



Windows PowerShell Get-Help on Cmdlet 'Get-Process'

PS:\>Get-HELP Get-Process -Full

NAME

Get-Process

SYNOPSIS

Gets the processes that are running on the local computer or a remote computer.

SYNTAX

```
Get-Process [[-Name] <System.String[]>] [-ComputerName <System.String[]>] [-FileVersionInfo] [-Module]
[<CommonParameters>]
```

```
Get-Process [-ComputerName <System.String[]>] [-FileVersionInfo] -Id <System.Int32[]> [-Module]
[<CommonParameters>]
```

```
Get-Process [-ComputerName <System.String[]>] [-FileVersionInfo] -InputObject <System.Diagnostics.Process[]>
[-Module] [<CommonParameters>]
```

```
Get-Process -Id <System.Int32[]> -IncludeUserName [<CommonParameters>]
```

```
Get-Process [-Name] <System.String[]> -IncludeUserName [<CommonParameters>]
```

Get-Process -IncludeUserName -InputObject <System.Diagnostics.Process[]> [<CommonParameters>]

DESCRIPTION

The ``Get-Process`` cmdlet gets the processes on a local or remote computer.

Without parameters, this cmdlet gets all of the processes on the local computer. You can also specify a particular process by process name or process ID (PID) or pass a process object through the pipeline to this cmdlet.

By default, this cmdlet returns a process object that has detailed information about the process and supports methods that let you start and stop the process. You can also use the parameters of the ``Get-Process`` cmdlet to get file version information for the program that runs in the process and to get the modules that the process loaded.

PARAMETERS

`-ComputerName <System.String[]>`

Specifies the computers for which this cmdlet gets active processes. The default is the local computer.

Type the NetBIOS name, an IP address, or a fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of one or more computers. To specify the local computer, type the computer name, a dot (``.``), or ``localhost``.

This parameter does not rely on Windows PowerShell remoting. You can use the `ComputerName` parameter of this cmdlet even if your computer is not configured to run remote commands.

Required?	false
Position?	named
Default value	Local computer

Accept pipeline input? True (ByPropertyName)

Accept wildcard characters? false

-FileVersionInfo <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Indicates that this cmdlet gets the file version information for the program that runs in the process.

On Windows Vista and later versions of Windows, you must open PowerShell with the ****Run as administrator**** option to use this parameter on processes that you do not own.

You cannot use the FileVersionInfo and ComputerName parameters of the ``Get-Process`` cmdlet in the same command.

To get file version information for a process on a remote computer, use the ``Invoke-Command`` cmdlet.

Using this parameter is equivalent to getting the MainModule.FileVersionInfo property of each process object. When you use this parameter, ``Get-Process`` returns a

FileVersionInfo object System.Diagnostics.FileVersionInfo, not a process object. So, you cannot pipe the output of the command to a cmdlet that expects a process object, such as ``Stop-Process``.

Required? false

Position? named

Default value False

Accept pipeline input? False

Accept wildcard characters? false

-Id <System.Int32[]>

Specifies one or more processes by process ID (PID). To specify multiple IDs, use commas to separate the IDs. To find the PID of a process, type ``Get-Process``.

Required? true

Position? named

Default value None

Accept pipeline input? True (ByPropertyName)

Accept wildcard characters? false

-IncludeUserName <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Indicates that the UserName value of the Process object is returned with results of the command.

Required? true

Position? named

Default value False

Accept pipeline input? False

Accept wildcard characters? false

-InputObject <System.Diagnostics.Process[]>

Specifies one or more process objects. Enter a variable that contains the objects, or type a command or expression that gets the objects.

Required? true

Position? named

Default value None

Accept pipeline input? True (ByValue)

Accept wildcard characters? false

-Module <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Indicates that this cmdlet gets the modules that have been loaded by the processes.

On Windows Vista and later versions of Windows, you must open PowerShell with the ****Run as administrator**** option to use this parameter on processes that you do not own.

To get the modules that have been loaded by a process on a remote computer, use the ``Invoke-Command`` cmdlet.

This parameter is equivalent to getting the Modules property of each process object. When you use this parameter, this

cmdlet returns a `ProcessModule` object

`System.Diagnostics.ProcessModule`, not a process object. So, you cannot pipe the output of the command to a cmdlet that expects a process object, such as ``Stop-Process``.

When you use both the `Module` and `FileVersionInfo` parameters in the same command, this cmdlet returns a `FileVersionInfo` object with information about the file version of all modules.

Required?	false
Position?	named
Default value	False
Accept pipeline input?	False
Accept wildcard characters?	false

`-Name <System.String[]>`

Specifies one or more processes by process name. You can type multiple process names (separated by commas) and use wildcard characters. The parameter name (``Name``) is optional.

Required?	false
Position?	0
Default value	None
Accept pipeline input?	True (ByPropertyName)
Accept wildcard characters?	true

`<CommonParameters>`

This cmdlet supports the common parameters: `Verbose`, `Debug`, `ErrorAction`, `ErrorVariable`, `WarningAction`, `WarningVariable`, `OutBuffer`, `PipelineVariable`, and `OutVariable`. For more information, see `about_CommonParameters` (<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=113216>).

System.Diagnostics.Process

You can pipe a process object to this cmdlet.

OUTPUTS

System.Diagnostics.Process

By default, this cmdlet returns a System.Diagnostics.Process object.

System.Diagnostics.FileVersionInfo

If you use the FileVersionInfo parameter, this cmdlet returns a FileVersionInfo object.

System.Diagnostics.ProcessModule

If you use the Module parameter, without the FileVersionInfo parameter, this cmdlet returns a ProcessModule object.

NOTES

Windows PowerShell includes the following aliases for ``Get-Process``:

- ``gps``

- ``ps``

On computers that are running a 64-bit version of Windows, the 64-bit version of PowerShell gets only 64-bit process modules and the 32-bit version of PowerShell gets only 32-bit process modules.

To get process information from a remote computer, use the ``Invoke-Command`` cmdlet. For more information, see [Invoke-Command](#)

([xref:Microsoft.PowerShell.Core.Invoke-Command](#)).

You can use the properties and methods of the Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) Win32_Process object in PowerShell. For information, see Win32_Process

(/windows/win32/cimwin32prov/win32-process).

The default display of a process is a table that includes the following columns. For a description of all of the properties of process objects, see Process

Properties (/dotnet/api/system.diagnostics.process).

- Handles : The number of handles that the process has opened. - NPM(K) : The amount of non-paged memory that the process is using, in kilobytes. - PM(K) : The

amount of pageable memory that the process is using, in kilobytes. - WS(K) : The size of the working set of the process, in kilobytes. The working set consists of

the pages of memory that were recently referenced by the process. - VM(M) : The amount of virtual memory that the process is using, in megabytes. Virtual memory

includes storage in the paging files on disk. - CPU(s) : The amount of processor time that the process has used on all processors, in seconds. - ID : The

process ID (PID) of the process. - ProcessName : The name of the process. For explanations of the concepts related to processes, see the Glossary in Help and

Support Center and the Help for Task Manager.

You can also use the built-in alternate views of the processes available with `Format-Table`, such as StartTime and Priority , and you can design your own views.

Example 1: Get a list of all active processes on the local computer

Get-Process

This command gets a list of all active processes running on the local computer. For a definition of each column, see the Notes (#notes)section.

Example 2: Get all available data about one or more processes

Get-Process winword, explorer | Format-List *

This command gets all available data about the Winword and Explorer processes on the computer. It uses the Name parameter to specify the processes, but it omits the

optional parameter name. The pipeline operator (|) passes the data to the `Format-List` cmdlet, which displays all available properties (*) of the Winword and Explorer process objects.

You can also identify the processes by their process IDs. For instance, `Get-Process -Id 664, 2060`.

Example 3: Get all processes with a working set greater than a specified size

```
Get-Process | Where-Object {$_.WorkingSet -gt 20000000}
```

This command gets all processes that have a working set greater than 20 MB. It uses the `Get-Process` cmdlet to get all running processes. The pipeline operator (|)

passes the process objects to the `Where-Object` cmdlet, which selects only the object with a value greater than 20,000,000 bytes for the WorkingSet property.

WorkingSet is one of many properties of process objects. To see all of the properties, type `Get-Process | Get-Member`. By default, the values of all amount

properties are in bytes, even though the default display lists them in kilobytes and megabytes.

Example 4: List processes on the computer in groups based on priority

```
$A = Get-Process
```

```
$A | Get-Process | Format-Table -View priority
```

These commands list the processes on the computer in groups based on their priority class. The first command gets all the processes on the computer and then stores them in the `\$A` variable.

The second command pipes the Process object stored in the `\$A` variable to the `Get-Process` cmdlet, then to the `Format-Table` cmdlet, which formats the processes by using the Priority view.

The Priority view, and other views, are defined in the PS1XML format files in the PowerShell home directory (`\$pshome`).

Example 5: Add a property to the standard Get-Process output display

Get-Process powershell | Format-Table `

```
@{Label = "NPM(K)"; Expression = {[int]($_.NPM / 1024)}},  
@{Label = "PM(K)"; Expression = {[int]($_.PM / 1024)}},  
@{Label = "WS(K)"; Expression = {[int]($_.WS / 1024)}},  
@{Label = "VM(M)"; Expression = {[int]($_.VM / 1MB)}},  
@{Label = "CPU(s)"; Expression = {if ($_.CPU) {$_ .CPU.ToString("N")}}},  
Id, ProcessName, StartTime -AutoSize
```

NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName	StartTime
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143	239540	259384	2366162	22.73	12720	powershell	12/5/2022 3:21:51 PM
114	61776	104588	2366127	11.45	18336	powershell	12/5/2022 7:30:53 AM
156	77924	82060	2366185	10.47	18812	powershell	12/5/2022 7:30:52 AM
85	48216	115192	2366074	1.14	24428	powershell	12/8/2022 9:14:15 AM

This example retrieves processes from the local computer. The retrieved processes are piped to the `Format-Table` command that adds the `StartTime` property to the standard `Get-Process` output display.

----- Example 6: Get version information for a process -----

Get-Process powershell -FileVersionInfo

ProductVersion	FileVersion	FileName
6.1.6713.1	6.1.6713.1 (f...	C:\WINDOWS\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe

This command uses the `FileVersionInfo` parameter to get the version information for the `powershell.exe` file that is the main module for the PowerShell process.

To run this command with processes that you do not own on Windows Vista and later versions of Windows, you must open PowerShell with the Run as administrator option.

--- Example 7: Get modules loaded with the specified process ---

Get-Process SQL* -Module

This command uses the Module parameter to get the modules that have been loaded by the process. This command gets the modules for the processes that have names that begin with `SQL`.

To run this command on Windows Vista and later versions of Windows with processes that you do not own, you must start PowerShell with the Run as administrator option.

----- Example 8: Find the owner of a process -----

Get-Process pwsh -IncludeUserName

Handles	WS(K)	CPU(s)	Id	UserName	ProcessName
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782	132080	2.08	2188	DOMAIN01\user01	powershell

```
$p = Get-WmiObject Win32_Process -Filter "name='powershell.exe'"  
$p.GetOwner()
```

```
__GENUS      : 2  
__CLASS      : __PARAMETERS  
__SUPERCLASS :  
__DYNASTY    : __PARAMETERS  
__RELPATH    :  
__PROPERTY_COUNT : 3  
__DERIVATION : {}  
__SERVER     :  
__NAMESPACE  :  
__PATH       :  
Domain       : DOMAIN01  
ReturnValue  : 0  
User         : user01
```

The first command shows how to find the owner of a process. The IncludeUserName parameter requires elevated user rights (Run as Administrator). The output reveals that the owner is `Domain01\user01`.

The second and third command are another way to find the owner of a process.

The second command uses `Get-WmiObject` to get the PowerShell process. It saves it in the `\$p` variable.

The third command uses the GetOwner method to get the owner of the process in `\$p`. The output reveals that the owner is `Domain01\user01`.

Example 9: Use an automatic variable to identify the process hosting the current session

Get-Process powershell

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
308	26	52308	61780	567	3.18	5632	powershell
377	26	62676	63384	575	3.88	5888	powershell

Get-Process -Id \$PID

Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	VM(M)	CPU(s)	Id	ProcessName
396	26	56488	57236	575	3.90	5888	powershell

These commands show how to use the `\$PID` automatic variable to identify the process that is hosting the current PowerShell session. You can use this method to distinguish the host process from other PowerShell processes that you might want to stop or close.

The first command gets all of the PowerShell processes in the current session.

The second command gets the PowerShell process that is hosting the current session.

Example 10: Get all processes that have a main window title and display them in a table

```
Get-Process | Where-Object {$_.mainWindowTitle} | Format-Table Id, Name, mainWindowTitle -AutoSize
```

This command gets all the processes that have a main window title, and it displays them in a table with the process ID and the process name.

The mainWindowTitle property is just one of many useful properties of the Process object that `Get-Process` returns. To view all of the properties, pipe the results

of a `Get-Process` command to the `Get-Member` cmdlet `Get-Process | Get-Member`.

RELATED LINKS

Online

Version:

https://learn.microsoft.com/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.management/get-process?view=powershell-5.1&WT.mc_id=ps-gethelp

Debug-Process

Get-Process

Start-Process

Stop-Process

Wait-Process