

# DELETE FILE

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The DELETE FILE command removes a file from the *TCP/IP for VSE* file system.

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Syntax: **DELeTe FILE PUBLIC=pubname**

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Arguments: **PUBLIC=** - The public name of the file to be deleted.

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Example:

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IPN237I delete file,public=bimlib
IPN581I File definition has been deleted.
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- Notes:
- Deleting a file has no effect on users who have already opened the file.
  - When files are defined, a directory structure is created. Files exist only in the lowest level of this structure. For example, if you define a file as TEST.USERS.VSAM.FILE1, then the file system contains four directories (root, /TEST, /TEST/USERS/, and /TEST/USERS/VSAM) and a file entry (in the lowest level directory). If you delete the file, only the file entry disappears. The /TEST/USERS/VSAM directory still exists, but is empty. There is no way to delete the directory structure.
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Related Commands:	DEFINE FILE	- Define a file in the TCP/IP file systems and associate it with a file I/O driver.
	QUERY FILES	- Displays the contents of the TCP/IP file system.

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