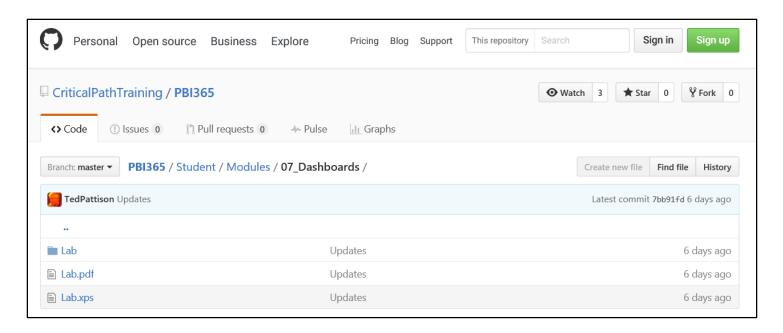
#### **Introducing the Power BI Platform**



#### **Live Labs for PBI365**

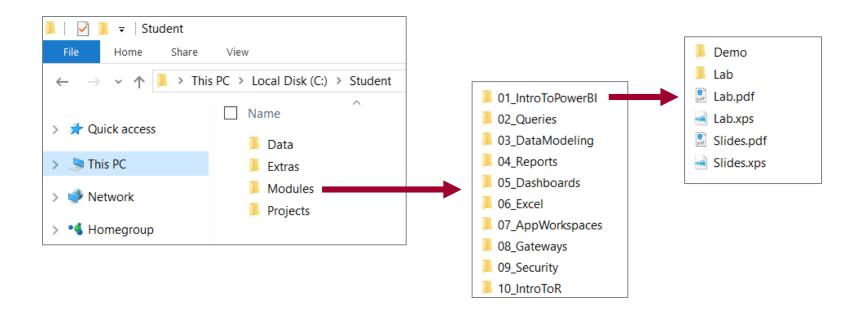
- Student files for this course maintained in GitHub
  - Students files updated on a monthly basis
  - Lab write-ups available in PDF and XPS formats
  - Go to <a href="https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/PBI365">https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/PBI365</a>





#### **Student Files for This Course**

- Copy the Student folder from the master zip archive
  - Create a new local folder at C:\Student
- Each module has folder inside Student\Modules folder
  - Slides are available in Slides.pdf and Slides.xps
  - Lab writeups are available in Lab.pdf and Lab.xps





# **Student Background**

- What is your name?
- What are you doing with Power BI?
- Which products/services have you used
  - Excel
  - Access
  - SQL Server, SSRS, SSAS
  - SharePoint and Office 365
  - Tableau
  - Dynamics 365
  - Salesforce
  - Others



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#### What is Business Intelligence?

- BI focuses on business health and performance
  - Gather insights into health of business processes
  - Take corrective actions in a timely fashion
- BI projects typically involve the following...
  - Integrate data from multiple sources
  - Perform data transformation and complex calculations
  - Analyze large data sets with rapid query response
  - Create insightful reports and visualizations
  - Provide insights that are "actionable"



# How is the BI Software Industry Changing?

- Software industry is experiencing new proliferation of data
  - Number of telemetry devices is increasing exponentially
  - Device-generated data is providing new business opportunities
  - Example: Uber has used geolocation data to disrupt taxi industry
- Traditional BI and analytics models are being disrupted
  - New analytics capabilities available with new types of data sources
  - Data discovery and unstructured data analytics are new frontiers
  - Demand for self-service BI tools are on the rise
  - Balance of power shifting from IT to business divisions



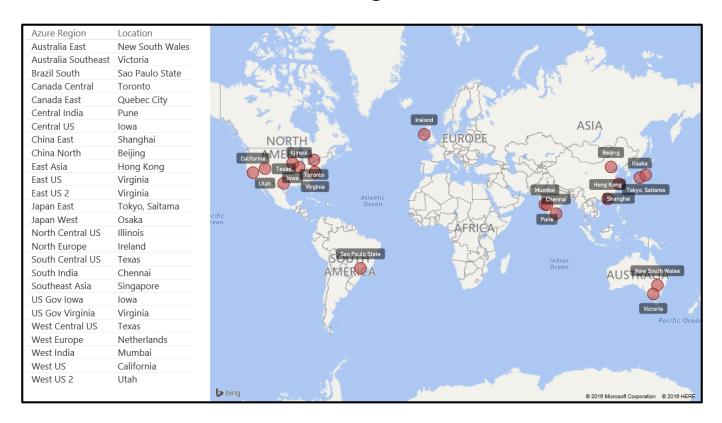
#### What is Power BI?

- What is Power BI?
  - Cloud-based subscription service
  - Environment which promotes self-service BI to the end user
  - BI Platform to assists with data import, analysis and visualization
- Power BI benefits from being a cloud-based service
  - It takes only 5 seconds to subscribe to the Power BI service
  - New users can create something significant in 5 minutes or less



#### Power BI Benefits from Microsoft Azure

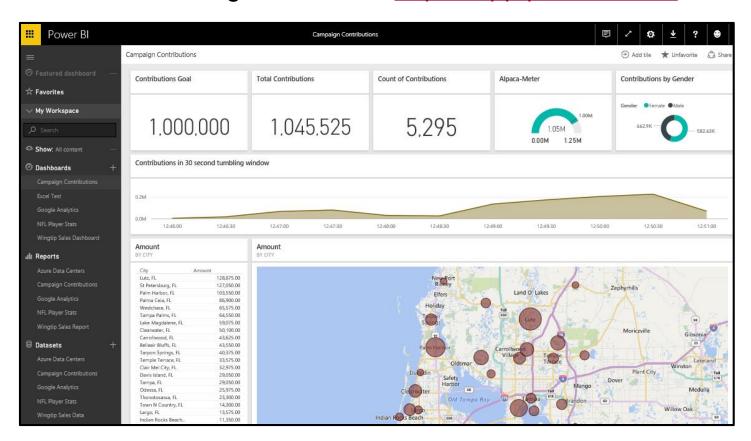
- Power BI is built on top of Microsoft Azure
  - Power BI solutions can be scaled as required
  - Power BI solutions have global reach





#### **The Power BI Service**

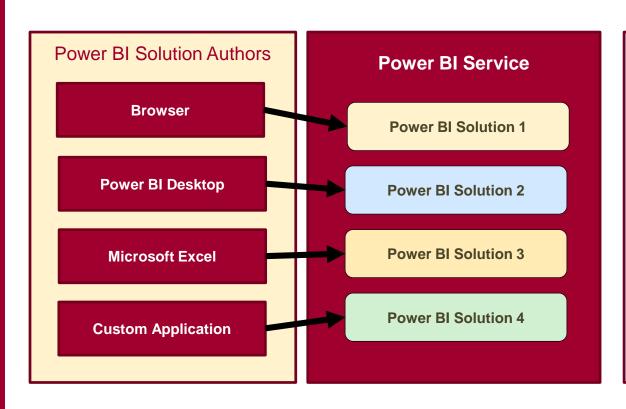
- The Power BI Service
  - Provides cloud-based foundation for Power BI platform
  - Accessible through browser at <a href="https://app.powerbi.com">https://app.powerbi.com</a>

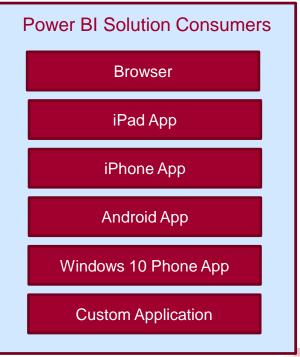




#### **Power BI Service Architecture**

- Power BI support for authors and consumers
  - BI solution authors have a choice in authoring tools
  - BI solutions consumers can use wide range of devices

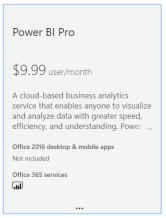




#### Power BI Licensing

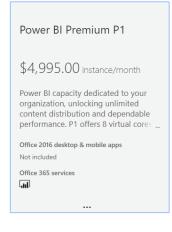
#### User-based licensing

# Power BI (free) \$0.00 user/month A cloud-based business analytics service that enables anyone to visualize and analyze data with greater speed, efficiency, and understanding. It ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services





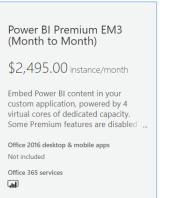
#### Capacity-based Licensing



# \$9,995.00 instance/month Power BI capacity dedicated to your organization, unlocking unlimited content distribution and dependable performance. P1 offers 16 virtual core ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services

Power BI Premium P2

# \$19,995.00 instance/month Power BI capacity dedicated to your organization, unlocking unlimited content distribution and dependable performance. P1 offers 32 virtual core ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services





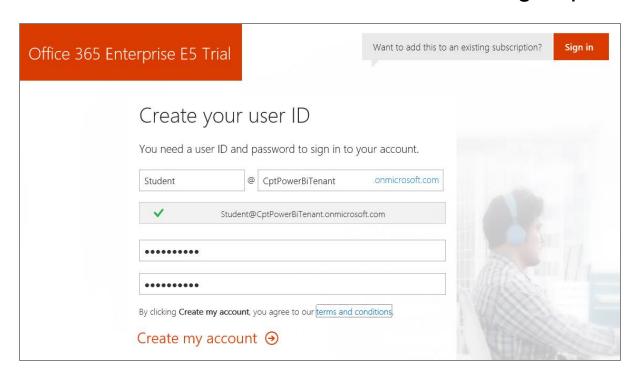
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# Creating a Power BI Testing Environment

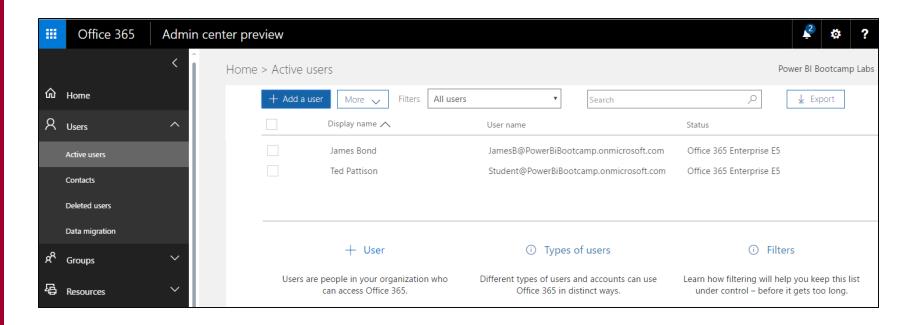
- Sign up for an Office 365 Enterprise E5 trial account
  - Creates a new Office 365 tenant
  - Creates an account which is tenant administrator
  - You can create 25 user accounts for testing purposes
  - You can create and test Office 365 unified groups





#### Office 365 admin center

- Chores to accomplish in Office 365 admin center
  - Learn how to add secondary user accounts for testing
  - Learn how to view and manage groups





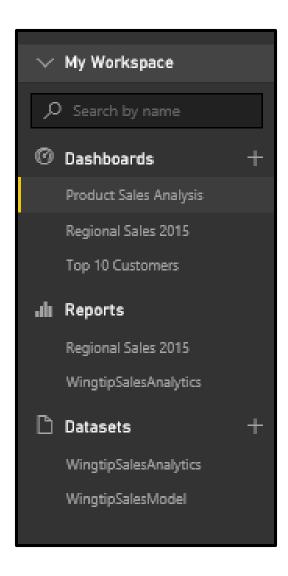


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# **Central Power BI Concepts**

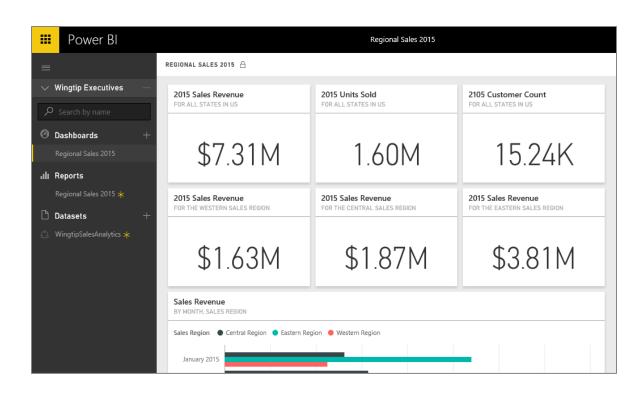


- Workspace
  - Provides user context and asset container
  - Every user has personal workspace
  - Team development requires group workspaces
- Dashboard
  - Consolidated view into reports and datasets
  - Custom solution entry point for mobile users
- Report
  - Collection of pages with tables & visualizations
  - Provides interactive control of filtering
- Dataset
  - Data model containing one or more tables
  - Can be very simple or very complex



#### **Dashboards and Tiles**

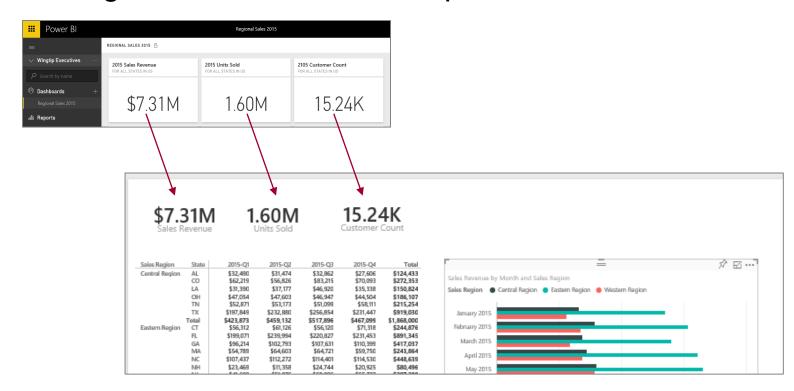
- Dashboard is a collection of tiles
  - Tile can be created by pinning visual from a report
  - Tile can be created by pinning Q&A result from dataset





#### **Dashboards and Reports**

- Dashboards link users to reports
  - Dashboard tiles designed to provide high-level view
  - Clicking tiles drills down into report to see more detail





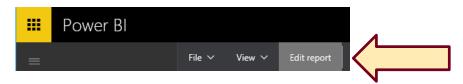
#### **Reports and Pages**

- Reports contain one or more pages
  - A report can be designed with a single page
  - A report can be designed with many pages
  - Tabbed navigation located at bottom of report view
  - Each report is associated with exactly one dataset

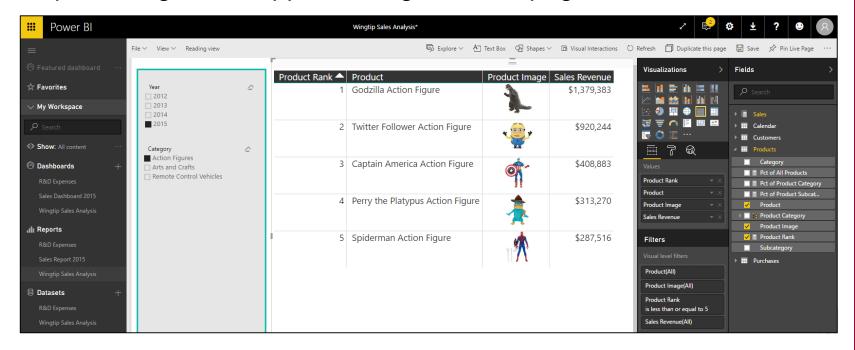


#### **Report Authoring**

- Report initially opens in reading view
  - Click Edit report to switch to edit mode



Report design tools appear on right side of page

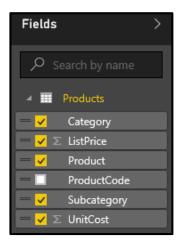


# Visuals (aka Visualizations)

- Reports are designed using visual (aka visualizations)
  - Each visuals is based on an underlying visualization type
  - Visualization type can be changed using Visualizations pane



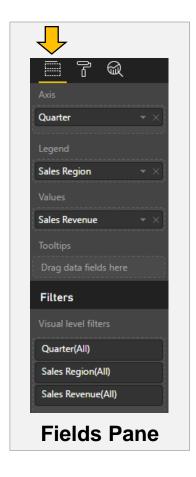
Visuals creating by using fields from tables inside Fields list

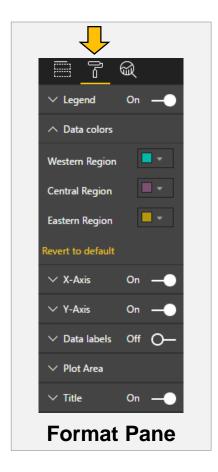




#### **Editing Visual Properties**

- Visual properties modified using three property panes
  - Visual properties vary greatly depending on type of visualization



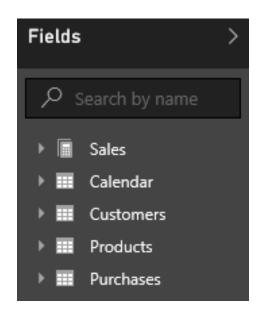


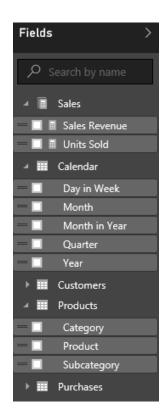




#### **Report and Datasets**

- Each report is based on an underlying dataset
  - Fields list in report designer shows tables and fields
  - Report author sees tables & fields as dataset consumer

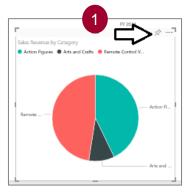


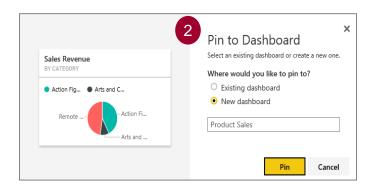


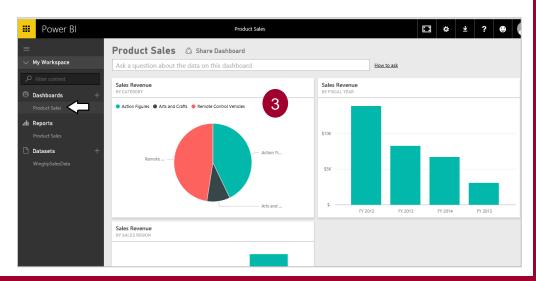


# **Creating Dashboards**

- Dashboards contain tiles
  - Tiles created from visuals on report pages









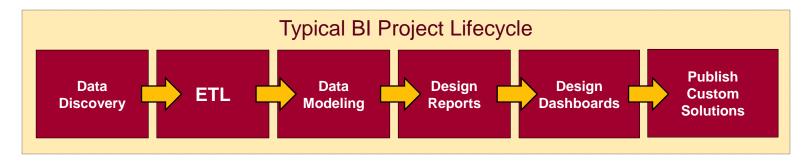
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# **Project Lifecycle for a Custom BI Solution**

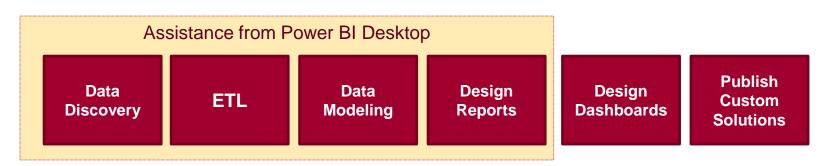
- Lifecycle of a typical BI project includes...
  - Discover where the data lives
  - Extract, transform and load (ETL) data
  - Model data to create dataset for analytics and reporting
  - Design and implement reports on top of dataset
  - Consolidate reports into one or more dashboards
  - Package custom solution artifacts for deployment
  - Deploy custom solution to production environment





# **Working with Power BI Desktop**

- Power BI Desktop focuses on first four phases
  - Query features for Data Discovery
  - Query features for ETL
  - Design features and DAX language for data modeling
  - Report design using a visual report designer
  - No support for designing dashboards
  - Not used to package custom solutions with dashboards

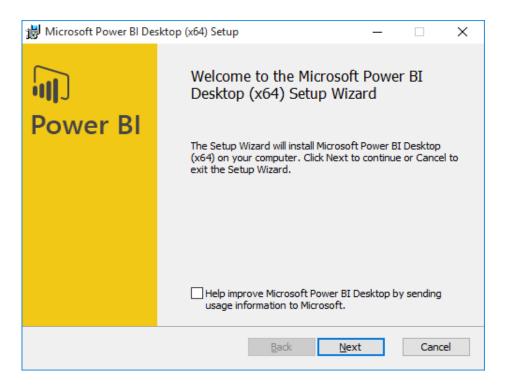




# Installing Power BI Desktop

- Power BI Desktop quick & easy to install over the Internet
  - Select Power BI Desktop option from Power BI Download menu
  - Power BI Desktop downloads & installs in less than a minute

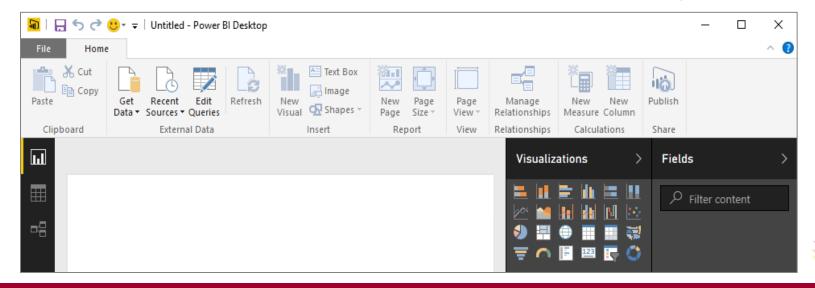






# **Working with Power BI Desktop**

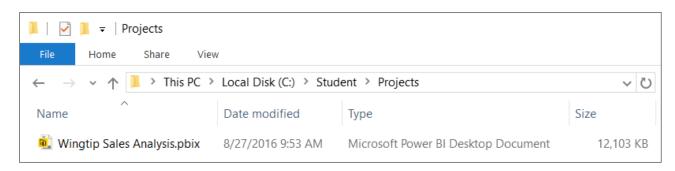
- Power BI Desktop is a Windows application
  - Work is saved and published in terms of projects
  - You can work on multiple projects at once
  - Each project runs in its own Power BI Desktop instance
  - Power BI Desktop can freeze up or act buggy
  - Quit & restart Power BI Desktop if it acts strangely



#### **Projects and PBIX Files**

- Power BI Desktop projects saved using PBIX files
  - PBIX file contains data source definitions
  - PBIX file contains query definitions
  - PBIX file contains data imported from queries
  - PBIX file contains exactly one data model definition
  - PBIX file contains exactly one report
  - PBIX file never contains data source credentials

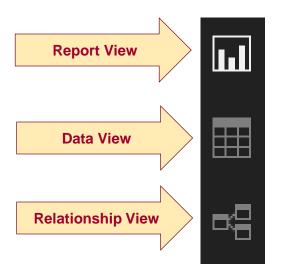


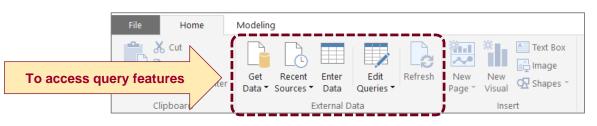




#### **Getting Around in Power BI Desktop**

- What do you need to learn to use Power BI Desktop?
  - Query features for importing data
  - Design features for modeling data
  - Report designer for creating reports
- Navigating between view modes

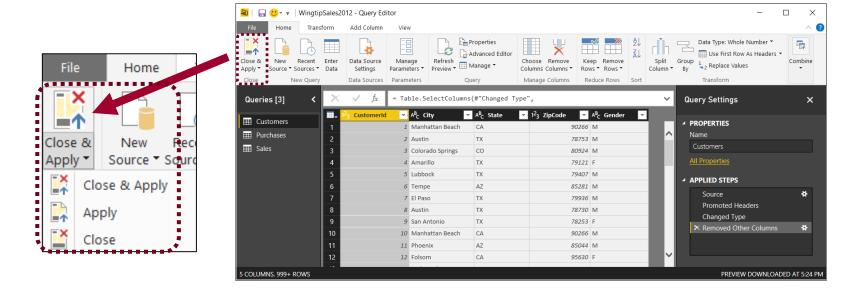






# **Query Editor Window**

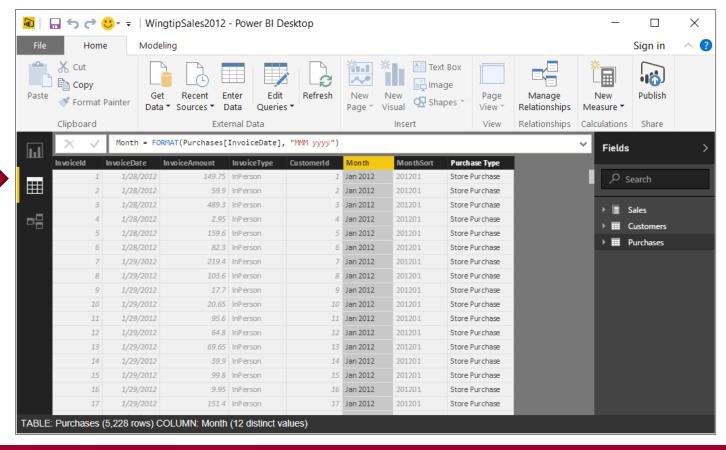
- Power BI Desktop provides separate Query Editor window
  - Provides powerful features for designing queries
  - Displays list of all queries in project on the left
  - Displays Properties and Applied Steps for selected query on right
  - Preview of table generated by query output shown in the middle
  - Query can be executed using Apply or Close & Apply command





#### **Data View**

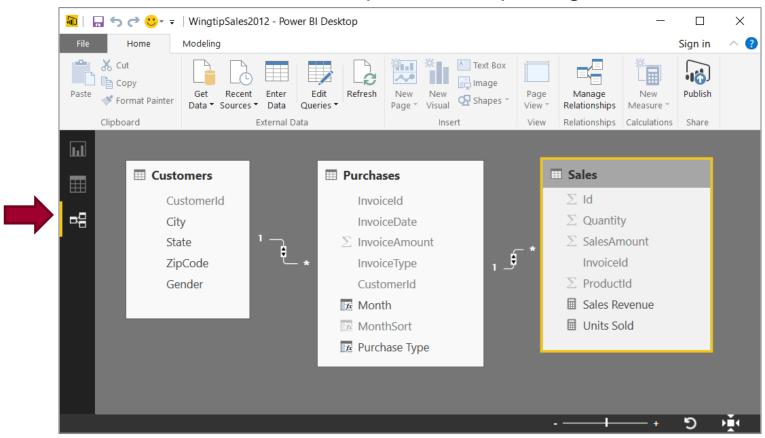
- Data view is used for data modeling
  - Data View displays columns and rows of data for each table
  - Data View used to create calculated columns and measures





#### **Relationship View**

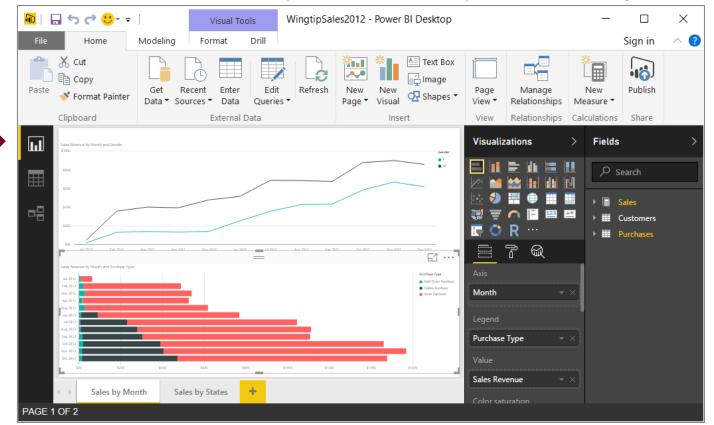
- Displays tables, fields and relationships
  - Used to view tables, fields and relationships in project's dataset
  - Used to create relationships when importing new tables





#### **Report View**

- Report view used to design report for current project
  - Report designer is very similar to Power BI service
  - Dataset can be simplified for Report View by hiding fields



# Publishing a Power BI Desktop Project

- Power BI Desktop provides Publish command
  - Used to publish project to Power BI service



Requires logging into your Office 365 account





Published articles added to target workspace





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# **Power BI Team Blog**

Power BI Team Blog is an Essential Resource

https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/

Be on the lookout for monthly updates

#### **Power BI Desktop April Feature Summary**

Announcements

Support

🔠 April 4, 2018 by Amanda Cofsky

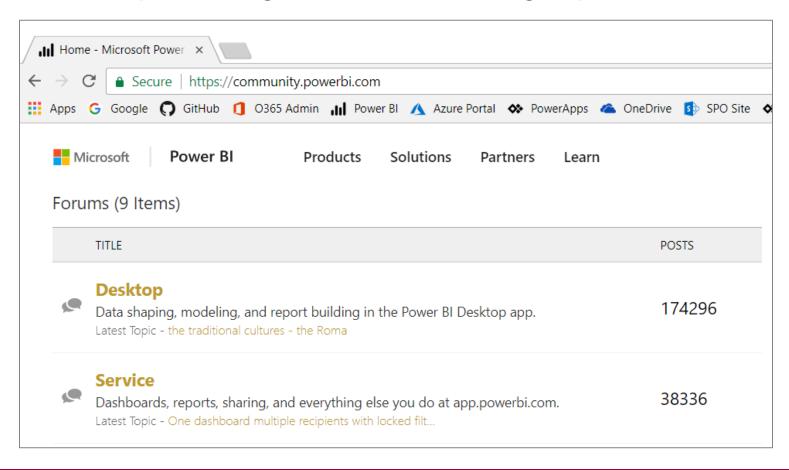
This month, on top of our normal of visual & data connector improvements, we have two exciting features that lets report consumers interact with reports in a new way. The Q&A Explorer enables report consumers to ask their own questions about the data, and buttons let you add interactive elements on your reports.

» Read more



#### **Power BI Community Forums**

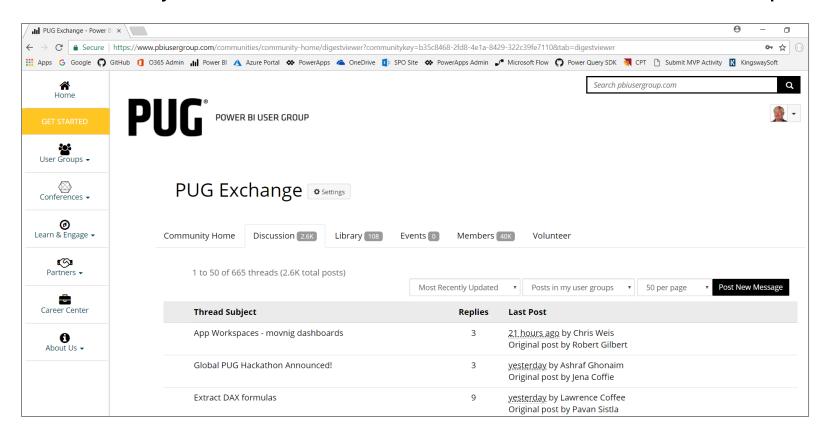
- Located at <a href="https://community.powerbi.com/">https://community.powerbi.com/</a>
  - Great place to get answers to tough questions





# **Power BI User Group (PUG)**

- Located at <a href="http://pbiusergroup.com/">http://pbiusergroup.com/</a>
  - PUG Exchange is another place to get questions answered
  - Also let's you find and connect with local Power BI User Groups





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