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## PowerShell: Clear History of Previous Commands

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This is not obvious, but the `Clear-History` command in PowerShell won't clear the history of the previous commands.

The `Clear-History` clears only the commands entered during the current session, that could be displayed by the `Get-History`.

To clear the history in PowerShell, the previous commands are stored in a file.

In this note i am showing how to clear the history of the PowerShell console.

**Cool Tip:** PowerShell commands history file location! [Read more →](#)

### Clear History in PowerShell

Get the PowerShell command history file location:

```
PS C:\> (Get-PSReadlineOption).HistorySavePath
```

Show the contents of the PowerShell command history file:


```
PS C:\> cat (Get-PSReadlineOption).HistorySavePath
```

Clear the command history in PowerShell by deleting the history file:


```
PS C:\> Remove-Item (Get-PSReadlineOption).HistorySavePath
```

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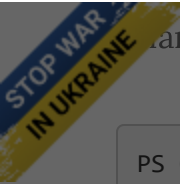
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change how PowerShell command history is saved:

```
PS C:\> Set-PSReadlineOption -HistorySaveStyle SaveIncrementally # default
PS C:\> Set-PSReadlineOption -HistorySaveStyle SaveAtExit
PS C:\> Set-PSReadlineOption -HistorySaveStyle SaveNothing
```

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Excellent. Just v



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very helpfull, th



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Remove-Item (Get-PSReadlineOption).HistorySavePath; Clear-  
History

deletes even the Remove-Item command 😊



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I just want to delete the wrong command, opening the  
ConsoleHost\_history.txt file to delete is not elegant



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THANKSSS



MA

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June 23, 2023 at 11:18 am

Helpfull for me too



DUDE

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December 12, 2023 at 8:39 pm

I did both of the  
previous comm  
or must I close  
history?



GABE

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May 31, 2024 at 9:53

Yes, close and c



JIMMY DEAN

June 12, 2024 at 10:59

Take a bow. It w  
point. Thanks.



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