



# Profiler

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MAKE YOUR SCRIPTS FASTER

@NOHWND

```
PS> $trace = Trace-Script -ScriptBlock { /p/Pester/test.ps1 -SkipPTests }
```

```
Running in PowerShell 7.1.3 64-bit.
```

```
Starting trace.
```

```
Stopwatch is high resolution, max resolution of timestamps is 100ns.
```

```
[...]
```

```
Tracing done. Got 2796300 trace events.
```

```
Processing 2796300 trace events. This might take a while...
```

```
Figuring out flow. (1.02s)
```

```
Sorting events into lines. (683ms)
```

```
Counting averages and percentages. (724ms)
```

```
Getting Top50 with the longest Duration. (172ms)
```

```
Getting Top50 with the longest average Duration. (171ms)
```

```
Getting Top50 with the longest SelfDuration. (174ms)
```

```
Getting Top50 with the longest average SelfDuration. (169ms)
```

```
Getting Top50 with the most hits. (172ms)
```

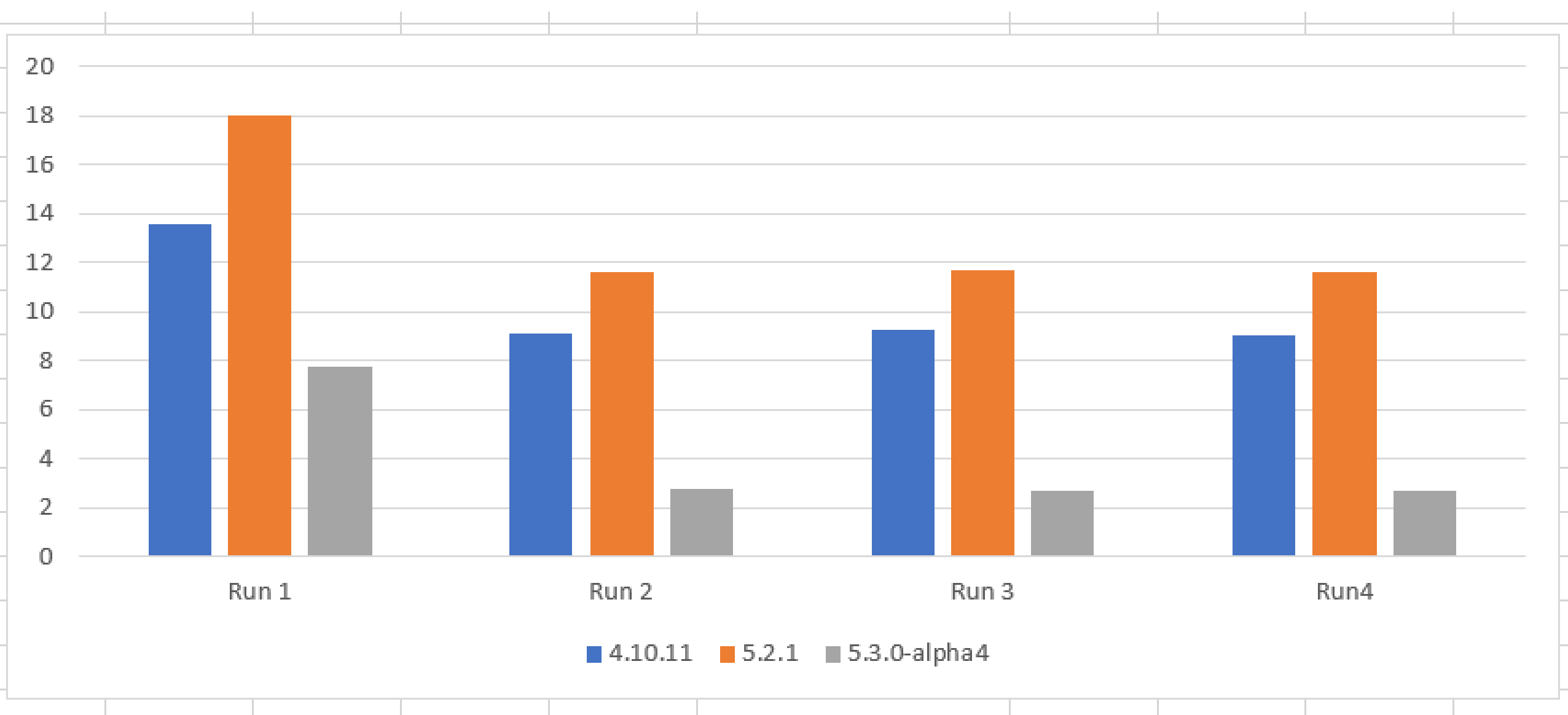
```
Duration: A: 00:01:08.8318156
```

```
Done. Try $trace.Top50Duration | Format-Table to get the report. There are also Top50/
```

```
lfAverage, Top50HitCount, AllLines and Events.
```

C:\p\pester [test-drive-perf = +0 ~1 -0 !]> \$trace.Top50SelfDuration | Format-Table Percent, HitCount, Duration, SelfDuration, Name, Line, Text

Percent	HitCount	Duration	SelfDuration	Name	Line	Text
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9.127	52477	00:00:06.3858909	00:00:03.1988854	Pester.Runtime.ps1	1540	Write-PesterDebugMessage -Scope "RuntimeCore" \$Message -ErrorRecord \$ErrorRecon
4.245	684	00:00:02.9702896	00:00:02.9702896	TestRegistry.ps1	60	"Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\Registry::" + (& \$SafeCommands['Get-PSDrive'] -Name
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PSProfiler has helped me identify "heat spots" on a script I found at a client, reducing the runtime from 11 minutes to about 1 minute :) thank you for working hard on this project



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Install it:

Install-Module Profiler

[github.com/nohwnd/profiler](https://github.com/nohwnd/profiler)

# In this talk:

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- Performance considerations
- Profiling your code
  - Trace-Script
  - Flags
  - Invoke-Script
- Patterns
- New Pester Code Coverage

# Context

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# My naïve approach to PowerShell performance

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- Stare at code
- Guess how many times it is executed
- Hope changes will make it faster

# EXAMPLE 1

## SLOW CODE

# The three problems

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- Which code is slow?
- Which code is worth optimizing?
- How do I optimize it?

# Which code is slow?

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TRACE-SCRIPT

# Profile a script, even with parameters

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```
$trace = Trace-Script {  
    & .\myScript.ps1 -Name 'Jakub' -Age 32  
}
```

# Profile a module, including module load

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```
$trace = Trace-Script {  
    Import-Module .\Planets.psm1  
    Get-Planet -Name 'M*'  
}
```

# Profile your \$profile script

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```
pwsh -NoProfile -NoExit {  
    $trace = Trace-Script { . $Profile }  
}
```

# Profile any scriptblock, as in my demos

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```
$trace = Trace-Script {  
    "hello"  
}
```



# EXAMPLE 2

## TRACE-SCRIPT

# EXAMPLE 3

## DURATION

## SELF DURATION

# Which code is slow?

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- Look at `.Top50SelfDuration` to see which code is slowest
- Look at `.Top50Duration` to see which parts of your script take the most time, and decide if that is appropriate

Which code is  
worth optimizing?

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# Which code is worth optimizing?

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- Look at Percent, and HitCount
- Look for code that runs many times, or for every item you have

How do I optimize  
it?

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# EXAMPLE 4

## OPTIMIZE



How do I know I  
did a good job  
optimizing it?

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FLAGS

# EXAMPLE 5

## FLAGS

### INVOKE-SCRIPT

Do try this at  
home!

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# Try this:

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**# profile a script, even if it takes parameters**

```
$trace = Trace-Script { .\myScript.ps1 -Name 'Jakub' -Age 32 }
```

**# profile a module**

```
$trace = Trace-Script {  
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    Get-Planet -Name 'M*'  
}
```

# How Profiler works?

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IN 3 MINUTES

# EXAMPLE 6

## SET-PSDEBUG

### EVENTS

# Pester Code Coverage

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# Profiling      x      Code Coverage

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- All code that runs
- Which code run?
- ~~Which code did not run?~~
- How many times?
- How fast?

- ~~All~~ Selected code that runs
- Which code run?
- Which code did not run?
- At least once?
- ~~How fast?~~

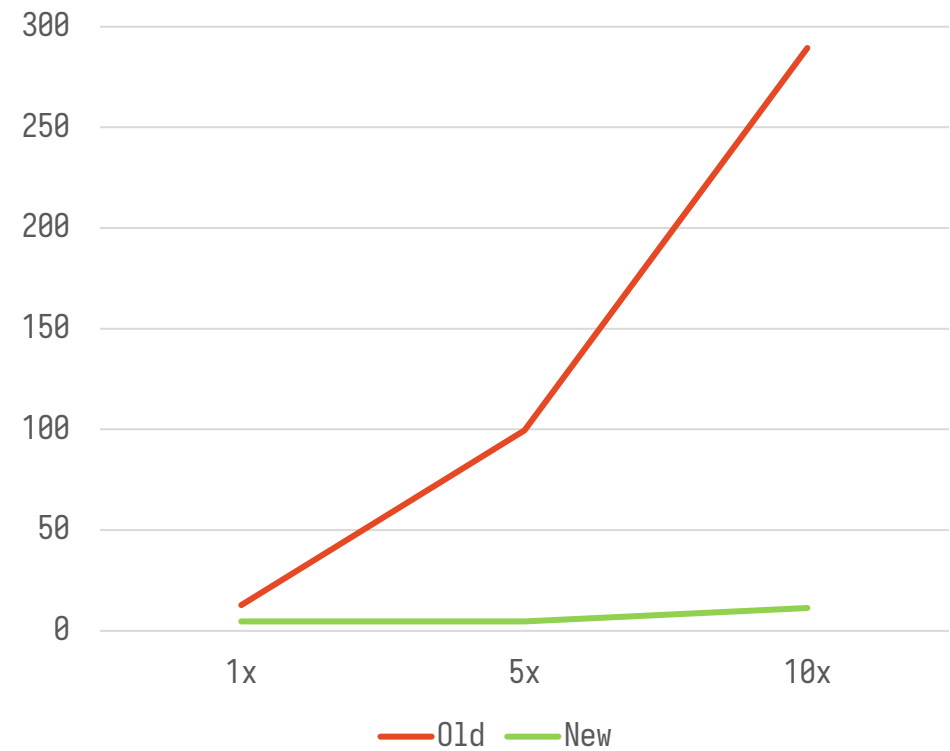


# Old vs New

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	Breakpoints	New – Profiler
1x	13s	4.5s
5x	99s	4.6s
10x	289s	12s

(And for 10x, 289s vs 5s on second run)



```
Tests completed in 12.7s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 93.07% / 75%. 779 analyzed Commands in 29 Files.
```

5x more code:

```
Tests completed in 99.57s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 18.61% / 75%. 3,895 analyzed Commands in 145 Files.
```

10x more code:

```
Tests completed in 289.37s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 9.31% / 75%. 7,790 analyzed Commands in 290 Files.
```

10x more code, second run:

```
Tests completed in 291.97s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 9.31% / 75%. 7,790 analyzed Commands in 290 Files.
```

```
Tests completed in 4.6s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 93.07% / 75%. 779 analyzed Commands in 29 Files.
```

```
Tests completed in 4.46s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 18.61% / 75%. 3,895 analyzed Commands in 145 Files.
```

```
Tests completed in 11.37s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 9.31% / 75%. 7,790 analyzed Commands in 290 Files.
```

```
Tests completed in 5.02s
Tests Passed: 633, Failed: 0, Skipped: 0 NotRun: 0
Processing code coverage result.
Covered 9.31% / 75%. 7,790 analyzed Commands in 290 Files.
```

# New coverage

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```
Install-Module Pester 5.3.0-alpha4 -AllowPrerelease
```

```
$Configuration.CodeCoverage.UseBreakpoints = $false
```

Details, setup, comparing old CC and new CC:

[Release 5.3.0-alpha2 · pester/Pester \(github.com\)](#)

Install it:

Install-Module Profiler

Share feedback:

[github.com/nohwnd/profiler](https://github.com/nohwnd/profiler)

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