

Creating a *Clean Machine*¹

In rare situation, some users may want to correct serious system problems by completely removing Oracle products from their system.

This is not recommended as an easy way to fix problems, especially common one. Only create a Clean Machine as a last resort, and only if you want to remove all Oracle products from your system. Complete the following steps to create a Clean Machine.

Note: The following Clean Machine instructions assume an OFA (Optimal Flexible Architecture) structure.

Warning: This will remove all Oracle products, Oracle services, and Oracle registry entries from your computer.

On Windows 98:

1. On regedit, go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE.
2. Delete the ORACLE key.
3. Delete HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\odbc.
4. Edit your AUTOEXEC.BAT file and remove your %ORACLE_HOME%\bin and JRE paths from the path string.
5. From the Windows Explorer (or from the command prompt), delete the Oracle directory (Oracle Base).
6. Delete <system_drive>:\Program Files\Oracle (from the Windows Explorer or from the command prompt).
7. Delete Icons from <system_drive>:\Windows\StartMenu\Programs\Oracle - <HOME> and <system_drive>:\Windows\StartMenu\Programs\Oracle Installation Products. Where <HOME> is the previous HOME name.
8. Reboot your computer.

¹Taken from Oracle documentation