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# How to remove local untracked files from the current Git branch



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Well, the short answer as per the Git Documents is [git clean](#)

If you want to see which files will be deleted you can use the `-n` option before you run the actual command:

```
git clean -n
```

Then when you are comfortable (because it will delete the files for real!) use the **-f** option:

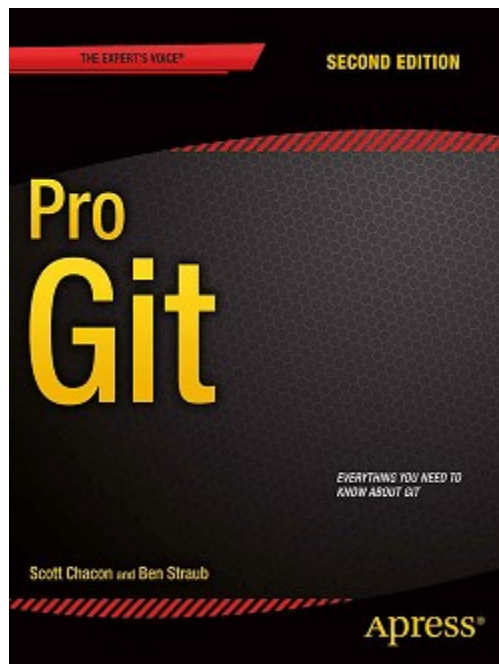
```
git clean -f
```

Here are some more options for you to delete directories, files, ignored and non-ignored files

- To remove directories, run `git clean -f -d` **or** `git clean -fd`
- To remove ignored files, run `git clean -f -X` **or** `git clean -fX`
- To remove ignored and non-ignored files, run `git clean -f -x` **or** `git clean -fx`


**Note the case difference on the `x` for the two latter commands.**

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