

# Designing Queries with Power BI Desktop



# Agenda

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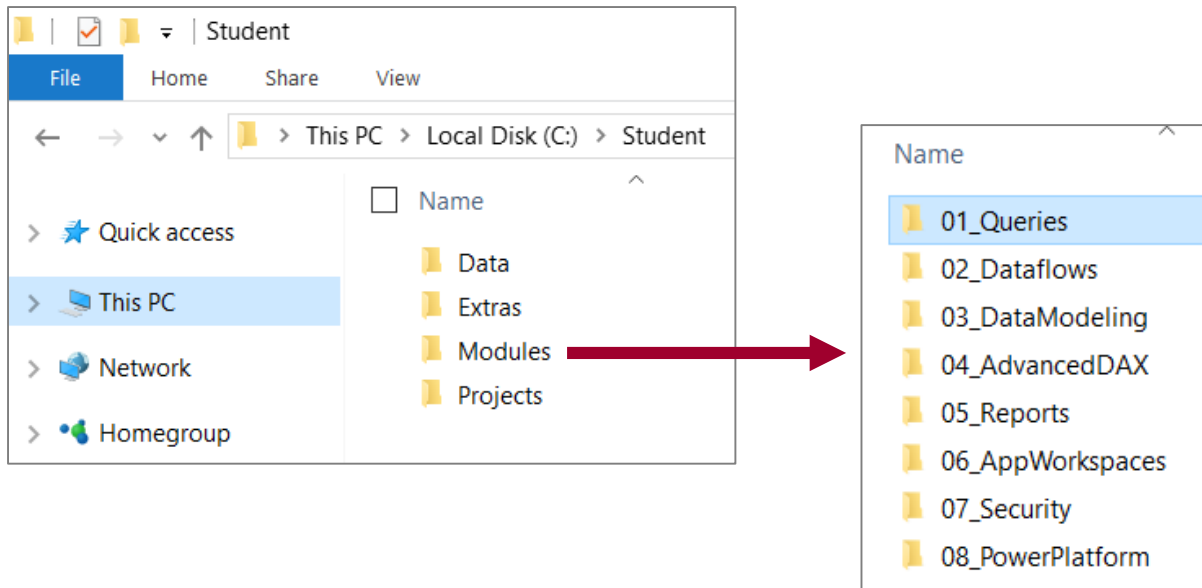
# Student Background

- 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



# 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)



# 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

Power BI  
Service

Power BI  
Desktop

Power BI  
Report Server

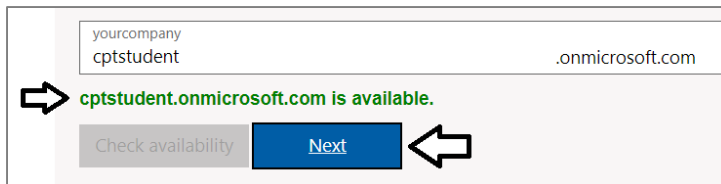


# Creating a Power BI Lab Environment

- 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



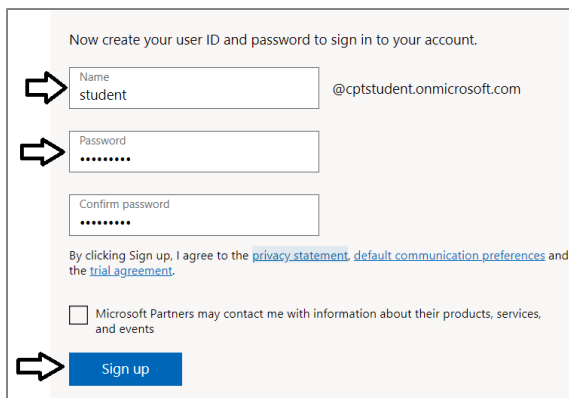
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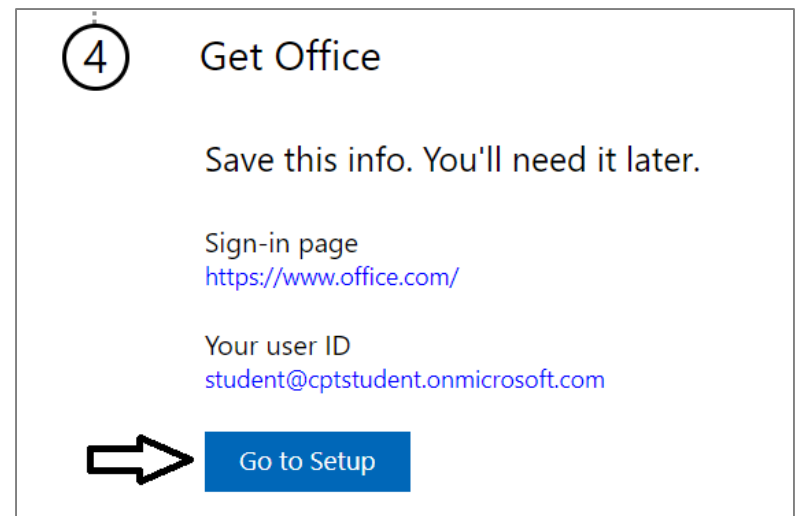
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Confirm password .....

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→ Sign up



④ Get Office

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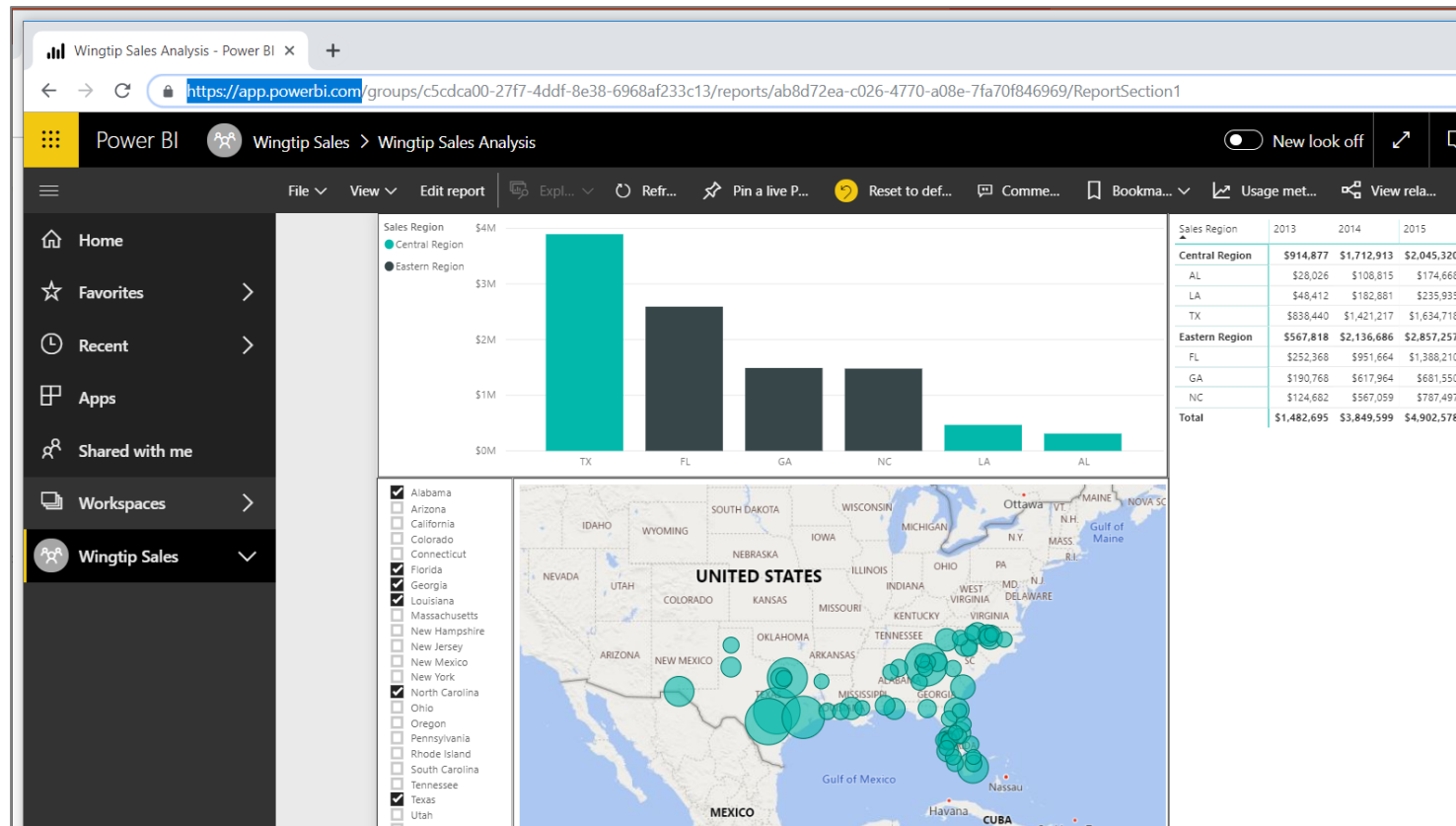
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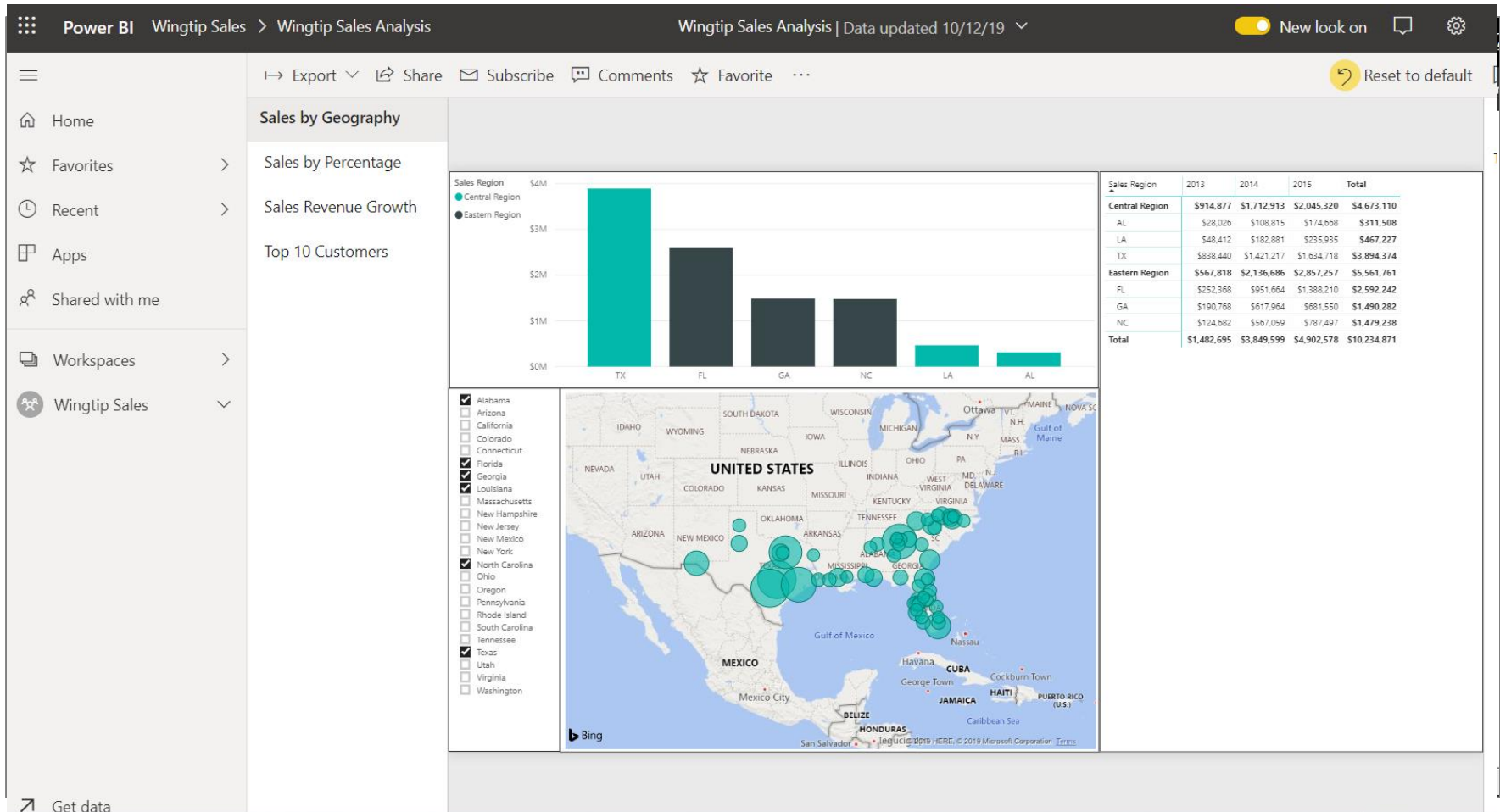


# The Power BI Service

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



# Light Grey is the New Black





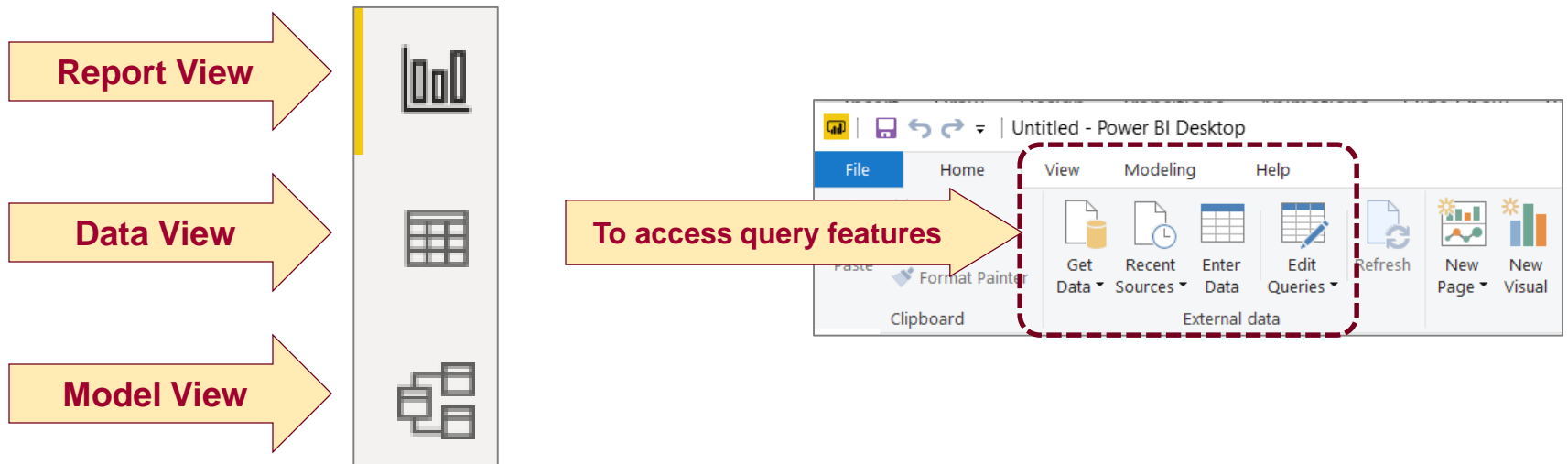
# Central Power BI Concepts

- 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



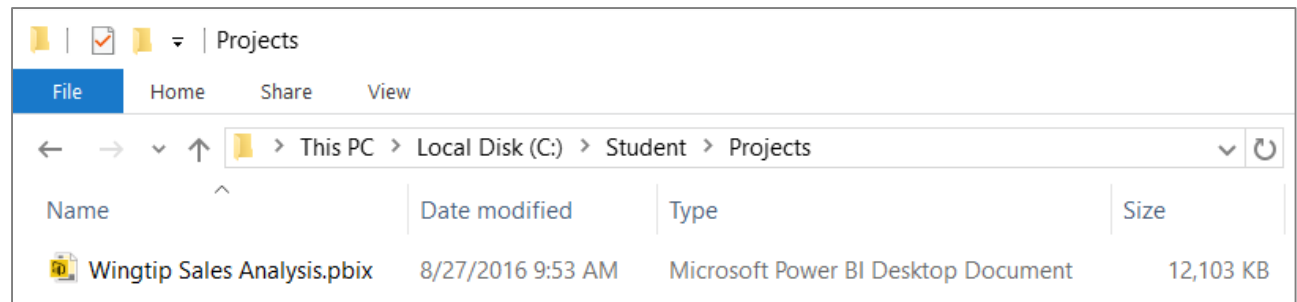
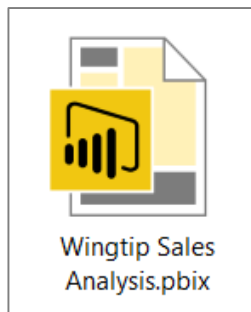
# Getting Around in Power BI Desktop

- 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



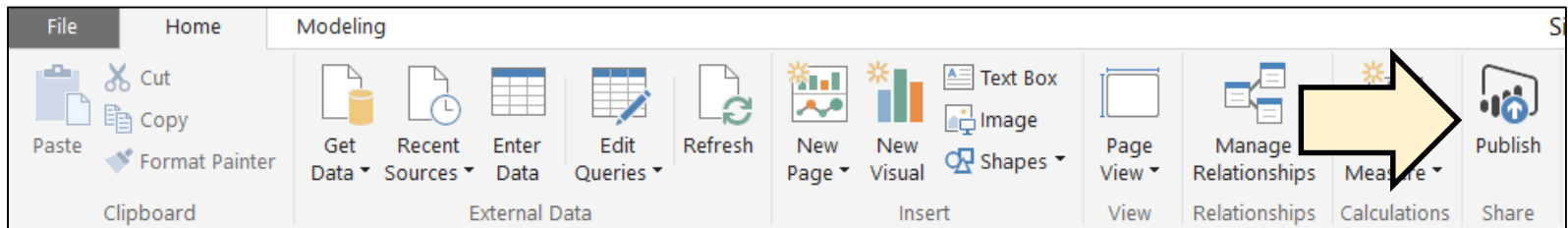
# Projects and PBIX Files

- 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

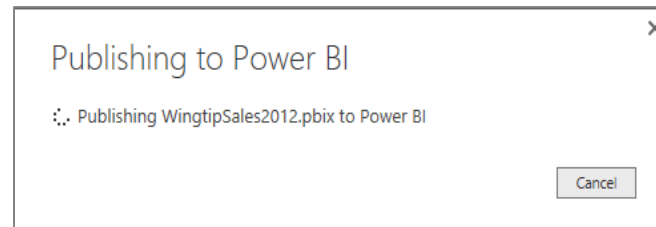
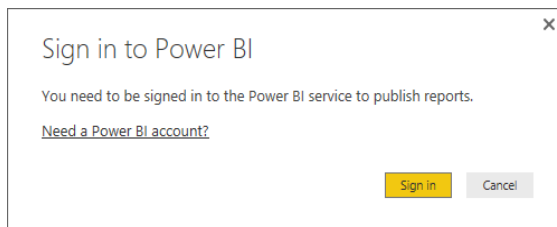


# Publishing a Power BI Desktop Project

- 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



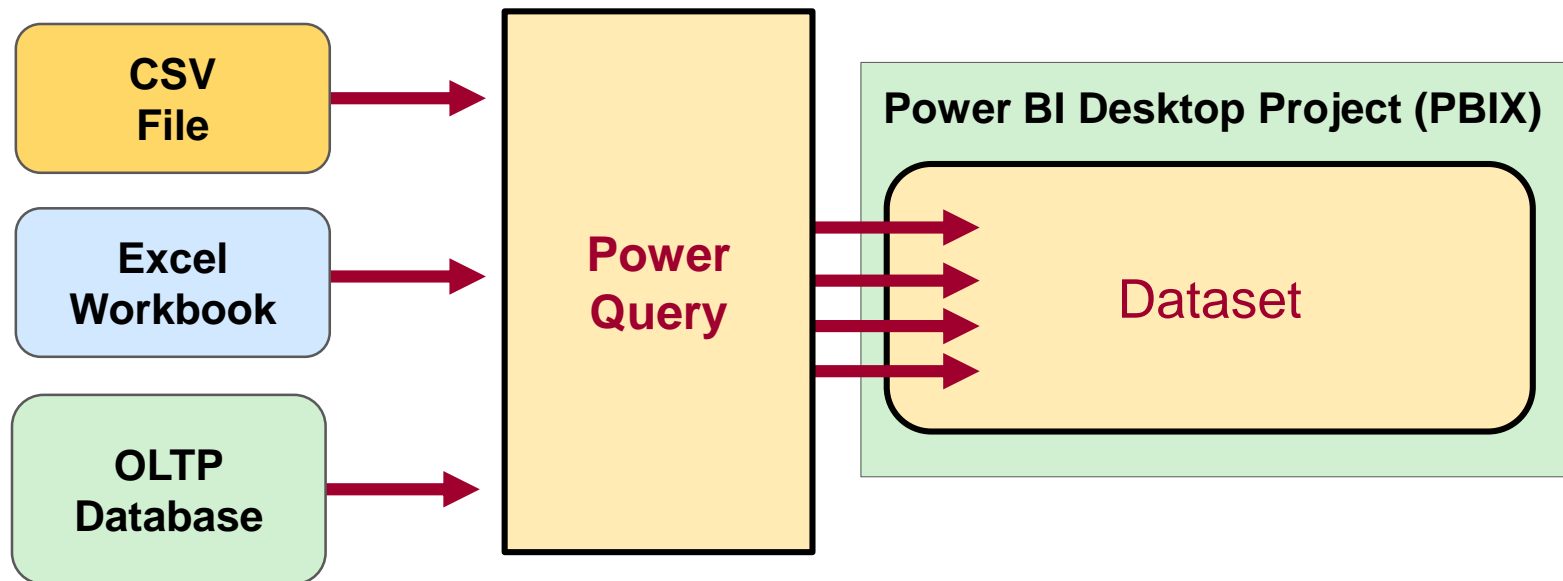
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# Power Query is an ETL Tool

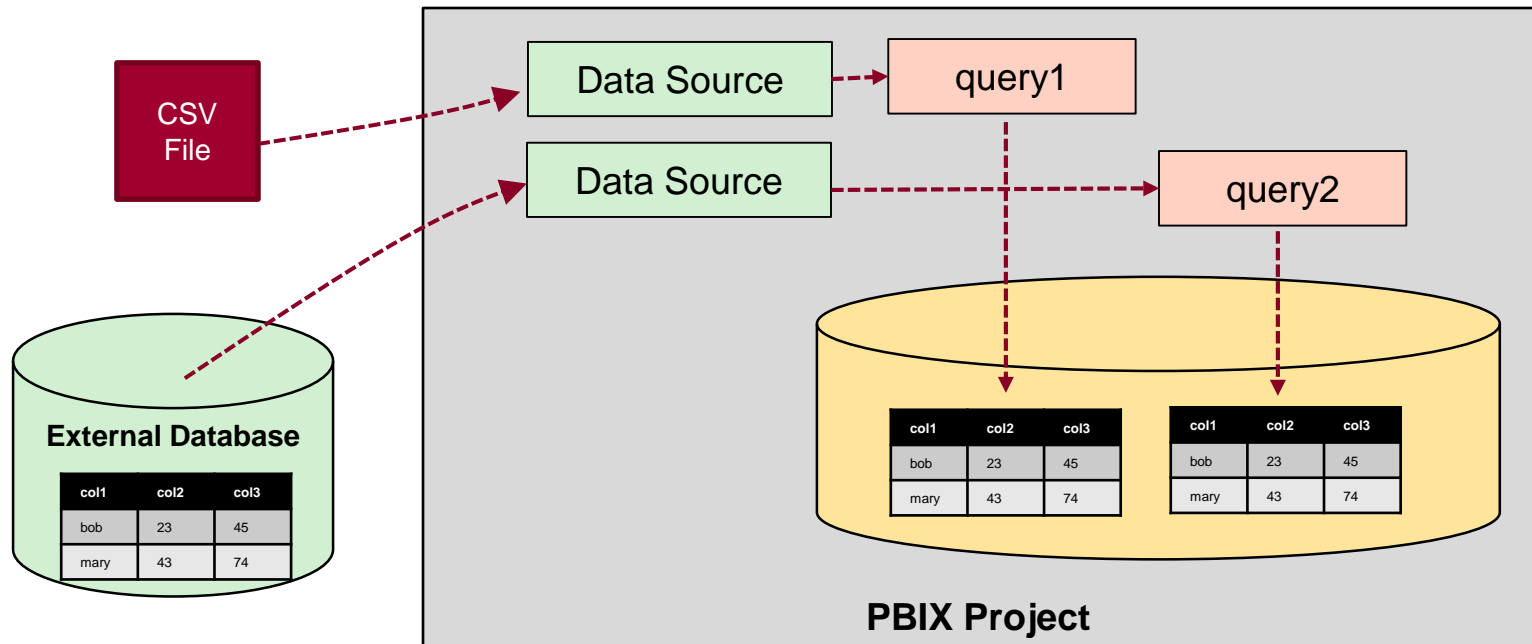
- ETL process is essential part of any BI Project
  - **Extract** the data from wherever it lives
  - **Transform** the shape of the data for better analysis
  - **Load** the data into dataset for analysis and reporting





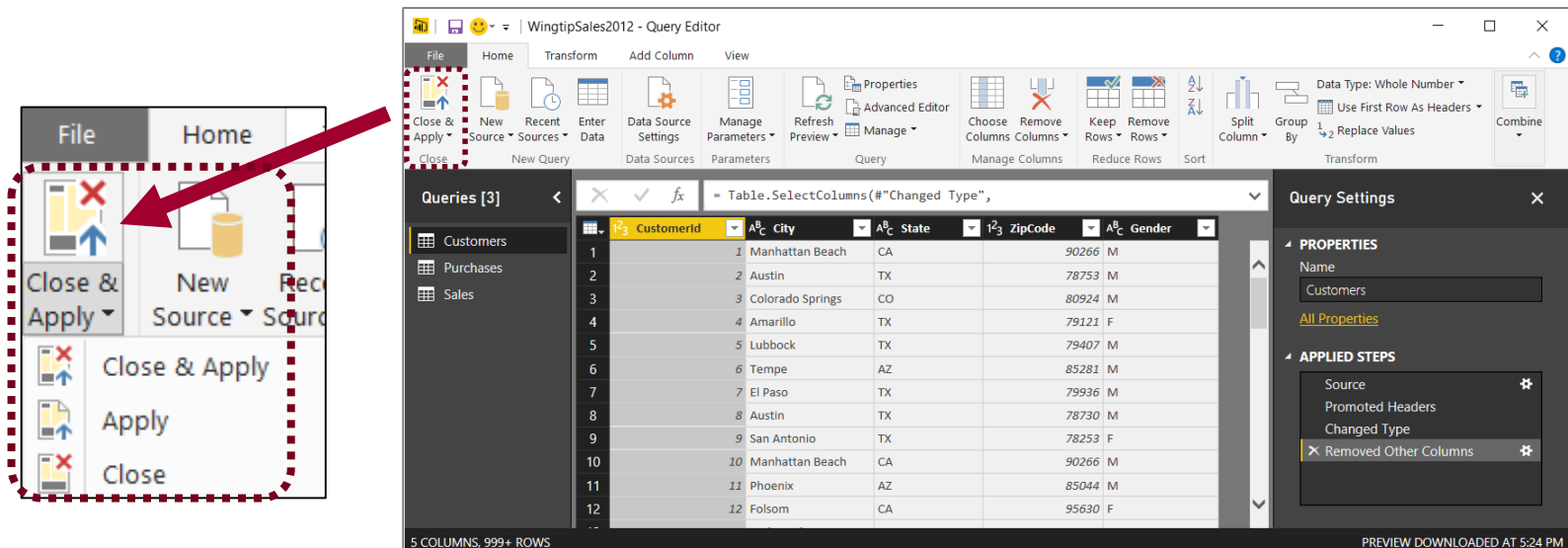
# Understanding Query Input and Output

- PBIX project is container for data sources and queries
  - Queries created and saved within scope of Power BI project
  - Queries can pull data from local files
  - Queries can pull data from external content sources
  - Queries main purpose is to load imported data into data model



# Query Editor Window

- Power BI Desktop provides separate Query Editor window
  - Provides powerful features for designing queries
  - Displays list of all queries in project on the left
  - Displays **Properties** and **Applied Steps** for selected query on right
  - Preview of table generated by query output shown in the middle
  - Query can be executed using **Apply** or **Close & Apply** command



# Query Steps

- A query is created as a sequence of steps
  - Each step is a parameterized operation on the data
  - Each step has formula which can be viewed/edited in formula bar
  - Query starts with Source step to extract data from a data source
  - Additional steps added to perform transform operations on data
  - You can replay query operations one by one by clicking on steps

The screenshot displays the Power BI Query Editor interface. At the top, the ribbon includes tabs for File, Home, Transform, Add Column, and View. Below the ribbon, the 'Formula Bar' is active, showing the M formula: `= Table.ReplaceValue(#'Replaced Female Values','M','Male',Replacer.ReplaceText, ...)`. A red dashed box highlights the formula bar, with an arrow pointing to a text box labeled 'step formula bar'. On the left, the 'Queries [6]' pane lists 'Customers', 'Sales', 'Purchases', 'Products', 'SalesRegions', and 'SalesRegionsSort'. The main area shows a table with 14 rows of customer data, including columns for CustomerId, Customer, State, City, Zipcode, and Gender. On the right, the 'Query Settings' pane is open, showing the 'PROPERTIES' section with the name 'Customers' and the 'APPLIED STEPS' section. The 'APPLIED STEPS' list contains: Source, Navigation, Removed Other Columns, Merged Columns, Reordered Columns, Replaced Female Values, Replaced Male Values (selected), Changed Type, and Added Conditional Column. A red dashed box highlights the 'APPLIED STEPS' list, with an arrow pointing to a text box labeled 'sequential list of steps for query'.

CustomerId	Customer	State	City	Zipcode	Gender
1	Nina Diaz	CA	Eureka	95501	Female
2	Melinda Carter	CA	Napa	94558	Female
3	Pam Miller	CA	Napa	94558	Female
4	Merle Blackwell	CA	Sacramento	95823	Female
5	Ariel Hale	CA	Sacramento	95818	Male
6	Randy Carter	CA	Sacramento	95818	Male
7	Lillie Hinton	CA	Eureka	95501	Female
8	Ladonna Moody	CA	Napa	94559	Female
9	Buddy McKay	OR	Bend	97701	Male
10	Warren Sykes	CA	Sacramento	95818	Male
11	Jan Rutledge	OR	Portland	97216	Female
12	Dallas Lester	OR	Eugene	97402	Male
13	Matthew Zimmerman	OR	Portland	97220	Male
14	Sheryl Hernandez	CA	Sacramento	95823	Female

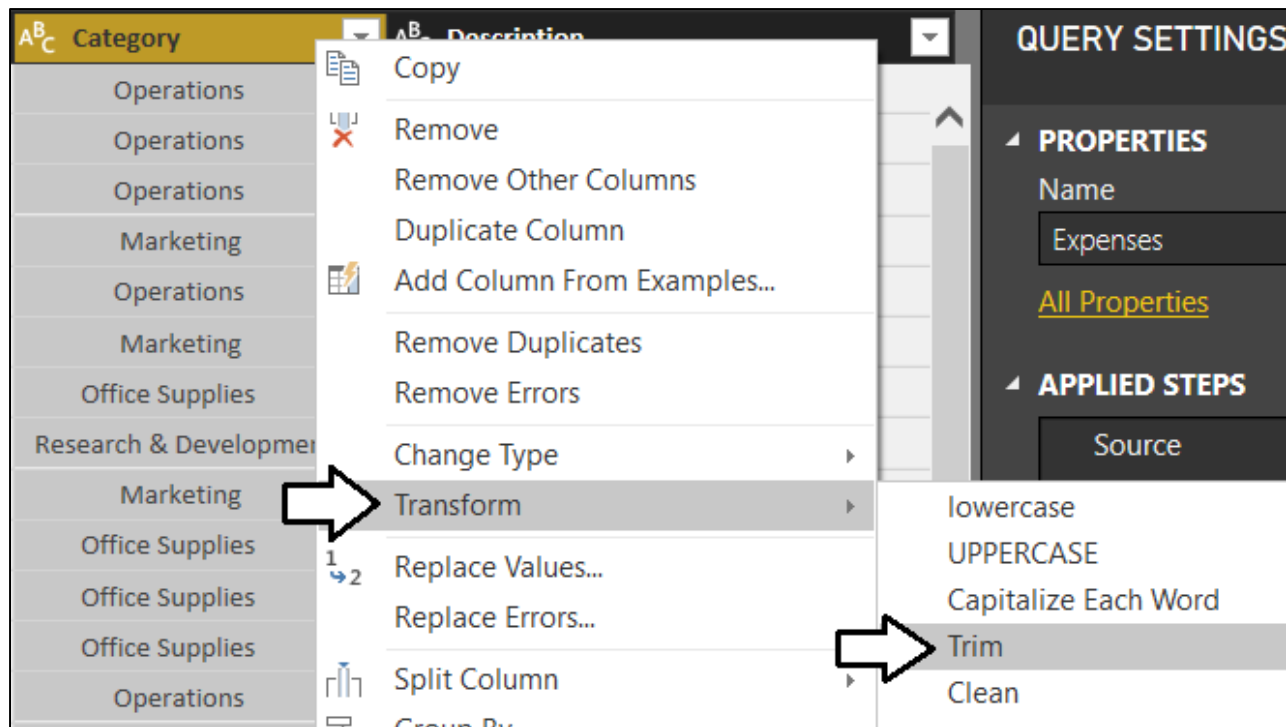
# Examples of Basic Power Query Steps

- Rename column
- Convert column type
- Trim and clean column values
- Replace column values
- Format column values
- Expanding related column
- Merging columns
- Splitting columns











# Cleaning Data

- Special steps available to clean up string-based data
  - **Transform > Trim** removes whitespace
  - **Transform > Clean** removed non-printable characters



# Converting Column Datatypes

- Transform data to make it more reliable
  - Convert date-time column to date column
- Transform data to make it more efficient
  - Convert decimal to fixed decimal number for currency

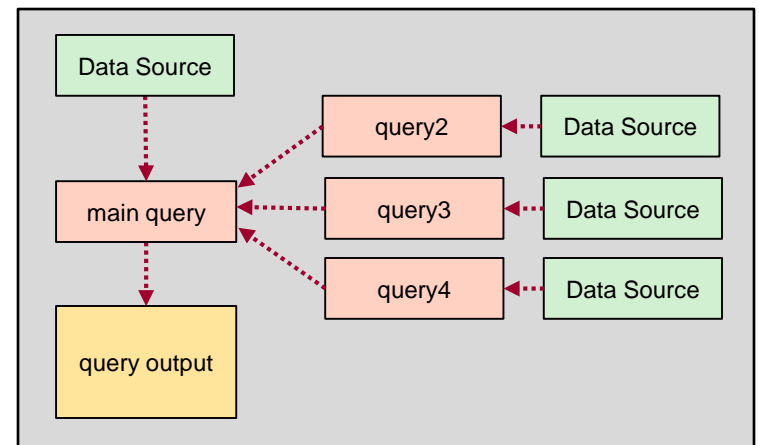
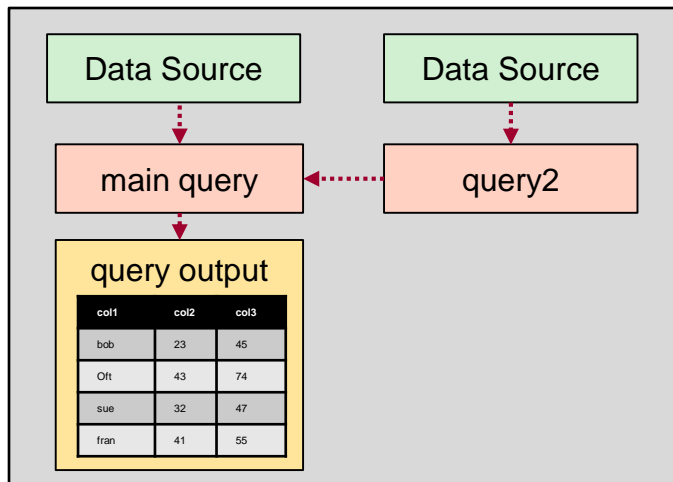
 PurchaseDate		$10^3$ Quantity		\$ SalesAmount		\$ ProductCost	
1/28/2012		1		2.95		1.2	Decimal Number
1/28/2012		6				\$	Fixed Decimal Number
1/28/2012		1		19.95		$10^3$	Whole Number
1/28/2012		5		249.75			Date/Time
1/28/2012		1		2.95			Date





# Combining Queries

- Query can be merged or appended with another query
  - Merge operation allows you combine columns from two tables
  - Append operation allows you to combine rows from two tables
- Two queries are combined into single output for loading
  - Load settings of main query determines where output is loaded
  - Secondary query acts as source for main query
  - Secondary query can be created with connection-only load setting



# Expanding Related Columns

- Used to pull data from related tables
  - Saves you from performing SQL joins or VLOOKUP

SalesAmount	Invoices	
119.8	Value	Value
29.95	Value	Value
59.9	Value	Value
399.6	Value	Value
29.9	Value	Value
59.8	Value	Value

Id	InvoiceId	ProductId	Quantity	SalesAmount	Invoices	Products
1	1	1				Value
2	2	1				Value
3	3	2				Value
4	4	3				Value
5	5	3				Value
6	6	3				Value
7	7	4				Value
8	8	5				Value
9	9	6				Value
10	10	6				Value
11	11	7				Value
12	12	7				Value
13	13	8				Value
14	14	9				Value

Search Columns to Expand

(Select All Columns)

☐ InvoiceId

☒ InvoiceDate

☐ InvoiceAmount

☐ InvoiceType

☒ CustomerId

☐ Customers

☐ InvoiceDetails

☐ Use original column name as prefix

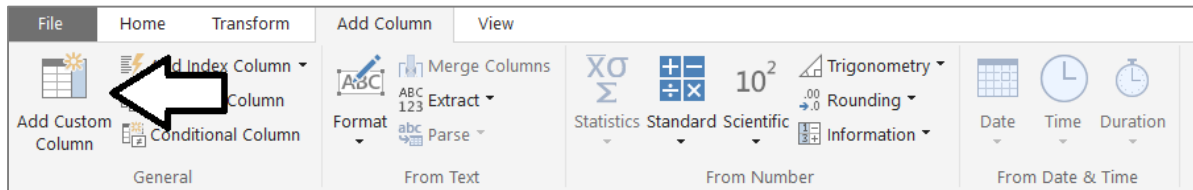
OK Cancel

Id	InvoiceId	ProductId	Quantity	SalesAmount	InvoiceDate	CustomerId	Products
1	1	1	22	4	119.8	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	1 Value
2	2	1	22	1	29.95	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	1 Value
3	3	2	22	2	59.9	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	2 Value
4	4	3	17	8	399.6	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	3 Value
5	5	3	18	2	29.9	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	3 Value
6	6	3	18	4	59.8	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	3 Value
7	7	4	16	1	2.95	1/28/2012 12:00:00 AM	4 Value



# Adding a Custom Column

- Custom column provide custom logic
  - Logic must be written in M programming language



**Add Custom Column**

New column name:

Custom column formula:  

```
= if [FirstPurchaseDate]=[LastPurchaseDate]  
then "One-time Customer"  
else "Repeat Customer"
```

Available columns:  
CustomerId  
Customer  
State  
City  
ZipCode  
Gender  
BirthDate  
FirstPurchaseDate  
LastPurchaseDate  
CustomerType

<< Insert

[Learn about Power BI Desktop formulas](#)

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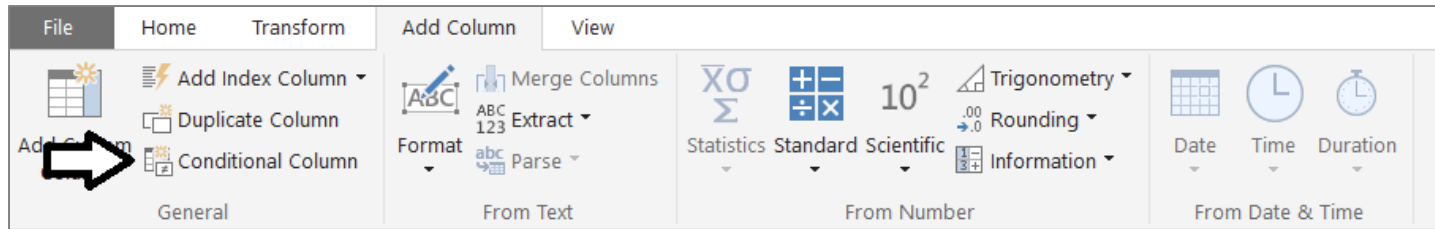
OK Cancel

FirstPurchaseDate	LastPurchaseDate	CustomerType
1/28/2012	1/28/2012	One-time Customer
1/28/2012	1/28/2012	One-time Customer
1/28/2012	1/28/2012	One-time Customer
1/28/2012	1/28/2012	One-time Customer
1/28/2012	1/28/2012	One-time Customer
1/28/2012	1/28/2012	One-time Customer
1/29/2012	11/22/2015	Repeat Customer
1/29/2012	10/2/2015	Repeat Customer
1/29/2012	1/29/2012	One-time Customer
1/29/2012	5/6/2015	Repeat Customer
1/29/2012	1/29/2012	One-time Customer



# Adding a Conditional Column

- Abstracts away need to write M code



**Add Conditional Column** ✕

Add a conditional column that is computed from the other columns or values.

New column name

	Column Name	Operator	Value		Output
If	FirstPurchaseDate	equals	LastPurchaseDate	Then	One-time Customer

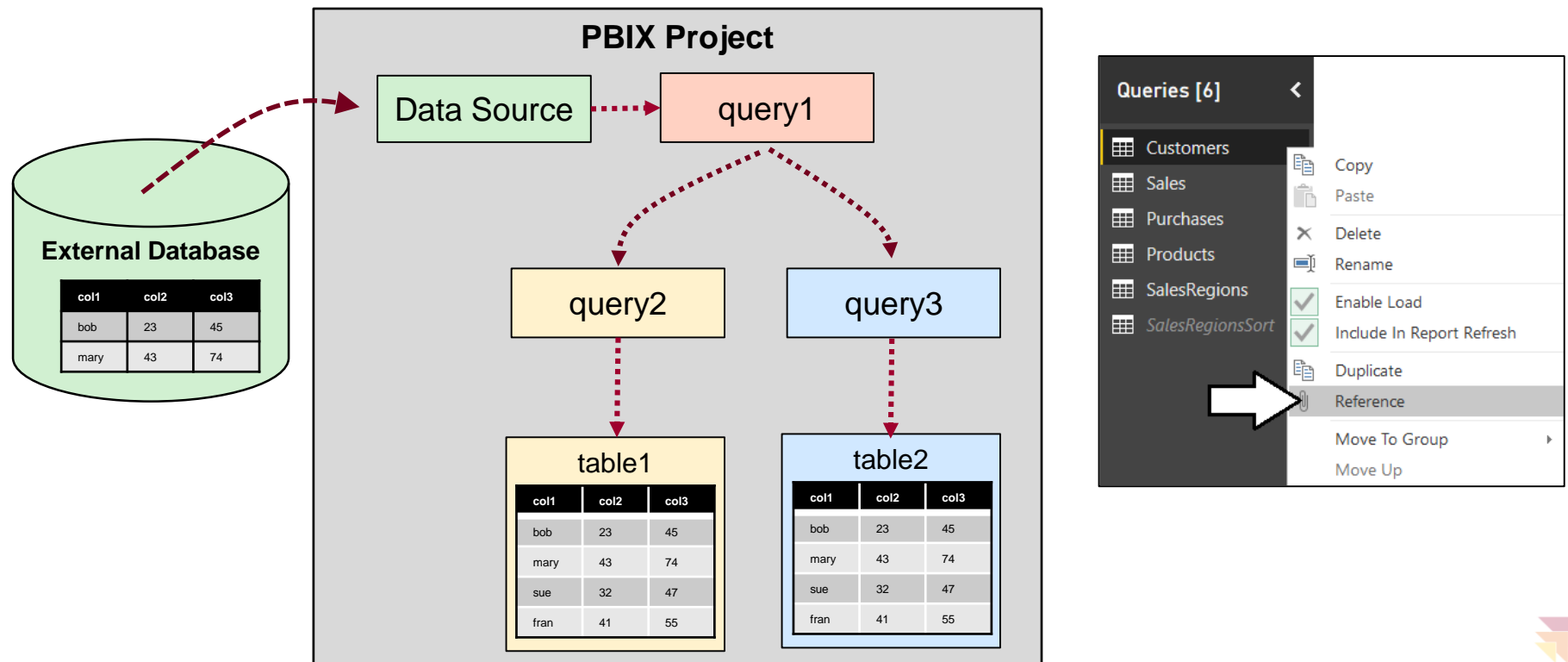
Otherwise

ABC 123	Repeat Customer
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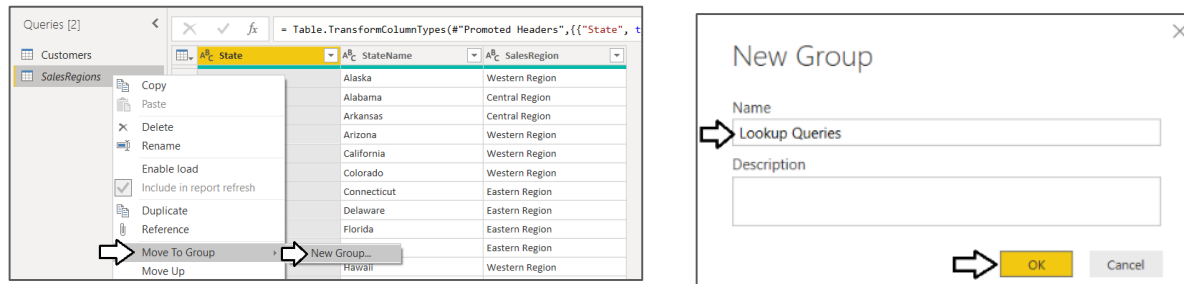
# Query Composition

- Query can serve as source for other queries
  - Allows for creation of reusable base queries & query composition
  - Complexity can be hidden in base queries
  - **Reference** command creates new query based on another query

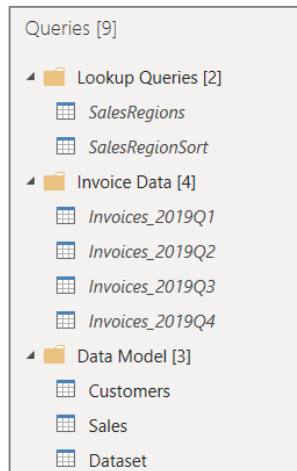


# Structuring Queries into Folder Groups

- Queries can be organized into folder groups
  - Folder groups can be created for similar types of queries



- Makes it easier to manage project with large number of queries





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# Advanced Editor

- Power BI Desktop based on "M" functional language
  - Query in Power BI Desktop saved as set of M statements in code
  - Query Editor generates code in M behind the scenes
  - Advanced users can view & modify query code in Advanced Editor



# The M Programming Language

- M is a *functional* programming language
  - computation through evaluation of mathematical functions
  - Programming involves writing expressions instead of statements
  - M does not support changing-state or mutable data
  - Every query is a single expression that returns a single value
  - Every query has a return type
- Get Started with M
  - Language is case-sensitive
  - It's all about writing expressions
  - Query expressions can reference other queries by name



# Comments and Variable Names

- M supports using C-style comments
  - Multiline comments created using `/* */`
  - Single line comments created using `//`

```
/*  
  This is my most excellent query  
*/  
let  
  var1 = 42, // the secret of life
```

- Variable names with spaces must be enclosed in `#" "`
  - Variable names with spaces created automatically by query designer

```
let  
  var1 = "Spaces in ",  
  #"var 2" = "variable names ",  
  #"Bob's your uncle" = "are evil",  
  #"kitchen sink" = var1 & #"var 2" & #"Bob's your uncle"  
in  
  #"kitchen sink"
```

## APPLIED STEPS

var1  
var 2  
Bob's your uncle

✕ Kitchen sink



# Let Statement

- Queries usually created using **let** statement
  - Allows a single expressions to contain inner expressions
  - Each line in **let** block represents a separate expression
  - Each line in **let** block has variable which is named step
  - Each line in **let** block requires comma at end except for last line
  - Expression inside **in** block is returned as **let** statement value

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Editor' interface. On the left, a query is written in a 'let' block. The query defines four variables: 'var1' (Hello), 'var2' (World), 'var3' (concatenation of var1 and var2 with a space), and 'var4' (uppercase of var3). The 'in' block returns 'var4'. Red arrows point from each variable definition in the 'let' block to the 'APPLIED STEPS' panel on the right. The 'APPLIED STEPS' panel lists 'var1', 'var2', 'var3', and 'var4' with a close button next to 'var4'. The 'PROPERTIES' panel on the right shows the 'Name' as 'Hello World' and a link to 'All Properties'. A green checkmark at the bottom indicates 'No syntax errors have been detected.'

```
let
  var1 = "Hello",
  var2 = "World",
  var3 = var1 & " " & var2,
  var4 = Text.Upper(var3)
in
  var4
```

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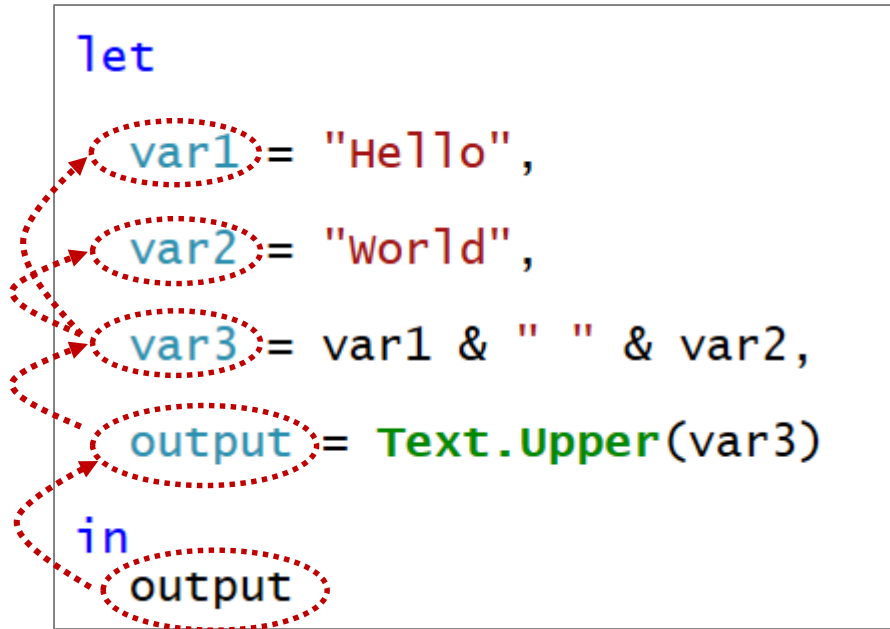
**PROPERTIES**  
Name  
Hello World  
[All Properties](#)

**APPLIED STEPS**  
var1  
var2  
var3  
✕ var4



# Flow of Statement Evaluation

- Evaluation starts with expression inside **in** block
  - Expression evaluation triggers other expression evaluation





# M Type System

- Built-in types

any, none

null, logical, number, text, binary

time, date, datetime, datetimezone, duration

- Complex types

list, record, table, function

- User-defined types

- You can create custom types for records and tables



# Initializing Dates and Times

```
// time
var1 = #time(09,15,00),

// date
var2 = #date(2013,02,26),

// date and time
var3 = #datetime(2013,02,26, 09,15,00),

// date and time in specific timezone
var4 = #datetimezone(2013,02,26, 09,15,00, 09,00),

// time durection
var5 = #duration(0,1,30,0),
```



# Lists

- List is a single dimension array
  - Literal list can be created using `{ }` operators
  - List elements accessed using `{ }` operator and zero-based index

```
let  
    RatPack = { "Frank", "Dean", "Sammy" } ,  
  
    FirstRat  = RatPack{0} ,  
    SecondRat = RatPack{1} ,  
    ThirdRat  = RatPack{2} ,  
  
    output = FirstRat & ", " & SecondRat & " and " & ThirdRat  
in  
    output
```

- Use `{ }?` to avoid error when index range is out-of-bounds

```
Rat4 = RatPack{4},    // error - index range out of bounds  
Rat5 = RatPack{5}? , // no error - Rat5 equals null
```



# Records

- Record contains fields for single instance of entity

```
// create records by using [] and defining fields
Person1 = [FirstName="Chris", LastName="Webb"],
Person2 = [FirstName="Reza", LastName="Rad"],
Person3 = [FirstName="Matt", LastName="Masson"],

// access field inside a record using [] operator
FirstName1 = Person1[FirstName],
LastName2 = Person2[LastName],
```

- You must often create records to call M library functions

```
// create a record to define HTTP request headers
RequestHeaders = [ Accept="application/json",
                   #"OData-MaxVersion"="4.0" ],

// create a second record which contains the first record
OptionsRecord = [ Headers=RequestHeaders ],

// pass the second record as parameter to web.Contents
Response = web.Contents(url, OptionsRecord),
```



# Combination Operator (&)

- Used to combine strings, arrays and records

```
// text concatenation: "ABC"  
var1 = "A" & "BC",  
  
// list concatenation: {1, 2, 3}  
var2 = {1} & {2, 3},  
  
// record merge: [ a = 1, b = 2 ]  
var3 = [ a = 1 ] & [ b = 2 ],
```



# Table.FromRecords

- Table.FromRecords can be used to create table
  - Table columns are not strongly typed

```
let
    CustomersTable = Table.FromRecords({
        [ FirstName="Matt", LastName="Masson"],
        [ FirstName="Chris", LastName="Webb"],
        [ FirstName="Reza", LastName="Rad"],
        [ FirstName="Chuck", LastName="Sterling"]
    })
in
    CustomersTable
```

	ABC 123 FirstName	ABC 123 LastName
1	Matt	Masson
2	Chris	Webb
3	Reza	Rad
4	Chuck	Sterling

ABC  
123

Bad, Bad, Bad ☹️



# Creating User-defined Types

- M allows you to create user-defined types
  - Here is a user-defined type for a record and a table

```
CustomerRecordType = type [FirstName = text, LastName = text],  
CustomerTableType = type table CustomerRecordType,
```

- User-defined table used to create table with strongly typed columns

```
let  
    CustomerRecordType = type [FirstName = text, LastName = text],  
    CustomerTableType = type table CustomerRecordType,  
    CustomerTable =  
        #table(CustomerTableType, {  
            { "Matt", "Masson" },  
            { "Chris", "Webb" },  
            { "Reza", "Rad" },  
            { "Chuck", "Sterilicious" }  
        })  
in  
    CustomerTable
```

	AB C FirstName	AB C LastName
1	Matt	Masson
2	Chris	Webb
3	Reza	Rad
4	Chuck	Sterilicious




# Using Each with Unary Functions

- Many library functions take function as parameters
  - Function parameters are often unary (*e.g. they accept 1 parameter*)

```
FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, (row) => row[CustomerId]<=10 ),
```

- M provides **each** syntax to make code easier to read/write
  - Unary parameter passed implicitly using **\_** variable

```
FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, each _[CustomerId]<=10 ),
```




- You can omit **\_** variable when accessing fields inside record

```
FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, each [CustomerId]<=10 ),
```

```
AddedColumn =Table.AddColumn(FilteredRows, "Display Name", each [FirstName] & " " & [LastName])
```

- You must use **\_** variable when using **each** with a list

```
MyList = { "Item 1", "Item 2", "Item 3" },  
MyUpperCaseList = List.Transform(MyList, each Text.Upper(_) )
```





# Catching Errors

- Error handling in M done using `try .. otherwise`

```
try Date.FromText([Raw Date]) otherwise null
```

- Error handling can avoid evaluation errors

```
AddedDateColumn1 = Table.AddColumn(Source, "Date1", each Date.FromText([Raw Date])),  
AddedDateColumn2 = Table.AddColumn(AddedDateColumn1, "Date2", each ( try Date.FromText([Raw Date]) otherwise null ) )
```

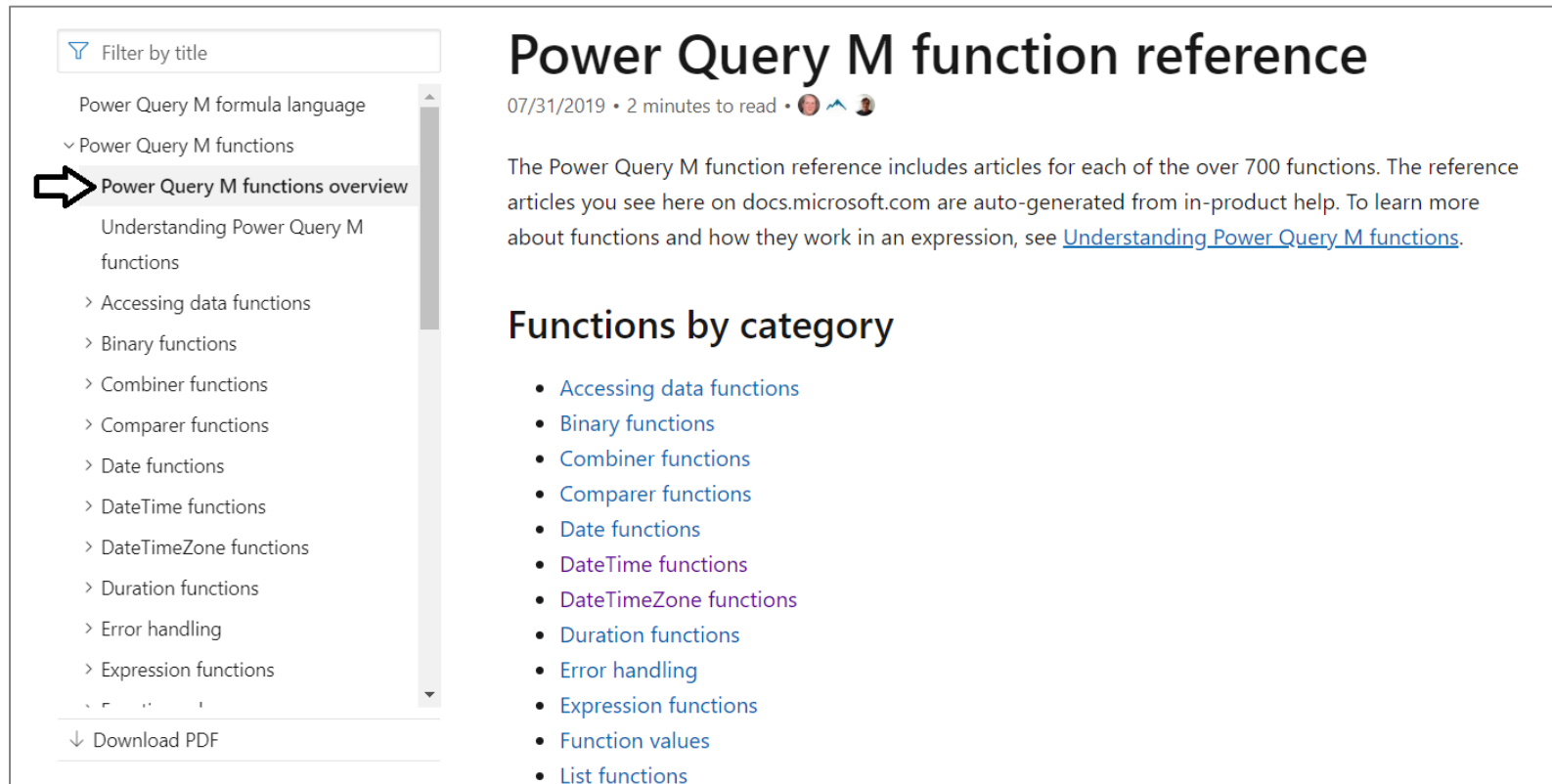
- Expression causing errors replace with value such as `null`

	ABC Raw Date	ABC 123 Date1	ABC 123 Date2
1	Feb 30, 2019	Error	null
2	March 4, 2019	3/4/2019	3/4/2019
3	Cinco de mayo, 2019	Error	null
4	6/4/2019	6/4/2019	6/4/2019
5	07-04-2019	7/4/2019	7/4/2019



# M Function Library

- Check out the Power Query M function reference
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# Query Folding

- Mashup engine pushes work back to datasource when possible
  - Column selection and row filtering
  - Joins, Group By, Aggregate Operations
- Datasource that support folding
  - Relational database
  - Tabular and multidimensional databases
  - OData Web services
- What happens when datasource doesn't support query folding?
  - All work is done locally by the mashup engine
- Things that affect whether query folding occurs
  - The way you structure your M code
  - Privacy level of datasources
  - Native query execution



# Query Folding Example

- When you execute this query in Power BI Desktop...

```
let
    Source = Sql.Database("ODYSSEUS", "WingtipSalesDB"),
    CustomersTable = Source{[Item="Customers"]}[Data],

    // select rows
    FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, each ([State] = "FL")),

    // select columns
    ColumnsToKeep = {"CustomerId", "FirstName", "LastName"} ,
    RemovedOtherColumns = Table.SelectColumns(FilterdRows, ColumnsToKeep),

    // rename columns
    ColumnRenamingMap = { {"FirstName", "First Name"}, {"LastName", "Last Name"} },
    RenamedColumns = Table.RenameColumns(RemovedOtherColumns, ColumnRenamingMap)

in
    RenamedColumns
```

- Mashup Engine executes the following SQL query

```
execute sp_executesql
N'select [__].[CustomerId] as [CustomerId],
        [__].[FirstName] as [First Name],
        [__].[LastName] as [Last Name]
from [dbo].[Customers] as [__]
where [__].[State] = 'FL' and [__].[State] is not null'
```



# Native Queries

- No query folding occurs after native query

```
let
    DatabaseServer = "cpt.database.windows.net",
    DatabaseName = "WingtipSalesDB",
    SQL = "SELECT CustomerId, FirstName, LastName" &
        " FROM Customers" &
        " WHERE CustomerId <= 10" &
        " ORDER BY LastName, FirstName" ,
    Source = Sql.Database( DatabaseServer, DatabaseName , [Query=SQL] ),
    output = Source
in
    output
```



# Accessing Data using OData.Feed

- OData.Feed can pull data from OData web service
  - OData connector assists with navigation through entities
  - OData connector support query folding

```
let
    Source = OData.Feed("http://subliminalsystems.com/api/"),

    // get Customers table
    CustomersTable = Source[{Name="Customers",Signature="table"}][Data],

    // select columns
    ColumnsToKeep = {"CustomerId", "FirstName", "LastName", "City", "State", "Zipcode", "Gender", "BirthDate"},
    RemovedOtherColumns = Table.SelectColumns(CustomersTable, ColumnsToKeep),

    // select rows
    FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(RemovedOtherColumns, each [CustomerId] <= 10),

    // perform other transforms
    ReplacedValue = Table.ReplaceValue(FilteredRows,"F","Female",Replacer.ReplaceText,{"Gender"}),
    ReplacedValue1 = Table.ReplaceValue(ReplacedValue,"M","Male",Replacer.ReplaceText,{"Gender"}),
    ChangedType = Table.TransformColumnTypes(ReplacedValue1,{{"BirthDate", type date}}),
    MergedColumns = Table.CombineColumns(ChangedType,{"FirstName", "LastName",
                                                    Combiner.CombineTextByDelimiter(" ", QuoteStyle.None),
                                                    "Customer"})

in
    MergedColumns
```

- OData makes extra calls to acquire metadata
  - Let's look at the execution of this query using Fiddler



# Web.Contents

- Can be more efficient than OData.Feed
  - You can pass OData query string parameters (e.g. \$select)

```
let
    // create REST URI for OData source
    Source = "http://subliminalsystems.com/api/Customers?" &
        "?$select=CustomerId,FirstName,LastName,City,State,Zipcode,Gender,BirthDate" &
        "&filter=(CustomerId+1e+10)",

    // create options record for calling Web.Contents
    OptionsRecord = [Headers=[Accept="application/json;odata=nometadata",
        #"OData-MaxVersion"="4.0"]],

    // call Web.Content to make call across network
    WebContents = Web.Contents(Source, OptionsRecord),

    // deal with JSON dataset return by Web.Contents
    JsonDocument = Json.Document(WebContents),
    RecordList = Record.ToTable(JsonDocument){1}[Value],
    Table = Table.FromList(RecordList, Splitter.SplitByNothing(), null, null, ExtraValues.Error),
    ColumnsToExpand = {"CustomerId", "FirstName", "LastName", "City", "State", "Zipcode", "Gender", "BirthDate"},
    ExpandedColumns = Table.ExpandRecordColumn(Table, "Column1", ColumnsToExpand, ColumnsToExpand),
```





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# Text.Select

- Text.Select can be used to clean up text value
  - You create a list of characters to include

```
// take a text value with unwanted characters
input = "!!My text has some @bad things !&^",

// get upper and lower case letters
set1 = {"A".."Z"},
set2 = {"a".."z"},

// get digits 0-9 and convert to text
set3 = List.Transform({0..9}, each Number.ToText(_)),

// add any other allowed characters
set4 = {" ", "-", "_", "."},

// combine all allowed characters in single list
allowedChars = set1 & set2 & set3 & set4,

// call Text.Select to strip out unwanted characters
output = Text.Select(input, allowedChars)
```

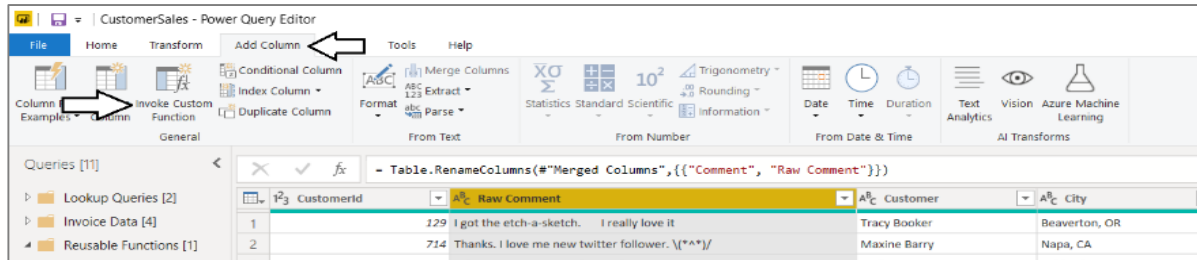


# Creating a Function Query

- Requires adding parameter list



# Calling a Function Query



Invoke Custom Function

Invoke a custom function defined in this file for each row.

New column name

Function query

input

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