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**PowerShell Module Development
on  GitHub**

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PSMDE module overview

PSMDE is a wrapper module for the Microsoft Defender for Endpoint (MDE) API.





 ci **passing**  powershell gallery **v0.29.0**  coverage **93.75%**

-  **Native PowerShell wrapper** - JSON parsing, working with PS objects, piping
-  **Token refresh** - Automatically refresh token if expired or about to expire
-  **429 handling** - Exponential backoff mechanism implemented
-  **Permission check** - Verify permissions on a per API basis
-  **Documentation** - Automatic generated documentation and PowerShell help files
-  **CI/CD** - Automatic PR testing, versioning and releasing
-  **Fully tested** - 100% test coverage of public functions, >95% overall
-  **Security** - Saves temporary values encrypted, helps with token scopes

PowerShell modules

- PowerShell modules are collections of commands that can be used to perform specific tasks or automate processes
- Stored in .psm1 or .psd1 files
- They can be written in a variety of languages, including PowerShell, C#, and Python
- Normally shared and distributed through the PowerShell Gallery or by using NuGet package manager
- To create a module, use the New-ModuleManifest command and provide metadata information like Author, Company, Description and also the version
- To export functions/cmdlets from module, use the Export-ModuleMember command
- To interact with modules, use `Import-Module`, `Remove-Module`, `Get-Module` and `Update-Module`

Source folder

-  Manifest file (``PSMDE.psd1``)
-  Module file (``PSMDE.psm1``)
-  ``private`` folder
-  ``public`` folder

Source folder

Module file (PSMDE.psd1)

```
1  # Declare module variables
2
3  New-Variable -Name tenantId -Value $null -Scope Script -Force
4  New-Variable -Name appId -Value $null -Scope Script -Force
5  New-Variable -Name appSecret -Value $null -Scope Script -Force
6  New-Variable -Name tokenCache -Value $null -Scope Script -Force
7  New-Variable -Name initialize -Value $false -Scope Script -Force
8
9  # Import private and public scripts and expose the public ones
10
11  $privateScripts = @(Get-ChildItem -Path "$PSScriptRoot\private" -Recurse -Filter "*.ps1") | Sort-Object Name
12  $publicScripts = @(Get-ChildItem -Path "$PSScriptRoot\public" -Recurse -Filter "*.ps1") | Sort-Object Name
13
14  foreach ($script in ($privateScripts + $publicScripts)) {
15      Write-Verbose $script
16      try {
17          . $script
18          Write-Verbose -Message ("Imported function {0}" -f $script)
19      } catch {
20          Write-Error -Message ("Failed to import function {0}: {1}" -f $script, $_)
21      }
22  }
```

Source folder

Module file (PSMDE.psd1)

```
1  # Add PSReadLine handler to avoid credentials being saved in the command history
2
3  $scriptBlock = {
4      param(
5          [string]
6          $line
7      )
8      return $line.ToLower().StartsWith('set-mdeauthorizationinfo') ? $false : $true
9  }
10 Set-PSReadlineOption -AddToHistoryHandler $scriptBlock
11
12 Export-ModuleMember -Function $publicScripts.BaseName
```


Feature focus

Encryption(`New-AesSessionSecret.ps1`)

```
1  $keyBytes = [Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes((Get-Process -PID $pid).ProcessorAffinity.ToString() + (Get-Process -P
2  $encryptionKey = [System.Byte[]]::new(32)
3  for ($i = 0; $i -lt $keyBytes.length; $i++) {
4      $encryptionKey[$i] = $keyBytes[$i]
5  }
6  $rngCryptoServiceProvider = New-Object System.Security.Cryptography.RNGCryptoServiceProvider
7  $initializationVector = [System.Byte[]]::new(16)
8  $rngCryptoServiceProvider.GetBytes($initializationVector)
9  $aesCryptoServiceProvider = New-Object System.Security.Cryptography.AesCryptoServiceProvider
10 $aesCryptoServiceProvider.Key = $encryptionKey
11 $aesCryptoServiceProvider.IV = $initializationVector
12 $secretBytes = [System.Text.Encoding]::UTF8.GetBytes($secret)
13 $encryptor = $aesCryptoServiceProvider.CreateEncryptor()
14 $encryptedBytes = $encryptor.TransformFinalBlock($secretBytes, 0, $secretBytes.Length)
15 [byte[]] $data = $aesCryptoServiceProvider.IV + $encryptedBytes
16
17 $aesCryptoServiceProvider.Dispose()
18 $rngCryptoServiceProvider.Dispose()
19
20 return [System.Convert]::ToBase64String($data)
```

Feature focus

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3  for ($i = 0; $i -lt $keyBytes.length; $i++) {
4      $encryptionKey[$i] = $keyBytes[$i]
5  }
6  $encryptedBytes = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($cipherText)
7  $aesCryptoServiceProvider = New-Object System.Security.Cryptography.AesCryptoServiceProvider
8  $aesCryptoServiceProvider.Key = $encryptionKey
9  $aesCryptoServiceProvider.IV = $encryptedBytes[0..15]
10 $decryptor = $aesCryptoServiceProvider.CreateDecryptor();
11 $secretBytes = $decryptor.TransformFinalBlock($encryptedBytes, 16, $encryptedBytes.Length - 16)
12 $decryptedSecret = [System.Text.Encoding]::UTF8.GetString($secretBytes)
13
14 $aesCryptoServiceProvider.Dispose()
15 return $decryptedSecret
```

Feature focus

Token refresh (``Get-MdeAuthorizationHeader.ps1``)

```
1  $tc = $script:tokenCache ? (Get-AesSessionSecret -cipherText $script:tokenCache) : $null
2
3  $expired = $tc ? [DateTime]::Now -gt [TimeZoneInfo]::ConvertTimeFromUtc(
4      ([DateTime]::UnixEpoch).AddSeconds(
5          (Get-ParsedToken -token $tc).exp), [TimeZoneInfo]::FindSystemTimeZoneById('Central European Standard Time')
6      ) : $true
```

Feature focus

Exponential backoff (``Invoke-RetryRequest.ps1``)

```
1  $headers = Get-MdeAuthorizationHeader
2  do {
3      try {
4          $retry = $false
5          if (@('put', 'patch', 'post') -contains $method.ToLower()) {
6              return Invoke-RestMethod -Method $method -Headers $headers -ContentType 'application/json' -Uri $uri -Body $
7          }
8          else {
9              return Invoke-RestMethod -Method $method -Headers $headers -Uri $uri -ErrorAction Stop
10         }
11     }
12     catch {
13         if ($_.Exception.Response.StatusCode.value__ -ne 429) { $retry = $false; $_; break }
14         $sleepDuration = $sleepDuration -eq 0 ? 4 : $sleepDuration * 2
15         $retry = $true
16         Write-Verbose "API returned 429, retrying in $sleepDuration seconds"
17         Start-Sleep -Seconds $sleepDuration
18     }
19 } until (
20     -not $retry
21 )
```

Feature focus

Permission check(`Test-MdePermissions.ps1`)

```
1 $roles = (Get-MdeAuthorizationInfo).roles
2 $requiredRoles = (Get-Help $functionName -Full).role | Invoke-Expression
3 $containsRole = $false
4 foreach ($role in $requiredRoles) {
5     $evaluation = $roles.contains($role.permission)
6     Write-Verbose "Checking for '[$($role.permissionType)] $($role.permission)': $evaluation"
7     $containsRole = $containsRole -or $evaluation
8 }
```

Tests

- Pester tests
- One test file per unit test
- Separated in public and private
- General tests located in `Functions.Tests.ps1``

Tests

Example

```
1  BeforeAll {
2      Remove-Module PSMDE -Force -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
3      Import-Module (Split-Path $PSCommandPath).replace('tests', 'src').Replace('public', 'PSMDE.psd1')
4  }
5
6  Describe "Enable-MdeMachineIsolation" {
7
8      It 'Should have the PSMDE module loaded' {
9          $module = Get-Module PSMDE
10         $module | Should -Not -BeNullOrEmpty
11     }
12
13     It 'Should have access to internal functions' {
14         InModuleScope PSMDE {
15             $iar = Get-Command Invoke-AzureRequest
16             $iar | Should -Not -BeNullOrEmpty
17         }
18     }
```

Tests

Example








```
1  It 'Should correctly create the request uri' {
2      InModuleScope PSMDE {
3          Mock Invoke-RetryRequest { return $uri }
4          Mock Test-MdePermissions { return $true }
5          $id = '12345'
6          $comment = 'Comment'
7          Enable-MdeMachineIsolation -id $id -comment $comment | Should -Be "https://api.securitycenter.microsoft.com/"
8      }
9  }
10 }
```


Documentation

- Public (external) help
- Markdown help
- Uses platyPS
- Pushed to GitHub integrated wiki

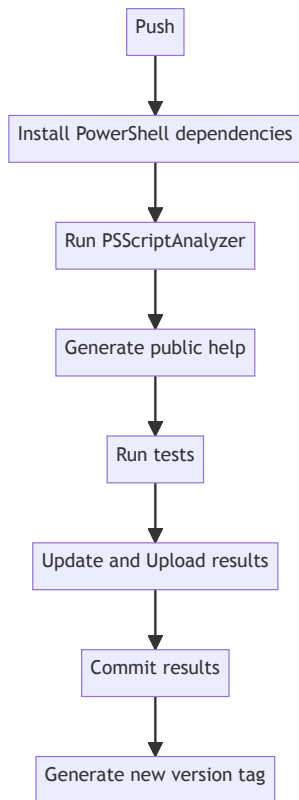
```
1  Import-Module .\src\PSMDE.psd1
2  Update-MarkdownHelpModule -Path 'wiki' -RefreshModulePage -UpdateInputOutput -Force
3  (Get-Content .\wiki\PSMDE.md) -replace '(.md\))', ')' | Out-File .\wiki\PSMDE.md -Force -Encoding ascii
4  New-ExternalHelp -Path 'wiki' -OutputPath 'en-us' -Force
```

Repository structure

-  `.github/workflows/` - Workflows for CI, releasing and testing PRs
-  `en-us/` - ``PSMDE-help.xml`` PowerShell external help file
-  `icon` - Public icon folder for PS-Gallery
-  `scripts/` - Helper functions for module developers/contributors
-  `src/` - Source files
-  `tests/` - Pester unit tests
-  `wiki` - Git submodule linking to wiki repo for generated markdown help

Automation CI/CD

CI Action



Automation CI/CD

Release Action

Sign and publish

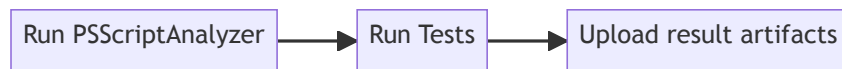


Update changelog

```
1 $certPath = Join-Path -Path $PSScriptRoot -ChildPath "code_signing.pfx"
2 Set-Content -Value $([System.Convert]::FromBase64String($env:SIGNING_CERTIFICATE)) -Path $certPath -AsByteStream
3 $cert = Import-PfxCertificate -FilePath $certPath -Password ($env:SIGNING_PASSWORD | ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlai
4 Get-ChildItem src -Recurse -Force -Filter *.ps* | Set-AuthenticodeSignature -Certificate $cert -TimestampServer 'h
5 Copy-Item .\src\ -Recurse -Destination .\PSMDE\ -Force
6 Publish-Module -Path .\PSMDE\ -NuGetApiKey $env:NUGET_KEY
```

Automation CI/CD

Test Action



Questions?

Go ahead and ask!