Performing Tasks on Remote Machines using CIM



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Overview



Common Tasks using CIM

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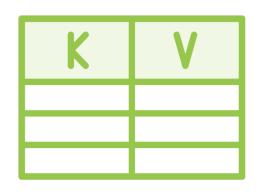


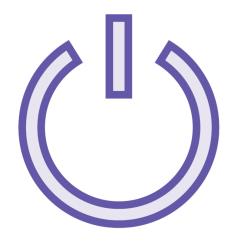
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Common CIM Tasks







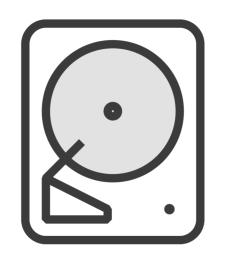
Retrieve Information from Windows Clients and Servers

Set Registry Key
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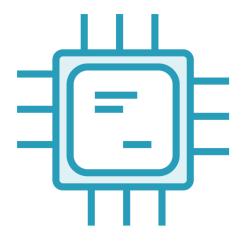
Start, Stop and Restart
Services within
Windows Clients and
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Common Computer CIM Information



Disk Information



Processor Information



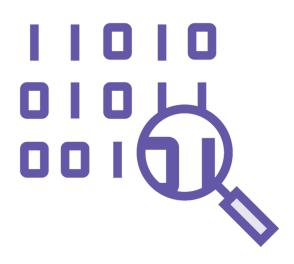
Memory Information



Operating
System
Information



Finding CIM and Win32 Classes



Launch PowerShell Terminal

Type: Get-CimInstance Win32_ or CIM_

Press: Control + Space

Select: Y

Review the list of returned Classes



Retrieve CIM Information Locally

```
# Retrieve Disk Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_LogicalDisk
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM_LogicalDisk
# Retrieve Processor Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32 Processor
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM Processor
# Retrieve Memory Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_PhysicalMemory
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM_PhysicalMemory
# Retrieve Operating System Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_OperatingSystem
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM_OperatingSystem
```



Performing Tasks on Remote Computers



Retrieve CIM Information Remotely

```
# Set Remote Computer
$computer = "Trainer"
# Retrieve Disk Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_LogicalDisk -ComputerName $computer
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM_LogicalDisk -ComputerName $computer
# Retrieve Processor Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_Processor -ComputerName $computer
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM_Processor -ComputerName $computer
# Retrieve Memory Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_PhysicalMemory -ComputerName $computer
Get-CimInstance -ClassName CIM_PhysicalMemory -ComputerName $computer
# Retrieve Operating System Information (Win32 and CIM)
Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_OperatingSystem -ComputerName $computer
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```



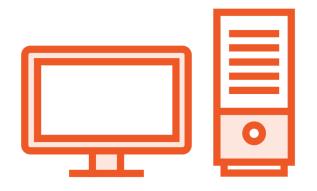
Identifying CIM Class Methods

```
# Retrieve CIM Class and Identify the Methods
$class = Get-CimClass -ClassName Win32_Process
Sclass.CimClassMethods
# Retrieve CIM Processes Class, using a query for "Notepad"
$process = Get-CimInstance `
    -Query 'Select * From Win32_Process Where Name LIKE "Notepad%"'
# Retrieve CIM Processes Class, using a filter for "Notepad"
$process = Get-CimInstance `
    -ClassName Win32 Process `
    -Filter "Name = 'Notepad.exe'"
```



Invoke-CimMethod

Invokes a method of a CIM class or CIM instance using the name-value pairs specified as arguments



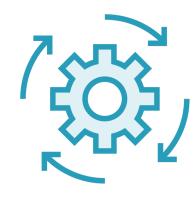
Computer Name

If specified, will initiate a remote session and execute the command remotely



Query

Used to filter the CIM Classes to the specified



Method Name

Executes the specific method within the command for the specified CIM Class



Executing a Method

```
# Retrieve CIM Processes Class, filter to "Notepad", then use "Terminate" method
$process = Get-CimInstance `
        -Query 'Select * From Win32_Process Where Name LIKE "Notepad%"'
```

```
# Terminate the process
Invoke-CimMethod -InputObject $process -MethodName Terminate
```



Demo



Perform Tasks on Remote Computers using the Invoke-CimMethod Command



Managing Scheduled Tasks using CIM

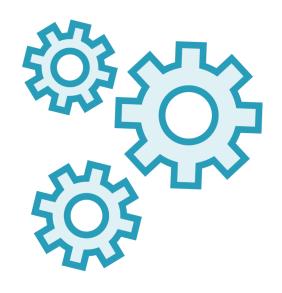


Tasks

PowerShell CIM does not provide task or job management. Standard PowerShell commands for jobs can be executed within the CIM connection



PowerShell Tasks and Jobs



Start-Job Command



"AsJob" Parameter



Executing a Job Locally

```
# Initiate Job Locally
Start-Job -ScriptBlock { Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_ComputerSystem }
# Retrieve CIM Processes Class, filter to "Notepad", then use "Terminate" method
$process = Get-CimInstance
    -Query 'Select * From Win32_Process Where Name LIKE "Notepad%"'
# Initiate Job and return the results
$job = Start-Job -ScriptBlock { Get-CimInstance `
    -Query 'Select * From Win32_Process Where Name LIKE "Notepad%"' }
Receive-Job -Id $job.Id
```

Executing a Job Locally

```
# Initiate Job Remotely
$computer = "Trainer"
$script = {
    $session = New-CimSession -ComputerName $computer
    Get-CimInstance -ClassName Win32_ComputerSystem -CimSession $session
}
$job = Start-Job -ScriptBlock $script
# Retrieve Remote Job Information
```

Receive-Job -Id \$job.Id



Demo



Execute Jobs Locally

Execute Jobs Remotely



Summary



Reviewed common Tasks that can be performed using CIM

Understood how CIM can be used to execute remote tasks

Utilized scheduled tasks with CIM

