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**5****Removing Oracle Database Client Software**

This chapter describes how to remove Oracle databases, instances, and software. Always use Oracle Universal Installer to initially remove Oracle components. To avoid installation and configuration problems with new Oracle installations, follow the instructions in this chapter.

This chapter contains these topics:

* [Stopping Oracle Services on Windows](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#i1008369)
* [Removing Oracle Database Client with Oracle Universal Installer](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#i1008427)
* [Manually Removing the Remaining Oracle Database Client Components](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHGGGBB)

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| **See Also:**  Component-specific documentation for individual requirements and restrictions |

**5.1 Stopping Oracle Services on Windows**

You must first stop the Oracle Windows services before removing Oracle components or removing any registry entries.

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| **See Also:**  Your Microsoft online help for more information about stopping services |

To stop Windows services:

1. Open the Services control panel and from the **Start** menu, choose **Control Panel**, then **Administrative Tools**, then **Services**.
2. If any Oracle services (names begin with Oracle or Ora) exist and have the status *Started*, then select each of the services, and click **Stop**.
3. Click **Close** to exit the Services window.
4. Exit the Control Panel.

**5.2 Removing Oracle Database Client with Oracle Universal Installer**

You first use Oracle Universal Installer to remove Oracle Database Client from the inventory on the computer. Afterwards, you must manually remove the remaining components. This section covers the following topics:

* [Guidelines for Removing Oracle Database Client with Oracle Universal Installer](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHJCJHC)
* [Procedure for Removing Oracle Database Client with Oracle Universal Installer](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHCHHEH)

**5.2.1 Guidelines for Removing Oracle Database Client with Oracle Universal Installer**

Follow these guidelines:

* Do not manually remove Oracle Database Client components without first deinstalling with Oracle Universal Installer. An exception is if, during an installation, you exit Oracle Universal Installer using any of the following methods:
  + Clicking **Cancel**
  + Turning off the computer
  + If the installation does not complete (that is, all required configuration tools do not run at the end)

In these cases, Oracle Universal Installer does not register the installation in its inventory. However, it may have copied files to your Oracle home. Remove these files manually and restart the installation.

* If you need to remove an Oracle home manually, first remove the Oracle components with Oracle Universal Installer. An example of removing the Oracle home manually would be by deleting the directory structure with Windows Explorer or the command prompt.

You should not remove the Oracle home manually first because their components remain registered in the Oracle Universal Installer inventory. If you subsequently try to install Oracle in the same home, some or all of the components selected may not be installed, since Oracle Universal Installer will determine the components are already installed.

**5.2.2 Procedure for Removing Oracle Database Client with Oracle Universal Installer**

Oracle Universal Installer creates Windows services for Oracle components during installation. However, Oracle Universal Installer does not delete all the services created by Oracle Net Configuration Assistant.

To remove components on a Windows computer with Oracle Universal Installer:

1. Ensure that you first follow the instructions in ["Stopping Oracle Services on Windows"](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#i1008369).
2. Start Oracle Universal Installer. The start procedure depends on which version of Oracle Database Client you installed.
   1. If you installed the Administrator, Runtime, or Custom versions of Oracle Database Client, then Oracle Universal Installer was also installed. From the **Start** menu, choose **Programs**, then **Oracle - *HOME\_NAME***, then **Oracle Installation Products**, then **Universal Installer**. The Welcome screen for Oracle Universal Installer appears.
   2. If you installed the Instant Client version of Oracle Database Client, Oracle Universal Installer was not installed. Instead, run it from your installation media or the installation directory you created for downloaded or copied installation files.
   3. To start Oracle Universal Installer from the installation media, insert the CD labeled Oracle Database Client. The Autorun screen automatically appears.

If the Autorun screen does not appear, from the **Start** menu, choose **Run**, and then enter the following command:

*DRIVE\_LETTER*:\autorun\autorun.exe

Choose **Install/Deinstall Products** from the Autorun screen.

* 1. To start Oracle Universal Installer from your installation directory, double-click setup.exe.

1. Click the **Deinstall Products**button.

The Inventory screen appears.

1. Select the Oracle home you wish to remove. Expand the tree of installed components only if you want to remove selected components of an Oracle home.

For example, if you installed Oracle Database Client with the Runtime option and later installed additional components with the Custom option, then expand the Oracle home component to display all the components installed in the Oracle home.

1. Check the boxes of components to remove.
2. Click **Remove**.

The Confirmation screen appears.

1. Click **Yes** to remove the selected components.

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| **Note:**  A message may appear indicating that removing some components may cause other components to not function properly. |

After the components are removed from your computer, the Inventory screen appears without the removed components.

1. Click **Close** to close the Inventory screen.
2. Click **Cancel** to exit Oracle Universal Installer.
3. Click **Yes** to confirm that you want to exit.
4. After Oracle Universal Installer exits, go to the next section to remove the remaining Oracle Database Client components.

**5.3 Manually Removing the Remaining Oracle Database Client Components**

Oracle Universal Installer does not remove all Oracle components. After using Oracle Universal Installer to remove Oracle components, you need to manually remove remaining registry keys, environment variables, Start menu options, and directories.

This section contains these topics:

* [Removing Oracle Keys from the Registry Editor on Windows](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHIHDAD)
* [Updating the PATH Environment Variable Path](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHCJBFE)
* [Removing Oracle Database Client from the Start Menu](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHJGIDJ)
* [Removing Oracle Database Client Directories](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#CIHDEFBJ)

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| **Note:**  In rare situations, you might want to correct serious system problems by completely removing Oracle components manually from the computer without first deinstalling with Oracle Universal Installer. Do this only as a last resort, and only if you want to remove all Oracle components from your system. |

**5.3.1 Removing Oracle Keys from the Registry Editor on Windows**

Oracle Universal Installer does not delete all services created by Oracle Net Configuration Assistant. In addition, it does not delete several other registry keys. You must remove any existing registry keys manually by following the instructions in one of the following sections:

* [Removing Only the Oracle Net Service Registry Key](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#BABBEJHH)
* [Removing All Oracle Registry Keys](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#BABDADGE)

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| **Caution:**  Use Microsoft Registry Editor at your own risk. Incorrectly using the Registry Editor can cause serious problems and might require you to reinstall your operating system. |

**5.3.1.1****Removing Only the Oracle Net Service Registry Key**

To remove only the Oracle Net Service registry entry (if it exists):

1. Log in as a member of the Administrators group.
2. Ensure that you first follow the instructions in ["Stopping Oracle Services on Windows"](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#i1008369).
3. From the **Start** menu, choose **Run**, and then enter the following command:
4. regedt32
5. Go to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services and delete the Oracle*HOME\_NAME*TNSListener registry entry.

When you ran Oracle Universal Installer to deinstall Oracle Database Client, it deleted all other Oracle Net services.

1. Exit the registry editor.
2. Restart your computer.

**5.3.1.2****Removing All Oracle Registry Keys**

To remove all Oracle registry keys from a computer (if any exist):

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| **Caution:**  These instructions remove *all*Oracle components, services, and registry entries from your computer. Exercise extreme care when removing registry entries. Removing incorrect entries can break your system. Any database files under *ORACLE\_BASE*\*ORACLE\_HOME*\*DB\_NAME* should be deleted only after completing these instructions. |

1. Log in as a member of the Administrators group.
2. Ensure that you first follow the instructions in ["Stopping Oracle Services on Windows"](http://docs.oracle.com/html/B13804_02/deinstall.htm#i1008369).
3. From the **Start** menu, choose **Run**, and enter the following command:
4. regedt32
5. Go to HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT.
6. Delete keys that begin with the following:
   * ORAMMCPMON10
   * ORCLSSO

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| **Note:**  These registry keys do not appear if you installed Instant Client. |

1. Go to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE.
2. Delete the ORACLE Group key.
3. If you installed Oracle Services for Microsoft Transaction Server, go to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services \Eventlog\Application.
4. Delete the Oracle Services for Microsoft Transaction Server key.
5. Go to HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software.
6. Delete all Oracle keys, including Oracle-*HOME\_NAME* entries under: Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrder\Start Menu\Programs.
7. Exit the Registry Editor.
8. Restart your computer.

**5.3.2 Updating the PATH Environment Variable Path**

Check the PATH environment variable and remove any Oracle entries.

1. From the **Start** menu, choose **Settings**, then **Control Panel**, then **System**. Select the **Advanced** tab and then click **Environment Variables**.
2. Select the system variable PATH and edit it to remove any Oracle entries.

For example, remove Oracle entries that contain *ORACLE\_BASE*\*ORACLE\_HOME* in the Path variable. You may see a Path variable that contains entries similar to the following:

*ORACLE\_BASE*\*ORACLE\_HOME*\bin;*ORACLE\_BASE*\*ORACLE\_HOME*\jre\1.4.2\bin\client;

*ORACLE\_BASE*\*ORACLE\_HOME*\jre\1.4.2\bin

1. Save any changes and exit the Control Panel.

**5.3.3 Removing Oracle Database Client from the Start Menu**

Check the **Start** menu for any Oracle Database Client entries and remove them.

Perform the following steps:

1. Using My Computer or Windows Explorer, navigate to the *SYSTEM*\_*DRIVE*:\Document and Settings\All Users\Start Menu\Programs folder.
2. Delete the Oracle - *HOME\_NAME* folder.

You can also remove Oracle Database Client menu entries with the following instructions:

1. Right click the **Start** button to display the context menu.
2. Select the **Explore All Users** option.
3. Expand the Start Menu\Programs folder if necessary.
4. Delete the **Oracle - *HOME\_NAME*** folder.

**5.3.4 Removing Oracle Database Client Directories**

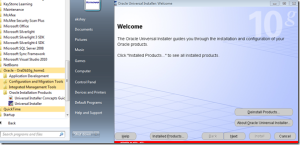
After removing all Oracle Database Client registry keys and restarting the computer, delete any existing Oracle Database Client directories and files.

1. Using My Computer or Windows Explorer, delete the *SYSTEM*\_*DRIVE*:\program files\oracle directory.
2. Using My Computer or Windows Explorer, delete all *ORACLE*\_*BASE* directories on your hard drive.

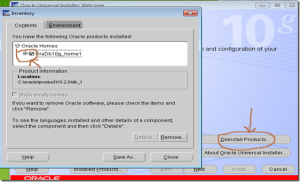
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**Uninstall Oracle 10g from window 7, Xp**

**step 1 :** Open up the start menu and in program files look for oracle – **oraDb10g\_home** folder, and **select oracle installation products – > Universal Installer.**

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**step 2 :** Select **Deinstall Product**, which will pop up new window , select check box  **oracleDb10g\_home1** as shown below.  Click on**remove** button. This will remove oracle.

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**step 3 :** Remove the registration file from **Regedit**, in order to remove oracle 10g completely. **Run Regedit**.

**Delete the following keys if it exits after the un-installation.**

* HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\SOFTWARE\ORACLE
* HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE
* HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\EventLog\Application\Oracle.oracle
* HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OracleDBConsole
* HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Oracle10g\_home
* HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OraclService

**step 4 :** Now delete the folder where you have installed the software. By default, it is installed in c drive as **C:\oracle** and from**C:\programs files\oracle**.

Hence by doing this steps successfully, **Oracle 10g is removed completely**. If you are having any problem in removing or uninstalling the program,(oracle ) then do comment below, we will look on that.