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Top 10 Active Directory Management Tasks with PowerShell

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Active Directory Automation

Active Directory management is full of repetitive tasks

GUI based tools don't scale

PowerShell can be used interactively

PowerShell can be used as an automation engine

Automation means efficiency and consistency







- Windows PowerShell 5.1
- Remote Server Administration Tools
 - Active Directory Module
 - Add-WindowsCapability -name rsat.ActiveDirectory* -online
- Windows Server 2012 Domain Controller (minimum)
- Everything is done from a Windows client desktop



Common Tasks

- 1. Get FSMO Holders
- 2. Find Empty OUs
- 3. Create new users
- 4. Find inactive user accounts
- 5. Find inactive computer accounts







Common Tasks

- 6. Find Empty Groups
- 7. Enumerate Nested Group Membership
- 8. List User Group Memberships
- 9. Password Age Report
- 10. Domain Controller Health





To the console...







Resources

https://github.com/jdhitsolutions/ADTop1 0Tasks

https://jdhitsolutions.com

Pluralsight.com

https://leanpub.com/powershell-

scripting-toolmaking







Thank you.

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