

Data Modeling with Power BI Desktop



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- Understanding the DAX Evaluation Context
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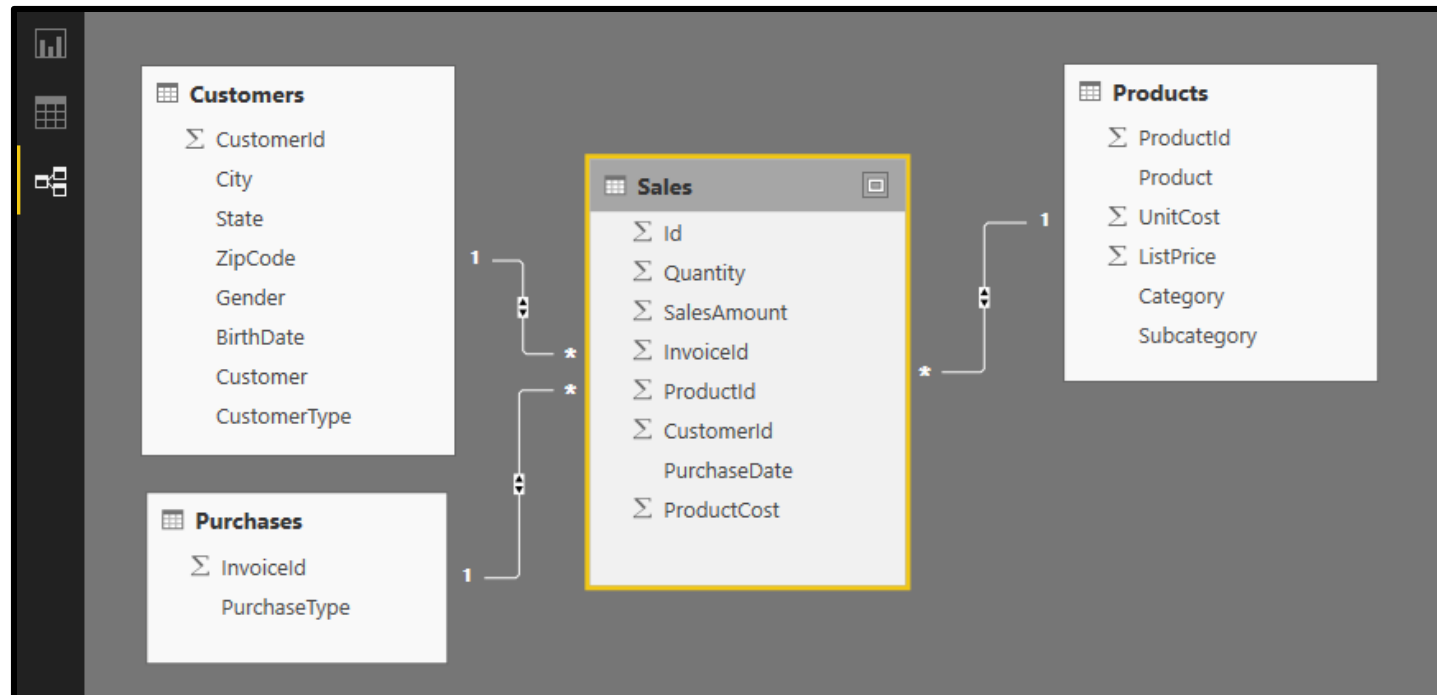
Data Modeling with Power BI Desktop

- 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>`



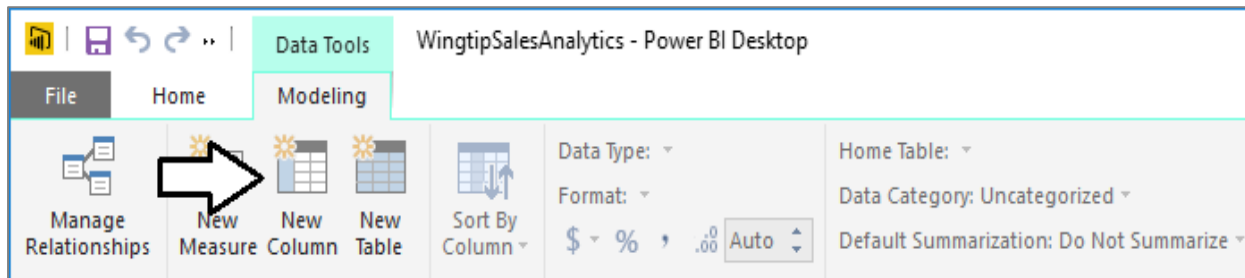
When to Create Calculated Columns

- 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

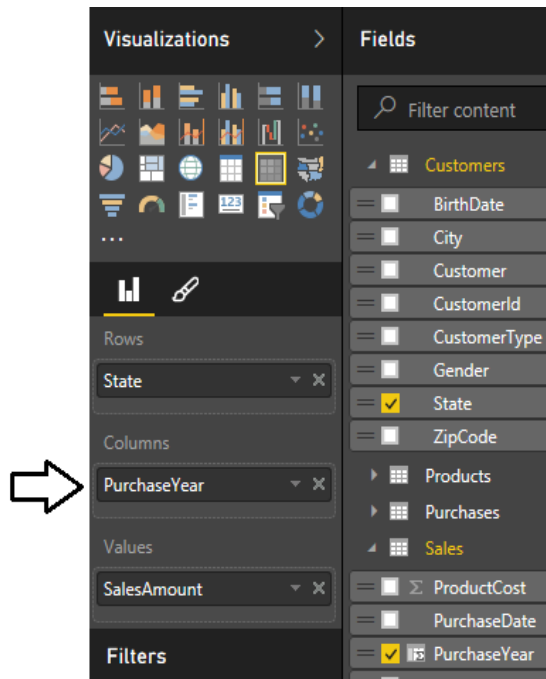


PurchaseYear = YEAR(Sales[PurchaseDate])									
Id	Quantity	SalesAmount	InvoiceId	ProductId	CustomerId	PurchaseDate	ProductCost	SalesProfit	PurchaseYear
2899	100	\$100.00	1457	14	888	6/21/12	\$8.00	\$92.00	2012
3824	100	\$100.00	1901	14	1137	7/21/12	\$8.00	\$92.00	2012
3968	100	\$100.00	1969	14	1173	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

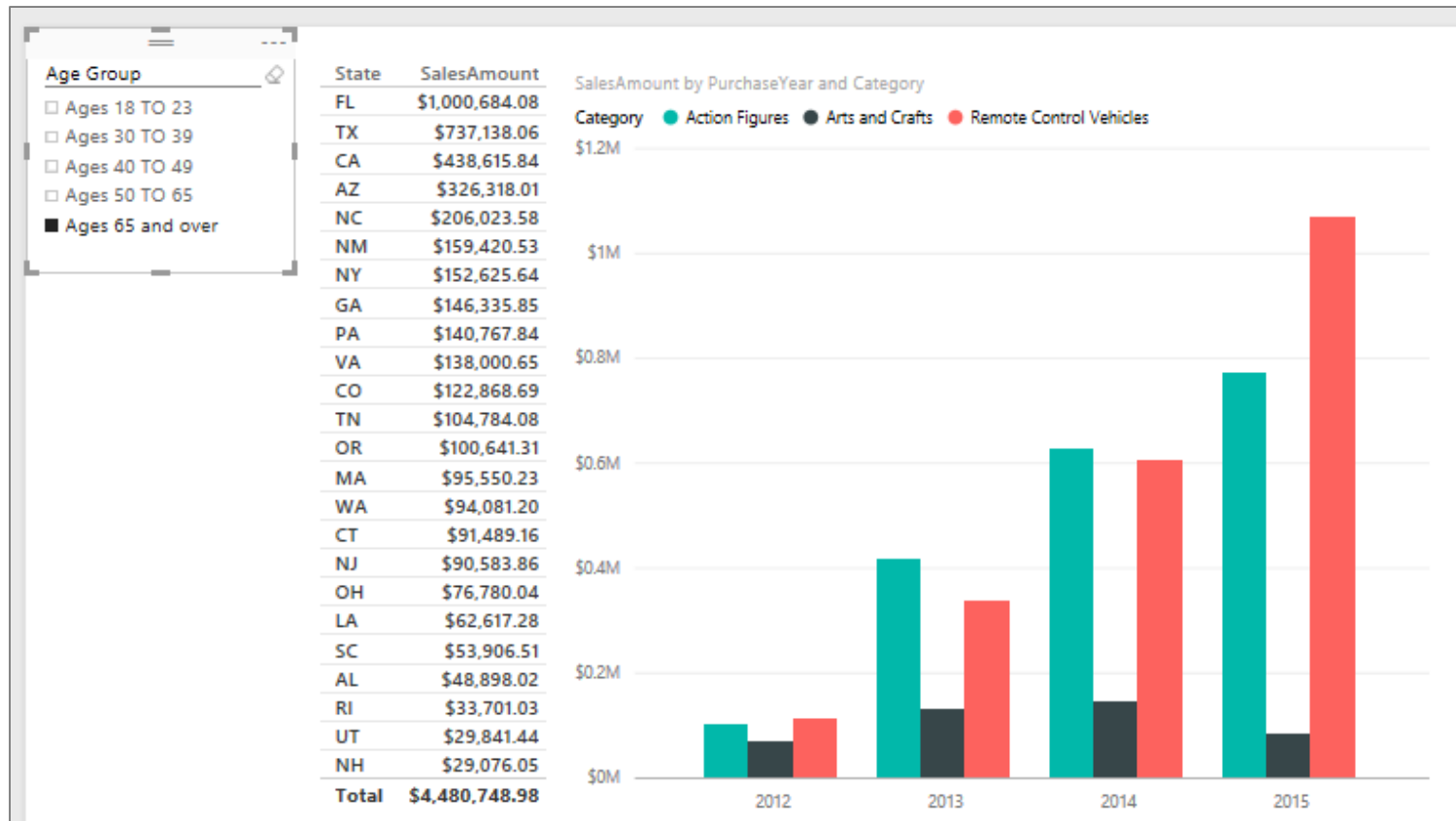


State	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
CA	\$270,926.32	\$550,160.02	\$737,878.53	\$770,402.11	\$2,329,366.98
TX	\$212,085.08	\$490,643.98	\$683,079.11	\$919,030.36	\$2,304,838.53
FL	\$51,730.85	\$300,866.87	\$535,693.94	\$891,344.92	\$1,779,636.58
NC	\$11,018.02	\$164,804.24	\$315,139.92	\$448,638.72	\$939,600.90
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



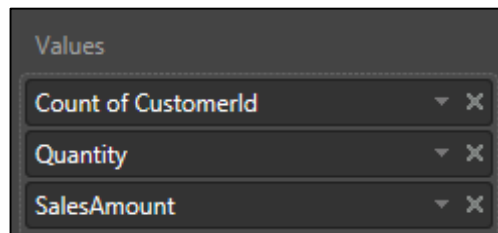
Calculated Column used in a Slicer

- Calculated column can populate slicer values

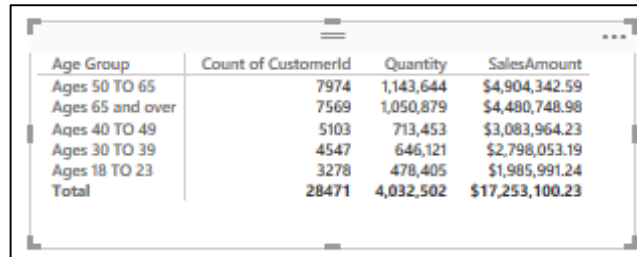


Benefits of Measures over Calculated Columns

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

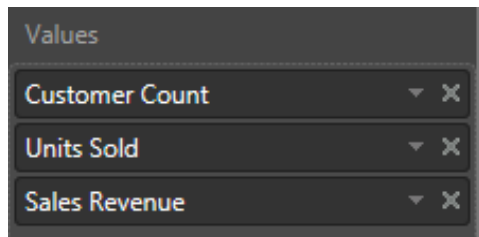


Values
Count of CustomerId
Quantity
SalesAmount

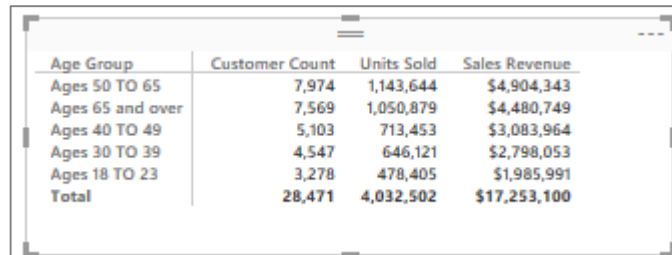


Age Group	Count of CustomerId	Quantity	SalesAmount
Ages 50 TO 65	7974	1,143,644	\$4,904,342.59
Ages 65 and over	7569	1,050,879	\$4,480,748.98
Ages 40 TO 49	5103	713,453	\$3,083,964.23
Ages 30 TO 39	4547	646,121	\$2,798,053.19
Ages 18 TO 23	3278	478,405	\$1,985,991.24
Total	28471	4,032,502	\$17,253,100.23

- 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
Ages 40 TO 49	5,103	713,453	\$3,083,964
Ages 30 TO 39	4,547	646,121	\$2,798,053
Ages 18 TO 23	3,278	478,405	\$1,985,991
Total	28,471	4,032,502	\$17,253,100



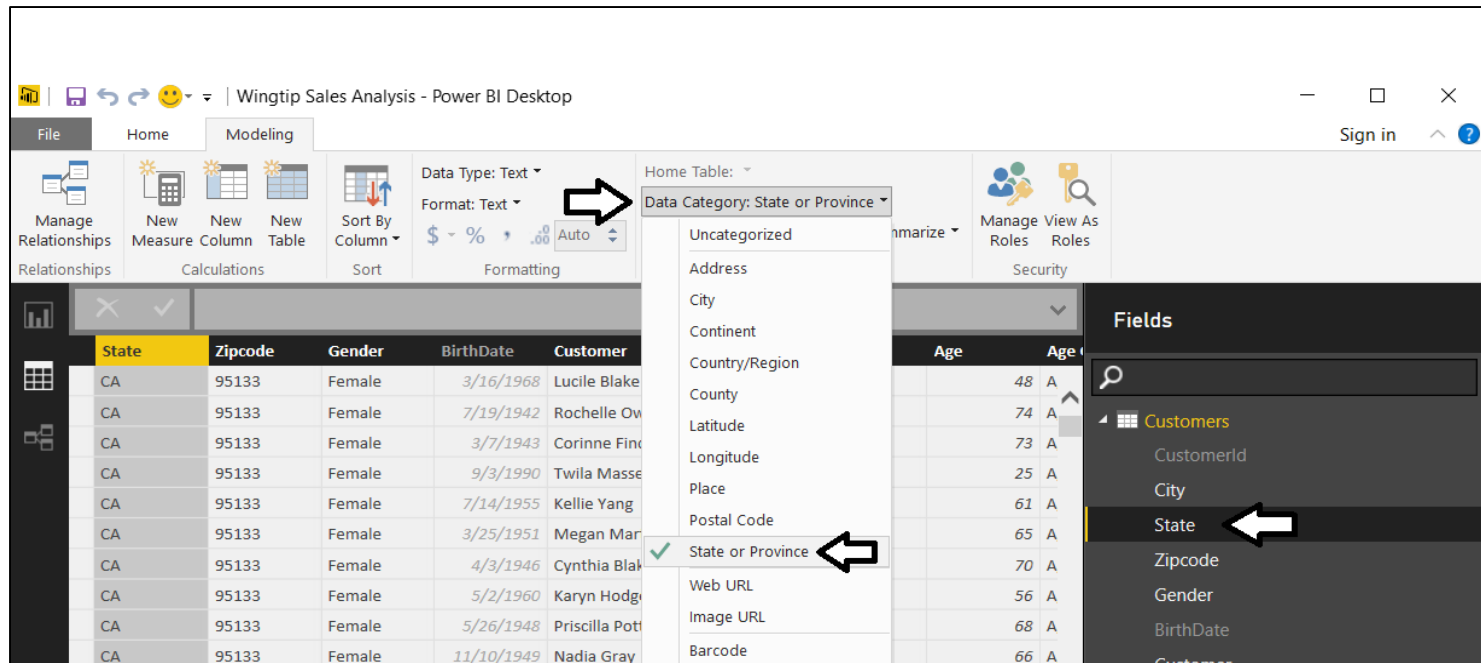
Creating Measures

- 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

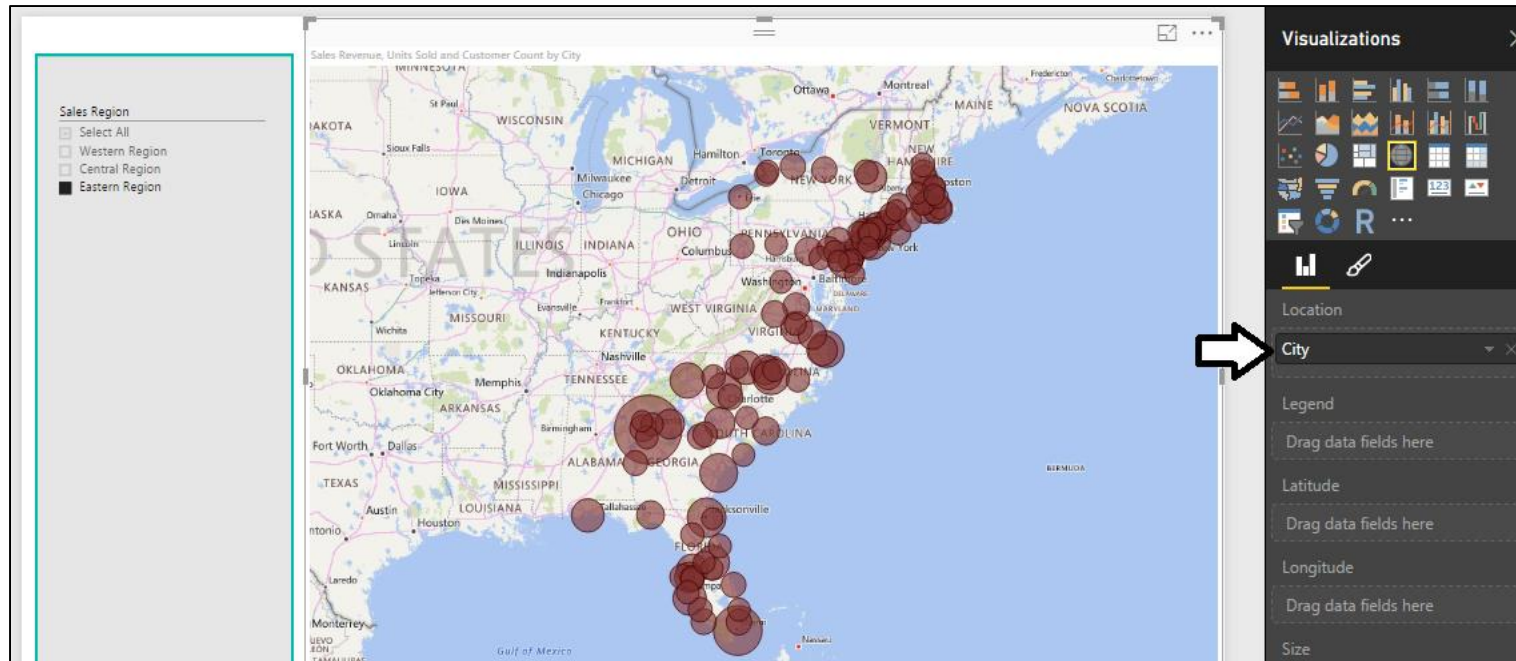
- City name alone is ambiguous
 - "Athens" defaults to Greece not Georgia
 - Concatenate city name with state to disambiguate

 		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
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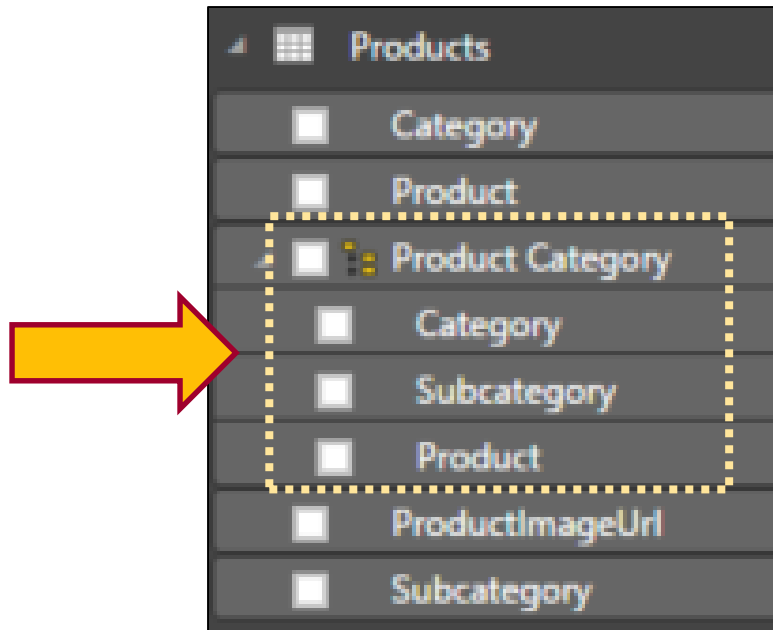
Using Map Visual with a Geographic Field

- 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

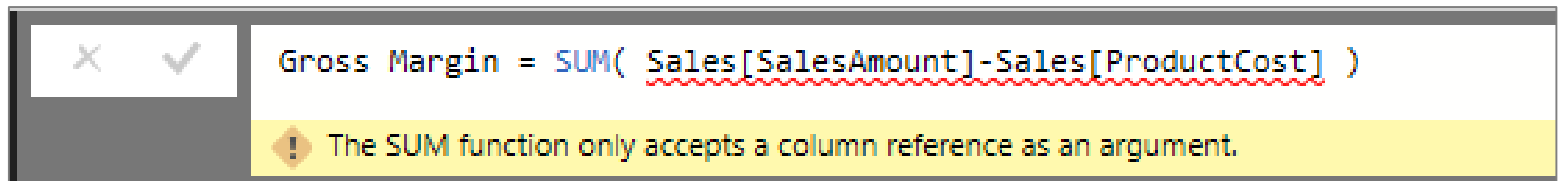
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✕	✓	Age = Floor((TODAY()-Customers[BirthDate])/365, 1)			
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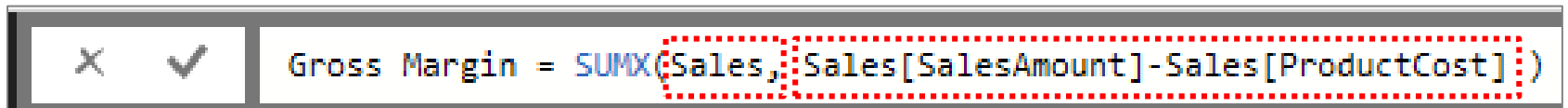


Understanding Iterators Like SUMX

- 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] )  
    )  
)
```



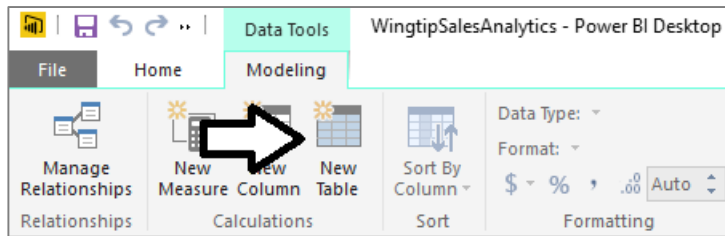
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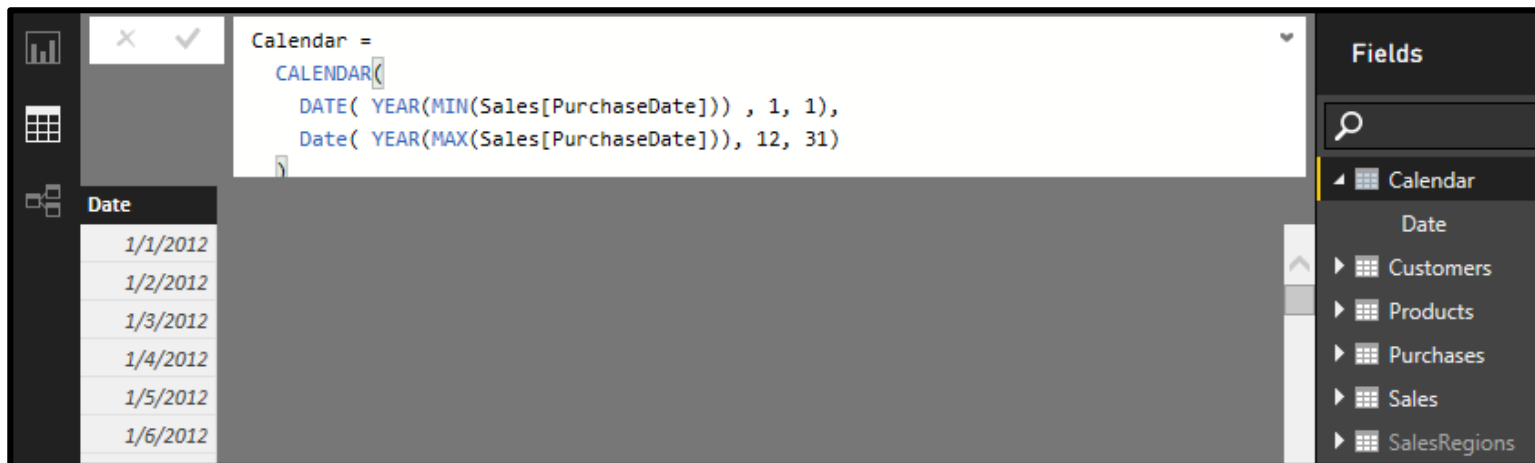


Creating Calendar Table as Calculated Table

- Use **New Table** command in ribbon



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



Adding Columns to Calendar Table

- Creating the **Year** column

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

- Creating the **Quarter** column

✕ ✓ 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

✕ ✓ 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' view, the 'Month' column is selected. The 'Sort By Column' dropdown menu is open, showing 'MonthSort' as the selected option. The 'MonthSort' column is highlighted in yellow in the table. The table data is as follows:

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

Arrows indicate the flow from the 'Sort By Column' dropdown to the 'MonthSort' column in the table.



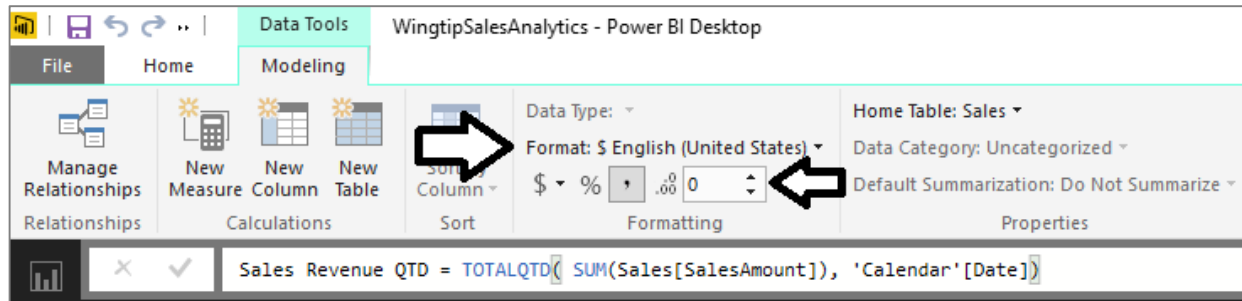
Integrating Calendar Table into Data Model

- Calendar table needs relationship to one or more tables

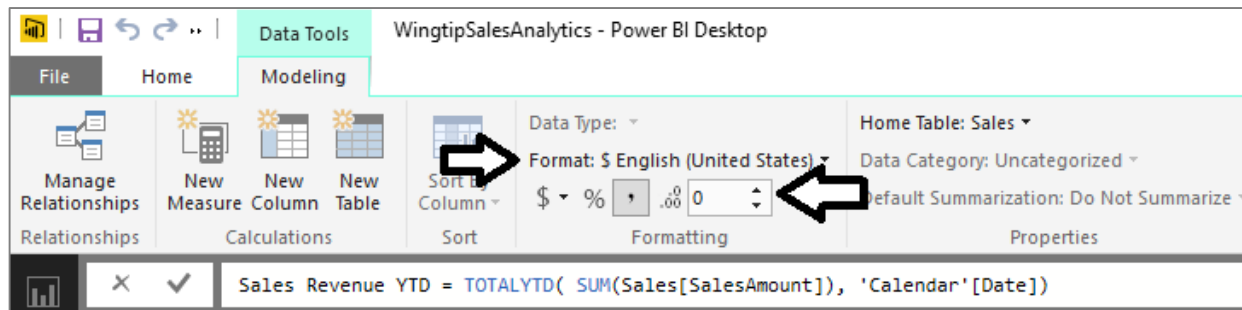


Calculated Fields for QTD and YTD Sales

- TOTALQTD function calculates quarter-to-date totals

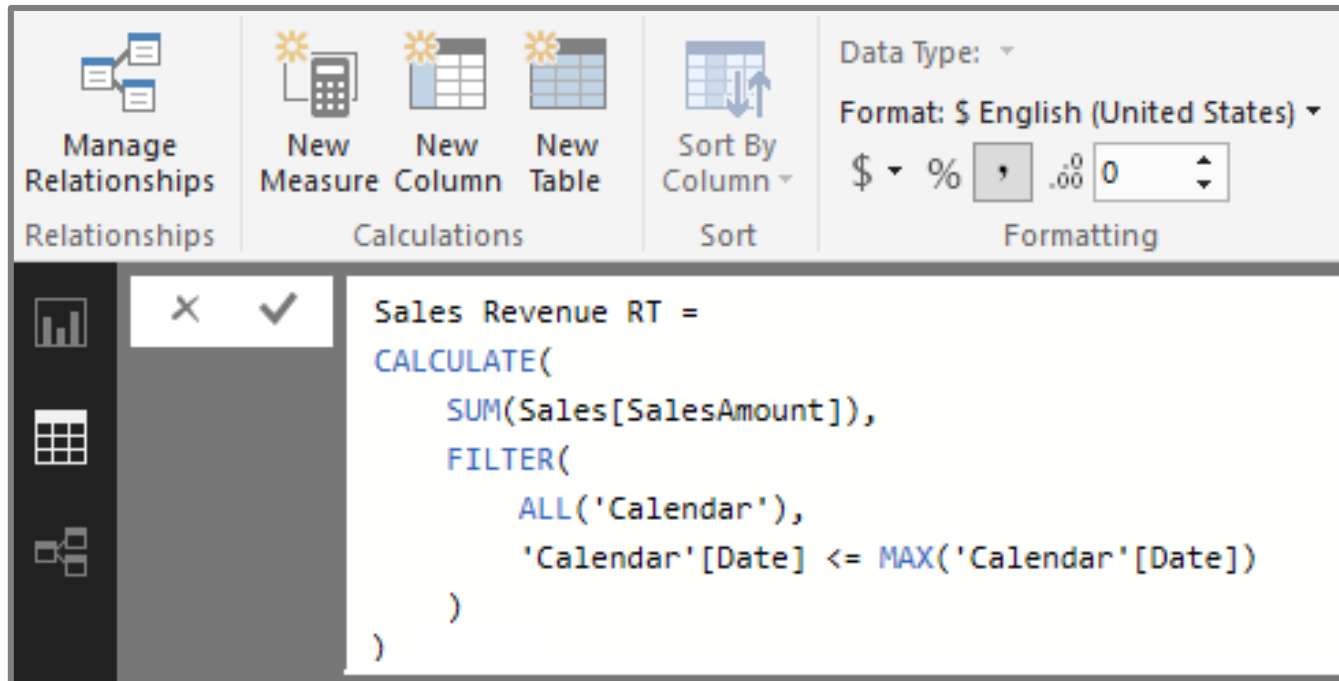


- TOTALYTD function calculates year-to-date totals



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 %
		Total	\$2,224,114	253.81 %
	2014-Q3	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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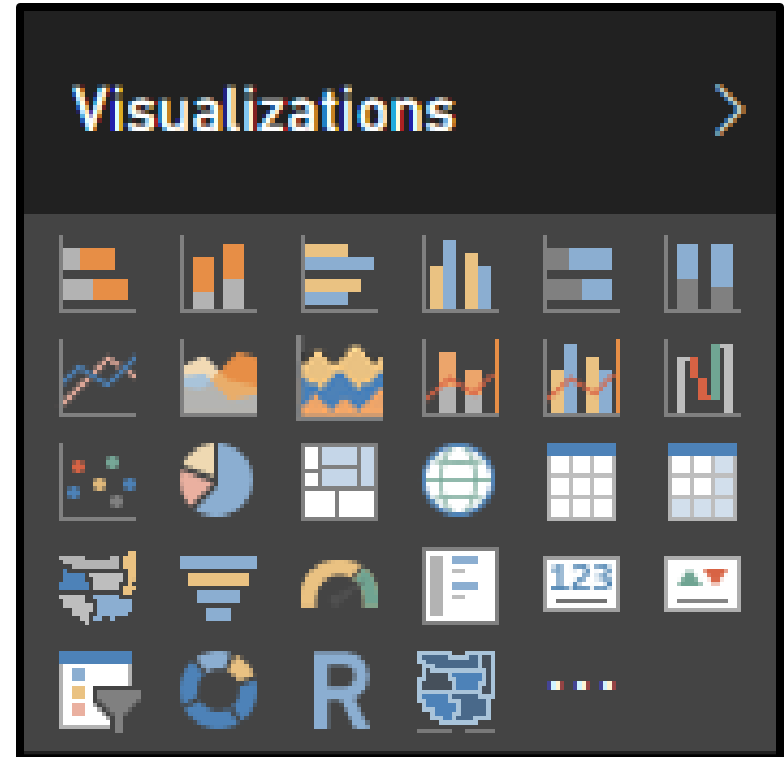
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Built-in Visualization Types

- 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)



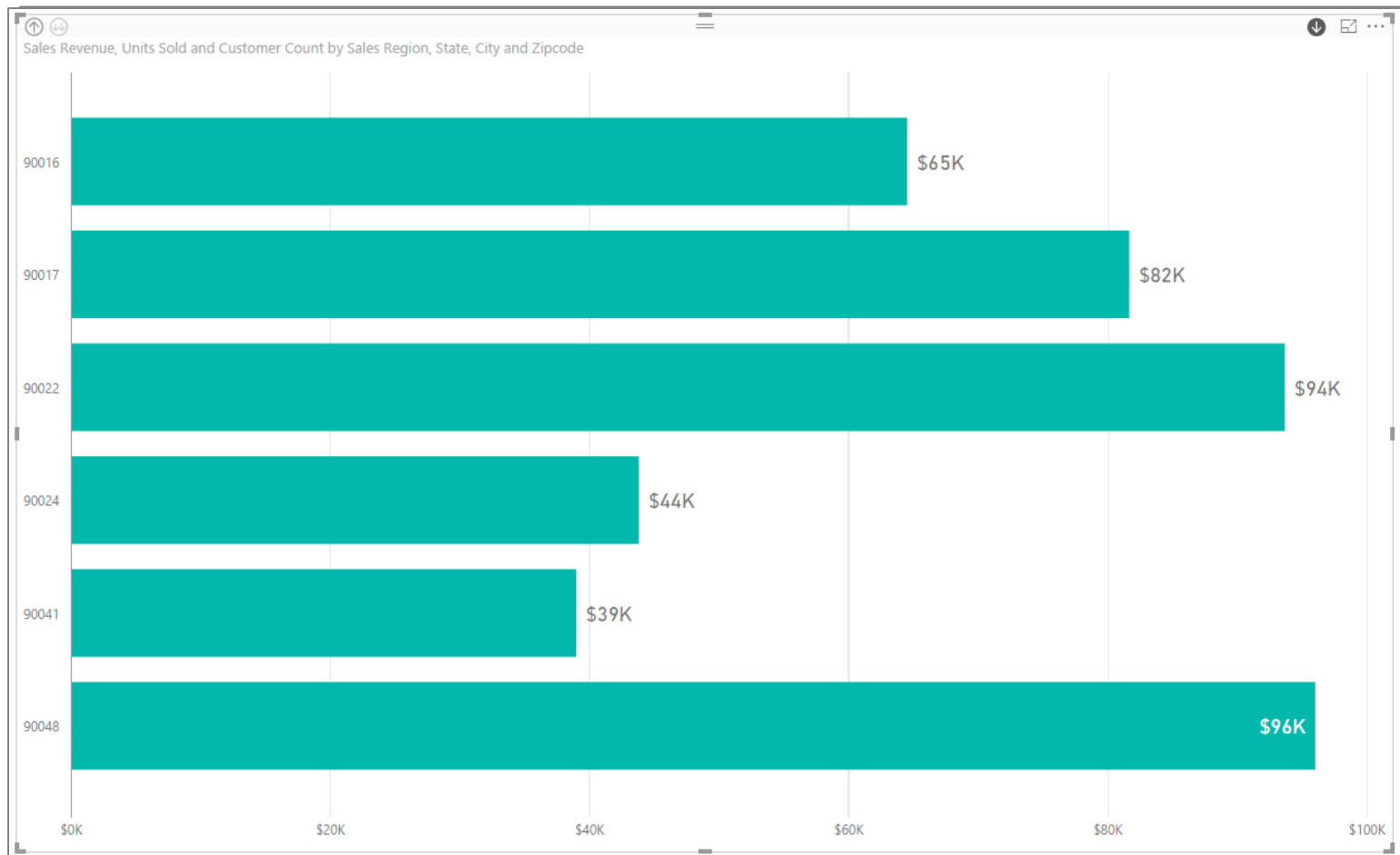
User Interaction with Slicers & Highlighting

- Provides user with interactive filtering control



User Interaction using Drill Actions

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



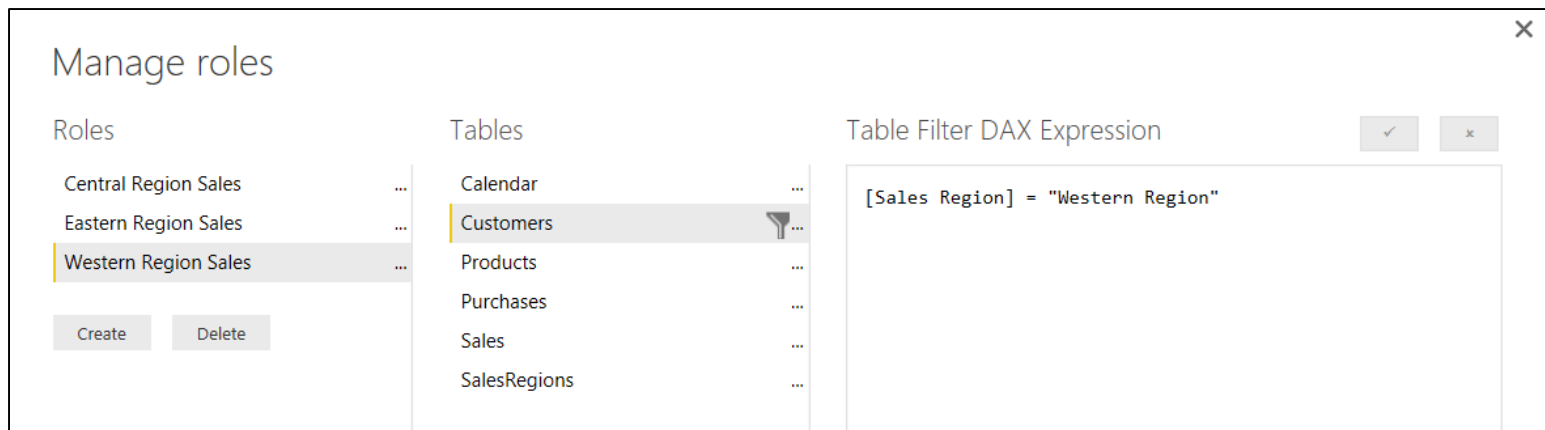
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What Is Row-level Security (RLS)

- 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



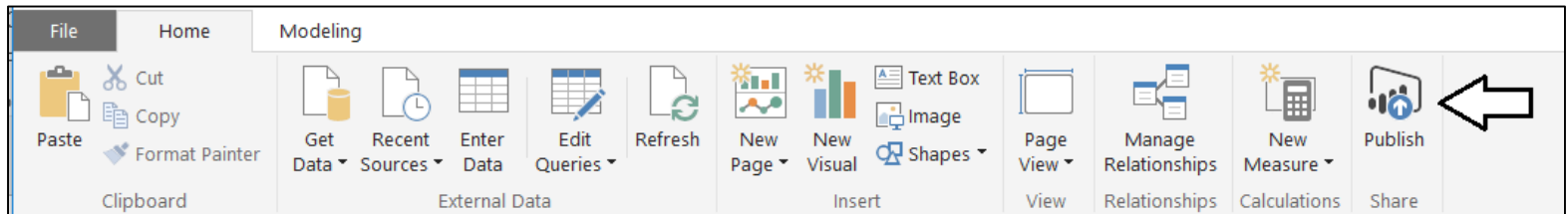
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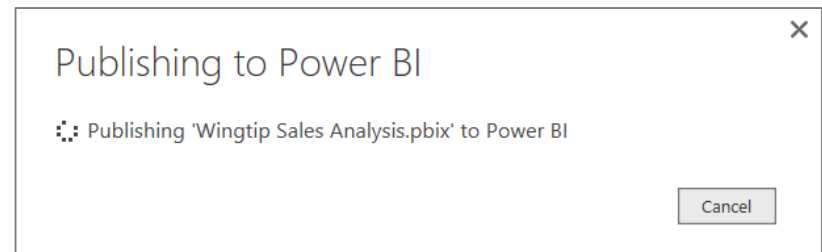
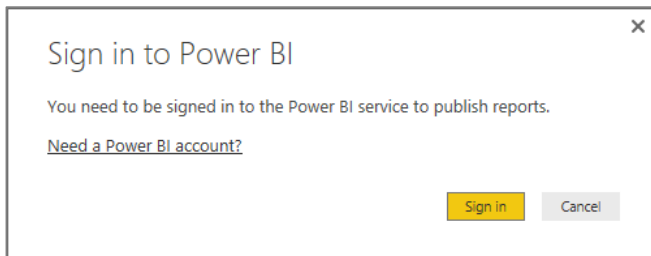


Publishing a Power BI Desktop Project

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



- Requires logging into your Office 365 account

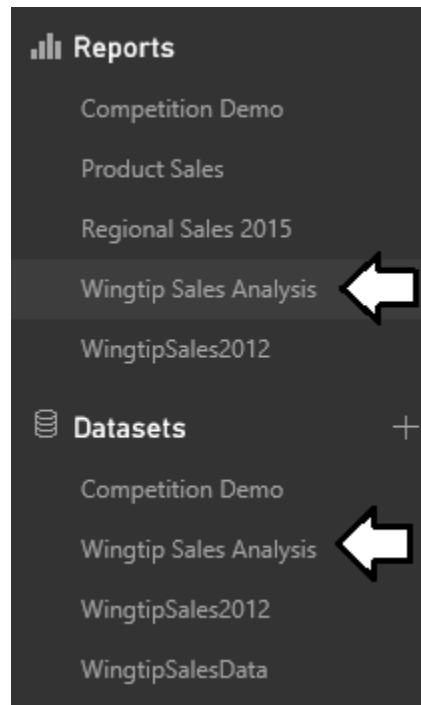


- Published articles added to a specific workspace



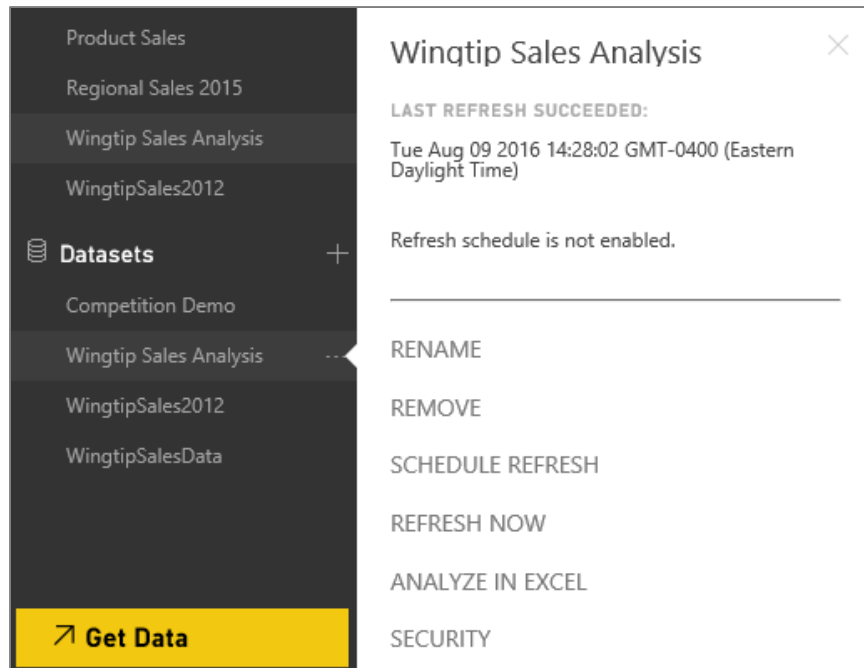
Examining What's Been Published

- 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



Summary

- ✓ Data Modeling with Power BI Desktop
- ✓ Understanding the DAX Evaluation Context
- ✓ Creating a Dynamic Calendar Table
- ✓ Designing Interactive Reports
- ✓ Understanding Row-level Security (RLS)
- ✓ Publishing PBIX Projects to PowerBI.com

