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## Power Up Your Power BI: Unlock the Magic of Automation with PowerShell and become a data wizard!





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## **PowerShell**

PowerShell is a task automation and configuration management program from Microsoft, consisting of a command-line shell and the associated scripting language.

It is particularly useful for automating repetitive tasks or managing complex systems.



## Power BI

Power BI is a popular data visualization and business intelligence tool that can be used to create interactive reports, dashboards, and visualizations.



## WHY

## PowerShell + Power BI









## Power BI cmdlet

Small, specialized commands that are already defined in the Power BI module/package for PowerShell, which we have to install in PowerShell.

Typically structured as verb-noun pairs, such as "Get-Item" or "New-Item".



### HOW

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## **Key cmdlets**

Get-PowerBIWorkspace #Get a list of all the workspaces
New-PowerBIWorkspace -name #Create a new workspace
Get-PowerBIReport #Get a list of all the reports
New-PowerBIReport -path -name -workspace #Upload a report
Get-PowerBIDataset #Get a list of all the datasets
Add-PowerBIWorkspaceUser #Adds users to a workspace



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## **Power BI REST API**

The Power BI API is a REST-based API that allows you to access and manipulate data in Power BI.

It is designed to be used with any programming language that can make HTTP requests, including PowerShell.



#### HOW



## **Power BI REST API**

```
Invoke-PowerBIRestMethod -Method GET -Url
("datasets/"+datatset.id+"/parameters")
  #Get a list of the parameters of a dataset in workspace
Invoke-PowerBIRestMethod -Method POST -Url
("groups/"+workspace.id+"/datasets/"+datatset.id+"/
refreshes")
  #Trigger a refresh of a specific dataset in workspace
```



### DEEP STUFF

## Advanced topics: if statement

```
if (Get-PowerBIWorkspace -name "Demo") {
    Write-Host "Workspace already exists"}
else {
    New-PowerBIWorkspace -Name "Demo"
}
```



## DEEP STUFF

## Advanced topics: foreach loop

```
foreach ($company in $CompanyList) {
    New-PowerBIWorkspace -Name $company
}
```



## DEEP STUFF

## Advanced topics: pipe



Get-PowerBIWorkspace | where-object name
-like "Demo\*"



#### WHERE

## The environment

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## LET'S HEAD OVER TO THE **Demo**

```
#Let's get cracking!
#Connect to the PowerBI service
#Loain to PowerBI
Login-PowerBI
#Get a list of all the workspaces
Get-PowerBIWorkspace
$workspaces = Get-PowerBIWorkspace
$workspaces
#Make a workspace with the name of the company
$tempcompany = "Demo New Stars of Data"
New-PowerBIWorkspace -Name $tempcompany
#Verify that the workspace was created
Get-PowerBIWorkspace -name $tempcompany
#Put that in a variable
$checkworkspace=Get-PowerBIWorkspace -name $tempcompany
#Check the name and id of the workspace
$checkworkspace.name
$checkworkspace.id
#Notice the workspace id. it's the same as in Power BI Service
#Great, but what if you want to check if the workspace already exists before creating it?
#You can use the if statement and the Get-PowerBIWorkspace commandto check if the workspace already exists
#If the workspace already exists, the workspace will not be created
#If the workspace doesn't exist, the workspace will be created
if (!(Get-PowerBIWorkspace -name $tempcompany)) {
    New-PowerBIWorkspace -Name $tempcompany
else {
    Write-Host "Workspace already exists"
```





Install-Module Fabtools



#### FINALLY

## Last tips and conclusion

### Tips:

- When in doubt, automate
- **Keep it simple** and easy to follow
- Use the PBI module and cmdlets
- Test your code before setting it in production
- Use source control to manage your code and version history
- Use the resources around you. Collaborate with others.



## New-PowerBIWorkspace



## HAPPINESS IS...



watching your code run



## Thank you!

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