



Windows PowerShell Get-Help on Cmdlet 'Clear-RecycleBin'

PS:\>Get-HELP Clear-RecycleBin -Full

NAME

Clear-RecycleBin

SYNOPSIS

Clears the contents of the current user's recycle bin.

SYNTAX

Clear-RecycleBin [[-DriveLetter] <System.String[]>] [-Force] [-Confirm] [-WhatIf] [<CommonParameters>]

DESCRIPTION

The `Clear-RecycleBin` cmdlet deletes the content of the current user's recycle bin. This action is like using Windows Empty Recycle Bin .

PARAMETERS

-DriveLetter <System.String[]>

Specifies the recycle bin to clear for a single drive letter or an array of drive letters.

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| Required? | false |
| Position? | 0 |
| Default value | None |
| Accept pipeline input? | True (ByPropertyName) |
| Accept wildcard characters? | false |

-Force <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Specifies that the user isn't prompted for confirmation to clear a recycle bin. The Force parameter also overrides the WhatIf and Confirm parameters.

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| Required? | false |
| Position? | named |
| Default value | False |
| Accept pipeline input? | False |
| Accept wildcard characters? | false |

-Confirm <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Prompts for user confirmation before running the cmdlet. The user is prompted for confirmation even if the Confirm parameter isn't specified.

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| Required? | false |
| Position? | named |
| Default value | False |
| Accept pipeline input? | False |
| Accept wildcard characters? | false |

-WhatIf <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Shows what would happen if `Clear-RecycleBin` runs. The cmdlet isn't run.

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| Required? | false |
| Position? | named |
| Default value | False |
| Accept pipeline input? | False |

Accept wildcard characters? false

<CommonParameters>

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: Verbose, Debug, ErrorAction, ErrorVariable, WarningAction, WarningVariable, OutBuffer, PipelineVariable, and OutVariable. For more information, see about_CommonParameters (<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=113216>).

INPUTS

OUTPUTS

None

This cmdlet returns no output.

NOTES

----- 1: Clear all recycle bins -----

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Confirm

Are you sure you want to perform this action?

Performing the operation "Clear-RecycleBin" on target "All of the contents of the Recycle Bin".

[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"):

`Clear-RecycleBin` prompts the user for confirmation.

----- 2: Clear a specified recycle bin -----

Clear-RecycleBin -DriveLetter C

`Clear-RecycleBin` uses the DriveLetter parameter to specify the recycle bin on the `C` volume. The user is prompted for confirmation to run the command.

----- 3: Clear all recycle bins without confirmation -----

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Clear-RecycleBin -Force
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`Clear-RecycleBin` uses the Force parameter and doesn't prompt the user for confirmation to clear all recycle bins.

An alternative is to replace `-Force` with `-Confirm:\$false`.

RELATED LINKS

Online

Version:

https://learn.microsoft.com/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/clear-recyclebin?view=powershell-5.1&WT.mc_id=ps-gethelp