How To Uninstall Oracle Database 12c From W

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The process of uninstallation of Oracle Database 12c is pretty much similar t uninstallation of Oracle Database 11g save some of the last few steps. So wi let's jump ahead and learn how to uninstall Oracle database 12c from Windc

The process of uninstallation of Oracle database 12c which you are going to will be completely MANUAL. Thus before proceeding further, I would suggest careful before deleting anything or making any changes.

Having said that let's move forward and uninstall Oracle 12c from your syste

Step 1: Delete Environment Variable.

Deleting the environment variable could save you from various errors in case for re-installing the Oracle software. Many times installation gets stuck due t

stating that "Environment variable path is too long". In order to avoid this er
glitch-free installation of Oracle software, it's recommended to delete the en
entry of your Oracle Home.

Environment variable entry is the path to the "Bin" directory inside the Orac
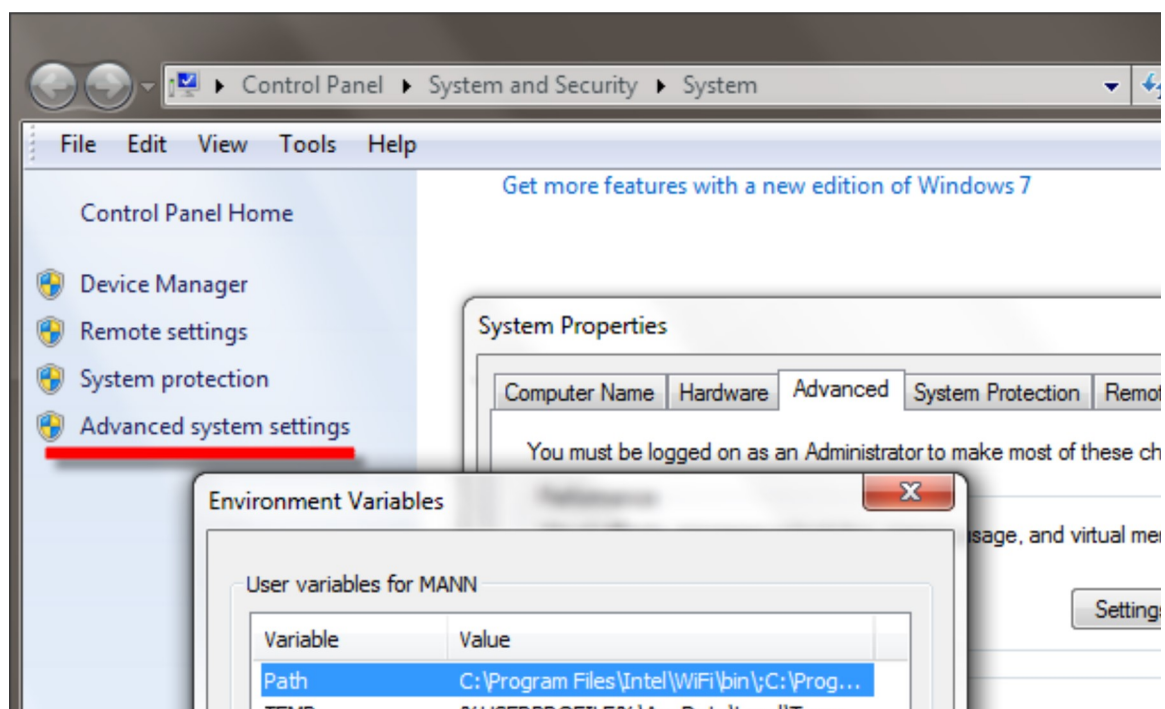and looks something like this.

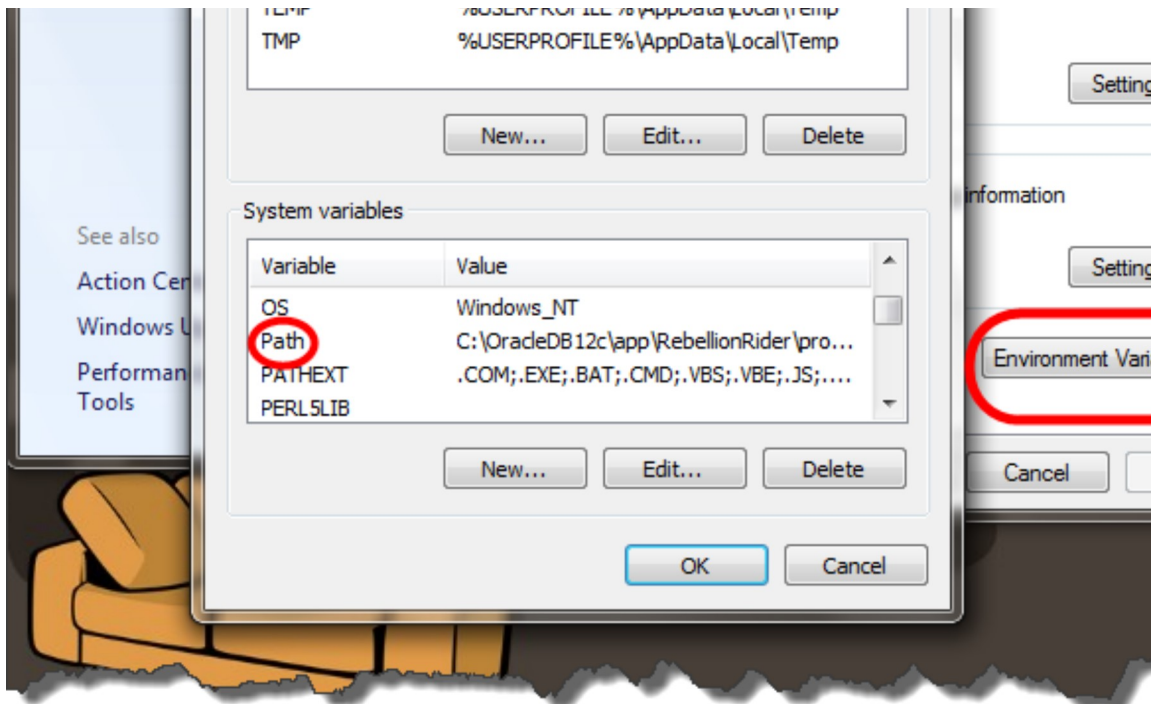**C:\app\YOUR USERNAME \product\11.2.0\dbhome_1\bin;**

How to Delete Environment Variable

Right Click your Computer Icons and Select "Properties". Then from the left-
the System Properties Windows Select "Advance System Settings". This will
Properties" Windows.

Inside the "System Properties" Windows go to "Advance" Tab and select "Env

On the "Environment Variable" Window inside the "System Variable Section"
name "Path", then double click and open it. Doing so will open up an "Edit S
dialogue box. On that dialogue box under the "Variable value field" find your
and Delete it.

Step 2: Delete Registries

During the installation, Oracle database makes some registries in windows s
information of its configurations as well as for proper functioning of Oracle W
Uninstall Oracle Database 12c completely from your system you need to pro
Oracle database services which run in the background. Also if you are planni
the Oracle Database software then you also need to delete all the configurat

In short, to ensure the smooth and errorless re-installation of any version of
software, without formatting your computer system, you need to delete all t
Registries.

Registries are very fragile part of any windows system thus messing with the
catastrophic and can harm your system, therefore, be careful while deleting
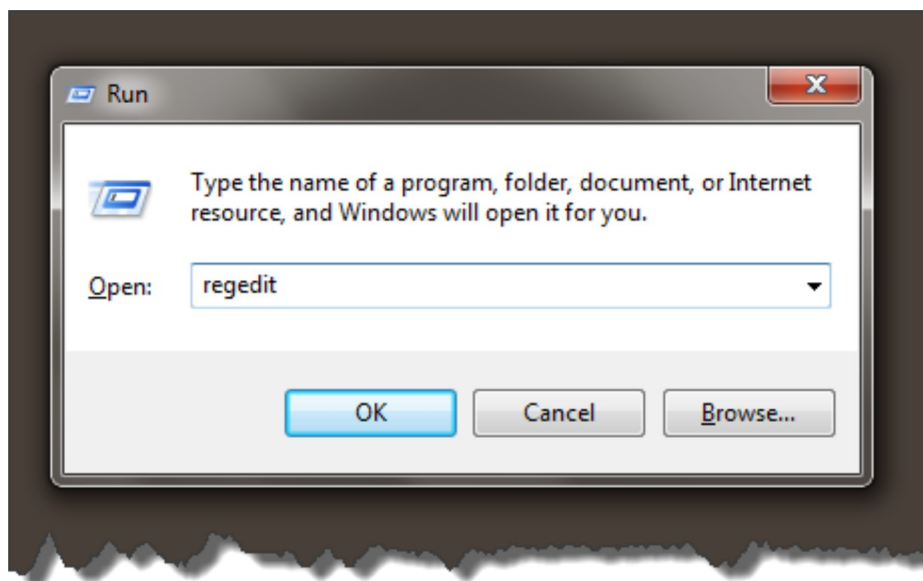suggest you take their backup.

How to Delete the Oracle Registries

To delete any registry you need to first access them and in windows, all the
inside the "Registry Editors". To access the Registry Editor first open up your
by pressing Run Windows Key and 'R' key simultaneously or you can directly

start menu.

> *Press Win Key + R –> Run Dialouge Box*
> *Write regedit in text box.*

Once you have your Run Dialogue box opened then write "regedit" into it an
will open your "Registry Editor".

Now first we have to delete the "Oracle Software" Registry. To access this re
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE and then go to subdirectory SOFTWARE. Under the
directory "Oracle". Once you have reached this directory, right-click and Dele

> *HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE –> SOFTWARE –> ORACLE*

Next, we have to delete all the registries for Oracle Database Services. To ac
first go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE and then go to sub directory "Systems" th
"CurrentControlSet" and then "Services". Under the Services directory, you h
Registries which are responsible for your Oracle database services.

If Oracle Database 12c is the only product from Oracle that is installed on yc
search for all the registries whose names start with Oracle and Delete them.

products from Oracle installed on your system then be careful and delete ac
screenshot below you can see some general Oracle Service Registries.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE → SYSTEM → CurrentControlSet → SERVI

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How to back up your registries:

1. To backup "Oracle Software" Registry go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE ins
   editor and then select SOFTWARE. Right click on it and then select EXF
   a location and give it a name then click – Save.

2. To back up Oracle Database Services registries go to HKEY_LOCAL_MA
   registry editor and after that go to sub directory "Systems" then "Curre
   click CurrentControlSet and select export then choose a destination an

Step 3: Restart your system.

Next, you have to restart your system so that your operating system can ble
which we just altered.

Step 4: Delete the Oracle Home Directory

An Oracle home is a directory into which all Oracle software is installed. Onc
all the registries of Oracle database 12c you are free to delete Oracle home
system. In order to delete Oracle Home open up your computer and go to yo
any other drive where you have installed your Oracle database 12c. Now go
to the directory with your username here select all the files and delete them
backups then do not delete flash_recovery_area.

If in case your folder is not getting deleted then don't worry. First, try to ref
you can also reboot the system then try deleting again. If it is still not deleti
services and registries and see whether you have deleted all the oracle regis
then delete those that are still left and then try deleting the Oracle database

Step 5: Delete Directory from Program File

Next, go to your program file directory and search for a folder with the name
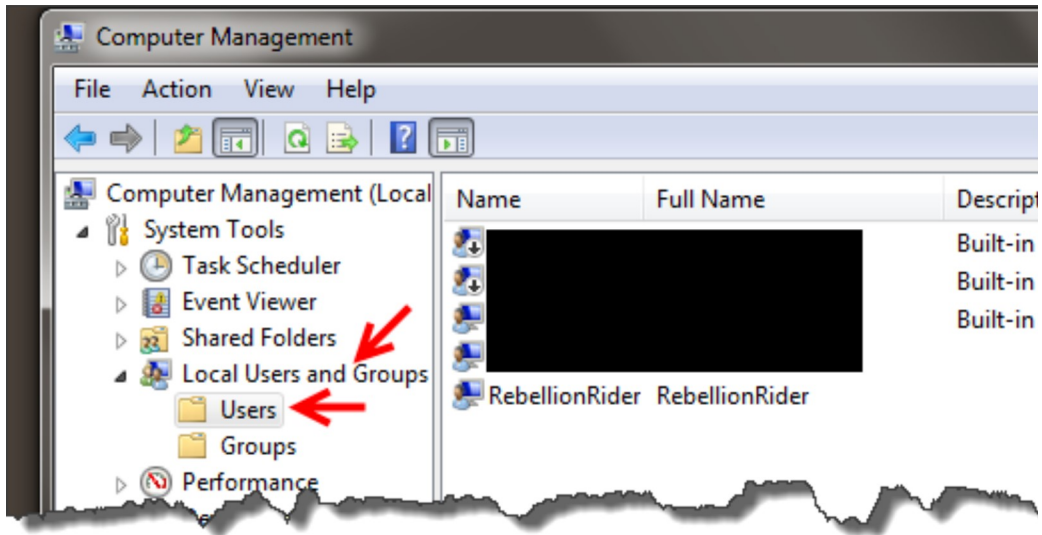here and then delete it.

Step 6: Delete Directory from Start Menu.

Next, you have to delete the directory from the start menu. For that go to "C
\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs" and here search for your Oracle I

Step 7: Clear the Temporary files and Recycle bi

Again open your Run dialogue box and write %temp% this will open the tem
here delete all the files. Next, come to your desktop and empty your recycle

Step 8: Delete the Oracle user

Next and the last step is to delete the Oracle home user which we created d
of the Oracle database. In order to do so, right click "Computer Icon" and se
the computer management window click "Local User Groups" and then click
folders. From the list of the user, you can delete the ones which you have cr
home user during the installation. In my case, its RebellionRider, Right click

That's all guys in this section on How to uninstall Oracle Database 12c. I hop
useful to you.

You can stay ahead of the game by checking out the installation and uni
latest version Oracle 18c on Windows 10. Also, read about them in detai
post.

I would request you to please share this with your friends on social network
out to more people. Take care and have a great day!

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