

Re: ASProtect

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BTW:

I am adding resources to executables after the exe is compiled.
Any settings I apply in ASProtect to the original exe, stop this ability.

Looks like a great product tho...

Nic Roche

"Andrew Jameson" <contact@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:426614fe@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Dear John,

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> IMHO software protection is a can of worms that you'll end up worrying
> about forever ... face it, if your product's any good then it'll be hacked
> ... if it's really good, you'll find your product all over crackz /
> serialz / warez sites ... but the reality is that this situation will not
> impact your potential sales ... in fact you might consider it to be not
> only flattering but also it's actually a form of advertising !

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> We've launched several products without being badly hit ... then we
> launched Letter Rack 3D ... a month later there was a sudden plethora of
> serial numbers and keygens. We rapidly responded by using a range of
> commercial protection software schemes ... all were eventually defeated
> ... some through our misunderstanding of the product usage ... but none
> can ever be 100% effective.

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> If you carefully trawl through crackz sites, you will see all the 'big
> boys' there ... Adobe, MicroSoft ... all broken !

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> Advice ? ... We brewed some of our basic protection and added CRC
> protection to our files but you could look at TurboPower's OnGuard, it's
> free including source :

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> <http://sourceforge.net/projects/tponguard/>

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> Other advice ? Trialware with usage restrictions ... avoid it if possible
> as most can be easily reset using common tools like RegMon and FileMon to

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> determine key dependencies. Also, nearly all protected programs use it
> all at start up and launch dialogs to tell the user that passwords are
> invalid or that the program has been illegally modified ... these provide
> great markers for disassemblers. So put some protection up front but then
> retest somewhere deep in your code or use some concealed time event when
> it will test the protection again.
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> Do some homework, look around a hackers sites (be wary of trojans, adware
> and viruses) and look at techniques and tools that they use, you'll find
> all the techniques to reverse engineer most of the commercial protection
> schemes ... we've even contacted a few forums and got some good advice
> from hackers ... but don't lose sleep over it !
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> Andrew
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> "John McTaggart" <john_at_compnet101_dot_com> wrote in message
> news:4265b8de@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> I'm looking for something that will keep the casual
>> hackers at bay with a minimal amount of work..
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>> Anyone have experience with this product?
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>> John McTaggart
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 ◇ *From:* John McTaggart
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