

Re: How to Prevent reverse engineering .NET

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Adding to Jon's comments:

'Prevention' is a subjection term.

Putting special locks on the doors and windows of your house will discourage a reasonably large percentage of burglars, but a determined burglar will get in if he really wants to.

Its' a matter of the 80/20 rule however I feel that with obfuscated code it would be more like 99/1.

While security is important, overdoing it can easily lead to rendering the whole thing unusable.

"Jon Skeet [C# MVP]" <skeet@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Cowboy (Gregory A. Beamer) – MVP <NoSpamMgbworld@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
> wrote:
>> The other solution is to use one of the frameworks that encrypts the
>> IL, which means you incur overhead for decrypting before running. An
>> even better solution for code safety, but not often worth the hit.
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> And of course if the code is able to decrypt the IL, so can a suitably
> dedicated cracker. It's really just security through obscurity unless
> you've got an actual *secret* key, and if the code has to be able to
> run without external resources, it can't really be secret.
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> If replying to the group, please do not mail me too

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