

# Windows PowerShell

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## STRINGS AND EXPRESSIONS

Embedding of a variable in a string  
"The command is \$Command!"

{} must be used here to delimit it from the colon  
"\$Command: executed successfully"

The subexpression must be parenthesized in \$()  
"\$(Result.Count) objects in result set"

Use of the format operator  
Get-Process | % { "([0..40] uses {1:0,000.00}MB" -f \$\_.Name, (\$\_.Ws/1MB)} }

Execute a string as a command  
\$Command = "Get-Service a"  
\$Command += "| where status -eq 'Running'"  
\$Result = Invoke-Expression \$Command  
\$Command | Format-List  
\$Result | Format-List

## POWERSHELL DATA TYPES

Numeric types  
[byte]  
[int]  
[long]  
[single]  
[double]

Generate random number between 1 and 49 and store in variable \$x  
[byte] \$x = Get-Random -Minimum 1 -Maximum 49

Character types  
[char]  
[string]

Boolean and date types  
[bool]  
[DateTime]

Store current date in variable \$d  
[Datetime] \$d = Get-Date

Object sets  
[Array]  
[Hashtable]

Store list of services starting with "a" in variable \$services  
[Array] \$services = Get-Service a\*

More complex data structures  
[XML]  
[WMI]  
[ADSI]

A complete list of TypeAccelerators is accessible with:  
[psobject].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.  
TypeAccelerators').Get

## CONFIGURING POWERSHELL

Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted Allow all PowerShell scripts

Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned / AllSigned Only allow signed PowerShell scripts

Enable-PSSRemoting -SkipNetworkProfileCheck Enable PowerShell remote access for this machine - even if there are public networks

(Get-Host).PrivateData.ErrorBackgroundColor = "White" Change background colour for error messages (increases contrast of red characters)

## USING MODULES

Get-Module List activated modules

Get-Module -ListAvailable List all installed modules

Import-Module Enable local module for current session

Find-Module Search modules in PowerShell Gallery

Install-Module Download and install modules from PowerShell Gallery

Update-Module Update module

## INPUT AND OUTPUT COMMANDLETS

Format-Table (ft)	Table output
Format-List (fl)	Detailed list
Format-Wide (fw)	Multi-column list
Out-Host (oh)	Output to consoles with colour options and paging option
Out-GridView (ogv)	Table with filtering and sorting options
Out-File	Save to file
Out-Printer (lp)	Send to printer
Out-Clipboard	Send to clipboard
Out-Speech	Speech output (requires module "PSCX")
Out-Null	Objects in pipeline are not passed on
Read-Host	Read from console
Import-Csv	Import / export CSV file
Export-Csv	Import / export XML file
Import-CLIXML	Import / export XML file
Export-CLIXML	Import / export XML file

User defined table output  
Get-Process | ft @Label="Nr"; Expression={\$\_.ID}; Width=5, @Label="Name"; Expression={\$\_.ProcessName}; Width=30, @Label="Memory MB"; Expression={\$\_.WorkingSet64 / 1MB}; Width=7; Format="0:0000.0")

## CONFIGURING AND USING NETWORKS

Get-NetAdapter	List network cards (also virtual ones)
Get-NetAdapterBinding	Properties of a network connection
Set-NetInterface	Enable or disable DHCP
New-NetIPAddress	Set or remove static IP address
Remove-NetIPAddress	Set or remove DNS server
Set-DnsClientServerAddress	Set or remove DNS server
Remove-NetRoute	Remove gateway from network connection
Resolve-DnsName	Resolve DNS name
Enable-NetFirewallRule	Enable or disable a Windows Firewall rule
Disable-NetFirewallRule	Enable or disable a Windows Firewall rule
Test-Connection	Perform a ping
Send-MailMessage	Send email
Invoke-WebRequest	HTTP request
New-WebServiceProxy	Create a proxy for SOAP-based service
Export-ODataEndpoint	Create proxy for OData-based service

## ACCESS TO WMI

List of all WMI classes from a namespace of a computer  
Get-CimClass -Namespace root\cimv2 -Computer MyServer

List all instances of a WMI class on a computer  
Get-CimInstance Win32\_LogicalDisk -Namespace root\cimv2 -Computer MyServer

WQL query on a computer  
Get-CimInstance -Query "Select \* from Win32\_NetworkAdapter where adaptertype like '%802%'" -Computer MyServer

Access to an instance and change to the instance  
\$c = Get-CimInstance Win32\_LogicalDisk -Namespace root\cimv2 -Filter "DeviceID='C'" -Computer MyServer  
\$c.VolumeName = "System"  
Set-CimInstance \$c

Alternatively with old WMI commandlets  
\$c = [WMI] "\MyServer\root\cimv2\Win32\_LogicalDisk.DeviceID='C'"  
\$c.VolumeName = "System"  
\$c.Put()

Calling a WMI method  
Invoke-CimMethod -Path "\MyServer\root\cimv2\Win32\_ComputerSystem.  
Name=MyServer" -Name "Rename" -ArgumentList "MyNewServer"

## IMPORTANT NAVIGATION COMMANDLETS

Get-PSDrive	List of drives
Get-Location (pwd)	Retrieve current location
Set-Location (cd)	Set current location
Get-Item (gi)	Get an element
Get-ChildItem (dir, ls, gci)	List all subelements
Get-Content (type, cat, gc)	Retrieve content of an element (e.g. file content)
Set-Content (sc)	Set element content
Add-Content (ac)	Add element content
New-Item (ni, mkdir)	Create an element (branch or leaf)
Get-ItemProperty (gp)	Retrieve attribute
Set-ItemProperty (sp)	Define an attribute of an element, create one if necessary
Remove-Item (del, ri, rmdir, rm, erase)	Delete element
Move-Item (move, mv)	Move element
Copy-Item (copy, cp, cpi)	Copy element
Rename-Item (ri, ren)	Rename element

With Navigation Commandlets it's not only possible to operate on the file system  
(drives A:, B:, C: etc.), but also on other flat and hierarchical sets like Registry (HKLM:, HKCU:), Environment (ENV:), Certificate (CERT:), Active Directory (AD:), IIS:Webserver (IIS:) etc:

Dir HKLM://software/  
New-Item HKLM://software/ScriptRunner  
RD HKLM://software/ScriptRunner

## POWERSHELL CLASSES

Implementation of the PowerShell class  
class User  
{  
# Properties  
[int]\$ID  
[string]\$Name  
hidden [Datetime]\$CreatedOn  
# Static Property  
static [Int64]\$Count  
  
# Constructor  
User([int]\$newid,[string]\$name)  
{  
\$this.ID = \$newid  
\$this.Name = \$name  
\$this.CreatedOn = Get-Date  
[User]:Count = [User]:Count + 1  
}  
# Method  
[string]GetInfo([bool]\$verbose,[string]\$separator)  
{  
[string]\$a = "\$(\$this.ID)\$separator \$(\$this.Name)";  
if (\$verbose){ \$a += "\$separator \$(\$this.CreatedOn)" }  
return \$a  
}  
  
# Static Method  
static [String]GetCount()  
{  
return "In total \$([User]:Count) users!"  
}  
  
Use of the PowerShell class  
\$b = [User]::new(123,"Matt Scripter")  
\$b.ID = 1  
\$b.Name = "Matt"  
\$b.GetInfo(\$true,"")  
[User]:GetCount()

## GET HELP

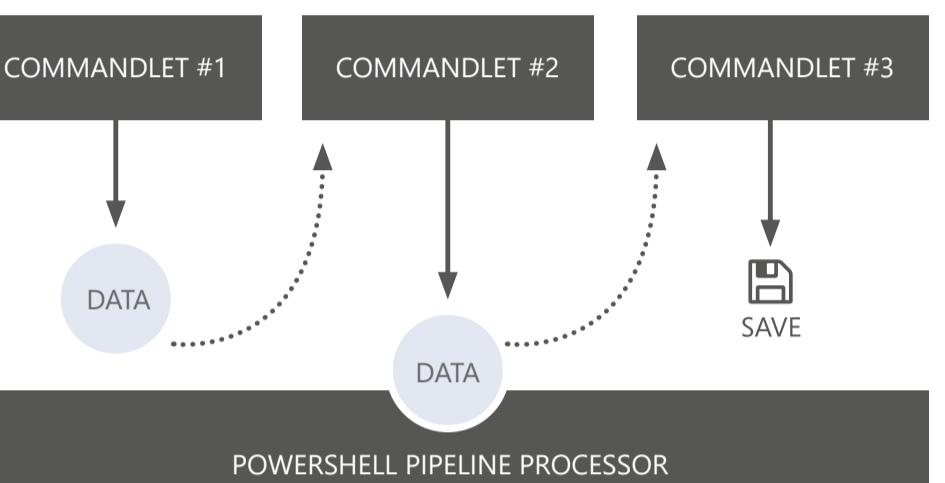
Get-Command Get-*	All commands with „Get-“
Get-Command   where module -like *ActiveDirectory*   ft Name, Module	All commands of a module
Get-Alias	Show all aliases
Get-Help Stop-Process -full	Full help content for a command
Get-Help about	List all „About“ documents
Get-Help about_WMI	Show help for WMI
Get-Service   Get-Member	Show all properties and methods of the result objects

## PIPELINING

Any number of commandlets can be joined using the pipe symbol |.  
Get-Service a\* | Where-Object {\$\_status -eq "running"} | Out-File c:\temp\runningservices.txt

Alternatively, you can store intermediate results in variables starting with \$.  
\$services = Get-Service a\* | Where-Object {\$\_status -eq "running"}  
\$services | Out-File c:\temp\runningservices.txt

The pipeline forwards NET objects. Forwarding is asynchronous  
(except from some "blocking" commandlets like the sort object)



EXAMPLE:  
Get-Service a\* | Where-Object {\$\_status -eq "running"} | Out-File c:\filename.txt

Commandlet #1:  
Get-Service a\*  
Object of type: System.ServiceProcess.ServiceController

Commandlet #2 - Selection:  
Where-Object {\$\_status -eq "running"}

Commandlet #3 - Storage in file system  
Out-File c:\filename.txt

## IMPORTANT PIPELINING COMMANDLETS

Where-Object (where, ?)	Filter using conditions
Select-Object (select)	Truncate result set from its start/end reduction of object attributes, respectively
Sort-Object (sort)	Sort objects
Group-Object (group)	Group objects
Foreach-Object {\$_...} (%)	Loop over all objects
Get-Member (gm)	Print metadata (reflection)
Measure-Object (measure)	Calculation: -min -max -sum -average
Compare-Object (compare, diff)	Compare two sets of objects

## OBJECT-ORIENTED ACCESS TO PIPELINE OBJECTS

Number of objects in pipeline  
Get-Service | where {\$\_status -eq "Running").Count

Print particular properties of pipeline objects  
Get-Service.DayOfWeek  
(Get-Process).Name  
(Get-Process | sort ws -desc)[0].Name

Method call in all pipeline objects  
(Get-Process iexplorer | sort ws -desc).Kill()

## PROCESSES, SERVICES, EVENTS, PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Get-Process	Running processes
Start-Process	Start/terminate process
Stop-Process	Start/terminate process
Wait-Process	Wait for process to terminate
Get-Service	Windows system services
Start-Service	Change service state
Stop-Service	Change service state
Suspend-Service	Change service state
Resume-Service	Change service state
Get-Win Event	Event log entries
New-WinEvent	Create entry in event log
Limit-EventLog	Set size for event log
Get-Counter	Retrieve important performance indicators
Get-Counter -List *	List all performance indicators
Get-Counter -Counter "%Processor_Total%\% Processor Time"	Retrieve particular performance indicator



ONLINE RESOURCES

technet.microsoft.com/scriptcenter

blogs.msdn.com/PowerShell

github.com/ScriptRunner

scriptrunner.com/blog

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## SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

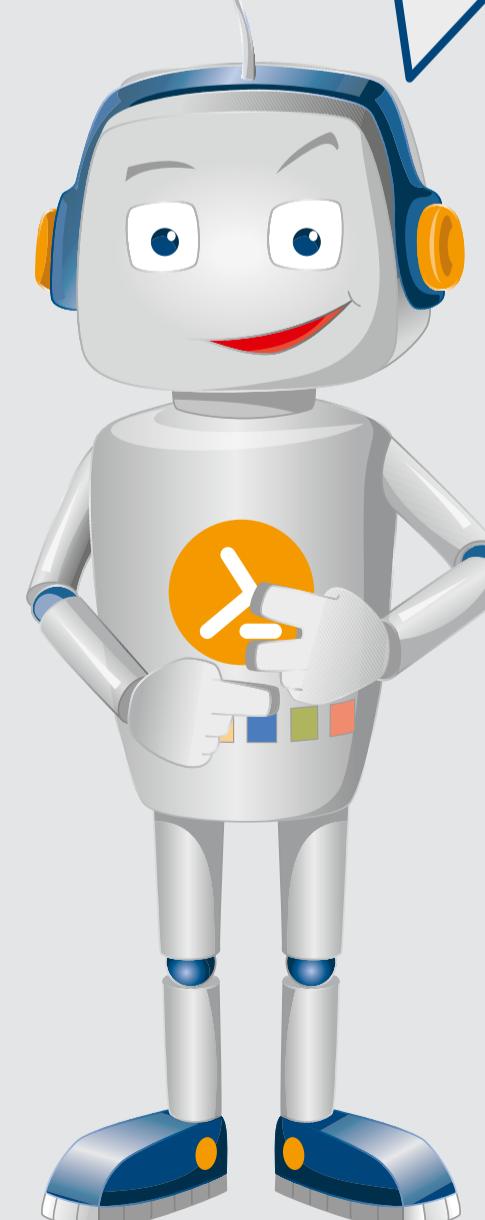
Get-PackageProvider	List all types of packages that PowerShell is able to download and install (e.g. Nuget, Chocolatey, MSI)
Install-PackageProvider chocolatey	Install new package provider (of a new package type)
Register-PackageSource -Name chocolatey -Provider chocolatey -Trusted -Location http://chocolatey.org/api/v2/ -Verbose	Register new package source for Chocolatey.org
Get-PackageSource	List all registered package sources
Find-Package -Name chrome	Search package source for software by specific word in title
Install-Package googlechrome -Source chocolatey	Install software package "GoogleChrome" from a particular package source
Get-Package	List all installed packages
Uninstall-Package googlechrome	Uninstall a software package

# Actions

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Hi, I'm Jeff and this is the ScriptRunner Admin App!



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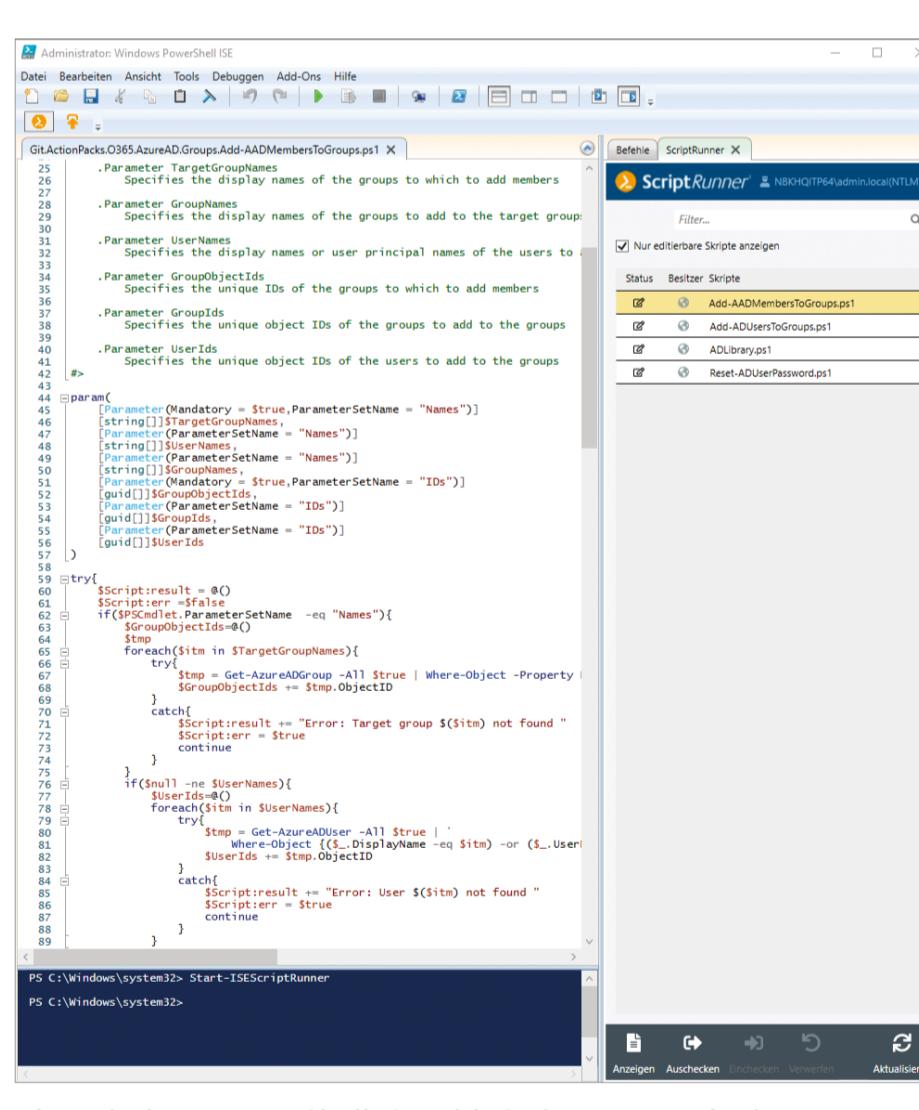
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## ACTIONS

- An **ACTION** is a policy set for the controlled execution of a PowerShell script on a target system. An action can start interactively, scheduled or externally.
- The **ACTION** determines who is allowed to start which script, in which context it is to be executed, and which inputs are necessary.



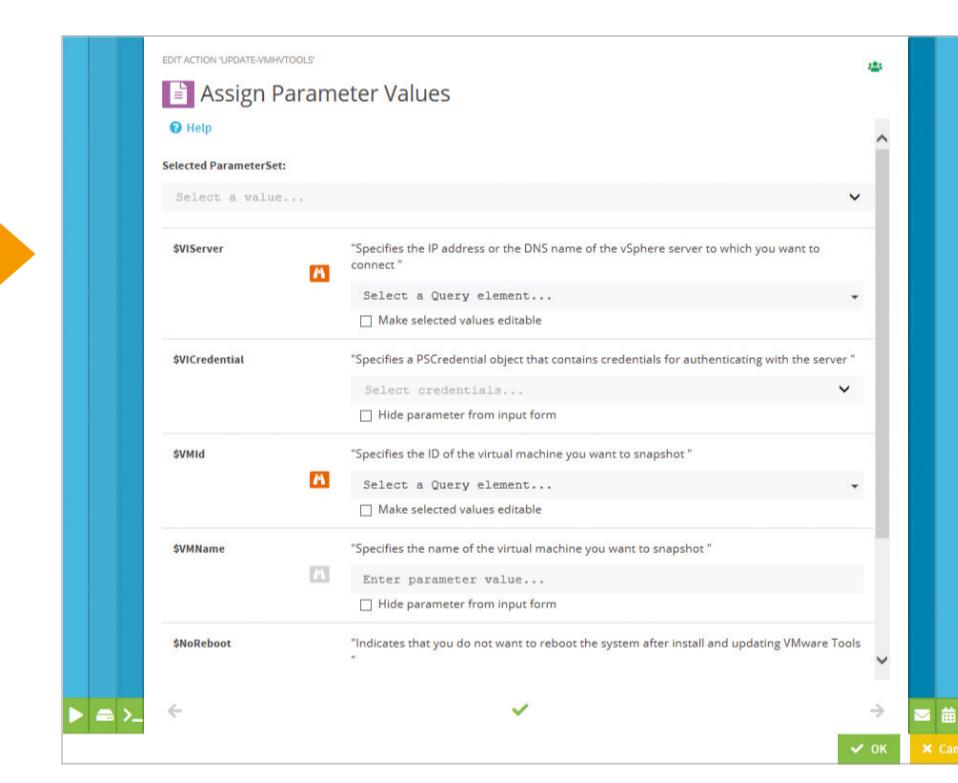
The Windows PowerShell ISE with ScriptRunner Plugin

## DELEGATION

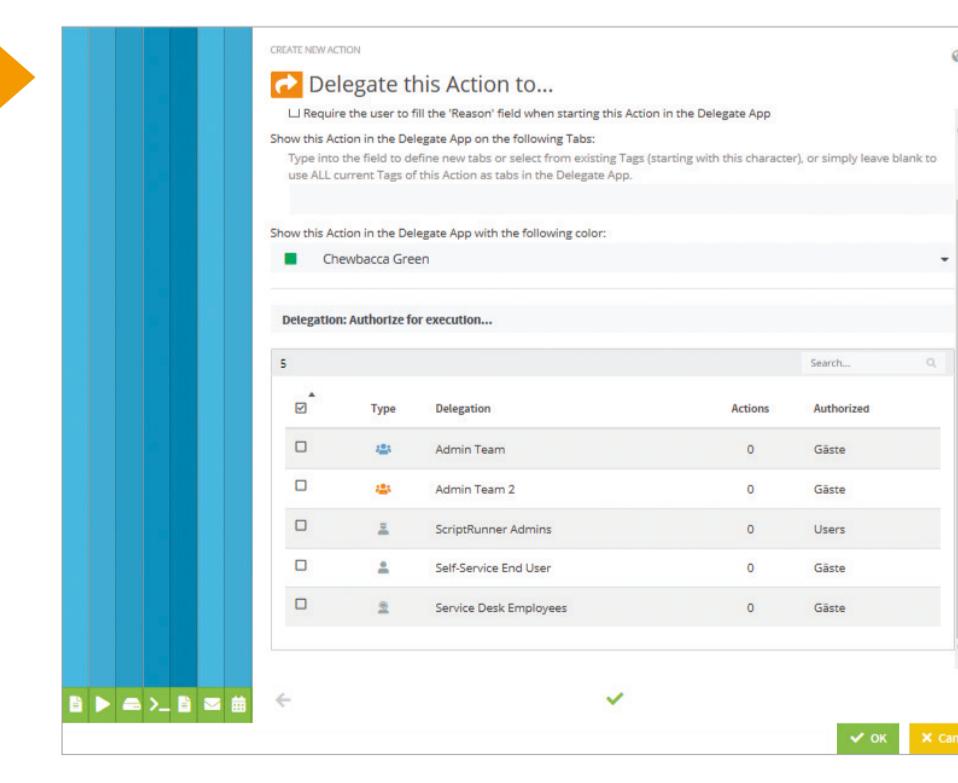
- Securely delegate ScriptRunner **ACTIONS** to groups, individual users, e.g., end users or service desk employees.
- When delegating actions, roles and rights are completely decoupled and ScriptRunner executes the action with the necessary administrative rights.

## QUERIES

- A **QUERY** is a dynamic element which allows interactive search in the Active Directory, via script as well as from lists and files.
- **QUERIES** can be cascaded and start automatically, can run in real-time, be scheduled, or run from cache.



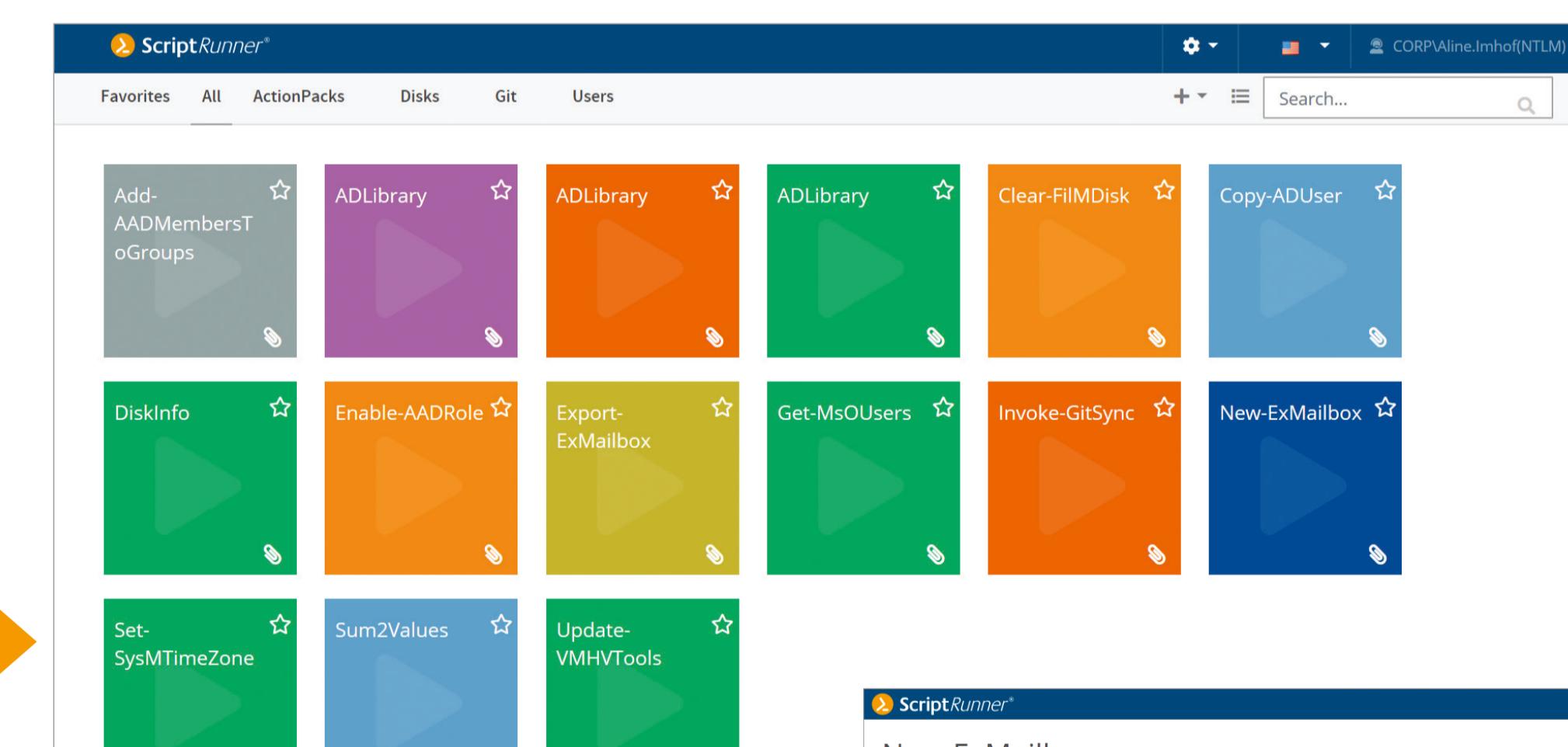
Action Configuration Wizard: Assign Parameter Values



Delegation Configuration Wizard

## TARGETS

- A **TARGET** system is the location where the scripts are executed in run-time with their policy settings. A collection of targets allows parallel script execution.
- PowerShell scripts can be executed locally on ScriptRunner and with remoting in on-prem, hybrid- or cloud infrastructures.



Web based Delegation App

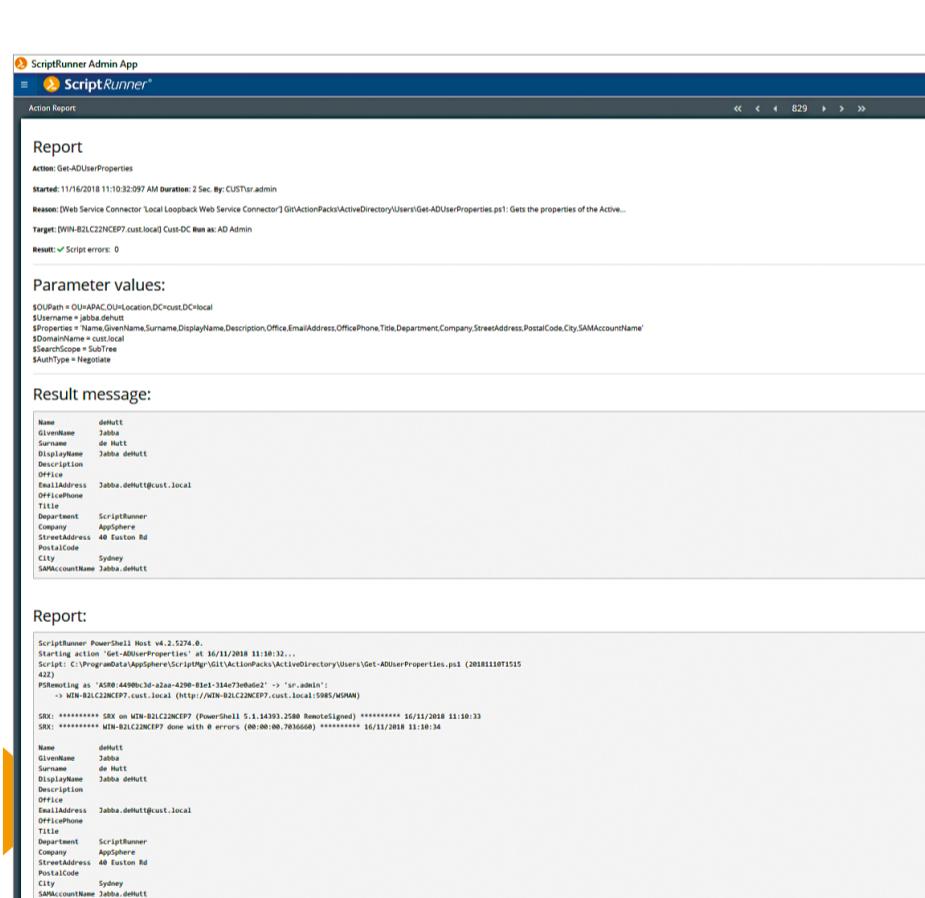
## AUTOMATION

- Start ScriptRunner **ACTIONS** from third-party systems such as monitoring, ITSM, or workflows. Connect with REST Web service and the email inbound connector.
- Connect with REST Web service and the email inbound connector.

## CREDENTIALS

- A **CREDENTIAL** is an administrative, privileged account. Only these accounts are authorized to execute scripts on the target systems.
- **CREDENTIALS** can be inserted in scripts with placeholders of type [PSCredential] at runtime.

- PowerShell **SCRIPTS** are centrally managed and used in actions and are also used to automatically generate Web Forms in the browser apps.
- **SCRIPTS** can be run as main script, query script or as a reusable function library. An own hashtable is available to use in scripts.



Automatically generated PowerShell report

## REPORTS

- A **REPORT** contains all information about the execution of an **ACTION** and is split into several sections.
- The dashboard and the comparison functions allow a fast drill down and in-depth analysis of errors.

Automatically generated Web Form