



Managing at Scale with PowerShell

Unlocking the Power of the Pipeline



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Sequential vs Scale

- GUIs don't scale
- RDP management doesn't scale
- Legacy remoting doesn't scale
- Management via PowerShell has the *potential* to scale
- Do it for 1, 10, or 1000.
- PowerShell isn't always the answer



Where is Your Code?

- ◆ What command is running?
- ◆ Where is it running?
 - ◆ Locally?
 - ◆ Remotely?
 - ◆ Hybrid?
- ◆ Where is the output?
- ◆ What are you doing with the output?
 - ◆ Immediate use in the pipeline?
 - ◆ Where will it be consumed?

Filtering is Critical

- ◆ Early filtering
 - ◆ Look for filtering parameters
 - ◆ -Filter
 - ◆ -Name
 - ◆ -ID
 - ◆ Make this a habit
- ◆ Late filtering
 - ◆ Where-Object
 - ◆ Sometimes you have no options
 - ◆ Or you are filtering in the aggregate

Scripting at Scale Techniques

- ◆ Variables
 - ◆ Don't re-run commands
- ◆ Arrays
- ◆ Generic collections
 - ◆ More efficient than arrays
 - ◆ Better search options
- ◆ OutVariable
 - ◆ Store output for later use
- ◆ PipelineVariable
 - ◆ Store output for a later command in the pipeline

Leveraging Remoting

- ◆ PSSessions
 - ◆ Supports alternate credentials
 - ◆ Re-usable
- ◆ CimSessions
 - ◆ Firewall-friendly access to WMI/CIM
 - ◆ Supports alternate credentials
- ◆ Remoting Challenges
 - ◆ Credentials
 - ◆ 2nd Hop
 - ◆ Error Handling
- ◆ Configure remoting with SSH in PowerShell 7

Parallel Processing

- ◆ Remoting with Invoke-Command
- ◆ Leveraging background jobs
- ◆ Leveraging thread jobs
- ◆ ForEach-Object –parallel (PowerShell 7)
- ◆ Roll your own runspace

DEMO

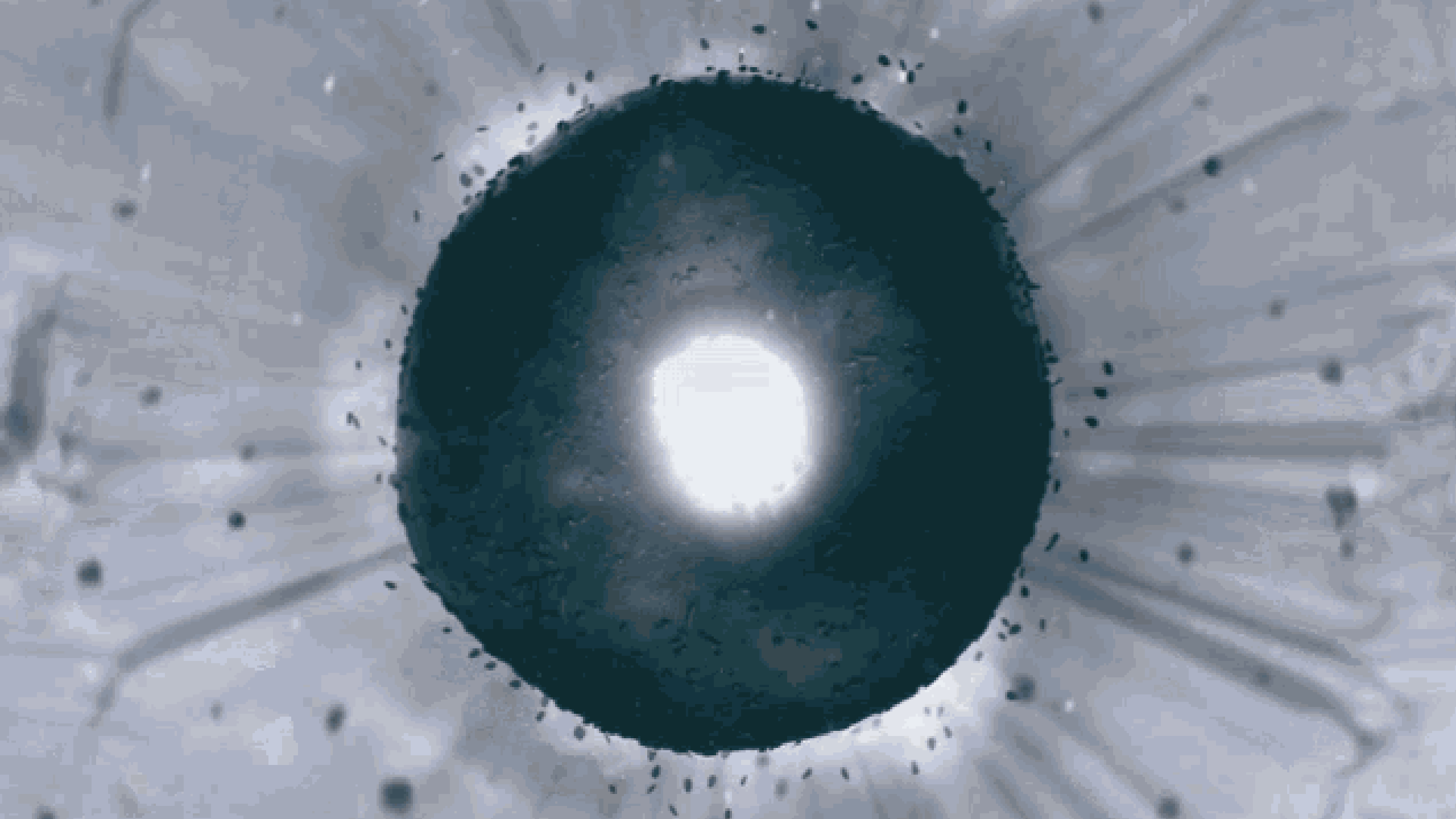
PowerShell at Scale

Scripting at Scale

Best Practices

- ✓ Improve output properties
 - ✓ Include computer name
 - ✓ Watch property types
 - ✓ Consider metadata
- ✓ Leverage remoting
 - ✓ Include throttling
- ✓ Separate output from formatting
 - ✓ Don't limit yourself
- ✓ Log when necessary
 - ✓ Use detailed verbose output
- ✓ Don't think about doing one thing at a time
 - ✓ If in doubt, measure





Extended Q&A



Save the Dates



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