

python setup.py uninstall

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Python's *distutils* mechanism makes distributing and *installing* modules *simple*.

In most cases, either

```
python setup.py build
python setup.py install
```

or just

```
python setup.py install
```

is all that's necessary.

Unfortunately (and somewhat surprisingly), there's no *uninstall* option specified.

Manually deleting the *.egg-info* file and corresponding folder from the *python site-packages* folder is one way, but if the installer used an alternative or custom *setup*, then there is no way to be sure all the associated files and dependencies are gone.

The way around this is to use the `--record` switch with *setup.py* at install, which will log all the files corresponding to the module:

```
python setup.py install --record files.txt
```

Then, to *uninstall* (either ahead of a version upgrade or outright deletion), just use the contents of *files.txt* to guide the removal:

```
cat files.txt | xargs rm -rf
```

Hat tip to [Michal Čihař](#), via [StackOverflow](#).

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