

Enveloper for Software and Data Protection

Using Pen Drive Protection

User Guide

[For Standard Edition]



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Software Envelope allows binding multiple files in to a single executable. The new enveloped executable is a binary file and it is very difficult to reverse engineer the file.

Normally when you use a software protection tool, you use a DLL to verify authorisation key from a hardware [it can be a dongle, USB flash drive, or any other device].

The hacker or cracker normally create an identical DLL to by-pass the functions or produces a duplicate hardware.

When you envelope the DLL and all other files in to a single executable, by-pass technique do not work as you have a single executable.

Envelopes can be used for one or more of following:

- Bind main program and DLL's together
- Bind main program and its data file [for example a PDF with PDF Reader]
- Run legacy software on advanced OS [for example a VB6 application on Vista and Win 7] by creating a single file which will not need installation
- Prevent reverse engineering of software
- Protect software with dongles / USB key or any other security tool.

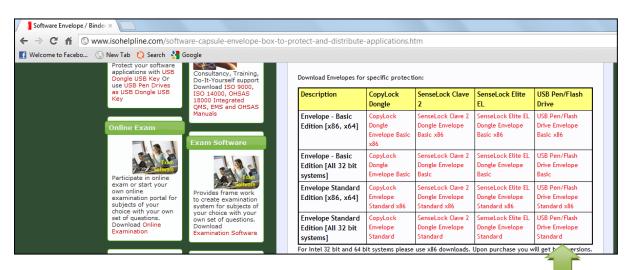
Normally it is very easy to reverse engineer a .net program or any other program as dissemblers are easily available, normally free from web. Envelope will safeguard your programs from dissemblers.



2. How to Download



Go to www.isohelpline.com">www.isohelpline.com, click "Software Protection" >> "Envelope based Protection"



Download the envelope suitable for your system.

1. X86, x64

Select this option if **YOUR** Machine has Intel based CPU or compatible.

2. All 32 bit systems

Select this option if **YOUR** Machine has non-Intel compatible CPU (for example: AMD Processor)

Versions

Basic: Allows creating single protected EXE from an executable and [optional] a data file.

Standard: Allows creating single protected EXE from an executable, [optional] a data file and any number of other files like plug-in, DLL, COM, OCX etc.



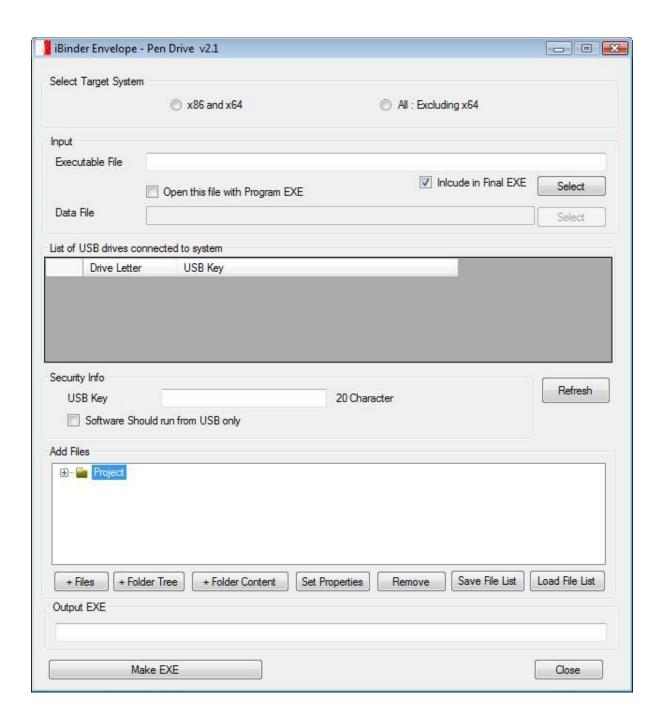
3. Pre-Requisites

The enveloper requires Microsoft Dot Net Framework 2.0 or 4.0

The final EXE which is distributed to end user also requires Microsoft Dot Net Framework 2.0 or 4.0



4. Application user Interface



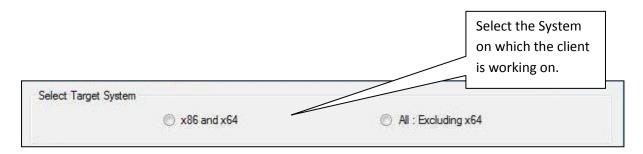
Make sure that your File path, File name and USB key should not have any Blank space.



5. Target System

Technology has given us many good things but also created complexity for programmers. A program designed for 64 bit hardware do not work on a 32 bit hardware or even a Intel hardware program do not work [or do not work efficiently] on other hardware architecture like AMD.

Our envelope will allow you to select the target system for your final executable which you will be distributing. If your existing files are designed for x86, select the same here. Please note that this will not change the target system of your existing exe but will simply create a new executable for the selected system.



1. X86 and x64

Select this option if client Machine has Intel based CPU or compatible.

2. All: Excluding x64

Select this option if client Machine has non-Intel compatible CPU (for example: AMD Processor)



6. Input Files

The first file must be an executable file. The envelope will run this file only. Other files will depend on this first executable and can used from inside this application or as a link.

Guidance for Including "Executable File" in "Final EXE":

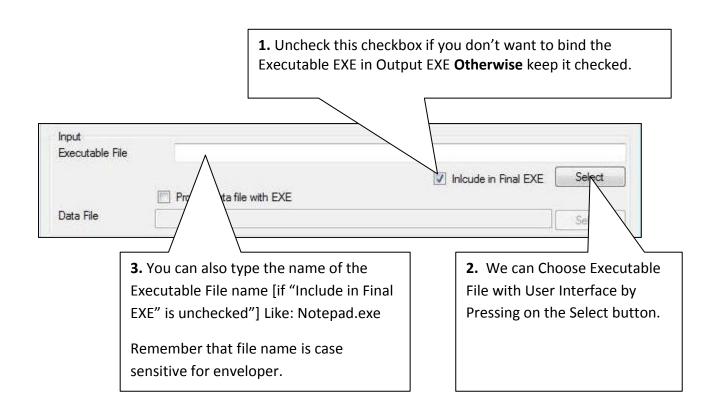
- If the executable file is part of windows system, do not include it in the final EXE like "notepad.exe"
- If you are binding a data file and your main executable is not owned by you or you do not have distribution rights, do not include executable in final EXE.

Data File

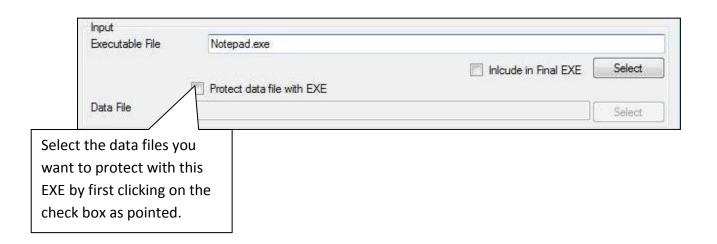
Data file, if added will be opened as a command line operation. Your main program [executable] should support command line operation to open the file. For example:

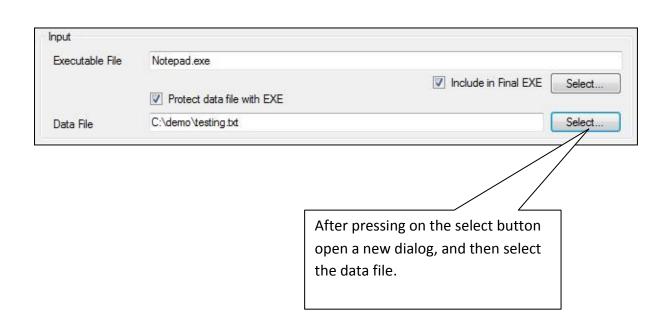
C:\notepad.exe readme.txt

The above command will run notepad and open readme.txt file.











7. Security Information

This information depends upon the security hardware. This will ensure verification as per data specified by you.

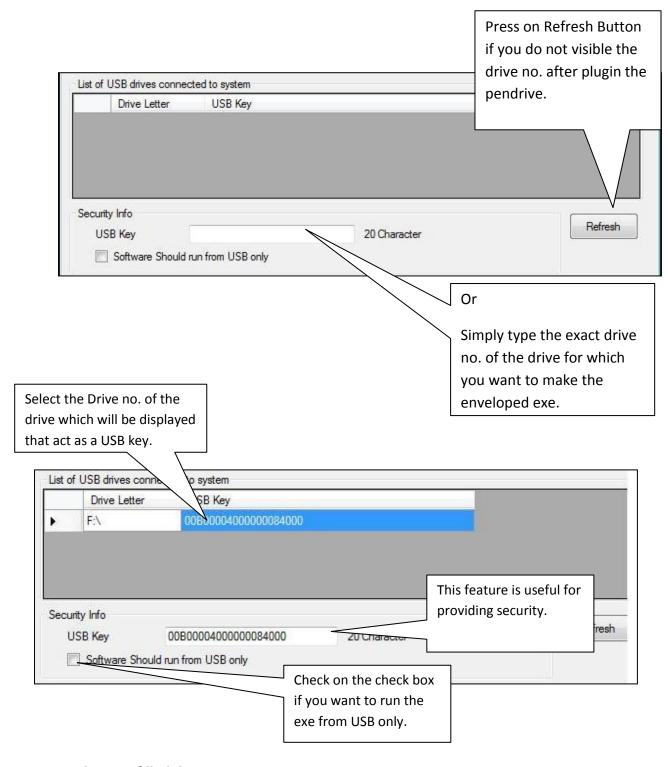


Image showing filled data



8. Add Files

This field allows you to add and remove multiple files, folders, contents inside the folder and also to set the properties of the files and folders.

- To add a file, click on "+ Files".
- To add a folder along with its contents, click on "+ Folder Tree".
- To add only the contents of the folder, click on "+ Folder Content".
- To remove a file or any folder, select the particular file or folder, and then click on "Remove".
- To change the file or folder properties select the particular file or folder and click on "Set Properties", a "File Properties" editor dialog will appear. [Set Properties is explained later]

If you want to use list of files a number of times then add the files once and then save the file list by clicking on "Save File List", it will save the entire file list in a ".ibinder" file.

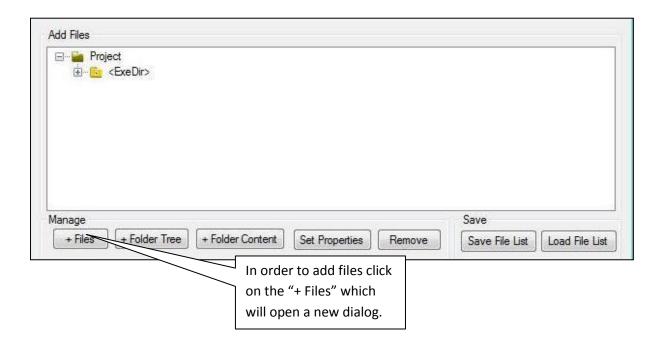
To use this saved file click on "Load File List" which will open a new dialog then choose the saved file. This will load the files again. Remember that the ibinder file keeps the original location of the added files intact and hence "Load File List" will work only for the same project or for simple modifications on the same project on same system.

For fast and proper binding, copy all files you want to add in the EXE in the enveloper folder keeping desired directory structure.

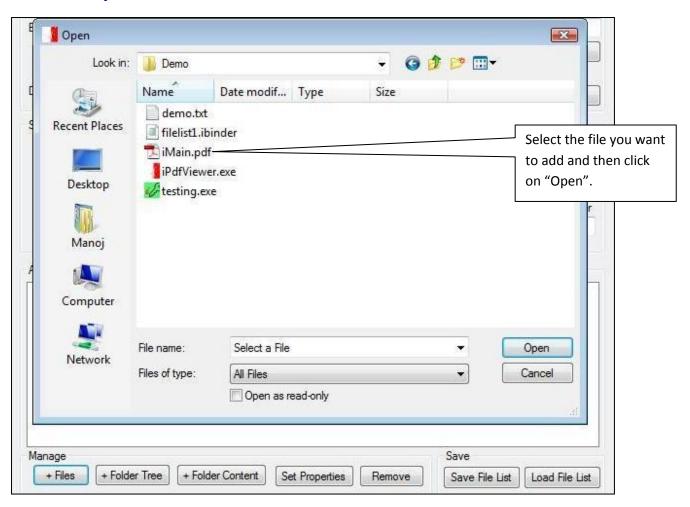


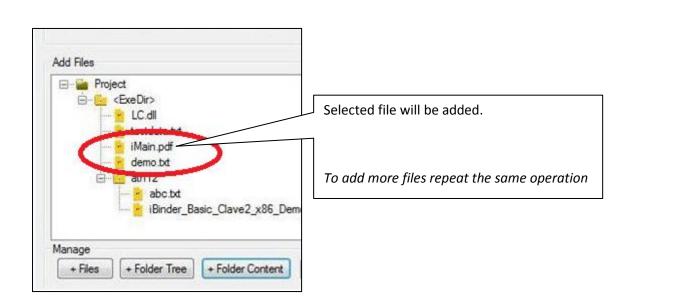
8a. Adding Files

To add a file, click on "+ Files".



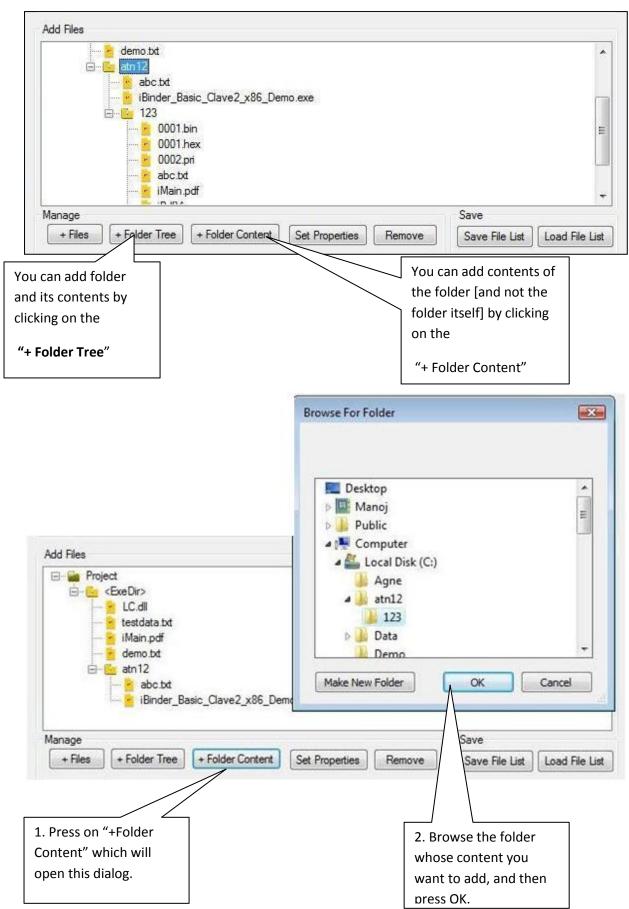








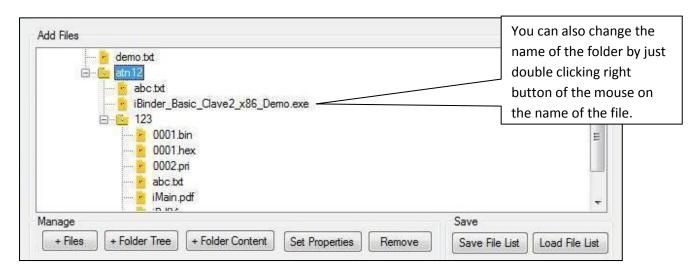
8b. Adding Folders

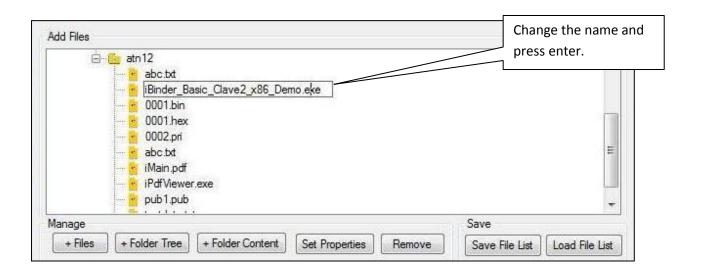


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8c. Renaming files and folders

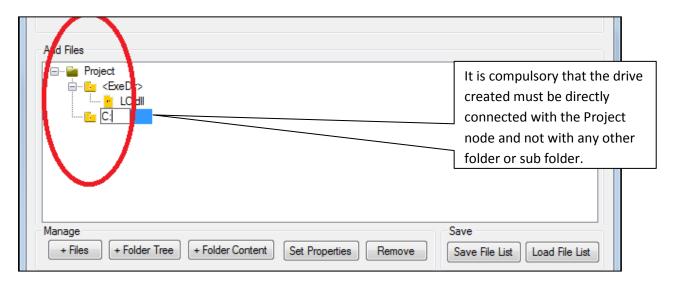






8d. Adding Drives

To add a "drive", simply add a folder on "Project" node using "+Folder Tree" and change it to "drive letter" like "C:".



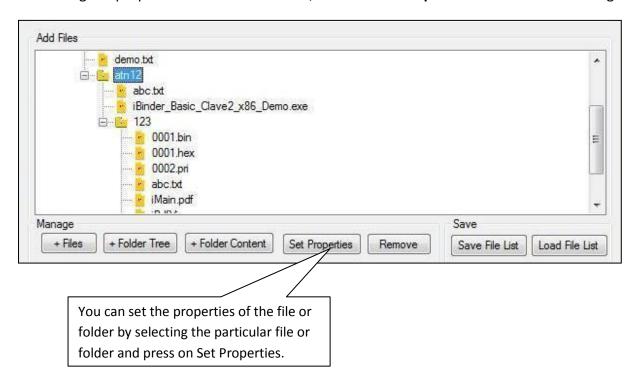
If you want to add a new directory structure starting from a drive letter, treat the folder as drive. Add the folder using "+Folder Tree" and change the name of the folder with the alphabet along with colon (:) like "C:"

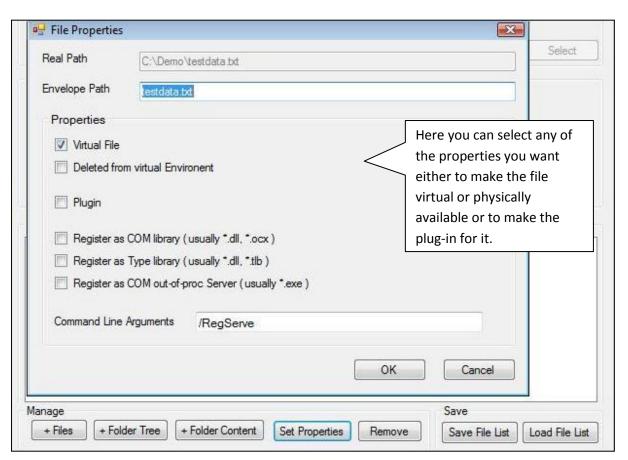
Make sure that the folder which you want to treat as drive is on "Project" node in tree view.



8e. Setting File Properties

For setting the properties of the file or folder, click on "Set Properties" and do the following.







Virtual File:

If you do not want file to be accessible to normal user, make it as virtual through clicking on the virtual property of that file. It will be accessible only to your application. In some cases, if sub process [second application running from the envelope] is not able to access your file, uncheck it.

To mark the file as virtual, select the "**Virtual File**" checkbox. Virtual file is a file which will be embedded in the resulting exe. The path where the virtual file will be created when the application starts is specified in the virtual path field. It can be (and normally is) a relative path.

Deleted from virtual Environment:

Check if file is not to be used by any additional or sub process [second application running from the envelope]

Plug-in:

An individual category of files is plug-in. They are DLLs that expand the functionality of the application being created.

To add the plug-in, add it by clicking on the "**Select**" button. Plug-in can also be embedded in the exe to be generated or, they can be stored along with it.

Register as COM Library:

COM/ActiveX components are traditionally registered in the system registry to allow the corresponding Windows API functions find the modules (DLL or EXE) that contain the code of the components.

A major problem that occurs with the registration is the lack of user privileges, necessary for writing to the registry.

Also, when creating portable applications, it is important to be able to run applications without prior installation.

When adding a new file to the project, you can specify that it's an ActiveX / COM library, and it needs to be registered in the virtual registry when the application starts.

For example, suppose your application plays flash movies. Then you simply add the flash.ocx file and specify that this file is virtual, "check" "Register as COM Library [dll/ocx]" checkbox - and your application no longer depends on whether or not the client computer has a flash player installed.



Why does that happen? The thing is that when the application starts, it calls the function for registering the specified ActiveX at the same time, for the time the function is running a special flag remains set, and all changes are saved in the virtual environment. In other words, the real registry doesn't get modified, and the rest of the application's code runs just as if the ActiveX was actually installed in the system.

And what's especially important is that the modification of the original exe isn't required.

Register as Type Library:

If your file is a type library and requires registration before use, check this and your application will run as if type library is registered

Register as COM out-of-proc server:

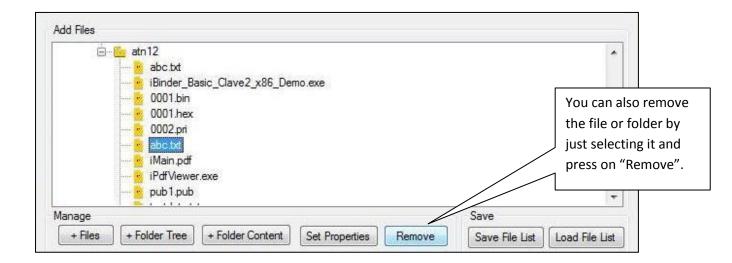
In-process COM servers (in a DLL) are normally more efficient than out-of-process servers (in an EXE, locally or on a remote machine) because data marshalling and transferring is bypassed since the client and server live in the same address space. As an example, high-performance DirectX components are always in the in-process servers. However, there are occasions that an out-of-process COM server is preferred, even locally.

If your file is an in-process COM server, select this option.



8f. Remove a file or folder

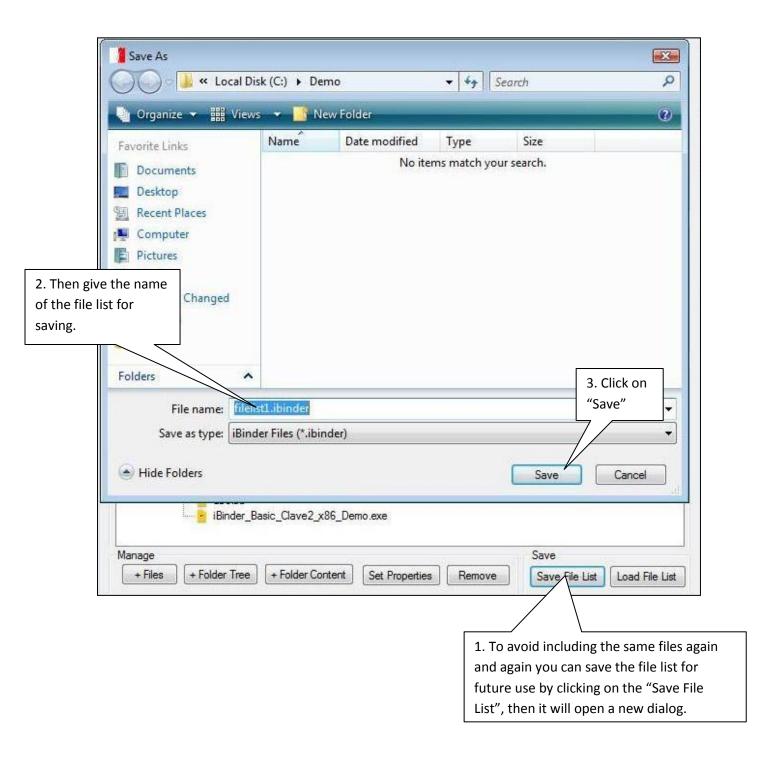
To remove a file or folder select it and click "Remove".





8g. Save File List

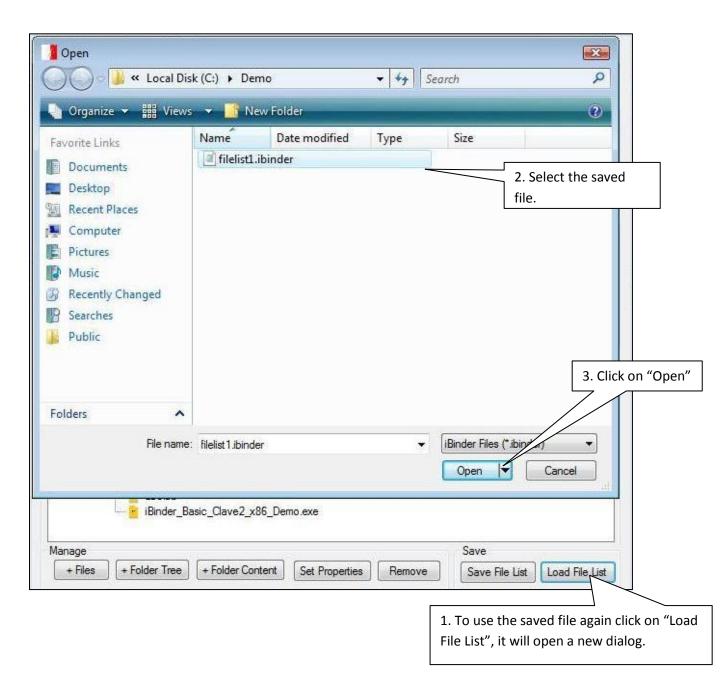
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8h. Load File List

To use this saved file click on "Load File List" which will open a new dialog then choose the saved file. This will load the files again. Remember that the ibinder file keeps the original location of the added files intact and hence "Load File List" will work only for the same project or for simple modifications on the same project on same system.

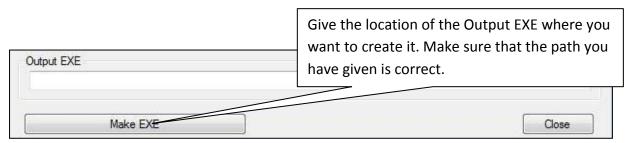


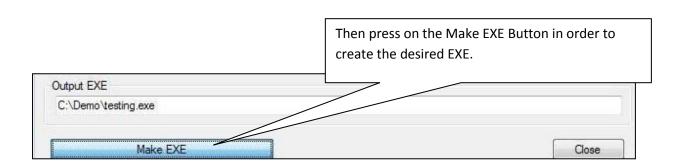


9. Output File

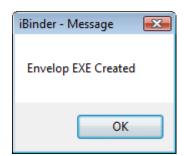
This is your final single EXE including all the files you have selected to add. Specify the proper file location.

This file should be given to end user.



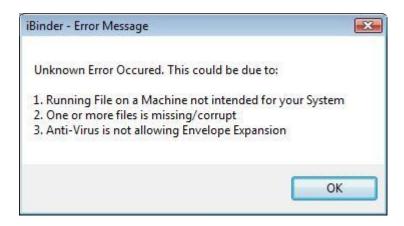


 Run the generated Enveloped EXE by just double clicking it, this EXE will work only with the particular Clave2 dongle having unique identity for providing security.





10. Error Messages while creating envelope



During envelope creation, you may encounter above error message. The resolution could be as follows:

- 1. Use _x86 enveloper on Intel CPU based machines including 64 bit systems and _all enveloper on other CPU.
- 2. Make sure that files you have added are available and they are not corrupt
- 3. Disable anti-virus and try again
- 4. Copy the Program EXE in the enveloper folder [or vice versa] and try.
- 5. Before adding file, copy them in enveloper folder [keeping desired directory structure].



11. Error Messages while running enveloped EXE



If the user has not attached the vender supplied pen drive/flash drive while executing the EXE, this error messages may appear indicating failure of verification.



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