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Auto Answer Y or N in Command line



by BenHyland

on Feb 16, 2012 at 12:19 AM

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Hi Guys,

I am writing a batch file which runs a command prompt to delete the contents of a folder - the command line needs a confirmation Y or N after the line is run - how can I automate the answer to be Y via a batch file?

Thanks

BenHyland

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Serrano

Ian1626 Feb 16, 2012 at 12:34 AM

Use /Q switch after del command "Quiet mode, do not ask if ok to delete on global wildcard"

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Habanero

Mike4003 Jul 23, 2018

Try putting this in the batch file

```
"C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe" Register-DnsClient
```

I just put this in one and it works fine.

BTW, did you post this last week or so? Seems like someone suggested you run it from Task Scheduler, which you could easily do. [View in original topic](#) · [Expand entire reply](#)

Just put the executable path in the Actions and the PS cmdlet in the Arguments.

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```
indows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe Register-DnsClient" Get-ComputerInfo
```

Jalapeno

SethIsTheMan Feb 16, 2012

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Serrano

philscompany Feb 16, 2012 at 12:27 AM

Add /y at the end of the command - or /n if appropriate



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Ian1626 Feb 16, 2012 at 12:35 AM

/S switch may also help - this deletes contents of all subfolders as well



Ghost Chili

JustRob Feb 16, 2012 at 12:38 AM

At the command prompt if you type in del /? it will list all of the available commands. In your case you would want to use /F /Q to force it to delete, and to do it quietly without prompting.

>del /?

Deletes one or more files.

DEL [/P] [/F] [/S] [/Q] [/A[:attributes]] names

ERASE [/P] [/F] [/S] [/Q] [/A[:attributes]] names

names Specifies a list of one or more files or directories. Wildcards may be used to delete multiple files. If a directory is specified, all files within the directory will be deleted.

/P Prompts for confirmation before deleting each file.

/F Force deleting of read-only files.

/S Delete specified files from all subdirectories.

/Q Quiet mode, do not ask if ok to delete on global wildcard

/A Selects files to delete based on attributes

attributes R Read-only files S System files

H Hidden files A Files ready for archiving

I Not content indexed Files L Reparse Points

- Prefix meaning not

If Command Extensions are enabled DEL and ERASE change as follows:

The display semantics of the /S switch are reversed in that it shows you only the files that are deleted, not the ones it could not find.



Jalapeno

vdub1980 Feb 16, 2012 at 12:40 AM

I believe you can create a new text document with just the letter 'y' in and tell the command to point to that text file.

You may want to research that though.

it's something like `del c:*.* >yes.txt`

I vaguely remember doing something like this during my college days



Anaheim

BenHyland Feb 16, 2012 at 12:40 AM

Hi Guys,

Thanks for the comments - I tried all of the above and the only one that worked for me in this situation was /Q, so thanks Ian1626, and thanks everyone else who commented

Regards

BenHyland



Anaheim

BenHyland Feb 16, 2012 at 12:42 AM

vdub1980: thanks, that is also helpful for the future

Cheers

BenHyland



Jalapeno

vdub1980 Feb 16, 2012 at 12:52 AM

Glad to have been of service!



Pimiento

brandon.s.wehde Dec 14, 2012 at 8:02 AM

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this seems to work

echo y/n | command

example: echo y | gpupdate /force



Pimiento

tamaspinter Apr 16, 2014 at 3:28 AM

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Hy abhitheja pinnadari !

Text

```
echo y | vpnclient connect profile user Uname pwd 1234 stdin  
start vpngui.exe  
quit
```

It is my working with vpn clinet 5.0.0.7 and win8.1 pro



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christiamemilio Sep 27, 2014 at 7:44 PM

Ohh, now i realize that i had a mistake in my code, now i got it.

Thanks for all.

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