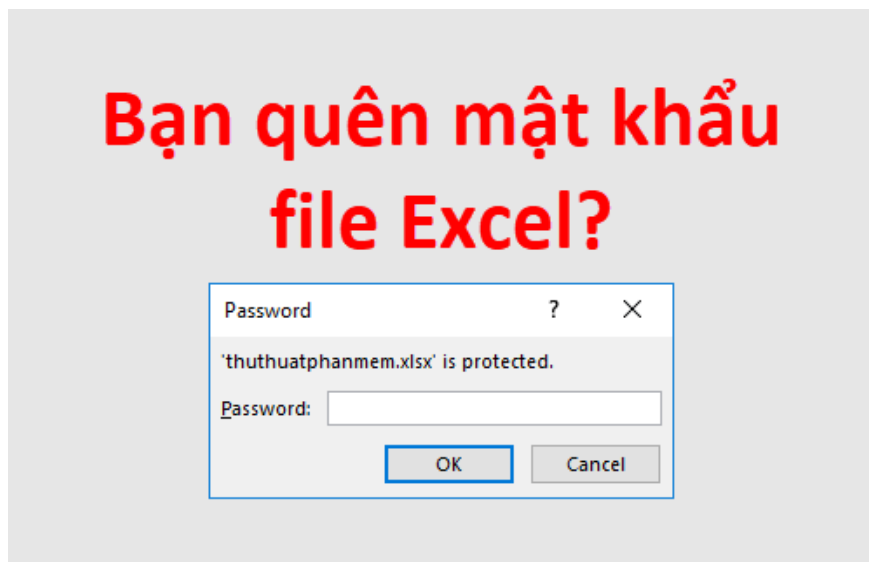


What to do when you forget the Excel file password

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The following article shows you how to do it when you have forgotten your Excel file password to be able to access your Excel file, please follow along.

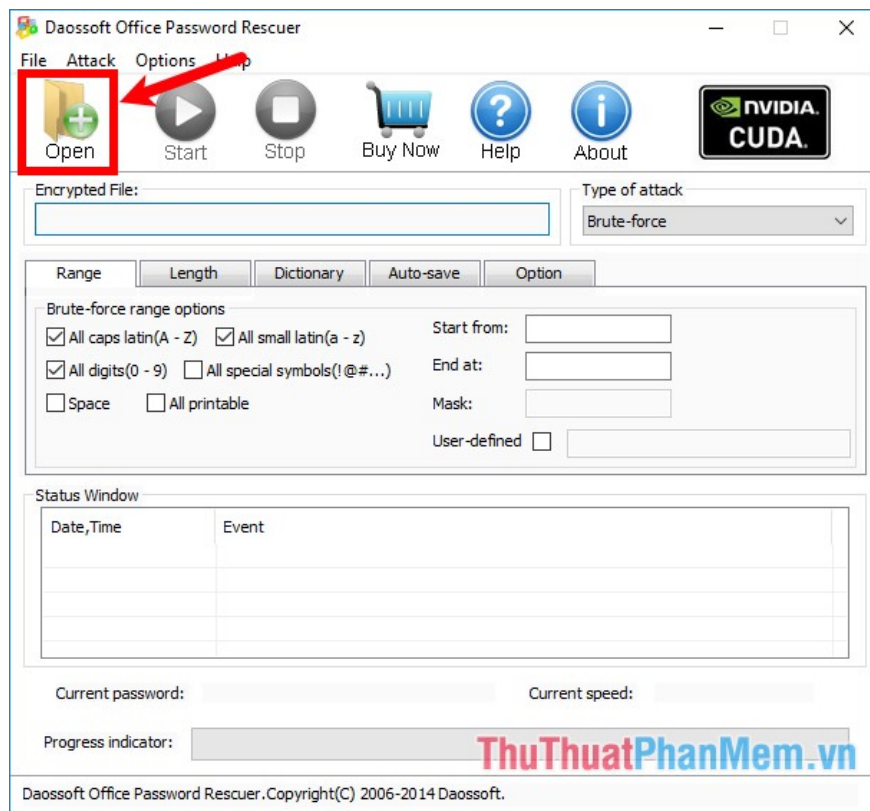
Method 1: Recover Excel password file with Office password recovery software

When you forget the password to log in to Excel file, you can select the **Office password recovery** software to recover, retrieve the password of the Excel file you forgot. To use the **Office password recovery** software to retrieve the password of your Excel file, do the following:

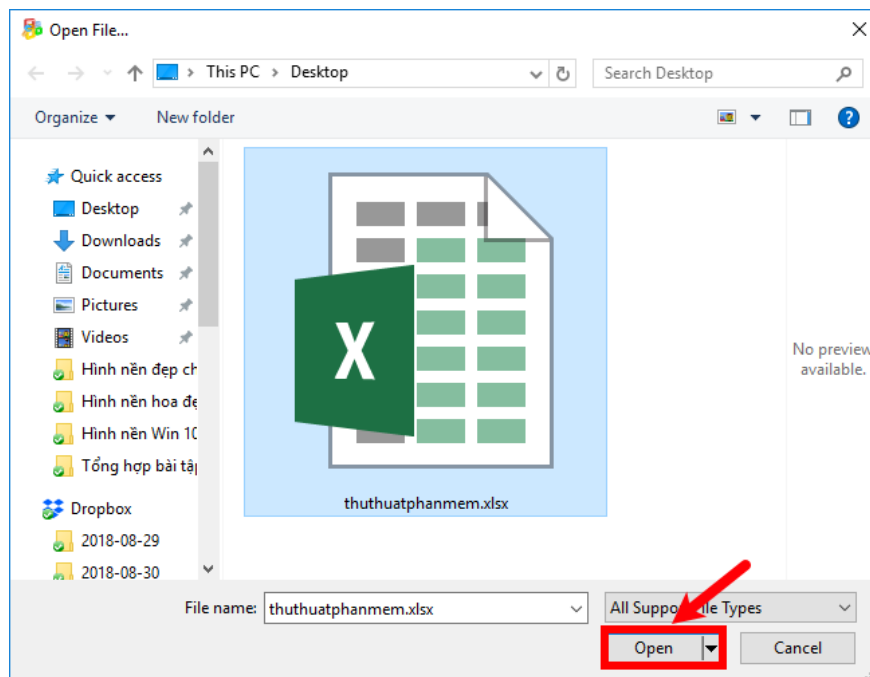
Step 1 : You need to download and install **Office password recovery** on the computer.

1. Download link <https://www.iseepassword.com/office-password-recovery.html>

Step 2: After the installation is complete, run the program, on the interface you select **Open** to open the **Open File** window .

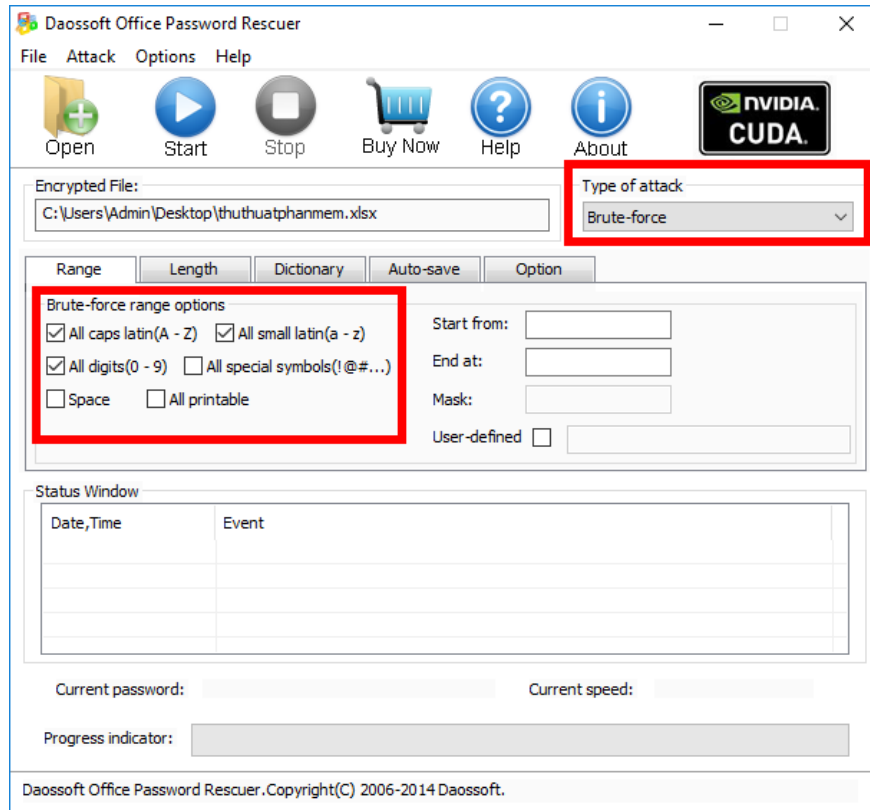


Open File window you navigate and select the Excel file that you forgot your password and click **Open** .

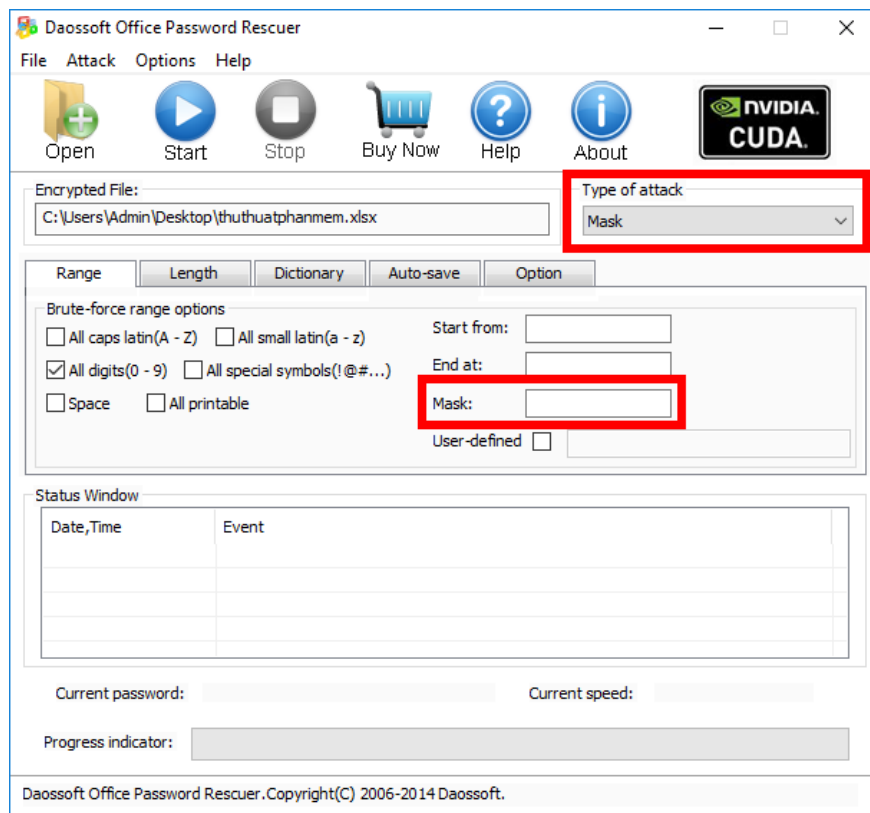


Step 3 : In the **Type of attack** you have 4 types of attacks:

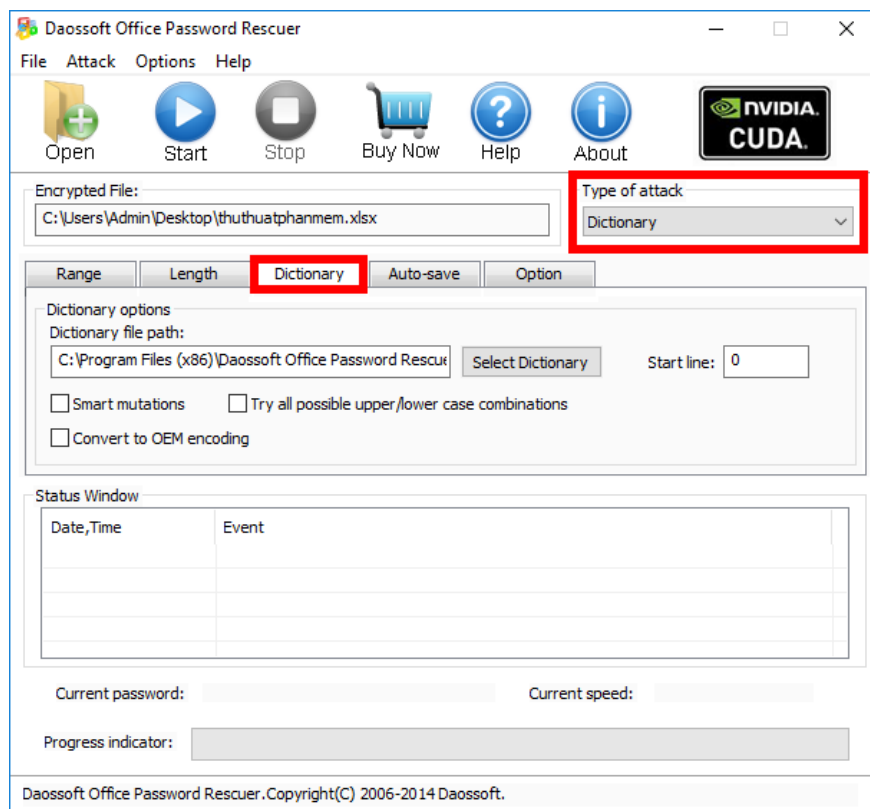
1. **Brute-force Attack** : use this type if you do not know or remember any characters in the password of the Excel file. You need to set the range in the **Range** tab and the password length in the **Length** tab to shorten the time and increase the ability to recover, retrieve password of Excel files.



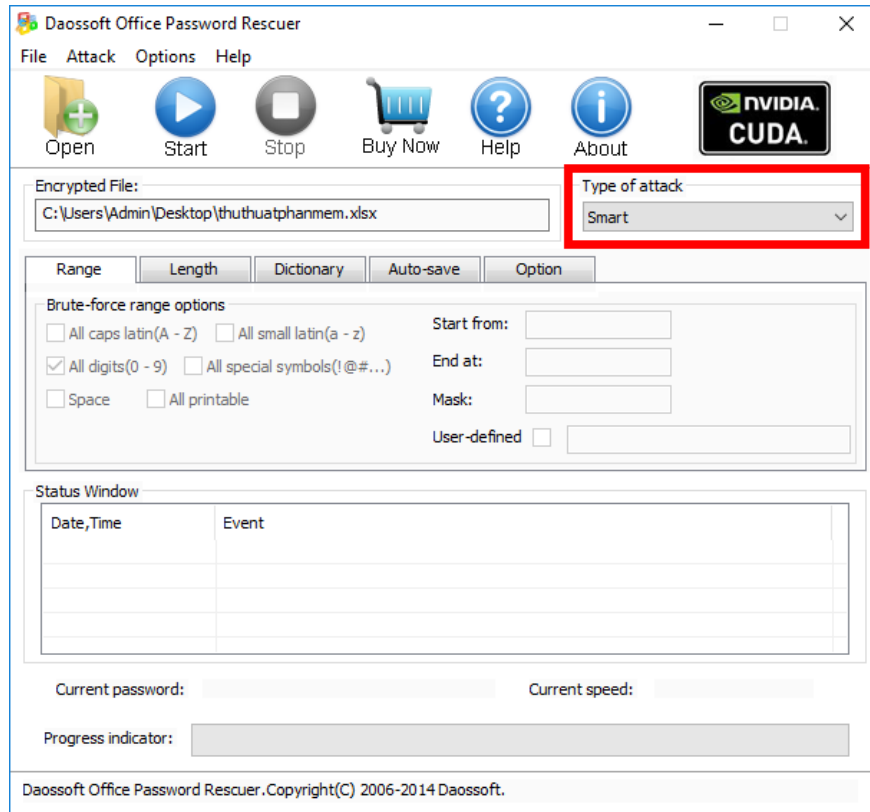
1. **Mask Attack** : if you still remember some characters in the Excel file password, you should select **Mask** and specify the password using the '?' Symbol. replace with characters you don't remember, to shorten password recovery time, you can use a combination of **Brute-Force** style with **Mask** .



1. **Dictionary Attack:** if you have noted the password on a document, you create a password dictionary and then use the **Dictionary** attack to recover, retrieve passwords for Excel files faster. If not, you can also use the dictionary created by the password program.

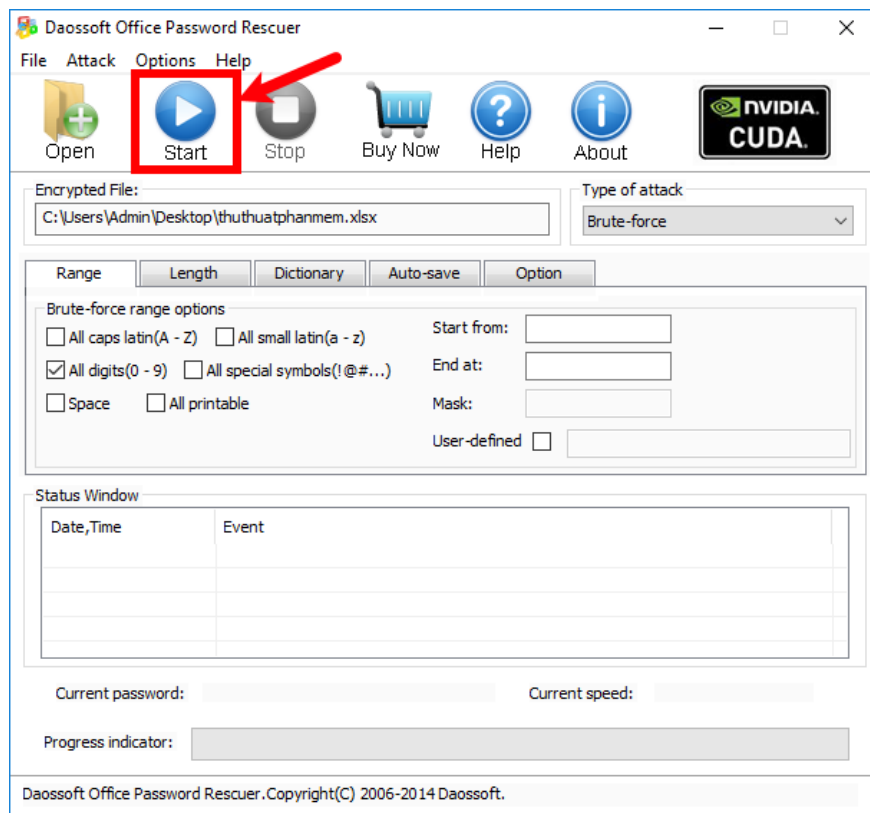


1. **Smart Attack** : choose this attack if your Excel file password is complex and you don't remember it.

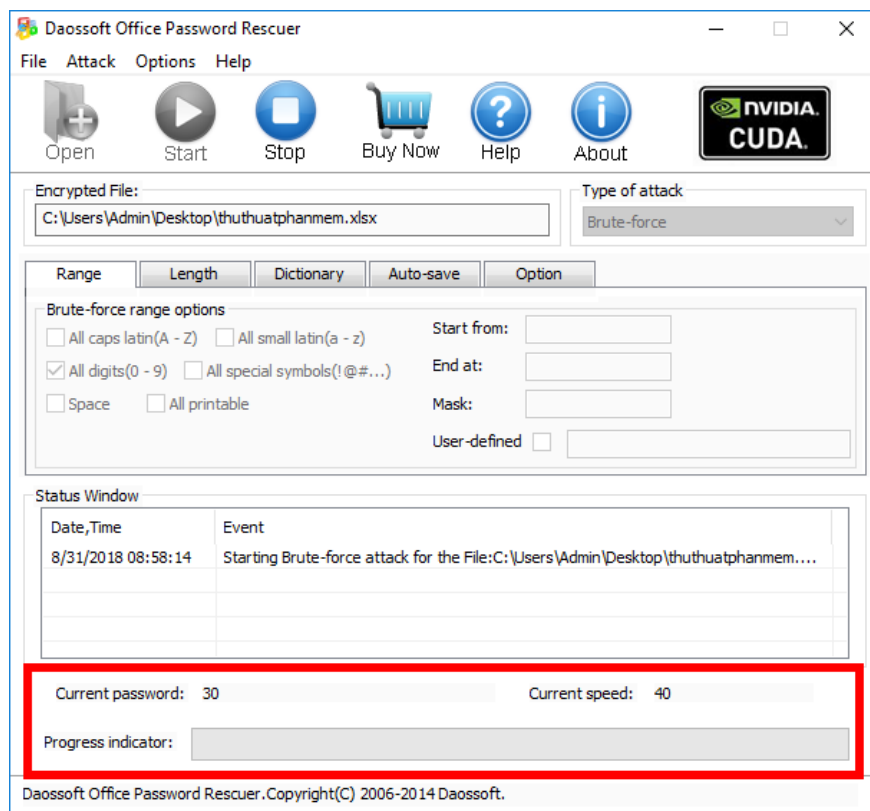


You choose the type of attack and set the corresponding options to improve efficiency and shorten recovery time, retrieve password of Excel file.

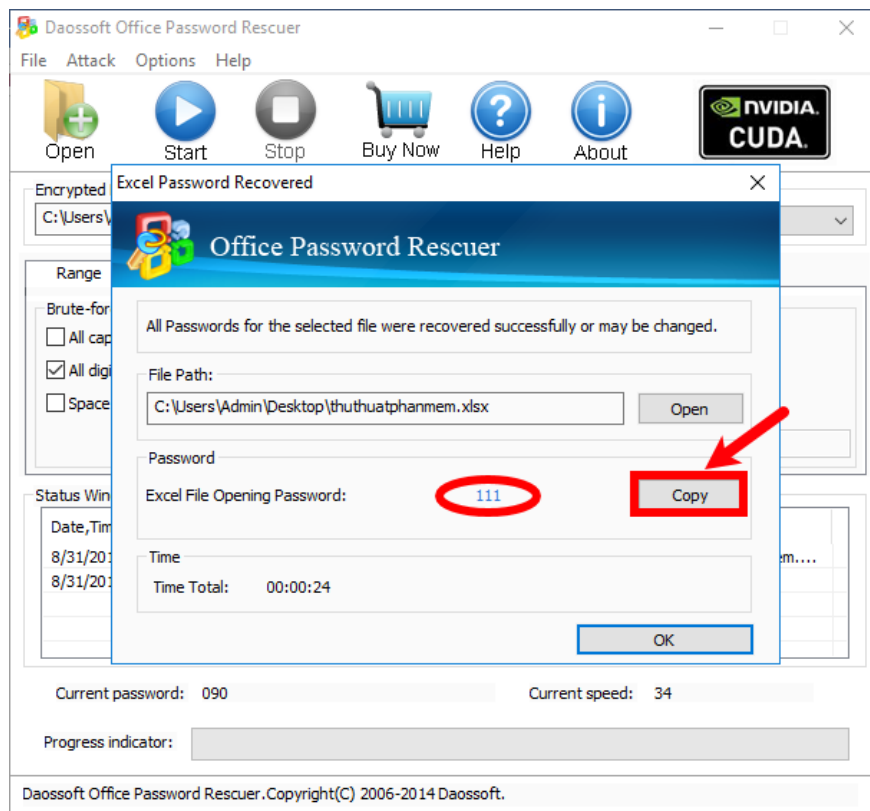
Step 4 : After the setup is complete, select **Start** to start the program to find the password.



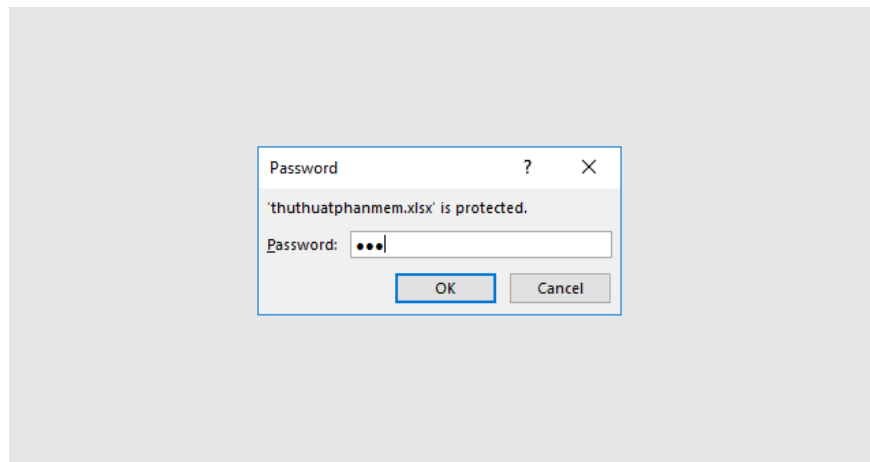
The process of finding fast or slow depends on the length and complexity of the password, if the password is short and simple, the program will find it quickly.



After finding the password, the program will stop and display the password, you can click **Copy** to copy or remember the password that the program has found.



Then paste or type the password into the password box to open the Excel file.



Method 2: Delete Excel file password with Office Password Remover software

Instead of the way you can recover the Excel file password, you can choose this way to delete the Excel file password to directly access the Excel file without needing a password anymore. You do the following:

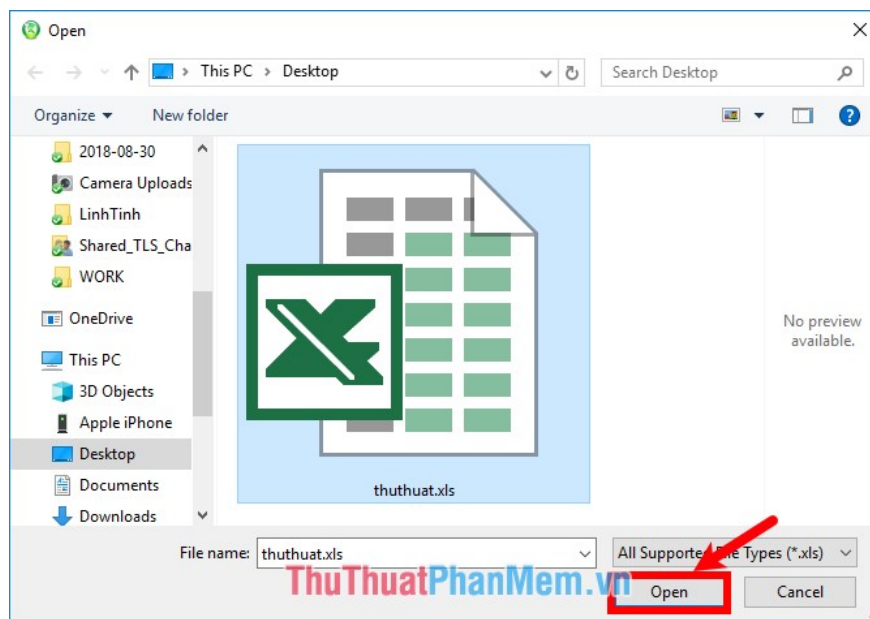
Step 1 : Download and install Office Password Remover on the computer.

1. Download at home <https://www.isumsoft.com/excel-password-remover/>

Step 2: Run the program after the installation is complete, on the interface you select **Open** .



Then navigate and select the Excel file you need to delete the password for.

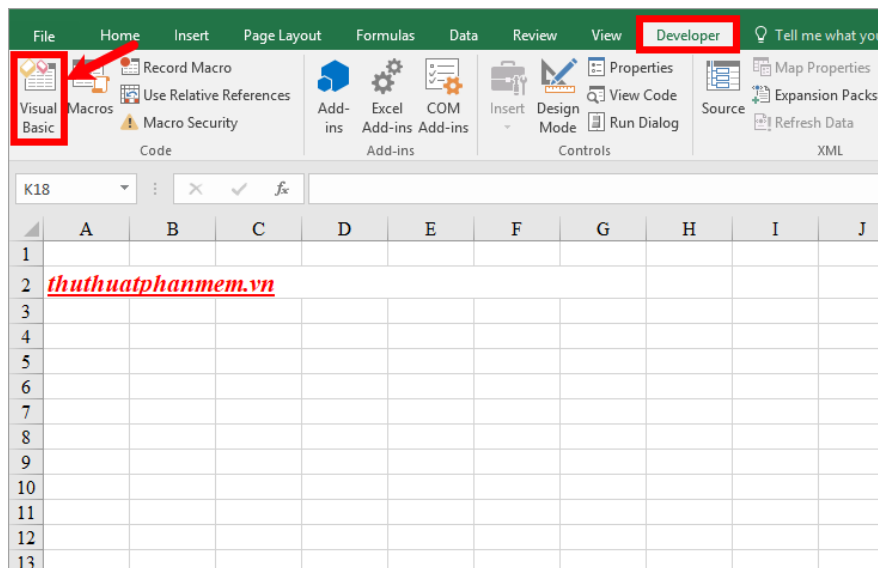


The process of deleting fast or slow depends on the complexity of the password, once the program is completed, you will be able to access your Excel file without a password.

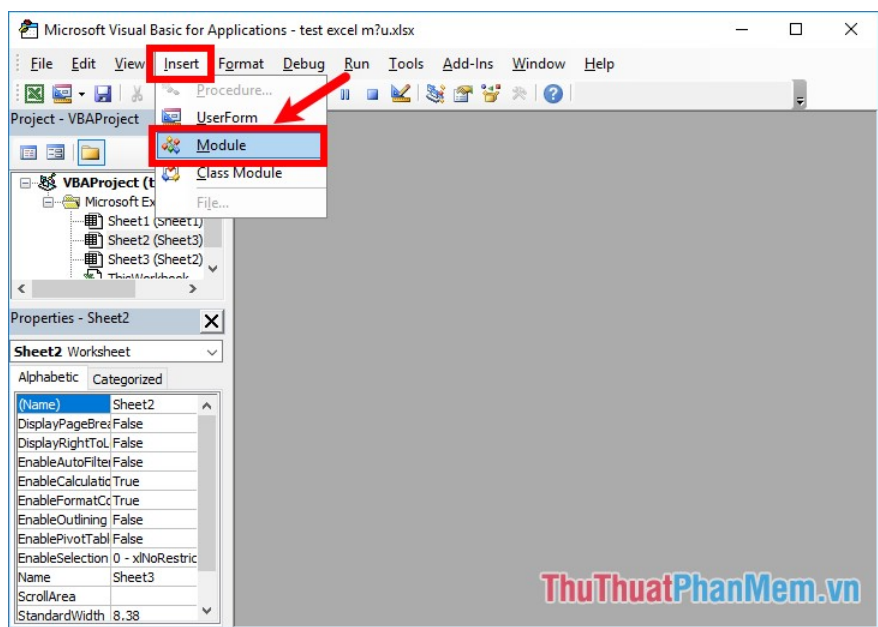
Method 3: Break password protected sheet

If you still can open the Excel file but can't edit the contents of the sheet because the sheet has been password protected, you can break the sheet password by doing the following:

Step 1: Open Excel file, on the Excel interface, select **Developer -> Visual Basic** or click **All + F11** to open the Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications window.

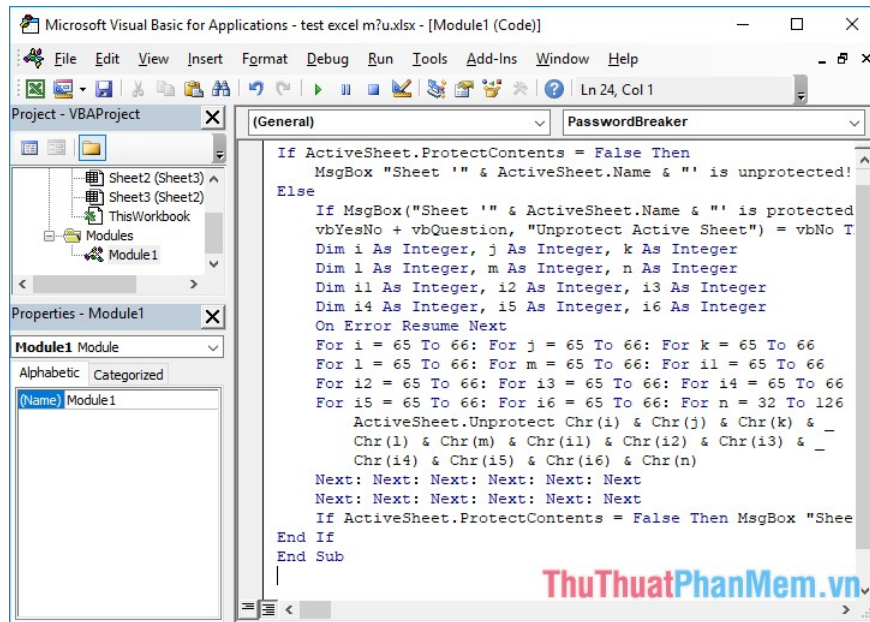


Step 2: Next you choose **Insert -> Module**.

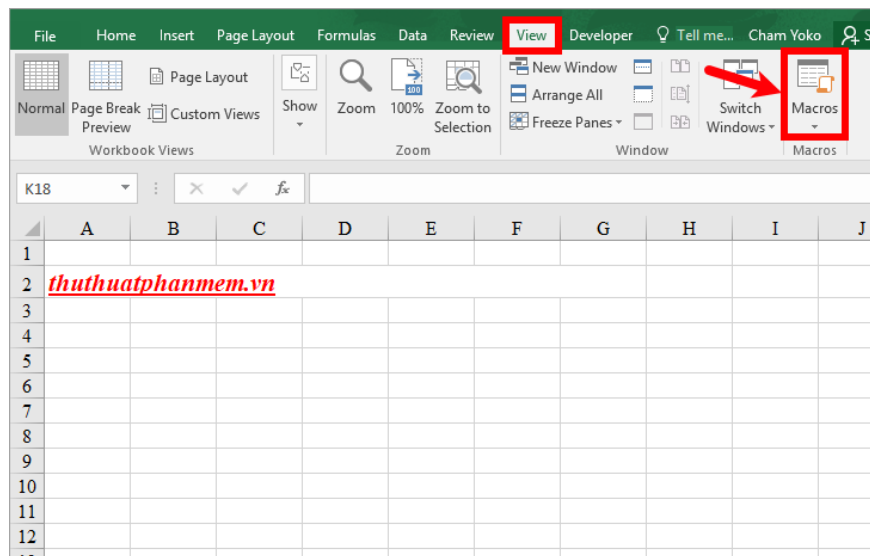


Step 3 : Copy the code below and paste it into the code editor on the right.

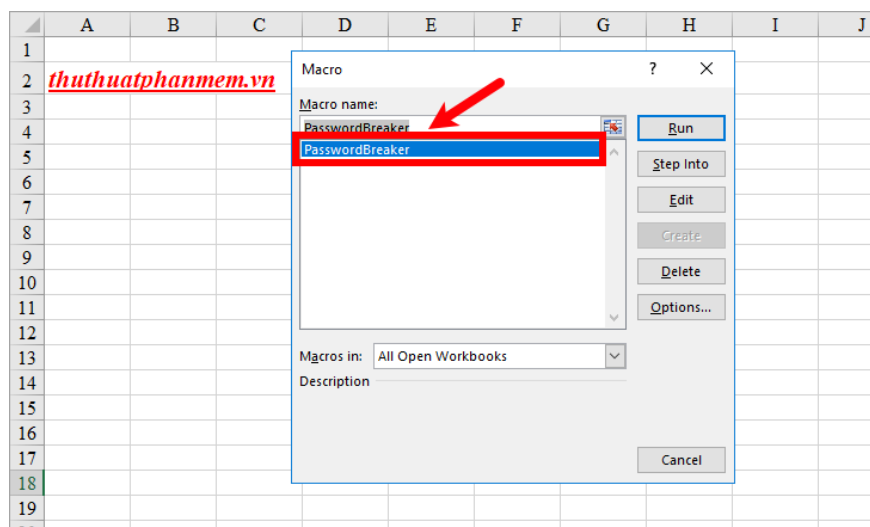
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Sub PasswordBreaker () If ActiveSheet.ProtectContents = False Then MsgBox "Sheet
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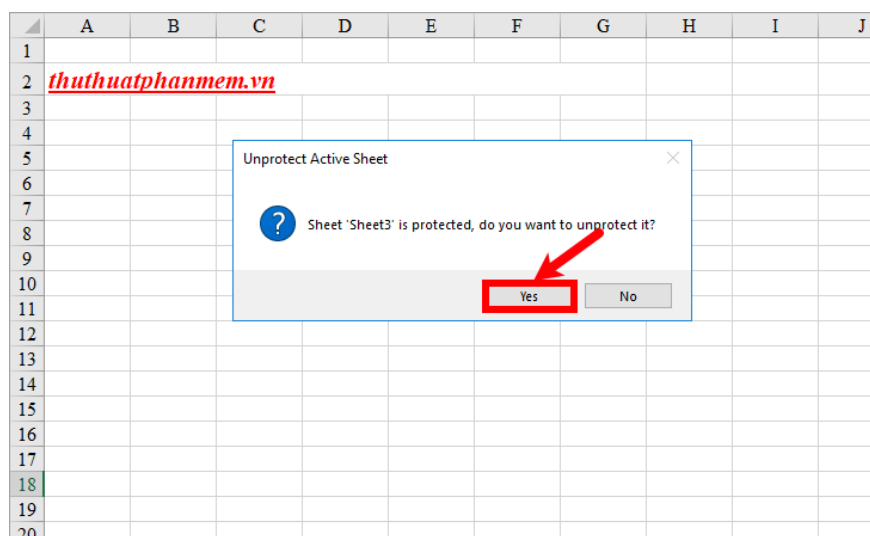
Step 4 : Close the Visual Basic window, select the sheet to break, then select **View -> Macros**.



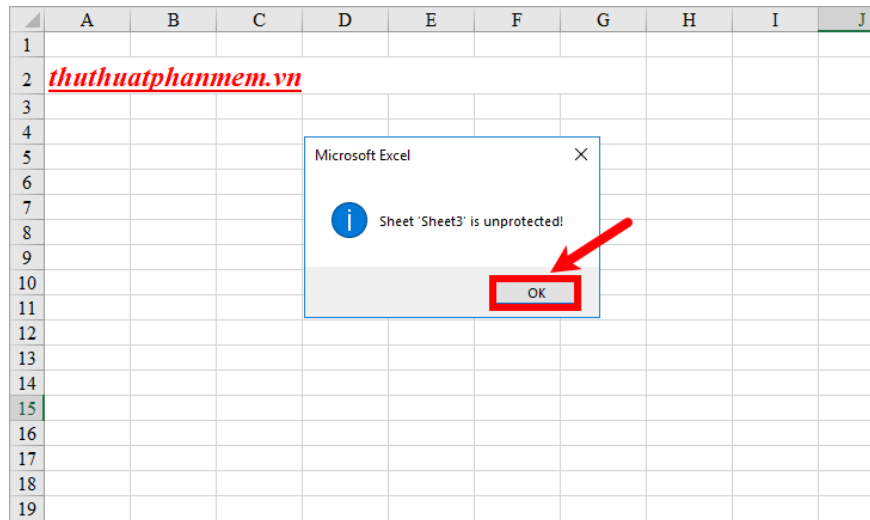
Step 5 : The **Macros** dialog box **appears**, double-click and select **PasswordBreaker** ()



Step 6: A confirmation page for the password unlocking sheet you select appears, click **Yes** to agree.



After successfully unlocking, you will receive the message Sheet 'sheet name' is unprotected !, so you have successfully unlocked the sheet you can edit the sheet as usual because the sheet is no longer confidential. password protection.



Above the article has guided you the ways that you can choose to do it if you forgot the Excel file password. Hopefully with the way that the article will share you will be able to open the Excel file when you forget the password. Good luck!

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