How to Use PowerShell to Become a Windows and Cloud Management SuperHero - 2022 Edition

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Agenda



- Visualize, understand and work with Powershell objects
 - This is what you do always with Powershell. Understand this and be Hero;)
- import/export and convert objects
 - In the end, it's always Powershell objects!

Putting it all together working with Graph API

DEMO Files



- Some demos will be on my GitHub
- https://www.github.com/petripaavola

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It's all about the process

...how to get to the end result

It's all about the process



95% of the scripts follow the same logic/pattern

Get dataGet

Filter data
 Where-Object

Process data
 Foreach

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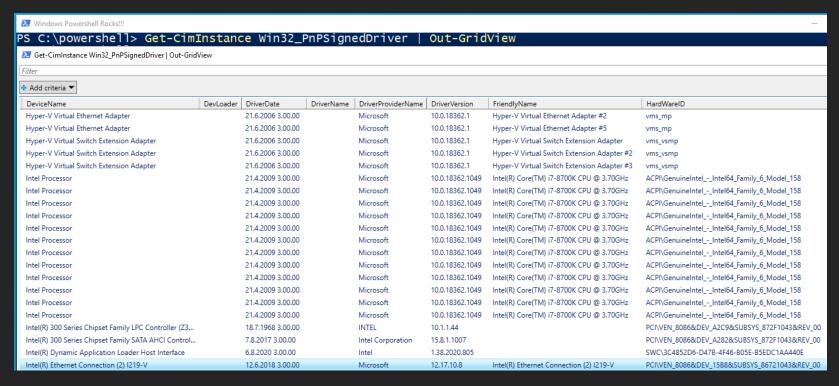


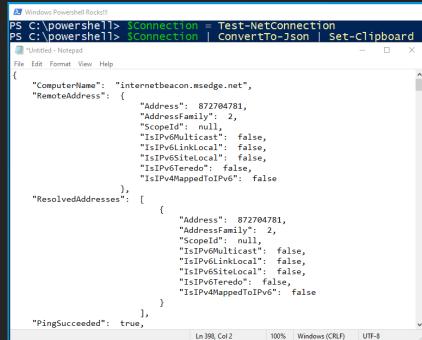
- 99% of the time you follow the same process
- Get data Get
- Understand the data
 - Manual work
 - Visualization
 - Testing, debugging, figuring out what to do with the data
- Filter data
 Where-Object
- Process data
 Foreach
- Create solution Powershell script

Visualize Powershell objects



- Visualize objects easily with
 - Out-GridView
 - ConvertTo-Json | Set-Clipboard











DEMO

Visualize objects

Import, Export, convert



- With import our data is translated to Powershell objects
 - It is not for example json or csv inside Powershell
 - "Do you think that's JSON you are manipulating inside Powershell?"
- ConvertTo-Json & ConvertFrom-Json
 - Note -Depth -parameter with ConvertTo-Json
- Export-CliXml & Import-CliXml
 - Good for secrets
- Out-File/Set-Content & Get-Content
- Export-csv & Import-csv

Graph API and JSON



- Graph API uses json format
- You will get json when you get information from Graph API
- Graph API expects to have payload in json format

Powershell object -> JSON



- We create custom Powershell object
- We convert custom Powershell object to JSON
- We send JSON payload to Graph API

Working with Graph API



- App Registration
- Permissions
- Conditional Access!
 - New Preview feature for Service Principals
- Secrets / Certificates
 - How to use your secrets in a safe way
 - Export-CliXml & Import-CliXml
 - Use certificates
 - Save credentials to Azure Automation account credentials variable
- Graph Explorer
- Test, understand, visualize, convert data
- Powershell script







DEMO

Working with Graph API

Conditional Access





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