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## Deleting a key from the Windows® system registry

Automated tests rarely delete registry keys and values. However, in some cases (such as in the case described in the previous recipe), deleting the custom key would be a reasonable cleaning procedure. In this recipe, we will see how to do it.

### Getting ready

From the **File** menu, navigate to **New | Test**, or use the **Ctrl + N** shortcut. You can use the same test as in the previous recipe.

### How to do it...

The syntax to delete the value of a registry key is as follows:

```
object.RegDelete sKeyPath
```

Here, `object` is an instance of the `Wscript.Shell` class and `sKeyPath` a valid key.

For example, to delete the new custom string (`REG_SZ`) type key we created in the previous recipe, use the following code snippet:

```
Dim oWshShell, sKeyPath, sKeyName, sKeyVal, sKeyType  
  
sKeyPath = "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\MyCustomKey\MyCustomData\MyValue"  
  
Set oWshShell = CreateObject("Wscript.Shell")  
oWshShell.RegDelete sKeyPath  
  
Set oWshShell = Nothing
```

### How it works...

We simply create a `WScript.Shell` object and use the `RegDelete` method to delete the value of our custom registry key.



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