# m_utl_delete_file.sas File Reference

## Utilities

Utility macro to delete a single file from the file system

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### Description

This program is to delete a single file. If failed, an error message will be thrown in the log and the run is terminated.

### *Note*

*This program is able to work in system environments where x-command or unix pipes are not allowed or cannot be used*.

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### Link

https://github.com/paul-canals/toolbox

### Parameters

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| Input | help | Parameter, if set (Help or ?) to print the Help information in the log. In all other cases this parameter should be left out from the macro call. |
| Input | file | Full qualified path and name of the to be deleted. The default value is: _NONE_. |
| Input | debug | Boolean [Y\|N] parameter to provide verbose mode information. The default value is: N. |

### Returns

- Deleted single file

### Calls

- m_utl_print_message.sas
- m_utl_print_mtrace.sas

### Usage

Example 1: Show help information:

```
%m_utl_delete_file(?)
```

Example 2: Delete a single file:

```
filename text "%sysfunc(getoption(WORK))/delete_me.txt";

data _null_;
   file text;
   put "file to be deleted";
run;

filename text clear;

%m_utl_delete_file(
   file  = %sysfunc(getoption(WORK))/delete_me.txt
 , debug = Y
   );
```

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