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Delete files or folder recursively on windows cmd

How to delete files or folders recursively on windows from command line. I have found this solution where path we drive on command line and run this command. I have given example with .svn file extension folder

```
for /r %R in (.svn) do if exist %R (rd /s /q "%R")
```

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edited Aug 24 '15 at 9:34



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asked Oct 5 '12 at 14:51



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7 Answers

Please execute the following steps:

1. Open the Command Prompt
2. Change directory to required path
3. Give following Command

```
del /S *.svn
```

edited Oct 9 '14 at 14:34



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answered Oct 9 '14 at 14:09



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1 Does not work for me, it deletes only the files in the current directory. – [delphirules](#) Jun 17 '16 at 14:36

3 Thank you, worked for me after I added /F flag – [vj कुमार](#) Nov 26 '16 at 13:54



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The other answers didn't work for me, but this did:

```
del /s /q *.svn  
rmdir /s /q *.svn
```

/q disables Yes/No prompting

/s means delete the file(s) from all subdirectories.

answered Jul 11 '15 at 23:53



[Lucas](#)

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I think my needs are the same as what you are trying to do - I'm trying to delete all the .svn folders in a project directory and all subdirectories. On Windows 2012, this answer isn't working for me. It is deleting the .svn folder in the current directory, but not from any of the child directories. – [Jim](#) Nov 18 '16 at 16:02

You can use this in the `bat` script:

```
rd /s /q "c:\folder a"
```

Now, just change `c:\folder` to your folder's location.

answered Oct 5 '12 at 15:37

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This command is not working and throwing error as below `D:\>rd /s /q "D:\Root a"` The system cannot find the file specified. – [abhayk](#) Aug 31 '16 at 6:07

```
RMDIR path_to_folder /S
```

EX. `RMDIR "C:\tmp" /S`

Note that you'll be prompted if you're really going to delete the "C:\tmp" folder. Combining it with /Q switch will remove the folder silently (ex. `RMDIR "C:\tmp" /S /Q`)

edited Jun 13 '16 at 6:59

answered Jul 22 '14 at 5:19

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For file deletion, I wrote following simple batch file which deleted all .pdfs recursively:

```
del /s /q "\\ad1pftrtg001\AppDev\ResultLogs\*.pdf"
del /s /q "\\ad1pftrtg001\Project\AppData\*.pdf"
```

Even for the local directory we can use it as:

```
del /s /q "C:\Project\*.pdf"
```

The same can be applied for directory deletion where we just need to change **del** with **rmdir**.

answered Jul 23 '15 at 19:44

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If you want to delete a specific extension recursively, use this:

```
For /R "C:\Users\Desktop\saleh" %G IN (*.ppt) do del "%G"
```

edited Aug 28 '16 at 19:45

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answered Aug 28 '16 at 12:23

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You could also do:

```
del /s /p *.{your extension here}
```

The `/p` will prompt you for each found file, if you're nervous about deleting something you shouldn't.

answered Jan 5 at 18:07

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