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# **Excel 2007 – Removing a password using a Hex editor**

A **VBA Project** password can be removed with a **hex editor** (*I used the XVI32 Freeware editor from* [*here*](http://www.chmaas.handshake.de/delphi/freeware/xvi32/xvi32.htm)). Although I didn't discover this method, I'm happy to post the process with screenshots to help others.

Sometimes all we need is that little snippet of code in an old **VBA Project** we've archived away...Open your chosen workbook file **(.xls or .xla file**) in the **hex editor**. It will look like the following;



Now search for the **Text** string "**DPB**" and change it to "**DPx**" (*simply type over the value*).



* Save the file over the top of the existing workbook and close.
* Now, open the workbook in **Excel** and click **OK** until the workbook is open (*you may receive a couple of* ***VBA*** *errors on the way*).
* Press **ALT+F11** to open the **Visual Basic Project** window, from the **Tools** menu, choose the command *VBAProject Properties*, navigate to the **Protection** tab, and change the password but do not remove it (*note the new password*).



* Save the workbook, close, and re-open.
* Once open, press **ALT+F11** and enter the new password.
* Finally, choose **Tools -> VBAProject Properties**, navigate to the **Protection** tab, and remove the password.
* Save the workbook.