

# Managing Active Directory with PowerShell



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**Level: Intermediate**

# PS C:\> whoami

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## Why PowerShell

- Available everywhere
  - Install PowerShell 7
- Manage from your desktop
- Consistency
- Efficiency
- Scalability
  - Manage at Scale



## Requirements

- PowerShell
- RSAT ActiveDirectory tools
  - Local AD infrastructure
  - Run from your desktop
  - NO RDP!
- Permissions
- DNSServer module
  - Out of scope today





```
PS C:\> Get-WindowsCapability -name rsat.ActiveDirectory* -online
```

```
Name       : Rsat.ActiveDirectory.DS-LDS.Tools~~~~0.0.1.0
State      : Installed
DisplayName : RSAT: Active Directory Domain Services and Lightweight Directory Services Tools
Description : Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) and Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services (AD LDS)
              Tools include snap-ins and command-line tools for remotely managing AD DS and AD LDS on Windows Server.
DownloadSize : 5230259
InstallSize  : 34704398
```

## Remote Server Administration Tools

Ships with Windows 10/11

```
Get-WindowsCapability -name rsat.ActiveDirectory* -online |  
Add-WindowsCapability -online
```

```
PS C:\> Get-Command -module ActiveDirectory | Group Verb
```

| Count | Name      | Group   |
|-------|-----------|---|
| ----- | -----     | -----   |
| 7     | Add       | {Add-ADCentralAccessPolicyMember, Add-ADComputerServiceAccount, Add-ADDomainControll... |
| 2     | Clear     | {Clear-ADAccountExpiration, Clear-ADClaimTransformLink}                                 |
| 2     | Disable   | {Disable-ADAccount, Disable-ADOptionalFeature}  |
| 2     | Enable    | {Enable-ADAccount, Enable-ADOptionalFeature}  |
| 43    | Get       | {Get-ADAccountAuthorizationGroup, Get-ADAccountResultantPasswordReplicationPolicy, G... |
| 1     | Grant     | {Grant-ADAuthenticationPolicySiloAccess}  |
| 1     | Install   | {Install-ADServiceAccount}  |
| 3     | Move      | {Move-ADDirectoryServer, Move-ADDirectoryServerOperationMasterRole, Move-ADObject}      |
| 20    | New       | {New-ADAuthenticationPolicy, New-ADAuthenticationPolicySilo, New-ADCentralAccessPoli... |
| 26    | Remove    | {Remove-ADAuthenticationPolicy, Remove-ADAuthenticationPolicySilo, Remove-ADCentralA... |
| 1     | Rename    | {Rename-ADObject}   |
| 1     | Reset     | {Reset-ADServiceAccountPassword}  |
| 1     | Restore   | {Restore-ADObject}  |
| 1     | Revoke    | {Revoke-ADAuthenticationPolicySiloAccess}   |
| 1     | Search    | {Search-ADAccount}  |
| 30    | Set       | {Set-ADAccountAuthenticationPolicySilo, Set-ADAccountControl, Set-ADAccountExpiratio... |
| 1     | Show      | {Show-ADAuthenticationPolicyExpression}   |
| 1     | Sync      | {Sync-ADObject}   |
| 1     | Test      | {Test-ADServiceAccount}   |
| 1     | Uninstall | {Uninstall-ADServiceAccount}  |
| 1     | Unlock    | {Unlock-ADAccount}  |

```
PS C:\> Get-Command -module ActiveDirectory | Measure-Object | Select-Object Count
```

```
Count
-----
147
```

## PSDrive

- Navigate AD as a drive
- Use tab completion
- Use distinguished names
- Use tab-completion
- Watch for trailing \

```
PS AD:\DC=Company,DC=Pri> dir
```

| Name                 | ObjectClass          | DistinguishedName                              |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Accounting           | organizationalUnit   | OU=Accounting,DC=Company,DC=Pri                |
| Builtin              | builtinDomain        | CN=Builtin,DC=Company,DC=Pri                   |
| Computers            | container            | CN=Computers,DC=Company,DC=Pri                 |
| Dev                  | organizationalUnit   | OU=Dev,DC=Company,DC=Pri                       |
| Domain Controllers   | organizationalUnit   | OU=Domain Controllers,DC=Company,DC=Pri        |
| Employees            | organizationalUnit   | OU=Employees,DC=Company,DC=Pri                 |
| ForeignSecurityPr... | container            | CN=ForeignSecurityPrincipals,DC=Company,DC=Pri |
| Infrastructure       | infrastructureUpdate | CN=Infrastructure,DC=Company,DC=Pri            |
| IT                   | organizationalUnit   | OU=IT,DC=Company,DC=Pri                        |
| JEA_Operators        | organizationalUnit   | OU=JEA_Operators,DC=Company,DC=Pri             |
| Keys                 | container            | CN=Keys,DC=Company,DC=Pri                      |
| LostAndFound         | lostAndFound         | CN=LostAndFound,DC=Company,DC=Pri              |
| Managed Service A... | container            | CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=Company,DC=Pri  |
| Marketing            | organizationalUnit   | OU=Marketing,DC=Company,DC=Pri                 |
| NTDS Quotas          | msDS-QuotaContainer  | CN=NTDS Quotas,DC=Company,DC=Pri               |
| Program Data         | container            | CN=Program Data,DC=Company,DC=Pri              |
| Sales                | organizationalUnit   | OU=Sales,DC=Company,DC=Pri                     |
| Servers              | organizationalUnit   | OU=Servers,DC=Company,DC=Pri                   |
| System               | container            | CN=System,DC=Company,DC=Pri                    |
| TPM Devices          | msTPM-Information... | CN=TPM Devices,DC=Company,DC=Pri               |
| Users                | container            | CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri                     |

```
PS AD:\DC=Company,DC=Pri> get-item '\\Rootdse/CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri'
```

| Name          | ObjectClass | DistinguishedName                           |
|---------------|-------------|---|
| Administrator | user        | CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=Company,DC=Pri |

```
PS AD:\DC=Company,DC=Pri> _
```



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<https://github.com/jdhitsolutions/Techmentor2023-ManagingAD>

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