

## **Uninstalling all Oracle products from Windows systems**

Uninstall all Oracle components using the Oracle Universal Installer (OUI).

Run regedit.exe and delete the HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE/SOFTWARE/ORACLE key. This contains registry entries for all Oracle products.

Delete any references to Oracle services left behind in the following part of the registry:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE/SYSTEM/CurrentControlSet/Services/Ora\*

It should be pretty obvious which ones relate to Oracle.

Reboot your machine.

Delete the "C:\Oracle" directory, or whatever directory is your ORACLE\_BASE.

Delete the "C:\Program Files\Oracle" directory.

Empty the contents of your "c:\temp" directory.

Empty your recycle bin.

At this point your machine will be as clean of Oracle components as it can be without a complete OS reinstall.

Remember, manually editing your registry can be very destructive and force an OS reinstall so only do it as a last resort.