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PowerShell Commands Used

| Command | What it does | Useful Hints | Reference |
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| Expand-Archive | Unzips/extracts the contents of archived (zipped) folders to a specific location | Use –Force, to overwrite files with the same name. | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.archive/expand-archive?view=powershell-7.4 |
| Get-ChildItem | Displays the items and child items from a location | Use –Recurse, if you want to search through all directories and sub directories. Use –Filter, to select only files that have specific name or extension. Wild cards allowed. | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/get-childitem?view=powershell-7.4 |
| Get-Content | Gets the content of an item from a location | Use [XML] before the Get-Content command to specify the file type | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/get-content?view=powershell-7.4 |
| Rename-Item | Renames items | | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/rename-item?view=powershell-7.4 |

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| (-join(\$string1, \$string 2)) | Concatenates strings | | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/about/about_join?view=powershell-7.4 |
| Remove-Item | Deletes items | Be careful with this command. Segregate your files so you do not delete things you do not want deleted. | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/remove-item?view=powershell-7.4 |
| Export-Csv | Converts objects into a series of character-separated value (CSV) strings and saves the strings to a file. | Use –Append, to add new data to the CSV instead of overwriting old data. See “Convert hashtables to CSV” in the Reference | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.utility/export-csv?view=powershell-7.4 |
| foreach (\$file in \$folder){ Do something with the \$file } | Iterates through items in a collection of items (a loop). | | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/about/about_foreach?view=powershell-7.4 |
| ForEach-Object { } | Performs an operation against each item in a collection of input objects. | | https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.core/foreach-object?view=powershell-7.4 |

Power Query

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XSLT

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Common XSL Elements Used

| Element | What it does | Useful Hints | Reference |
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| <xsl:variable> | Assigns something to a variable. Could be string, number, or xpath. | Global variables are declared at the top of the document and local variables are declared within the document. | https://www.w3schools.com/xml/ref_xsl_el_variable.asp |
| <xsl:value-of> | Pulls values from a specific element/attribute | | https://www.w3schools.com/xml/xsl_value_of.asp |
| <xsl:for-each> | Will loop through a specified xpath. | Can be combined with xsl:variable to create loops within loops get nested information from an XML. | https://www.w3schools.com/xml/xsl_for_each.asp |
| <xsl:choose> <xsl:when test="not(a)"> <xsl:text>TRUE</xsl:text> </xsl:when> <xsl:otherwise> <xsl:text>FALSE</xsl:text> </xsl:otherwise> </xsl:choose> | Logical test. When something equals the test, then another thing will happen. Otherwise, something else will happen. | Can use multiple when statements to test different things. Be aware if one of the when statements are met, the others after it will not be tested. | https://www.w3schools.com/xml/xsl_choose.asp |