# **Building PowerApps and Flows for Power BI**



### **Agenda**

- Power BI Primer
- Embedding Power BI Dashboard Tiles in PowerApps
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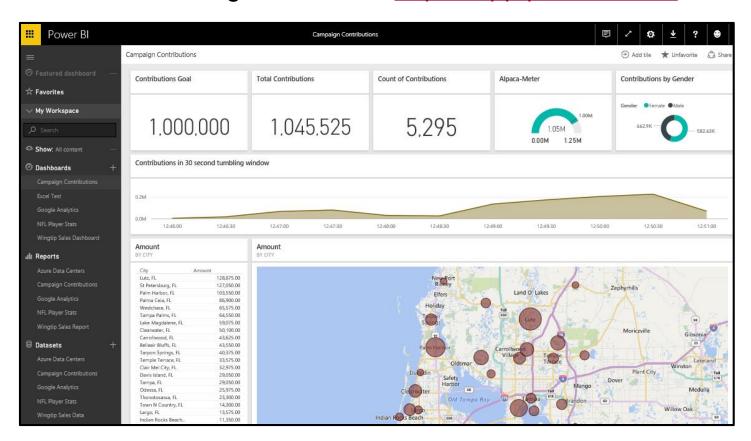
#### What is Power BI?

- 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 <a href="https://app.powerbi.com">https://app.powerbi.com</a>





# **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**

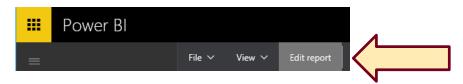
- Reports contain one or more pages
  - A report can be designed with a single page
  - A report can be designed with many pages
  - Tabbed navigation located at bottom of report view
  - Each report is associated with exactly one dataset



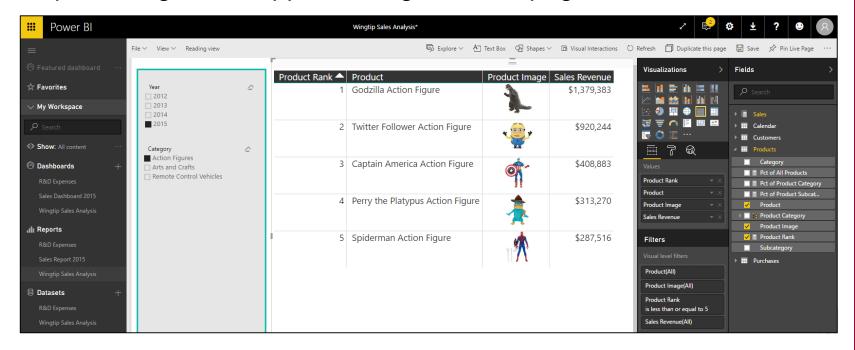


## **Report Authoring**

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



Report design tools appear on right side of page

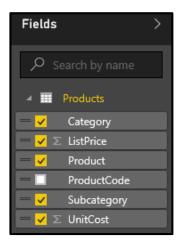


# Visuals (aka Visualizations)

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



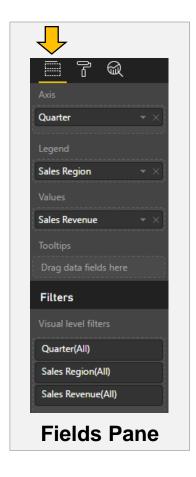
Visuals creating by using fields from tables inside Fields list

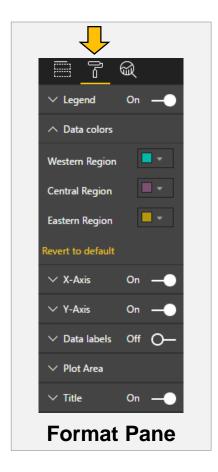




## **Editing Visual Properties**

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



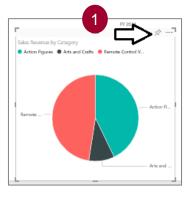


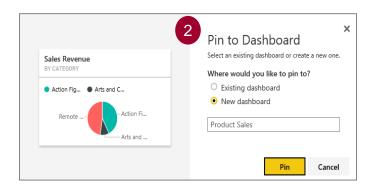


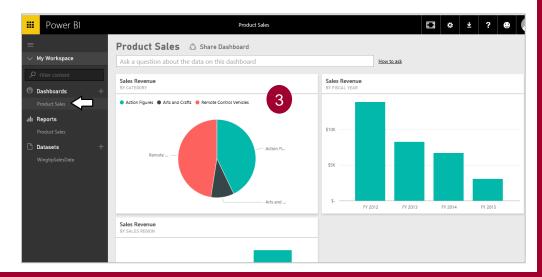


# **Creating Dashboards**

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



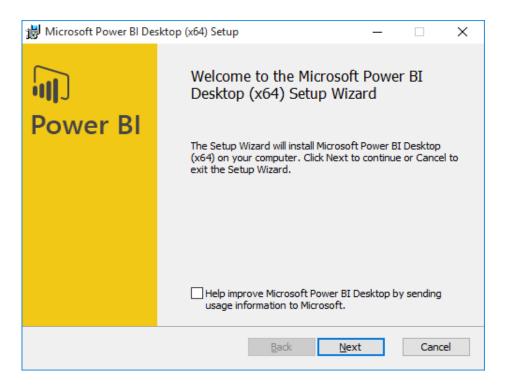




# Installing Power BI Desktop

- 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

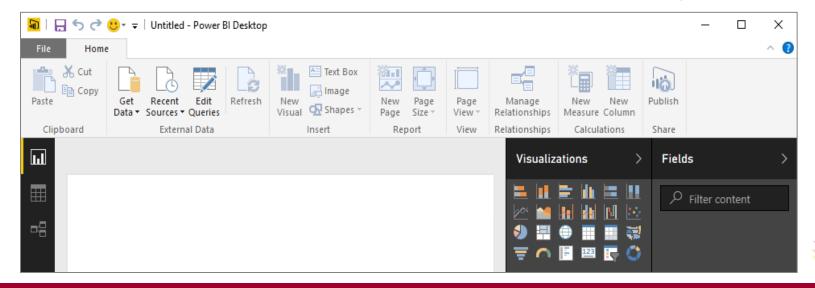






# **Working with Power BI Desktop**

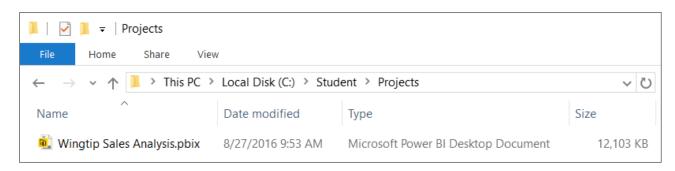
- Power BI Desktop is a Windows application
  - Work is saved and published in terms of projects
  - You can work on multiple projects at once
  - Each project runs in its own Power BI Desktop instance
  - Power BI Desktop can freeze up or act buggy
  - Quit & restart Power BI Desktop if it acts strangely



## **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



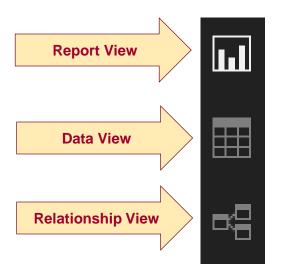


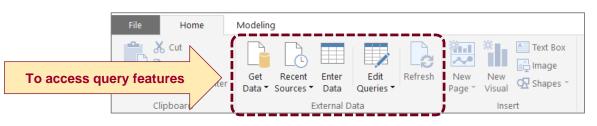
Published articles added to target workspace



## **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

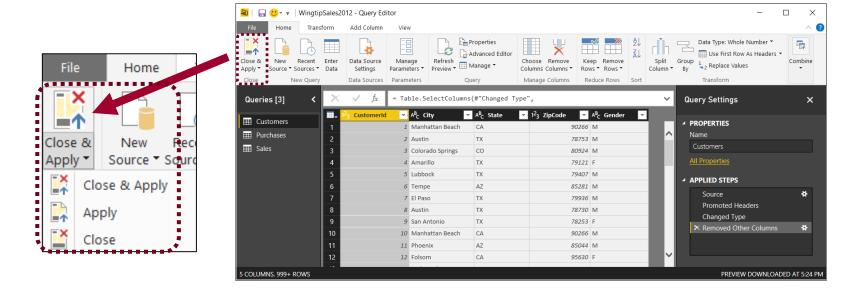






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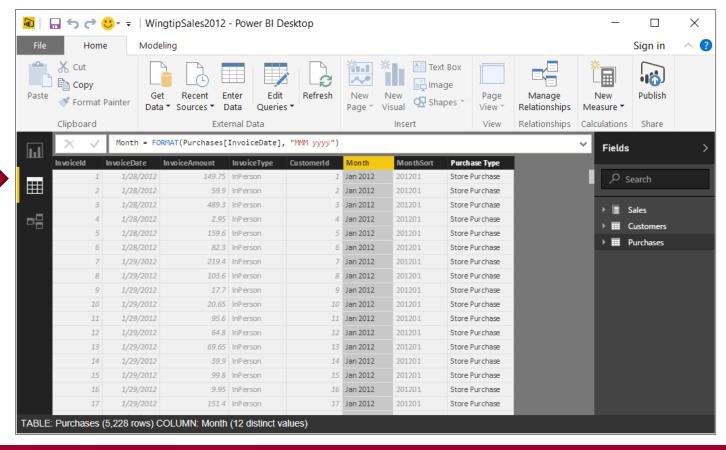
- Power BI Desktop provides separate Query Editor window
  - Provides powerful features for designing queries
  - Displays list of all queries in project on the left
  - Displays Properties and Applied Steps for selected query on right
  - Preview of table generated by query output shown in the middle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





#### **Data View**

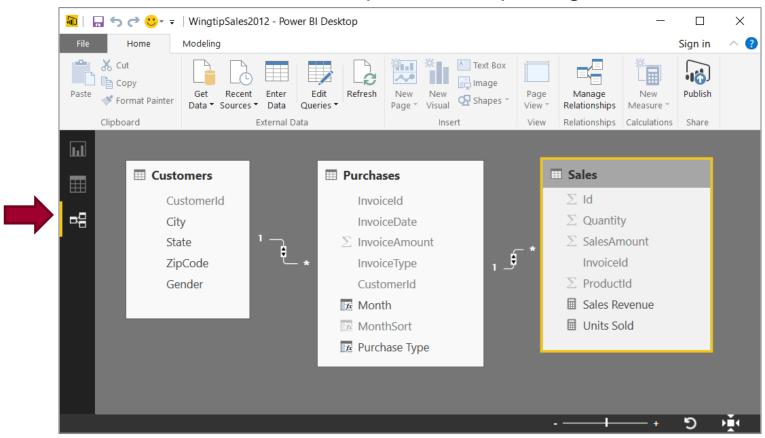
- Data view is used for data modeling
  - Data View displays columns and rows of data for each table
  - Data View used to create calculated columns and measures





## **Relationship View**

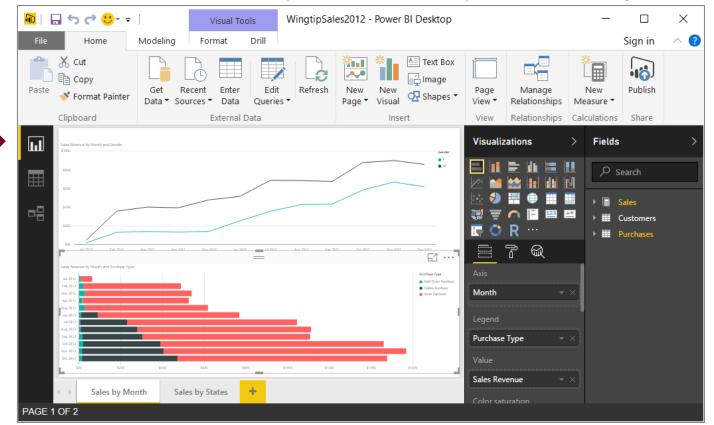
- Displays tables, fields and relationships
  - Used to view tables, fields and relationships in project's dataset
  - Used to create relationships when importing new tables





## **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



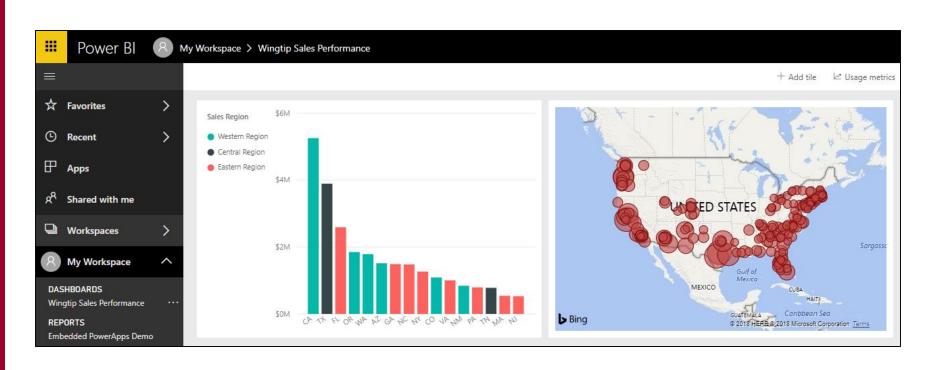


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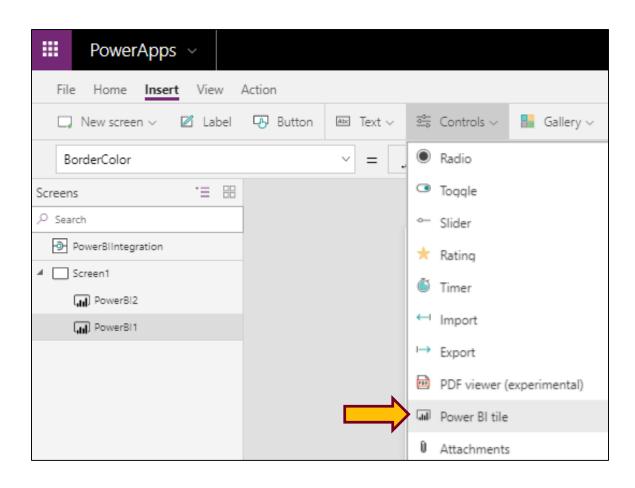


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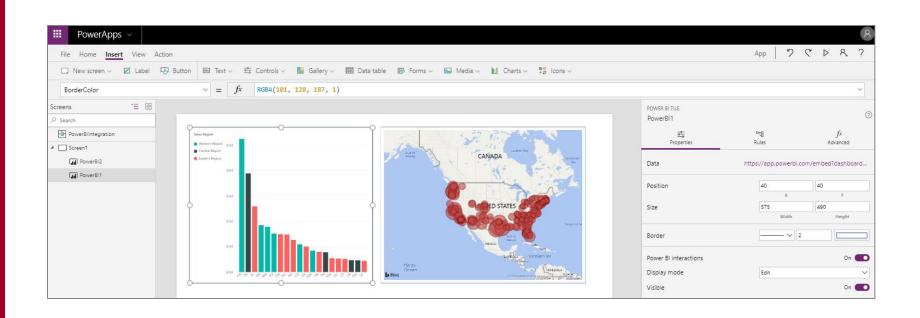


# The Power BI Tile Control in PowerApps





# **Embedding Power BI Dashboard Tiles**



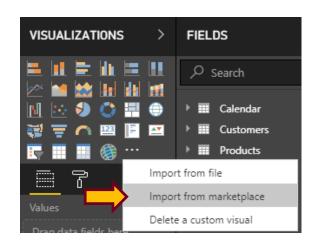


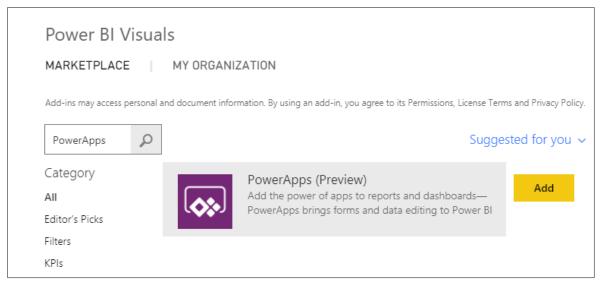
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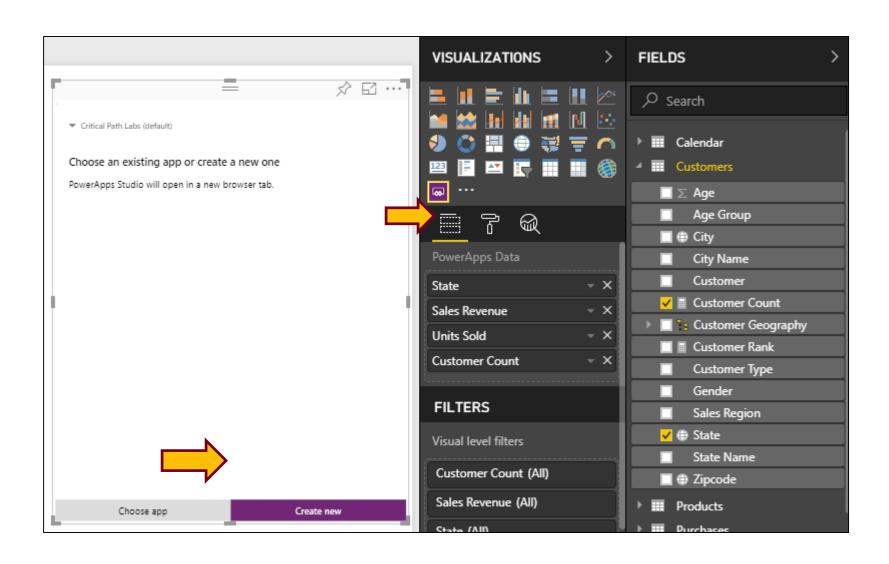
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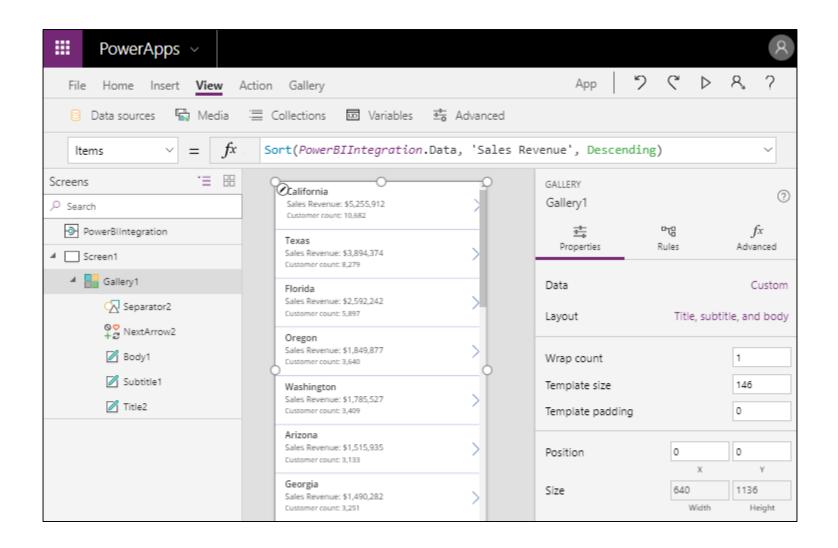


# **Configuring PowerApps Data Settings**



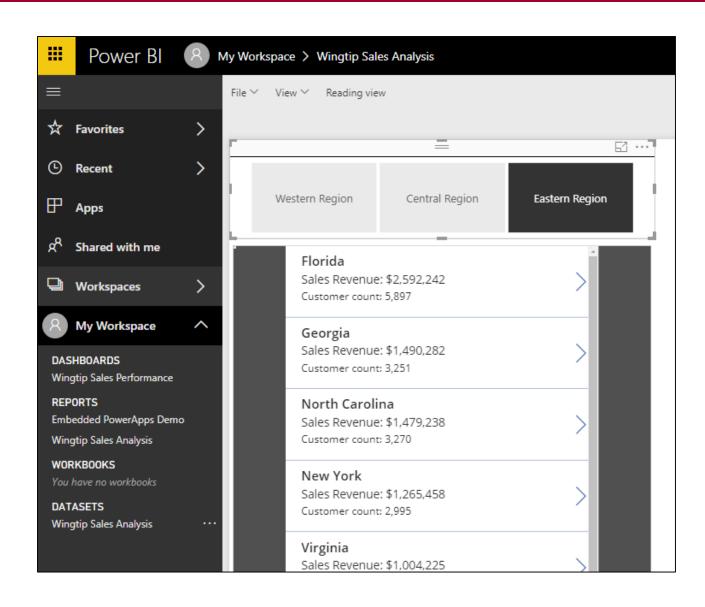


# Designing the App in PowerApps Studio





# **Using the App in Power BI Reports**





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