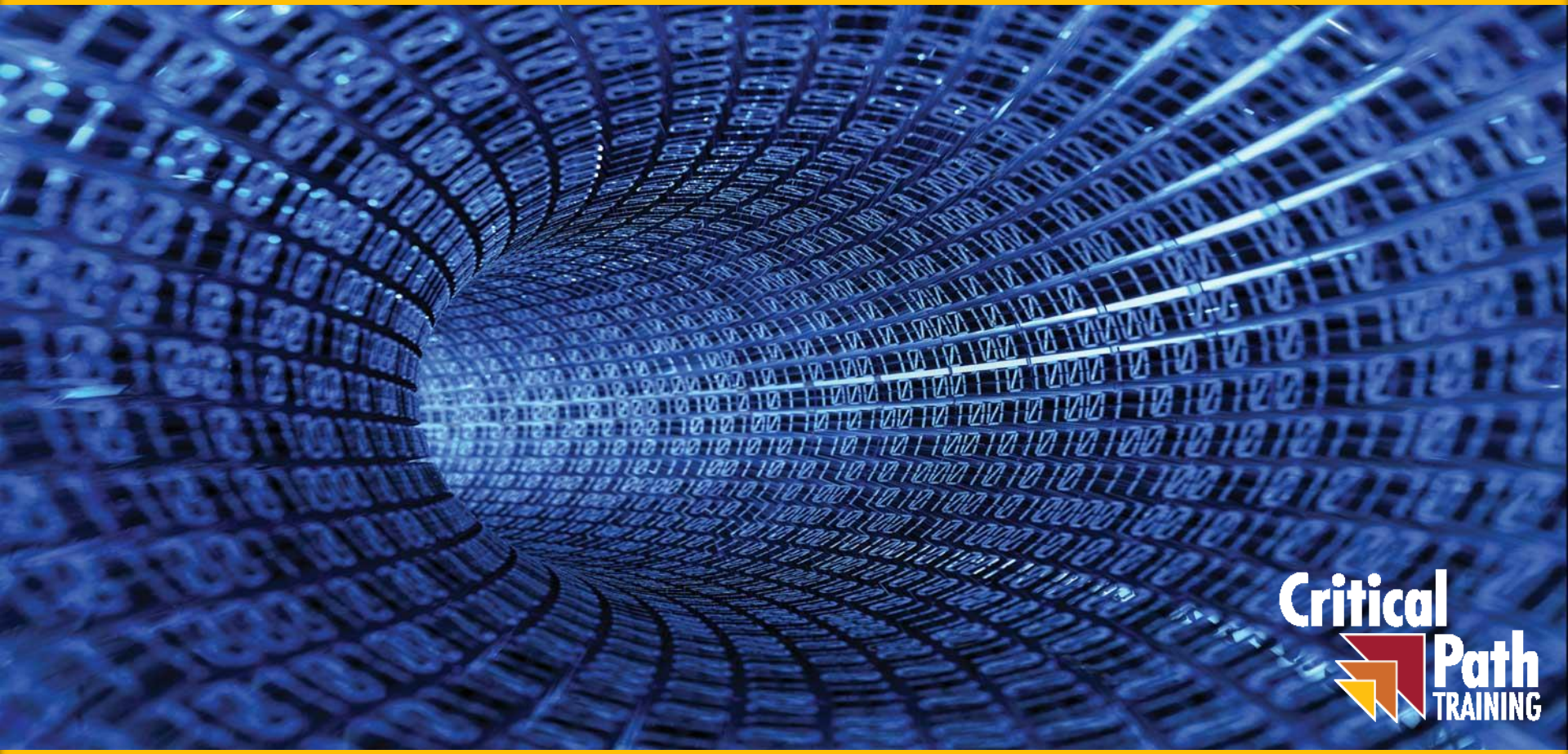
Integrating Power BI with Excel 2016 and Excel Online



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Excel 2016 Integration with Power BI

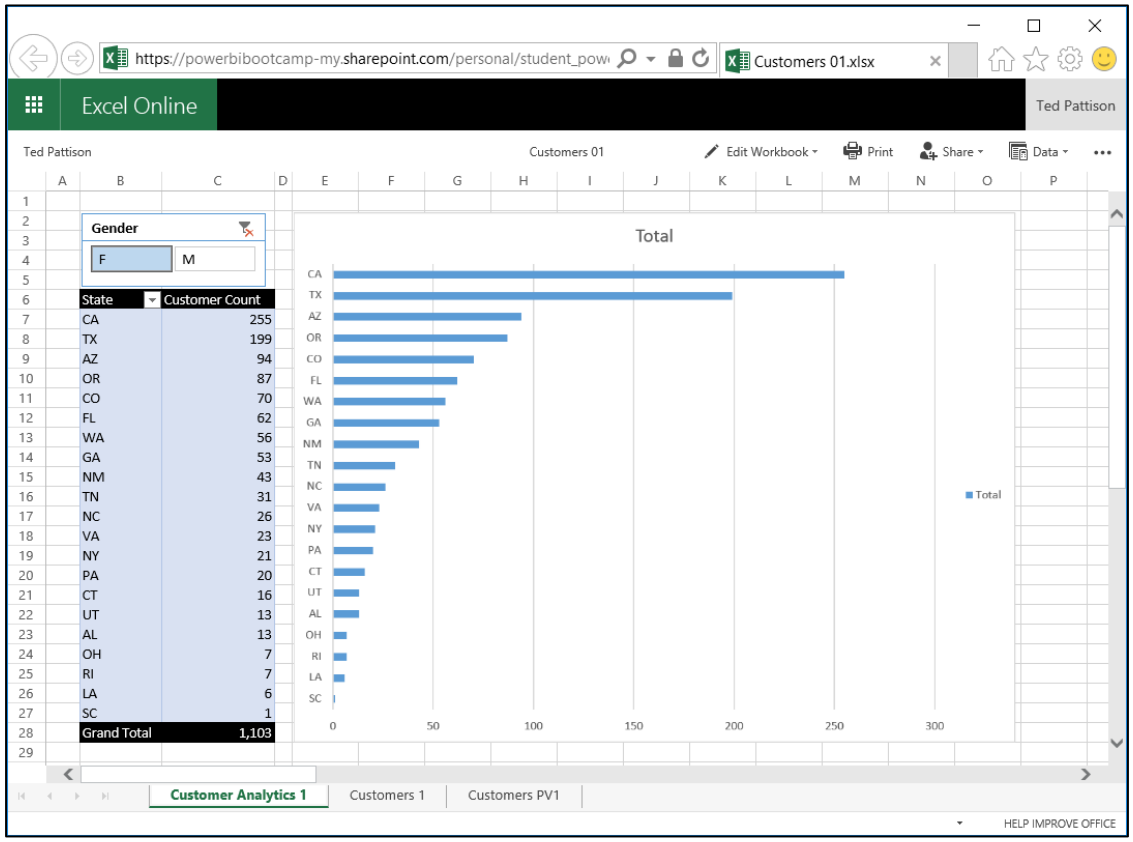
- Excel as a query and data modeling tool
  - Similar query and data modeling features to Power BI Desktop
  - Excel data model can be imported to create Power BI dataset

- Excel as a tool to publish worksheet content to Power BI
  - Excel worksheets can be rendered inside Power BI service
  - Provides best way to create PivotTables in Power BI custom solution
  - **Power BI publisher for Excel** add-in allows publishing to dashboard

- Analyze in Excel Feature
  - Makes it possible to connect Excel workbook to Power BI Dataset
  - Create PivotTables to analyze datasets running in Power BI service

Excel Online Integration with Power BI

- Excel Online used to render Excel workbooks in browser
  - Workbooks in OneDrive & SharePoint can be accessed thru browser
  - Excel Online rending service can be hosted inside Power BI report



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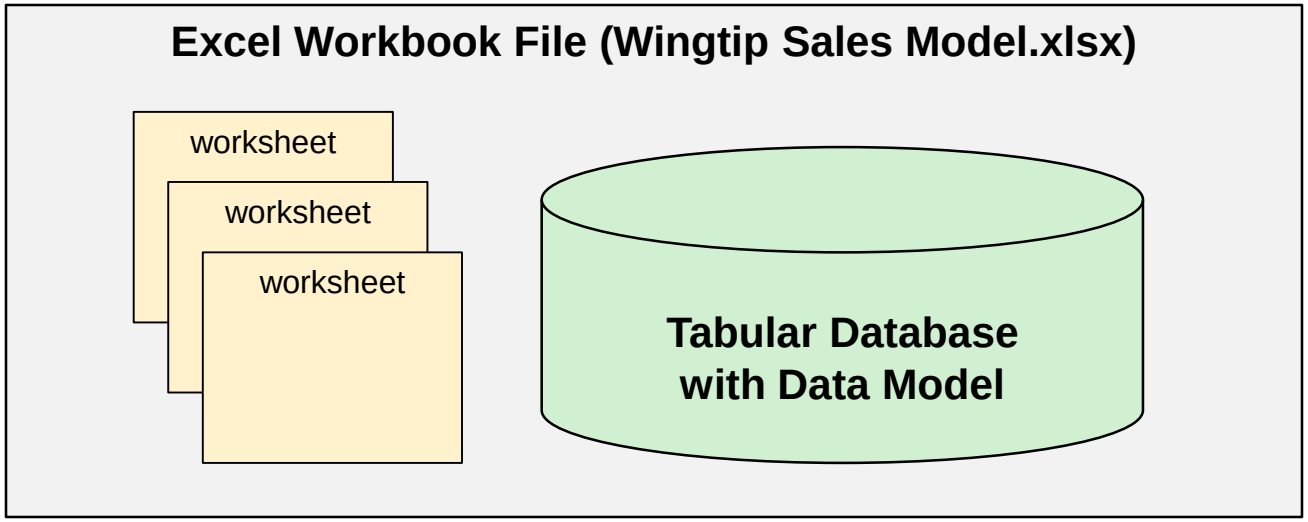
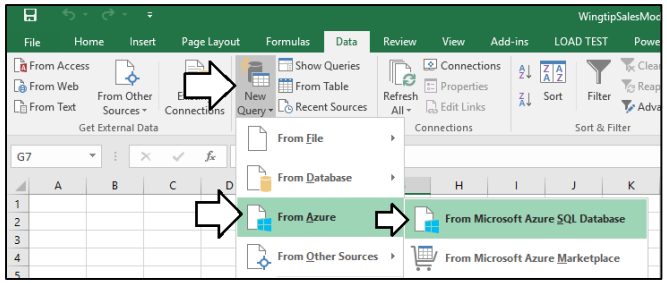
The Excel Data Model

- Every Excel workbook file contains a data model
  - Data model stored as tabular database inside XLSX file
  - Based on **xVelocity** database engine just like PBIDT and SSAS
- When importing data with from an Excel query…
  - You can add the imported data as a table in a worksheet
  - You can add the imported data as a table in the data model

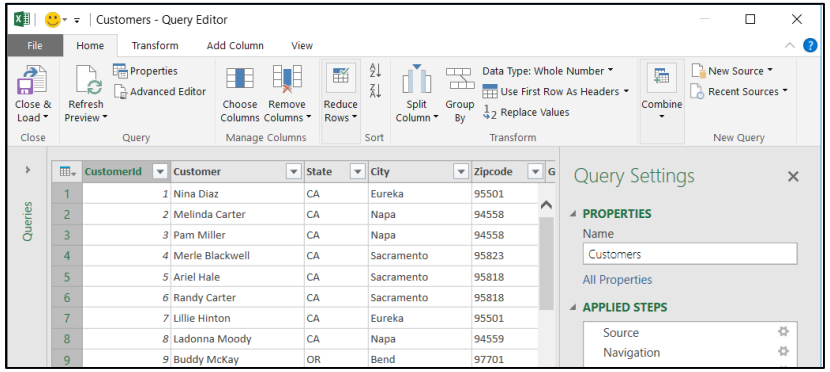


Working with Query Tools in Excel 2016

- Excel 2016 provides query tools similar to PBIDT
  - Included with Excel 2013/2010 using Power Query add-in
  - Included natively in Excel 2016 – Power Query add-in retired
  - Query functionality provided in Query tab in ribbon

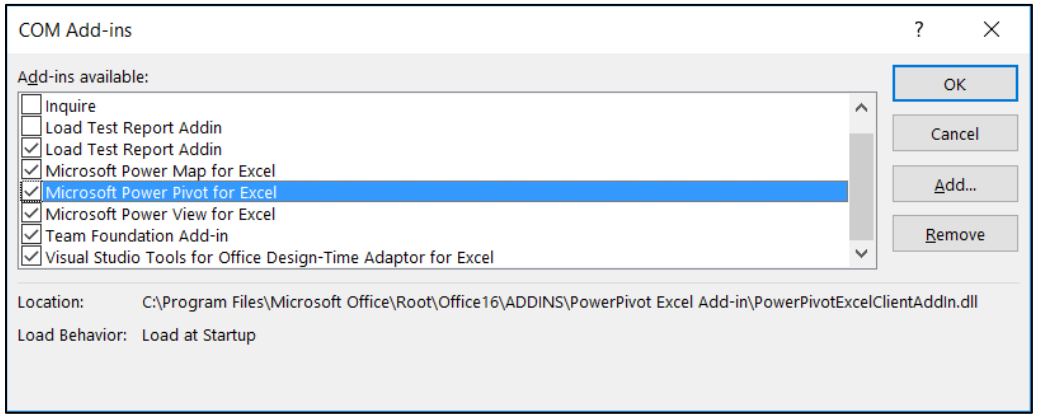


  - Excel queries are edited in separate Query Editor window

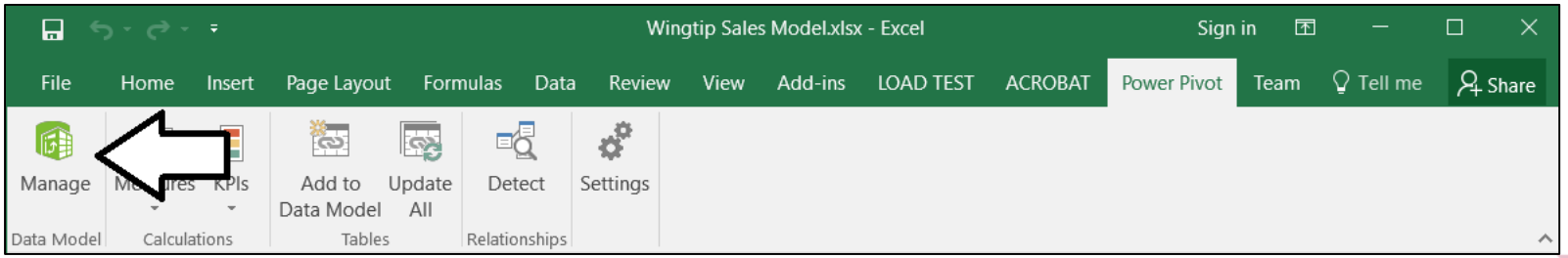


Working with the Power Pivot Add-in

- Data Modeling requires activation of Power Pivot add-in
  - Not activated by default in Excel 2016 or Excel 2013
  - Not activated nor even installed by default in Excel 2010



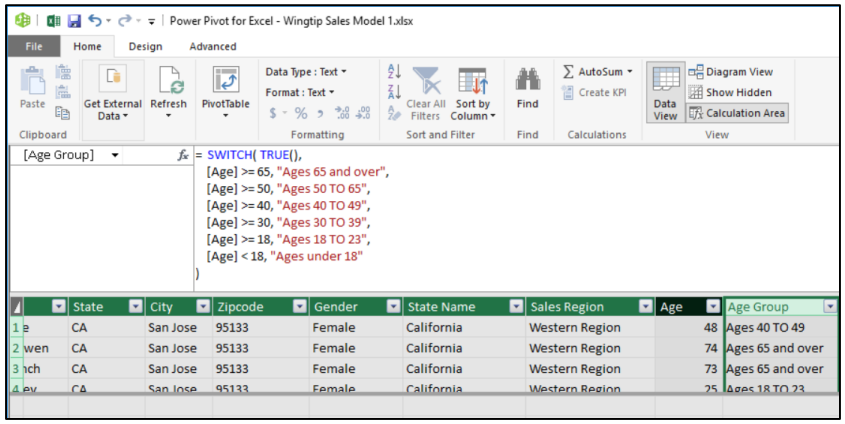
  - Once activated, new **Power Pivot** tab appears in ribbon

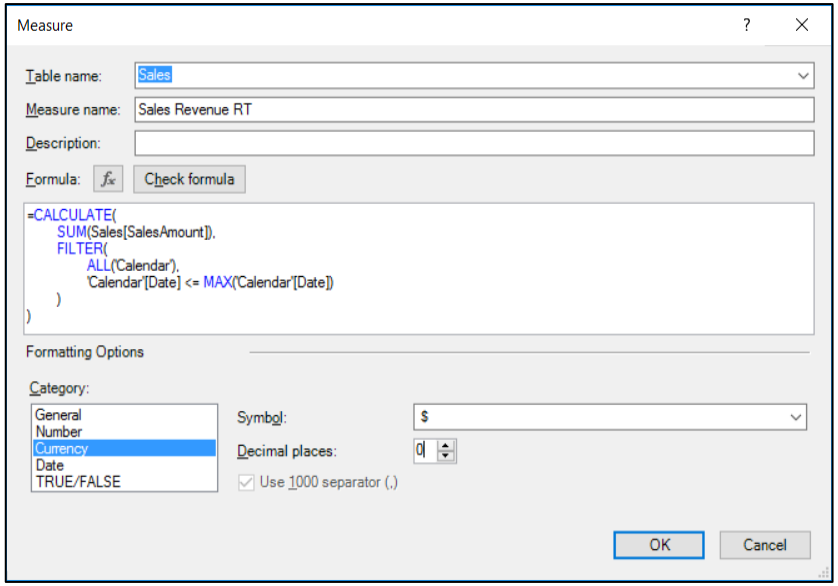


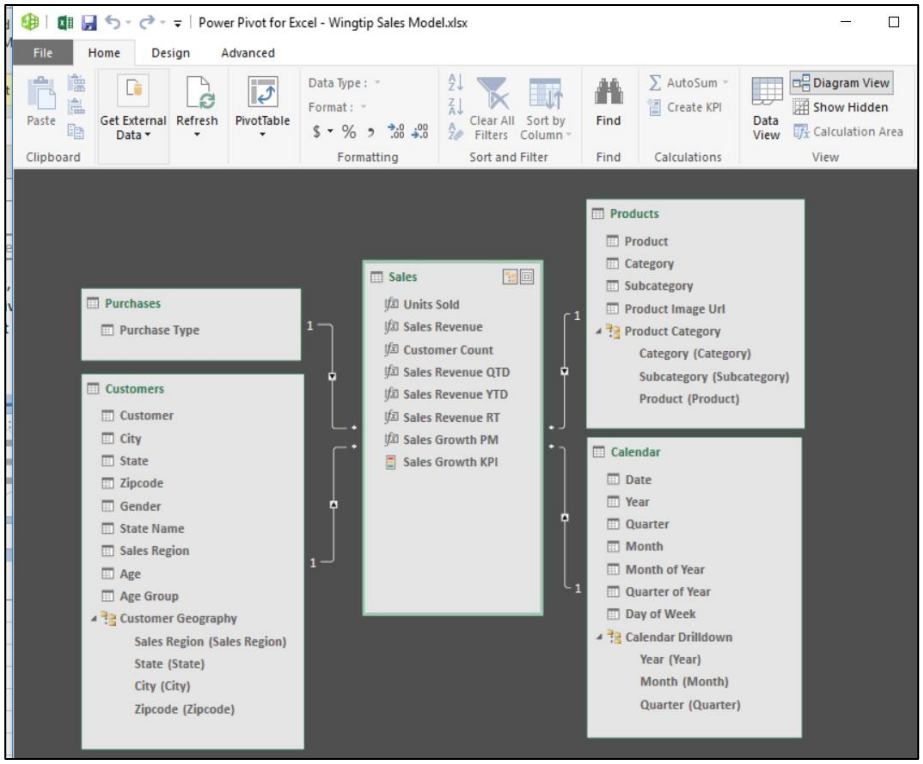
Building Data Models in Excel Workbooks

- You create data model just like in Power BI Desktop
  - Convert column types and format column values
  - Add calculated columns using DAX expressions
  - Add measures using DAX expressions
  - Add a calendar table to support DAX time intelligence
  - Add dimensional hierarchies
- Excel data model supports adding KPIs
  - Power BI Desktop does not provide equivalent feature

Using Power Pivot Add-in for Excel

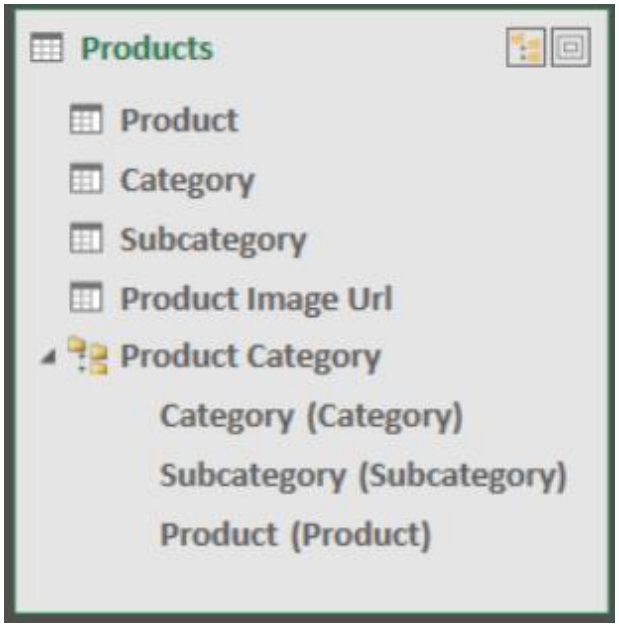






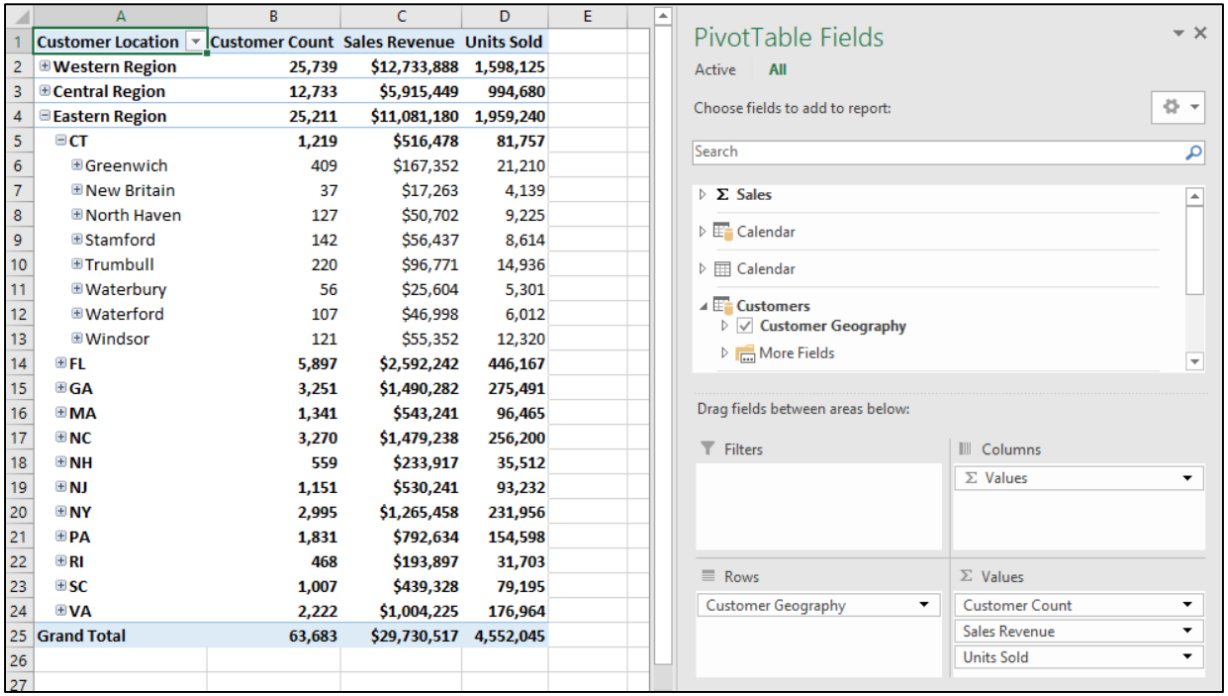
Adding Hierarchies to an Excel Data Model

- Excel data model supports dimensional hierarchies
  - All column in a hierarchy must be from single table
  - Provides the same effect as dimensional hierarchies in PBIDT
  - Technique for creating hierarchies in Excel different from PBIDT



Creating PivotTables from Excel Data Model

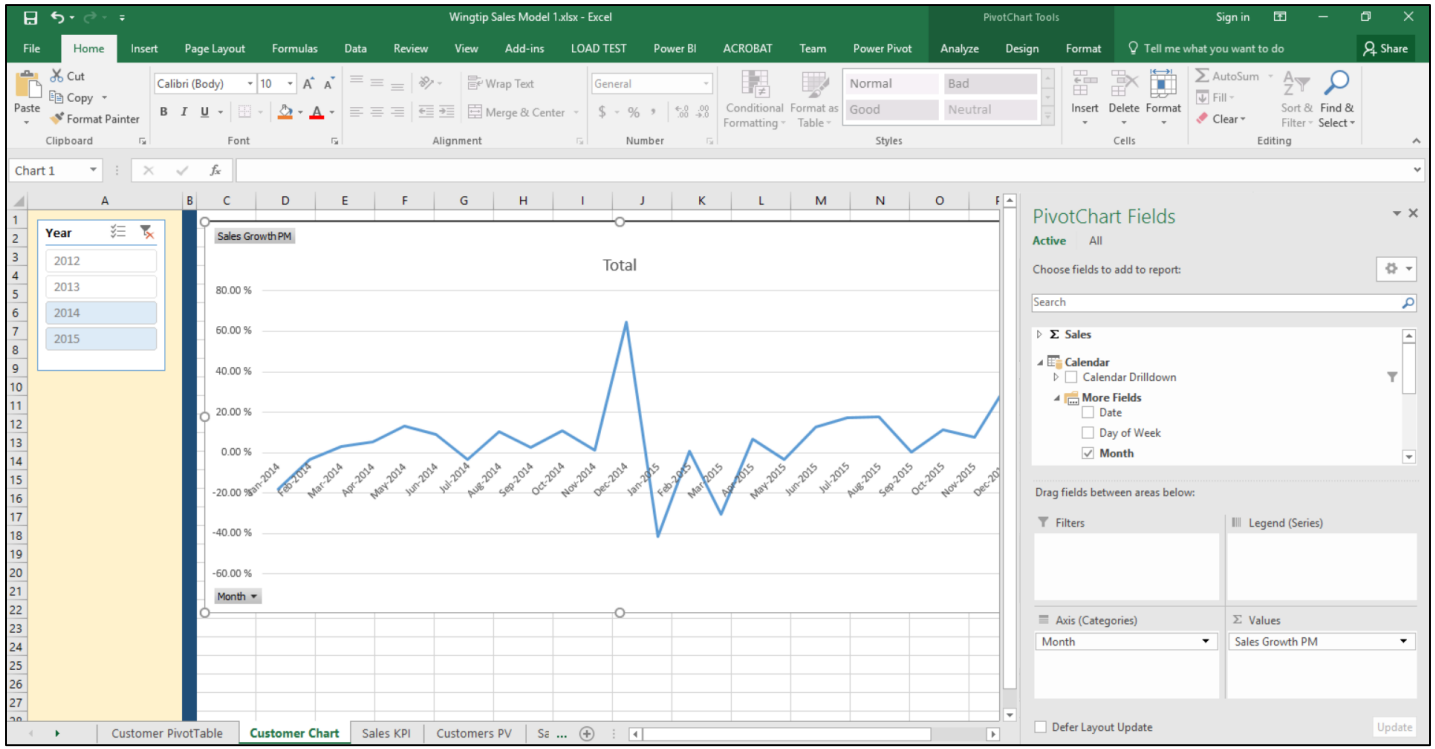
- Excel allows creation of PivotTables from data model
  - PivotTables are very popular with business users and data analysts
  - PivotTable allows user-friendly drilldown during data analysis
  - Excel PivotTables can be published to Excel Online
  - Power BI currently offers no visualization that matches Excel PivotTable



Customer Location	Customer Count	Sales Revenue	Units Sold
Western Region	25,739	$12,733,888	1,598,125
Central Region	12,733	$5,915,449	994,680
Eastern Region	25,211	$11,081,180	1,959,240
CT	1,219	$516,478	81,757
Greenwich	409	$167,352	21,210
New Britain	37	$17,263	4,139
North Haven	127	$50,702	9,225
Stamford	142	$56,437	8,614
Trumbull	220	$96,771	14,936
Waterbury	56	$25,604	5,301
Waterford	107	$46,998	6,012
Windsor	121	$55,352	12,320
FL	5,897	$2,592,242	446,167
GA	3,251	$1,490,282	275,491
MA	1,341	$543,241	96,465
NC	3,270	$1,479,238	256,200
NH	559	$233,917	35,512
NJ	1,151	$530,241	93,232
NY	2,995	$1,265,458	231,956
PA	1,831	$792,634	154,598
RI	468	$193,897	31,703
SC	1,007	$439,328	79,195
VA	2,222	$1,004,225	176,964
Grand Total	63,683	$29,730,517	4,552,045

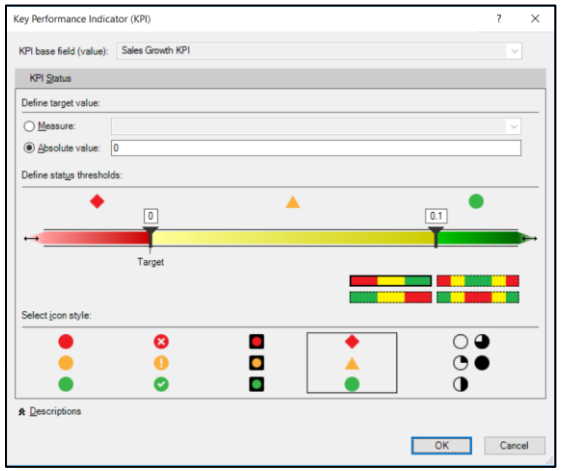
Creating a Chart from an Excel Data Model

- Excel provides rich charting capabilities
  - Excel charts can also be published to Excel Online



KPIs in an Excel Data Model

- Excel supports adding KPIs to data model
  - KPI created as visual layer on top of a measure
  - Power BI Desktop has no equivalent KPI support
  - Excel KPI can be used in Excel PivotTable



Sales Revenue YTD	Sales Revenue RT	Sales Growth PM	Sales Growth KPI Status
$959,863	$18,534,277	-41.65 %	
$1,929,193	$19,503,607	0.99 %	
$2,604,726	$20,179,140	-30.31 %	
$3,327,182	$20,901,596	6.95 %	
$4,025,494	$21,599,908	-3.34 %	
$4,811,286	$22,385,700	12.53 %	
$5,733,280	$23,307,694	17.33 %	
$6,817,469	$24,391,883	17.59 %	
$7,906,332	$25,480,746	0.43 %	
$9,118,142	$26,692,556	11.29 %	
$10,423,171	$27,997,585	7.69 %	
$12,156,103	$29,730,517	32.79 %	
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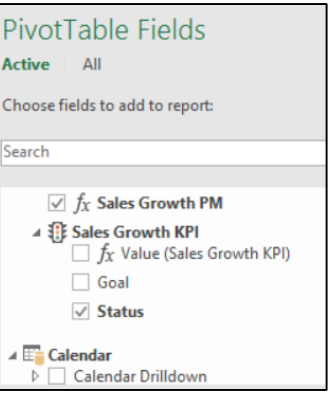
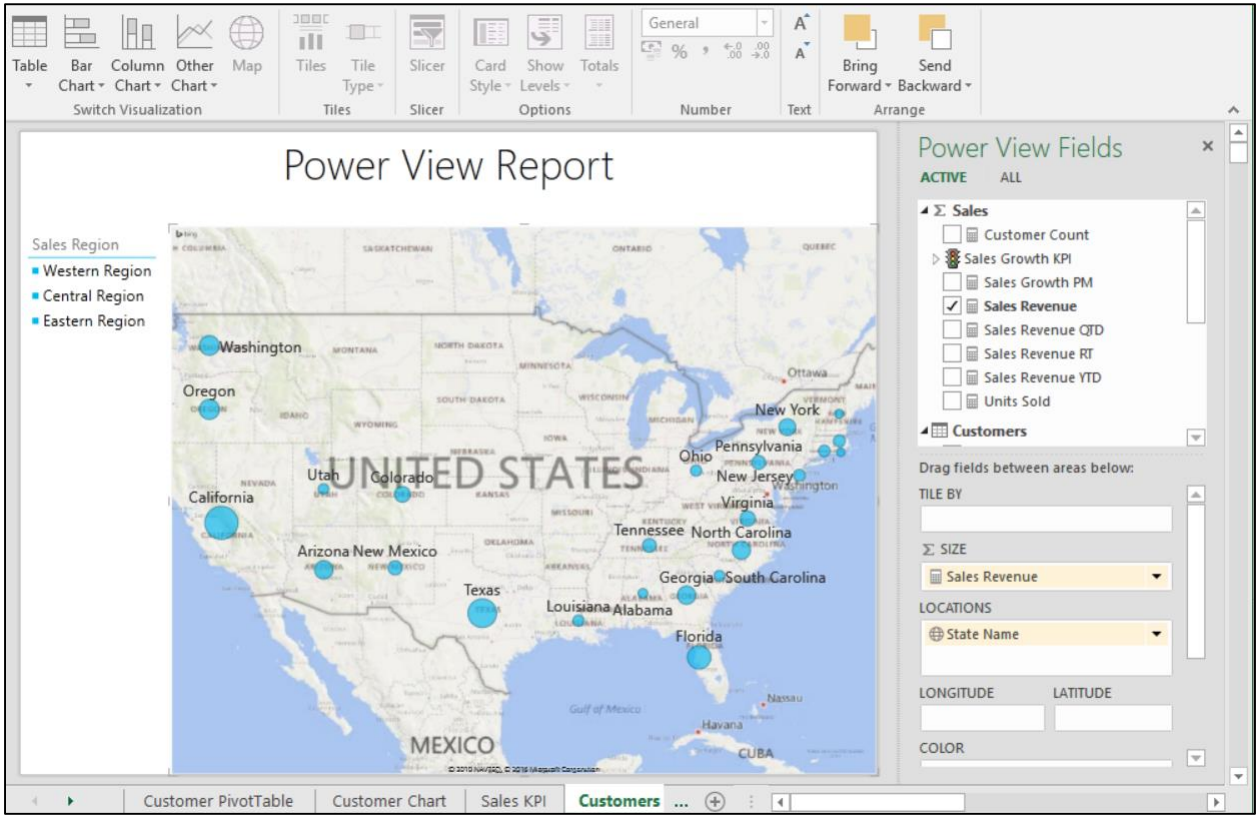


  - KPI from Excel data model can be used in Power BI report

Power View Reports in Excel

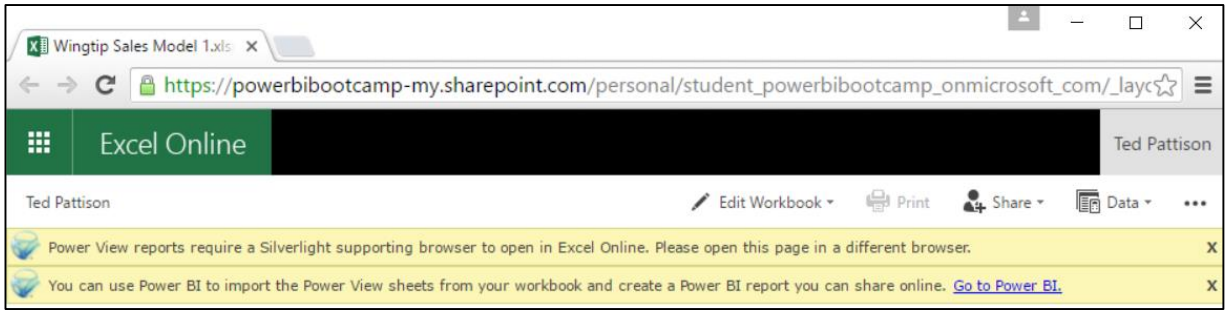
- Excel 2013 supports creating reports with Power View
  - Power View is reporting layer on top of Excel data model
  - Power View report added as worksheet within workbook file

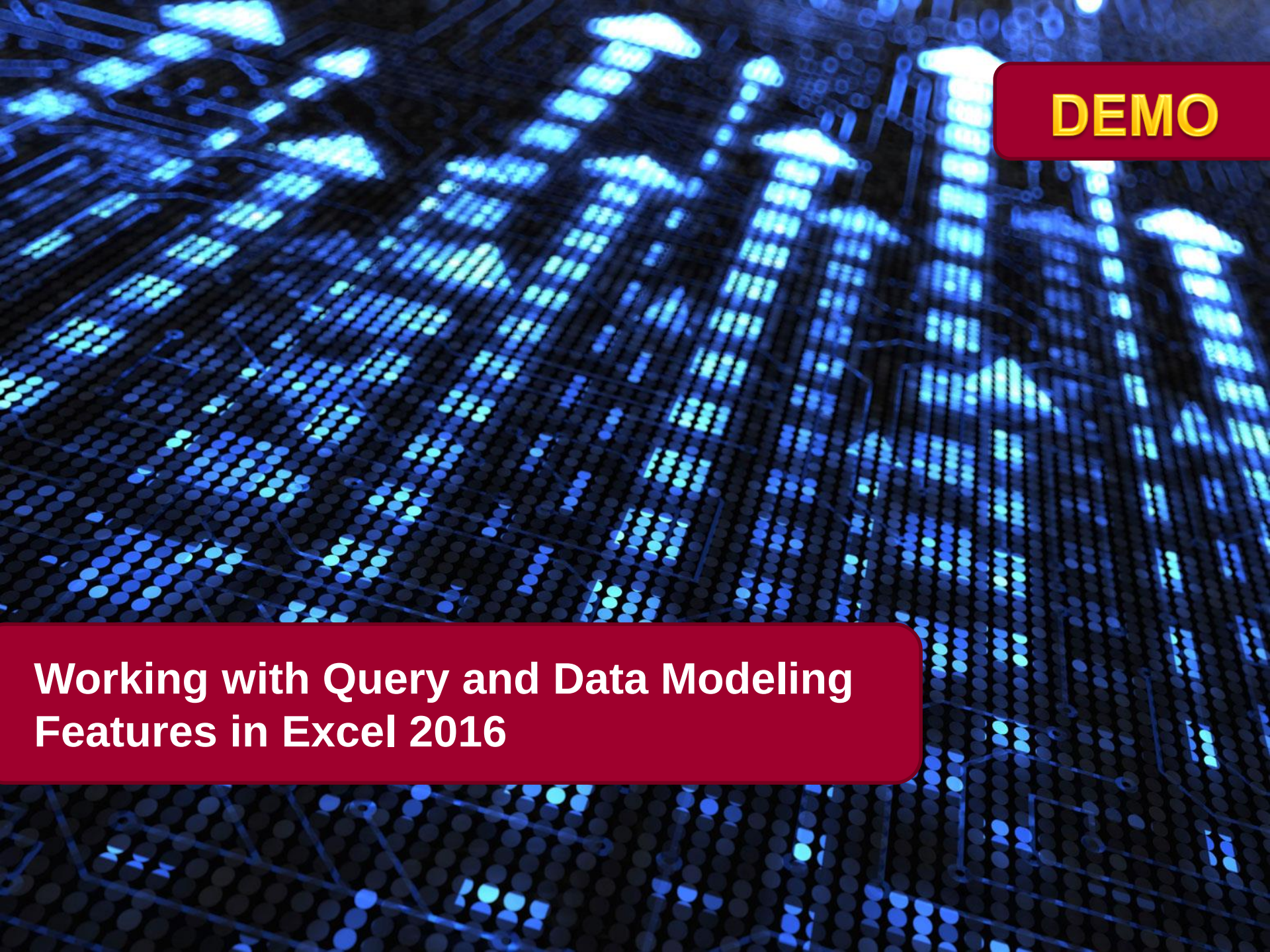


Power View Requires Silverlight

- Use of Power View requires Microsoft Silverlight
  - Required when using Power View in Excel and in Browser
  - Often requires user to install Silverlight

- Silverlight dependencies considered undesirable
  - Power View reports inaccessible to many browsers and mobile devices
  - Microsoft is currently trying to move away from using Silverlight

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Working with Query and Data Modeling Features in Excel 2016

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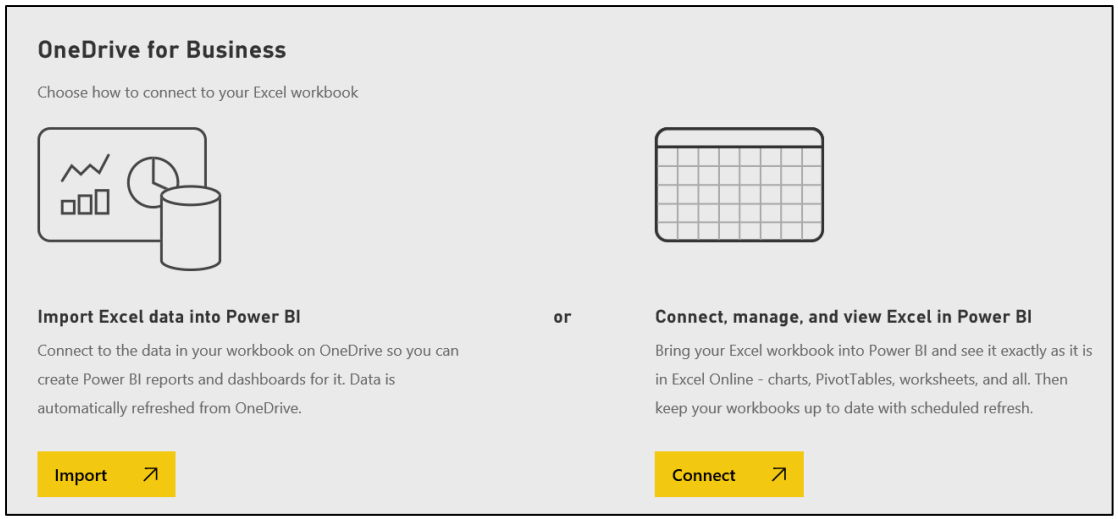
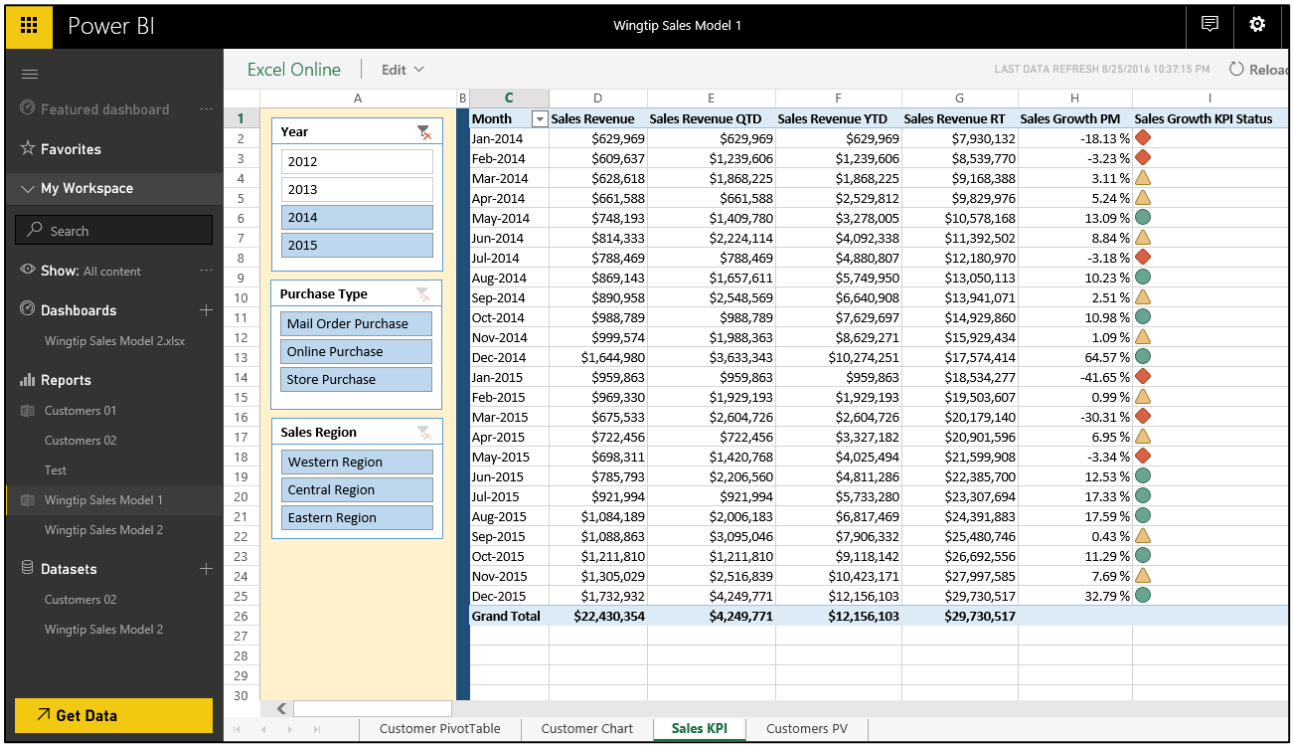
Connect versus Import

- Connecting to a Workbook from Power BI
  - Excel workbook file becomes live source of data
  - Power BI service hosted Excel Online to render Excel workbook
  - Power View reports can be viewed in browser but require Silverlight
- Importing a Workbook into Power BI
  - Data model from workbook file is converted into Power BI dataset
  - Power View reports converted to Power BI reports



Hosting Excel Online inside Power BI

- What happens when you "Connect To" an Excel workbook?
  - Excel workbook renders inside Power BI using Excel Online hosting
  - Makes it easy to add Excel workbooks into Power BI user experience
  - Best way to provide true PivotTables from a Power BI solution



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Jan-2014	$629,969	$629,969	$629,969	$7,930,132	-18.13 %	
Feb-2014	$609,637	$1,239,606	$1,239,606	$8,539,770	-3.23 %	
Mar-2014	$628,618	$1,868,225	$1,868,225	$9,168,388	3.11 %	
Apr-2014	$661,588	$661,588	$2,529,812	$9,829,976	5.24 %	
May-2014	$748,193	$1,409,780	$3,278,005	$10,578,168	13.09 %	
Jun-2014	$814,333	$2,224,114	$4,092,338	$11,392,502	8.84 %	
Jul-2014	$788,469	$788,469	$4,880,807	$12,180,970	-3.18 %	
Aug-2014	$869,143	$1,657,611	$5,749,950	$13,050,113	10.23 %	
Sep-2014	$890,958	$2,548,569	$6,640,908	$13,941,071	2.51 %	
Oct-2014	$988,789	$988,789	$7,629,697	$14,929,860	10.98 %	
Nov-2014	$999,574	$1,988,363	$8,629,271	$15,929,434	1.09 %	
Dec-2014	$1,644,980	$3,633,343	$10,274,251	$17,574,414	64.57 %	
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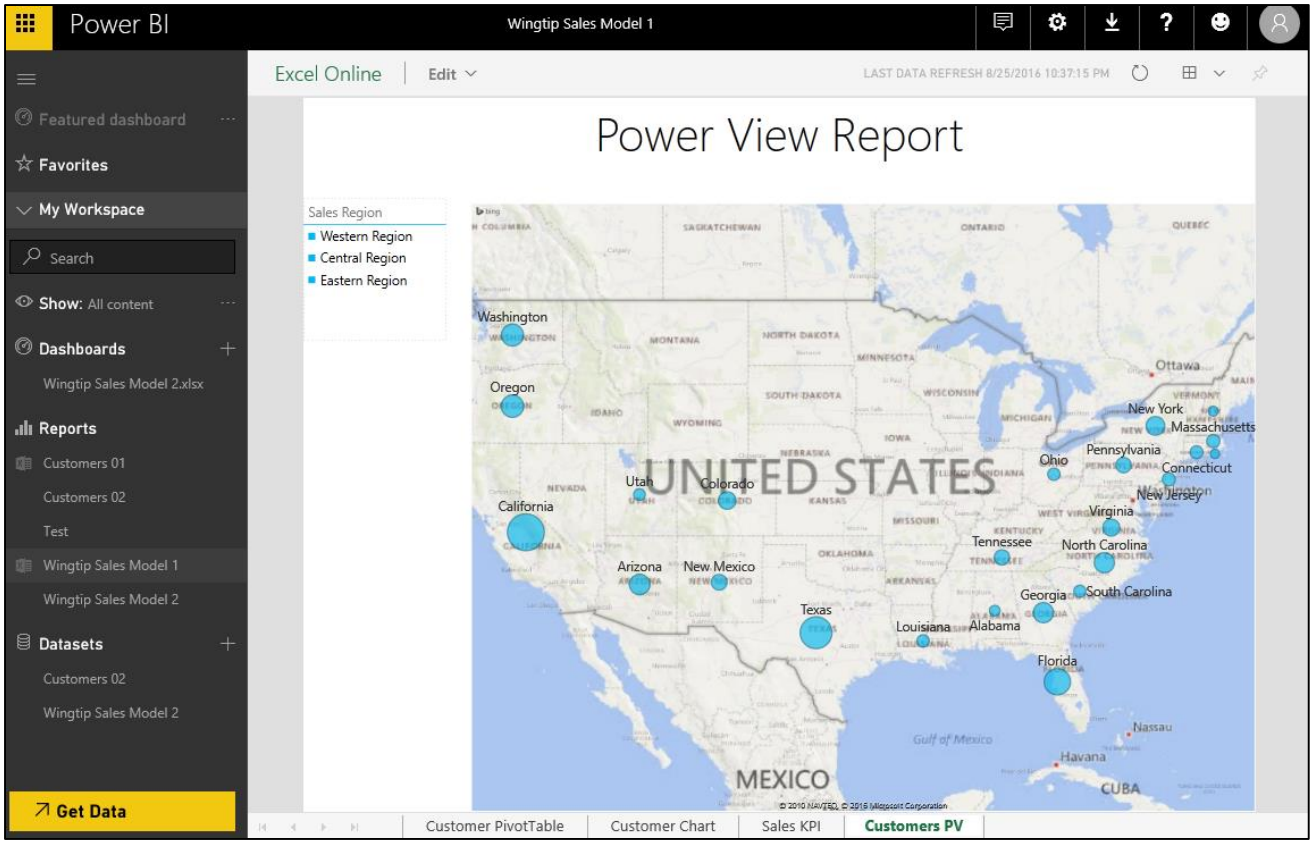
Grand Total	**$22,430,354**	**$4,249,771**	**$12,156,103**	**$29,730,517**		

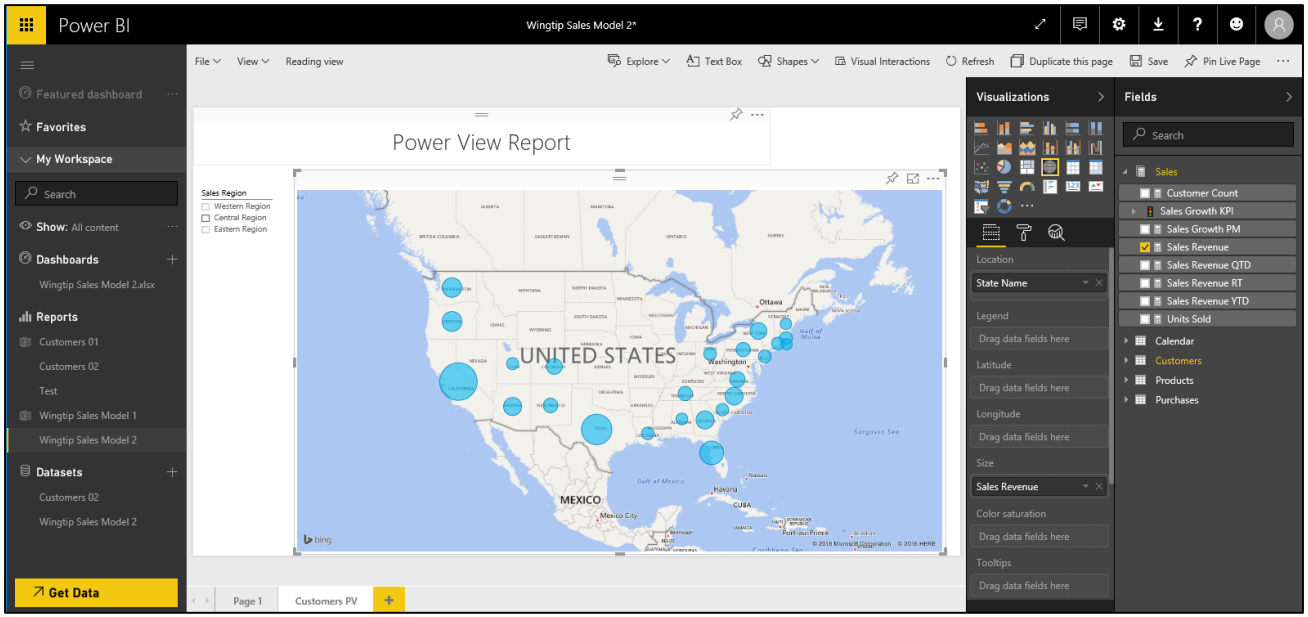
"Connecting To" a Power View Report

- When connecting to workbook with Power Reports…
  - Excel Online can render Power View reports in Power BI service
  - Requires a Silverlight-enabled browser – this can be a pain point



"Importing" Power View Reports

- Importing worksheet with Power View report…
  - Power View report converted into Power BI report
  - Silverlight elements replaced with Power BI visuals
  - Silverlight dependencies removed for broader reach
  - After importing, you can continue to edit report



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Understanding "Connect" versus "Import" with Excel Worksheets

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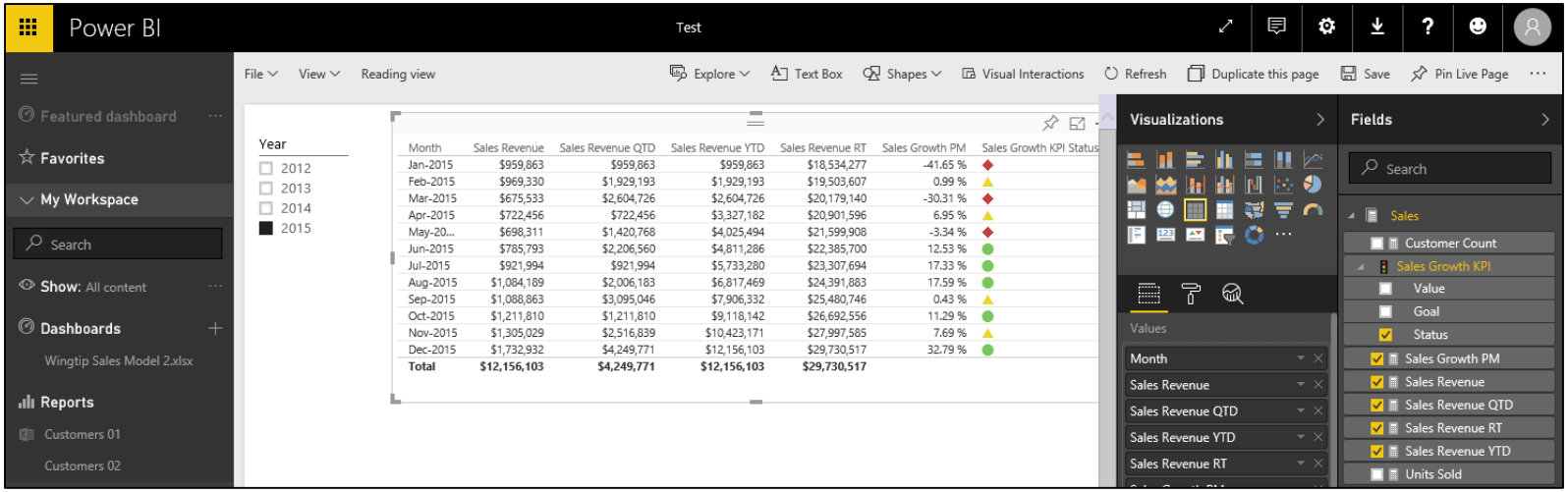
Importing an Excel Data Model into Power BI

- Excel Data Model can be imported into Power BI
  - Done by importing Excel workbook with a data model
  - Excel data model converted into Power BI dataset
  - Dataset can be used to design reports and dashboards
  - KPIs from data model can be added to Power BI report



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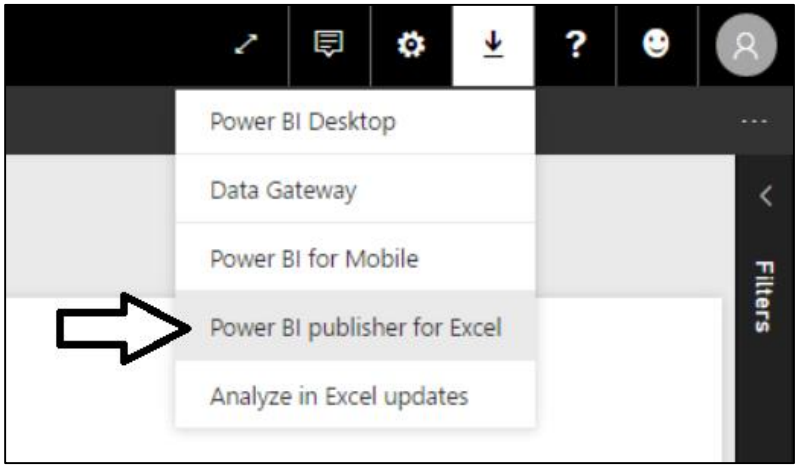
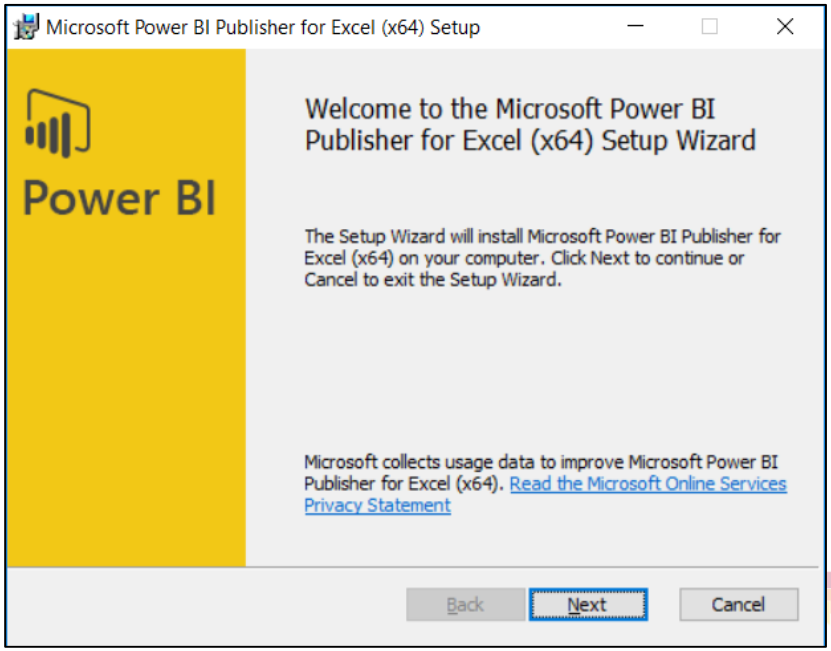
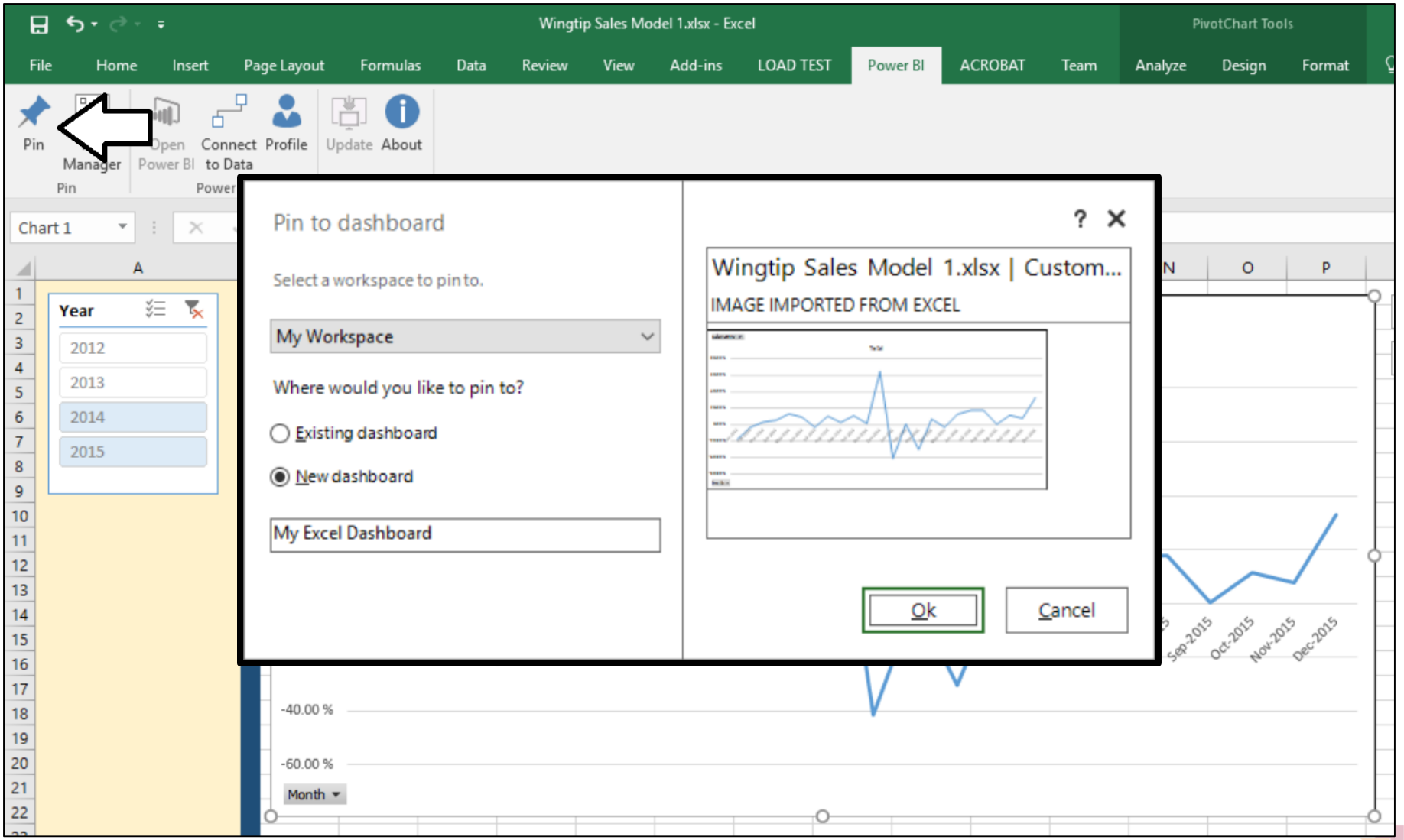
Power BI Publisher for Excel Add-in

- What is the Power BI Publisher for Excel Add-in?
  - An add-in that you first must downloaded and install
  - A utility to pin Excel elements to Power BI dashboard
  - Worksheet elements are pinned as non-dynamic snapshots
  - Pinned elements can be updated manually when needed

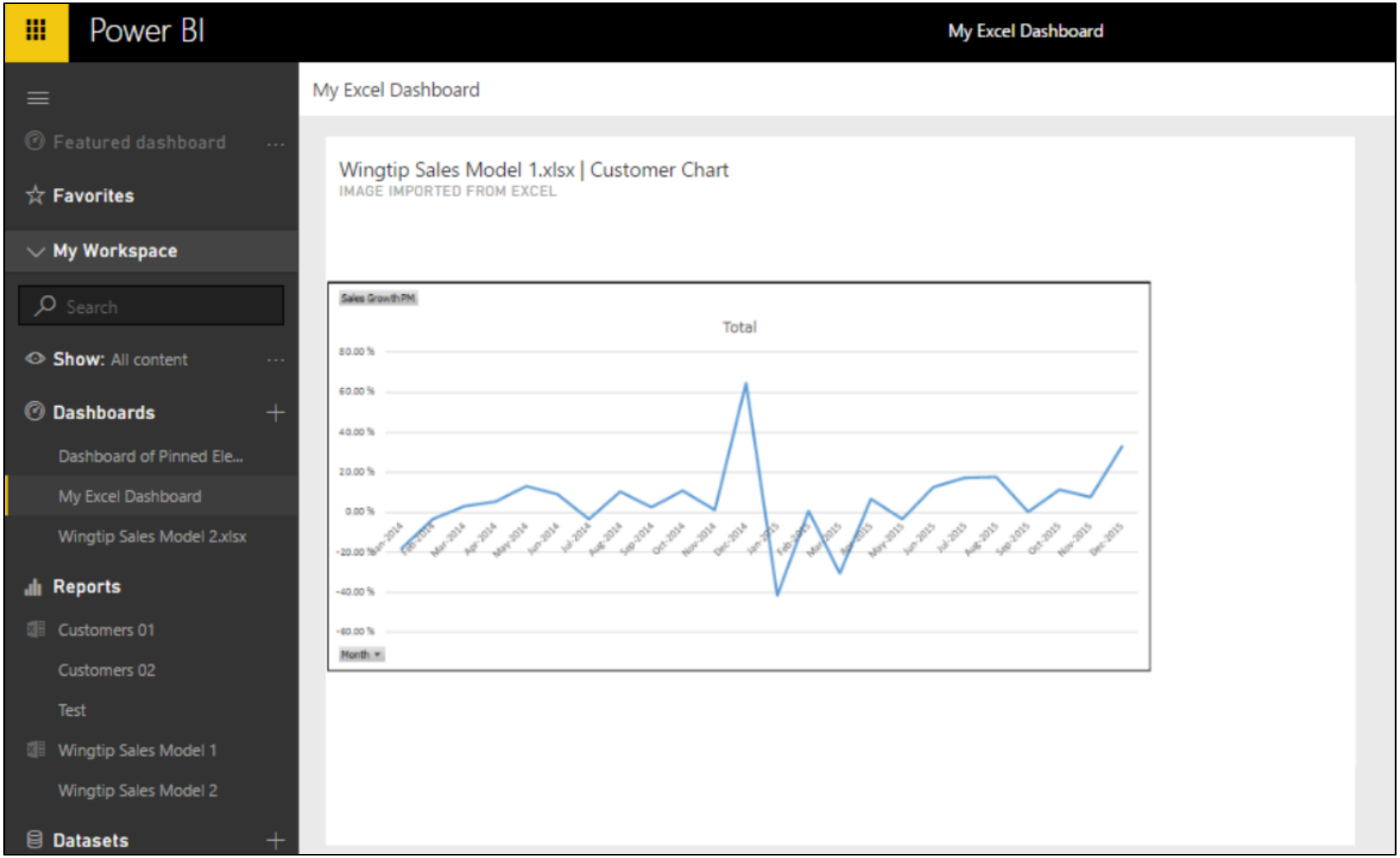




Pinning an Excel Chart to a Dashboard



A Pinned Excel Chart in a Dashboard



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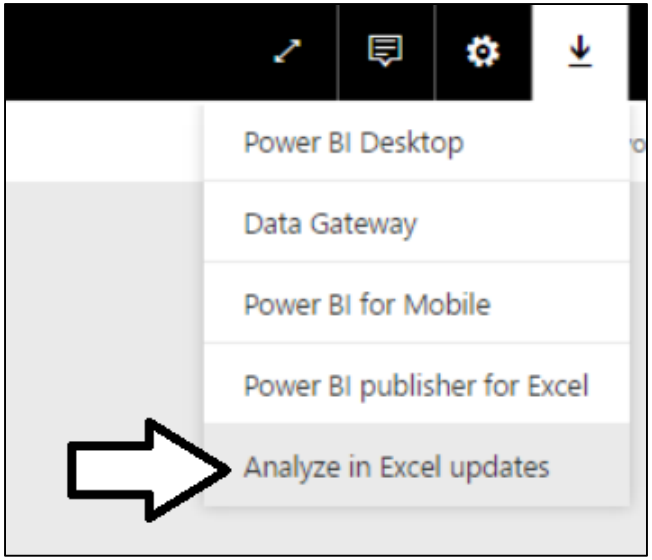
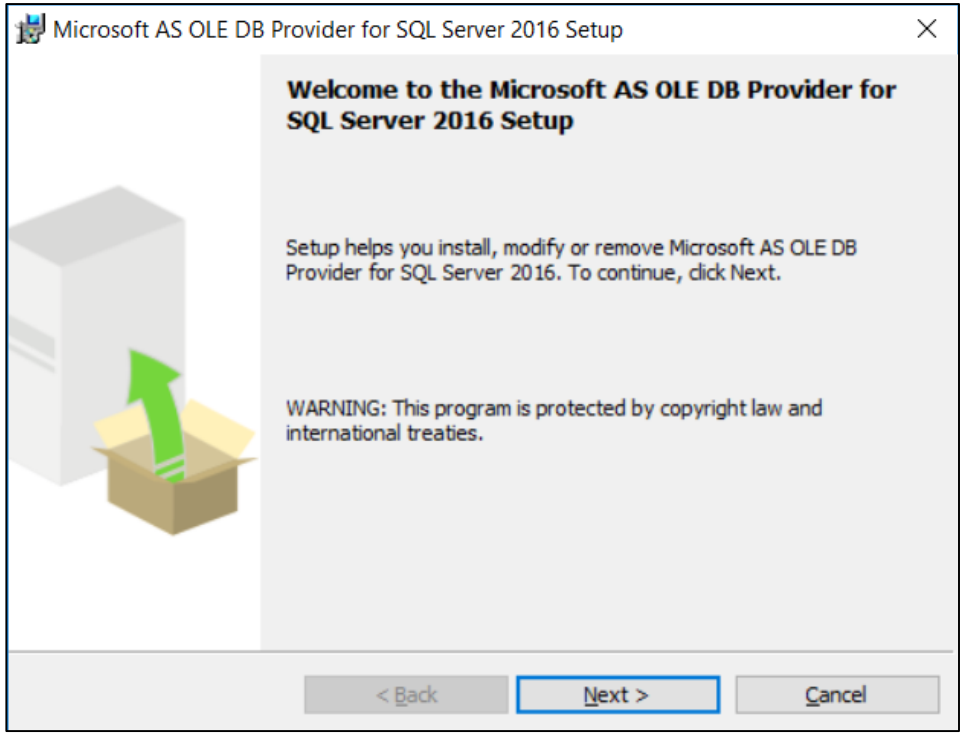
Analyze in Excel

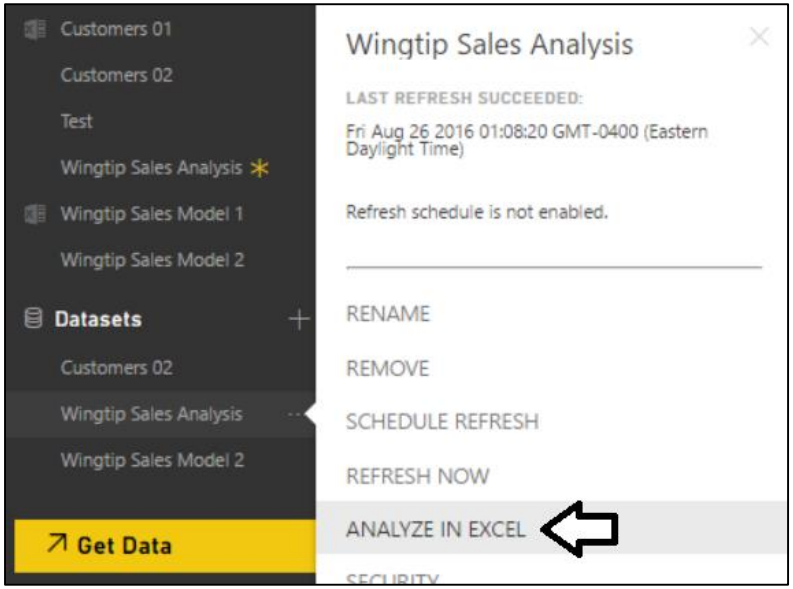
- Feature to connect Excel worksheet to Power BI dataset
  - Requires downloading & installing drivers using setup program
  - Once installed, connection is created from within Power BI service

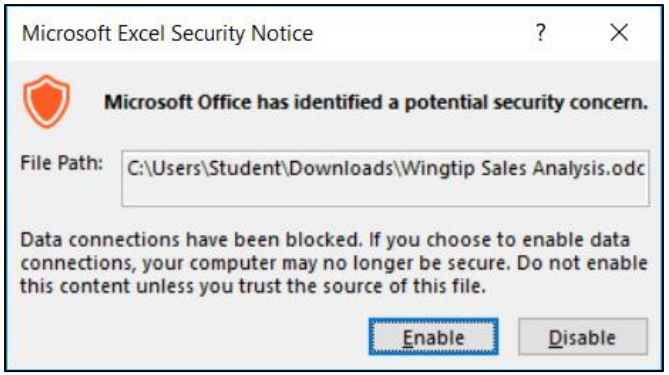




Creating a Connected Workbook

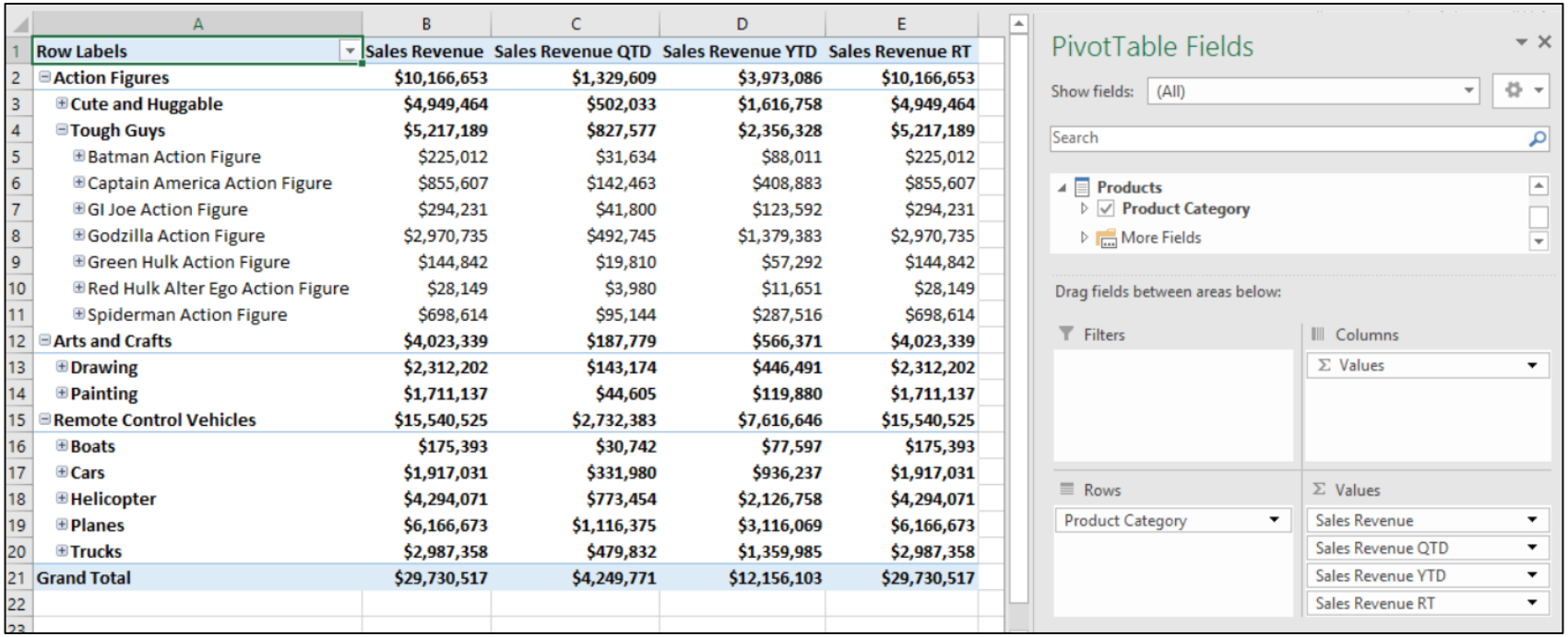
- Dataset provides ANALYZE IN EXCEL menu command
  - Used to create new Excel workbook with connection to dataset
  - Creation of new workbook triggered by download of **.ODC** file
  - Connecting can require user to enable data connections





Analyzing a Power BI Dataset in Excel

- Once you connect Excel workbook to a Power BI dataset
  - You can analyze data just as it were from local data model
  - Power BI dataset plays the role of SSAS in the cloud



Row Labels	Sales Revenue	Sales Revenue QTD	Sales Revenue YTD	Sales Revenue RT
Action Figures	$10,166,653	$1,329,609	$3,973,086	$10,166,653
Cute and Huggable	$4,949,464	$502,033	$1,616,758	$4,949,464
Tough Guys	$5,217,189	$827,577	$2,356,328	$5,217,189
Batman Action Figure	$225,012	$31,634	$88,011	$225,012
Captain America Action Figure	$855,607	$142,463	$408,883	$855,607
GI Joe Action Figure	$294,231	$41,800	$123,592	$294,231
Godzilla Action Figure	$2,970,735	$492,745	$1,379,383	$2,970,735
Green Hulk Action Figure	$144,842	$19,810	$57,292	$144,842
Red Hulk Alter Ego Action Figure	$28,149	$3,980	$11,651	$28,149
Spiderman Action Figure	$698,614	$95,144	$287,516	$698,614
Arts and Crafts	$4,023,339	$187,779	$566,371	$4,023,339
Drawing	$2,312,202	$143,174	$446,491	$2,312,202
Painting	$1,711,137	$44,605	$119,880	$1,711,137
Remote Control Vehicles	$15,540,525	$2,732,383	$7,616,646	$15,540,525
Boats	$175,393	$30,742	$77,597	$175,393
Cars	$1,917,031	$331,980	$936,237	$1,917,031
Helicopter	$4,294,071	$773,454	$2,126,758	$4,294,071
Planes	$6,166,673	$1,116,375	$3,116,069	$6,166,673
Trucks	$2,987,358	$479,832	$1,359,985	$2,987,358
Grand Total	$29,730,517	$4,249,771	$12,156,103	$29,730,517

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Use the Analyze in Excel Feature

Summary

- ✓ Understanding Excel Integration with Power BI
- ✓ Designing Data Models in Excel 2016
- ✓ Importing Excel Workbook Data into Power BI
- ✓ Publishing Data Models using Excel Workbooks
- ✓ Using the Power BI Publishing for Excel Add-in
- ✓ Connecting from Excel to a Power BI Dataset