

# Shadow Documentation

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# **How to purchase this great software**

We thank you for trying this wonderful software. Please spread the word about this great program because your friends will love it! ☺ Please purchase this program from the website you downloaded it from. This way that online store can get credit for selling this program for us. If you can not remember where you downloaded it from, then you may get it at our website [www.aswsoftware.com](http://www.aswsoftware.com) in the products section.

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# How to shadow (encrypt) a file

Note: The words Shadow and De-shadow are similar to the words Encrypt and Decrypt.  
Hint: You can encrypt multiple files by compressing them into one zipped archive first.

## **Step 1:**

Run Shadow.exe and left-click on 'Make Shadow'.

## **Step 2:**

Open a file by selecting 'Browse'.

## **Step 3:**

Type or browse for a destination for the encrypted file.

## **Step 4:**

Enter a password. This password must be at least two characters long and is case sensitive. The length of the password determines the security of the file you are encrypting. Try to use a password that is a minimum of eight characters in length. If you are going to use a password, then you may ignore the password file option.

If you are looking for highly secure method of securing your data, then you may use a password file. The password file will be used as a password for encrypting your data. This password file **MUST** be a constant file that **NEVER** changes. One small change in this password file could make it impossible to recover your encrypted file. If the password file is the same size or larger than the file you are encrypting, it will be literally impossible to de-shadow (decrypt) your data without the original password file. **This method is to be used at YOUR OWN RISK. We can NOT recover this type of shadowed (encrypted) file.** When a password file is used, the regular password field is ignored.

## **Step 5:**

Left-click 'Encrypt!' to secure your file. A 3200 MHZ machine encrypts at about one megabyte per second.

## **Step 6, Final step:**

Now, before deleting your original file, try decrypting the saved file to a different folder and open it to make sure it works. This will ensure that you are using the correct password. After and **ONLY** after you know that the file has been encrypted successfully, you may delete your original file. **Note: ASW Software or any of its affiliates will NOT be held responsible for any loss of data.**

# **How to De-Shadow (decrypt) a file**

Note: The words Shadow and De-shadow are similar to the words Encrypt and Decrypt.

## **Step 1:**

Run Shadow.exe and left-click on 'De-Shadow'.

## **Step 2:**

Open a previously encrypted file by selecting 'Browse'.

## **Step 3:**

Type or browse for a destination for the decrypted file.

NOTE: The original file name will automatically pre fill in the destination box.

## **Step 4:**

Enter the exact same password that was used to encrypt the file (case sensitive). For security reasons, if an incorrect password is entered, the program will NOT advise you of this. It will simply decrypt the file incorrectly.

If you used a password file (file used as a password) to encrypt your data, then you must supply the location of the exact same password file. This password file **MUST** be the exact same file. One small change in this password file could make it impossible to recover your encrypted file. If the password file is the same size or larger than the file you are encrypting, it will be literally impossible to de-shadow (decrypt) your data without the original password file.

## **Step 5:**

Left-click 'Decrypt!' to recover your file. A 3200 MHZ machine decrypts at about one megabyte per second.

## **Step 6, Final step:**

Left-click 'Open Decrypted File' to view your original file, or click close if you wish to exit the program and browse for the file yourself.

# **What to do if password is lost**

If you should happen to lose your password and you can not recover your original file, we can try to recover your file for you (this does not apply if you used a password file). We charge five U.S. dollars per file that we successfully recover. If the file is small enough, you may attach it and e-mail it to [shadowrecovery@aswsoftware.com](mailto:shadowrecovery@aswsoftware.com). If it is too big for e-mail, you may send it to us on a CD/DVD at our current address found at [www.aswsoftware.com](http://www.aswsoftware.com) in the contact section. You pay all the shipping.

NOTE: If you used a password file as a password, we can NOT recover your original file. There are some exceptions. If you wish for us to try, we can do so. The charge for successfully recovering this type of file is ten U.S dollars.

# **How to contact ASW Software**

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