ITS · 1974

LOCK · 1981

MIT AI LAB · BUILDING 26 · SCHISM OF 1981

36-BIT PDP-10 / ITS · FROM OPEN LISP TO SECRET PASSWORDS

TAPE REEL
SEALED
NO COPY

PRINTER.LISP
(DEFUN PRINT
[REDACTED]
[NDA LOCK]
ERR: DENIED
PASSWD REQ

IBM 5081
NO SOURCE

THE APOSTASY
BINARY ONLY
NO PATCH
NO FIX
NO SHARE

MCMLXXXI
BLDG 26
9TH FLOOR
LOCKED

LOGIN: ********
DENIED
SECRET PASSWD
GATEKEEPER

LASER LPT
XEROX PRINTER
JAMS UNFIXED
CODE HIDDEN

NDA DECREE
TRADE SECRET

CLOSED GATES
PRIVATE FORK
PROPRIETARY
WALLS
SECRETS

1979–1981
LISP MACH
SCHISM
SEALED



THE FIRST APOSTATE · PRINTER-LOCK GATEKEEPER

“When passwords barred the printer room and source was locked in stone,
The ancient brotherhood of code was shattered from its throne.”

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