Integrating PowerApps with Power BI



Agenda

- Overview of Power BI Integration Features
- Embedding Power BI Dashboard Tiles in PowerApps
- Extending Power BI Reports using Canvas Apps
- Designing Flows to Update Real-time Dashboards
- Triggering Flows using Power BI Dashboard Alerts



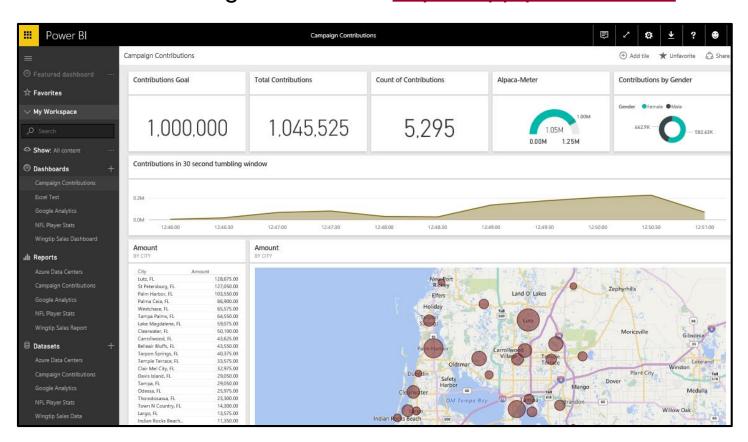
What is Power BI?

- 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 adoption numbers (as of Q1 2016)
 - 5 million subscribers
 - 200,000 organizations
 - 40 different languages



The Power BI Service

- The Power BI Service
 - Provides cloud-based foundation for Power BI platform
 - Accessible through browser at https://app.powerbi.com





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

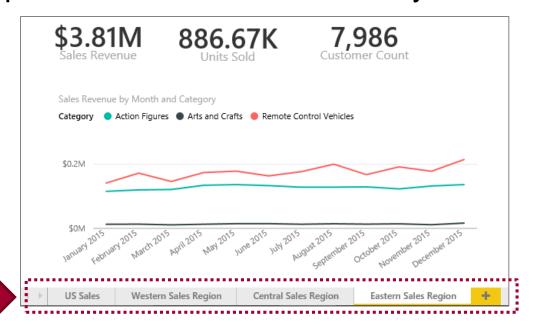
- Dashboard is a collection of tiles
 - Tile can be created by pinning visual from a report
 - Tile can be created by pinning query result from dataset





Reports and Pages

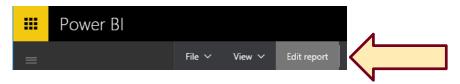
- Reports contain one or more pages
 - A report can be designed with a single page
 - A report can be designed with many pages
 - Tabbed navigation located at bottom of report view
 - Each report is associated with exactly one dataset



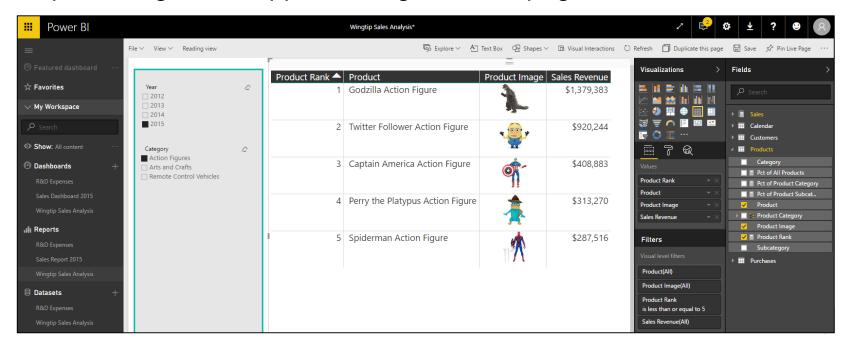


Report Authoring

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



Report design tools appear on right side of page

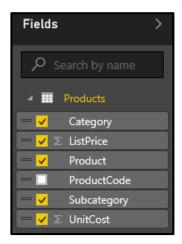


Visuals (aka Visualizations)

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



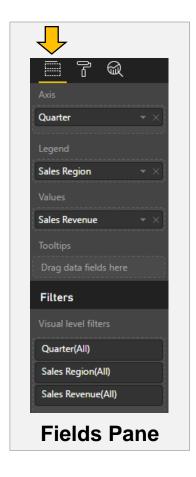
Visuals creating by using fields from tables inside Fields list

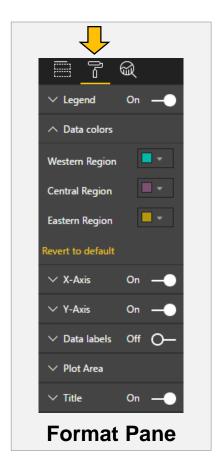


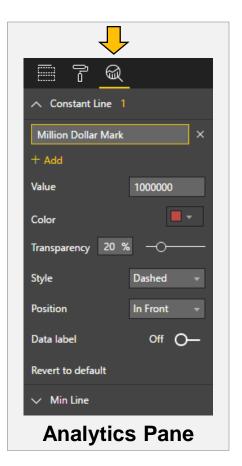


Editing Visual Properties

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



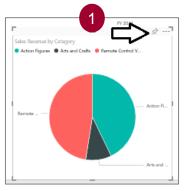


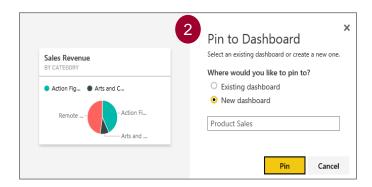


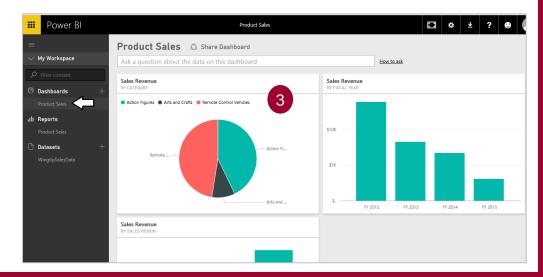


Creating Dashboards

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







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

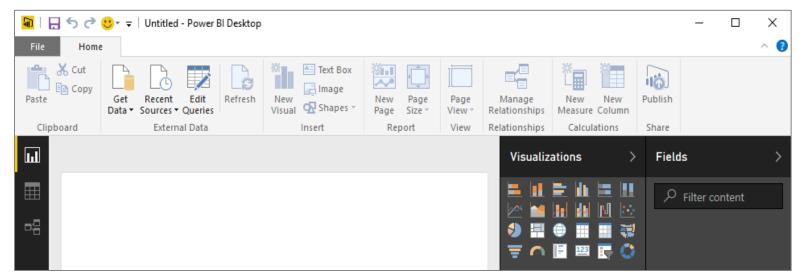






Working with Power BI Desktop

- 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

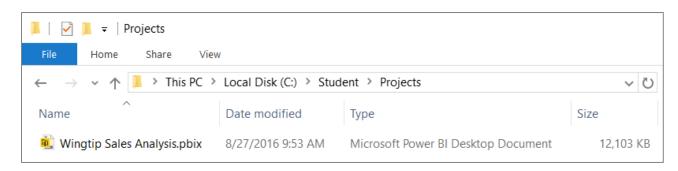




Projects and PBIX Files

- 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







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



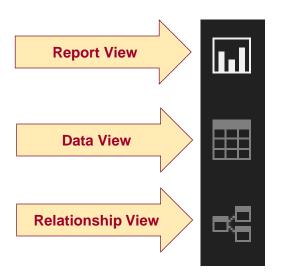


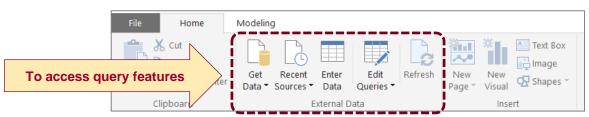
Published articles added to target workspace



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

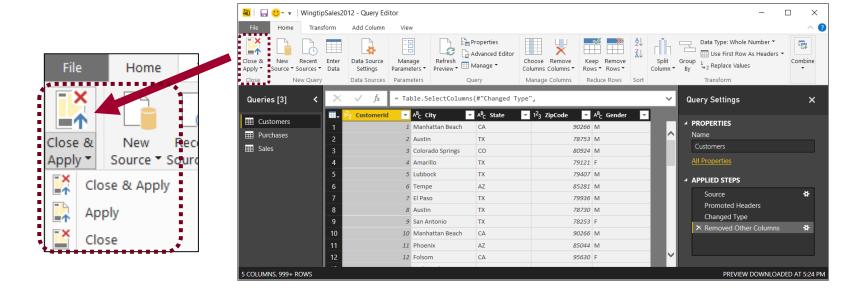






Query Editor Window

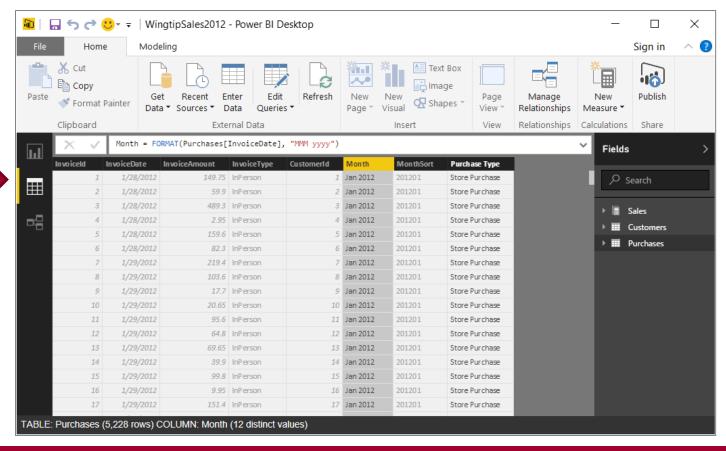
- Power BI Desktop provides separate Query Editor window
 - Provides powerful features for designing queries
 - Displays list of all queries in project on the left
 - Displays Properties and Applied Steps for selected query on right
 - Preview of table generated by query output shown in the middle
 -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





Data View

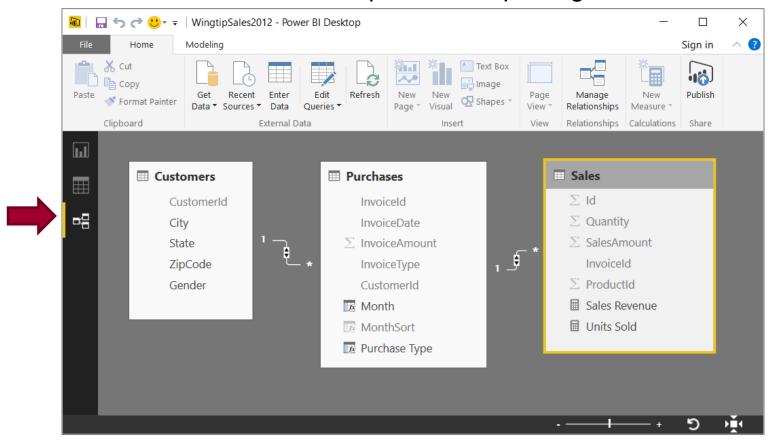
- Data view is used for data modeling
 - Data View displays columns and rows of data for each table
 - Data View used to create calculated columns and measures





Relationship View

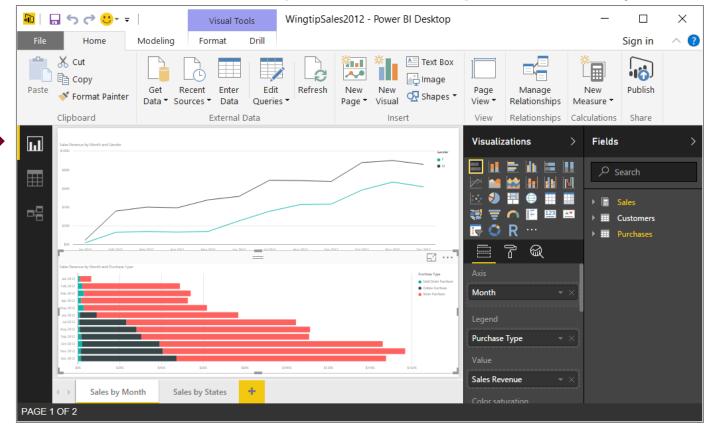
- Displays tables, fields and relationships
 - Used to view tables, fields and relationships in project's dataset
 - Used to create relationships when importing new tables





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





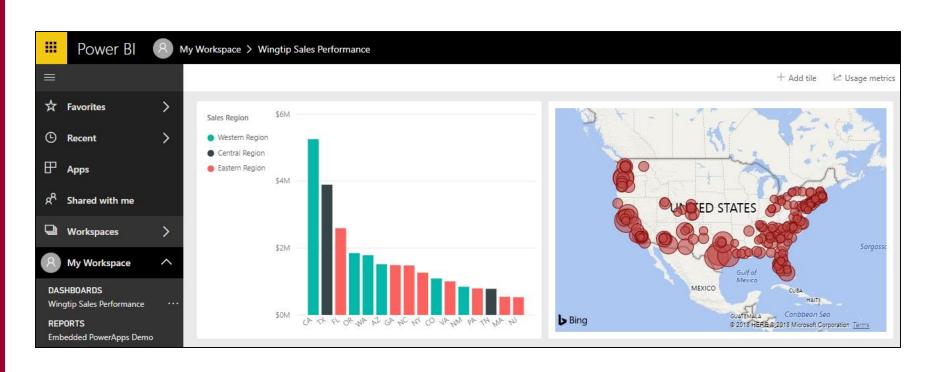


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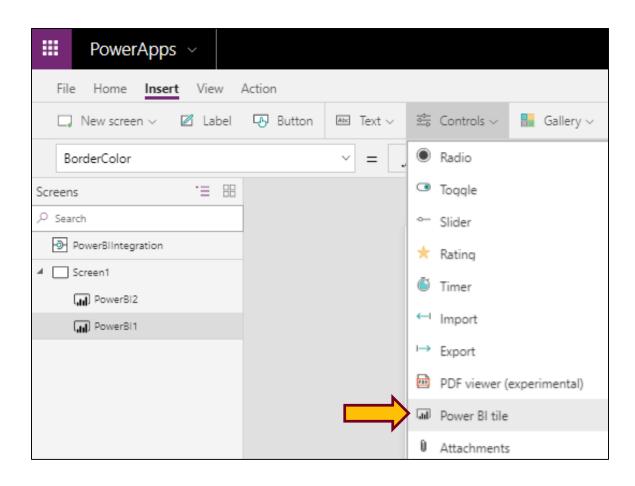


Start by Creating Dashboard Tiles



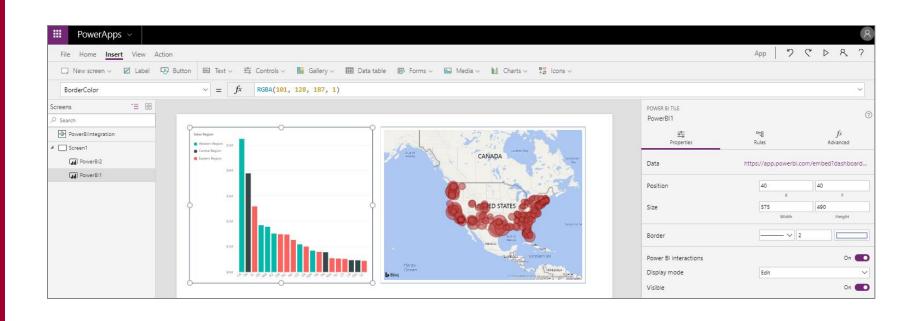


The Power BI Tile Control in PowerApps





Embedding Power BI Dashboard Tiles



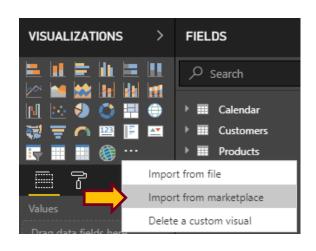


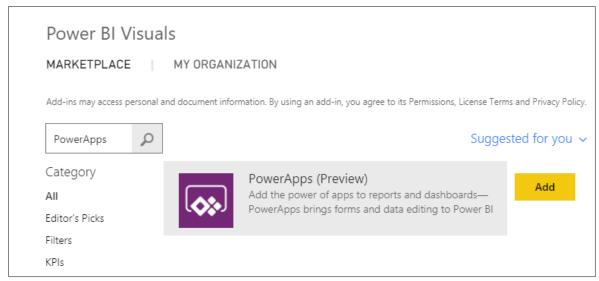
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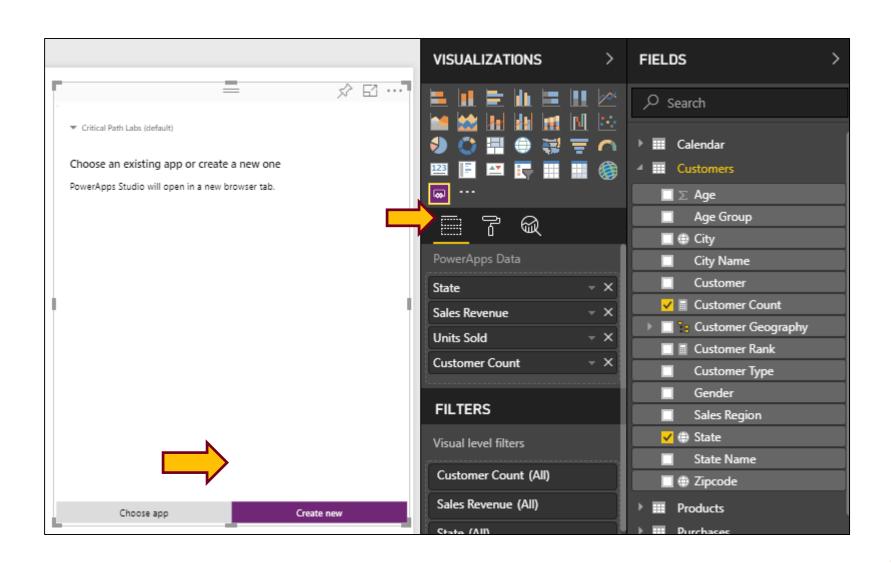
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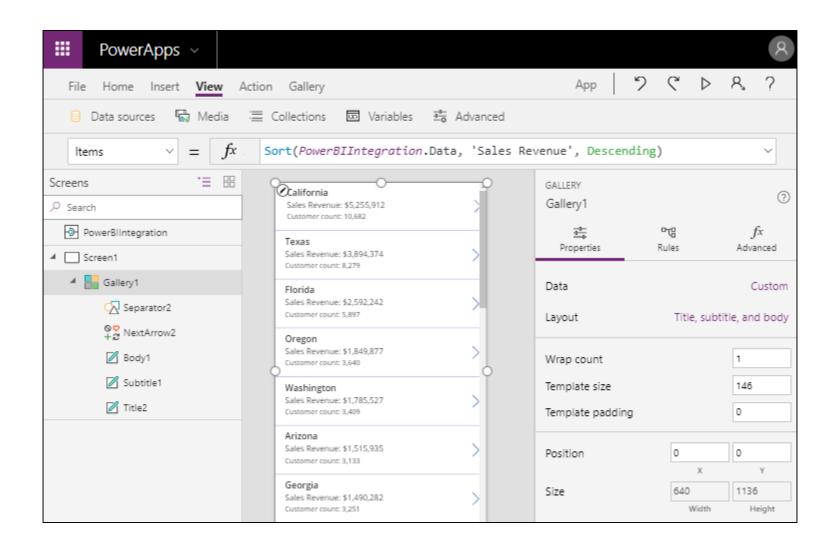


Configuring PowerApps Data Settings



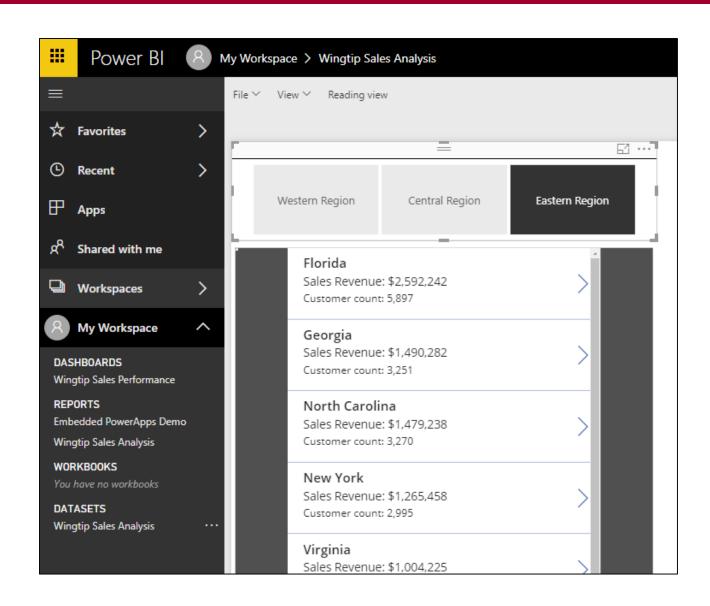


Designing the App in PowerApps Studio





Using the App in Power BI Reports





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