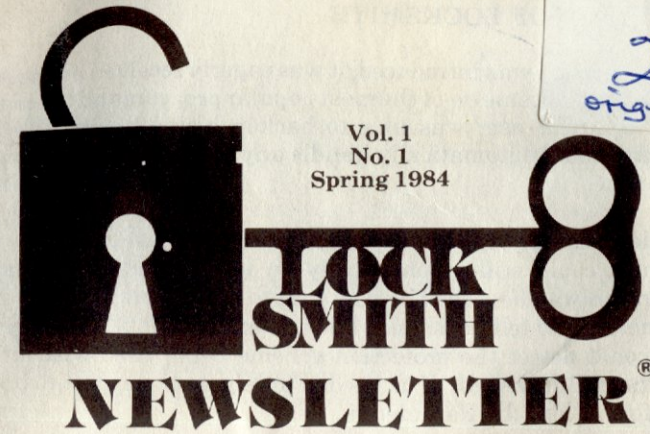


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**Publishers Note**

**WHY THIS NEWSLETTER**

With the release of Locksmith in 1980, the cycle of copy protection schemes and the ability to back-up your programs, began. For the user with no technical expertise, the inability to back up VisiCalc or DB Master represented a real problem. Some manufacturers provided back ups at exorbitant prices while others provided NO backup at all.

For the expert computerist, the primitive techniques provided little challenge. They simply went into memory and removed the protection, making a copyable unprotected program.

As computer users got smarter and began to learn to defeat simple copy methods, software publishers got tougher with their protection methods.

In order to meet the need of the ordinary user (those of us who lack technical knowledge of the disk operating system), Locksmith came into being. This newsletter is an outgrowth of Locksmith, its popularity and its growth.

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