

Set-Variable

Set the value of a variable.

Syntax

```
Set-Variable [-Name] String[] [-value] Object  
  [-Include string[]] [-Exclude string[]] [-option option]  
  [-scope string] [-force] [-passThru] [-whatIf]  
  [-Description string] [-Visibility {Public | Private} ]  
  [-confirm] [CommonParameters]
```

Key

- Name *String*
The name of the variable(s), may be piped.
- Value *Object*
The value to assign to the variable.
- Include *string*
Items upon which Set-variable will act, excluding all others.
- Exclude *string*
Items upon which Set-variable will not act, include all others.
- Option *option*
The valid options are:
 - None : Set no options. (default)
 - ReadOnly: The alias cannot be changed unless you use -Force.
 - Constant: The alias cannot be changed, even by using -Force.
 - Private : The alias is available only within the scope specified b
It is invisible in all other scopes.
 - AllScope: The variable is copied to any new scopes that are create
- Scope *string*
The scope in which this alias is valid.
Valid values are "Global", "Local", "Private" or "Script", or a numb
relative to the current scope (0 through the number of scopes, wher
0 is the current scope and 1 is its parent). "Local" is the default.
For more, type "[get-help about_scope](#)".
- force
create a variable with the same name as an existing read-only variab
or change the value of a read-only variable.

By default, a variable may be overwritten, unless it has an option v
of "ReadOnly" or "Constant". For more information, see the -Option p
- passThru
Pass the object created by this cmdlet through the pipeline.
- Visibility {[Public](#) | Private}
Whether the variable is visible outside of the session in which it w
This parameter is designed for use in scripts and commands that
will be delivered to other users.

When a variable is private, it does not appear in lists of variables
those returned by Get-Variable, or in displays of the Variable: driv
Commands to read or change the value of a private variable return an

However, the user can run commands that use a private variable if th

commands were written in the session in which the variable was defin

-WhatIf

Describe what would happen if you executed the command without actually executing the command.

-Confirm

Prompt for confirmation before executing the command.

-Description *string*

The description of the variable.

Standard **Aliases** for Set-Variable: `set`, `sv`

Examples

Set the value of the "SS64" variable to "My Sample text":

```
PS C:\> set-variable -name SS64 -value "My Sample text"
```

Create a global, read-only variable that contains all processes on the system:

```
PS C:\> set-variable -name myprocs -value (Get-Process) -option constant  
-scope global
```

In the example above, the value is enclosed in parentheses this executes the command: (Get-Process) before storing the result in the variable, rather than just storing the text "Get-Process".

"O, swear not by the moon, the fickle moon, the inconstant moon, that monthly changes in her circle orb, Lest that thy love prove likewise variable" ~ Shakespeare

Related PowerShell Cmdlets:

Clear-Variable - Remove the value from a variable.

Get-Variable - Get a PowerShell variable.

New-Variable - Create a new variable.

Remove-Variable - Remove a variable and its value.

Environment Variables

Equivalent bash command: `env` - Display, set, or remove environment variables.