



Windows PowerShell & SharePoint Better Together

Introduction and Hands on Guide

ABSTRACT

This document is written for developers who would like to get started with writing PowerShell script. It also include examples of using PowerShell 3.0 with SharePoint 2013, Office365 and Active Directory.

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Getting Started with Windows PowerShell

Windows PowerShell Basics

Starting Windows PowerShell Console

1. Log on to your SharePoint VM or Environment.

Windows Server 2008 R2

2. Click Start → All Programs → Accessories → Windows PowerShell → Right Click on **Windows PowerShell** and Choose **“Run as Administrator”**

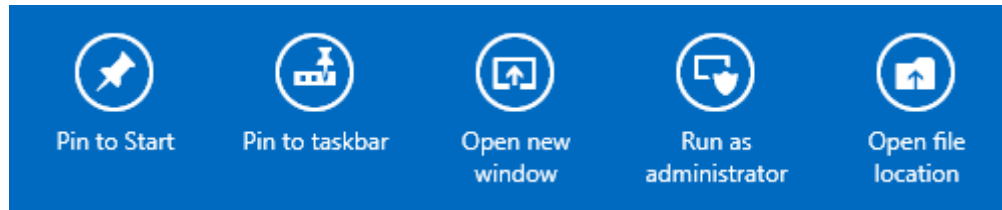


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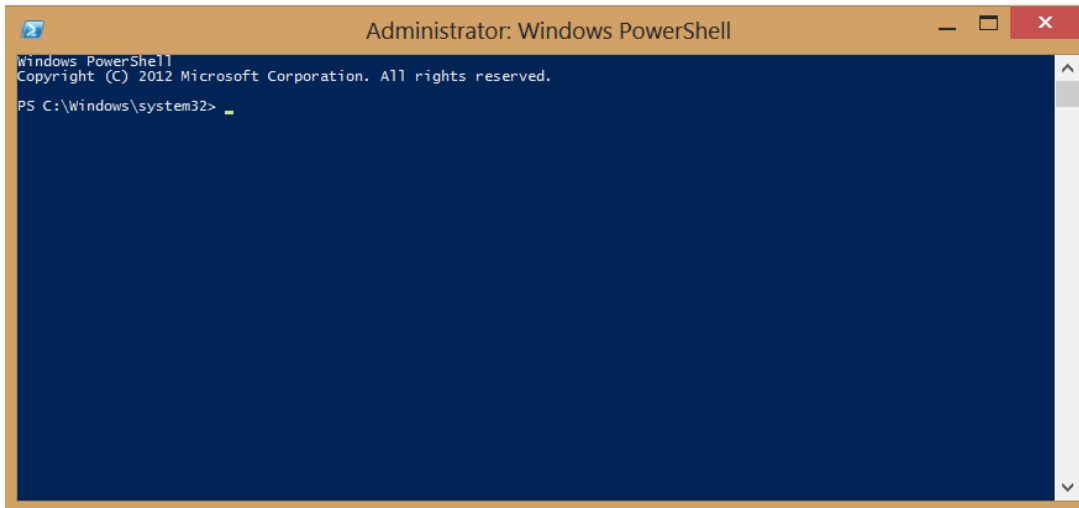
3. Press Windows + C and click on Search Charm and type **PowerShell** and Right Click on **Windows PowerShell**



From Common Tasks Pane click on **Run as Administrator**

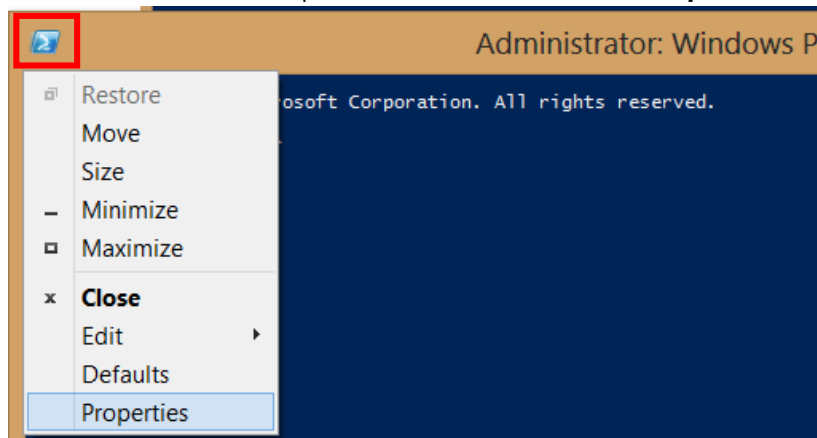


Windows PowerShell® will open and will look like this.



Setting Common Properties of PowerShell (Fonts, Cursor)

1. Click on the PowerShell **ICON** on the top left of Windows and Choose **Properties**.

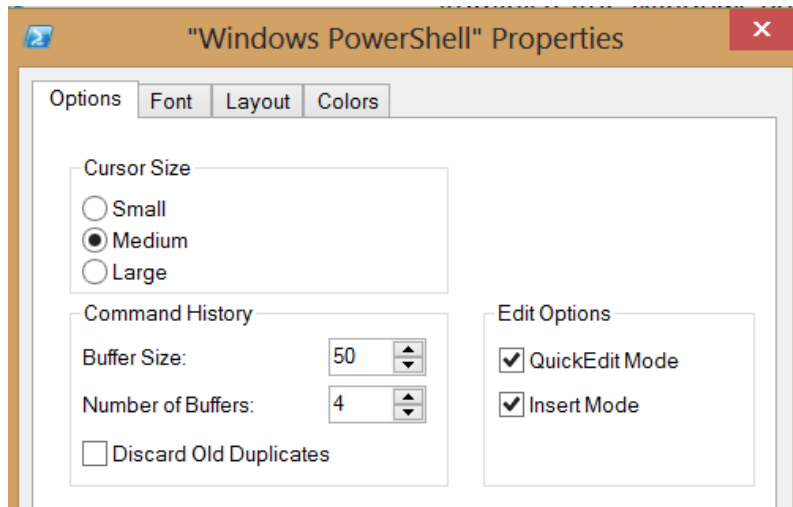


2. Set the Cursor Size to Medium.
3. Notice the Edit Options
 - a. **Quick Edit**

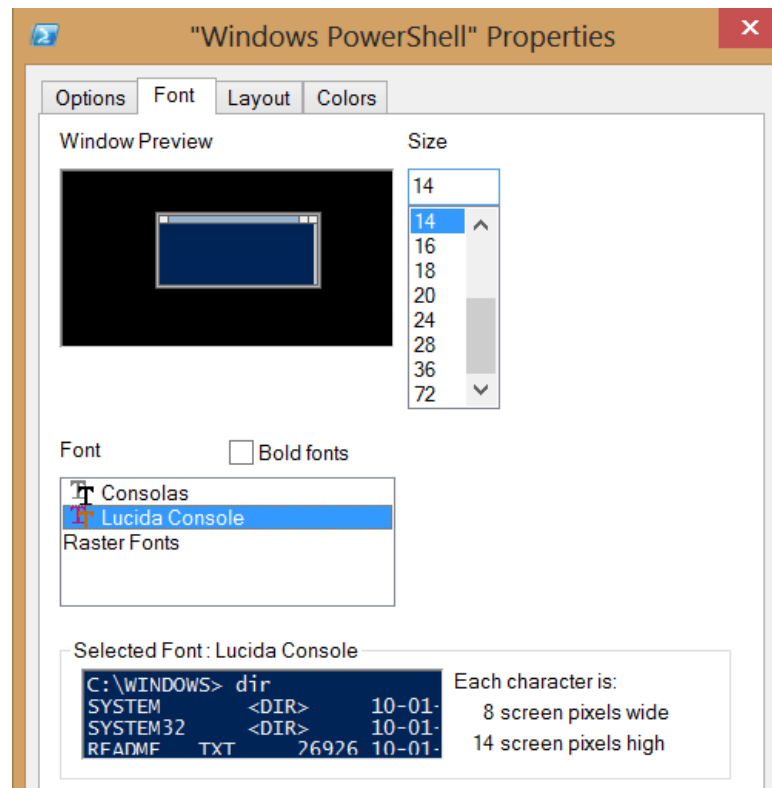
This mode enables you to use the mouse to copy and paste within the PowerShell window. You can use mouse to copy existing command and right click to Paste.

Note: Quick Edit Mode is turned Off in SharePoint Management Shell.
 - b. **Insert Mode**

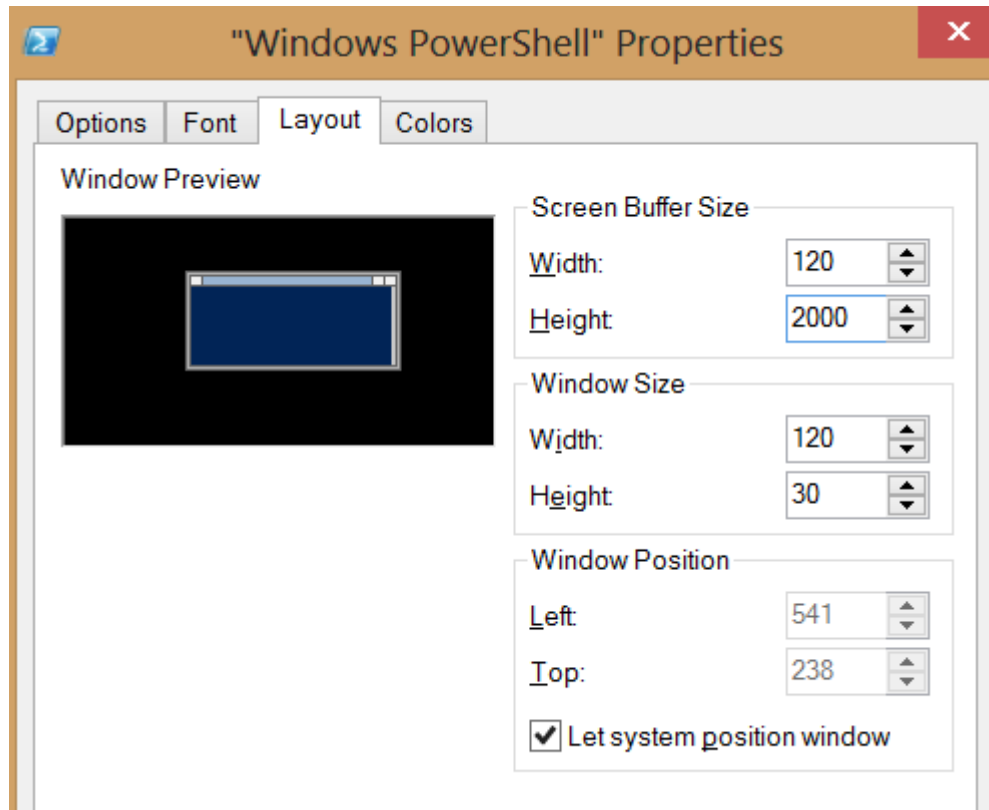
This mode enables you to insert text when typing by overwriting the exiting value.



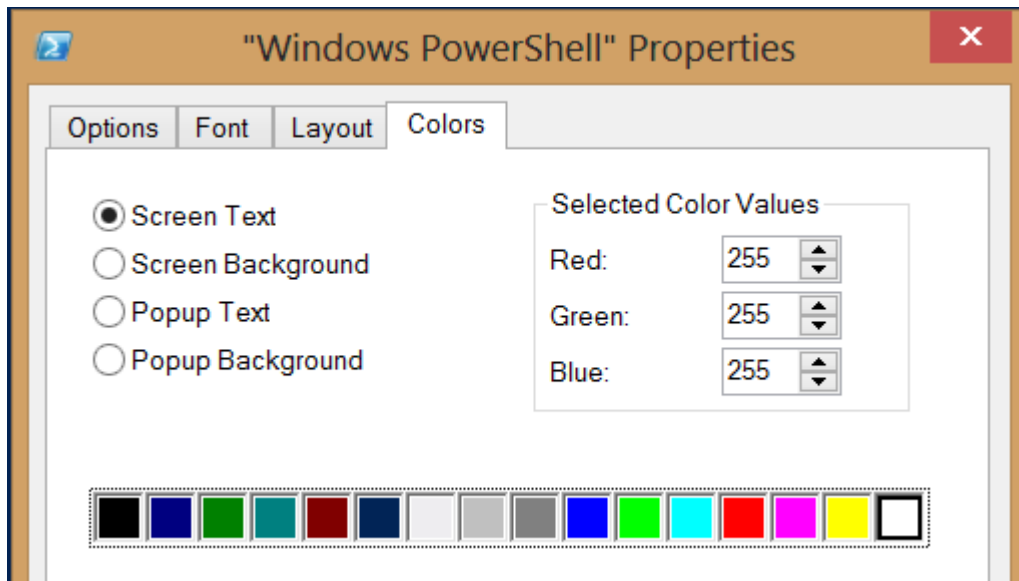
4. Click on **Font** Tab and Set **Size** as 14.



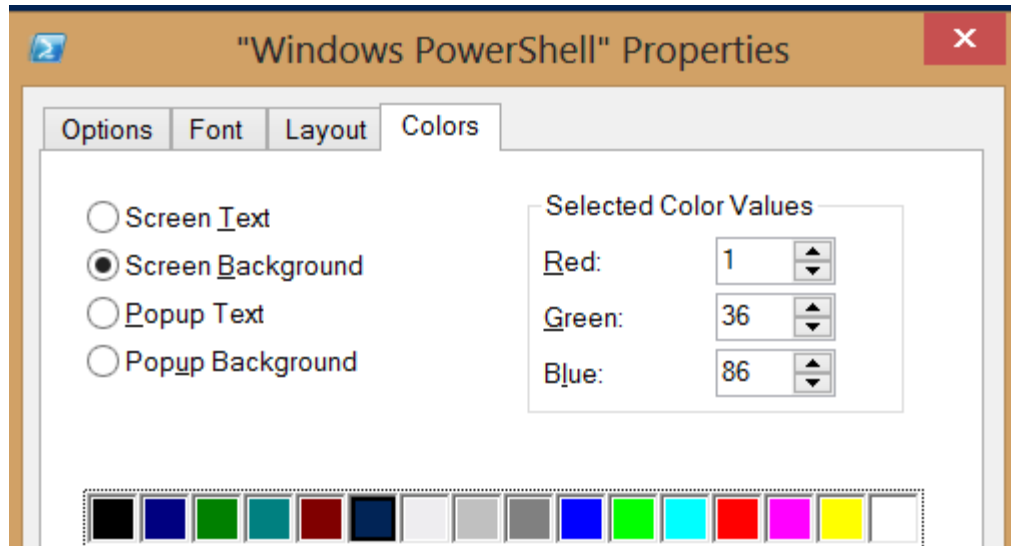
5. Click on **Layout** Tab and Screen Buffer Size Set Height to **3100** and Screen Buffer Size Width to **150**.
 - a. Screen Buffer Size Width will enable you to set number of characters for the buffer.
 - b. Screen Buffer Size Height will allow you to see extended outputs without breaking.



6. Click **Colors** Tab.
 - a. Select Screen Text and Choose White as Color.



- b. Select Screen Background and Choose Dark Blue



7. Click OK.

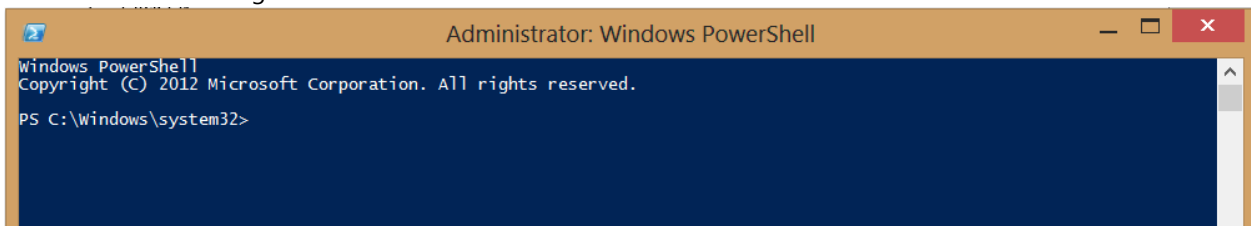
Windows Server 2008

When you're finished making all your changes click OK; that will bring up the following dialog box:



a. Select Modify shortcut that start this window and click OK.

8. Observe the Changes.



For more information please check out <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee156814.aspx>

PowerShell Commands Basics

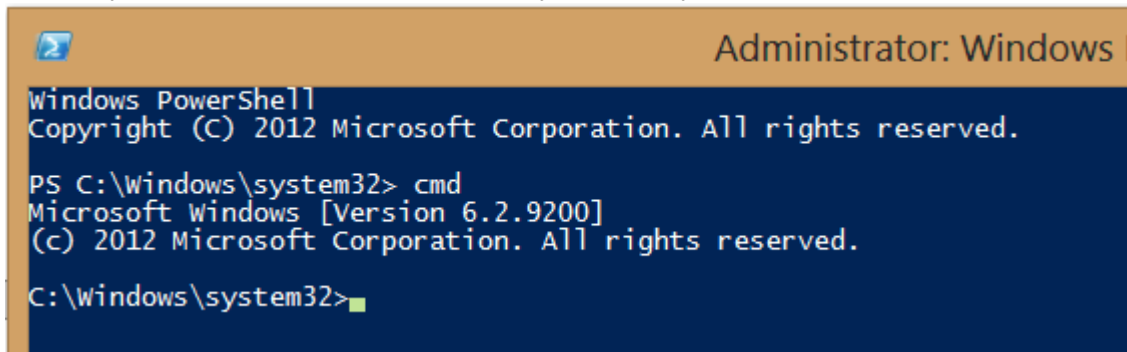
PowerShell Commands are commonly referred as “**cmdLets**” which are based on same concepts as Object, Properties and Methods. Cmdlets are mostly like any other commands that you can write on other command line tools. PowerShell command cannot be executed at any other location but some of the most common commands like cd, cmd, dir, ping, ipconfig are still available in PowerShell. Some of these commands have their PowerShell predecessor command. But some other command might not be available to you in PowerShell window that are normally available in command prompt.

Note: PowerShell commands are typically case-insensitive.

PowerShell and Command Prompt commands

In that case you can still use PowerShell Window to write normal Commands. But you have to Load the **cmd**. Once you are in command line mode you will not be able to write PowerShell cmdLets.

1. Go to your PowerShell Window that is already open and type “cmd” and press Enter

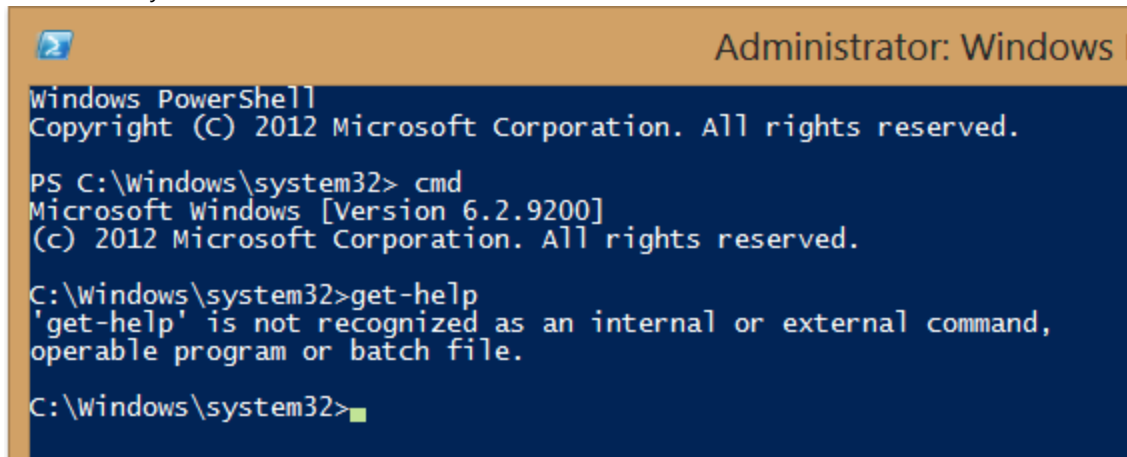


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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Windows\system32> cmd
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.2.9200]
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C:\Windows\system32>
```

2. Now write Get-Help and press enter “You should get an error that this command is not recognized because you are now in command window.”



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Windows\system32> cmd
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.2.9200]
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C:\Windows\system32>get-help
'get-help' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\Windows\system32>
```

3. Now write sc and press Enter and examine the output.

```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Windows\system32> cmd
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.2.9200]
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C:\Windows\system32>sc
DESCRIPTION:
    SC is a command line program used for communicating with the
    Service Control Manager and services.
USAGE:
    sc <server> [command] [service name] <option1> <option2>...

    The option <server> has the form "\\ServerName"
    Further help on commands can be obtained by typing: "sc [command]"
Commands:
    query-----Queries the status for a service, or
                  enumerates the status for types of services.
    queryex-----Queries the extended status for a service, or
                  enumerates the status for types of services.
    start-----Starts a service
  
```

You can see that you are able to write a command in PowerShell. Let's Exit now and try to run this command from PowerShell.

4. Type **cls** and press enter to clear the window contents.
5. Now type **Exit** and press enter key.

```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
C:\Windows\system32>exit
PS C:\Windows\system32>
  
```

6. Now type **sc** and press enter key. This will execute set-content cmdlet which is not the right command.

Note: The cmdlet to stop a service in PowerShell is Stop-Service

```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
C:\Windows\system32>exit
PS C:\Windows\system32> sc

cmdlet Set-Content at command pipeline position 1
Supply values for the following parameters:
Value[0]: █
  
```

7. Now Press **Ctrl + C** to cancel the command.

```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
C:\Windows\system32>exit
PS C:\Windows\system32> sc

cmdlet Set-Content at command pipeline position 1
Supply values for the following parameters:
Value[0]: PS C:\Windows\system32>
  
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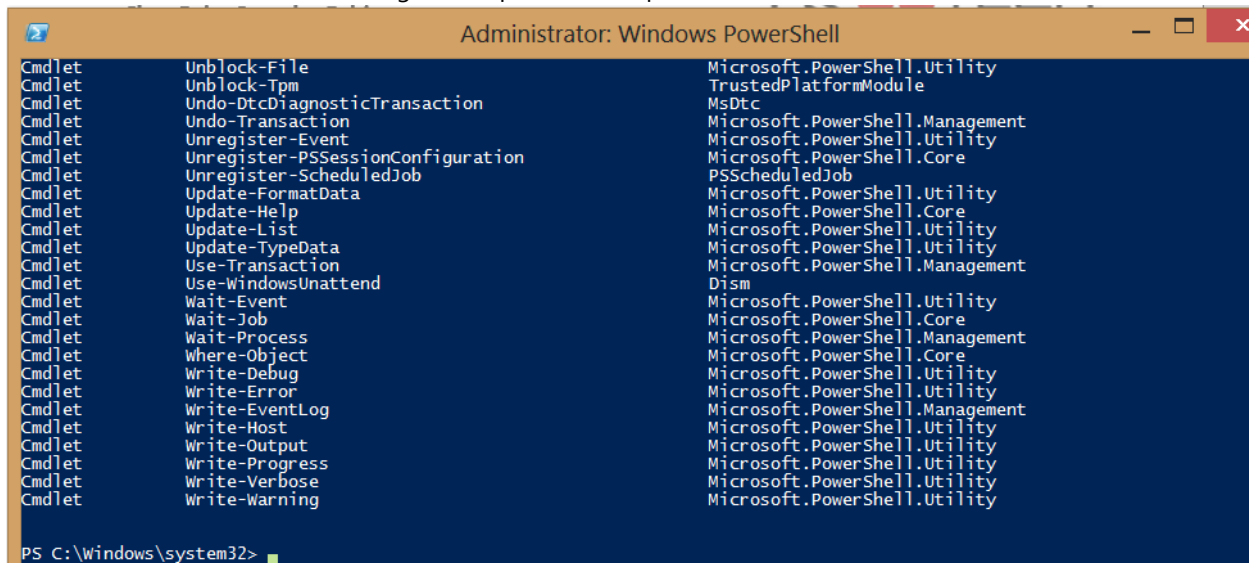
Writing your First cmdLets

Cmdlet support a normalized naming scheme with the VERB-NOUN syntax. These are compiled code that are available to the PowerShell environment. Some of the common Verbs are Get, Set, Delete, Create, New, Remove, Stop, Start, Write, Read. On the other than some verbs are Process, Computer, Event, Job, File, Object, Host etc.

By looking concepts mentioned above it is not difficult to understand the basic concepts of cmdLets. Now if we want to **Get** all the **Commands** that are available in PowerShell so we need to run a cmdlet. The command will be made as **Get** then a **-** or **hyphen** or **dash** and then **Command**. The Actual command will look like **Get-Command**.

Note: cmdLets do not use **spaces** in their names. The parameters and value will be separated by space and of parameter value with space must be between double "C:\Program Files" or single 'C:\Program Files' quotes.

1. Now go to your Windows PowerShell window and type Get-Command and press enter (Wait for command to finish showing the output). Scroll up to view some of the commands.

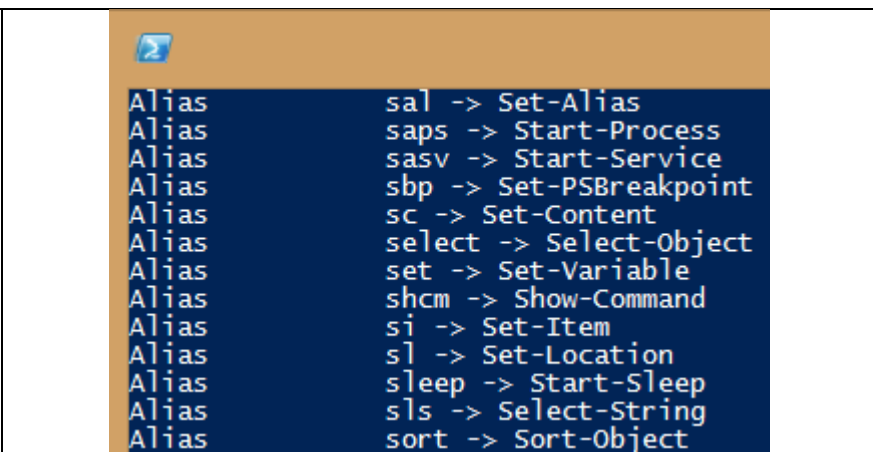


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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Cmdlet          Unblock-File           Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Unblock-Tpm            TrustedPlatformModule
Cmdlet          Undo-DtcDiagnosticTransaction MsDtc
Cmdlet          Undo-Transaction       Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet          Unregister-Event       Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Unregister-PSSessionConfiguration Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet          Unregister-ScheduledJob PSScheduledJob
Cmdlet          Update-FormatData      Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Update-Help            Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet          Update-List            Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Update-TypeData        Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Use-Transaction        Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet          Use-WindowsUnattend    Dism
Cmdlet          Wait-Event             Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Wait-Job               Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet          Wait-Process           Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet          Where-Object           Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet          Write-Debug            Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Write-Error            Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Write-EventLog         Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet          Write-Host             Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Write-Output           Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Write-Progress         Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Write-Verbose          Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet          Write-Warning          Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility

PS C:\windows\system32>
  
```

2. Now try some other commands.

<p>Get-Alias</p> <p>This command will show you the short name for cmdLets that you can use.</p>	 <pre> Administrator: Windows PowerShell Alias sal -> Set-Alias Alias saps -> Start-Process Alias sasv -> Start-Service Alias sbp -> Set-PSBreakpoint Alias sc -> Set-Content Alias select -> Select-Object Alias set -> Set-Variable Alias shcm -> Show-Command Alias si -> Set-Item Alias sl -> Set-Location Alias sleep -> Start-Sleep Alias sls -> Select-String Alias sort -> Sort-Object </pre>
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	<pre> Administrator: Windows PowerShell PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-Help Do you want to run Update-Help? The Update-Help cmdlet downloads the newest Help files for Windows PowerShell computer. For more details, see the help topic at http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/? [Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): Y TOPIC Windows PowerShell Help System SHORT DESCRIPTION Displays help about Windows PowerShell cmdlets and concepts. LONG DESCRIPTION Windows PowerShell Help describes windows PowerShell cmdlets, functions, scripts, and modules, and explains concepts, including the elements of the Windows PowerShell language. Windows PowerShell does not include help files, but you can read the help topics online, or use the Update-Help cmdlet to download help files to your computer and then use the Get-Help cmdlet to display the help topics at the command line. You can also use the Update-Help cmdlet to download updated help files as they are released so that your local help content is never obsolete. Without help files, Get-Help displays auto-generated help for cmdlets, functions, and scripts. </pre>
<p>Get-Process</p> <p>This command will get all the running processes from the computer.</p>	<pre> PS C:\> Get-Process Handles NPM(K) PM(K) WS(K) VM(M) CPU(s) Id ProcessName ----- 76 7 1184 1476 45 0.02 2624 armsvc 383 14 11440 14836 80 391.80 57660 audiodg 95 9 1420 2696 30 0.09 7012 AVControlCenter32 2822 164 453552 106060 1043 3,372.34 2672 avp 1199 68 40324 6116 221 3.26 41376 avp 54 10 1204 1388 34 0.00 1472 BTHSAmpPalService 220 26 2380 2280 48 0.06 5696 BTHSSecurityMgr 290 11 2244 4088 57 0.80 8608 CamMute 182 16 11664 20076 145 0.25 32248 Color Calibrator Tray 97 10 2520 10320 99 9.30 4880 conhost 34 6 848 3344 51 0.02 28724 conhost 67 6 1096 1332 45 0.02 2728 CrmSqlStartupSvc 534 17 3084 3192 60 7.53 840 csrss 542 32 2676 94004 207 50.51 24600 csrss 487 19 7388 13108 86 7.78 2368 dasHost 106 8 1820 6772 54 0.08 6496 dllhost 589 52 29236 66560 513 502.32 11248 dwm 38 5 780 980 17 0.11 2760 DZSVC64 2283 166 158388 176016 920 149.09 6012 explorer 69 8 1444 5028 78 0.06 11584 extapsup 415 37 10944 24644 163 14.07 52844 Flashget 152 13 3512 9244 112 9.64 26632 FlashUtil_ActiveX 30 7 1088 4040 51 2.43 29768 FMAPP 100 8 1376 1520 58 0.02 2868 HeciServer 94 9 1604 5852 77 0.23 51616 hkcmd 367 30 47140 34500 286 3,314.23 5796 IASTorDataMgrSvc </pre>

Passing Parameters and values to cmdLets

You can passing parameters and value to cmdLets. Parameters names must be specified with - (Dash or hyphen) and proceeded by value of the parameter. The value of the parameter can be any data type like string, number or Boolean (\$true or \$false).

Let's try some commands.

Switch to your PowerShell Window and type cls and press enter.

<p>Get-Command -Name Get-Process</p>	<pre> Administrator: Windows PowerShell PS C:\> Get-Command -Name Get-Process CommandType Name ModuleName ----- Cmdlet Get-Process Microsoft.PowerShell.Management </pre>
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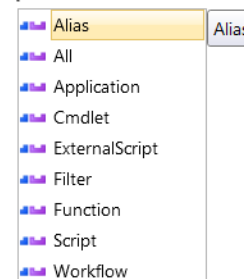
<p>Get-Command –Verb Test</p> <p>also try</p> <p>Get-Command –Verb Add</p> <p>Get-Command –Verb Get</p> <p>Get-Command –Verb Set</p> <p>Get-Command –Verb Stop</p>	<pre>PS C:\> Get-Command -Verb Test CommandType Name ModuleName ----- Function Test-Dtc MsDtc Cmdlet Test-AppLockerPolicy AppLocker Cmdlet Test-Certificate PKI Cmdlet Test-ComputerSecureChannel Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Test-Connection Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Test-KdsRootKey Kds Cmdlet Test-ModuleManifest Microsoft.PowerShell.Core Cmdlet Test-Path Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Test-PSSessionConfigurationFile Microsoft.PowerShell.Core Cmdlet Test-VHD Hyper-V Cmdlet Test-VMReplicationConnection Hyper-V Cmdlet Test-WSMan Microsoft.WSMan.Management</pre>
<p>Get-Command –Noun Computer</p> <p>Also try</p> <p>Get-Command –Noun Path</p> <p>Get-Command –Noun Certificate</p> <p>Get-Command –Noun Cert*</p>	<pre>PS C:\> Get-Command -Noun Computer CommandType Name ModuleName ----- Cmdlet Add-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Checkpoint-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Remove-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Rename-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Restart-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Restore-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management Cmdlet Stop-Computer Microsoft.PowerShell.Management</pre>
<p>Get-Help Add-Computer</p>	<pre>PS C:\> Get-Help Add-Computer NAME ---- Add-Computer SYNOPSIS Add the local computer to a domain or workgroup. SYNTAX Add-Computer [-DomainName] <String> [-ComputerName <String[]>] [-Force <SwitchParameter>] [-LocalCredential <PSCredential>] [-NewName <String>] [-Options <JoinOptions>] [-OUPath <String>] [-PassThru <SwitchParameter>] [-Restart <SwitchParameter>] [-Server <String>] [-InjoinDomainCredential <PSCredential>] [-Unsecure <SwitchParameter>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [-Confirm <SwitchParameter>] [-WhatIf <SwitchParameter>] [-CommonParameters] Add-Computer [-WorkGroupName] <String> [-ComputerName <String[]>] [-Credential <PSCredential>] [-Force <SwitchParameter>] [-LocalCredential <PSCredential>] [-NewName <String>] [-PassThru <SwitchParameter>] [-Restart <SwitchParameter>] [-Confirm <SwitchParameter>] [-WhatIf <SwitchParameter>] [-CommonParameters]</pre> <p>DESCRIPTION</p> <p>The Add-Computer cmdlet adds the local computer or remote computers to a domain or workgroup, or moves them from one domain to another. It also creates a domain account if the computer is added to the domain without an account.</p>
<p>Get-Help Add-Computer –examples</p> <p>Also Try the following command for help</p> <p>Get-Help Add-Computer –Detailed</p> <p>Get-Help Add-Computer –Full</p> <p>Observe the output of the command.</p> <p>To read about Get-Help Command you can say Get-Help Get-Help ☺</p> <p>Or type help Get-Help</p>	<pre>PS C:\> Get-Help Add-Computer -examples NAME ---- Add-Computer SYNOPSIS Add the local computer to a domain or workgroup. ----- EXAMPLE 1 ----- PS C:\> Add-Computer -DomainName Domain01 -Restart This command adds the local computer to the Domain01 domain and then restarts effective. ----- EXAMPLE 2 ----- PS C:\> Add-Computer -WorkGroupName WORKGROUP-A This command adds the local computer to the workgroup-A workgroup.</pre>
<p>Set-Location c:\Demo</p>	<pre>PS C:\> Set-Location 'c:\program files' PS C:\program files></pre>

Note: PowerShell 3.0 provided lot more new cmdlets that might be difficult to find so new parameters are added to Get-Command to find cmdLets faster.

Get-Command –CommandType Cmdlet
Get-Command –CommandType Functions

Use Help Get-Command to find more information.

Get-Command –CommandType |





Tab Completion

If you have used Visual Studio to write any code in your life you must be aware of this feature that allows you to auto complete a class or object name without typing its full time. The feature is available in PowerShell. Tab completion also completes parameters for you.

All you have to do is to type of the first few characters that match your cmdlet and press tab key. E.g. if you are trying to run Get-Command then you can Get-Comm and press tab. If you type Get-com so first the buffer will show you first command that match this text and on next tab it will show you next one and it will loop back to first one. Tab completion can also show you all the parameters of cmdlet once the cmdlet name is typed completely.

Note: There are some long and matching cmdlets in PowerShell so tab completion might require more characters in typing e.g. Get-SPEnterpriseSearchServiceAppliationProxy
Let's try it in PowerShell.

Switch to Windows PowerShell and Clear your screen using cls (Please don't run any command just use Tab Completion and then press ESC key to clear the line)

1. Now type **Get-Comm** and press **TAB** key
2. Now Type Get-H and press TAB key
3. Now type Get-Co and press TAB Key and keep pressing tab to see all command matching this name

Let's try the parameters

1. Type Get-Comm and press TAB key then after space type -n and press TAB key
2. Type Get-Proc and press TAB then after space type -i and press TAB key.
3. Type Get-Proc and press TAB Key and then after space type -pro and then press TAB key.

Make sure you do some practice of Tab Completion and make it a habit as it is vital for fast PowerShell Script Writing.

Using Variables in PowerShell

Variables are used to save output of PowerShell. You can define variables to store different kind of data, including string, integer, datetime. Variables can be define using New-Variable cmdlet. But using the cmdlet is not required. You can define the variables directly without specifying the type of the variable. PowerShell will automatically set the type based on the assigned value.

Create a new Variable CustomID that will store an Integer	New-Variable -Name CustomerID -Value 10
Get the Variable by Name	Get-Variable -Name CustomerID or Get-Variable CustomerID
Get all variables including system variables	Get-Variable
Set Variable Value to new Value	Set-Variable -Name CustomerID -Value 20
Clear the value of the variable	Clear-Variable -Name CustomerID
Delete the variable	Remove-Variable -Name CustomerID

You can create common variables directly without using New-Variable cmdlet.



[System.Int16]\$ID=1	[int]\$EmployeeID=10
[System.String]\$FirstName="Tom"	[string]\$LastName="Jerry"
[System.DateTime]\$Today = Get-Date	[datetime]\$Tomorrow = Get-Date

Common Shortcuts

Shortcut	Data Type
[datetime]	Date or time
[string]	String of characters
[char]	Single character
[double]	Double-precision floating number
[single]	Single-precision floating number
[int]	32-bit integer
[wmi]	Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) instance or collection
[adsis]	Active Directory Services object
[wmiClass]	WMI class
[Boolean]	True or False value

To get the value of the variable you just need to type the name of the variable.

\$ID

As every variable is a .NET type you can get the type of the variable by using GetType() method. This will show you the type and details of the object.

\$ID.GetType()

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig> $ID.GetType()
IsPublic IsSerial Name                                     BaseType
-----
True     True     Int16                                           System.ValueType
```

As you can see that type of ID is Int16. You cannot set a string value to integer.

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig> $ID = "Trying to Set String to Integer"
Cannot convert value "Trying to Set String to Integer" to type "System.Int16". Error: "Input string was not in a correct format."
At line:1 char:1
+ $ID = "Trying to Set String to Integer"
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : MetadataError: (:) [], ArgumentTransformationMetadataException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : RuntimeException
```

On the other hand you can set a string value to integer. PowerShell will allow you to change the value will not change the type.

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $FirstNam
Tom
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $FirstNam.GetType()

IsPublic IsSerial Name                                     BaseType
-----
True     True     String                                     System.Object

PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $FirstNam = 10
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $FirstNam.GetType()

IsPublic IsSerial Name                                     BaseType
-----
True     True     String                                     System.Object
```

You can write string variables on PowerShell Window directly or using Write-Host command. To print simple text on the screen you can type the string text in double or single quote.

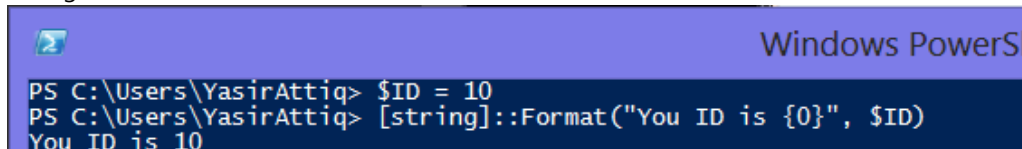
Type the following in PowerShell Window
"Please enter your name"

To type long string with spaces and carriage returns you must put @ sign around the string.

```
$LongString= '@'
    This is a string
    This is another line'@
```

You can also using string.format for concatenation of strings.

```
$ID = 10
[string]::Format("You ID is {0}", $ID)
```

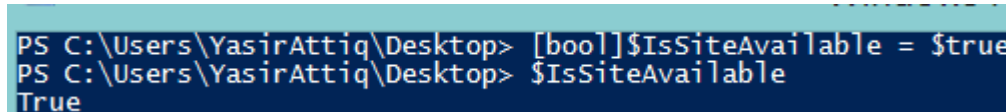


```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $ID = 10
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> [string]::Format("You ID is {0}", $ID)
You ID is 10
```

Boolean Variables

Boolean values can be used in PowerShell but the value of Boolean can be represented by \$true and \$false

```
[bool]$IsSiteAvailable = $true
```



```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> [bool]$IsSiteAvailable = $true
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> $IsSiteAvailable
True
```

The output of Boolean will be in form of True and False.

Escape Sequences

If you want to format your string using escape sequences you can use the following symbols in your strings.

Symbol	Output
'b	Backspace
'n	New Line
'r	Carriage Return



""	The value will have double quote in string
't'	Tab

String Comparison

Script	Output
"UnitedStates" -like "Uni*"	True (Include Uni and everything after that)
"UnitedStates" -like "?ni*"	True (Does not know first character then uni and everything)

Using Arrays

You can also use Arrays in PowerShell. There are defined in same ways as you define them in C#.

Note: Arrays Start with 0 (Zero)

```
$Array = "Jerry", "Yasir"
```

```
$Array[0]
```

```
$Array[1]
```

```

PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Array = "Jerry", "Yasir"
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Array[0]
Jerry
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Array[1]
Yasir
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Array.GetType()

IsPublic IsSerial Name                                     BaseType
-----
True     True     Object[]                                           System.Array

```

You can also Set Array values using Index e.g. `$Array[0] = "Jersey"`

You can also create Arrays with numeric ranges (using double dots).

```
$RangeArray = 1..5
```

```

PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $RangeArray = 1..5
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $RangeArray
1
2
3
4
5

```

You can also search from Arrays which will return true and false if the item exist in array.

```
$Array -contains "Jerry"
```

```

PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Array -contains "Jerry"
True

```

Note: PowerShell is support Hashtables which are Unordered by default. In PowerShell 3.0 you can also define a Hashtables as Ordered.

#Un-ordered Hashtable	Name	Value
<code>cls</code>	----	-----
<code>\$hashtable = @{x=1; y=2; z=3}</code>		
<code>\$hashtable</code>	y	2
	z	3
	x	1



#Ordered Hashtable cls \$hashtable = [ordered]@{x=1; y=2;z=3} \$hashtable	Name ---- x y z	Value ---- 1 2 3
---	-----------------------------	------------------------------

Comparing Variables

PowerShell allow you to use comparison operators to compare two variables. Most programming languages using =, <>, > or < symbols but PowerShell uses different format. You can use the following symbols.

-eq	-ne	-gt
-ge	-lt	-le
-Like	-NotLike	-Match
-NotMatch	-Contains	-NotContains
-In	-NotIn	-Replace

The comparison return true or false or even objects.

\$A = 20

\$B = 40

\$A -gt \$B	False \$A is not greater than \$B
\$A -eq \$B	False Both are not equal
\$A -lt \$B	True A is less then B

String Comparisons

\$Name = "Tom Franklin"

\$Name -like "Tom*"	True Tom is part of string
---------------------	-------------------------------

You can try some other operators by yourself. Practice is key.

Using Objects as Variable

As we have spent good amount of time with basic variables lets learn about Variables that will hold objects instead of values.

Run the following cmdlet.

Clear-Host

Get-Process

Get-Process will give you list of all the processes running on the system.

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> Get-Process
```

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
75	7	1152	4056	45		2532	armsvc
382	13	9892	13288	75	14.38	7404	audiodg
2323	155	296096	74080	719		2588	avp
1194	67	40956	5740	215	2.92	6676	avp
54	10	1172	4076	34		3564	BTHSAmpPalService
221	25	2340	7092	48		1764	BTHSSecurityMgr
184	16	11628	20056	145	0.34	6300	Color Calibrator Tray
48	7	1668	5792	59	2.01	7480	conhost
33	6	852	3368	51	0.02	7740	conhost
69	6	1036	3724	45		2652	CrmsqlStartupSvc
506	16	2036	4380	54		844	csrss
515	32	2760	90996	280		964	csrss
492	20	6380	14816	84		4076	dasHost
108	8	1800	6668	54		4432	dllhost
297	33	27288	37812	348		1300	dwm

Let's use a variable to hold the output
`$Processes = Get-Process`

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Processes = Get-Process
```

Now type the variable to see the output.

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Processes
```

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
75	7	1152	4056	45		2532	armsvc
382	13	9892	13288	75	14.38	7404	audiodg
2294	151	296588	76120	720		2588	avp
1192	67	40956	6192	215	2.92	6676	avp
54	10	1172	4076	34		3564	BTHSAmpPalService
221	25	2340	7092	48		1764	BTHSSecurityMgr
184	16	11628	20056	145	0.34	6300	Color Calibrator Tray
48	7	1648	5808	59	2.11	7480	conhost

Let's get a single process from these processes.

Open Notepad from your computer.

`$NotePad = Get-Process notepad`

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $NotePad = Get-Process notepad
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $NotePad
```

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
77	9	1660	6264	93	0.08	9788	notepad

Combining Multiple cmdlets using Pipe | Sign

Pipe sign is used to pass output of first command as an input to next command. Here are some examples

`Get-Process | Out-File d:\proceses.txt` #this command will write the information of processes in text file

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> Get-Process | Out-File d:\proceses.txt
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq>
```

Because the output is written to a text file nothing will show up on powershell.

```
processes.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Handles NPM(K) PM(K) WS(K) VM(M) CPU(s) Id ProcessName
-----
75 7 1152 4056 45 2532 armsvc
382 13 9892 13288 75 14.38 7404 audiodg
2279 148 293272 33748 721 2588 avp
1194 67 40956 8096 215 2.95 6676 avp
54 10 1172 4076 34 3564 BTHSAmpPalService
```

Now you can see that Get-Process command returns all the properties of the object. If you want to get only limited columns you have to use **Select**.

Passing objects in Pipe

You can pass the object to next cmdlet using Pipe sign. E.g. in the example below I will exit or kill the notepad process.

#Start Notepad from your computer.

```
$NotePad = Get-Process notepad
```

```
$NotePad | Stop-Process
```

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig> $NotePad | Stop-Process
```

PowerShell will not show an output.

Using Select

To use select cmdlet you must your first cmdlet or variable on the left and after pipe sign you will add Select and the columns you need separated by comma.

#Type the following cmdlet on PowerShell Window

```
cls
```

```
Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles
```

```
windows POWERSHELL
> Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles
Id ProcessName Handles
---
2532 armsvc 75
7404 audiodg 382
2588 avp 2329
6676 avp 1191
3564 BTHSAmpPalService 54
1764 BTHSSecurityMgr 221
6300 Color Calibrator Tray 184
7480 conhost 48
7740 conhost 33
2652 ComSelStartupSvc 60
```

Using Sort

To Sort the output you have to use Sort cmdlet with another pipe sign. You can any properties of the object.



#Type the following cmdlet on PowerShell Window

cls

Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName

```

ps | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName

    Id ProcessName                                     Handles
    -- -
    2532 armsvc                                           75
    7404 audiodg                                         382
    6676 avp                                             1191
    2588 avp                                             2359
    3564 BTHSAmpPalService                               54
    1764 BTHSSecurityMgr                                221
    6300 Color Calibrator Tray                          184
    7740 conhost                                         33
    7480 conhost                                         48
    2652 CrmSqlStartupSvc                               69
    964 csrss                                           526
    844 csrss                                           510
    4076 dasHost                                         492
    4432 dllhost                                         108
  
```

You can also use Sort-Object property

Formatting the output

You can format the output of the command using the following way.

Format-List

cls

Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName | Format-List

```

PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName | Format-List

Id          : 2532
ProcessName : armsvc
Handles    : 75

Id          : 7404
ProcessName : audiodg
Handles    : 382

Id          : 6676
ProcessName : avp
Handles    : 1194
  
```

Format-Table (Default)

cls

Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName | Format-Table

```

iq> Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName | Format-Table

    Id ProcessName                                     Handles
    -- -
    2532 armsvc                                           75
    7404 audiodg                                         382
    6676 avp                                             1194
    2588 avp                                             2337
    3564 BTHSAmpPalService                               54
    1764 BTHSSecurityMgr                                221
  
```

Out-GridView (Provides you a Windows Dialog to sort and filter cmdlets)

Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName | Out-GridView

Get-Process | Select Id, ProcessName, Handles | sort ProcessName | Out-GridView

Id	ProcessName	Handles
2,532	armsvc	75
7,404	audiodg	382
6,676	avp	1,197
2,588	avp	2,354
3,564	BTHSAmpPalService	54
1,764	BTHSSecurityMgr	221
6,300	Color Calibrator Tray	184
7,740	conhost	33
7,480	conhost	48
2,652	CrmSqlStartupSvc	69
964	csrss	513

Filtering Objects

You can also Filter objects in PowerShell using multiple ways. Here is a simple example to start with

1,2,3,4 | Where-Object {\$_ -lt 3} #This will return you 1 and 2

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> 1,2,3,4 | Where-Object {$_ -lt 3}
1
2
```

Get All the process where name has svc in start

Get-Process | Where-Object {\$_.ProcessName -like "svc*"}

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> Get-Process | Where-Object {$_.ProcessName -like "svc*"}
```

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
451	17	5236	11312	47		1044	svchost
603	17	6420	10476	51		1184	svchost
874	34	25052	34340	136		1244	svchost
2012	91	33896	47892	373		1284	svchost
810	44	13264	26688	111		1348	svchost
1015	46	14784	31172	121		1436	svchost
913	51	17616	21240	1402		1956	svchost
524	31	6032	13644	62		2308	svchost
598	42	25208	31180	146		2416	svchost
95	8	1676	4440	22		3028	svchost
143	11	2340	7492	47		3128	svchost
111	8	19972	9496	39		3148	svchost
398	30	8880	13296	831		4408	svchost

You can also use Where instead of Where-object.

Get-Process | Where {\$_.ProcessName -like "svc*"}



```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig> Get-Process | Where {$_.ProcessName -like "svc*"}
Handles      NPM(K)      PM(K)      WS(K) VM(M)      CPU(s)      Id ProcessName
-----
446          16          5124       11256   46         1044        svchost
607          17          6420       10476   51         1184        svchost
867          32          24948      34304   135        1244        svchost
2007         91          33844      47860   373        1284        svchost
810          44          13264      26672   111        1348        svchost
1015         46          14784      31172   121        1436        svchost
910          51          17620      21416   1401       1956        svchost
526          32          6188       13692   64         2308        svchost
599          42          25208      31196   146        2416        svchost
95           8           1676       4440    22         3028        svchost
143          11          2340       7492    47         3128        svchost
111          8           19972      9496    39         3148        svchost
393          30          8816       13260   831        4408        svchost
```

Get-ChildItem is same as dir in DOS.

Get-ChildItem | Where-Object {\$_.length -gt 10000}

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop> Get-ChildItem | Where-Object {$_.length -gt 10000}

Directory: C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a---             3/27/2013 10:00 PM       772672 adfs2-how-to-setup-lab-environment-for-federated-collabora
-a---             4/18/2013  8:23 PM         88073 AutoSPInstaller.zip
-a---             3/28/2013 10:28 PM      5482524 Drive License Manual.pdf
-a---             5/6/2013  8:51 PM         43929 I'mSpeakingDC2013.png
-a---             4/12/2013 3:23 PM         59492 microsoft_mvp_logo2-191x300.png
-a---             4/2/2013  9:05 PM         1487871 NetExtender6.zip
```

You can also use –and –or –not inside the FilterExpression

Get-ChildItem | Where-Object {\$_.length -gt 10000 -and \$_.name -like "*SharePoint*"}

```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop> Get-ChildItem | Where-Object {$_.length -gt 10000 -and $_.name -like "*SharePoint*"}
```

```
Directory: C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a---             4/12/2013  5:40 PM       207076 why Upgrading to SharePoint 2013.docx
-a---             5/8/2013 11:59 AM       101217 Yasir_Attig - SharePoint MVP_US Tech Solutions.docx
```

You can pass KB, or MB or GB in length.

Note: Not all of the properties will be exposed when you print the object. To get information about the object's properties and method you can use Get-Member. Some properties might not be simple to present as they represent a collection.

Get-Member

object | Get-Member

object | Get-Member –MemberType Methods

object | Get-Member –MemberType Properties

#Example (Please start Notepad)



\$Notepad = Get-Process notepad

\$NotePad | Get-Member -MemberType Properties

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> $NotePad | Get-Member -MemberType Properties

TypeName: System.Diagnostics.Process

Name                MemberType          Definition
-----
Handles             AliasProperty      Handles = Handlecount
Name                AliasProperty      Name = ProcessName
NPM                 AliasProperty      NPM = NonpagedSystemMemorySize
PM                  AliasProperty      PM = PagedMemorySize
VM                  AliasProperty      VM = VirtualMemorySize
WS                  AliasProperty      WS = WorkingSet
__NounName          NoteProperty       System.String __NounName=Process
BasePriority         Property            int BasePriority {get;}
Container           Property            System.ComponentModel.IContainer Container {get;}
EnableRaisingEvents Property            bool EnableRaisingEvents {get;set;}
ExitCode            Property            int ExitCode {get;}
ExitTime            Property            datetime ExitTime {get;}
Handle              Property            System.IntPtr Handle {get;}
HandleCount         Property            int HandleCount {get;}
```

\$NotePad | Get-Member -MemberType Method

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> $NotePad | Get-Member -MemberType Method

TypeName: System.Diagnostics.Process

Name                MemberType          Definition
-----
BeginErrorReadLine Method              void BeginErrorReadLine()
BeginOutputReadLine Method              void BeginOutputReadLine()
CancelErrorRead     Method              void CancelErrorRead()
CancelOutputRead    Method              void CancelOutputRead()
Close                Method              void Close()
CloseMainWindow     Method              bool CloseMainWindow()
CreateObjRef        Method              System.Runtime.Remoting.ObjRef CreateObjRef(type requestedType)
Dispose             Method              void Dispose(), void IDisposable.Dispose()
Equals              Method              bool Equals(System.Object obj)
GetHashCode         Method              int GetHashCode()
GetLifetimeService  Method              System.Object GetLifetimeService()
GetType             Method              type GetType()
InitializeLifetimeService Method              System.Object InitializeLifetimeService()
Kill                Method              void Kill()
Refresh             Method              void Refresh()
Start               Method              bool Start()
ToString            Method              string ToString()
WaitForExit         Method              bool WaitForExit(int milliseconds), void WaitForExit()
WaitForInputIdle   Method              bool WaitForInputIdle(int milliseconds), bool WaitForInputIdle()
```

Interacting with PowerShell

To Read and write on PowerShell we have the following important cmdlets.

Write-Host is used to write output to the powershell window. You can also show variables.

#Example

\$Name = "I am PowerShell"

Write-Host "This is some Text " \$Name

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> $Name = "I am PowerShell"
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> Write-Host "This is some Text " $Name
This is some Text I am PowerShell
```

Read-Host is used to get some value from the window.

\$Name = Read-Host "Please Enter Your Name"

\$Name

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> $Name = Read-Host "Please Enter Your Name"
Please Enter Your Name: Jerry Yasir
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq\Desktop> $Name
Jerry Yasir
```

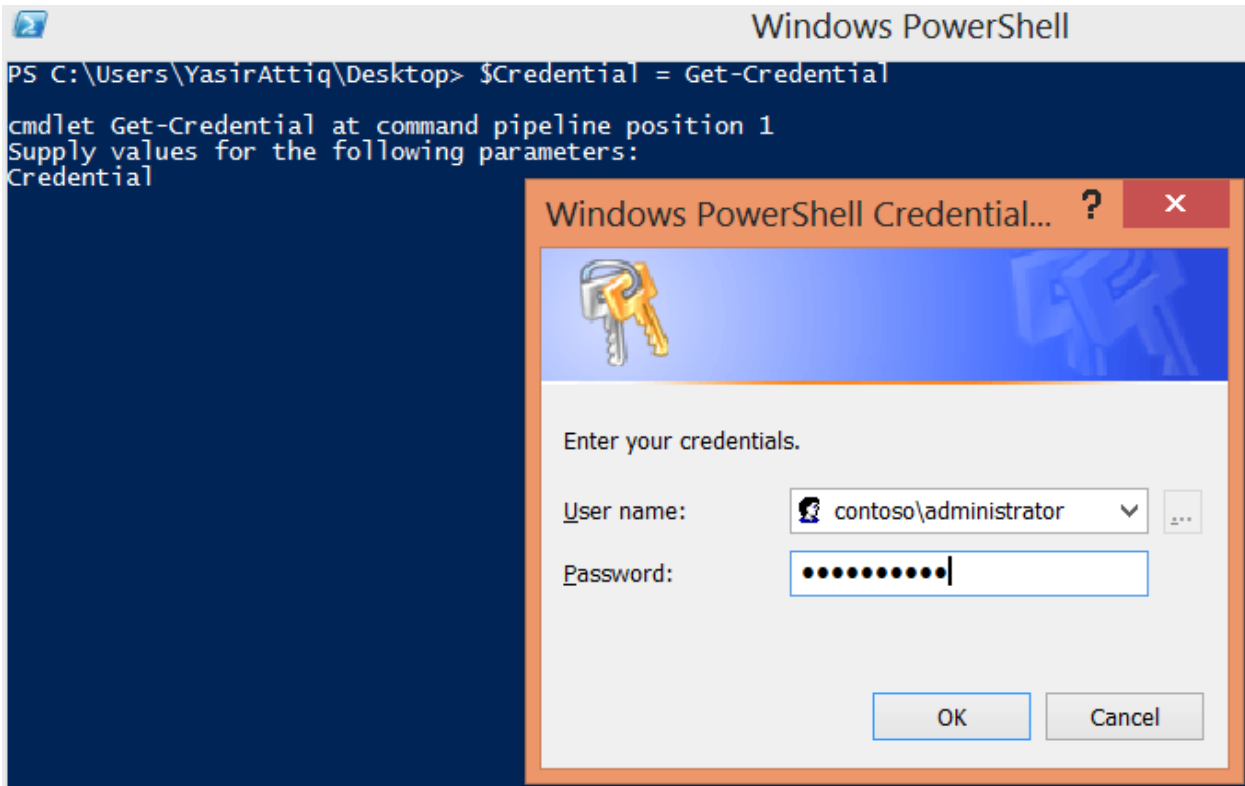
Getting Secure Information like Passwords AsSecureString (You cannot print these values). The value you will type will be shown as *****.

\$Password = Read-Host "Please Enter your password." -AsSecureString

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop> $Password = Read-Host "Please Enter your password. " -AsSecureString
Please Enter your password. : *****
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop> $Password
System.Security.SecureString
```

Get-Credential is used to get credentials using Windows User Name and password Dialog.

\$Credential = Get-Credential



\$Credential

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop> $Credential = Get-Credential
cmdlet Get-Credential at command pipeline position 1
Supply values for the following parameters:
Credential
PS C:\Users\YasirAttig\Desktop> $Credential

UserName                                     Password
-----
contoso\administrator                        System.Security.SecureString
```

Loops

PowerShell support 5 type of Loops.

- **do while** - Script block executes as long as condition value = True.
- **while** - Same as "do while"
- **do until** - Script block executes until the condition value = True.
- **for** - Script block executes a specified number of times.
- **foreach** - Executes script block for each item in a collection or array.

Note: The code between { (Curly Brackets) is called a Script Block.

<pre>#Examples - Do While \$i = 1 do { Write-Host \$i \$i++ } while (\$i -le 5)</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> \$i = 1 PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> do { >> Write-Host \$i >> \$i++ >> } >> while (\$i -le 5) >> 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
<pre>#Examples - While \$i = 1 while (\$i -le 5) { Write-Host \$i \$i++ }</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> \$i = 1 PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> while (\$i -le 5) >> { >> Write-Host \$i >> \$i++ >> } >> 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
<pre>#Examples - Do Until \$i = 1 do { Write-Host \$i; \$i++ } until (\$i -gt 5)</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> \$i = 1 PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> do { >> Write-Host \$i; >> \$i++ >> } >> until (\$i -gt 5) >> 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
<pre>#Example Loop for (\$i=1; \$i -le 5; \$i++) { Write-Host \$i }</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> for (\$i=1; \$i -le 5; \$i++) >> { >> Write-Host \$i >> } >> 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
<pre>#Example Loop with Array \$ints = @(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) for (\$i=0; \$i -le \$ints.Length - 1; \$i++) { Write-Host \$ints[\$i] }</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> \$ints = @(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> for (\$i=0; \$i -le \$ints.Length - 1; \$i++) >> { >> Write-Host \$ints[\$i] >> } >> 1 2 3 4 5</pre>

<pre>#Example For Loop \$ints = @(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) foreach (\$i in \$ints) { Write-Host \$i }</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> \$ints = @(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> foreach (\$i in \$ints) >> { >> Write-Host \$i >> } >> >> 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
---	---

>> will show you line break. You need to press one more enter to execute after last line.

Variable Scope

You can define variables inside and outside the script block just like any other programming language.

#Example

```
$Var = 10
```

```
& {$Var = 15; Write-Host "Local Variable $Var"}
```

```
Write-Host "Global Var $Var"
```

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Var = 10
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> & { $Var = 15; Write-Host "Local Variable $Var"} Write-Host "Global Var $Var"
Local Variable 15
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> Write-Host "Global Var $Var"
Global Var 10
```

Writing Functions

You can also write functions in PowerShell if you have some code to execute multiple time. You can take parameters.

<pre>#Example Function function HelloWorld() { clear-host write-host "Hello world is being called" } #Calling the Function HelloWorld</pre>	<pre>Hello world is being called PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq></pre>
<pre>#Example Function with Parameter function SayYourName(\$YouName) { clear-host Write-Host "Your Name is " \$YouName } SayYourName "Tommy Jonaa"</pre>	<pre>Your Name is Tommy Jonaa PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq></pre>

Handling Errors in PowerShell

PowerShell provides powerful way for handling errors in scripts. If you have used .NET to catch errors in try catch block. PowerShell has "Trap" which allows you to catch errors. You can trap errors just like you can trap exceptions. You can use .NET Exception inside Trap to catch a specific error like System.DivideByZeroException etc.



<pre>#Example of Basic Method with Paramter function Divide(\$FirstValue, \$SecondValue) { clear-host \$ThirdValue = \$FirstValue / \$SecondValue Write-Host "Result is" \$ThirdValue } # Calling the Method Divide 20 10</pre>	<pre>Result is 2 PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq></pre>
<pre>#Example with Continue on error of Script Result function Divide(\$FirstValue, \$SecondValue) { clear-host \$ThirdValue = \$FirstValue / \$SecondValue Write-Host "Result is" \$ThirdValue trap { Write-Host "Can not divide by zero" Write-Host \$_.ErrorID Write-Host \$_.Exception.Message continue; } } # Calling the Method Divide 20 0</pre>	<pre>Can not divide by Zero Attempted to divide by zero. Result is PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq></pre>
<pre>#Example with Breaking of Script Result function Divide(\$FirstValue, \$SecondValue) { clear-host \$ThirdValue = \$FirstValue / \$SecondValue Write-Host "Result is" \$ThirdValue trap { Write-Host "Can not divide by zero" Write-Host \$_.ErrorID Write-Host \$_.Exception.Message break } } # Calling the Method Divide 20 0</pre>	<pre>Can not divide by Zero Attempted to divide by zero. Attempted to divide by zero. At line:11 char:5 + \$ThirdValue = \$FirstValue / \$SecondValue + ~~~~~ + CategoryInfo : NotSpecified: (:) [], Par + FullyQualifiedErrorId : RuntimeException</pre>

PowerShell 3.0 Integrated Scripting Environment (PowerShell ISE)

Before we jump into some advanced topic like writing loops and script blocks lets learn about the script writing environment of PowerShell which is called PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment.

PowerShell ISE is the script editing environment for PowerShell. According to TechNet article "The Windows PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE) is a host application for Windows PowerShell. In Windows PowerShell ISE, you can run commands and write, test, and debug scripts in a single Windows-based graphic user interface with multiline editing, tab completion, syntax coloring, selective execution, context-sensitive help, and support for right-to-left languages. You can use menu items and keyboard shortcuts to perform many of the same tasks that you would perform in the Windows PowerShell console."

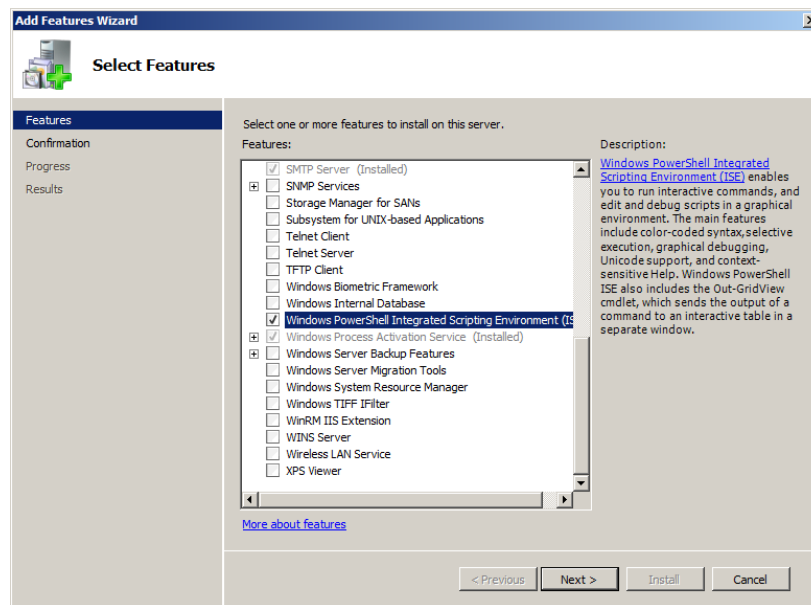
Try these features in Windows PowerShell ISE.

- Multiline editing: To insert a blank line under the current line in the Command pane, press SHIFT+ENTER.
- Selective execution: To run part of a script, select the text you want to run, and then click the Run Script button. Or, press F5.
- Context-sensitive help: Type Invoke-Item, and then press F1. The Help file opens to the Help topic for the Invoke-Item cmdlet.

Source: <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd315244.aspx>

PowerShell ISE is not enabled by default on Window Server 2008/2008 R2. So you have to enable it. It is part of a feature. So you must enable that feature.

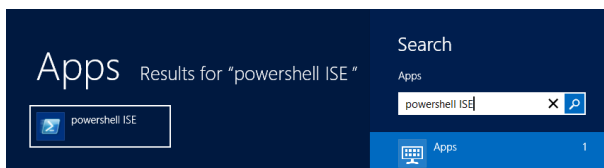
Go to Server Manager → Feature → Add Feature and Check the box next to PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment.



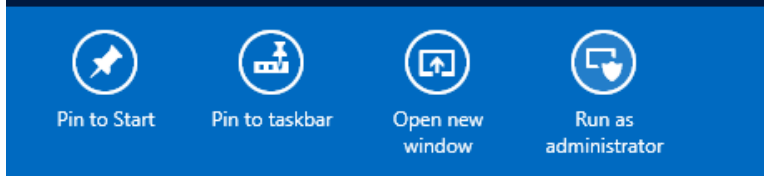
Click Next and Finish when done.

Windows Server 2012 and Windows 8

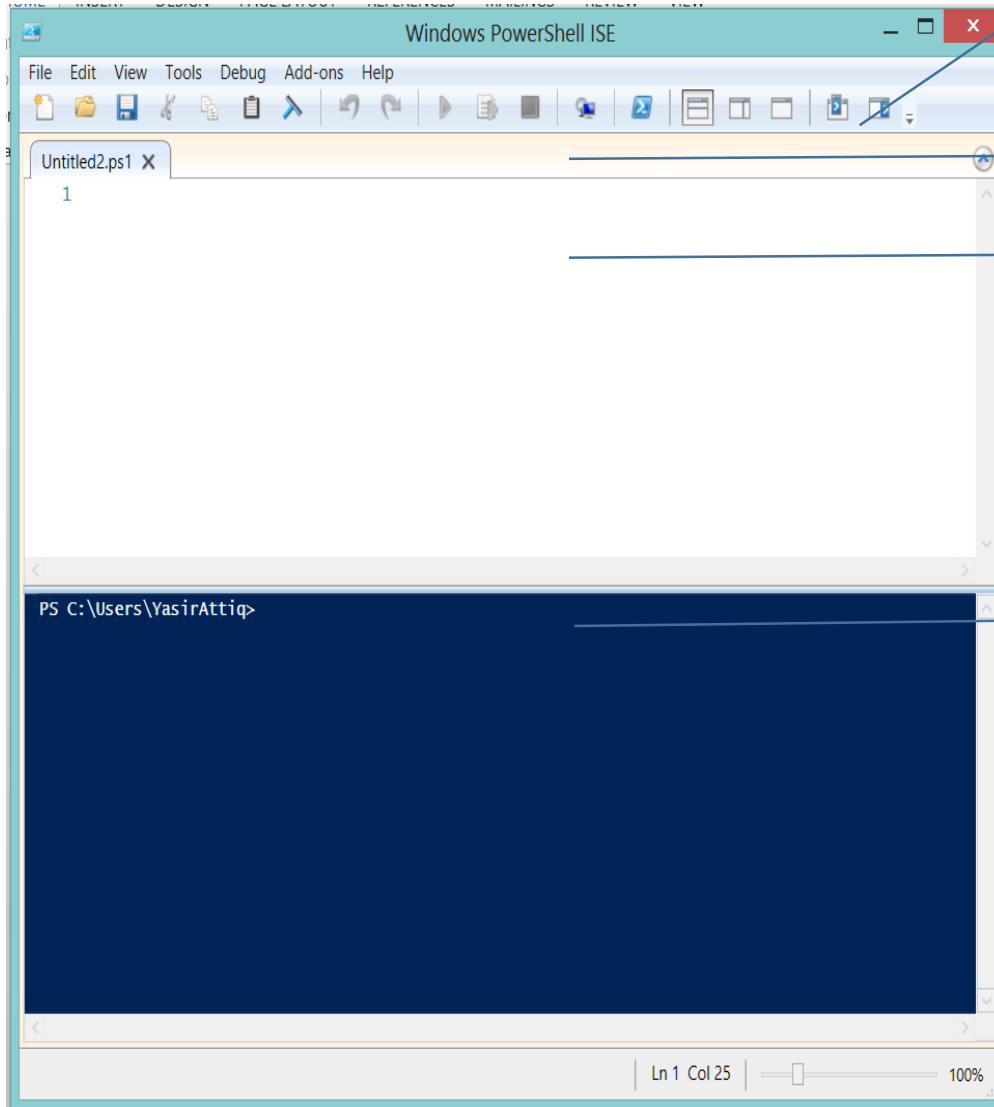
PowerShell 3.0 ISE is enabled on Windows Server 2012 and Windows 8 by default.



Make sure you right click on it and choose Run as Administrator



PowerShell ISE 3.0 User Interface



Command Windows
Floating and Add-on
Sections

PowerShell File
Tabs

Write Scrip Area

Direct Command
Write and Test
Area + Output
Window

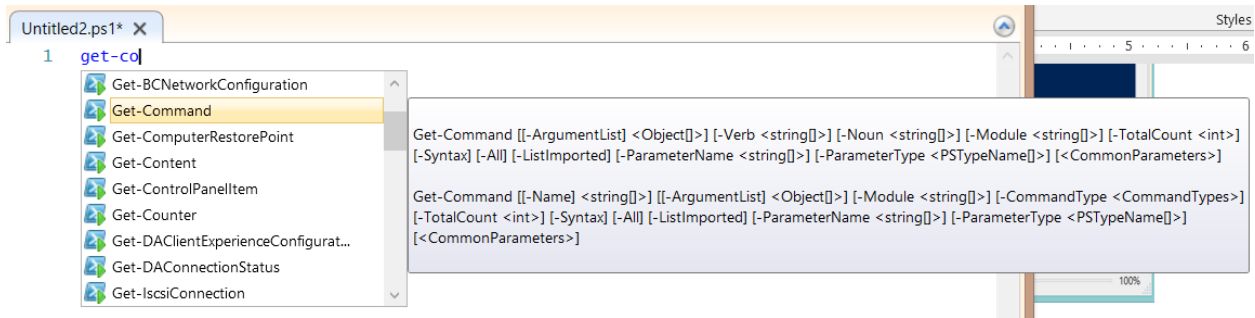
Note: PowerShell ISE 2.0 has 3 windows on home page the middle windows that show the results of script is not gone. You can use the output window to type and test script and same windows will show you output.

Some Feature of PowerShell 3.0 Integrated Scripting Environment

IntelliSense Support

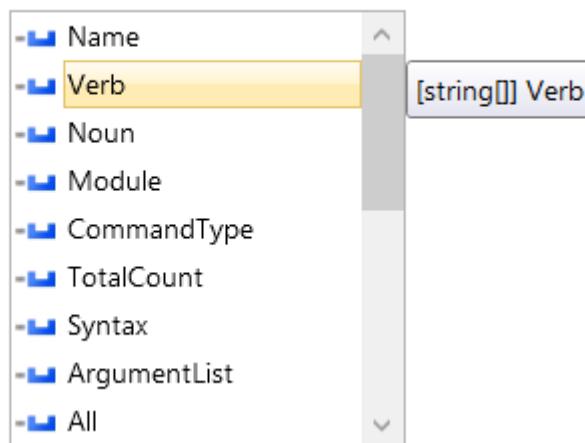
PowerShell 3.0 Introduce the concepts of IntelliSense which an essential part of programming using Visual Studio. With IntelliSense you can find the commands faster and as you type the help will be provided for commands as well as parameter. The IntelliSense is available for both Script window and command text window.

IntelliSense about Get-Command



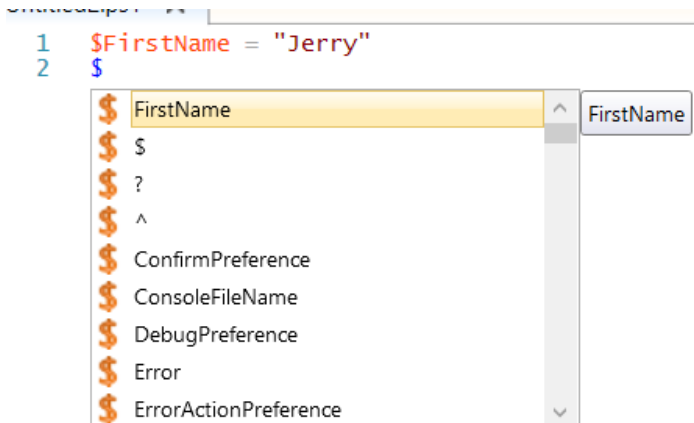
IntelliSense with Parameters

Get-Command -

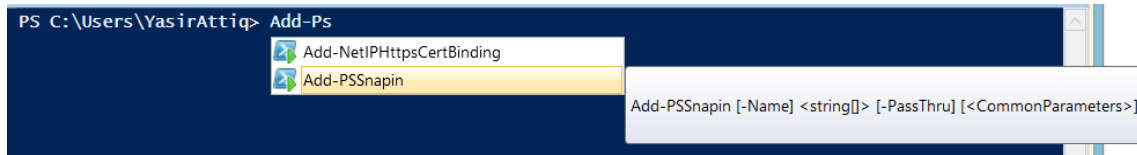


IntelliSense with Variables

As you might have many in your scripts you also have the ability to find them using the same feature. All the variables defined by you will show up on top automatically.



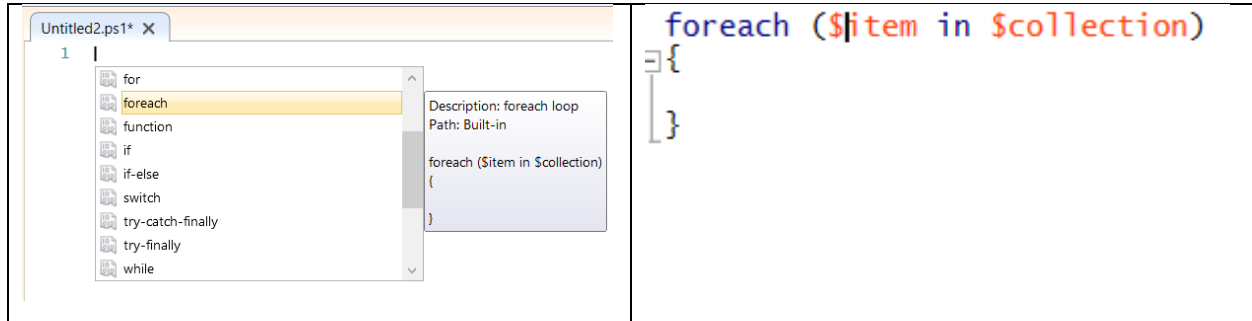
Output Window IntelliSense



Using Script Snippets

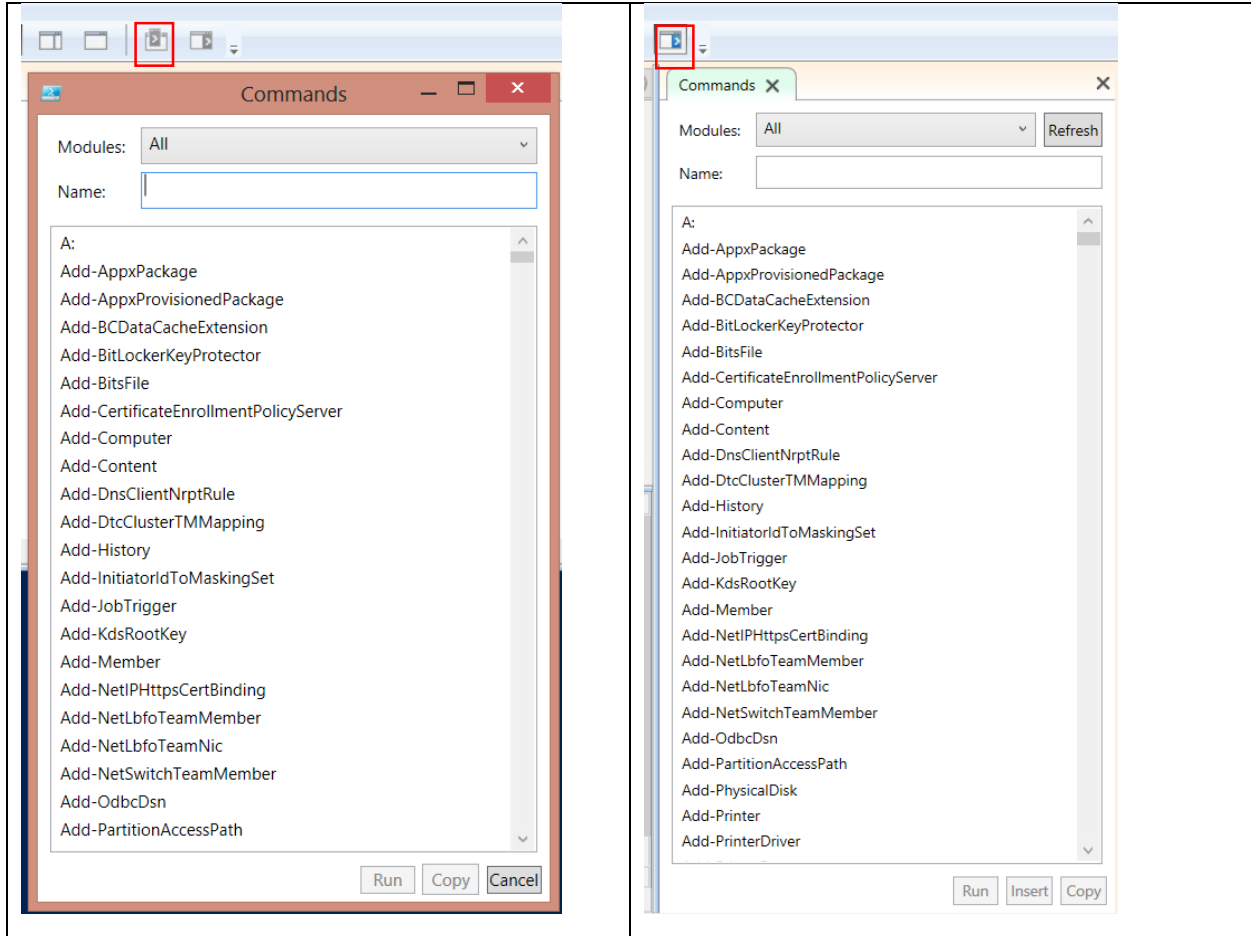
If you have developed applications using Visual Studio, you may have used Code Snippets. Code snippets allows you to reuse scripts. PowerShell 3.0 provides snippets.

Simply right click on Script Window and Select **Start Snippets**.



Command and Command Float Window

<p>Clicking on this ICON will open a floatable Command window which can be useful if you have multiple monitors. You can filter and select commands for help based on loaded modules and snap ins.</p>	<p>Click on this ICON will open a Docked command window where users can find and select the command they type. Once a command is selected the command parameters will be shown.</p>
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Using the Command Window

In the command "Name" Text box type Get-Process and click on the command from the List.

Commands
✕

Modules: All Refresh

Name: Get-Proces

Get-Process

Parameters for "Get-Process": ?

Name	Id	InputObject
ComputerName:		
<input type="checkbox"/> FileVersionInfo		
<input type="checkbox"/> Module		
Name:		notepad

⤴ Common Parameters

Debug

ErrorAction: ▼

ErrorVariable:

OutBuffer:

OutVariable:

Run
Insert
Copy

You can now have the option to provide possible values to the cmdlet and either Run it inside the Output window. Insert it to Output window or simply copy to clipboard. Common Parameters will be collapsed while optional parameters will be in separate tab for easy access.



You can use **Alt + Shift** Keys to select and rename common Variables directly.

```
$FirstName = "Jerry"
$FirstName
$FirstName = "Tom"
$FirstName
```

You can also use Regions to hide long section of scripts or may be functions.

<pre>#region "Region 1" \$VariableInRegion = "Something" #endregion</pre>	<pre>#region Region1 \$VariableInRegion = "Something" #endregion Region1</pre>
---	--

In and Not In

Is and Not In Today will allow you to find whether an object is part of a collection or not.

<pre>\$array = (1,2,3,4) if(3 -in \$array) { "3 is Part of Array" } if(5 -notin \$array) { "5 is not in Array" }</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> \$array = (1,2,3,4) if(3 -in \$array) { "3 is Part of Array" } if(5 -notin \$array) { "5 is not in Array" } 3 is Part of Array 5 is not in Array</pre>
--	--

Out-GridView

If you have used PowerShell you might have noticed the cmdlet Out-GridView which allows you to put your output inside a Windows Forms dialog. This dialog allow you to filter search commands. In PowerShell 3.0 you Out-GridView has many useful features that will help you develop powerful scripts.

```
#Basic out-GridView cmdlet
Clear-Host
Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet | Out-GridView
```

Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet | Out-GridView

Filter

+ Add criteria

CommandType	Name	ModuleName
Cmdlet	Add-AppxPackage	Appx
Cmdlet	Add-AppxProvisionedPackage	Dism
Cmdlet	Add-BitsFile	BitsTransfer
Cmdlet	Add-CertificateEnrollmentPolicyServer	PKI
Cmdlet	Add-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Add-Content	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Add-History	Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet	Add-JobTrigger	PSScheduledJob
Cmdlet	Add-KdsRootKey	Kds
Cmdlet	Add-Member	Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet	Add-PSSnapin	Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet	Add-Type	Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility
Cmdlet	Add-VM DVD Drive	Hvner-V

#Pass Through will allow you to select from the items and get them as object or print them to output.

`Clear-Host`
`Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet | Out-GridView -PassThru`

Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet | Out-GridView -PassThru

Filter

+ Add criteria

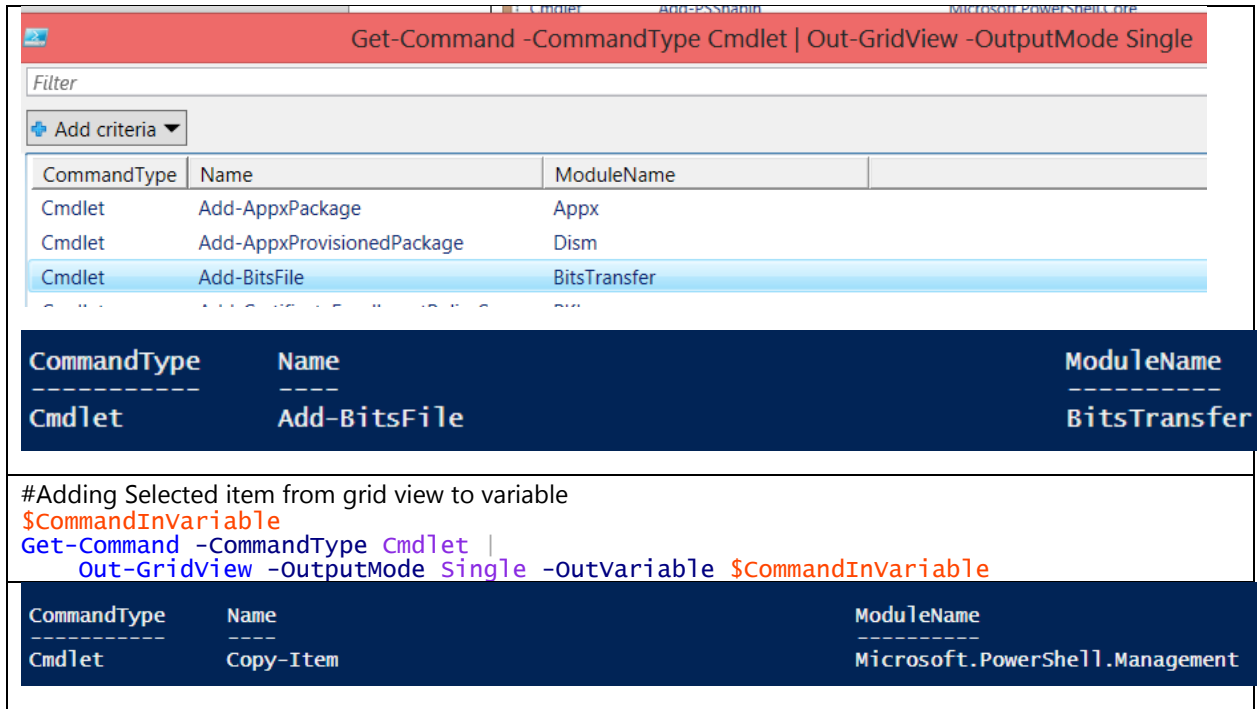
CommandType	Name	ModuleName
Cmdlet	Add-AppxPackage	Appx
Cmdlet	Add-AppxProvisionedPackage	Dism
Cmdlet	Add-BitsFile	BitsTransfer
Cmdlet	Add-CertificateEnrollmentPolicyServer	PKI
Cmdlet	Add-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Add-Content	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management
Cmdlet	Add-History	Microsoft.PowerShell.Core
Cmdlet	Add-JobTrigger	PSScheduledJob

Selected cmdlets

CommandType	Name	ModuleName
Cmdlet	Add-AppxProvisionedPackage	Dism
Cmdlet	Add-BitsFile	BitsTransfer
Cmdlet	Add-CertificateEnrollmentPolicyServer	PKI
Cmdlet	Add-Computer	Microsoft.Po...
Cmdlet	Add-Content	Microsoft.Po...

#Output Mode will allow you to select single items and get it as object or print it to output.

`Clear-Host`
`Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet | Out-GridView -OutputMode Single`



Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet | Out-GridView -OutputMode Single

CommandType	Name	ModuleName
Cmdlet	Add-AppxPackage	Appx
Cmdlet	Add-AppxProvisionedPackage	Dism
Cmdlet	Add-BitsFile	BitsTransfer

```
#Adding Selected item from grid view to variable
$CommandInVariable
Get-Command -CommandType Cmdlet |
    Out-GridView -OutputMode Single -OutVariable $CommandInVariable
```

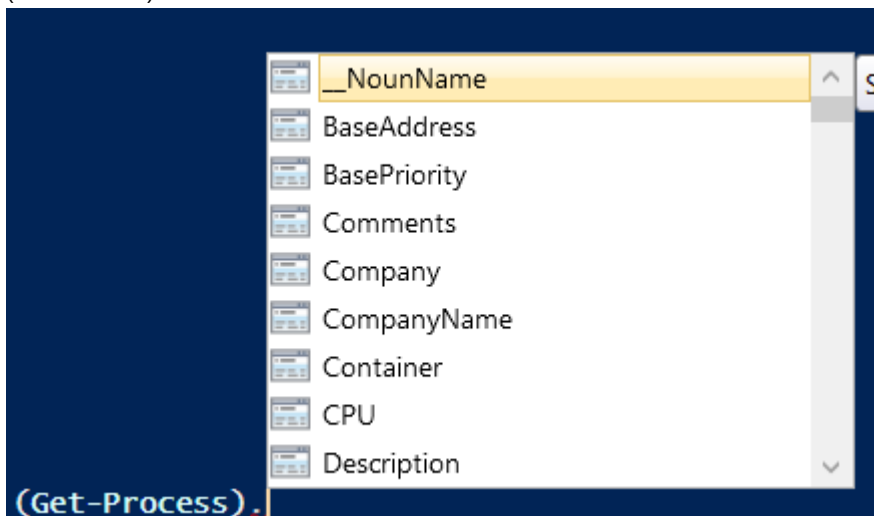
CommandType	Name	ModuleName
Cmdlet	Copy-Item	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management

Another nice feature which is added in PowerShell 3.0 is access to properties of an Object collection directly.

In PowerShell 2.9 to access an object collection property you must use ForEach.

Get-Process | ForEach(\$_.Id) which allows you to read Ids of all the process

Now you can get the property values directly using parentheses () around your object.
(Get-Process).Id



(Get-Process).Id

- _NounName
- BaseAddress
- BasePriority
- Comments
- Company
- CompanyName
- Container
- CPU
- Description

Full Support for CMD scripts.

You can get Count or Length of Property even if object does not have Count Property

You can Index any object even if it does not support it.

You don't need to use script blocks in Where-Object command to filter objects.



`Get-Process | Where ProcessName -Match "avp"`

You don't need to import any module prior to running the command.

You can download latest help files using PowerShell using Update-Help cmdlet. If your server does not have internet you can use Save-Help cmdlet from an updated server to save the file on the disk and then use Update-Help cmdlet to update from this file.

Workflows in PowerShell 3.0

PowerShell 3.0 introduced the concepts of Workflows. Workflows in PowerShell are built on top of Windows workflow Foundation. Any code that you write will be converted to WWF objects. The main focus of Workflows in is to enable robust and pause and resume able long term processes. Every line of code you write in a workflow is considered as an activity in WWF base workflows. Every activity is a standalone unit and executes as if it is being run for the first time.

There are some restriction in the workflows for more information on workflows please read.

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh857339.aspx>

To Begin writing workflows in PowerShell you can start by importing the workflow module in PowerShell Window. This will load all the cmdlets for workflows.

`Import-Module PSWorkflow`

#Syntax is workflow WorkflowName { *script* }. You can also use Invoke-WorkflowName

```
workflow Run-MyFirstWorkflow
{
    "Hi Everyone I am running in a workflow"
}
```

#To run the Workflow call it as function.
`Run-MyFirstWorkflow`

#You can also run the function as Job. Running a workflow as job will hide the output of the workflow.

`$WorkflowJob = Run-MyFirstWorkflow -AsJob`

#You can check the status of the Job if it is long running and pause and continue it.

`$Get-Job $WorkflowJob.Name`

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> Get-Job $WorkflowJob.Name
```

Id	Name	PSJobTypeName	State	HasMoreData	Location	Command
18	Job18	PSWorkflowJob	Completed	True	localhost	Run-MyFirsttw...

`$WorkflowJob.State`

Parallel Operations in Workflows

To execute discrete operations in workflow you can use Parallel operation in Workflow. The cmdlets in parallel workflow will execute in random order or parallel way.

#Example of Workflow with Parallel Tasks



```

Import-Module PSworkflow
workflow Run-Parallelworkflow
{
    parallel
    {
        Get-Command -Verb
        "Start*"
        "Value is 1"
        "Value is 2"
        "Value is 3"
        "Value is 4"
        "Value is 5"
        "Value is 6"
        "Value is 7"
        "Value is 8"
        "Value is 9"
        "Value is 10"
        Get-Command -Noun
        "Computer*"
    }
}

#Run the workflow
Run-Parallelworkflow

```

CommandType	Name	ModuleName	PSComp
Function	Start-Dtc	MsDtc	localH
Function	Start-DtcTransactionsTraceSession	MsDtc	localH
Function	Start-ScheduledTask	ScheduledTasks	localH
Function	Start-Trace	PSDiagnostics	localH
Cmdlet	Start-BitsTransfer	BitsTransfer	localH
Cmdlet	Start-DtcDiagnosticResourceManager	MsDtc	localH
Cmdlet	Start-Job	Microsoft.PowerShell.Core	localH
Cmdlet	Start-Process	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Start-Service	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Start-Sleep	Microsoft.PowerShell.Utility	localH
Cmdlet	Start-Transaction	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Start-Transcript	Microsoft.PowerShell.Host	localH
Cmdlet	Start-VM	Hyper-V	localH
Cmdlet	Start-VMFailover	Hyper-V	localH
Cmdlet	Start-VMInitialReplication	Hyper-V	localH
Value is 8			
Value is 9			
Value is 10			
Cmdlet	Add-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Checkpoint-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Disable-ComputerRestore	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Enable-ComputerRestore	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Get-ComputerRestorePoint	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Remove-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Rename-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Reset-ComputerMachinePassword	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Restart-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Restore-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Stop-Computer	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH
Cmdlet	Test-ComputerSecureChannel	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management	localH

Parallel Operations with Sequential Tasks in Workflows

If you have parallel workflow with some tasks that must be completed in a sequence you can use sequence script block to execute those tasks as sequence.

```

Import-Module PSworkflow
workflow Run-ParallelworkflowwithSequenceTasks
{
    parallel
    {
        Get-Command -Verb
        sequence
        {
            "Task with Sequence 1"
            "Task with Sequence 2"
            "Task with Sequence 3"
            "Task with Sequence 4"
            "Task with Sequence 5"
            "Task with Sequence 6"
            "Task with Sequence 7"
            "Task with Sequence 8"
            "Task with Sequence 9"
            "Task with Sequence 10"
        }
        Get-Command -Noun
        "Computer*"
    }
}

Run-ParallelworkflowwithSequenceTasks

```

CommandType	Name	Module
Function	Start-Dtc	MsDtc
Function	Start-DtcTransactionsTraceSession	MsDtc
Function	Start-ScheduledTask	Schedu
Function	Start-Trace	PSDiag
Cmdlet	Start-BitsTransfer	BitsTr
Cmdlet	Start-DtcDiagnosticResourceManager	MsDtc
Cmdlet	Start-Job	Micros
Cmdlet	Start-Process	Micros
Cmdlet	Start-Service	Micros
Cmdlet	Start-Sleep	Micros
Cmdlet	Add-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Start-Transaction	Micros
Cmdlet	Checkpoint-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Disable-ComputerRestore	Micros
Cmdlet	Enable-ComputerRestore	Micros
Cmdlet	Get-ComputerRestorePoint	Micros
Task with Sequence 8		
Cmdlet	Remove-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Start-Transcript	Micros
Cmdlet	Start-VM	Hyper-
Cmdlet	Start-VMFailover	Hyper-
Cmdlet	Start-VMInitialReplication	Hyper-
Cmdlet	Rename-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Reset-ComputerMachinePassword	Micros
Cmdlet	Restart-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Restore-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Stop-Computer	Micros
Cmdlet	Test-ComputerSecureChannel	Micros
Task with Sequence 9		
Task with Sequence 10		

Parallel For-Each

You can also run for-Each in parallel mode.



```
Import-Module PSworkflow
workflow Run-ForEachParallel
{
    param([string[]]$Products)
    foreach -parallel($Product in
$Products)
    {
        "Reading $Product"
    }
}

#Create Array and run the
workflow

$Products = (1..20)
Run-ForEachParallel $Products;
```

```
PS C:\Users\YasirAttiq> $Products = (1..20)
Run-ForEachParallel $Products;
Reading 20
Reading 19
Reading 18
Reading 17
Reading 16
Reading 15
Reading 14
Reading 13
Reading 12
Reading 11
Reading 10
Reading 9
Reading 7
Reading 5
Reading 4
Reading 8
Reading 6
Reading 3
Reading 2
Reading 1
```



Part II – SharePoint and PowerShell

In this part we will look at how we can use PowerShell in SharePoint. Most of the cmdlets will work same way in SharePoint 2010 and 2013. If a cmdlet is only available in SharePoint 2013 we will point it out.

Add the SharePoint snap-in using the Add-PSSnapin cmdlet.

Although PowerShell automatically loads the cmdlets for Windows and computer management but you can check what is loaded and what is not. Test the below mentioned section by yourself.

1. Close All Existing instances of PowerShell and start a new instance of Windows PowerShell as Administrator
2. Type the following command and then press ENTER:

```
Get-PSSnapin
```

#The output lists the snap-ins that have been added to the current session. The SharePoint snap-in is not listed.

3. Type the following command and then press ENTER:

```
Get-PSSnapin –Registered
```

#The output lists the snap-ins that are registered on the system, except for those that are installed with Windows PowerShell.

4. Type the following command and then press ENTER:

```
Add-PSSnapin Microsoft.SharePoint.PowerShell
```

#Now you will be able to write SharePoint cmdLets in Windows PowerShell.

5. Type the following cmdlet and press ENTER:

```
Get-SPSite
```

Get all the Site Collections

6. Remote SharePoint Snapin from PowerShell.

```
Remove-PSSnapin Microsoft.SharePoint.PowerShell
```

#If you try to write a SharePoint cmdlet, PowerShell will not recognize it.

7. Close Windows PowerShell.



Delegating the Ability to Use Windows PowerShell to Manage SharePoint

Using PowerShell for SharePoint require certain permissions. If you have installed SharePoint with Least Privileges then you have given required permissions (Shell Admin role in SQL) to the Human Installation account (e.g. SPAdmin) or any other account which needs to run PowerShell for a specific web application. The task below will allow you to do that using PowerShell.

If you try to start SharePoint Management Shell and try to run a SharePoint cmdlet you will get the following error.

```
PS C:\Users\adamb> Get-SPContentDatabase
Get-SPContentDatabase : The farm is unavailable.
At line:1 char:1
+ Get-SPContentDatabase
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : InvalidData: (Microsoft.Share...ContentDatabase:
SPCmdletGetContentDatabase) [Get-SPContentDatabase], SPException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : Microsoft.SharePoint.PowerShell.SPCmdletGetConte
ntDatabase
```

Configure least privilege rights to manage SharePoint with Windows PowerShell.

1. Start SharePoint Management Shell based on your operating System (Run as Different User)
 - i W2k8R2: Click **Start**, click **All Programs**, click **Microsoft SharePoint 2010 Products**,
 - ii Win2012: Start Screen → SharePoint Management Shell or use Search Charm

The Windows Security dialog box appears.

2. In the **User name** box, type **Domain\User Name** who as access to run PowerShell.
3. In the **Password** box, type the password of the account.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Type the following cmdlets each followed by ENTER:

```
$Contentdb = Get-SPContentDatabase WSS_Content_DB
Add-SPShellAdmin -UserName CONTOSO\SPAdmin -Database $Contentdb
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $ContentDB = Get-SPContentDatabase -Identity WSS_Content_80
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Add-SPShellAdmin -UserName adventure\adamb -database $ContentDB
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPShellAdmin

UserName
-----
ADVENTURE\adamb
```

Note: the example above I have added Adam Barr as SPSHellAdmin.

6. Close the SharePoint Management Shell Window and try to login with SPAdmin user.

```
PS C:\Users\adamb> Get-SPShellAdmin

UserName
-----
ADVENTURE\adamb
```

Use Windows PowerShell to Access SharePoint Objects

1. Start New SharePoint Management Shell Window as administrator.
2. Type the following command and then press ENTER:



Get-SPFarm

This will show us basic information of Farm e.g. Configuration Database Name and Farm Version.
Use Get-Members cmdlet to find properties of Farm.

```
PS C:\Users\adamb> Get-SPFarm | Get-Member -MemberType Properties

TypeName: Microsoft.SharePoint.Administration.SPFarm

Name                                     MemberType Definition
-----
AlternateUrlCollections                 Property  Microsoft.SharePoint.Administration.SPFarm
BuildVersion                           Property  version BuildVersion {get;}
CanBackupRestoreAsConfiguration        Property  bool CanBackupRestoreAsConfiguration {get;}
CanMigrate                              Property  bool CanMigrate {get;}
CanRenameOnRestore                     Property  bool CanRenameOnRestore {get;}
CanSelectForBackup                     Property  bool CanSelectForBackup {get;}
CanSelectForRestore                    Property  bool CanSelectForRestore {get;}
CanUpgrade                              Property  bool CanUpgrade {get;}
CEIPEnabled                            Property  bool CEIPEnabled {get;set;}
DaysBeforePasswordExpirationToSendEmail Property  int DaysBeforePasswordExpirationToSendEmail {get;}

```

#Let's try to read more information from Farm and format the results.

Get-SPFarm | Select Servers, Products, Solutions | Format-List

```
PS C:\Users\adamb> Get-SPFarm | Select Servers, Products, Solutions | Format-List

Servers      : {smtp.gmail.com, SP2013}
Products    : {9ff54ebc-8c12-47d7-854f-3865d4be8118,
              b7d84c2b-0754-49e4-b7be-7ee321dce0a9}
Solutions   : {cavalieritlists.wsp, cavalieritwebparts.wsp,
              spcustomclaimsprovider.wsp, testwp.wsp}

```

Searching for Object Properties

As SharePoint Object has many properties it will be difficult to find by scrolling. So you can use Pipe sign and Where to filter and find some properties that match a criteria. You can also filter methods etc.

Object | Get-Member -MemberType Properties | Where(\$_.Name -like "*User*")

#Example shows you finding property matching user in property name.

\$Portal = Get-SPSite <http://intranet.adventure.com>

\$Portal | Get-Member -MemberType Properties | Where(\$_.Name -like "*User*")

```
TypeName: Microsoft.SharePoint.SPSite

Name                                     MemberType Definition
-----
UserAccountDirectoryPath                 Property  string UserAccountDirectoryPath {get;set;}
UserCodeEnabled                           Property  bool UserCodeEnabled {get;}
UserCustomActions                        Property  Microsoft.SharePoint.SPUserCustomActionCollection UserCustomActions {get;}
UserDefinedWorkflowsEnabled              Property  bool UserDefinedWorkflowsEnabled {get;set;}
UserIsSiteAdminInSystem                  Property  bool UserIsSiteAdminInSystem {get;}
UserToken                                Property  Microsoft.SharePoint.SPUserToken UserToken {get;}

```

Working with Web Applications

To Get all the Web Applications you must use the following cmdlet.



<pre>#Get All Web Apps Get-SPWebApplication</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPWebApplication DisplayName Url ----- Sales Web App http://sales.adventure.com/ SharePoint - 80 http://sp2013/ SharePoint - 82 http://sp2013:82/ SharePoint - my.adventure.c... http://my.adventure.com/</pre>
<pre>#Get One Web App</pre>	<pre>PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPWebApplication -Identity http://sales.adventure.com DisplayName Url ----- Sales Web App http://sales.adventure.com/</pre>
<pre>#Get All Web Application including Site Collection using Nested Piping Get-SPWebApplication Get-SPSite</pre>	
<pre>PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPWebApplication Get-SPSite Url CompatibilityLevel --- - http://sales.adventure.com 15 http://sales.adventure.com/sites/Products 15 http://sp2013 15 http://sp2013/my 15 http://sp2013/personal/adamb 15 http://sp2013/personal/administrator 15 http://sp2013/sites/Apps 15 http://sp2013/sites/Community 15 http://dev.adventure.com 15 http://intranet.adventure.com 15 http://search.adventure.com 15 http://my.adventure.com 15 http://my.adventure.com/personal/sp_search 15</pre>	
<p>Note: The Default Limit of Site Collection return by Get-SPSite cmdLet is 20. Use -Limit All to Get all. Not a good practice to run this cmdlet on production environment.</p>	
<pre>#Get All Web Application including Site Collection and Sites (Webs) using Nested Piping</pre>	
<pre>PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPWebApplication Get-SPSite Get-SPWeb Url --- http://sales.adventure.com http://sales.adventure.com/sites/Products http://sp2013 http://sp2013/my http://sp2013/personal/adamb http://sp2013/personal/administrator http://sp2013/sites/Apps http://sp2013/sites/Community http://dev.adventure.com http://app-02fd4f4f9f3b8.apps.adventure.com/HelloSh... http://app-02fd4f4f9f383.apps.adventure.com/RemoteE... http://app-02fd4f4f9f3a4.apps.adventure.com/RESTSPJ... http://app-02fd4f4f9f399.apps.adventure.com/UserPro... http://intranet.adventure.com http://search.adventure.com http://my.adventure.com http://my.adventure.com/personal/sp_search</pre>	
<pre>#Get One Web Application and its Site collections using Variable \$SalesWebApp = Get-SPWebApplication -Identity http://sales.adventure.com</pre>	



\$SalesWebApp | Get-SPSite

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $SalesWebApp = Get-SPWebApplication -Identity http://sales.adventure.com
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $SalesWebApp | Get-SPSite

Url                                     CompatibilityLevel
----                                     -
http://sales.adventure.com             15
http://sales.adventure.com/sites/Products 15
```

#Get Web Application Properties

\$SalesWebApp | Select MaximumFileSize, Id, MaxItemsPerThrottledOperation, UseClaimsAuthentication, ContentDatabases | Format-List

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $SalesWebApp | Select MaximumFileSize, Id, MaxItemsPerThrottledOperation, UseClaimsAuthentication, ContentDatabases | Format-List

MaximumFileSize      : 250
Id                   : 2f5075a3-04c0-42ed-8662-fd14a3e33622
MaxItemsPerThrottledOperation : 5000
UseClaimsAuthentication : True
ContentDatabases     : {WSS_Content_Sales}
```

#Change Maximum Upload File Size

\$SalesWebApp.MaximumFileSize = 500

\$SalesWebApp.Update()

\$SalesWebApp | Select MaximumFileSize, Id, MaxItemsPerThrottledOperation, UseClaimsAuthentication, ContentDatabases | Format-List

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $SalesWebApp | Select MaximumFileSize, Id, MaxItemsPerThrottledOperation, UseClaimsAuthentication, ContentDatabases | Format-List

MaximumFileSize      : 500
Id                   : 2f5075a3-04c0-42ed-8662-fd14a3e33622
MaxItemsPerThrottledOperation : 5000
UseClaimsAuthentication : True
ContentDatabases     : {WSS_Content_Sales}
```

#Creating a New Web Application

In SharePoint 2010 you have the option to choose the Authentication Method to Classic Claims but on the other than 2013 only have Claims as default. So if you don't specify the authentication provider in SharePoint 2013. The Web application will be created as Classic. See the Example Below.

#SharePoint 2010 – Class Mode Authentication in SharePoint 2013 VM

New-SPWebApplication -Port 89 -Name "SharePoint Web Application Classic" -DatabaseName "WSS_Content_Classic_89" -ApplicationPool "WSS_Content_Classic_AppPool" -ApplicationPoolAccount adventure\administrator

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> New-SPWebApplication -Port 89 -Name "SharePoint Web Application Classic" -DatabaseName "WSS_Content_Classic_89" -ApplicationPool "WSS_Content_Classic_AppPool" -ApplicationPoolAccount adventure\administrator
WARNING: The Windows Classic authentication method is deprecated in this release and the default behavior of this cmdlet, which creates Windows Classic based web application, is obsolete. It is recommended to use Claims authentication methods. You can create a web application that uses Claims authentication method by specifying the AuthenticationProvider parameter set in this cmdlet. Refer to the http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=234549 site for more information. Please note that the default behavior of this cmdlet is expected to change in the future release to create a Claims authentication based web application instead of a Windows Classic based web application.

DisplayName      Url
-----
SharePoint Web Application ... http://sp2013:89/
```

#SharePoint 2013 Default Web Application

\$AuthenticationProvider = New-SPAuthenticationProvider

New-SPWebApplication -Name "SharePoint 2013 Claims Web App" -Port 90 -DatabaseName WSS_Content_Claims_90 -ApplicationPool "SharePoint 2013 Default App Pool" -ApplicationPoolAccount adventure\administrator -AuthenticationProvider \$AuthenticationProvider

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> New-SPWebApplication -Name "SharePoint 2013 Claims Web App" -Port 90 -DatabaseName WSS_Content_Claims_90 -ApplicationPool "SharePoint 2013 Default App Pool" -ApplicationPoolAccount adventure\administrator -AuthenticationProvider $AuthenticationProvider

DisplayName      Url
-----
SharePoint 2013 Claims Web App http://sp2013:90/
```

#Check Authentication Provider



Get-SPWebapplication | Select Url, UseClaimsAuthentication

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPWebApplication | Select Url, UseClaimsAuthentication
```

Url	UseClaimsAuthen
---	-----
http://sales.adventure.com/	
http://sp2013/	
http://sp2013:82/	
http://my.adventure.com/	
http://sp2013:90/	
http://sp2013:89/	

#Delete a Web Application

Remove-SPWebApplication -Identity http://sp2013:89/ -DeleteIISite -RemoveContentDatabases - Confirm

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Remove-SPWebApplication -Identity http://sp2013:89/ -DeleteIISite -RemoveContentDatabases -Confirm
```

Confirm
Are you sure you want to perform this action?
Performing operation "Remove-SPWebApplication" on Target "SharePoint Web Application Classic".
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): Y
PS C:\Users\Administrator>

Note: It is recommended to use -Confirm before doing a delete operation.

Some Other important cmdLets for Web Application

- New-SPContentDatabase
- Dismount-SPContentDatabase
- Mount-SPContentDatabase
- Upgrade-SPContentDatabase
- Convert-SPContentDatabase

Creating Site Collection

You can create site collection using PowerShell. SharePoint 2010 we used to have URL based site collection e.g. <http://sharepoint/sites/sales> but in sharePoint 2013 Microsoft Suggest to use Host name site collections.

#Traditional Site Collections

New-SPSite -Url http://sp2013:90 -OwnerAlias adventure\administrator -Name "My Team Site" -Template "STS#0"

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> New-SPSite -Url http://sp2013:90 -OwnerAlias adventure\administrator -Name "My Team Site" -Template "STS#0"
```

Url	CompatibilityLevel
---	-----
http://sp2013:90	15

#Creating Host Name Site Collections

```
$hnsWebApp = Get-SPWebApplication http://sp2013
$rootSite = New-SPSite -Name "Adventure Works Web Site" -Url "http://portal.adventure.com" -HostHeaderWebApplication $hnsWebApp -OwnerAlias "adventure\Administrator" -Template "STS#0" -SecondaryOwnerAlias "adventure\adamb"
Get-SPSite -Identity http://portal.adventure.com
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $hnsWebApp = Get-SPWebApplication http://sp2013
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $rootSite = New-SPSite -Name "Adventure Works Web Site" -Url "http://portal.adventure.com" -HostHeaderWebApplication $hnsWebApp -OwnerAlias "adventure\Administrator" -Template "STS#0" -SecondaryOwnerAlias "adventure\adamb"
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPSite -Identity http://portal.adventure.com
```

Url	CompatibilityLevel
---	-----
http://portal.adventure.com	15

#Change Site Collection Administrator

```
$Portal = Get-SPSite -Identity http://portal.adventure.com
Set-SPSite -Identity $Portal -SecondaryOwnerAlias "adventure\alans"
```



```

$Portal = Get-SPSite -Identity http://portal.adventure.com
$Portal.SecondaryContact

PS C:\Users\Administrator> $Portal = Get-SPSite -Identity http://portal.adventure.com
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $Portal.SecondaryContact

UserLogin           DisplayName
-----
i:0#.w|adventure\... Adam Barr

PS C:\Users\Administrator> Set-SPSite -Identity $Portal -SecondaryOwnerAlias "adventure\alans"

PS C:\Users\Administrator> $Portal = Get-SPSite -Identity http://portal.adventure.com
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $Portal.SecondaryContact

UserLogin           DisplayName
-----
i:0#.w|adventure\... Alan Steiner

#Deleting Site Collections
Remove-SPSite -Identity $Portal

PS C:\Users\Administrator> Remove-SPSite -Identity $Portal

Confirm
Are you sure you want to perform this action?
Performing operation "Remove-SPSite" on Target "http://portal.adventure.com".
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): Y
PS C:\Users\Administrator>

#Some Important things to do with SPSite
-ContentDatabase (Creating Site Collection in a Separate Content Database)
Copy-SPSite
Move-SPSite

```

Reading and Creating Web Sites

You can also create website in site collections using PowerShell using New-SPWeb. To get a web object you must provide the site collection as input for the web application. Get-SPWeb cmdlet does not work without the reference of Get-SPSite object

```

#Reading Web Sites
Get-SPSite http://sales.adventure.com | Get-SPWeb

PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPSite http://sales.adventure.com | Get-SPWeb

Url
---
http://sales.adventure.com

#Create Web Sites in Collection
New-SPWeb -Url http://intranet.adventure.com/Jobs -Template "STS#0" -Language 1033 -Name "Jobs"

PS C:\Users\Administrator> New-SPWeb -Url http://intranet.adventure.com/Jobs -Template "STS#0" -Language 1033 -Name "Jobs"

Url
---
http://intranet.adventure.com/Jobs

#You can also read information from web site e.g. Lists, Users, Groups etc. Use Filter with Get-Member
$WebSite.Users | Select DisplayName, LoginName, Id

PS C:\Users\Administrator> $WebSite.Users | Select DisplayName, LoginName, Id

DisplayName           LoginName           ID
-----
adventure Administrator i:0#.w|adventure\administrator 1
System Account       SHAREPOINT\system   1073741823

#Get Lists Information

```



```
$WebSite.Lists | Select Id, Title, ItemCount
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $WebSite.Lists | Select Id, Title, ItemCount
```

ID	Title	ItemCount
94b8291e-6d03-45a9-901a-08aafe765183	Composed Looks	18
dde59de9-0b24-4236-8f4e-f68bd145d802	Documents	0
a36cb2f1-6786-4b55-ad07-121bf02b52d2	Master Page Gallery	6
21a33048-8d19-4ce0-ac7f-ed10a46b5c6a	MicroFeed	2
e6244a19-c877-4c89-b070-f5af1327f7d8	Site Assets	0
2a979f24-29a1-4f29-9f4c-ba2f19a155c9	Site Pages	2

```
#You can also Add Items to Lists using PowerShell
```

Using PowerShell with Activity Directory

While creating test environment we need to create test accounts in Active Directory. User Active Directory cmdlets we can create users as well. Find the script below to create user in active directory.

```
New-ADUser -Name "SharePoint Administrator" -SamAccountName "SPAdmin" -UserPrincipalName "SPAdmin@adventure.com" -Type "User"
```

```
$user = "SPAdmin"
```

```
$password = ConvertTo-SecureString -String "pass@word1" -AsPlainText -Force
```

```
Set-ADAccountPassword -Identity $user -NewPassword $password -Reset
```

```
Enable-ADAccount -Identity $user
```

```
Set-ADAccountControl -Identity $user -CannotChangePassword $true -PasswordNeverExpires $true
```

```
Set-ADUser -Identity $user -ChangePasswordAtLogon $false
```

There are many other cmdlets for Active Directory to find them use the following cmdlet.

Get-Command -Noun "AD*" | Out-GridView

Provisioning Service Application using PowerShell

You can provision Service application using PowerShell. Some of the Service Applications are easy to create and some other require complex PowerShell. Search Service Application would be the most complex due to different steps involved and on the other than Translation Management Service is the easiest one through PowerShell.

Note: Creation of Service Application does not provision the Service Instance. It has to be started manually or using PowerShell.

```
Creating Work Management Service Application
```

```
New-SPWorkManagementServiceApplication -Name "Work Management Service Application" - ApplicationPool "SharePoint Web Services Default"
```

```
New-SPWorkManagementServiceApplicationProxy -name "Work Management Service Proxy" - ServiceApplication "WM Service"
```

```
Creating Subscription Settings Service Application
```

```
$account = Get-SPManagedAccount "<farm account>"
```

```
$appPoolSubSvc = New-SPServiceApplicationPool -Name SettingsServiceAppPool -Account $account
```

```
$appSubSvc = New-SPSubscriptionSettingsServiceApplication -ApplicationPool $appPoolSubSvc -Name SettingsServiceApp -DatabaseName SettingsServiceDB
```

```
$proxySubSvc = New-SPSubscriptionSettingsServiceApplicationProxy -ServiceApplication $appSubSvc
```

Creating App Management Service Application

```
New-SPAppManagementServiceApplication -Name "App Management Service Application" -DatabaseServer MyDatabaseServer -DatabaseName AppManagementDB -ApplicationPool MyServiceAppPool
```

```
New-SPAppManagementServiceApplicationProxy -Name "App Management Proxy" -UseDefaultProxyGroup -ServiceApplication $appManagementServiceApplication
```

```
Set-SPAppDomain -Domain apps.domain.com
```

```
Set-SPAppSiteSubscriptionName -Name "app" -Confirm:$false
```

Creating Translation Management Service Application

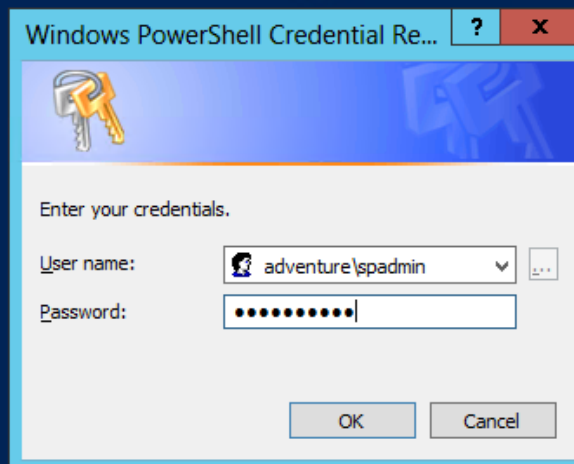
```
New-SPTranslationServiceApplication -Name "Translation Service Application" -ApplicationPool "SharePoint Web Services Default" -DatabaseServer MyDatabaseServer -DatabaseName TranslationServiceDatabase
```

```
New-SPTranslationServiceApplicationProxy -Name "Translation Service Application" -ServiceApplication TranslationService -DefaultProxyGroup
```

Creating Creating Managed Metadata Service Application using PowerShell with Separate application Pool

```
$ManagedAccount = New-SPManagedAccount
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $ManagedAccount = New-SPManagedAccount
cmdlet New-SPManagedAccount at command pipeline position 1
Supply values for the following parameters:
Credential
```



```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $ManagedAccount
```

UserName	PasswordExpiration	Automatic ChangeSchedule Change
ADVENTURE\SPAdmin	6/26/2013 11:11:02 PM	False

```
$AppPool = New-SPServiceApplicationPool -Name ContosoSalesMMSAppPool -Account $ManagedAccount
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $AppPool = New-SPServiceApplicationPool -Name ContosoSalesMMSAppPool -Account $ManagedAccount
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $AppPool
```

Name	ProcessAccountName
ContosoSalesMMSAppPool	ADVENTURE\SPAdmin

```
$MMS = New-SPMetadataServiceApplication -Name "Adventure Managed Metadata SA" -ApplicationPool $AppPool -DatabaseName AdventureMMSSADB
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $MMS = New-SPMetadataServiceApplication -Name "Adventure Managed Metadata SA" -ApplicationPool $AppPool -DatabaseName AdventureMMSSADB
```

```
New-SPMetadataServiceApplicationProxy -Name "Adventure Managed Metadata SA Proxy" -ServiceApplication $MMS -DefaultProxyGroup
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> New-SPMetadataServiceApplicationProxy -Name "Adventure Managed Metadata SA Proxy" -ServiceApplication $MMS -DefaultProxyGroup
```

DisplayName	TypeName	Id
Adventure Managed...	Managed Metadata	07577491-94d1-4c2c-9aaa-d2b8f461d1fd

```
Get-SPServiceApplication |?{$_.name -eq "Adventure Managed Metadata SA"}
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SPServiceApplication |?{$_.name -eq "Adventure Managed Metadata SA"}
```

DisplayName	TypeName	Id
Adventure Managed...	Managed Metadata	fbd7f6ff-3c1a-44fb-a9d0-bc5b5ebbb78d

Update Content Type Hub URI

#If you want to change it the content type Hub Uri which is not possible directly once you set it from user interface. To Set the HubUri you have to first get the Metadata Service application and then use Set-SPMetadataServiceApplication.

```
$AMMS = Get-SPServiceApplication |?{$_.name -eq "Adventure Managed Metadata SA"}
```

```
Set-SPMetadataServiceApplication -Identity $AMMS -HubUri http://sales.adventure.com
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Set-SPMetadataServiceApplication -Identity $AMMS -HubUri http://sales.adventure.com
```

Confirm
Are you sure you want to perform this action?
Performing operation "Hub uri will be changed to http://sales.adventure.com/. By default, all published packages will become unpublished, and all subscriber sites will redo syndication. This is a very costly operation.
And packages have to be republished on the new hub site." on Target "Adventure Managed Metadata SA".
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): Y

Creating Excel Services Service App and Starting the Service

```
New-SPExcelServiceApplication -Name "Excel Services Service Application" -ApplicationPool "SharePoint web Services System" -Default
```

#You can do the same for provisioning Services for other Service Applications

```
$ExcelService = Get-SPServiceInstance | Where TypeName -like "Excel*"
$ExcelService.Provision()
```

Creating Search Service Application using PowerShell.

#The Most Complex Service application script would be SharePoint Server Search. You need to configure the following

- Must provision individual components
- Use **Get-SearchServiceInstance** to get reference to search on a server
- Use **Start-SPSearchServiceInstance** to start search on a server
- Create new topology with **New-SPEnterpriseSearchTopology**

- Add components to the topology
- Set the topology with **Set-SPEnterpriseSearchTopology**

Create 4 Search Users

- SPSearch.
- SPSearchAdmin.
- SPSearchQuery.
- SPContentAccess

To create these accounts quickly with same cmdlets from section **Creating Users in Activity Directory**

start search on individual servers

```
$server1 = Get-SPEnterpriseSearchServiceInstance -Identity "server1"
```

```
Start-SPEnterpriseSearchServiceInstance -Identity $server1
```

create search service application

```
$appPool = New-SPServiceApplicationPool -name "SsaAppPool" -account domain\SPSearch
```

```
$ssa = New-SPEnterpriseSearchServiceApplication -Name "NewSSA" -ApplicationPool $appPool
```

create topology

```
$newTopology = New-SPEnterpriseSearchTopology -SearchApplication $ssa
```

add components

```
New-SPEnterpriseSearchAdminComponent -SearchTopology $newTopology -SearchServiceInstance $server1
```

```
New-SPEnterpriseSearchCrawlComponent -SearchTopology $newTopology -SearchServiceInstance $server1
```

```
New-SPEnterpriseSearchContentProcessingComponent -SearchTopology $newTopology -  
SearchServiceInstance $server1
```

```
New-SPEnterpriseSearchAnalyticsProcessingComponent -SearchTopology $newTopology -  
SearchServiceInstance $server1
```

```
New-SPEnterpriseSearchQueryProcessingComponent -SearchTopology $newTopology -  
SearchServiceInstance $server1
```

```
New-SPEnterpriseSearchIndexComponent -SearchTopology $newTopology -SearchServiceInstance $server1  
-IndexPartition 0
```

set the topology

```
Set-SPEnterpriseSearchTopology -Identity $newTopology
```

verify the topology

```
Get-SPEnterpriseSearchTopology -SearchApplication $ssa
```

verify all components

```
Get-SPEnterpriseSearchStatus -SearchApplication $ssa -Text
```

Creating Warm-Up Script for SharePoint 2013

To Improve the Load time for SharePoint site collections you have use the following cmdlets.

```
$warmupscript = New-Object System.Net.WebClient
```

```
$warmupscript.Credentials = [System.Net.CredentialCache]::DefaultCredentials
```

```
$warmupscript.DownloadString("http://intranet.adventure.com")
```

Working with Service Instances in SharePoint

If you are facing problem with any of the services in Central Admin site when the service is stuck at either Starting or Stopping and you want to force stop then you can use the following to fix this issue.



Get-SPServiceInstance | Select Id, TypeName, Status | sort typeName, Status

Id	TypeName	Status
d289db95-f8c5-4d87-9200-6d03253e70a7	Access Database Service 2010	Disabled
321b9f0a-4f77-4263-9a7b-239583c65a2c	Access Services	Disabled
126707ef-fb87-40a4-95da-d7606a91e423	App Management Service	Online
6cfebc0f-bcd3-49e8-81cc-9a21742b8f85	Business Data Connectivity Service	Online
c359d416-fa46-495f-b409-5d5135677d30	Central Administration	Online
60019a63-d7e0-42b5-8309-2238f56d5856	Claims to Windows Token Service	Disabled
3a22c713-6edd-4bf3-8dc6-38091cab6c18	Distributed Cache	Online
be3eb909-3e82-44f0-8b34-b38fce2e4680	Document Conversions Launcher Service	Disabled
315ead7a-9e96-4adf-a741-e848eccfd54b	Document Conversions Load Balancer S...	Disabled
bfb9f121-b47b-4dc7-92da-024b14b9d43a	Excel Calculation Services	Disabled
53a5fa19-9c4a-48a2-ab84-4875e499361d	Lotus Notes Connector	Disabled
badd873b-9aed-48eb-abf0-6da85dba6156	Machine Translation Service	Disabled
17c99ebf-5b0c-42ed-8e19-a133c8b7f4fe	Managed Metadata Web Service	Online
4d91dac8-cf01-4150-bbc7-06092021f53d	Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Inco...	Online
3ee2e540-fd8e-4a0f-8961-658f8a669c0e	Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Sand...	Disabled
05f19501-7fa3-4a29-b986-4f3fa368e97b	Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Subs...	Online
e06c485-c9b1-4373-a8c7-80a184e203b2	Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Web ...	Online
84e09c6f-60cc-43bf-8d11-ebc00be95542	Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Work...	Online
41d82cea-5ab3-4a2e-8181-df7ba2f1c082	PerformancePoint Service	Disabled
ac6ba573-4aaa-46ee-a218-7e0c8e9b5e34	PowerPoint Conversion Service	Disabled
0a696a94-8c6e-428d-9f5e-b42942774f94	Request Management	Disabled
c5e01d12-544d-46e6-b9eb-7020ba91661e	Search Host Controller Service	Online
f85f9b05-e55d-46bd-91a3-de6751f63318	Search Query and Site Settings Service	Online
a9e4151a-d4e7-4129-b0d5-c227bf0d8de7	Secure Store Service	Disabled
4b280d80-24f1-4e21-9358-4d84ecd852c4	SharePoint Server Search	Online
8e8ce005-7d48-4390-8090-f2f8fab49fb5	User Profile Service	Online
a0054458-4447-4bd1-9e20-c5b918dbe564	User Profile Synchronization Service	Online
a365f4d1-ef61-4544-80c1-524f7f94991c	Visio Graphics Service	Disabled
5f37d5ba-1b29-4afc-8a15-ab1b836856c7	Word Automation Services	Disabled
3b8a5811-e29d-4ae4-989b-c1fd25d8689d	Work Management Service	Disabled

\$Get One Service by TypeName

\$BCS = Get-SPServiceInstance | Select Id, TypeName, Status | Where{\$_.TypeName -like "Busines s*"}

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $BCS = Get-SPServiceInstance | Select Id, TypeName, Status | Where{$_.TypeName -like "Busines s*"}
PS C:\Users\Administrator> $BCS
Id                               TypeName
--                               -
6cfebc0f-bcd3-49e8-81cc-9a21742b8f85 Business Data Connectivity Service
Status
Online
```

Note: You can use \$Var.UnProvision() or \$Var.Stop() to stop the service.

Upgrading Content Databases and Site Collections using PowerShell

As most of you will be performing upgrades from SharePoint 2010 to 2013. Learning and understanding PowerShell is vital because you can perform Upgrade only using PowerShell. You must be aware that SharePoint 2013 Content DB upgrade is different than upgrade from 2007 to 2010. In SharePoint 2010 the upgrade process upgrade everything in the content database when we mount it to 2010 farm. After that we have to run some PowerShell script to upgrade UI Version to 4. This has changed in 2013 content database upgrade. The mount database will only upgrade the schema of the database but will not do anything to site collections. We will have to options to upgrade every site collection from UI. We can also do the upgrade from PowerShell. We also have an evaluation site which we get as a copy of our site collection for review. The upgrade process is managed by a Timer Job which runs overnight. You can control how many site collection can be upgraded at one time to tweak the process using PowerShell. Below are some examples of how to upgrade your content databases and site collection.

1. Install and configure your SharePoint 2013 environment.
2. Go to your SharePoint 2010 Farm and Set the Read-only property to true using SQL Server Management Studio.



3. Take Backup of your content Database from SQL Server Management Studio of 2010 and restore to SharePoint 2013 SQL Server Management Studio in 2013 environment
4. Set the Read-Only property to false.
5. In SharePoint 2013 Central Administration site → Create a new Web Application but do not create a site collection →
6. Delete the empty content database created by the web application.
7. Install Solutions

If your web application has any custom solutions installed then you have to get those solutions and install them to the farm. You can use the script mentioned below to download all the solutions from SharePoint 2010 farm.

Go to SharePoint 2010 Farm → Start SharePoint Management Shell (as Administrator)

```
$SolutionsDirectory = "c:\CustomSolutions"
foreach ($solution in Get-SPSolution)
{
    $title = $Solution.Name
    $filename = $Solution.SolutionFile.Name
    $solution.SolutionFile.SaveAs("$SolutionsDirectory\$filename")
}
```

8. Copy the Solutions from SharePoint 2010 to 2013 environment.
9. You can add and deploy the solutions using PowerShell.

```
Add-SPSolution "c:\CustomSolutions\MySharePointSolution.wsp"
Install-SPSolution -Identity MySharePointSolution.wsp -WebApplication http://sp2013webapp -
GACDeployment -CompatibilityLevel (14 or 15)
```

#You can write bit fancy step to automate the installation of solutions using #Get-ChildItems cmdlet with foreach loop.

#Why writing if something is already there

<http://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/projectserver/Deploy-multiple-wsp-file-1114692f>

10. Now open SharePoint 2013 Management Shell and test your content database
Test-SPContentDatabase -Name WSS_ContentDBName -WebApplication http://sp2013webapp
11. Review and Fix any errors specially if there is any "Upgrade Blocking" set to true.
12. Now upgrade your content database schema to 2013 using the following cmdlet.
Mount-SPContentDatabase -Name WSS_ContentDBName -WebApplication http://sp2013webapp
13. You must identify the Site collection that needs to be upgrade. Step one is to check for any issues with the upgrade.
Test-SPSite -Identity http://yoursitecollection
#If you get any errors in the report then you have to Repair the site collection. You can ignore the warnings.
Repair-SPSite -Identity http://yoursitecollection
14. If you want to request an evaluation site you can use the following cmdlet.
Request-SPUpgradeEvaluationSite http://yoursitecollection
15. Now it's time to run the upgrade
Upgrade-SPSite http://yoursitecollection -VersionUpgrade
#The default number of site collection upgrade thottle is 10. If you want to upgrade this site collection immediately use -Unthrottled with the above command.



16. If you want to look at current site collection upgrades that are in progress or have been completed you can use the following cmdlets.

```
#Sit Collection Upgrade Session Status  
Get-SPSiteUpgradeSession -Site http://server/sitecollection
```

```
#All Site Collection in a Content Database upgrade Status  
$database = Get-SPContentDatabase MyContentDb  
Get-SPSiteUpgradeSession -ContentDatabase $database -ShowInProgress
```

17. If you want to disable an upgrade for a site collection you can use the following cmdlet.

```
$site.AllowSelfServiceUpgrade = $false;
```

18. While upgrading your site collection the end users will see a maintenance message which you can customize using the following command.

```
$wa=Get-SPWebApplication http://sp2013webapp  
$wa.UpgradeReminderDelay "We are Upgrade your site collection from SP 2010 to 2013. Why?"  
$wa.UpgradeMaintenanceLink = http://www.info.adventure.com/pages/whyupgrade.aspx
```

```
#You can also increase or decrease the reminder for upgrade. Default is 30 days.  
$webApp.UpgradeReminderDelay = 90
```

```
#You can also set the readonline status while an upgrade is in progress or for some maintenance  
$webApp.ReadOnlyMaintenanceLink = "http://link.adventure.com;
```

```
#You Must update your web application object to confirm these changes.  
$webApp.Update()
```

Managing Licensing using PowerShell

If you were installing and configuring SharePoint from previous versions you must be aware of Standard of Enterprise versions. You had to make sure that you have to install SharePoint with the right key. So if you by mistake installed the standard key you have to update the key and run the process of activating enterprise features. We do have seen folks having issues with this thing. But overall there was not control after that point. You can deactivate features but it will happen for everyone.

So to solve this problem Microsoft introduced License management using PowerShell. License management works with Active Directory Groups. You must define your Groups in active directory and add people to the groups based on their licensing requirement. There are 4 Licensing Groups and by name understandable,

1. Standard
2. Enterprise
3. Project
4. WebApps

Let's say I have 2 Groups in my Active directory "TestStandard" and "TestEnterprise". Each have one user

```
Add-PSSnapin Microsoft.SharePoint.PowerShell  
#License Management
```



```
Get-ADGroup -Filter * | Where Name -Like "Test*" | Select Id, Name
```

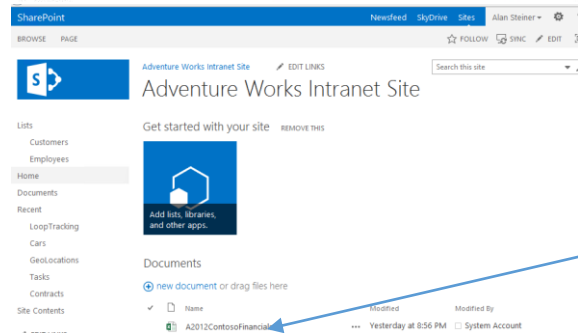
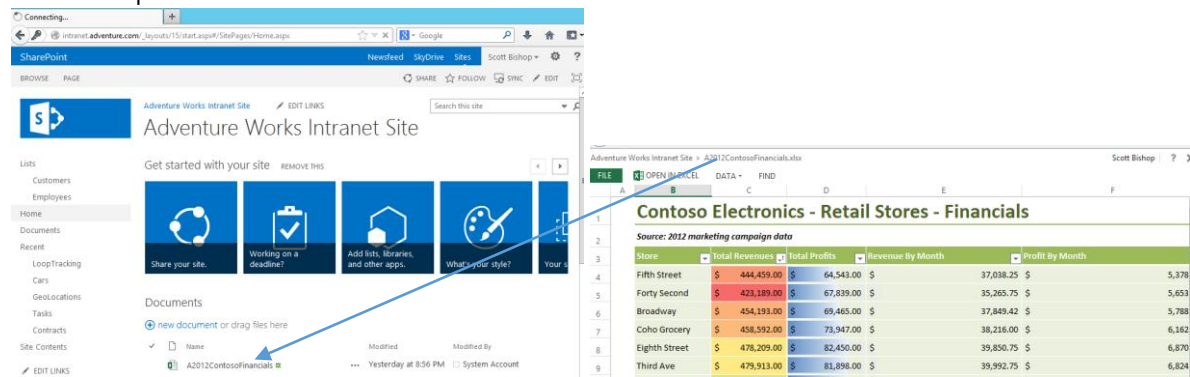
```
#Set Standard Group as Standard License
$standardusers = New-SPUserLicenseMapping -SecurityGroup "TestStandard" -License Standard
#Set Enterprise License for Enterprise Groups
$enterpriseusers = New-SPUserLicenseMapping -SecurityGroup "TestEnterprise" -License Enterprise
```

```
$standardusers | Add-SPUserLicenseMapping
$enterpriseusers | Add-SPUserLicenseMapping
```

Enable-SPUserLicensing

The PowerShell Script is easy to understand. Now what will happen when the user logs in to SharePoint? The enterprise group users will continue to use SharePoint without any issue. If the Standard users try to access an enterprise feature they will get an error that they don't have this features. In the below mentioned screen shot you can see that Scott Bishop has access to enterprise features so he is accessing the Excel Sheet using Excel Services. On the other hand Alan Steiner is getting the error.

Scott Bishop



Sorry, something went wrong

Sorry, we couldn't find your license to use this feature. If you know who manages the licenses for your organization, tell them you'd like a license to use 'Excel Services'.

Using PowerShell with SharePoint Online

You can also use PowerShell for Office365 which means PowerShell online support, Exchange, SharePoint, and Lync support.

First you have to download the SharePoint Online Management Shell from Microsoft Download Center installed it to your machine and fire it from your desktop.



First we need to connect the PowerShell Window to SharePoint Online.

Connect-SPOService -Url https://yourtenant-admin.sharepoint.com -Credential admin@yourtenant.onmicrosoft.com

To get all the cmdlets which are available in PowerShell for SharePoint online you can use the following cmdlet.
Get-Command -Module Microsoft.Online.SharePoint.PowerShell

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-Command -Module Microsoft.Online.SharePoint.PowerShell
```

CommandType	Name	ModuleName
Cmdlet	Add-SPOUser	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Connect-SPOService	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Disconnect-SPOService	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOAppErrors	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOAppInfo	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPODeletedSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOExternalUser	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOSiteGroup	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOTenant	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOTenantLogEntry	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOTenantLogLastAvailableTimeInUtc	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOUser	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Get-SPOWebTemplate	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	New-SPOSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	New-SPOSiteGroup	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Remove-SPODeletedSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Remove-SPOExternalUser	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Remove-SPOSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Remove-SPOSiteGroup	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Remove-SPOUser	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Repair-SPOSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Request-SPOUpgradeEvaluationSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Restore-SPODeletedSite	Microsoft...
Cmdlet	Set-SPOSite	Microsoft...

There are not many cmdlets for SharePoint as compared to SharePoint on premises. Some commonly used cmdlets are given below with example

Get-SPOSite will show you the site collection which exist on your tenant.

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-SPOSite
```

Url	Owner	Storage Quota
http://spsbmore-publi...		1000
https://spsbmore.shar...		1000
https://spsbmore.shar...		1000
https://spsbmore-my.s...		50

Get-SPOSite -Detailed will show you detailed information about your sites.

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-SPOSite -Detailed
```

Url	Owner	Storage Quota
http://spsbmore-publi...	s-1-5-21-4198170677-951206642-2013710...	1000
https://spsbmore.shar...	s-1-5-21-4198170677-951206642-2013710...	1000
https://spsbmore.shar...	s-1-5-21-4198170677-951206642-2013710...	1000
https://spsbmore-my.s...	s-1-5-21-4198170677-951206642-2013710...	50

To Get all the properties you can use Get-Members -membertype properties.



```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-SPOsite -Detailed | Get-Member -MemberType Propertie
s

TypeName: Microsoft.Online.SharePoint.PowerShell.SPOsite

Name                MemberType Definition
-----
AllowSelfServiceUpgrade Property    bool AllowSelfServiceUpgrade <get;set;>
CompatibilityLevel  Property    int CompatibilityLevel <get;>
DenyAddAndCustomizePages Property    Microsoft.Online.SharePoint.TenantAdmin...
LastContentModifiedDate Property    datetime LastContentModifiedDate <get;>
LocaleId            Property    uint32 LocaleId <get;set;>
LockIssue           Property    string LockIssue <get;>
LockState           Property    string LockState <get;set;>
Owner               Property    string Owner <get;set;>
ResourceQuota       Property    double ResourceQuota <get;set;>
ResourceQuotaWarningLevel Property    double ResourceQuotaWarningLevel <get;s...
ResourceUsageAverage Property    double ResourceUsageAverage <get;>
ResourceUsageCurrent Property    double ResourceUsageCurrent <get;>
Status              Property    string Status <get;>
StorageQuota        Property    long StorageQuota <get;set;>
```

Creating a Site Collection

New-SPOsite -Url https://spsbmore.sharepoint.com/sites/sitecollection -Owner jerry@spsbmore.onmicrosoft.com -StorageQuota 100 -CompatibilityLevel 15 -LocaleId 1033 -ResourceQuota 100 -Template "STS#0" -Title "My Site Collection"

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-SPOsite | Where Url -Like "*collection"

Url                Owner                Storage Quota
-----
https://spsbmore.shar... jerry@spsbmore.onmicrosoft.com 100
```

Using PowerShell to Management Office 365

Just like SharePoint Online you can also manage Office365 with PowerShell. First you must install the PowerShell Module for Active Directory which is available at link below.

You have to install the following

Microsoft Online Services Sign-In Assistant for IT Professionals RTW

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=28177>

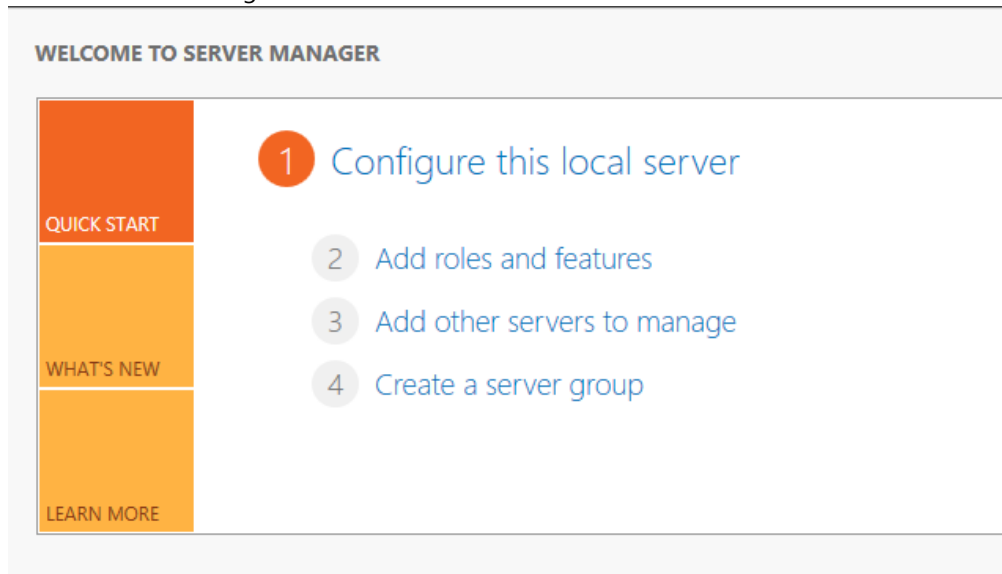
Windows Azure Active Directory Module for Windows PowerShell (64-bit version)

<http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?linkid=236297>

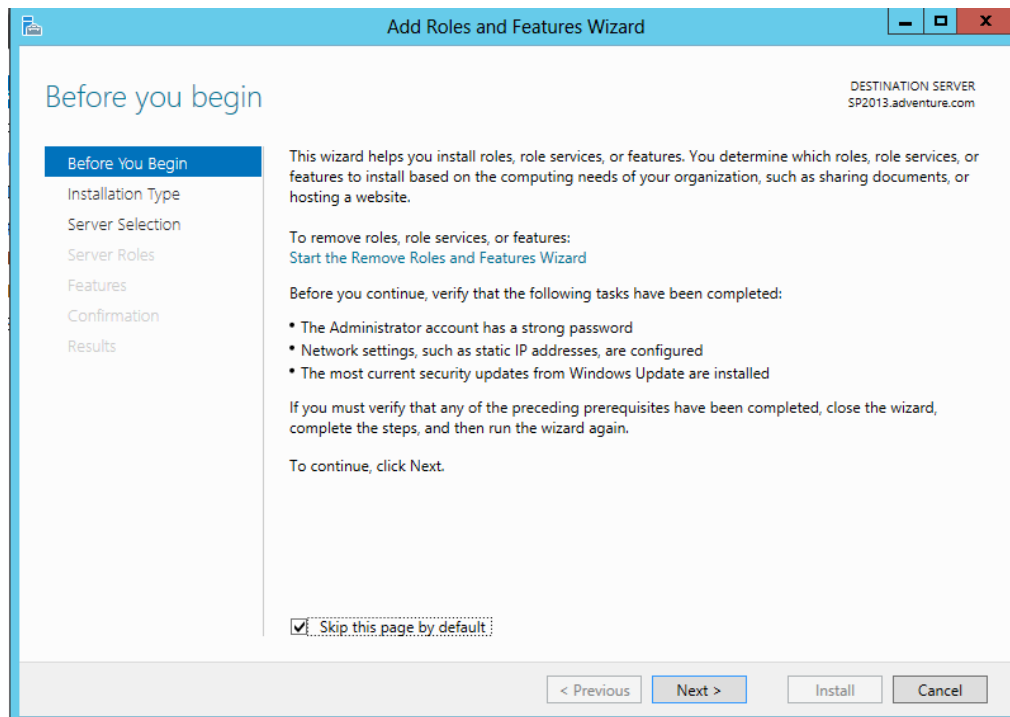
Enabling Windows PowerShell Web Access on Windows Server 2012

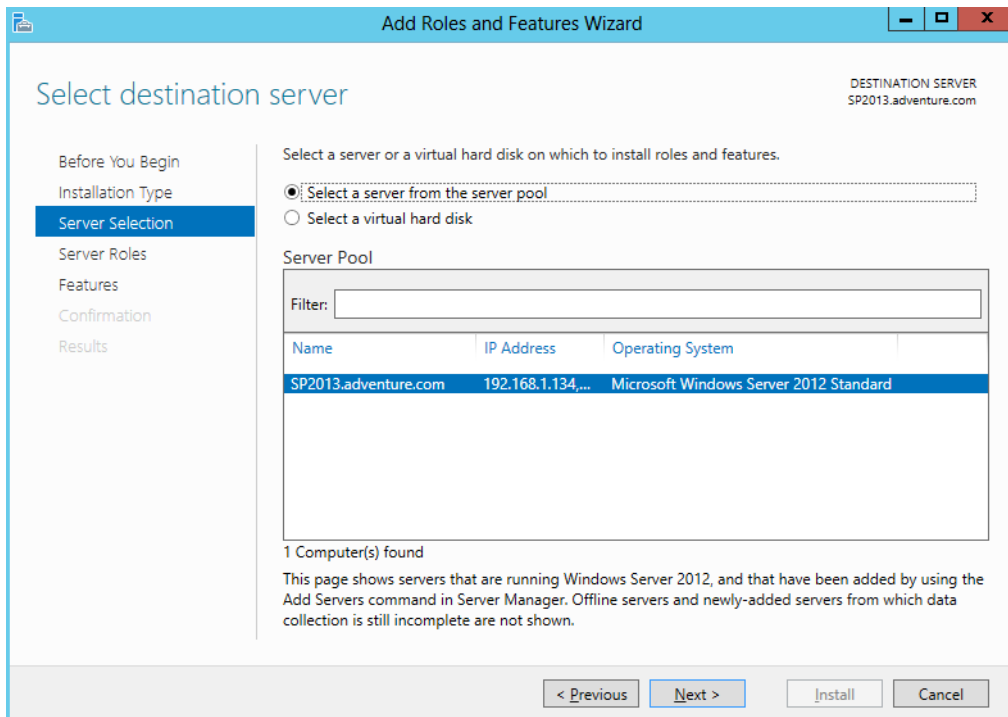
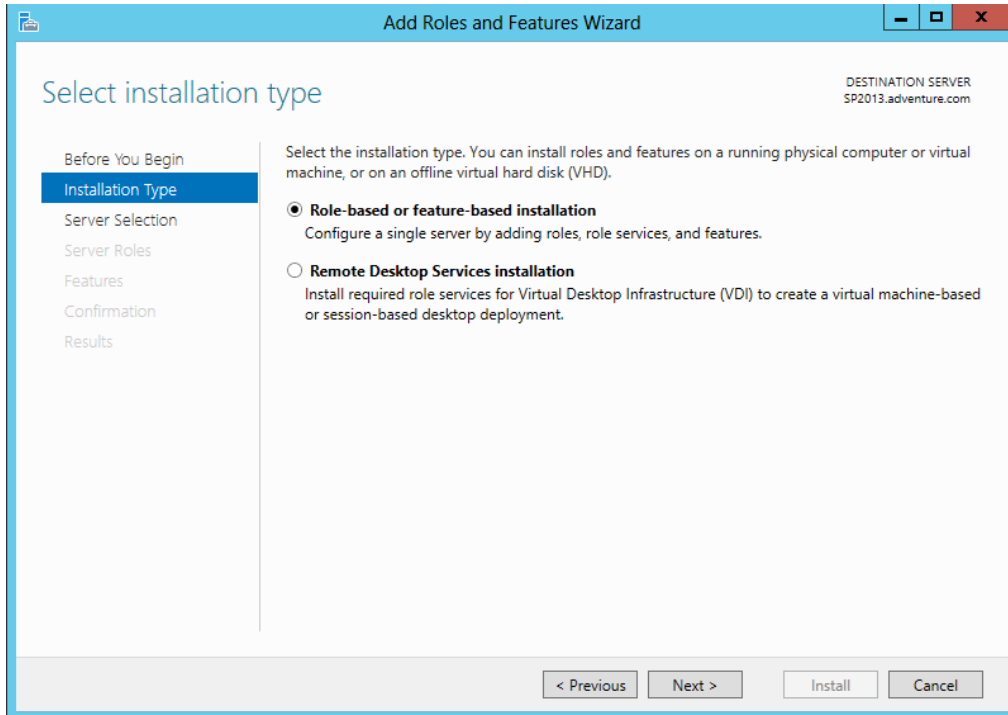
PowerShell allow Administrator to manage servers using web based management shell window.

Click on Server Manager ICON from Task Bar.



Click Add Role and Feature





Add Roles and Features Wizard

DESTINATION SERVER
SP2013.adventure.com

Select destination server

Before You Begin
Installation Type
Server Selection
Server Roles
Features
Confirmation
Results

Select a server or a virtual hard disk on which to install roles and features.

Select a server from the server pool
 Select a virtual hard disk

Server Pool

Filter:

Name	IP Address	Operating System
SP2013.adventure.com	192.168.1.134,...	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 Standard

1 Computer(s) found

This page shows servers that are running Windows Server 2012, and that have been added by using the Add Servers command in Server Manager. Offline servers and newly-added servers from which data collection is still incomplete are not shown.

< Previous Next > Install Cancel

Add Roles and Features Wizard

DESTINATION SERVER
SP2013.adventure.com

Select server roles

Before You Begin
Installation Type
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Select one or more roles to install on the selected server.

Roles

- Active Directory Certificate Services
- Active Directory Domain Services (Installed)
- Active Directory Federation Services
- Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services
- Active Directory Rights Management Services
- Application Server (Installed)
 - DHCP Server
 - DNS Server (Installed)
 - Fax Server
- File And Storage Services (Installed)
 - Hyper-V
 - Network Policy and Access Services
 - Print and Document Services
 - Remote Access
 - Remote Desktop Services

Description

Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) is used to create certification authorities and related role services that allow you to issue and manage certificates used in a variety of applications.

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Select features

DESTINATION SERVER
SP2013.adventure.com

- Before You Begin
- Installation Type
- Server Selection
- Server Roles
- Features**
- Confirmation
- Results

Select one or more features to install on the selected server.

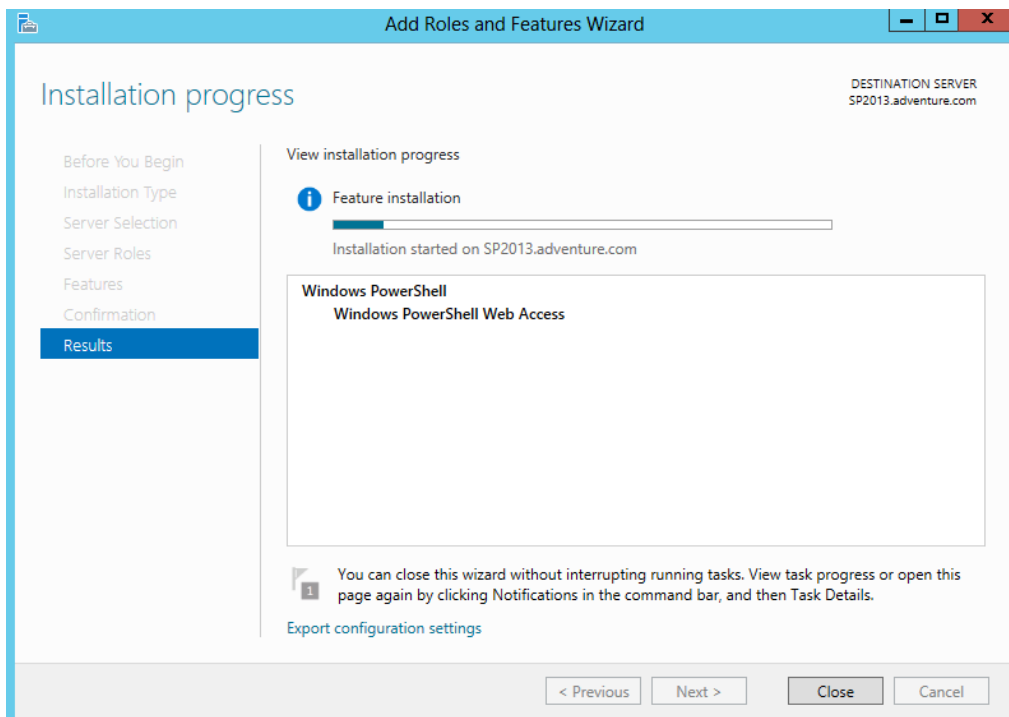
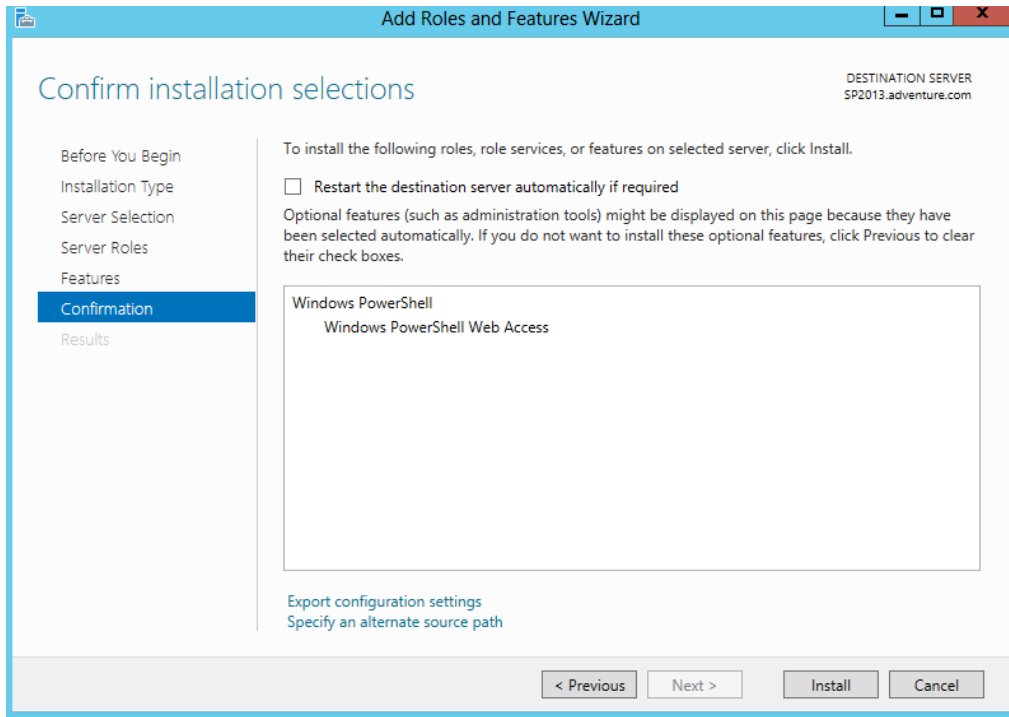
Features

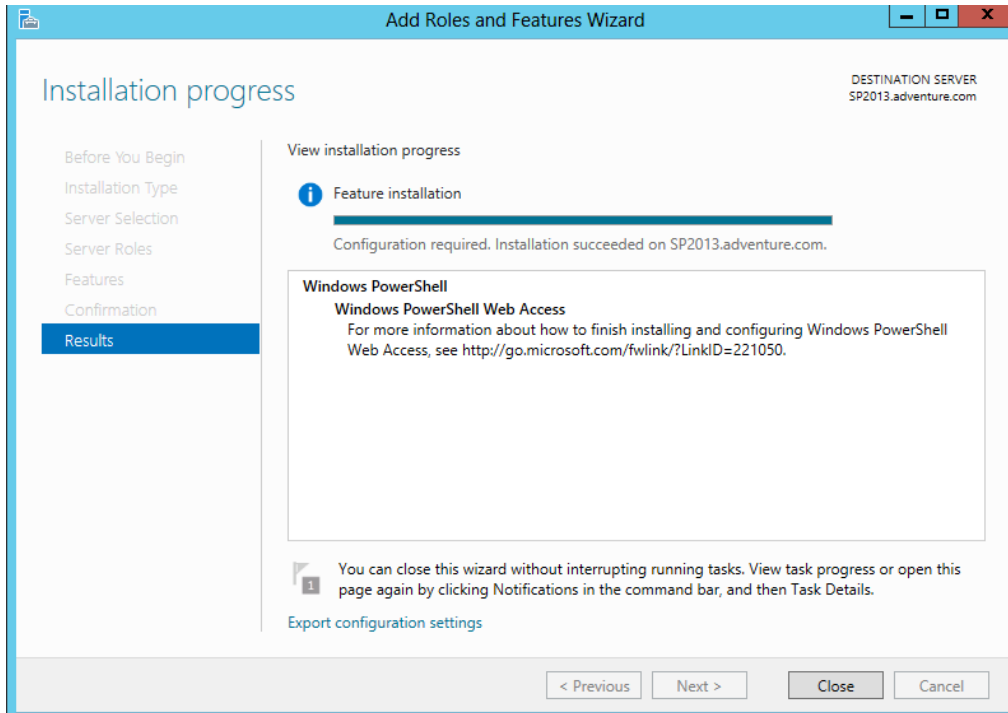
- TFTP Client
- User Interfaces and Infrastructure (Installed)
- Windows Biometric Framework
- Windows Feedback Forwarder
- Windows Identity Foundation 3.5 (Installed)
- Windows Internal Database
- Windows PowerShell (Installed)**
 - Windows PowerShell 3.0 (Installed)
 - Windows PowerShell 2.0 Engine (Installed)
 - Windows PowerShell ISE (Installed)
 - Windows PowerShell Web Access
- Windows Process Activation Service (Installed)
- Windows Search Service
- Windows Server Backup

Description

Windows PowerShell enables you to automate local and remote Windows administration. This task-based command-line shell and scripting language is built on the Microsoft .NET Framework. It includes hundreds of built-in commands and lets you write and distribute your own commands and scripts. This release of Windows includes Windows PowerShell 3.0 and Windows PowerShell 2.0, which are installed by default; and Windows PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE).

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Start Windows PowerShell as Administrator and run the following script

Install-PswaWebApplication -UseTestCertificate

```
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Windows\system32> Install-PswaWebApplication -UseTestCertificate
WARNING: Using a test certificate in a production environment is not recommended for security reasons. This certificate
should be used only for internal testing of Windows PowerShell Web Access. The test certificate expires in 90 days.
Creating application pool pswa_pool...

Name                State              Applications
----                -
pswa_pool           Started

Creating web application pswa...

Path                : /pswa
ApplicationPool     : pswa_pool
EnabledProtocols    : http
PhysicalPath        : C:\Windows\Web\PowerShellWebAccess\wwwroot

Creating self-signed certificate...

Creating HTTPS binding...
```

Add-PswaAuthorizationRule -UserName adventure\administrator -ComputerName sp2013 - ConfigurationName adminonly

To Allow Everyone (Test Lab)

Add-PswaAuthorizationRule -UserName * -ComputerName * -ConfigurationName *

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Add-PswaAuthorizationRule -UserName adventure\administrator -ComputerName sp2013 -ConfigurationName adminonly

Confirm
You are creating a rule for computer "SP2013.adventure.com". If this is not the computer for which you want to create a rule, then try again with a fully-qualified domain name.


Do you want to continue?
[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y

Id      RuleName      User                Destination          ConfigurationName
--      -
0       Rule 0        adventure\administrator SP2013.adventure.com adminonly
```



← → <https://sp2013.adventure.com/pswa/en-US/logon.aspx> Certificate Error: Navigation... ×




Developer Site - DevHome PowerShell Web Access

 There is a problem with this website's security certificate.

The security certificate presented by this website was not issued by a trusted certificate authority. The security certificate presented by this website was issued for a different website's address.

Security certificate problems may indicate an attempt to fool you or intercept any data you send to the server.

We recommend that you close this webpage and do not continue to this website.

-  [Click here to close this webpage.](#)
-  [Continue to this website \(not recommended\).](#)
-  [More information](#)

Windows Server 2012 Microsoft

Windows PowerShell Web Access ?

Enter your credentials and connection settings

User name:

Password:

Connection type: ▼

Computer name:

Optional connection settings

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```
venture.com/pswa/en-US/console.aspx Certificate error sp2013
PowerShell Web Access

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PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
|
Submit Cancel History: up down Connected to: sp2013 Sign Out
```

```
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
Add-PSSnapin Microsoft.SharePoint.PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
Get-SPWebApplication

DisplayName      Ur1
-----
Sales Web App    http://sales.adventure.com/
SharePoint - 80  http://sp2013/
SharePoint - 82  http://sp2013:82/
SharePoint - my.adventure.c... http://my.adventure.com/

PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>
Submit Cancel History: up down Connected to: sp2013 Sign Out
```



Windows PowerShell the Power of Variables

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/magazine/2007.03.powershell.aspx>

Introducing the Windows PowerShell ISE

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd315244.aspx>

[Index of Windows PowerShell cmdlets for SharePoint 2013](#)

Managing Office 365 using PowerShell

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/jj151815.aspx>

Overview of the upgrade process to SharePoint 2013

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc262483.aspx>