

# Power Up Your Power BI Unlock the Magic of Automation with PowerShell

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### What is **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.



### What is **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**





### What is **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 **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 And more.



#### What is

#### **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+"/refresh
  es")
  #Trigger a refresh of a specific dataset in workspace
And more.
```

# Deep stuff **Advanced topics: if statement**

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

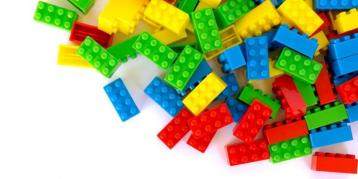


# Deep stuff Advanced topics: foreach loop

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



# Deep stuff **Advanced topics: pipe**



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



### Where **The environment**

PowerShell ISE



Visual Studio Code – with GitHub Copilot



### Let's head over to **DEMO**

```
eter for "$di.name" in "$w.name
                     2thod post -Url ("datasets/"+$di.id+"/Default.UpdateParameters")
                 NOW
              c -workspaceid $w.Id
            .RestMethod -Method get -Url ("datasets/"+$di.id+"/parameters") | Convert
           neter for "$di.name" in "$w.name" is "$check
      reports, at once, in all the workspaces

pworkspaces) {
  ataset -workspaceid $w.id
 JwerBIDataset -workspaceid $w.Id
owerBIRestMethod -Method Post -Url ("groups/"+$w.id+"/datasets/"+$d.id+"/refreshes")
```





Install-Module Fabtools

# How **Key Fabtools cmdlets**



Invoke-FabricDatasetRefresh #Start a dataset refresh
Get-FabricDatasetRefreshes #Get the refresh history
Get-FabricWorkspaceUsers #Get the users of a workspace
New-FabricWorkspaceUsageMetrics #Create usage metrics
report

Remove-FabricWorkspace #Delete a workspace



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#### **Key Fabtools cmdlets**

Get-AllFabricCapacities #Find all Fabric capacities
Set-FabricWorkspaceToCapacity #Move a workspace to another
Fabric capacity

Get-FabricCapacityState #Get the current state of a Fabric
capacity

Suspend-FabricCapacity #Pause a Fabric capacity
Resume-FabricCapacity #Activate a Fabric capacity

And more.



# 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



#### #BuildSomethingAwesome

### Thank you

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