## Windows PowerShell System Requirements

Just in case you run into some older systems at work or at home. We need to quickly talk about backward compatibility with PowerShell.

Before we dive into that, there's one term I need to touch on and that is Windows
management Framework. Basically, WMF allows functionality between all these
different versions of Windows. Among other things it contains a remote management
tool.

## Windows PowerShell 4 runs on the following versions of Windows:

- Windows 8.1 (installed by default)
- Windows Server 2012 R2 (installed by default)
- Windows® 7 with Service Pack 1, You'll need to install Windows Management Framework 4.0 to run Windows PowerShell 4.0
- Windows Server® 2008 R2 with Service Pack 1, install Windows Management
   Framework 4.0 to run Windows PowerShell 4

## Windows PowerShell 5 runs on the following versions of Windows:

- Windows Server 2016, and Windows 10 installed by default
- Windows 8.1 Enterprise and Pro version
- Windows Server 2012 R2 install Windows Management Framework 5.0 to run Windows PowerShell 5.0
- Windows Server 2012 install Windows Management Framework 5.0 to run Windows PowerShell 5.0
- Windows Server® 2008 R2 with Service Pack 1, install Windows Management Framework 5.0 to run Windows PowerShell 5.0
- Windows® 7 with Service Pack 1, install Windows Management Framework 5.0 to run Windows PowerShell 5.0

## Recommended System Requirements for the LAB environment

- Windows 10 O/S
- 15 or 17 CPU
- 4 GB of RAM.
- 10GB of hard disk space
- Virtual Box (VM software)

•	Instructions for setting up your VM's will be given in the LAB section. Instructor Paul will show you step by step how to setup your lab.