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# POWERSHELL BASIC SCRIPTING

## MODULE 2: POWERSHELL PIPELINE

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# AGENDA

- How does pipelining in PowerShell work
- How to use pipeline to sort, select, group, filter and enumerate objects
- Various options of cmdlet outputs



# HOW DOES PIPELINING IN POWERSHELL WORK (1/2)

- Commands run in pipeline
- Commands separated by the pipe (|)
- Left to right execution
- First command output piped to next command
- Output produced as object(s)      =>      `Get-Process` | `Get-Member`
  - Object
  - Property
  - Collection
- Pipeline output "stored" in variables
  - `$_`
  - `$PSItem`



# HOW DOES PIPELINING IN POWERSHELL WORK (2/2)

- Commands accept input only from one parameter
- Two parameter binding types
  - **ByValue** (always tried first)
  - **ByPropertyName** (if ByValue fails)

```
PS C:\Users\JanMarek> Get-Help -Name Out-File -Parameter InputObject
-InputObject <psobject>

Required?           false
Position?          Named
Accept pipeline input? true (ByValue)
Parameter set name  (All)
Aliases            None
Dynamic?           false

PS C:\Users\JanMarek> Get-Help -Name Get-Process -Parameter Name
-Name <string[]>

Required?           false
Position?           0
Accept pipeline input? true (ByPropertyName)
Parameter set name  NameWithUserName, Name
Aliases            ProcessName
Dynamic?           false

PS C:\Users\JanMarek> Get-Help -Name Get-Service -Parameter Name
-Name <string[]>

Required?           false
Position?           0
Accept pipeline input? true (ByValue, ByPropertyName)
Parameter set name  Default
Aliases            ServiceName
Dynamic?           false
```



# PASS DATA BYVALUE

```
Get-Service -Name 'spooler'
```

```
'spooler' | Get-Service
```



# PASS DATA BYPROPERTYNAME

```
Get-Process -Name 'spoolsv' | Stop-Process
```

```
Get-Volume -DriveLetter 'C' | Optimize-Volume -Analyze
```



# PARENTHETICAL PROCESSING

```
'notepad' | Out-File 'C:\Temp\mod002-t1.txt'  
Get-Process -Name (Get-Content 'C:\temp\mod002-t1.txt')
```

```
Add-ADGroupMember -Identity 'Czech Users' -Members  
  (Get-ADUser -Filter {City -eq 'Prague'})
```





# CALCULATED PROPERTY

```
Get-Process | Select-Object -Property Name,@{n='ComputerName';e={$env:COMPUTERNAME}}
```

```
Get-Process | Select-Object -Property Name,  
@{n='Virtual Memory [MB]';e={$_.virtualmemorysize/1MB}}
```

```
Get-History | Select-Object commandline, `  
@{n='ExecTime';e={$_.EndExecutionTime - $_.StartExecutionTime}} | `  
Sort-Object -Property ExecTime
```

```
@{name='Name of custom property';expression={scriptblock for calculation}}
```

```
@{name='';expression={}}
```

```
@{n='';e={}}
```



# OBJECT PROCESSING

- Sort

Get-Process | Sort-Object -Property Name -Descending

- Select

Get-Process | Select-Object -Property Name, ID

Get-Process | Select-Object -Property Name -Unique

Get-Process | Select-Object -ExpandProperty Name

Get-Process | Select-Object -First 4

Get-Process | Select-Object -Property \* -ExcludeProperty Id

- Group

Get-Process | Group-Object -Property Name



# OBJECT PROCESSING

- Filter

```
Get-Process -Name 'conhost'
```

```
Get-Process | Where-Object -Property Name -EQ -Value 'conhost'
```

```
Get-Process | Where-Object {$_.Name -eq 'conhost'}
```

- Enumerate

```
Get-Process | ForEach-Object {Write-Host "Process name is $($_.name)"}
```

```
Get-ChildItem -Path 'C:\Temp\ToEncrypt' | ForEach-Object {$_.Encrypt()}
```

```
Get-ChildItem -Path 'C:\Temp\ToEncrypt' | ForEach-Object -MemberName Encrypt
```



# OUTPUT FORMATTING

`Get-Process | Format-Table -Property Name,Id`

`Get-Service | Format-Table -Property Name,DisplayName,Status -AutoSize -Wrap`

`Get-Process | Format-List -Property *`

`Get-Process | Format-Wide -Property id`



# OUTPUT PROCESSING

```
Get-Process | Out-File 'C:\Temp\processes1.txt'
```

```
Get-Process | Out-Host -Paging
```

```
Get-Process | Out-Printer -Name 'MyPrinter1'
```

```
Get-Process | Out-GridView
```

```
Get-Process | Out-GridView -Title 'Processes' -PassThru | Out-GridView
```

```
Get-Process | ConvertTo-Csv | Out-File 'C:\temp\processes2.csv'
```

```
Get-Process | Export-CSV 'C:\temp\processes2.csv' -Delimiter "`t"
```

```
Get-Process | Select-Object -f 1 -Property name,id | ConvertTo-Json
```

```
Get-Process | Select-Object -f 3 -Property name,id | `
```

```
ConvertTo-Html -Title 'Processes' -PreContent (Get-Date) | `
```

```
Out-File 'C:\temp\processes.htm'
```

# LAB





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