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# What is new in Pester

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Need info about Prague, ask me.





# Raffle !



<https://rb.gy/w9blc>

# Thank you community!

- Thanks to all new contributors.
- Thanks especially to fflaten and bravo-kernel.



**Frode Flaten**  
fflaten · he/him



bravo-kernel

# Output

# Colored output in CI

- Colored output using ANSI.
- Optionally use the Console.Colors.
- Or no coloring at all.

\$c = New-PesterConfiguration

\$c.Output.RenderMode = Auto | **Ansi** | ConsoleColor | Plaintext

Invoke-Pester -Configuration \$c

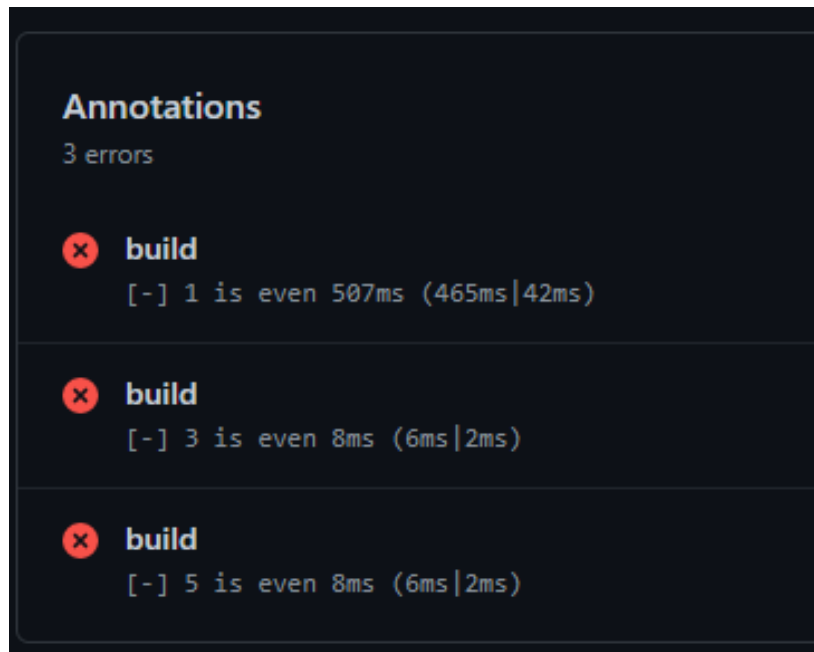
[Pipelines - Run 20230518.4 logs \(visualstudio.com\)](#)



# CI Format

Formatting specific to your CI provider.

`$c.Output.CIFormat = Auto | AzureDevops | GithubActions | None`





# CI Log Level

Report failed tests as errors or warnings to the CI.

```
$c.Output.CILogLevel = Error | Warning
```

Errors 4

✖ [-] 1 is even 223ms (129ms|94ms)  
Test • test • PowerShell

✖ [-] 3 is even 8ms (5ms|3ms)  
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✖ [-] 5 is even 7ms (5ms|2ms)  
Test • test • PowerShell

# NUnit 3 output

\$c.TestResult.OutputFormat = NUnitXml | NUnit2.5 | **NUnit3** | JUnitXml

- Has a known and modern schema.
  - Adds Data as properties.
  - Can distinguish suite and test failures.
  - Can distinguish Describe and Context in output.
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- Demo.

# Should

# Should -HaveParameter

- Checking for multiple aliases.
- Fixes for parameter format.

Should

-HaveParameter -ParameterName -Type  
-DefaultValue -Mandatory  
-InParameterSet -HasArgumentCompleter  
-Alias  
-Not -Because

Demo.

# Should -Invoke has because

- Should -Invoke -Because

Should -Invoke -CommandName -Times -Exactly  
-ParameterFilter -ModuleName  
-Scope -Not -Because

Demo .

# Should -Throw

```
Starting discovery in 1 files.  
Discovery found 1 tests in 108ms.  
Running tests.  
[-] d1.i1 59ms (40ms|19ms)  
    PSInvalidCastException: Cannot convert the "System.Collections.Hashtable"  
    value of type "System.Collections.Hashtable" to type "System.Management.Au  
    tomation.ScriptBlock".  
    ArgumentTransformationMetadataException: Cannot convert the "System Collec  
    tions.Hashtable" value of type "System.Collections.Hashtable" to type "Syst  
    em.Management.Automation.ScriptBlock".  
    ParameterBindingArgumentTransformationException: Cannot process argument t  
    ransformation on parameter 'ActualValue'. Cannot convert the "System Collec
```

Demo.

# Mock

- Mocking manifest Modules.



# Execution

# Original path is restored

- Invoke-Pester restores original path.

demo.

# BeforeAll / AfterAll are user duration



- demo.

# Pester-in-Pester TestDrive is restored

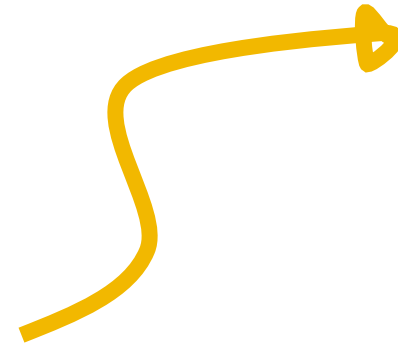
- Invoking Pester in Pester is not clearing TestDrive anymore.
- Parent test drive is restored.
- demo.

# Performance

# Profiler v4 can profile Pester

- Profiling your tests is a great way to find slow code in your module. (Or in our module.)
- demo.

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reminder !



<https://rb.gy/w9blc>

# Slow Get-Help on Import

- We removed recent regression that loaded help on Import-Module, and made it take ~4 seconds.
- Discovered by dbachecks.
- Wednesday 14:00, Jakub: Going past Profiler, profiling PowerShell code using PerfView.
- Wednesday 9:00, Rob + Jess: The rollercoaster of upgrading dbachecks to Pester v5 and Sampler and teamwork



# Mock cleanup perf

- on every Invoke-Pester we inspect script and all module scopes and remove orphaned mocks.

Previously we did `Get-Command -Name PesterMock_*`, but this inspect all available modules over and over again.

Now we use `$Get_ChildItem -Name "function:/PesterMock_*`

Speed:

<https://github.com/pester/Pester/pull/2332#issuecomment-1492876882>

# Code coverage perf

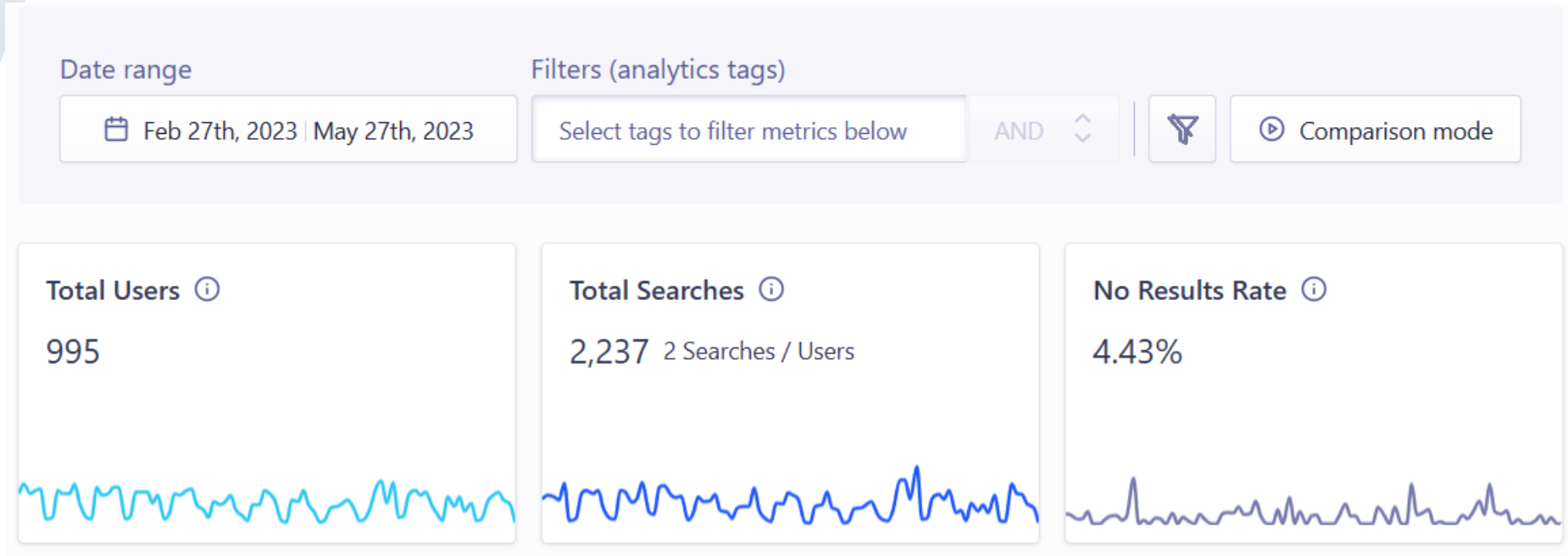
- In next release of PowerShell 7, you can have thousands of breakpoints with very little overhead.
- Code coverage speed should increase tenfold.
- <https://github.com/PowerShell/PowerShell/pull/14953#issuecomment-792283642>

# Docs

# Every new feature needs docs

- <https://pester.dev/>
- is constantly updated, and maintained by bravo-kernel, and Frode. So we can have cool things like this:
- [Discovery and Run | Pester](#)

# Algolia gives great statistics



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10	it	22	0.98%

# That's it!

# Raffle time!

[Pester - Google Forms](#)



# Q&A

15 minutes

