**What is Power Query**

With Power Query (called Get & Transform Data in previous Excel versions), you can import or connect to external data, and then shape that data, for example remove a column, change a data type, or merge tables, in ways that meet your needs. Then, you can load your query into Excel to create charts and reports.

ملخص. Power Query هي أداة في Microsoft Excel تعمل على تبسيط عملية استيراد البيانات من ملفات مصدر مختلفة وفرزها في ورقة Excel بالتنسيق الأكثر ملاءمة وقابلية للاستخدام. Power Query هي أداة ذكاء أعمال سهلة الاستخدام ولا تتطلب من المستخدم تعلم أي رمز محدد.

**Is Power Query same as SQL?**

When connecting to SQL DB, Power Query tries to do Query Folding and tries to push maximum logics to data source, means the time take in Power Query and SQL will be the same in such cases. In your example, ideally Power Query should just trigger a SQL with a where clause for the time filter.

**What is the difference between Power Query and Excel?**

Power BI has faster processing than Excel. Power BI dashboards are more visually appealing, interactive and customizable than those in Excel. Power BI is a more powerful tool than Excel in terms of comparison between tables, reports or data files. Power BI is more user friendly and easy to use than Excel.