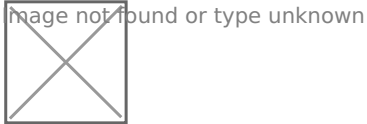


CMD Line Registry Delete

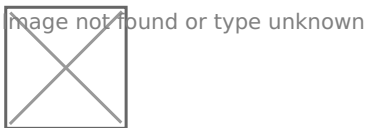
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How can I delete a registry value/key from the command line?



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A. A. Using the Windows NT Resource Kit Supplement 2 utility REG.EXE you can delete a registry value from the command line or [batch file](#), e.g.

```
reg delete HKLM\Software\test
```

Would delete the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\test value. When you enter the command you will be prompted if you really want to delete, enter Y. To avoid the confirmation add /force to the command, e.g.

```
reg delete HKLM\Software\test /force
```

A full list of the codes to be used with REG DELETE are as follows:

HKCR	HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT
HKCU	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
HKLM	HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
HKU	HKEY_USERS
HKCC	HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG

To delete a entry on a remote machine add the name of the machine, \\<machine name>, e.g.

```
reg delete HKLM\Software\test \\johnpc
```

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Deleting Registry Keys from the Command Line

There are two ways to delete a key from the Registry from the Command line. At the Windows Command line:

```
RegEdit /I location of System.dat /R location of User.dat /D Registry key to delete
```

You cannot be in Windows at the time you use this switch.

Or you can create a reg file as such:

```
REGEDIT4
```

```
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\the key you want to delete]
```

Note the negative sign just behind the[

Then at the Command line type:

1. RegEdit C:\Windows\ (name of the regfile).

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