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### **PowerShell Get-Help on command 'New-PSSession'**

**PS C:\Users\wahid> Get-Help New-PSSession**

#### NAME

New-PSSession

#### SYNOPSIS

Creates a persistent connection to a local or remote computer.

#### SYNTAX

```
New-PSSession [-ConnectionUri] <System.Uri[]> [-AllowRedirection]
[-Authentication {Default | Basic | Negotiate |
NegotiateWithImplicitCredential | Credssp | Digest | Kerberos}]
[-CertificateThumbprint <System.String>] [-ConfigurationName <System.String>]
[-Credential <System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>]
[-EnableNetworkAccess] [-Name <System.String[]>] [-SessionOption
<System.Management.Automation.Remoting.PSSessionOption>] [-ThrottleLimit
<System.Int32>] [<CommonParameters>]
```

```
New-PSSession [[-ComputerName] <System.String[]>] [-ApplicationName
<System.String>] [-Authentication {Default | Basic | Negotiate |
NegotiateWithImplicitCredential | Credssp | Digest | Kerberos}]
[-CertificateThumbprint <System.String>] [-ConfigurationName <System.String>]
```

[-Credential <System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>]  
[-EnableNetworkAccess] [-Name <System.String[]>] [-Port <System.Int32>]  
[-SessionOption <System.Management.Automation.Remoting.PSSessionOption>]  
[-ThrottleLimit <System.Int32>] [-UseSSL] [<CommonParameters>]

New-PSSession [-VMId] <System.Guid[]> [-ConfigurationName <System.String>]  
[-Credential <System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>] [-Name  
<System.String[]>] [-ThrottleLimit <System.Int32>] [<CommonParameters>]

New-PSSession [-ConfigurationName <System.String>] [-Credential  
<System.Management.Automation.PSCredential>] [-Name <System.String[]>]  
[-ThrottleLimit <System.Int32>] -VMName <System.String[]> [<CommonParameters>]

New-PSSession [-ConfigurationName <System.String>] -ContainerId  
<System.String[]> [-Name <System.String[]>] [-RunAsAdministrator]  
[-ThrottleLimit <System.Int32>] [<CommonParameters>]

New-PSSession [[-Session]  
<System.Management.Automation.Runspaces.PSSession[]>] [-EnableNetworkAccess]  
[-Name <System.String[]>] [-ThrottleLimit <System.Int32>] [<CommonParameters>]

## DESCRIPTION

The `New-PSSession` cmdlet creates a PowerShell session ( PSSession ) on a local or remote computer. When you create a PSSession , PowerShell establishes a persistent connection to the remote computer.

Use a PSSession to run multiple commands that share data, such as a function or the value of a variable. To run commands in a PSSession , use the `Invoke-Command` cmdlet. To use the PSSession to interact directly with a remote computer, use the `Enter-PSSession` cmdlet. For more information, see [about\\_PSSessions \(about/about\\_PSSessions.md\)](#).

You can run commands on a remote computer without creating a PSSession by using the ComputerName parameters of ``Enter-PSSession`` or ``Invoke-Command``. When you use the ComputerName parameter, PowerShell creates a temporary connection that is used for the command and is then closed.

## PARAMETERS

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

Indicates that this cmdlet allows redirection of this connection to an alternate Uniform Resource Identifier (URI).

When you use the ConnectionURI parameter, the remote destination can return an instruction to redirect to a different URI. By default, PowerShell does not redirect connections, but you can use this parameter to enable it to redirect the connection.

You can also limit the number of times the connection is redirected by changing the MaximumConnectionRedirectionCount session option value. Use the MaximumRedirection parameter of the ``New-PSSessionOption`` cmdlet or set the MaximumConnectionRedirectionCount property of the \$PSSessionOption preference variable. The default value is ``5``.

`-ApplicationName` <System.String>

Specifies the application name segment of the connection URI. Use this parameter to specify the application name when you are not using the ConnectionURI parameter in the command.

The default value is the value of the ``$PSSessionApplicationName`` preference variable on the local computer. If this preference variable is not defined, the default value is ``WSMAN``. This value is appropriate for most uses. For more information, see `about_Preference_Variables` (About/about\_Preference\_Variables.md).

The WinRM service uses the application name to select a listener to service the connection request. The value of this parameter should match the value of the URLPrefix property of a listener on the remote computer.

-Authentication

<System.Management.Automation.Runspaces.AuthenticationMechanism>

Specifies the mechanism that is used to authenticate the user's credentials. The acceptable values for this parameter are:

- `Default`

- `Basic`

- `Credssp`

- `Digest`

- `Kerberos`

- `Negotiate`

- `NegotiateWithImplicitCredential`

The default value is `Default`.

For more information about the values of this parameter, see [AuthenticationMechanism Enumeration \(/dotnet/api/system.management.automation.runspaces.authenticationmechanism\)](#).

> [!CAUTION] > Credential Security Support Provider (CredSSP) authentication, in which the user credentials are > passed to a remote computer to be authenticated, is designed for commands that require > authentication on more than one resource, such as accessing a remote

network share. This mechanism > increases the security risk of the remote operation. If the remote computer is compromised, the > credentials that are passed to it can be used to control the network session.

-CertificateThumbprint <System.String>

Specifies the digital public key certificate (X509) of a user account that has permission to perform this action. Enter the certificate thumbprint of the certificate.

Certificates are used in client certificate-based authentication. They can be mapped only to local user accounts; they do not work with domain accounts.

To get a certificate, use the ``Get-Item`` or ``Get-ChildItem`` command in the PowerShell ``Cert:`` drive.

-ComputerName <System.String[]>

Specifies an array of names of computers. This cmdlet creates a persistent connection ( PSSession ) to the specified computer. If you enter multiple computer names, ``New-PSSession`` creates multiple PSSession objects, one for each computer. The default is the local computer.

Type the NetBIOS name, an IP address, or a fully qualified domain name of one or more remote computers. To specify the local computer, type the computer name, ``localhost``, or a dot (``.``). When the computer is in a different domain than the user, the fully qualified domain name is required. You can also pipe a computer name, in quotation marks, to ``New-PSSession``.

To use an IP address in the value of the ComputerName parameter, the command must include the Credential parameter. Also, the computer must be configured for HTTPS transport or the IP address of the remote computer

must be included in the WinRM TrustedHosts list on the local computer. For instructions for adding a computer name to the TrustedHosts list, see "How to Add a Computer to the Trusted Host List" in [about\\_Remote\\_Troubleshooting \(about/about\\_Remote\\_Troubleshooting.md\)](#).

To include the local computer in the value of the ComputerName parameter, start Windows PowerShell by using the Run as administrator option .

#### `-ConfigurationName <System.String>`

Specifies the session configuration that is used for the new PSSession .

Enter a configuration name or the fully qualified resource URI for a session configuration. If you specify only the configuration name, the following schema URI is prepended:

```
`http://schemas.microsoft.com/PowerShell`.
```

The session configuration for a session is located on the remote computer. If the specified session configuration does not exist on the remote computer, the command fails.

The default value is the value of the ``$PSSessionConfigurationName`` preference variable on the local computer. If this preference variable is not set, the default is ``Microsoft.PowerShell``. For more information, see [about\\_Preference\\_Variables \(About/about\\_Preference\\_Variables.md\)](#).

#### `-ConnectionUri <System.Uri[]>`

Specifies a URI that defines the connection endpoint for the session. The URI must be fully qualified. The format of this string is as follows:

```
`<Transport>://<ComputerName>:<Port>/<ApplicationName>`
```

The default value is as follows:

``http://localhost:5985/WSMAN``

If you do not specify a `ConnectionURI` , you can use the `UseSSL` , `ComputerName` , `Port` , and `ApplicationName` parameters to specify the `ConnectionURI` values.

Valid values for the Transport segment of the URI are HTTP and HTTPS. If you specify a connection URI with a Transport segment, but do not specify a port, the session is created with standards ports: ``80`` for HTTP and ``443`` for HTTPS. To use the default ports for PowerShell remoting, specify port ``5985`` for HTTP or ``5986`` for HTTPS.

If the destination computer redirects the connection to a different URI, PowerShell prevents the redirection unless you use the `AllowRedirection` parameter in the command.

`-ContainerId <System.String[]>`

Specifies an array of IDs of containers. This cmdlet starts an interactive session with each of the specified containers. Use the ``docker ps`` command to get a list of container IDs. For more information, see the help for the `docker ps` (<https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/ps/>)command.

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

Specifies a user account that has permission to do this action. The default is the current user.

Type a user name, such as ``User01`` or ``Domain01\User01``, or enter a `PSCredential` object generated by the ``Get-Credential`` cmdlet. If you type a user name, you're prompted to enter the password.

Credentials are stored in a `PSCredential`

(`/dotnet/api/system.management.automation.pscredential`)object and the

password is stored as a SecureString  
([/dotnet/api/system.security.securestring](#)).

> [!NOTE] > For more information about SecureString data protection, see >  
How secure is SecureString?

([/dotnet/api/system.security.securestring#how-secure-is-securestring](#)).

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

Indicates that this cmdlet adds an interactive security token to loopback sessions. The interactive token lets you run commands in the loopback session that get data from other computers. For example, you can run a command in the session that copies XML files from a remote computer to the local computer.

A loopback session is a PSSession that originates and ends on the same computer. To create a loopback session, omit the ComputerName parameter or set its value to dot (.), localhost, or the name of the local computer.

By default, this cmdlet creates loopback sessions by using a network token, which might not provide sufficient permission to authenticate to remote computers.

The EnableNetworkAccess parameter is effective only in loopback sessions. If you use EnableNetworkAccess when you create a session on a remote computer, the command succeeds, but the parameter is ignored.

You can also enable remote access in a loopback session by using the CredSSP value of the Authentication parameter, which delegates the session credentials to other computers.

To protect the computer from malicious access, disconnected loopback sessions that have interactive tokens, which are those created by using the EnableNetworkAccess parameter, can be reconnected only from the



computer on which the session was created. Disconnected sessions that use CredSSP authentication can be reconnected from other computers. For more information, see ``Disconnect-PSSession``.

This parameter was introduced in PowerShell 3.0.

`-Name <System.String[]>`

Specifies a friendly name for the PSSession .

You can use the name to refer to the PSSession when you use other cmdlets, such as ``Get-PSSession`` and ``Enter-PSSession``. The name is not required to be unique to the computer or the current session.

`-Port <System.Int32>`

Specifies the network port on the remote computer that is used for this connection. To connect to a remote computer, the remote computer must be listening on the port that the connection uses. The default ports are ``5985``, which is the WinRM port for HTTP, and ``5986``, which is the WinRM port for HTTPS.

Before using another port, you must configure the WinRM listener on the remote computer to listen at that port. Use the following commands to configure the listener:

```
1. `winrm delete winrm/config/listener?Address=*+Transport=HTTP` 2. `winrm
create winrm/config/listener?Address=*+Transport=HTTP
@{Port="<port-number>"}`
```

Do not use the Port parameter unless you must. The port setting in the command applies to all computers or sessions on which the command runs. An alternate port setting might prevent the command from running on all computers.

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

Indicates that the PSSession runs as administrator.

`-Session <System.Management.Automation.Runspaces.PSSession[]>`

Specifies an array of PSSession objects that this cmdlet uses as a model for the new PSSession . This parameter creates new PSSession objects that have the same properties as the specified PSSession objects.

Enter a variable that contains the PSSession objects or a command that creates or gets the PSSession objects, such as a ``New-PSSession`` or ``Get-PSSession`` command.

The resulting PSSession objects have the same computer name, application name, connection URI, port, configuration name, throttle limit, and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) value as the originals, but they have a different display name, ID, and instance ID (GUID).

`-SessionOption <System.Management.Automation.Remoting.PSSessionOption>`

Specifies advanced options for the session. Enter a SessionOption object, such as one that you create by using the ``New-PSSessionOption`` cmdlet, or a hash table in which the keys are session option names and the values are session option values.

The default values for the options are determined by the value of the ``$PSSessionOption`` preference variable, if it is set. Otherwise, the default values are established by options set in the session configuration.

The session option values take precedence over default values for sessions set in the ``$PSSessionOption`` preference variable and in the session configuration. However, they do not take precedence over maximum values, quotas or limits set in the session configuration.

For a description of the session options that includes the default values,

see ``New-PSSessionOption``. For information about the ``$PSSessionOption`` preference variable, see `about_Preference_Variables` (`About/about_Preference_Variables.md`). For more information about session configurations, see `about_Session_Configurations` (`About/about_Session_Configurations.md`).

#### `-ThrottleLimit <System.Int32>`

Specifies the maximum number of concurrent connections that can be established to run this command. If you omit this parameter or enter a value of ``0`` (zero), the default value, ``32``, is used.

The throttle limit applies only to the current command, not to the session or to the computer.

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

Indicates that this cmdlet uses the SSL protocol to establish a connection to the remote computer. By default, SSL is not used.

WS-Management encrypts all PowerShell content transmitted over the network. The `UseSSL` parameter offers an additional protection that sends the data across an HTTPS connection instead of an HTTP connection.

If you use this parameter, but SSL is not available on the port that is used for the command, the command fails.

#### `-VMId <System.Guid[]>`

Specifies an array of virtual machine IDs. This cmdlet starts a PowerShell Direct interactive session with each of the specified virtual machines.

For more information, see `Virtual Machine automation and management using PowerShell`

(`/virtualization/hyper-v-on-windows/user-guide/powershell-direct`).

Use ``Get-VM`` to see the virtual machines that are available on your

Hyper-V host.

`-VMName <System.String[]>`

Specifies an array of names of virtual machines. This cmdlet starts a PowerShell Direct interactive session with each of the specified virtual machines. For more information, see Virtual Machine automation and management using PowerShell

(/virtualization/hyper-v-on-windows/user-guide/powershell-direct).

Use ``Get-VM`` to see the virtual machines that are available on your Hyper-V host.

`<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: Create a session on the local computer -----

```
$s = New-PSSession
```

This command creates a new PSSession on the local computer and saves the PSSession in the ``$s`` variable.

You can now use this PSSession to run commands on the local computer.

----- Example 2: Create a session on a remote computer -----

```
$Server01 = New-PSSession -ComputerName Server01
```

This command creates a new PSSession on the Server01 computer and saves it in the ``$Server01`` variable.

When creating multiple PSSession objects, assign them to variables with useful names. This will help you manage the PSSession objects in subsequent commands.

----- Example 3: Create sessions on multiple computers -----

```
$s1, $s2, $s3 = New-PSSession -ComputerName Server01,Server02,Server03
```

This command creates three PSSession objects, one on each of the computers specified by the ComputerName parameter.

The command uses the assignment operator ( `=` ) to assign the new PSSession objects to variables: ` \$s1 ` , ` \$s2 ` , ` \$s3 ` . It assigns the Server01 PSSession to ` \$s1 ` , the Server02 PSSession to ` \$s2 ` , and the Server03 PSSession to ` \$s3 ` .

When you assign multiple objects to a series of variables, PowerShell assigns each object to a variable in the series respectively. If there are more objects than variables, all remaining objects are assigned to the last variable. If there are more variables than objects, the remaining variables are empty ( ` \$null ` ).

----- Example 4: Create a session with a specified port -----

```
New-PSSession -ComputerName Server01 -Port 8081 -UseSSL -ConfigurationName E12
```

This command creates a new PSSession on the Server01 computer that connects to server port ` 8081 ` and uses the SSL protocol. The new PSSession uses an alternative session configuration called ` E12 ` .

Before setting the port, you must configure the WinRM listener on the remote computer to listen on port 8081. For more information, see the description of the Port parameter.

--- Example 5: Create a session based on an existing session ---

```
New-PSSession -Session $s -Credential Domain01\User01
```

This command creates a PSSession with the same properties as an existing PSSession . You can use this command format when the resources of an existing PSSession are exhausted and a new PSSession is needed to offload some of the demand.

The command uses the Session parameter of `New-PSSession` to specify the PSSession saved in the `\$s` variable. It uses the credentials of the `Domain1\Admin01` user to complete the command.

Example 6: Create a session with a global scope in a different domain

```
$global:s = New-PSSession -ComputerName Server1.Domain44.Corpnet.Fabrikam.com  
-Credential Domain01\Admin01
```

This example shows how to create a PSSession with a global scope on a computer in a different domain.

By default, PSSession objects created at the command line are created with local scope and PSSession objects created in a script have script scope.

To create a PSSession with global scope, create a new PSSession and then store the PSSession in a variable that is cast to a global scope. In this case, the `\$s` variable is cast to a global scope.

The command uses the ComputerName parameter to specify the remote computer. Because the computer is in a different domain than the user account, the full name of the computer is specified together with the credentials of the user.

----- Example 7: Create sessions for many computers -----

```
$rs = Get-Content C:\Test\Servers.txt | New-PSSession -ThrottleLimit 50
```

This command creates a PSSession on each of the 200 computers listed in the `Servers.txt` file and it stores the resulting PSSession in the `\$rs` variable. The PSSession objects have a throttle limit of `50`.

You can use this command format when the names of computers are stored in a database, spreadsheet, text file, or other text-convertible format.

----- Example 8: Create a session by using a URI -----

```
$s = New-PSSession -URI http://Server01:91/NewSession -Credential  
Domain01\User01
```

This command creates a PSSession on the Server01 computer and stores it in the ` \$s ` variable. It uses the URI parameter to specify the transport protocol, the remote computer, the port, and an alternate session configuration. It also uses the Credential parameter to specify a user account that has permission to create a session on the remote computer.

----- Example 9: Run a background job in a set of sessions -----

```
$s = New-PSSession -ComputerName (Get-Content Servers.txt) -Credential  
Domain01\Admin01 -ThrottleLimit 16  
Invoke-Command -Session $s -ScriptBlock {Get-Process PowerShell} -AsJob
```

These commands create a set of PSSession objects and then run a background job in each of the PSSession objects.

The first command creates a new PSSession on each of the computers listed in the `Servers.txt` file. It uses the `New-PSSession` cmdlet to create the PSSession . The value of the ComputerName parameter is a command that uses the `Get-Content` cmdlet to get the list of computer names the `Servers.txt` file.

The command uses the Credential parameter to create the PSSession objects that have the permission of a domain administrator, and it uses the ThrottleLimit parameter to limit the command to `16` concurrent connections. The command saves the PSSession objects in the ` \$s ` variable.

The second command uses the AsJob parameter of the `Invoke-Command` cmdlet to

start a background job that runs a `Get-Process PowerShell` command in each of the PSSession objects in `\$s`.

For more information about PowerShell background jobs, see `about_Jobs` (About/about\_Jobs.md) and `[about_Remote_Jobs]`(About/about\_Remote\_Jobs.md).

- Example 10: Create a session for a computer by using its URI -

```
New-PSSession -ConnectionURI https://management.exchangelabs.com/Management
```

This command creates a PSSession objects that connects to a computer that is specified by a URI instead of a computer name.

----- Example 11: Create a session option -----

```
$so = New-PSSessionOption -SkipCACheck  
New-PSSession -ConnectionUri https://management.exchangelabs.com/Management  
-SessionOption $so -Credential Server01\Admin01
```

This example shows how to create a session option object and use the SessionOption parameter.

The first command uses the `New-PSSessionOption` cmdlet to create a session option. It saves the resulting SessionOption object in the `\$so` variable.

The second command uses the option in a new session. The command uses the `New-PSSession` cmdlet to create a new session. The value of the SessionOption parameter is the SessionOption object in the `\$so` variable.

## REMARKS

To see the examples, type: "get-help New-PSSession -examples".

For more information, type: "get-help New-PSSession -detailed".

For technical information, type: "get-help New-PSSession -full".

For online help, type: "get-help New-PSSession -online"