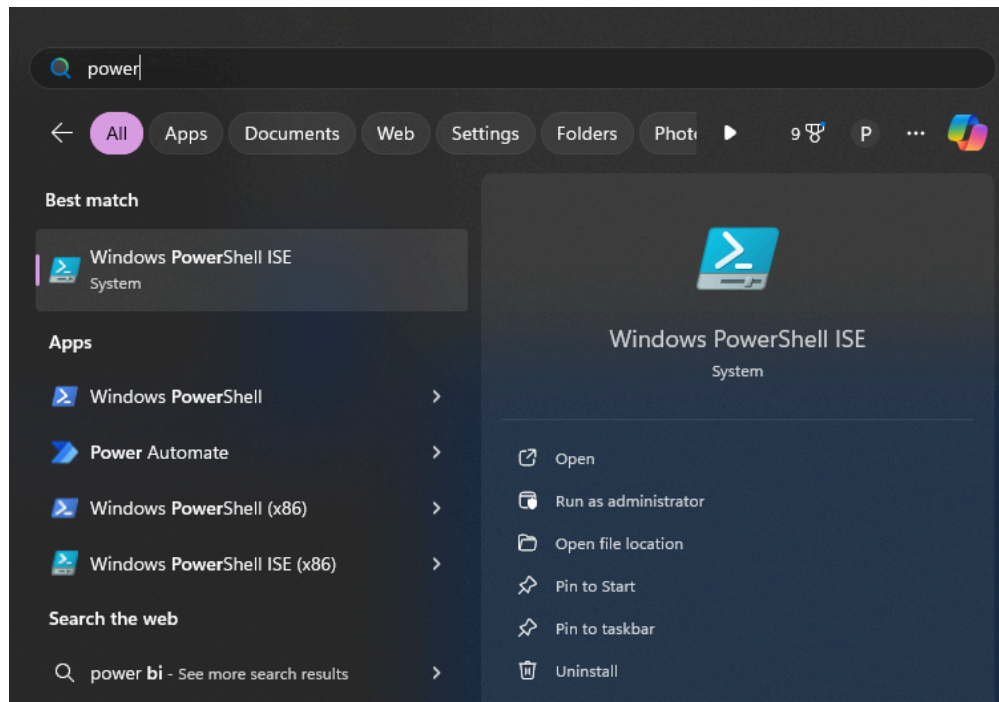


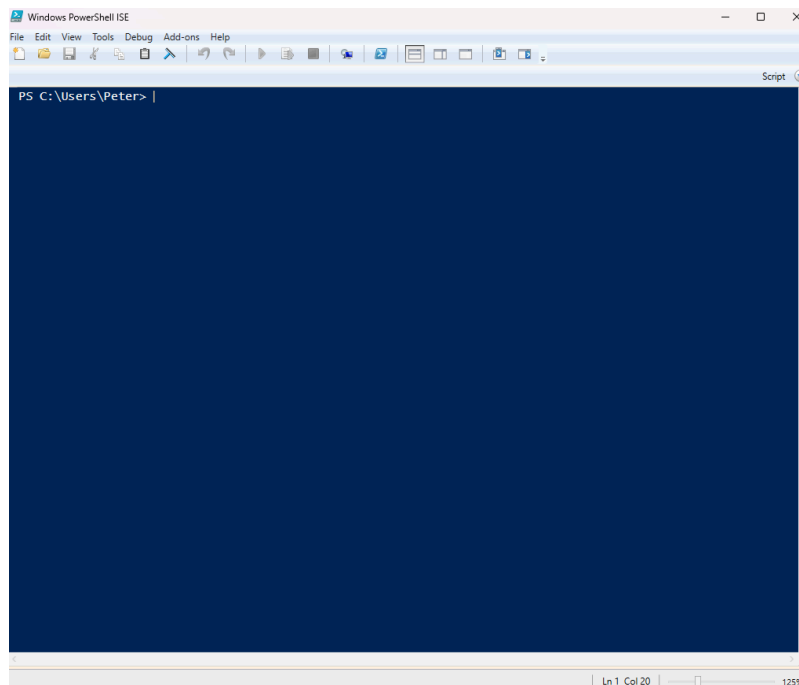
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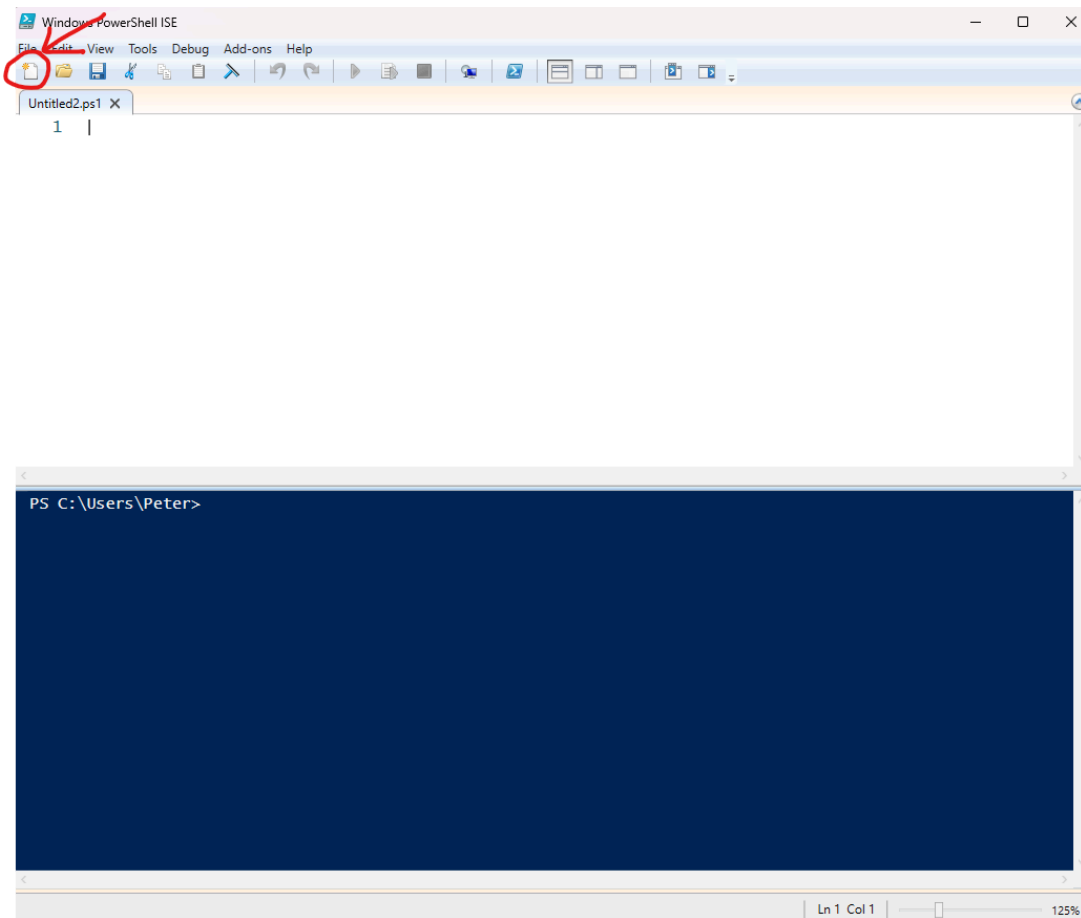
Start PowerShell ISE ***“Run as administrator”***.



PowerShell ISE application opens as shown below.



Create a **“New File”** to create the File Integrity Monitoring scripts for this project.



Before we get started we must check and allow scripts to be run on this computer. To do so follow the following commands:

**Get-ExecutionPolicy** - Shows the current policy that is active.

**Set-ExecutionPolicy** - Changes the policy to the new selected one.

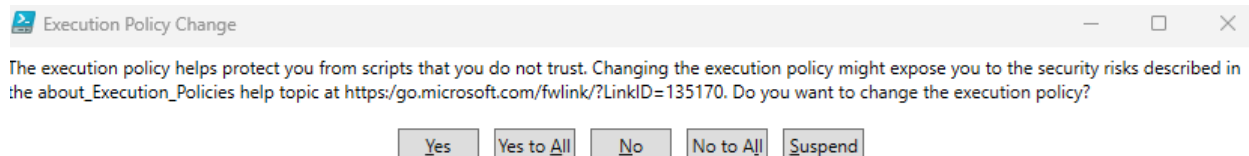
```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-ExecutionPolicy
Restricted

PS C:\Windows\system32> Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted

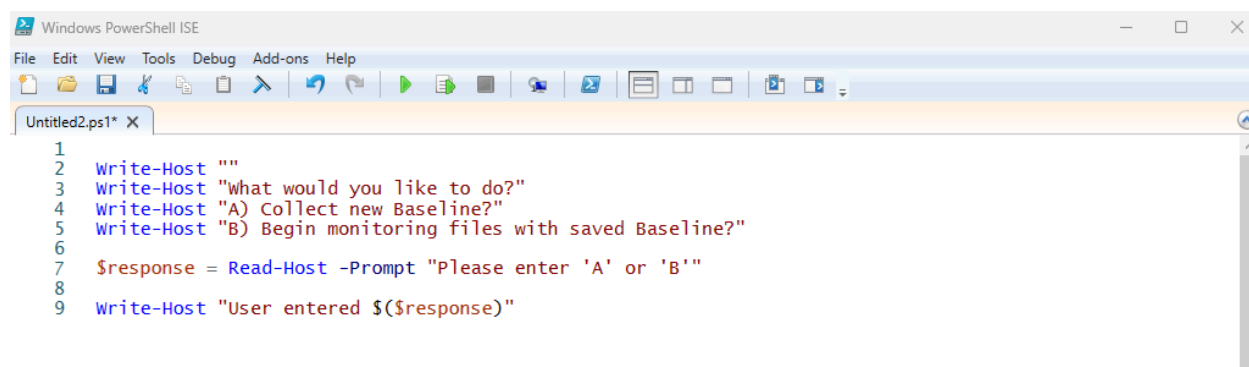
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-ExecutionPolicy
Unrestricted

PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

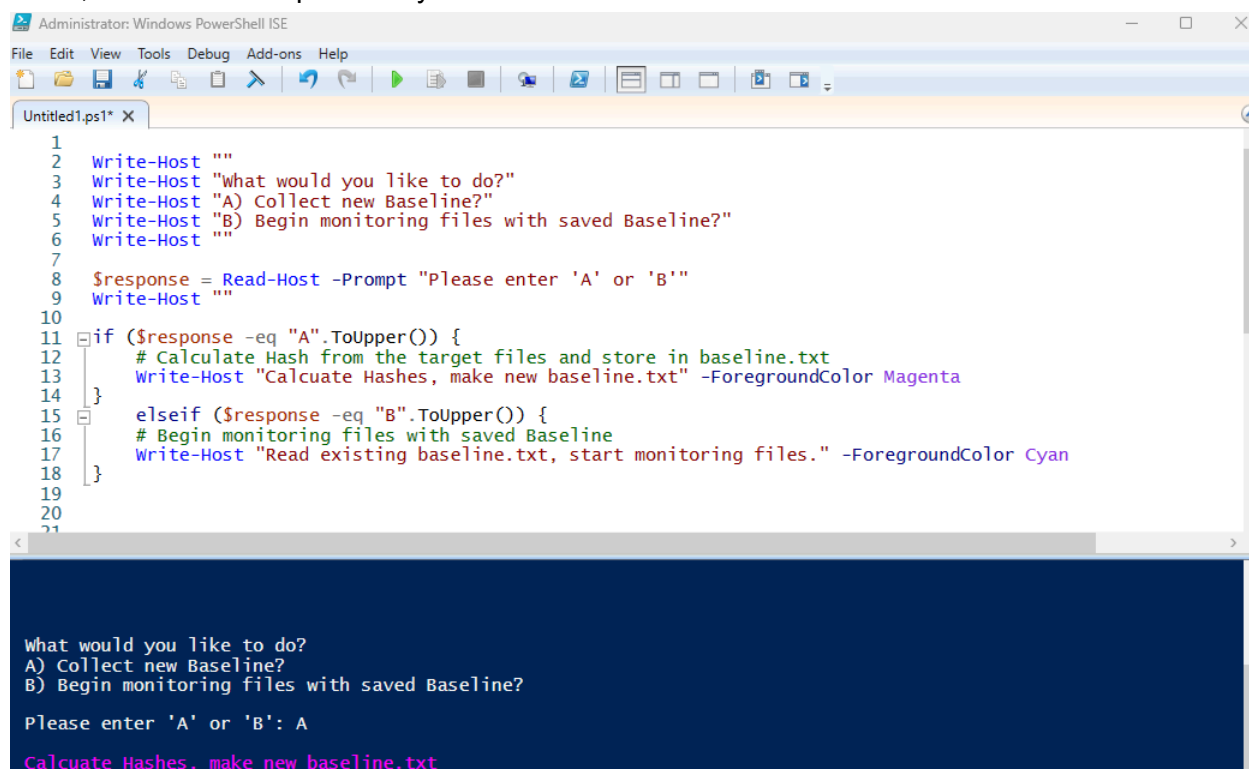
The following prompt will show after changing the execution policy hit **“Yes to All”** to allow this but **REMEMBER** to Restrict the execution policy after everything is completed.



`Write-Host '____'` outputs text to the console for the user to see. The variable `$response` is intended to store data or the result of a command, and in this case, it will capture the user's choice between A or B.



Implement the `$response` for option **A** or **B**. If the response is 'A', the script will execute the corresponding selection. The `.ToUpper()` method allows the script to recognize 'a' as a valid input as well. Similarly, it will handle 'B' or 'b' in the same way. As illustrated in the blue box below, I tested the script to verify the function.



```

What would you like to do?
A) Collect new Baseline?
B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?

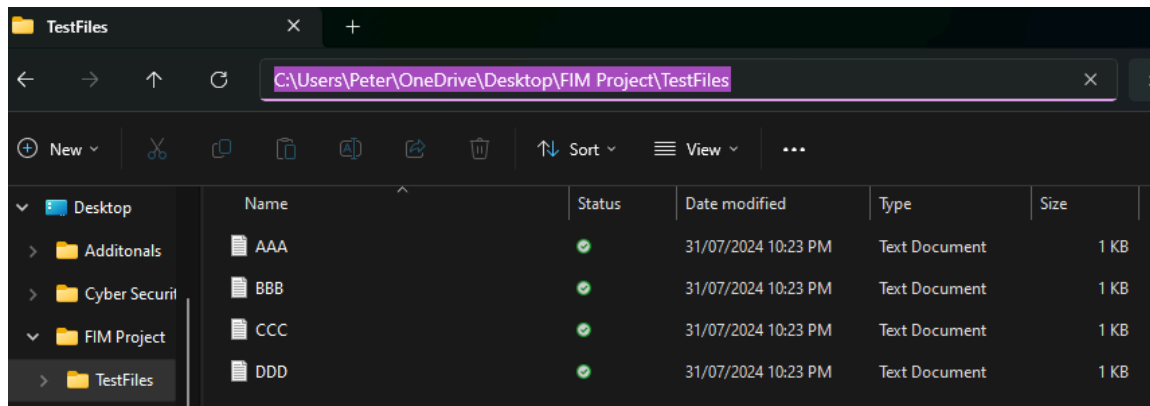
Please enter 'A' or 'B': b

Read existing baseline.txt, start monitoring files.

PS C:\Windows\system32>

```

Generate a few text files as samples for monitoring purposes. I've created four files, each containing different content. Be sure to record the directory path for the scripts to access and monitor the files.

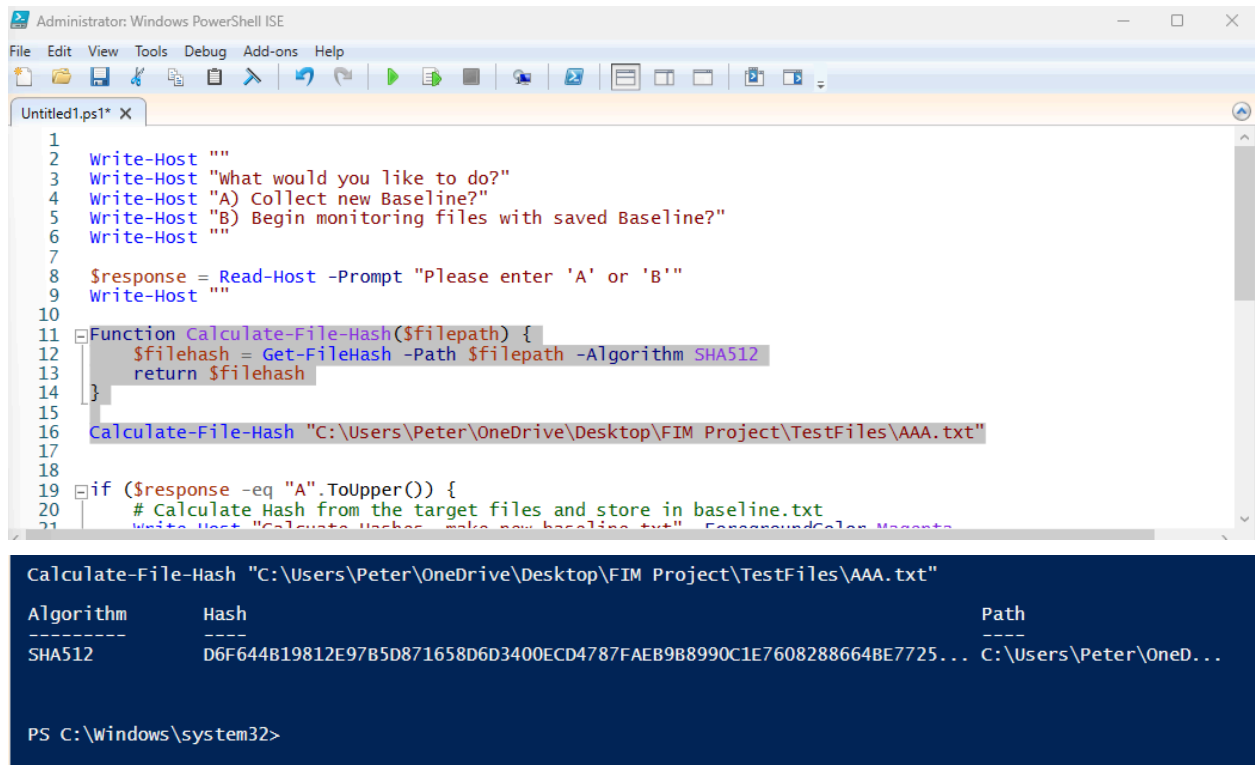


Back in PowerShell ISE, you need to define a function to calculate file hashes.

**Function Calculate-File-Hash(\$filepath):** Defines a function named **Calculate-File-Hash** that accepts a single parameter, **\$filepath**. This parameter should be the path to the file for which the hash is to be computed.

**Return \$filehash:** Returns the value stored in **\$filehash**, which is the hash object containing the SHA-512 hash of the file.

**Calculate-File-Hash "DIRECTORY PATH":** Calls the **Calculate-File-Hash** function with a specified directory path. This command computes and displays the hashes for files within the provided directory. Note that this line of script will be removed after testing.



```
1 Write-Host ""
2 Write-Host "What would you like to do?"
3 Write-Host "A) Collect new Baseline?"
4 Write-Host "B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?"
5 Write-Host ""
6
7 $response = Read-Host -Prompt "Please enter 'A' or 'B'"
8 Write-Host ""
9
10
11 Function Calculate-File-Hash($filepath) {
12     $filehash = Get-FileHash -Path $filepath -Algorithm SHA512
13     return $filehash
14 }
15
16 Calculate-File-Hash "C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM Project\TestFiles\AAA.txt"
17
18
19 if ($response -eq "A".ToUpper()) {
20     # Calculate Hash from the target files and store in baseline.txt
21     Write-Host "Calculate Hashes, make new baseline.txt" -ForegroundColor Magenta
22 }
```

Algorithm	Hash	Path
SHA512	D6F644B19812E97B5D871658D6D3400ECD4787FAEB9B88990C1E7608288664BE7725...	C:\Users\Peter\OneD...

PS C:\Windows\system32>

**Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles:** Fetches all items (files and directories) located within the **TestFiles** directory.

**\$files:** Holds the output of the **Get-ChildItem** command, which includes the list of files and directories in **TestFiles**.

**\$files:** When used by itself, it displays the contents of the **\$files** variable, showing the files and directories retrieved.

```

19 | #Collect all files in the target folder
20 | $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
21 | $files
22 | }
23 | elseif ($response -eq "B".ToUpper()) {
24 |     # Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline
25 |     Write-Host "Read existing baseline.txt, start monitoring files." -ForegroundColor
26 | }
27 |
28 |
29 |

```

```

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
$files

Directory: C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a---l             31/07/2024  10:23 PM             3 AAA.txt
-a---l             31/07/2024  10:23 PM             3 BBB.txt
-a---l             31/07/2024  10:23 PM             3 CCC.txt
-a---l             31/07/2024  10:23 PM             3 DDD.txt

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM>

```

**Foreach (\$f in \$files):** Iterates over each item in the `$files` collection, processing each file or folder individually.

**\$hash = Calculate-File-Hash \$f.FullName:** Computes the hash for the file specified by `$f.FullName` and stores both the directory path and hash value in the `$hash` variable.

**\$((\$hash.Path)|\$(\$hash.Hash)):** Extracts and formats the file's directory path and its SHA-512 hash, presenting them in a `path|hash` format.

```

19 | #Collect all files in the target folder
20 | $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
21 | $files
22 | # For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
23 | foreach ($f in $files) {
24 |     $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
25 |     "$($hash.Path)|$($hash.Hash)"
26 | }
27 |

```

```

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles

# For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
foreach ($f in $files) {
    $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
    "$($hash.Path)|$($hash.Hash)"
}
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\AAA.txt|D6F644819812E97B5D871658D6D3400ECD4787FAEB9B8990
C1E7608288664BE77257104A58D033BCF1A0E0945FF06468EBE53E2DFF36E248424C7273117DAC09
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\BBB.txt|5EDC1C6A4390075A3CA27F4D4161C46B374B1C3B2D63F846
DB6FFF0C513203C3AC3B14A24A6F09D8BF21407A4842113B5D9AA359D266299C3D6CF9E92DB66DBE
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\CCC.txt|2B83283B8CAF7E952AD6B0443A87CD9EE263BC32C4D78C5B
678AC03556175059679B4B8513B021B16A27F6D2A35484703129129F35B6CDFE418EF6473B1F8F23
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt|3BA2942ED1D05551D4360A2A7BB6298C2359061DC07B3689
49BD3FB7FECA3344221257672D772CE456075B7CFA50FD7CE41EAEFE529D056BF23DD665DE668B78

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM>

```

By adding the code `| Out-File -FilePath .\baseline.txt -Append`, this command line writes the directory path and the stored hash value to a text file. The `-Append` parameter ensures that the file is updated without duplication.

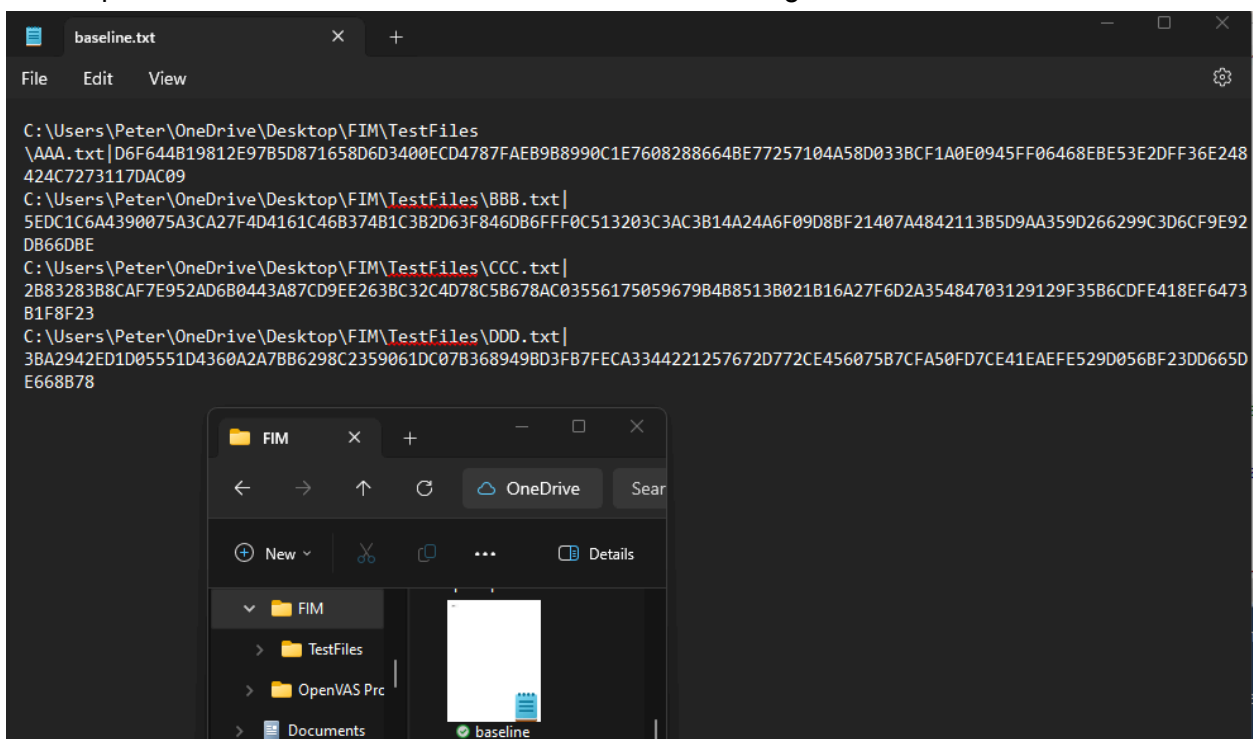
```
18
19 #Collect all files in the target folder
20 $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
21
22 # For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
23 foreach ($f in $files) {
24     $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
25     "$($hash.Path)| $($hash.Hash)" | Out-File -FilePath .\baseline.txt -Append
26 }
27
28 elseif ($response -eq "B".ToUpper()) {
29     # Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline
30     Write-Host "Read existing baseline.txt, start monitoring files." -ForegroundColor Green
```

```
PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> #Collect all files in the target folder
$files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles

# For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
foreach ($f in $files) {
    $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
    "$($hash.Path)| $($hash.Hash)" | Out-File -FilePath .\baseline.txt -Append
}

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM>
```

The output from the command above consists of the following items.



Develop a new function for option **A**, called 'Collect New Baseline,' which will erase `baseline.txt` and store a fresh hash value of the selected file.

```

16 Function Erase-Baseline-If-Already-Exists() {
17     $baselineExists = Test-Path -Path .\baseline.txt
18
19     if ($baselineExists) {
20         # Delete it
21         Remove-Item -Path .\baseline.txt
22     }
23 }
24
25 if ($response -eq "A".ToUpper()) {
26     # Delete baseline.txt if it already exists
27     Erase-Baseline-If-Already-Exists

```

Generate a new file in the directory path to verify the functionality of the `Erase-Baseline-If-Already-Exists` function.

AAA	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
BBB	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
CCC	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
DDD	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
eee	✓	1/08/2024 8:57 PM	Text Document	0 KB
FIM	✓	1/08/2024 8:57 PM	Windows PowerS...	2 KB

Test the **A** selection to ensure it works properly.

The screenshot shows the Windows PowerShell ISE interface. The script file `FIM.ps1` contains the following code:

```

7
8 $response = Read-Host -Prompt "Please enter 'A' or 'B'"
9 Write-Host ""
10
11 Function Calculate-File-Hash($filepath) {
12     $filehash = Get-FileHash -Path $filepath -Algorithm SHA512
13     return $filehash
14 }
15
16 Function Erase-Baseline-If-Already-Exists() {
17     $baselineExists = Test-Path -Path .\baseline.txt
18
19     if ($baselineExists) {
20         # Delete it
21         Remove-Item -Path .\baseline.txt
22     }
23 }
24
25 if ($response -eq "A".ToUpper()) {
26     # Delete baseline.txt if it already exists
27     Erase-Baseline-If-Already-Exists
28
29     # Calculate Hash from the target files and store in baseline.txt
30
31     # Collect all files in the target folder
32     $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
33 }

```

The console output shows the execution of the script:

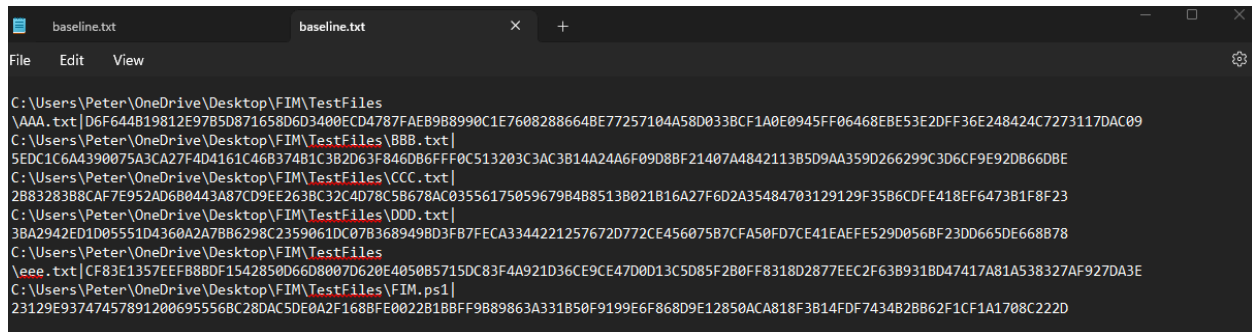
```

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\FIM.ps1
What would you like to do?
A) Collect new Baseline?
B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?
Please enter 'A' or 'B': A
PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM>

```

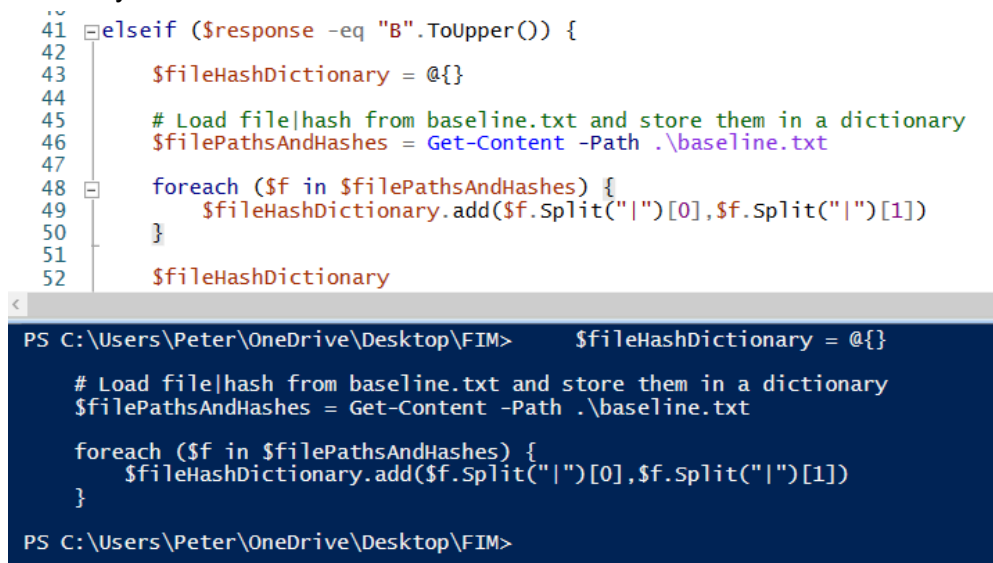


A new **baseline.txt** file has now been downloaded.



```
baseline.txt
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\AAA.txt|D6F644B19812E9785D871658D6D3400ECD4787FAEB9B8990C1E7608288664BE77257104A58D033BCF1A0E0945FF06468EBE53E2DFF36E248424C7273117DAC09
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\BBB.txt|5EDC1C6A4390075A3CA27F4D4161C46B374B1C3B2D63F846D86FFF0C513203C3AC3B14A24A6F09D8BF21407A4842113B5D9AA359D266299C3D6CF9E92DB66DBE
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\CCC.txt|2B83283B8CAF7E952AD680443A87CD9EE2638C32C4D78C58678AC03556175059679B488513B021B16A27F6D2A35484703129129F3586C0FE418EF6473B1F8F23
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt|3BA2942ED1D05551D4360A2A7BB6298C2359061DC07B368949B03FB7FECA3344221257672D772CE456075B7CFA50FD7CE41EAEFE529D056BF23DD665DE668B78
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\EEE.txt|CF83E1357EEFB8BD1542850D6D8007D620E4050B57150C83F4A921D36CE9CE47D0013C5D85F2B0FF8318D2877ECC2F63B931BD47417A81A538327AF927DA3E
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\FIM.ps1|23129E93747457891200695556BC28DAC5DE0A2F168BFE0022818BFF9B89863A331B50F9199E6F868D9E12850ACA818F3B14FDF7434B2B862F1CF1A1708C222D
```

The file and hash data from **baseline.txt** are loaded into a dictionary, where the first element (0) is the directory path and the second element (1) is the file hash. The **Split** command divides these elements, storing element 0 as the key and element 1 as the value in the dictionary.



```
41 elseif ($response -eq "B".ToUpper()) {
42
43     $fileHashDictionary = @{}
44
45     # Load file|hash from baseline.txt and store them in a dictionary
46     $filePathsAndHashes = Get-Content -Path .\baseline.txt
47
48     foreach ($f in $filePathsAndHashes) {
49         $fileHashDictionary.add($f.Split("|")[0],$f.Split("|")[1])
50     }
51
52     $fileHashDictionary

```

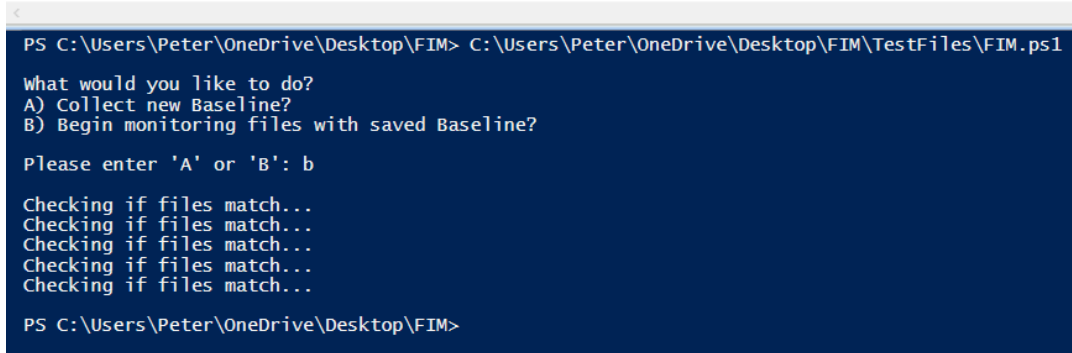
```
PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> $fileHashDictionary = @{}
# Load file|hash from baseline.txt and store them in a dictionary
$filePathsAndHashes = Get-Content -Path .\baseline.txt

foreach ($f in $filePathsAndHashes) {
    $fileHashDictionary.add($f.Split("|")[0],$f.Split("|")[1])
}

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM>
```

A **while** loop is used to monitor for new file creations and will notify the user if any additional files are detected in the directory path.

```
51 |
52 | # Begin (continuously) monitoring files with saved Baseline
53 | while ($true) {
54 |     Start-Sleep -Seconds 1
55 |     Write-Host "Checking if files match..."
56 | }
57 |
58 |
```



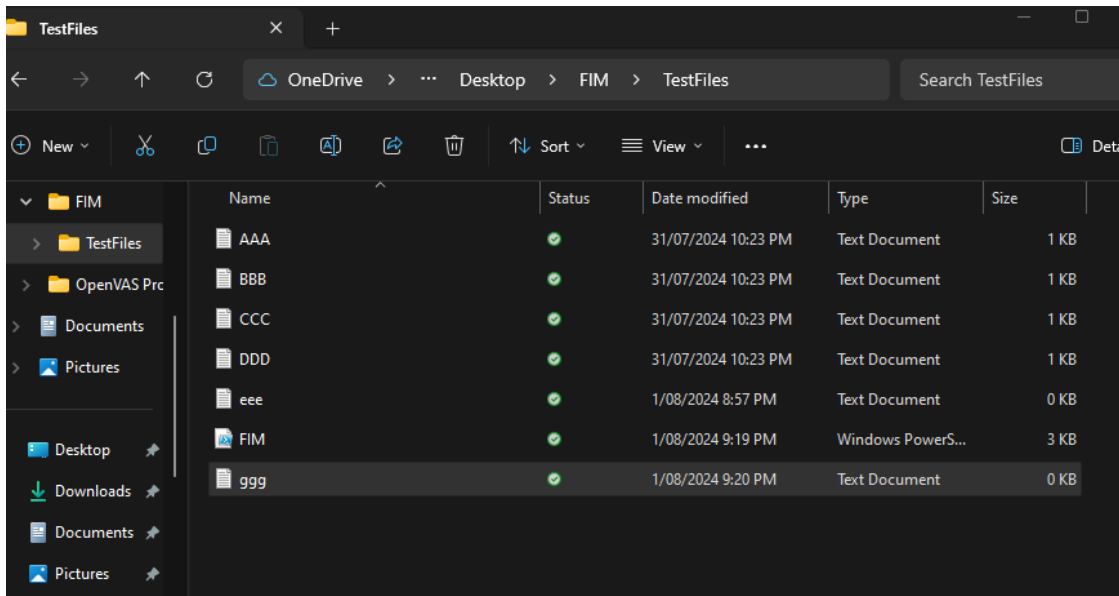
```
PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\FIM.ps1
What would you like to do?
A) Collect new Baseline?
B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?

Please enter 'A' or 'B': b

Checking if files match...
Checking if files match...
Checking if files match...
Checking if files match...
Checking if files match...

PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM>
```

Create a new file named **ggg.txt** to test if the system detects unauthorised files. Since this file is not listed in the **baseline.txt**, it should be flagged as an unauthorised file in the folder.



Name	Status	Date modified	Type	Size
AAA	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
BBB	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
CCC	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
DDD	✓	31/07/2024 10:23 PM	Text Document	1 KB
eee	✓	1/08/2024 8:57 PM	Text Document	0 KB
FIM	✓	1/08/2024 9:19 PM	Windows PowerS...	3 KB
ggg	✓	1/08/2024 9:20 PM	Text Document	0 KB

The test results, shown below, indicate that the `ggg.txt` file has been recognised as an unauthorised file.

```
52 # Begin (continuously) monitoring files with saved Baseline
53 while ($true) {
54     Start-Sleep -Seconds 1
55
56     $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
57
58     # For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
59     foreach ($f in $files) {
60         $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
61         #"$($hash.Path)|$($hash.Hash)" | Out-File -FilePath .\baseline.txt -Append
62
63         if ($fileHashDictionary[$hash.Path] -eq $null) {
64             # A file has been created!
65             Write-Host "$($hash.Path) has been created!" -ForegroundColor Green
66         }
67     }
68 }
```

```
PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\FIM.ps1

What would you like to do?
A) Collect new Baseline?
B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?

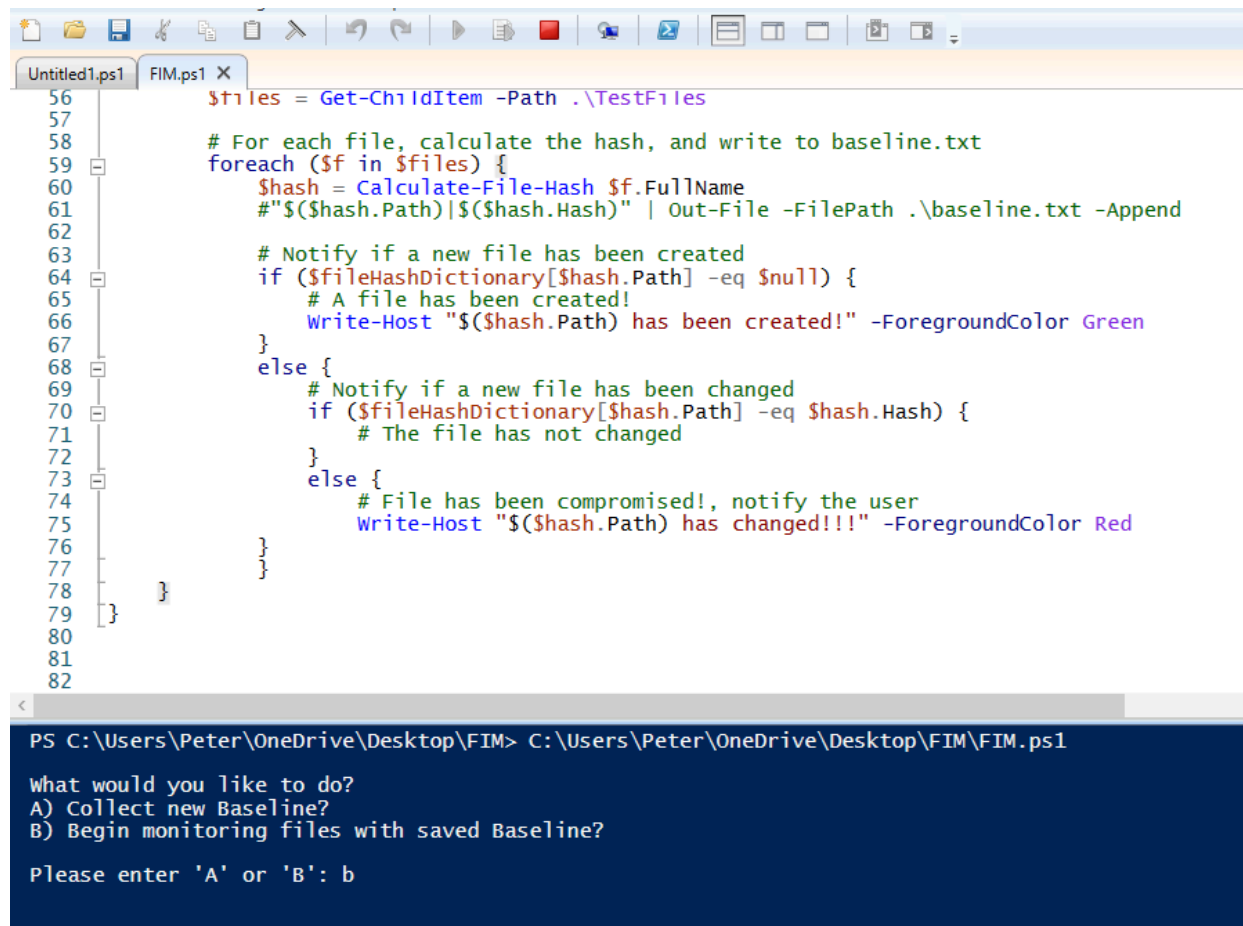
Please enter 'A' or 'B': b

C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\New Text Document.txt has been created!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\New Text Document.txt has been created!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\New Text Document.txt has been created!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\ggg.txt has been created!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\ggg.txt has been created!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\ggg.txt has been created!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\ggg.txt has been created!
```

Execute the script to verify that it identifies changes in the folder, such as new or modified files.

```
53 while ($true) {
54     Start-Sleep -Seconds 1
55
56     $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
57
58     # For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
59     foreach ($f in $files) {
60         $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
61         #"$($hash.Path)|$($hash.Hash)" | Out-File -FilePath .\baseline.txt -Append
62
63         # Notify if a new file has been created
64         if ($fileHashDictionary[$hash.Path] -eq $null) {
65             # A file has been created!
66             Write-Host "$($hash.Path) has been created!" -ForegroundColor Green
67         }
68
69         # Notify if a new file has been changed
70         if ($fileHashDictionary[$hash.Path] -eq $hash.Hash) {
71             # The file has not changed
72         }
73         else {
74             # File has been compromised!, notify the user
75             Write-Host "$($hash.Path) has changed!!!" -ForegroundColor Red
76         }
77     }
78 }
79 }
```

Testing will ensure that the script provides notifications to the user whenever a file is added, created, or modified in the folder, with prompts informing the main user of the changes.

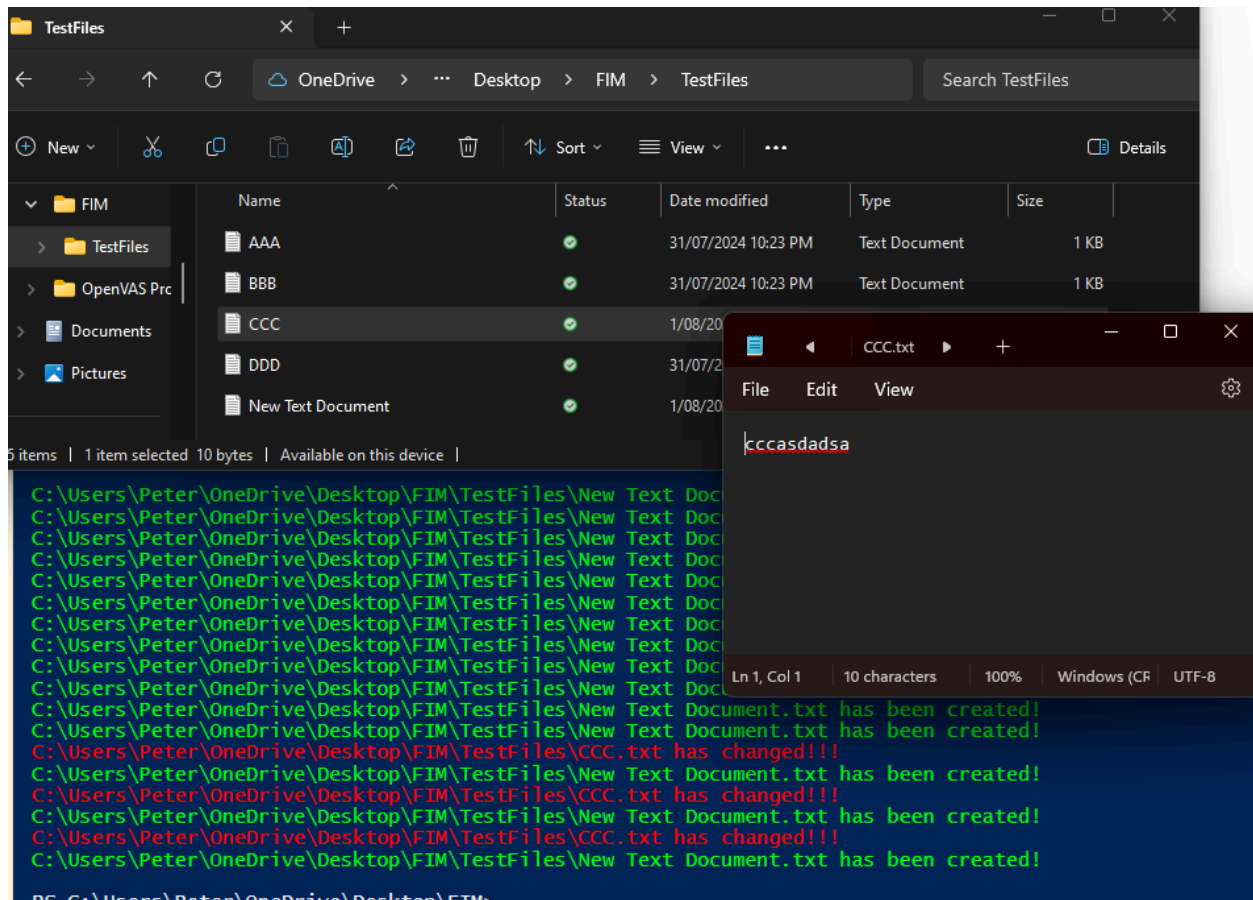


The image shows a PowerShell script editor window with a file named 'FIM.ps1'. The script is designed to monitor files in a directory. It starts by getting the child items of the current directory. Then, it enters a 'foreach' loop to process each file. For each file, it calculates a hash and writes it to a file named 'baseline.txt'. It then checks if the file has been created (by checking if the hash is null) or if it has been modified (by checking if the hash in the dictionary matches the current hash). If a file is created, it displays a green message. If a file is modified, it displays a red message. The script ends with a closing brace.

```
56 $files = Get-ChildItem -Path .\TestFiles
57
58 # For each file, calculate the hash, and write to baseline.txt
59 foreach ($f in $files) {
60     $hash = Calculate-File-Hash $f.FullName
61     "$($hash.Path)|($hash.Hash)" | Out-File -FilePath .\baseline.txt -Append
62
63     # Notify if a new file has been created
64     if ($fileHashDictionary[$hash.Path] -eq $null) {
65         # A file has been created!
66         Write-Host "$($hash.Path) has been created!" -ForegroundColor Green
67     }
68     else {
69         # Notify if a new file has been changed
70         if ($fileHashDictionary[$hash.Path] -eq $hash.Hash) {
71             # The file has not changed
72         }
73         else {
74             # File has been compromised!, notify the user
75             Write-Host "$($hash.Path) has changed!!!" -ForegroundColor Red
76         }
77     }
78 }
79 }
80
81
82
```

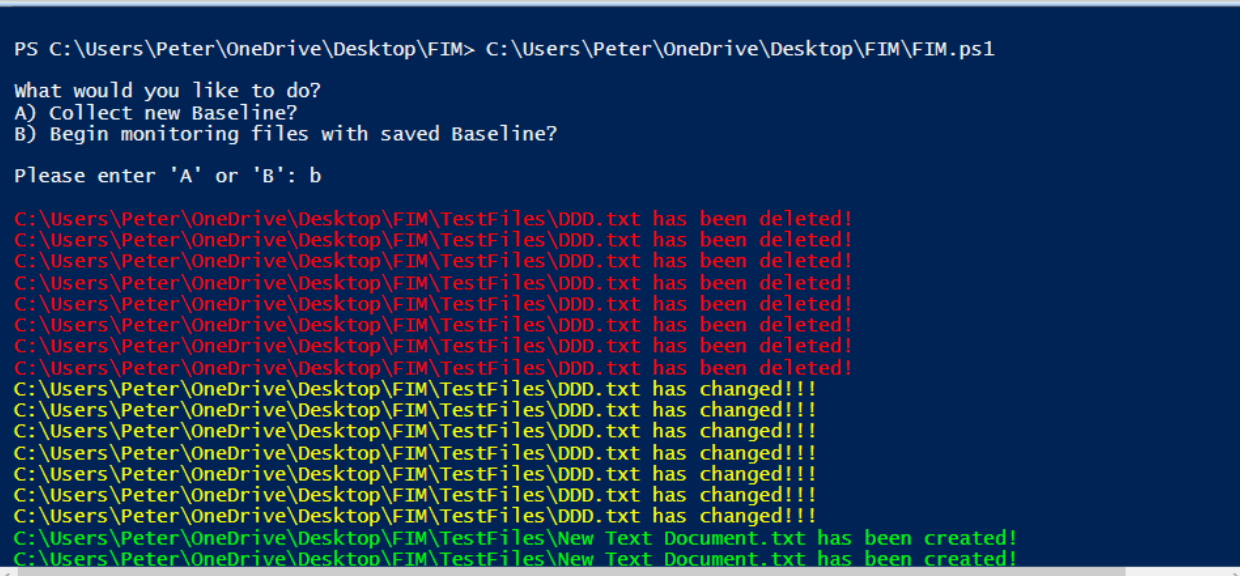
The execution output shows the command being run in the PowerShell prompt: `PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\FIM.ps1`. The prompt then asks 'What would you like to do?' and lists two options: 'A) Collect new Baseline?' and 'B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?'. The user enters 'b', and the prompt asks 'Please enter 'A' or 'B': b'.

As indicated earlier, if a new text file is created, the system will notify the user that the file is not present in the original `baseline.txt` hash records. Additionally, if data is added to an existing file, the user will be alerted that the file has been altered, as its hash will no longer match the original.



This section of the commands informs users that if a text file is deleted from the folder, the `baseline.txt` will verify all stored hashes. If any files are missing, the user will be notified of the deletion.

```
91 |
92 |         foreach ($key in $fileHashDictionary.Keys) {
93 |             $baselineFileStillExists = Test-Path -Path $key
94 |             if (-Not $baselineFileStillExists) {
95 |                 # One of the baseline files must have been deleted, notify user
96 |                 Write-Host "$($key) has been deleted!" -ForegroundColor Red
97 |             }
98 |         }
99 |     }
```



```
PS C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM> C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\FIM.ps1

What would you like to do?
A) Collect new Baseline?
B) Begin monitoring files with saved Baseline?

Please enter 'A' or 'B': b

C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has been deleted!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has changed!!!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has changed!!!
C:\Users\Peter\OneDrive\Desktop\FIM\TestFiles\DDD.txt has changed!!!
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