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Get data in Power BI Desktop

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Contents

Overview

In this lab, you'll get started with Power BI Desktop, connect to data, and use data preview techniques to understand the characteristics and quality of your source data.

You will:

- Open Power BI Desktop.
- Connect to multiple data sources.
- Preview source data with Power Query.
- Use Power Query's data profiling techniques.

Duration: This lab takes about `30 minutes`.

Exercise 01: Get data in Power BI Desktop

Task 01: Start Power BI Desktop

In this task, you'll start by opening a Power BI starter file (.pbix). The starter file doesn't include any data, but it has been specifically configured to help you complete the lab.

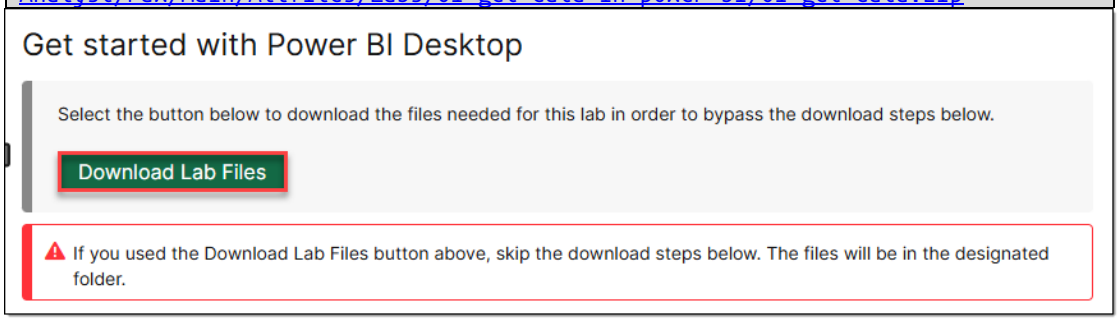
The starter file has the following report-level settings disabled:

- Data Load – Import relationships from data sources on first load
- Data Load – Detect new relationships after data is loaded

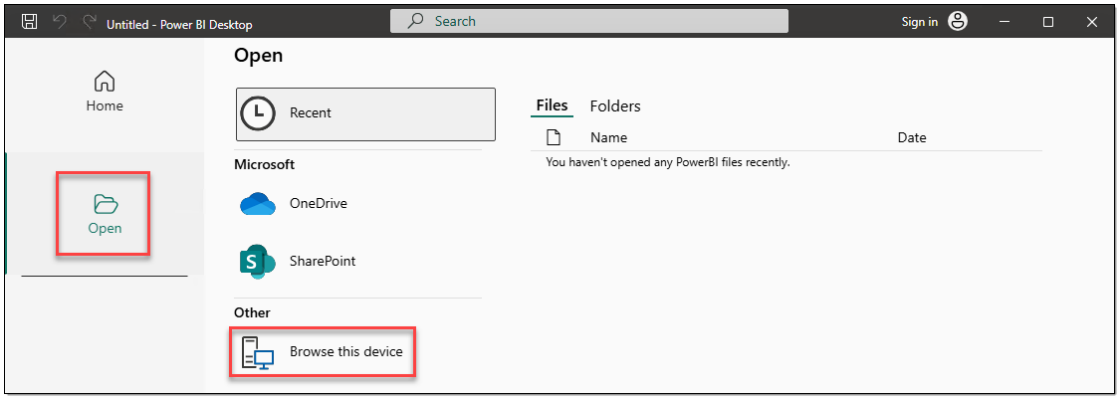
While enabling these two options can be helpful when you're developing a data model, they've been disabled to support the lab environment. In the "`Clean, transform, and load data in Power BI`" lab, you'll create relationships and learn why each relationship is added.

1. On the lab machine, open a browser and navigate to the following URL to download the ZIP file. Alternatively, in the lab environment, select the [**Instructions**] tab and then select [**Download Lab Files**] to download the files. In that case, the files will be saved to the "`Downloads`" folder.

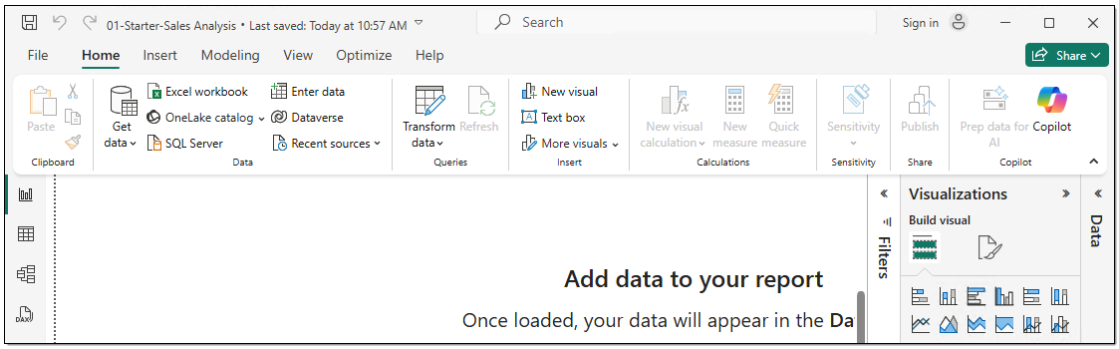
   https://github.com/MicrosoftLearning/PL-300-Microsoft-Power-BI-Data-Analyst/raw/Main/Allfiles/Labs/01-get-data-in-power-bi/01-get-data.zip

2. Start [**Power BI Desktop**]. Select [**Open – Browse this device**].



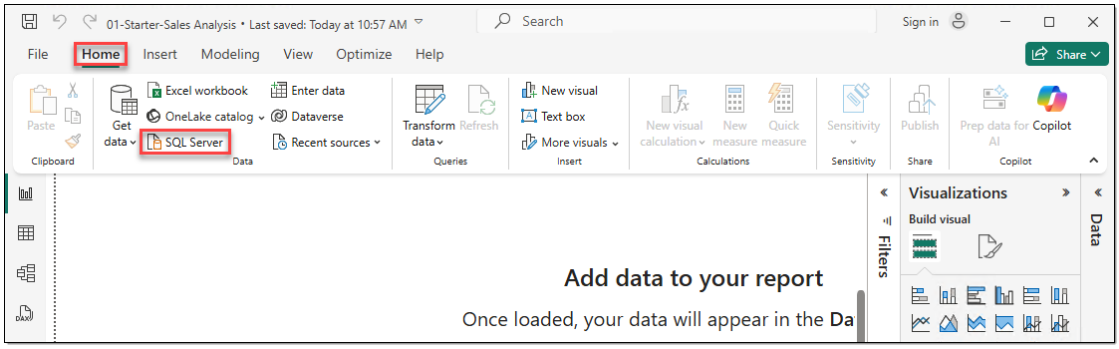
3. In the [**Open**] dialog, select the previously downloaded and extracted `01-Starter-Sales Analysis.pbix` file. If Power BI prompts you to sign in or ask for an email address, ignore the prompt (select Skip if shown).



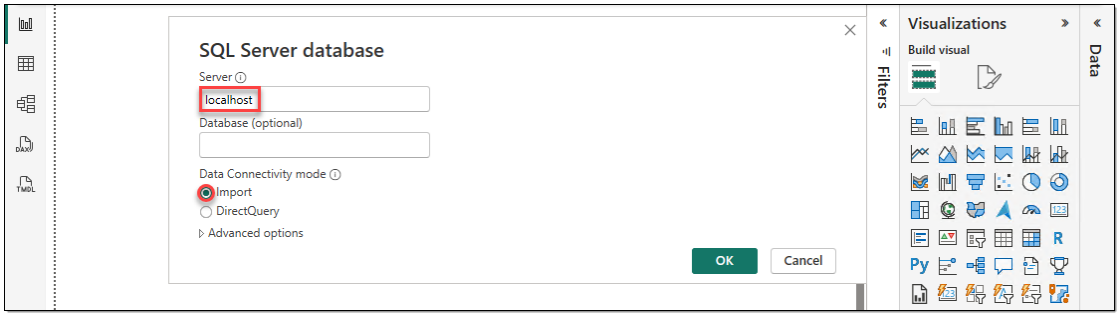
Task 02: Get data from SQL Server

In this task, you'll connect to a SQL Server database and use Power Query to create queries that import tables.

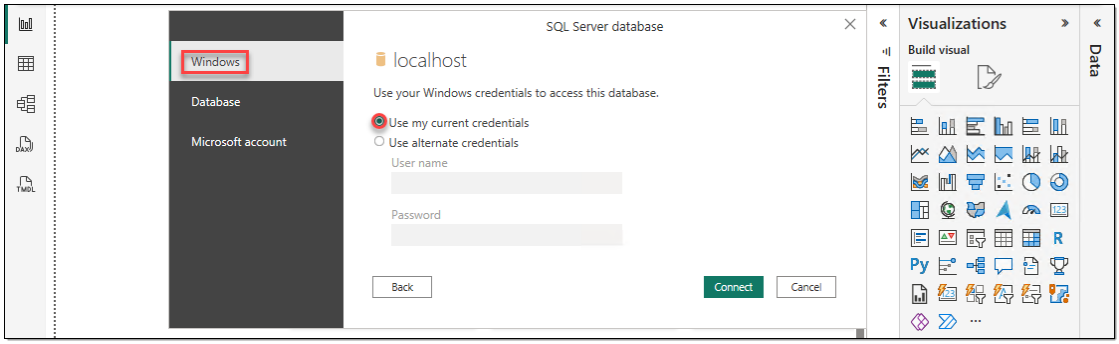
1. On the [**Home**] ribbon, select [**Data – SQL Server**].



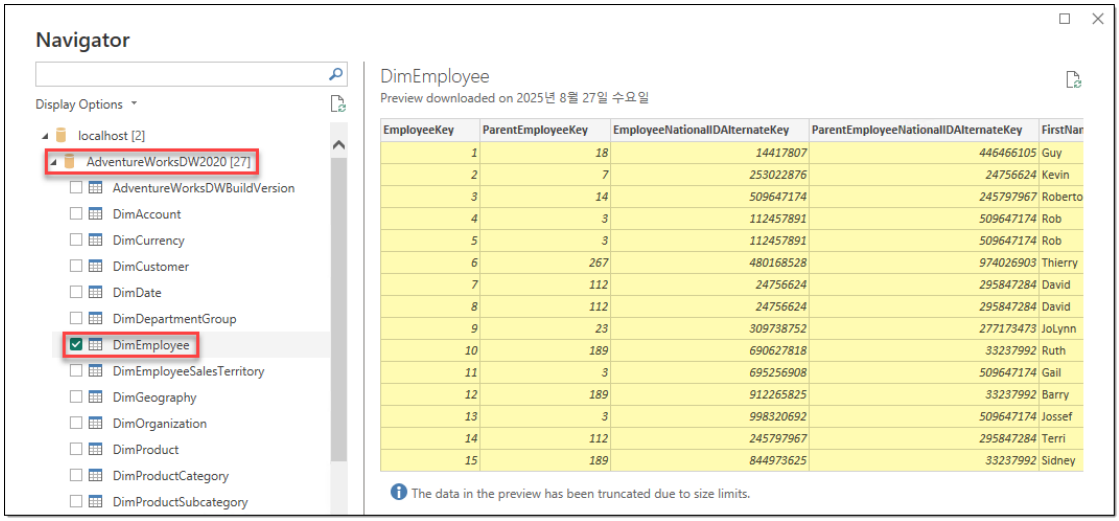
2. In the [**SQL Server database**] dialog, configure the settings as follows, and then select [**OK**]. For this lab, you'll connect to SQL Server using localhost so the gateway data source won't be discovered. This approach isn't recommended for production solutions.
   - Server: `localhost`
   - Data Connectivity mode: `Import`



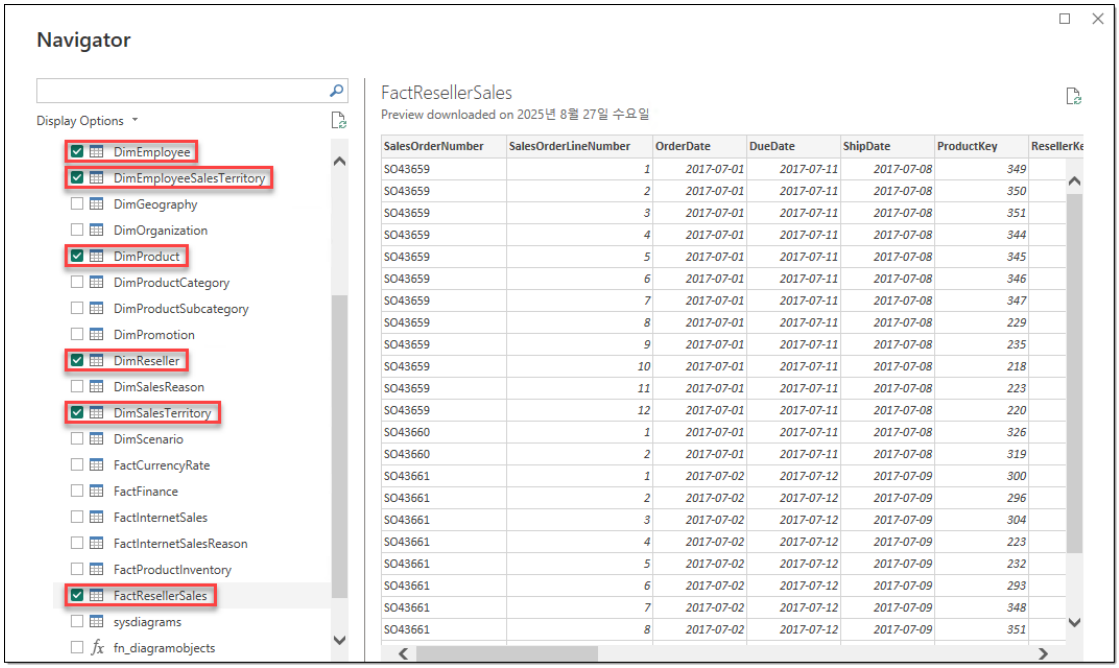
3. In the [**SQL Server database**] dialog, select "`Use my current credentials`", and then select [**Connect**]. If the [**Encryption Support**] dialog appears, select [**OK**].



4. In the [**Navigator**] pane, expand the `AdventureWorksDW2020` database, and then select the `DimEmployee` table.
   - The `AdventureWorksDW2020` database is based on the `AdventureWorksDW2017` sample database and has been modified to support the learning objectives of this course lab.
   - When you select `DimEmployee`, a preview shows sample columns and rows from the table.



5. In the [**Navigator**] pane, select the following six tables, and then select [**Transform Data**]:
   - `DimEmployee`
   - `DimEmployeeSalesTerritory`
   - `DimProduct`
   - `DimReseller`
   - `DimSalesTerritory`
   - `FactResellerSales`



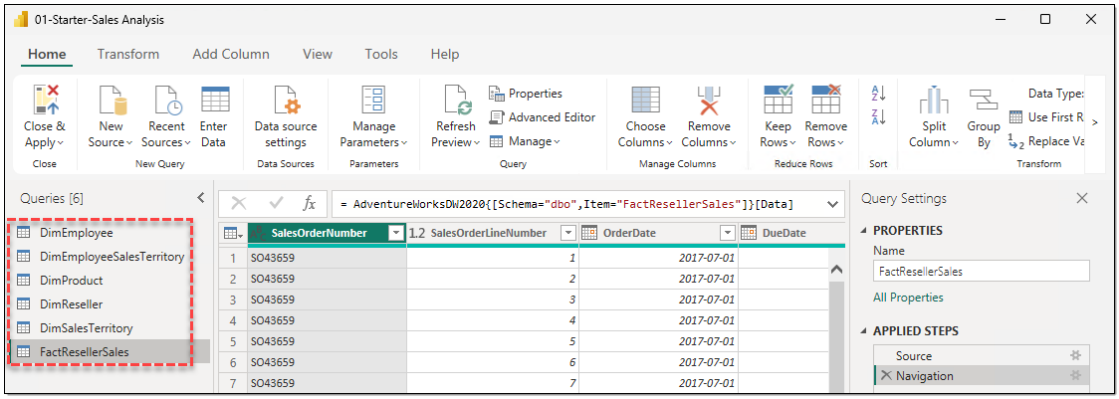
SalesOrderNumber	SalesOrderLineNumber	OrderDate	DueDate	ShipDate	ProductKey	ResellerKe
SO43659	1	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	349	
SO43659	2	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	350	
SO43659	3	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	351	
SO43659	4	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	344	
SO43659	5	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	345	
SO43659	6	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	346	
SO43659	7	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	347	
SO43659	8	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	229	
SO43659	9	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	235	
SO43659	10	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	218	
SO43659	11	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	223	
SO43659	12	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	220	
SO43660	1	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	326	
SO43660	2	2017-07-01	2017-07-11	2017-07-08	319	
SO43661	1	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	300	
SO43661	2	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	296	
SO43661	3	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	304	
SO43661	4	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	223	
SO43661	5	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	232	
SO43661	6	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	293	
SO43661	7	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	348	
SO43661	8	2017-07-02	2017-07-12	2017-07-09	351	

You're now connected to the data, and [**Power Query Editor**] opens for the next task.

Task 03: Preview data in Power Query Editor

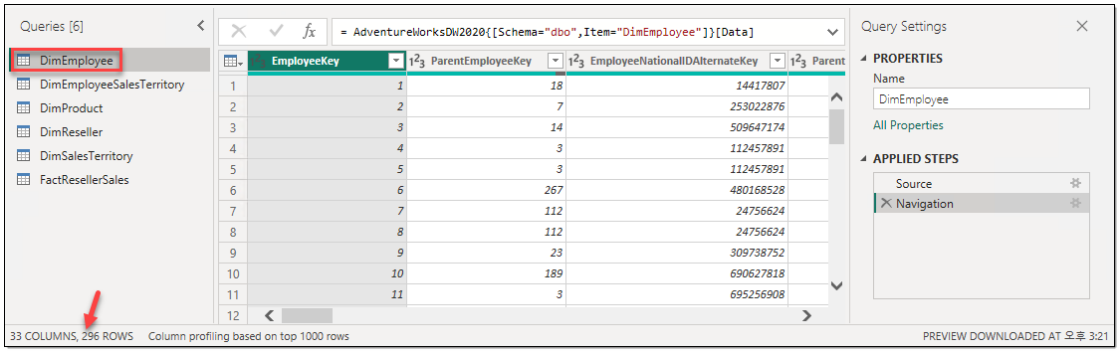
In this task, you'll get oriented with [**Power Query Editor**] and profile the data. This review will help you decide how to clean and transform the data later. You'll examine both the dimension tables (prefixed with `Dim`) and the fact table (prefixed with `Fact`).

1. In the [**Power Query Editor**] window, look at the [**Queries**] pane on the left. The [**Queries**] pane contains one query for each table you selected.

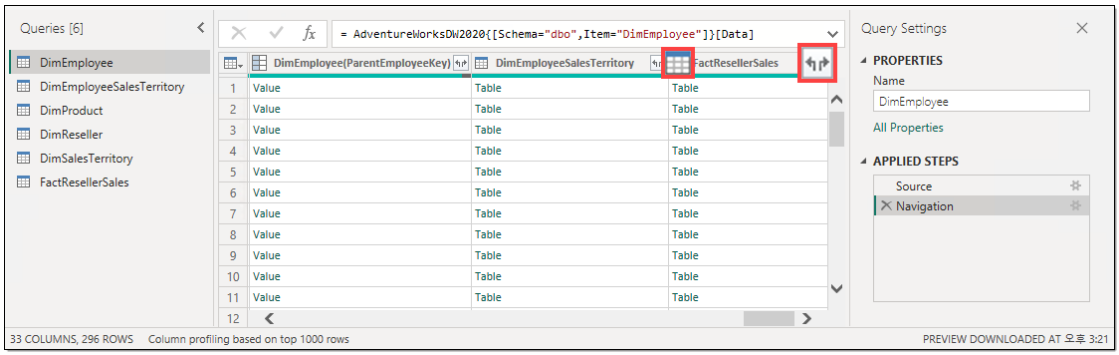


	SalesOrderNumber	SalesOrderLineNumber	OrderDate	DueDate
1	SO43659	1	2017-07-01	
2	SO43659	2	2017-07-01	
3	SO43659	3	2017-07-01	
4	SO43659	4	2017-07-01	
5	SO43659	5	2017-07-01	
6	SO43659	6	2017-07-01	
7	SO43659	7	2017-07-01	

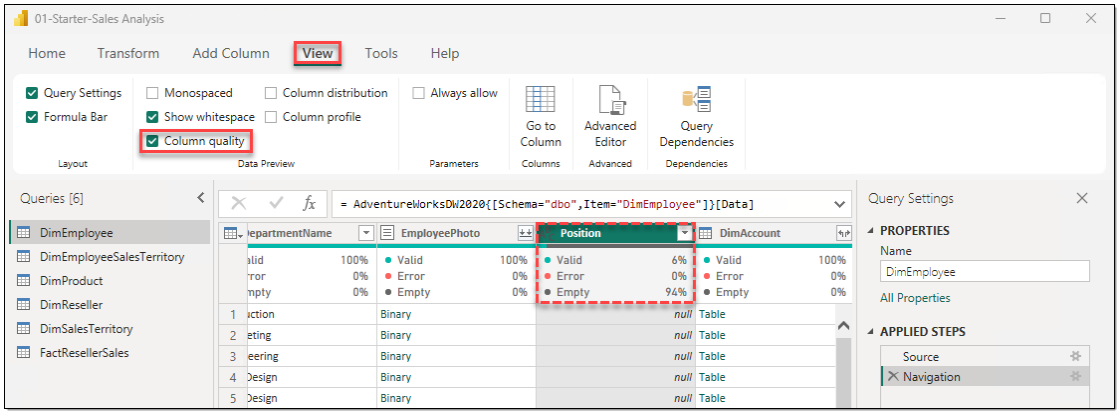
2. In the [**Power Query Editor**], select the `DimEmployee` query in the [**Queries**] pane.
   - The `DimEmployee` table in SQL Server stores one row per employee. A subset of these rows represents salespeople relevant to the model you'll build.
   - In the lower-left of the status bar, you can see basic table statistics. For this table, there are `33 columns` and `296 rows`.



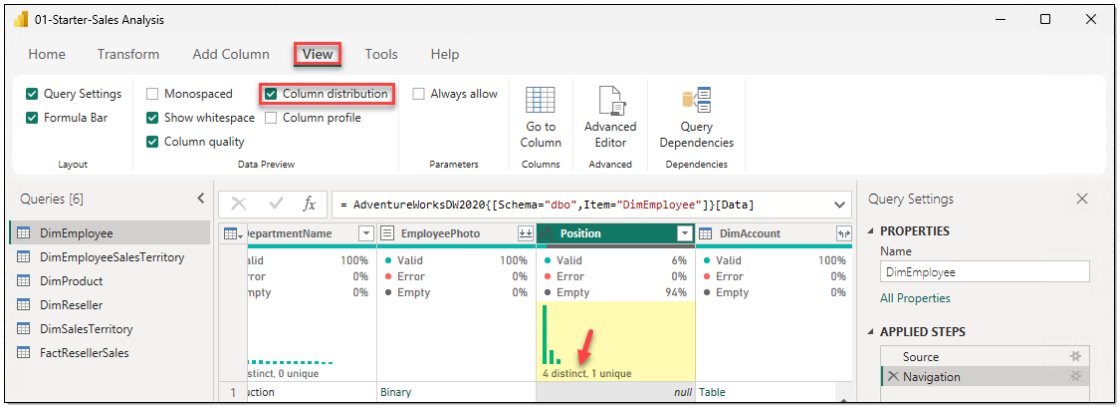
3. In the data preview, scroll to the right to review all columns. The last five columns contain **Table** or **Value** links.
   - These five columns indicate relationships to other tables in the database.
   - You can use these columns to join tables; you'll perform those joins in the "`Clean, transform, and load data in Power BI`" lab.



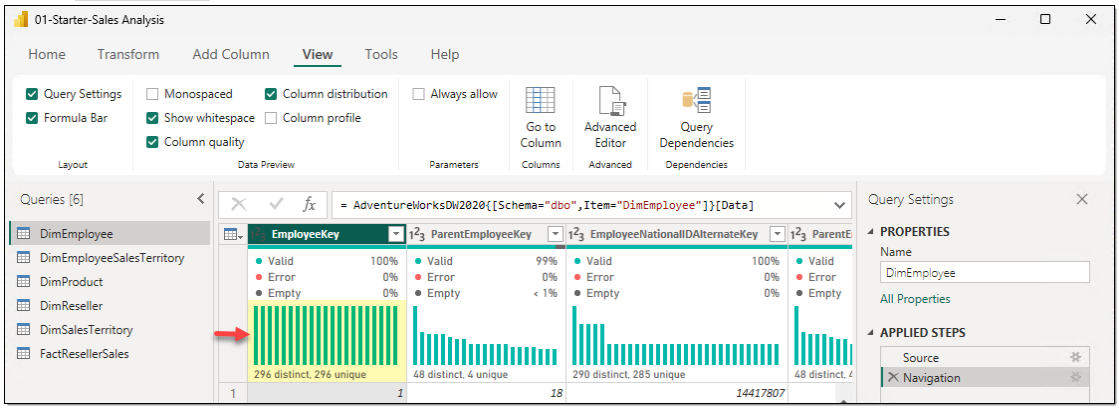
4. To access column quality, on the [**View**] ribbon, select [**Data Preview – Column quality**]. The column quality feature lets you quickly see the percentage of **Valid**, **Error**, or **Empty** values found in each column.
   - Confirm that the **Position** column has **94%** empty rows.



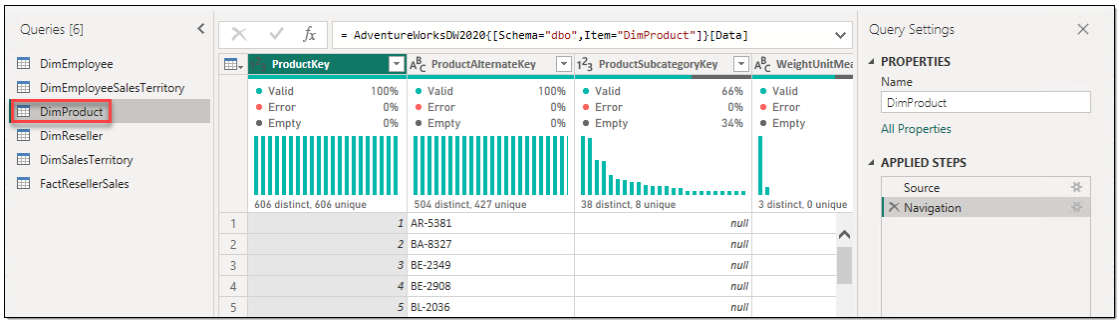
5. To review column distribution, on the [**View**] ribbon select [**Data Preview – Column distribution**].
   - Confirm that the Position column shows **4 distinct** values and **1 unique** value.



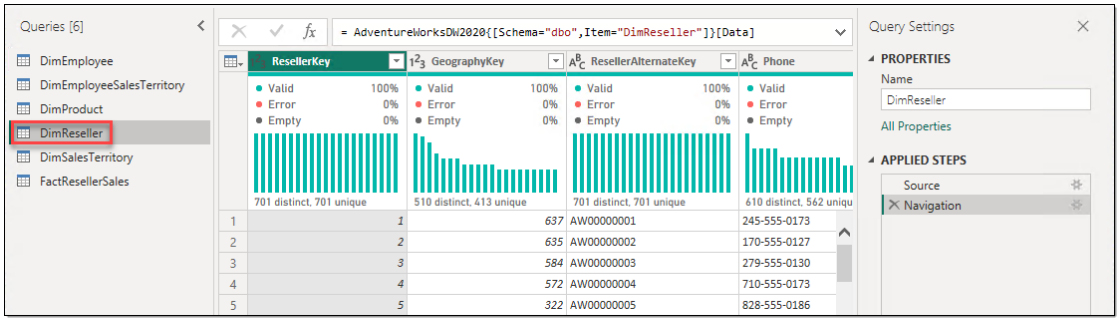
6. Review the distribution for the `EmployeeKey` column. Confirm that it shows **296 distinct values** and **296 unique values**.
   - When the **distinct count** and **unique count** are the same, the column contains only unique values. *Distinct* means the number of different values present; *unique* means values that appear exactly once in the column. For example, if a column has five **A** values, three **B** values, and one **C** value, the **distinct count** is **3**, while the **unique count** is **1**.
   - Having unique columns in some model tables is important for modeling. You'll use such unique columns to create one-to-many relationships in the "`Configure a semantic model in Power BI Desktop`" lab.



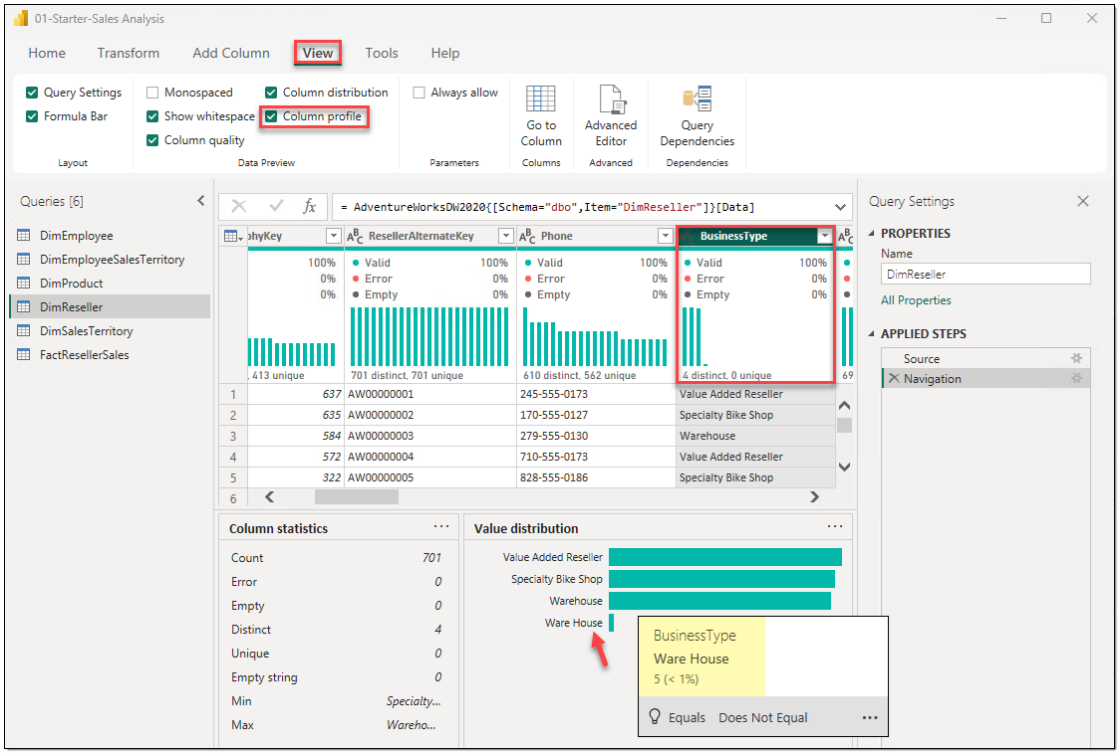
7. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the `DimProduct` query. The `DimProduct` table contains one row for each product that the company sells.



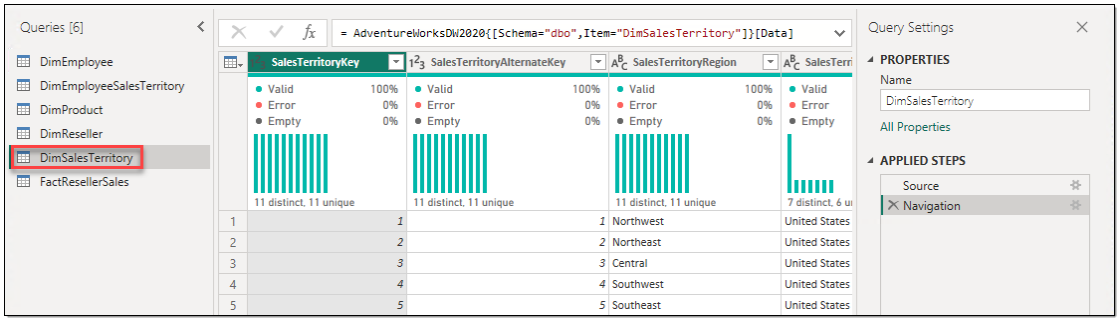
8. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the `DimReseller` query. The `DimReseller` table contains reseller information, with one row per reseller. Resellers sell, distribute, or add value to Adventure Works products.



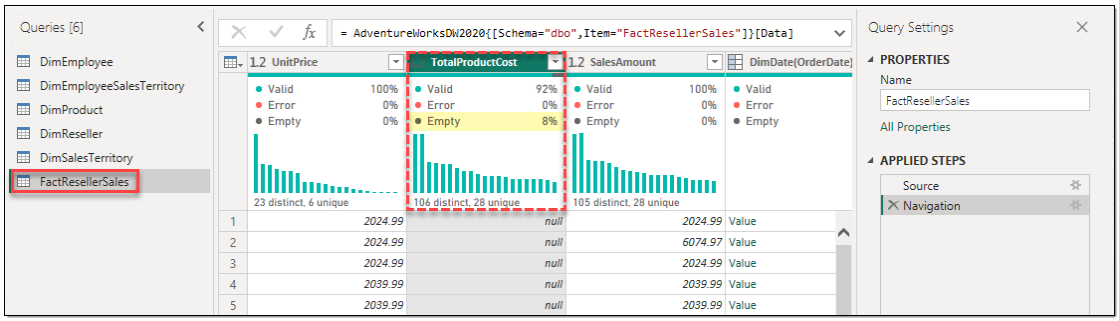
9. On the [**View**] ribbon, select [**Data Preview – Column profile**]. Then select the `BusinessType` column header and confirm that a new pane appears below the data preview.
   - In the data preview, review the **Column statistics** and **Value distribution**.
   - In the "`Value distribution`" area, confirm there are two labels: "`Warehouse`" and "`Ware House`". "`Ware House`" is a misspelling of "`Warehouse`".
   - Hover over the "`Ware House`" bar to confirm that **5 rows** contain this value. You'll fix the labels for these five rows by applying a transformation in the "`Clean, transform, and load data in Power BI Desktop`" lab.



10. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the `DimSalesTerritory` query. The `DimSalesTerritory` table contains one row per sales territory, including the company headquarters.
    - **Regions** are assigned to a **Country**, and **Countries** are assigned to a **Group**.
    - In the "`Configure a semantic model in Power BI Desktop`" lab, you'll create a hierarchy that supports analysis at the **region**, **country**, and **group** levels.



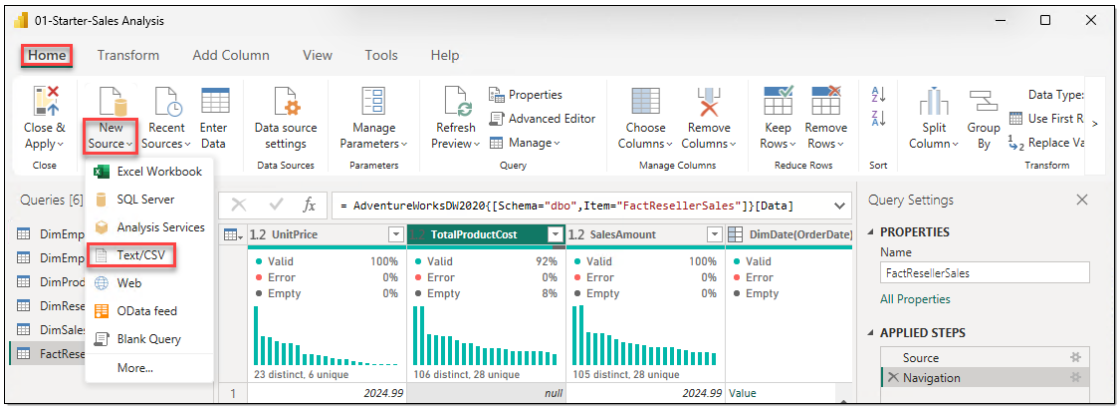
11. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the `FactResellerSales` query. The `FactResellerSales` table contains one row per sales order, and each sales order includes one or more **line items**.
    - Review the **column quality** for the `TotalProductCost` column and confirm that **8%** of rows are empty.
    - Missing values in `TotalProductCost` represent a data quality issue. To address this, in the "`Clean, transform, and load data in Power BI Desktop`" lab you'll apply a transformation that fills the missing values by using the `standard cost` stored in the related `DimProduct` table.



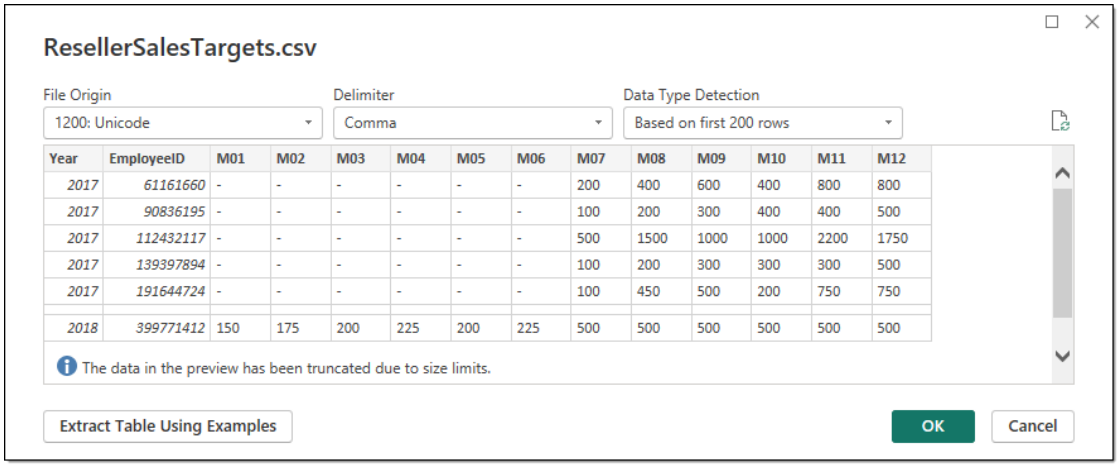
Task 04: Get data from a CSV file

In this task, you'll create a new query from a CSV file.

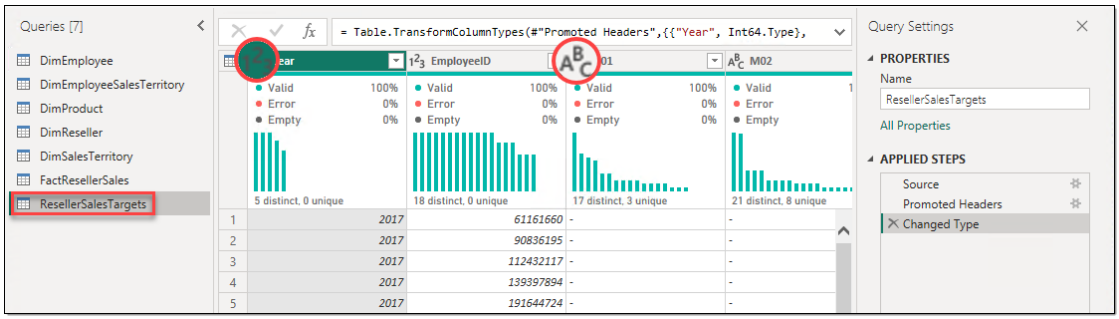
1. On the [**Home**] ribbon, select [**New Query** – **New Source** – **Text/CSV**]. Select the previously downloaded `ResellerSalesTargets.csv` file, and then select [**Open**].



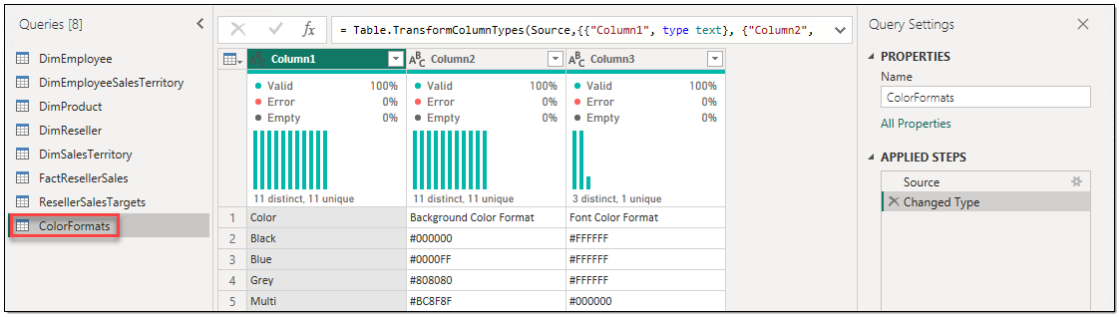
2. In the `ResellerSalesTargets.csv` dialog, review the preview data, and then select [**OK**].



3. In the [**Queries**] pane, confirm that the `ResellerSalesTargets` query has been added. The `ResellerSalesTargets` CSV file contains one row per salesperson per year.
   - Each row records **12 monthly sales targets** (in thousands).
   - **Adventure Works** uses a fiscal year that starts on **July 1**.
   - Verify that none of the columns contain empty values. Where a monthly target is missing, a **hyphen (–)** is stored instead.
   - Review the icon to the left of each column header. The icon indicates the column's data type: **123** means **Whole Number** (integer), and **ABC** means **Text**.

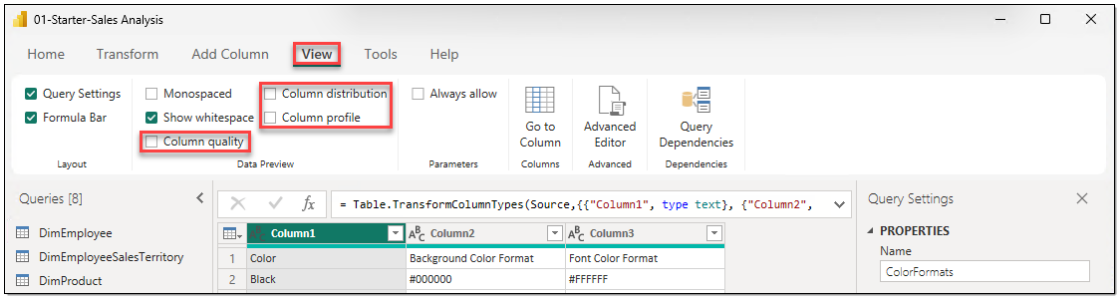


4. Repeat the same steps to import the `ColorFormats.csv` file. The `ColorFormats` CSV file contains one row per product color. Each row specifies background and font color formatting by using **HEX** codes.



Task 05: Finish the lab

1. On the [**View**] ribbon, in [**Data Preview**], clear the check boxes for "`Column quality`", "`Column distribution`", and "`Column profile`".

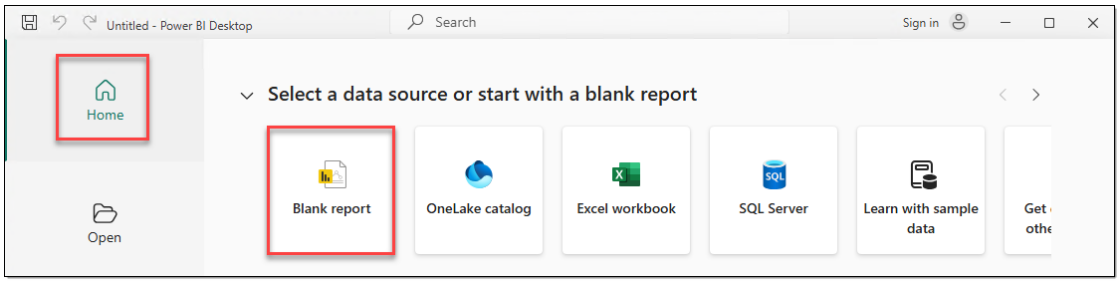


Exercise 02: Use dynamic M query parameters in Power BI Desktop (Optional)

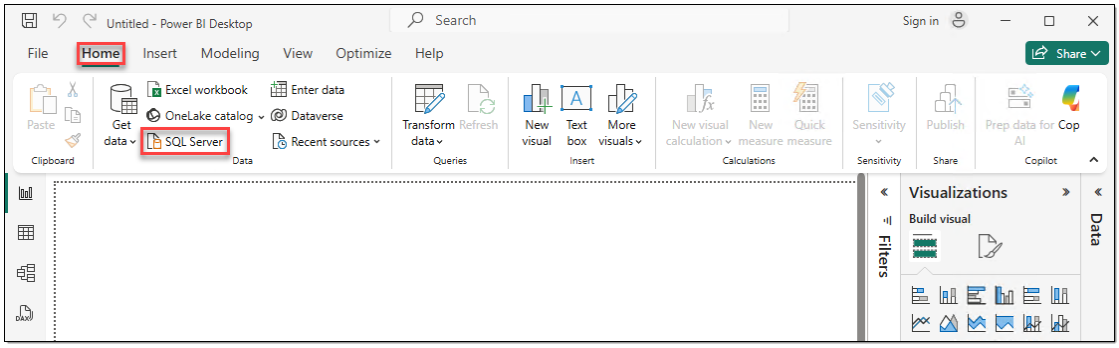
In this exercise, you'll create and use dynamic M query parameters in Power BI Desktop. This exercise is optional.

Task 01: Create a dynamic report for a single value

1. Open Power BI Desktop, then select [**Home – Blank report**].

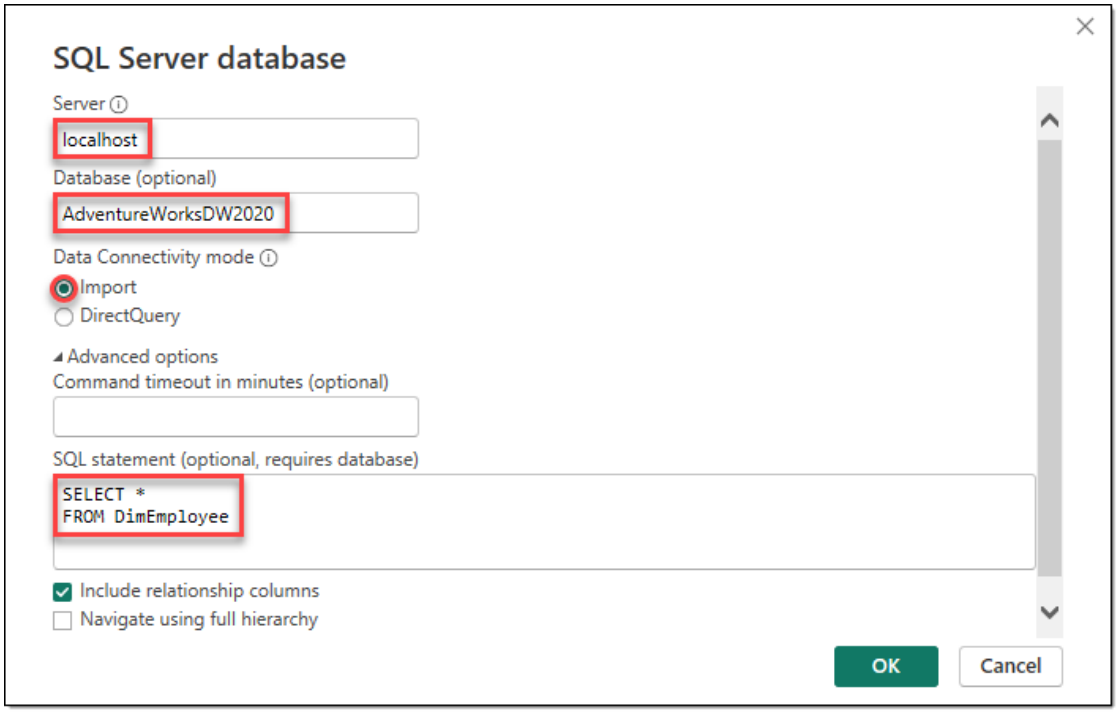


2. In Power BI Desktop, on the [**Home**] ribbon, select [**Data – SQL Server**].

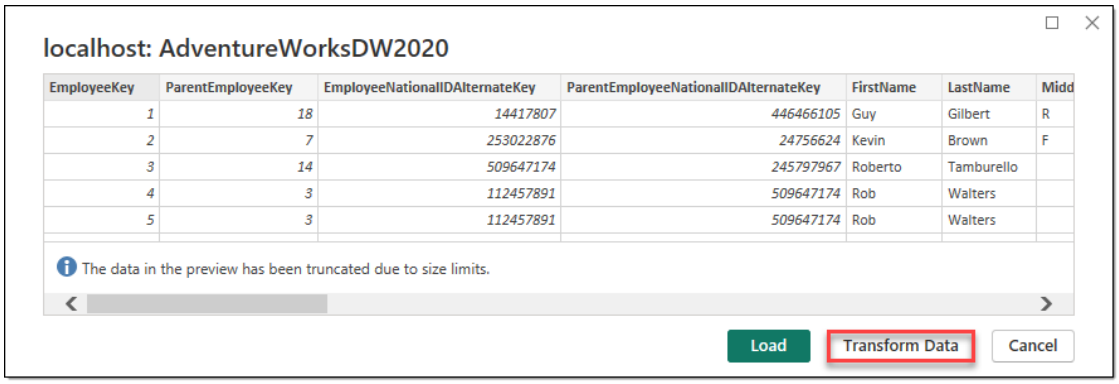


3. In the [**SQL Server database**] dialog, configure the settings as follows, and then select [**OK**].
   - Server: `localhost`
   - Database: `AdventureWorksDW2020`
   - Data Connectivity mode: `Import`
   - Expand "`Advanced options`", and in **SQL statement**, enter the SQL query provided by the lab instructions.

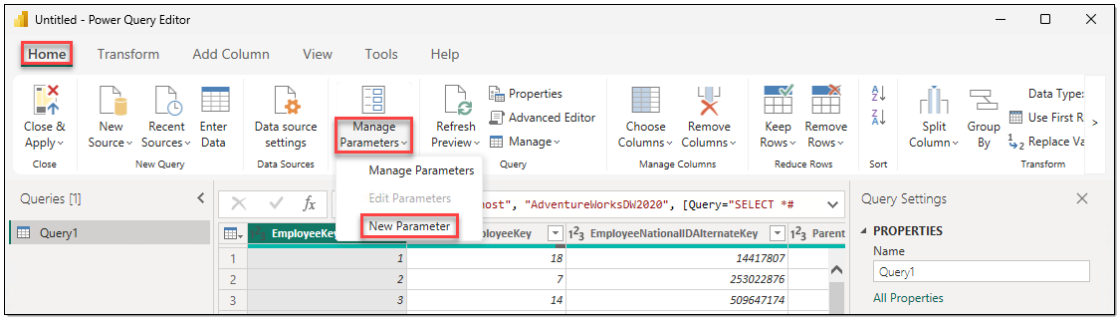
```
SELECT *
FROM DimEmployee
```



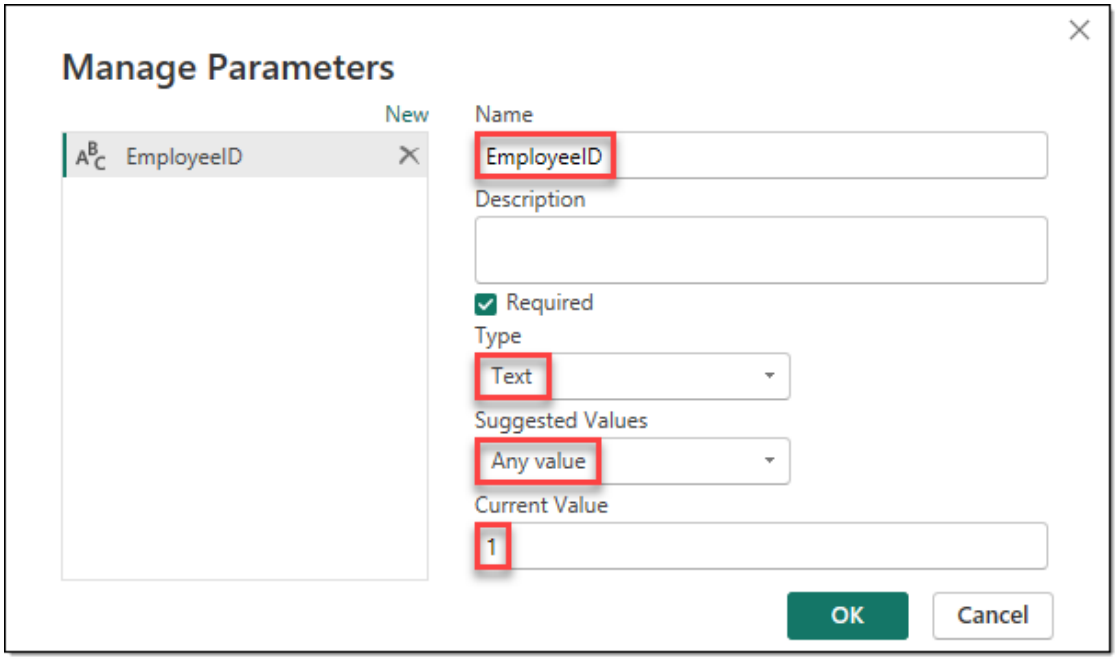
4. In the [**localhost: AdventureWorksDW2020**] dialog, select [**Transform Data**].



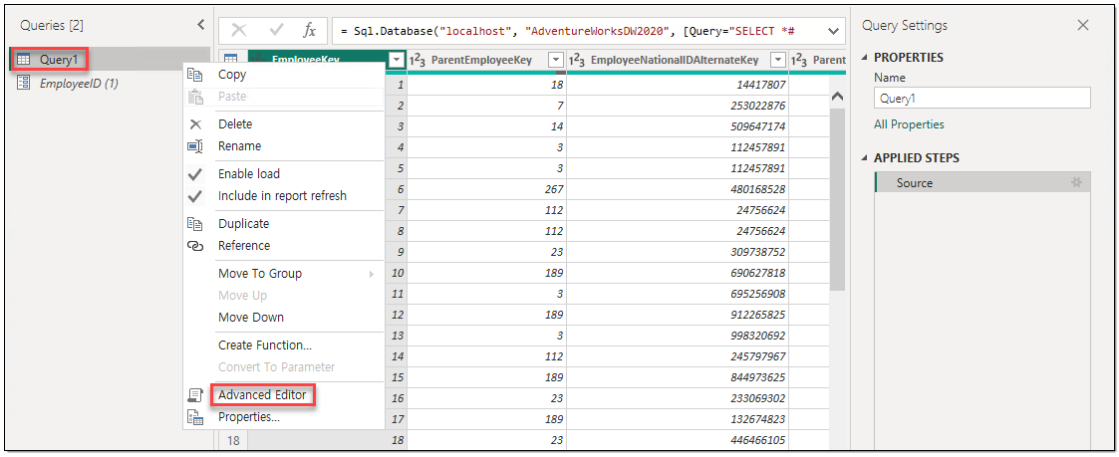
5. In [**Power Query Editor**], on the [**Home**] ribbon, select [**Parameters – Manage Parameters – New Parameter**].



6. In the [**Manage Parameters**] dialog, configure the settings as follows, and then select [**OK**].
   - Name: `EmployeeID`
   - Type: `Text`
   - Suggested Values: `Any value`
   - Current Value: `1`



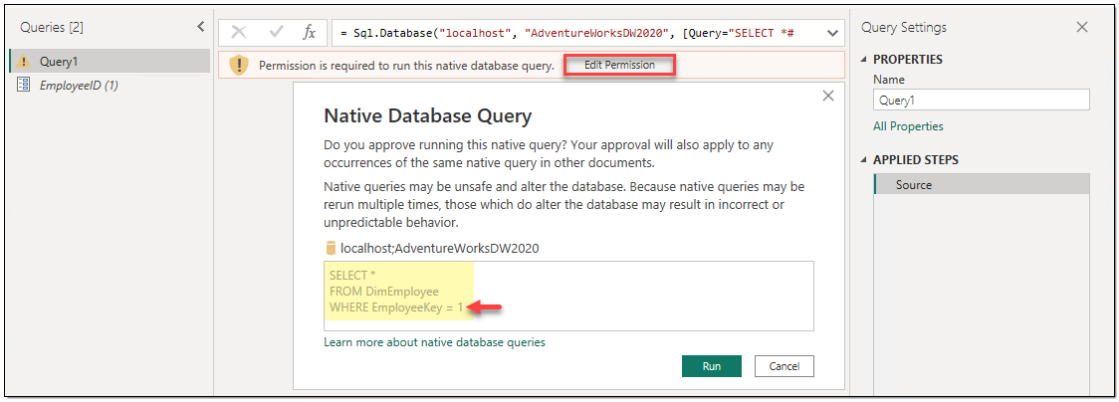
7. In the [**Queries**] pane, right-click **Query1**, and then select [**Advanced Editor**].



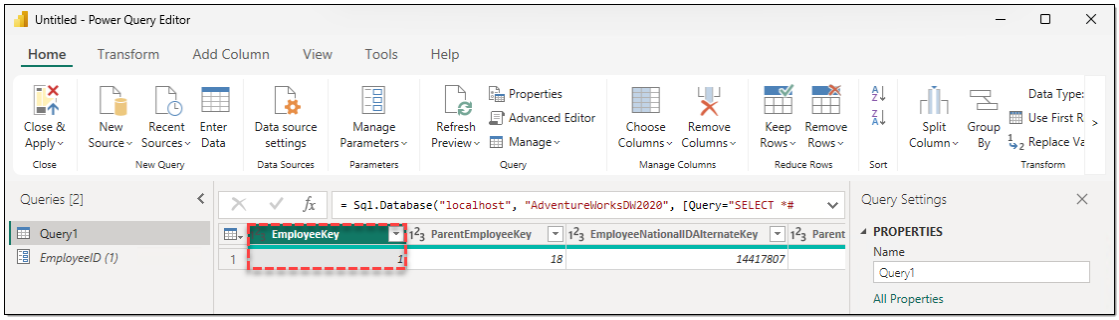
8. In the [**Advanced Editor**], replace the existing M code with the following, and then select [**Done**].

```
let
   Source = Sql.Database("localhost", "AdventureWorksDW2020", [Query="SELECT
*#(lf)FROM DimEmployee#(lf)WHERE EmployeeKey = " & EmployeeID])
in
   Source
```

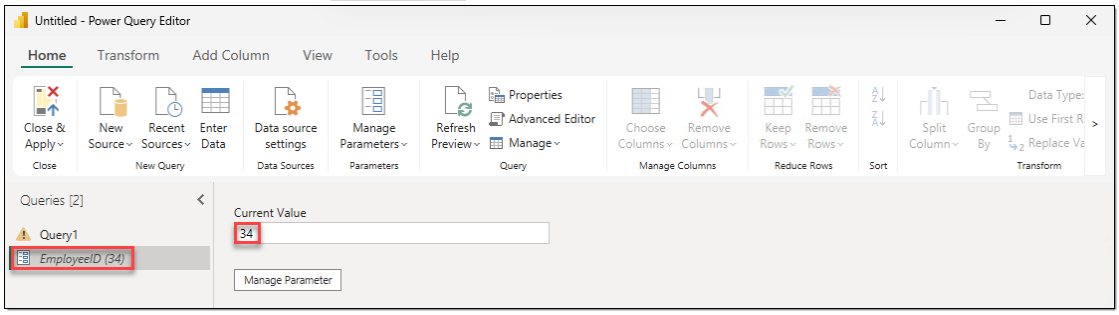
9. If you see the message "`Permission is required to run this native database query`", select [**Edit Permission**]. In the [**Native Database Query**] dialog, verify that the `WHERE` clause is shown correctly, and then select [**Run**].



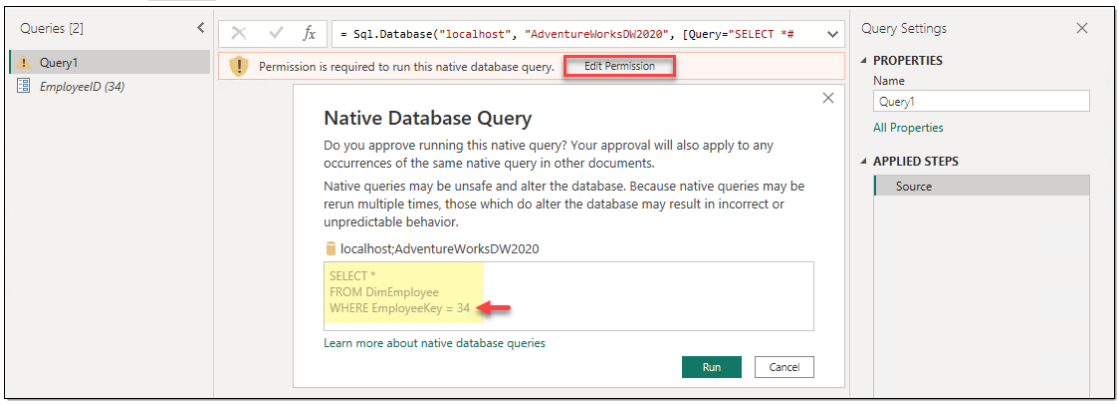
10. In the data preview, confirm that only the row(s) matching the `EmployeeKey` value you entered in the parameter are displayed.



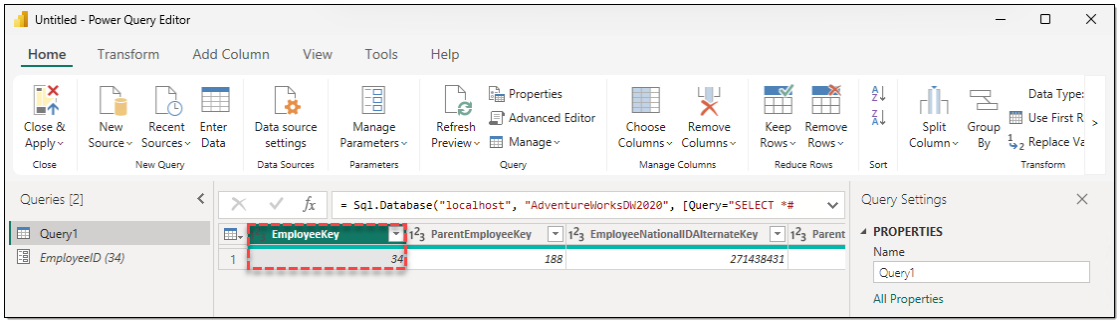
11. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the `EmployeeID` parameter, and change its value to a different number.



12. In the [**Queries**] pane, select `Query1`, then select [**Edit Permission**]. In the [**Native Database Query**] dialog, verify that the `WHERE` clause reflects the updated value, and then select [**Run**].



13. In the data preview, confirm that only the rows for the selected `EmployeeKey` value are displayed.

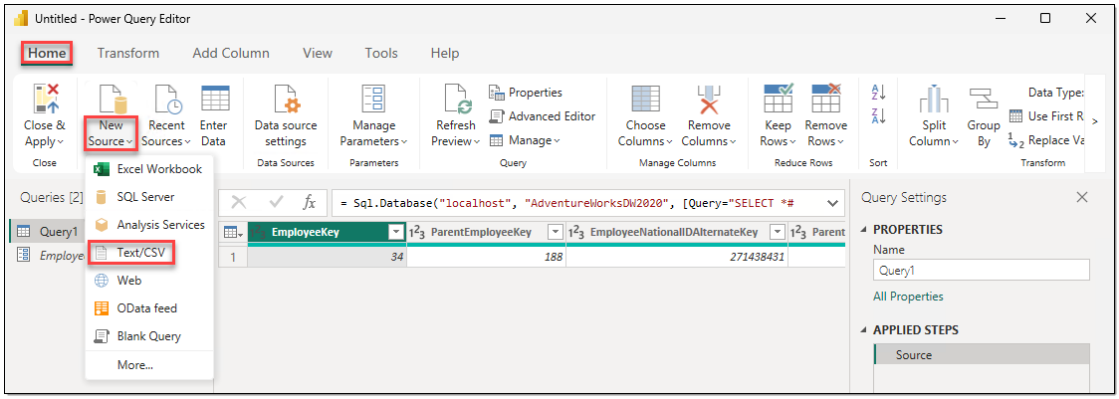


Task 02: Create a dynamic report for multiple values

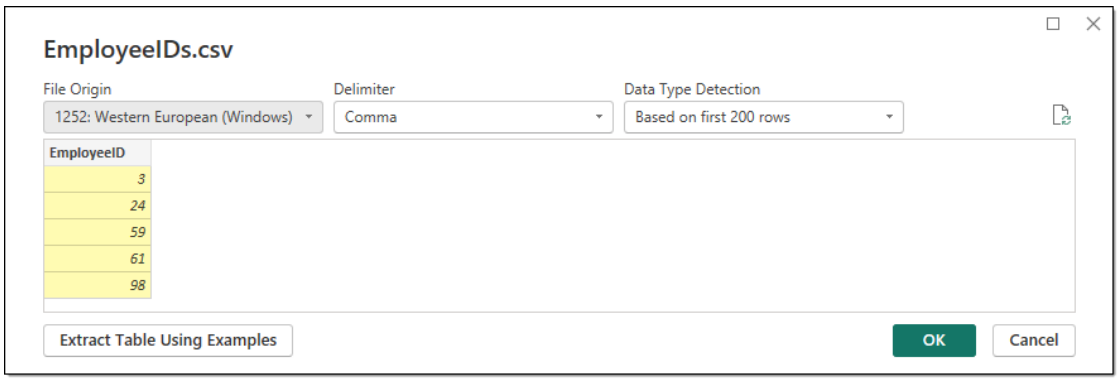
In the previous task, only the data that matched a single `EmployeeKey` was displayed. In this task, you'll proceed as follows to view data for **multiple** `EmployeeKeys`.

1. Open **Notepad** and enter the data shown below. Save the file as `EmployeeIDs.csv`. When saving, set "`Save as type`" to "`All files (*.*)`".

2. In [**Power Query Editor**], on the [**Home**] ribbon, select [**New Query** – **New Source** – **Text/CSV**]. Select the `EmployeeIDs.csv` file you created earlier, and then select [**Open**].

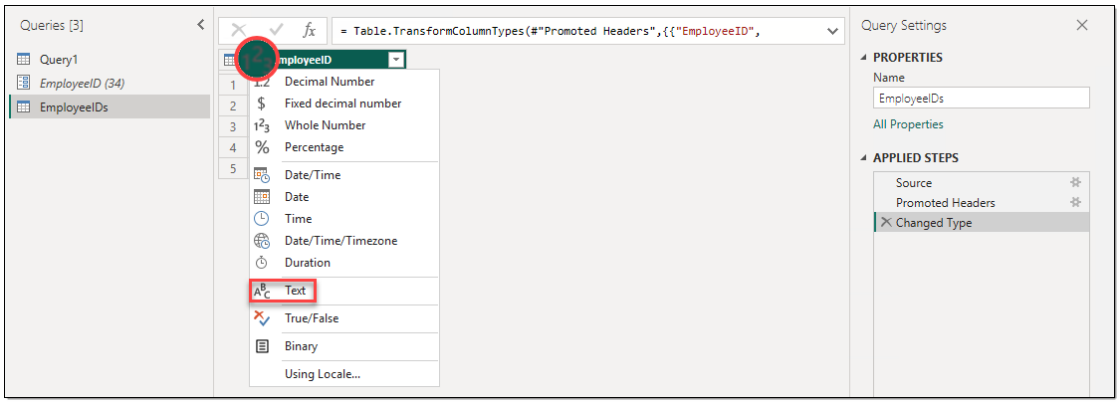


3. In the [**EmployeeIDs.csv**] dialog, review that the entered data is displayed correctly, and then select [**OK**].

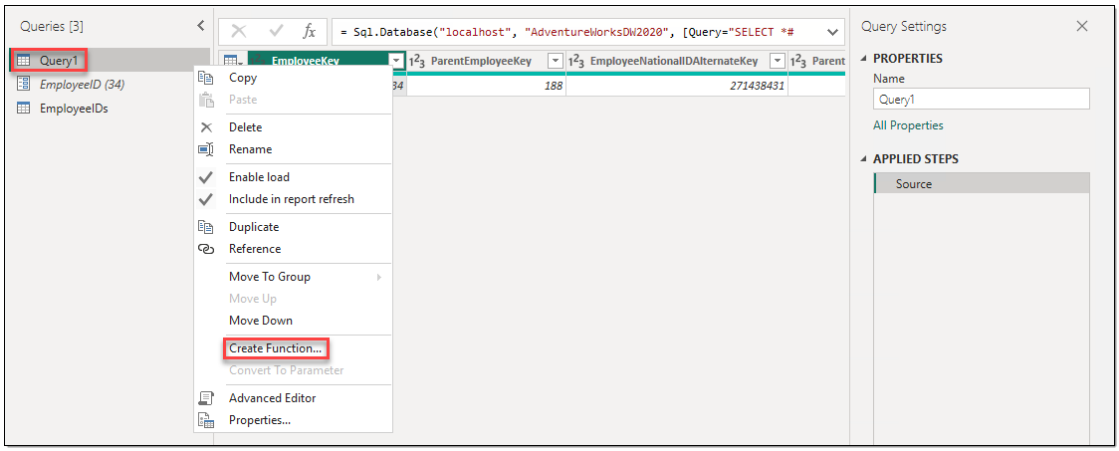


4. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the added `EmployeeIDs` query. Select `123` to the left of the `EmployeeID` column

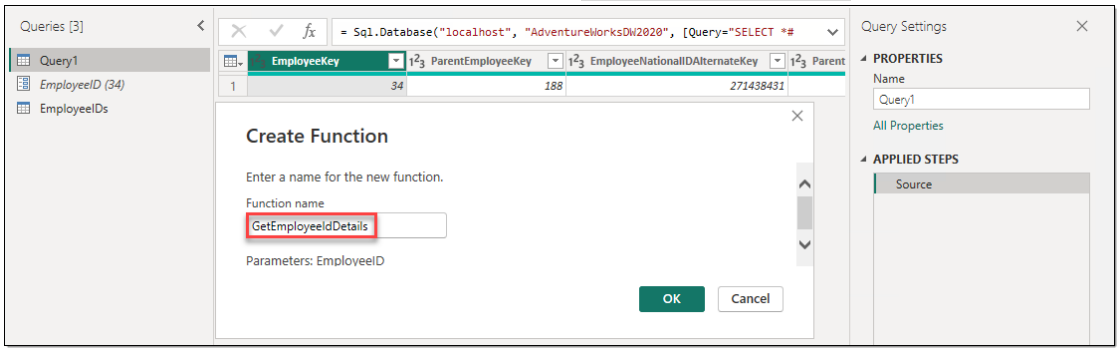
name, and change the `Data type` to `Text`. When the [**Change Column Type**] dialog appears, select [**Replace current**].



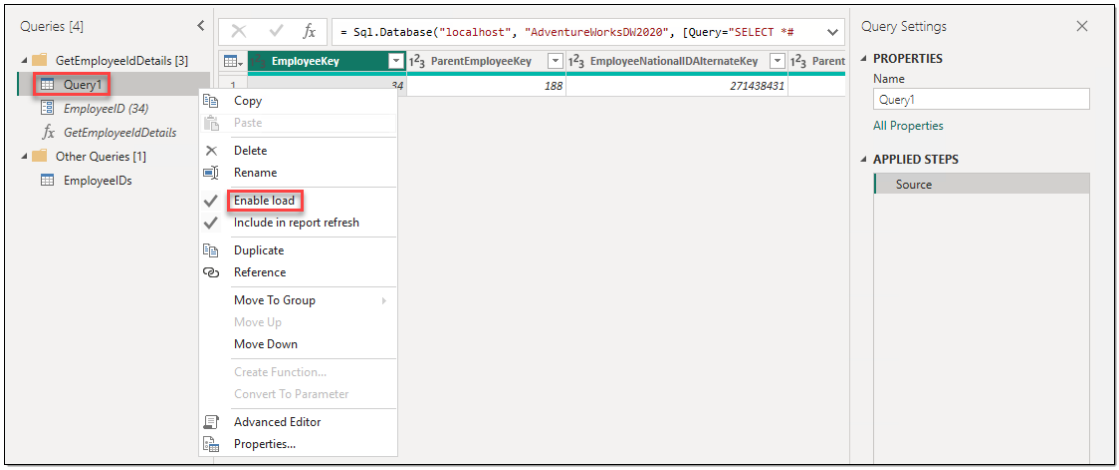
5. Now apply this to the query you imported with the SQL statement. In the [**Queries**] pane, right-click "`Query1`", and then select [**Create Function…**].



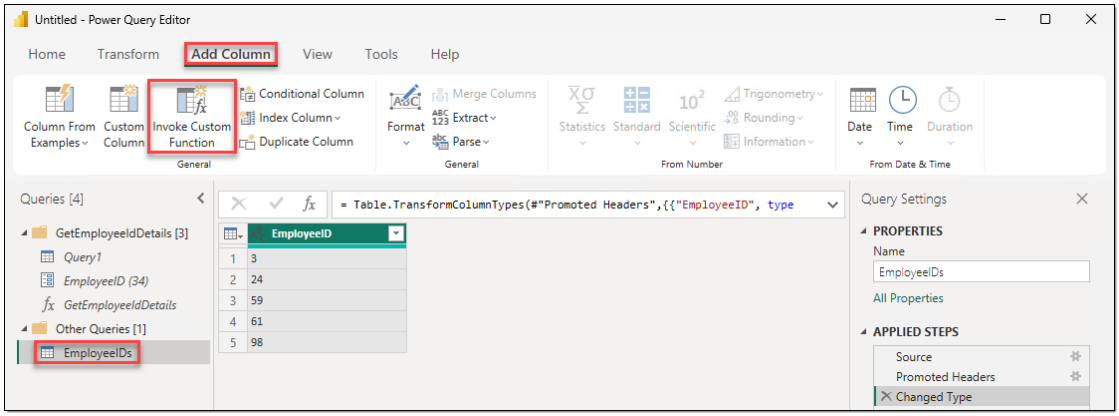
6. In the [**Create Function**] dialog, set the function name to "`GetEmployeeIdDetails`", and then select [**OK**].



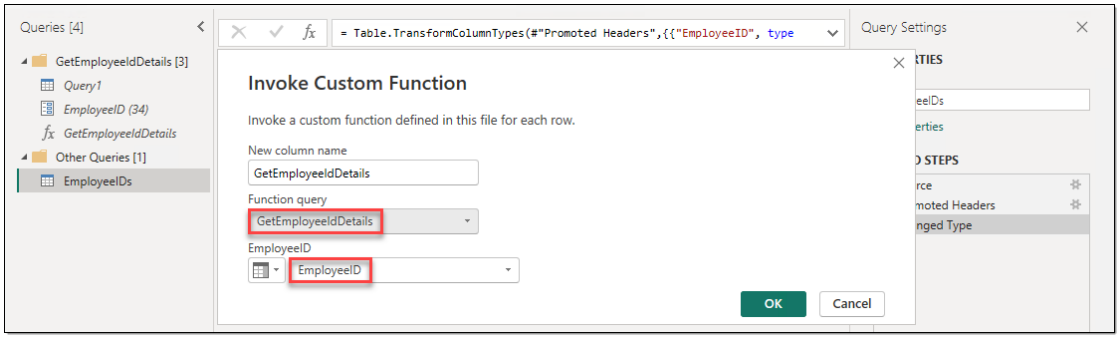
7. Since you no longer need to view the base query table, it's best to disable loading for this query. In the [**Queries**] pane, right-click "`Query1`", and clear [**Enable load**].



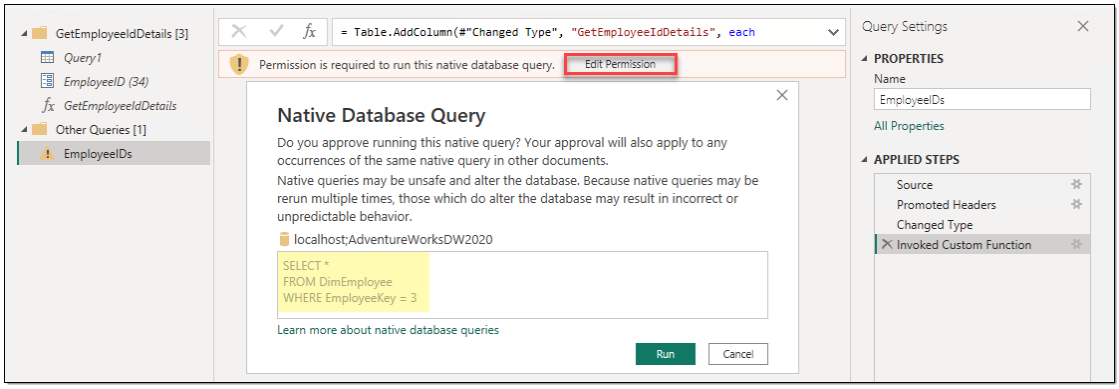
8. To return only the data for the `EmployeeIDs` listed in the CSV, call the function you created. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the "`EmployeeIDs`" query. On the [**Add Column**] ribbon, select [**General** – **Invoke Custom Function**].



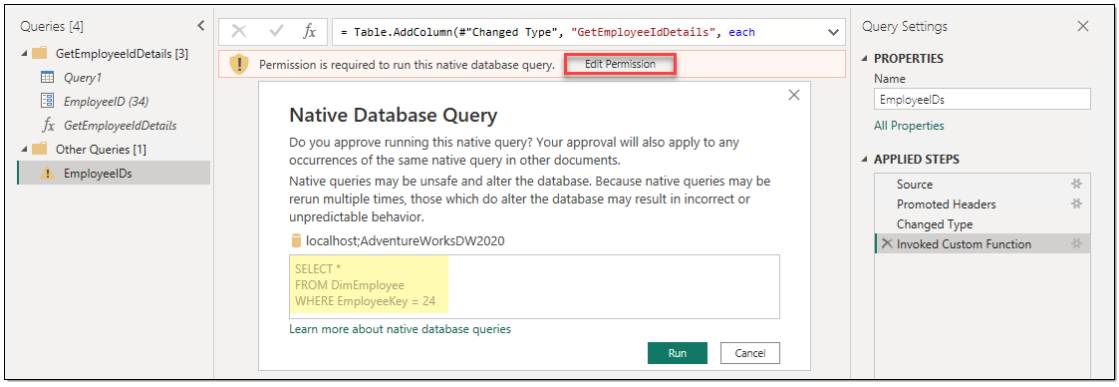
9. In the [**Invoke Custom Function**] dialog, configure the settings as follows, and then select [**OK**].
   - New column name: No need to specify; it will be set automatically when you choose the function query.
   - Function query: `GetEmployeeIdDetails`
   - EmployeeID: `EmployeeID`



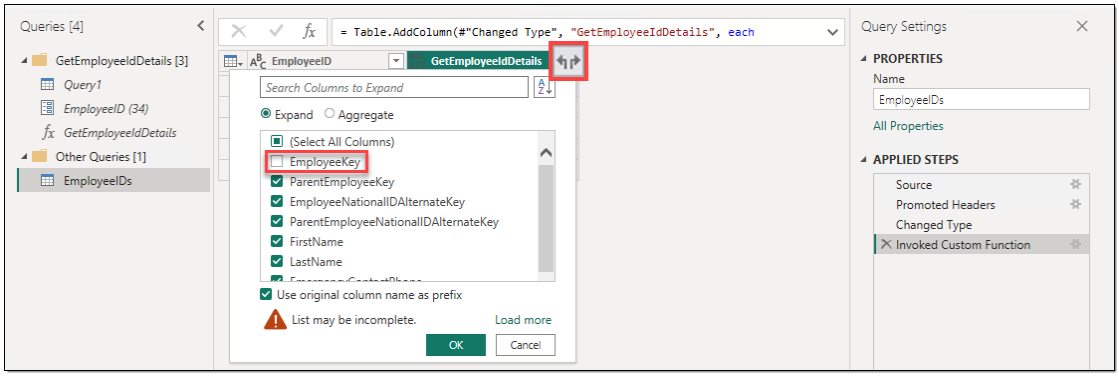
10. In the [**Queries**] pane, select the `EmployeeIDs` query, then select [**Edit Permissions**]. In the [**Native Database Query**] dialog, select [**Run**]. If you see "`Information is required about data privacy.`", select [**Continue**]. In the [**Privacy levels**] dialog, select "`Ignore privacy levels checks for this file`", and then select [**Save**].



11. The permission prompt appears again. Because you entered **five** EmployeeIDs in the **CSV** file, you'll see this permission message **five times**. Each time, select [**Edit Permission**], and then select [**Run**].



12. In the data preview, you should now see results similar to the screenshot. Select the [**expand**] icon (two arrows) on the `GetEmployeeIdDetails` column. In the expand dialog, **clear** the `EmployeeKey` column (you already have an `EmployeeID` column), and then select [**OK**].



13. Confirm that all rows for the `EmployeeIDs` you entered in the CSV file are now displayed.