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## 1.Introducing to Cmdlets

#### 1. What are Cmdlets?

- Definition: Cmdlets (pronounced command-lets) are lightweight, single-function commands built into PowerShell.
- They are specialized .NET classes that perform specific tasks.
- Unlike traditional command-line tools, Cmdlets return objects, not plain text making it easier to pass data between commands.

#### 2. Characteristics of Cmdlets

- Verb-Noun Naming Convention: Example: Get-Process, Set-Date, New-Item.
- Consistent Syntax: Same structure applies to all Cmdlets, making them easier to learn.
- Integrated with the .NET Framework: They can access system APIs and objects directly.
- Pipeline Support: Cmdlets can accept input from other Cmdlets and send output to others.

### 3. Common Cmdlets Examples

- Get-Command → Lists all available Cmdlets and functions.
- Get-Help → Displays help information about a Cmdlet.
- Get-Process → Shows running processes.
- Stop-Process → Stops a specific process.
- Set-ExecutionPolicy → Changes script execution permission.

# 2. The PowerShell Pipeline

### 1. What is the PowerShell Pipeline?

- The pipeline (|) in PowerShell allows you to pass the output of one command directly as the input to another command.
- This helps chain multiple commands together to perform complex tasks efficiently.
- It is similar to pipelines in Unix/Linux shells but works differently because PowerShell passes objects, not plain text.

### 2. How the Pipeline Works

- 3. First command runs and produces objects.
- 4. These objects are streamed one by one into the next command.
- 5. The next command processes each object and passes the result to the next stage.

#### Example:

powershell

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Get-Process | Where-Object CPU -gt 100 | Sort-Object CPU -Descending

- Get-Process → gets all running processes (object data).
- Where-Object → filters processes with CPU usage greater than 100.
- Sort-Object → sorts them in descending CPU usage.

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-Process | Sort-Object WS -Descending | Select-Object -First 5
Handles NPM(K)
                  PM(K)
                             WS(K)
                                       CPU(s)
                                                  Id SI ProcessName
  1249
           135 1526868
                           1343920
                                        70.73
                                                4972
                                                       0 sqlservr
 10440
         22467
                 485968
                            465348
                                         0.73
                                                3068
                                                       0 dns
   799
           118
                 175024
                            204500
                                                3660
                                                       0 sccmprovidergraph
                                        14.36
  1619
            87
                 107948
                            183408
                                         8.30
                                                5196
                                                       1 SearchApp
  4011
           132
                 137988
                            180240
                                         35.11
                                                 2760
                                                       0 smsexec
PS C:\Users\Administrator> _
```

## 3.Key Cmdlets

- Cmdlets are lightweight PowerShell commands built into the shell or added via modules.
- Format: Verb-Noun (e.g., Get-Process, Set-Item).
- Purpose: Designed to perform a single function, but can be combined in pipelines to accomplish complex tasks.

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Untitled1.ps1* Untitled2.ps1* Untitled3.ps1* Untitled4.ps1* Untitled5.ps1*
                                                                  Untitled6.ps1* X
       # Lists all available cmdlets, functions, and scripts
      Get-Help
      # Shows help and usage details for a cmdlet
      Get-Process
      # Displays running processes
      Stop-Process
  8
       # Terminates a running process
     Set-ExecutionPolicy
       # Changes script execution permissions
 10
      Get-Service
 12
      # Shows the status of system services
      Start-Service
      # Starts a stopped service
 14
      Stop-Service
 16
      # Stops a running service
      Restart-Service
 18
      # Restarts a service
      Get-EventLog
 20
     # Retrieves event log entries
 21
     Get-WmiObject
 22
      # Gets management info using WMI (legacy)
      Get-CimInstance
     # Gets management info using CIM (modern)
 25
      Invoke-WmiMethod
      # Executes a method of a WMI object
 26
      Set-WmiInstance
     # Creates or updates a WMI object
 28
     Remove-WmiObject
 29
 30
      # Deletes a WMI object
      Get-ChildItem
 31
      # Lists files and folders (like dir)
 32
     Copv-Item
 33
      # Copies files or folders
 34
 35
     Move-Item
      # Moves files or folders
 36
      Remove-Item
 37
      # Deletes files or folders
 38
 39
     Out-File
     # Sends output to a text file
```

## WMI & PowerShell

#### 1. What is WMI?

- Full Form: Windows Management Instrumentation
- Purpose: Provides a standardized way to access and manage Windows system components (hardware, OS settings, applications) locally or remotely.
- Data Source: Information is stored in the CIM (Common Information Model) repository.

## 2. Why Use WMI with PowerShell?

- Automation: Perform administrative tasks without manually using GUI tools.
- Remote Management: Query or configure computers over the network.
- Detailed Information: Access system hardware details, running processes, services, network configurations, etc.
- Scripting Power: Combine WMI queries with PowerShell Cmdlets for reporting, monitoring, and troubleshooting.

### 3. Key PowerShell Cmdlets for WMI

• Get-WmiObject (legacy) → Retrieves WMI class instances. Example:

powershell

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Get-WmiObject -Class Win32\_OperatingSystem

- Get-CimInstance (recommended) → Modern alternative to Get-WmiObject; uses WS-Man protocol.
- Invoke-WmiMethod → Executes a method of a WMI object.
- Set-WmiInstance → Modifies a WMI object instance.
- Remove-WmiObject → Deletes a WMI object instance.

# 4. Pipeline Filtering & Operators

## 1. Pipeline in PowerShell

- Passes output of one command to another.
- Example:

powershell

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Get-Process | Sort-Object CPU -Descending

- o Get-Process → lists processes.
- Sort-Object → sorts them.

### **Key Points:**

- Allows chaining commands.
- Reduces need for temporary variables.
- Processes data one object at a time.

## 2. Filtering in Pipeline

- Where-Object Filters based on a condition.
- Select-Object Picks properties or limits results.
- Sort-Object Sorts results by properties.

## 3. Operators in PowerShell

Operators are symbols that perform actions on data.

## a) Comparison Operators

Operator	Description	Example
-eq	Equal to	5 -eq 5
-ne	Not equal to	5 -ne 3
-gt	Greater than	10 -gt 5
-lt	Less than	3 -lt 5
-ge	Greater or equal	5 -ge 5
-le	Less or equal	5 -le 10
-like	Wildcard match	"file.txt" -like "*.txt"
-match	Regex match	"Hello" -match "H.*o"

## b) Logical Operators

Operator	Description	Example
-and	Both conditions true	(5 -gt 2) -and (3 -lt 5)
-or	At least one true	(5 -lt 2) -or (3 -lt 5)
-not / !	Negates condition	-not (5 -gt 10)

```
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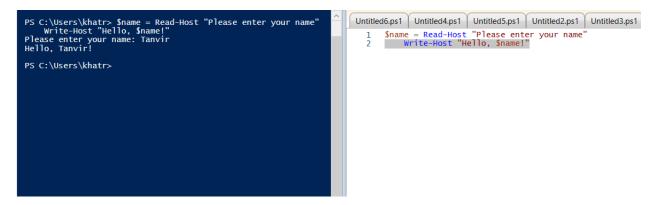
PS C:\Users\khatr> 15 -gt 13
True
PS C:\Users\khatr> 30 -lt 16
False
PS C:\Users\khatr> |
```

## 5.Input, Output & Formatting

1. **Input:** From keyboard (Read-Host), from parameters, or from pipeline.

## a. From Keyboard (Read-Host)

o Read-Host → Prompts the user to enter text or data during script execution

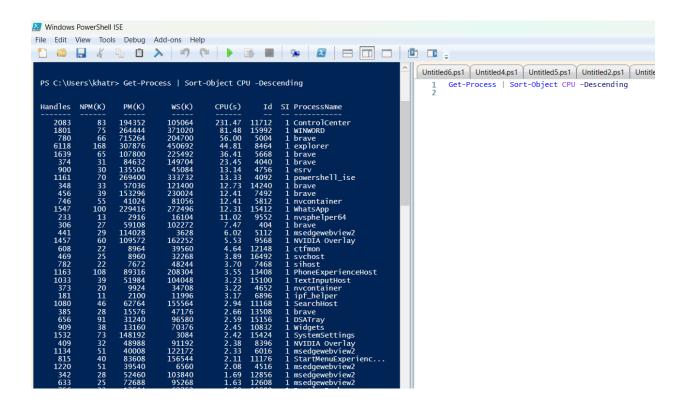


### b. From Parameters

o Cmdlets and functions accept parameters directly

## C. From pipeline

o One command's output becomes another's input.

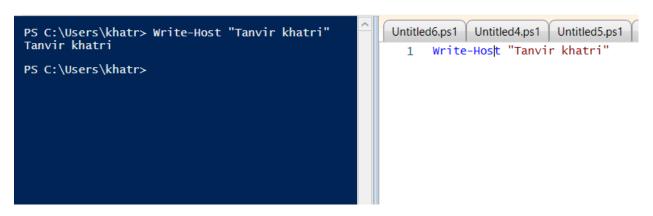


## 2.Output:

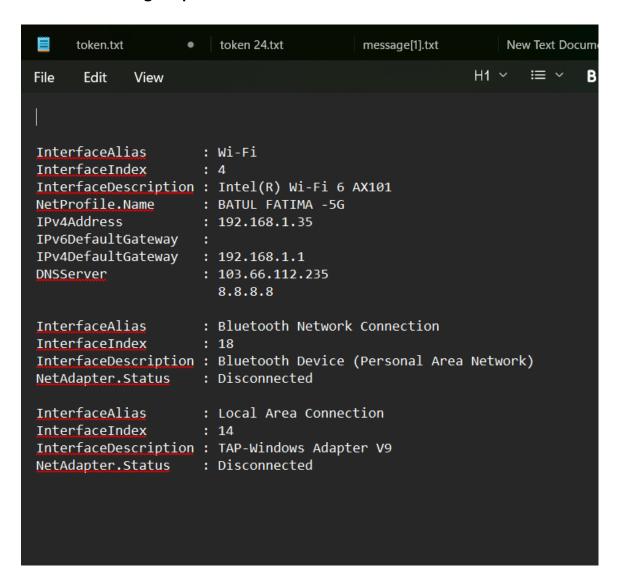
Write-Output → Sends objects to the pipeline (default output behavior).



o Write-Host → Displays text directly on the console (doesn't send to pipeline).



Sending Output to Files



### 2. Formatting:

o Format-Table – Table output.

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     1 Get-Process | Sort-Object CPU -Descending | Select-Object Name, CPU, Id | Format-Table -AutoSize
 PS C:\Users\khatr> Get-Process | Sort-Object CPU -Descending | Select-Object Name, CPU, Id | Format-Table -AutoSize
 Name
                                                             CPU
                                                                         Ιd
                                                  287.421875 11712
143.78125 15992
73.765625 5004
62.546875 8464
45.921875 5668
25.046875 4040
19.34375 4092
23.46875 4094
19.34375 4092
16.53125 4756
16.34375 15412
13.703125 9552
13.625 5812
12.765625 14240
7.296875 12148
6.3125 9568
6.3125 9568
6.3125 5112
4.390625 15100
4.140625 6896
4.046875 13508
4.015625 7468
3.890625 16492
3.884375 4652
 ControlCenter
WINWORD
 brave
 explorer
brave
  brave
  brave
 brave
 powershell_ise
 WhatsApp
nvsphelper64
nvcontainer
 brave
  ctfmon
 NVIDIA Overlay
msedgewebview2
TextInputHost
ipf_helper
 brave
sihost
svchost
                                                       3.84375
3.6875
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13408
  nvcontainer
  PhoneExperienceHost
SearchHost
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o Format-List - List output.

```
Untitled6.ps1 Untitled4.ps1 Untitled5.ps1 Untitled2.ps1 Untitled3.ps1 Untitled9.ps1* X

1 Get-Process | Sort-Object CPU -Descending | Select-Object Name, CPU, Id | Format-List

PS C:\Users\khatr> Get-Process | Sort-Object CPU -Descending | Select-Object Name, CPU, Id | Format-List

Name : ControlCenter
CPU : 293.890625
Id : 11/12

Name : WINWORD
CPU : 145.921875
Id : 15992

Name : brave
CPU : 74.953125
Id : 5004

Name : explorer
CPU : 64.1875
Id : 8464

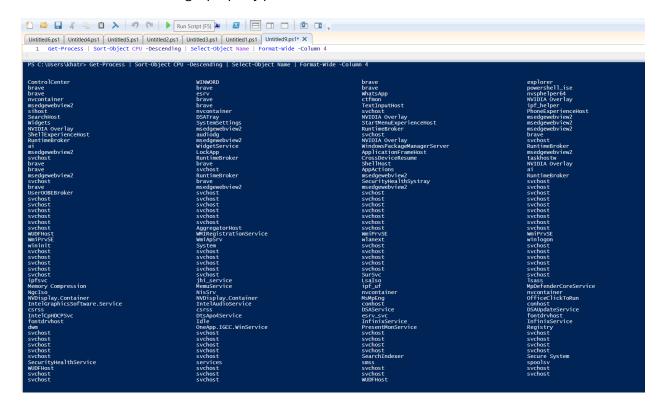
Name : brave
CPU : 46.84375
Id : 5668

Name : brave
CPU : 27.59375
Id : 7492

Name : brave
CPU : 25.046875
Id : 7492

Name : brave
CPU : 25.046875
Id : 404
```

o Format-Wide – Single property per line.



# 6. Scripting Overview

- 1. What is a PowerShell Script?
- A script is a collection of PowerShell commands saved in a .ps1 file.
- 2. Benefits:
- Automation
- Consistency
- Time-saving
- Scalability
- Integration with Windows, WMI, .NET, APIs

```
Untitled6.ps1 Untitled4.ps1 Untitled5.ps1 Untitled2.ps1 Untitled3.ps1 Untitled1.ps1 Untitled9.ps1* X

1  # This is a powershell script
Write-Output "Hello from PowerShell!"

PS C:\Users\khatr> # This is a powershell script
Write-Output "Hello from PowerShell!"

Hello from PowerShell!

PS C:\Users\khatr>
```