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Chapter 9. Windows Script Host

In this chapter, we will cover the following recipes:

- Reading a key from the Windows$^®$ system registry
- Writing a key to the Windows$^®$ system registry
- Deleting a key from the Windows$^®$ system registry
- Running a process using the Windows$^®$ system shell

Introduction

Windows Script Host (**WSH**), as the name suggests, is the underlying infrastructure offered by Microsoft Windows$^®$ to execute scripts written in a variety of programming (scripting) languages such as VBScript and JavaScript. This infrastructure can be used for a variety of important tasks, such as accessing networks and remote machines, manipulating the registry, and running remote scripts.

This chapter describes a few basic practical uses of WSH that are relevant to test automation. It is not intended to be an exhaustive tutorial or a replacement for Microsoft documentation on the topic.

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