PowerShell Quick Start

very quick - 6 hours, some labs delivered (or no ⁽¹⁾) by Ziemek Borowski



Summary

quick PowerShell course for people with limited experience on system administrator scripting (5 hours in person meeting + homework + online homework summary session). Course is based on "Learn Windows PowerShell 3 in a Month of Lunches, Second Edition' by Don Jones and Jeffery Hicks".

Method of participation

- 5 hours in person meeting
- homework
- 1 hour online (WebEx/telco) meeting to summary homework

Participant requirements

Required knowledge / skills

 basic knowledge on Windows Server administration and basic knowledge on computer programming (simple VBA macros, Lego Robotics, VBScript or cmd.exe are enough).

Required equipment

- Windows 7 or Windows 10 virtual machine
- working access to 'Laboratory' with Windows Server 2016

Agenda

- What is PowerShell
- How to apply for everyday tasks
- Running commands
- The pipeline: connecting commands
- Adding commands: function, snap-ins, modules

Agenda cont'ed

- Objects: data by another name
- Formatting: how to do it properly
- Filtering and comparison

- Simple function & script
- Homework selection: write script for specific needs

Homework

I expect one week for homework done. In middle of that time I will organize office hours using WebEx remote conference tool. After homework submission date, we will meet and discuss selected works.

Supporting sources

- 'Windows PowerShell Survival Guide'
- 'Using Windows PowerShell'
- 'Learn Windows PowerShell 3 in a Month of Lunches, Second Edition' by Don Jones and Jeffery Hicks Publisher: Manning Publications

What is PowerShell

- KixStart, cmd.exe, VBScript
- Monad, Exchange Server
- PowerShell System Requirements
- Installing PowerShell v5.1

How to apply for everyday tasks

- interactive shell
- ad-hoc scripts
- tools
- CI/CD (Contionous Integration/Contionous Delivery)

Using help

update-help

It can require Internet access

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Running commands 4.2. The anatomy of a command # The pipeline: connecting commands # Adding commands: function, snap-ins, modules # Objects: data by another name # Formatting: how to do it properly # Filtering and comparison # Variables, input, output # Homework selection: write script for specific needs ???