PowerShell + DevOps Global Summit 2018

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Assembling the Future
Dozens of breakout sessions led by PowerShell team members, MVPs and community experts. Extended-length deep dives. Open spaces for freeform sharing and discussion. Working groups that develop real standards and practices. Summit is pure content, all day, every day. Learn from Microsoft product team members, your favorite authors, and most importantly from people just like you, who are solving problems every day, and who come to Summit to share their story.

And it’s not just PowerShell. After all, the shell’s a great tool - but it’s just a tool. Summiteers share stories about getting things done. It’s about accomplishing real business tasks, securing the environment, and making IT operations faster and more reliable. Summit is about automation, scale, efficiency, and reliability.

This isn’t like a vendor-run conference where you can expect to hear the latest marketing pitch, or where you’ll “learn” about the latest products you’re supposed to buy. Summit is cutting-edge, but relevant: you’ll learn about the technologies you have today, and how to use them more efficiently.

And it’s all presented by a 100% volunteer staff, run by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, presented solely for the advancement of your education and your career. Everything about Summit is lined up around you, your business, and your career.

**HERE’S A SAMPLING...**

WebJEA: PowerShell-driven Web Forms for Secure Self-Service (Mark Domansky)

OpenSSH Internals for PowerShell Pros (Anthony Nocentino)

DSC vs “The Others” - A Song of Configuration Management (Missy Januszko)

Time to Use Regular Expressions More, Um, Regularly (Mark Minasi)

Application Provisioning with DSC and Octopus Deploy (Josh Duffney)

And topics like...

Troubleshooting PowerShell Remoting

PowerShell Toolmaking & Practices

DevOps Lessons Learned

**PLUS** sessions by MVPs Don Jones, Richard Siddaway, Jason Helmick, Will Anderson, and more, **ALONG WITH** sessions presented by members of the Windows PowerShell Product team!

Check out the entire agenda - start at PowerShellSummit.org!

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IMMERSE. COLLABORATE.

Summit sessions aren’t just a “sit back and watch” affair. Attendees engage. They share perspectives, and question assumptions. We keep the event small (less than 1.4% the size of Ignite!) to ensure that close-knit, back-and-forth vibe.

And the overall effect of Summit is a complete immersion in all things PowerShell and DevOps. From conversations over breakfast, to breakout sessions, to open space time, to evening events, we talk shop. We share ideas. We solve problems.

It’s why we kinda don’t like the term “conference.” Summit is so much more. Summit is... Summit.

GRAB THE APP!
Be sure to download the 2018 “PSHSummit” app for your Android or iOS device for the latest agenda updates, tips, and additions!

We rely on the app to publish the session agenda, and will not have hardcopy agendas or signage on-site.

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FEED YOUR CAREER.

Since 2012, Summit has been known for incredible “deep dive” content. It began as a place for experts to exchange hardcore ideas and techniques, and Summit remains the world’s leading event for Master-level PowerShell content.

But as a community, we recognize that practitioners in our field need a bridge. In addition to our extensive deep-dive content, Summit also offers Intermediate-level content that can take your entry level skills and build upon them. Once you’ve mastered those Intermediate skills, you can return to Summit in future years to enjoy the 400-level content (and beyond), making Summit an integral and supportive part of your overall career in IT and DevOps.

Are you just past Intermediate stage yourself? Use Summit as a refresher, pick up new core techniques, and master key practices and patterns. At Summit, you can easily move between intermediate and advanced sessions based on your own personal experience and objectives. It’s a learning luxury you won’t find anywhere else.

And Summit makes it easy for you to carry your new knowledge and skills home with you. Presenters are generous with their slides, sample code, and other session materials. Return home and host “Lunch and Learn” sessions with your team. You’ll help others advance in their own careers, and become recognized as a leader in your own right.

PREREQUISITES

We recommend that you complete at least “Learn Windows PowerShell in a Month of Lunches,” Microsoft course 10961, or equivalent experience, before attending.

TOPICAL COVERAGE

Intermediate topics include scripting and toolmaking, Remoting, automated testing, and other professional-level skills that make you a practitioner.

FUTURE-FRIENDLY

Even someone still learning intermediate topics benefits from Summit’s advanced coverage, helping them map out future goals and learning plans with actionable objectives.

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Most conferences are strictly a “push” affair, with lecture after lecture attempting to cram information into your brain. Summit is more like a big gathering of the best and brightest in the Power-Shell community - so it only makes sense for it to be a more interactive event. Check out some of the great things we have planned.

**LIGHTNING DEMOS**

Learn at the speed of light with short, 5-10 minute demonstrations of the latest, the greatest, and the coolest. We offer Team Lightning Demos on Monday, showing you what the Microsoft product team is working on. Then, Community Lightning Demos give everyone a chance to share a cool technique or a great solution they’ve discovered.

**SIDE SESSIONS**

Sometimes, the best ideas don’t make it in time for our main agenda, and so Side Sessions play an important role. Scheduled on-site at literally the last minute, they offer a way for experts and enthusiasts to address late-breaking topics, to follow up on a topic from the day before, or to take advantage of a “Birds of a Feather” situation where all the right people happen to be in the right place.

**OPEN SPACES**

We’re told the real value at Summit is in spending time with an expert or two, tackling a problem and arriving at a solution. That’s what Open Spaces are for - unscheduled, unscripted, and unplugged opportunities for you and a like-minded colleague or two to sit down and hash out a technology problem. Like those “drive by meetings” at work, this is where the real action can happen.

**WORKING GROUPS**

With so many experts in attendance, it only makes sense to put them to work. Working Groups are small discussion groups who tackle a specific problem, and work together to identify best patterns and practices to solve that problem. Working Groups’ decisions are published for the world at large to use, and the discussions are revisited at each Summit, supporting our changing industry.

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COME TOGETHER.

More than any other event you’ve attended, Summit provides opportunities to meet your peers from around the globe. You’ll shake hands. You’ll learn their names. And most importantly, you’ll share information. It’s a way of making contacts that, our alumni tell us, last well beyond the last day of the event.

SUNDAY: WELCOME TO TOWN

Sunday night, we gather to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, and prepare for an amazing Summit. We provide a round of beverages and some snacks to get you started, but encourage everyone to form small groups and head out to dinner together. This is where you really start to make Summit happen, and to meet the great people who make it real.

MONDAY: MEET THE TEAM

Monday night is your opportunity to mix and mingle with nearly the entire PowerShell product team, your fellow attendees, and our sponsors. We add complimentary food and beverage, along with exciting games and entertainment. Wander around, shake hands, and settle in for a great Summit week.

WEDNESDAY: GAME NIGHT

Combine small groups, classic board games, and a quieter environment and what do you get? Amazing conversations, new friendships, and a much-needed brain break. The perfect Wednesday option if the Pub Night isn’t your thing. We’ll take care of a round of appetizers to keep you powered up, and our venue provides the games (and you’re welcome to bring your own!)

WEDNESDAY: PUB NIGHT

Right when your brain really needs a diversion (Wednesday night, in our experience), we get you out of our event venue and into one of Downtown Bellevue’s happening pubs. Food and drinks are on us, and we’ll usually have the whole place to ourselves. It’s a great way to cement new friendships, discuss that awesome session from earlier in the day, and unwind before heading into the Summit final stretch.

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You know what makes Summit so amazing? The heart.

The heart of the people who show up every year to keep it happening. Who volunteer their time to produce the event, present at the event, and to support the event.

The heart of the attendees, who are always there in the morning with a smile over coffee, who help each other solve tricky problems, and who provide the foundation for the world's largest, fully nonprofit technology conference on PowerShell and DevOps. The heart of the product team members who come to connect with their customers, hear their words, and evolve the product.

The heart of our venue staff, who kill themselves producing some of the best food you'll ever eat at a conference, from amazing meals to carefully thought-out snacks. And yeah - how often do you hear people brag about their venue and their food?

At Summit, you'll never feel ignored or like you're just part of the crowd. You'll feel included, appreciated, and important - because you are. Summit is the heart of the shell, and you are the heart of Summit.

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Take part in a centuries-old tradition and rivalry, as three ancient and powerful factions come together to demonstrate their cleverness, speed, and teamwork in Script Hall. Whose code will reign supreme?

Get the history and choose your faction today at http://IronScripter.us!
(You’ll definitely want to show up with a faction in mind - it’ll be important right away on Monday)

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JOIN THE COMMUNITY.

Summit is more than a one-time thing - it starts before you arrive at Sea-Tac, and it lasts long after you head home. Here are some ways you can get involved, and stay connected.

A few days before Summit, you'll receive an e-mail invite to our Slack team. We urge everyone to visit their EventBrite registration and double-check the spelling of your name, and your email address (and consider switching to a personal email address, if you registered with a corporate one). Slack is where we make last-minute announcements, coordinate Iron Scripter factions, make evening dinner plans, and discuss thorny technical problems all year long. It's how we stay in touch.

Iron Scripter is more that just a team coding contest - it adds a whole new dynamic to Summit, and it begins at http://ironscripter.us months before you board your flight to Seattle. Read up on the three factions, choose the one that best fits your style and personality, and check the website weekly for training exercises, competition guidelines, and more. Once you're in the Slack team, coordinate with your faction in dedicated channels, and once you arrive at Summit, affix your faction's logo sticker to your badge.

PowerShell.org aims to be the world's friendliest and most community-driven website. We offer free ebooks, Q&A forums, and more - and we could use your help! Jump into the PowerShell, DSC, or Pester forums and subscribe to new topic notifications. Then, start answering questions! Even if you're just offering a different perspective on a question, it's incredibly valuable. If anyone's ever helped you solve a PowerShell problem, then you owe it to the world to pay back the favor, and PowerShell.org is a great place to start!

Twitter is a great place to catch the latest Summit news and connect with fellow Summiteers. Start with the @PSHSummit account, our official channel for Summit news, information, tips, and guidance. Update your EventBrite registration information to include your Twitter handle, which we'll add to your name badge. Check the #PSHSummit hash tag for updates from fellow Summiteers. Even if you've never used Twitter before, it's an invaluable way to stay up to date, and to sync-up once you're at Summit.

Like most things in life, Summit is what you make of it. We promise, the more you do to stay connected and get involved, the more you'll be glad you did. Summit isn’t just a conference - it’s a community of like-minded professionals, and we hope you'll join in and participate!
THE VALUE PROP.

You want value? OK. As a nonprofit, we don’t need to make any money on this event - and so we don’t try. We keep it as value-priced as possible, because we know you’re trying to stretch your education dollars as far as you can.

$1500 for 4 days
that’s about 35% less per day than the average ILT class
(and you can get a hotel for as low as $610 total)

What’s that get you?
• More than 90 hours of programmed content
• Unparalleled opportunities to engage product team members
• 4 hot breakfasts, morning snacks, lunches, and afternoon snacks
• 2 “dinner-sized” evening events (you won’t leave hungry)
• Four immersive days of PowerShell and DevOps collaboration
• Time to share with MVPs, experts, and practitioners from all over the globe
• Free access to recordings of selected sessions*
• No “expo hall” and no rush to collect shirts and toys (everyone gets a shirt!)
• The entire Summit experience!

* Not all sessions may be recorded, but all recordings are made available

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We know that travel expenses can double or triple the price of a conference. We want to help. These deals are all limited in quantity - be an early bird to take advantage. And please, register using our group codes if you can - we have to pay for these rooms even if they go empty. Booking through Expedia, Hotels.com, etc. will prevent us from getting "credit" for your stay.

Our official hotel is the Seattle Marriott Bellevue, offering a $209 nightly rate when you book at http://bit.ly/PSH2018M (case-sensitive). This is also the location of our Sunday evening pre-meet, and our Wednesday evening Game Night option.

*This is not the same as the "Seattle Marriott Redmond!"


*This is not the same as the "Courtyard Seattle Bellevue/Redmond!"

Hotel 116, Coast Hotels Bellevue is offering a $109 nightly rate when you register on their website at http://coa.st/4hjg - select Bellevue, WA as your Destination, adjust your check-in and check-out dates as needed, click Search, and select the $109 rate. If you need a broader date range and the rate isn’t showing up, contact the hotel by phone.

United Airlines, one of the largest global carriers serving Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, is offering discounts for Summit attendees. Book through your own agency or directly on United.com and use promotion code ZZ44366355 (use the All Search Options screen). Discounts range from 2%-10% depending on fare.

Also applies to select codeshare flights on AC, OS, VO, SN, LH, LX, and NH airlines. Does not apply to "N" fare classes or flights booked through online reservation sites that cannot accept United Z codes.

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RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT:

We encourage you to leave your laptop at your hotel. We do not provide power, and attendees may not run power cords across any open space, including aisles, walkways, and doorways. Laptops may not be left leaning against walls while plugged in. Please do not use seats for storing a laptop bag; seats are for people.

Although we offer a Personal Agenda Builder, session access is first-come, first-seated on-site. Rooms do not permit standing room due to fire codes.

Registration is nonrefundable. Transfers are permitted; simply log into EventBrite at least 10 business days before the event and change your attendee information to whomever you like. Payment arrangements are up to each attendee in the event of a transfer. Sorry, transfers within 10 business days of the event are not permitted.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and operate Summit on a break-even basis. No discounts are available beyond designated alumni early registration discounts.

Please indicate special dietary needs during registration. If you so indicate, contact us for specifics. If you request a special meal, you must consume that, and only that, and may not eat from the main buffets for any reason. Certain dietary needs may require you to eat off-site; local health codes prohibit outside food from being brought into the venue. Some unusual dietary requests may result in additional fees, payable on-site. We take dietary requests seriously, and they represent a legal obligation for our venue; please do not use dietary requests to indicate preferences.

Select sessions are recorded to the best of our technical ability and are posted free on YouTube, usually within a month of the event’s completion. Sessions are not streamed. Recordings are not guaranteed and are accomplished only when they will not diminish the on-site experience.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Summit is a community event, organized by unpaid volunteers. It is meant to be an inclusive, professional event that provides an energetic and engaging environment for learning and personal networking. We abhor harassment. This includes any offensive verbal comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, race, religion, disability, physical appearance, body size, technology choices, and so on. Harassment can also include sustained interruptions or disruptions, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. None of this will be tolerated; anyone experiencing harassment should ask the harasser to stop immediately, and contact a member of staff. Anyone so asked must stop immediately, or they will be asked to leave Summit without a refund. Sponsors may not use sexual or sexualized imagery, activities, or other material. Sponsor staff, should they be present at Summit, are expected to dress professionally as they would in any corporate work environment. Summit is about the open exchange of ideas and information. Attendees (including sponsors and presenters) are expected to respect each others’ opinions, perspectives, suggestions, and ideas. Differences of opinion are not only acceptable, they are encouraged, provided they can be presented politely and professionally. Our differences give us new perspectives and ideas, and make us stronger and smarter, but only when offered and accepted in a spirit of cooperation and trust.

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ACTION ITEMS:

☐ **REGISTER** by visiting http://PowerShellSummit.org. You’ll find links to the official registration page. Registering will enroll you in our Sched.com agenda website.

☐ **RESERVE** space in one of our hotel room blocks as described in this brochure. Be sure to return to EventBrite to edit your attendee information to reflect your hotel choice. This is crucial for some of our logistics planning.

☐ **BOOK** your flight, keeping in mind the airline discounts we’ve negotiated, should those prove useful to you.

☐ **EMAIL** dietary@powershell.org to confirm any dietary restrictions. Note that we, and our venue, take these very seriously as they engage legal liability. Don’t use dietary restrictions to express a preference for a particular type of pizza.

☐ **WATCH** for Summit news and updates at http://bit.ly/PSHSummitNews. Be especially sure to monitor this in the 30 days leading up to the event, as it’s our main communications channel.

☐ **VISIT** http://IronScripter.us to review the rules for Iron Scripter, read the rich history of the competition, choose your faction, and look for training exercises. Optionally, buy a shirt to fit in with your faction on the day of the competition.

☐ **RETURN** to your EventBrite registration record to double-check the spelling of your name. We print badges about 8 days out from the event, and we can’t print new badges on-site if you (or your admin) entered the wrong information.

☐ **BUILD** your personal schedule by grabbing the “PSHSummit” mobile app for your iOS or Android device. This is also how we’ll notify you of schedule changes, so don’t miss out!