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Deletes files or directories. Example:

task makePretty(type: Delete) {  
 delete 'uglyFolder', 'uglyFile'  
 followSymlinks = true  
}

Be default symlinks will not be followed when deleting files. To change this behavior call [Delete.setFollowSymlinks(boolean)](http://docs.google.com/javadoc/org/gradle/api/tasks/Delete.html#setFollowSymlinks-boolean-) with true. On systems that do not support symlinks, this will have no effect.

Properties

| Property | Description |
| --- | --- |
| [delete](http://docs.google.com/org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete.html#org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete:delete) | The set of files which will be deleted by this task. |
| [followSymlinks](http://docs.google.com/org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete.html#org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete:followSymlinks) | Incubating  Returns if symlinks should be followed when doing a delete. |
| [targetFiles](http://docs.google.com/org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete.html#org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete:targetFiles) | The resolved set of files which will be deleted by this task. |

Methods

| Method | Description |
| --- | --- |
| [delete](http://docs.google.com/org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete.html#org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete:delete(java.lang.Object%5B%5D))(targets) | Adds some files to be deleted by this task. The given targets are evaluated as per [Project.files(java.lang.Object[])](http://docs.google.com/dsl/org.gradle.api.Project.html#org.gradle.api.Project:files(java.lang.Object%5B%5D)). |

Script blocks

No script blocks

Property details

[**Set**](http://download.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Set.html)<[**Object**](http://download.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/Object.html)> delete

The set of files which will be deleted by this task.

boolean followSymlinks

Note: This property is [incubating](http://docs.google.com/userguide/feature_lifecycle.html) and may change in a future version of Gradle.

Returns if symlinks should be followed when doing a delete.

[**FileCollection**](http://docs.google.com/javadoc/org/gradle/api/file/FileCollection.html) targetFiles (read-only)

The resolved set of files which will be deleted by this task.

Method details

[**Delete**](http://docs.google.com/dsl/org.gradle.api.tasks.Delete.html) delete([**Object**](http://download.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/Object.html)... targets)

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