

WorkshopPLUS - Windows PowerShell: Foundation Skills



Microsoft Services



From Script Blocks to Scripts



Microsoft Services

Learning Units covered in this Module

- Using Script Blocks
- Providers
- Scripts

Using Script Blocks

Objectives

After completing Using Script Blocks, you will be able to:

- Work with script blocks
- Work with functions
- Work with remoting



What is a Script Block?

What is a Script Block?

- A statement list in braces "{ }"
- Simplifies reuse of code for commands with script block parameters
- Can accept parameter values and return output
- Used by Cmdlets, Functions, Workflows and Desired State Configuration

Script Block - Examples

```
{
<statement list>}

{
  param ($parameter1, $parameterN)
  <statement list>
}
```

```
PS C:\> $scriptblock = { param($test) write-host $test}
PS C:\> &$scriptblock "2"
2
```

Cmdlet with Script Block Parameter Argument

```
PS C:\> Measure-Command -Expression {Get-Process}

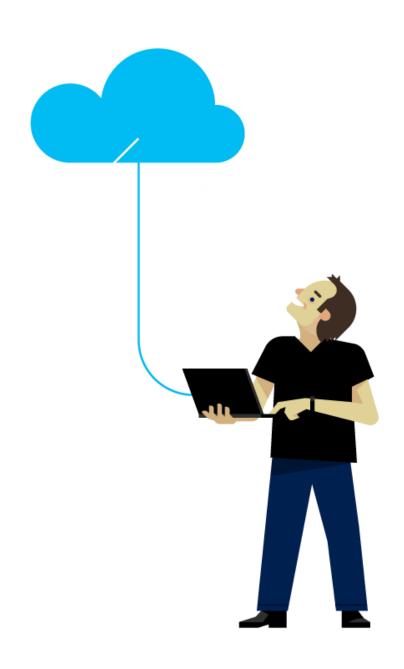
Days : 0
Minutes : 0
Seconds : 2
Milliseconds : 933
Ticks : 29332816
...
```

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Script Blocks



Questions?



Functions Introduction

What is a Function?

- Named Script Block
- Reusable block of PowerShell code
- Reduces size of code and increases reliability
- Can accept parameter values and return output
- Advanced Functions behave like Cmdlets
- Can be created with help topics that can be used with Get-Help (like cmdlets)

What Does a Function Look Like?

- 1. Function Keyword
- 2. Function Name
- 3. Matching Open /Close Curly Braces
- 4. Statement List
- 5. Use Function

```
function Do-Something

Write-Host "Do Something"

Do-Something
```

Creating a Utility Function

A series of commands can be contained in a function

PS C:\> Get-Service -Name spooler -RequiredServices -ComputerName DC



```
function Get-ServiceInfo
{
   Get-Service -Name spooler -RequiredServices -ComputerName DC
}
```

Run the function



PS C:\> Get-ServiceInfo

Parameters in a function

- Defined using param statement
- Used just like variables
- Passed in using Dash notation
- Can have advanced attributes

```
function Get-ServiceInfo
{
    Param ($svc, $computer)
    Get-Service -Name $svc -RequiredServices -ComputerName $computer
}
```



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Functions 101

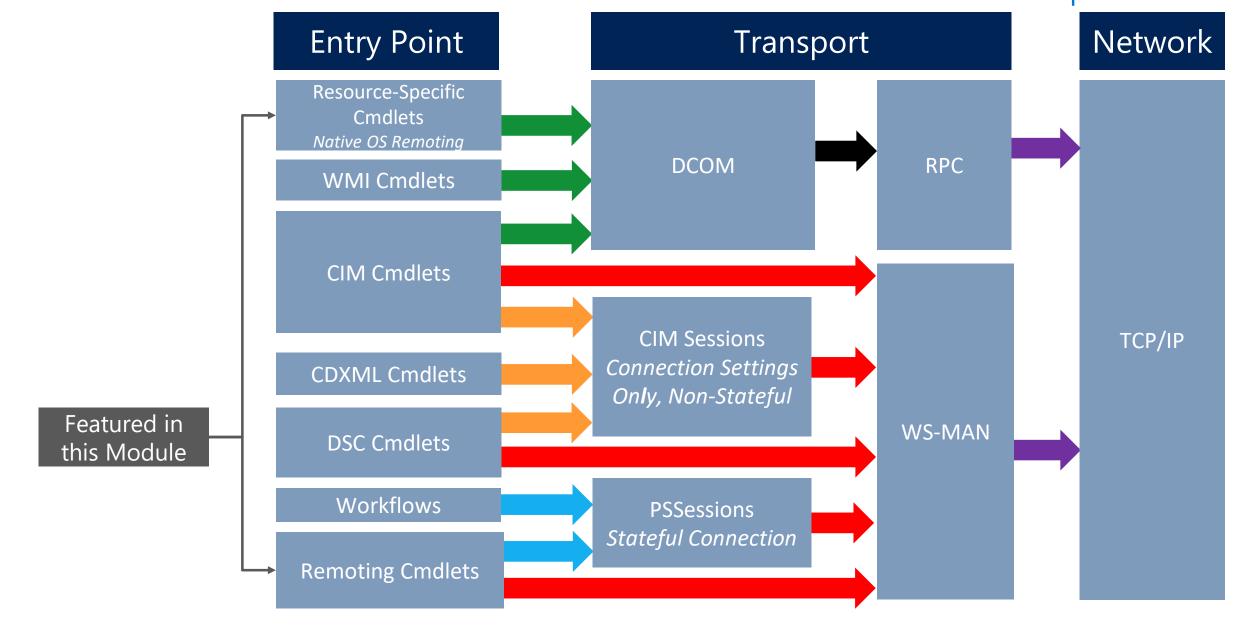


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Introduction to PowerShell Remoting

Various PowerShell Remote Administration Techniques



Native OS Remoting (-ComputerName Parameter)

- Typically Windows resource or action specific cmdlets
- Use built-in Windows services
- Target machines do not need PowerShell remoting

Examples:

```
PS C:\> Get-Command -ParameterName ComputerName
...
```

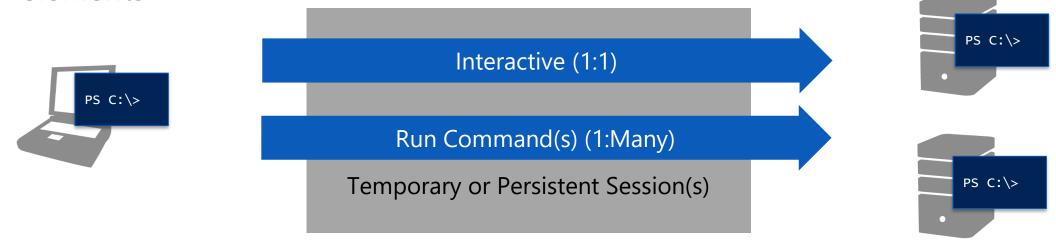
```
Get-Counter; Get-EventLog; Get-HotFix; Restart-Computer; Get-Process;
Get-Service; Stop-Computer; Test-Connection
```

What is PowerShell Remoting?

Introduced in Windows PowerShell 2.0 and enhanced in later versions

Windows PowerShell feature

- Interactively run command(s) with a single remote computer
- Run scriptblock or script on one or more remote computers
- Temporary or Persistent Sessions (connections)
- Destination can be restricted by limiting allowed commands and language elements



Requirements

Local and Remote Computers:

PowerShell 2.0 or later (feature enhancements with newer versions)

Remoting must be enabled:

- Enabled by default on Windows Server 2012 Operating Systems (OS) and later
- Disabled by default on all Client and earlier Server OS's

Remote User Permissions:

 Must be a member of the Local Administrator group on the remote computer(s) (by default)

Enabling Remoting

Use local command or Group Policy

Start PowerShell with the "Run as administrator" option

PS C:\> Enable-PSRemoting

Use group policy for bulk configuration

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PowerShell Native OS Remoting



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Using PowerShell Remoting

Interactive Session

```
PS C:\> Enter-PSSession -ComputerName DC
    Remote
   Computer
[DC] PS C:\>
[DC] PS C:\> Hostname
                                       Ending a
DC
                                       session
[DC] PS C:\> Exit-PSSession
           Local Computer
```

Invoke a Command

Invoke a Command (1:Many)

Use Alternate Credential

Persistent Session (Repeat Use)

```
Step 2: Use the session
PS C:\> Invoke-Command -Session $ps -ScriptBlock {Get-Culture}

LCID Name DisplayName PSComputerName
---- ---- ------
3081 en-AU English (Australia) DC
```

Persistent Session (Repeat Use) 1:Many

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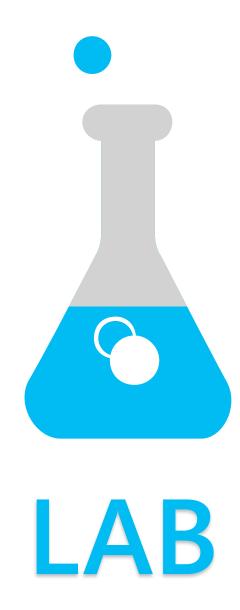
PowerShell Remoting



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Using Script Blocks



Providers

Objectives

After completing Providers, you will be able to:

Work with PSproviders and PSdrives



What are Providers?

What are PowerShell Providers?

- Define the logic to access, navigate and edit a data store
- Functionally resemble a file system hierarchy
- Common interface to different data stores

Where to Get Providers

- PowerShell ships with built-in providers
- Providers can be imported via a module
- Examples of well-known imported providers:
 - Active Directory
 - SQL Server

What is a Powershell Drive?

- A specific entry-point to a data store surfaced by a provider
- Allows any data store to be exposed like a file system, as if it were a mounted drive
- Classic file system volume naming convention < Drive Name > :
- Consistent drive interaction with common Cmdlets

Built-in Providers

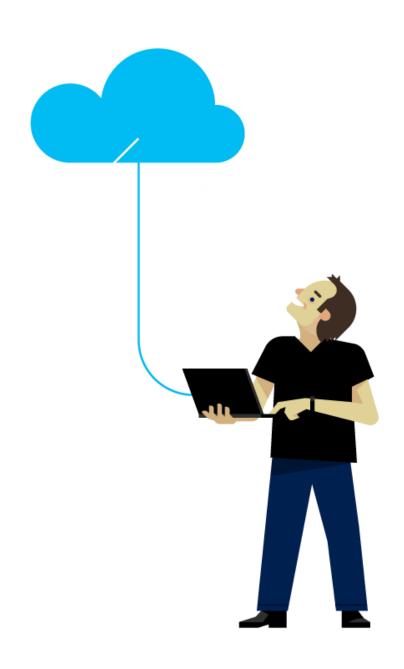
Provider	Drive	Data Store
Alias	Alias:	Windows PowerShell aliases
Certificate	Cert:	x509 certificates for digital signatures
Environment	Env:	Windows environment variables
FileSystem	C:, D:, etc.	File system drives, directories, and files
Function	Function:	Windows PowerShell functions
Registry	HKLM:, HKCU:	Windows registry
Variable	Variable:	Windows PowerShell variables
WSMan	WSMan:	WS-Management configuration information

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PowerShell Providers and Drives



Questions?



Drive Cmdlets

PowerShell Drive Cmdlets

 Drive cmdlets can be used to create and remove access points into datastores managed by PSproviders

Get-PSDrive

Returns drives in current session PS C:\> Get-PSDrive Used (GB) Free (GB) Provider Name Root Alias Alias 206.81 16.00 FileSystem C:\ Certificate Cert Environment Env Function Function Registry **HKCU** HKEY_CURRENT_USER Registry HKLM HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE

New-PSDrive Remove-PSDrive

Creates a user-defined drive

```
PS C:\> New-PSDrive -Name HKCR -PSProvider Registry -Root HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT
```

Creates a user-defined drive (use only single letter name with persist)

```
PS C:\> New-PSDrive -Name H -PSProvider FileSystem -Root \\MS\HomeShare -Persist -Credential (Get-Credential Contoso\DanPark)
```

Removes a PowerShell drive (user or built-in)

```
PS C:\> Remove-PSDrive -Name HKCR
```

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Creating PS Drives



Questions?



- Item cmdlets are used to read and manipulate path objects
- Item cmdlets cannot be used to manipulate sub properties like registry keys

Name	Example
Get-Item	PS C:\> Get-Item c:\Windows
Get-ChildItem	PS C:\> Get-ChildItem -Path C:\Windows
Copy-Item	PS C:\> Copy-Item c:\Logs -Destination d:\Logs - Recurse
Move-Item	PS C:\> Move-Item HKLM:\software\A* HKLM:\software
Clear-Item	PS C:\> Clear-Item HKLM:\Software\MyCompany - Confirm

Name	Example
Remove- Item	PS C:\> Get-ChildItem * -Include *.mp3 -Recurse Remove-Item
Set-Item	PS C:\> Set-Item -Path env:UserRole -Value Administrator
Invoke- Item	<pre>PS C:\> Invoke-Item "d:\Documents\Users.xls"</pre>
New-Item	<pre>PS C:\> New-Item -ItemType file -Path "d:\test.txt", "c:\Logs\test.log"</pre>
Rename- Item	PS C:\> Rename-Item HKLM:\Software\Company - NewName Marketing

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• Item property cmdlets can read and manipulate sub properties at a path object location

Name	Example
Get- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Get-ItemProperty -Path HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\PowerShell\1
Copy- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Copy-ItemProperty -Path MyApp - Destination HKLM:\Software\MyAppRev2 -Name MyProperty
Move- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Move-ItemProperty HKLM:\Software\MyCompany\MyApp -Name Version -Destination HKLM:\Software\MyCompany\NewApp
Clear- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Clear-ItemProperty -Path HKLM:\Software\MyCompany\MyApp -Name Options

Name	Example
Remove- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Remove-ItemProperty -Path HKLM:\Software\MyApp -Name MyProperty
Set-ItemProperty	PS C:\> Get-ChildItem weekly.log Set-ItemProperty -Name IsReadOnly -Value \$true
New- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Get-Item -Path HKLM:\Software\MyCompany New-ItemProperty -Name NoOfLocations -Value 3
Rename- ItemProperty	PS C:\> Rename-ItemProperty -Path HKLM:\Software\MyApp -Name config -NewName oldconfig

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Item and Itemproperty Cmdlets



Questions?



Content Cmdlets

Content Cmdlets

Name	Example
Get-Content	PS C:\> Get-Content C:\Logs\Log060912.txt -TotalCount 50 PS C:\> Get-Content Env:\CommonProgramFiles PS C:\> Get-Content Function:\Get-IseSnippet
Add-Content	PS C:\> Get-Content test.xml Add-Content final.xml -Force -Encoding UTF8
Clear-Content	PS C:\> Clear-Content C:\Windows\Logs\bpa\Reports* -Include 2013* -Exclude 2014*
Set-Content	PS C:\> Get-Date Set-Content C:\Output\date.csv

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Content Cmdlets



- Path cmdlets can be used to manipulate path objects
- Path commands understand how a path object is buildup

Name	Example
Test-Path	PS C:\> Test-Path \$pshome\PowerShell.exe - NewerThan "June 13, 2018" True
Join-Path	PS C:\> Join-Path -Path C: -ChildPath Temp - Resolve C:\Temp
Split-Path	PS C:\> Split-Path -Path 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Internet Explorer\iexplore.exe' -Leaf iexplore.exe

Name	Example
	PS C:\> Convert-Path HKLM:\software\Microsoft HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft
Resolve- Path	PS C:\> Resolve-Path c:\prog* -Relative .\C:\Program Files .\C:\Program Files (x86)

Location Cmdlets

Name	Example
	<pre>PS C:\> Get-Location C:\</pre>
Set- Location	PS C:\> Set-Location -Path HKLM:\SOFTWARE PS HKLM:\SOFTWARE>

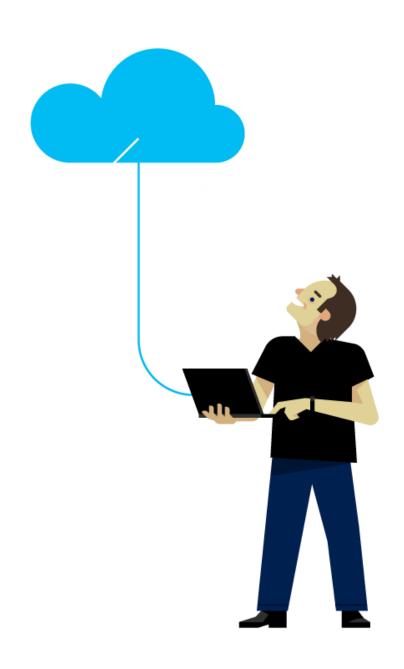
Variable Syntax – Access PSDrive Items

Drive	Examples:
Alias:	PS C:\> \$alias:dir Get-ChildItem
Env:	PS C:\> \$Env:windir C:\windows
Function:	<pre>PS C:\> \$function:more param([string[]]\$paths) {}</pre>
Variable:	PS C:\> \$variable:ref localhost server1

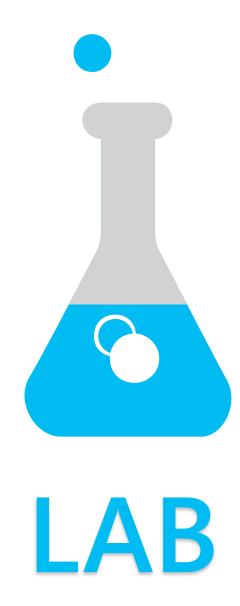
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Providers



Scripts

Objectives

After completing Scripts, you will be able to:

- Understand how security policys prevent running scripts
- Understand how to create commenting in scripts and synopsis



What is a Script?

What is a Script?

- Reusable code
- Text file (.ps1) containing one or more PowerShell commands
- Simple 'code packaging' for distribution purposes
- Can also:
 - Be digitally signed for security
 - Take parameter values
 - Return values
 - Use the help syntax

Simple Script Example

```
Windows PowerShell ISE
File Edit View Tools Debug Add-ons Help
                       Sample.ps1 X
   1 Write-Host "Start of script" -ForegroundColor White -BackgroundColor Green
     Write-Host "Display the % CPU Time utilization by the ISE" -ForegroundColor White -BackgroundColor Green
      Get-Counter "\Process(powershell_ise)\% Processor Time"
  10
  11
  12
 PS C:\scripts> C:\scripts\Sample.ps1
 Start of script
 Display the % CPU Time utilization by the ISE
                       CounterSamples
 Timestamp
 6/25/2018 11:22:39 AM
                        \\WIN10\process(powershell_ise)\% processor time :
                        14.0038797593275
```

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PowerShell Scripts



Execution Policies

Execution Policy Levels

Restricted

- Default in 2008R2 and below.
- Scripts cannot be run
- PowerShell interactive-mode only

AllSigned

- Runs a script only if signed
- Signature must be trusted on local machine

RemoteSigned

- Default in 2012R2 and Beyond. (Recommended Minimum)
- Runs all local scripts
- Downloaded scripts must be signed by trusted source

Unrestricted

All scripts from all sources can be run without signing

Execution Policy Scope

AD Group Policy – Computer

- Affects all users on targeted computer
- Edited through GPO Tools

AD Group Policy – User

- Affects users targeted only
- Edited through GPO Tools

Process

- Console or ISE Command-line Parameter (c:\> powershell.exe –executionpolicy remotesigned)
- Affects current PowerShell Host session only
- Lost upon exit of session (i.e. host process)

Registry – User

- Affects current user only
- Stored in HKCU registry subkey

Registry – Computer

- Affects all users on computer
- Stored in HKLM registry subkey (Admin access needed to change)

Highest Priority Wins

Script Execution

- Default Execution Policy (Remote Signed) prevents any scripts from running
- Must be changed to run any scripts
- Execution Policy is saved in the registry, and therefore only needs to be changed once per computer

Determine Which Execution Policy is in Effect

```
PS C:\> Get-ExecutionPolicy -List
                ExecutionPolicy
Scope
MachinePolicy
                Undefined
                Undefined
UserPolicy
                Undefined
Process
                Undefined
CurrentUser
LocalMachine
                RemoteSigned
```

Top most takes precedence

Effective Policy

Set Execution Policy - User

Set-ExecutionPolicy -Scope CurrentUser -ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted

Apply setting to current user only, default is current machine

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Execution Policy



Questions?



Launching a script

Running a Script From the Shell

Full path and file name

PS C:\> c:\scripts\script.ps1

Script in current directory

PS C:\Scripts> .\script.ps1

Spaces in path (tab completion helps)

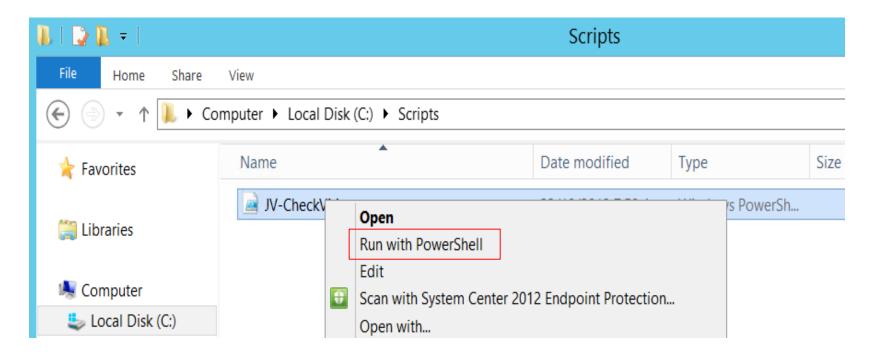
PS C:\> & "c:\scripts\my script.ps1"

Script is in environment path

PS C:\> Script.ps1

Running a Script With the Mouse

- Script files cannot be double clicked to run
- Run with PowerShell option:



- Right-click script
- Select Run with PowerShell

Launching a Script From Outside PowerShell (cmd.exe) Optionally Keeps

Optionally Keeps
PowerShell
Window open

Must be last parameter in command

C:\> Powershell.exe -NoExit -File "c:\scripts\isecputime.ps1"

```
Windows PowerShell
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Start of script
Display the % CPU Time utilization by the ISE

Timestamp
CounterSamples
------
6/25/2018 11:37:09 AM \win10\process(powershell_ise)\% processor time :
```

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Starting Scripts



Questions?



Script signing

Script Signing

- Script signing validates the integrity of the script between signing and execution
- Execution policies can be used to enforce only signed scripts
- Certificate used should be of type: Code signing
- Public certificate should be used if script will be published

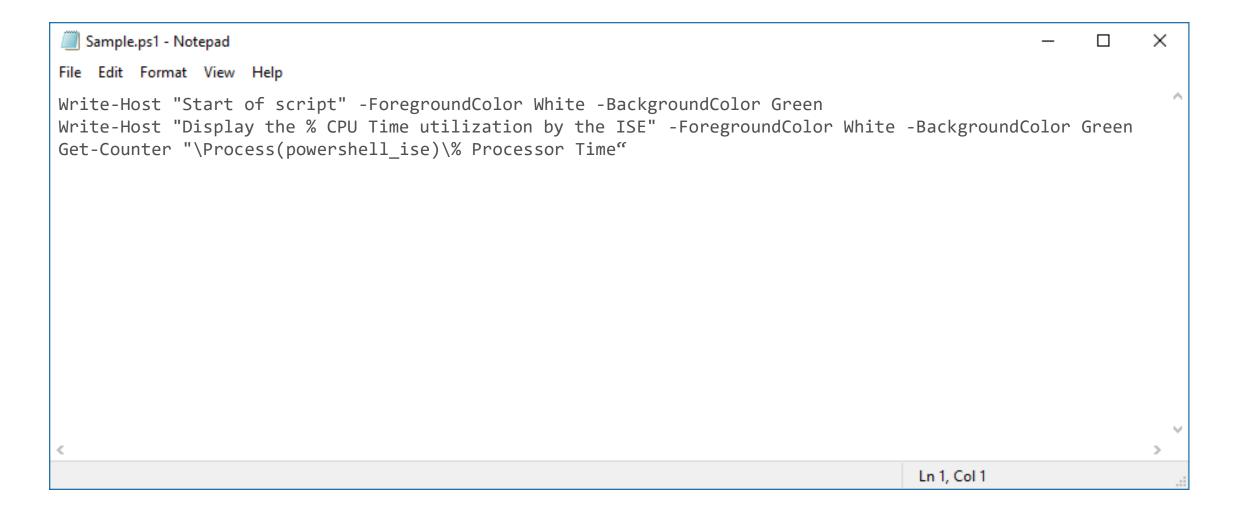
Script Signing

Step 1: Create a certificate variable

- Code signing certificate
- Trusted by computer where script will run

PS C:\> \$cert = Get-ChildItem Cert:\CurrentUser\my\A4...

Script Before Signing



Script Before Signing



Questions?



Single-line and Block Comments

Single-Line Comments

#

Comment character

Block Comments



Block comment tags

```
Windows PowerShell ISE

File Edit View Tools Debug Add-ons Help

Sample.ps1 X

1 param ($Computername)
2
3 = <# Testing connectivity to remote computers
Write Boolean output in Green

#>

$ result = Test-Connection -ComputerName $Computername -Quiet -Count 1

##

Write-Host $result -ForegroundColor Green
```

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Block Comments



The Param and Require Statements

Script Param Statement

- Must be first statement in script, except for comments
- Parameter values are available to commands in scripts

```
Param Statement
ScriptParamExample.ps1 X
     param ($ComputerName)
     $result = Test-Connection -ComputerName $ComputerName -Quiet -Count 1
     Write-Host $result -ForegroundColor Green
                                                                     Parameter Value
                                                   Parameter
PS C:\scripts> .\ScriptParamExample.ps1 -ComputerName localhost
True
PS C:\scripts> .\ScriptParamExample.ps1 -ComputerName DoesNotExist
False
PS C:\scripts>
```

Requires Statement

Special comment

Prevents script from running without required elements

Can only be used in scripts (not functions, cmdlets, etc)

Requires Option	Supported in PS Version
#Requires -Version <n>[.<n>]</n></n>	2.0+
#Requires -PSSnapin <pssnapin-name> [-Version <n>[.<n>]]</n></n></pssnapin-name>	2.0+
#Requires -ShellId <shellid></shellid>	2.0+
#Requires -Modules { <module-name> <hashtable> }</hashtable></module-name>	3.0+
#Requires -RunAsAdministrator	4.0+

Version Requirement

- Prevents script from running on lower PowerShell versions
 - o Script errors at start
 - o Avoids unexpected errors from unsupported language, cmdlets, etc.
- Special comment tag: #Requires -Version <N>[.<n>]
- Get-help About_Requires

```
Sample Script
#requires -Version 3
Get-ChildItem c:\ -Hidden
```

Error when script runs within PowerShell v2

Administrator Requirement

- Script requires elevated user rights
 - Script errors at start indicating
 - Avoids unexpected errors in script
- Special comment tag: #Requires -RunAsAdministrator

```
Sample Script
#requires -RunAsAdministrator
Get-ChildItem c:\ -Hidden
```

Error when script run from non-elevated session

```
.\RunAsAdminTest.ps1 : The script 'RunAsAdminTest.ps1' cannot be run because it contains a "#requires" statement for running as Administrator. The current Windows PowerShell session is not running as Administrator. Start Windows PowerShell by using the Run as Administrator option, and then try running the script again.
```

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Param Statement and Requires Statement



Questions?



Explore Command Precedence Rules

Command Lookup Precedence

 PowerShell rules that determine which command to run when there is more than one command with the same name



Note: If the same type of command with the same name exists,
 PowerShell runs the command that was added to the session most recently

"Replace" Another Command

```
PS C:\scripts> ping MS
          Pinging ms.contoso.local with 32 bytes of data:
          Reply from 192.168.1.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
          Reply from 192.168.1.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
          Reply from 192.168.1.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
          Ping statistics for 192.168.1.2:
              Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
          Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
              Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
          PS C:\scripts> New-Alias -Name ping -Value Test-Connection
          PS C:\scripts> ping MS
Ping now cmdlet
                        Destination IPV4Address IPV6Address
  instead of
          лг.ce
   external
  command .... 110
                        MS
                                            192.168.1.2
                        MS
          WIN10
                                    192.168.1.2
          WIN10
                        MS
                                            192.168.1.2
```

Module Qualify Command Name

```
#Run normal cmdlet
PS C:\> Get-Process system

        Handles
        NPM(K)
        PM(K)
        WS(K)
        VM(M)
        CPU(s)
        Id
        ProcessName

        1427
        0
        140
        4232
        16
        4
        System

#Create function with same name
PS C:\> Function Get-Process {"This isn't Get-Process"}
#Command precedence runs function instead of cmdlet
PS C:\> Get-Process
This isn't Get-Process
#Module qualify command name
PS C:\> Microsoft.PowerShell.Management\Get-Process -Name system
Handles NPM(K) PM(K) WS(K) VM(M) CPU(s) Id ProcessName
   1427 0 140 4232 16
                                                             4 System
```

Questions?



Scripts

