

Uninstalling

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What survives uninstall

Uninstalling the application removes the service registration and the application binaries only. Your data — `entities/`, `logs/`, `loggers/` and the instance's licence state — is left in place on disk by design, so that a mistaken uninstall (or a planned reinstall) doesn't destroy configuration or history.

Per-platform removal

- **Windows:** use *Add or Remove Programs*, or run the MSI again and choose *Uninstall*. This stops and unregisters the `DataOrchester` service.
- **macOS:** quit the app, remove the `launchd` agent (the installer places an uninstall helper alongside the application bundle), then move the app to the Trash.
- **Debian/Ubuntu:** `sudo apt remove data-orchester` (add `--purge` only if you also want the package's own configuration stubs removed — this does not touch `orchester.root`).
- **RHEL/Fedora/Rocky/AlmaLinux:** `sudo rpm -e data-orchester`.
- **Docker:** `docker compose down` (or `docker rm`) removes the container; your named volumes are untouched unless you explicitly pass `-v` or `--volumes`.

Fully purging an install

If you actually want to remove all data, not just the application:

1. Confirm you have a backup if there's any chance you'll want this data later — this step is irreversible.
2. Uninstall the application as above.
3. Manually delete `orchester.root` (or the mounted volumes, for a Docker install).

This second step is deliberately manual and separate from the normal uninstall — removing a customer's licensed configuration should never be a side effect of a routine package removal.