# Analyzing History with Time Intelligence



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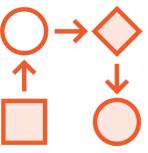
# Time Intelligence is just syntactic sugar



# Types of Time Intelligence Functions







Single date functions

Date table functions

Date aggregate functions



## What Is a Date Table?



Date				
DateKey	Day	Month	Year	
1/21/2020	21	04	2020	
1/22/2020	22	04	2020	
1/23/2020	23	04	2020	

<b>Current Sales</b>	Previous Day Sales	
5	8	
=SUM(Sales[LineTotal])	=CALCULATE(SUM(Sales[Linetotal]), PREVIOUSDAY('Date'[DateKey]))	

Sales Table				
Order ID	Sales Date	Sales Amount		
101	1/21/2020	3		
102	1/21/2020	1		
103	1/21/2020	2		
104	1/21/2020	2		
105	1/22/2020	1		
106	1/22/2020	1		
107	1/22/2020	3		
108	1/23/2020	4		
109	1/23/2020	2		





Allows Time Intelligence functionality to work
Implicitly applies ALL() to your date table
Only needed for non-date keys
Not available in Power BI



## Demo



## Creating a date table

- In Excel
- In M
- In DAX

Relating a date table to other tables

Marking a table as date table



# How Do You Use Time Intelligence?



## Year to Date by Hand

```
YTD Sales :=
CALCULATE (
    SUM ( SalesOrderDetail[LineTotal] )
    FILTER (
        ALL ( 'Date'[DateKey] ),
        'Date'[DateKey] <= MAX ( 'Date'[DateKey] ) &&
        YEAR ( 'Date'[DateKey] ) =
        YEAR ( MAX ( 'Date'[DateKey] ) )
```

# Year to Date with Time Intelligence

```
YTD Sales :=
    CALCULATE (
        SUM ( SalesOrderDetail[LineTotal] ),
        DATESYTD ( 'Date'[DateKey] )
    )
```



# Demo



Year over year analysis

Year to date



## Concept Recap

## Calculated Column

Expands a table horizontally

### Measure

Aggregates data vertically

### Filter context

Filters applied by the user and visuals

### **CALCULATE**

Function to override the filter context

### **Iterators**

Functions that evaluate row by row

## Time Intelligence

Date-based convenience functions



