

For older .XLS files:

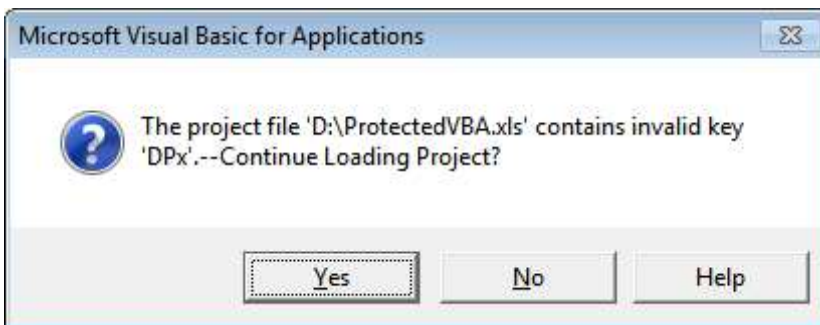
1. Open file in any hex editor
2. Search for the text "**DPB=**" (no quotes, you should find it just above "[Host Extender Info]")

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43 4D 47 3D 22  à.....2="393222000"..CMG="
0D 0A 44 50 42  A9AB0553095309570D570D"..DPB
35 44 34 30 31  ="5B59F7B7B4D4B4D44B2CB5D401
45 41 30 30 39  66581965305BCB36431DB35EA009
47 43 3D 22 30  BC57CC62B74EB3537547"..GC="0
0A 5B 48 6F 73  D0FA109E1BAE2BAE2BA"....[Hos
30 30 30 30 31  t Extender Info]..&H000000001
34 33 2D 30 30  ={3832D640-CF90-11CF-8E43-00
30 30 30 0D 0A  A0C911005A);VBE;&H000000000..
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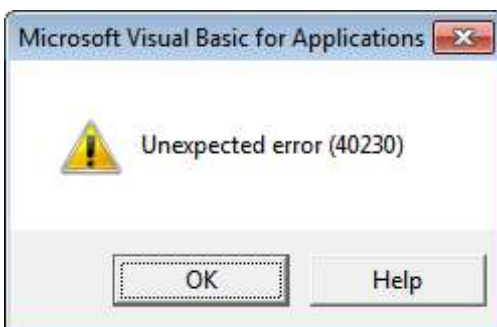
3. Change it to "**DPx=**", save and close the file

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43 4D 47 3D 22  à.....2="393222000"..CMG="
0D 0A 44 50 78  A9AB0553095309570D570D"..DPx
35 44 34 30 31  ="5B59F7B7B4D4B4D44B2CB5D401
45 41 30 30 39  66581965305BCB36431DB35EA009
47 43 3D 22 30  BC57CC62B74EB3537547"..GC="0
0A 5B 48 6F 73  D0FA109E1BAE2BAE2BA"....[Hos
30 30 30 30 31  t Extender Info]..&H000000001
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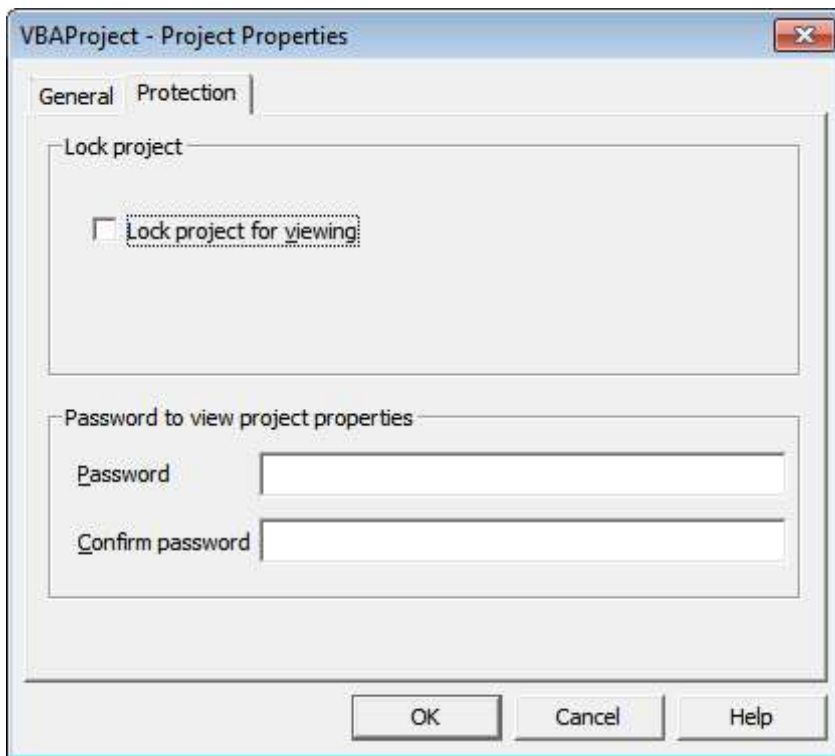
4. Open the file in Excel and press Yes if the following warning pops up:



5. Open the VBA editor (**Alt + F11**) and press OK whenever the following warning pops up:



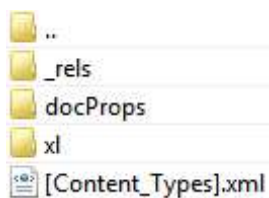
6. Right-click the VBA project name, select *Properties*, go to the *Protection* tab and delete the existing passwords as well as uncheck the **Lock project for viewing** checkbox:



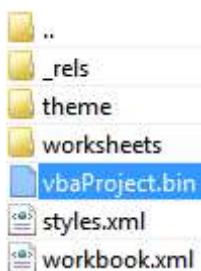
7. Re-check the **Lock project for viewing** checkbox and add your own memorable password.
8. OK your way out and now the VBA code is accessible!

For newer .XLSM files:

1. Change the file's extension to .ZIP
2. Open the file in any archiver such as WinRAR or 7-Zip and you'll see the following directory structure:



3. Go into the xl directory and extract **vbaProject.bin**:



4. Perform steps #1-3 above (from the **For older .XLS files** section) with **vbaProject.bin**
5. Replace the old **vbaProject.bin** in the ZIP file with the new hex edited version
6. Change the file's extension back to .XLSM
7. Perform steps #4-7 above