

Re: CyrptProtectData

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the Cyrpto namespace provides crypto functions, whereas CryptProtectData provides services for encrypting secret data that does not require the caller get into the key management game.

if you want to store secrets on behalf of users, the use CryptProtectData, otherwise for general crypto stuff use the classes in the System.Security.Cryptography namespace.

note, there's a managed version of CryptProtectData in Writing Secure Code – link below.

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Cheers, MH

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Writing Secure Code - <http://www.microsoft.com/MSPress/books/5612.asp>

"Bob Leano" <Bob.Leano@icn.siemens.com> wrote in message

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> Why should I need to use a Win32 API like CryptProtectData

> instead of something in the System.Security.Crypto namespace?