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Cmdkey

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Applies To: Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8

Creates, lists, and deletes stored user names and passwords or credentials.

For examples of how this command can be used, see Examples.

Syntax

```
cmdkey [{/add:<TargetName>|/generic:<TargetName>}] {/smartcard|/user:<UserName>
```

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Parameters

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Parameters	Description
/add:<TargetName>	Adds a user name and password to the list. Requires the parameter of <TargetName> which identifies the computer or domain name that this entry will be associated with.
/generic:<TargetName>	Adds generic credentials to the list. Requires the parameter of <TargetName> which identifies the computer or domain name that this entry will be associated with.

/smartcard	Retrieves the credential from a smart card.
/user:<UserName>	Specifies the user or account name to store with this entry. If *UserName* is not supplied, it will be requested.
/pass:<Password>	Specifies the password to store with this entry. If *Password* is not supplied, it will be requested.
/delete{: <TargetName> | /ras}	Deletes a user name and password from the list. If *TargetName* is specified, that entry will be deleted. If /ras is specified, the stored remote access entry will be deleted.
/list:<TargetName>	Displays the list of stored user names and credentials. If *TargetName* is not specified, all stored user names and credentials will be listed.
/?	Displays help at the command prompt.

Remarks

- If more than one smart card is found on the system when the /smartcard command-line option is used, **cmdkey** will display information about all available smart cards and then prompt the user to specify which one to use.

- Passwords will not be displayed once they are stored.

Examples

To display a list of all user names and credentials that are stored, type:

```
cmdkey /list
```

To add a user name and password for user Mikedan to access computer Server01 with the password Kleo, type:

```
cmdkey /add:server01 /user:mikedan /pass:Kleo
```

To add a user name and password for user Mikedan to access computer Server01 and prompt for the password whenever Server01 is accessed, type:

```
cmdkey /add:server01 /user:mikedan
```

To delete the credential that remote access has stored, type:

```
cmdkey /delete /ras
```

To delete the credential that is stored for Server01, type:

```
cmdkey /delete:Server01
```

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