

# **Windows Scripting Cheatsheet**

A quick reference guide for Windows scripting using PowerShell and Batch scripting, covering essential commands, syntax, and automation techniques.



#### **PowerShell Basics**

#### Core Commands (Cmdlets)

| Get -<br>Command            | Lists all available PowerShell commands (cmdlets).                |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Get-Help <command/>         | Displays help information for a specific command.                 |
| Set-<br>ExecutionP<br>olicy | Configures the PowerShell execution policy (e.g., RemoteSigned ). |
| Get-<br>Process             | Retrieves information about running processes.                    |
| Stop-<br>Process            | Stops a running process (e.g., Stop-Process -Id <pid> ).</pid>    |
| Get-<br>Service             | Retrieves information about Windows services.                     |
| Start-<br>Service           | Starts a Windows service.   |
| Stop-<br>Service            | Stops a Windows service.  |
| Restart-<br>Service         | Restarts a Windows service.                                       |

## Variables and Operators

| \$                          | Indicates a variable (e.g., \$name = "John" ).                          |
|-----------------------------|---|
| =                           | Assignment operator (e.g., \$x = 10 ).                                  |
| -eq , -<br>ne , -<br>gt , - | Equality, inequality, greater than, and less than operators.            |
| -and,<br>-or, -             | Logical AND, OR, and NOT operators.                                     |
| +, -,                       | Arithmetic operators (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). |
| +=, -                       | Shorthand for incrementing/decrementing the value of a variable.        |

## Basic Syntax & Structures

| if    | (\$condition) { } elseif             |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| (\$cc | ondition) { } else { } -             |
| Con   | ditional statement.                  |
| for   | r (\$i = 0; \$i -lt 10; \$i++) { } - |
| For   | loop.                                |
| for   | reach (\$item in \$collection) { } - |
| Fore  | each loop.                           |
| whi   | ile (\$condition) { }) - While loop. |
| fur   | nction My-Function { } - Function    |
| defi  | nition.                              |

## **PowerShell Advanced**

## Working with Objects

| Get-<br>Membe              | Displays the properties and methods of an object.  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Selec<br>t-<br>Objec<br>t  | Selects specific properties of an object (e.g., Get-Process   Select-Object Name, Id ).                      |
| Where - Objec              | Filters objects based on a condition (e.g., Get-Process   Where-Object {\$CPU -gt 1}).                       |
| ForEa<br>ch-<br>Objec<br>t | Performs an action on each object in a collection (e.g., Get-Process   ForEach-Object {Write-Host \$Name} ). |
| Expor<br>t-Csv             | Exports objects to a CSV file (e.g.,  Get-Process   Export-Csv -Path  processes.csv -NoTypeInformation ).    |
| Impor<br>t-Csv             | Imports objects from a CSV file (e.g., \$data = Import-Csv -Path data.csv ).                                 |

## Modules and Script Execution

| Import-                                      | Imports a PowerShell module (e.g., Import-Module ActiveDirectory ). |
|--|---|
| Get-<br>Module                               | Lists imported modules.   |
| <pre> <script_ path=""></script_></pre>      | Executes a PowerShell script in the current scope.                  |
| <pre>&amp; <script_ path=""></script_></pre> | Executes a PowerShell script in a new scope.                        |
| <pre>. <script_ path=""></script_></pre>     | Executes a PowerShell script.                                       |
| Publish -Module                              | Publishes a module to a repository.                                 |

## Error Handling

| $ ({\rm try}~\{~\dots~\}~{\rm catch}~\{~\dots~\}~{\rm finally}~\{~\dots~\}) \\ - {\rm Try-Catch-Finally}~{\rm block}~{\rm for}~{\rm error}~{\rm handling}. $ |
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| (\$ErrorActionPreference = 'Stop') - Sets the error action preference to stop execution on error.  |
| (Write-Error "Error message") - Writes an error message.   |

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## **Batch Scripting Basics**

#### **Basic Commands**

| echo         | Displays text on the console.                                       |
|--------------|---|
| @echo        | Turns command echoing off (usually at the beginning of the script). |
| paus<br>e    | Pauses script execution until a key is pressed.                     |
| cls          | Clears the console screen.  |
| titl<br>e    | Sets the title of the console window.                               |
| exit         | Exits the script.   |
| rem<br>or :: | Comment a line (rem is compatible with older versions).             |

#### Variables and Operators

| <pre>set <variable>= <value></value></variable></pre> | Sets a variable (e.g., set name=John ).   |
|---|---|
| % <pre><variable>%</variable></pre>                   | Accesses a variable's value (e.g., echo %name%).                                |
| == , EQU ,<br>NEQ , GTR ,<br>LSS                      | Equality, not equal, greater than, and less than operators (string comparison). |
| <pre>if <condition> ( ) else ( )</condition></pre>    | Conditional statement.  |
| (set>) do (   | For loop (e.g., for %%i in (a b c) do echo %%i ). Use %i in command line        |
| goto <label></label>                                  | Jumps to a labeled section of the script.                                       |

#### File and Directory Operations

| dir            | Lists files and directories in the current directory. |
|----------------|---|
| cd             | Changes the current directory (e.g., cd C:\Windows).  |
| mkdir<br>or md | Creates a new directory (e.g., mkdir NewDirectory ).  |
| rmdir<br>or rd | Removes a directory (e.g., rmdir NewDirectory ).      |
| сору           | Copies files (e.g., copy file.txt C:\Backup).         |
| del            | Deletes files (e.g., del file.txt).                   |

## **Batch Scripting Advanced**

#### Conditional Statements and Loops

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if <condition> ( \dots ) else ( \dots ) -
Conditional execution.
Example:
 if "%ERRORLEVEL%" == "0" (
   echo Success
 ) else (
   echo Failure
for %%i in (<set>) do ( ... ) - Looping
through a set of items.
Example:
 for \%i in (*.txt) do (
   echo Processing %%i
goto <label> - Jump to a specific label in the
script.
Example:
 :start
 echo Starting...
 goto end
 :end
 echo Ending...
```

## Working with Strings

| %variable:~st<br>art,length%                            | Substring extraction from a variable (e.g., %string:~0,5%).        |
|---|--|
| <pre>set variable=%vari able:old=new%</pre>             | String replacement (e.g., replace 'old' with 'new' in %variable%). |
| <pre>set variable=%vari able: <search>=%</search></pre> | Delete search string   |

#### Calling External Programs

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start <program> - Starts an external program.
Example:
   start notepad.exe file.txt```

call <batch_file> - Calls another batch file.
Example:
   call other_script.bat```
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