

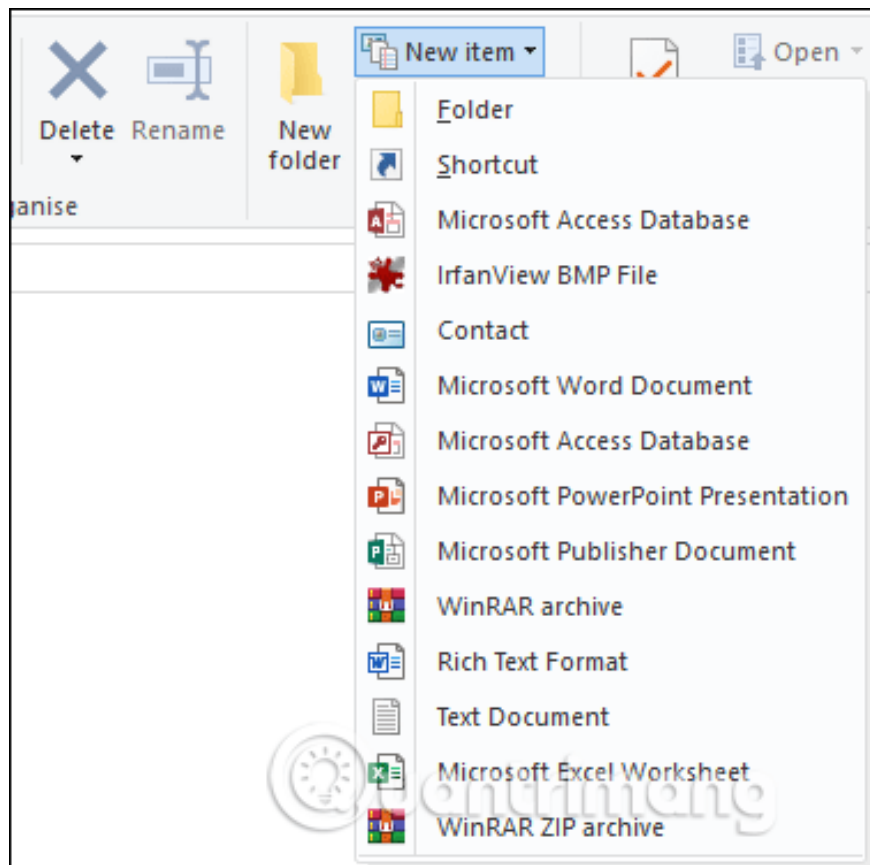
How to delete items from the New Item menu in File Explorer

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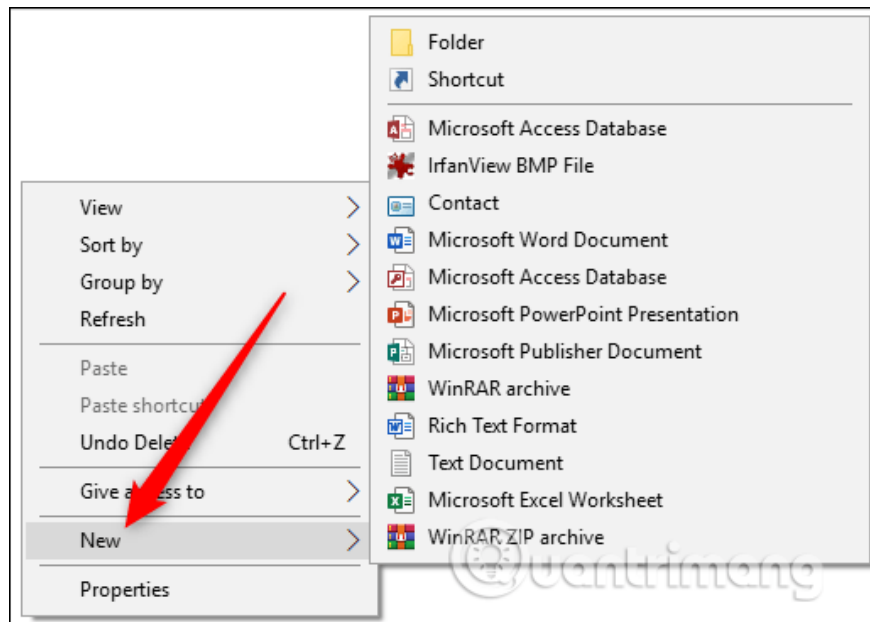
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You can access the New Item menu by clicking on the **New Item** button option when in the File Explorer folder.



You can also access it by right-clicking an empty area in a folder and pointing to the **New** option on the context menu that appears.

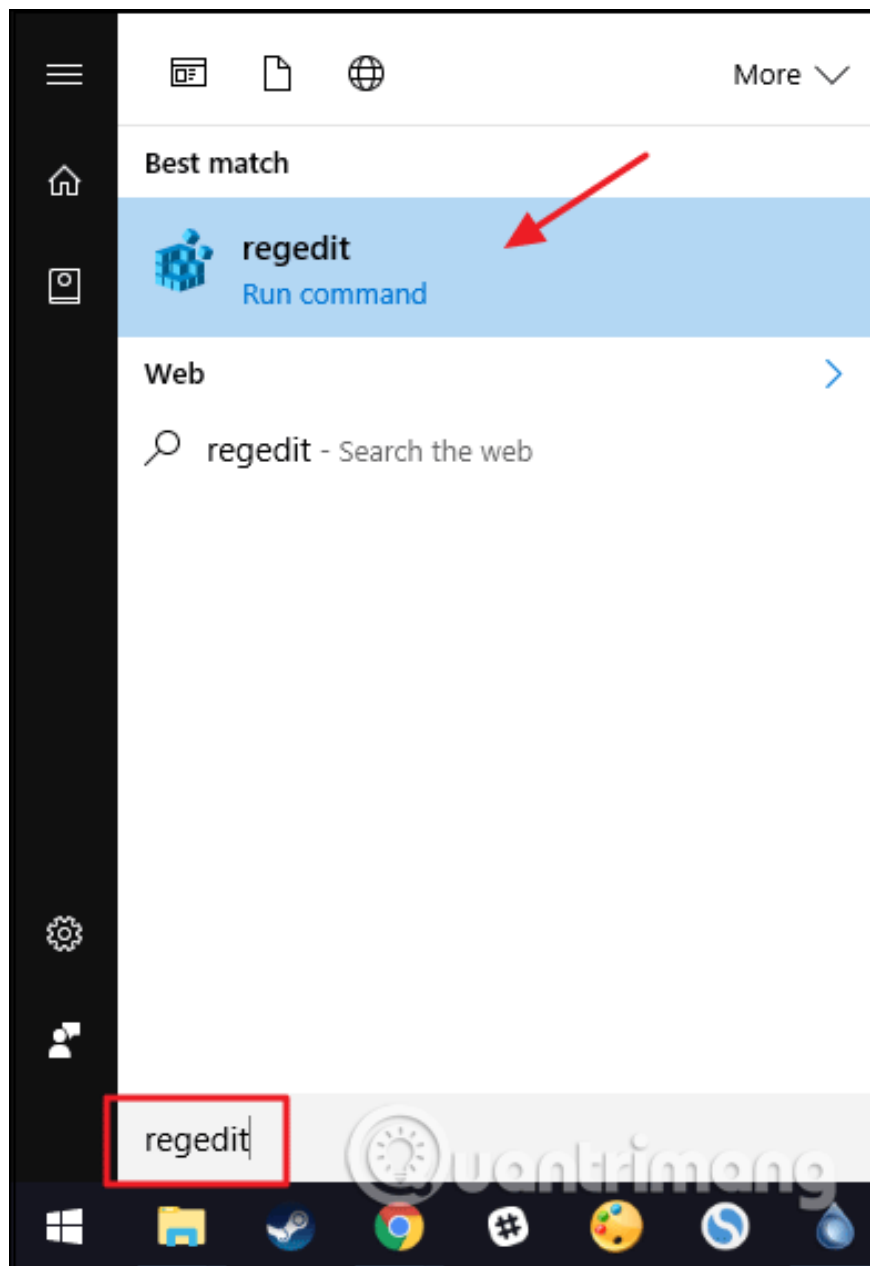


Some programs will automatically add new file types to this menu, making it more confusing if you never use them. To delete this item, you need to access the Windows Registry and delete the item.

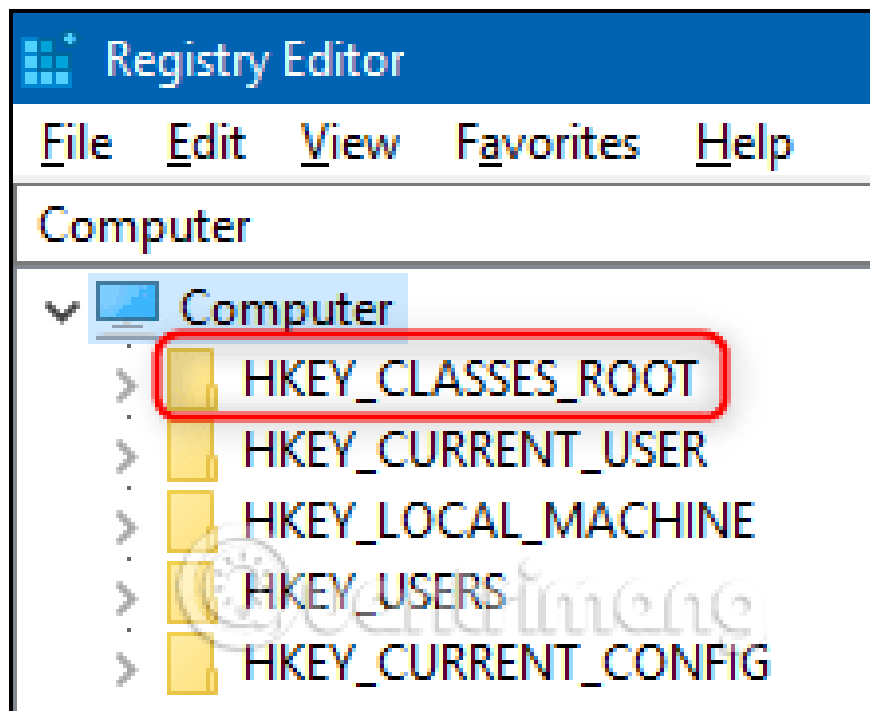
Warning: Registry Editor is a powerful tool and its abuse can make the system unstable and even unable to function. This is a simple hack, just follow the instructions correctly, you will not encounter any problems.

However, you should back up the Registry before making changes to prevent a problem.

Open Registry Editor by clicking **Start** , typing **regedit** and pressing **Enter** , then allowing it to make changes to the computer.

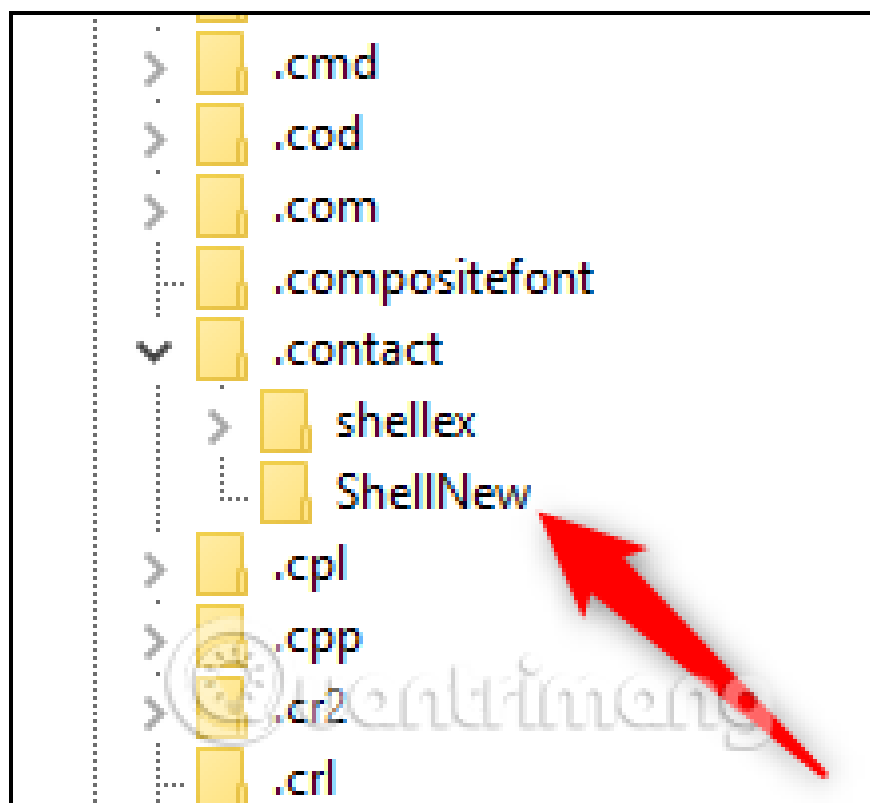


In the left bar of Registry Editor, find the key named HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT.

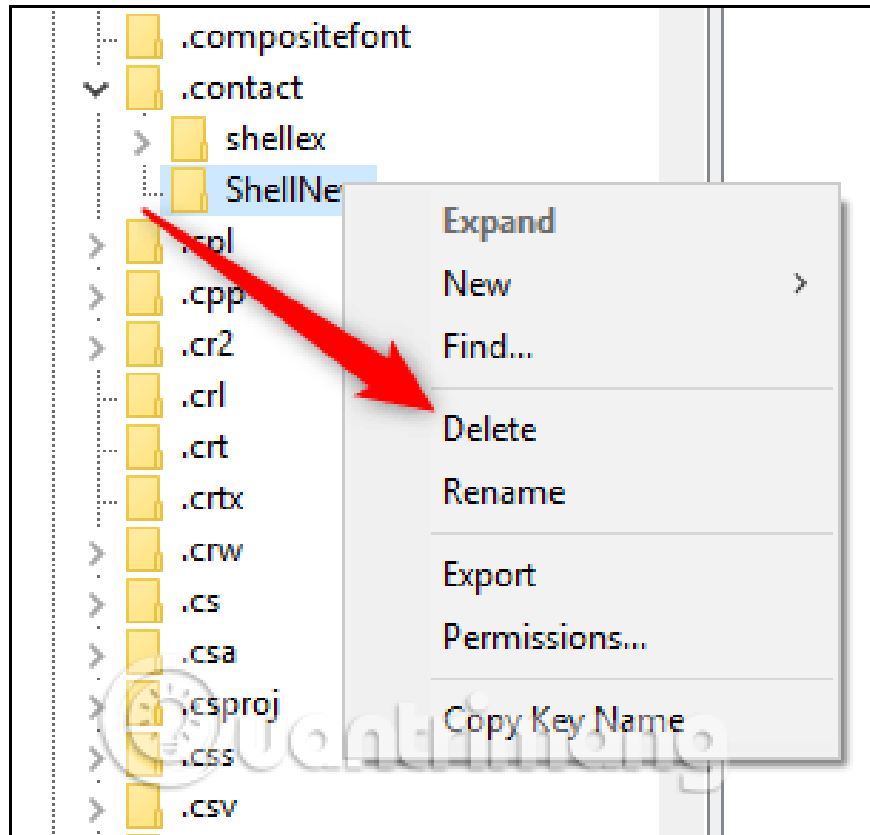


All file types are stored in this key. Here we will delete the Contact file type from the New Item menu. Expand the HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT key by clicking the arrow next to it and then scrolling down to find the file extension you want to delete from the New Item menu, in which case we need to find the .contact extension of the Contact file.

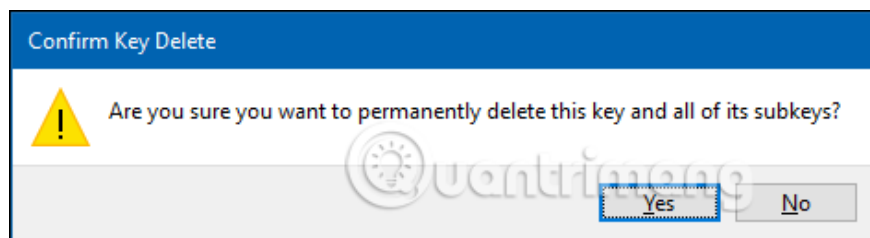
Expand that key, you will see a small key called ShellNew.



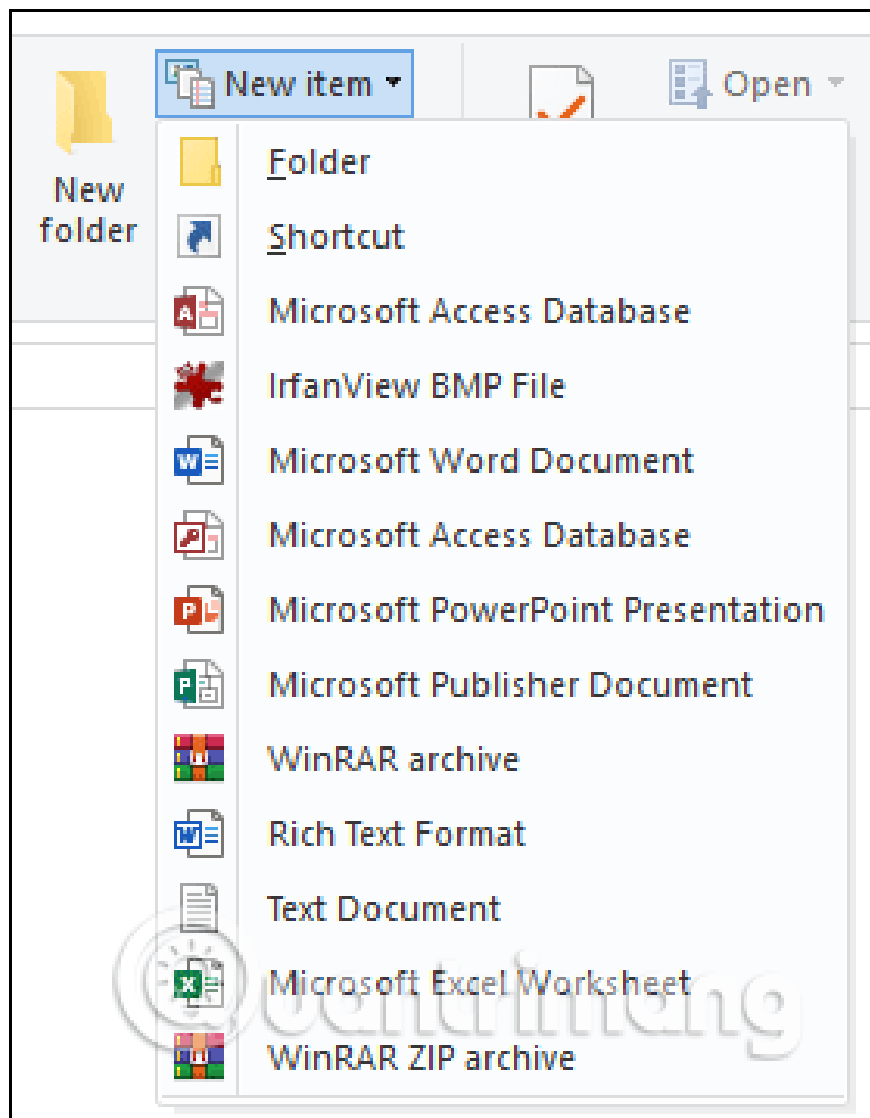
Right-click on that key and click **Delete** in the context menu.



You will see a confirmation message appear, if you want to delete that type of file from meu New Item, click **Yes**.



You should now see the Contact file type no longer in the New Item menu.



If you accidentally delete something, you can add it again but first you need to create a template file by creating an empty file and using it.

I wish you all success!

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