PowerShell on macOS

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I've been a part of the Mac IT world since the late 1990s

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I may have had some opinions on installers, automation, and user interface

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Once or twice
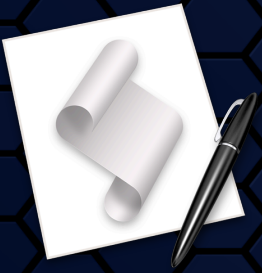
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Today's topic:
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Yes, PowerShell

" Research has established pretty firmly that diverse groups of people are better at innovation and problem solving, but more recent research is finding that diverse career histories within a single person can also benefit performance."

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- Works with .NET 6.X/7.X

Versions

LTS: 7.2.X
Stable: 7.3.X
Preview: 7.4

On both Intel & Apple Silicon

Supported OS Versions

Intel: macOS 10.13+

Apple Silicon: macOS 11+

https://github.com/PowerShell/PowerShell

Also available via homebrew

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There is a *lot* of built-in functionality

A lot of Azure/AWS modules

Remoting via SSH

Integrates well with shell and AppleScript/OSA

A fairly large number (> 700) of PS modules for macOS

https://www.powershellgallery.com/packages

Very portable

basically, 100% of your powershell install is in /usr/local/microsoft/powershell/<version>

Very extensible

get-computerinfo demo

Understands a wide variety of data types

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- CSV/TSV

- REST API data

- JSON / XML

- Built-in object types

- Multiple list/array types

Inherits .NET functionality

Syntactically similar to C#, but also incorporates Unixisms

Excellent documentation

The PowerShell community is *highly* supported by MS

Cross-Platform

Consistent, easily-learned syntax

Free cross-platform IDE

Links

- https://github.com/PowerShell/PowerShell

- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell

- https://devblogs.microsoft.com/scripting

- https://devblogs.microsoft.com/powershell-community

- https://bynkiidotcom.wordpress.com/?s=powershell

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