

Data Modeling with Power BI Desktop



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- Understanding the DAX Evaluation Context
- Creating a Dynamic Calendar Table
- Designing Interactive Reports
- Understanding Row-level Security (RLS)
- Publishing PBIX Projects to PowerBI.com



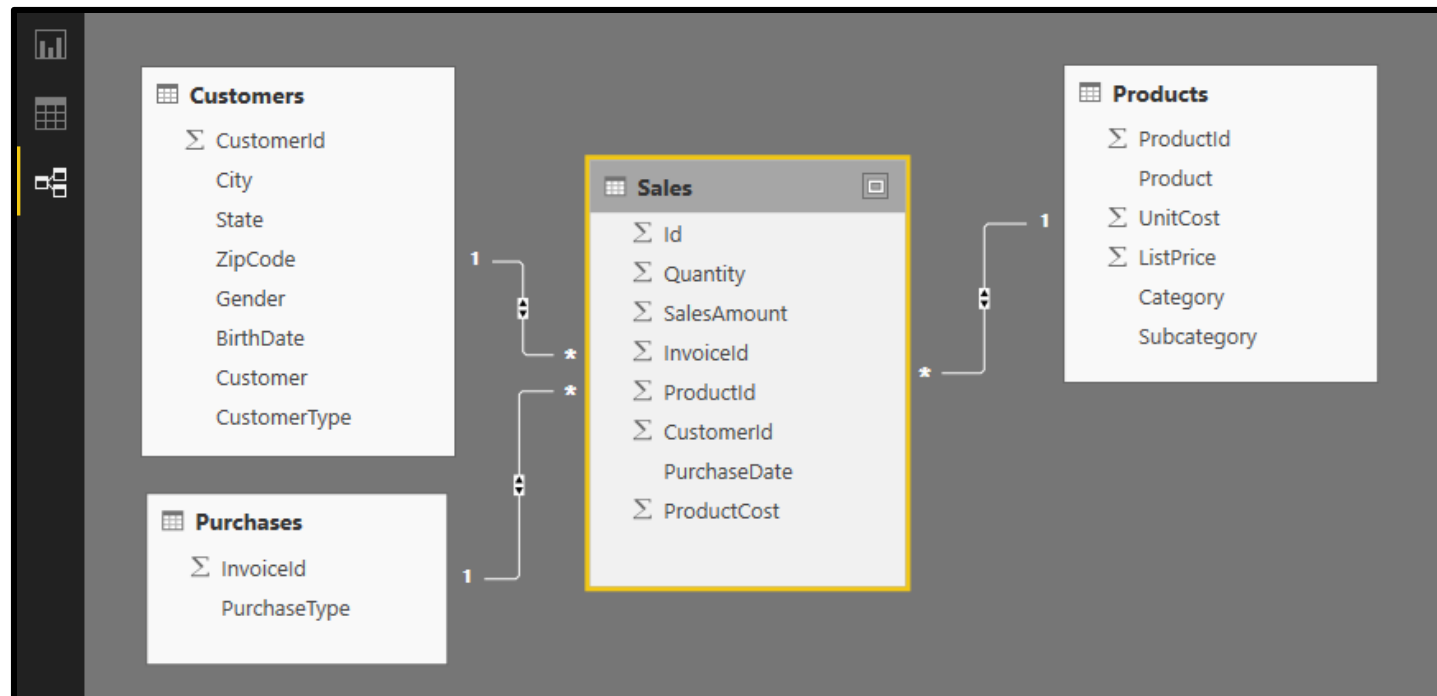
Data Modeling with Power BI Desktop

- Steps to create a data model with Power Pivot
 - Create relationships between tables
 - Modify columns (rename, set formatting, convert type)
 - Create calculated columns
 - Create measures
 - Add column metadata
 - Create dimensional hierarchies
 - Add Calendar table(s)



Table Relationships

- Tables in data model associated with relationships
 - Relationships based on single columns
 - Tabular model supports [1-to-1] and [1-to-many] relationships
 - Relationships based on single column in each table



Calculated Columns vs Measures

- Calculated Columns (aka Columns)
 - Evaluated based on context of a single row
 - Evaluated when data is loaded into memory

`Column1 = <DAX expression>`

- Measures
 - Evaluated at query time based on current filter context
 - Commonly used for aggregations (e.g. SUM, AVG, etc.)
 - Used more frequently than calculated columns

`Measure1 = <DAX expression>`



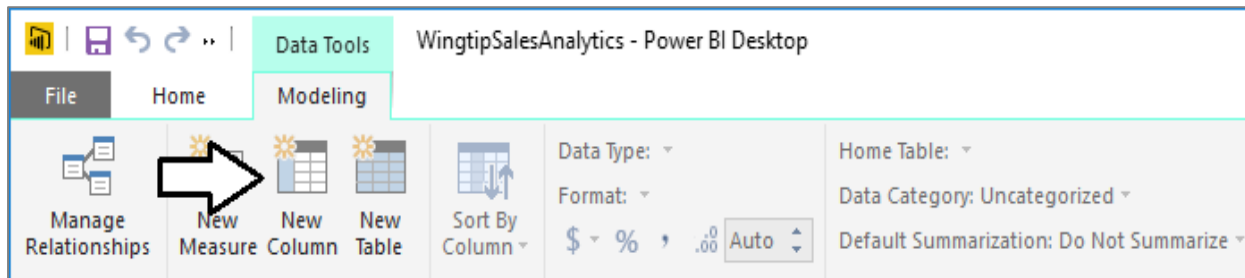
When to Create Calculated Columns

- Measures often better choice than calculate columns
 - Don't create calculated column when you need a measure
 - Prefer to create calculated columns only in specific scenarios
- When should you create calculated columns?
 - To create headers for row labels or column labels
 - To place calculated results in a slicer for filtering
 - Define an expression strictly bound to current row
 - Categories text or numbers (e.g. customer age groups)



Creating Calculated Columns

- Edited in formula bar of Power Pivot data view
 - Start with name and then equals (=) sign
 - Enter a valid DAX expression
 - Clicking on column adds it into expression

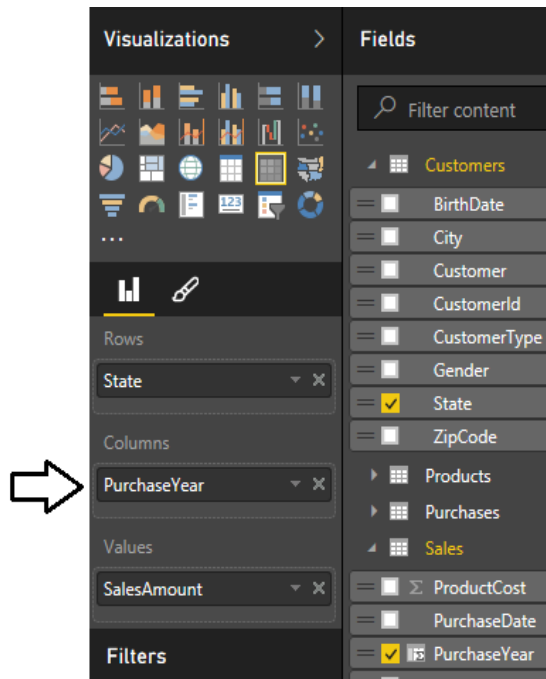


| PurchaseYear = YEAR(Sales[PurchaseDate]) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Id | Quantity | SalesAmount | InvoiceId | ProductId | CustomerId | PurchaseDate | ProductCost | SalesProfit | PurchaseYear |
| 2899 | 100 | \$100.00 | 1457 | 14 | 888 | 6/21/12 | \$8.00 | \$92.00 | 2012 |
| 3824 | 100 | \$100.00 | 1901 | 14 | 1137 | 7/21/12 | \$8.00 | \$92.00 | 2012 |
| 3968 | 100 | \$100.00 | 1969 | 14 | 1173 | 7/25/12 | \$8.00 | \$92.00 | 2012 |
| 4008 | 100 | \$100.00 | 1987 | 14 | 1186 | 7/26/12 | \$8.00 | \$92.00 | 2012 |
| 4224 | 100 | \$100.00 | 2096 | 14 | 1239 | 8/3/12 | \$8.00 | \$92.00 | 2012 |
| 4724 | 100 | \$100.00 | 2352 | 14 | 1390 | 8/19/12 | \$8.00 | \$92.00 | 2012 |



Calculated Column as a Column Label

- Calculate column can serve as...
 - Row labels
 - Column labels

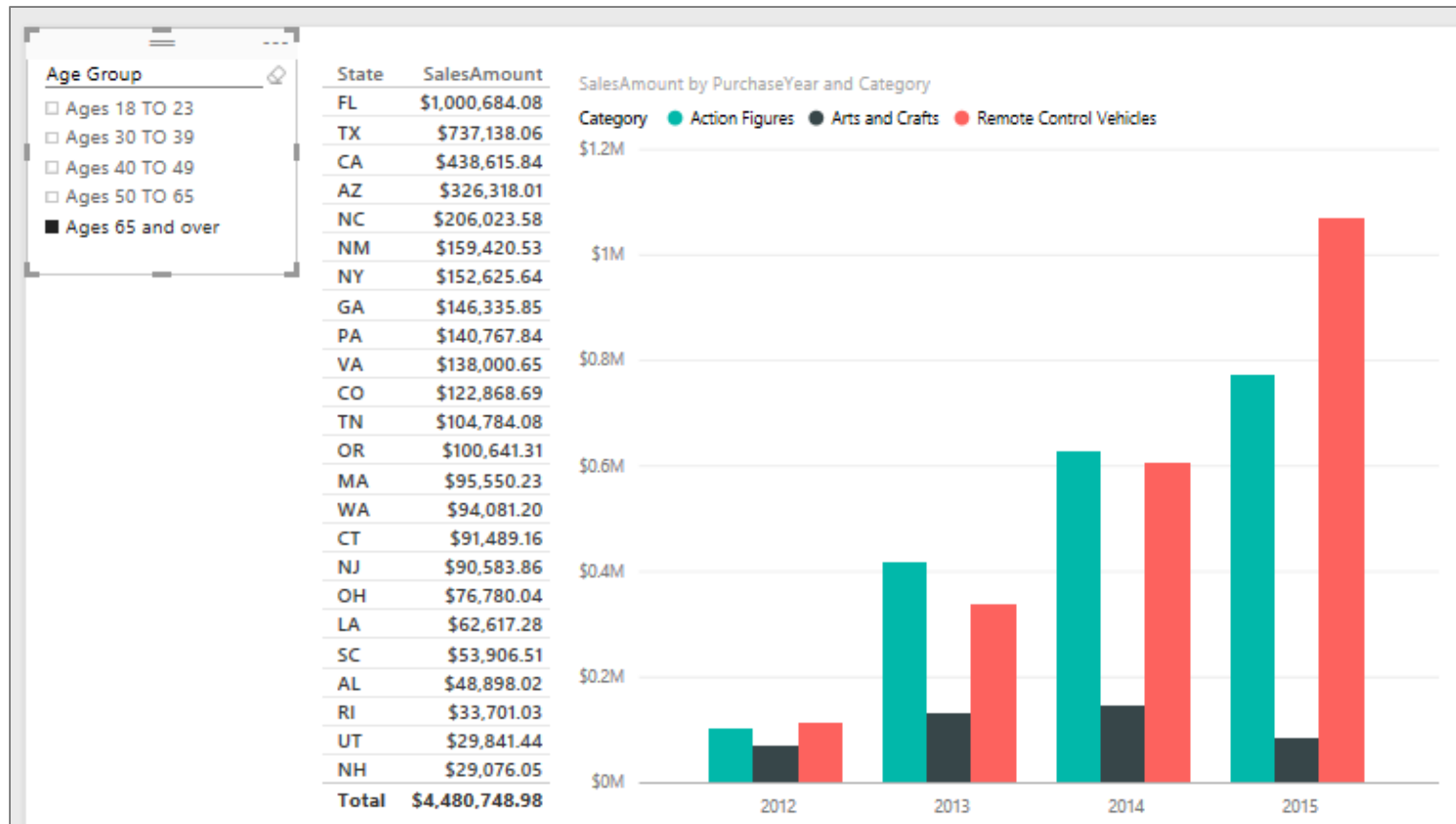


| State | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| CA | \$270,926.32 | \$550,160.02 | \$737,878.53 | \$770,402.11 | \$2,329,366.98 |
| TX | \$212,085.08 | \$490,643.98 | \$683,079.11 | \$919,030.36 | \$2,304,838.53 |
| FL | \$51,730.85 | \$300,866.87 | \$535,693.94 | \$891,344.92 | \$1,779,636.58 |
| NC | \$11,018.02 | \$164,804.24 | \$315,139.92 | \$448,638.72 | \$939,600.90 |
| NY | \$24,207.43 | \$165,046.23 | \$256,294.27 | \$430,971.24 | \$876,519.17 |
| GA | \$40,305.80 | \$152,807.51 | \$239,451.05 | \$417,037.28 | \$849,601.64 |



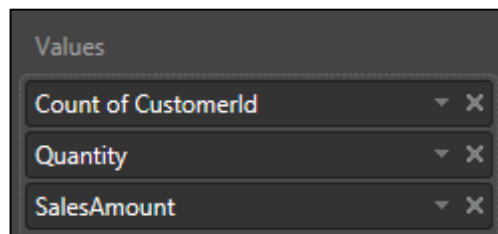
Calculated Column used in a Slicer

- Calculated column can populate slicer values

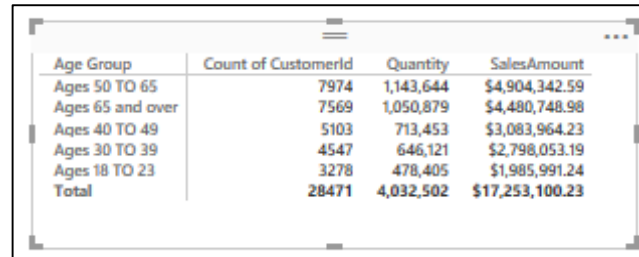


Benefits of Measures over Calculated Columns

- Calculated columns can be aggregated in visual
 - However, aggregation details are stored in visual
 - Visual doesn't offer control over name and formatting

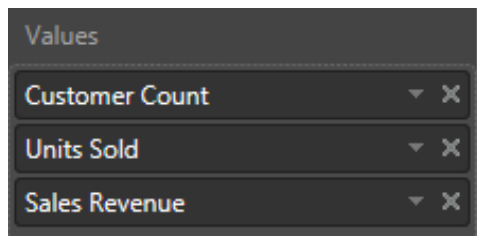


| Values |
|---------------------|
| Count of CustomerId |
| Quantity |
| SalesAmount |

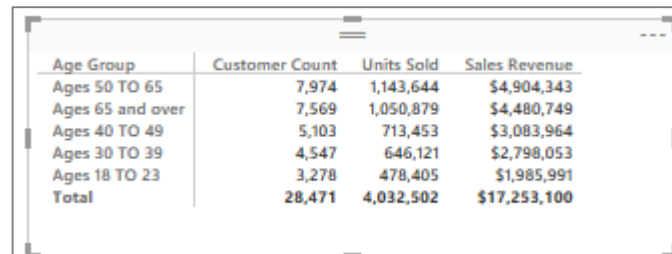


| Age Group | Count of CustomerId | Quantity | SalesAmount |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ages 50 TO 65 | 7974 | 1,143,644 | \$4,904,342.59 |
| Ages 65 and over | 7569 | 1,050,879 | \$4,480,748.98 |
| Ages 40 TO 49 | 5103 | 713,453 | \$3,083,964.23 |
| Ages 30 TO 39 | 4547 | 646,121 | \$2,798,053.19 |
| Ages 18 TO 23 | 3278 | 478,405 | \$1,985,991.24 |
| Total | 28471 | 4,032,502 | \$17,253,100.23 |

- Measure defines name, aggregation and formatting
 - Work is done once and reused across many visuals
 - Makes data model more fool-proof for report designers



| Values |
|----------------|
| Customer Count |
| Units Sold |
| Sales Revenue |



| Age Group | Customer Count | Units Sold | Sales Revenue |
|------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Ages 50 TO 65 | 7,974 | 1,143,644 | \$4,904,343 |
| Ages 65 and over | 7,569 | 1,050,879 | \$4,480,749 |
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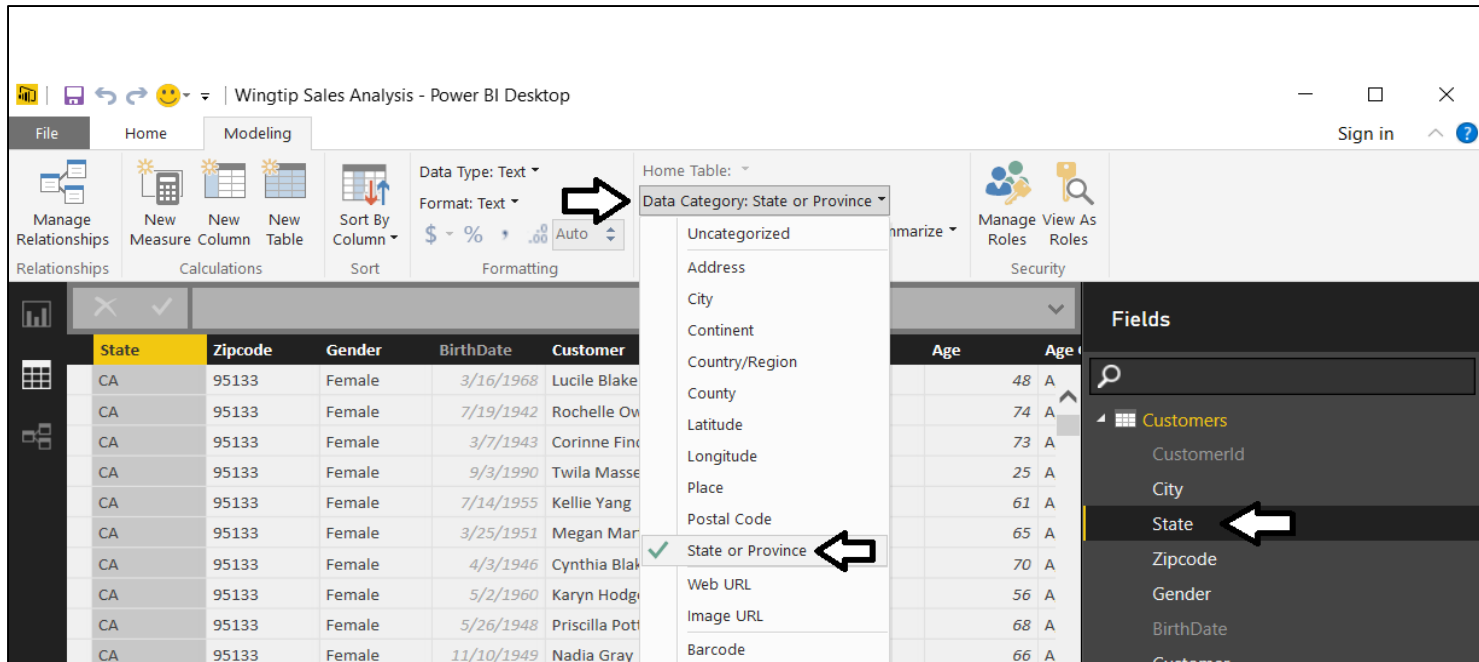
Creating Measures

- Measures have advantage over calculated columns
 - They are evaluated based on the current evaluation context
- Creating a measure with Power BI Desktop
 1. Click New Measure button
 2. Give measure a name and write DAX expressions
 3. Configure formatting





Geographic Field Metadata

- Fields in data model have metadata properties
 - Metadata used by visuals and reporting tools
 - Used as hints to Bing Mapping service



Eliminate Geographic Ambiguity

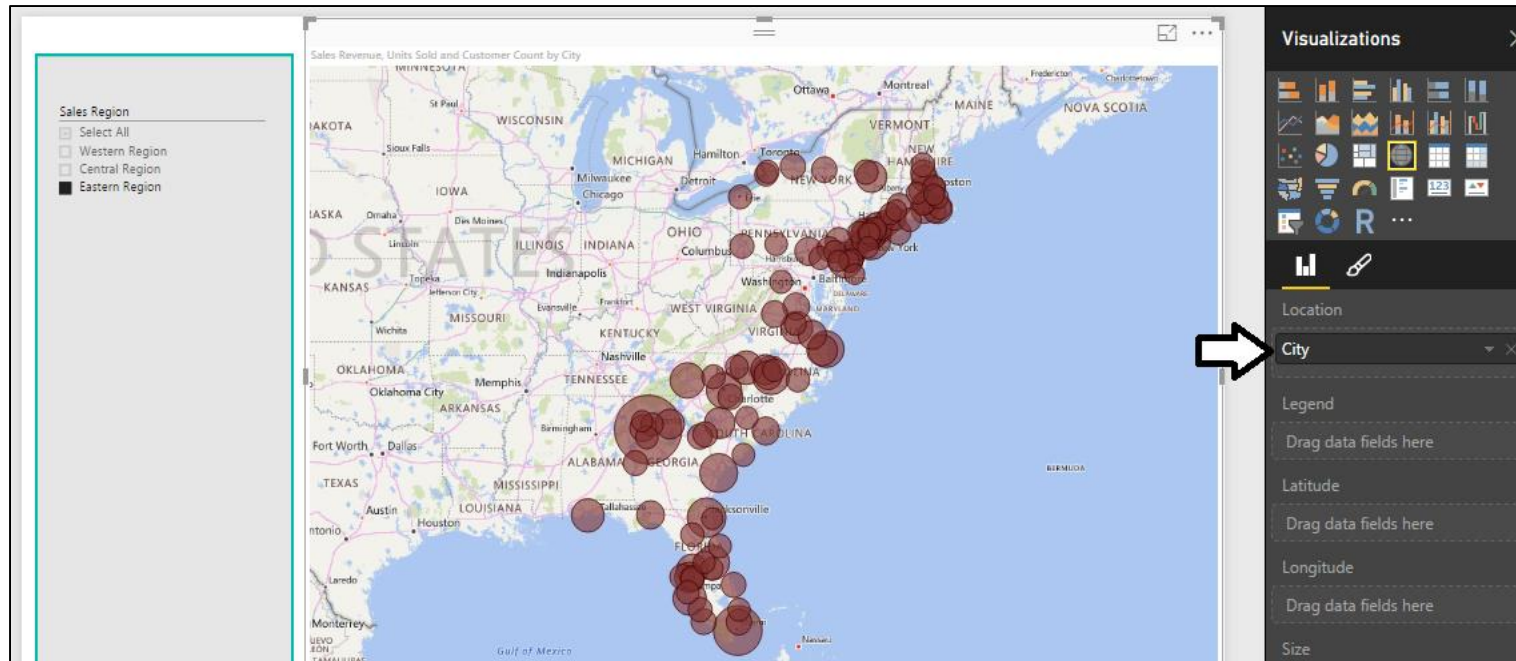
- City name alone is ambiguous
 - "Athens" defaults to Greece not Georgia
 - Concatenate city name with state to disambiguate

|   | | City = [City Name] & ", " & [State] | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Age Group | Sales Region | State Name | SalesRegionSort | City |
| 48 | Ages 40 TO 49 | Western Region | California | 1 | San Jose, CA |
| 74 | Ages 65 and over | Western Region | California | 1 | San Jose, CA |
| 73 | Ages 65 and over | Western Region | California | 1 | San Jose, CA |
| 25 | Ages 18 TO 23 | Western Region | California | 1 | San Jose, CA |
| 61 | Ages 50 TO 65 | Western Region | California | 1 | San Jose, CA |
| 65 | Ages 65 and over | Western Region | California | 1 | San Jose, CA |



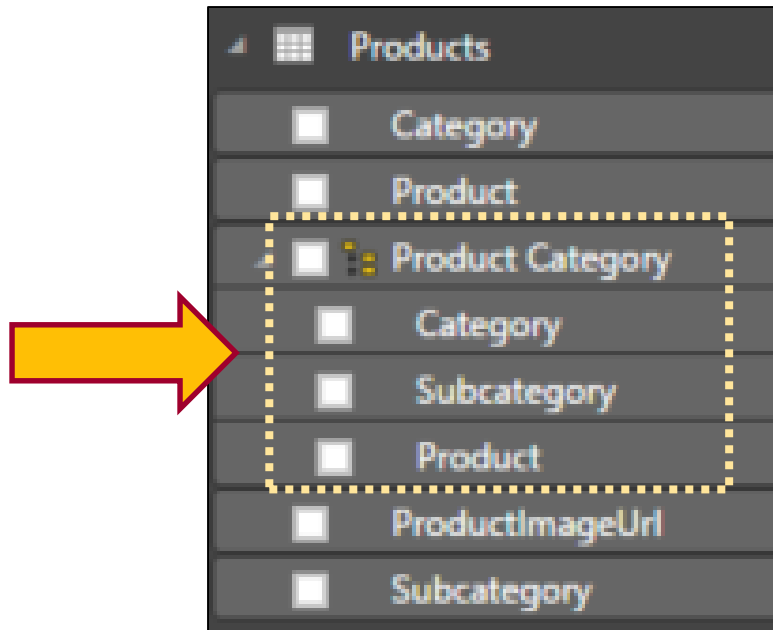
Using Map Visual with a Geographic Field

- Map Visual shows distribution over geographic area
 - Visual automatically updates when filtered



Dimensional Hierarchies

- Hierarchy created from two or more columns
 - All columns in hierarchy must be from the same table
 - Defines parent-child relationship between columns
 - Provides path to navigate through data
 - Provides path to drill down into greater level of detail



Pulling Columns for Hierarchy into Single Table

- Sometimes hierarchy columns are spread across tables
 - Use RELATED function from DAX to pull columns into single table

| Sales Region = RELATED(SalesRegions[SalesRegion]) | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----|------------------|----------------|------------|
| Customer | Customer Type | Age | Age Group | Sales Region | State Name |
| Lucile Blake | One-time Customer | 48 | Ages 40 TO 49 | Western Region | California |
| Rochelle Owen | One-time Customer | 74 | Ages 65 and over | Western Region | California |
| Corinne Finch | One-time Customer | 73 | Ages 65 and over | Western Region | California |
| Twila Massey | One-time Customer | 25 | Ages 18 TO 23 | Western Region | California |

- Then create hierarchy in the table with all the columns

| Customer Geography |
|--------------------|
| Sales Region |
| State |
| City |
| Zipcode |



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A Tale of Two Evaluation Contexts

- Row Context
 - Context includes all columns in iteration of current row
 - Used to evaluate DAX expression in calculated column
 - Only available in measures with iterator function (e.g. SUMX)
- Filter Context
 - Context includes filter(s) defining current set of rows
 - Used by default to evaluate DAX expressions in measures
 - Can be fully ignored or partially ignored using DAX code
 - Not used to evaluate DAX in calculated columns



Understanding Row Context

- Row context used to evaluate calculated columns

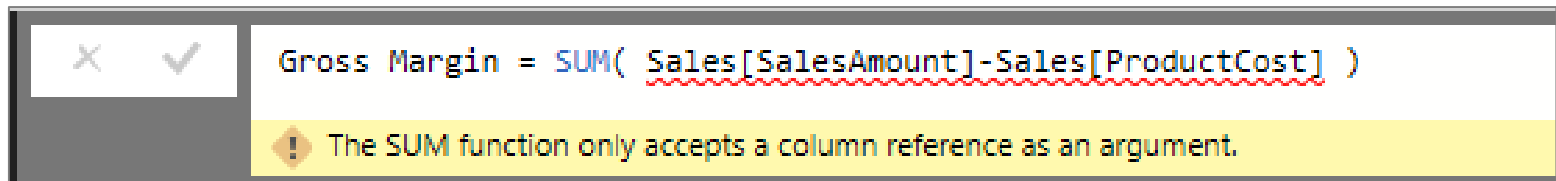
| ✕ | ✓ | City = [City Name] & ", " & [State] | | | |
|----|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
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| ✕ | ✓ | Age = Floor((TODAY()-Customers[BirthDate])/365, 1) | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|---|------------------|----------------|------------|
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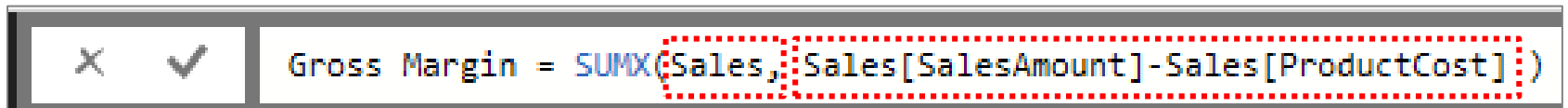


Understanding Iterators Like SUMX

- Standard aggregation functions (e.g. SUM) have no row context
 - You can use SUM to sum values of a single column
 - You cannot use SUM to sum results of an expressions



- Iterator functions (e.g. SUMX) iterate through rows in target table



- First argument accepts expressions that evaluates to table of rows
- Second argument accepts expression that is evaluated for each row



DAX Table Iterator Functions

- The following DAX functions create row context
 - AVERAGEX
 - COUNTAX
 - COUNTX
 - MAXX
 - MINX
 - SUMX



Understanding Filter Context

- Visuals apply various filters in different evaluation contexts

| Month in Year | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| January | \$6,306 | \$164,334 | \$385,275 | \$512,822 | \$1,068,737 |
| February | \$48,815 | \$126,501 | \$358,244 | \$597,684 | \$1,131,244 |
| March | \$53,958 | \$243,676 | \$381,309 | \$532,123 | \$1,211,067 |
| April | \$52,601 | \$300,872 | \$381,157 | \$602,751 | \$1,337,381 |
| May | \$61,756 | \$334,948 | \$438,261 | \$647,276 | \$1,482,241 |
| June | \$76,756 | \$321,715 | \$378,749 | \$608,448 | \$1,385,668 |
| July | \$104,408 | \$287,800 | \$359,744 | \$620,316 | \$1,372,268 |
| August | \$111,167 | \$298,483 | \$457,312 | \$678,499 | \$1,545,461 |
| September | \$110,716 | \$376,207 | \$505,332 | \$613,971 | \$1,606,229 |
| October | \$145,999 | \$362,943 | \$602,448 | \$620,735 | \$1,732,125 |
| November | \$156,751 | \$340,228 | \$545,572 | \$590,220 | \$1,632,770 |
| December | \$147,593 | \$331,526 | \$581,977 | \$686,814 | \$1,747,910 |
| Total | \$1,076,826 | \$3,489,234 | \$5,375,379 | \$7,311,660 | \$17,253,100 |

Filters on this evaluation

[Year] = 2015

[Month in Year] = "October"

- Filter context also affected by slicers and other filters

| | Month in Year | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Sales Region | January | \$425 | \$50,169 | \$61,295 | \$76,614 | \$188,503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select All | February | \$13,891 | \$40,133 | \$63,670 | \$101,542 | \$219,236 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Region | March | \$19,121 | \$58,411 | \$73,839 | \$84,180 | \$235,551 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Region | April | \$19,128 | \$53,711 | \$67,919 | \$91,762 | \$232,520 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Region | May | \$22,939 | \$64,259 | \$78,668 | \$109,689 | \$275,555 |
| | June | \$29,082 | \$50,564 | \$73,504 | \$88,047 | \$241,197 |
| | July | \$34,809 | \$62,971 | \$69,053 | \$80,749 | \$247,582 |
| | August | \$36,096 | \$61,217 | \$76,009 | \$94,719 | \$268,041 |
| Customer Type | September | \$39,415 | \$68,653 | \$82,697 | \$94,805 | \$285,570 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-time customer | October | \$51,994 | \$69,122 | \$99,344 | \$84,177 | \$304,637 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repeat Customer | November | \$47,020 | \$52,548 | \$85,924 | \$74,611 | \$260,102 |
| | December | \$50,580 | \$66,260 | \$102,088 | \$94,877 | \$313,804 |
| | Total | \$364,500 | \$698,018 | \$934,009 | \$1,075,771 | \$3,072,298 |

Filters on this evaluation

[Year] = 2015

[Month in Year] = "October"

[Sales Region] = "Western Region"

[Customer Type] = "Repeat Customer"



Using the CALCULATE Function

- CALCULATE function provides greatest amount of control
 - First argument defines expression to evaluate
 - Second argument defines table on which to evaluate expression
 - You can evaluate expressions with or without current filter context

```
Pct of All Products =  
DIVIDE(  
    SUM( Sales[SalesAmount] ),  
    CALCULATE(  
        Sum (Sales[SalesAmount] ),  
        ALL(Products[Category], Products[Subcategory], Products[Product])  
    )  
)
```

```
Pct of Product Category =  
DIVIDE(  
    SUM( Sales[SalesAmount] ),  
    CALCULATE(  
        Sum (Sales[SalesAmount] ),  
        ALL( Products[Subcategory], Products[Product] )  
    )  
)
```



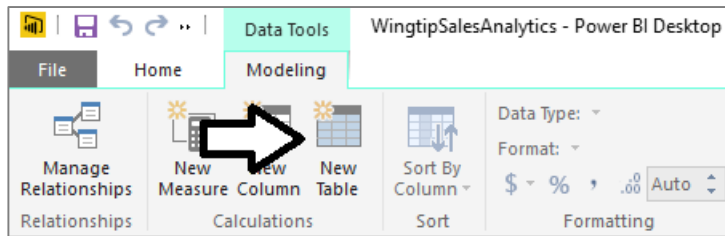
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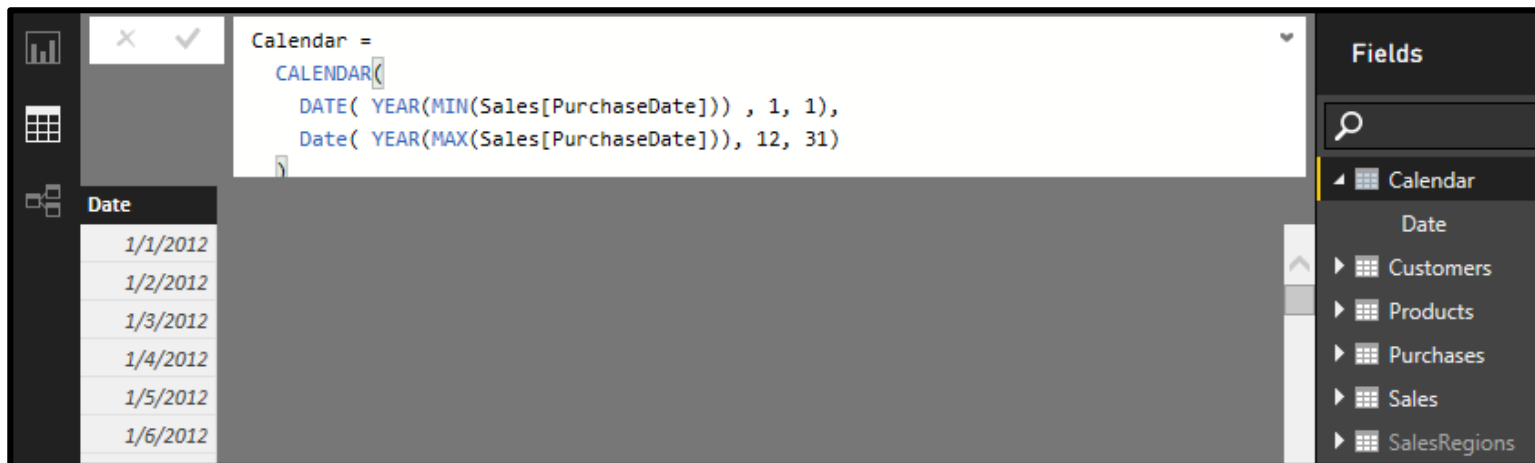


Creating Calendar Table as Calculated Table

- Use **New Table** command in ribbon



- Create calendar table using DAX **CALENDAR** function



Adding Columns to Calendar Table

- Creating the **Year** column

| X ✓ Year = YEAR('Calendar'[Date]) | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Date | Year |
| 1/1/2012 | 2012 |
| 1/2/2012 | 2012 |
| 1/3/2012 | 2012 |

- Creating the **Quarter** column

| X ✓ Quarter = YEAR('Calendar'[Date]) & "-Q" & FORMAT('Calendar'[Date], "q") | | | |
|---|------|---------|--|
| Date | Year | Quarter | |
| 01/01/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | |
| 01/02/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | |
| 01/03/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | |
| 01/04/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | |
| 01/05/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | |

- Creating the **Month** column

| X ✓ Month = FORMAT('Calendar'[Date], "MMM yyyy") | | | | |
|--|------|---------|----------|--|
| Date | Year | Quarter | Month | |
| 1/1/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | Jan 2012 | |
| 1/2/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | Jan 2012 | |
| 1/3/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | Jan 2012 | |



Configuring Sort Columns

- Month column will not sort in desired fashion by default
 - For example, April will sort before January, February and March
- Creating a sort column for the **Month** column
 - MonthSort** sorts alphabetically & chronologically at same time

| MonthSort = FORMAT('Calendar'[Date], "yyyy-MM") | | | | |
|---|------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Date | Year | Quarter | Month | MonthSort |
| 1/1/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | Jan 2012 | 2012-01 |
| 1/2/2012 | 2012 | 2012-Q1 | Jan 2012 | 2012-01 |

- Configure **Month** column with **MonthSort** as sort column

The screenshot shows the Power BI Desktop interface. In the 'Table Tools' ribbon, the 'Sort By Column' dropdown is open, and 'MonthSort' is selected. The 'Month' column in the data table is highlighted in yellow. The data table shows the same data as the previous table, with 'MonthSort' as the sort column.

| Date | Year | Month | MonthSort |
|----------|------|----------|-----------|
| 1/1/2012 | 2012 | Jan 2012 | 2012-01 |
| 1/2/2012 | 2012 | Jan 2012 | 2012-01 |



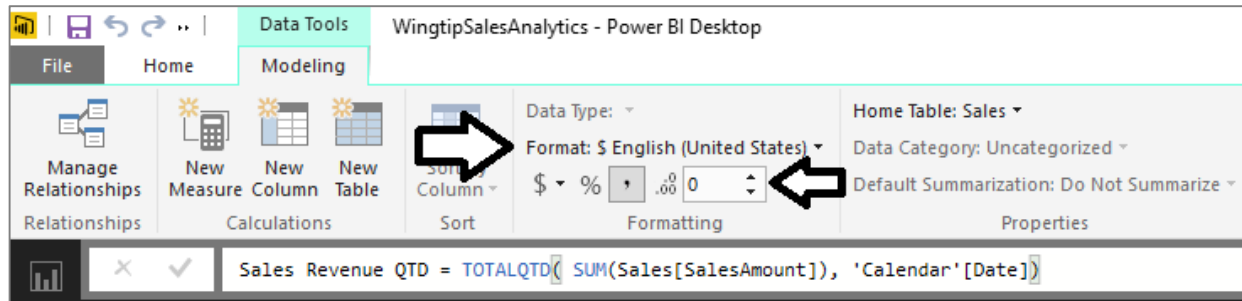
Integrating Calendar Table into Data Model

- Calendar table needs relationship to one or more tables

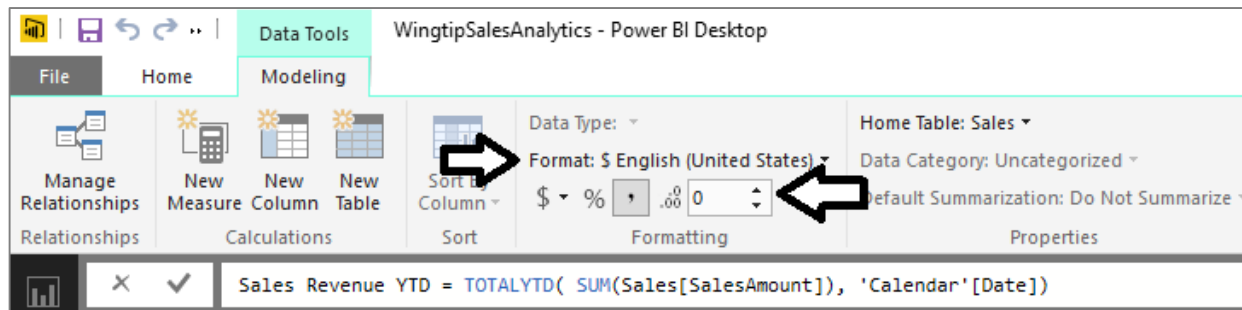


Calculated Fields for QTD and YTD Sales

- TOTALQTD function calculates quarter-to-date totals

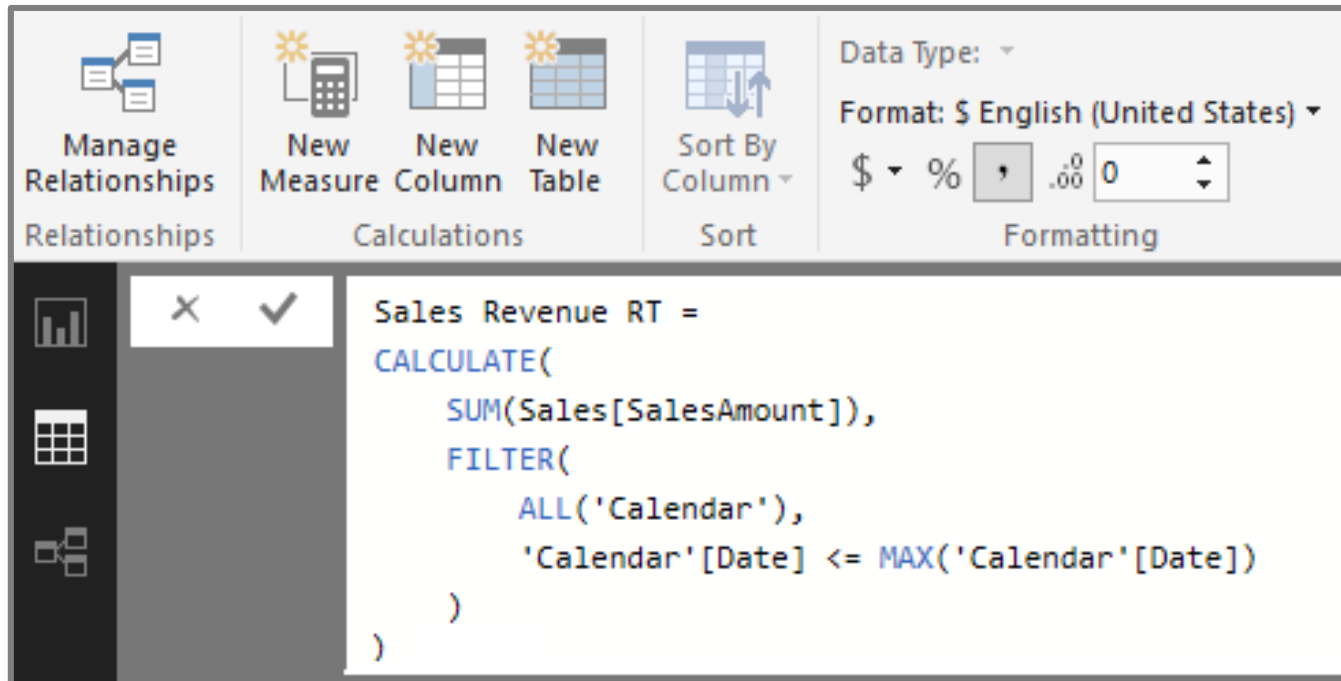


- TOTALYTD function calculates year-to-date totals



Creating Running Total using CALCULATE

- Calculate a running total of sales revenue across years
 - This must be done using **CALCULATE** function



Sales Growth PM Measure - First Attempt

- Create a 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])  
    )  
)
```

- Use measure in matrix evaluating month and quarter
 - Measure returns correct value when filtered by Month
 - Measure returns large, erroneous value when filtered by Quarter

| Year | Quarter | Month | Sales Revenue | Sales Growth PM |
|------|---------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2014 | 2014-Q1 | Jan 2014 | \$629,969 | -18.13 % |
| | | Feb 2014 | \$609,637 | -3.23 % |
| | | Mar 2014 | \$628,618 | 3.11 % |
| | | Total | \$1,868,225 | 142.79 % |
| | 2014-Q2 | Apr 2014 | \$661,588 | 5.24 % |
| | | May 2014 | \$748,193 | 13.09 % |
| | | Jun 2014 | \$814,333 | 8.84 % |
| 2014 | 2014-Q3 | Total | \$2,224,114 | 253.81 % |
| | | Jul 2014 | \$788,469 | -3.18 % |



Using the ISFILTERED Function

- ISFILTERED function used to determine when perform evaluation

```
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()  
)
```

- Expression returns Blank value when evaluation context is invalid

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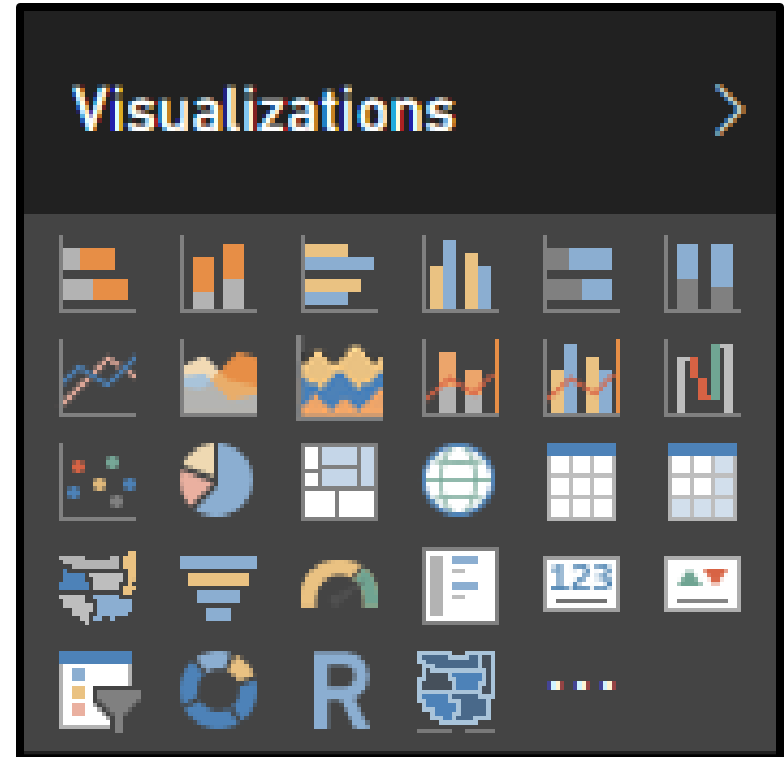
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Built-in Visualization Types

- Table and Matrix
- Bar charts and Column charts
- Pie charts and Doughnut chart
- Line chart and Area chart
- Scatter chart and Combo charts
- Card and Multi-row Card
- Treemap
- Waterfall charts
- Funnel charts
- Gauge charts
- Map and Filled Map
- Slicer
- R script visual
- Shape map (in preview)



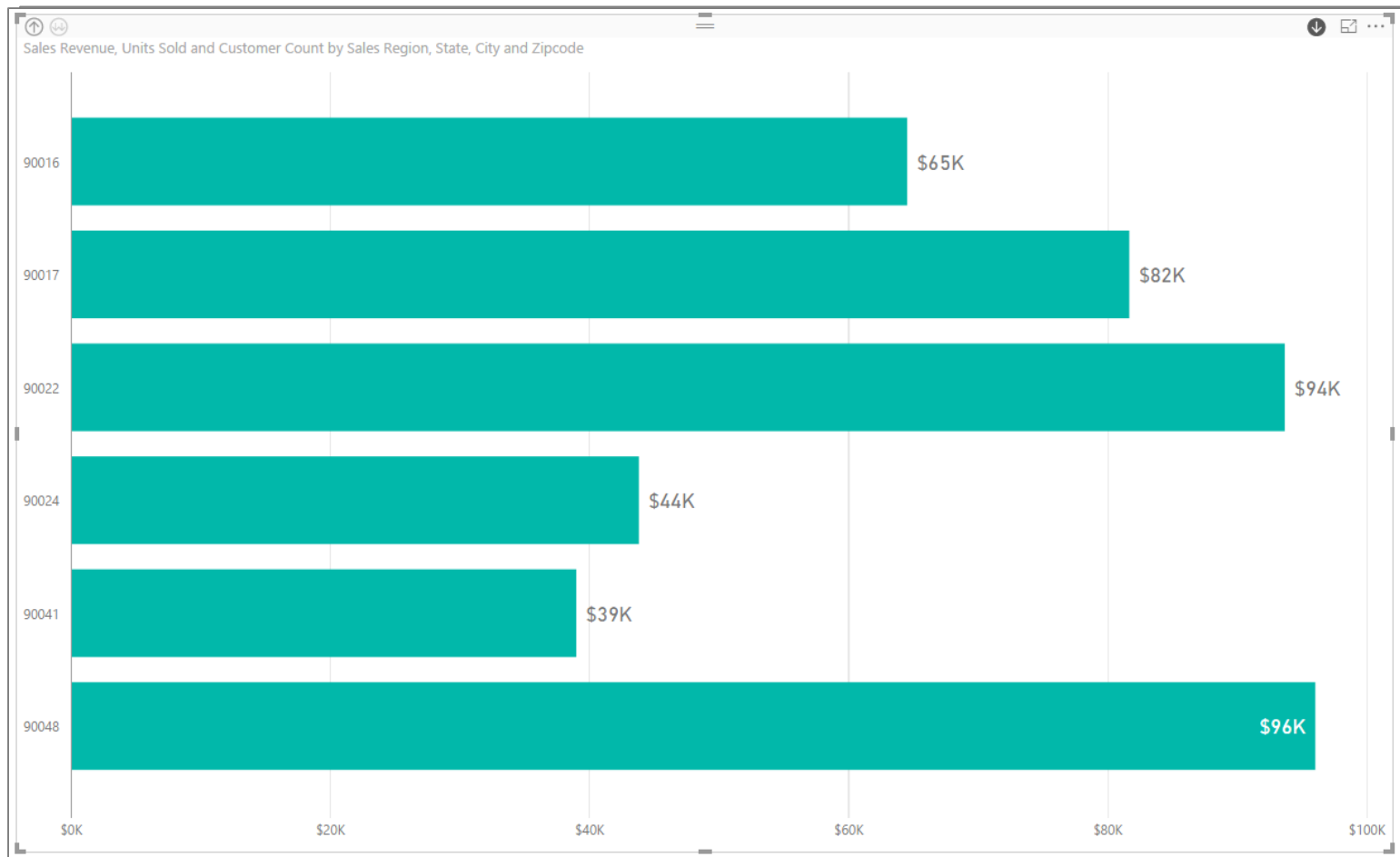
User Interaction with Slicers & Highlighting

- Provides user with interactive filtering control



User Interaction using Drill Actions

- Drill Actions supported when using hierarchies
 - You must enable drilldown mode in visual



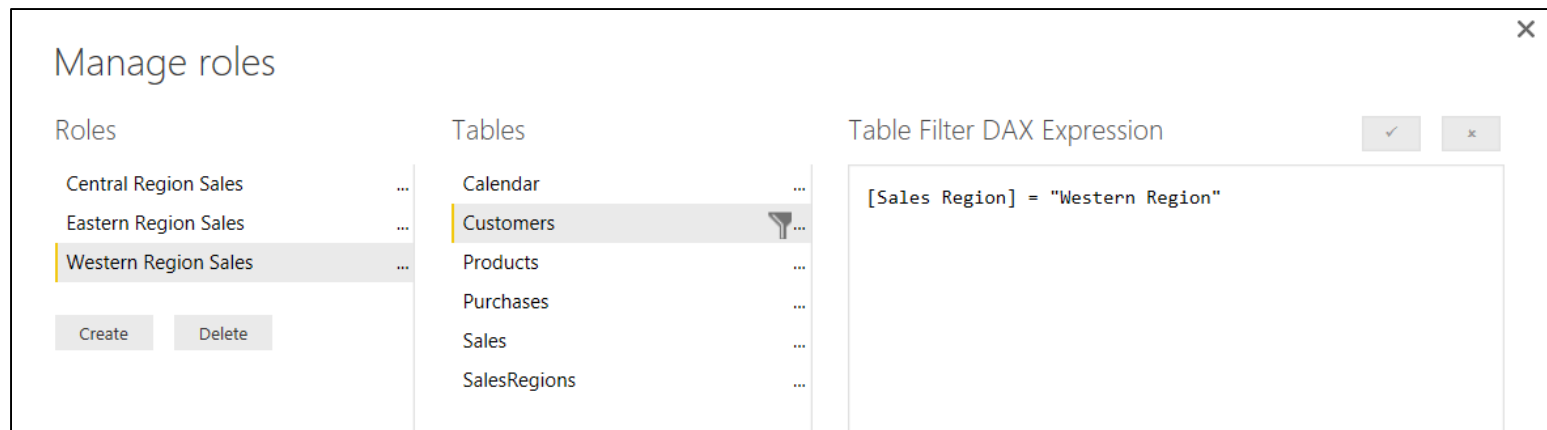
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What Is Row-level Security (RLS)

- Security features for restricting user access
 - Introduced into preview in February of 2016
 - RLS feature set changed in summer of 2016
 - Configuring RLS now requires Power BI Desktop
 - RLS requires all users to have Power BI Pro license
 - This course covers RLS in Module 6 and Module 7



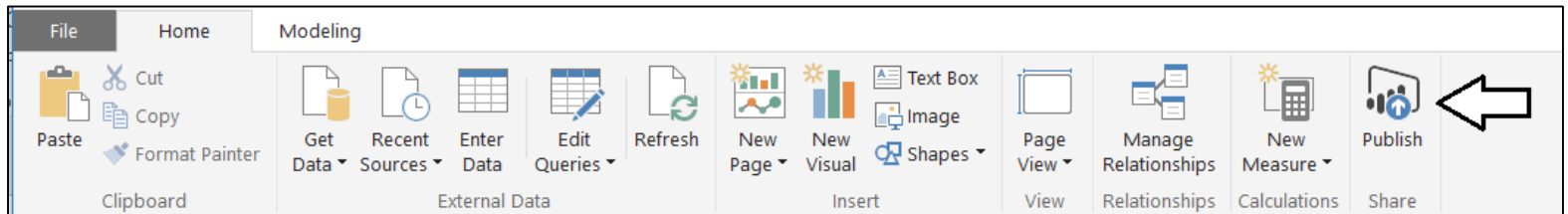
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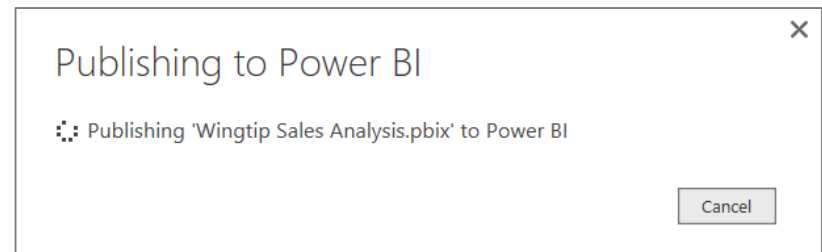
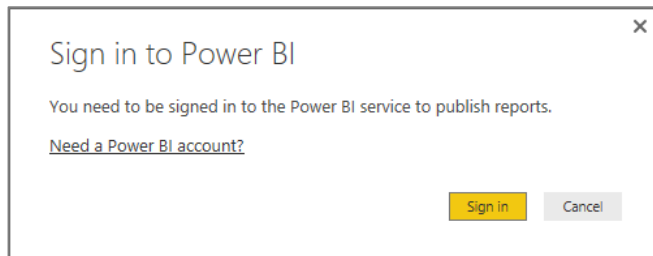


Publishing a Power BI Desktop Project

- Power BI Desktop provides **Publish** command
 - Used to publish project to Power BI service



- Requires logging into your Office 365 account

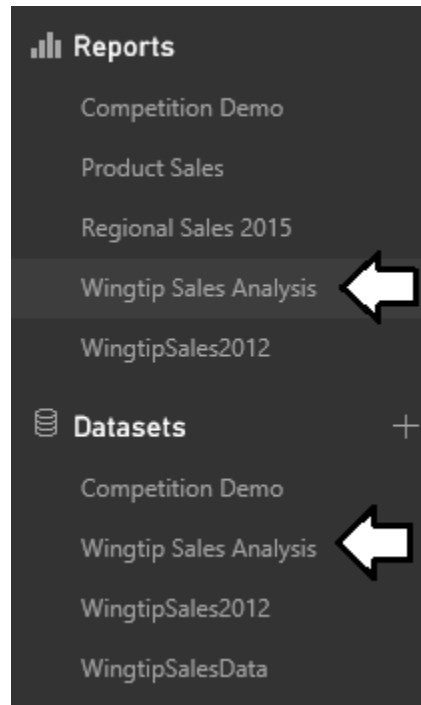


- Published articles added to a specific workspace



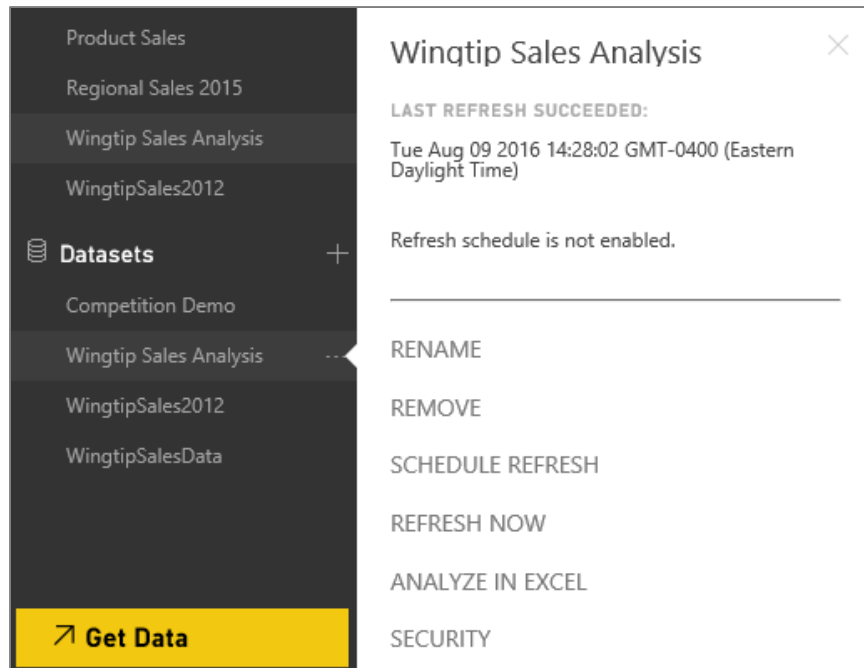
Examining What's Been Published

- What does project publishing add to workspace?
 - One dataset with same name as project
 - One report with same name as project



Dataset Configuration

- You can configure Dataset after its been published
 - Configure data source credentials
 - Configure refresh schedule
 - Configure Row-level Security



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