

#### **Windows Terminal Environments Cheatsheet**

A comprehensive cheat sheet covering essential commands and concepts for both Windows CMD and PowerShell, providing quick references for navigation, file management, system information, and more.



## **Basic Navigation & File Management**

## Command Prompt (CMD) - Navigation

| cd<br>director         | Change directory to the specified directory.                                  |
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| cd                     | Move up one directory level.  |
| cd \                   | Change to the root directory.   |
| dir                    | List files and subdirectories in the current directory.                       |
| tree                   | Display the directory structure graphically.                                  |
| pushd<br>director<br>y | Saves the current directory for use later and changes to specified directory. |
| popd                   | Returns to the directory most recently saved by the pushd command.            |

#### PowerShell - Navigation

| Set-<br>Location<br>directory  | Change directory to the specified directory.                                 |
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| Set-<br>Location               | Move up one directory level.   |
| Get-<br>ChildItem              | List files and subdirectories in the current directory (alias: ls , dir ).   |
| Push-<br>Location<br>directory | Saves the current location to a stack and changes to the specified location. |
| Pop-<br>Location               | Retrieves the last location from the location stack.                         |
| Get-<br>Location               | Displays the current directory.  |

## File Management (CMD)

| mkdir directory         | Create a new directory.    |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| rmdir directory         | Remove an empty directory. |
| del filename            | Delete a file.             |
| copy source destination | Copy a file.               |
| ren oldname newname     | Rename a file.             |

# File Management & System Info

## File Management (PowerShell)

| New-Item directory - ItemType Directory | Create a new directory.                     |
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| Remove-Item directory                   | Remove a directory (can also remove files). |
| Copy-Item source                        | Copy a file or directory.                   |
| Rename-Item oldname                     | Rename a file or directory.                 |
| Move-Item source                        | Move a file or directory.                   |
| New-Item filename - ItemType File       | Creates a new file.                         |

## System Information (CMD)

| systeminf<br>o | Display detailed system configuration information. |
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| tasklist       | Display a list of currently running processes.     |
| ipconfig       | Display IP configuration information.              |
| hostname       | Displays the hostname of the machine.              |

## System Information (PowerShell)

| Get- ComputerInfo              | Display comprehensive computer information.             |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Get-Process                    | Display a list of currently running processes.          |
| Get-<br>NetIPConfigura<br>tion | Display IP configuration information.                   |
| Get-Host                       | Displays information about the current PowerShell host. |
| Test-Path                      | Check if the specified path exists.                     |

## **Process Management & Networking**

#### Process Management (CMD)

| taskkill /IM processname.exe /F | Forcefully terminate a process by image name. |
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| taskkill /PID<br>processID /F   | Forcefully terminate a process by process ID. |
| start program                   | Start a program.                              |

#### Process Management (PowerShell)

| Stop-Process -Name processname -Force | Forcefully terminate a process by name.               |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stop-Process -Id processID -Force     | Forcefully terminate a process by process ID.         |
| Start-Process program                 | Start a program.                                      |
| Get-Service                           | Get a list of the services available on the computer. |
| Stop-Service<br>servicename           | Stop a service.                                       |
| Start-Service<br>servicename          | Start a service.                                      |

#### Networking (CMD)

| ping<br>hostname    | Ping a hostname or IP address.                        |
|---------------------|---|
| tracert<br>hostname | Trace route to a hostname.                            |
| netstat -a          | Display active TCP connections, listening ports, etc. |

# **Advanced Commands & Scripting**

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#### Networking (PowerShell)

#### **CMD Scripting**

#### PowerShell Scripting

| Test-Connection hostname            | Ping a hostname or IP address. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Test-Path -Path 'TCP:hostname:port' | Test a specific TCP port.      |
| Get-NetTCPConnection                | Get active TCP connections.    |
| Resolve-DnsName hostname            | Query DNS for hostname.        |

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@echo off - Disable command echoing.
echo message - Display a message.
set variable=value - Define a variable.
%variable% - Access a variable.
if condition (commands) else (commands) -
Conditional execution.
for %%i in (set) do (command) - Loop through a set of items.
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$variable = value - Define a variable.
$variable - Access a variable.
if (condition) { commands } elseif (condition) {
commands } else { commands } - Conditional execution.
foreach ($i in $collection) { commands } - Loop
through a collection.
function functionName { commands } - Define a
function.

Write-Host message - Display a message.
Get-Help command - Get help for a command.
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