

SEARCH

Q

RECENT POSTS

- How to Add Custom File Types to Excel Open File Dialog
- How to Protect Excel Cell Format, Formula, Content & Structure
- Assign Keyboard Shortcut to Pin Tab in Browsers
- PowerShell Beautifier: Free Tool to Pretty Print .PS1 Script Files
- PowerShell: Copy All Files from Subfolders and Rename Duplicate

POPULAR POSTS

- [Robocopy: Command-line Usage Examples and Switches](#)
- [How to Create Portable Shortcut with Relative Path in Windows](#)
- [Prevent Copy, Cut and Paste into HTML Input Text Fields](#)
- [Recursively Delete a Specific File Type from all Subfolders](#)
- [Free Services to Upload & Embed MP3 Music Player on Your Site](#)

CATEGORIES

BLOGGING

TIPS 'N TRICKS

# Recursively Delete a Specific File Type from all Subfolders

PRINT VIEW

MOBILE VIEW

In this post I will show you couple of ways to bulk delete files with a specific extension in a folder and all its subfolders. This can be useful, for instance, if a virus infected your PC and automatically created .exe files in all folders, or if you want to delete automatically created .log or .tmp files. You won’t mind manually deleting if there are only a few files/folders, but what if there are hundreds of such unwanted files stored in as many folders? We can avoid the pain by using a simple Command Prompt command. Or if you aren’t comfortable with command line usage, scroll a bit further down for a software to achieve the same result.

## Delete Files of Specific Extension using Command Prompt

Open Command Prompt by entering **CMD** in the Run dialog or by searching for it in the Start menu/screen.

Switch to the folder in which you want to perform the deletion operation. Once there, type in the following command (assuming to delete .tmp files):

```
DEL /S /Q *.TMP
```

This command will delete all the ‘Tmp’ files from the folder you are in, and all of the subfolders.

Here,

**/S** : Instructs to delete files from all subdirectories.

**/Q** : Deletes files quietly, i.e., without prompts.

You can also specify multiple file extensions in the command like this:

HOW TO?

LINUX

MICROSOFT  
WINDOWS

MISCELLANEOUS

PHONE

SNIPPETS

AUTOHOTKEY

SNIPPETS

CSS SNIPPETS

HTACCESS SNIPPETS

JAVASCRIPT SNIPPETS

POWERSHELL  
SNIPPETS

WORDPRESS SNIPPETS

SOCIAL

SOFTWARE  
BROWSERS

TIPS 'N TRICKS

TUTORIALS  
TESTNG

WALLPAPERS

WEB

RELATED POSTS

[Delete Files To Recycle Bin From Command Prompt on Windows](#)

[Save or Print Output from Windows Command Prompt to a Text File](#)

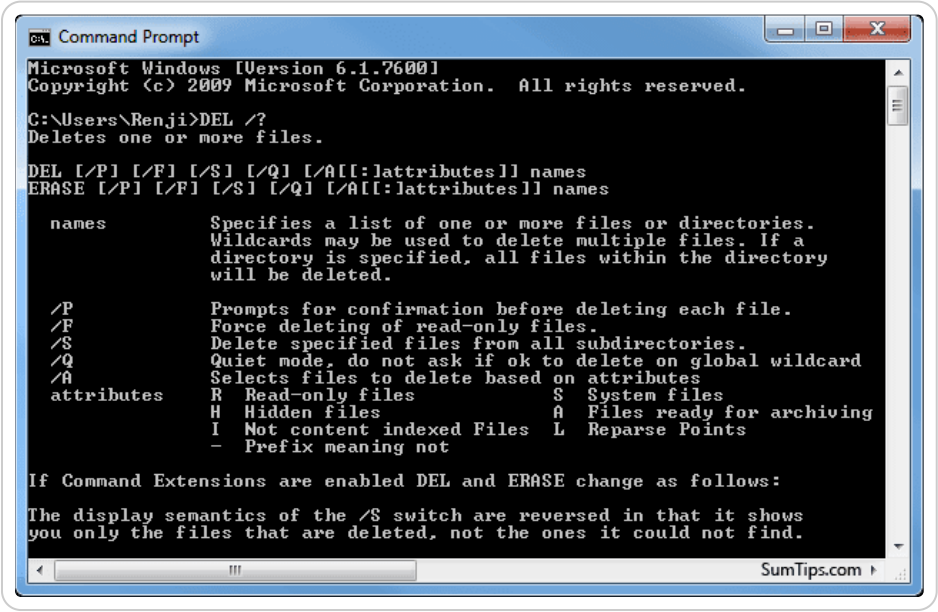
[Aero Transparency for the Command Prompt](#)

[Delete Files Based on Extension, Attribute in Folders & Subfolders](#)

[Change the Icon for a File Type](#)

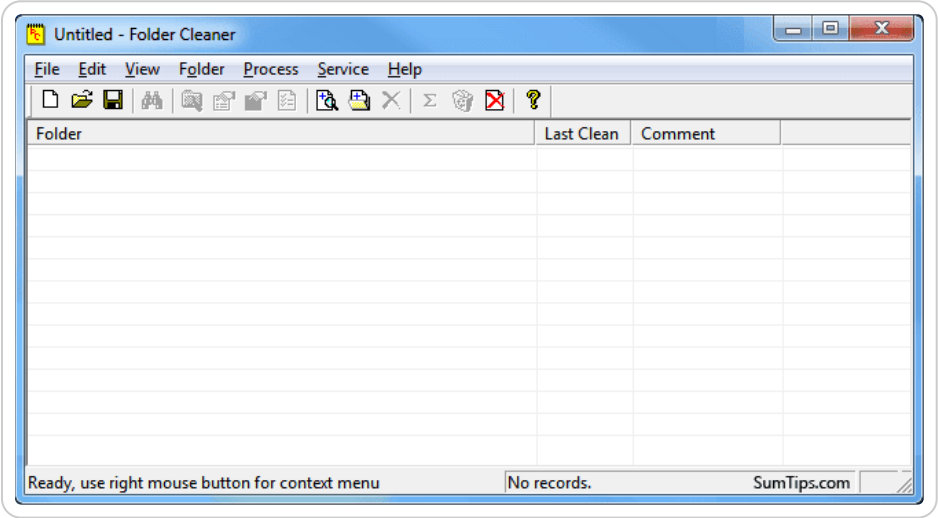


To see more information on the command, type in **DEL /?** in the prompt window.



## Delete Files of Specific Extension with Folder Cleaner

Folder Cleaner is a free software which allows users to delete files from multiple folders on your computer and from network devices in batches. It functions using file filters – this lets you include and exclude files based on its extension.



Before starting the deletion process, the program allow you to pre-analyze the chosen search criteria. So, if any unwanted result is found, you can correct it before actually executing the task. Another useful option is the possibility to delete files to Recycle Bin, which is not possible in the command line method.

Overall, the program is simple and quite easy to use. Just specify what you want to do and where, and you’re good to go. It’s portable, so you can even carry it on your portable drive.

Folder Cleaner works on both 32-bit and 64-bit editions of Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista, and Windows XP.

**Download:** [Folder Cleaner](#)

### Related Tips:

- [Delete Files To Recycle Bin From Command Prompt on Windows](#)

[More transparency for the Command Prompt](#)

- [Delete Files Based on Extension, Attribute in Folders & Subfolders](#)
- [Change the Icon for a File Type](#)

Command Prompt

Software

Tips 'n Tricks

< [DISABLE GMAIL'S NEW POP UP COMPOSE MAIL...](#)



[OPEN EXPLORER FOLDER FROM CURRENT COMM...](#) >

Recent Posts

- How to Add Custom File Types to Excel  
Open File Dialog
- How to Protect Excel Cell Format,  
Formula, Content & Structure
- Assign Keyboard Shortcut to Pin Tab in  
Browsers
- PowerShell Beautifier: Free Tool to Pretty  
Print .PS1 Script Files
- PowerShell: Copy All Files from  
Subfolders and Rename Duplicate
- PowerShell: Automatically Cycle Through  
Tabs in Any Browser

Get updates via Email

your@email.com

SUBSCRIBE

Downloads

- [Microsoft Office 2013 Professional](#)
- [Picasa 3.9 \[Windows\]](#)
- [Opera 56.0.3051.31 for Mac](#)
- [AVG Antivirus Free 2018 \(32-Bit\)](#)
- [Firefox for Mobile 63 Beta 9](#)
- [iTunes 10.6 for Windows \(32-bit\)](#)
- [Microsoft Visio 2016 Professional](#)
- [iTunes 10.6 for Mac](#)
- [Google Chrome Beta Offline Installer](#)
- [Bitdefender 2017 \(32-bit\)](#)

