Extending a Data Model with Time Intelligence

Lab Time: 45 minutes

Lab Folder: C:\Student\Modules\05_TimeIntelligence\Lab

Lab Overview: In this lab, you will continue to work on the Power BI Desktop project you have been working with over the last two previous labs. At this point, you have already spent time designing the data model for Wingtip sales data that has been imported from a SQL Azure database. In this lab you will continue to extend the data model by adding a time dimension table named **Calendar** and by configuring this table so it can be used for time-based financial analysis. This will allow you to create measures using the DAX time intelligence functions.

Lab Dependencies: This lab assumes you have completed the earlier lab Using the Data Modeling Features of Power BI Desktop in which you created a Power BI Desktop project named Wingtip Sales Analysis.pbix. If you would like to begin work on this lab without completing the earlier lab, copy the lab solution file named Wingtip Sales Analysis.pbix which is located in the student folder at 04_DataModeling\Lab\Solution into the folder at C:\Student\Projects using the Windows Explorer.

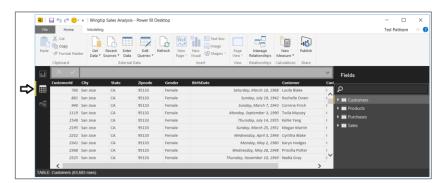
Exercise 1: Adding a Calendar Dimension Table

In this exercise you will create a calculated table named **Calendar** which will play the role of a time dimension table in the data model. The motivation for adding a time dimension table to your data model is that it will allow you to take advantage of the time intelligence support that is built into Power Pivot and DAX.

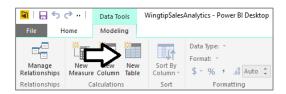
- 1. Launch Power BI Desktop to start a new project.
- 2. Open the Power BI Desktop project named Wingtip Sales Analytics.pbix from the previous lab located at the following path.

C:\Student\Projects\Wingtip Sales Analysis.pbix

3. When the project opens, click the table icon in the middle of the sidebar to enter data view mode.



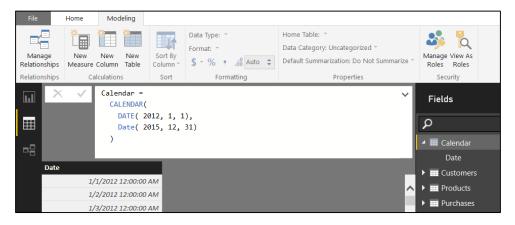
- 4. Create a new calculated table named Calendar.
 - a) Navigate to the **Modeling** tab in the ribbon.
 - b) Click the New Table button in the ribbon.



c) Type the following DAX formula into the formula bar and press the **Enter** key to create the **Calendar** table.

```
Calendar =
CALENDAR(
DATE( 2012, 1, 1),
Date( 2015, 12, 31)
)
```

d) You should be able to verify that the **Calendar** table has been created with a single column named **Date**. You should also be and to verify that there is one row in the **Calendar** table for each day in the calendar years of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.



e) Modify the DAX expression for this calculated table so you do not have to hardcode literal values for the starting year or the ending year. First, replace the literal value for the starting year 2012 with the following DAX expression.

YEAR(MIN(Sales[PurchaseDate]))

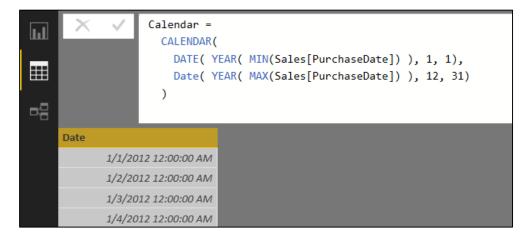
f) Next, replace the literal value for the ending year 2015 with the following DAX expressions.

YEAR(MAX(Sales[PurchaseDate]))

g) At this point, your DAX expression to create the Calendar table should now match the following code listing.

```
Calendar =
   CALENDAR(
     DATE( YEAR( MIN(Sales[PurchaseDate]) ), 1, 1),
   Date( YEAR( MAX(Sales[PurchaseDate]) ), 12, 31)
)
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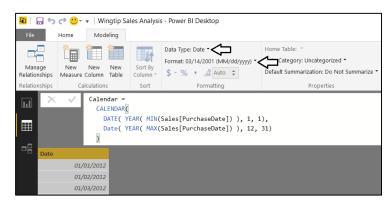
h) The Calendar table should continue to look as it did before starting at 1/1/20012 and running to 12/31/2015.



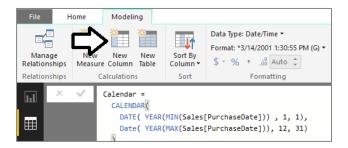
The modification to the DAX expression to calculate the start date and end date dynamically provides flexibility. The new expression will now automatically add new rows for complete years if the **Sales** table is ever updated with purchases that occurred either before the start of 2012 or after the end of 2015.

- 5. Change the type and format of the **Date** column.
 - a) Select the **Date** column by clicking its column header.
 - b) Activate the **Modeling** tab of the ribbon.
 - c) Set the Data Type property to Date.

d) Set the Format property to 03/14/2001 (MM/dd/yyyy).



- 6. Add a new column to the Calendar table named Year which display the financial year.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.



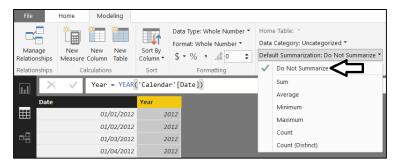
b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

Year = YEAR('Calendar'[Date])

c) You should see that the **Calendar** table now contains a **Year** column displaying the year.



d) Modify the **Default Summarization** property of the **Year** column to **Do Not Summarize**.



While the **Year** column contains numeric values, it doesn't make sense to perform standard aggregations on this column such as **Sum**, **Average** or **Count**. Setting the column's **Default Summarization** to **Do Not Summarize** will prevent Power BI Desktop from automatically assigning aggregate operations when this field is added to a visual in a report.

- 7. Add a new column to the Calendar table named Quarter which display the financial year and quarter.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

c) The Quarter column now a value with the year and quarter which can be used in visuals and reports.



- 8. Add a new column to the Calendar table named Month which display the financial year and month.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

c) The column should now display

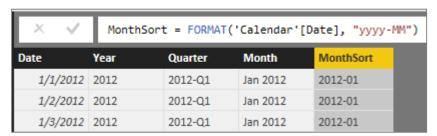


The **Month** column is a good example of a column whose value will not automatically be sorted in the chronological sort order. The default sort order of a text column like **Month** is to sort month names alphabetically so that April will sort before February, and February will sort before January. Therefore, you will now create an addition column named **MonthSort** whose sole purpose will be to provide assistance to the **Month** column to sort its values chronologically.

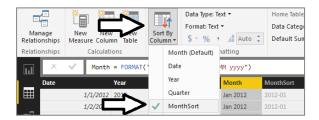
- 9. Add a new sort column to the Calendar table named MonthSort to control the sort order of the Month column.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

MonthSort = FORMAT('Calendar'[Date], "yyyy-MM")

c) You should be able to see that the **MonthSort** column produces a text value for each date in the format of **2012-01**. The key aspect of this format is that **MonthSort** values are sorted chronologically when they are sorted alphabetically.



d) Configure the Month column to use the MonthSort column as its sort column. Accomplish this by clicking the column header of the Month column to select it and then by dropping down the Sort By Column menu button in the ribbon and selecting the MonthSort column.



e) Hide the MonthSort column by right-clicking it on the Fields list and selecting the Hide in Report View menu command.



- 10. Add a new column to the Calendar table named Month in Year to display the financial month without the year.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

Month in Year = FORMAT('Calendar'[Date], "MMM")

c) The **Month in Year** column should now display the abbreviated month name for each date.



Just like the Month column, the Month in Year column will need the assistance of a sort column.

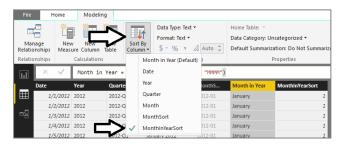
- 11. Add a new sort column to the Calendar table named MonthInYearSort to control the sort order of the Month in Year column.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

MonthInYearSort = MONTH('Calendar'[Date])

c) As you can see, the **MonthInYearSort** column displays an integer value between 1 and 12 to indicate the month.



d) Configure the Month in Year column to use the MonthInYearSort column as its sort column. Accomplish this by clicking the column header of the Month in Year column to select it and then by dropping down the Sort By Column menu button in the ribbon and selecting the MonthInYearSort column.



- e) Hide the MonthInYearSort column by right-clicking it in the Fields list and selecting the Hide in Report View command.
- 12. Add a new column to the Calendar table named Day of Week which display the day of the week.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the **New Column** button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

Day of Week = FORMAT('Calendar'[Date], "ddd")

c) The Day of Week column should now display the name of the day (e.g. Monday) for each date.



- 13. Add a new sort column to the Calendar table named DayOfWeekSort to control the sort order of the Day of Week column.
 - a) Create a new calculated column by clicking the New Column button in the ribbon.
 - b) Type in the following DAX expression and press the Enter key.

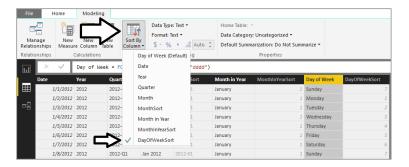
DayOfWeekSort = WEEKDAY('Calendar'[Date], 2)

The second argument passes to **WEEKDAY** function determines the starting day for the week. If you pass a value of 1, the starting day for the week will be Sunday. In this case you have passed a value of 2 which will make Monday the first day of the week.

a) Now the **DayOfWeekSort** column should return an integer value for each date indicating the day of the week. As you can see, each date that is a Monday has a value of 1.



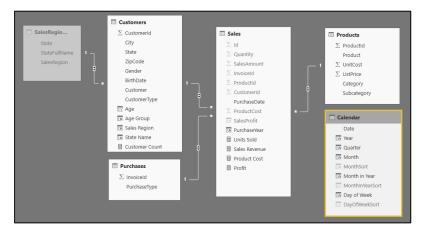
b) Configure the Day of Week column to use the DaylnWeekSort column as its sort column. Accomplish this by clicking the column header of the Day of Week column to select it and then by dropping down the Sort By Column menu button in the ribbon and selecting the DaylnWeekSort column.



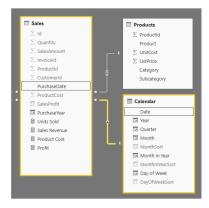
c) Hide the DayInWeekSort column by right-clicking it in the Fields list and selecting the Hide in Report View command.

At this point, you have created the **Calendar** table and added all the columns that it requires. The next step to integrate the **Calendar** table into the data model will be to create a relationship between the **Calendar** table and the **Sales** table.

- 14. Create a relationship between the Calendar table and the Sales table.
 - a) Navigate to relationship view. You should be able to see that the Calendar table is present. You should also be able to verify that the Calendar table does not have any existing relationships.
 - b) Using the mouse, rearrange the tables in relationship view to match the following screenshot where the **Calendar** table is positioned directly below the **Products** table and to the immediate right of the **Sales** table.



c) Create a new relationship by performing a drag and drop operation with the mouse to drag the **PurchaseDate** column from the **Sales** table and dropping it on the **Date** column of the **Calendar** table.



You have now completed the work of adding the Calendar table to the data model.

15. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.

Exercise 2: Creating Visuals using the Calendar Table

In this exercise, you will leverage the **Calendar** table that you created in the previous exercise by creating a few new visuals to display sales revenue totals aggregated over various time intervals.

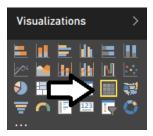
- 1. Create a new page in the project's report.
 - a) Navigate to report view.
 - b) Add a new page by clicking the (+) button to the right of the current page title.
 - c) Once the new page has been created, modify its title to **Time Intelligence**.



- d) Now that you have created a new page, you can now add a few new visuals.
- 2. Create a new matrix visual to show sales revenue for specific time periods.
 - a) Click the **New Visual** button on the ribbon to add a new visual to the page.



b) Change the visual to a matrix by clicking the **Matrix** button in the **Visualizations** list.



c) Select the checkbox next to the Sales Revenue measure in the Fields list. When you select the Sales Revenue measure, the report designer will add it to the Values well and the visual will show a single value for total sales revenue across the entire Sales table.



- d) Now it's time to extend the matrix by adding row labels and column labels. First, drag and drop the **Year** column from the **Calendar** table in the **Fields** list into the **Rows** well in the **Visualizations** pane.
- e) Now drag and drop the **Month in Year** column from the **Calendar** table in the **Fields** list into the **Rows** well in the **Visualizations** pane.



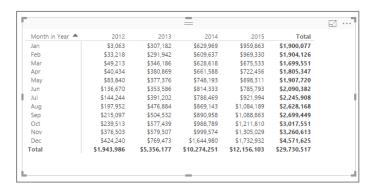
- f) The matrix now has a column for each month and a row for each year.
- g) Use your mouse to resize the matrix visual so you can see all the columns.



h) Now experiment by pivoting the matrix visual to display the exact same data using a different layout. Accomplish this by moving the **Month in Year** field into the **Rows** well and then moving the **Year** field into the **Columns** well. In effect, the **Month in Year** field and the **Year** field have just switched places.



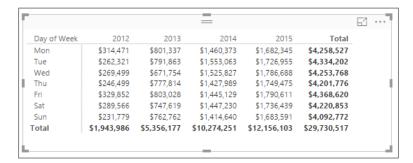
i) The matrix should now display a row for each month and a column for each year.



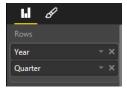
- 3. Create a new matrix visual to show sales revenue for specific time periods.
 - a) Click the **New Visual** button on the ribbon to add a new visual to the page.
 - b) Make sure this new visual is positioned directly below the first visual that you created.
 - c) Change the visual to a matrix by clicking the Matrix button in the **Visualizations** list.
 - d) Drag and drop the Day of Week column from the Calendar table in the Fields list into the Rows well.
 - e) Drag and drop the Year column from the Calendar table into the Columns well.
 - f) Drag and drop the Sales Revenue measure from the Calendar table in the Fields list into the Values well.



g) The matrix should now display a row for each day of the week and a column for each year.



- 4. Add a third matrix visual to analyze sales data calculated at both the yearly level and the quarterly level.
 - a) Click the **New Visual** button on the ribbon to add a new visual to the page.
 - b) Change the visual to a matrix by clicking the Matrix button in the Visualizations list.
 - c) Drag and drop the **Year** column from the **Calendar** table into the **Rows** well.
 - d) Drag and drop the **Quarter** column from the **Calendar** table into the **Rows** well.



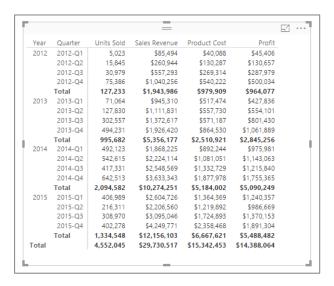
e) At this point, the visual has row labels for the Year column and the Quarter column.



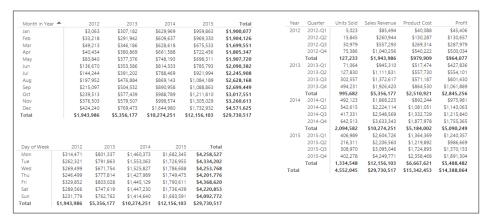
- f) Drag and drop the **Units Sold** measure from the **Sales** table into the **Values** well.
- g) Drag and drop the Sales Revenue measure from the Sales table into the Values well.
- h) Drag and drop the Product Cost measure from the Sales table into the Values well.
- i) Drag and drop the **Profit** measure from the **Sales** table into the **Values** well.



) The matrix should now display values for each measure calculated at the quarterly level as well as at the yearly level.



5. Using your mouse, arrange the new matrix visual on the right side of the page at the top to match the following screenshot.

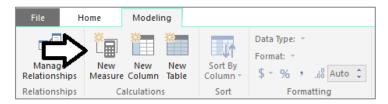


6. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.

Exercise 3: Creating Measures using DAX Time Intelligence Functions

In this exercise, you will leverage various the Time Intelligence functions in DAX to analyze sales revenue using quarter to date (QTD) totals and year to date (YTD) totals. You will also use DAX to write an expression which calculate a running total of sales revenue through the entire 4 years of sales activity.

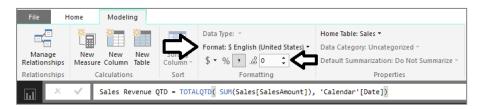
- Create a measure named Sales Revenue QTD that calculates a quarter-to-date aggregate sum on the SalesAmount column
 of the Sales table.
- a) Navigate to data view.
- b) Select the Sales table from the Fields list.
- c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.



d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the new measure named Sales Revenue QTD.

Sales Revenue QTD = TOTALQTD(SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]), 'Calendar'[Date])

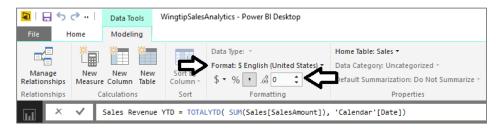
- e) Press the ENTER key to add the measure to data model.
- f) Modify the formatting by dropping down the Format menu on the ribbon and selecting Currency > English (United States). Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to zero.



- Create a measure named Sales Revenue YTD that calculates a year-to-date aggregate sum on the SalesAmount column of the Sales table.
- a) Navigate to data view.
- b) Select the Sales table from the Fields list.
- c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.
- d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the new measure named Sales Revenue YTD.

Sales Revenue YTD = TOTALYTD(SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]), 'Calendar'[Date])

- e) Press the ENTER key to add the measure to data model.
- f) Modify the formatting by dropping down the Format menu on the ribbon and selecting Currency > English (United States). Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to zero.



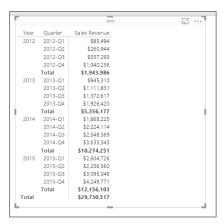
- Create a measure named Sales Revenue RT that calculates a running total aggregate sum on the Sales Amount column of the Sales table.
- a) Navigate to data view.
- b) Select the Sales table from the Fields list.
- c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.
- d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the new measure named Sales Revenue RT.

```
Sales Revenue RT =
CALCULATE(
SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
FILTER(
   ALL('Calendar'),
   'Calendar'[Date] <= MAX('Calendar'[Date])
)</pre>
```

- e) Press the ENTER key to add the measure to data model.
- f) Modify the formatting by dropping down the Format menu on the ribbon and selecting Currency > English (United States). Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to zero.
- 4. Use the three new measures in a matrix visual.
 - a) Navigate to report mode.
 - b) Select the matrix visual you created last that is currently positioned on the right-hand side of the page.
 - c) Examine the bottom of the **Visualizations** pane. Currently, the **Rows** well contains the **Year** column and the **Quarter** column. There are also four other measures in the **Values** well.



d) Remove all the measures from the **Values** well except for the **Sales Revenue** measure. At this point, your visual should match the one shown in the following screenshot where sales revenue totals as shown at the quarterly level and at the yearly level.



e) Drag and drop the Month column from the Calendar table into the Rows well below the two other columns.



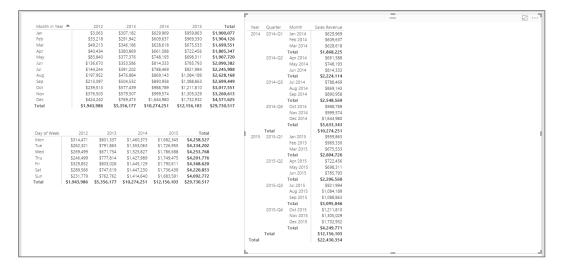
f) You should be able to see that now the visual now has a deeper level of granularity because it is show sales revenue broken out into a separate aggregate value for each month.



g) Set a filter on the matrix visual so that is only displays sales revenue for the calendar years of 2014 and 2015. Accomplish this by setting a filter where the **Year** column is greater than or equal to **2014**.



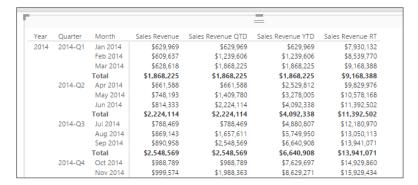
- h) After setting the filter, click the Apply Filter link below to apply your filter to the data shown in the visual.
- i) Resize the matrix visual to take up the entire right-hand side of the page.



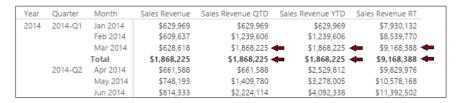
- j) Drag and drop the Sales Revenue QTD measure from the Sales table into the Values well.
- k) Drag and drop the Sales Revenue YTD measure from the Sales table into the Values well.
- I) Drag and drop the Sales Revenue RT measure from the Sales table into the Values well.



m) The matrix visual should now display three new columns for the three measure you added to the Values well.



n) Currently the matrix is showing a **Total** row with a quarterly rollup. You should observe that the **Total** row can be confusing with measures like these because the it displays the exact same aggregate value as the row above it.



o) Look inside the General section for the visual in the Visualizations pane and set modify the Row totals property to Off.



p) The matrix visual is now better suited to display the three new measures you created in this exercise.

Year	Quarter	Month	Sales Revenue	Sales Revenue QTD	Sales Revenue YTD	Sales Revenue RT
2014	2014-Q1	Jan 2014	\$629,969	\$629,969	\$629,969	\$7,930,132
		Feb 2014	\$609,637	\$1,239,606	\$1,239,606	\$8,539,770
		Mar 2014	\$628,618	\$1,868,225	\$1,868,225	\$9,168,388
	2014-Q2	Apr 2014	\$661,588	\$661,588	\$2,529,812	\$9,829,976
		May 2014	\$748,193	\$1,409,780	\$3,278,005	\$10,578,168
		Jun 2014	\$814,333	\$2,224,114	\$4,092,338	\$11,392,502
	2014-Q3	Jul 2014	\$788,469	\$788,469	\$4,880,807	\$12,180,970
		Aug 2014	\$869,143	\$1,657,611	\$5,749,950	\$13,050,113

q) Now imagine your boss asks you to determine in what month the company reached 10 million dollars in total sales revenue. By looking at down the list of values for the Sales Revenue RT measure, you can see that the company finally hit \$10,000,000 in sales revenue in May of 2014.

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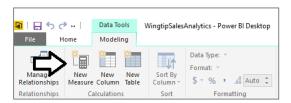
5. Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.

You have now learned how to use Time Intelligence functions in DAX together with a calendar table. Now you will move on to the final exercise where you will create additional measures to monitor sales growth.

Exercise 4: Creating Measures to Monitor Growth in Sales Revenue

In this exercise you will create new measures to calculate the growth of sales revenue on a quarter-by-quarter basis as well as on a month-by-month basis. After that you will create additional measures that will act as KPIs to monitor the health of sales growth and provide visual indications as to how each month has done when compared to the previous month.

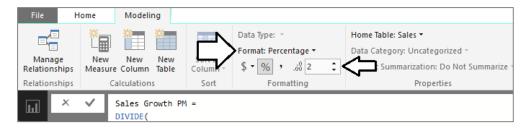
- 1. Create a measure named **Sales Growth PM** that calculates the percentage increase between sales revenue for the current month and sales revenue for the previous month.
 - a) Navigate to data view.
 - b) Select the Sales table from the Fields list.
 - c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.



d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the measure named Sales Growth PM.

```
Sales Growth PM =
DIVIDE(
SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]) -
CALCULATE(
   SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
   PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
),
CALCULATE(
   SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
   PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
)
PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
)
```

- e) Press the ENTER key to add the calculated column to data model.
- f) Modify the formatting by dropping down the Format menu on the ribbon and selecting Percentage. Also use the spinner control below the format menu to set the number of decimal places shown to 2.



- 2. Create a new page in the project's report.
 - a) Navigate to report view.
 - b) Add a new page by clicking the (+) button to the right of the current page title.
 - c) Once the new page has been created, modify its title to Sales Revenue Growth.



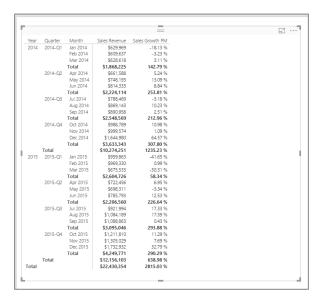
- 3. Create a new matrix visual to show month-to-month sales revenue growth in 2014 and 2015.
 - a) Click the **New Visual** button on the ribbon to add a new visual to the page.
 - b) Change the visual to a matrix by clicking the **Matrix** button in the **Visualizations** list.
 - c) Drag and drop the Year column from the Calendar table into the Rows well.
 - d) Drag and drop the **Quarter** column from the **Calendar** table into the **Rows** well.
 - e) Drag and drop the Month column from the Calendar table into the Rows well.
 - f) Drag and drop the Sales Revenue measure from the Sales table into the Value well.
 - g) Drag and drop the Sales Growth PM measure from the Sales table into the Value well.
 - h) The Rows well and the Values well for the matrix visual should match the following screenshot.



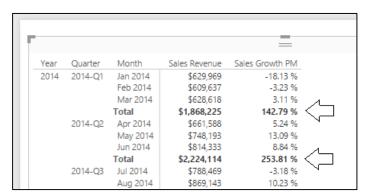
 Move down in the Visualizations page to the Filters section. Set a filter for the Year column where value is greater or equal 2014.



- j) Click the Apply filter button at the bottom of the Filters section for the filter to take effect.
- k) Use your mouse the resize the matrix visual so you can see all the rows and columns. Give the matrix visual a width that is almost the same size of the page so you can add additional columns over the next few steps without having to resize the visual again.



I) Inspect the values produced by the Sales Growth PM measure. You can see that a value has been calculated for each month. You should also notice that the matrix currently displays values for the Sales Growth PM measure in the Total row. The values in the Total row are calculated at the guarterly level and not at the month level.



The **Sales Growth PM** measure was written to perform calculations on a month-to-month basis. However, there is currently a problem whenever this measure is evaluated in the context based on a larger time interval such as a quarter or a year. More specifically, the **Sales Growth PM** measure is currently producing a large and erroneous value when it is evaluated in the context of a quarter. Now that you have seen the problem, it's time to modify the DAX expression for the **Sales Growth PM** measure to return a blank value whenever the measure is evaluated in a context where the time interval is at a granularity other than at the month level.

- 4. Modify the DAX expression for the **Sales Growth PM** measure.
 - a) Navigate to data view.
 - b) Select the **Sales Growth PM** measure of the **Sales** table from the **Fields** list. When you select the **Sales Growth PM** measure in the **Fields** list, you should then be able to see and modify its DAX expression in the formula bar.
 - c) Before you can modify the DAX expression for the Sales Growth PM measure, you must be able to use the ISFILTERED function provided by DAX. You can write the following DAX expression to determine whether the current evaluation context is filtering at the month level.

ISFILTERED(Calendar[Month])

d) You can also write the following DAX expression to make sure that the current evaluation context is not filtering at a more granular level such as at the **Date** level.

NOT(ISFILTERED(Calendar[Date]))

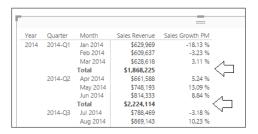
e) You will need to ensure that both these expressions are true before the **Sales Growth PM** measure evaluates to a value other than a blank value. You can write the following DAX expression using the DAX && operator to return true when both inner conditions are true

ISFILTERED(Calendar[Month]) && NOT(ISFILTERED(Calendar[Date]))

f) Update the DAX expression for the Sales Growth PM measure to match the following code listing.

```
Sales Growth PM =
    IF(
        ISFILTERED(Calendar[Month]) &&
        NOT(ISFILTERED(Calendar[Date]))
),
DIVIDE(
        SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]) -
        CALCULATE(
            SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
            PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
),
        CALCULATE(
            SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
            PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
)
),
BLANK()
)
```

- g) Navigate back to report view and inspect the effects of your changes to the visual on the Sales Revenue Growth page.
- h) You should see that the Sales Growth PM measure is now returning blank values in the Total row for the quarterly evaluation.



© - It is widely-accepted among BI experts and BI novices alike that a blank value is always preferable to a large, erroneous value.

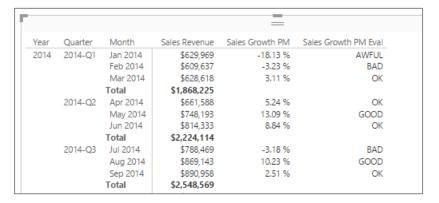
- 5. Create a measure named **Sales Growth PM Eval** that inspects the value of the **Sales Growth PM** measure and evaluates to a short string value to indicate the health of the sales growth value.
 - a) Navigate to data view.
 - b) Select the Sales table from the Fields list.
 - c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.
 - d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the measure named Sales Growth PM Eval.

```
Sales Growth PM Eval =
IF(
   ISNUMBER([Sales Growth PM]),
   SWITCH(TRUE(),
    ([Sales Growth PM] >= 0.2), "EXCELLENT",
    ([Sales Growth PM] >= 0.1), "GOOD",
    ([Sales Growth PM] >= 0), "OK",
    ([Sales Growth PM] >= -0.1), "BAD",
    ([Sales Growth PM] < -0.1), "AWFUL"
)</pre>
```

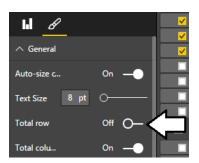
- e) Navigate to report view and select the matrix visual on the Sales Revenue Growth page.
- f) Drag and drop the Sales Growth PM Eval measure from the Sales table into the Values well in the Visualizations pane.



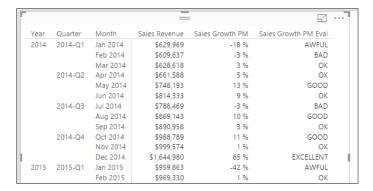
g) You should now see values for the Sales Growth PM Eval measure which indicate the health of sales revenue growth.



h) Inside the General section of the Format properties pane, update the Total row property from On to Off.

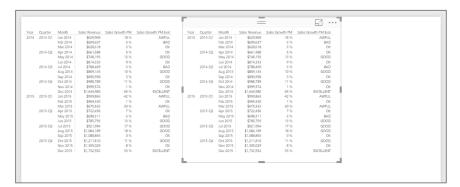


i) At this point, the matrix visual you have created should match the following screenshot.



- j) Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.
- 6. Clone the matrix visual by copying it to the Windows clipboard and pasting it to make a copy.
 - a) Select the matrix visual and copy it to the Windows clipboard.
 - b) Perform a paste operation to create an identical copy of the matrix visual.

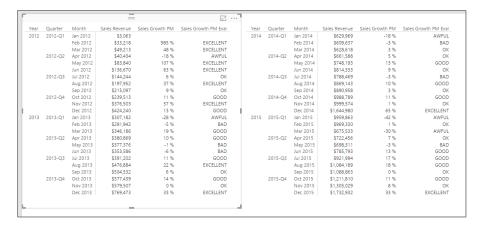
c) Position the two visuals side by side to the left as shown in the following screenshot.



- 7. Update the matrix visual on the left to display financial data for the years of 2012 and 2013.
 - a) Select the matric visual on the left.
 - b) Locate the **Filters** section the **Field** property pane.
 - c) Update the filter for the **Year** column where value **is less than or equal to 2013**.

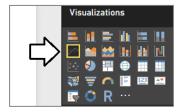


- d) Click the **Apply filter** button for the filter to take effect.
- e) The visual on the left should now display sales data for years of 2012 and 2013 while the visual on the right display sales data for 2014 and 2015.



- f) Save the work you have done by clicking the Save button in the upper left corner of the Power BI Desktop window.
- 8. Add a line chart visual to the bottom of the report page to show how sales revenue has grown from month to month.

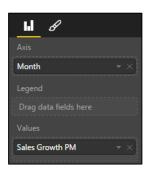
- a) Click on the whitespace on the report to make sure that neither of the two visuals are selected.
- b) Click on the Line chart button in the Visualizations list to create a new Line chart visual.



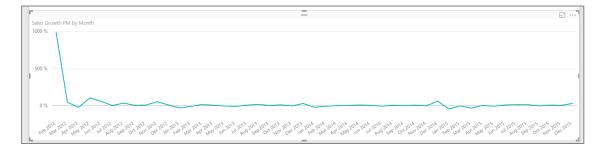
c) Reposition the new visual so it takes up the entire width of the page at the bottom of the report.



- d) Drag and drop the **Month** field from the **Calendar** table into the **Axis** well.
- e) Drag and drop the Sales Growth PM field from the sales table into the Values well.



f) You should now see a Line chart which shows the month-to-month growth in sales revenue from 2012 through 2015.



9. Observe the problem with the monthly sales growth in February of 2012.





The problem with this sales growth figure for Feb 2012 has to do with the fact that the previous month is not a complete month but instead only contains 4 days of sales data from January 28 to January 31. Over the next few steps you will write more DAX code to add additional logic so that the Sales Growth PM measure returns a blank value when the previous month does not contain all the days for a full month.

- 10. Create a measure named Previous Month Is Valid to indicate whether the previous month is not a complete month.
 - a) Navigate to data view.
 - b) Select the Sales table from the Fields list.
 - c) Create a new measure by clicking the **New Measure** button in the ribbon.
 - d) Enter to following DAX expression into the formula bar to create the measure named Previous Month Is Valid.

```
Previous Month Is Valid =
  FIRSTDATE(PREVIOUSMONTH('Calendar'[Date])) >= FIRSTDATE(ALL(Sales[PurchaseDate]))
```

Note that the new measure named **Previous Month Is Valid** will not be used directly in any report. Instead, you have created this measure to call from the DAX code you write in measures. Since you will only reference this measure from other measures, it makes sense to hide this measure from report view.

- e) Once you have created the **Previous Month Is Valid** measure, Right click on it in the fields list and click the command to hide it from report view.
- 11. Update the DAX code for the Sales Growth PM measure to return a blank value when the previous month is incomplete.
 - a) Select the Sales Growth PM measure so you can see its DAX in the formula editor.
 - b) Currently, the **If** statement at the top has two conditions.

```
IF(
    ISFILTERED(Calendar[Month]) &&
    NOT(ISFILTERED(Calendar[Date]))
)
```

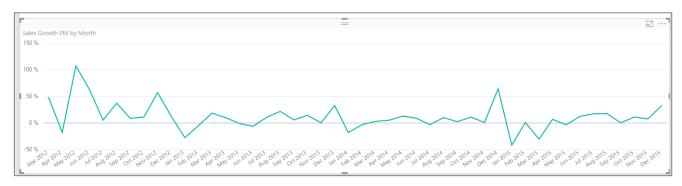
c) Update the If statement to add a third condition to ensure the Previous Month Is Valid measure is true.

```
IF(
    ISFILTERED(Calendar[Month]) &&
    NOT(ISFILTERED(Calendar[Date])) &&
    [Previous Month Is Valid]
)
```

d) The DAX for the Sales Growth PM measure should now match the following code listing.

```
Sales Growth PM =
IF(
    ISFILTERED(Calendar[Month]) &&
    NOT(ISFILTERED(calendar[Date])) &&
    [Previous Month Is Valid]
),
DIVIDE(
    SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]) -
    CALCULATE(
        SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
        PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
),
CALCULATE(
        SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]),
        PREVIOUSMONTH(Calendar[Date])
),
BLANK()
)
```

12. Return to report view and see the effects of the changes you just made to the **Sales Growth PM** measure. You should see that the spike in the first month is gone and the line chart provides a better view of sales revenue growth of the four years of sales data.



13. Save your work to the Wingtip Sales Analysis project by clicking the Save button in the ribbon.

Congratulations. You have now reached the end of this lab.