



Windows PowerShell Get-Help on Cmdlet 'Start-Service'

PS:\>Get-HELP Start-Service -Full

NAME

Start-Service

SYNOPSIS

Starts one or more stopped services.

SYNTAX

Start-Service -DisplayName <System.String[]> [-Exclude <System.String[]>] [-Include <System.String[]>] [-PassThru] [-Confirm] [-WhatIf] [<CommonParameters>]

Start-Service [-InputObject] <System.ServiceProcess.ServiceController[]> [-Exclude <System.String[]>] [-Include <System.String[]>] [-PassThru] [-Confirm] [-WhatIf] [<CommonParameters>]

Start-Service [-Name] <System.String[]> [-Exclude <System.String[]>] [-Include <System.String[]>] [-PassThru] [-Confirm] [-WhatIf] [<CommonParameters>]

DESCRIPTION

The `Start-Service` cmdlet sends a start message to the Windows Service Controller for each of the specified services. If a service is already running, the message is ignored without error. You can specify the services by their service names or display names, or you can use the InputObject parameter to supply a service object that represents the services that you want to start.

PARAMETERS

`-DisplayName <System.String[]>`

Specifies the display names of the services to start. Wildcard characters are permitted.

Required? true

Position? named

Default value None

Accept pipeline input? False

Accept wildcard characters? true

`-Exclude <System.String[]>`

Specifies services that this cmdlet omits. The value of this parameter qualifies the Name parameter. Enter a name element or pattern, such as `s*`. Wildcard characters are permitted.

Required? false

Position? named

Default value None

Accept pipeline input? False

Accept wildcard characters? true

`-Include <System.String[]>`

Specifies services that this cmdlet starts. The value of this parameter qualifies the Name parameter. Enter a name element or pattern, such as `s*`. Wildcard characters are permitted.

Required? false
Position? named
Default value None
Accept pipeline input? False
Accept wildcard characters? true

-InputObject <System.ServiceProcess.ServiceController[]>

Specifies ServiceController objects representing the services to be started. Enter a variable that contains the objects, or type a command or expression that gets the objects.

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

-Name <System.String[]>

Specifies the service names for the service to be started.

The parameter name is optional. You can use Name or its alias, ServiceName , or you can omit the parameter name.

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

-PassThru <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Returns an object that represents the service. By default, this cmdlet does not generate any output.

Required? false
Position? named

Default value False
Accept pipeline input? False
Accept wildcard characters? false

-Confirm <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Prompts you for confirmation before running the cmdlet.

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

-WhatIf <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

Shows what would happen if the cmdlet runs. The cmdlet is not run.

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

<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>).

INPUTS

System.ServiceProcess.ServiceController

You can pipe a service object to this cmdlet.

System.String

You can pipe a string that contains the service name to this cmdlet.

OUTPUTS

None

By default, this cmdlet returns no output.

System.ServiceProcess.ServiceController

When you use the PassThru parameter, this cmdlet returns a ServiceController object representing the service.

NOTES

Windows PowerShell includes the following aliases for ``Start-Service``:

- ``sasv``

- ``Start-Service`` can control services only if the current user has permission to do this. If a command does not work correctly, you might not have the required

permissions. - To find the service names and display names of the services on your system, type ``Get-Service``. The service names appear in the Name column, and

the display names appear in the DisplayName column. - You can start only the services that have a start type of Manual, Automatic, or Automatic (Delayed Start).

You cannot start the services that have a start type of Disabled. If a ``Start-Service`` command fails with the message ``Cannot start service <service-name> on`

computer`, use ``Get-CimInstance`` to find the start type of the service and, if you have to, use the ``Set-Service`` cmdlet to change the start type of the

service. - Some services, such as Performance Logs and Alerts (SysmonLog) stop automatically if they have no work to do. When PowerShell starts a service that

stops itself almost immediately, it displays the following message: ``Service <display-name> start failed.``

```
Start-Service -Name "eventlog"
```

-- Example 2: Display information without starting a service --

```
Start-Service -DisplayName *remote* -WhatIf
```

The `DisplayName` parameter identifies the services by their display name instead of their service name. The `WhatIf` parameter causes the cmdlet to display what would happen when you run the command but does not make changes.

Example 3: Start a service and record the action in a text file

```
$s = Get-Service wmi
```

```
Start-Service -InputObject $s -PassThru | Format-List >> services.txt
```

First we use `Get-Service` to get an object that represent the WMI service and store it in the `$s` variable. Next, we start the service. Without the `PassThru`

parameter, `Start-Service` does not create any output. The pipeline operator (`|`) passes the object output by `Start-Service` to the `Format-List` cmdlet to format

the object as a list of its properties. The append redirection operator (`>>`) redirects the output to the `services.txt` file. The output is added to the end of the existing file.

----- Example 4: Start a disabled service -----

```
PS> Start-Service tlntsvr
```

```
Start-Service : Service 'Telnet (TlntSvr)' cannot be started due to the following error: Cannot start service TlntSvr on computer '!'.
```

```
At line:1 char:14
```

```
+ Start-Service <<<< tlntsvr
```

```
PS> Get-CimInstance win32_service | Where-Object Name -eq "tlntsvr"
```

```
ExitCode : 0
```

Name : TlntSvr

ProcessId : 0

StartMode : Disabled

State : Stopped

Status : OK

```
PS> Set-Service tlntsvr -StartupType manual
```

```
PS> Start-Service tlntsvr
```

The first attempt to start the Telnet service (tlntsvr) fails. The ``Get-CimInstance`` command shows that the `StartMode` property of the Tlntsvr service is Disabled .

The ``Set-Service`` cmdlet changes the start type to Manual . Now, we can resubmit the ``Start-Service`` command. This time, the command succeeds. To verify that the command succeeded, run ``Get-Service`` .

RELATED LINKS

Online

Version:

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

Get-Service

New-Service

Restart-Service

Resume-Service

Set-Service

Stop-Service

Suspend-Service