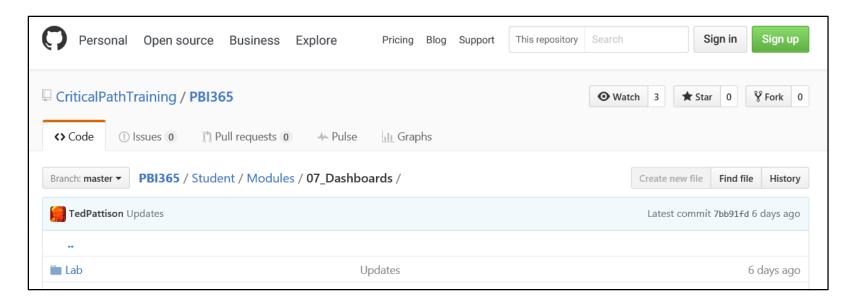
#### **Introducing the Power BI Platform**



#### **Live Labs for PBI365**

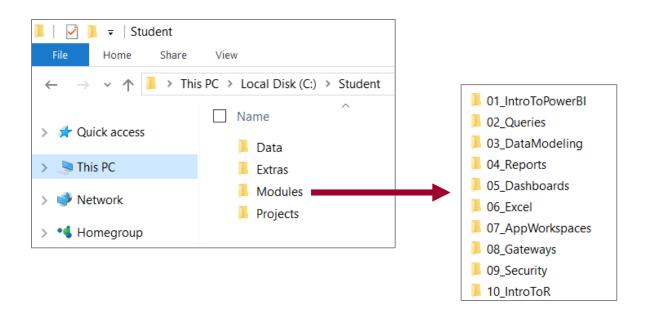
- Student files for this course maintained in GitHub
  - Students files updated frequently
  - Go to <a href="https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/PBI365">https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/PBI365</a>





#### **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"



#### What is Power BI?

- What is Power BI?
  - A cloud-based analytics service for licensed subscribers
  - Environment which supports and promotes self-service BI
  - Powerful builder tools for importing, modeling and visualizing data
  - Enterprise-grade platform for deploying reports and dashboards
  - On-premises server product supporting subset of cloud features

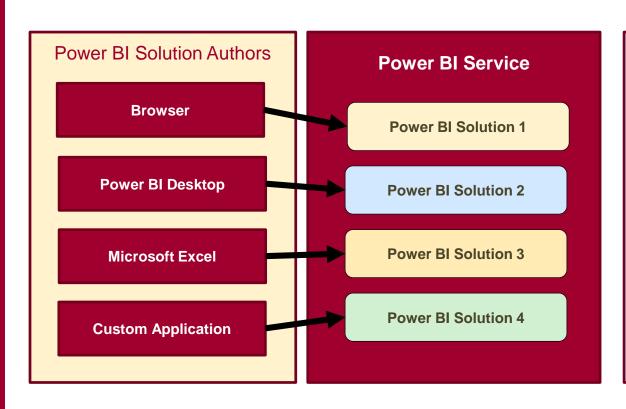
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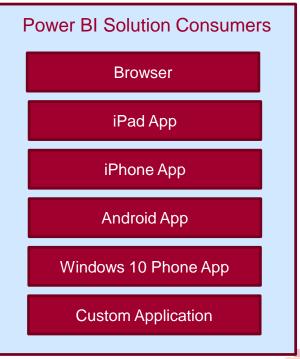
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#### **Power BI Authors and Consumers**

- 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

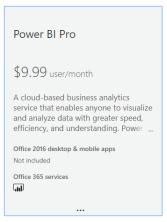




#### **Power BI Licensing**

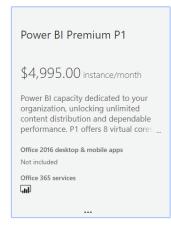
#### User-based licensing

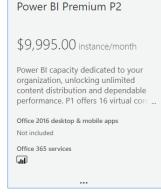
# Power BI (free) \$0.00 user/month A cloud-based business analytics service that enables anyone to visualize and analyze data with greater speed, efficiency, and understanding. It ... Office 2016 desktop & mobile apps Not included Office 365 services

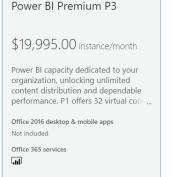


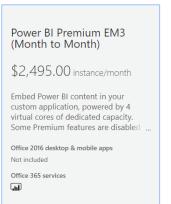


#### Capacity-based Licensing











# **Power BI Report Server**

- Power BI Report Server provides limited PBI functionality
  - Designed for customers that need to keep all IT on-premises
  - Supports publishing reports built with Power BI Desktop
  - Builders must use special release of Power BI Desktop
- Power BI features missing from Power BI Report Server
  - Dashboards
  - Dataflows
  - Row Level Security
  - Deployment using Apps
  - Natural Language Q&A
  - Power BI Service API



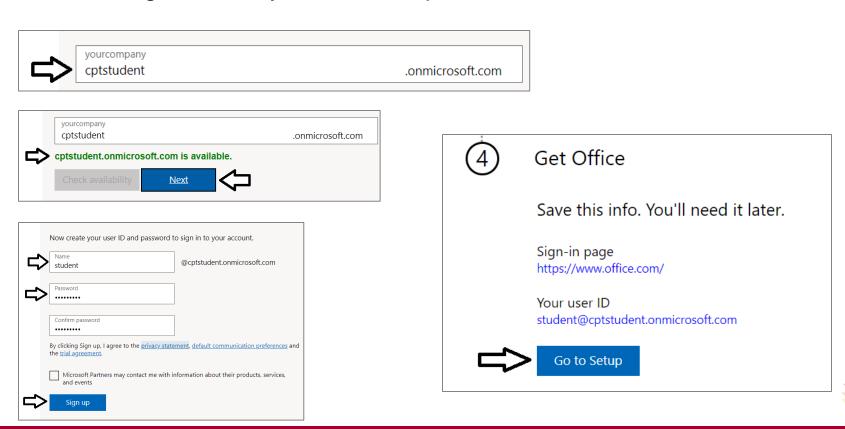
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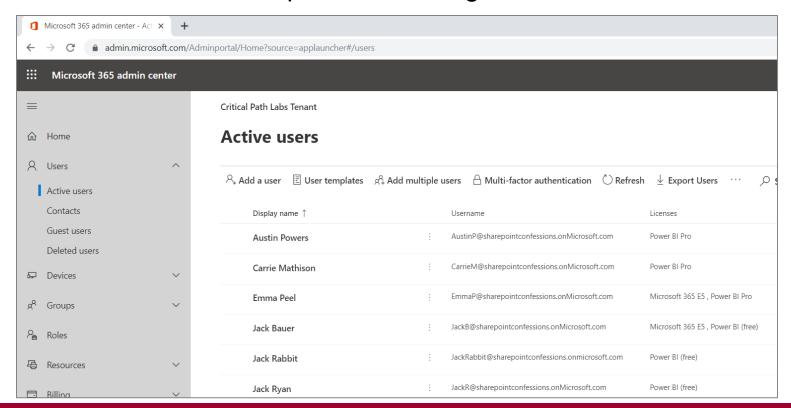
#### Creating a Power BI Lab Environment

- Sign up for an Office 365 E5 trial account
  - Sign up process creates new Azure AD tenant
  - Tenant created with user account which is Global tenant admin
  - Tenant gets 30-day trial subscription for 25 Office 365 E5 licenses



#### Microsoft 365 admin center

- Microsoft 365 admin center used for tenant administration
  - You will have full control because you are a Global tenant admin
  - You can create user accounts and groups
  - You can create subscriptions and assign licenses







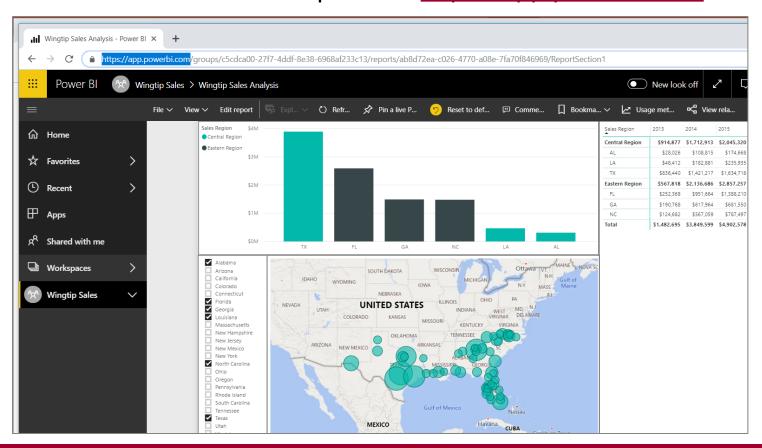
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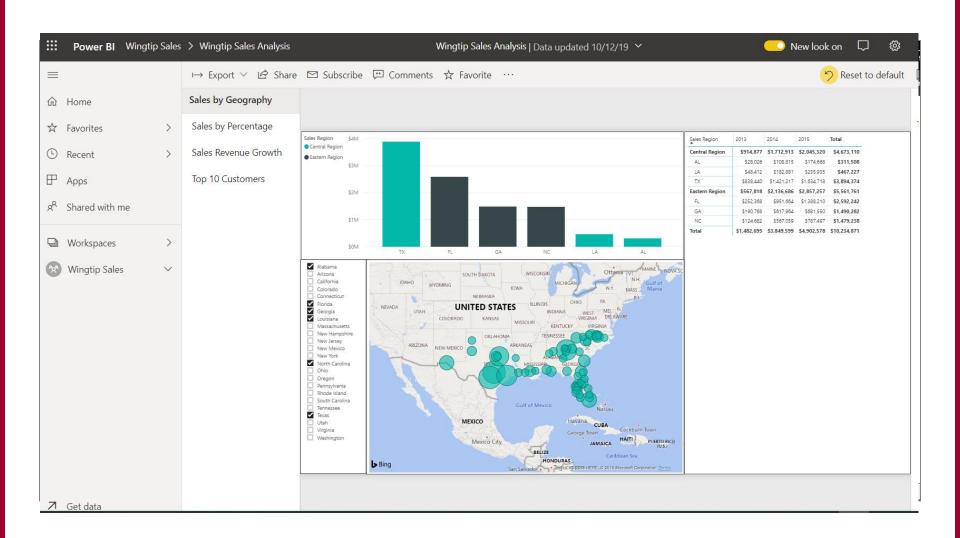
#### **The Power BI Service**

- The Power BI Service
  - Provides cloud-based foundation for Power BI platform
  - Provides browser-based portal at <a href="https://app.powerbi.com">https://app.powerbi.com</a>





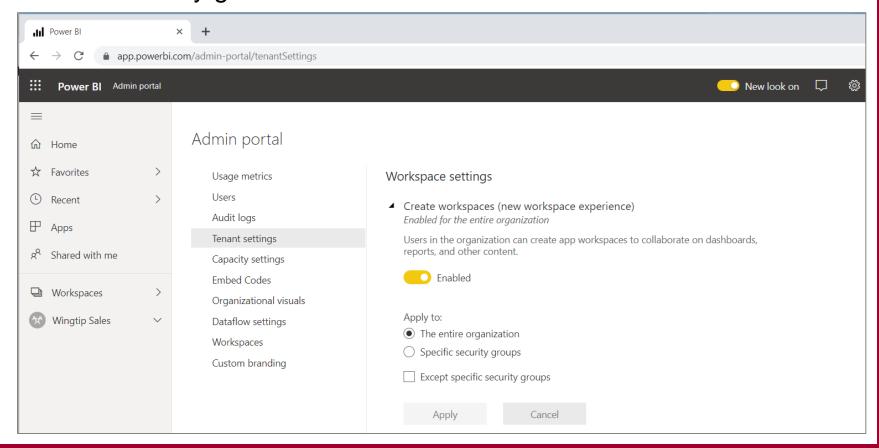
#### **Light Grey is the New Black**





#### **The Power BI Admin Portal**

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



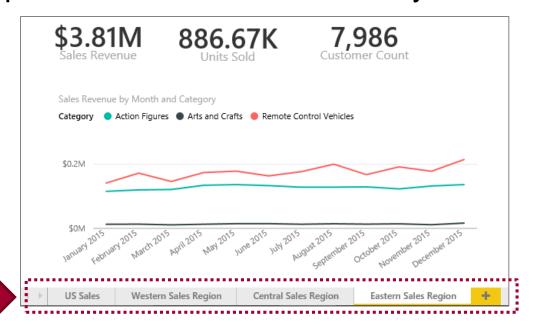
# **Central Power BI Concepts**

- Workspace
  - Secured container for Power BI resources
  - Created as personal workspaces and app workspaces
- Dashboard
  - Consolidated high-level view into reports and datasets
  - Provides great experience on mobile device (e.g. iPhone, Android, tablet, etc.)
- Report
  - Collection of one or more pages with tables & visualizations
  - Provides consumer with interactive control through filtering and bookmarks
- Dataset
  - In-memory data model containing one or more tables
  - Used to supply the underlying data to reports and dashboards
- Dataflows
  - Persistent data store used for more complex ETL requirements
  - Not required in most Power BI scenarios



#### **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



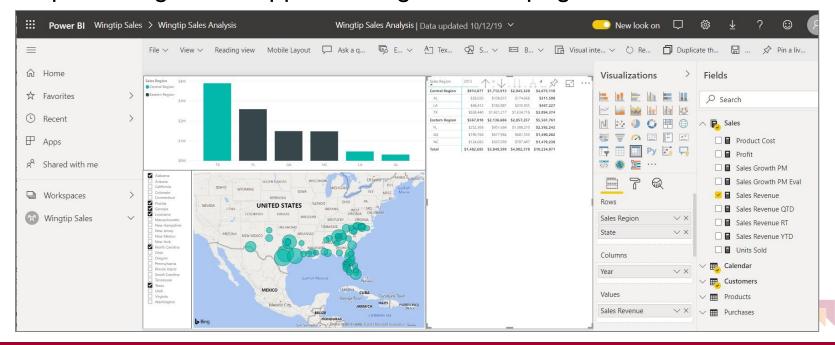


#### **Report Authoring**

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

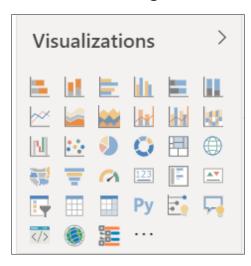


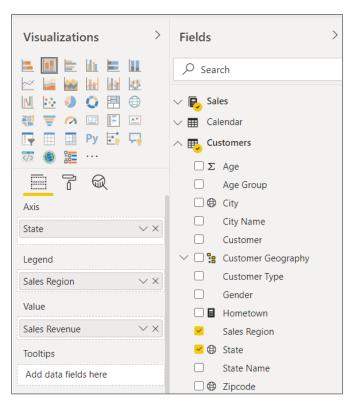
Report design tools appear on right side of page



# 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 configured using fields from tables in Fields list

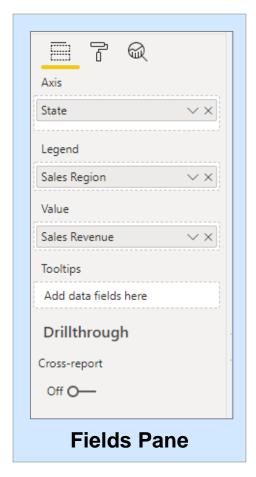


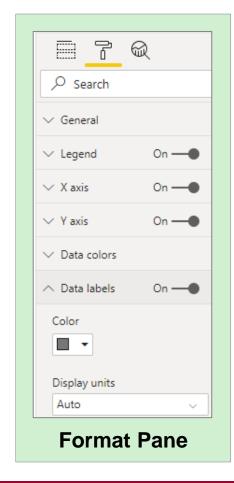


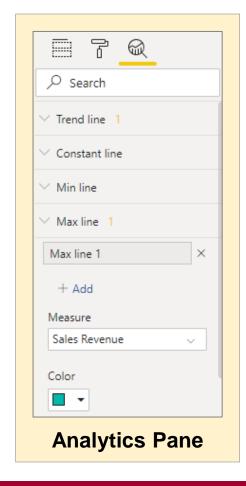


#### **Editing Visual Properties**

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



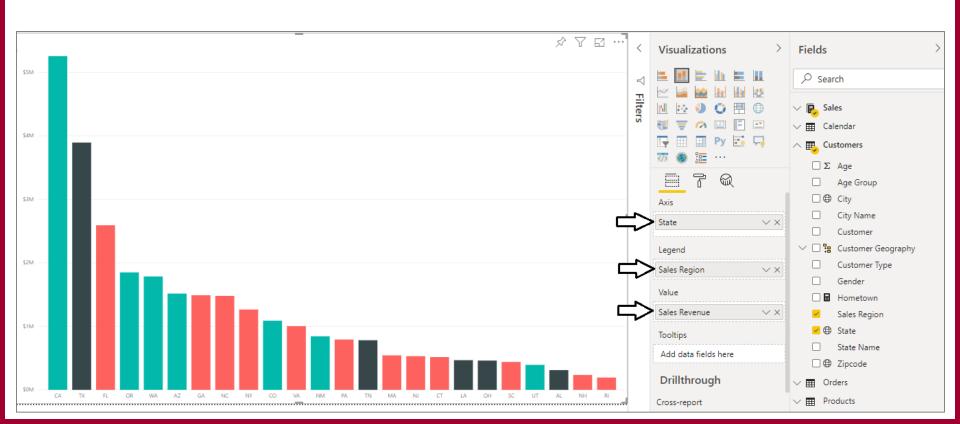






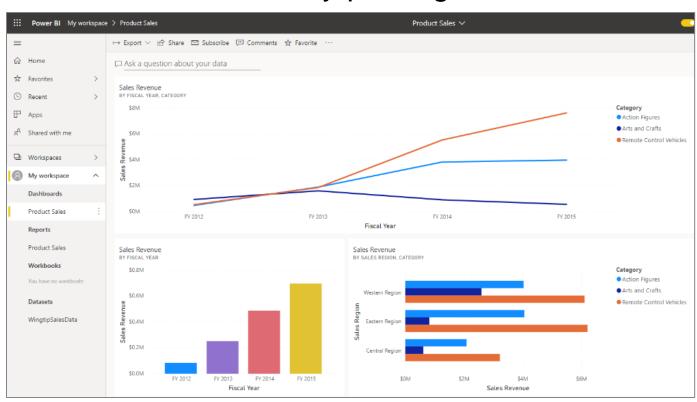
#### **Report and Datasets**

- Each report is based on single underlying dataset
  - Fields list in report designer shows tables and fields
  - Fields added to a visual's data roles in Fields pane



#### **Dashboards and Tiles**

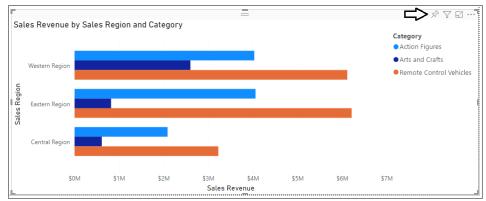
- Dashboard is a collection of tiles
  - Tiles can be created by pinning visual from a report
  - Tiles can be created by pinning Q&A search result



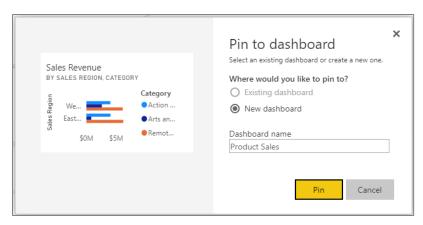


# **Creating Dashboards**

- Dashboards contain tiles
  - Tiles created from visuals using thumbtack button



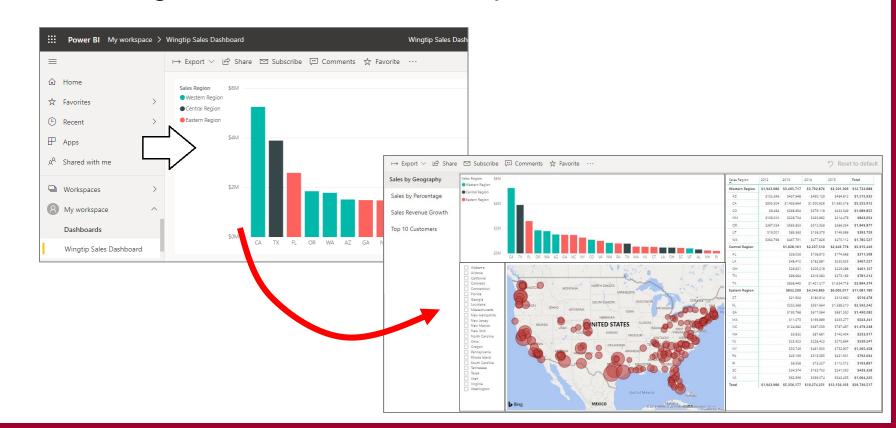
New tiles can be added to new or existing dashboard





#### **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





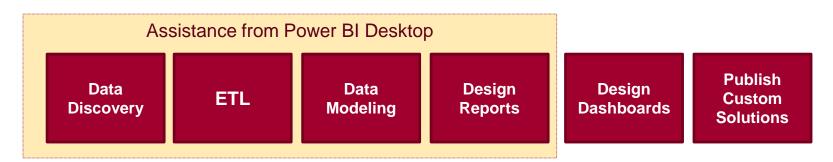
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# **Working with Power BI Desktop**

- 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

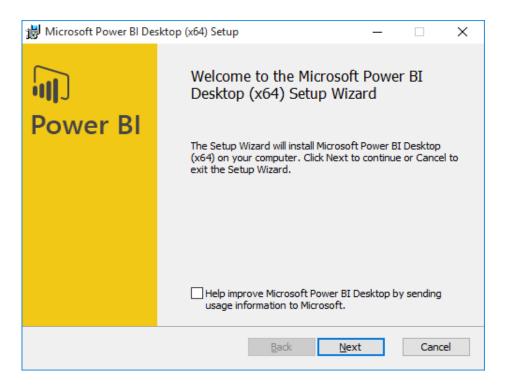




# **Installing Power BI Desktop**

- 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

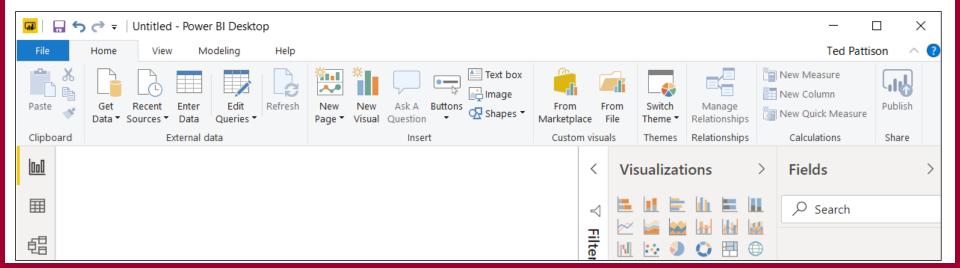






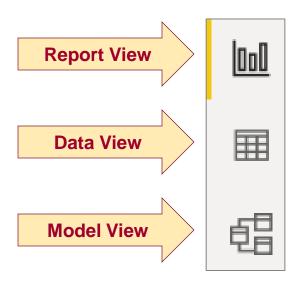
# **Working with Power BI Desktop**

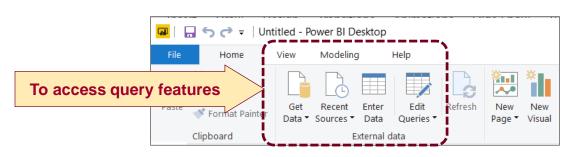
- Power BI Desktop is a Windows application
  - Work is saved and published in terms of PBIX projects
  - You can work on multiple projects at once
  - Each project runs in its own Power BI Desktop instance
  - Power BI Desktop can freeze up or act buggy
  - Quit & restart Power BI Desktop if it acts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



#### **Getting Around in Power BI Desktop**

- What do you need to learn to use Power BI Desktop?
  - Query features for importing data
  - Designing data model & writing DAX expressions
  - Designing reports with Power BI Desktop report designer
- Navigating between view modes





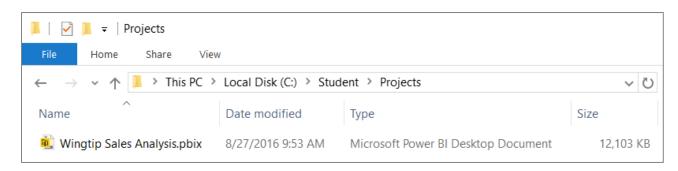




#### **Projects and PBIX Files**

- 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

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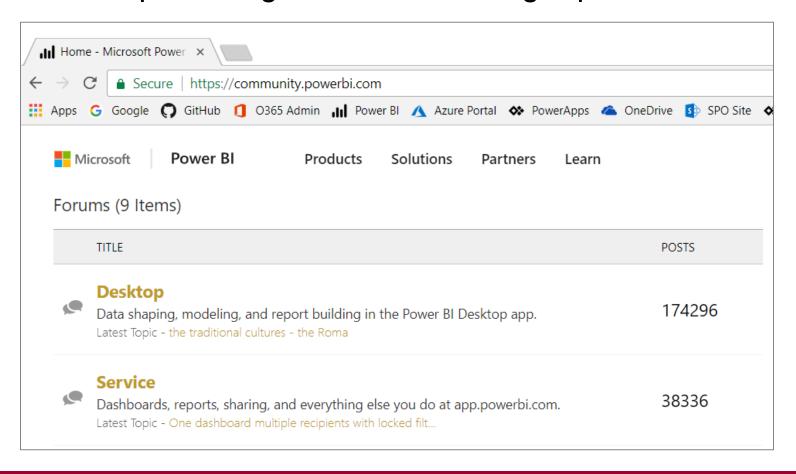
📰 July 11, 2018 by Nikhil Gaekwad

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**

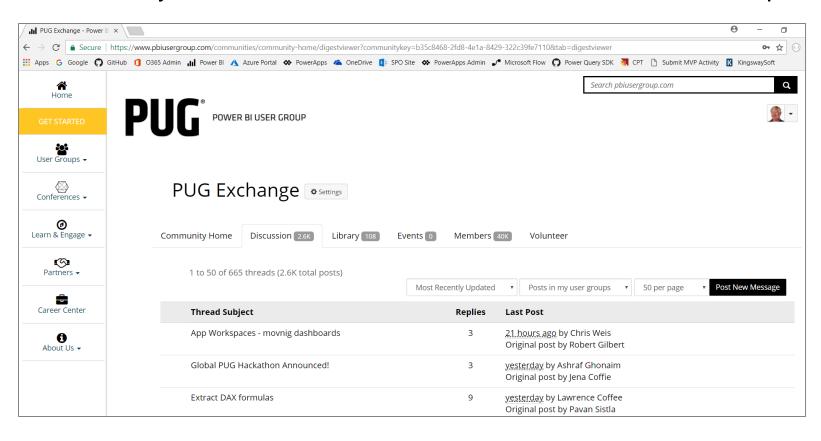
- Located at <a href="https://community.powerbi.com/">https://community.powerbi.com/</a>
  - Great place to get answers to tough questions





# **Power BI User Group (PUG)**

- Located at <a href="http://pbiusergroup.com/">http://pbiusergroup.com/</a>
  - 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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