

Requesting comments: The -Name ...



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Dec 3, 2007 We are considering changing the -Name parameter to be the first positional parameter for all Get-* and New-* cmdlets.

The idea is that "Get-X Y" will always return the object of type X named Y.

Examples:

1. Get-VM X will return the VM named X (this is the current behavior)
2. Get-VirtualSwitch X will return the Virtual Switch named X (this is not the current behavior).

Some cmdlet behavior will need to change if we do this.

Currently Get-VirtualSwitch X will return all Virtual Switches on host X. Does anyone take advantage of this behavior? Does this behavior make more sense than the proposed change?

We would appreciate any feedback.



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Jun 7, 2007 **1. Re: Requesting comments: The -Name parameter as a positional parameter** Sep 29, 2008 12:11 PM

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Oct 31, 2005 **2. Re: Requesting comments: The -Name parameter as a positional parameter** Sep 29, 2008 1:23 PM

 in response to: [halr9000](#) I'm in favor of the proposed change.

Consistent parameters for all cmdlets!

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Dec 3, 2007 3. **Re: Requesting comments: The -Name parameter as a positional parameter** Sep 29, 2008 1:48 PM

 in response to: [halr9000](#) halr9000 wrote:


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Uh, thanks, I guess? Does that mean you're in favor of the change?



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Jun 7, 2007 4. **Re: Requesting comments: The -Name parameter as a positional parameter** Sep 29, 2008 3:09 PM

 in response to: [c_shanklin](#) Yes, "I heart VMware" means I do like the change. 😊

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