PowerShell Basics

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Overview

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Command basics

Anatomy of a PowerShell command

Help in PowerShell or 3 commands to rule the shell

Other helpful commands and techniques

Command Basics

Verb-Noun

Do something-To something

Get-Verb

```
PS> Get-Service –Name Spooler -RequiredServices
```

Parameters

Used to pass information into PowerShell commands

All parameters are called with a dash (-)

Some require values and some do not

Exploring PowerShell verbs and parameters

Types of Commands in PowerShell

Cmdlet

Function

Script

Anatomy of a Command

Anatomy of a Command

Wildcards are accepted use

PS:> Get-Service –Name P* -ComputerName Client1,Client2

Command name

First parameter

Second Parameter

Anatomy of a Command

All parameters start with a dash.

Wildcards are accepted use

```
PS:> Get-Service –Name P* -ComputerName Client1,Client2
```

A space separates parameter names and values

Pass multiple values with a comma-separated list

Anatomy of a Command

Positional parameters allow the use of the value without the parameter name when used in order

```
PS:> Gsv P* -Comp Client1,Client2
```

An alias is a "nickname" for a command

All parameter names can be truncated

Anatomy of a Command

Spaces act as separators for parameters and values

```
PS:> Get-Service –Name B* -ComputerName Client1,Client2
```

Command name

First parameter

Second Parameter

Demo: Walk through anatomy of command and running basic commands
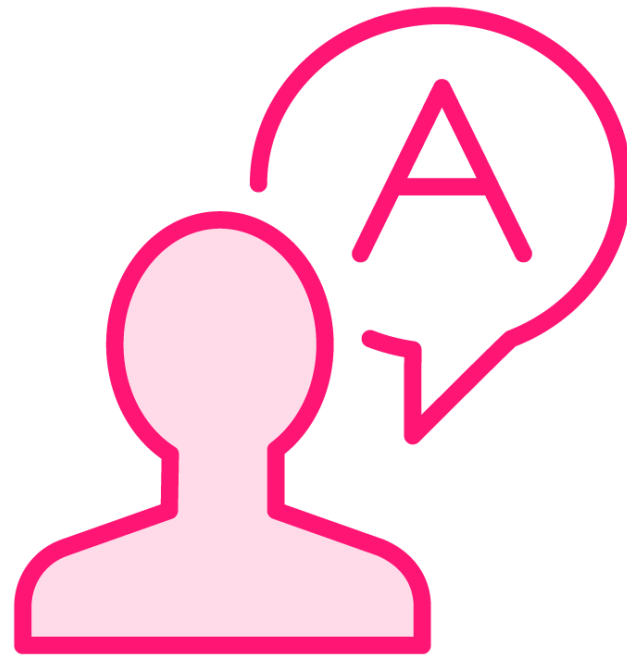
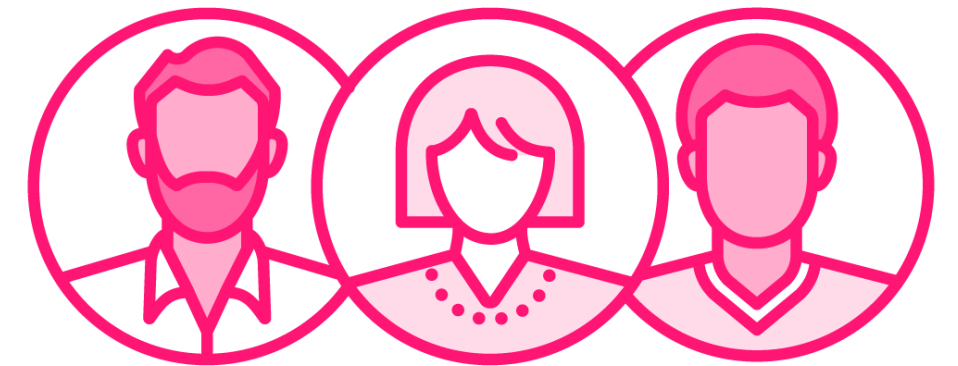# Working with get-history and get-alias

3 Important Commands

Get-Command

Get-Help

Get-Member

```
PS> Get-Command -Verb Get -Noun *DNS*

PS> Get-Command -Name *Firewall* -CommandType Function
```

Get-Command

Used to search installed commands

```
PS> Get-Help -Name Get-Command —Detailed

PS> man —Name Get-Command —Detailed
PS> Help about_command_syntax

PS> Get-Help —Name *DNS*
```

Get-Help

Displays 'how-to' information for commands

Similar to man in UNIX/Linux

Can be used for searching PowerShell commands

Finding answers with PowerShell

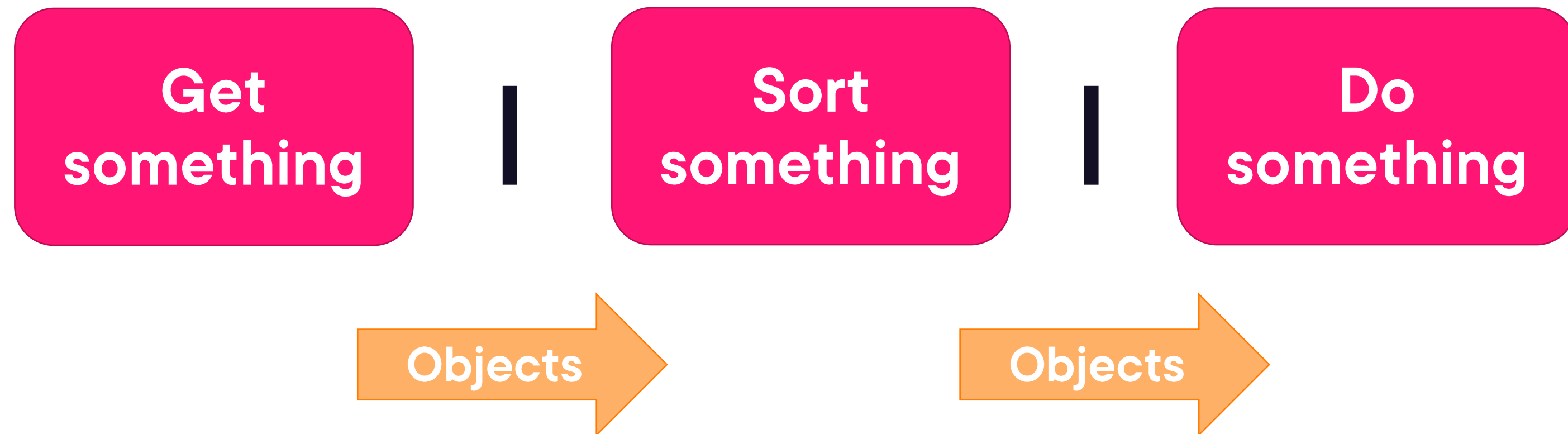- Get-Help
- Get-Command

```
PS> Get-Service | Get-Member
```

Get-Member

Gets properties and methods of objects

Used to see what makes up an object

Pipelining in PowerShell

```
get-service | where-object status -eq "Stopped" | start-
service
```

Pipelining in PowerShell

Wrap up

Anatomy of a command

Find answers with Get-Help and Get-Command

Intro to the pipeline

Up Next:

Working in the pipeline