

Aric's Tech Blog

A blog covering all technical issues I come across in my life. Mostly that's bugs and fixes for Windows or Mac OS X. It also covers software development issues I come across my work as a software consultant. I rarely post a problem without a fix, so the main goal of this blog is really to solve problems, not just list them. If you are looking for support for my application Fetch Art, check out my [Fetch Art specific blog](#).

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Uninstalling Oracle 10g Manually from Windows XP

Oracle's installation utility has a nasty habit of leaving a lot of items behind. I wrote this up to document what I've found you need to do to uninstall Oracle 10g manually. This is specific to 10g and Windows XP. Removing 9i is very similar if I remember right, but who's using 9i anymore? ;-)

The first thing you should do, is go ahead and run the installation tool to do an uninstall. It probably will leave some things behind, but it's worth running. Then go through this list and remove anything it missed. This list is detailed enough though, that I believe even if you did not run the uninstallation tool, this would fully uninstall Oracle.

The most commonly missed item is to make sure you remove everything from the GAC because the uninstaller doesn't appear to. I get to that later, but if you wanted to know the largest source of uninstallation problems, it's libraries remaining in the GAC.

After running the supplied Oracle uninstallation utility (which may or may not do some or all of the following):

Stop any Oracle services that have been left running.

Start->Settings->Control Panel->Services

Look for any services with names starting with 'Oracle' and stop them.

Run regedit and delete the following keys (some may have slightly different names in your registry):

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

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