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## POWER BI DESKTOP - CHARTS COMPLETE TEACHING GUIDE

Column | Stacked Column | Pie | Donut | Funnel | Ribbon  
Keep Only & Exclude | View Data & Export

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FILE: Power\_BI\_Charts\_Teaching.xlsx

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7 Worksheets with simple, clear data for each chart type  
Ready to use in Power BI Desktop  
Perfect for teaching and learning

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### CHART 1: COLUMN CHART

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What is Column Chart?

- Vertical bars representing values
- Compares values across categories
- Best for: Comparing quantities
- Use: Sales by product, performance by quarter
- Example: Product sales comparison

Dataset (Column\_Chart worksheet):

Column A: Product (Laptop, Desktop, Tablet, Phone, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, Headset)

Column B: Sales\_Q1 (50000, 40000, 30000, 80000, 25000, 15000, 12000, 18000)

Column C: Sales\_Q2 (55000, 42000, 32000, 85000, 26000, 16000, 13000, 19000)

Column D: Sales\_Q3 (60000, 45000, 35000, 90000, 28000, 17000, 14000, 20000)

Column E: Sales\_Q4 (70000, 50000, 40000, 100000, 32000, 20000, 16000, 23000)

How to Create Column Chart in Power BI:

1. Load Excel file (Power\_BI\_Charts\_Teaching.xlsx)
2. Go to Column\_Chart worksheet
3. Click Visualizations → Column Chart
4. Drag "Product" to Axis
5. Drag "Sales\_Q1" to Values (can add Q2, Q3, Q4)
6. Chart created!

IMPORTANT FORMATTING OPTIONS (Keep Simple):

Title Formatting:

- Text: "Product Sales by Quarter"
- Font Size: 14
- Color: Dark Blue

Data Labels:

- Add Value Labels (show numbers on bars)
- Font Size: 10
- Number Format: Thousands (50K, 55K)

Colors:

- One Color (gradient from light to dark)
- Or different color per quarter
- Keep colors professional (blue, green, orange)

Axis Formatting:

- X-Axis Title: "Products"
- Y-Axis Title: "Sales Amount"
- Y-Axis Range: Auto (0 to 100000+)

Legend:

- Position: Right or Bottom

- Show: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4

Gridlines:

- Enable horizontal lines (helps read values)
- Color: Light gray

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## CHART 2: STACKED COLUMN CHART

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What is Stacked Column Chart?

- Vertical bars with segments (stacks)
- Shows composition and total
- Best for: Showing parts of a whole
- Use: Sales by region and product, budget breakdown
- Example: Product sales composition per region

Dataset (Stacked\_Column\_Chart worksheet):

Column A: Region (North, South, East, West, Central)  
 Column B: Product\_A (50000, 60000, 45000, 70000, 40000)  
 Column C: Product\_B (30000, 40000, 35000, 45000, 25000)  
 Column D: Product\_C (20000, 25000, 18000, 30000, 15000)

How to Create Stacked Column Chart in Power BI:

1. Load Excel file
2. Go to Stacked\_Column\_Chart worksheet
3. Click Visualizations → Stacked Column Chart
4. Drag "Region" to Axis
5. Drag "Product\_A" to Values
6. Drag "Product\_B" to Values
7. Drag "Product\_C" to Values
8. Chart shows stacked bars!

IMPORTANT FORMATTING OPTIONS (Keep Simple):

Title Formatting:

- Text: "Sales by Region and Product"
- Font Size: 14
- Color: Dark Green

Data Labels:

- Add labels: Show on each segment
- Font Size: 9 (smaller for segments)
- Format: Percentage or Value

Colors:

- Different color per product
- Product\_A: Blue
- Product\_B: Orange
- Product\_C: Green
- Keep distinct and professional

Axis Formatting:

- X-Axis Title: "Regions"
- Y-Axis Title: "Total Sales"
- Y-Axis Range: Auto

Legend:

- Position: Right
- Labels: Product\_A, Product\_B, Product\_C

Data:

- Show as Stacked (not 100% stacked)
- Better for absolute values

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## CHART 3: PIE CHART

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What is Pie Chart?

- Circular chart divided into slices
- Shows parts of a whole (percentage)
- Best for: Showing composition, market share
- Use: Department employees, budget allocation
- Example: Employees by department

Dataset (Pie\_Chart worksheet):

Column A: Department (HR, IT, Finance, Sales, Operations, Marketing)

Column B: Employees (25, 45, 30, 50, 35, 20)

Total: 205 employees

How to Create Pie Chart in Power BI:

1. Load Excel file
2. Go to Pie\_Chart worksheet
3. Click Visualizations → Pie Chart
4. Drag "Department" to Legend
5. Drag "Employees" to Values
6. Pie chart created!

IMPORTANT FORMATTING OPTIONS (Keep Simple):

Title Formatting:

- Text: "Employees by Department"
- Font Size: 14
- Color: Black

Data Labels:

- Show: Category names + Percentages
- Example: "Sales 24.4%" (visible on pie)
- Font Size: 10

Colors:

- Different color per department
- Use distinct colors
- HR: Blue, IT: Green, Finance: Orange, etc.

Legend:

- Position: Right or Bottom
- Show all departments

Details/Callouts:

- Show percentage (most important)
- Option: Show value counts
- Makes chart informative

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## CHART 4: DONUT CHART

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What is Donut Chart?

- Circular chart like pie but with hollow center
- Shows parts of a whole
- Same as Pie but cleaner look
- Best for: Similar to pie (budget, market share)
- Use: Visual appeal is better

Dataset (Donut\_Chart worksheet):

Column A: Category (Infrastructure, Staff Training, Technology, Marketing,

Operations)

Column B: Budget\_Allocation (250000, 180000, 320000, 150000, 200000)

Total Budget: 1,100,000

How to Create Donut Chart in Power BI:

1. Load Excel file
2. Go to Donut\_Chart worksheet
3. Click Visualizations → Donut Chart
4. Drag "Category" to Legend
5. Drag "Budget\_Allocation" to Values
6. Donut chart created!

IMPORTANT FORMATTING OPTIONS (Keep Simple):

Title Formatting:

- Text: "Budget Allocation by Category"
- Font Size: 14
- Color: Dark Blue

Data Labels:

- Show: Category names + Dollar amounts
- Example: "Infrastructure \$250K"
- Font Size: 10
- Or show as percentages

Colors:

- Different color per category
- Infrastructure: Blue
- Staff Training: Green
- Technology: Orange
- Marketing: Red
- Operations: Purple

Legend:

- Position: Right
- Show all categories

Center Text (Donut hole):

- Optional: Add text like "Total Budget: \$1.1M"
- Or leave blank

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## CHART 5: FUNNEL CHART

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What is Funnel Chart?

- Shows progressive reduction
- Stages from top to bottom
- Each stage smaller than previous
- Best for: Sales pipeline, conversion stages
- Use: Customer journey, process stages

Dataset (Funnel\_Chart worksheet):

Column A: Sales\_Stage (Prospects, Leads, Qualified, Negotiation, Won)

Column B: Leads (1000, 750, 500, 300, 150)

Progression:

Prospects: 1000 (100%)

Leads: 750 (75%)

Qualified: 500 (50%)

Negotiation: 300 (30%)

Won: 150 (15%)

How to Create Funnel Chart in Power BI:

1. Load Excel file
2. Go to Funnel\_Chart worksheet
3. Click Visualizations → Funnel Chart
4. Drag "Sales\_Stage" to Category
5. Drag "Leads" to Values
6. Funnel chart shows stages!

IMPORTANT FORMATTING OPTIONS (Keep Simple):

Title Formatting:

- Text: "Sales Pipeline Funnel"
- Font Size: 14
- Color: Dark Blue

Data Labels:

- Show: Count (number of leads)
- Example: "750" on Leads stage
- Font Size: 11 (larger for clarity)
- Show Percentage (75%, 50%, 30%)

Colors:

- One color with gradient (dark to light)
- Or different color per stage
- Green (winning) to Yellow/Red (losing)

Axis Formatting:

- Y-Axis Title: "Sales Stage"
- Show stages clearly

Default Color:

- Light Blue (standard)
- Professional and clear

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## CHART 6: RIBBON CHART

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What is Ribbon Chart?

- Shows ranking changes over time
- Lines/ribbons connect ranks
- Best for: Tracking rank changes
- Use: Top products over time, competitor ranking
- Shows who's winning in each period

Dataset (Ribbon\_Chart worksheet):

Column A: Month (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun)  
 Column B: Product\_A (45000, 48000, 52000, 50000, 55000, 58000)  
 Column C: Product\_B (35000, 36000, 38000, 40000, 42000, 45000)  
 Column D: Product\_C (25000, 27000, 30000, 32000, 35000, 38000)

Ranking Changes:

Jan: Product\_A > Product\_B > Product\_C  
 Feb: Product\_A > Product\_B > Product\_C  
 ... consistent or changes visualized

How to Create Ribbon Chart in Power BI:

1. Load Excel file
2. Go to Ribbon\_Chart worksheet
3. Click Visualizations → Ribbon Chart
4. Drag "Month" to Axis
5. Drag "Product\_A" to Values
6. Drag "Product\_B" to Values
7. Drag "Product\_C" to Values
8. Ribbon chart shows rankings!

## IMPORTANT FORMATTING OPTIONS (Keep Simple):

### Title Formatting:

- Text: "Product Rankings Over Time"
- Font Size: 14
- Color: Dark Blue

### Data Labels:

- Show: Product names
- Show: Values (sales amounts)
- Font Size: 10

### Colors:

- Different color per product
- Product\_A: Blue
- Product\_B: Orange
- Product\_C: Green
- Ribbons use these colors

### Legend:

- Position: Bottom or Right
- Shows Product\_A, Product\_B, Product\_C

### Ribbon Style:

- Clean lines connecting rankings
- Shows transitions clearly

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## FEATURE 7: KEEP ONLY & EXCLUDE

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### What is Keep Only?

- Filters chart to show only selected items
- Isolates specific data for focus
- Removes other items temporarily
- Use: Show top performers, specific region

### What is Exclude?

- Removes specific items from view
- Opposite of Keep Only
- Hides unwanted data
- Use: Hide low performers, remove outliers

### Dataset (Keep\_Exclude\_View worksheet):

Column A: Sales\_Rep (8 sales representatives)  
Column B: Region (North, South, East, West, Central)  
Column C: Q1\_Sales (various amounts)  
Column D: Q2\_Sales (various amounts)  
Column E: Status (Active/Inactive)

### How to Use Keep Only:

Example: Keep Only North and West regions

1. Create chart with Region and Sales
2. Right-click on data point/item
3. Select "Keep Only" (or similar option)
4. Choose: North
5. Chart updates to show only North region
6. Other regions hidden (temporarily)

### How to Use Exclude:

Example: Exclude Inactive sales reps

1. Create chart with Sales\_Rep and Status
2. Right-click on Inactive

3. Select "Exclude"
4. Inactive reps hidden
5. Chart shows only Active reps

#### Applications:

- └ Show top 5 products
- └ Hide underperformers
- └ Focus on specific region
- └ Analyze Active vs Inactive
- └ Compare best performers
- └ Remove data entry errors

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## FEATURE 8: VIEW DATA & EXPORT

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#### What is View Data?

- See underlying data for chart
- Shows table of values used
- Verify chart correctness
- See actual numbers vs visualized
- Useful for: Debugging charts, understanding data

#### What is Export?

- Download/export chart or data
- Formats: Image (PNG), Data (CSV), Power Point
- Use: Share reports, create presentations
- For: Stakeholders, documentation

#### How to View Data:

1. Click on any chart
2. Look for "... " (three dots menu)
3. Select "View Data"
4. Table appears showing:
  - └ Categories (Product, Region, etc.)
  - └ Values (Sales amounts)
  - └ Any calculations used
5. Can copy data

#### Example (From Column Chart):

##### View Data would show:

Product	Sales_Q1	Sales_Q2	Sales_Q3	Sales_Q4
Laptop	50000	55000	60000	70000
Desktop	40000	42000	45000	50000
... and so on				

#### How to Export Chart:

1. Click on chart
2. Look for "... " (three dots menu)
3. Export Option:
  - └ Export as Image (PNG) - saves chart image
  - └ Export Data (CSV) - saves underlying data
  - └ PowerPoint - adds to presentation

#### Export Options by Format:

##### PNG Image Export:

- File Size: Small
- Use: Emails, documents, presentations
- Quality: High resolution
- Format: Image (can't edit)

##### CSV Export:

- File Size: Very Small

- Use: Excel, analysis, sharing raw data
- Format: Spreadsheet (editable)
- Content: Numbers only, no visualization

#### PowerPoint Export:

- File Size: Depends on report
- Use: Presentations, stakeholder meetings
- Format: Embedded in PowerPoint
- Quality: Good

#### When to Use Each:

##### View Data - Use when:

- Verifying chart accuracy
- Debugging incorrect results
- Need to see exact numbers
- Checking data calculations
- Sharing detailed numbers

##### Export Image - Use when:

- Including in presentations
- Sharing via email
- Creating reports
- Need visual representation
- Quick sharing with stakeholders

##### Export CSV - Use when:

- Need to analyze further
- Share with Excel users
- Create backup data
- Import to other tools
- Data manipulation needed

##### Export PowerPoint - Use when:

- Creating presentations
- Stakeholder meetings
- Board presentations
- Quick slide creation
- Multiple chart compilation

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## SIMPLE FORMATTING SUMMARY (FOR ALL CHARTS)

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### Basic Formatting (Apply to all charts):

#### Title:

- Add clear, descriptive title
- Font Size: 12-14
- Color: Dark (Black or Dark Blue)
- Example: "Sales by Product Quarter"

#### Data Labels:

- Show values on chart
- Font Size: 10
- Format: Thousands (50K) or Currency (\$50,000)
- Only show if chart not too crowded

#### Colors:

- Consistent color scheme
- Professional colors (Blue, Green, Orange)
- Different colors per category
- Consider color-blind friendly



#### Legend:

- Show what colors mean
- Position: Right or Bottom
- Font Size: 10

#### Background:

- White background (clean)
- No background color (standard)
- Transparent if embedding

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### TEACHING SEQUENCE RECOMMENDED

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#### Suggested Order (Easy to Advanced):

- 1** Column Chart (Foundation)
  - └ Simplest chart type
  - └ Compares values clearly
  - └ Start here
- 2** Pie Chart (Simple)
  - └ Shows composition
  - └ Easy to understand percentages
  - └ Build from Column
- 3** Donut Chart (Similar to Pie)
  - └ Same concept as Pie
  - └ Just different appearance
  - └ Quickly covered
- 4** Stacked Column Chart (Intermediate)
  - └ More complex than Column
  - └ Shows composition + total
  - └ Students familiar with Column
- 5** Funnel Chart (Interesting)
  - └ Shows progression
  - └ Different shape/concept
  - └ Useful for sales teams
- 6** Ribbon Chart (Advanced)
  - └ Most complex
  - └ Shows ranking changes
  - └ Finish with this
- 7** Keep Only & Exclude (Feature)
  - └ Works with any chart
  - └ Teach after chart types
  - └ Filtering concepts
- 8** View Data & Export (Feature)
  - └ Works with any chart
  - └ Last feature to cover
  - └ Practical skills

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### HOW TO USE THE DATASETS

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#### For Each Chart Type:

##### Step 1: OPEN IN POWER BI

1. Open Power BI Desktop

2. File → Open → Select Excel file
3. Power\_BI\_Charts\_Teaching.xlsx loads
4. Select worksheet for that chart

#### Step 2: CREATE VISUALIZATION

1. Click Visualizations pane
2. Select chart type
3. Drag columns to appropriate areas
4. Chart appears!

#### Step 3: FORMAT (Keep Simple!)

1. Click Format icon (brush icon)
2. Title → Text, Size, Color
3. Data Labels → On/Off, Format
4. Colors → Choose scheme
5. Legend → Position, Show
6. Axis → Add titles

#### Step 4: PREVIEW & TEACH

1. Show chart to students
2. Explain what it shows
3. Demonstrate formatting
4. Let students practice

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Perfect for teaching Power BI Charts! 🎓📊🌟

All datasets ready to use  
All chart types covered  
Simple formatting explained  
Teaching sequence recommended  
Ready for immediate instruction

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