



# VSS Unlock v1.0.0

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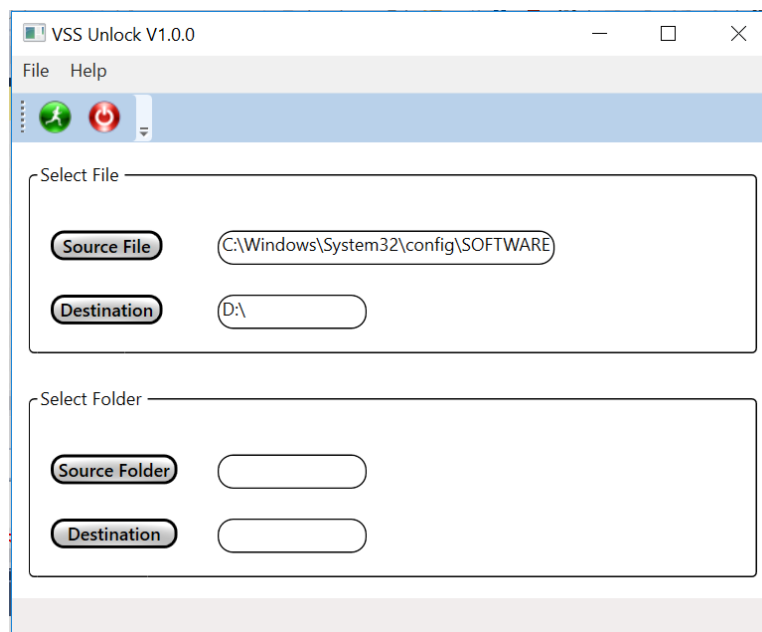
## Introduction

VSS Unlock allows a user to copy system protected files and files that have been locked by other processes. The user has the option to copy a single file or a directory containing locked files.

VSS Unlock uses The Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS). VSS Unlock performs the following steps in order to carry out the copy process:

- 1) Identifies which volume the file or directory is located on
- 2) Creates a snap shot of the volume
- 3) Mounts the snapshot within Explorer
- 4) Copies the file or directory
- 5) Unmounts and deletes the snapshot

Please note when copying a directory you need to first create a destination directory to save the content of the source directory as VSS Unlock does not copy the source directory itself.



## Requirements

Visual C++ 2017 Redistributables must be installed on the machine running the application.



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### Trouble Shooting

If VSS Unlock hangs at “Initialising VSS” then make sure Visual C++ 2017 Redistributables is installed on the machine.