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## Microsoft Windows PowerShell v2 For Administrators

**Days:** 4  
**Format:** Instructor-Led  
**Class Code** 50414  
**Certification Exams:**  
**Certification Track:**

### Recommended Course Sequence

Knowledge of prerequisites  
noted below.

*Course content is subject to change  
without notice.*

### Course Description:

This four-day instructor-led course provides students with the knowledge and skills to leverage Microsoft Windows PowerShell v2 to administer their Windows environment. Both the command line environment and the scripting capabilities inherent in Microsoft's automation engine are addressed during this hands-on course.

### Target Student:

This course is intended for systems administrators responsible for managing Windows platforms who are interested in automating administrative tasks.

### Prerequisites:

Before attending this course, students must have:

- Experience managing Windows operating systems.
- Familiarity with Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, or Windows 7.
- Scripting experience is recommended but not required.

### Delivery Method:

Instructor led, group-paced, classroom-delivery learning model with structured hands-on activities.

### At Course Completion:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Install and configure PowerShell v2 on various Windows operating systems.
- Navigate the command line interface as well as the integrated scripting environment.
- Leverage cmdlets to accomplish daily management tasks.
- Format information returned by PowerShell v2 in a variety of styles.
- Create PowerShell v2 scripts to automate routine tasks.
- Manage multiple systems concurrently through PowerShell v2 remoting.
- Understand the security capabilities within PowerShell v2 and how to manage them.
- Enhance the management of other Microsoft products by using the skills and general knowledge covered in this course.

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## Course Outline

### Module 1: Introduction to PowerShell – the Basics

This module explains how to install and configure PowerShell. In addition, students will be introduced to many of the concepts of PowerShell, including cmdlets and PowerShell drives.

Lessons	
■	Lesson 1: What is PowerShell?
■	Lesson 2: PowerShell Cmdlets
■	Lesson 3: PowerShell Snapins
■	Lesson 4: PowerShell Modules
■	Lesson 5: PowerShell Remoting
■	Lesson 6: Navigating in PowerShell
■	Lesson 7: PowerShell Profiles
Lab : Introduction to PowerShell	
■	Installing PowerShellv2
■	Exploring Help
■	Working with cmdlets
■	Creating a custom profile
■	Optional: Reading Registry Data

### Module 2: The PowerShell Pipeline, Scripts and Syntax

This module explains how to use the PowerShell pipeline at the command line and in script files. It provides information on retrieving information on the properties and methods of objects. The module closes with information on command line syntax, managing output from cmdlets, and defining script blocks.

Lessons	
■	Lesson 1: Pipelines
■	Lesson 2: Scripts
■	Lesson 3: Syntax, Output and Script Blocks
Lab : The PowerShell Pipeline, Scripts and Syntax	
■	Working with the PowerShell Pipeline
■	Using continuation characters for command line scripts
■	Create a command line script
■	Working with Operators

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## Module 3: Variables and Data Types, Variable Scopes, and Collections

This module explains how to use cmdlets associated with variables. addresses how PowerShell interprets variables based on their content. It reviews the common data types and how to control variable data types. It looks into the scope of the variable itself and finishes with using arrays.

Lessons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Lesson 1: Variables and Data Types</li><li>■ Lesson 2: Variable Scopes</li><li>■ Lesson 3: Collections</li></ul>
Lab : Variables and Data Types, Variable Scopes, and Collections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Working with variables and data types</li><li>■ Working with arrays</li><li>■ Working with hash tables</li></ul>

## Module 4: Security

This module explains how identify and configure script execution policies. It includes information on securing script files through the use of certificates as well as how to capture and use alternate credentials when executing commands. The module ends with a discussion on securing remote sessions.

Lessons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Lesson 1: Script Execution</li><li>■ Lesson 2: Signing Scripts</li><li>■ Lesson 3: Requesting Credentials and Using Secure Strings</li><li>■ Lesson 4: Securing Remote Sessions</li></ul>
Lab : Security
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Script Execution</li><li>■ Signing Scripts</li><li>■ Requesting Credentials</li></ul>

## Module 5: Remote Management

This module explains how use the different methods of executing commands remotely. It covers the requirements for using PowerShell remoting, managing remote sessions, and running background jobs.

Lessons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Lesson 1: Configuring Remote Management</li><li>■ Lesson 2: Using PowerShell Remoting</li><li>■ Lesson 3: Using Jobs</li></ul>
Lab : Remote Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Using Built-in Remoting</li><li>■ Configuring PowerShell Remoting</li><li>■ Using Persistent Sessions</li><li>■ Working with Background Jobs</li></ul>

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### Module 6: Script Flow Control Statements

This module explains how use the language elements of PowerShell. It covers the statements for looping, branching, and managing the behavior of those statements through the use of break and continue keywords.

Lessons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Lesson 1: Foreach and For</li><li>■ Lesson 2: While / Do While / Do Until</li><li>■ Lesson 3: If / Switch</li><li>■ Lesson 4: Break /Continue</li></ul>
Lab : Script Flow Control Statements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Working with Foreach, If, and Switch</li><li>■ Using While / Do While / Do Until</li></ul>

### Module 7: Functions, Filters and Modules

This module explains how use the features of PowerShell which allow you to extend its functionality through reusable code. It includes creating robust functions by leveraging parameters and introduces modules which enhance the portability of reusable code.

Lessons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Lesson 1: Functions and Filters</li><li>■ Lesson 2: Scripting with Functions and Parameters</li><li>■ Lesson 3: Modules</li></ul>
Lab : Functions, Filters and Modules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Creating Functions</li><li>■ Making Functions with Parameters</li><li>■ Creating a Simple Module</li></ul>

### Module 8: Error Handling

This module explains how use the error handling environment within PowerShell. It addresses the language components which enhance managing errors. The debugging options within both the console host and the ISE are presented as tools for debugging scripts.










Lessons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Lesson 1: Error Handling</li><li>■ Lesson 2: Try / Catch / Finally</li><li>■ Lesson 3: Script Debugging</li></ul>
Lab : Error Handling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Managing the Error Environment</li><li>■ Using Try / Catch / Finally for Error Handling</li><li>■ Using the ISE for Script Debugging</li></ul>

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### Module 9: Designing Security for Data

This module explains how use the topics covered in previous modules in every day administrative tasks. It combines the command line, script files, modules and functions to automate a variety of tasks. It introduces the concepts of advanced scripting which make PowerShell an enterprise-ready scripting environment.

Lessons	
	Lesson 1: Manipulating files and folders
	Lesson 2: Modifying Registry Data
	Lesson 3: Working with Events
	Lesson 4: Working with Active Directory Objects
	Lesson 5: Advanced Scripting
Lab : Administrative Uses	
	Scripting for the File System
	Scripting Registry Changes
	Scripting for Event Logs
	Scripting for Active Directory