

BC Uninstaller

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Having trouble with other uninstallers like REVO not showing some programs you know are installed on your PC? Try this advanced uninstaller:

What to uninstall a bunch of apps at once or just uninstall one?

Uninstalling apps on Windows can be a mess. And it boils down to a single reason: Windows doesn't uninstall your apps. Your apps uninstall themselves.

Windows makes the app developers responsible for creating uninstallers for their apps. That's why there's no universal way to delete apps on Windows. App developers often create uninstallers that leave traces and files behind on your machine. Sometimes, these uninstallers leave user data and preferences behind, so they can be restored if you ever reinstall the app. Other times, they leave files because the developers didn't bother declaring the leftovers and Windows didn't keep track of them. Windows doesn't "sandbox" apps, so sometimes files are left behind because they were shared with another app.

Even if an uninstaller works, it's not foolproof. Uninstallers can go missing, throw system errors, or become corrupted. And apps can stick around on your drive and in the Windows Registry without showing up on the programs list. Windows has no way to "force uninstall" an app. That's why "ghost" apps often show up with leftover files when you search for their name.

For that exact reason, the built-in uninstall manager on Windows can't remove apps in bulk. First, it tries to detect the uninstaller for every app on every disk. And then it only runs one at a time to

prevent collisions (remember Windows doesn't sandbox apps and multiple uninstallers might try to remove the same files).

The default detection system is also pretty limited. The default uninstall manager only detected 81 uninstallers on my PC, but a third-party app found 163. That third-party app is Bulk Crap Uninstaller (BCU). It does what the Windows uninstall manager can't—which is quietly uninstalling multiple apps and cleaning up the leftovers.

INSTALLATION

BC Uninstaller is an open-source app, free for commercial and personal use. This link will take you to their web page. Read the information on the web page for a more detailed explanation of the uninstaller.

There are two download links: FossHub & SourceForge. Either one is OK. Their web page also contains a link to a user manual.

[BC Uninstaller Link](#)

The file your going to download will be similar to this:

BCUninstaller_5.8_setup.exe

Once you have downloaded this file go to your downloads folder and double click on it to begin he installation process.

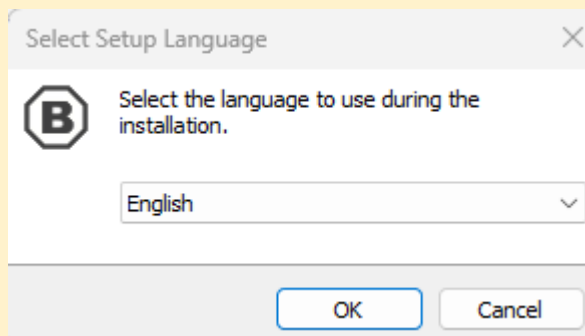
The following slides show the installation process on Windows 11:

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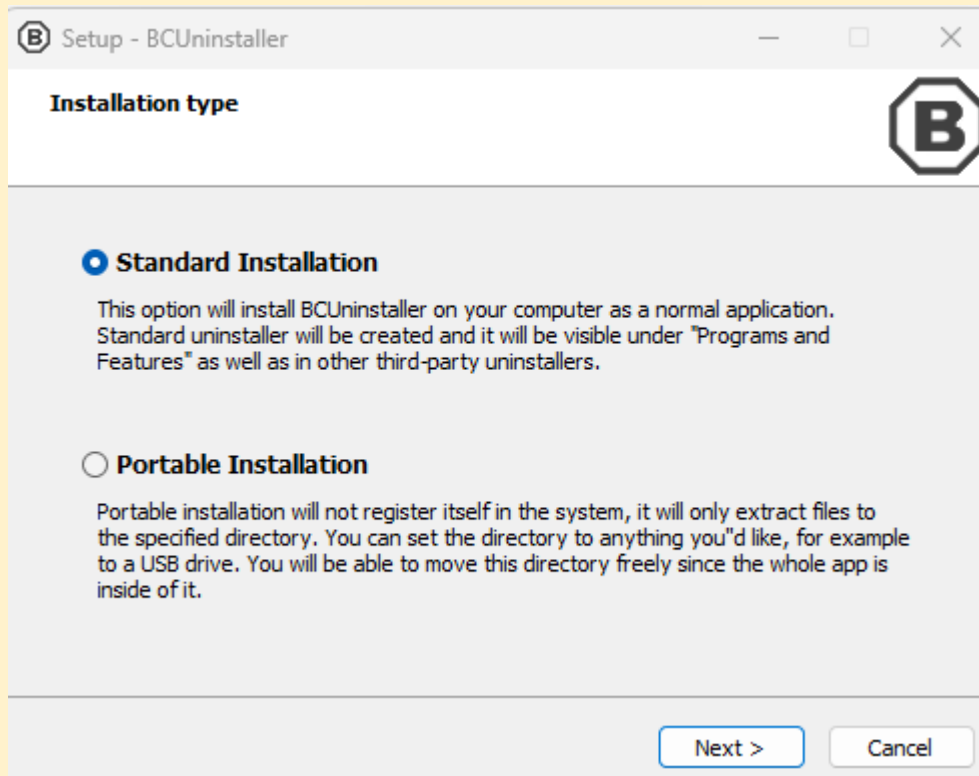
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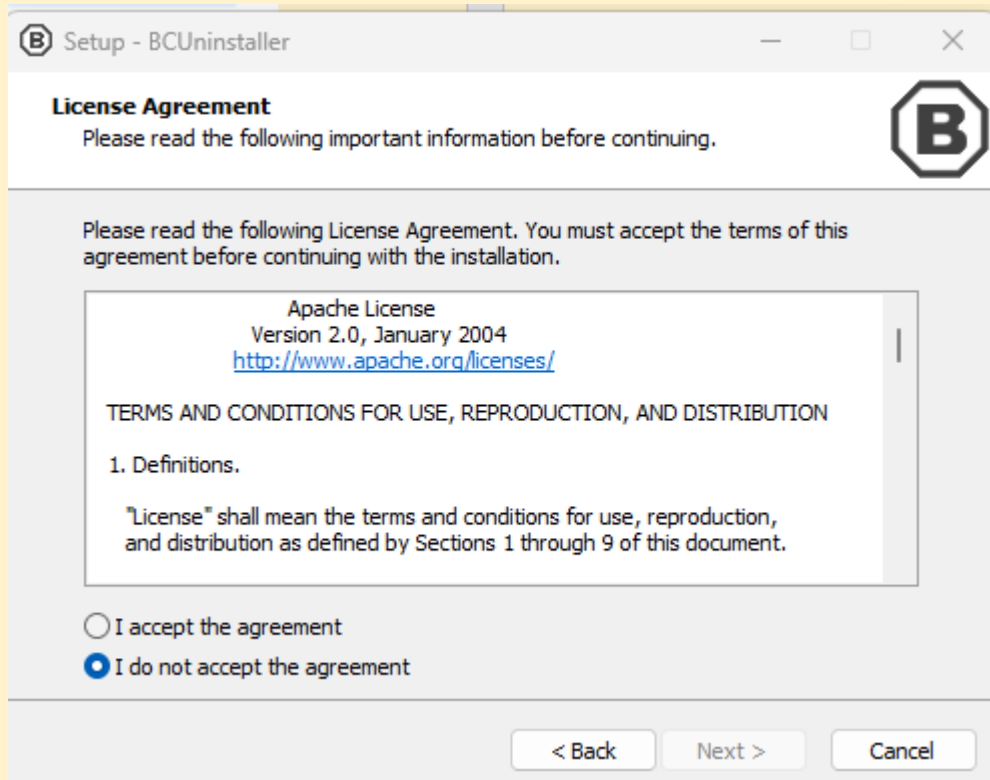
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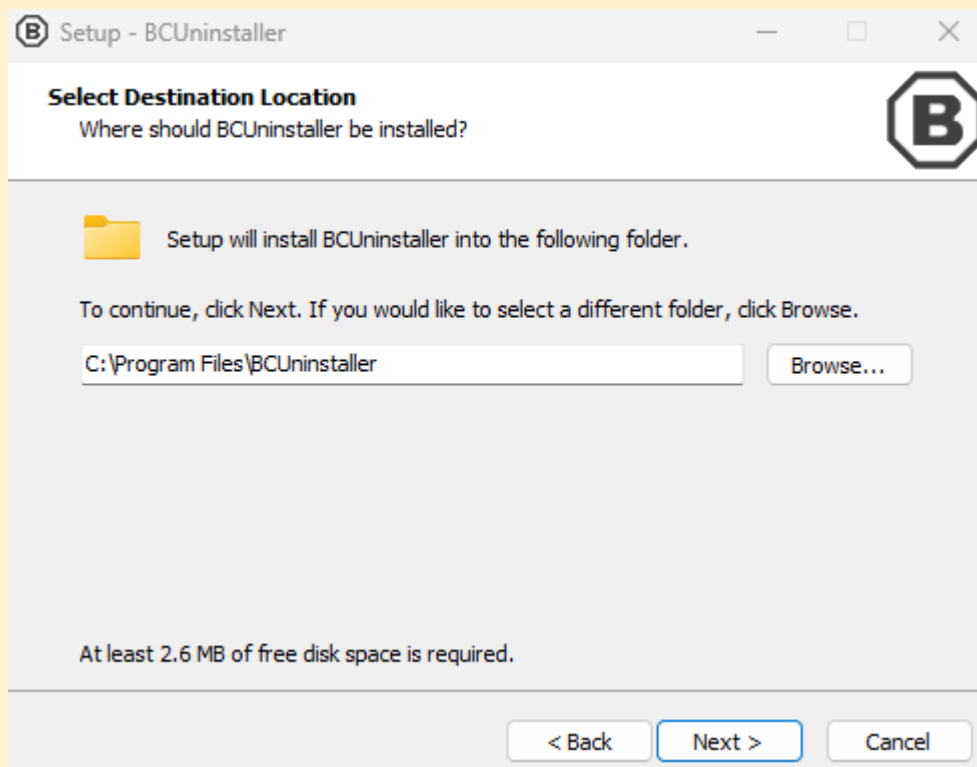
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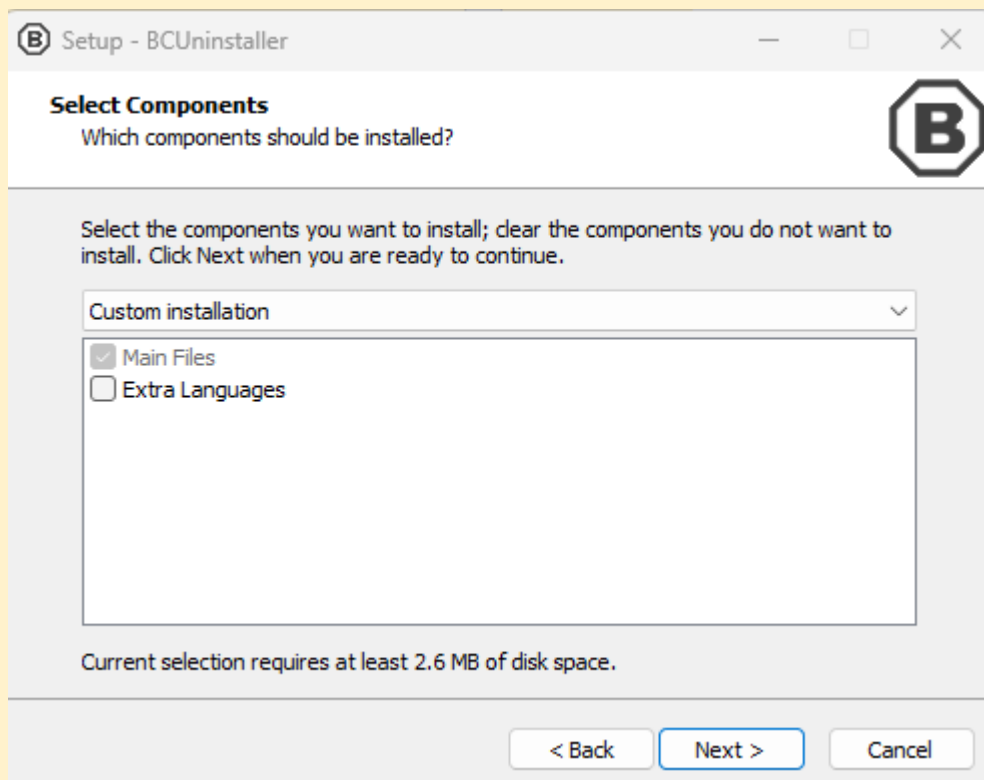
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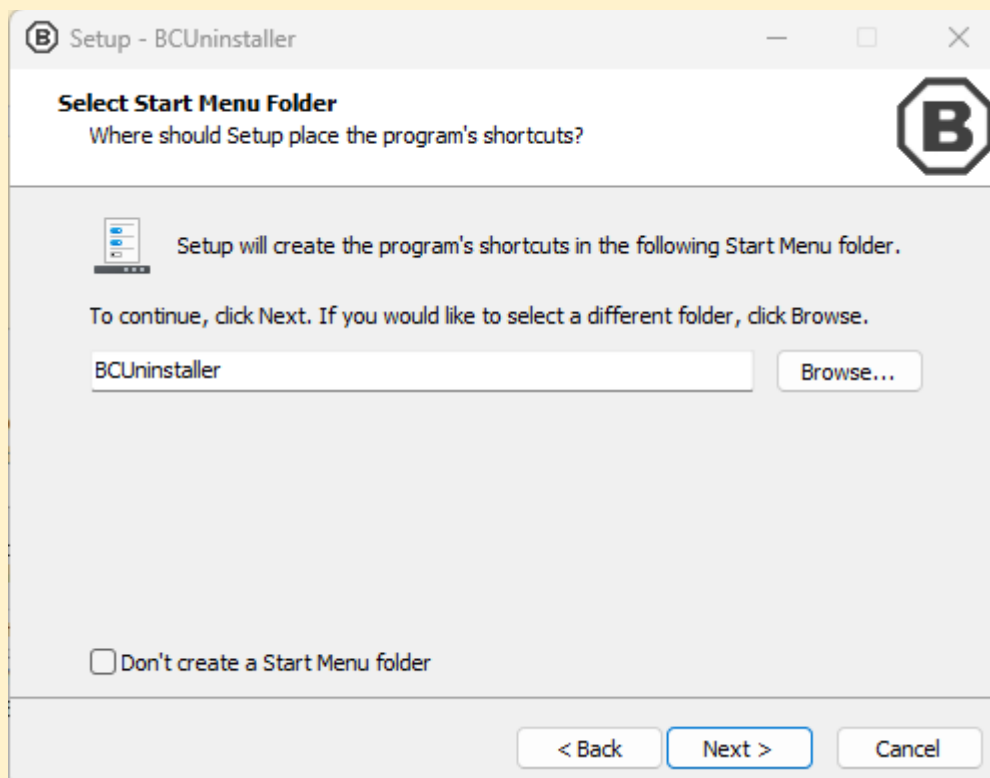
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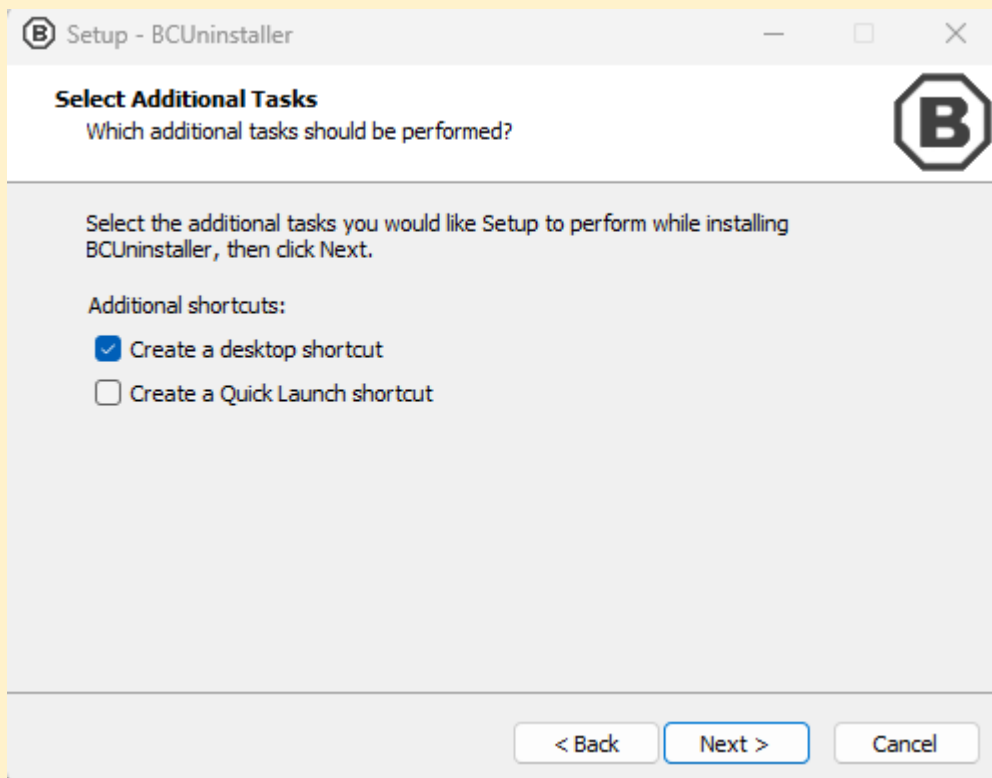
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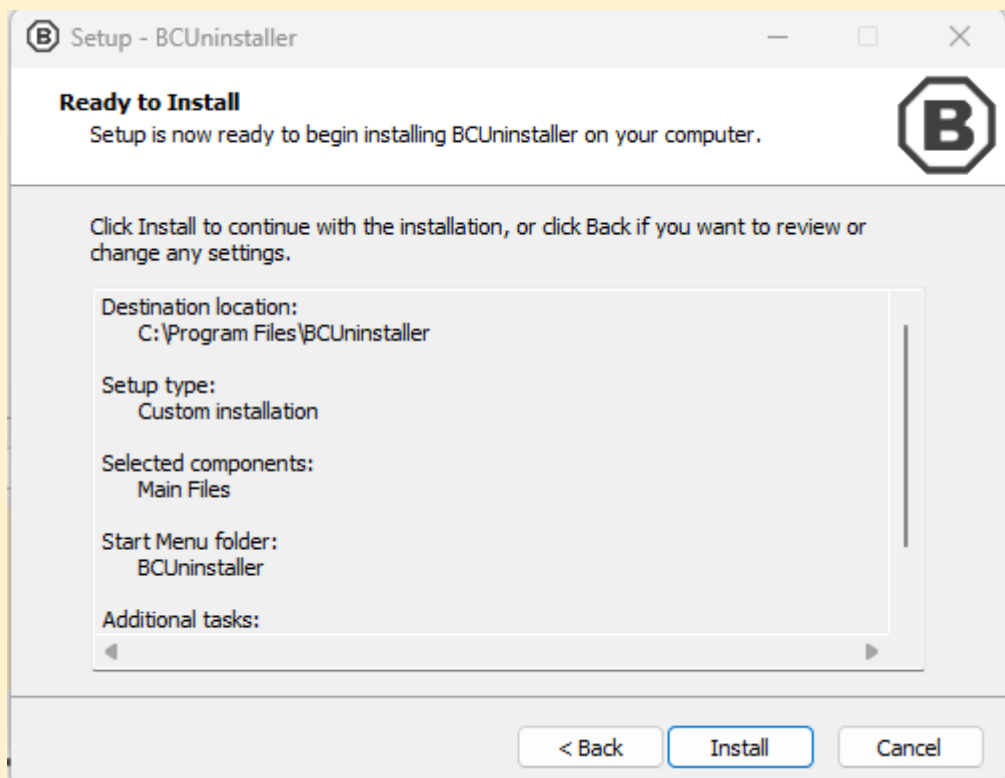
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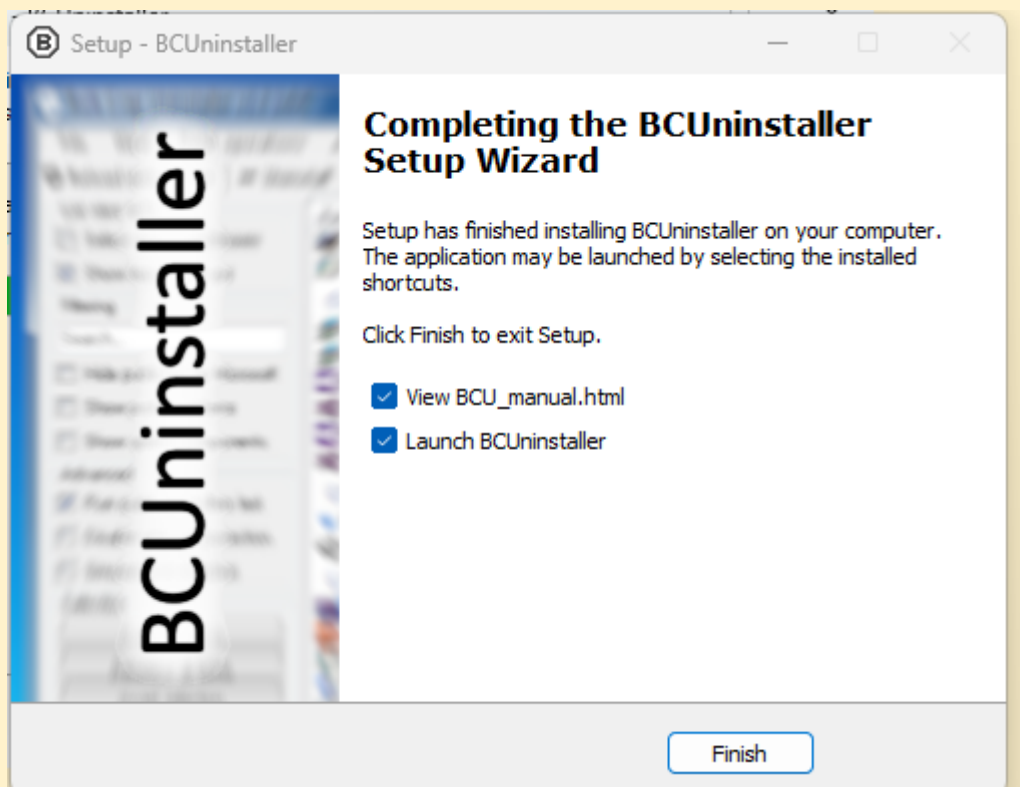
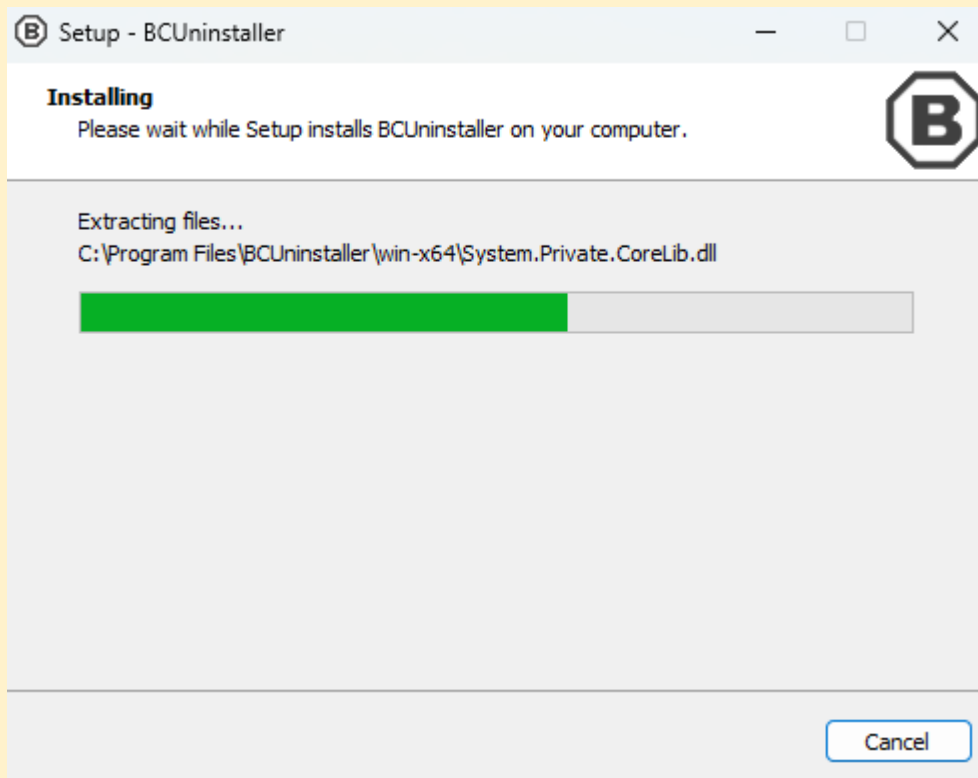
Click Next



Click Next



Click Install



Two tic boxes - Your decision. Click Finish.

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Welcome to BCUninstaller!

This wizard will give you a quick tour and help configure the application.

Selected language

You can force BCUninstaller to use a specific localization if the default language is incorrect. A restart will be performed to apply the new language.

English (Australia) ▾

Apply

If you are willing to help translate BCUninstaller to your language, click on the link below to contact me. All help is greatly appreciated!

[Open the contact form](#)

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Select your Language and click Apply. BCU will do a scan and return to this page. Click Continue after the scan.

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Uninstaller list view

All of the uninstallers found in your system are in the main list view. Here are some ways to browse this data:

- Use filters and search for keywords (in all columns)
- Sort uninstallers by any column. Freely rearrange columns.
- Group similar uninstallers

☒ Show uninstallers in groups

☐ Select using checkboxes

Certified uninstallers

Uninstallers can be signed with certificates issued by relevant authorities. If the certificate passes validation the software package has not been altered and is reputable.

☒ Highlight certified uninstallers

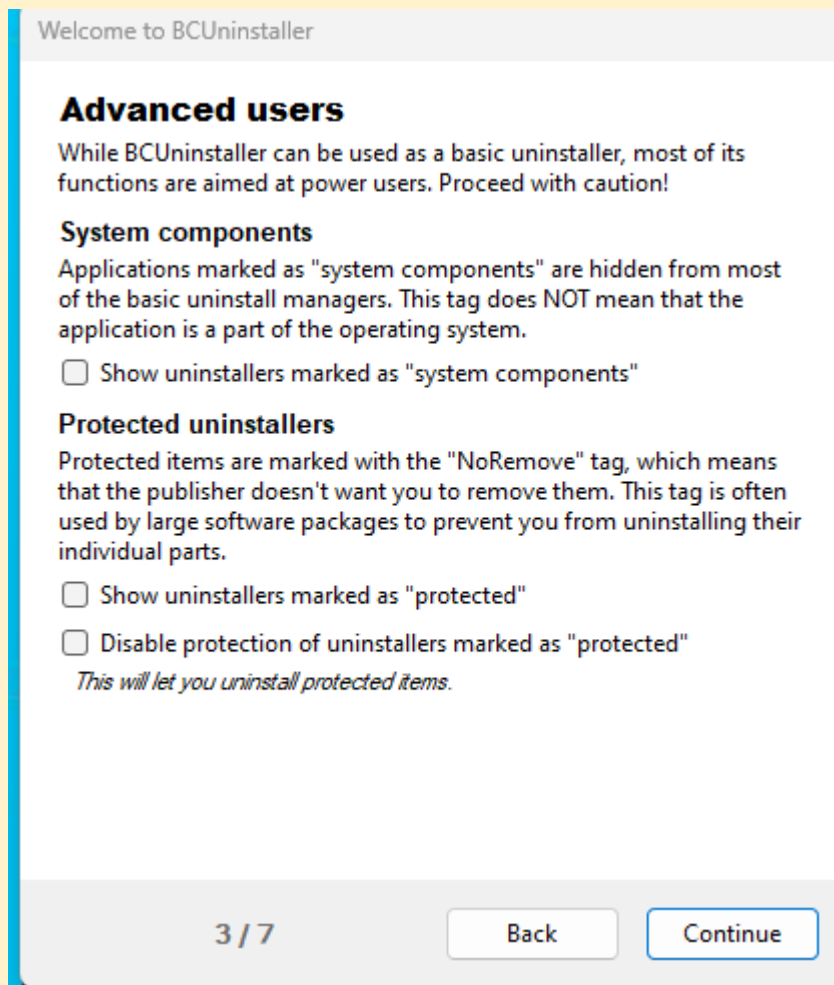
*Verified uninstallers are marked in green, unverified are in blue.
Warning: Verification can take a long time.*

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Click continue with these default settings.



Until you have a better understanding of BCU, leave these boxes unticked and just click continue

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Corrupted uninstallers

Over time you may find that some applications will refuse to uninstall, or will just disappear from most of the uninstall managers.

Corrupted or missing uninstallers

In some cases uninstallers can get corrupted, making them impossible to uninstall. BCUninstaller can remove these entries easily using the "Uninstall manually" option.

☒ Highlight invalid uninstallers

Invalid uninstallers are marked in grey.

Unregistered applications

Sometimes whole applications can be left on your drive even after being uninstalled. This can also happen if only the uninstaller is removed.

☒ Show unregistered applications in the list

*Unregistered applications are marked in red.
If the original uninstaller isn't found you will have to use the "Uninstall manually" option to remove them.*

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Click continue with these default settings.

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Network access

BCUninstaller can attempt to connect to the internet for the following reasons:

- To search for program updates.
- To upload error reports.
- To send anonymous usage statistics.
- To fetch and upload application ratings

Every time an error occurs you will be asked if you want to send it. You can check what data is being sent in error and usage reports by inspecting their respective XML files in BCUninstaller's directory. The sent data is not shared with any third parties.

☐ Automatically look for updates on application start
You can search for updates manually from the menu bar.

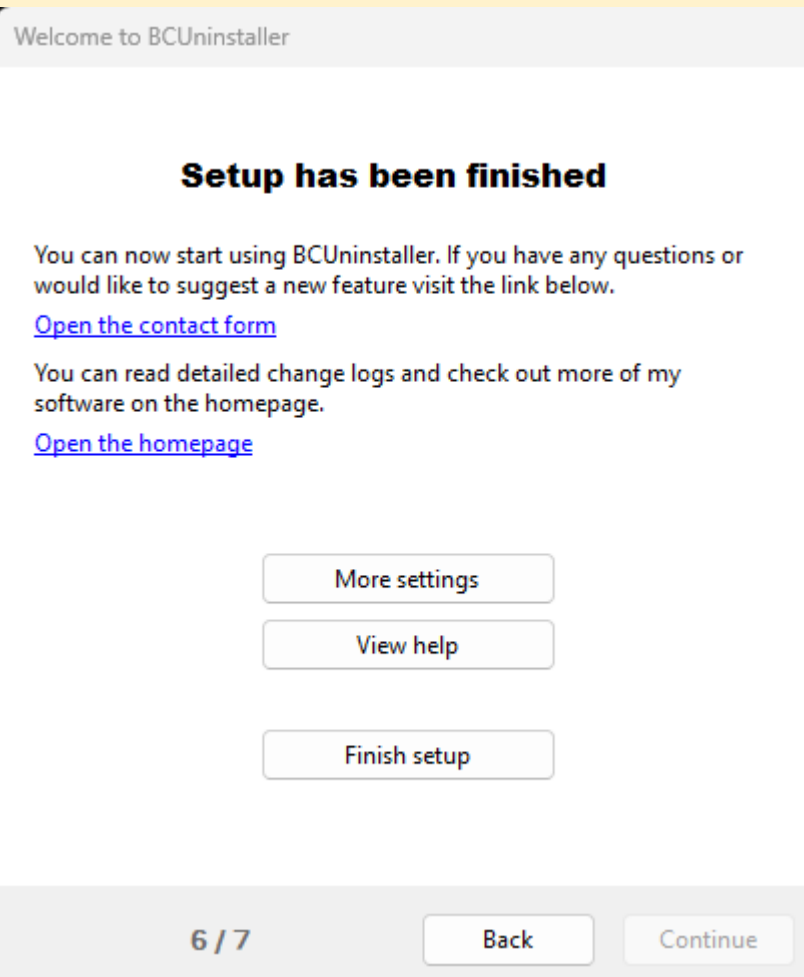
☐ Automatically send anonymous usage statistics
Sending these statistics will help improve BCUninstaller.

☐ Enable user ratings of applications

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Click continue with these default settings.



Click Finish Setup.

Welcome to BCU version 5.8!

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(Click anywhere to close this dialog)

☒ Never show this window again

Tic “Never show this windows again” Unless you want it.

Welcome to BCU:

BCUUninstaller

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2019 - en-us 3.15 GB 107 uninstallers in total, 11.49 GB

Here I have selected two apps to uninstall:

Confirm that everything below is safe to uninstall

 This is a list of applications that will be uninstalled, in order from top to bottom. If you deselect the "Uninstall" field, the application will not be uninstalled. If quiet uninstallation is not available for an item, it can't be checked on

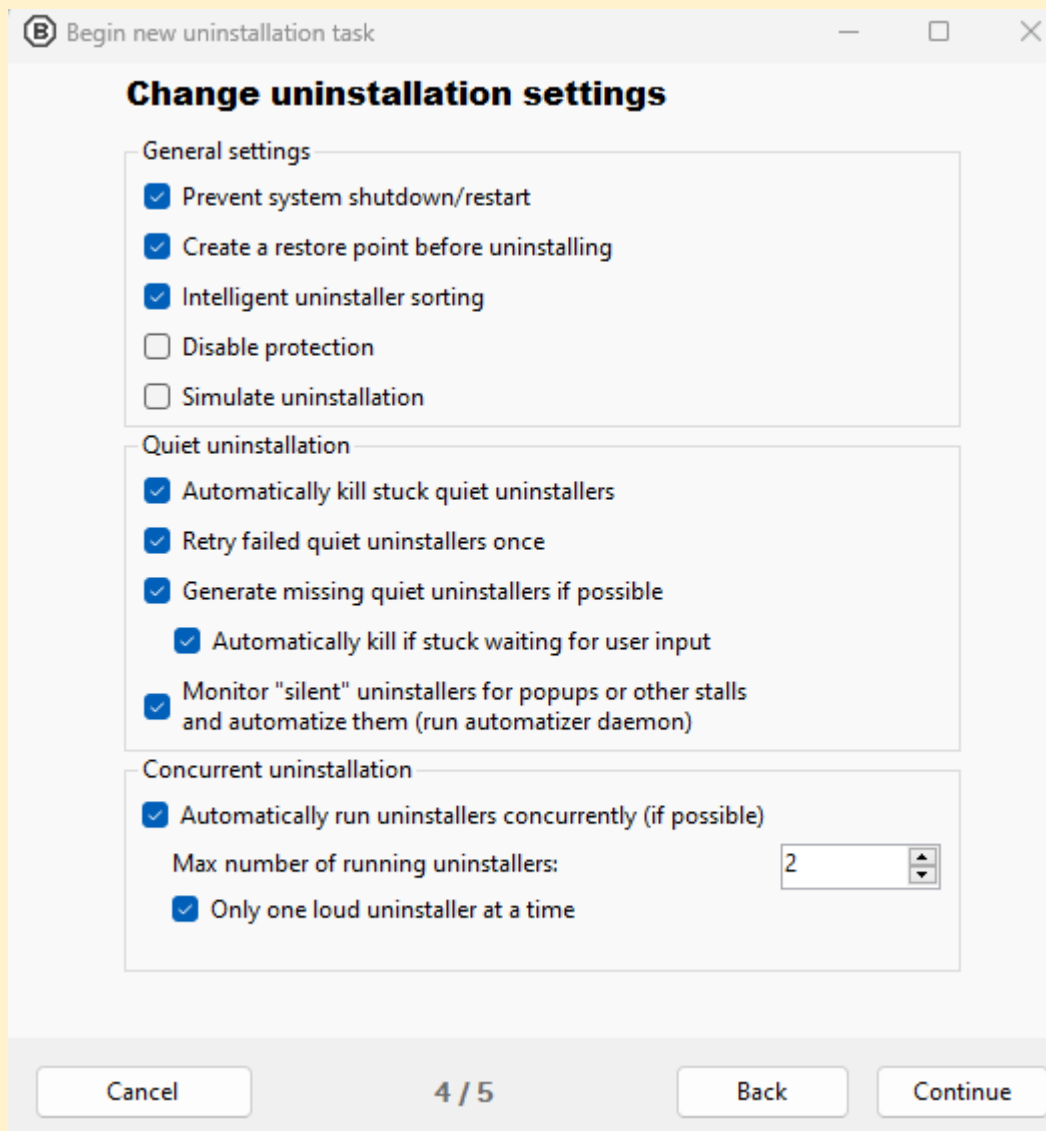
The initial order depends on your uninstall settings, but it can be changed by dragging the items. Note: BCU can change the order if concurrent uninstallation is enabled.

Uninstaller name	Uninstall	Quiet	Install location
EaseUS Partition Master_is1	☒	☐	C:\Program Files\Ease...
EaseUS Partition Master_is1	☒	☐	C:\Program Files\Ease...

Intelligent sort

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Click Continue



Click Continue with these default settings.

Notice a Restore Point will be created.

Begin new uninstallation task

Please make sure the following information is correct before starting the uninstallation. This is the last chance!

Applications to uninstall	EaseUS Partition Master_is1, EaseUS Partition Master_is1
Total estimated size	1006.61 MB
Files are still used by running	No
Create a new restore point	Yes
Uninstallation will be silent	No
Concurrent uninstallation is enabled	Yes
Other / Misc	-

BEGIN UNINSTALLATION

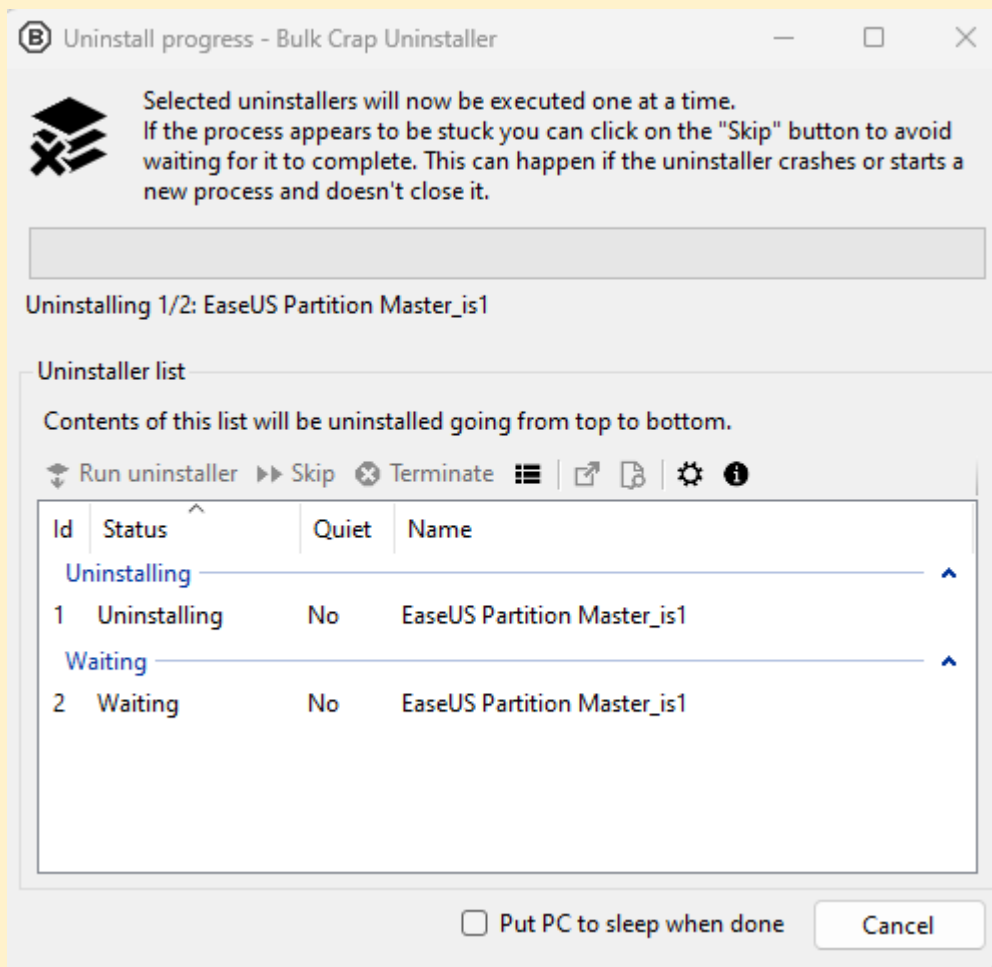
Cancel

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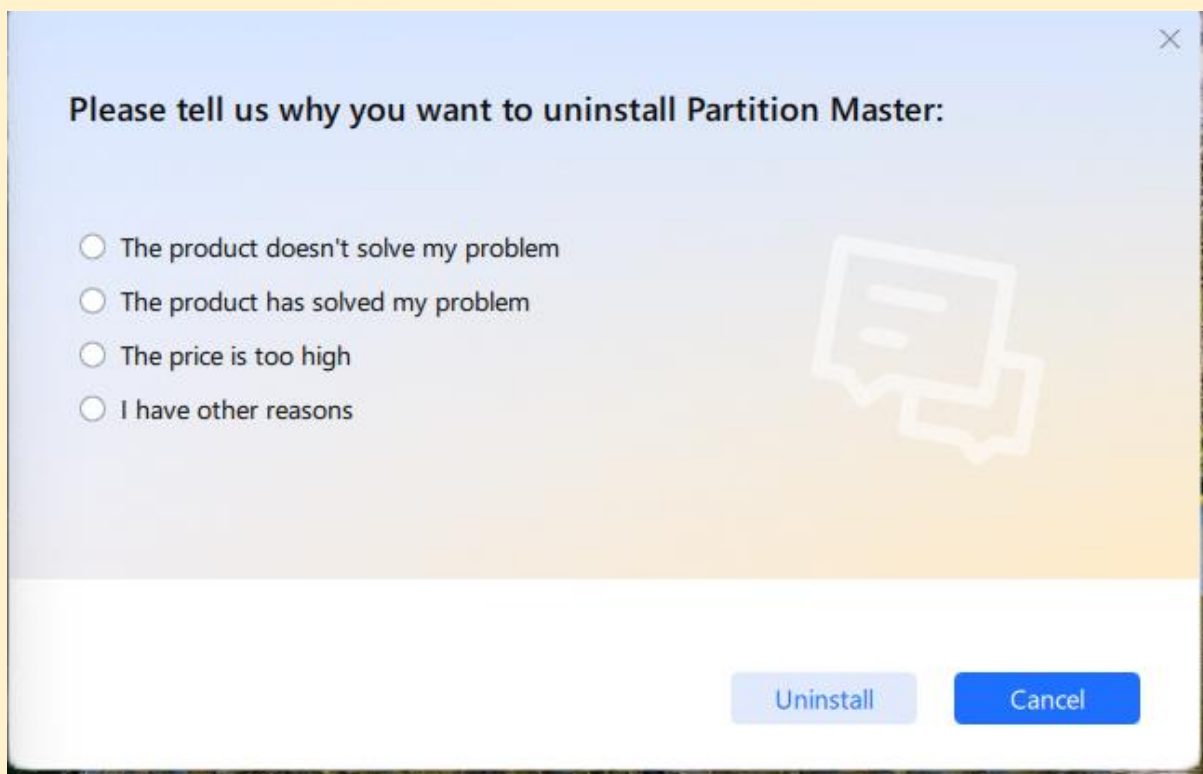
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Click BEGIN UNINSTALLATION



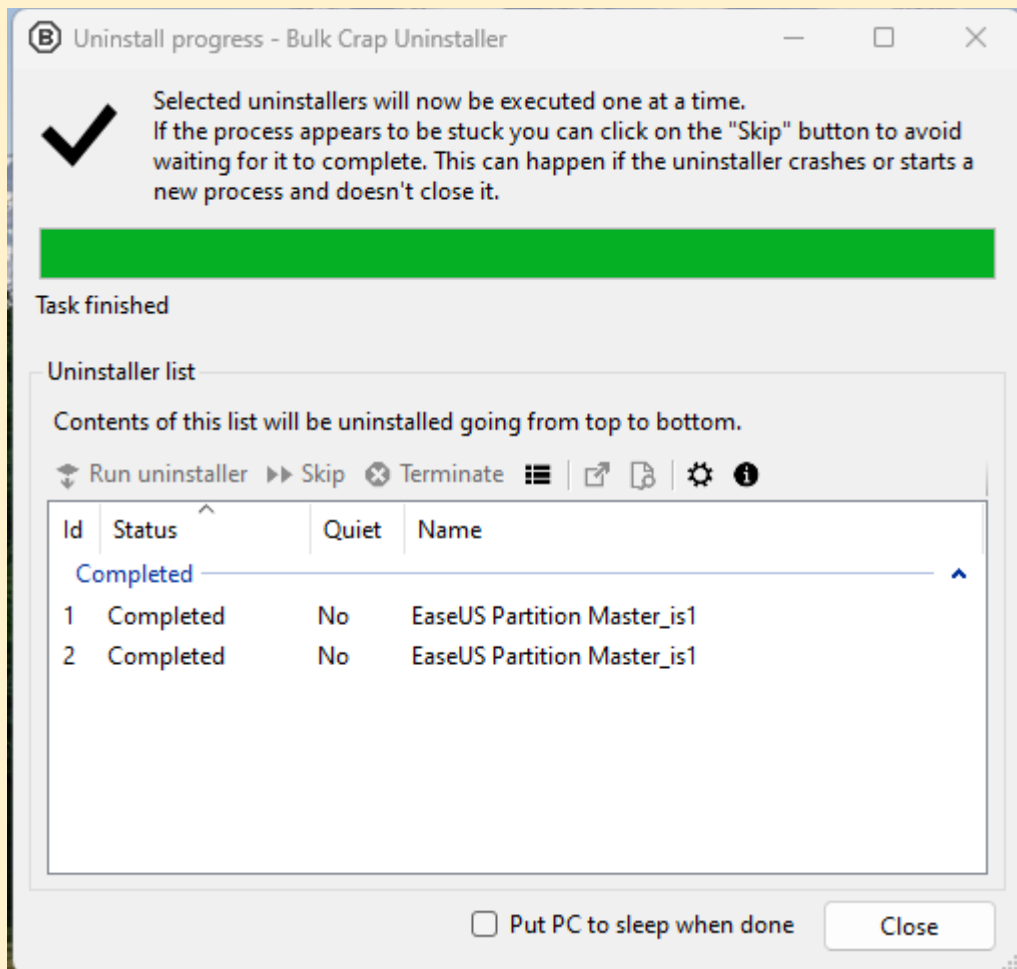
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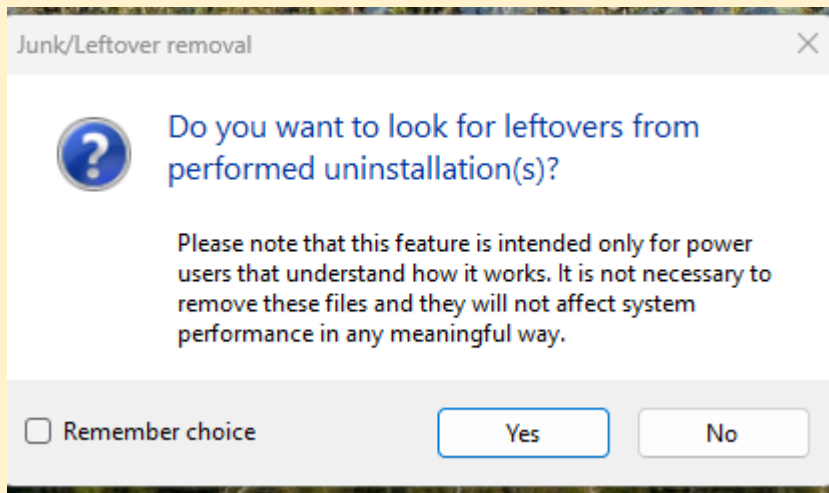
Some programs may ask you a question.

Tic one and then Uninstall

TASK COMPLETED:

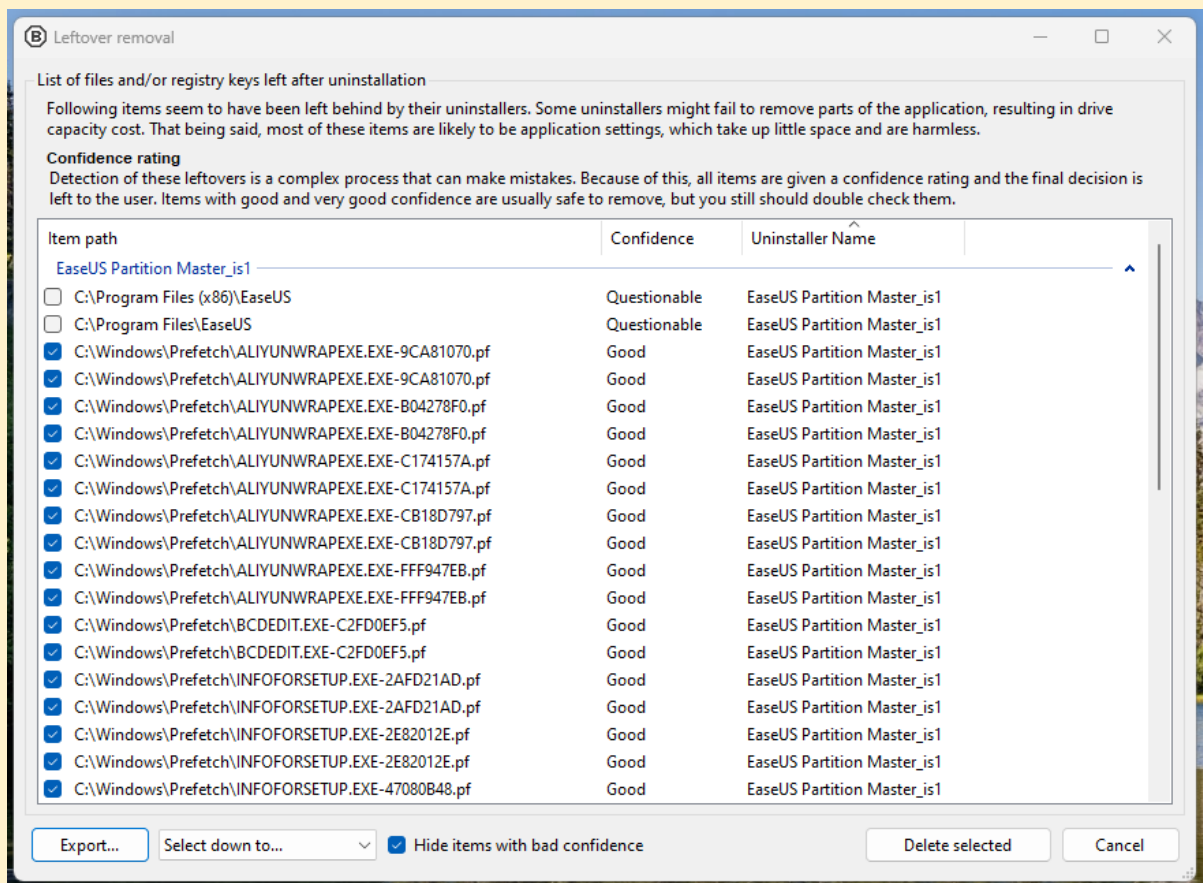


CLICK CLOSE

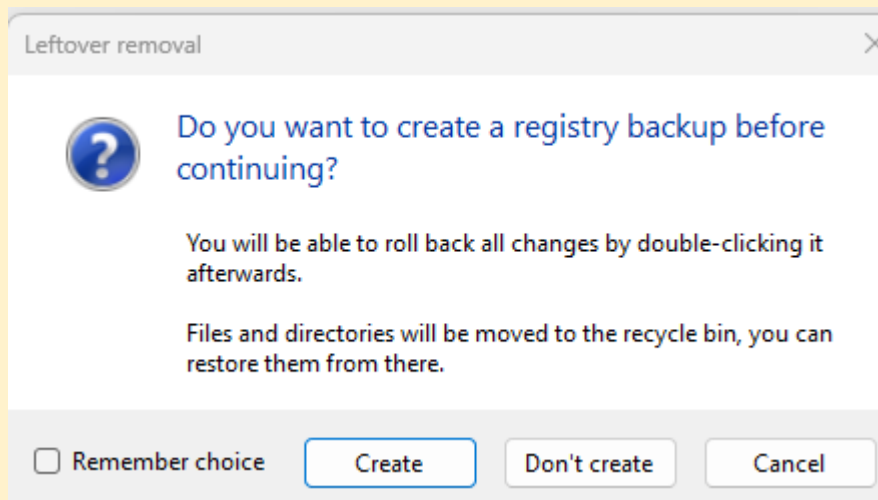


CLICK YES

LEFTOVERS FOUND:



DELETE SELECTED



For this job, I selected Don't Create.