Chapter 1
Introducing On Guard

About this Demonstration Version

This package contains a 30-day demonstration of On Guard. This demonstration offers all of the protection of the full version of On Guard for 30 days after installation. Following the 30th day, this demonstration will expire and the anti-tampering features that it provides will be turned off. This software and manual may be freely distributed and may be used on multiple computers.

To order your official version of On Guard, contact our sales office at (800) 344-9160 or by Fax at (330) 735-3136. We offer a variety of packages, including large site packages.

About this Manual

This manual was designed to be read online, and the fonts and screen shots included in the manual are large enough to be viewed on screen. As a result, the fonts and screen shots are very large when printed out. If you are going to print the manual, and you are using printer driver software that provides a 2-up or 4-up format, we recommend you use the 2-up or 4-up format. These formats are available in the Page Setup… command, and are provided by printer driver software such as Apple's LaserWriter 8 software. In the 2-up or 4-up format, the text and screen shots are easily readable, and you will be saving trees by using fewer sheets of paper.

About On Guard

On Guard is a powerful, anti-tampering product for Macintosh computers. It allows you to control who may use the computer and which files and folders they may access and change.

On Guard adds security to the standard Macintosh user interface. It works with the Finder and other Macintosh software to maintain the normal working environment of the Macintosh while providing complete protection. By default, users cannot add items to the System Folder, reposition icons on the Desktop, delete items from

the hard disk, launch control panels or the Chooser, and more.

To protect your Macintosh computer, On Guard:

• Prevents using unauthorized software. Users cannot launch applications on floppy disks or copy files from floppy disk to hard disk. This prevents users from using inappropriate software (such as games or installer applications) and limits the possibility of viral infection.

• Prevents software piracy. Users cannot copy files from hard disk to floppy disk without your permission.

• Protects the hard disk when booted from a floppy disk. Prevents users from bypassing On Guard by booting from a floppy disk.

• Saves time with On Guard's network-wide configuration. Maintains the security features of an entire network of computers quickly and easily. All configuration options may be transferred to each Macintosh to keep the settings consistent across all computers on the network.

• Installs with a default configuration that suits the majority of laboratory situations. Once you install On Guard, you're up and running without any additional configuration required.

• Lets you specify a configuration tailored to your situation. If the default configuration doesn't suit your situation, you can customize the permission for launching, opening, saving, copying, and viewing each file, folder, application, control panel, and desk accessory, and specify which disks can be ejected.

• Tracks how your Macintosh computers are used. On Guard's reporting capability shows who used the computer, what applications were launched, what security violations were attempted, and more.

On Guard is designed to work in all types of computing environments. From beginners to advanced users, On Guard gives you the power to unlock the full potential of your Macintosh computers.

Permission messages

Each time a user performs an action without permission, the Finder displays an error dialog. Figure 2 shows On Guard preventing the user from moving the

Microsoft Word™ application to the Trash.

Figure 2. Preventing users from deleting files, folders, and applications.

Users will receive similar warnings if they do not have permission to create new folders, to copy, move, or delete items, or to launch applications. This information is added to a report which you can later view or print.

Snap back items

When a user drags an icon to a new location, it will automatically snap back to its original location if the user does not have permission to save to the item or its folder. This prevents users from rearranging items on the Desktop or within folders. On Guard also disables the Finder's "Clean up" command when the user does not have permission to save to a folder.

Technical Support

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