

Securing Power BI Embedded Solutions using Row Level Security



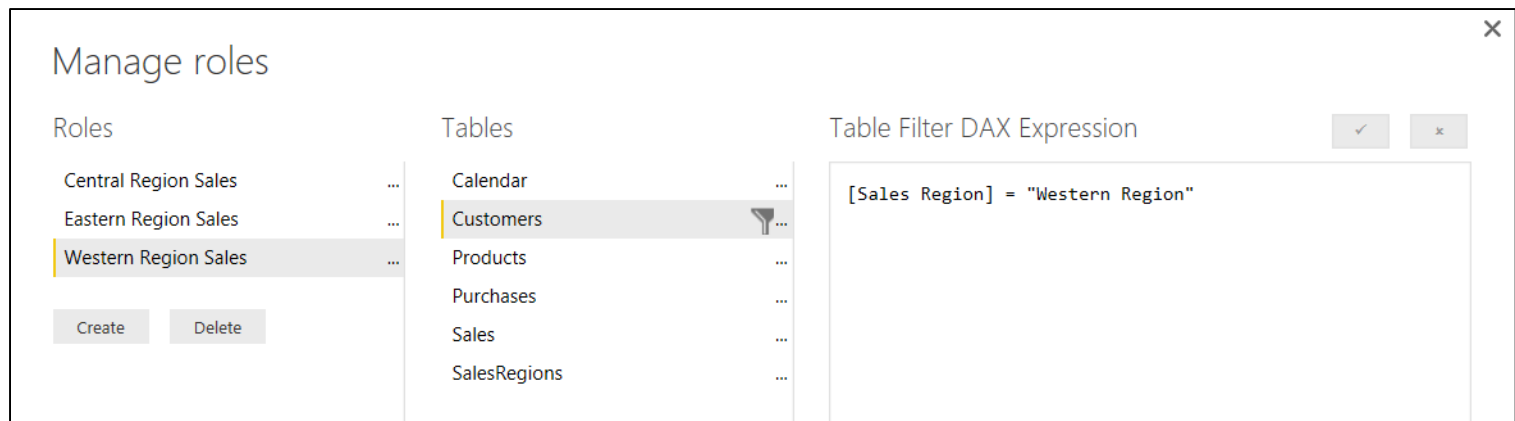
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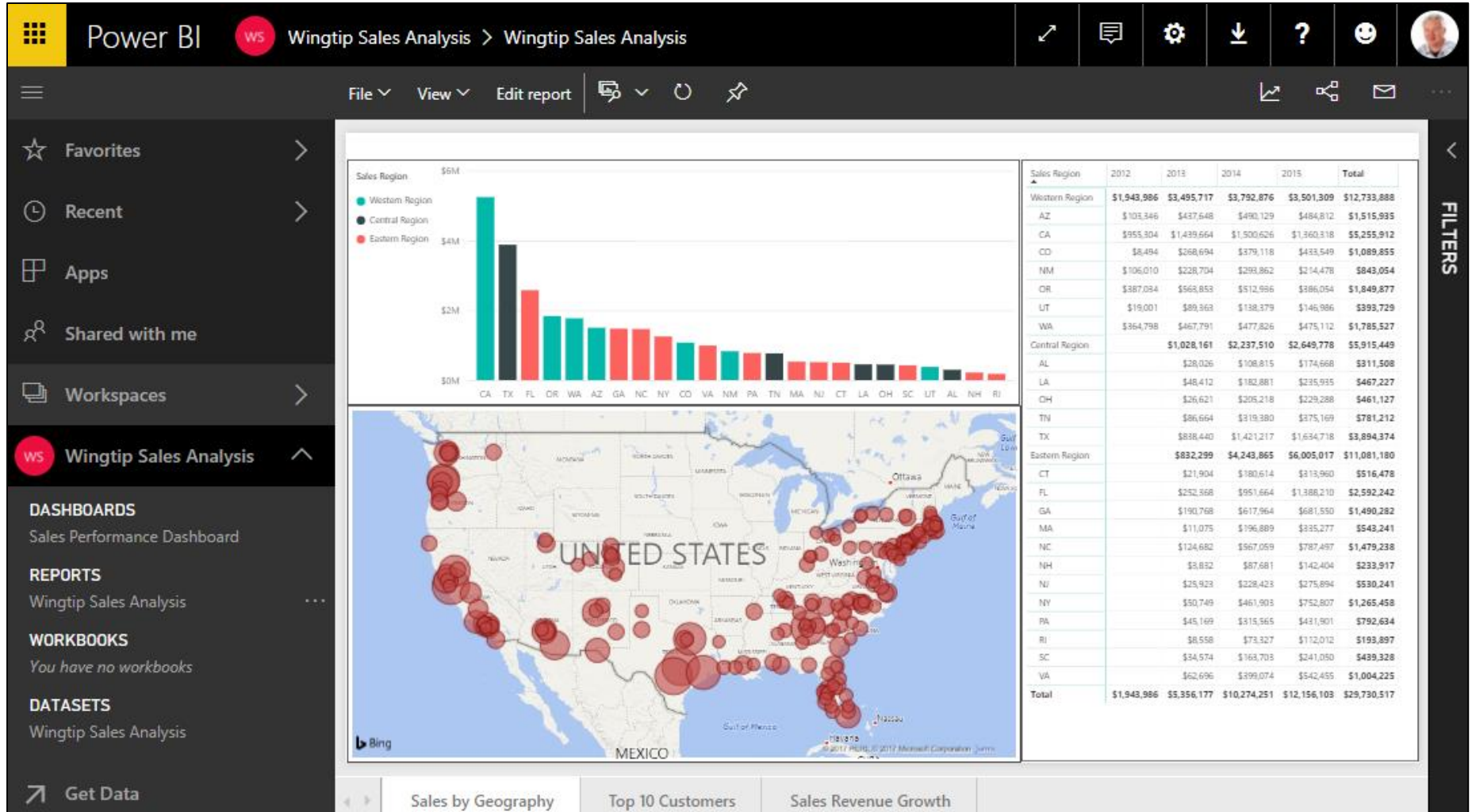


What Is Row-level Security (RLS)

- Security Scheme based on Named Roles
 - Roles are defined using Power BI Desktop
 - Each role is scoped to the dataset within a PBIX project
- Role defined using one or more DAX expressions
 - DAX expressions restrict which rows are accessible



Common RLS Scenario



Configuring RLS in the Power BI Desktop

Manage roles

Roles

- All Sales Regions ...
- Central Sales Region ...
- Eastern Sales Region ...
- Western Sales Region ...**

Create Delete

Tables

- Calendar ...
- Customers ...**
- Products ...
- Purchases ...
- Sales ...
- SalesRegions ...

Table filter DAX expression

[Sales Region] = "Western Region"

Filter the data that this role can see by entering a DAX filter expression that returns a True/False value. For example: [Entity ID] = "Value"

Save Cancel

Configuring RLS in the Power BI Service

W

Western Sales Reps
Security group

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[Change](#) [Delete group](#)

Name	Western Sales Reps	Edit
Description		
Owners (2)	Maxwell Smart Ted Pattison	Edit
Members (2)	Jack Ryan Jason Bourne	Edit

Close

Power BI

WS Wingtip Sales Analysis > Row-Level Security

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☆ Favorites >

🕒 Recent >

🗃 Apps

👤 Shared with me

📁 Workspaces >

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Row-Level Security

All Sales Regions (0)

Central Sales Region (1)

Eastern Sales Region (1)

Western Sales Region (1)

Members (1)

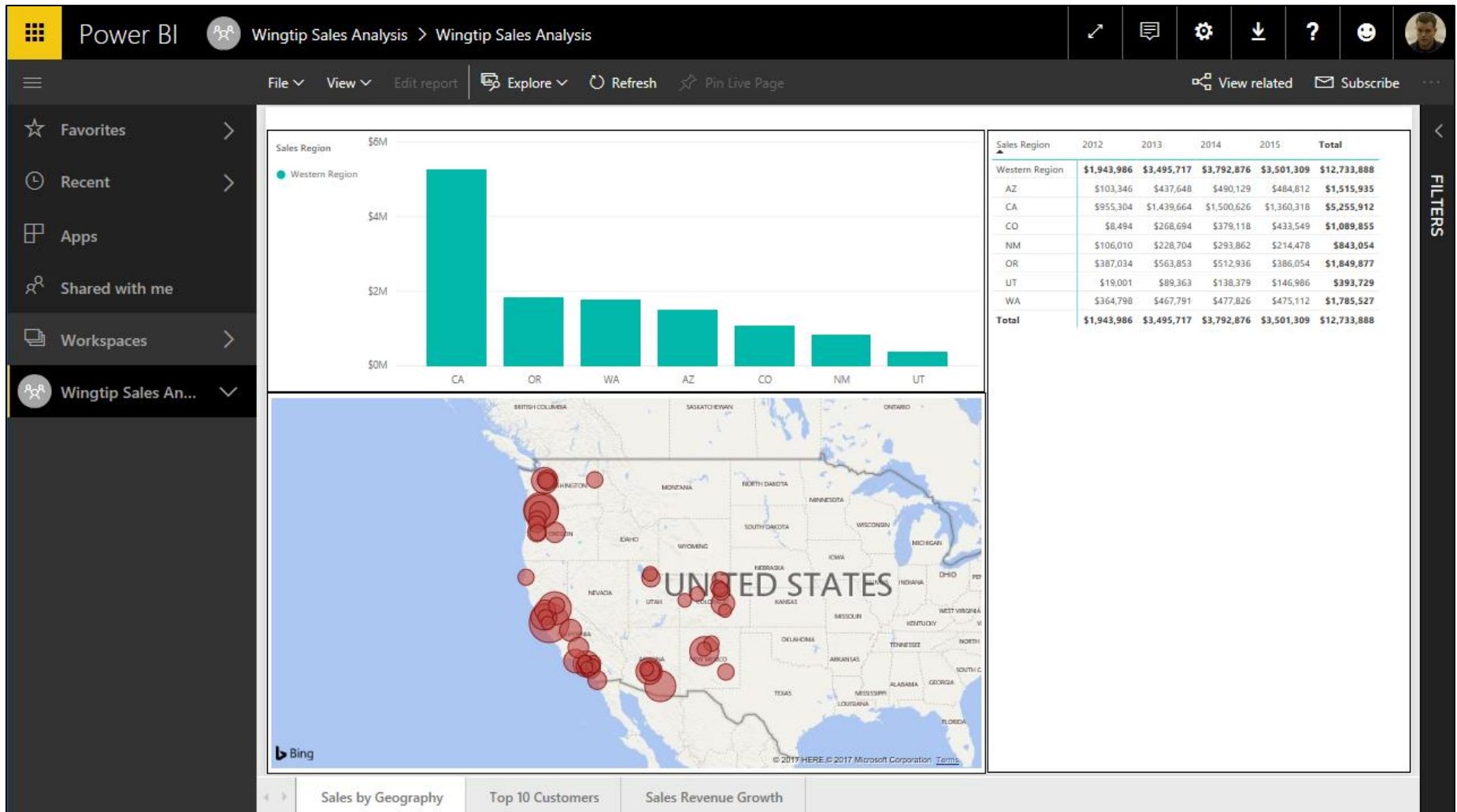
People or groups who belong to this role

Add

Western Sales Reps ✕



RLS Enforcement





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Configuring Row-level Security

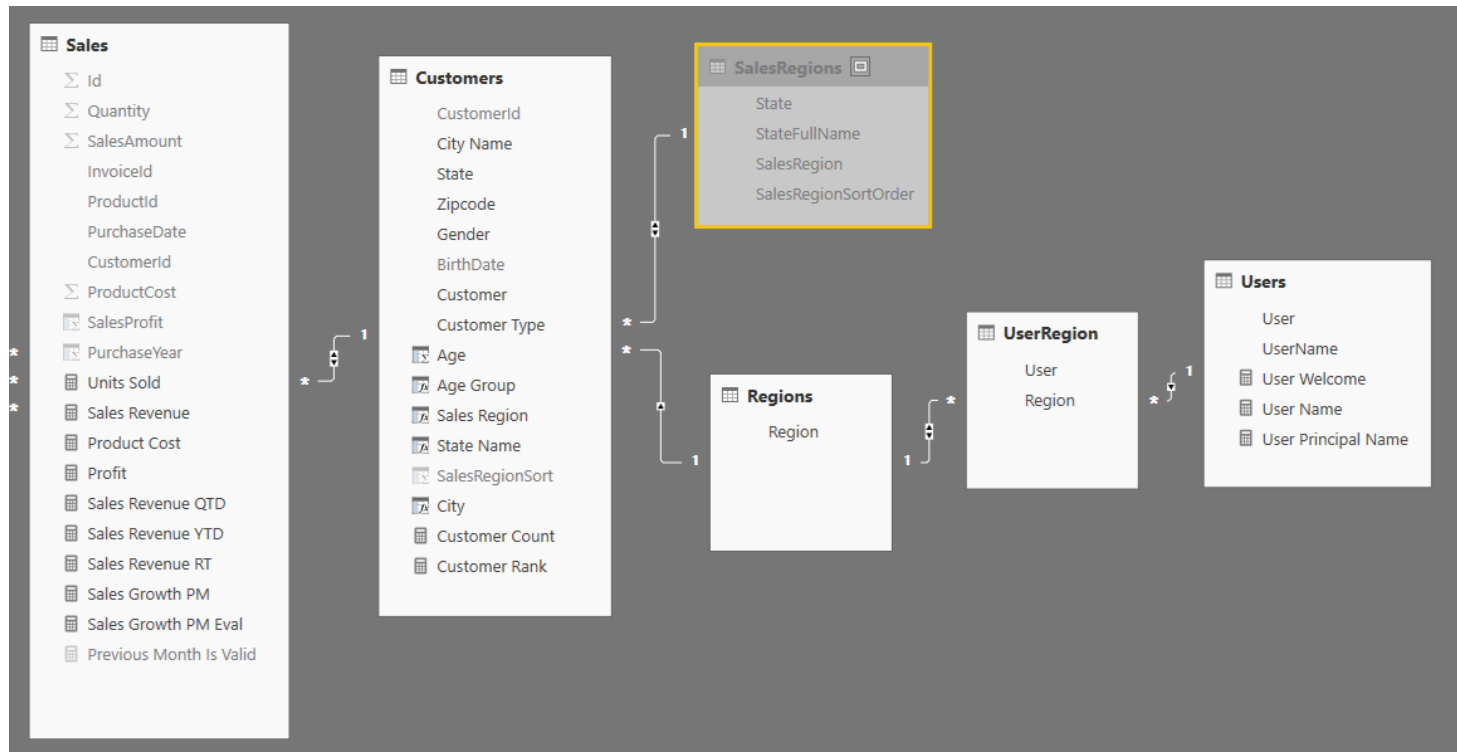
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- ✓ User Authentication and Identity
- ✓ Power BI Tenant Administration
- ✓ Data Security
- ✓ App Workspaces
- ✓ Row Level Security
- Dynamic Row Level Security



Dynamic RLS

- Design pattern for data-driven security
 - RLS set up to use login name of current user
 - Permission assignments are included as part of dataset
 - Implemented using bi-directional cross-filtering



Configuring Cross-direction Filtering

The diagram illustrates a database schema with the following tables and attributes:

- Customers**: BirthDate, Customer, Customer Type, Age, Age Group, Sales Region, State Name, SalesRegionSort, City, Customer Count, Customer Rank.
- Regions**: Region.
- UserRegion**: User, Region.
- Users**: User, UserName, User Welcome, User Name, User Principal Name.

Relationships are shown with cardinalities: Customers (1) to Regions (*), Regions (1) to UserRegion (*), and UserRegion (1) to Users (*).

A red arrow points from the UserRegion relationship to the configuration dialog box below.

UserRegion Configuration Dialog

Relationship: UserRegion

User	Region
EmmaP@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Central Region
JackB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Central Region
MaxwellS@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Central Region

Regions:

Region
Western Region
Central Region
Eastern Region

Cardinality: Many to one (*:1)

☒ Make this relationship active
☐ Assume referential integrity

Cross filter direction: Both

☒ Apply security filter in both directions

OK Cancel

Dynamically Tracking the Current User

Manage roles

Roles

Dynamic RLS Role ...

CreateDelete

Tables

Calendar ...

Customers ...

Products ...

Purchases ...

Regions ...

Sales ...

SalesRegions ...

UserRegion ...

Users ...

Table filter DAX expression

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[User]=Username()

Filter the data that this role can see by entering a DAX filter expression that returns a True/False value. For example: [Entity ID] = "Value"

SaveCancel



All Users Must Be Added To a Role

The screenshot shows the Power BI interface for configuring Row-Level Security (RLS). The top navigation bar includes the Power BI logo, a workspace icon labeled 'ws', and the breadcrumb 'Wingtip Sales Dynamic RLS > Row-Level Security'. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Favorites, Recent, Apps, Shared with me, Workspaces, and the active workspace 'Wingtip Sales Dynamic RLS'. The main content area is titled 'Row-Level Security' and is divided into two panels. The left panel, 'Dynamic RLS Role (1)', is currently empty. The right panel, 'Members (1)', shows the list of users assigned to the role. It includes a text input field labeled 'Enter email addresses' and an 'Add' button. Below the input field, the user 'Wingtip Sales Reps' is listed with a close icon (X) to its right.

Power BI ws Wingtip Sales Dynamic RLS > Row-Level Security

Row-Level Security

Dynamic RLS Role (1)

Members (1)

People or groups who belong to this role

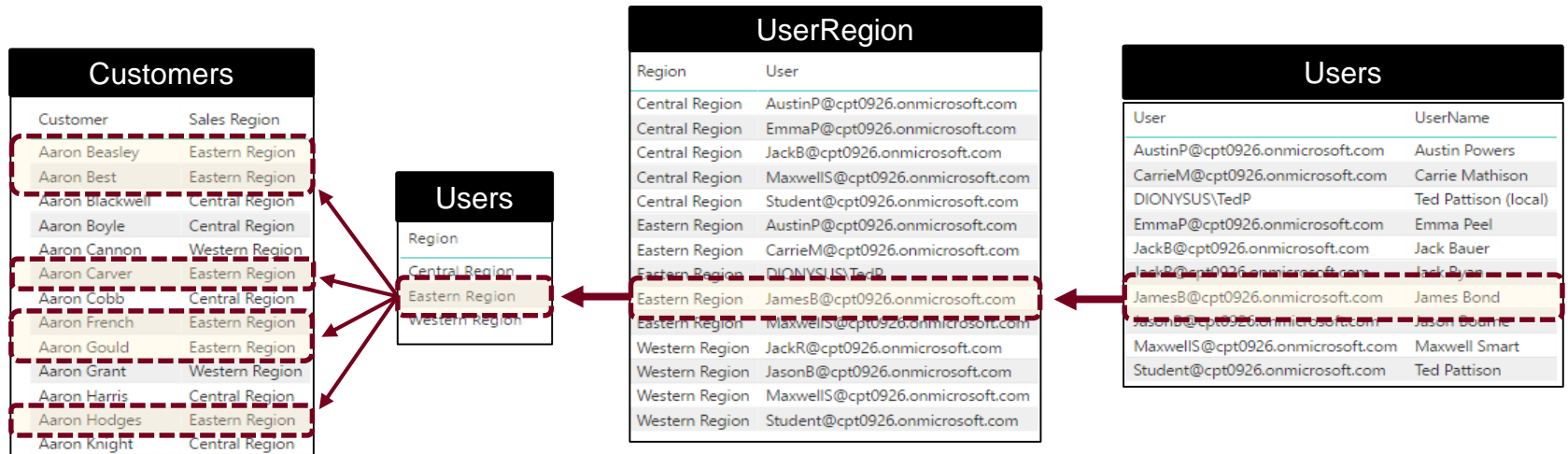
Enter email addresses

Add

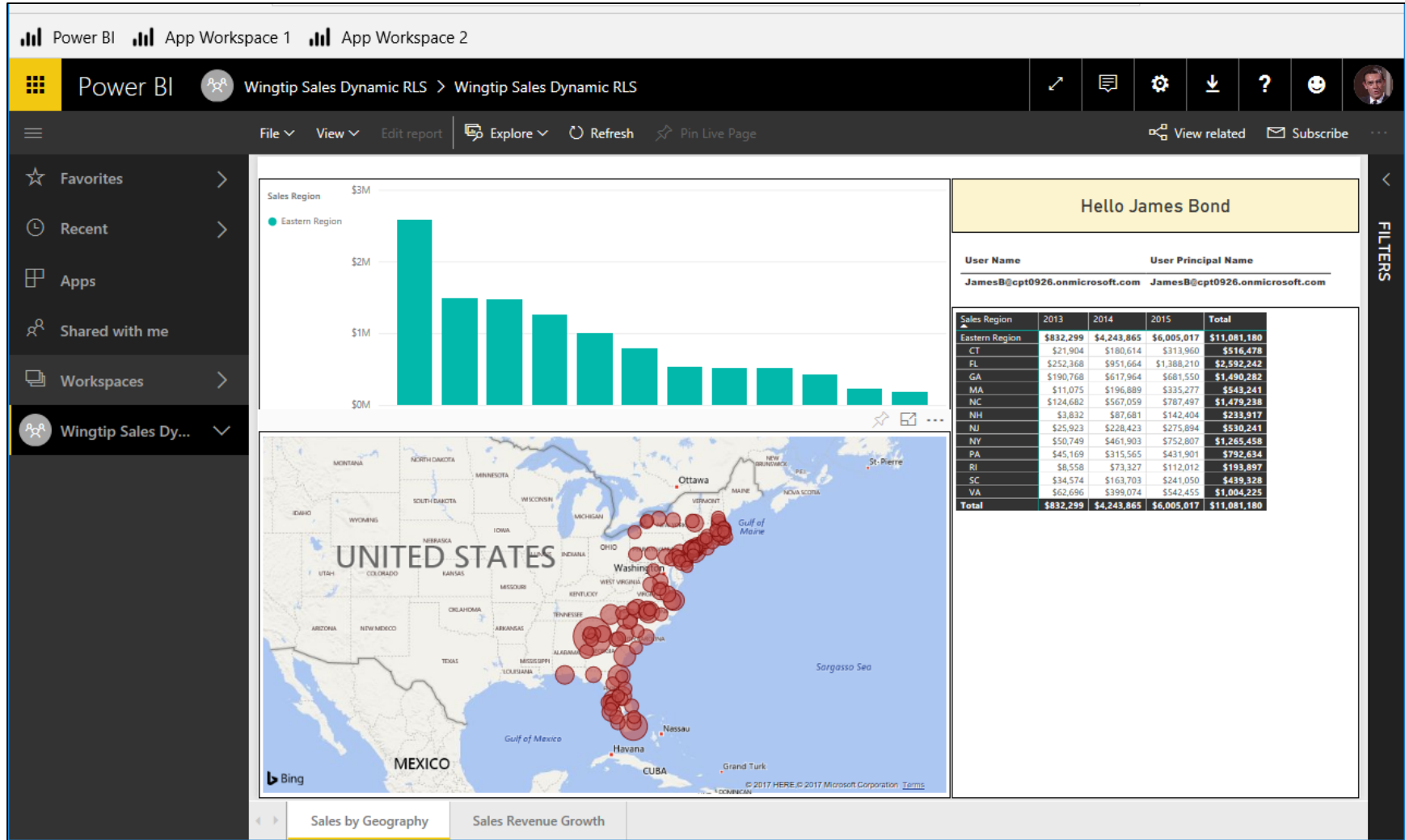
Wingtip Sales Reps X



Dynamic RLS Table Filtering



Dynamic RLS Enforcement





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Configuring Dynamic Row-level Security

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