

JOIN BEYOND THE BASICS – DEMO NOTES

Demo: championships.xlsx

We would like to find what cities can claim *only* a baseball or football championship.

0. Preface: This data has been wrangled using Column From Examples. This is a powerful way to add a conditionally-formatted column to a table.
 - a. To do this, open the football query, select WINNER field and head to the query editor and Add Column > Column From Examples > From Selection.
 - b. What we want to do is start typing the name of the team in the new column. Power Query will start to use conditional logic to begin to complete the field for us.
 - c. This is an iterative process. Power Query might get things right at first and then not later. Eventually it should get to “the truth” as determined by you. You can then click OK and use the column in your query.

The screenshot shows the Power Query Editor interface. The main area displays a table with columns: SEASON, WINNER, City, and Team. The 'WINNER' column is highlighted. The 'Add Column From Examples' dialog box is open, showing the 'Column From Examples' tab. The 'Transform' field contains the formula: `let splitWINNER = List.Reverse(Splitter.SplitTextByDelimiter("-", QuoteStyle.None)(WINNER)); in splitWINNER[0]`. The 'Custom' list on the right shows the 'WINNER' column selected. The 'Query Settings' pane on the right shows the 'Properties' tab with the name 'Football_Champions'.

0. Back to the task at hand: We want to find what teams have a baseball championship and not a football championship.
1. Open up the baseball query in the editor and go to Home > Merge Queries > Merge Queries as New.
 - a. This way we don't write over this current query, we make a new query.



- b. This will be a left anti join, to get the cities that have a baseball and not a football win.

Merge

Select tables and matching columns to create a merged table.

baseball

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SEASON	WINNER	Team	City
2018	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston
2017	Houston Astros	Astros	Houston
2016	Chicago Cubs	Cubs	Chicago
2015	Kansas City Royals	Royals	Kansas City
2014	San Francisco Giants	Giants	San Francisco

football

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SEASON	WINNER	City	Team
2020	Kansas City Chiefs	Kansas City	Chiefs
2019	New England Patriots	New England	Patriots
2018	Philadelphia Eagles	Philadelphia	Eagles
2017	New England Patriots	New England	Patriots
2016	Denver Broncos	Denver	Broncos

Join Kind

Left Anti (rows only in first)

☐ Use fuzzy matching to perform the merge

▸ Fuzzy matching options

✓ The selection excludes 83 of 114 rows from the first table.

OK

Cancel

2. Click OK. You are going to see a new column “football” in our query which we can expand, however since we are only keeping the baseball records, this is going to be all blank.
 - a. Since it’s a blank field, let’s delete it.



Queries [3]

- baseball
- football
- Merge1

	123 SEASON	A ^B WINNER	A ^B Team	A ^B City	football
1	2018	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
2	2017	Houston Astros	Astros	Houston	Table
3	2013	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
4	2007	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
5	2004	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
6	2003	Florida Marlins	Marlins	Florida	Table
7	2002	Anaheim Angels	Angels	Anaheim	Table
8	2001	Arizona Diamondbacks	Diamondbacks	Arizona	Table
9	1997	Florida Marlins	Marlins	Florida	Table
10	1995	Atlanta Braves	Braves	Atlanta	Table
11	1993	Toronto Blue Jays	Blue Jays	Toronto	Table
12	1992	Toronto Blue Jays	Blue Jays	Toronto	Table
13	1991	Minnesota Twins	Twins	Minnesota	Table
14	1990	Cincinnati Reds	Reds	Cincinnati	Table
15	1987	Minnesota Twins	Twins	Minnesota	Table
16	1984	Detroit Tigers	Tigers	Detroit	Table
17	1976	Cincinnati Reds	Reds	Cincinnati	Table
18	1975	Cincinnati Reds	Reds	Cincinnati	Table
19	1968	Detroit Tigers	Tigers	Detroit	Table
20	1957	Milwaukee Braves	Braves	Milwaukee	Table
21	1955	Brooklyn Dodgers	Braves	Brooklyn	Table
22	1948	Cleveland Indians	Braves	Cleveland	Table
23	1945	Detroit Tigers	Tigers	Detroit	Table
24	1940	Cincinnati Reds	Reds	Cincinnati	Table
25	1935	Detroit Tigers	Tigers	Detroit	Table
26	1920	Cleveland Indians	Braves	Cleveland	Table
27	1919	Cincinnati Reds	Reds	Cincinnati	Table
28	1918	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
29	1916	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
30	1915	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table
31	1912	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston	Table

SEASON	WINNER	City	Team
null	null	null	null

5 COLUMNS, 31 ROWS Column profiling based on top 1000 rows

- Here we can see all the cities that have a baseball win but not a football win. We could clean this up further if we wanted by removing the other fields and then going to Home > Remove Rows > Remove Duplicates.
- Let's rename this query as `baseball_only`.
 - One quick thing to notice about our data – we see for example that “Florida” is listed as a city because that is the name of the team. Currently, the Florida Marlins are the Miami Marlins – and the Miami *Dolphins* have won a Super Bowl, so we could dispute whether this one should be on the list.
 - There are lots of other ways to nitpick our results, what else can you think of?

Let's now find cities that have a football but not a baseball win.

- Go back to the baseball query and select Home > Merge Queries > Merge Queries as New.
- This time we will want a right anti-join, to get only the cities with just a football championship.





Merge

Select tables and matching columns to create a merged table.

SEASON	WINNER	Team	City
2018	Boston Red Sox	Red Sox	Boston
2017	Houston Astros	Astros	Houston
2016	Chicago Cubs	Cubs	Chicago
2015	Kansas City Royals	Royals	Kansas City
2014	San Francisco Giants	Giants	San Francisco

SEASON	WINNER	City	Team
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2019	New England Patriots	New England	Patriots
2018	Philadelphia Eagles	Philadelphia	Eagles
2017	New England Patriots	New England	Patriots
2016	Denver Broncos	Denver	Broncos

Join Kind

☐ Use fuzzy matching to perform the merge

▸ Fuzzy matching options

✓ The selection excludes 30 of 54 rows from the second table.

3. This time it looks like we didn't get any data, however that's because all of it is "hidden" in that "football" field. Go ahead and click on it to expand. We can then get rid of the null baseball records.
 - a. We now have a list of cities who have a football but no baseball championship.
 - b. Let's name this query football_only.

Drill: championships-2.xlsx

Which cities can claim *only* a hockey or basketball championship?
 (Just fill out the city name, you don't need to create a team name column.)



Demo: office-employees.xlsx

Worksheet: get-to-know-you

HR wants to set up a get-to-know-you activity for the sales team. You need to set up a table so that each salesperson can fill out their favorite color, food, sport to play and sport to watch.

We can do this with a cross join in Power Query:

5. We've already loaded each of these tables in as queries. Click into the names query to edit.
6. Copy and paste the names query and rename it `get_to_know_you`.
7. We want to add a custom column (Add Column > Custom Column). We will name this column `favorite_things`.
 - a. The formula for our column will be `favorite_things`. This is another query that shows up in the Intellisense.

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Custom Column

Add a column that is computed from the other columns.

New column name

favorite_things

Custom column formula ⓘ

= favorite_things

Available columns

name_last

name_first

<< Insert

[Learn about Power Query formulas](#)

✓ No syntax errors have been detected.

OK

Cancel

8. Click OK. Now if you click on any of the `favorite_things` cells, you can get a preview of the resulting data at the bottom of your screen:



Queries

	A ^B C name_last	A ^B C name_first	A ^{BC} 123 favorite_things
1	Halpert	Jim	Table
2	Scrute	Dwight	Table
3	Vance	Phyllis	Table
4	Hudson	Stanley	Table
5	Bernard	Andy	Table

Favorite things
Color
Food
Sport to play
Sport to watch

3 COLUMNS, 5 ROWS Column profiling based on top 1000 rows

9. Go ahead and expand the data now. We will get this in a tabular form now.
10. To pivot this table to make a checklist, we first need a “values” column to pivot on. This is blank for now so we can insert a blank or null field:



Custom Column

Add a column that is computed from the other columns.

New column name
values

Custom column formula ⓘ
= null

Available columns
name_last
name_first
favorite_things.Favorite things

<< Insert

[Learn about Power Query formulas](#)

✓ No syntax errors have been detected.

OK Cancel

11. Now we need to “pivot” on top of favorite_things, based on the values column.
 - a. Select the favorite_things column and go to Transform > Pivot Column.
 - b. Select values as the column to pivot on, then select Advanced Options and choose “Don’t Aggregate” as your aggregate value function.

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Pivot Column

Use the names in column “favorite_things.Favorite things” to create new columns.

Values Column ⓘ
values ▼

⚡ Advanced options

Aggregate Value Function ⓘ

Don't Aggregate ▼

[Learn more about Pivot Column](#)

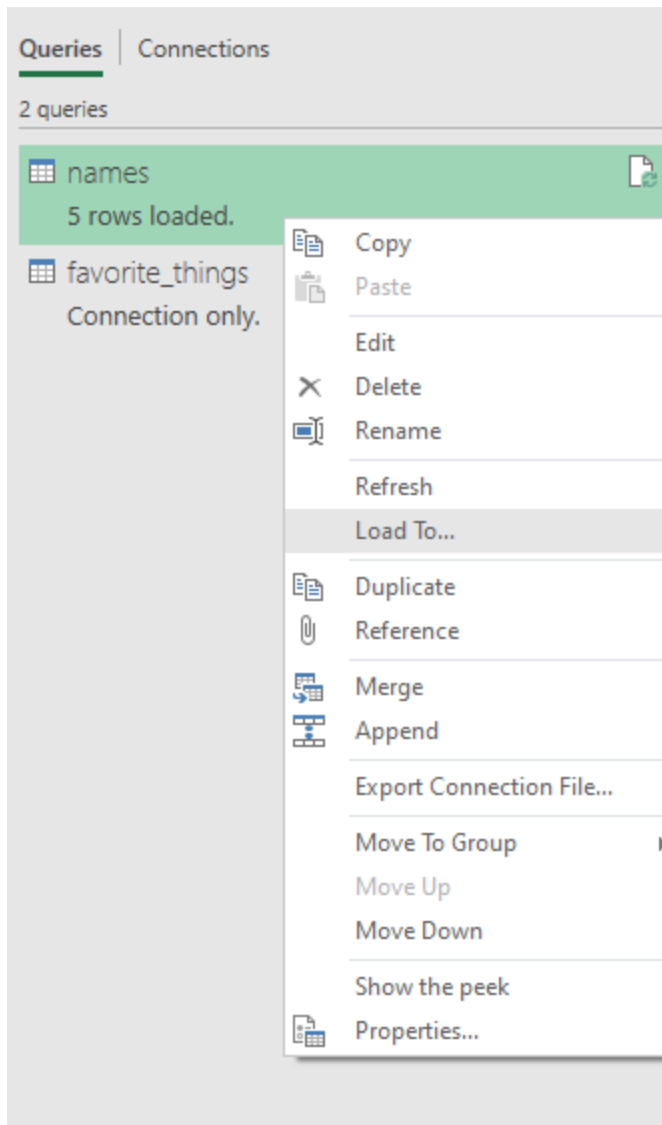
OK Cancel



12. We now have a “checklist” table that we can load into Excel.

	ABC name_last	ABC name_first	ABC Color	ABC Food	ABC Sport to play	ABC Sport to watch
1	Bernard	Andy	null	null	null	null
2	Halpert	Jim	null	null	null	null
3	Hudson	Stanley	null	null	null	null
4	Schrute	Dwight	null	null	null	null
5	Vance	Phyllis	null	null	null	null

13. Currently the names query is loading to a connection only. If we want to change that we can right-click on the query and select Load To.



Drill: states.xlsx

Create a table to record each state's bird, flower and capital.



Demo note: Note that we can add a new property to our table, and refresh it and get that added, for example we can add the state song to the worksheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
1	state		state object																			
2	Alabama		bird																			
3	Alaska		flower																			
4	Arizona		capital																			
5	Arkansas		song																			
6	California																					
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10	Florida																					
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17	Kansas																					
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