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### **PowerShell Get-Help on command 'Get-Item'**

**PS C:\Users\wahid> Get-Help Get-Item**

#### NAME

Get-Item

#### SYNOPSIS

Gets the item at the specified location.

#### SYNTAX

```
Get-Item [-CodeSigningCert] [-Credential  
<System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>] [-DnsName  
<Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.DnsNameRepresentation>]  
[-DocumentEncryptionCert] [-Eku <System.String>] [-Exclude <System.String[]>  
[-ExpiringInDays <System.Int32>] [-Filter <System.String>] [-Force] [-Include  
<System.String[]>] [-LiteralPath <System.String[]>] [-SSLServerAuthentication]  
[-Stream <System.String[]>] [-UseTransaction] [<CommonParameters>]
```

```
Get-Item [-Path] <System.String[]> [-CodeSigningCert] [-Credential  
<System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>] [-DnsName  
<Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.DnsNameRepresentation>]  
[-DocumentEncryptionCert] [-Eku <System.String>] [-Exclude <System.String[]>  
[-ExpiringInDays <System.Int32>] [-Filter <System.String>] [-Force] [-Include
```

<System.String[]> [-SSLServerAuthentication] [-Stream <System.String[]>]  
[-UseTransaction] [<CommonParameters>]

## DESCRIPTION

The `Get-Item` cmdlet gets the item at the specified location. It doesn't get the contents of the item at the location unless you use a wildcard character (*`) to request all the contents of the item.`

This cmdlet is used by PowerShell providers to navigate through different types of data stores. Some parameters are only available for a specific provider. For more information, see `about_Providers` (`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Core/About/about_Providers.md`).

## PARAMETERS

`-CodeSigningCert` <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the Certificate provider.

To get certificates that have `Code Signing` in their EnhancedKeyUsageList property value, use the CodeSigningCert parameter.`

For more information, see `about_Certificate_Provider`

(`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Security/About/about_Certificate_Provider.md`).

`-Credential` <System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>

> **[!NOTE]** > This parameter isn't supported by any providers installed with PowerShell. > To impersonate another user, or elevate your credentials when running this cmdlet, > use `Invoke-Command` (`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Core/Invoke-Command.md`).

`-DnsName` <Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.DnsNameRepresentation>

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the Certificate provider.

Specifies a domain name or name pattern to match with the `DNSNameList` property of certificates the cmdlet gets. The value of this parameter can either be ``Unicode`` or ``ASCII``. Punycode values are converted to Unicode. Wildcard characters (``*``) are permitted.

This parameter was reintroduced in PowerShell 7.1

For more information, see `about_Certificate_Provider`  
(`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Security/About/about_Certificate_Provider.md`).

`-DocumentEncryptionCert <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>`

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the Certificate provider.

To get certificates that have ``Document Encryption`` in their `EnhancedKeyUsageList` property value, use the `DocumentEncryptionCert` parameter.

For more information, see `about_Certificate_Provider`  
(`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Security/About/about_Certificate_Provider.md`).

`-Eku <System.String>`

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the Certificate provider.

Specifies text or a text pattern to match with the `EnhancedKeyUsageList` property of certificates the cmdlet gets. Wildcard characters (`` ``) are permitted. The `EnhancedKeyUsageList *` property contains the friendly name and the OID fields of the EKU.

This parameter was reintroduced in PowerShell 7.1

For more information, see `about_Certificate_Provider`  
(`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Security/About/about_Certificate_Provider.md`).

**-Exclude <System.String[]>**

Specifies, as a string array, an item or items that this cmdlet excludes in the operation. The value of this parameter qualifies the Path parameter. Enter a path element or pattern, such as ``.txt``. Wildcard characters are permitted. The Exclude `*` parameter is effective only when the command includes the contents of an item, such as ``C:\Windows*``, where the wildcard character specifies the contents of the ``C:\Windows`` directory.

**-ExpiringInDays <System.Int32>**

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the Certificate provider.

Specifies that the cmdlet should only return certificates that are expiring in or before the specified number of days. A value of zero (``0``) gets certificates that have expired.

This parameter was reintroduced in PowerShell 7.1

For more information, see `about_Certificate_Provider` (`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Security/About/about_Certificate_Provider.md`).

**-Filter <System.String>**

Specifies a filter to qualify the Path parameter. The Filesystem (`../Microsoft.PowerShell.Core/About/about_FileSystem_Provider.md`) provider is the only installed PowerShell provider that supports filters. Filters are more efficient than other parameters. The provider applies filter when the cmdlet gets the objects rather than having PowerShell filter the objects after they're retrieved. The filter string is passed to the .NET API to enumerate files. The API only supports ``*`` and ``?`` wildcards.

**-Force <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>**

Indicates that this cmdlet gets items that can't otherwise be accessed,

such as hidden items. Implementation varies from provider to provider. For more information, see [about\\_Providers](#) ([../Microsoft.PowerShell.Core/About/about\\_Providers.md](#)). Even using the Force parameter, the cmdlet can't override security restrictions.

#### `-Include <System.String[]>`

Specifies, as a string array, an item or items that this cmdlet includes in the operation. The value of this parameter qualifies the Path parameter. Enter a path element or pattern, such as `.txt`. Wildcard characters are permitted. The Include \* parameter is effective only when the command includes the contents of an item, such as `C:\Windows*`, where the wildcard character specifies the contents of the `C:\Windows` directory.

#### `-LiteralPath <System.String[]>`

Specifies a path to one or more locations. The value of LiteralPath is used exactly as it's typed. No characters are interpreted as wildcards. If the path includes escape characters, enclose it in single quotation marks. Single quotation marks tell PowerShell not to interpret any characters as escape sequences.

For more information, see [about\\_Quoting\\_Rules](#)

([../Microsoft.Powershell.Core/About/about\\_Quoting\\_Rules.md](#)).

#### `-Path <System.String[]>`

Specifies the path to an item. This cmdlet gets the item at the specified location. Wildcard characters are permitted. This parameter is required, but the parameter name Path is optional.

Use a dot (`.`) to specify the current location. Use the wildcard character (`*`) to specify all the items in the current location.

#### `-SSLServerAuthentication <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>`

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the Certificate provider.

To get certificates that have `Server Authentication` in their EnhancedKeyUsageList property value, use the SSLServerAuthentication parameter.

For more information, see about\_Certificate\_Provider  
(../Microsoft.PowerShell.Security/About/about\_Certificate\_Provider.md).

**-Stream <System.String[]>**

This is a dynamic parameter made available by the FileSystem provider.

Gets the specified alternate NTFS file stream from the file. Enter the stream name. Wildcards are supported. To get all streams, use an asterisk (\*). This parameter isn't valid on folders.

This parameter was introduced in PowerShell 3.0.

For more information, see about\_FileSystem\_Provider  
(../Microsoft.PowerShell.Core/About/about\_FileSystem\_Provider.md).

**-UseTransaction <System.Management.Automation.SwitchParameter>**

Includes the command in the active transaction. This parameter is valid only when a transaction is in progress. For more information, see about\_Transactions  
(../Microsoft.PowerShell.Core/About/about\_Transactions.md).

**<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>).

----- Example 1: Get the current directory -----

Get-Item .

Directory: C:\

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
d----	7/26/2006 10:01 AM		ps-test

---- Example 2: Get all the items in the current directory ----

Get-Item \*

Directory: C:\ps-test

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
d----	7/26/2006 9:29 AM		Logs
d----	7/26/2006 9:26 AM		Recs
-a---	7/26/2006 9:28 AM	80	date.csv
-a---	7/26/2006 10:01 AM	30	filenoext
-a---	7/26/2006 9:30 AM	11472	process.doc
-a---	7/14/2006 10:47 AM	30	test.txt

----- Example 3: Get the current directory of a drive -----

Get-Item C:

----- Example 4: Get items in the specified drive -----

Get-Item C:\\*

In PowerShell, use a single asterisk ( ` ` ) to get contents, instead of the traditional `.\*`. The format is interpreted literally, so `.\*` wouldn't retrieve directories or filenames without a dot.

----- Example 5: Get a property in the specified directory -----

(Get-Item C:\Windows).LastAccessTime

----- Example 6: Show the contents of a registry key -----

Get-Item HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\PowerShell\1\Shellids\Microsoft.PowerShell\

-- Example 7: Get items in a directory that have an exclusion --

Get-Item C:\Windows\\*.\* -Exclude "w\*"

## REMARKS

To see the examples, type: "get-help Get-Item -examples".

For more information, type: "get-help Get-Item -detailed".

For technical information, type: "get-help Get-Item -full".

For online help, type: "get-help Get-Item -online"