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Although removing an app from your Mac is simple, it can become quite frustrating when the app doesn't delete from Launchpad or Finder. In this article, I've covered the simplest methods to fix the problem of deleted apps still showing up on Mac. So, let's get started!



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1. Clear Mac cache

Your Mac uses a temporary storage location to hold frequently accessed data to speed up its performance. Nevertheless, if you have <u>uninstalled an application on your Mac</u> but the app icon is stuck in Launchpad, it could be due to cached data linked to that app.

- 1. Launch Finder.
- 2. Select **Go** from the menu bar \rightarrow Head to **Go to Folder**.

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3. Type ~/Library/Caches and press Return.

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You will be directed to the cache folder. Here you must drag the file or folder containing the deleted **application name** to the **trash icon** in the Dock menu.

2. Remove app data with Spotlight Search

Some third-party software has scripts, support files, self-design drivers, standalone helpers, and app extensions dispersed around your Mac. So, moving the application to Trash leaves its associated files and data on your Mac. You must delete those remaining data to erase all traces of the app.

- 1. Open **Spotlight Search** by pressing **Command (%) + Space Bar**.
- 2. Type the **app name**.
- 3. Press and hold the **Command key** to get the exact location of the app.



4. Head to that **location** \rightarrow Right-click on the **app file** \rightarrow Select **Move to Bin**.

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3. Uninstall Mac programs from Launchpad

- 1. Go to **Launchpad** \rightarrow Find the **app** you want to delete.
- 2. Click and hold the **app** until it jiggles. Alternatively, hold down the **option key** (**\`**) on your keyboard until the app jiggles.



3. Click the **X** icon \rightarrow Select **Delete**.



4. Right-click on **Bin** on Dock \rightarrow Select **Empty Bin**.

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5. Confirm by selecting **Empty Bin**.

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Note: This method only allows you to remove programs downloaded from the App Store.

4. Uninstall app using Finder

Finder lets you uninstall your third-party apps. So if you can't delete apps from Launchpad, give it a shot!

1. Open **Finder** \rightarrow Select **Applications** on the left pane.

- 2. Find the **app** you wish to delete.
- 3. Right-click the **app** \rightarrow Select **Move to Bin**.

5. Permanently delete an app from Terminal

If the app you want to remove is freezing up or stuck while uninstalling, it's best to delete it permanently from the Mac Terminal. It will remove all the app files and related data from the root directory.

- 1. Open Spotlight search (Command (#) + Space Bar).
- 2. Search and launch **Terminal**.
- 3. Type cd /Applications/ → Press Return.
- 4. Type **sudo rm** -rf \rightarrow Enter a **space** \rightarrow Drag the **app** from Finder's Application section \rightarrow Press **Return**.
- 5. Enter your **Mac's password** \rightarrow Hit **Return**.

6. Force Restart Launchpad using Terminal

The Terminal enables you to perform tasks that may not be achievable normally on macOS. You can force restart Launchpad on your Mac via the Terminal to remove the stuck apps.

1. Launch Terminal.

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2. Write killall Dock \rightarrow Hit return.



It will restart the Dock and Launchpad, and the app icon will no longer be visible on the Launchpad.

7. Reset Launchpad to delete an already uninstalled app

Resetting the Launchpad is a quick and easy way to solve the deleted apps still showing up on your Mac issue. It removes any invalid entries and clears the cache of the Launchpad.

1. Navigate to **Finder** \rightarrow Choose **Go** from the top \rightarrow Click **Go to Folder**.

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2. Search for \sim /Library \rightarrow Hit return.

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3. Open the **Application Support** folder.

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4. Head to the **Dock** folder.



5. Locate files ending with ".db" \rightarrow Right-click and select Move to Bin.

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8. Boot Mac into Safe Mode

Booting your Mac into Safe Mode lets you eliminate any lingering files or settings related to the deleted app. Read our article to find out <u>how to access Safe Mode on your Mac</u>.

9. Use third-party app cleaner apps

You can <u>use a third-party cleaner app</u> to deal with the time-consuming process of manually removing all app data and files.

I highly recommend CleanMyMac X as a reliable choice. To learn more about the software and its features, take a look at our article <u>CleanMyMac X: All-In-One Software to Clean</u>, <u>Protect, & Speed up your Mac</u>.

10. Other basic fixes

In case you've attempted the above troubleshooting steps to remove the deleted app icon but have not succeeded, you could try these simple yet effective solutions.

Restart Mac: Although restarting your Mac may seem like a basic fix, it can be a powerful solution to eliminate any glitches. To restart your Mac, click the Apple logo (□) → Select Shut Down.

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- **Reset Mac:** <u>Resetting your Mac</u> can fix the deleted app still showing up in your Applications folder or Dock. It eliminates any temporary files or caches that might keep track of the deleted app.
- **Contact Apple Support:** A deleted app from your Mac may still be showing up for a number of reasons, including a bug in the operating system or a problem with the app itself. You can get professional advice and easily fix the aggravating problem by <u>contacting Apple Support</u>.

Get rid of your deleted app icon!

From manually removing leftover files to using third-party apps, there are several ways I've covered to resolve your issue. So, try the method that works best for your specific situation and ensure your system is running smoothly. For more such information and recommendations, be sure to check out the read more section below.

FAQs

Why are deleted apps still showing up on Mac?

The persistent leftover app files or an incomplete app uninstallation are two possible reasons why deleted apps continue to appear on Mac.

What if I can't find any leftover files on Mac?

If you can't find any of the leftover files, then I believe there are none. In that case, I advise you to restart your Mac because it might just be a minor system glitch.

Will deleting an app on Mac remove any data associated with it?

Normally, the uninstallation process involves erasing all associated files from the device. But on rare occasions, a few related files might hang around even after the app has been deleted.

Read more:

- How to get back apps missing from Launchpad on Mac
- How to use Launchpad on your Mac

- <u>40+ Mac settings you should change now</u>
 <u>What is CCXProcess on Mac, and how you can remove it?</u>