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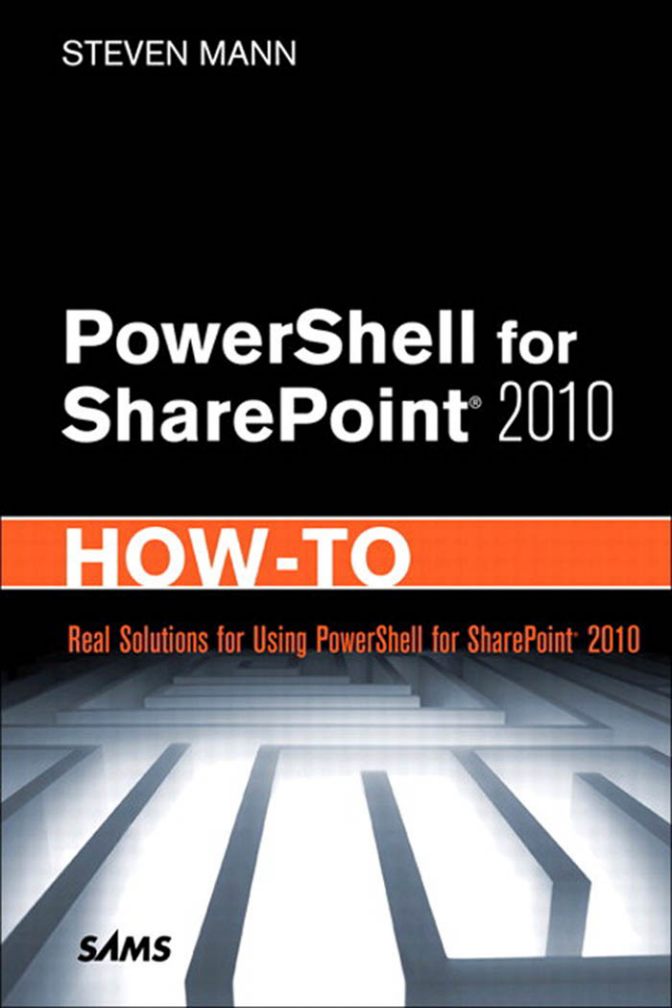

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Introduction

Overview of This Book

PowerShell is becoming the de facto administration tool for Microsoft Server products. The ability to script out reusable steps and code makes life easier for administrators, developers, and managers alike. With the latest release of Microsoft SharePoint Server 2010, PowerShell is the recommended administration tool. The previous stsadm console application is still available for backward compatibility but will soon be deprecated. Therefore, it is essential to understand the available cmdlets within SharePoint 2010.

This book is designed to provide a great reference of the SharePoint cmdlets across all areas and features within the product. The scenarios covered can be used to build out simple to complex scripts using the syntax and examples found within this book's chapters.

How to Benefit from This Book

This book provides a brief overview of how to get started with PowerShell in a SharePoint environment. It is not, however, a tutorial on PowerShell scripting itself. Use this book as a guide for performing repeated tasks or scripting out steps that need to be replicated across your SharePoint environments (development, staging, production, and so on). Whether it is for server management (including farm and web application administration), development, or the new service applications, this book describes the common cmdlets and SharePoint functionality available through PowerShell.

There have been changes within the SharePoint 2010 cmdlets during various releases (for example, beta, release candidates, and product releases). Many examples provided on the Internet use the old cmdlets and/or do not provide the appropriate parameters or types. In addition, some of the documentation on the cmdlets, settings, and configurations available on the Internet is incorrect. You can rest assured that all of the sample command lines in this book have been tested and confirmed to be as accurate as possible.

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This book will provide the basis for what is possible within PowerShell scripts for SharePoint. To become an overall PowerShell expert you may want to expand your knowledge by exploring other books that discuss general PowerShell scripting techniques and syntax. Several general PowerShell books are available at informit.com.

PART I

Getting Started

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