

Automating Administration with Windows PowerShell (10961)

Duration: 5 Days

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Students Will Learn

- Opening and configuring Windows PowerShell
- Working with the Pipeline
- Understanding how the Pipeline works
- Using PSProviders and PSDrives
- Formatting output
- Using WMI and CIM
- Preparing for scripting
- Moving from a command to a script to a module
- Administering remote computers
- Putting the various Windows PowerShell components together
- Using background jobs and scheduled jobs
- Using advanced PowerShell techniques and profiles

Course Description

This is a Microsoft Official Course (MOC) and includes Microsoft courseware and hands-on labs. This course provides students with the fundamental knowledge and skills to use Windows PowerShell 4.0 for administering and automating administration of Windows based servers. Students will learn to execute and monitor scripts more efficiently through more robust session connectivity, workflow capabilities, enhanced job scheduling, and Windows PowerShell Web Access. Learn Windows PowerShell with greater ease through improved cmdlet discovery and simplified, consistent syntax across all cmdlets. Write Windows PowerShell scripts quicker and more intuitively through the new Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE) that enables script sharing, which connects IT pros to a larger Windows PowerShell user community. The course is built on Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows 8.1 and while it is specifically focused on Windows PowerShell v4.0, is also relevant in v2.0 and v3.0 Windows PowerShell environments.

Course Prerequisites

Before attending this course, students must have:

- Experience with Windows networking technologies and implementation
- Experience with Windows Server administration, maintenance and troubleshooting
- Experience with Windows Client administration, maintenance and troubleshooting

About MOC On-Demand

This course is also available via Microsoft Official Courses On-Demand. MOC On-Demand uses a combination of streaming video, text, lab exercises and assessment checks throughout the course. MOC On-Demand courses are available for 90 days and recommend the following system requirements:

- Browser: Current version of Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome or Firefox
- Internet: Broadband Internet connection of over 4Mbps
- Screen Resolution: 1280 x 1024 or higher

Course Overview

Module 1: Getting Started with Windows PowerShell

This module will introduce you to Windows PowerShell and provide an overview of the product's functionality. The module shows you how to open and configure the shell for use and how to run commands within the shell. The module also introduces the built-in Help system in Windows PowerShell.

Lessons

- Overview and background of Windows PowerShell
- Understanding command syntax
- Finding commands

Labs

- Configuring the Windows PowerShell console
- Configuring the Windows PowerShell ISE application
- Finding commands
- Running commands
- Using the About files

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Open and configure Windows PowerShell
- Find and run Windows PowerShell commands
- Run commands by using the correct command and parameter syntax

Module 2: Cmdlets for Administration

This module introduces you to the cmdlets commonly used for administration. While you can search for cmdlets each time you need to accomplish a task, it is more efficient to have at least a basic understanding of the cmdlets available for system administration.

Lessons

- Active Directory administration cmdlets
- Network configuration cmdlets
- Other server administration cmdlets

Labs

- Creating and managing Active Directory objects
- Configuring network settings on Windows Server
- Creating a web site

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Identify and use cmdlets for Active Directory administration
- Identify and use cmdlets for network configuration
- Identify and use cmdlets for other server administration tasks

Module 3: Working with the Windows PowerShell Pipeline

This module introduces the pipeline feature of Windows PowerShell. Although the pipeline feature is included in several command-line shells such as the command prompt in the Windows operating system, the pipeline feature in Windows PowerShell provides more complex, more flexible, and more capable functionalities compared to other shells. This module provides you with the skills and knowledge that will help you use the shell more effectively and efficiently.

Lessons

- Understanding the pipeline
- Selecting, sorting, and measuring objects
- Filtering objects out of the pipeline
- Enumerating objects in the pipeline
- Sending pipeline data as output

Labs

- Selecting, sorting, and displaying data
- Filtering objects
- Enumerating objects
- Exporting user information to a file

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Describe the purpose of the Windows PowerShell pipeline
- Select, sort, and measure objects in the pipeline
- Filter objects out of the pipeline
- Enumerate objects in the pipeline
- Send output consisting of pipeline data

Module 4: Understanding How the Pipeline Works

This module shows you how Windows PowerShell passes objects from one command to another in the pipeline. The shell provides two techniques that you can use. Knowing how these techniques work, and which one will be used in a given scenario, lets you construct more useful and complex command lines.

Lessons

- Passing the pipeline data
- Advanced considerations for pipeline data

Lab

- Predicting pipeline behavior

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Pass data by using the ByValue technique
- Describe the advanced techniques for passing pipeline data

Module 5: Using PSProviders and PSDrives

This module introduces the PSProviders and PSDrives adapters. A PSProvider is basically a Windows PowerShell adapter that makes some form of storage resemble a disk drive. A PSDrive is an actual connection to a form of storage. You can use these two adapters to work with various forms of storage by using the same commands and techniques that you use to manage the file system.

Lessons

- Using PSProviders
- Using PSDrives

Labs

- Creating files and folders on a remote computer
- Creating a registry key for your future scripts
- Create a new Active Directory group

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Use PSProviders
- Use PSDrives

Module 6: Querying System Information by Using WMI and CIM

This module introduces you to two parallel technologies: Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) and Common Information Model (CIM). Both these technologies provide local and remote access to a repository of management information including access to robust information available from the operating system, computer hardware, and installed software.

Lessons

- Understanding WMI and CIM
- Querying data by using WMI and CIM
- Making changes with WMI/CIM

Labs

- Querying information by using WMI
- Querying information by using CIM
- Invoking methods

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Explain the differences between Common Information Model (CIM) and Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)
- Query management information by using CIM and WMI
- Invoke methods by using CIM and WMI

Module 7: Working with Variables, Arrays and Hash Tables

This module provides you the skills and knowledge required to use variables, arrays, and hash tables in Windows PowerShell.

Lessons

- Using variables.
- Manipulating variables.
- Manipulating arrays and hash tables.

Labs

- Working with variable types
- Using arrays
- Using hash tables

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Assign a value to variables
- Describe how to manipulate variables
- Describe how to manipulate arrays and hash tables

Module 8: Basic Scripting

This module shows you how to package a Windows PowerShell command in a script. Scripts allow you to perform repetitive tasks and more complex tasks than cannot be accomplished in a single command.

Lessons

- Introduction to scripting
- Scripting constructs
- Importing data from files

Labs

- Setting a script
- Processing an array with a ForEach loop
- Processing items by using If statements
- Creating a random password
- Creating users based on a CSV file

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Run a Windows PowerShell script
- Use Windows PowerShell scripting constructs
- Import data from a file

Module 9: Advanced Scripting

This module introduces you to more advanced techniques that you can use in scripts. These techniques includes gathering user input, reading input from files, documenting scripts with help information and error handling.

Lessons

- Accepting user input
- Overview of script documentation
- Troubleshooting and error handling
- Functions and modules

Labs

- Querying disk information from remote computers
- Updating the script to use alternate credentials
- Documenting a script
- Creating a logging function
- Adding error handling to a script
- Converting a function to a module

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Accept user input for a script
- Explain script documentation
- Implement error handling for a script
- Explain functions and modules

Module 10: Administering Remote Computers

This module introduces you to the Windows PowerShell remoting technology that enables you to connect to one or more remote computers and instruct them to run commands on your behalf.

Lessons

- Using basic Windows PowerShell remoting
- Using advanced Windows PowerShell remoting techniques
- Using PSSessions

Labs

- Enabling remoting on the local computer
- Performing one-to-one remoting
- Performing one-to-many remoting
- Using implicit remoting
- Managing multiple computers

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Describe remoting architecture and security
- Use advanced remoting techniques
- Create and manage persistent remoting sessions

Module 11: Using background Jobs and Scheduled Jobs

This module provides information about the job features of Windows PowerShell. Jobs are an extension point in Windows PowerShell, and there are many different kinds of jobs. Each kind of job can work slightly differently, and has different capabilities.

Lessons

- Using background jobs
- Using scheduled jobs

Labs

- Starting and managing jobs
- Creating a scheduled job

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Create and manage background jobs
- Create and manage scheduled jobs

Module 12: Using Advanced Windows PowerShell Techniques

This module covers several advanced Windows PowerShell techniques and features. Many of these techniques and features extend functionality that you have learned about in previous modules. Some of these techniques are new and provide additional capabilities.

Lessons

- Creating profile scripts
- Using advanced techniques

Labs

- Creating a profile script
- Verifying the validity of an IP address
- Reporting disk information
- Configuring NTFS permissions
- Creating user accounts with passwords from a CSV file

After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Create and manage profile scripts
- Use advanced techniques to work with data

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