Advanced Scripting   
Script Security

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# Instructions

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# Overview

In this exercise you will learn how execution policies are used to help protect users from malicious code.

# Requirements

* Windows PowerShell
* Internet connectivity

# Task 1—Viewing the Execution Policy.

The local machine execution policy defines

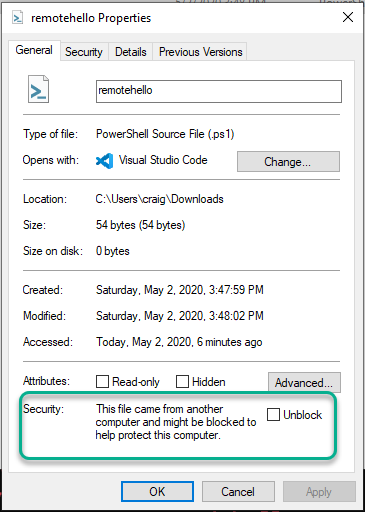
## Steps

1. Enter the command   
   Get-ExecutionPolicy
   1. What is was reported? RemoteSigned
2. To get a complete list of the execution policies on your machine enter  
   Get-ExecutionPolicy -List
   1. Record each scope’s setting
      1. MachinePolicy Undefined
      2. UserPolicy Undefined
      3. Process Undefined
      4. CurrentUser RemoteSigned
      5. LocalMachine Undefined
3. For a newly installed Windows Machine **Get-ExecutionPolicy** will return Restricted. **Get-ExecutionPolicy -List** will return *Undefined* for all scopes.
   1. What does this tell you about the default policy? Default policy is to have everything restricted unless the user wants access later on.
   2. Is your computer using the default settings? For the most part other than it being RemoteSigned for the CurrentUser
4. Were you able to run your script in the last exercise? Yes
5. After viewing your Execution Policy settings explain your results. It outputted normally and my execution policy settings are the same.

# Task 2—Modifying the Local Machine Scope

Now you will change the policy settings so that you can run scripts on your machine according to your desired preferences. You can set the *Process*, *CurrentUser*, and *LocalMachine* scope with PowerShell. To change the *MachinePolicy* or *UserPolicy*, you need to use a GroupPolicy which is beyond the scope of this class. To modify the LocalMachine policy you must run an elevated PowerShell

## Steps

1. Change the LocalMachine scope to **RemoteSigned**.
   1. Open an elevated PowerShell instance.
   2. Enter the command   
      Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned
2. Close PowerShell and then start a new instance of PowerShell. These changes will only effect new instances of PowerShell.
3. To test the policy, you need to download a script from the internet. Using Edge, IE or Chrome download the file <http://cf.esage.com/as/rhello.ps1> and save it to your psfiles/scripts folder. (NOTE: you must save it to that location, if you didn’t use the move command to move it)
4. Make your psfiles/scripts folder your current directory
5. Run the rhello script by entering  
   ./rhello.ps1
   1. What was the result? It threw an error because of my current execution policy
6. When you copy a file from a remote system the file gets flagged as coming from another system. PowerShell looks at the source of the file to help decide if it should be allowed to run. If you would like to run it anyway you can either change your Execution Policy or change the files blocking flag. Using file explorer navigate to your psfiles/scripts folder. Right-Click the rhello.ps1 file and look at its properties. You should see something like this.  
   
   1. You can check the **Unblock** checkbox to unblock the file but what is the fun in that when you can do it in PowerShell. You can use the Unblock-File cmdlet to do just that. We will unblock the file in a few steps. Leave it alone for now.

# Task 3—Modifying the Local User Scope

Now you will change the Execution Policy for just your user. Since this change only affects you, you do not need an elevated shell to perform this action.

## Steps

1. Set the LocalUser scope to Unrestricted. Enter the command:  
   Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted -Scope CurrentUser
2. Test the policy by running it.  
   ./rhello.ps1
3. This time you should see a warning with the option to run the script or not. Press **R** then **Enter** to allow the script to run.
   1. Record the warning message here: Hi class, today is 9/28/2021

# Task 4—Modifying the Process Scope

You can change the Execution Policy for just the current PowerShell session using the Process Scope.

## Steps

1. Restrict this shells ability to run scripts. Enter the command  
   Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy Restricted -Scope Process
2. Run the script  
   ./rhello.ps1
   1. Record your result. Threw another error because I set my execution policy to restricted
3. Now set the Process Scope to Bypass. Enter:  
   Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -Scope Process
   1. What was the result? Nothing, that means it worked
   2. How does this result differ from Unrestricted? This doesn’t have as much warning as Unrestricted probably because it might have some more checks and balances for unknown cmdlets

# Task 5—Removing Scopes.

## Steps

1. To get a complete list of the execution policies on your machine enter  
   Get-ExecutionPolicy -List
   1. Record each scope’s setting
      1. MachinePolicy Undefined
      2. UserPolicy Undefined
      3. Process Bypass
      4. CurrentUser Unrestricted
      5. LocalMachine Undefined
   2. Without closing your current PowerShell, open a new PowerShell instance and record the execution policy settings.
      1. MachinePolicy Undefined
      2. UserPolicy Undefined
      3. Process Undefined
      4. CurrentUser Unrestricted
      5. LocalMachine Undefined
2. What can you infer about Process settings from this information? It only applies to your current powershell session and if you close it out and later want unrestricted access you must say it again in powershell
3. From the new shell, remove the Current User’s setting by entering  
   Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy Undefined -Scope CurrentUser
4. Try to run the script. What is your result? It threw an error
5. Compare both shells settings, are they the same? They aren’t, the process of my first window is bypass while the process of my second window is undefined

# Task 6—Unblocking a file

## Steps

1. To make sure we are still on the same page close all PowerShell instances. Next, open a new one.
2. Make **psfiles\scripts** your current folder.
3. Run the script again. It should be blocked. If not, go back through the exercises and see what you did wrong. Your settings should be LocalMachine is **RemotedSigned** with all others **Undefined**.
4. Now unblock the script. Enter the command:  
   Unblock-File .\rhello.ps1
5. Run the file again. What is the result? Hi class, today is 9/28/2021

# Wrap-up

Set your Execution-Policy scopes to values you feel comfortable with. Record your results here:

1. MachinePolicy Undefined
2. UserPolicy Undefined
3. Process Undefined
4. CurrentUser Undefined
5. LocalMachine RemoteSigned

# Deliverable

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