



Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery

User Guide

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Overview

MS Office is a collection of programs used to build and manage word documents, excel sheets, presentations and many more. MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint applications of the suite gives options to set passwords at two levels- password to open and password to modify. Strength of the password applied depends on many factors like length, non repetition of characters, dictionary words, special characters and encryption method used. Often it happens that users forget the password and are not able to recollect it. Sometimes, it may also be necessary to open a password protected file owned by someone else. Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery software helps in avoiding guess and trial to open the protected file.

Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery applies extensive brute force attack to recover password set on MS Office File. Moreover, it has various masking options to define the character set that is used to match password. Application also shows the running process that displays required time, start time and process speed. This helps in analyzing the efficiency of software.

Features

- Recovers password to open and modify the MS Office File (Excel/Word/PowerPoint).
- Gives various options to narrow password recovery
- Uses brute force attack that recovers passwords with 100% guarantee
- Displays a process summary at end to evaluate the effectiveness of the process

Installation Procedure

Before installing the software, check that your system meets the minimum system requirements:

Minimum System Requirements

- **Processor:** Pentium Class
- **Operating System:** Windows 2000/XP/2003/Vista/Windows 7
- **Memory:** Minimum 256 MB
- **Hard Disc:** 20 MB of Free Space
- **MS Office:** 2000/2003/XP/2007

To install the software, follow these steps.

- Double-click **StellarPhoenixOfficePasswordRecovery.exe** executable file to start installation. 'Setup - Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Next**. 'License Agreement' dialog box is displayed.
- Choose **I accept the agreement** option. 'Next' button will be enabled. Click **Next**. 'Select Destination Location' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Browse** to select the destination path where the setup files will be stored. Click **Next**. 'Select Start Menu Folder' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Browse** to provide path for program's shortcuts. Click **Next**. 'Select Additional Tasks' dialog box is displayed.
- Choose the check boxes as per your choice. Click **Next**. 'Ready to Install' dialog box is displayed.
- Review the entries. Click **Back** if you want to change them. Click **Install** to start installation. The Installing screen shows the installation process.
- After completing the process, 'Completing the Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery Setup Wizard' window is displayed. Click **Finish**.

How to Order?

The software can be purchased by making payments online. Please visit, <http://www.stellarinfo.com/password-recovery/office-password-recovery/buy-now.php?Order> for more information and to place an order.

Alternatively, if the demo version is installed then you can click the 'Buy Now' link in the 'Purchase' dialog box. Click 'Purchase' button () in the application tool bar to open Purchase dialog box.

How to Register?

The demo version of the Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery can be downloaded from the Stellar's web site. This demo version is just for evaluation purpose and must be eventually registered to use it. Only first three characters of the recovered password are shown in demo version. Software can be registered after receiving the key. To register the demo application, follow these steps.

- Start demo version of application.
- Click on Register button in tool bar. Activation dialog box is displayed.
- Enter the user name and key, received by mail, after purchasing the software.
- A confirmation message is displayed if a valid key is entered.
- Click OK.

How to Update?

There are periodical software updates provided by Stellar Information Systems Ltd. for Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery software. The software updates should be done to keep the software up-to-date. The updates can be a newly added functionality, a new feature, a new service or any other information that can be important for improvement. The Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery software can be updated over internet. Note that demo version can not be updated. To update the application, follow these steps.

- Click on update () button in application tool bar. 'Update Wizard' dialog box is displayed.
- Click **Next**. A busy timer shows that updates are being searched. If it finds any new version, a message indicates the availability.
- If a message is displayed that no updates are available, Click **Cancel** to close the wizard.
- Click **Next**. The software will start downloading the updated files from the server. When the process is complete, the software will upgrade to the latest version.

Features

Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery incorporates various useful features that make it one of the best software available in the market. Easy to use graphical user interface, different options for password to open and password to modify, various masking options to narrow the password search and dynamic process dialog are some of its features.

- Mask Options to build the Character Set
- Dynamic Process Dialog
- Log Report

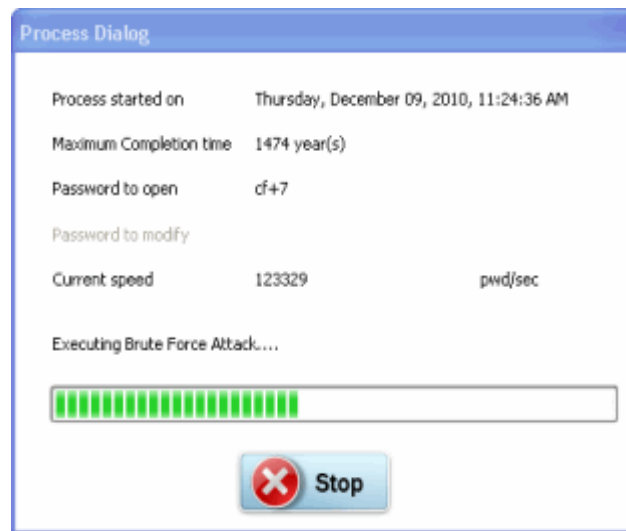
Mask Options to build the Character Set

Time taken by brute force attack can be decreased by applying mask while building the character set used for attack. Mask is based on statistical analysis of the passwords used by people. Statistical surveys revealed that there are many factors that govern the passwords set by people. It is very likely that password is set using only small letters of English alphabet, or special characters are never used. Moreover, if the person who wants to crack the password is owner of the file, then he must be remembering some of the characters of the password like starting character, characters he is not likely to use, or whether he has used any numbers or not while setting the password.

Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery gives a number of options that can be used to narrow down the character set used for brute force attack. Moreover, different options can be set for password to open and password to modify.

Dynamic Process Dialog

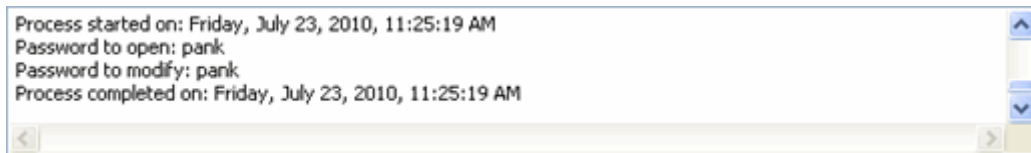
Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery shows a dynamic process dialog box during execution of brute force attack. When the **Start** button is pressed process dialog box is displayed. It shows the process start time, expected time required for the process to complete, current combination of characters used for attack, and process speed in units of passwords matched per second. Process dialog box can be used to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the application or for resetting the mask options.



Log Report

Log report helps to analyze the process and activities executed by user and the application. Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery shows a log report of all its activities in a frame in the application window. All the activities from starting of application till recovery of the passwords are recorded and shown as log.

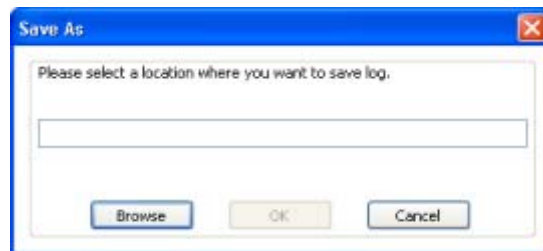
To view the Log report, follow any of these steps.



- Drag the slider to view whole report.
- If mouse has three buttons then, press center button of the mouse in the Log frame window and roll the button.

To save log report, follow these steps.

- Click Save () button in application tool bar to save log report. 'Save As' dialog box is displayed.



- Click **Browse**. **Browse For Folder** dialog box is displayed.
- Choose the folder to save the log report. Click **OK**.
- Click **OK** in the **Save As** dialog box. Log report is saved as text at the specified folder.

Select MS Office File

MS Office File must be opened in the application to recover its password. To select MS Office File, follow these steps.

- Start **Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery** application.
- Click **Open File**. 'Open' dialog box appears.
- Browse to desired location and select the MS Office File (Excel/Word/PowerPoint).
- Click **Open**. Selected file path is shown in 'Select File' text box.

Set Options for Password to Open

'Password to open' lets you access the MS Office File for viewing. It is a known fact that most of the passwords are in small letters, not including special characters, or generally of length five or six. If some of the details of the password are known in advance then less time is required to find out the password. Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery gives various options like giving range for password length, starting character, characters that will be included in the character set used for making various permutation and combination to find out valid password.

- Set Length
- Set Mask
- Define Character Set

Set Length

If the user remembers range of password length between which the password possibly belongs then it becomes quite easier to find the password. Number of combinations formed for matching is reduced and so is the time required to find the password.

To set range of password length for password recovery, follow these steps.

- Start **Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery** application.
- Set minimum and maximum possible range of password between which the application will try to recover the password.



Password Length

Min.	Max.
4	7

- Choose minimum password length in range of 1 to 128 in **Min.** combo box.
- Choose maximum password length in range of 1 to 128 in **Max.** combo box.

Set Mask

If some initial characters of the password are remembered or only some of the characters of the password are not remembered then masking can be done to find the password.

To set mask on password, follow these steps.

- Start **Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery** application.
- In the **Mask** frame, select any one of the options



The screenshot shows a window titled "Mask" with two radio button options. The first option, "Starting characters:", is selected and has an associated text input field. The second option, "Mask characters:", is unselected and also has an associated text input field.

- Select **Starting characters** radio button. Like, if your password is abc123, then starting characters can be any of a, abc, abc1, etc.
- Select **Mask characters** radio button. Type the password with '?' for the characters that are not remembered. Like, if your password is abc123, then mask characters can be any of a??123, abc???, ?bc1??, etc.

Define Character Set

It is known fact that most of the passwords are in small letters, not including special characters, or generally of length five or six. If some of the details of the password are known in advance then it becomes very easy and requires less time to find out the password. 'Character set' option lets you choose the character sets that will be considered for building various combinations of characters for password recovery.

To set character set for password recovery, follow these steps.

- Start **Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery** application.
- In the **Character set** frame,



- Select **[a - z]** to include alphabets in small letters. All small letter alphabets are shown as checked. Deselect those characters that are not to be included in the character set.
- Select **[A - Z]** to include alphabets in capital letters. All the capital letter alphabets are shown as checked. Deselect those characters that are not to be included in the character set.
- Select **[0 - 9]** to include numeric characters. All the numeric characters are shown as checked. Deselect those numbers that are not to be included in the character set.
- Select **[!@#\$]** to include special characters. All the special characters are shown as checked. Deselect those characters that are not to be included in the character set.
- Select **All Printable** to include all the characters. All the characters are shown as checked. Deselect those characters that are not to be included in the character set.
- Select **Space** to include space in the character set.



Note: If none of the options in the Character set are selected then software takes the default character set comprising of all the characters.

Set Options for Password to Modify

Password to modify lets only the owner of the MS Office File to edit its content. Generally, passwords are in small letters, not including special characters, or generally of length five or six. If some of the details of the password are known in advance then it becomes very easier and requires less time to find out the password. Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery gives various options like giving range for password length, starting character, characters that will be included in the character set used for making various permutation and combination to find out valid password.

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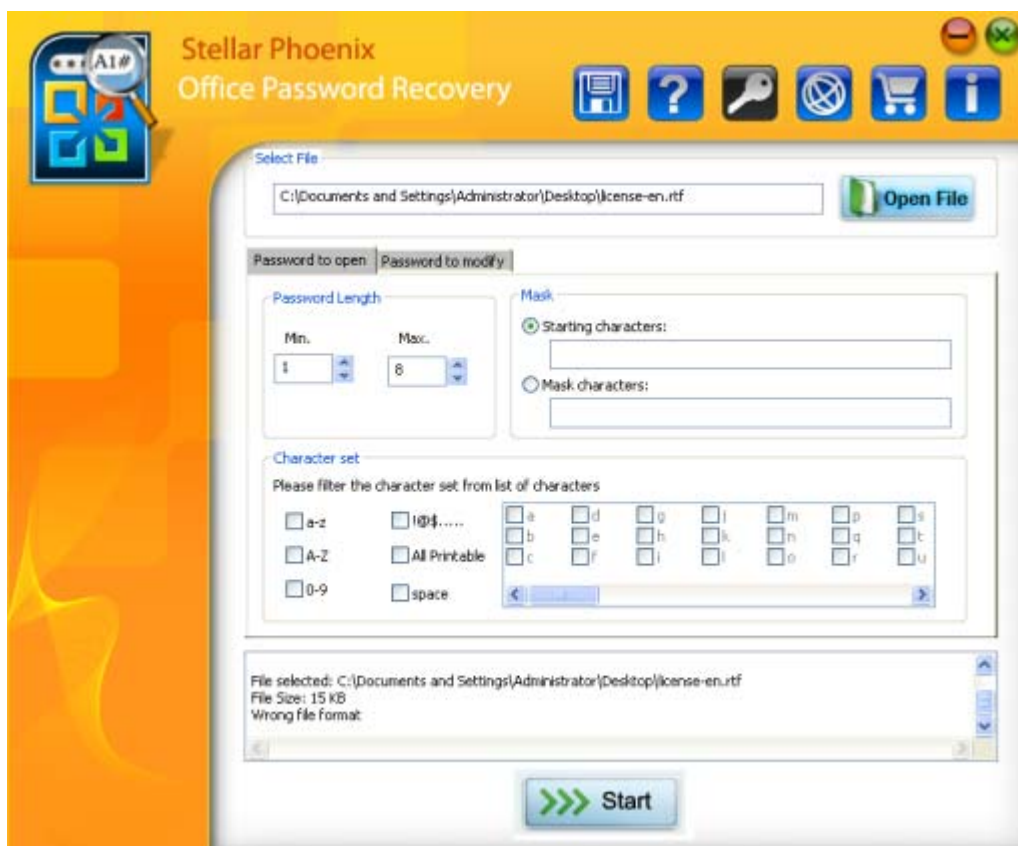
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Recover Password

Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery uses 'Brute force attack' to find out the password of MS Office File. Various combinations of character sets built on basis of the masks and dictionary words, help the software to find password in few minutes. Also, each time a password is found, it is stored in the dictionary for future use. Password recovery Process Dialog shows various dynamic values like password speed, current combination of characters used for attack and expected time required by the application to find out the password. If a password is not recovered at end it may be possible that options to build the character set are not set correctly in the application.

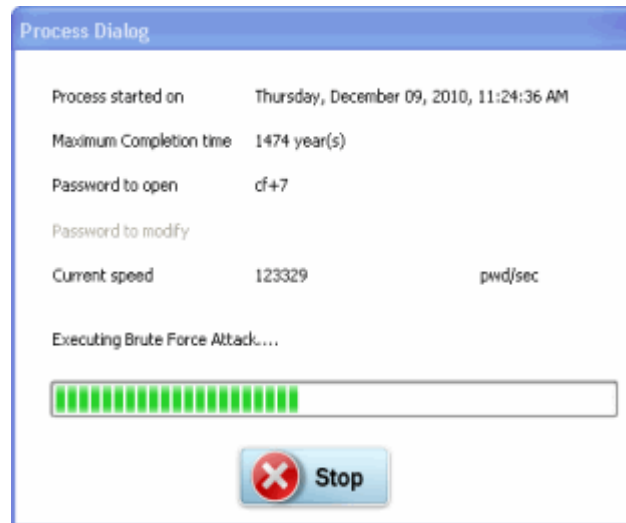
To recover password of MS Office File (Excel/Word/PowerPoint), follow these steps.

- Start **Stellar Phoenix Office Password Recovery** application.



- Select MS Office File whose password is to be recovered.
- Set options for password to Open

- Set options for password to Modify
- Click **Start**. Passwords recovery process is started. Process window is displayed showing process start time, expected time required to recover the password and speed of recovery process.



- Recovered passwords are shown at the end.



Note: If password is not recovered reset the character set options and try again.

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FAQs

1. What is the possibility that my password will be recovered?

Password recovery of MS Office File (Excel/Word/PowerPoint) is guaranteed but the time duration required can vary according to length and complexity of the password. Use masking options to optimize the time taken for password recovery.

2. Can I add words to dictionary used for recovering the password?

No, you can not add words to the dictionary.

3. My password is not recovered. What shall I do?

You should try changing the masking options and settings used to make the character set.

4. Time shown by the process is very long. Can I halt the process and start from the same state later?

No, this feature is currently not available in the software.

5. I have set a password of single character but the process dialog box is showing that it is searching for passwords of length five. Why?

Set the maximum length of password setting in the password to open and password to modify option in the application.

6. My password to open is founded by the application but password to modify is not founded? What to do?

Try again with new option settings.

7. Can I replace the dictionary used in the application with my own?

No. You can not change or supply your own dictionary to the application.