

# ADReportingTools Help Manual v1.4.0



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# Introduction

This manual is a PDF version of several module-related reference files as well as all of the command help. The goal is to provide a single source for all module documentation. Many of the source files contain internal cross-references. Best efforts have been made to port those links to this document, but a few links may fail to open. External links should work as expected.

If you need to ask a question or report a problem, please visit the module's [Github repository](#).

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# ADReportingTools

This module contains a collection of PowerShell tools that you can use to generate reports and gather information about your Active Directory domain. Many of these commands will require the ActiveDirectory module, which you can get by installing the [Remote Server Administration Tools \(RSAT\)](#) for Active Directory on Windows 10.

```
Get-WindowsCapability -Online -Name RSAT.Active* | Add-WindowsCapability -online
```

The assumption is that you will run these commands with administrator credentials from a Windows 10 desktop. You should not need console access to a domain controller. Although some module commands will use PowerShell remoting over WSMAN to gather information. These commands are designed to work with a **local** Active Directory infrastructure, not anything in Azure.

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## Installation

This module is available in the PowerShell Gallery. Install it with `Install-Module` after you have installed the Active Directory RSAT capability.

```
Install-Module -name ADReportingTools -force
```

Once installed, you can run a command like `Get-ADReportingTools` to see list of commands. Or run `Open-ADReportingToolsHelp` to launch a PDF version of this file, as well as command documentation.

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## Design Philosophy

The Active Directory module from Microsoft is not especially difficult to use. It is quite easy to get information from Active Directory.

```
Get-ADuser -filter "department -eq 'sales'" -properties Title,Department
```

However, you have to be very explicit about what information you want to see. You might need to create complicated filters. You need to know the Active Directory property names. Finally, you need to format the results into something meaningful. It might be better to think of the ActiveDirectory module as a *framework*.

The ADReportingTools module is built on this framework. The goal is to create a set of commands and tools to make it very easy to get information out of Active Directory in meaningful and useful ways. Many of the functions in this module are wrappers for underlying ActiveDirectory module commands, written to be easy to use.

The ADReportingTools focuses primarily on working with Active Directory users, groups, and computers. The module includes commands designed to be true reporting commands. As the module name suggests, module commands are intended to **get** information from Active Directory. This module is not designed to manage it. There are **no** commands to set, create, or remove anything from Active Directory.

**These commands have not been tested in a large domain environment, or one with cross-domain trusts and/or nested groups that cross domains. If you have used the ActiveDirectory modules in the past and had poor performance due to these types of circumstances, the modules in this command most likely won't perform any better because they are still relying on the same Active Directory cmdlets..**

## Module Commands

The commands in this module, and may of the supporting files, are intended to be run from a PowerShell console host session. If you run some commands in the PwoerShell ISE or VS Code, you may see a warning about an incompatibility or your may have a poor experience. *There is no intention of making this module 100% compatible with the ISE or VSCode.*

## Get-ADReportingTools

Get-ADReportingTools is a meta-command. Run this command to get a formatted list of available commands in the ADReportingTools module.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADReportingTools

Verb: Get

Name          Alias          Synopsis
----          -
Get-ADBranch  Get-ADBranch    Get a listing of members in an AD branch.
Get-ADCanonicalUser  Get-ADCNUser    Get an AD user account using a canonical name.
Get-ADDomainControllerHealth  Get-ADCNUser    Get a summary view of domain controller healthg
Get-ADFSMO    fsmo            Get FSMO holders.
Get-ADGroupUser  Get-ADGroupUser  Get user members of an AD group.
Get-ADReportingTools  Get-ADReportingTools  Get a summary list of AD Reporting commands
Get-ADSiteDetail  Get-ADSiteDetail  Get a more detailed AD site report.
Get-ADSiteSummary  Get-ADSiteSummary  Get summary information about AD sites.
Get-ADSummary    Get-ADSummary    Get a sumamry report of your AD domain and forest.
Get-ADUserAudit  Get-ADUserAudit  Audit AD user management events.
Get-ADUserCategory  Get-ADUserCategory  Get AD User information based on category

Verb: New

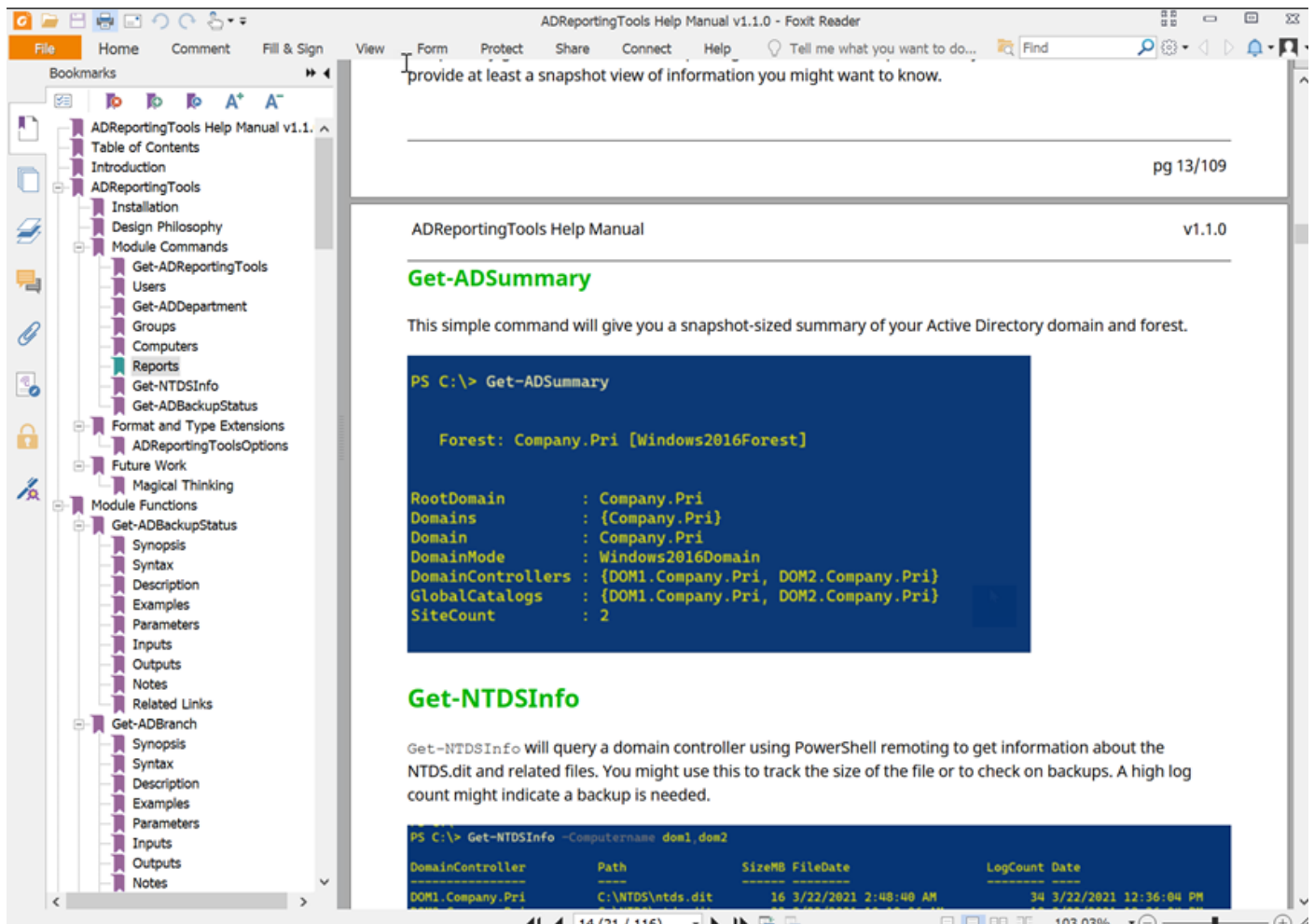
Name          Alias          Synopsis
----          -
New-ADDomainReport  New-ADDomainReport  Create an HTML report of your domain.

Verb: Show

Name          Alias          Synopsis
----          -
Show-DomainTree  Show-DomainTree    Display the domain in a tree format.
```

## Open-ADReportingToolsHelp

All module documentation, including this README and command help, has been compiled into a PDF. Run Open-ADReportingToolsHelp to view the file.



provide at least a snapshot view of information you might want to know.

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### Get-ADSummary

This simple command will give you a snapshot-sized summary of your Active Directory domain and forest.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSummary

Forest: Company.Pri [Windows2016Forest]

RootDomain      : Company.Pri
Domains         : {Company.Pri}
Domain          : Company.Pri
DomainMode      : Windows2016Domain
DomainControllers : {DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}
GlobalCatalogs  : {DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}
SiteCount       : 2
```

### Get-NTDSInfo

Get-NTDSInfo will query a domain controller using PowerShell remoting to get information about the NTDS.dit and related files. You might use this to track the size of the file or to check on backups. A high log count might indicate a backup is needed.

```
PS C:\> Get-NTDSInfo -Computersname dom1.dom2

DomainController Path          SizeMB FileDate          LogCount Date
-----
DOM1.Company.Pri C:\NTDS\ntds.dit 16 3/22/2021 2:48:40 AM 34 3/22/2021 12:36:04 PM
```

The command will launch the application associated with PDF files.

## Users



### Get-ADCanonicalUser

Often you will find user names in the form domain\username. This command makes it easier to find the Active Directory user account using this value. If the Active Directory Recycle Bin feature is enabled, you can use the `IncludeDeletedObjects` parameter to search for the user account if it can't be found with the initial search.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADCanonicalUser company\afresco -Properties title,description,whencreated,whenchanged

Description      :
DistinguishedName : CN=Al Fresco,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Enabled          : True
GivenName        : Alberto
Name             : Al Fresco
ObjectClass       : user
ObjectGUID        : a8f0070a-63cf-4cc8-a279-a8ca317c7d46
SamAccountName    : afresco
SID              : S-1-5-21-493037332-564925384-1585924867-1606
Surname          : Fresco
Title            : DevLead
UserPrincipalName : afresco@Company.Pri
whenchanged      : 2/16/2021 8:28:08 AM
whencreated      : 1/28/2021 11:22:30 AM
```

## Get-ADUserAudit

This command will search the Security event logs on your domain controllers for specific user-related events. These activities are not replicated, so you have to search each domain controller. Be aware that you may see related events for some actions. For example, if you create and enable a new user, you'll see multiple entries for the same event.

The output will show you the user accounts that match the search criteria, and the domain account that was responsible. Although, this command can't tell you which administrator is responsible for which activity. The best you can learn is that for a given time frame, these user accounts were managed. Or these administrators did something. You would need to search the event log on the domain controller for more information.

```
PS C:\> get-aduseraudit -Events Created -Since 2/1/2021

DomainController: DOM1.Company.Pri

EventType      : UserCreated
Since          : 2/1/2021 12:00:00 AM
TargetCount     : 10
Targets        : {COMPANY\darrens, COMPANY\S.Talone, COMPANY\ntesla, COMPANY\charlieb...}
Administrators  : {COMPANY\ArtD, COMPANY\Administrator, COMPANY\GladysK, COMPANY\Aprils}

DomainController: DOM2.Company.Pri

EventType      : UserCreated
Since          : 2/1/2021 12:00:00 AM
TargetCount     : 6
Targets        : {COMPANY\astark, COMPANY\georgejet, COMPANY\maef, COMPANY\bobr...}
Administrators  : {COMPANY\GladysK, COMPANY\ArtD}
```

## Get-ADUserCategory

Get-ADUserCategory is based on the concept of getting user information from a pre-defined category. For example, you might want to get the properties DisplayName, Name, Title, Department, and Manager for a Department category. The ADReportingTools module will define a set of pre-defined categories that you can

reference through `$ADUserReportingConfiguration`.

```
PS C:\> $ADUserReportingConfiguration
```

Name	Properties
-----	-----
Department	{DisplayName, Name, Title, Department...}
Basic	{DisplayName, Name, SamAccountname, UserPrincipalName...}
Address	{DisplayName, Name, TelephoneNumber, Office...}
Organization	{DisplayName, Name, Title, Department...}
Pwinfo	{DisplayName, Name, PasswordExpired, PasswordLastSet...}

```
PS C:\> Get-ADUserCategory -Filter * -SearchBase "OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri" -Category pwinfo
```

```
DistinguishedName : CN=Gustav Klimt,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Gustav Klimt
Name              : Gustav Klimt
PasswordExpired   : True
PasswordLastSet   :
PasswordNeverExpires : False

DistinguishedName : CN=Darren Stevens,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Darren Stevens
Name              : Darren Stevens
PasswordExpired   : True
PasswordLastSet   :
PasswordNeverExpires : False

DistinguishedName : CN=Nick Tesla,OU=SecOps,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Nick Tesla
Name              : Nick Tesla
PasswordExpired   : False
PasswordLastSet   : 2/24/2021 12:43:01 PM
PasswordNeverExpires : True

DistinguishedName : CN=MaryL,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Mary Lennon
Name              : MaryL
PasswordExpired   : False
PasswordLastSet   : 2/26/2021 6:41:27 PM
PasswordNeverExpires : True
```

The module ships with a JSON file that defines the categories. You can easily modify this variable to define a new category.

```
$ADUserReportingConfiguration += [pscustomobject]@{Name="Custom";Properties="DisplayName","Description"}
```

Or add a property to an existing category.



```
PS C:\> $ADUserReportingConfiguration.where({$_.name -eq 'basic'}).foreach({$_.properties+="SID"})
PS C:\> Get-ADUserCategory gladysk -Category Basic
```

```
DistinguishedName : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Gladys Kravitz
Name              : GladysK
SamAccountname    : GladysK
UserPrincipalName : gladysk@Company.Pri
Enabled           : True
WhenCreated       : 1/25/2021 1:32:35 PM
WhenChanged       : 3/8/2021 6:52:01 PM
SID               : S-1-5-21-493037332-564925384-1585924867-1105
```

The user's distinguished name is always included in the output.

## Get-ADDepartment

A related command is `Get-ADDepartment`. This command will get members of a given department. When you import the ADReportingTools module, it will define a global variable called `ADReportingHash`, which is a hashtable. The variable has a key called `Departments`. This variable is used in an argument completer for the `Department` parameter so that you can tab-complete the parameter value.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDepartment Sales

    Department: Sales

Name                Title                City                Phone
----                -
Sonya Smith         Account Executive    Omaha              x2345
Garret Guillary     Intern              Omaha              x8877
Sam Smith           Sales Support        Omaha              x5678
Samantha Smith      Sales Assistant      Omaha              x9875

PS C:\>
```

Disabled accounts will be displayed in red. Or you can use one of the custom views.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDepartment Sales | Format-Table -view manager

    Manager: CN=Alfonso Dente,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sales]

Name                Description          Title                City
----                -
Sonya Smith         Sales               Account Executive    Omaha

    Manager: CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sales]

Name                Description          Title                City
----                -
Garret Guillary     sales intern        Intern              Omaha

    Manager: CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sales]

Name                Description          Title                City
----                -
Sam Smith           Sales               Sales Support        Omaha
Samantha Smith      Sales               Sales Assistant      Omaha
```

## Split-DistinguishedName

This command will take an Active Directory distinguishedname and break it down into its component elements. The command does not test or verify any of the elements. It is merely parsing a text string.

```
PS C:\> Split-DistinguishedName "CN=Foo,OU=Bar,OU=Oz,DC=Research,DC=Globomantics,DC=com"
```

```
Name       : Foo
Branch      : Bar
BranchDN    : OU=Bar,OU=Oz,DC=Research,DC=Globomantics,DC=com
Domain      : Research
DomainDN    : DC=Research,DC=Globomantics,DC=com
DomainDNS   : Research.Globomantics.com
```

## Groups



## Get-ADGroupUser

The `Get-ADGroupUser` command will display all users of a given Active Directory group. The search is automatically recursive. The default output is a formatted table that will highlight disabled accounts in red. The ANSI color coding will only work in a console session.

```
PS C:\> get-adgroupuser sales

DistinguishedName: CN=SamS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sam Smith]
Name              Title              Description          PasswordLastSet
----              -
SamS              Sales              Sales                1/25/2021 1:32:36 PM

DistinguishedName: CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sonya Smith]
Name              Title              Description          PasswordLastSet
----              -
SonyaS            Account Executive  Sales                1/25/2021 1:32:37 PM

DistinguishedName: CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Samantha Smith]
Name              Title              Description          PasswordLastSet
----              -
SamanthaS         Sales Assistant    Sales                1/25/2021 1:32:37 PM
```

Or you can use the default list view.

```
PS C:\> get-adgroupuser "domain admins" | format-list

Group: CN=Domain Admins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri

DistinguishedName : CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Name              : Administrator
Displayname       :
Description        : Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
Title             :
Department        :
Enabled           : True
PasswordLastSet   : 1/25/2021 1:21:11 PM

DistinguishedName : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Name              : GladysK
Displayname       : Gladys Kravitz
Description        : Senior AD and Identity Goddess
Title             : AD Operations Lead
Department        : IT
Enabled           : True
PasswordLastSet   : 1/25/2021 1:32:35 PM

DistinguishedName : CN=AprilS,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Name              : AprilS
Displayname       : April Showers
Description        : PowerShell Guru
Title             : IT Operations Administrator
Department        : IT
Enabled           : True
PasswordLastSet   : 2/26/2021 8:39:22 AM
```

## Get-ADGroupReport

Get-ADGroupReport will create a custom report for a group showing members. Get-ADGroupUser is intended to display group membership details. Get-ADGroupReport focuses on the group, although members are also displayed. Members are always gathered recursively. You can filter for specific types of groups. You can also opt to exclude groups under CN=Users and CN=BuiltIn. The groups "Domain Users", "Domain Computers", and "Domain Guests" are always excluded from this command.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupReport -SearchBase "Ou=Employees,DC=company,DC=pri"
```

```
Name       : CN=FocusOne,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Global|Distribution]
ManagedBy :
Description : Employee Feedback
```

Displayname	Name	Description	DistinguishedName
Bennett Storr	B.Storr		CN=B.Storr,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Alexander Henaire	A.Henaire		CN=A.Henaire,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Eliseo Muhtaseb	E.Muhtaseb	demo	CN=E.Muhtaseb,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Dee Monroy	D.Monroy	sample user accounts	CN=D.Monroy,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Everette Capece	E.Capece	sample user accounts	CN=E.Capece,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Aron Fieldhouse	A.Fieldhouse	sample user account	CN=A.Fieldhouse,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Donte Hamsher	D.Hamsher	sample user accounts	CN=D.Hamsher,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Duncan Colato	D.Colato	demo user account	CN=D.Colato,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Cyrus Melve	C.Melve		CN=C.Melve,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Diego Waldow	D.Waldow	sample user accounts	CN=D.Waldow,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Dewitt Fierst	D.Fierst		CN=D.Fierst,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Erich Ratti	E.Ratti		CN=E.Ratti,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Candi Kane	Candi Kane	Backup Operator	CN=Candi Kane,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
	Bob Roberts		CN=Bob Roberts,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Mae Flowers	Mae Flowers	Sample user	CN=Mae Flowers,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Charlie Brown	Charlie Brown		CN=Charlie Brown,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri

If your PowerShell hosts supports it, ANSI color schemes will be used to highlight things such as Distribution groups and disabled user accounts.

You can also use a custom table view.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupReport -ExcludeBuiltIn | Format-Table -View age
```

Name	Members	Created	Modified	Age
IT	5	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/15/2021 5:42:50 PM	17:47:49
Sales	3	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/16/2021 9:52:29 AM	01:38:10
Marketing	3	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/16/2021 9:52:29 AM	01:38:10
Accounting	3	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/4/2021 9:25:39 AM	12:02:05:01
JEA Operators	4	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	1/28/2021 11:34:57 AM	46:23:55:43
Web Servers	1	1/25/2021 1:32:45 PM	3/15/2021 5:42:33 PM	17:48:07
DevOpsPrimary	0	1/25/2021 4:47:53 PM	1/27/2021 10:35:11 AM	48:00:55:29
DevOpsBackup	3	1/25/2021 4:48:02 PM	3/16/2021 10:12:01 AM	01:18:39
Payroll Managers	0	1/26/2021 10:12:34 AM	1/26/2021 10:12:34 AM	49:01:18:06
ThetaDL	1	2/16/2021 8:32:36 AM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	01:47:08
StrategyDL	0	2/16/2021 9:03:12 AM	3/15/2021 5:45:07 PM	17:45:33
SecOpAdmin	2	2/24/2021 12:37:28 PM	2/24/2021 12:39:15 PM	19:22:51:25
FocusOne	16	2/24/2021 3:27:58 PM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	01:47:08
SupportTech	2	2/26/2021 6:12:51 PM	3/15/2021 5:43:03 PM	17:47:37
DL-Test	4	3/3/2021 1:54:01 PM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	01:47:08
DL-Test2	1	3/3/2021 1:55:13 PM	3/3/2021 2:01:50 PM	12:21:28:50

Distribution groups will be shown in green and member counts of 0 in red. The Age reflects how long since the group has been modified.

## Computers



## Get-ADComputerReport

Get-ADComputerReport will gather information about computer objects in Active Directory.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADComputerReport
```

Name	Description	Location	IPAddress	LastLogonDate
DOM1	HQ domain controllers	hqdc	192.168.3.10	3/26/2021 3:12:24 PM
DOM2	HQ domain controllers	hqdc	192.168.3.11	3/26/2021 3:21:17 PM
Mail01				
SRV1	corp resource server	hqdc	192.168.3.50	3/26/2021 10:45:27 AM
SRV2		Omaha	192.168.3.51	3/26/2021 10:45:34 AM
WIN10	Demonstration Desktop		192.168.3.100	3/26/2021 10:39:54 PM

If you are running in a PowerShell console, domain controllers and member servers will be highlighted with an ANSI sequence. Disabled computer accounts will be displayed in red. The default command behavior is to find all computer objects. But you can search name or filter on a category of Server or Desktop. The filtering is based on the operating system value.

The associated formatting for this command has several named table views. You should sort on the key property first. You can try commands like this:

```
Get-ADComputerReport | Sort OperatingSystem | Format-Table -view os
Get-ADComputerReport | Sort location | Format-Table -view location
Get-ADComputerReport | Sort ManagedBy | Format-Table -view managed
```

## Get-ADDomainControllerHealth

Get-ADDomainControllerHealth is intended to give you a quick summary of the overall health of your Active Directory domain controllers. The concept of "health" is based on the following:

- How much free space remains on drive C:\?
- How much free physical memory?
- What percentage of the Security event log is in use?
- Are any critical services not running? The services checked are ntds,kdc,adws,dfs,dfsrm,netlogon,samss, and w32time. Not every organization runs DNS and/or DHCP on their domain controllers, so those services have been omitted.

Output will be color-coded using ANSI escape sequences, if the PowerShell session supports it.



```
PS C:\> Get-ADDomainControllerHealth

DC: DOM1.Company.Pri [192.168.3.10]

Uptime      PctFreeC    PctFreeMem   PctSecLog   ServiceAlert
-----
12.22:29:47      89.61      25.17        33.8        False

DC: DOM2.Company.Pri [192.168.3.11]

Uptime      PctFreeC    PctFreeMem   PctSecLog   ServiceAlert
-----
5.16:38:00      90.63      48.36        14.56       True
```

The domain controller services are a nested object, but if you expand them, they have a defined and formatted view.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDomainControllerHealth | Select -Expand Services

Computersname: DOM1.Company.Pri

ProcessID  Displayname                Name      State   StartMode  Started
-----
2544       Active Directory Web Services ADWS      Running Auto     True
2652       DFS Namespace              Dfs       Running Auto     True
2624       DFS Replication            Dfsr      Running Auto     True
660        Kerberos Key Distribution Center Kdc       Running Auto     True
660        Netlogon                   Netlogon  Running Auto     True
660        Active Directory Domain Services NTDS      Running Auto     True
660        Security Accounts Manager   SamSs     Running Auto     True
1028       Windows Time                W32Time   Running Auto     True

Computersname: DOM2.Company.Pri

ProcessID  Displayname                Name      State   StartMode  Started
-----
2476       Active Directory Web Services ADWS      Running Auto     True
2624       DFS Namespace              Dfs       Running Auto     True
0          DFS Replication            Dfsr      Stopped Auto     False
668        Kerberos Key Distribution Center Kdc       Running Auto     True
668        Netlogon                   Netlogon  Running Auto     True
668        Active Directory Domain Services NTDS      Running Auto     True
668        Security Accounts Manager   SamSs     Running Auto     True
1012       Windows Time                W32Time   Running Auto     True
```

You can use additional custom views to format the results.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDomainControllerHealth | Format-Table -view info

Domain Controller: CN=DOM1,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri

OperatingSystem      IsGC  IsRO  Roles
-----
Windows Server 2019 Standard Evaluation True  False {SchemaMaster, DomainNamingMaster, PDCEmulator, RIDMaster...}

Domain Controller: CN=DOM2,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri

OperatingSystem      IsGC  IsRO  Roles
-----
Windows Server 2019 Standard Evaluation True  False {}
```

## Reports



The primary goal for this module is reporting. The intention is to provide easy-to-use commands that will provide at least a snapshot view of information you might want to know.

## Get-ADSummary

This simple command will give you a snapshot-sized summary of your Active Directory domain and forest.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSummary

Forest: Company.Pri [Windows2016Forest]

RootDomain      : Company.Pri
Domains         : {Company.Pri}
Domain          : Company.Pri
DomainMode      : Windows2016Domain
DomainControllers : {DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}
GlobalCatalogs  : {DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}
SiteCount       : 2
```

## Get-NTDSInfo

`Get-NTDSInfo` will query a domain controller using PowerShell remoting to get information about the NTDS.dit and related files. You might use this to track the size of the file or to check on backups. A high log count might indicate a backup is needed.

```
PS C:\> Get-NTDSInfo -Computersname dom1,dom2
```

DomainController	Path	SizeMB	FileDate	LogCount	Date
DOM1.Company.Pri	C:\NTDS\ntds.dit	16	3/22/2021 2:48:40 AM	34	3/22/2021 12:36:04 PM
DOM2.Company.Pri	C:\NTDS\ntds.dit	22	3/22/2021 10:19:06 AM	18	3/22/2021 12:36:04 PM

## Get-ADBackupStatus

There aren't any explicit PowerShell commands to tell if Active Directory has been backed up. One indirect approach is to use the command-line tool `repadmin.exe`. This command has a `/showbackup` parameter which will indicate when the different Active Directory partitions have been backed up. This command is a PowerShell wrapper for `repadmin.exe` that runs on the specified domain controller in a PowerShell remoting session.

If running in a console host, the date value may be shown in red, if the date is beyond the backup limit of 3 days.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADBackupStatus dom1,dom2
```

DomainController: Dom1.Company.Pri

Partition	LocalUSN	OriginatingUSN	Date
DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13777	13777	01/25/2021 14:27:01
DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13776	13776	01/25/2021 14:27:01
CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13775	13775	01/25/2021 14:27:01
CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13774	13774	01/25/2021 14:27:01
DC=Company,DC=Pri	13773	13773	01/25/2021 14:27:01

DomainController: Dom2.Company.Pri

Partition	LocalUSN	OriginatingUSN	Date
DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	8509	13777	01/25/2021 14:27:01
DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	8545	13776	01/25/2021 14:27:01
CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	4101	13775	01/25/2021 14:27:01
CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	6139	13774	01/25/2021 14:27:01
DC=Company,DC=Pri	7841	13773	01/25/2021 14:27:01

The date limit is a user-customizable value in `$ADReportingHash`.

```
$ADReportinghash.BackupLimit = 5
```

If you want a limit like this all the time, in your PowerShell profile script, import the module and add this line.

The command output also has a second formatted view.



```
PS C:\> Get-ADBackupStatus dom1,dom2 | format-table -view age
```

**DomainController: Dom1.Company.Pri**

Partition	Age
DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58

**DomainController: Dom2.Company.Pri**

Partition	Age
DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58
DC=Company,DC=Pri	58.00:16:58

## Get-ADBranch

Get-ADBranch will get all users, groups, and computers from a given Active Directory organizational unit or container and display a hierarchical report. The search is recursive from the starting search base. The output is grouped by organizational unit or container. Within each level, Active Directory objects are grouped by type, e.g. User.

```
PS C:\> get-adbranch "Ou=IT,Dc=company,dc=pri"
```

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
CN=AprilS,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AprilS	PowerShell Guru

**Branch: OU=It,DC=Company,DC=Pri [User]**

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
CN=ArtD,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	ArtD	PowerShell Engineer
CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	GladysK	Senior AD and Identity Goddess
CN=Maryl,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Maryl	Main IT
CN=MikeS,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	MikeS	Backup IT

**Branch: OU=It,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Group]**

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
CN=IT,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	IT	
CN=Web Servers,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Web Servers	

**Branch: OU=Help Desk,OU=It,DC=Company,DC=Pri [User]**

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
CN=Darren Stevens,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Darren Stevens	Darren #1
CN=Gustav Klimt,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Gustav Klimt	Help Desk Staff



There is a formatting bug that prevents the first item from being properly grouped.

## Get-ADFSMO

Get-ADFSMO will display all FSMO role holders for the forest and domain at a glance.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADFSMO

Domain: Company.Pri
Forest: Company.Pri

PDCEmulator           : DOM1.Company.Pri
RIDMaster              : DOM1.Company.Pri
InfrastructureMaster   : DOM1.Company.Pri
SchemaMaster           : DOM1.Company.Pri
DomainNamingMaster     : DOM1.Company.Pri
```

## Get-ADSiteSummary

Get-ADSiteSummary presents a quick view of your sites and subnets.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSiteSummary

Site: Default-First-Site-Name
Description: Home Office

Subnet      Description      Location
-----
192.168.3.0/24 Employees
192.168.99.0/24 Datacenter      HQDC

Site: NoCal
Description: Bay Area Office

Subnet      Description      Location
-----
172.17.0.0/16
```

## Get-ADSiteDetail

Get-ADSiteDetail will present a summary report of your Active Directory sites with a bit more detail. This command will show the site description, associated subnets, and when the site object was created and last modified. Information is displayed in a formatted table.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSiteDetail

Name: Default-First-Site-Name

Description      Subnets      Created      Modified
-----
Home Office      {192.168.3.0/24, 192.1... 2/23/2021 3:36:58 PM 2/23/2021 3:48:32 PM

Name: NoCal

Description      Subnets      Created      Modified
-----
Bay Area Office  172.17.0.0/16 2/23/2021 3:38:33 PM 2/23/2021 3:38:33 PM
```

## Get-ADManager

In Active Directory, you can designate a manager for users and objects. From the manager account's perspective, users are designated as DirectReports, and items such as Computers, Groups, and OrganizationalUnits are referred to as ManagedObjects. Get-ADManager is a simple way to get a manager account and view everything that they manage. The default is to get all users and all objects, but you can filter using command parameters.

```
PS S:\> get-admanager gladysk -Detail DirectReports

Name           : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [GladysK]
Title          : AD Operations Lead
Description     : Senior AD and Identity Goddess
Direct Reports : 4

User: CN=Darren Stevens,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Darren Stevens]

DisplayName    Description    Title    Department
-----
Darren Stevens  Darren #1      IT Audit  Information Services

User: CN=Gustav Klimt,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Gustav Klimt]

DisplayName    Description    Title    Department
-----
Gustav Klimt   Help Desk Staff  Tier I    IT

User: CN=JillJ,OU=JEA_Operators,DC=Company,DC=Pri [JillJ]

DisplayName    Description    Title    Department
-----
Jill Jea       JEA           IT       IT

User: CN=JimJ,OU=JEA_Operators,DC=Company,DC=Pri [JimJ]
```

If you are running in a PowerShell console host, the default output will be colorized with ANSI escape sequences from \$ADReportingToolsOptions. The following items will be highlighted with color

- Disabled accounts

- Domain controller names
- Member server names
- Universal group scope
- DomainLocal group scope
- Distribution group category

```
PS S:\> get-admanager gladysk -Detail ManagedObjects

Name           : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [GladysK]
Title          : AD Operations Lead
Description     : Senior AD and Identity Goddess
Direct Reports  : 0
Managed Objects : 8

Computer
  CN=Mail01,OU=Servers,DC=Company,DC=Pri []
  Name      Location      IPAddress      OperatingSystem      Description
  ----      -
  Mail01

  CN=SRV2,OU=Servers,DC=Company,DC=Pri [SRV2.Company.Pri]
  Name      Location      IPAddress      OperatingSystem      Description
  ----      -
  SRV2      Omaha        192.168.3.51  Windows Server 2016

Group

  Group: CN=AcctTalk,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Universal|Distribution]
  Name      Description
  ----      -
  AcctTalk  company finance mail list

  Group: CN=JEA Operators,OU=JEA_Operators,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Global|Security]
```

## Show-DomainTree

Show-DomainTree will display your domain in a tree view at the console. By default, the function will use color-coded ANSI formatting, assuming your PowerShell console supports it. The default display uses the organizational unit names. Although, you can use the distinguishedname of each branch. If you use -Containers, containers like Users will be included.

```
PS C:\> Show-DomainTree
```

```
DC=Company,DC=Pri
```

```
├── Accounting
│   ├── Banking
│   ├── Finance
│   │   └── Corp Investment
│   └── Payroll
├── Dev
│   └── Ops
├── Domain Controllers
├── Employees
│   ├── Exec
│   │   └── VIP
│   ├── Temporary Hires
├── IT
│   ├── Help Desk
│   │   └── TechStaff
│   │       └── Test
│   └── SecOps
├── JEA_Operators
├── Marketing
│   └── Agency
├── Research
├── Sales
│   ├── InsideSales
│   └── OutsideSales
├── Servers
│   ├── AppDev
│   ├── DMZ
│   ├── Web
│   │   └── Staging
└── Suspended
```

```
Organizationl Units
```

```
Protected from Deletion
```

```
Containers
```

```
Other
```

## New-ADDomainReport

New-ADDomainReport will create an HTML report of your domain. The report layout is by container and organizational unit. Underneath each branch will be a table display of users, computers, and groups. Beneath each group will be a table of recursive group members. You should get detail about users and computers if you hover the mouse over the distinguished name. The report includes javascript to enable collapsible regions.

### Company.Pri

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+|- CN=Builtin,DC=Company,DC=Pri

+|- CN=Computers,DC=Company,DC=Pri

+|- CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri

+|- OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri

+|- Groups [1]

Accounting

DistinguishedName	GroupScope	GroupCategory	MemberCount	WhenChanged
CN=Accounting,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Global	Security	3	3/4/2021 9:25:39 AM

Members

DistinguishedName	Name	Description	Enabled
CN=AaronS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AaronS	Accountant	True
CN=AndreS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AndreaS	Accountant	True
CN=AndyS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AndyS	Accountant	True

+|- Users [8]

DistinguishedName	Name	Description	Enabled
CN=AaronS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AaronS	Accountant	True
CN=AndreaS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AndreaS	Accountant	True
CN=AndyS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AndyS	Accountant	True
CN=Art Frame,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Art Frame	Test User Account	True

The ADReportingTools module includes a CSS file, which will be used by default. But you can specify an alternate CSS file. If you want to make the file portable, you can opt to embed the CSS into the HTML file. You can only embed from a file, not a URL reference.

The module's CSS file can be found in the [reports](#) folder. You can view a complete sample report [here](#).

## New-ADChangeReport

New-ADChangeReport will create an HTML report showing changes to Active Directory users, computers, and groups since a given date and time. The command uses Get-ADObject to query the WhenChanged property. The objects are organized by class and/or container and written to an HTML file. The command uses a CSS file from the ADReportingTools module, although you can specify your own. To make the HTML file portable, you can opt to embed the CSS content from a file source.



## AD Change Report

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Computer [3]

DistinguishedName	Name	WhenCreated	WhenChanged	IsDeleted
CN=DOM1,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri	DOM1	1/25/2021 1:26:49 PM	3/16/2021 3:07:29 PM	
CN=DOM2,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri	DOM2	1/25/2021 1:33:16 PM	3/16/2021 3:12:58 PM	
CN=WIN10,CN=Computers,DC=Company,DC=Pri	WIN10	1/25/2021 1:32:28 PM	3/16/2021 7:42:41 PM	

User [52]

Group [13]

DistinguishedName	Name	WhenCreated	WhenChanged	IsDeleted
CN=DL-Test2,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri	DL-Test2	3/3/2021 1:55:13 PM	3/3/2021 2:01:50 PM	
CN=Accounting,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Accounting	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/4/2021 9:25:39 AM	
CN=Web Servers,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Web Servers	1/25/2021 1:32:45 PM	3/15/2021 5:42:33 PM	
CN=IT,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	IT	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/15/2021 5:42:50 PM	
CN=SupportTech,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	SupportTech	2/26/2021 6:12:51 PM	3/15/2021 5:43:03 PM	
CN=StrategyDL,OU=Corp Investment,OU=Finance,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	StrategyDL	2/16/2021 9:03:12 AM	3/15/2021 5:45:07 PM	
CN=DL-Test,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri	DL-Test	3/3/2021 1:54:01 PM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	
CN=FocusOne,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri	FocusOne	2/24/2021 3:27:58 PM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	
CN=Print Operators,CN=Builtin,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Print Operators	1/25/2021 1:23:38 PM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	
CN=ThetaDL,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri	ThetaDL	2/16/2021 8:32:36 AM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM	
CN=Sales,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Sales	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/16/2021 9:52:29 AM	

You can view the default CSS file [here](#). A complete sample report can be found [here](#).

## New-ADGroupReport

New-ADGroupReport will create an HTML report of specified groups from Active Directory. This function is based on Get-ADGroupReport and converts the output to an HTML file. You can specify a CSS file or use the default from the module.

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### Group Membership Report

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Report Parameters

Scope:	Any
Category:	All
Name:	*
Server:	dom2
ExcludeBuiltin:	True

CN=Accounting,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name	Category	Scope	Description	Created	Modified
Accounting	Security	Global	Company Accounting Staff	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/4/2021 9:25:39 AM

Members

DistinguishedName	Name	Description	Enabled
CN=AaronS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AaronS	Accountant	True
CN=Andre,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AndreaS	Accountant	True
CN=AndyS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	AndyS	Accountant	True
CN=StrategyDL,OU=Corp Investment,OU=Finance,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	StrategyDL	Strategic planning DL	True

No Members

CN=DL-Test,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name	Category	Scope	Description	Created	Modified
DL-Test	Security	DomainLocal		3/3/2021 1:54:01 PM	3/16/2021 9:43:32 AM

Members

DistinguishedName	Name	Description	Enabled
CN=Mae Flowers,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Mae Flowers	Sample user	False
CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri	SamanthaS	Sales	True
CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri	SonyaS	Sales	True
CN=SamS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri	SamS	Sales	True

Disabled user accounts will be highlighted in red when using the default CSS file from the module. User detail will pop-up when the mouse hovers over the user's distinguishedname.

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A complete sample report can be found [here](#).



## Formats, Type Extensions, and Other Features

The module includes format and type extensions to simplify using the commands in the Active Directory module. The extensions are automatically imported into your PowerShell session when you import the ADReportingTools module.

Currently, only AD User objects have been extended.

Name	Type	Value
LastName	AliasProperty	Surname
DN	AliasProperty	DistinguishedName
FirstName	AliasProperty	GivenName
UPN	AliasProperty	UserPrincipalName

These extensions have been grouped as a property set called *Names*.

```
PS C:\>Get-ADUser artD | Select-Object Names

DN           : CN=ArtD,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Name         : ArtD
FirstName    : Art
LastName     : Deco
SamAccountName : ArtD
UPN          : artD@company.com
```

Or use a defined view for Active Directory user objects.

```
Get-ADUser -SearchBase "ou=employees,dc=company,dc=pri" -filter * |
Format-Table -view names
```

DistinguishedName: CN=Y.Graffney,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri

SamAccountName	Name	FirstName	LastName	UPN
Y.Graffney	Y.Graffney	Yong	Graffney	Y.Graffney@company.pri

DistinguishedName: CN=D.Waldow,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri

SamAccountName	Name	FirstName	LastName	UPN
D.Waldow	D.Waldow	Diego	Waldow	D.Waldow@company.pri

DistinguishedName: CN=Pat D. Bunnie,OU=Temporary Hires,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri

SamAccountName	Name	FirstName	LastName	UPN
patb	Pat D. Bunnie	Pat	Bunnie	patb@company.pri

DistinguishedName: CN=D.Fierst,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri

SamAccountName	Name	FirstName	LastName	UPN
D.Fierst	D.Fierst	Dewitt	Fierst	D.Fierst@company.pri

The module adds a default table view for AD group objects.

```
PS C:\> get-adgroup -filter "name -like '*admins'"
```

Name	GroupCategory	GroupScope	DistinguishedName
Schema Admins	Security	Universal	CN=Schema Admins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Enterprise Admins	Security	Universal	CN=Enterprise Admins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Domain Admins	Security	Global	CN=Domain Admins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Key Admins	Security	Global	CN=Key Admins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Enterprise Key Admins	Security	Universal	CN=Enterprise Key Admins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DnsAdmins	Security	DomainLocal	CN=DnsAdmins,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri
WebAdmins	Security	Global	CN=WebAdmins,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
OpsAdmins	Distribution	Global	CN=OpsAdmins,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri

If your PowerShell console supports it, Distribution, Universal, and DomainLocal groups will be highlighted in color.

## ADReportingToolsOptions

The ANSI sequences used in the format files are user-configurable. Values are stored in an exported variable called ADReportingToolsOptions, although you shouldn't try to access the variable directly. Use Get-ADReportingToolsOptions to see the current values.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADReportingToolsOptions
```

Name	Value
----	-----
Alert	<code>\$([char]0x1b)[91m</code>
Warning	<code>\$([char]0x1b)[38;5;220m</code>
DomainLocal	<code>\$([char]0x1b)[38;5;191m</code>
Universal	<code>\$([char]0x1b)[38;5;170m</code>
DistributionList	<code>\$([char]0x1b)[92m</code>

The module uses the `[char]0x1b` escape sequence because it works in both Windows PowerShell and PowerShell 7.x.

If you prefer to customize the sequence, use `Set-ADReportingToolsOptions`.

```
Set-ADReportingToolsOptions DistributionList -ANSI "$([char]0x1b)[38;5;50m"
```

This change is only for the duration of your PowerShell session. Add the command to a PowerShell profile script to make it more permanent.



If you would like to see what ANSI sequences look like, install the [PSScriptTools](#) module from the PowerShell Gallery and use [Show-ANSISequence](#).

## ADReportingHash

Several module configuration details are storing in a hashtable called `$ADReportingHash`. Here's a sample.

Name	Value
----	-----
Handle	<code>System.Management.Automation.PowerShellAsyncResult</code>
Note	This hashtable is used by the ADReportingTools module. Do not delete.
BackupLimit	3
Departments	{Accounting, Consumer Affairs, Customer Service, Dev...}
LastUpdated	3/29/2021 5:54:23 PM
DomainControllers	{DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}

Some of these items, such as the list of Departments and Domain Controllers, are gathered when you import the module. On import, a background runspace is invoked that uses a synchronized hashtable to surface information to your session.

## Argument Completers

One way the data from `$ADReportingHash` is used is as argument completers. The `Department` parameter

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from `Get-ADDepartment` is one example. Of course, you need to wait until the background runspace is complete before this will give you any values.

All commands in this module, as well as the `Get` commands from the Active Directory module, that have a `Server` parameter, will use the `DomainController` list as argument completers. Note that the domain controller names are stored in their DNS format.

## CSS Files

The HTML report commands rely on CSS for formatting. In some cases, CSS is defined in the function and embedded into the HTML file. Other CSS is imported from sample files in the `Reports` directory of this module. If you would like to define your own CSS, it is recommended you use the samples as templates for your own work. You might also need to view the source code of specific functions to see what style settings are being defined.

You are always welcome to create your own function or script based on code from this module.

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## Future Work

These are items under consideration and likely to be added to the module:

- Get-ADPasswordPending (look at Get-ADUserResultantPasswordPolicy).
- An HTML computer report.
- Enhanced output from `Search-ADAccount`. This might be several commands.
- Add logo support to the HTML reporting functions.
- Get items by site or location.
- Get newest created item(s) created since a given date.

These are items that I'm dreaming about and may add at some point in the future:

- A toolset to build HTML reports on the fly based on default formatting.
- A WPF-based OU browser or a simplified version of ADUC.
- A WPF-based password reporting tool.

I welcome suggestions, feedback, and comments in the module repository's [Discussion](#) section.

# Module Functions

This section contains the help content you would get from a PowerShell prompt using `Get-Help`. Note that most code examples have been formatted to fit the 80 character page width and sometimes with artificial formatting. Don't assume you can run examples *exactly* as they are shown. Some of the help examples might also use special or custom characters that might not render properly in the PDF.

If you can't remember what commands are in this module, you can always ask PowerShell.

```
Get-Command -module ADReportingTools
```

Or even better, use the `Get-PSScriptTools` command.

```
PS C:\> Get-ADReportingTools

    Verb: Get

Name                Alias                Synopsis
----                -
Get-ADBranch        Get-ADBranch         Get a listing of members in an AD branch.
Get-ADCanonicalUser Get-ADCNUser          Get an AD user account using a canonical name.
Get-ADDomainControllerHealth Get-ADDomainControllerHealth Get a summary view of domain controller healthg
Get-ADFSMO          fsmo                  Get FSMO holders.
Get-ADGroupUser     Get-ADGroupUser       Get user members of an AD group.
Get-ADReportingTools Get-ADReportingTools  Get a summary list of AD Reporting commands
Get-ADSiteDetail    Get-ADSiteDetail      Get a more detailed AD site report.
Get-ADSiteSummary   Get-ADSiteSummary     Get summary information about AD sites.
Get-ADSummary       Get-ADSummary         Get a sumamry report of your AD domain and forest.
Get-ADUserAudit     Get-ADUserAudit       Audit AD user management events.
Get-ADUserCategory  Get-ADUserCategory    Get AD User information based on category

    Verb: New

Name                Alias                Synopsis
----                -
New-ADDomainReport  New-ADDomainReport    Create an HTML report of your domain.

    Verb: Show

Name                Alias                Synopsis
----                -
Show-DomainTree     Show-DomainTree       Display the domain in a tree format.
```

The most current online help can always be found in the module's [Github Repository](#).

# Get-ADBackupStatus

## Synopsis

Get an Active Directory backup status

## Syntax

```
Get-ADBackupStatus [-DomainController] <String[]> [-Credential <PSCredential>]  
[<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

There aren't any explicit PowerShell commands to tell if Active Directory has been backed up. One indirect approach is to use the command-line tool repadmin.exe. This command has a /showbackup parameter which will indicate when the different Active Directory partitions have been backed up. This command is a PowerShell wrapper for repadmin.exe that runs on the specified domain controller in a PowerShell remoting session.

If running in a console host, the date value may be shown in red, if the date is beyond the backup limit of 3 days. This is a user-customizable value in \$ADReportingHash.

\$ADReportinghash.BackupLimit = 5

If you want a limit like this all the time, in your PowerShell profile script import the module and add this line.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADBackupStatus dom1
```

DomainController: Dom1.Company.Pri

Partition	LocalUSN	OriginUSN	Date
-----	-----	-----	----
DC=ForestDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13777	13777	01/25/2021 14:27:01
DC=DomainDnsZones,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13776	13776	01/25/2021 14:27:01
CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=Comp....	13775	13775	01/25/2021 14:27:01
CN=Configuration,DC=Company,DC=Pri	13774	13774	01/25/2021 14:27:01
DC=Company,DC=Pri	13773	13773	01/25/2021 14:27:01

Any date that is beyond the number of days that is beyond \$ADReportingHash.BackupLimit, will be displaySed in red, if running in a console host.

## Parameters

## -Credential

Specify an alternate credential

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -DomainController

Specify the name of a domain controller

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

## System.Object

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>



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## Related Links

[Get-NTDSInfo](#)

[repsadmin.exe](#)

# Get-ADBranch

## Synopsis

Get a listing of members in an AD branch.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADBranch [-SearchBase] <String> [-ObjectClass <String[]>]
[-IncludeDeletedObjects] [-ExcludeContainers] [-Server <String>]
[-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will get all users, groups, and computers from a given Active Directory organizational unit or container and display a hierarchical report. The search is recursive from the starting search base.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADBranch "OU=IT,DC=company,DC=pri"

DistinguishedName      Name      Description
-----
CN=Aprils,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri    Aprils    PowerShell Guru

    Branch: OU=It,DC=Company,DC=Pri [User]

DistinguishedName      Name      Description
-----
CN=ArtD,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri      ArtD      PowerShell Engineer
CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri    GladysK   Senior AD and Ide...
CN=MaryL,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri      MaryL     Main IT
CN=MikeS,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri      MikeS     Backup IT

    Branch: OU=It,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Group]

DistinguishedName      Name      Description
-----
CN=IT,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri        IT
CN=Web Servers,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri  Web Servers
...
```

Get members of the IT organizational unit. There is a formatting bug where the first item isn't properly grouped.

## Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADBranch "Ou=accounting,Dc=company,dc=pri" -objectclass group
```

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
-----	----	-----
CN=Accounting,OU=Accounting,	Accounting	Company Accounting DC=Company,DC=Pri

Branch: OU=Corp Investment,OU=Finance,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Group]

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
-----	----	-----
CN=StrategyDL,OU=Corp DC=Company,DC=Pri	StrategyDL	Strategic plann... Investment,OU=Finance,OU=Accounting,

Branch: OU=Payroll,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Group]

DistinguishedName	Name	Description
-----	----	-----
CN=Payroll Managers,OU=Payroll, OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Payroll Managers	

Get only groups in the Accounting OU tree.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -IncludeDeletedObjects

Show deleted objects. This parameter has no effect unless you are searching from the domain root.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

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## -SearchBase

Enter the distinguished name of the top-level container or organizational unit.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ExcludeContainers

Exclude containers like USERS. This will only have no effect unless your search base is the domain root.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ObjectClass

Only show objects of the matching classes. Valid choices are user, group, and computer.

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

## ADBranchMember

## Notes

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## Related Links

[Show-Domain](#)

# Get-ADCanonicalUser

## Synopsis

Get an AD user account using a canonical name.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADCanonicalUser [-Name] <String> [-Properties <String[]>]  
-IncludeDeletedObjects] [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>]  
[<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Often you will find user names in the form domain\username. This command makes it easier to find the Active Directory user account using this value. If you have enabled the Active Directory Recycle Bin feature, you can use the IncludeDeletedObjects parameter to search for the user account if it can't be found with the initial search.

There is an assumption that you will know the domain controller responsible for the given domain component. Or that all accounts are in your current user domain.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADCanonicalUser company\gladysk -Properties title,description,department
```

```
Department      : IT  
Description      : Senior AD and Identity Goddess  
DistinguishedName : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri  
Enabled          : True  
GivenName        : Gladys  
Name             : GladysK  
ObjectClass      : user  
ObjectGUID       : 445c8817-3c53-4861-9221-407b5af8bdc6  
SamAccountName   : GladysK  
SID              : S-1-5-21-493037332-564925384-1585924867-1105  
Surname          : Kravitz  
Title            : AD Operations Lead  
UserPrincipalName : gladysk@Company.Pri
```

Get the Active Directory user account for Company\Gladysk and some select properties.

### Example 2

```
PS C:\> $a = Get-ADUserAudit -Since "2/1/2021" -Events Disabled
PS C:\> $a.targets | Get-Unique | Get-ADCanonicalUser |
Select-Object DistinguishedName

DistinguishedName
-----
CN=MaryL,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=E.Ratti,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=Roy Biv,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=D.Monroy,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=MaryL,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=S.Montbriand,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=R.Freil,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=N.Wobser,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=Y.Graffney,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
CN=D.Waldow,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
```

The first command is using the Get-ADUserAudit command to find all user accounts disabled since February 1. The resulting targets in the canonical name format. These values are piped to Get-ADCanonicalUser to retrieve the corresponding distinguished name values.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -IncludeDeletedObjects

Search deleted objects if the user account can't be found.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

---

## -Name

Enter the username in the form domain\username.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: True (ByValue)
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Properties

Enter one or more user properties or \* to select everything.

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs



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## System.String

## Outputs

## Microsoft.ActiveDirectory.Management.ADUser

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

Get-ADUser

Get-ADObject

# Get-ADComputerReport

## Synopsis

Get AD Computer account information

## Syntax

```
Get-ADComputerReport [[-Name] <String>] [-Category <String>]  
[-Location <String>] [-SearchBase <String>] [-Server <String>]  
[-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Get-ADComputerReport will gather information about computer objects in Active Directory. The default is to find all objects. But you can filter on a category of Server or Desktop. The filtering is done based on the operating system value.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADComputerReport
```

Name	Description	Location	IPAddress	LastLogonDate
----	-----	-----	-----	-----
DOM1	HQ domain controllers	hqdc	192.168.3.10	3/26/2021 3:12...
DOM2	HQ domain controllers	hqdc	192.168.3.11	3/26/2021 3:21...
Mail01				
SRV1	corp resource server	hqdc	192.168.3.50	3/26/2021 10:4...
SRV2		Omaha	192.168.3.51	3/26/2021 10:4...
...				

If you are running in a PowerShell console, domain controllers and member servers will be highlighted with an ANSI sequence.

### Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADComputerReport -Name srv1 | select *
```

Name	: SRV1
DNSHostname	: SRV1.Company.Pri
Description	: corp resource server
OperatingSystem	: Windows Server 2016 Standard Evaluation
IsServer	: True
Location	: hqdc
LastLogonDate	: 3/26/2021 10:45:27 AM
IPAddress	: 192.168.3.50
Created	: 1/25/2021 1:33:02 PM
Modified	: 3/26/2021 9:04:03 PM
DistinguishedName	: CN=SRV1,CN=Computers,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Get all report properties.

## Parameters

### -Category

Filter by the operating system.

```
Type: String  
Parameter Sets: (All)  
Aliases:  
Accepted values: Any, Server, Desktop  
  
Required: False  
Position: Named  
Default value: None  
Accept pipeline input: False  
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential. This will be used to query the domain and all domain controllers.

```
Type: PSCredential  
Parameter Sets: (All)  
Aliases: RunAs  
  
Required: False  
Position: Named  
Default value: None  
Accept pipeline input: False  
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Location

Filter by location.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Name

Enter an AD conmputer identity. Wildcard are allowed.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: True (ByValue)
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -SearchBase

Enter the distinguished name of the top-level container or organizational unit.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query for a list of domain controllers.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

---

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### System.String

## Outputs

### ADComputerInfo

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADDomainControllerHealth](#)

[Get-ADManager](#)

[Get-ADComputer](#)

# Get-ADDepartment

## Synopsis

Get members of a department from Active Directory.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADDepartment [-Department] <String[]> [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Use this command to retrieve user account information from Active Directory for members of a specific department. You can specify multiple departments. User information is displayed in a grouped table by default.

When you import the ADReportingTools module, it will define a global variable called ADReportingHash, which is a hashtable. The variable has a key called Departments. This variable is used in an argument completer for the -Department parameter. This allows you to tab-complete the parameter value. If you add a department after loading the module, you will need to update the variable. You can manually add a department:

```
$ADReportingHash.Departments+='Bottle Washing'
```

Or reload the module:

```
Import-Module ADReportingTools -force
```

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDepartment -Department sales -Server dom1 -Credential company\artd
```

Department: Sales

Name	Title	City	Phone
----	-----	----	-----
Sonya Smith	Account Executive	Omaha	x2345
Garret Guillary	Intern	Omaha	x8877
Sam Smith	Sales Support	Omaha	x5678
Samantha Smith	Sales Assistant	Omaha	x9875

Get all members of the Sales department. This example queries a specific domain controller and uses alternate credentials. If your PowerShell session supports it, disabled accounts will be displayed in red.

### Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDepartment Sales | Format-Table -view manager
```

```
Manager: CN=Alfonso Dente,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sales]
```

Name	Description	Title	City
-----	-----	-----	-----
Sonya Smith	Sales	Account Executive	Omaha

```
Manager: CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sales]
```

Name	Description	Title	City
-----	-----	-----	-----
Garret Guillary	sales intern	Intern	Omaha

```
Manager: CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sales]
```

Name	Description	Title	City
-----	-----	-----	-----
Sam Smith	Sales	Sales Support	Omaha
Samantha Smith	Sales	Sales Assistant	Omaha

The command has a corresponding formatting file with a custom view.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify alternate credentials for authentication.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: runas

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Department

Specify one or more department names.

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: DC

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

## ADDeptMember

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADUserCategory](#)

[Get-ADUser](#)



# Get-ADDomainControllerHealth

## Synopsis

Get a summary view of domain controller health.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADDomainControllerHealth [[-Server] <String>] [[-Credential] <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command is intended to give you a quick summary of the overall health of your Active Directory domain controllers. The concept of "health" is based on the following:

- How much free space remains on drive C:?
- How much free physical memory?
- What percentage of the Security event log is in use?
- Are any critical services not running?

The services checked are ntds,kdc,adws,dfs,dfsrm,netlogon,samss, and w32time. Not every organization runs DNS and/or DHCP on their domain controllers so those services have been omitted.

Output will be color-coded using ANSI escape sequences.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDomainControllerHealth

DC: DOM1.Company.Pri [192.168.3.10]

Uptime      PctFreeC    PctFreeMem   PctSecLog  ServiceAlert
-----
12.22:29:47    89.61      25.17        33.8       False

DC: DOM2.Company.Pri [192.168.3.11]

Uptime      PctFreeC    PctFreeMem   PctSecLog  ServiceAlert
-----
5.16:38:00    90.63      48.36        14.56      True
```

Get a health snapshot of your domain controllers. A ServiceAlert of True means that one of the defined critical services is not running.

Output might be color-coded. A ServiceAlert value of True will be displayed in Red. Free space on C and percent free physical memory will be shown in red if the value is 10% or less. A percent free less than 30\$ will be displayed in an orange/yellow color. The percent Security log usage thresholds are 15% and 50%.

## Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDomainControllerHealth | Format-Table -view info

Domain Controller: CN=DOM1,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri

OperatingSystem      IsGC    IsRO    Roles
-----
Windows Server 2019 Standard    True    False    {SchemaMaster,DomainNam...

Domain Controller: CN=DOM2,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri

OperatingSystem      IsGC    IsRO    Roles
-----
Windows Server 2019 Standard    True    False    {}
```

Get domain controller health using a custom table view.

## Example 3

```
PS C:\> Get-ADDomainControllerHealth | Select-Object -Expand Services

Computername: DOM1.Company.Pri

ProcessID Displayname      Name      State   StartMode Started
-----
2544      Active Directory Web Services ADWS      Running Auto    True
2652      DFS Namespace              Dfs       Running Auto    True
2624      DFS Replication             DFSR      Running Auto    True
660       Kerberos Key Distribution Center Kdc       Running Auto    True
660       Netlogon                    Netlogon  Running Auto    True
660       Active Directory Domain Services NTDS      Running Auto    True
660       Security Accounts Manager   SamSs     Running Auto    True
1028      Windows Time                 W32Time   Running Auto    True
...
```

View the service status for each domain controller.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential. This will be used to query the domain and all domain controllers.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: 1
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query for a list of domain controllers.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

## ADDomainControllerHealth

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

Get-ADDomainController

# Get-ADFSMO

## Synopsis

Get FSMO holders.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADFSMO [[-Identity] <String>] [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will display all FSMO role holders for the forest and domain at a glance.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> PS C:\> Get-ADFSMO

Domain: Company.Pri
Forest: Company.Pri

PDCEmulator      : DOM1.Company.Pri
RIDMaster        : DOM1.Company.Pri
InfrastructureMaster : DOM1.Company.Pri
SchemaMaster     : DOM1.Company.Pri
DomainNamingMaster : DOM1.Company.Pri
```

Get the FSMO holders for the current domain and forest.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Identity

Specify the domain name. The default is the user domain.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: name

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

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## Outputs

### ADFSMORole

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADSummary](#)

[Get-ADDomain](#)

[Get-ADForest](#)

# Get-ADGroupReport

## Synopsis

Create a custom group report

## Syntax

```
Get-ADGroupReport [[-Name] <String>] [-SearchBase <String>][-Category <String>]  
[-Scope <String>] [-ExcludeBuiltIn] [-Server <String>]  
[-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Get-ADGroupReport will create a custom report for a group showing members. Get-ADGroupUser is intended to display group membership details. Get-ADGroupReport focuses on the group, although members are also displayed. Members are always gathered recursively. You can filter for specific types of groups. You can also opt to exclude groups under CN=Users and CN=BuiltIn. The groups "Domain Users", "Domain Computers", and "Domain Guests" are always excluded from this command.

If your PowerShell hosts supports it, ANSI color schemes will be used to highlight things such as Distribution groups and disabled user accounts.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupReport sales
```

```
Name           : CN=Sales,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Global|Security]  
ManagedBy     : CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri  
Description    : Sales Force Resources
```

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Displayname	Name	Description	DistinguishedName
-----	----	-----	-----
Sam Smith	SamS	Sales	CN=SamS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Sonya Smith	SonyaS	Sales	CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Samantha Smith	SamanthaS	Sales	CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri

If your PowerShell host supports it, Disabled user accounts will display the distinguished name in red.

### Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupReport -ExcludeBuiltIn | Format-Table -View age
```

Name	Members	Created	Modified	Age
IT	5	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/15/2021 5:42:50 PM	17:04:02
Sales	3	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/16/2021 9:52:29 AM	00:54:23
Marketing	3	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/16/2021 9:52:29 AM	00:54:24
Accounting	3	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	3/4/2021 9:25:39 AM	12.01:21:14
JEA Operators	4	1/25/2021 1:32:44 PM	1/28/2021 11:34:57 AM	46.23:11:56
Web Servers	1	1/25/2021 1:32:45 PM	3/15/2021 5:42:33 PM	17:04:20
DevOpsPrimary	0	1/25/2021 4:47:53 PM	1/27/2021 10:35:11 AM	48.00:11:42
DevOpsBackup	3	1/25/2021 4:48:02 PM	3/16/2021 10:12:01 AM	00:34:52
...				

If your console supports it, Distribution Lists will be displayed in green, and a member count of 0 will be displayed in red.

### Example 3

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupReport -ExcludeBuiltIn | Format-Table -view summary
```

DistinguishedName: CN=IT,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name	Members	Category	Scope	Branch
IT	5	Security	Global	OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri

DistinguishedName: CN=Sales,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name	Members	Category	Scope	Branch
Sales	3	Security	Global	OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri

DistinguishedName: CN=Marketing,OU=Marketing,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name	Members	Category	Scope	Branch
Marketing	3	Security	Global	OU=Marketing,DC=Company,DC=Pri
...				

Get groups and format with a custom view. If your console session supports it, some of the output will be color-coded with ANSI sequences.

## Parameters

### -Category

Filter on the group category



```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: All, Distribution, Security

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: All
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Credential

Specify an alternate credential. This will be used to query the domain and all domain controllers.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ExcludeBuiltIn

Exclude BuiltIn and Users. Domain Users, Domain Guests, and Domain Computers are always excluded regardless of this parameter.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Name

Enter an AD Group name. Wildcards are allowed.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: True
```

## -Scope

Filter on group scope

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: Any, DomainLocal, Global, Universal

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: Any
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -SearchBase

Enter the distinguished name of the top-level container or organizational unit.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query for a list of domain controllers.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

---

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

### ADGroupReport

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADGroupUser](#)

[New-ADGroupReport](#)

[Get-ADGroup](#)

[Get-ADGroupMember](#)

[Get-ADManager](#)

# Get-ADGroupUser

## Synopsis

Get user members of an AD group.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADGroupUser [-Name] <String> [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will display all users of a given Active Directory group. The search is automatically recursive. The default output is a formatted table that will highlight disabled accounts in red.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupUser sales
```

```
DistinguishedName: CN=SamS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sam Smith]
```

Name	Title	Description	PasswordLastSet
SamS		Sales Staff	1/25/2021 1:32:36 PM

```
DistinguishedName: CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Sonya Smith]
```

Name	Title	Description	PasswordLastSet
SonyaS	Account Executive	Sales	1/25/2021 1:32:37 PM

```
DistinguishedName: CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Samantha Smith]
```

Name	Title	Description	PasswordLastSet
SamanthaS	Sales Assistant	Sales Staff	1/25/2021 1:32:37 PM

Disabled accounts will have their distinguished name displayed in red.

### Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADGroupUser sales | format-list

Group: CN=Sales,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri

DistinguishedName : CN=SamS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Name              : SamS
Displayname       : Sam Smith
Description        : Sales Staff
Title             :
Department        : Sales
Enabled           : False
PasswordLastSet   : 3/4/2021 4:03:23 PM

DistinguishedName : CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Name              : SonyaS
Displayname       : Sonya Smith
Description        : Sales
Title             : Account Executive
Department        : Sales
Enabled           : True
PasswordLastSet   : 1/25/2021 1:32:37 PM
...
```

Using the defined list view.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Name

Enter the name of an Active Directory group.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: True (ByPropertyName, ByValue)
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### System.String

## Outputs

### ADGroupUser

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADGroupReport](#)

[Get-ADGroupMember](#)

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# Get-ADManager

## Synopsis

Get a manager from Active Directory

## Syntax

```
Get-ADManager [[-Name] <String>] [-Detail <String>] [-ObjectClass <String[]>]  
[-SearchBase <String>] [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>]  
[<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

In Active Directory, you can designate a manager for users and objects. From the manager account's perspective, users are designated as DirectReports, and items such as Computers, Groups, and OrganizationalUnits are referred to as ManagedObjects. Get-ADManager is a simple way to get a manager account and view everything that they manage. The default is to get all users and all objects, but you can filter using command parameters. Note that if you filter to show only DirectReports or only ManagedObjects, the other property will show a count of 0, even if there are managed items.

If you are running in a PowerShell console host, the default output will be colorized with ANSI escape sequences.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADManager artd

Name           : CN=ArtD,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [ArtD]
Title          : IT Operations Lead
Description    : PowerShell Engineer
Direct Reports : 1

    User: CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [GladysK]

DisplayName      Description                      Title                Department
-----
Gladys Kravitz   Senior AD and Identity Goddess AD Operations Lead      IT

Managed Objects : 11

Computer

    CN=DOM2,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri [DOM2.Company.Pri]
Name      Location  IPAddress      OperatingSystem      Description
----      -
DOM2      hqdc      192.168.3.11   Windows Server 2019  HQ domain controllers

    CN=RX-ba-3465-fb,CN=Computers,DC=Company,DC=Pri []
Name      Location  IPAddress      OperatingSystem      Description
----      -
RX-ba-3465-fb

...

```

Get the manager account ArtD and show all direct reports and managed objects.Disabled computer and user accounts will be shown in Red.

Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADManager Gladysk -Detail DirectReports

Name           : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [GladysK]
Title          : AD Operations Lead
Description    : Senior AD and Identity Goddess
Direct Reports : 4

    User: CN=Darren Stevens,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Darren Stevens]

DisplayName      Description                      Title                Department
-----
Darren Stevens   Darren 1                        IT Audit             Information Services

    User: CN=Gustav Klimt,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Gustav Klimt]

DisplayName      Description                      Title                Department
-----
Gustav Klimt     Help Desk Staff                 Tier I
...

```

Only display the managers direct reports.



## Example 3

```
PS C:\> Get-ADManager Gladysk -Detail ManagedObjects -ObjectClass Group,OU

Name           : CN=GladysK,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri [GladysK]
Title          : AD Operations Lead
Description     : Senior AD and Identity Goddess
Direct Reports : 0
Managed Objects : 6

Computer
OrganizationalUnit

    DistinguishedName: OU=Research,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name           Description
----
Research

    DistinguishedName: OU=TechStaff,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri

Name           Description
----
TechStaff      Help and Support Staff accounts

Group

    Group: CN=AcctTalk,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Universal|Distribution]

Name           Description
----
AcctTalk       company finance mail list

    Group: CN=JEA Operators,OU=JEA_Operators,DC=Company,DC=Pri [Global|Security]

Name           Description
----
JEA Operators  Trusted JEA users
...
```

Display Groups and Organizational Units managed by the specified user. OUs not marked for protection from deletion will be shown in red. Universal and Distribution groups will be highlighted by color as well.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential. This will be used to query the domain and all domain controllers.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Detail

Specify what managed detail you want.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: All, DirectReports, ManagedObjects

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: All
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Name

Enter an Active Directory account's SAMAccountname.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ObjectClass

Specify what managed object class you want. The default is everything. This parameter has no effect if you only get Direct Reports.

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: All, Group, Computer, OU

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: All
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -SearchBase

Enter the distinguished name of the top-level container or organizational unit.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query for a list of domain controllers.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

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## Outputs

### ADManager

### Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

### Related Links

[Get-ADGroupReport](#)

[Get-ADComputerReport](#)

# Get-ADReportingTools

## Synopsis

Get a summary list of AD Reporting commands

## Syntax

```
Get-ADReportingTools [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will present a summary of commands in the ADReportingTools module grouped by verb. The default output will show the command name, any defined aliases, and the help synopsis.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADReportingTools
```

## Parameters

### CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

### ADReportingTool

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

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# Related Links

[Open-ADReportingToolsHelp](#)

[Get-Module](#)

[Get-Command](#)

# Get-ADReportingToolsOptions

## Synopsis

Get ADReportingTools color options

## Syntax

```
Get-ADReportingToolsOptions [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Many of the commands in the ADReportingTools module have custom format files that utilize ANSI escape sequences to highlight key elements. The module defaults are stored in a variable called ADReportingToolsOptions. Use this command to view the current settings. If you access the variable directly, you won't see the actual ANSI settings, and you might have to reset your console by typing "\$([char]0x1b)[0m".

The ANSI sequences use the [char]0x1b escape character because it works in both Windows PowerShell and PowerShell 7.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADReportingToolsOptions
```

Name	Value
Alert	\$([char]0x1b)[91m
Warning	\$([char]0x1b)[38;5;220m
DistributionList	\$([char]0x1b)[92m

The actual values will be color-coded with the ANSI sequence.

## Parameters

### CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

## None

## Outputs

## ADReportingToolsOption

## Notes

An easy way to see ANSI samples is to install the PSScriptTools module from the PowerShell Gallery and use the Show-ANSISquence command.

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Set-ADReportingToolsOptions](#)



# Get-ADSiteDetail

## Synopsis

Get a more detailed AD site report.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADSiteDetail [-Name <String>] [[-Server] <String>] [[-Credential] <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will present a summary report of your Active Directory sites showing a description, associated subnets, and when the site object was created and last modified.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSiteDetail

Name: Default-First-Site-Name

Description      Subnets      Created      Modified
-----
Home Office      {192.168.3.0/24, 19... 2/23/2021 3:36:58 PM 2/23/2021...

Name: NoCal

Description      Subnets      Created      Modified
-----
Bay Area Office  172.17.0.0/16 2/23/2021 3:38:33 PM 2/23/2021...
```

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: 1
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Name

Specify the name of an Active Directory site. The default is all sites.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

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## Outputs

### ADSiteDetail

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

Get-ADSiteSummary

Get-ADReplicationSite

# Get-ADSiteSummary

## Synopsis

Get summary information about AD sites.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADSiteSummary [-Name <String>] [[-Server] <String>] [[-Credential] <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will display a summary report of each Active Directory site.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSiteSummary

Site: Default-First-Site-Name
Description: Home Office

Subnet      Description      Location
-----
192.168.3.0/24  Employees
192.168.99.0/24 Datacenter      HQDC

Site: NoCal
Description: Bay Area Office

Subnet      Description      Location
-----
172.17.0.0/16
```

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: 1
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Name

Specify the name of an Active Directory site. The default is all sites.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

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## Outputs

### ADSiteSummary

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADSiteDetail](#)

[Get-ADReplicationSite](#)

# Get-ADSummary

## Synopsis

Get a summary report of your AD domain and forest.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADSummary [[-Identity] <String>] [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This simple command will give you a snapshot-sized summary of your Active Directory domain and forest.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADSummary
```

```
Forest: Company.Pri [Windows2016Forest]
```

```
RootDomain      : Company.Pri
Domains         : {Company.Pri}
Domain          : Company.Pri
DomainMode      : Windows2016Domain
DomainControllers : {DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}
GlobalCatalogs  : {DOM1.Company.Pri, DOM2.Company.Pri}
SiteCount       : 2
```

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Identity

Specify the domain name. The default is the user domain.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: name

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

## ADSummary

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>



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## Related Links

[Get-ADFMO](#)

[Get-ADDomain](#)

[Get-ADForest](#)

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# Get-ADUserAudit

## Synopsis

Audit AD user management events.

## Syntax

```
Get-ADUserAudit [[-DomainController] <String[]>] [-Since <DateTime>]  
[-Events <String[]>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will search the Security event logs on your domain controllers for specific user-related events. These activities are not replicated, so you have to search each domain controller. Be aware that you may see related events for some actions. For example, if you create and enable a new user, you'll see multiple entries for the same event.

The output will show you the user accounts that match the search criteria, and the domain account that was responsible. Although, this command can't tell you which administrator is responsible for which activity. The best you can learn is that for a given time frame, these user accounts were managed. Or these administrators did something. You would need to search the event log on the domain controller for more information.

You may need to enable logging and/or increase the size of the Security event log.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> get-aduseraudit -Events Created -Since 2/1/2021
```

```
DomainController: DOM1.Company.Pri
```

```
EventType      : UserCreated
Since          : 2/1/2021 12:00:00 AM
TargetCount    : 10
Targets        : {COMPANY\darrens, COMPANY\S.Talone, COMPANY\ntesla, COMPANY...}
Administrators : {COMPANY\ArtD, COMPANY\Administrator, COMPANY\GladysK, COMP...}
```

```
DomainController: DOM2.Company.Pri
```

```
EventType      : UserCreated
Since          : 2/1/2021 12:00:00 AM
TargetCount    : 6
Targets        : {COMPANY\astark, COMPANY\georgejet, COMPANY\maef, COMPANY\bo..}
Administrators : {COMPANY\GladysK, COMPANY\ArtD}
```

Find all user accounts created since February 1, 2021.

## Parameters

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -DomainController

Specify one or more domain controllers to query. The default is all domain controllers in the user domain.

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Events

Select one or more user account events

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: Created, Deleted, Enabled, Disabled, Changed

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Since

Find all matching user management events since what date and time?

```
Type: DateTime
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

## System.Object

## Notes

An earlier version of this command was first published at: <http://bit.ly/ADUserAudit>

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

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# Related Links

Get-WinEvent

# Get-ADUserCategory

## Synopsis

Get AD User information based on category

## Syntax

### filter (Default)

```
Get-ADUserCategory [[-Filter] <String>] [-SearchBase <String>] -Category <String> [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

### id

```
Get-ADUserCategory [-Identity] <String> -Category <String> [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Get-ADUserCategory is based on the concept of getting user information from a pre-defined category. For example, you might want to get the properties DisplayName, Name, Title, Department, and Manager for a Department category. The ADReportingTools module will define a set of pre-defined categories that you can reference through \$ADUserReportingConfiguration.

These are the current defaults.

Department DisplayName,Name,Title,Department,Manager Basic

DisplayName,Name,SamAccountname,UserPrincipalName,Enabled,WhenCreated,WhenChanged Address

DisplayName,Name,TelephoneNumber,Office,StreetAddress,POBox,City,State,PostalCode Organization

DisplayName,Name,Title,Department,Manager,Company,Office Pwinfo

DisplayName,Name>PasswordExpired>PasswordLastSet>PasswordNeverExpires

The user's distinguishedname will always be included.

You don't have to remember what property names to include or reference.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-ADUserCategory artd -Category basic
```

```
DistinguishedName : CN=ArtD,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Art Deco
Name             : ArtD
SamAccountname   : ArtD
UserPrincipalName : artd@company.com
Enabled          : True
WhenCreated      : 1/25/2021 1:32:35 PM
WhenChanged      : 3/11/2021 6:32:58 PM
```

## Example 2

```
PS C:\> Get-ADUserCategory -filter "department -eq 'sales'" -Category Department
```

```
DistinguishedName : CN=SamS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Sam Smith
Name             : SamS
Title            :
Department       : Sales
Manager          : CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri

DistinguishedName : CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Sonya Smith
Name             : SonyaS
Title            : Account Executive
Department       : Sales
Manager          :

DistinguishedName : CN=SamanthaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
DisplayName       : Samantha Smith
Name             : SamanthaS
Title            : Sales Assistant
Department       : Sales
Manager          : CN=SonyaS,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri
```

## Example 3

```
PS C:\> $ADUserReportingConfiguration += [pscustomobject]@{Name="Custom";Properties="DisplayName","Description"}
PS C:\> Get-ADUserCategory -filter "givenname -like 'a*'" -Category custom
```

DistinguishedName	DisplayName	Description
-----	-----	-----
CN=AaronS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Aaron Smith	Accountant
CN=Al Fresco,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Al Fresco	
CN=A.Henaire,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Alexander Henaire	
CN=Alfonso Dente,OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Alfonso Dente	
CN=AndreaS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Andrea Smith	Accountant
CN=AndyS,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Andy Smith	Accountant
CN=Anthony Stark,OU=Research,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Tony Stark	
CN=AprilS,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	April Showers	PowerShell Guru
CN=A.Fieldhouse,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Aron Fieldhouse	sample user ...
CN=ArtD,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Art Deco	PowerShell E...
CN=Art Frame,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri	Art Frame	Test User

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The first command is adding a new category. The second command uses the category.

## Parameters

### -Category

Select a defined category.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential. This will be used to query the domain and all domain controllers.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Filter

Specify an AD filter like "department -eq 'sales'". The default is all Enabled user accounts.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: filter
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Identity

Enter an AD user identity



```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: id
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -SearchBase

Enter the distinguished name of the top-level container or organizational unit.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: filter
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query for a list of domain controllers.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

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## Outputs

### ADUserCategory

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

Get-ADUser

[Get-ADDepartmentMember](#)

# Get-NTDSInfo

## Synopsis

Get information about the NTDS.dit and related files.

## Syntax

```
Get-NTDSInfo [-Computersname] <String[]> [-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Get-NTDSInfo will query a domain controller using PowerShell remoting to get information about the NTDS.dit and related files. You might use this to track the size of the file or to check on backups. A high log count might indicate a backup is needed.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Get-NTDSInfo -computersname dom1 | format-list

DomainController : DOM1.Company.Pri
Path             : C:\NTDS\ntds.dit
Size             : 16777216
FileDate         : 3/26/2021 1:13:26 PM
LogCount         : 34
Date             : 3/26/2021 4:15:00 PM
```

The default display is a table. The LogCount is the number of temp edb files in the NTDS folder. The FileDate is the timestamp of ntds.dit, and the Date property reflects when you ran the command.

## Parameters

### -Computersname

Specify a domain controller name.

```
Type: String[]
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: name

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: True (ByValue)
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### System.String[]

## Outputs

## NTDSInfo

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADBackupStatus](#)

# New-ADChangeReport

## Synopsis

Create an HTML change report.

## Syntax

```
New-ADChangeReport [[-Since] <DateTime>] [-ReportTitle <String>]  
[-Logo <String>] [--CSSUri <String>] [-EmbedCSS] [-ByContainer]  
[-Path <String>] [-Server <String>] [-Credential <PSCredential>]  
[-AuthType <String>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

New-ADChangeReport will create an HTML report showing changes to Active Directory users, computers, and groups since a given date and time. The command uses Get-ADObject to query the WhenChanged property. The objects are organized by class and/or container and written to an HTML file. The command uses a CSS file from the ADReportingTools module, although you can specify your own. To make the HTML file portable, you can opt to embed the CSS content from a file source.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> New-ADChangeReport -Since "3/1/2021" -Path C:\work\March-2021-Change.html -ReportTitle "March AD Change Report" -EmbedCSS
```

This example will create a report called March-2021-Change.html with Active Directory changes since March 1, 2021. The HTML report will use the default CSS file from the ADReportingTools module and embed it into the file.

## Parameters

### -AuthType

Specifies the authentication method to use. Possible values for this parameter include:

Negotiate or 0

Basic or 1

The default authentication method is Negotiate.

A Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) connection is required for the Basic authentication method.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: Negotiate, Basic

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: Negotiate
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ByContainer

Add a second grouping based on the object's container or OU.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## --CSSUri

Specify the path to the CSS file. If you don't specify one, the default module file will be used.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: changereport.css
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Credential

Specify an alternate credential for authentication.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -EmbedCSS

Embed the CSS file into the HTML document head. You can only embed from a file, not a URL.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Logo

Specify the path to an image file to use as a logo in the report.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Path

Specify the path for the output file.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ReportTitle

What is the report title?

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: "Active Directory Change Report"
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specifies the Active Directory Domain Services domain controller to query. The default is your Logon server.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Since

Enter a last modified datetime for AD objects. The default is the last 4 hours.

```
Type: DateTime
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None



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## Outputs

### System.IO.FileInfo

## Notes

An earlier version of this command was first described at <https://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/powershell/8087/an-active-directory-change-report-from-powershell/>

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

Get-ADObject

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# New-ADDomainReport

## Synopsis

Create an HTML report of your domain.

## Syntax

```
New-ADDomainReport [[-Name] <String>] -FilePath <String>  
[-ReportTitle <String>] [-CSSUri <String>] [-EmbedCSS] [-Server <String>]  
[-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will create an HTML report of your domain. The report layout is by container and organizational unit. Underneath each branch will be a table display of users, computers, and groups. Beneath each group will be a table of recursive group members. You should get detail about users and computers if you hover the mouse over the distinguished name.

The ADReportingTools module includes a CSS file which will be used by default. But you can specify an alternate CSS file. If you want to make the file portable, you can opt to embed the CSS into the HTML file. You can only embed from a file, not a URL reference.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> New-ADDomainReport -filepath c:\work\company.html -embedcss
```

Create the HTML report and embed the default CSS file.

## Parameters

### -CSSUri

Specify the path to the CSS file. If you don't specify one, the default module file will be used. The default file is in the Reports folder of this module.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -EmbedCSS

Embed the CSS file into the HTML document head. You can only embed from a file, not a URL.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -FilePath

Specify the output HTML file.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

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## -Name

Specify the domain name. The default is the user domain.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: domain

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ReportTitle

Enter the name of the report to be displayed in the web browser.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: Domain Report
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

## None

## Outputs

## System.IO.File

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Show-DomainTree](#)

# New-ADGroupReport

## Synopsis

Create an HTML report of AD groups

## Syntax

```
New-ADGroupReport [[-Name] <String>] [-SearchBase <String>]  
[-Category <String>] [-Scope <String>] [-ExcludeBuiltIn] -FilePath <String>  
-ReportTitle <String> [-CSSUri <String>] [-EmbedCSS] [-Server <String>]  
[-Credential <PSCredential>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

New-ADGroupReport will create an HTML report of specified groups from Active Directory. This function is based on Get-ADGroupReport and converts the output to an HTML file. You can specify a CSS file or use the default from the module.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> New-ADGroupReport -excludeBuiltIn -embedCSS -server dom2 -category security -filepath c:\work\secgroup.html
```

This example will create a new HTML report of all Security groups, excluding the built-in groups. Disabled user accounts will be highlighted in red since the command is using the module's CSS file, which is also being embedded. User detail will pop-up when the mouse hovers over the user's distinguishedname.

## Parameters

### -CSSUri

Specify the path the CSS file. If you don't specify one, the default module file will be used.

```
Type: String  
Parameter Sets: (All)  
Aliases:  
  
Required: False  
Position: Named  
Default value: groupreport.css  
Accept pipeline input: False  
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Category

Filter on the group category.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: All, Distribution, Security

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -EmbedCSS

Embed the CSS file into the HTML document head. You can only embed from a file, not a URL.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -ExcludeBuiltIn

Exclude BuiltIn and Users containers. Domain Users, Domain Guests, and Domain Computers are always excluded regardless of this parameter.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -FilePath

Specify the output HTML file.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Name

Enter an AD Group name. Wildcards are allowed.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: True
```

## -ReportTitle

Enter the name of the report to be displayed in the web browser

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: AD Group Report
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```



## -Scope

Filter on group scope

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: Any, DomainLocal, Global, Universal

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -SearchBase

Enter the distinguished name of the top-level container or organizational unit.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

None

## Outputs

**System.IO.File**

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADGroupReport](#)

# Open-ADReportingToolsHelp

## Synopsis

Open a PDF help file.

## Syntax

```
Open-ADReportingToolsHelp [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Open-ADReportingToolsHelp will launch a PDF file with all module documentation for the ADReportingTools module. The command should launch the file with whatever application is associated with the .PDF extension.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Open=ADReportingToolsHelp
```

Launch the help PDF file.

## Parameters

### CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

None

## Outputs

None

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

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# Related Links

[Get-ADReportingTools](#)

# Set-ADReportingToolsOptions

## Synopsis

Change an ADReportingToolsOptions setting.

## Syntax

```
Set-ADReportingToolsOptions [-Name] <String> -ANSI <String> [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Many of the commands in the ADReportingTools module have custom format files that utilize ANSI escape sequences to highlight key elements. The module defaults are stored in a variable called ADReportingToolsOptions. Use this command to modify a current setting.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Set-ADReportingToolsOptions DistributionList -ANSI "$([char]0x1b)[36m"
```

This will change the color value for DistributionList entries. The change is not persistent unless you put it in a PowerShell profile script.

## Parameters

### -ANSI

Specify the opening ANSI sequence. The module uses the [char]0x1b escape sequence because it works in both Windows PowerShell and PowerShell 7.x.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: True
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Name

Specify an option.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:
Accepted values: DistributionList, Alert, Warning

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### None

## Outputs

### None

## Notes

An easy way to see ANSI samples is to install the PSScriptTools module from the PowerShell Gallery and use the Show-ANSISequence command.

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[Get-ADReportingToolsOptions](#)

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# Show-DomainTree

## Synopsis

Display the domain in a tree format.

## Syntax

```
Show-DomainTree [[-Name] <String>] [-UseDN] [-Server <String>]  
[-Credential <PSCredential>] [-Containers] [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

This command will display your domain in a tree view at the console. By default, Show-DomainTree will use color-coded ANSI formatting. The default display uses the organizational unit names. Although, you can use the distinguishedname of each branch. If you use -Containers, containers like Users will be included.



This command will only run in a console host session. It will **not** run in the PowerShell ISE or VSCode.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\> Show-DomainTree
```

```
DC=Company,DC=Pri
```

```
|
|— Accounting
|   |— Banking
|   |— Finance
|       |— Corp Investment
|   |— Payroll
|— Dev
|   |— Ops
|— Domain Controllers
|— Employees
|   |— Exec
|       |— VIP
|   |— Temporary Hires
|— IT
|   |— Help Desk
|       |— TechStaff
|           |— Test
|   |— SecOps
|— JEA_Operators
|— Marketing
|   |— Agency
|— Research
|— Sales
|   |— InsideSales
|   |— OutsideSales
|— Servers
|   |— AppDev
|   |— DMZ
|   |— Web
|       |— Staging
|— Suspended
```

Output will color-coded using ANSI escape sequences.

## Example 2



```
PS C:\> PS C:\> Show-DomainTree -usedn

DC=Company,DC=Pri
|
├── OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   ├── OU=Banking,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   ├── OU=Finance,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   │   ├── OU=Corp Investment,OU=Finance,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   │   └── OU=Payroll,OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   └── OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│       ├── OU=Ops,OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│       └── OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri
├── OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   ├── OU=Exec,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   │   ├── OU=VIP,OU=Exec,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   │   └── OU=Temporary Hires,OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│   └── OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│       ├── OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│       │   ├── OU=TechStaff,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│       │   └── OU=Test,OU=TechStaff,OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
│       └── OU=SecOps,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
└── ...
```

Display the domain tree using distinguishednames.

## Parameters

### -Containers

Include containers and non-OU elements. Items with a GUID in the name will be omitted.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: cn

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

### -Credential

Specify an alternate credential.

```
Type: PSCredential
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: RunAs

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

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## -Name

Specify the domain name. The default is the user domain.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases:

Required: False
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -Server

Specify a domain controller to query.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dc, domaincontroller

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## -UseDN

Display the domain tree using distinguished names.

```
Type: SwitchParameter
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dn

Required: False
Position: Named
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: False
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

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## None

## Outputs

## String

## Notes

Learn more about PowerShell: <http://jdhitsolutions.com/blog/essential-powershell-resources/>

## Related Links

[New-ADDomainReport](#)

# Split-DistinguishedName

## Synopsis

Split a distinguished name into its components.

## Syntax

```
Split-DistinguishedName [-DistinguishedName] <String> [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

Split-DistinguishedName will take a distinguishedname and break it down to its component elements. The command does not verify the name or any of its elements.

## Examples

### Example 1

```
PS C:\>Get-ADGroup supporttech | Split-Distinguishedname
```

```
Name       : SupportTech
Branch      : Help Desk
BranchDN    : OU=Help Desk,OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri
Domain      : Company
DomainDN    : DC=Company,DC=Pri
DomainDNS   : Company.Pri
```

### Example 2

```
PS C:\> Split-DistinguishedName "CN=Foo,OU=Bar,OU=Oz,DC=Research,DC=Globomantics,DC=com"
```

```
Name       : Foo
Branch      : Bar
BranchDN    : OU=Bar,OU=Oz,DC=Research,DC=Globomantics,DC=com
Domain      : Research
DomainDN    : DC=Research,DC=Globomantics,DC=com
DomainDNS   : Research.Globomantics.com
```

## Parameters

### -DistinguishedName

Enter an Active Directory DistinguishedName.

```
Type: String
Parameter Sets: (All)
Aliases: dn

Required: True
Position: 0
Default value: None
Accept pipeline input: True (ByPropertyName, ByValue)
Accept wildcard characters: False
```

## CommonParameters

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: -Debug, -ErrorAction, -ErrorVariable, -InformationAction, -InformationVariable, -OutVariable, -OutBuffer, -PipelineVariable, -Verbose, -WarningAction, and -WarningVariable. For more information, see [about\\_CommonParameters](#).

## Inputs

### System.String

## Outputs

### ADDistinguishedNameInfo

## Notes

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## Related Links

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# Changelog

This is a summary of major changes in the ADReportingTools module since it was released as a 1.0 product.

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## 1.4.0

- Added missing online help links.
- Cleaned up module manifest
- Fixed typo. ([Issue #27](#))
- Updated README .md.

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## 1.3.0

- Added `ThreadJob` as a required module. ([Issue #25](#))
- Changed `$ADReportingToolsOptions` to an `[ordered]` hashtable and added the ANSI reset sequence at the end. Now, if you look at `$ADReportingToolsOptions``, your console will reset.
- Modified `Get-ADReportingToolsOptions` to filter out keys I'm using for reference information when users access `$ADReportingToolsOptions` directly.
- Added function `Get-ADManager` and custom format file `admanager.format.ps1xml`.
- Modified `Get-ADComputerReport` to include `Enabled` and `ManagedBy` properties.
- Added a table view called `Managed` to `adcomputerreport.format.ps1xml`.
- Added missing online help links.
- Updated `README.md`.



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## 1.2.0

- Revised help for `Show-DomainTree` to indicate it must be run in a console session and not the PowerShell ISE. [Issue #23](#)
- Add function `New-ADGroupReport` and CSS file `groupreport.css`.
- Added missing help for `Get-ADComputerReport`.
- Added argument completer for `SERVER` parameter on all commands in this module and the `Get` commands from the `ActiveDirectory` module.
- Updated `README.md`.

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## 1.1.0

- Fix typo in `$ADReportingHash Note`. ([Issue #22](#))
- Added `Open-ADReportingToolsHelp` to launch a PDF with module documentation. ([Issue #2](#))
- Fixed bad parameter in `New-ADChangeReport`. ([Issue #24](#))
- Modified CSS parameter in `New-DomainReport`.
- Modified `Show-DomainTree` to test for `ConsoleHost` as a match and not equal to. ([Issue #23](#))
- Updated `README.md`.
- Help updates.

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## 1.0.0

- First stable release.
- Updated `README.md`.
- Added command `Get-ADDepartment` and format file `addepartmentmember.format.ps1xml`.
- Exporting a global variable called `$ADReportingHash` which is used as an argument completer for `Get-ADDepartment`.
- Moved ANSI colors from `Show-DomainTree` to `$ADReportingToolsOptions`. ([Issue #17](#))
- Added class coloring to `ADBranch` output.
- Modified `ADBranch` output to show disabled user accounts in red.
- Added command `Get-ADComputerReport` and format file `adcomputerreport.format.ps1xml`.
- Modified `adgroupreport.format.ps1xml` to add member count to the default output. ([Issue #21](#))
- Added a view called `summary` to `adgroupreport.format.ps1xml`.
- Added command `Get-NTDSInfo` and format file `adntds.format.ps1xml`. ([Discussion #18](#))
- Modified `Get-ADSummary` to better display `PSBoundParameters` with Verbose output in the PowerShell ISE.
- Updated format files to ensure ANSI formatting only happens in a Console host.
- Added command `Get-ADBackupStatus` and format file `adbackupstatus.format.ps1xml`.
- Help updates.