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Course 55318A was designed as an update and replacement for course 10962C. It will help individuals who use PowerShell scripting for domain, network, and application administration.

The primary focus of the exercises and labs is Windows PowerShell but much of the material may also be used with PowerShell Core. The examples and demonstrations cover a wide range of services that PowerShell can be used with. Students will be able to practice using PowerShell with Active Directory, IIS, .NET resources, SMTP, SQL Server, and various file formats used for input / output operations such as JSON, XML and CSV. The virtual machines used for the class are built with PowerShell and the scripts are made available to students so they can build their own lab environment in Microsoft Azure or Hyper-V using the skills they learn in class.

What You'll Learn

At Course Completion

- Create advanced functions.
- Use Microsoft .NET Framework and REST API in Windows PowerShell.
- Handle script errors.
- Use XML, JSON, and custom formatted data.
- Manage Microsoft Azure resources
- Analyze and debug scripts
- Understand Windows PowerShell workflow.

Who Needs to Attend

This course is intended for IT professionals who are experienced in general Windows Server and Windows Client administration. Students should have a foundational knowledge of Windows PowerShell, which they can obtain by taking course 10961C: Automating Administration with Windows PowerShell.

In addition, this course provides scripting guidance for Microsoft Azure administrators and developers who support development environments and deployment processes.

Prerequisites

- Experience as a Windows System Administrator
- Prior scripting or programming experience
- All the prerequisites can be met by successfully taking the 10961 Automating Administration with Windows PowerShell course

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Classroom Live Outline

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- Lesson 6: Using comment-based Help
- Lesson 7: Using Whatif and Confirm parameters

Module 2: Using Microsoft .NET Framework and REST API in Windows PowerShell

This module explains how to use Microsoft .NET Framework and REST API to supplement functionality that Windows PowerShell commands provide.

Lessons

- Lesson 1: Using .NET Framework in PowerShell
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Module 3: Writing controller scripts

This module explains how to combine advanced functions that perform a specific task and a controller script that provides a user interface or automates a business process.

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Module 4: Handling script errors

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Module 5: Using XML, JSON, and custom-formatted data

This module explains how to read, manipulate, and write data in XML and JSON format.

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- Lesson 1: Working with XML formatted data
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Module 6: Enhancing server management with Desired State Configuration and Just Enough Administration

This module explains how to write Desired State Configuration (DSC) configuration files, deploy those files to servers, and monitor server's configurations. This module also explains how to restrict administrative access with Just Enough Administration (JEA).

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- Lesson 1: Implementing Desired State Configuration
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This module explains the features of the Windows PowerShell Workflow technology.

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