**To create a dim\_date table**

SELECT MIN(date) FROM fact\_sales\_monthly;

'2017-09-01 00:00:00'

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SELECT MAX(date) FROM fact\_sales\_monthly;

'2021-12-01 00:00:00'

Create dim\_date in power query

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In power query ,

1. Create a new query, name it as dim\_date
2. In m language , given formula:

= {Number.From(#date(2017,9,1))..Number.From(#date(2022,12,31))}

1. A list appears, convert it to table
2. Rename column as date
3. Add a date column with start of the month and rename it as month
4. Add custom column –

Fiscal\_Year = Date.Year(Date.AddMonths([Month],4))

1. Change the type of fiscal\_year column to text
2. Save the file and Apply

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Select new table

Date = CALENDARAUTO()

This formula gives one single column with date range in our model

Then I can create

Month= FORMAT(Date[Date],”mmm”)

Qtr= FORMAT(Date[Date],”\QQ”)

Year= FORMAT(Date[Date],”yyyy”)

Creating a **dim\_date** table in data analysis offers several key benefits:

1. **Simplifies Time-Based Analysis**: Helps easily filter and aggregate data by various time dimensions (e.g., year, quarter, month, week).
2. **Improves Performance**: Predefined time attributes reduce the need for repetitive calculations, speeding up queries.
3. **Consistency Across Reports**: Ensures standardized date formats and time calculations across multiple reports and dashboards.
4. **Supports Hierarchical Grouping**: Enables grouping by various time levels (day, week, month, year) for detailed or summarized analysis.
5. **Enhances Date Filtering**: Allows better control over filtering (e.g., weekends, holidays) with additional columns (e.g., fiscal year).
6. **Improves Join Efficiency**: Optimizes joins with fact tables, reducing complexity and query times.
7. **Enables Historical Trends**: Facilitates comparisons of historical data over consistent time periods.