Advanced Scripting   
Comparison and Logical Operators

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# Instructions

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# Overview

Comparison operators are used to control the program flow in your script. In this exercise you will explore the various comparison and logical operators.

# Requirements

PowerShell

# Task 1—Equality Operators

The equality operators are:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Operator (Default) | Case  Sensitive | Case  Insensitive | Meaning |
| -eq | -ceq | -ieq | Equal |
| -neq | -cneq | -ineq | Not equal |
| -gt | -cgt | -igt | Greater than |
| -ge | -cge | -ige | Greater than or equal to |
| -lt | -clt | -ilt | Less than |
| -le | -cle | -ile | Less than or equal to |

## Steps

1. For each of the expressions predict what the value will be ($true or $false), then type the expression in PowerShell. Record the results then describe the results.

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| Expression | Prediction | Result | Description |
| '' -eq $null | true | false | It doesn’t equal null because there is data but it is blank |
| 'red' -eq 'red' | True | True | The string ‘red’ equals ‘red’ |
| 'red' -eq 'Red' | True | True | It equals because it defaults to being case insensitive |
| 'red' -ceq 'Red' |  |  |  |
| 1 -gt 1 | False | False | 1 is not greater than 1 |
| 12 -gt '2' | True | True | 12 is greater than 2 |
| '12' -gt 2 | False | False | ‘12’ is a string and cannot be compared the same way a number is, therefore it is false because nothing is in the first spot. |

1. When the left-hand operator is a collection (e.g. array), each item is compared, if the comparison is true the item is passed along the pipeline.
   1. Try the following  
      1,2,3,4 -ge 2
      1. What is returned?2 3 4
   2. Try  
      'a','b','c','a' -lt 'c'
      1. What is returned? A b a

# Task 2—Logical Operators

Fill in the following logical truth tables

## Steps

1. For the -and operator to return true both operands must be true.

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| -and | $true | $false |
| $true | $true | $false |
| $false | $false | $true |

1. For the -or at least one of the operands must be true.

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| -or | $true | $false |
| $true | $true | $true |
| $false | $true | $false |

1. For the -xor operator to return a true one operand must be true and the other operand must be false.

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| -xor | $true | $false |
| $true | $false | $true |
| $false | $true | $false |

1. The -not operator is a unary operator and returns the inverse of the operand.

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|  | -not |
| $true | $false |
| $false | $true |

# Deliverable

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