

7 ways to remove software and applications on Windows 8 / Windows 8.1

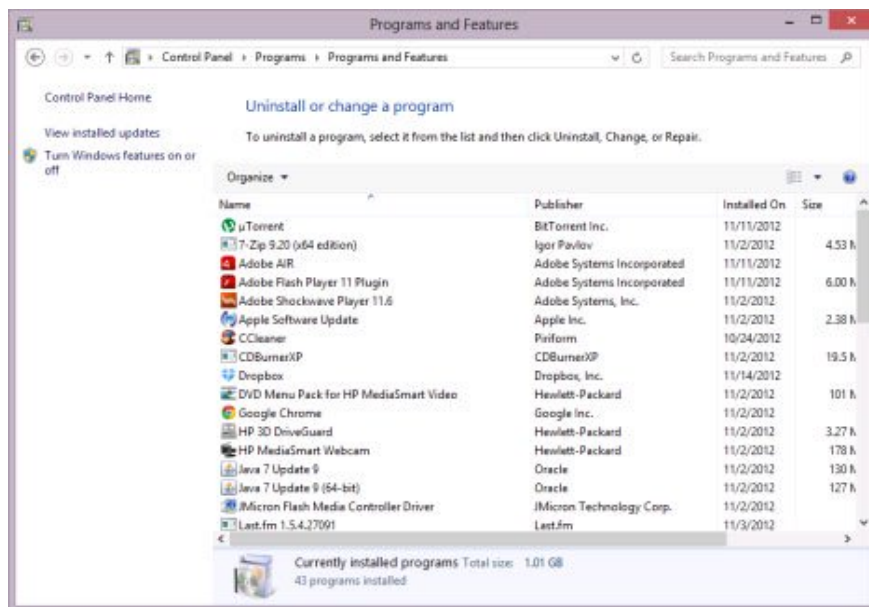
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1. Remove software from the desktop from Control Panel

This is the most common way used by most Windows users. This solution only allows the removal of software, utilities installed on the desktop environment, but cannot be performed with the Modern on **Windows 8 / Windows 8.1 applications**, which are only downloaded and installed via the Windows Store.

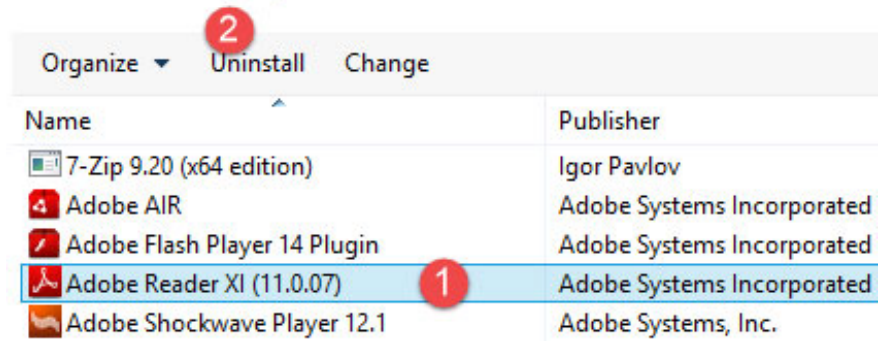
To do so, go to **Control Panel -> Programs -> Programs and Features** .



In the **Uninstall or change a program** window appears, click the name of the program or utility you want to remove from the system, and then click the **Uninstall** button and follow the instructions.

Uninstall or change a program

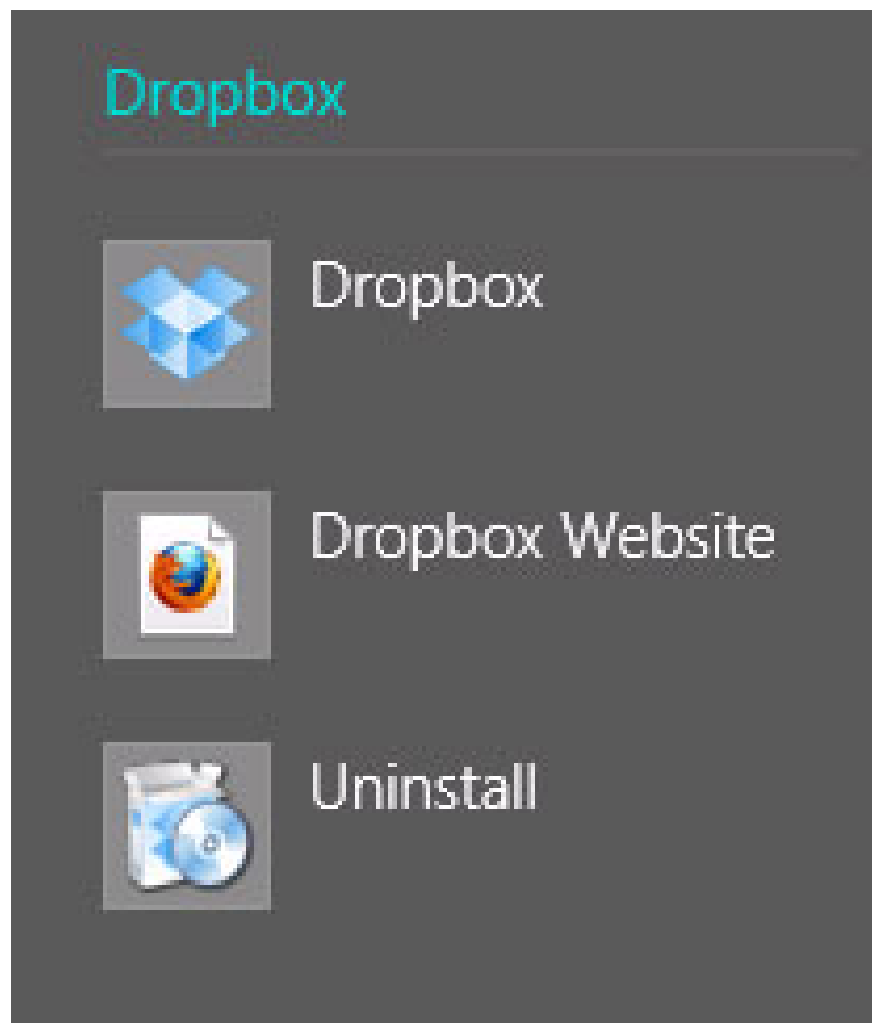
To uninstall a program, select it from the list and then click Uninstall, Cha



Name	Publisher
7-Zip 9.20 (x64 edition)	Igor Pavlov
Adobe AIR	Adobe Systems Incorporated
Adobe Flash Player 14 Plugin	Adobe Systems Incorporated
Adobe Reader XI (11.0.07)	Adobe Systems Incorporated
Adobe Shockwave Player 12.1	Adobe Systems, Inc.

2. Uninstall the program by Uninstall shortcuts

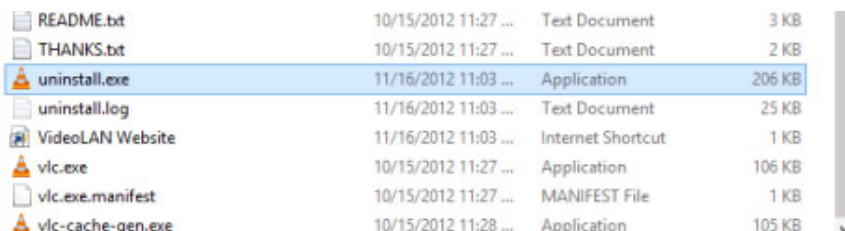
Most desktop programs, after installation, will create a shortcut named *Uninstall* . The name of this Uninstall file will also appear in the program's folder on the Start menu (*in Windows Vista, Windows 7*) or the Start screen (*in Windows 8 / Windows 8.1*).



To uninstall any program, select the correct file named Uninstall of that program to remove the program / utility from the system.

3. Uninstall with the Uninstall.exe file of the program

There are many programs (especially those that create the shortcut Uninstall) that will have an executable file named **uninstall.exe** . This file is always found in the installation directory of the program / utility.

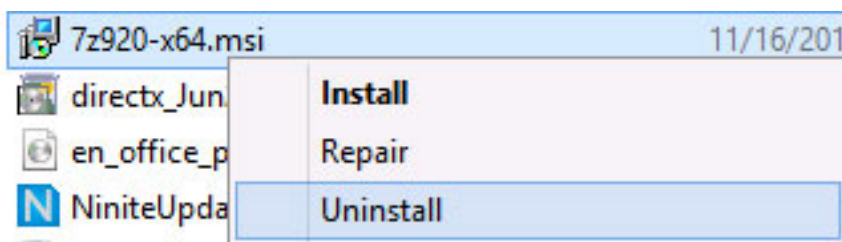


File Name	Date Modified	Type	Size
README.txt	10/15/2012 11:27 ...	Text Document	3 KB
THANKS.txt	10/15/2012 11:27 ...	Text Document	2 KB
uninstall.exe	11/16/2012 11:03 ...	Application	206 KB
uninstall.log	11/16/2012 11:03 ...	Text Document	25 KB
VideoLAN Website	11/16/2012 11:03 ...	Internet Shortcut	1 KB
vlc.exe	10/15/2012 11:27 ...	Application	106 KB
vlc.exe.manifest	10/15/2012 11:27 ...	MANIFEST File	1 KB
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Just double click on the uninstall.exe file in the installation directory of the program and follow the steps needed to uninstall the program from the system.

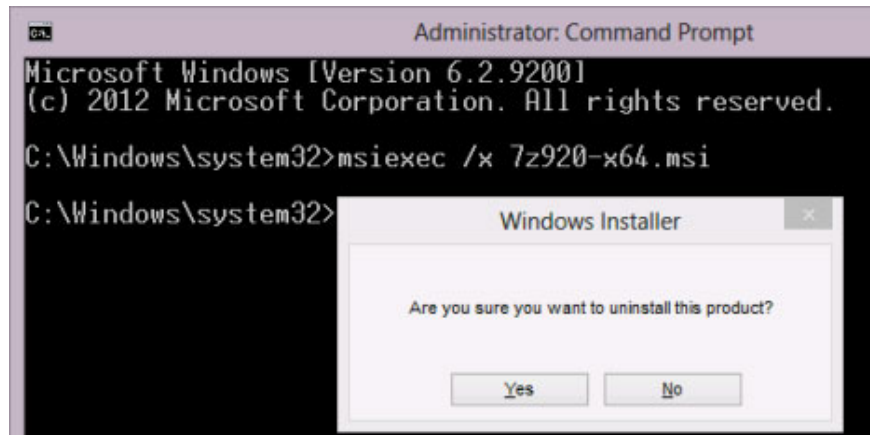
4. Uninstall the program with MSI installation file

Some programs (like the 64 bit version of 7 Zip) will not use the setup.exe file to install. Instead, the installation file will have an extension of '* .msi.' This format is used by **Windows Installer** , a special Microsoft installation format for your Windows operating system.



Therefore, the installation files in the form '* .msi ' will be easy to uninstall by right-clicking on the file and then selecting the **Uninstall** command.

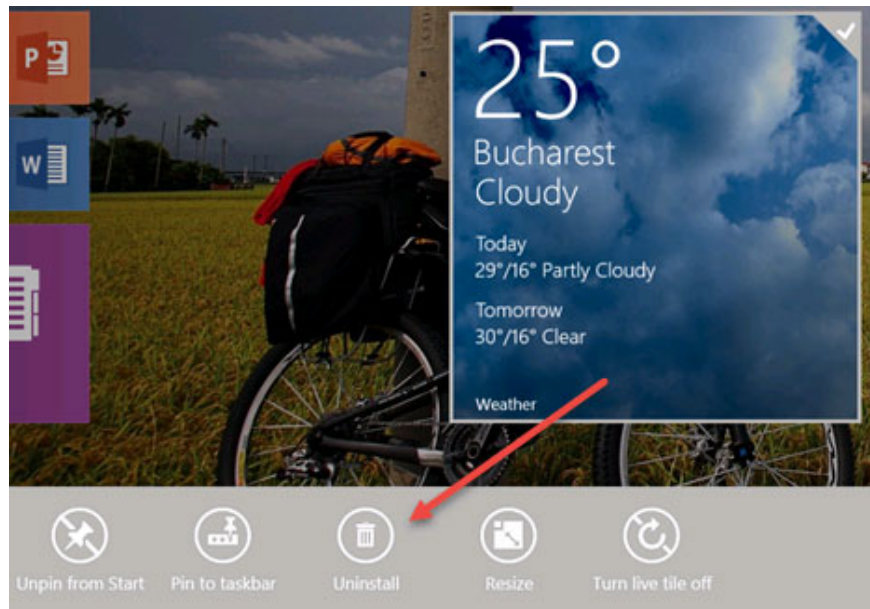
Removing programs from the system from msi files can also be activated from the command line. By activating the Command Prompt with admin rights and then enter the "**msiexec / x** " command followed by the name of the file as shown in the image below.



5. Remove Modern applications and programs from the Start screen

All of the above methods are mostly used only for programs on the desktop environment. If you want to remove applications on the Start screen, you must do the following:

Right-click or click on the application's **tile** on the Start screen to remove, the bottom of the screen will display a menu, just press the Uninstall button. Immediately the application will be removed from the system. If the application wants to remove the tile on the Start screen, simply search for the application name and then **right-click or click and hold on the tile's name** in the search results then click **Uninstall**.



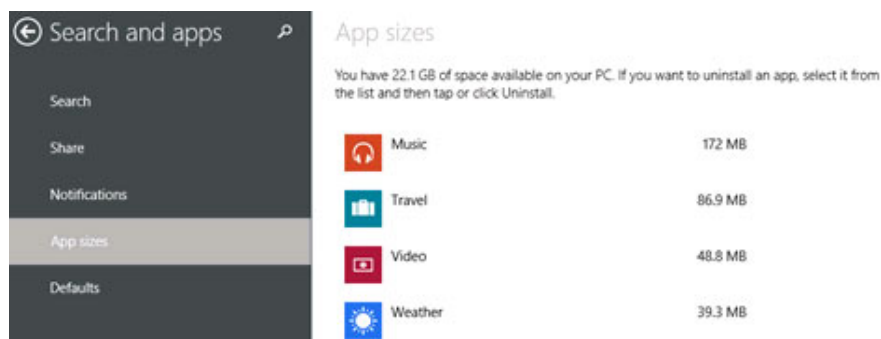
With a computer without a touch screen, Windows 8.1 will display a traditional right-click menu when right-clicking on the Modern app's tile, then selecting the **Uninstall** command to remove the application.



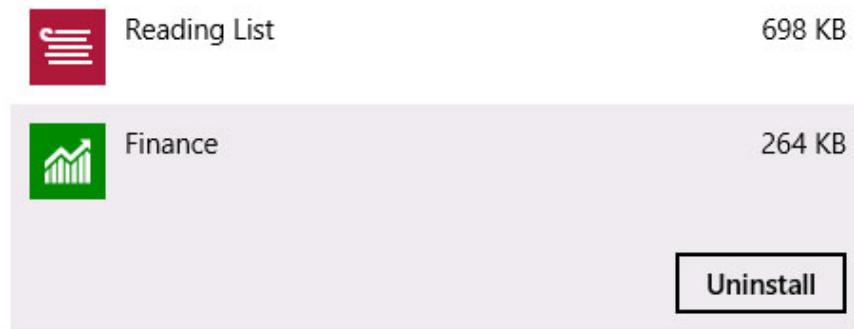
The same steps can be performed with desktop-based software that is displayed in the Start screen. However, when selecting the **Uninstall** command, Windows 8.1 will switch to the *Programs and Features* window in Control Panel, from which the software can be uninstalled.

6. Remove Modern apps from PC Settings

In Windows 8.1, you can also use *PC Settings* to remove Modern apps from Windows Store. By visiting **PC Settings > Search and apps > App sizes** .



The right side will see a list of all applications installed on the computer. Click on the application you want to remove and click the **Uninstall** button.



Then click the **Uninstall** button again to confirm the removal of the application from the system.

7. Using a specialized software

There are quite a lot of software that can be used to remove other programs. Some software even have the ability to delete leftover files from the process of uninstalling Windows software as well as other registry items, including some outstanding software such as *IObit Uninstaller*, *Ashampoo Uninstaller*, *Revo Uninstaller* .

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