

# OPERATING SYSTEMS

## CCGC-5000

Module - 10

# Agenda

*Authentic information is available from the given resources in course outline and URL's mentioned from this slides, and this presentation is only supportive document to be read with the given resources and corrected accordingly if required..*

- PowerShell
- PowerShell Cmdlets
- PowerShell Scripting

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/overview?view=powershell-7.1>  
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/modules/introduction-to-powershell/2-what-is-powershell>

# Power Shell

- What is PowerShell ?

- Windows PowerShell is a command-line interface that offers a shell, a customized environment for executing commands and scripts.
- PowerShell is a cross-platform task automation solution made up of a command-line shell, a scripting language, and a configuration management framework. PowerShell runs on Windows, Linux, and macOS.
- PowerShell is modern command shell that includes the best features of other popular shells. Unlike most shells that only accept and return text, PowerShell accepts and returns .NET objects
- As a scripting language, PowerShell is commonly used for automating the management of systems. It is also used to build, test, and deploy solutions, often in CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment) environments. PowerShell is built on the .NET Common Language Runtime (CLR). All inputs and outputs are .NET objects.

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# Powershell

- Powershell is 64 bit
- Powershell(x86) is 32 bit
- Powershell ISE is Integrated Scripting Environment
- Latest version is 7.2 (stable release)
- To check version in PowerShell :  
**\$PSVersionTable**
- Version 7.2.0, where 7 is Major version, 2 is Minor version and 0 is Patch which can be checked with **\$PSVersionTable.PSVersion**

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $PSVersionTable

Name                           Value
----                           -
PSVersion                      5.1.14393.693
PSEdition                      Desktop
PSCompatibleVersions           {1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0...}
BuildVersion                   10.0.14393.693
CLRVersion                     4.0.30319.42000
WSManStackVersion              3.0
PSRemotingProtocolVersion      2.3
SerializationVersion           1.1.0.1

PS C:\Users\Administrator> $PSVersionTable.PSVersion

Major  Minor  Build  Revision
-----
5      1      14393  693
```

# PowerShell - Cmdlets

- Cmdlets are developed in .NET or .NET Core
- Cmdlets are compiled commands
- Cmdlets names are standard in verb-noun format
- **Get-Verb** lists approved verbs
- **Get-Command** lists all available cmdlets
- **Get-Help** invokes built-in help
- **Get-Help *cmdlet*** displays help for the cmdlet.

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/developer/cmdlet/cmdlet-overview?view=powershell-7.1>

# cmdlets

- To get Computer Info: **Get-ComputerInfo**
- To get location: **Get-Location**
- To change location: **Set-Location -Path C:\Windows -PassThru**  
(*PassThru to get information about the result*)
- To get AD domain name in the DC : **Get-ADDomain**
- Filtering of specific info can be done with |, For example to filter only the Name and DNSRoot from Get-ADDomain output:  
**Get-ADDomain |select Name, DNSRoot**
- Similarly, try **Get-ADForest**, **Get-ADGroup** in the DC.
- cmdlets can get information and also add or modify as required.
- Output of one command can be given as input to second command by using pipelining between first and second command
- Example: **Get-ADDomain |select DistinguishedName**

## Anatomy of cmdlet

**Set** -> Verb

**Location** -> Noun

**Path** -> Parameter

**C:\Windows** -> Parameter Value

# PowerShell Scripts

- Powershell scripts can be developed in PowerShell ISE
- Powershell extension Visual Studio Code provides rich language support
- Powershell script the file extension must be **ps1**
- Powershell scripts require ExecutionPolicy permission to execute scripts
- There are four permissions
  - **Restricted** - No scripts can be run,
  - **RemoteSigned** - Allows scripts created on the device, but does not run scripts from other computer unless it includes publisher's signature.
  - **AllSigned** - All scripts will run only if trusted publisher has signed
  - **Unrestricted** - Runs any scripts without any restriction
- Use **Get-ExecutionPolicy** to know the current permission
- Use **Set-ExecutionPolicy *permission*** to set the required permission.
- It can also be set for current user only : **Set-ExecutionPolicy remotesigned -Scope currentuser**

# PS scripting

- A PowerShell profile is a script that runs when PowerShell starts.
- Profile can be used as logon script to customize the environment.
- Profiles Description and Name is given in the table, and profiles place holders are given below

DESCRIPTION	NAME
Current User, PowerShell ISE	\$PROFILE.CurrentUserCurrentHost, or \$PROFILE
All Users, PowerShell ISE	\$PROFILE.AllUsersCurrentHost
Current User, All Hosts	\$PROFILE.CurrentUserAllHosts
All User, All Hosts	\$PROFILE.AllUserAllHosts

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC> $PROFILE | Format-List -Force

AllUsersAllHosts      : C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\profile.ps1
AllUsersCurrentHost   : C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\Microsoft.PowerShell_profile.ps1
CurrentUserAllHosts   : C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\Documents\WindowsPowerShell\profile.ps1
CurrentUserCurrentHost : C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\Documents\WindowsPowerShell\Microsoft.PowerShell_profile.ps1
Length                : 88
```

- Cmdlet **Test-path \$profile** returns **false** if no profile exist, which is default.
- Create a new profile: **New-Item -path \$profile -itemtype file -force**
- To check your profile: **PS C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC> \$PROFILE**  
C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\Documents\WindowsPowerShell\Microsoft.PowerShell\_profile.ps1
- A sample profile is given in screenshot
- Line 1, sets **Get-Help** cmdlet to an alias **sos**, Line 2-5, creates a function called **Set-Profile** which opens Powershell ISE & Line 6, **Start-Transcript** cmdlet creates a record of all or part of a PowerShell Session to a text file.

```
1 Set-Alias sos Get-Help
2 Function Set-Profile
3 {
4     ise $profile
5 }
6 Start-Transcript
```



# PowerShell Scripting

- Environment Variables stores information about the operating system environment
- To display Environmental Variables:
  - View drives in current session: **Get-PSDrive**
  - Set location to ENV:\ : **Set-Location Env:\**
  - To display Environmental Variables: **Get-Item \***
- To view the value of the environmental variables: **Get-Item *variablename***
- Get properties & their associated values: **Get-Item *variablename* | Format-List \***

```
PS Env:\> Get-Item *
```

Name	Value
COMPUTERNAME	VANCOUVER
USERPROFILE	C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC
HOMEPath	\Users\Administrator.CCGC
LOCALAPPDATA	C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\AppData\Local
PSModulePath	C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\Documents\WindowsPowerShell\Modules;C:\Program Files\Wind...
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE	AMD64
Path	C:\Windows\system32;C:\Windows;C:\Windows\System32\Wbem;C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPo...
CommonProgramFiles(x86)	C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files
ProgramFiles(x86)	C:\Program Files (x86)
PROCESSOR_LEVEL	6
LOGONSERVER	\\LONDON
PATHEXT	.COM;.EXE;.BAT;.CMD;.VBS;.VBE;.JS;.JSE;.WSF;.WSH;.MSC;.CPL
HOMEDRIVE	C:
SystemRoot	C:\Windows
ALLUSERSPROFILE	C:\ProgramData

```
PS Env:\> Get-Item windir
```

Name	Value
windir	C:\Windows

```
PS Env:\> Get-Item windir | Format-List *
```

PSPath	: Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\Environment::windir
PSDrive	: Env
PSProvider	: Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\Environment
PSIsContainer	: False
Name	: windir
Key	: windir
Value	: C:\Windows

# PowerShell Scripting

- Variables in powershell scripting are named as `$variablename`
- Example: `$var1 = Get-Date`,
- the value assigned in `$var1` can be displayed using `Write-Host $var1`
- To list variable related cmdlets :  
`Get-Help *variable | Where-Object category -eq "cmdlet" | Format-List name, category, synopsis`
- Cmdlet `Get-Variable` lists both user-defined and system-defined variables
- Cmdlet `Get-Variable` with `PWD` lists value of `PWD` variable
- To store values in array: `$array1 = 8, 12, 19, 22`
- To display the 4th array elements: `$array1[3]`
- To find the length of the array: `$array1.length`
- Range of data can also be assigned to array (*assigning 2 to 10*): `array2 = 2 .. 10`
- To assign data type to the array: `[int32[]]$array3 = 100, 200, 300, 400`
- To display datatype: `$array3.GetType()`

# PowerShell scripts

- Use Powershell ISE, Click on File->New and enter script commands

Write-Host Hello World, my first PowerShell Script

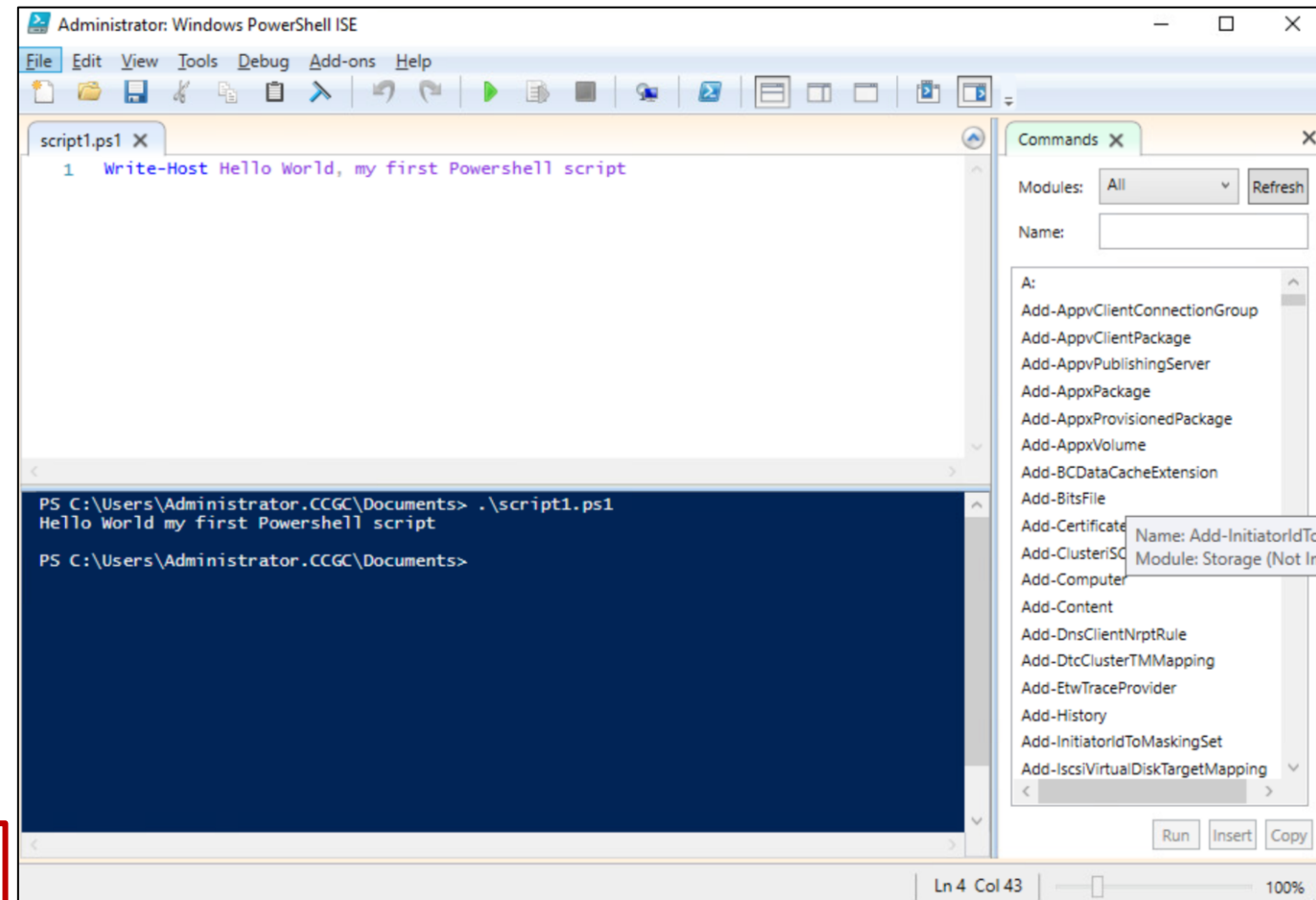
- Save the script and run it in powershell command prompt as `.\scriptname.ps1`
- Cmdlet **Read-Host**, reads line of input from console (stdin)

- Getting input in Powershell:

`$course = Read-Host "Enter course "`

- Powershell **function**

```
1 function Welcome ($var1)
2 {
3     Write-Host "Welcome, $var1!"
4     Write-Output "Welcome, $var1!"
5 }
6 Welcome("User1")
```



```
Welcome, User1!
Welcome, User1!
```

# PowerShell Scripting

- **If Statement**

if ( condition1 )

{

Statement1

}

elseif ( condition2 )

{

Statement2

}

else

{

Statement3

}

```
1 $n1 = Read-Host "Enter First Number "
2 $n2 = Read-Host "Enter Second Number "
3 if ( $n1 -gt $n2 )
4 {
5     Write-Output "$n1 is greater than $n2"
6 }
7 elseif ( $n1 -lt $n2 )
8 {
9     Write-Output "$n1 is lesser than $n2"
10 }
11 else
12 {
13     Write-Output "$n1 and $n2 are equal"
14 }
```

```
1 $input = Read-Host "Enter D to list Drives, S to list Shares "
2 if ( $input -eq "D" )
3 {
4     Get-PSDrive -PSProvider FileSystem
5 }
6 elseif ( $input -eq "S" )
7 {
8     Get-SmbShare
9 }
10 else
11 {
12     Write-Output "Your Input should be D or S, Try Again!"
13 }
```

# PowerShell Scripting

- **While loop**

While (Condition)

```
{  
    Statements  
}
```

```
1 $array1 = "NT", "2000", "2003", "2008", "2012", "2016", "2019", "2022"  
2 $len = $array1.Length  
3 $i = 0  
4 while ($i -lt $len)  
5 {  
6     $array1[$i]  
7     $i++  
8 }  
9  
10
```

- **Do while loop**

Do

```
{  
    Statements  
}
```

while (condition)

```
1 $array1 = "NT", "2000", "2003", "2008", "2012", "2016", "2019", "2022"  
2 $len = $array1.Length  
3 $i = 0  
4 do  
5 {  
6     $array1[$i]  
7     $i++  
8 }while ($i -lt $len)  
9  
10
```

# PowerShell Scripting

- **foreach loop**

**foreach** (\$variable in collection)

```
{  
    $variable/Statements  
}
```

```
1 $array1 = "NT", "2000", "2003", "2008", "2012", "2016", "2019", "2022"  
2 foreach ($i in $array1)  
3 {  
4     $i  
5 }
```

[https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/about/about\\_foreach?view=powershell-7.1](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/about/about_foreach?view=powershell-7.1)

- **for loop**

**for** ((init); condition, repeat)

```
{  
    Statement list  
}
```

```
1 for ( ($i = 0); $i -le 20; $i++ )  
2 {  
3     $j = $i%2  
4     if ( $j -eq 0 )  
5     {  
6         Write-Output "$i is even"  
7     }  
8     else  
9     {  
10        Write-Output "$i is odd"  
11    }  
12 }
```

# PowerShell Scripting

- **Switch Statement**

Switch (<test-value>)

```
{  
    <condition> {<action>}  
    <condition> {<action>}  
}
```

```
1 $input = Read-Host "To list shares enter S and for drives D "  
2 Switch ($input)  
3 {  
4     "D" { Get-PSDrive -PSProvider FileSystem }  
5     "S" { Get-SmbShare }  
6     default { Write-Output "Wrong entry try again" }  
7 }
```

# PowerShell Scripting

- PowerShell provides two similar management interfaces for querying information on computers
- CIM (Common Information Model)** provides a common definition of management information for systems, networks, applications and services, and allows for vendor extensions.  
<https://www.dmtf.org/standards/cim>
- WMI (Windows Management Instrumentation)** is a core technology for Windows system administration because it exposes a wide range of information in a uniform manner.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\Documents\WindowsPowerShell> Get-Command -Module CimCmdlets
```

CommandType	Name	Version	Source
Cmdlet	Export-BinaryMiLog	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimAssociatedInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimClass	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimSession	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Import-BinaryMiLog	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Invoke-CimMethod	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	New-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	New-CimSession	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	New-CimSessionOption	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Register-CimIndicationEvent	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Remove-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Remove-CimSession	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Set-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator.CCGC\Documents\WindowsPowerShell> Get-Command -Noun WMI*
```

CommandType	Name	Version	Source
Cmdlet	Get-WmiObject	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Invoke-WmiMethod	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Register-WmiEvent	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Remove-WmiObject	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Set-WmiInstance	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management



# PowerShell Scripting

- Get-CimInstance :

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/cimcmdlets/get-ciminstance?view=powershell-7.1>

- Get-CimSession:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/cimcmdlets/get-cimsession?view=powershell-7.1>

- Get-WmiObject :

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/get-wmiobject?view=powershell-5.1>

- To get a logged in user of a remote system using Get-WmiObject

`Get-WmiObject -ComputerName ComputerName -Class Win32_ComputerSystem | Select-Object UserName`

- To get a logged in user of a remote system using Get-CmiInstance

`Get-CimInstance -ComputerName ComputerName -ClassName Win32_ComputerSystem | Select-Object UserName`

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/learn/ps101/07-working-with-wmi?view=powershell-7.1>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/samples/getting-wmi-objects--get-ciminstance-?view=powershell-7.1>

# Recommended reading

- Sams Teach Yourself, Windows Shell in 24 hours
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/cimcmdlets/?view=powershell-7.1>
- [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/about/about arithmetic operators?view=powershell-7.1](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/about/about_arithmetic_operators?view=powershell-7.1)
- <https://www.techrepublic.com/blog/10-things/10-fundamental-concepts-for-powershell-scripting/>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/samples/sample-scripts-for-administration?view=powershell-5.1>