autolock option protects your desktop when Windows starts. You will find the program interface very easy to negotiate. Excellent online help is available.

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User interface

The main window is divided into several parts:

- **Main Toolbar** – This control is situated on top of the main window. All functions of the program can be performed from the tool bar.
- **Popup menus** – They are applicable to the panels of the main window. The functions of editing can be performed from these menus. Click the right mouse button to open a context popup menu.
- **Status bar** – This bar is situated at the bottom of the main window. It displays some useful information and current status.
- **Tray icon** – This icon is situated at the system tray and intended to reach all functions of the program. Double click the icon to lock your PC or click the icon by the right mouse button to open the popup menu of the program, which contains all its functions.

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How to register

This software is distributed as shareware. To keep the program on your personal computer you should register it.

- The first step is to obtain a registration code by paying a fee to the author (see information about the discounts on the Registration Form). You may buy the license(s) using Online Registration via Secure Server. If you do not wish to use Online Registration you may use the following alternatives: Telephone orders, Fax orders, or payment may be sent via postal mail or other delivery methods.
- The second step is to enter your registration code in the program. Use the Help-Register item in the main menu to enter the code in the program. To avoid errors it is recommended to use Windows Clipboard when entering the code.

Use the following URL to register the program:

- Registration Form: <http://www.softheap.com/lockpurchase.html>

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Technical support

If you have got a problem, please, contact [Michael Saprykin](#) by Email. Please, inform me about the following:

- Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP version (including service packs and other fixes, US or international, OEM or not).
- Computer information.
- Description of your problem (as much information as possible to retrieve the problem).

If the problem is an internal bug then it will be retrieved in the next release of the program in a month. If you have any comments or suggestions for the next releases, please do not hesitate to post them to me.

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How to use

Access Lock is a system-tray application, so all its functions can be performed through its tray icon. Just double-click the Access Lock system tray icon to enable the security or click it by the right mouse button to open the main popup menu of the program. Use this menu to access to all functions of the program among which there are the following:

- **Lock** – Locks your PC by screen saver. It works like the double click by the program's system tray icon. After locking, your desktop will be hidden by screen saver and if you press any key or move the mouse, the password requesting window will appear on the screen.
- **Watch** – Locks your PC without hiding your desktop. This feature is very useful when you would like to demonstrate something to people but do not want them to play with it. If you press any key or move the mouse, the password requesting window will appear on the screen.
- **Configure Screen Saver** – Opens the Windows Screen Saver configuration window and allows you to change the default screen saver and its settings.
- **Run Screen Saver** – Runs current Windows Screen Saver.
- **Configure** – Use this menu item to configure Access Lock, and to see the messages and the events.

First of all, before working with the program, you should define your password. To do this, use the Configure item of the tray menu and then the Password button of the main toolbar. You should enter your password twice to avoid mistakes.

Also, you should configure the program. Use the Configure item of the tray menu and then the Options button of the main toolbar to change the settings of the program.

Use the Activate and Deactivate buttons in the main toolbar to activate and deactivate the program within the current session.

Use the Deactivate | Deactivate Permanently menu item to deactivate the program permanently.

Messages Tab – How to use the Messages Tab

Events Tab – How to use the Events Tab

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[How to deny access to Access Lock](#)

To deny access to Access Lock just set a password, which the program will use on each start.

- Use the [Password](#) button on the main toolbar to [Change Password](#) and restrict access to this program.
- Use this button, and clear both password fields to reset the password.

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[Messages](#)

The left part of the Messages tab contains the list of the messages, which people left you. You can see there the date, time and name of the person left you the message. The right side of the tab contains the message body for the current selected originator. The item icons indicate read and unread messages. The brief icons mean unread items.

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Events

The Events tab contains the list of events, which took place in your system. For each event, you can see not only the date, time and the type of it, but also the user which did this action. This information is very useful, because you can find out who and when worked on your PC and, who tried to access to your system with no success, how often your PC had reboots, etc. There are the following event types:

- **Unlock** – The user successfully unlocked your PC.
- **Unlock Failed** – The user incorrectly typed the password.
- **Lock** – The user locked your PC.
- **Log On** – The user had successful Windows logon.
- **Log Off** – The user had successful Windows logoff.
- **Reboot** – Your PC was rebooted incorrectly.
- **Activate** – The user activated this program.
- **Deactivate** – The user deactivated this program.

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Options

Use this dialog box to configure your Access Lock. There are the following options, which you can change:

- **Screen Saver**
 - **Default lock mode** – Specifies the mode of locking your PC by default (Lock Screen or Watch mode).
 - **Style** – The style of the Access Lock's screen saver (LED clock or Black Screen).
 - **Lock after Windows Screen Saver** – If the option is on, Access Lock will lock your PC after termination of a Windows Screen Saver. Use it if you want to use your favorite screen saver with Access Lock.
 - **Allow to leave messages** – Enables or disables the ability for people around to leave messages while locking.
 - **Keep Messages** – Specifies a time period during which your messages will be kept.
 - **Lock Hot Key** – Specifies a hot key for the Lock feature.
 - **Watch Hot Key** – Specifies a hot key for the Watch feature.
 - **Configure Windows Screen Saver** – Opens the Windows Screen Saver configuration window and allows you to change the default screen saver and its settings.
- **Security**
 - **Keep Events** – Specifies a time period during which your events will be kept.
 - **Encrypted log file** – This option allows you to encrypt the Access Lock's log file
 - **Only Admin can deactivate** – Use this option to forbid other users the ability to deactivate Access Lock'
 - **Allow blank password** – Use this option to forbid users the ability to set their passwords blank. (the option has no effect when the Admin's password is blank).
 - **Lock after booting** – Use this option to lock your computer with a password by starting Access Lock in exclusive mode after loading Windows but before it becomes available.
 - **Lock before booting** – Use this option to lock your computer with a password by starting Access Lock in exclusive mode before loading Windows (the option is available under Windows 95/98/ME only).
 - **Disable Safe Mode** –
 - Under Windows 95/98/ME:
 - Allows you to disable interruption keys such as the F5, F6 and F8 allowing anyone to break booting.
 - Under Windows NT/200/XP:
 - Allows you to disable keyboard and mouse when Windows is loaded in safe mode.
 - **Disable Ctrl-Alt-Del while starting** –Allows you to disable Ctrl+Alt+Del combination while Windows is starting. This prevents user from calling the *Close Program* dialog box and trying to terminate a starting program (the option is available under Windows 95/98/ME only).
 - **Allows the Ignore button** –Allows you to show or hide the Ignore button on the lock screen. The Ignore button unlocks your PC without checking a password (this button is useful for testing the program).
 - **Ignore case when entering a password** – doesn't differentiate uppercase from lowercase when checking a password.
- **Users**
 - **Use user list** – You can use Windows users or custom user list in the program. Use the My Computer->Control Panel->Users dialog box to add a new Windows user account. You can enable or disable a user in the custom user list. Also you can mark a user as recipient of messages. A marked user will appear in the list of users people can leave a message for.
- **Admin** – A user having rights to configure and uninstall the program.

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[Change Password](#)

Enter and confirm your password, which will be used to restrict access to the program. If you define and confirm any phrase here, this phrase will be required to access to the program on each it start. If you clear both fields and press the Ok button, the password will be disabled and access to the program will be permitted for any user of your computer.

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[Enter Password](#)

Enter your password, which you defined using the [Change Password dialog box](#). You can disable this password if you clear it using that dialog box.

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- **Security Administrator** – *protect your privacy and control access to your PC*

<http://www.softheap.com/secagent.html>

Restrict access to your computer with Security Administrator for Windows. This password-protected security utility enables you to impose a variety of access restrictions to protect your privacy and stop others from tampering with your desktop. You can deny access to each individual component of several Control Panel applets, including Display, Network, Passwords, Printers, and System. You can disable your boot keys, DOS windows, Registry editing, and network access. Hide your desktop icons, individual drives, Start menu items, or even the entire taskbar. You can also apply password protection to Windows and restrict users to running specific applications only. Security restrictions can be applied universally or just to specific users. You'll find the program interface very easy to negotiate. Excellent online help is available.

- **Access Administrator** – *password protect your files*

<http://www.softheap.com/fr.html>

Protect your files and restrict others from being able to start, see, change or delete them. File protection activates automatically according to the current user's identity and the timetable that is defined for it. You can keep your employees or kids off the Internet, games and the other entertainment during the working time. You can define a timetable and a list of restricted files for each user individually as you like. Also, Access Administrator may protect files from casual or unauthorized removal. The program is reliably protected by the password. Try our password and security tools, free downloads.

- **Mail Bomber** – *send personalized e-mail to your customers utilising mailing lists*

<http://www.softheap.com/bomber.html>

Mailing lists have become an important feature for many web sites and individual PC users. Whether you're notifying customers of new products or simply sending a message to a group of friends, lists offer a quick and easy way of communicating. Mail Bomber is a basic, yet surprisingly flexible, tool for sending mass messages. It provides everything you need for managing lists, writing messages and sending them over the Internet. In fact, you can maintain a number of separate mailing lists, messages and SMTP servers for different audiences and needs. Mail Bomber is very easy to use. All of its main features are accessible from the main interface. Most functions can be executed with a click or hotkey. A great feature is the program's templates, which allow you to personalize messages to individual recipients. In addition to e-mail address, you can enter the names of customers or friends. Once the desired template is chosen, all you need to do is compose your message. While Mail Bomber is in operation, it automatically merges names with the messages. Mail Bomber lets you efficiently manage your lists. You can perform searches for records as well as modify, insert and remove items.

- **Clipboard Assistant** – *make your text operations easier*

<http://www.softheap.com/ca.html>

Clipboard Assistant is an intuitive utility that enables you to perform Clipboard operations with ease. Its robust toolbar lends easy access to operations and will quickly simplify your text handling. You can insert clipped fragments into files as text with the click of a button and simply fill out Web forms with paste commands. You can also drag and drop selected text to any location or application -- or assign hot keys for capturing, clipping, copying, and pasting. Hotkeys may also be assigned to easily toggle between bookmarks, find text, or search. Use Clipboard Assistant as a text editor to edit or save clip lists of either formatted text or graphical items. Of particular interest to programmers, this utility offers a full suite of syntax highlighting elements.

- **Cyclanoid** – *free puzzle game*

<http://www.softheap.com>

Cyclanoid is a challenging tile-based puzzle game. The objective is to arrange the tiles in the center of the

board to match the ones displayed along the game-area border. However, you move the tiles in groups of four or more by spinning them with a control located in the corner where four tiles touch. Similar to a 2D Rubik's Cube, Cyclanoid is harder than it looks since you must get the tiles aligned without disrupting your previous work. It also includes a built-in visual puzzle builder for creating your own games. The graphics are attractive, and MIDI-based music and crisp digital sound effects add to the fun. Plus, an automated demo shows the movement options of the more complex games. When you purchase, you'll get access to over 20 different puzzles, with various board sizes and skill levels.

- **AlterJig** – *free jigsaw game*

<http://www.softheap.com>

AlterJig is a tile-based jigsaw puzzle game. You select one of several graphics supplied with the game or create your own puzzle from any bitmap. When you select "new game", AlterJig scrambles the puzzle and challenges you to restore the picture by rotating groups of four tiles to get the tiles back to their proper position. Tile rotation is controlled by left and right mouse buttons. It sounds easier to solve than it is. There is a brief help file, but the demo mode helps you understand the game, which is pretty self-explanatory.

- **AbcPuzzles** – *free logic games*

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AbcPuzzles offers two variations on a tile-based puzzle game. Each uses the same basic engine, in which you move the tiles in groups of four or more by spinning them with the control located in the corner where four tiles touch. Much like Rubik's Cube in two dimensions, the games are harder than they first look since you must get the tiles properly aligned without disrupting your previous work. AlterJig uses images, scrambling the inner blocks but leaving the outside one intact. Five images are provided, and your own properly formatted bitmaps can be used. Cyclanoid is similar, but your task is to arrange the tiles in rows to match the icons displayed along the game-area border. Demo modes and documentation are included for both games.

