

QuickQuestion: How to uninstall a SQL Server feature?

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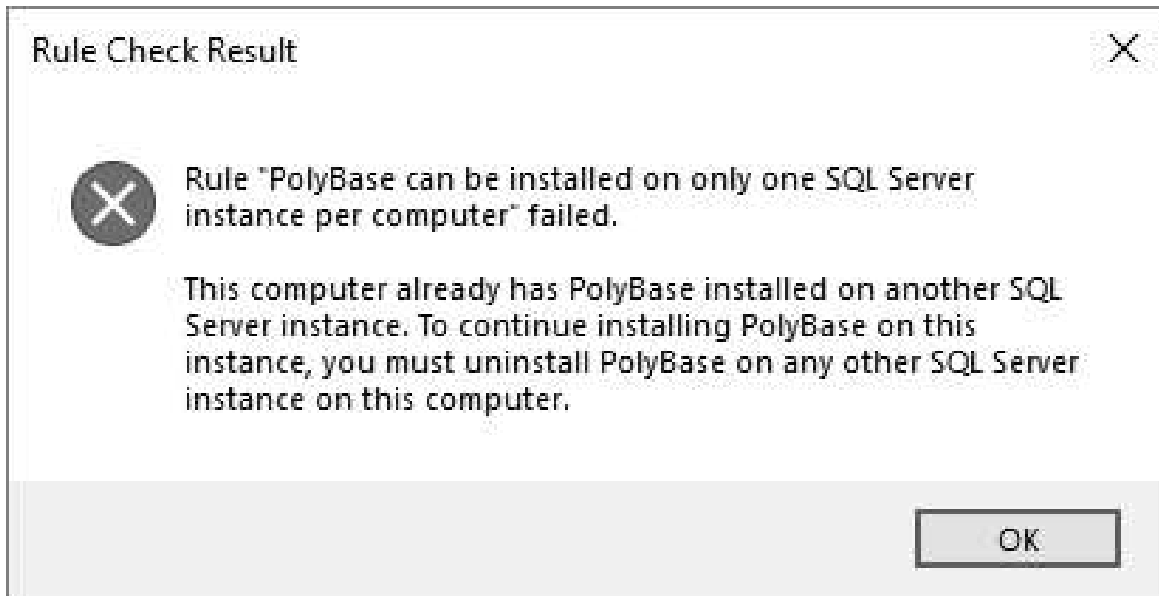


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Today's question:

If you wonder if it is possible to uninstall particular SQL Server feature instead of uninstalling the complete instance, then I have a good news. It is possible and it is very easy.

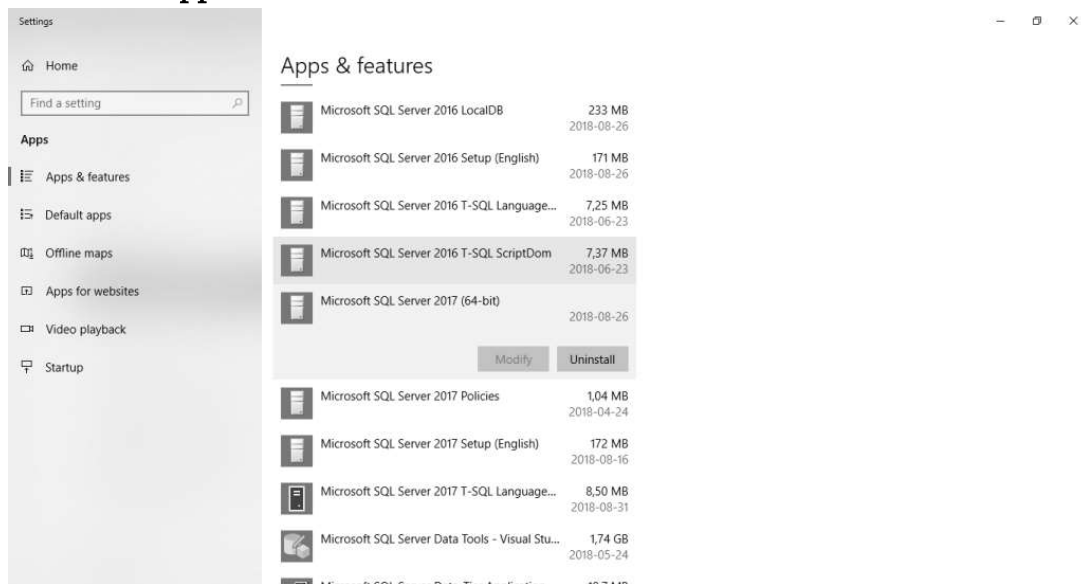
Let's assume you want to uninstall PolyBase because you want to install it with a newer version of SQL Server (PolyBase can be installed on only one SQL Server instance per computer).



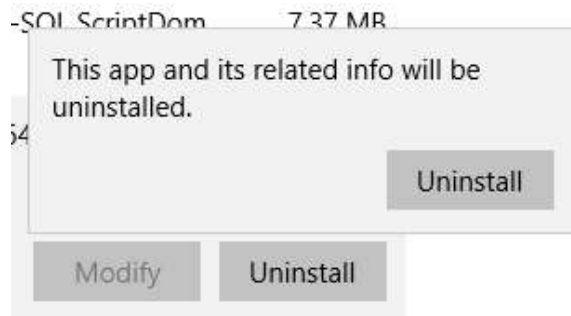
It can be one in a few simple steps.

Feature uninstallation – Step by step

1. Open **Apps & features** tool. To do it, search for “apps” in the Windows Search bar. Select **Apps & features** in the results.

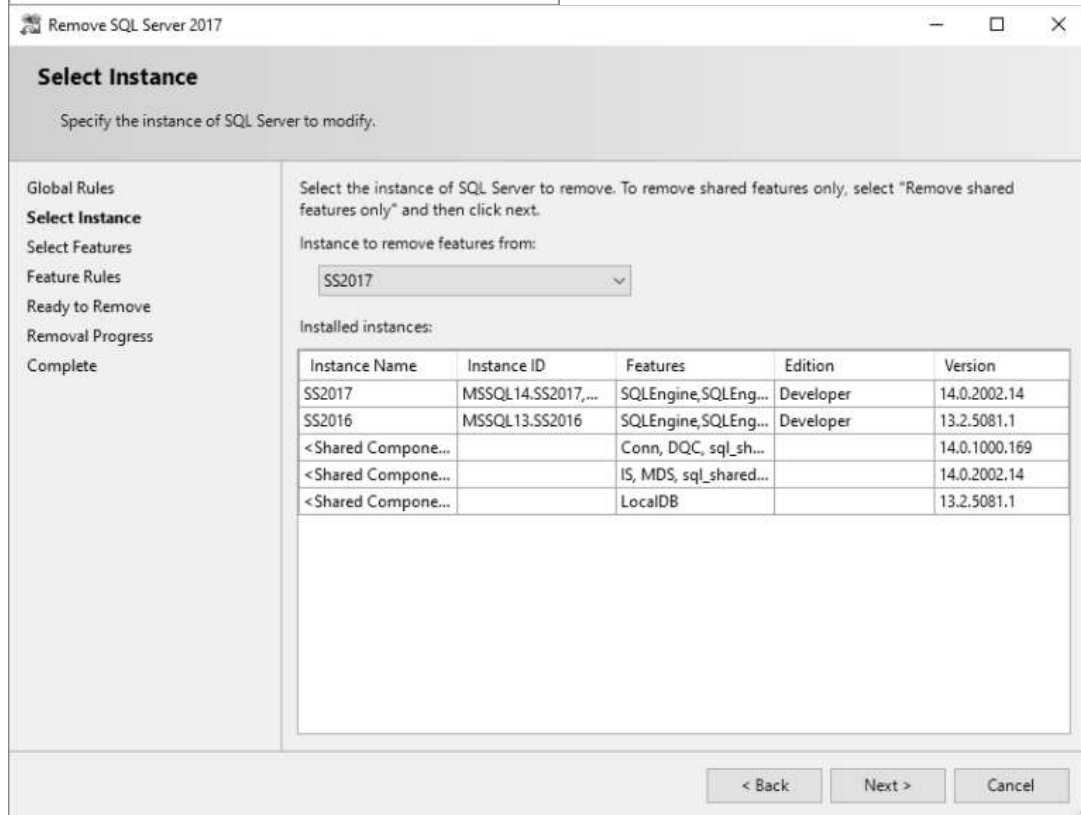


2. Find SQL Server installation (version) you want to modify and click Uninstall button. If you have a few instances of the same SQL Server version, then later you will have the possibility to decide which one you want to modify.
3. You will be warned that “This app and its related info will be uninstalled”. Don’t worry, it won’t uninstall everything. You need to confirm your decision by clicking the Uninstall button one more time. That will start SQL Server uninstaller.



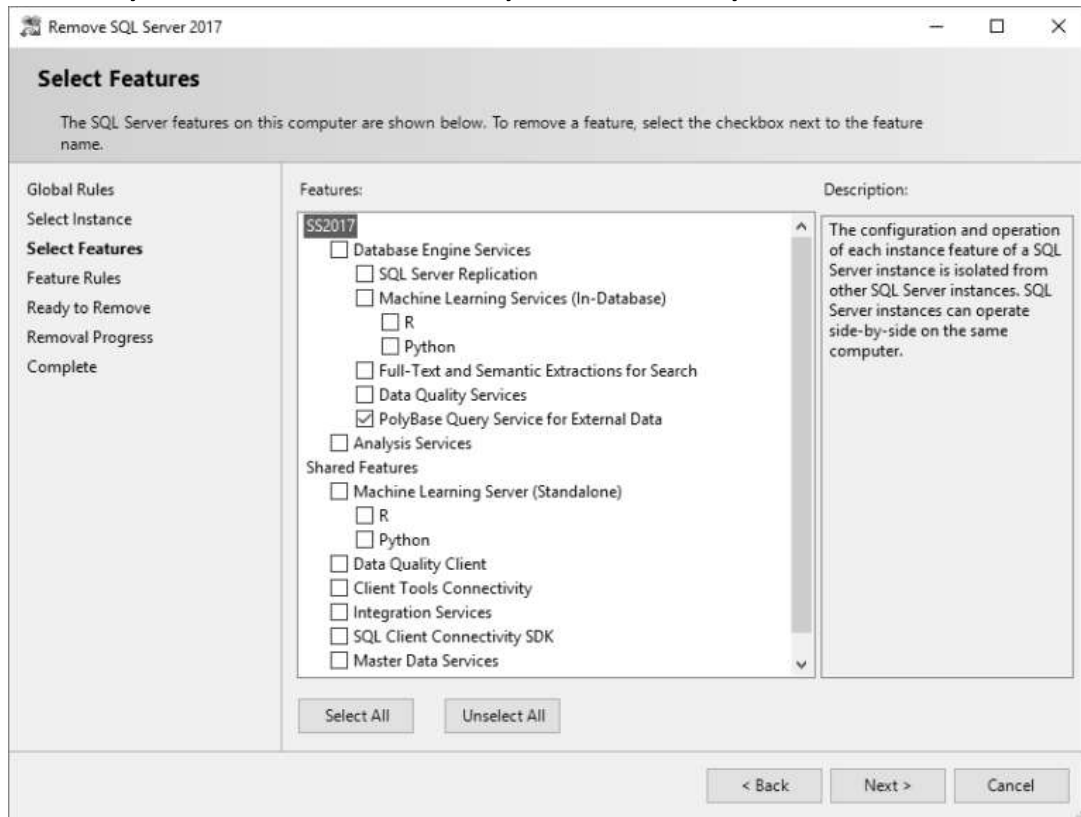
4. When you confirm, then SQL Server uninstaller window will popup. To continue you need to choose the Remove option.

5. As a next step, you need to choose the SQL Server instance you want to modify.

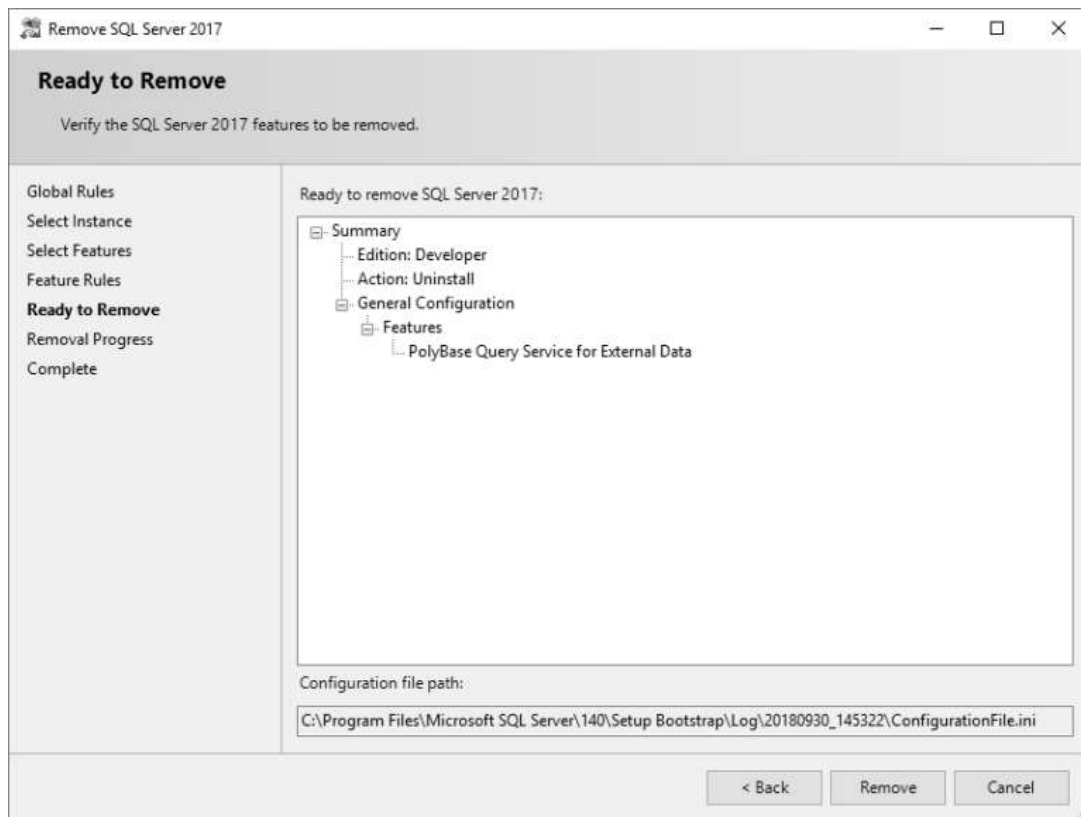


6. After choosing an instance, you will see a Feature Selection pane with a list of all installed features. By default, they are not selected. You need to select

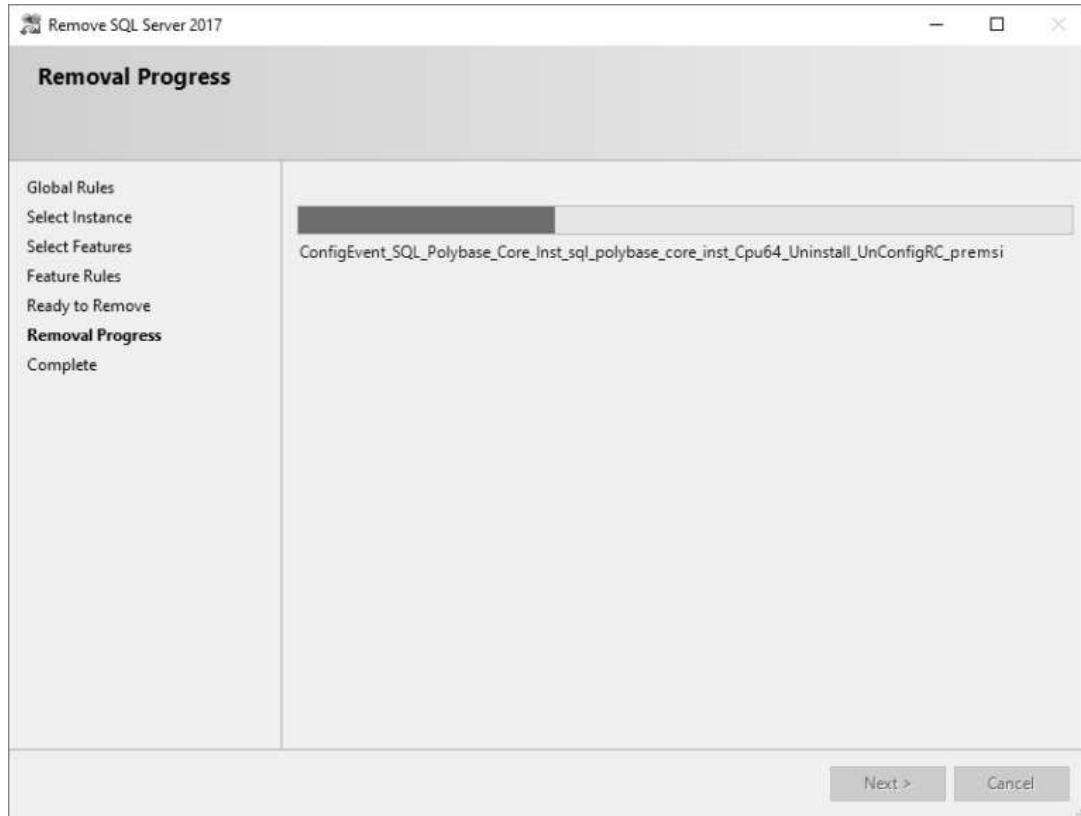
features you want to uninstall. In my case this is PolyBase.



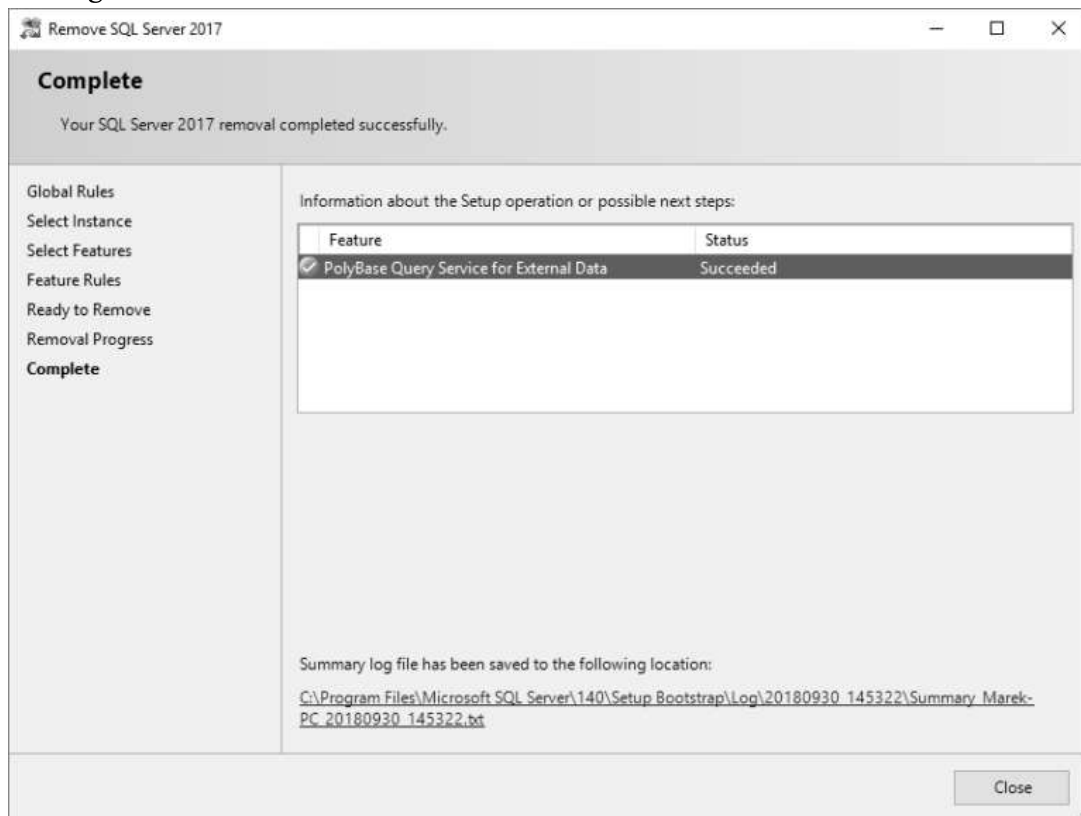
7. On the next window, you will see the summary of changes that will be applied. You also get the path to the ConfigurationFile.ini file. If you want or need you can use it for unattended uninstallation. To continue, click the Remove button.



8. On the next window, you can observe the removal progress. Uninstallation may take a few minutes.



9. When removal is completed you will see its status and also will get the link to the log file. To close this window click the Close button.



That's it! I hope you find it useful!

-Marek

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At the beginning of October, the SQL Server 2017 was officially released. A few days later after the official announcement I wanted to install it in my virtual environment to take a look at newest features. During SQL Server 2017 installation I faced

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On Monday, September 24, during 2018 Ignite conference, Microsoft announced the public preview of SQL Server 2019 (vNext). CTP 2.0 version (Community Technology Preview) is now accessible for everyone. In this blog post, I will

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