Getting Started With Powershell For Office 365

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Preface to the Second Edition

A lot has changed since the first edition of this book was released. Back then all that you could access with PowerShell was just the Office 365 administration and Exchange Online components. Since then, Microsoft have provided the ability to connect to both SharePoint Online and Lync Online using PowerShell, which is also now included in this book. You'll also find a number of key additions and enhancements from the previous edition to reflect the changes that have happened to Office 365 recently. This typically means updated software for the desktop machine connecting to Office 365 with PowerShell. The bottom line is you always need to have the latest versions of software to ensure all the items described here are available to you. If they aren't, chances are you are using old software.

This book also includes a number of new PowerShell commands and scripts. These are not designed to be a complete reference. They are designed to give you an idea of what the handiest commands are and how they can be used to provide information via scripts. You need to take these commands and construct your own scripts, based on your own needs.

As always, Office 365 will continue to enhance and improve over time and it is expected that more features will be added allowing even greater access via PowerShell. This certainly means that you should look out for further updates to this publication. However, in the meantime I appreciate your support of my efforts by purchasing this book.

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Remember that you can also always send me feedback, comments and suggestions on the book and what you would like to see included upcoming editions. I welcome any input on how this book can be improved. I thank the following MVPs for their input on this book: Robert Pearman, Elvis Gustin, Susan Bradley. It is a better publication because of this.

Again, I thank you for your purchase and wish you every success with Office 365.

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