

# Remove 'root' programs that haven't been uninstalled completely on Windows 7, XP

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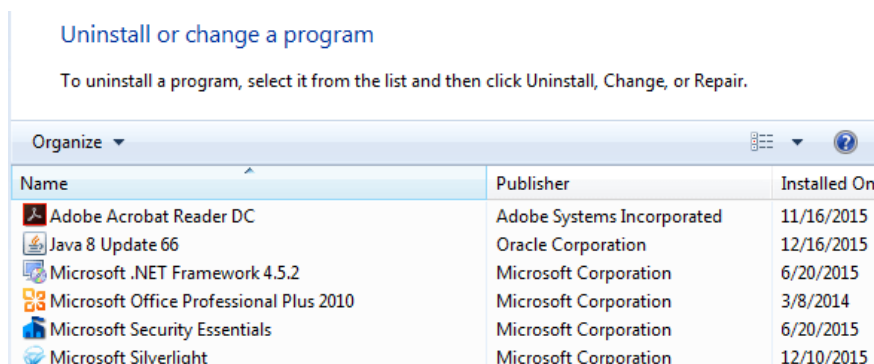
See also: Instructions to remove hidden programs in Windows 7

The cause of this error may be that the program is not removed from the Registry and is still present in the list, . No matter how many times you try to remove these programs, you will only receive An error is reported.

In the article below, Network Administrator will show you how to remove "root" these programs on Windows 7 and Windows XP.

## How to uninstall the application completely on Windows

1. 1. Use the Registry
2. 2. Use Microsoft's Fix it tool
3. 3. "Help" for the help of the 3rd tool



### 1. Use the Registry

Note: Before you start, back up the previous Registry to prevent a bad situation.

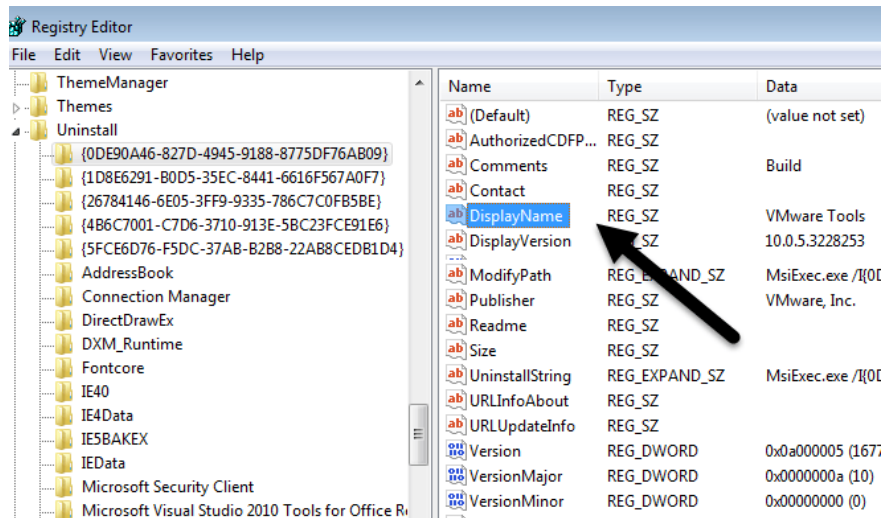
First enter Regedit in the Search box on the Start Menu to open the Registry.

In the Registry Editor window, navigate to the following key:

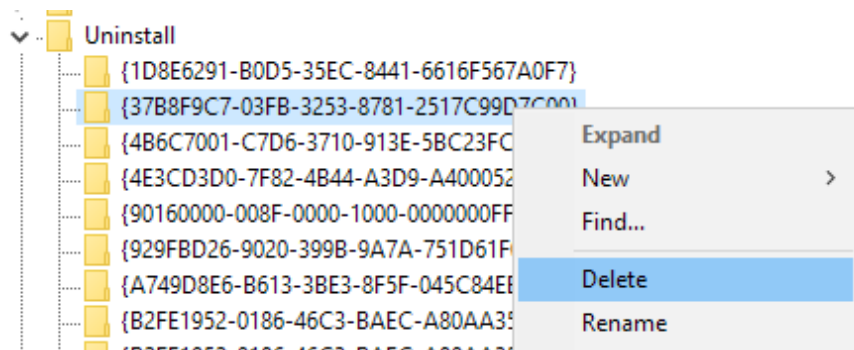
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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall
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Now you will see the list of programs, including strange and long program names.

Click on the program name with that strange and long name, then look to the right pane to find **Display** to see what the program name is.



Find the hidden program in the list of programs, then right-click it and select **Delete**.



You may wonder why all programs listed in Program and Features do not display in the Registry. The reason may be that you installed a 32-bit program on a 64-bit version of Windows.

With these programs you can navigate the following key to find hidden programs and select Delete to remove those programs:

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall
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Finally with the programs installed via the .MSI package, check the Registry key below:

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HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Installer\Products
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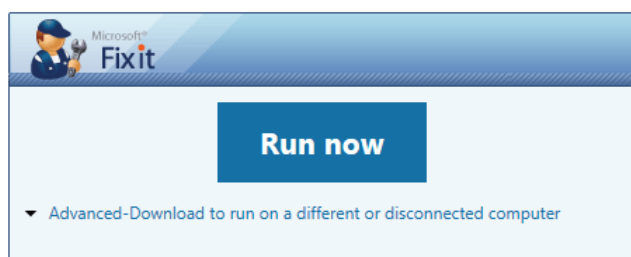
Proceed to restart your computer and open the list of programs on the Control Panel to check.

## 2. Use Microsoft's Fix it tool

Microsoft offers free tools Fix it to help users troubleshoot problems and programs that cannot be completely removed.

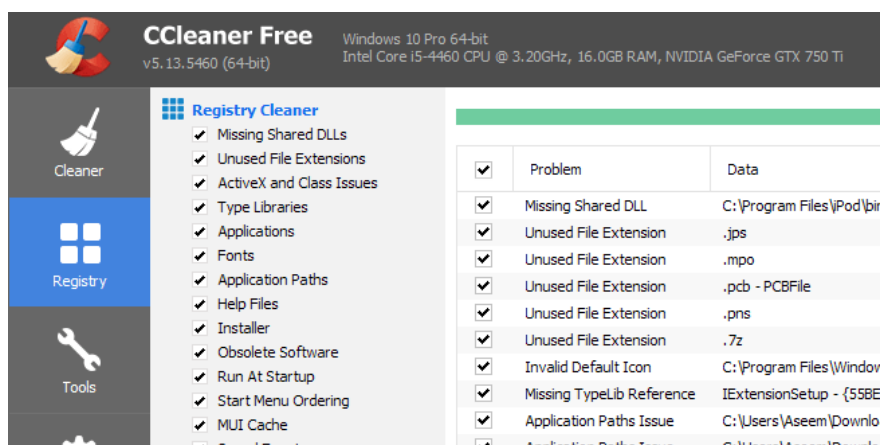
Download Fix it to your device and install it here.

Automatically repair issues that block program installation or removal because of corrupted registry keys.



This tool only works on Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and "No" works on Windows 10.

## 3. "Help" for the help of the 3rd tool



Another solution to remove hidden programs on Windows 7 is thanks to the support of the 3rd tool. One of the tools that the Network Administrator wants to introduce to you is CCleaner. The reason because CCleaner is quite safe and easy to use.

See also: [How to use CCleaner software effectively](#)

In addition, you can use Revo Uninstall to completely uninstall the application on Windows as shown below:  
How to uninstall programs and software using Revo Uninstaller

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. 8 tools to hide programs running on Taskbar or Traybar
2. Create all shortcut programs on Windows 8 Desktop screen
3. How to create a list of installed programs on Windows

Good luck!

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