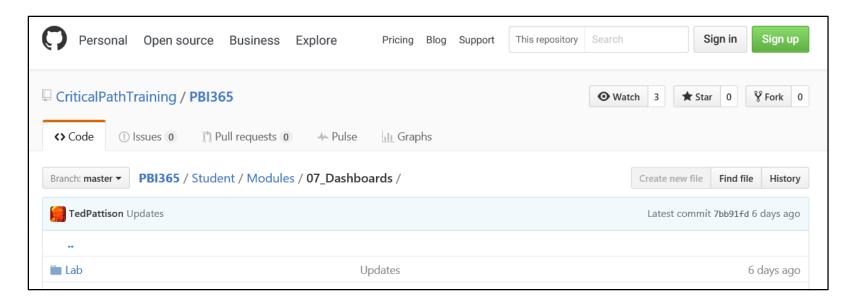
Introducing the Power BI Platform



Live Labs for PBI365

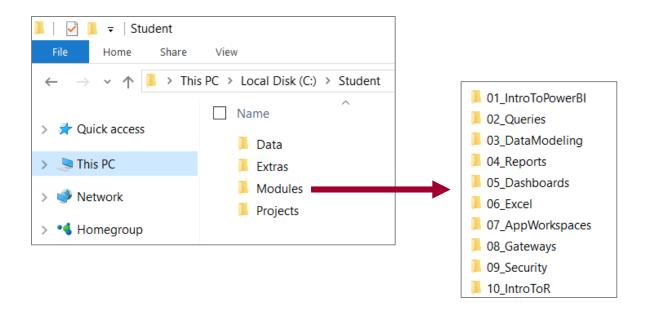
- Student files for this course maintained in GitHub
 - Students files updated frequently
 - Go to https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/PBI365





Student Files for This Course

- Copy the Student folder from the master zip archive
 - Create a new local folder at C:\Student
- Each module has folder inside Student\Modules folder
 - Slides and lab writeup available through student manual (not in GitHub repository)





Student Background

- What is your name?
- What are you doing with Power BI?
- Which products/services have you used
 - Excel
 - Access
 - SQL Server, SSRS, SSAS
 - SharePoint and Office 365
 - Tableau
 - Dynamics 365
 - Salesforce
 - Others



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What is Business Intelligence?

- BI focuses on business health and performance
 - Gather insights into health of business processes
 - Take corrective actions in a timely fashion
- BI projects typically involve the following...
 - Integrate data from multiple sources
 - Perform data transformation and complex calculations
 - Analyze large data sets with rapid query response
 - Create insightful reports and visualizations
 - Provide insights that are "actionable"



How is the BI Software Industry Changing?

- Software industry is experiencing new proliferation of data
 - Number of telemetry devices is increasing exponentially
 - Device-generated data is providing new business opportunities
 - Example: Uber has used geolocation data to disrupt taxi industry
- Traditional BI and analytics models are being disrupted
 - New analytics capabilities available with new types of data sources
 - Data discovery and unstructured data analytics are new frontiers
 - Demand for self-service BI tools are on the rise
 - Balance of power shifting from IT to business divisions



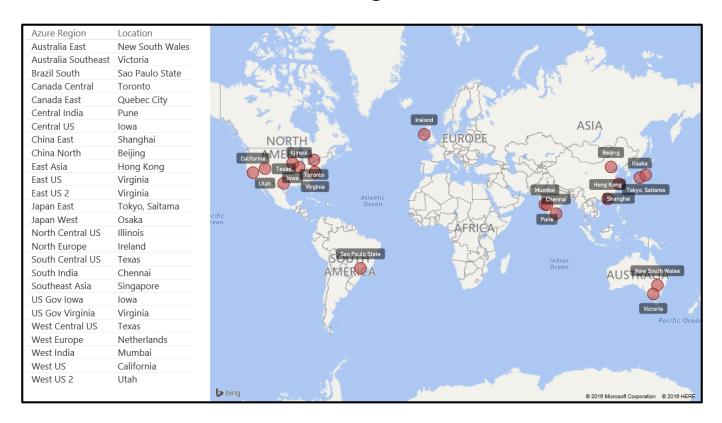
What is Power BI?

- 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 Benefits from Microsoft Azure

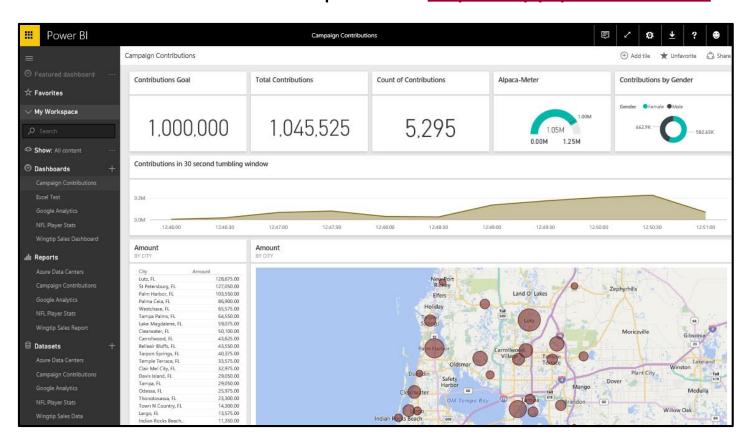
- Power BI is built on top of Microsoft Azure
 - Power BI solutions can be scaled as required
 - Power BI solutions have global reach





The Power BI Service

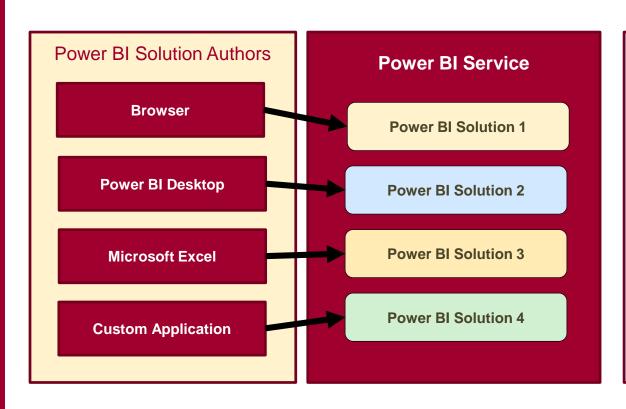
- The Power BI Service
 - Provides cloud-based foundation for Power BI platform
 - Provides browser-based portal at https://app.powerbi.com

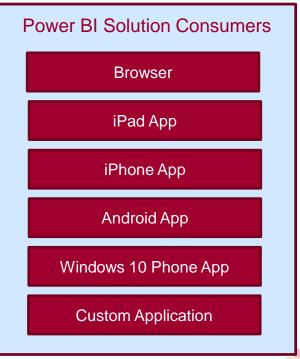




Power BI Authors and Consumers

- Power BI support for authors and consumers
 - BI solution authors have a choice in authoring tools
 - BI solutions consumers can use wide range of devices

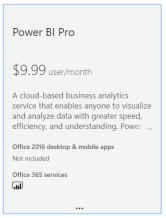




Power BI Licensing

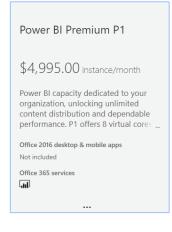
User-based licensing

Power BI (free) \$0.00 user/month A cloud-based business analytics service that enables anyone to visualize and analyze data with greater speed, efficiency, and understanding. It ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services





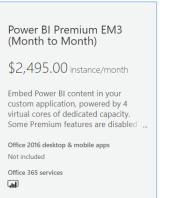
Capacity-based Licensing



\$9,995.00 instance/month Power BI capacity dedicated to your organization, unlocking unlimited content distribution and dependable performance. P1 offers 16 virtual core ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services

Power BI Premium P2

\$19,995.00 instance/month Power BI capacity dedicated to your organization, unlocking unlimited content distribution and dependable performance. P1 offers 32 virtual core ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services





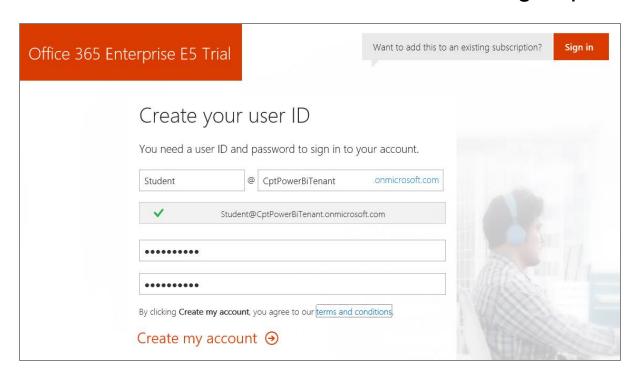
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Creating a Power BI Testing Environment

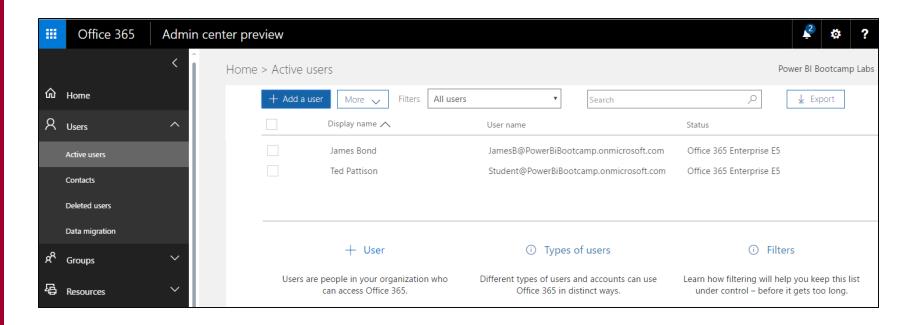
- Sign up for an Office 365 Enterprise E5 trial account
 - Creates a new Office 365 tenant
 - Creates an account which is tenant administrator
 - You can create 25 user accounts for testing purposes
 - You can create and test Office 365 unified groups





Office 365 admin center

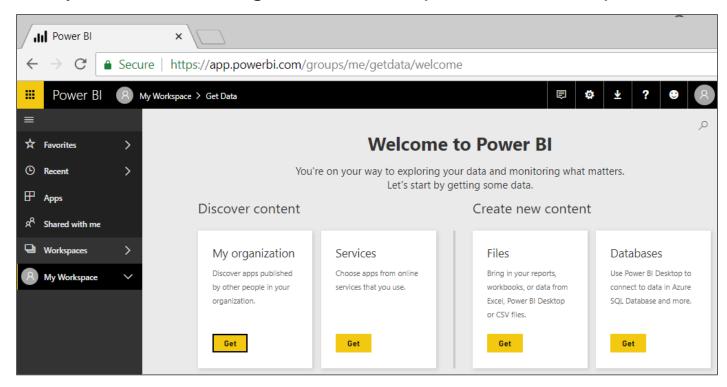
- Chores to accomplish in Office 365 admin center
 - Learn how to add secondary user accounts for testing
 - Learn how to view and manage groups





Accessing the Power BI Portal

- Power BI portal is accessible using a browser
 - Access provided through base URL of https://app.powerbi.com
 - Power BI portal supports all modern browsers
 - Every licensed user gets their own personal workspace





Central Power BI Concepts

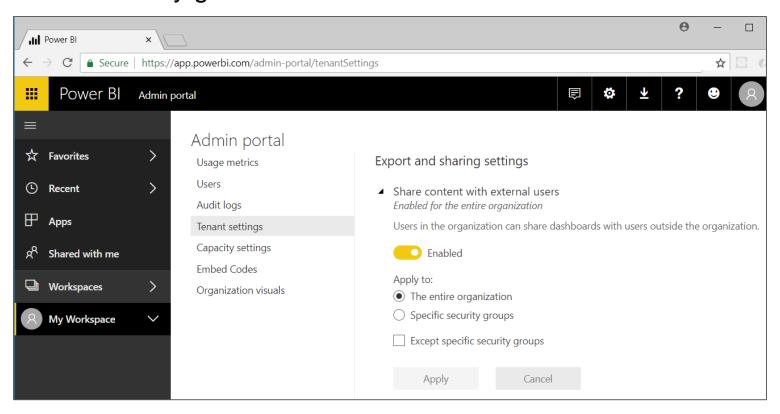


- Workspace
 - Provides user context and asset container
 - Every user has personal workspace
 - Team development requires group workspaces
- Dashboard
 - Consolidated view into reports and datasets
 - Custom solution entry point for mobile users
- Report
 - Collection of pages with tables & visualizations
 - Provides interactive control of filtering
- Dataset
 - Data model containing one or more tables
 - Can be very simple or very complex

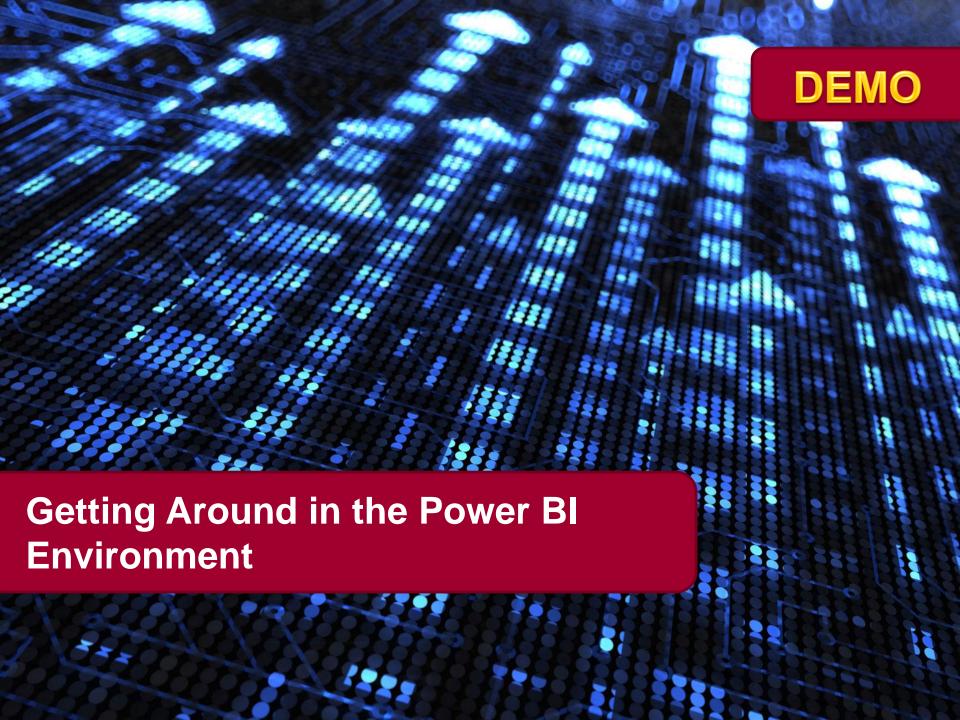


The Power BI Admin Portal

- Admin portal used to configure tenant-level settings
 - Accessible at https://app.powerbi.com/admin-portal
 - Accessible by global tenant admins and Power BI Service admins







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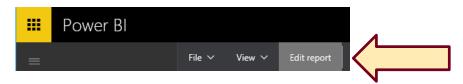
Reports and Pages

- 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

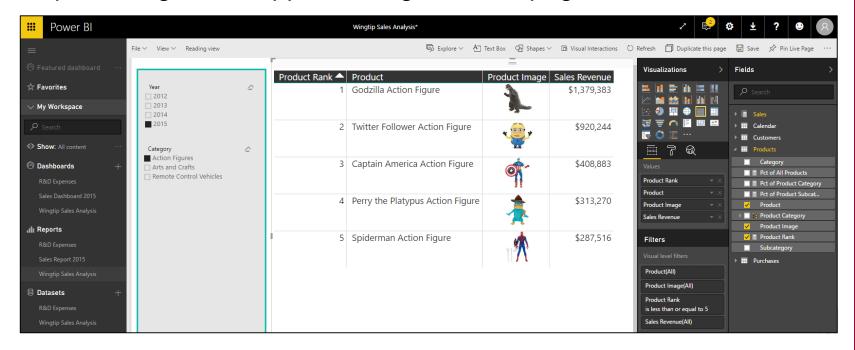


Report Authoring

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



Report design tools appear on right side of page

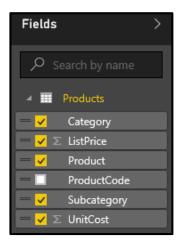


Visuals (aka Visualizations)

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



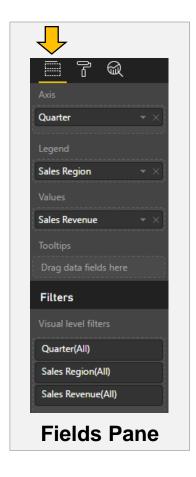
Visuals creating by using fields from tables inside Fields list

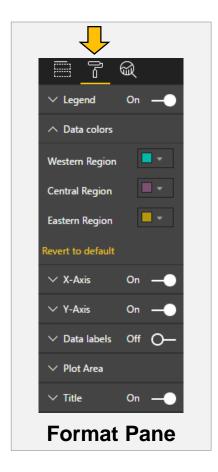




Editing Visual Properties

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



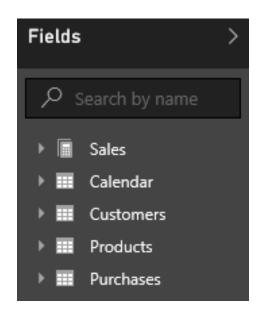


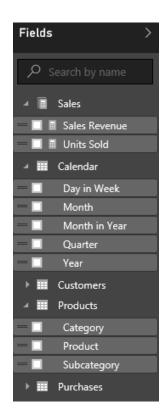




Report and Datasets

- Each report is based on an underlying dataset
 - Fields list in report designer shows tables and fields
 - Report author sees tables & fields as dataset consumer

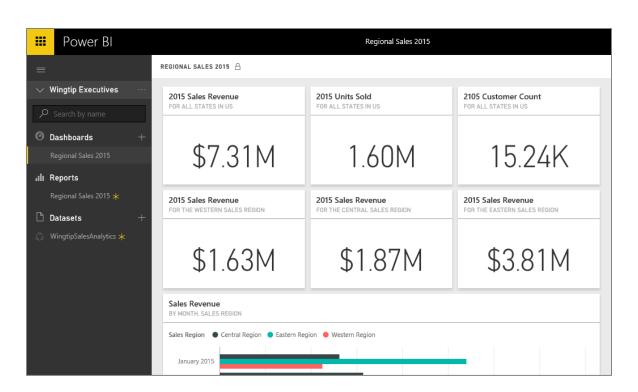






Dashboards and Tiles

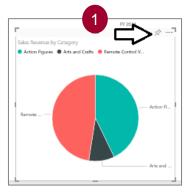
- Dashboard is a collection of tiles
 - Tile can be created by pinning visual from a report
 - Tile can be created by pinning Q&A result from dataset

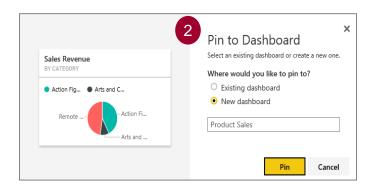


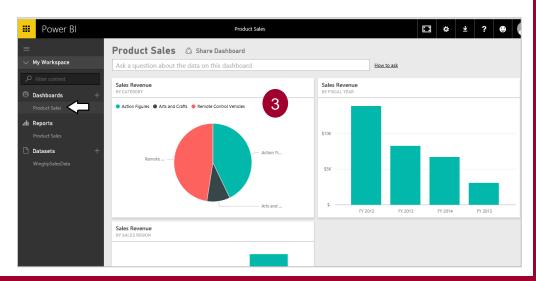


Creating Dashboards

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

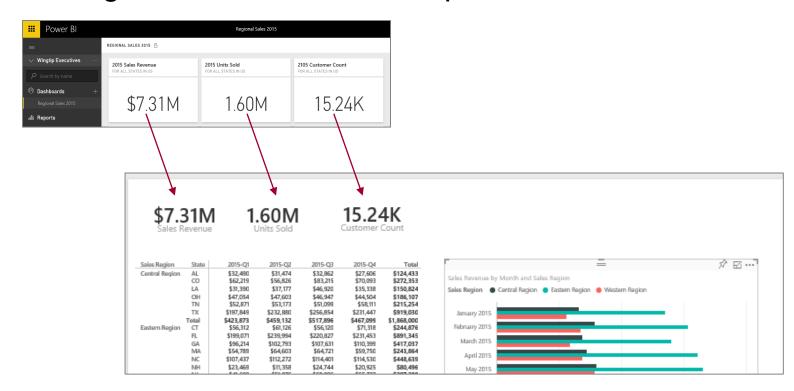






Dashboards and Reports

- Dashboards link users to reports
 - Dashboard tiles designed to provide high-level view
 - Clicking tiles drills down into report to see more detail







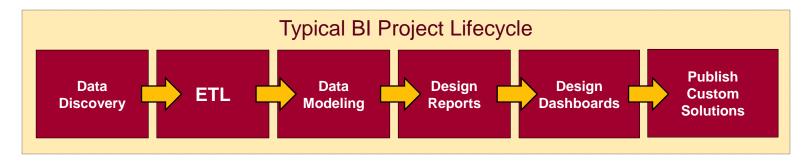
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Project Lifecycle for a Custom BI Solution

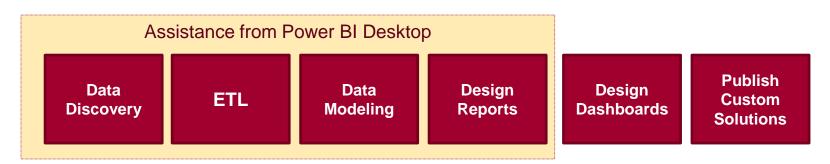
- Lifecycle of a typical BI project includes...
 - Discover where the data lives
 - Extract, transform and load (ETL) data
 - Model data to create dataset for analytics and reporting
 - Design and implement reports on top of dataset
 - Consolidate reports into one or more dashboards
 - Package custom solution artifacts for deployment
 - Deploy custom solution to production environment





Working with Power BI Desktop

- Power BI Desktop focuses on first four phases
 - Query features for Data Discovery
 - Query features for ETL
 - Design features and DAX language for data modeling
 - Report design using a visual report designer
 - No support for designing dashboards
 - Not used to package custom solutions with dashboards





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

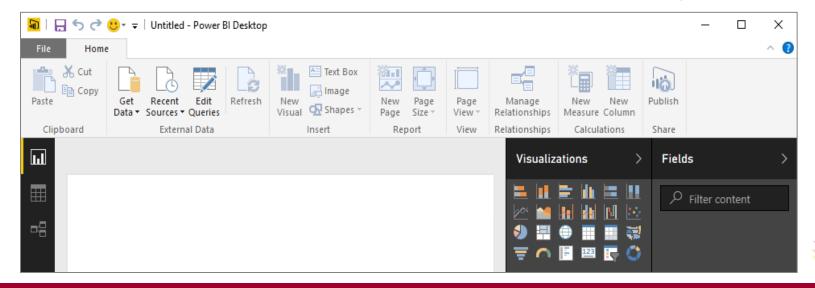






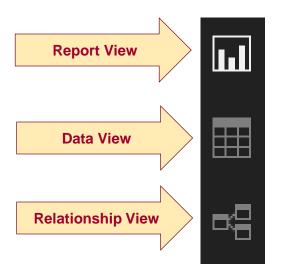
Working with Power BI Desktop

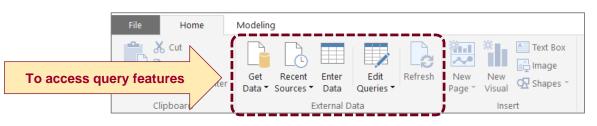
- Power BI Desktop is a Windows application
 - Work is saved and published in terms of projects
 - You can work on multiple projects at once
 - Each project runs in its own Power BI Desktop instance
 - Power BI Desktop can freeze up or act buggy
 - Quit & restart Power BI Desktop if it acts strangely



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





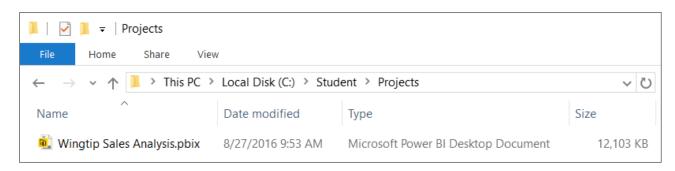




Projects and PBIX Files

- 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





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Power BI Team Blog

Power BI Team Blog is an Essential Resource

https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/

Be on the lookout for monthly updates

Power BI Service and Mobile June Feature Summary

Announcements

Features

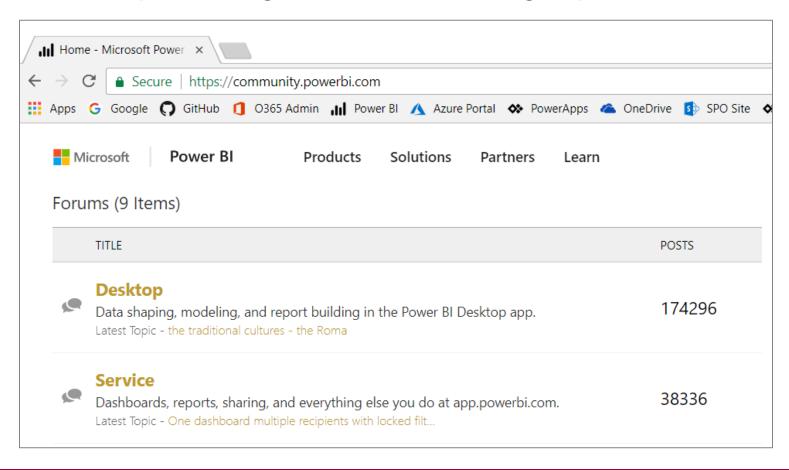
III July 11, 2018 by Nikhil Gaekwad

The month of June flew by quickly for Power BI. With summer in the air and MBAS just around the corner, we are laser focused on planning another unforgettable conference for you in Seattle! There...



Power BI Community Forums

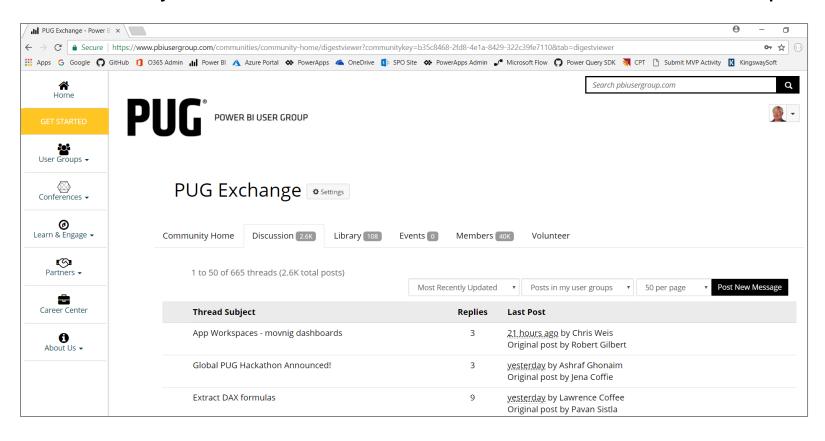
- Located at https://community.powerbi.com/
 - Great place to get answers to tough questions





Power BI User Group (PUG)

- Located at http://pbiusergroup.com/
 - PUG Exchange is another place to get questions answered
 - Also let's you find and connect with local Power BI User Groups





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