

# Sequence of .NET application protection

Two console utilities are used for the automatic protection of .NET assemblies:

Utilite	Purpose
<b>CodeObfuscator.exe</b>	MSIL simbol obfuscation and string encryption
<b>CodeProtect.exe</b>	MSIL code encryption

You can use the **CodeObfuscator.exe** and **CodeProtect.exe** utilities collectively or use one of them separately. However, a specific sequence for using the utilities must be followed – first the application needs to be obfuscated and only then proceed with code protection:

- 1st stage of protection: obfuscation and encryption of .NET assemblies
- 2nd stage of protection: code protection of .NET assemblies.