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A Class of Wine

CREATING CLASSES IN THE WINDOWS POWERSHELL 5.0 PREVIEW

What is a *class*?

In Windows PowerShell, a class defines a **type** of object.

The class is **not** an object.

It's like a **specification** of an object.

You can create objects based on the specification.



To discover classes, use Get-Member



```
PS C:\ps-test> Get-Process | Get-Member
```

TypeName: System.Diagnostics.Process

Name	MemberType	Definition
Handles	AliasProperty	Handles = Handlecount
Name	AliasProperty	Name = ProcessName
NPM	AliasProperty	NPM = NonpagedSystemMemorySize
PM	AliasProperty	PM = PagedMemorySize64
VM	AliasProperty	VM = VirtualMemorySize64
WS	AliasProperty	WS = WorkingSet64
Disposed	Event	System.EventHandler Disposed(S
ErrorDataReceived	Event	System.Diagnostics.DataReceive
Exited	Event	System.EventHandler Exited(Sys
OutputDataReceived	Event	System.Diagnostics.DataReceive
BeginErrorReadLine	Method	
BeginOutputReadLine	Method	

```
PS C:\ps-test> $myGlass | Get-Member
```

TypeName: WineGlass

Name	MemberType	Definition
Equals	Method	bool Equals(System.Object obj)
GetGlass	Method	psobject GetGlass()
GetHashCode	Method	int GetHashCode()
GetType	Method	type GetType()
Refill	Method	void Refill(uint32 Ounces)
Sip	Method	void Sip(uint32 Ounces)
ToString	Method	string ToString()
Amount	Property	uint32 Amount {get;set;}
Pour	Property	uint32 Pour {get;set;}
Wine	Property	Wine Wine {get;set;}

WineGlass



Wine

```
PS C:\ps-test> $PSWine | Get-Member
```

TypeName: Wine

Name	MemberType	Definition
Equals	Method	bool Equals(System.Object obj)
GetHashCode	Method	int GetHashCode()
GetType	Method	type GetType()
ToString	Method	string ToString()
Color	Property	string Color {get;set;}
Description	Property	string Description {get;set;}
isSparkling	Property	bool isSparkling {get;set;}
Name	Property	string Name {get;set;}
Rating	Property	uint32[] Rating {get;set;}
Sweetness	Property	WineSweetness Sweetness {get;set;}
Winery	Property	string Winery {get;set;}
Year	Property	uint32 Year {get;set;}

What is an *instance*?

It's an object that's based on a class.

Like a house that's built from a model
(but more reliable!)

It has the properties and methods that
the class defines, like Roof and Door.

But its property values might differ from
other instances, like:

Roof = Composite

Door = 1



To discover instances, use Format-List -Property * (fl *)



```
PS C:\ps-test> Get-Process PowerShell | fl *
```

__NounName	: Process
Name	: powershell
Handles	: 242
VM	: 2199551356928
WS	: 11685888
PM	: 8859648
NPM	: 15144
Path	: C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe
Company	: Microsoft Corporation
CPU	: 0.6875
FileVersion	: 10.0.10018.0 (fb1_srv2_ci_mgmt_rel.150216-2200)
ProductVersion	: 10.0.10018.0
Description	: Windows PowerShell
Product	: Microsoft® Windows® Operating System
Id	: 1944
PriorityClass	: Normal
HandleCount	: 242
WorkingSet	: 11685888
PagedMemorySize	: 8859648
PrivateMemorySize	: 8859648
VirtualMemorySize	: 528101376
TotalProcessorTime	: 00:00:00.7187500



Wine

```
PS C:\ps-test> $PSWine | fl *
```

Name	: PSWine
Winery	: Chateau Snover
Year	: 2012
isSparkling	: False
Color	: Red
Sweetness	: Dry
Description	: Pithy
Rating	: {96, 94}

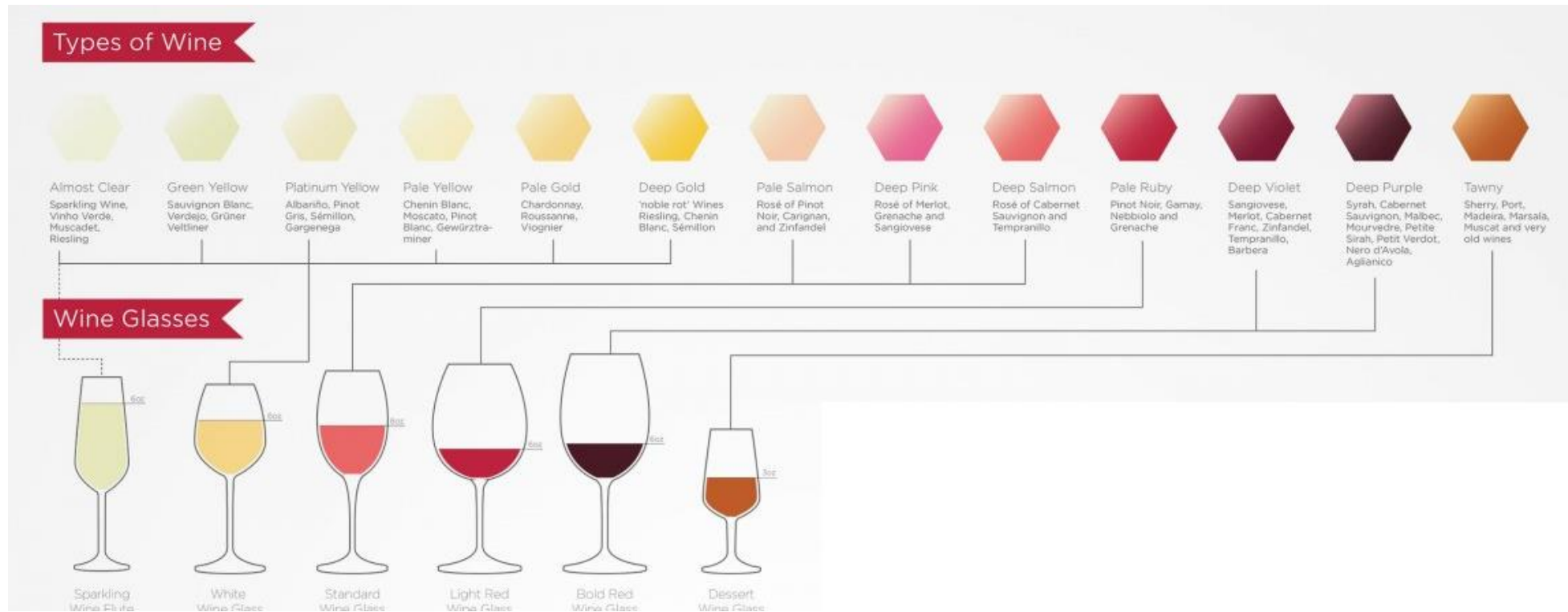


WineGlass

```
PS C:\ps-test> $myGlass | fl *
```

Wine	: Wine
Pour	: 8
Amount	: 6

A Wine class and a WineGlass class



Why?

You create custom objects ... from hash tables, CSV files, Select-Object

```
PS C:\ps-test> $Keyword = [PSCustomObject]@{Name= $Table.Name; Description = $Template.Reference}
```

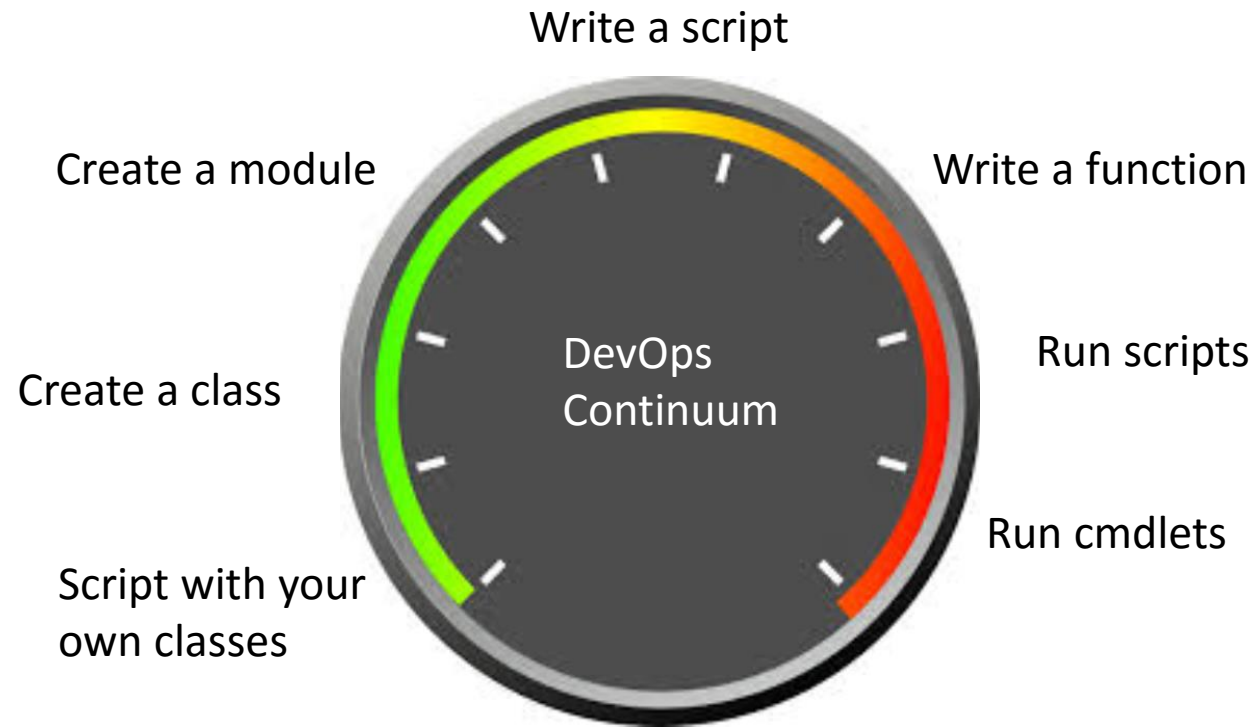
What if you could create classes -- reusable object models -- with methods?

```
PS C:\> $if = $keywords | where Name -eq "If"
PS C:\> $if.GetHelp()
TOPIC
    about_If

SHORT DESCRIPTION
    Describes a language command you can use to run statement lists based
    on the results of one or more conditional tests.

LONG DESCRIPTION
    You can use the If statement to run code blocks if a specified
    conditional test evaluates to true. You can also specify one or more
    ...
```

Classes: The Final Frontier



Demo: Wine Class



Define the Wine class

Create instances of the Wine class

Use their properties and methods

You can't create types at the command-line, because "you can't use a type literal ([MyClass]) outside the script/module file in which the class is defined."

New-Object doesn't work, because "you can't refer to the type name as a string."

Create a class : **Class** keyword

Syntax:

```
class <className> { }
```

Example:

```
class Wine { }
```

Add properties

Syntax:

```
class <className>
{
    [<Attribute>] [<Type>] <PropertyName> [= <defaultValue>]
}
```

Example:

```
class Wine
{
    [String] $Name
}
```

Add properties

Syntax:

```
class <className>
{
    [<Attribute>] [[<Type>]] <PropertyName>
}
```

```
class Wine
{
    $Name
    [ValidateSet("Red", "White", "Rose")]$Color
    [int32]$Year = (Get-Date).Year
}
```

Wine class properties

```
class Wine
{
    [String] $Name
    [String] $Winery
    [Int32] $Year
    [Boolean] $isSparkling = $False
    [ValidateSet("Red", "White", "Rose")][String] $Color
    [WineSweetness] $Sweetness
    [String] $Description
    [Int] $Price
}
```

Add methods : syntax

```
[returnType] <methodName> ([<parameters>])  
{  
    <process parameter values>  
    [return] <returnType expression>  
}
```

Add methods : syntax

```
[returnType] <methodName> ([<parameters>])  
{  
    <process parameter values>  
    [return] <returnType expression>  
}
```

- Parentheses around parameters are required ()
- All parameters are **mandatory and positional**
- Multiple methods with same name and different parameter types ("overload")
- Default return type is void (nothing)
- All paths of method must return the return type
- **Return** keyword is required to return anything (no standard output)
- Parameter "(" must be on first line

Return Types: Contract

Optional. The default is "[void]" : Cannot return anything.

Every logical path must return the same type.

Return keyword is required.

```
[String] GetHelp()
{
    [String]$firstRef = $this.Reference.Split(",").Trim() | Select-Object -First 1
    try
    {
        return Get-Help $firstRef
    }
    catch
    {
        return ""
    }
}
```


\$this

Refers to the **current instance** of the class (\$_ for classes)
Distinguishes properties from parameters and variables.

```
class Tree
{
    #Properties
    [String] $Species
    [Int32]   $Height

    Tree ($Species, $Height)
    {
        $this.Species = $Species
        $this.Height = $Height
    }
}
```

Wine class methods

```
class Wine
{
  ...
  # toString()
  # Override: Returns a human-readable string.

  [String] toString()
  {
    $color = $this.Color
    if ($this.isSparkling) {$color = "Sparkling $color"}

    return "$color Wine: $($this.Name) `
      $($this.Year) by $($this.Winery). `
      Priced at: $("{0:C}" -f $this.Price). `
      Described as: $($this.Description). "
  }
}
```

Add methods : Example

```
#Properties
```

```
[int] $Amount
```

```
#Methods
```

```
[String] Sip ([Int]$Ounces, [String]$Response)
```

```
{
```

```
    if ($this.Amount -ge $Ounces)
```

```
    {
```

```
        $this.Amount -= $Ounces
```

```
        return "Oh! $Response"
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Calling class methods

No parameter names; All parameters are mandatory and positional; Parentheses are required

```
[String] Sip ([Int]$Ounces, [String]$Response)
{
    if ($this.Amount ge- $Ounces)
    {
        $this.Amount -= $Ounces
        return "Oh! $Response"
    }
}
```

```
$myWine.Sip(2, "What a delightful finish!")
```

```
$myWine.Sip("what a delightful finish", 2)
```

```
$myWine.Sip(2)
```

```
$myWine.Sip(-Amount 2 -Response "what a delightful finish")
```

Create a wine

(instance of the Wine class)

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- To create an instance of a class, use the **New** static method.
- The parameters of the New method match a **constructor**.
- New-Object doesn't work, because "you can't refer to the type name as a string."
- You can't create types at the command-line, because "you can't use a type literal ([MyClass]) outside the script/module file in which the class is defined."

Constructors : about constructors

Special methods for creating an instance of the object.

Constructor name is always the class name.

Multiple constructors for a class.

Each constructor must take a different number or type of parameter values.

Windows PowerShell adds a null constructor (no parameters) to every class.

Constructors

```
# Constructors
```

```
Wine () {}    # Null constructor; Automatic in Windows PowerShell
```

```
Wine ([string]$Name) {$this.Name = $Name}
```

```
Wine ([string]$Name, [int][ValidateRange(10, 10000)]$Price)
{
    $this.Name = $Name
    $this.Price = $Price
}
```

```
$myWine = [Wine]::new()    #Using null constructor
$myWine = [Wine]::new("Great Duck")
$myWine = [Wine]::new("PSWine", 40)    #No parameter names!
```

Calling a constructor: create new instance

`[<className>]::New(<constructor>)`

Constructor:

```
Wine () {}
```

Call:

```
$myWine = [Wine]::New()
```

Constructor:

```
Wine ([string]$Name, [int]$Price)
{
    $this.Name = $Name
    $this.Price = [ValidateRange(10, 10000)]$Price
}
```

Call:

```
$myWine = [Wine]::new("PSWine", 40) #No parameter names!
$myWine = [Wine]@{Name="PSWine"; Price=40} #Requires null/"parameter-less" constructor
```


Create a wine (hash table)

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```
$myWine = [Wine]::New()      # Must be explicit
```

```
$myWine = [Wine]@{Name="Great Duck";  
    Winery="Escalante Winery";  
    Year="2003";  
    isSparkling = $True;  
    Color = "White";  
    Sweetness = 4;  
    Description= "Rich and magnificent";  
    Price = 22}
```

Interacting Classes

Create a WineGlass class



```
class WineGlass
{
    [Wine]$Wine
    [Int] $Size
    [Int] Amount

    Sip ($Amt) { ... }
    Sip() {...}
    Pour ($Amt) { ... }
    Refill()
    ...
}
```

Enumerated types ("enums")

```
enum WineSweetness
{
    VeryDry
    Dry
    Moderate
    Sweet
    VerySweet
}
```

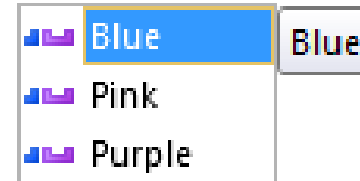
```
class Wine
{
    #Properties
    ...
    [WineSweetness] $Sweetness
    ...
}
```

```
enum WineSweetness {VeryDry; Dry; Moderate; Sweet; VerySweet}
```

Enum value rules

- Default values are zero-based integers.
- You can change to a different int, but you can't change the base type.
- Values can be expressions that return an integer.
- Can't be the result of an invoked command ("Must be a parse-time constant.")
- You can't define it or refer to it at the command-line. ("You can't use a type literal outside the script/module file in which the class is defined.")

```
1  enum basicColor
2  {
3      Red=1
4      Blue = 2
5      Green = 3
6  }
7
8  enum FavoriteColor
9  {
10     Blue = [basicColor]::Blue
11     Pink = 7PB + 3TB
12     Purple = (Get-Date).Year
13 }
14
15 function Get-Color ([FavoriteColor]$myFave)
16 {
17     "My favorite color is $myFave."
18 }
19
20 Get-Color -myFave
```



Using enums

```
enum WineSweetness {VeryDry; Dry; Moderate; Sweet; VerySweet}
```

```
#Properties
```

```
[WineSweetness] $Sweetness
```

```
$myWine.Sweetness = 4
```

```
$hisWine.Sweetness = VerySweet
```

Enums: set alternate int values

```
enum WineSweetness
{
    VeryDry = 10
    Dry = 20
    Moderate = 50
    Sweet = 90
    VerySweet = 100
}
```

```
class Wine
{
    #Properties
    ...
    [WineSweetness] $Sweetness
    ...
}
```

Get/Set Property Values

(in other languages)

```
class Wine
{
    [String] $Name
    ...
}
```

```
$myWine = [Wine]::new()
```

```
$myWine.Name = "Great Duck"
```

Error: Name is a read-only property. #Not PowerShell

```
$myTree.Name
```

Error: Name is a private value. #Not PowerShell

Automatic Getters/Setters

```
class Wine
{
  [String] $Name
}
```

```
$myTree = [Wine]::new()
```

```
$myTree.set_Name = "Sycamore" # Set the property value
```

```
$myTree.get_Name # Get the property value  
Sycamore
```


Automatic Getters/Setters

When you create a property in a scripted class, Windows PowerShell adds get and set methods for you.

All properties are public (you can get the value) and read-write (you can change the value).

All variables in a class are properties of the class.

```
class Wine { $Name }  
$myWine = [Wine]::new()  
  
$myWine | Get-Member -Force  
...  
get_Name Method      string get_Name()  
set_Name Method      void set_Name(string )  
Name      Property    string Name{get;set;}
```

Hidden: sort of...

Hidden keyword

Hidden hides them from Get-Member and other cmdlets (Format-List *), but you can see them in Get-Member -Force.

```
class WineGlass : Glass
{
    hidden [int] Consumed
    hidden [int] TotalPoured
}
```

Inheritance

Hierarchy of classes

Child classes inherit properties and methods
(and events and other members) from parent classes

If they don't like them, they can override them.



Terminology:

Parent class: Superclass, base class

Child class: Subclass

Inherit from System.Object

All .NET classes are derived from System.Object ("**superclass**")

Superclass

|

Subclass

System.Object

|

Wine, Tree

System.Object

|

Glass

|

WineGlass

Inherit from other classes

Base a scripted class on a .NET class (inheritable, not sealed)

Base a scripted class on another scripted class

System.Object

|

Wine, Tree

System.Object

|

Glass

|

WineGlass

System.Object

|

KeyedCollection (.NET class)

|

FileCollection

Create a subclass : syntax

```
class <subClassName> : <SuperClass>
```

```
class WineGlass : Glass {}
```

Scripted classes inherit from System.Object

```
PS C:\ps-test> $myObj = New-Object -TypeName System.Object
PS C:\ps-test> $myObj | Get-Member
```

TypeName: System.Object

Name	MemberType	Definition
Equals	Method	bool Equals(System.Object obj)
GetHashCode	Method	int GetHashCode()
GetType	Method	type GetType()
ToString	Method	string ToString()

```
class Wine { }
$myWine = [Wine]::new()
```

```
PS C:\ps-test> $myWine | Get-Member
```

TypeName: Wine

Name	MemberType	Definition
Equals	Method	bool Equals(System.Object obj)
GetHashCode	Method	int GetHashCode()
GetType	Method	type GetType()
ToString	Method	string ToString()

System.Object is a "superclass" (parent)
Scripted class is a "subclass" (child)



Subclasses

Superclass

Overload: Same name, different signature

In same class or parent class

```
Drink ([int]Amount)  
{ ... }
```

```
Drink ()  
{ ... }
```


Override: Same name, same signature

In superclass class and subclass : Local takes precedence

```
class Glass {  
    Drink ([int]Amount)  
    { ... }  
}  
  
class WineGlass : Glass {  
    Drink ([int]Amount)  
    { ... }  
}
```

Interfaces

An *interface* is a like a contract.

It guarantees that classes have the members (properties/methods/events) that it specifies.

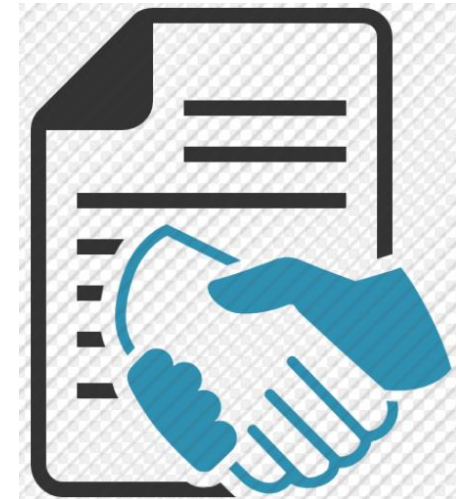
But, the interface does **not** specify how the members work.

Classes that "sign the contract" *implement* the interface.

They have the *members* that the interface specifies ("signature").

Each class can **implement** multiple interfaces.

Classes can inherit multiple interfaces and override them.



Interfaces in .NET

IEnumerable: enumerating, foreach

Comparable: sorting

Cloneable: duplicate instances of the class

Formattable: change toString() behavior

Disposable: garbage collection, releasing unused resources

To find the interfaces a class implements:

```
[<className>].ImplementedInterfaces # PowerShell 4.0
```

```
[<className>].GetInterfaces() # PowerShell 5.0
```

Interfaces : syntax

Scripted classes can implement interfaces

You cannot (yet?) create/define interface

```
class <className> : <interfaceName>
```

```
class <className> : <superclass>, <interfaceName> [,<interfaceName>, ...]
```

Get-Help

Script help, About topics

Best practices:

-- Examples:

- Show how to create an instance (constructors).
- Show how to use the properties and methods.

-- Explain the **purpose** of the class and its instances.

-- Describe the **properties** and their values.

-- Explain the **methods**, their parameters/values, and return values.

-- Note inheritance, interfaces, overrides.

Classes in 5.0.10018.0

You can create scripted classes in Windows PowerShell 5.0 preview.

```
class <className> [: <Superclass>, <Interface>]
```

Classes have **constructors** to make instances of the class

Classes have **properties** and **methods**.

Windows PowerShell adds **getter/setter methods** for properties.

Classes can **inherit** from other classes (and System.Object)

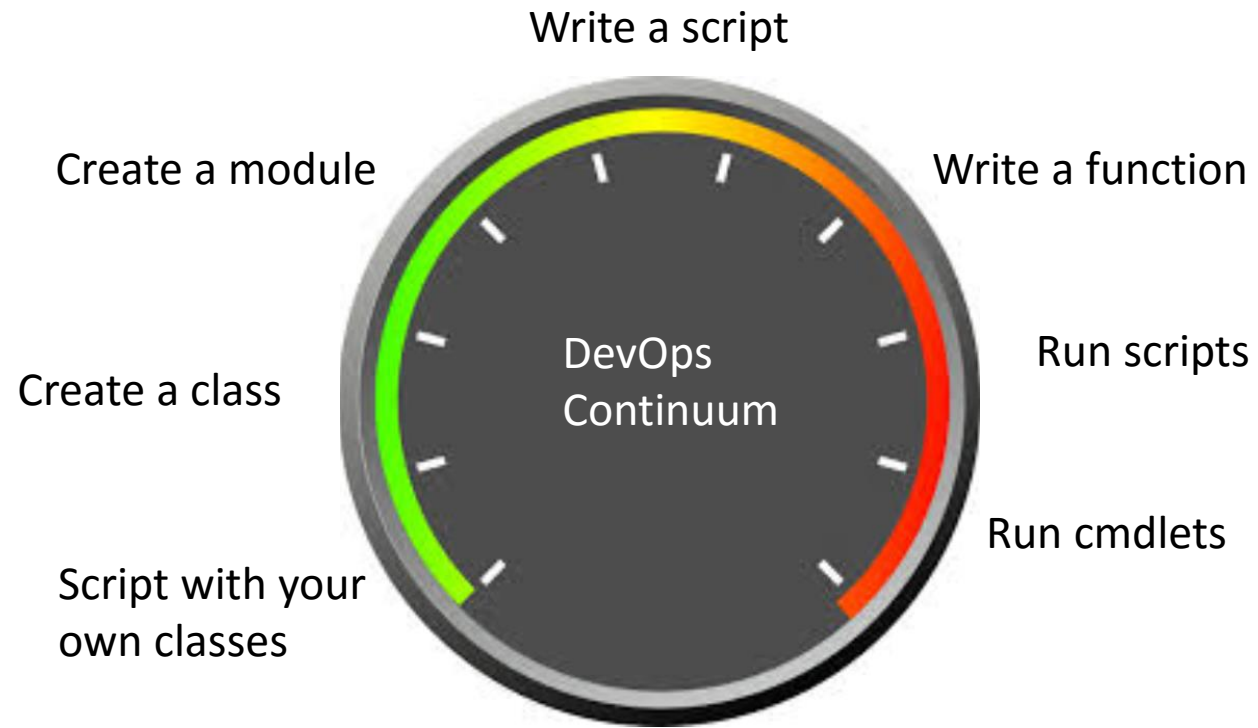
You can **override** inherited methods.

Classes can implement .NET **interfaces**.

You can include classes in **scripts and modules**.

You can write **help** for classes.

Classes: The Final Frontier



Understanding MSDN

Process Class







.NET Framework 4.5 | [Other Versions](#) ▾

Provides access to local and remote processes and enables you to start and stop local system processes.
To browse the .NET Framework source code for this type, see the [Reference Source](#).

▾ Inheritance Hierarchy

[System.Object](#)
[System.MarshalByRefObject](#)
[System.ComponentModel.Component](#)
[System.Diagnostics.Process](#)

▾ Constructors

	Name	Description
	Process	Initializes a new instance of the Process class.
	CreateObjRef	Creates an object that contains all the relevant information required to generate a proxy used to communicate with a remote object. (Inherited from MarshalByRefObject .)
	Dispose	Releases all resources used by the Component . (Inherited from Component .)
	Dispose(Boolean)	Infrastructure. Release all resources used by this process. (Overrides Component.Dispose(Boolean) .)
	EnterDebugMode	Puts a Process component in state to interact with operating system processes that run in a special mode by enabling the native property SeDebugPrivilege on the current thread.
	Equals(Object)	Determines whether the specified object is equal to the current object. (Inherited from Object .)

Resources

about_Classes

Release Notes

[Implementing a .NET Class in PowerShell v5](#) by Trevor Sullivan

[Playing with Classes in PowerShell v5 Preview](#) by Lee Holmes

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[Beyond custom objects: Create a .NET class](#) by June Blender

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