

Administering and Configuring Security in Power BI



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- User Authentication and Identity
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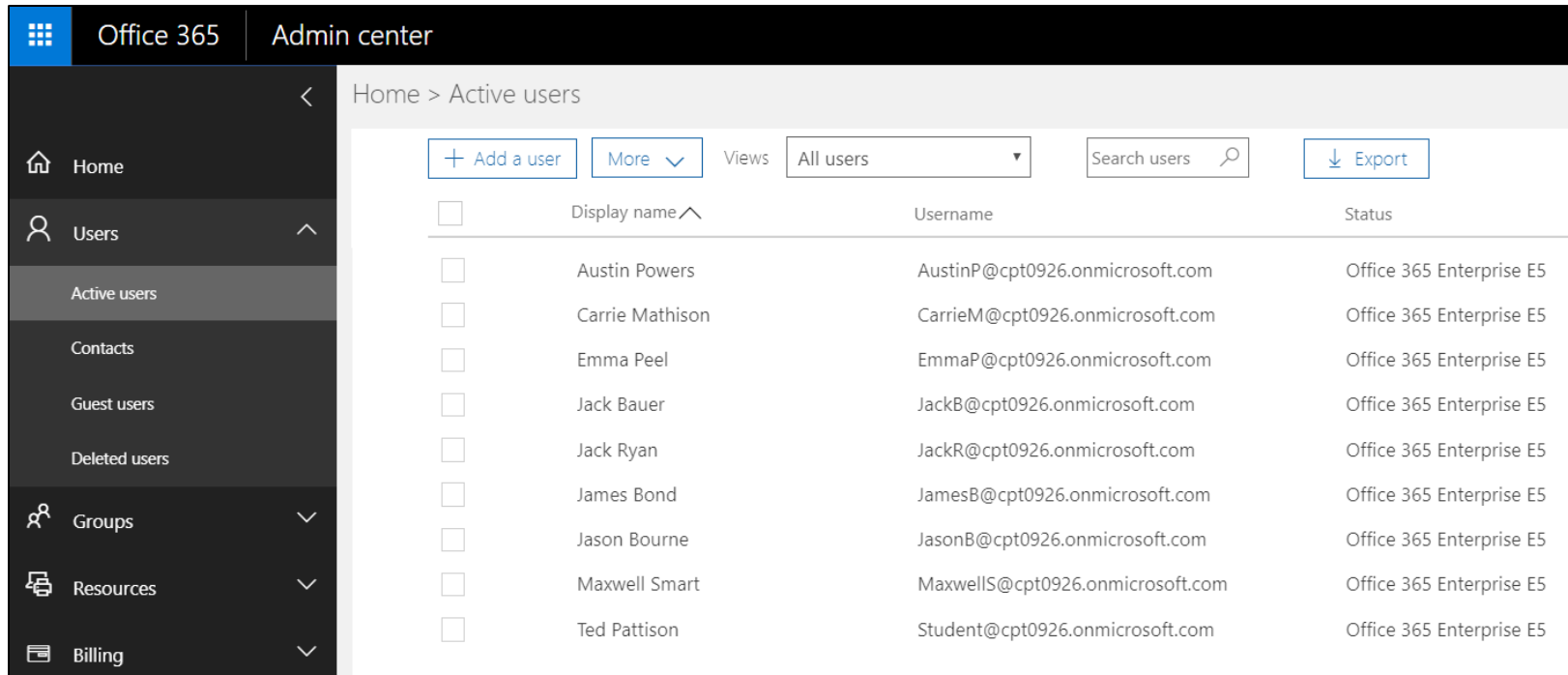
Power BI Built on Azure Active Directory

- Azure AD manages identity in Microsoft cloud
 - Organization creates user accounts & groups in Azure AD
 - Users accounts and groups created in scope of tenant
 - Azure AD provides user authentication service
- Azure AD manages licensing and permissions
 - Provides users authorized access to Office 365
 - Provides users authorized access to SharePoint Online
 - Provides users authorized access to Dynamics 365
 - Provides users authorized access to Power BI



Azure AD User Accounts and Licensing

- User account created within scope of tenant
 - Office 365 admin create accounts and assigns licenses



The screenshot shows the Office 365 Admin center interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Users, Active users (selected), Contacts, Guest users, Deleted users, Groups, Resources, and Billing. The main content area is titled 'Home > Active users'. It includes a '+ Add a user' button, a 'More' dropdown, a 'Views' dropdown set to 'All users', a 'Search users' search bar, and an 'Export' button. Below these controls is a table of active users.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Display name ^	Username	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Austin Powers	AustinP@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Mathison	CarrieM@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma Peel	EmmaP@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Bauer	JackB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Ryan	JackR@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	James Bond	JamesB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Bourne	JasonB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maxwell Smart	MaxwellS@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ted Pattison	Student@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Office 365 Enterprise E5



Multifactor Authentication


- Enabled through admin portal
 - Requires Office 365 or Azure AD Premium

multi-factor authentication

users service settings

Note: only users licensed to use Microsoft Online Services are eligible for Multi-Factor Authentication. [Learn more about how to license other users.](#)
Before you begin, take a look at the [multi-factor auth deployment guide](#).

[bulk update](#)


View: Sign-in allowed users  Multi-Factor Auth status: Any

<input type="checkbox"/>	DISPLAY NAME ▲	USER NAME	MULTI-FACTOR AUTH STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Austin Powers	AustinP@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Disabled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Mathison	CarrieM@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma Peel	EmmaP@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Bauer	JackB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Ryan	JackR@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	James Bond	JamesB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Disabled

Carrie Mathison

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quick steps

[Enable](#) 

[Manage user settings](#)

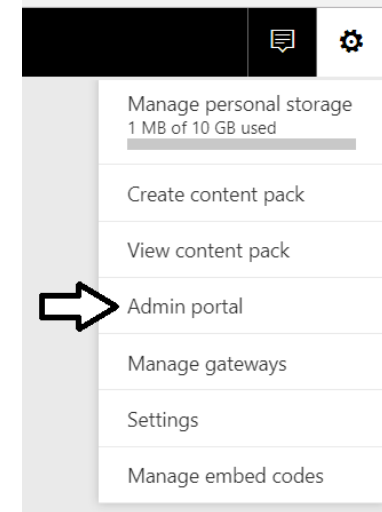
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Power BI Admin Portal

- Power BI Admins control tenant-level settings
 - Control whether users can self-register for Power BI
 - Control who can publish to web
 - Control who can export & share content
 - Control who can create content packs



A screenshot of the Power BI Admin Portal 'Export and sharing settings' page. The page is divided into two main sections: 'Usage Metrics' and 'Export and sharing settings'. The 'Export and sharing settings' section is expanded, showing a list of settings: 'Share content with external users', 'Publish to web', 'Export data', 'Export reports as PowerPoint presentations', and 'Print dashboards and reports'. The 'Export data' setting is highlighted with a red arrow. To the right of the 'Export data' setting, a detailed configuration panel is shown. This panel includes a toggle switch for 'Export data' (set to 'Enabled'), a section for 'Apply to:' with radio buttons for 'The entire organization' and 'Specific security groups' (selected), a text input field for 'Wingtip Sales Reps' with a dropdown arrow and the placeholder 'Enter security groups', and a checkbox for 'Except specific security groups'. At the bottom of the panel are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons.



Power BI Audit Log

Admin portal

Usage Metrics

Users

Audit logs

Tenant settings

Capacity settings

Audit and usage settings

- ▶ Create audit logs for internal activity auditing and compliance
Enabled for the entire organization
- ▶ Usage metrics for content creators
Enabled for the entire organization
- ▶ Per-user data in usage metrics for content creators
Enabled for the entire organization

Home > Audit log search

Audit log search

Need to find out if a user deleted a document or if an admin reset someone's password? Search the Office 365 audit log to find out what the users and admins in your organization have done. Search for activities such as permissions, directory services, and much more. [Learn more about searching the audit log](#)

Search

↺ Clear

Activities

Viewed Power BI report ▼

Start date

2017-10-04



00:00 ▼

End date

2017-10-12



00:00 ▼

Results 5 results found

Date ▼	IP address	User	Activity
2017-10-04 12:00:02	10.0.0.83	JamesB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.c...	Viewed Power BI report
2017-10-04 11:52:42	10.0.0.83	JamesB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.c...	Viewed Power BI report
2017-10-04 11:52:17	10.0.0.81	JamesB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.c...	Viewed Power BI report
2017-10-04 10:32:03	10.0.0.79	JamesB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.c...	Viewed Power BI report



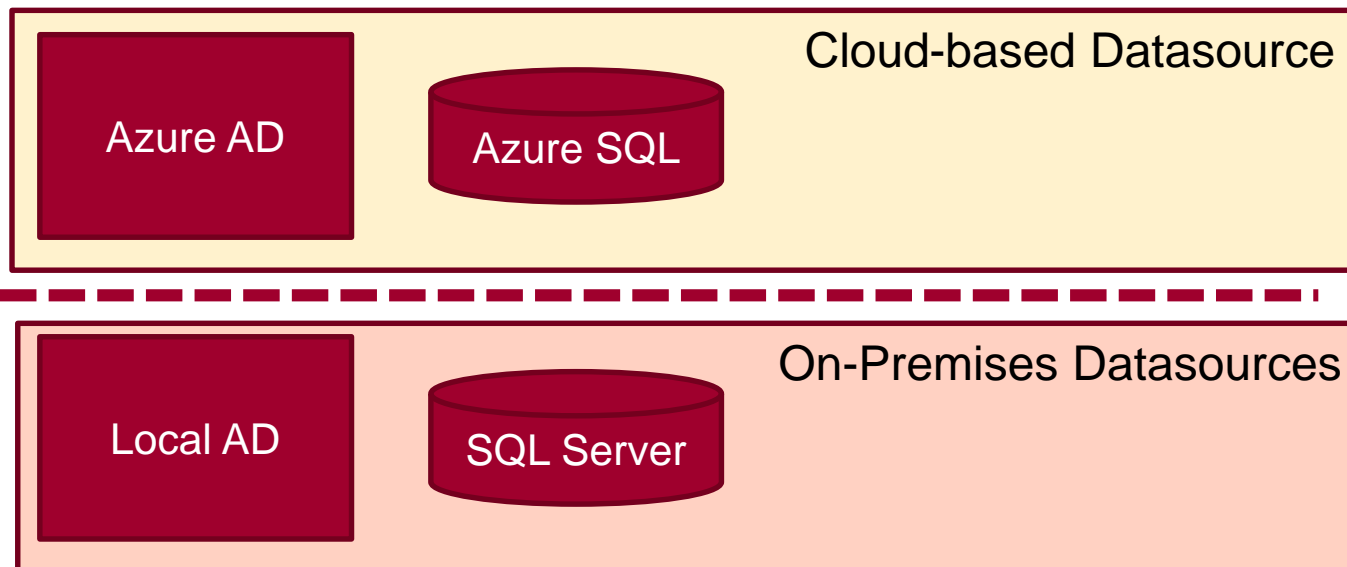
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Types of Data

- Imported Data (aka ETL Data)
 - Data cached in Power BI and refreshed using saved credentials
- Live Connection or Direct Query
 - Data pulled into Power BI at query time using saved credentials
- Pushed Data
 - Data pushed into Power BI by external application



Power BI Data Encryption

- Data can be ***In Transit***
 - Moving between data source, Power BI and client
 - Data is always encrypted using HTTPS or Azure Service Bus
- Data can be ***At Rest***
 - Data stored in cloud-based storage
 - Data encrypted using internally managed encryption keys



Storage of Data At Rest

- What types of data must be stored at rest?
 - Data (i.e. Dataset)
 - Credentials
 - Metadata for report and dashboard layouts

Data source	Data	Metadata	Credentials
Imported Data	Azure Blob Storage	Azure Blob Storage	Azure SQL
Direct Query	Nothing	Azure Blob Storage	Azure SQL
Live Connection	Nothing	Azure Blob Storage	Azure SQL
Push Dataset	Azure SQL	Azure Blob Storage	N/A



Data Encryption

- Power BI uses encryption keys for blob storage
 - Keys stored in separate location from Power BI service
 - Fully managed by internal Microsoft service
- Azure SQL manages encryption internally
 - Power BI relies on Azure SQL TDE Technology
 - Used to encrypt credentials to cloud-based sources
- For credentials to access on-premises sources
 - Encryption key created in on-premises data gateway
 - Encryption key used to encrypt creds stored in cloud



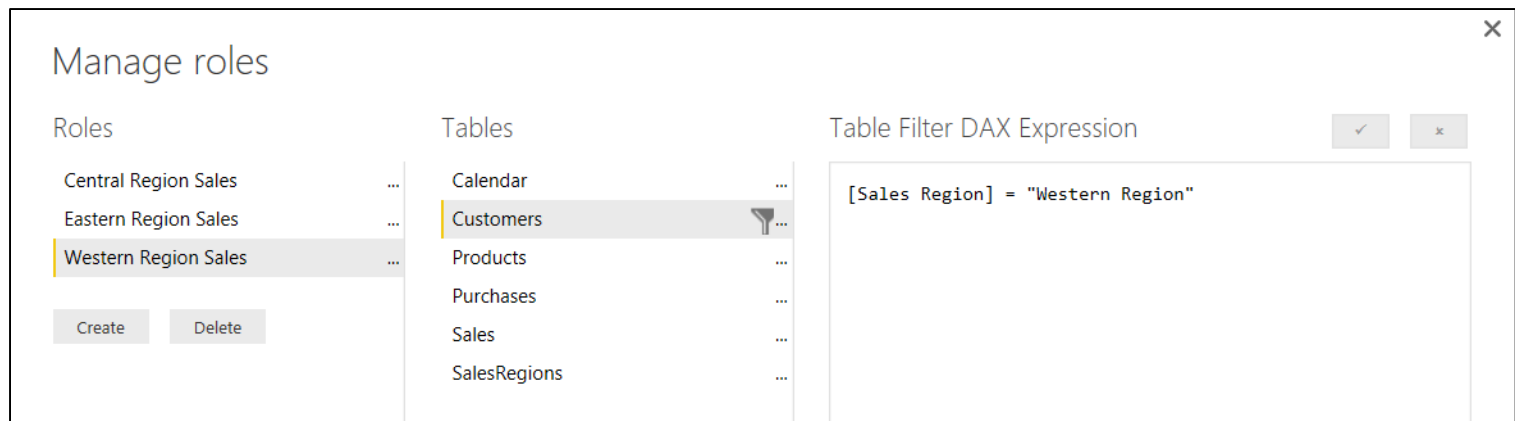
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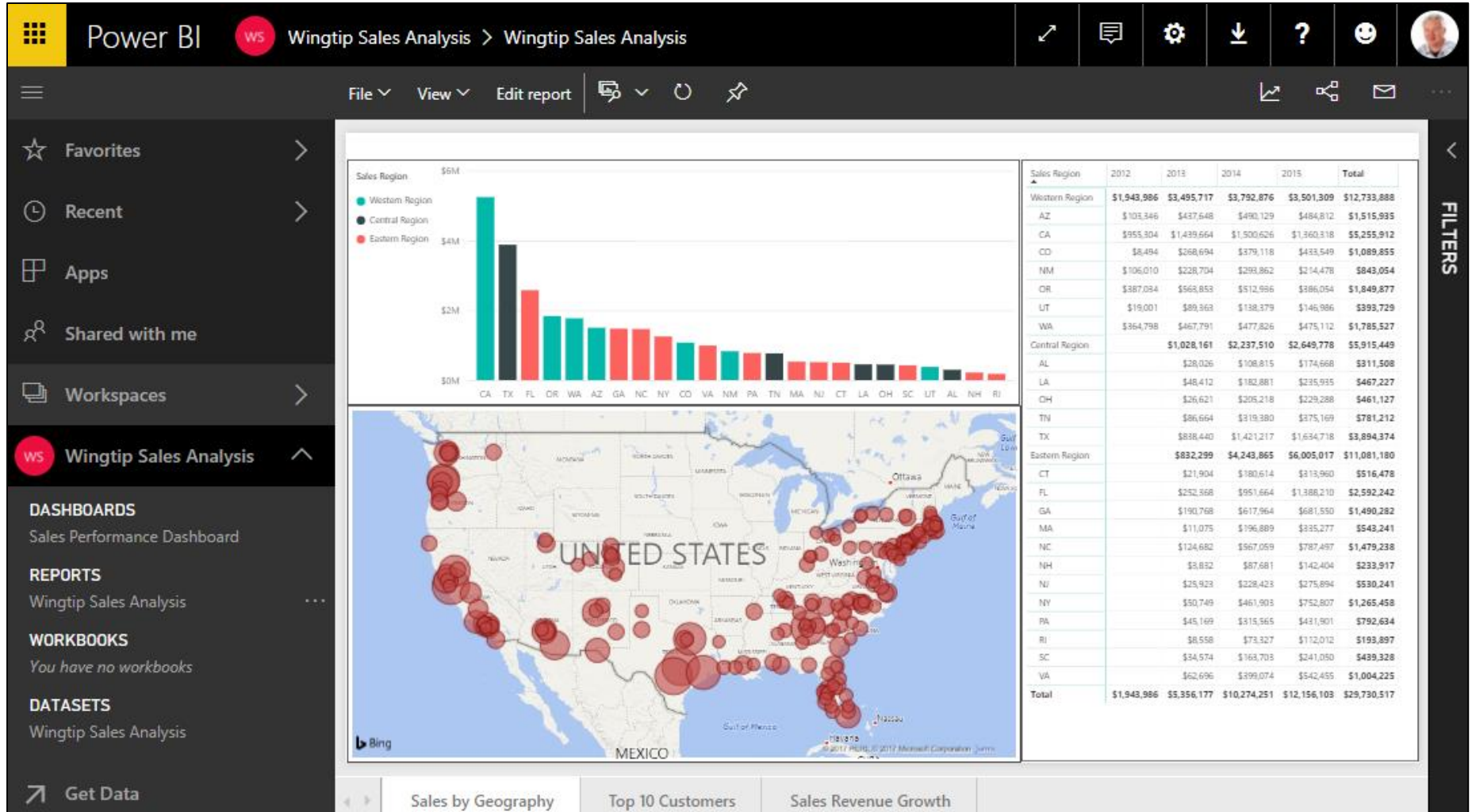


What Is Row-level Security (RLS)

- Security Scheme based on Named Roles
 - Roles are defined using Power BI Desktop
 - Each role is scoped to the dataset within a PBIX project
- Role defined using one or more DAX expressions
 - DAX expressions restrict which rows are accessible



Common RLS Scenario



Configuring RLS in the Power BI Desktop

Manage roles

Roles

- All Sales Regions ...
- Central Sales Region ...
- Eastern Sales Region ...
- Western Sales Region ...**

Create Delete

Tables

- Calendar ...
- Customers ...**
- Products ...
- Purchases ...
- Sales ...
- SalesRegions ...

Table filter DAX expression

✓ ✕

[Sales Region] = "Western Region"

Filter the data that this role can see by entering a DAX filter expression that returns a True/False value. For example: [Entity ID] = "Value"

Save Cancel



Configuring RLS in the Power BI Service

W

Western Sales Reps
Security group

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[Change](#) [Delete group](#)

Name	Western Sales Reps	Edit
Description		
Owners (2)	Maxwell Smart Ted Pattison	Edit
Members (2)	Jack Ryan Jason Bourne	Edit

Close

Power BI

WS Wingtip Sales Analysis > Row-Level Security

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☆ Favorites >

🕒 Recent >

📁 Apps

👤 Shared with me

📁 Workspaces >

WS Wingtip Sales An... ^

Row-Level Security

All Sales Regions (0)

Central Sales Region (1)

Eastern Sales Region (1)

Western Sales Region (1)

Members (1)

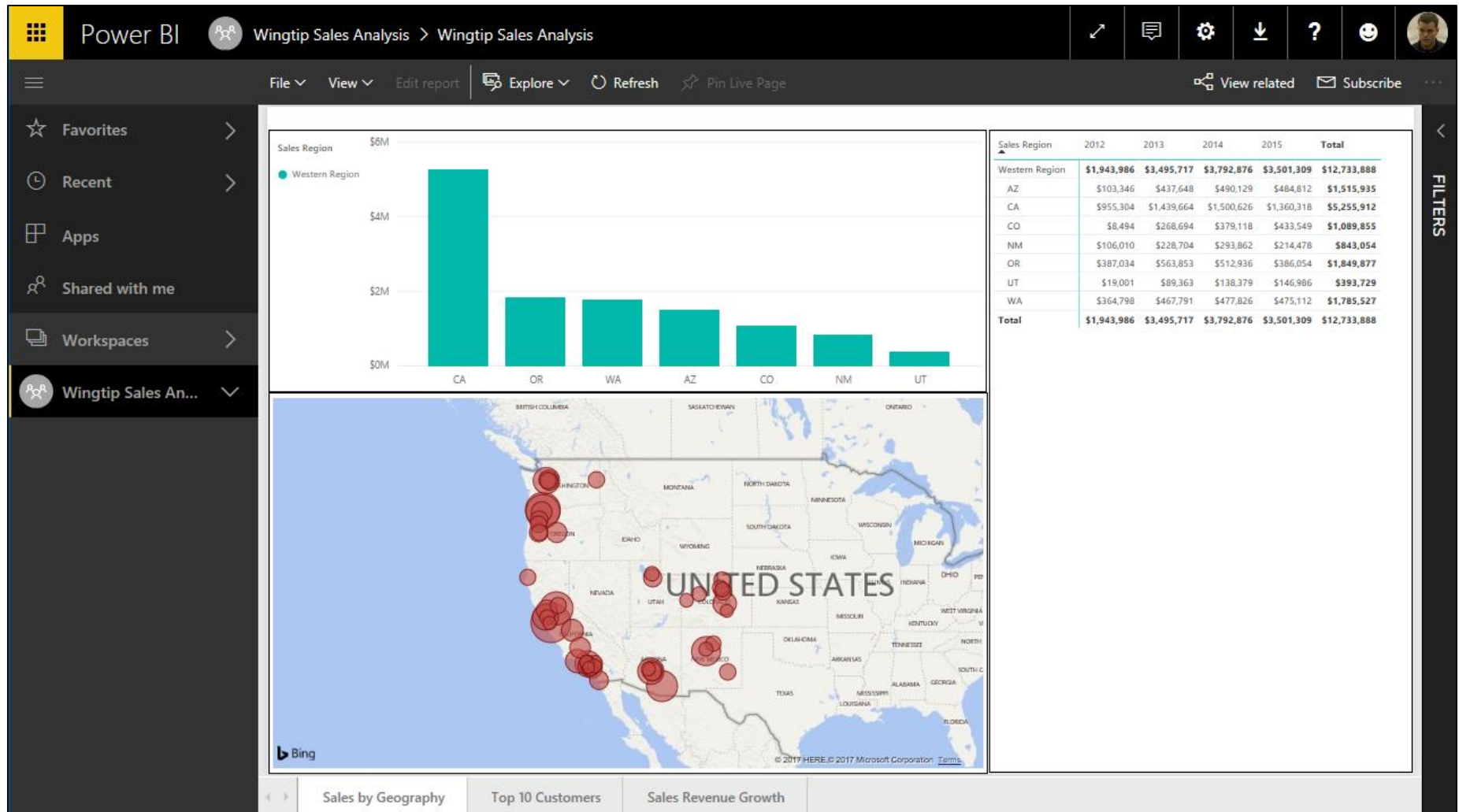
People or groups who belong to this role

Add

Western Sales Reps ✕



RLS Enforcement





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Configuring Row-level Security

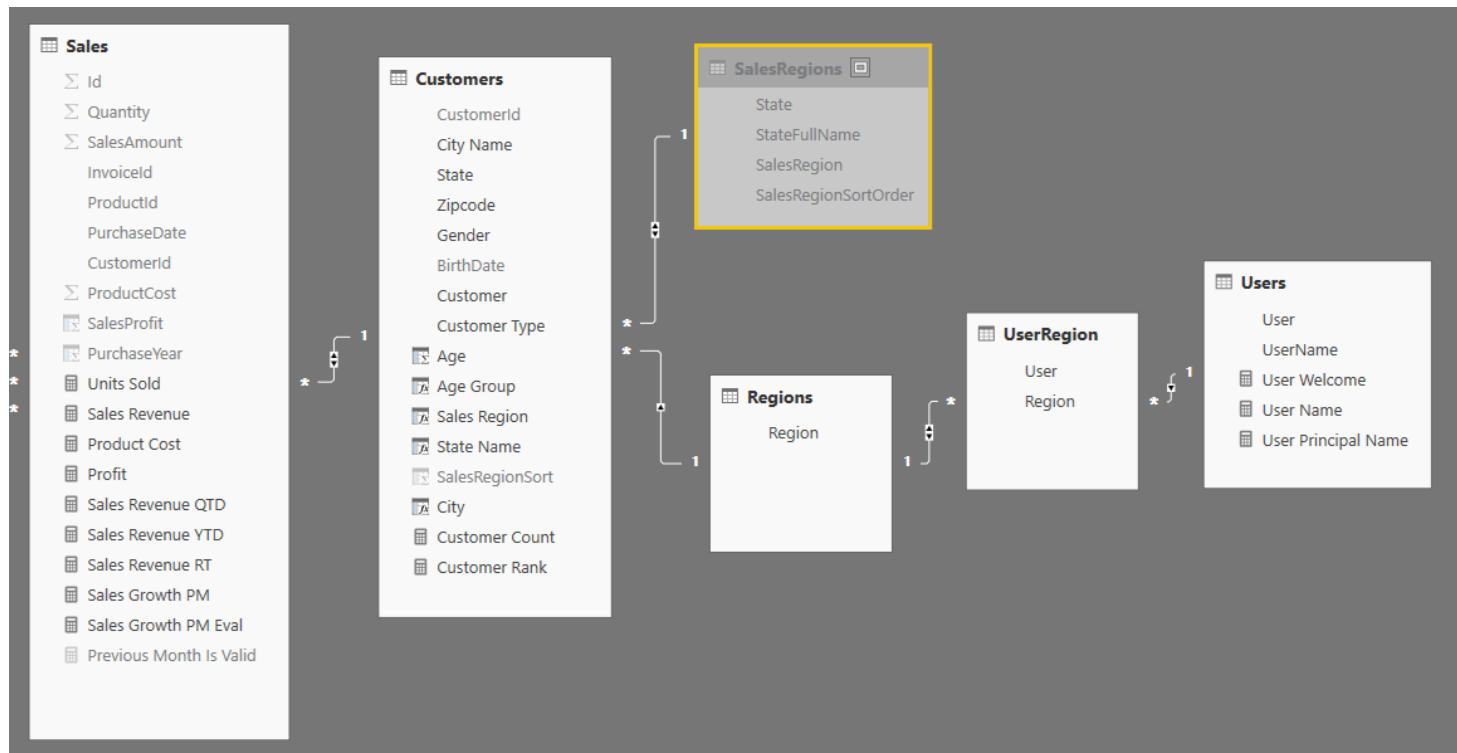
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Dynamic RLS

- Design pattern for data-driven security
 - RLS set up to use login name of current user
 - Permission assignments are included as part of dataset
 - Implemented using bi-directional cross-filtering



Configuring Cross-direction Filtering

The diagram illustrates the database schema and the configuration for cross-direction filtering on the UserRegion relationship.

Database Schema:

- Customers** (1) is related to **Regions** (*) via BirthDate, Customer, and Customer Type.
- Regions** (1) is related to **UserRegion** (*) via Region.
- UserRegion** (*) is related to **Users** (1) via User and Region.

UserRegion Relationship Configuration:

UserRegion

User	Region
EmmaP@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Central Region
JackB@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Central Region
MaxwellS@cpt0926.onmicrosoft.com	Central Region

Regions

Region
Western Region
Central Region
Eastern Region

Cardinality: Many to one (*:1)

Cross filter direction: Both

☒ Make this relationship active

☐ Assume referential integrity

Buttons: OK, Cancel

Dynamically Tracking the Current User

Manage roles

Roles

Dynamic RLS Role ...

CreateDelete

Tables

Calendar ...

Customers ...

Products ...

Purchases ...

Regions ...

Sales ...

SalesRegions ...

UserRegion ...

Users ...

Table filter DAX expression

✓✕

[User]=Username()

Filter the data that this role can see by entering a DAX filter expression that returns a True/False value. For example: [Entity ID] = "Value"

SaveCancel



All Users Must Be Added To a Role

The screenshot shows the Power BI interface for configuring Row-Level Security (RLS). The top navigation bar includes the Power BI logo, a workspace icon labeled 'ws', and the breadcrumb 'Wingtip Sales Dynamic RLS > Row-Level Security'. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Favorites, Recent, Apps, Shared with me, Workspaces, and the active workspace 'Wingtip Sales Dynamic RLS'. The main content area is titled 'Row-Level Security' and is divided into two panels. The left panel, 'Dynamic RLS Role (1)', is currently empty. The right panel, 'Members (1)', shows the list of users assigned to the role. It includes a text input field labeled 'Enter email addresses' and an 'Add' button. Below the input field, the user 'Wingtip Sales Reps' is listed with a close icon (X) to its right.

Power BI ws Wingtip Sales Dynamic RLS > Row-Level Security

Row-Level Security

Dynamic RLS Role (1)

Members (1)

People or groups who belong to this role

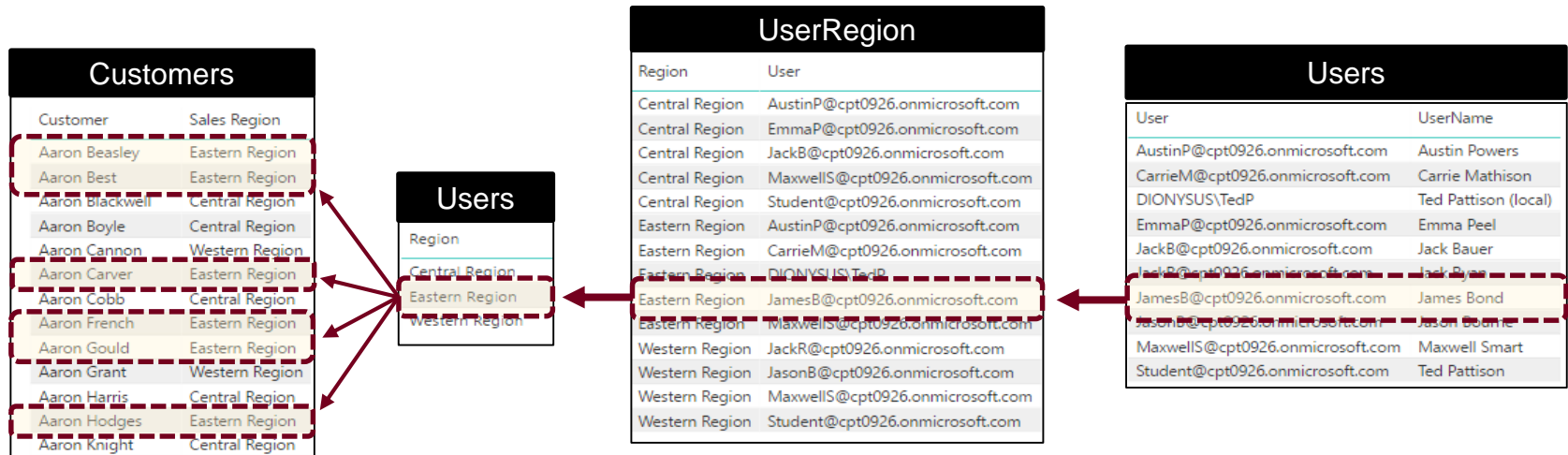
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Add

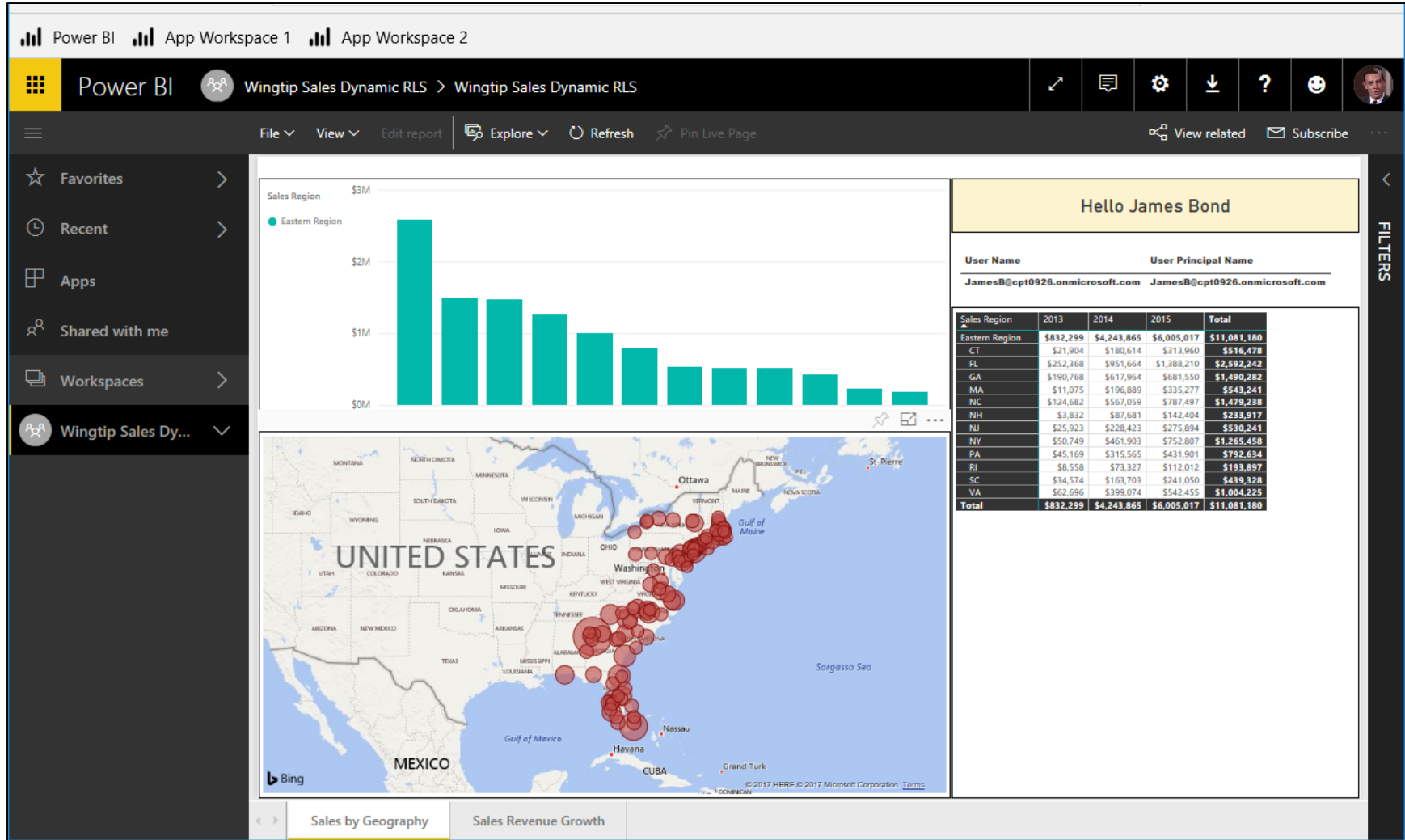
Wingtip Sales Reps X



Dynamic RLS Table Filtering



Dynamic RLS Enforcement





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