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#### Scripting – Windows PowerShell – Part 2

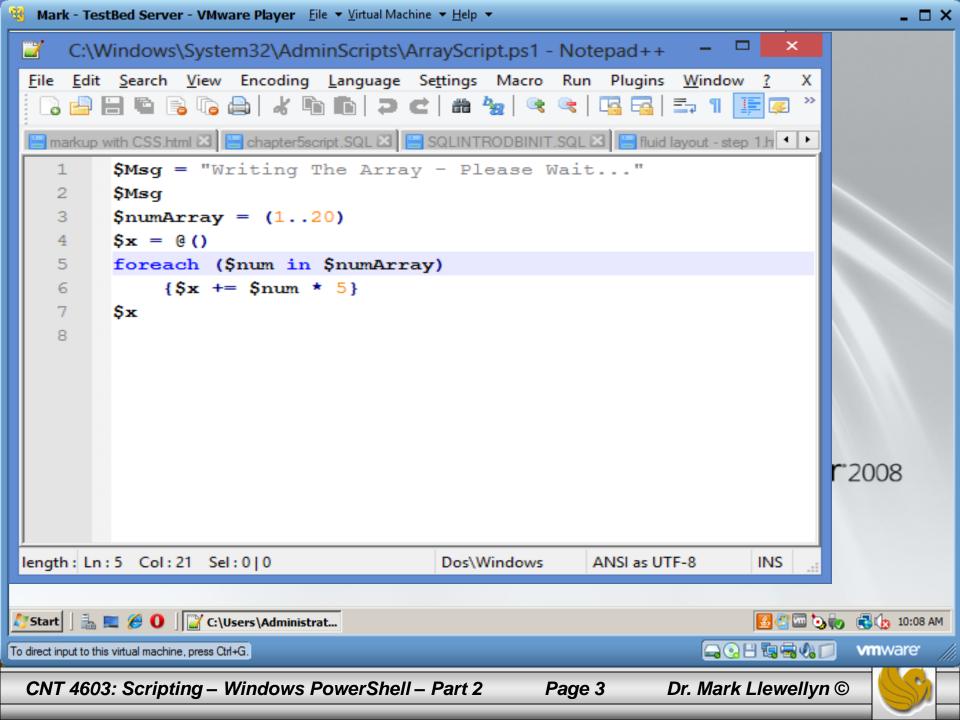
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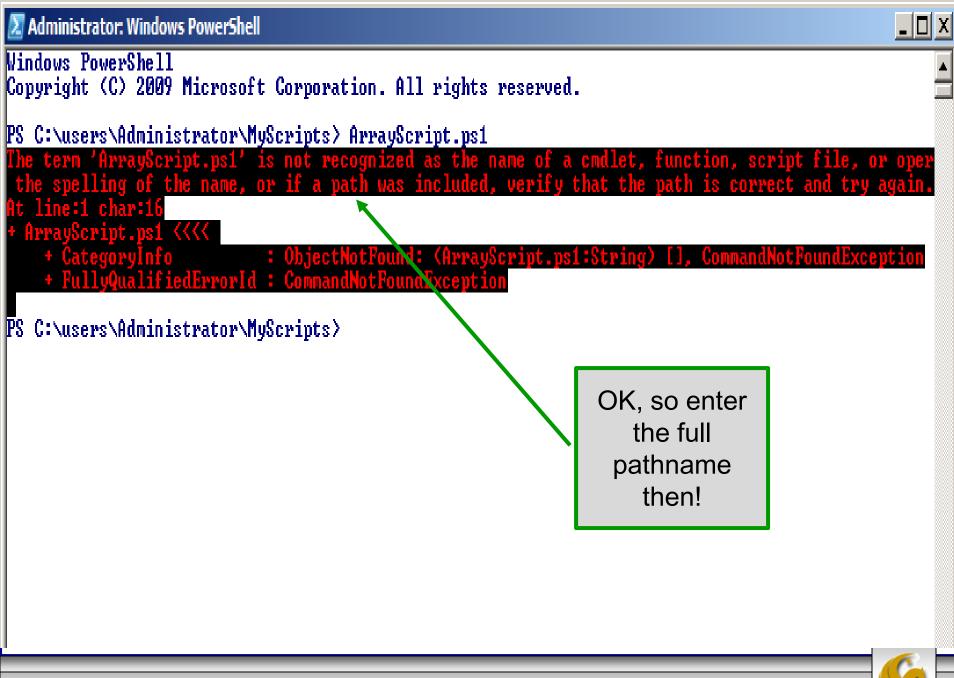
- Create the following PowerShell script in a text editor like Notepad or NotePad++.
- Save this script in the Administrator/MyScripts folder we created in the last set of notes. Save the script with the name ArrayScript.ps1. (In Notepad++, the PowerShell extension .ps1 is a predefined extension.) Don't worry about understanding the syntax yet, we'll get to that later.
- Once you've created the script, start PowerShell and at the prompt enter the name of the script.

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• You should see screen as it appears on the next page:





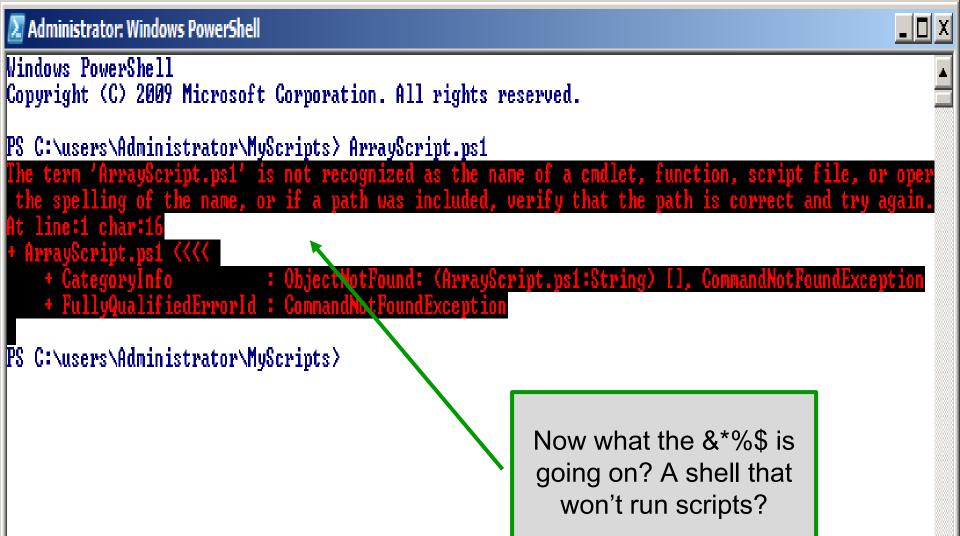


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- PowerShell does not load scripts from the default directory automatically, so as the previous screen shot illustrates, you need to specify the full pathname to the script.
- Do this and you should see the screen as it appears on the next page.







- The security settings built into PowerShell include something called the "execution-policy".
- The execution-policy determines how (or if) PowerShell runs scripts.
- By default, PowerShell's execution policy is set to **Restricted**; that means that scripts including those you write yourself won't run!
- To verify the execution policy settings run the cmdlet getexecutionpolicy. This is shown on the next page.

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PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> c:/users/administrator/myscripts/ArrayScript.ps1 File C:\users\administrator\myscripts\ArrayScript.ps1 cannot be loaded because the execution of this system. Please see "get-help about\_signing" for more details. At line:1 char:49

- c:/users/administrator/myscripts/ArrayScript.ps1 <<<<
  - + CategoryInfo : NotSpecified: (:) [], PSSecurityExcept:
  - + FullyQualifiedErrorld : RuntimeException

PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> get-executionpolicy

Restricted

PS\_C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts>



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- While this security setting might seem a bit severe, nevertheless that's what it is. So, we need to reset the execution policy.
- To do this, run the cmdlet set-executionpolicy.
- To configure PowerShell to run any script you write yourself without question but to run scripts downloaded from the Internet only if those scripts have been signed by a trusted publisher, set the execution policy to **RemoteSigned**.
- AllSigned requires all scripts to be signed by a trusted publisher and Unrestricted allows all scripts to be executed.

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• Use the cmdlet to set the policy to **RemoteSigned**.

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+ CategoryInfo : NotSpecified: (:) [], PSSecurityException + FullyQualifiedErrorId : RuntimeException PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> get-executionpolicy Restricted	
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> set-executionpolicy remotesigned Execution Policy Change The execution policy helps protect you from scripts that you do not trust. Changing the executio	
policy might expose you to the security risks described in the about_Execution_Policies help top Do you want to change the execution policy? [Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts>	ic.

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- Now that you've gotten the execution policy set, you can finally execute the ArrayScript script as we tried to do earlier.
- The next page illustrates the execution, finally!, of our script.



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PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> ArrayScript.ps1 The term 'ArrayScript.ps1' is not recognized as the name of the spelling of the name, or if a path was included, verify At line:1 char:16 + ArrayScript.ps1 <<<< + CategoryInfo : ObjectNotFound: (ArrayScript.p + FullyQualifiedErrorId : CommandNotFoundException PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> c:/users/administrator/ Writing The Array - Please Wait	a cmdlet, function, script file, or op that the path is correct and try agai s1:String) [], CommandNotFoundExceptio	ie p n.
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- As you can see from the previous slide, PowerShell does not run scripts without a fully specified pathname!
- If you want to be able to execute scripts without providing the full pathname to the script, you'll need to modify your path.
- The following command will retrieve your Windows PATH environment variable and display it in a readable fashion.

\$a = \$env:path; \$a.split(";");

- Note that you can also use the .\ notation to execute a script from within the current directory if you don't want to mess around with your path environment variable.
- See the next two pages for illustrations of this.





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```
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> $a = $env:path; $a.split(";");
%SystemRoot%\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\
C:\Windows
C:\Windows
C:\Windows\System32\Wbem
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\
C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.5\bin
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts>
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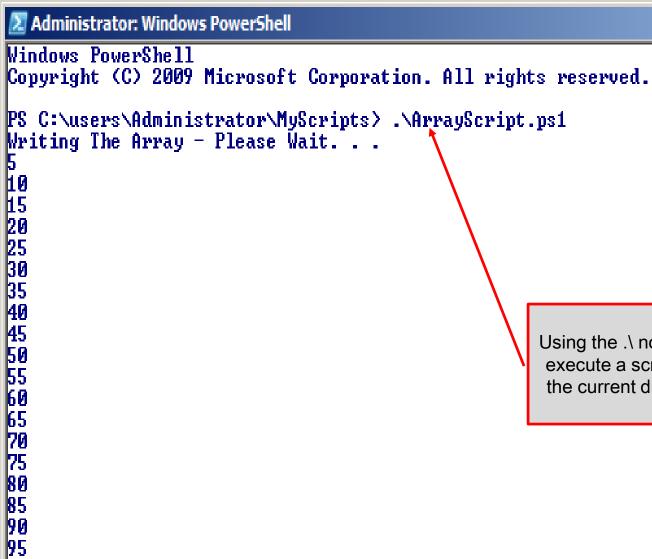
See the Windows path environment variable

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Using the .\ notation to execute a script from the current directory.

100 PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts>

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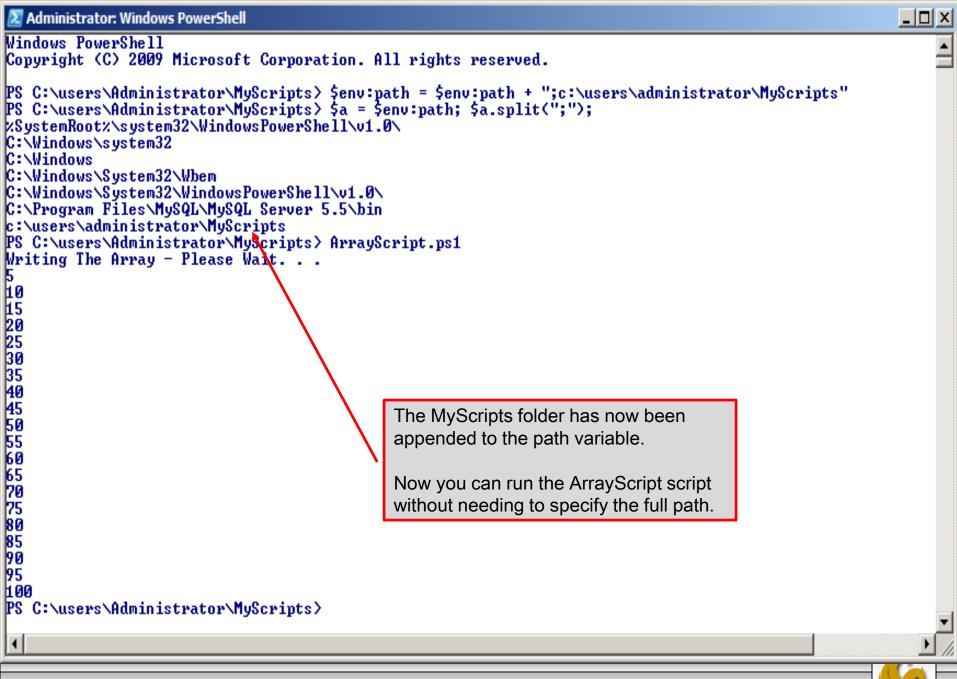
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- As your first real system administrator project with PowerShell. We'll modify your path environment variable.
- Let's add the MyScripts folder that we created earlier to the path environment.
- The command for this is:

\$env:path = \$env:path + ";c:\users\administrator\MyScripts"



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- When you start writing more elaborate scripts in PowerShell (as well as many other scripting languages), you'll eventually realize the benefits of pipelining.
- Its certainly true that not all scripts will need to use a pipeline, however, many will and knowing how to setup and work a pipeline will allow you to create very efficient scripts.
- Unlike like an oil or water pipeline, that is designed to move a liquid from one place to another; a PowerShell pipeline would more closely resemble an assembly line. We're not moving something from one point to another, but rather start with one thing and transform it into something else as it moves along the pipeline. Look at the example on the next page.

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell

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PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> dir

Directory: C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts

Mode	Last	WriteTime	Length	Name	
-a	3/18/2013	2:04 PM	140	ArrayScript.ps1	
-a	10/26/2011	11:23 AM	138	ArrayScript2.ps1	
-a	3/18/2013	2:06 PM		ArrayScript3.ps1	
-a	10/26/2011	11:23 AM		ArrayScript4.ps1	
-a	3/29/2012	3:17 PM	3252	Get-StoppedService.ps1	
-a	11/9/2011	12:41 PM	1572	listStoppedService.ps1	
-a	3/29/2012	3:17 PM	3252	Project.ps1	
-a	11/9/2011	2:37 PM	1629	Project9.ps1	
-a	11/2/2011	9:46 AM		PS-Part4-p19.ps1	
-a	11/2/2011	12:21 PM		PS-Part4-p27.ps1	
-a	11/7/2011	12:15 PM	658	PS-Part4-p35.ps1	
-a	11/7/2011	2:42 PM	663	PS-Part4-p36.ps1	
-a	11/8/2011	1:32 PM	847	PS-Part4-p41.ps1	
-a	11/8/2011	2:27 PM	910	PS-Part4-p48.ps1	
-a	11/8/2011	7:25 PM	987	PS-Part4-p50.ps1	
-a	11/9/2011	9:39 AM		PS-Part5-p15-invalidsignature.ps1	
-a	11/9/2011	9:48 AM		PS-Part5-p15-pristine.ps1	
-a	4/3/2013	1:29 PM	3289	PS-Part5-p15-signed.ps1	
-a	4/3/2013	1:52 PM	3287	PS-Part5-p15-signedV2.ps1	
-a	11/9/2011	9:43 AM	3136	PS-Part5-p15.ps1	
-a	11/14/2011	12:34 PM	1197	PS-Part6-p15.ps1	
-a	11/14/2011	12:45 PM		PS-Part6-p17.ps1	
-a	11/16/2011	11:35 AM	2054	PS-Part6-p29.ps1	
-a	11/14/2011	8:51 AM		PS-Part6-p3.ps1	
-a	11/16/2011	12:01 PM		PS-Part6-p33.ps1	
-a	11/16/2011	1:04 PM	1196	PS-Part6-p37.ps1	
-a	4/4/2012	2:10 PM	2253	PS-Part6-p7.ps1	
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-a	10/31/2011	3:09 PM		server.csv	
-a	10/31/2011	12:59 PM	408	temp.ps1	
-a	11/2/2011	12:14 PM	110	textfile.csv	
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Administrator: Windows PowerShell		×
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> dir ¦ format-list ¦ more		•
Directory: C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts		
Name : ArrayScript.ps1 Length : 140 CreationTime : 3/20/2012 2:41:55 PM LastWriteTime : 3/18/2013 2:04:39 PM LastAccessTime : 3/20/2012 2:41:55 PM VersionInfo : File: C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts\ArrayScript.ps1 InternalName:		
OriginalFilename: FileVersion: FileDescription: Product: ProductVersion: Debug: False Patched: False PreRelease: False PrivateBuild: False SpecialBuild: False Language: Notice how different the non- and the piped outputs la	ne output nto a list. on-piped	
Name : ArrayScript2.ps1 Length : 138 CreationTime : 3/20/2012 2:44:13 PM LastWriteTime : 10/26/2011 11:23:00 AM LastAccessTime : 3/20/2012 2:44:13 PM VersionInfo : File: C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts\ArrayScript2.ps1 InternalName: OriginalFilename: FileVersion: FileDescription: Product:		
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- Now let's look at a couple of somewhat more practical/useful examples.
- The first uses the cmdlet get-childitem to retrieve a list of all the items in the myScripts folder. We'll pipe this output to the where-object cmdlet that will filter out any item greater than 200KB in size, and then pipe this result set to the sort-object cmdlet. This is shown on page 22.
- The second example gets the services on the server, pipes this set to the sort-object cmdlet to perform a sort based on the service's status and finally pipes this result to the format-table cmdlet to display the results in a table based format. This example is shown on page 23.

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#### Administrator: Windows PowerShell

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PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> get-childitem c:\users\administrator\myscripts ¦ where-object{$_.leng
4> ¦ sort-object length
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Directory: C:\users\administrator\myscripts
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Mode	Last	WriteTime	Length	Name
-a	10/26/2011	11:23 AM	138	ArrayScript4.ps1
-a	10/26/2011		138	ArrayScript2.ps1
-a	3/20/2012	2:42 PM		ArrayScript.ps1
-a	10/26/2011	11:42 AM	150	ArrayScript3.ps1

```
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts>
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The full command shown above is:

get-childitem c:\users\administrator\myscripts | where-object {\$\_.length –lt 200\*1024} | sort-object length

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Status	Name	DisplayName	
Stopped	SCPolicySvc	Smart Card Removal Policy	
Stopped	SessionĔnv	Terminal Services Configuration	
	SCardSvr	Smart Card	
Stopped	RSoPProv	Resultant Set of Policy Provider	
Stopped	sacsvr	Special Administration Console Helper	
Stopped	SSDPSRU	SSDP Discovery	
Stopped	swprv	Microsoft Software Shadow Copy Prov	
	SNMPTRAP	SNMP Trap	
	SharedAccess	Internet Connection Sharing (ICS)	
Stopped	SLUINotify	SL UI Notification Service	
Stopped	Netlogon	Netlogon	
Stopped	NetTcpPortSharing	Net.Tcp Port Sharing Service	
Stopped	napagent	Network Access Protection Agent	
Stopped		Microsoft iSCSI Initiator Service	
Stopped	msiserver	Windows Installer	
Stopped	RemoteAccess	Routing and Remote Access	
Stopped	RpcLocator	Remote Procedure Call (RPC) Locator	
Stopped	wudfsvc	Windows Driver Foundation - User-mo	
	pla	Performance Logs & Alerts	
	ProtectedStorage	Protected Storage	
Stopped	SysMain	Superfetch	
Stopped	WdiServiceHost	Diagnostic Service Host	
Stopped	Wecsvc	Windows Event Collector	
	WcsPlugInService	Windows Color System	
Stopped	VMVSS	UMware Snapshot Provider	
Stopped	VSS	Volume Shadow Copy	
Stopped	WPDBusEnum	Portable Device Enumerator Service	
Stopped		Windows Presentation Foundation Fon	
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	wercplsupport	Problem Reports and Solutions Contr	
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- As you can see, its fairly easy to take advantage of pipelining in PowerShell.
- However, you do need to use caution. Not everything can be pipelined. You can't pipeline something unless it makes sense to use a pipeline.
- In the previous example, it makes sense to pipeline the service information to the sort-object cmdlet, since sort-object can pretty much sort anything. It also makes sense to pipe the sorted information to format-table because it can format just about any information and display it as a table.

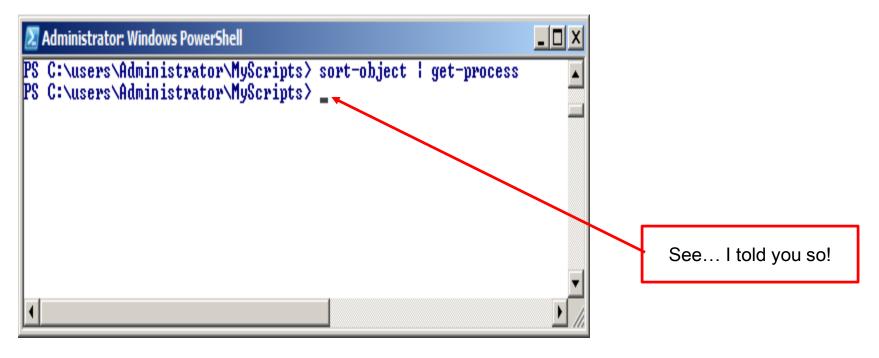
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• What would this command do?

sort-object | get-process



• Answer: Absolutely nothing! Since sort-object is designed to sort things and here it has nothing to sort, so it will pass an empty result set to the get-process cmdlet which will do nothing.





- For the most part, and there are some exceptions to the rule, for pipelines to work correctly, you first acquire something (a collection, an object, whatever) and then hand that data over the pipeline.
  - One exception to the rule would be the following situation where \$a represents a variable that contains a collection of data. You could sort the data in \$a and sidestep the pipeline altogether with a command like:
     sort-object -inputobject \$a
- When you do hand data over the pipeline, make sure that there is a cmdlet waiting for it on the other side.
- The example on the next page illustrates a common pipelining mistake.





• Suppose you entered a command like this:

\$a = get-process | \$a

• While it might look ok; you're thinking that will assign the output of the get-process cmdlet to the variable \$a and then display \$a. Instead you're going to get an error.

Administrator: Windows PowerShell	
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> \$a = get-process   \$a	
Expressions are only allowed as the first element of a pipeline.	
At line:1 char:22 + \$a = get-process   \$a <<<<	
+ CategoryInfo : ParserError: (:) [], ParentContainsErrorRecordException	
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : ExpressionsMustBeFirstInPipeline	
PS C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts>	
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- Pipelines are used to string multiple commands into a single command, with data being passed from one portion of the pipeline to the next.
- Furthermore, as that data gets passed from one section of the pipe to another it gets transformed in some way: filtered, sorted, grouped, formatted, whatever.
- In the invalid command on the previous page, we didn't pass any data. We've really got two separate commands here: we want to use the get-process cmdlet to return information about the processes running on the server and them without transforming that data in any way, we want to display the information. Since they are two separate commands, they should be on two separate lines as shown on the next page.



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	167	7	2800	7108	60	0.14		msdtc
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	253	2	2736	6160	34	0.22		svchost
	290	9	5276	8092	45	1.47		svchost
	148	4	2844	5748	35	0.11		svchost
	023	36	36004	45196	180	5.14		svchost
	573	16	5892	10780	58	0.73		svchost
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- Often, as some of the previous examples have illustrated, the system administrator may wish to execute some command and save the results in a variable.
- The results of a pipeline can be stored in a variable in the same manner in which the results of a single command can be stored in a variable. The previous example illustrated saving the output of the get-process cmdlet into a variable \$a. (All variables in PowerShell begin with a \$.)
- The example on the next page illustrates saving the results of a pipeline.

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell

C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> \$a = (get-process   sort-object C:\users\Administrator\MyScripts> \$a	id)
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Handles	NPMCKO	PMCK	WSCKO	UMKMD	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
0	Ø	0	24	Ø		Ø	Idle
490	0	0	1852	4		- 4	System
298	0 7	37508	39460	168	1.45	224	powershell
28	1	252	716	4	0.30	428	SMSS
445	5	1668	5072	105	0.84	496	CSPSS
254	6	7244	7452	111	8.67	540	CSPSS
100	4 3	1148	3932	41	0.20	548	wininit
118	3	1228	4356	32	0.39	580	winlogon
237	6	2300	6332	36	2.34	628	services
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159	3	1572	3784	29	0.06	648	lsm
75	3	1284	4172	49	0.20	696	
296	47	2584	6136	38	2.92		
247	7	2832	7596	73	0.27	816	taskeng
255	7	2764	6172	35	0.22	868	svchost
288	9	5276	8092	45	1.48	944	
148	4	2844	5748	35	0.11	988	
1025	36	36004	45196	180	5.14		svchost
95	3	5396	9596	39	1.36	1020	
571	16	5920	10792	58	0.73	1080	
248	8	7032	8544	66	0.53	1132	
408	13	14316	15448	87	1.66	1184	svchost
268	22	5996	9908	47	0.53	1332	svchost
137	5	1860	5876	53	0.13	1428	taskeng
470	13	16952	26848	152	8.75	1468	explorer
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