

# Installing and configuring Power BI Desktop

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Power BI is an advanced and integrated self-service business intelligence system for analyzing data and presenting actionable information to help corporate executives, business managers and other end users make more informed business decisions.

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## Software Requirements

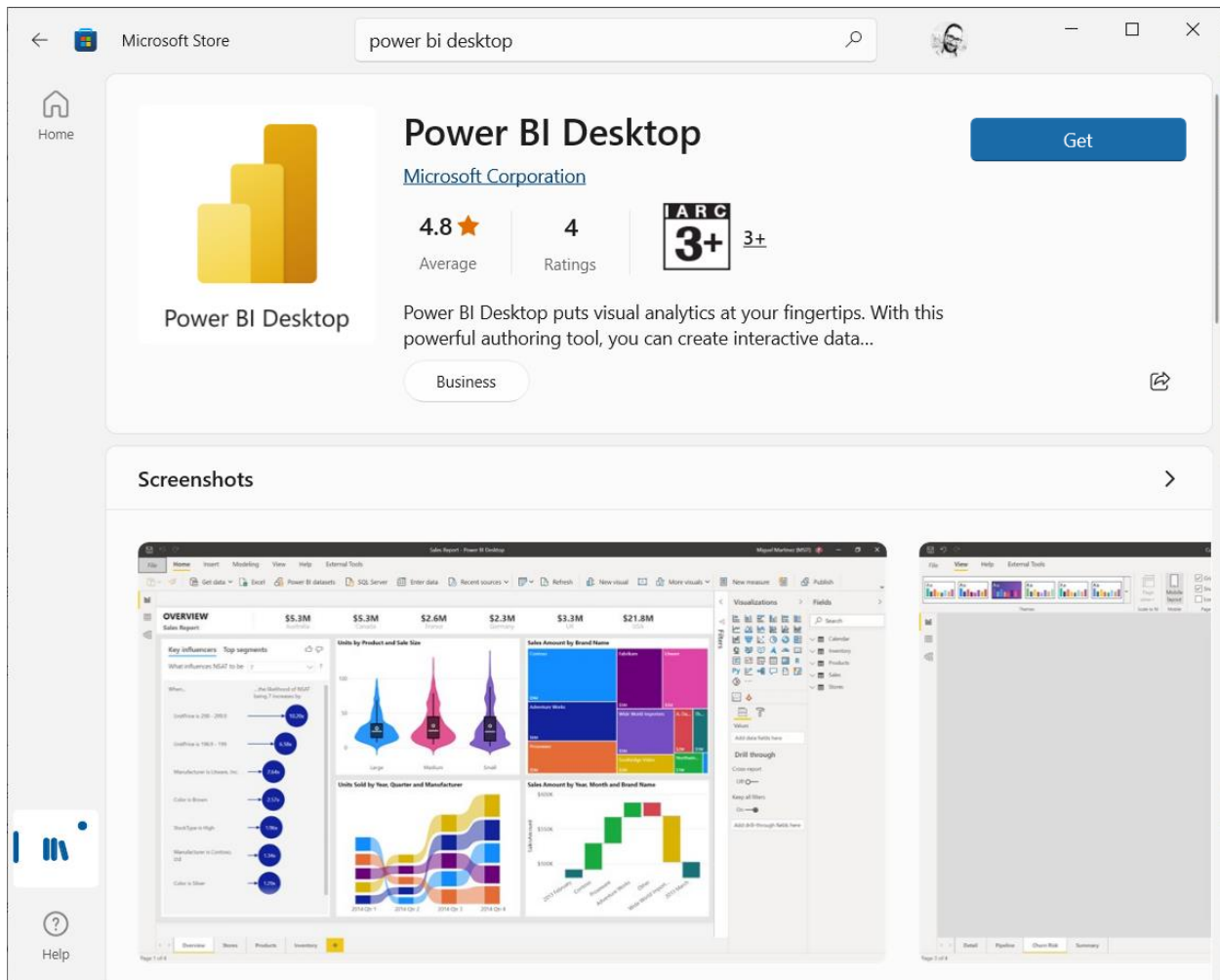
### Minimum requirements

Most contemporary computers are equipped with the minimum software requirements necessary to run Power BI Desktop.

- Windows 8.1 or Windows Server 2012 R2 or later.
- .NET 4.6.2 or later.
- Microsoft Edge browser (Internet Explorer is no longer supported)
- Memory (RAM): At least 2 GB available, 4 GB or more recommended.
- Display: At least 1440x900 or 1600x900 (16:9) required. Lower resolutions such as 1024x768 or 1280x800 aren't supported because some controls (such as closing the startup screens) display beyond those resolutions.
- CPU: 1 gigahertz (GHz) 64-bit (x64) processor or better recommended.
- WebView2: If WebView2 wasn't automatically installed with Power BI Desktop or if it was uninstalled, [download and run the installer for WebView2](#)
- For additional information, please visit [Get Power BI Desktop](#)

## Windows 10 or 11 (Option 1 – Recommended)

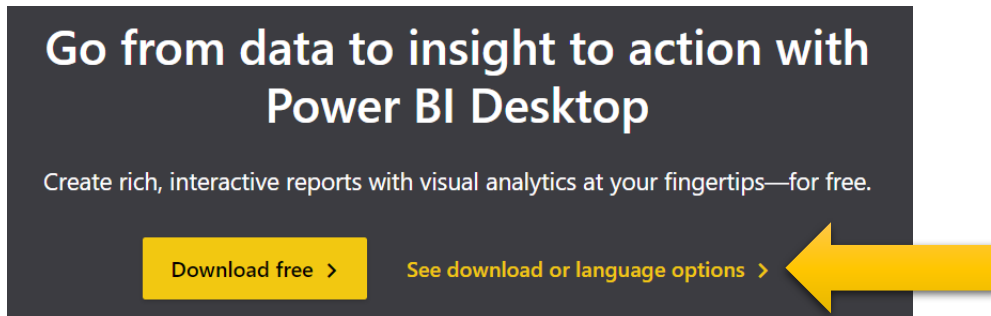
For those using Windows 10 or 11, you can obtain Power BI Desktop from the Microsoft Store. Simply open the "Microsoft Store" search for "Power BI Desktop" click the "Get" button, and follow the installation instructions. Once the installation is complete, please refer to the [Configuration section in page 5 and 6](#).



1 - Microsoft Store (Windows 10)

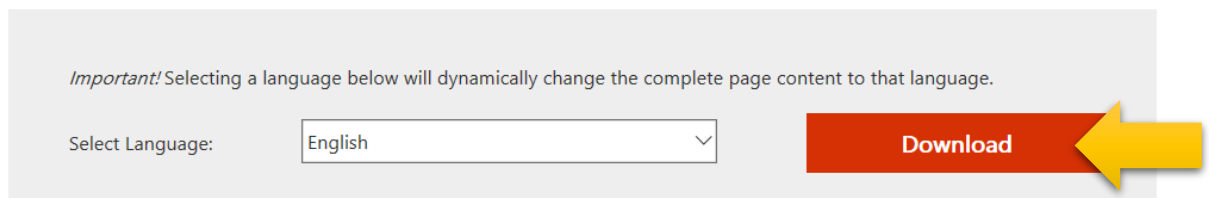
## Download and install Power BI Desktop manually (Option 2)

1. Go to <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/desktop> to download the latest version of Power BI Desktop



2. Click **See download or language options**
3. Click **Download**

### Microsoft Power BI Desktop



4. Choose between the 64-bit or 32-bit version - *Don't know how to choose? Please check [Which version of Windows operating system am I running? \(microsoft.com\)](#)*

Which version to install?

- If you have a 32 bit machine, you need to install the 32bit Power BI Desktop.
- If you have a 32 bit Office installed (regardless of your machine 32bit or 64bit), you need to install the 32 bit Power BI Desktop.
- Otherwise, you can install the 64 bit PBI Desktop.

### Choose the download you want

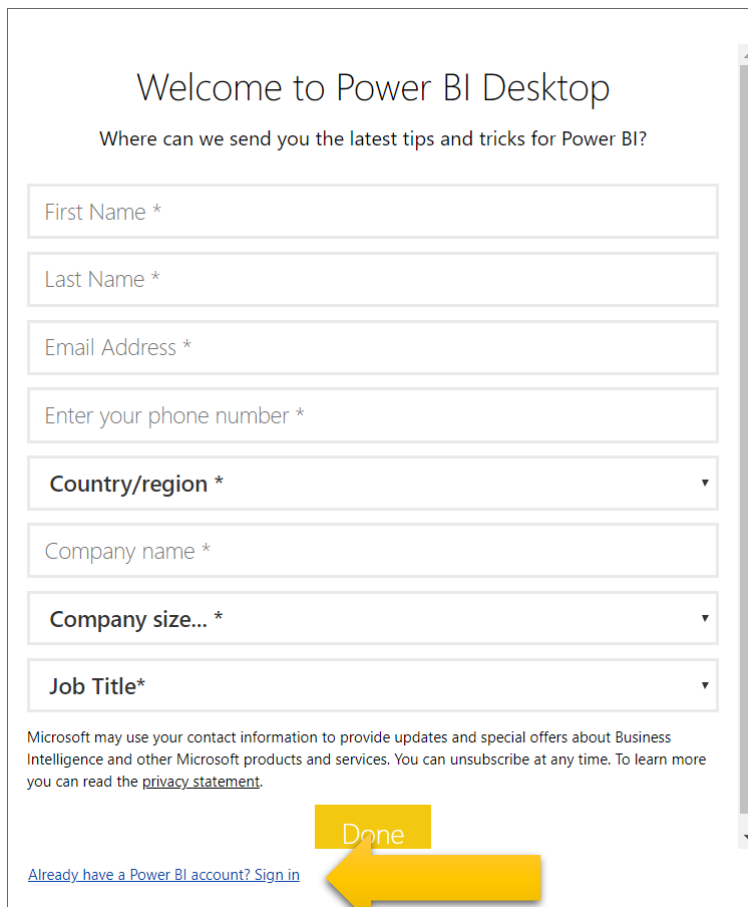
<input type="checkbox"/> File Name	Size
<input type="checkbox"/> PBIDesktopSetup_x64.exe	361.7 MB
<input type="checkbox"/> PBIDesktopSetup.exe	330.2 MB

5. Download, run the executable file and follow the setup instructions.

## Configuration

### Sign-in

Finished with the setup? Launch Power BI Desktop. There's **NO need to sign up** to begin using the application. Simply click on "Already have a Power BI account? Sign-in" to get started.



Welcome to Power BI Desktop

Where can we send you the latest tips and tricks for Power BI?

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email Address \*

Enter your phone number \*

Country/region \*

Company name \*

Company size... \*

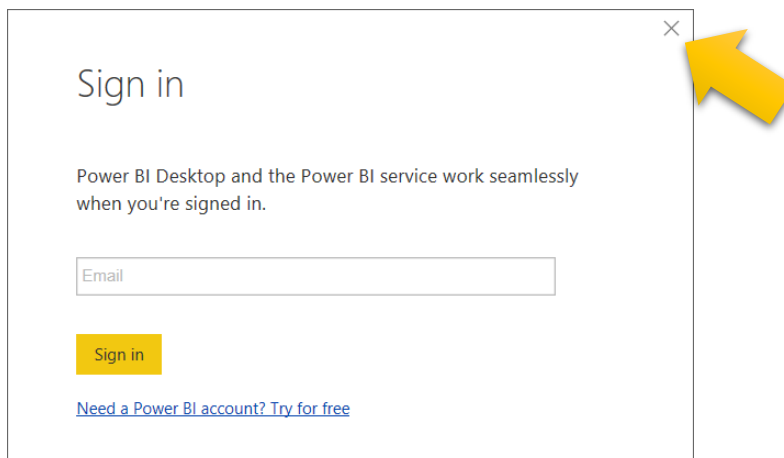
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[Done](#)

[Already have a Power BI account? Sign in](#)

Press Esc or click on "x"



Sign in

Power BI Desktop and the Power BI service work seamlessly when you're signed in.

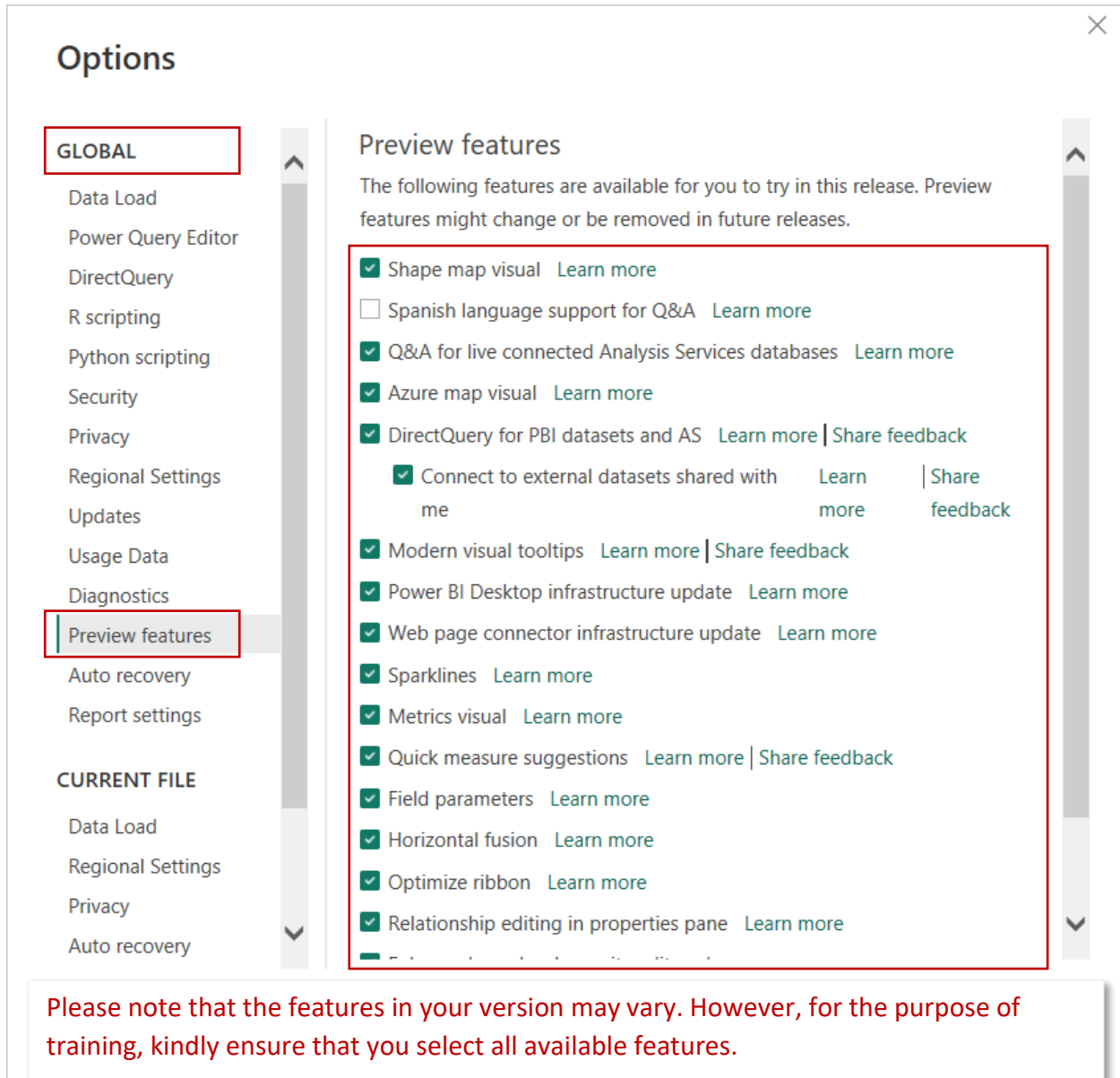
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[Sign in](#)

[Need a Power BI account? Try for free](#)

## Enable all the "Preview features"

1. Locate and select **"Preview features"** in the **GLOBAL** section.
2. Enable all the preview features by checking the corresponding checkboxes on the right side.
3. Click OK and restart Power BI Desktop.
4. Once restarted, the enabled preview features will be accessible for use.



## Mac

Unfortunately, Microsoft Power BI Desktop is not available for mac users. If you have a Mac, you will NOT be able to install Power BI Desktop, but there are other options, such as Dual Boot Camp<sup>1</sup>, creating a local virtual machine (VM). You could also try to run it with an application such as [Turbo.net](#)<sup>2</sup>, [Parallels](#)<sup>3</sup>, [VMware Fusion](#) or [Paperspace](#).

## Microsoft Virtual Lab (Free)

Additionally, you have the option to access the Microsoft Virtual Lab at no cost by utilizing a Microsoft email account, such as one with an outlook.com or hotmail.com domain.

- VM#1 [Lab - Power BI Desktop](#)

*Screenshot:*

This unit includes a lab to complete.

Use the free resources provided in the lab to complete the exercises in this unit. You will not be charged.

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Sign in to launch the lab



Happy Power BI'ing ♥

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<sup>1</sup> Install Windows 10 on your Mac with Boot Camp Assistant <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201468> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hm9Q-T0oTo>

<sup>2</sup> Turbo.net uses an older version of Power BI Desktop

<sup>3</sup> How to Install Parallels Desktop 16 for Mac Step-by-Step Guide <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeL6rvDgZcw>