

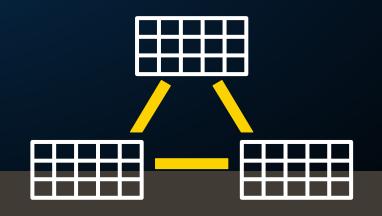








Understanding the basics of a good data model



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# After this session you will be able to:



Explain basic dimensional modeling concepts



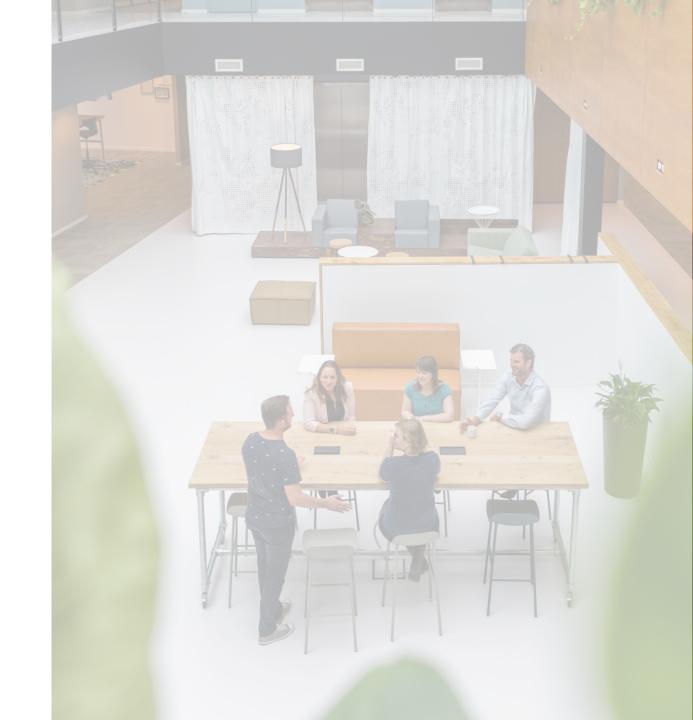
Create a basic dimensional model that works and performs well with Power BI



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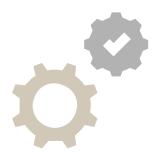
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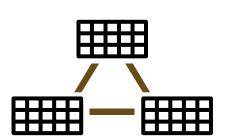


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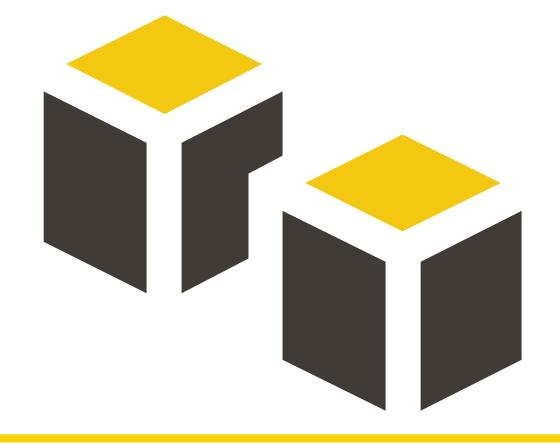
Gather Clean Model Visualize











# **Data modeling basics**



# What is a data model?

A Power BI Data Model is a collection of tables with relationships which enable business users to easily understand and explore their data to get business insights.

## A good data model is important, because:

- Improves understandability of the data
- Increases performance of dependent processes and systems
- Increases resilience to change

# Why do you need a data model in Power BI?

- Easily drag-and-drop visuals
- Re-use of components (when expanding the model)
- Optimize end-user rendering performance

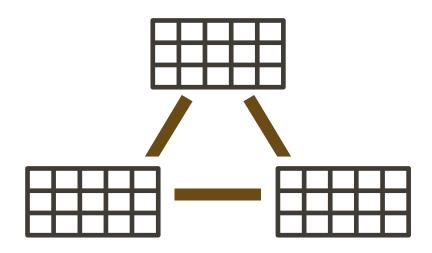


# What is a good data model?

A good data model for Power BI is a dimensional data model.

### A dimensional data model consists of:

- One or more fact tables
- One or more dimension tables
- One or more relationships





Starting point



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**Creating Sales Amount fact** 



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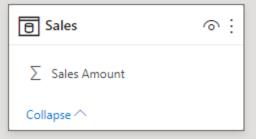
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### **Tables**

#### Sales

Sales Amount	Ŧ
\$8.	99
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\$9.	99
\$4.	99
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Adding Order Quantity fact



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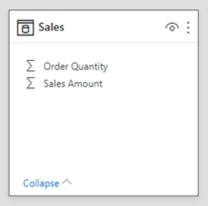
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### **Tables**

#### Sales

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\$21.98		1
\$29.99		1
\$9.99		1
\$4.99		1
\$34.99		1
\$4.99		1





# Fact table

Contains numerical information about a business process or items to be aggregated

Examples: Sales Amount, Cost, Units Sold, Transactions

Aggregations provide totals, averages, etc.

Power BI implements these using Measures

Usefulness limited without context

Context is provided by dimensions that slice the data

Without facts there is no aggregation



### Adding Product Dimension table



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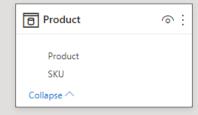
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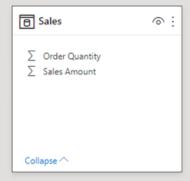
#### Product

SKU 🔻	Product	
CA-1098	AWC Logo Cap	
FE-6654	Fender Set - Mountain	
TI-M602	ML Mountain Tire	
BC-M005	Mountain Bottle Cage	
TT-M928	Mountain Tire Tube	
HL-U509-B	Sport-100, Helmet, Blue	
WB-H098	Water Bottle - 30 oz.	

#### Sales

Sales Amount	Order Quantity
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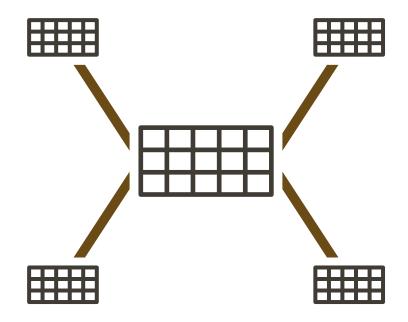
# **Dimension table**

Contains descriptive information that define how a fact should roll up.

Examples: Date, Month, Customer, Geography, Product, Payment type.

Without dimensions there is no context.

Also called: Lookup table on steroids.





### Adding Product attribute to fact table



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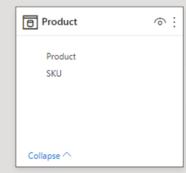
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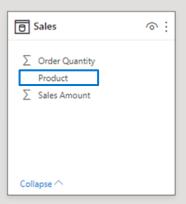
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Adding Sales Order and Order Date attribute to fact



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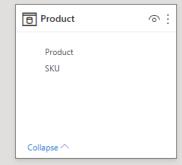
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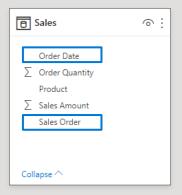
### **Tables**

#### Sales

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\$8.99	2	CA-1098	SO74870	7/11/2020

Product







Adding relationship between Product and Sales



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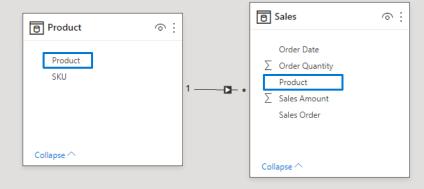
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Product





# Relationship

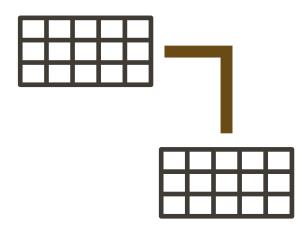
Connection between two tables using columns from each.

Usually between fact and dimension or dimension and dimension.

# Without relationships there is no slicing.

### Three kinds:

- One-to-many (1:M)
- One-to-one (1:1)
- Many-to-many (M:N)





# Relationship types

### 1 to 1

# Every **individual record** in dataset A is mapped to one **individual record** in dataset B



## 1 to many

# One record of dataset A is mapped to multiple records in dataset B

	istomer inform	nation
(	Customer ID	Country
7	AW000111024	United States
,	AW00019377	Germany

Data set B Sales Inform	ation	
Customer ID	Product	Order Quantity
AW00011024	CA-1098	2
AW00019377	BC-M005	1
AW00019377	CA-1098	1
AW00019377	FE-6654	1
AW00019377	HL-U509-B	1
AW00019377	TI-M602	1
AW00019377	TT-M928	1
AW00019377	WB-H098	1

## Many to many

# **Multiple records** of dataset A are mapped to **multiple records** in dataset B

Cus to me r info	rmation	
Customer ID	Store ID	Store Type
AW00011024	ON-1	Online
AW00011024	ST-1	Regional City Store
AW00011024	ST-2	Regional City Store
AW00019377	ON-1	Online
AW00019377	ST-1	Regional City Store
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### Adding customer dimension



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Customer					
Customer ID 💌	Customer	City 🔻	Postal Code 💌	Country -	State-Province

#### Sales

Dominic Chandra Ingolstadt 85049

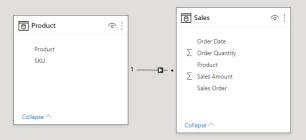
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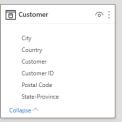
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Product

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Adding customer attribute on fact and relationship



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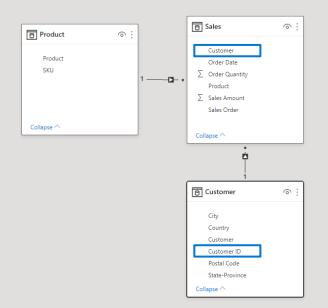
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Product

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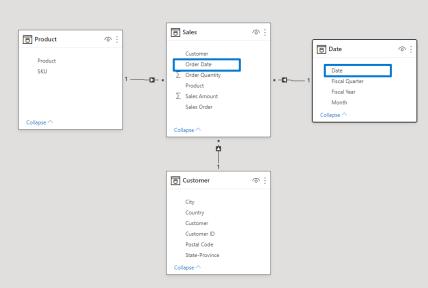
#### Date

Date 🔻	Fiscal Quarter	Fiscal Year 🔻	Month 💌
6/11/2020	FY2020 Q4	FY2020	2020 Jun
7/11/2020	FY2021 Q1	FY2021	2021 July

Product

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Adding Ship Date attribute and relationship



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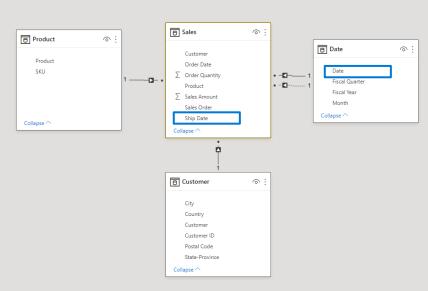
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# Role playing dimension

Role playing dimension: same dimension being used multiple times

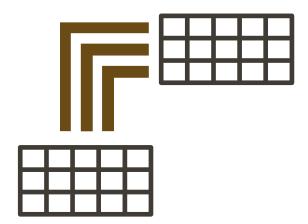
**Example:** Date dimension (OrderDate, ShipDate)

In Power BI: one active relationship between two tables

- Any other will be inactive
- USERELATIONSHIP()

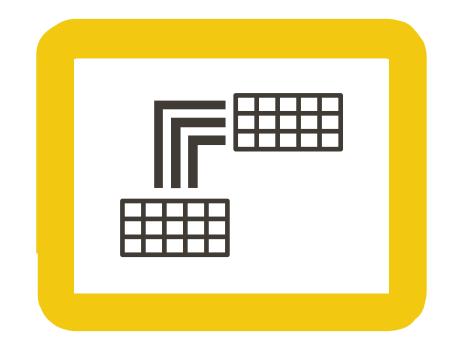
### Auto date/time

- Auto date/time creates a date table for each date that is not used in a relationship
- Might be worth it to introduce your own date dimension



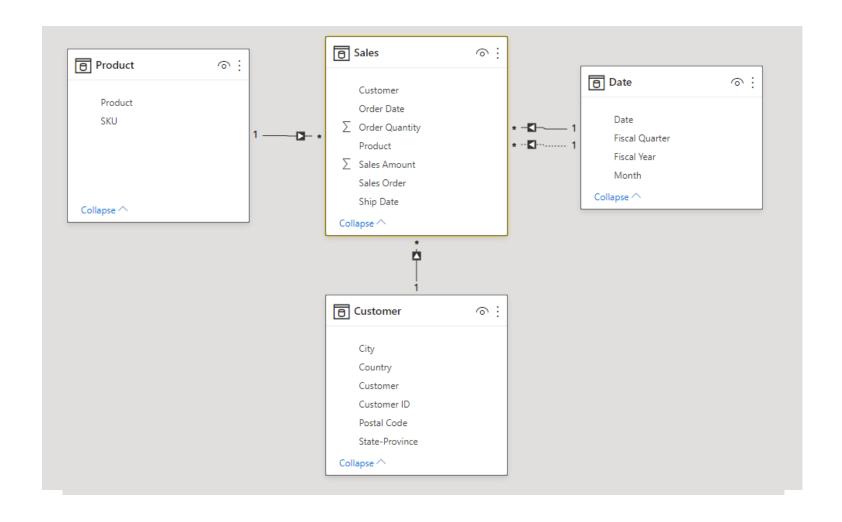


# **Role-playing dimensions**





Final model



# Note

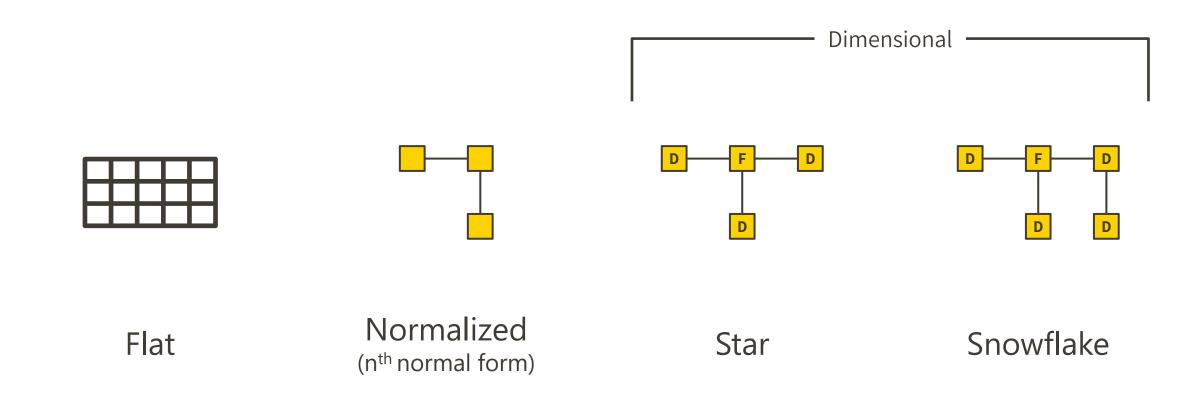
## This is a simplified, imperfect data model:

- Keys should be numerical instead of strings (surrogate keys)
- Sales Order should be separate dimension since the fact is on Sales Order Line, not Sales Order.





# Major types of data models



# Different data model types

		Flat table	Normalized	Star schema	Snowflake
<b>_</b>	Performance for analytics	Low	Medium	High	High
	Development effort	Low	High	High	High
**	Query volume and complexity	Low volume Low complexity	High volume Low complexity	Low volume High complexity	Low volume High complexity
2	Intended for	No database	CRM / ERP / Applications	Analytical systems / data warehouses	Analytical systems / data warehouses
<u></u>	Compression	Row	Row	Column	Column

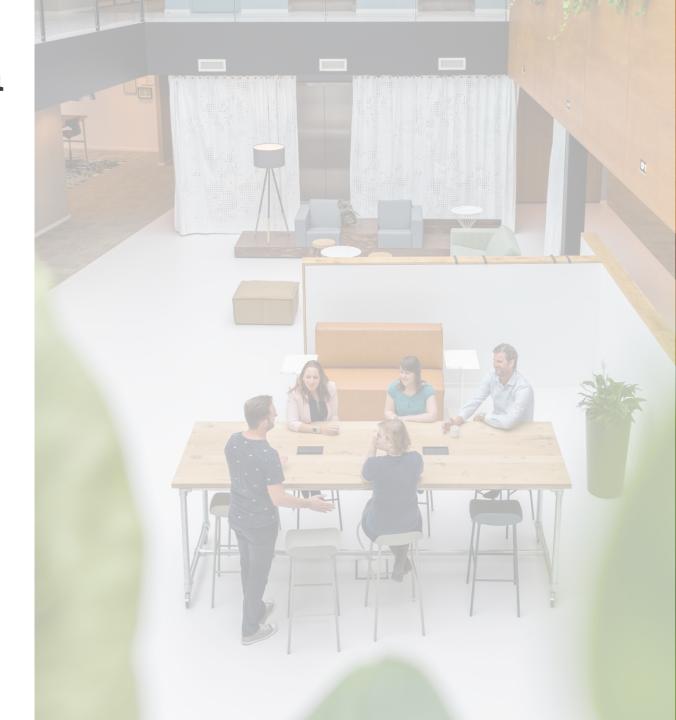


# Considerations for data modeling in Power BI

Do data cleansing activity in one place.

- Data platform
- Database views
- Power Query

Enrich your data with measures and calculated columns.

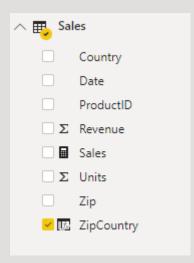


# **Calculated Column**

To create a calculated column using a DAX formula, select the New column button from the Modeling tab.

#### A calculated column:

- Is useful for slicing or filtering a value, or for doing a calculation on every row in the table
- Saves its result in the data model
- Evaluates while reloading the data model, not while executing the query
- Consumes memory! (increases model size)
- Evaluates per row



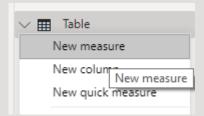


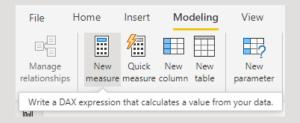
# Measure

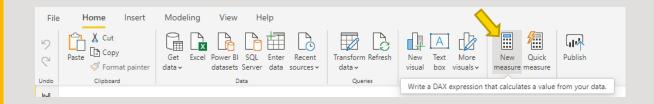
To create a measure using a DAX formula, select the New measure button from the Modeling tab.

### A measure:

- Aggregates a column
- Evaluates a total, not row-per-row
- Evaluates while executing the query
- Costs CPU-power instead of memory
- Always has one answer









# Calculated column vs Measure

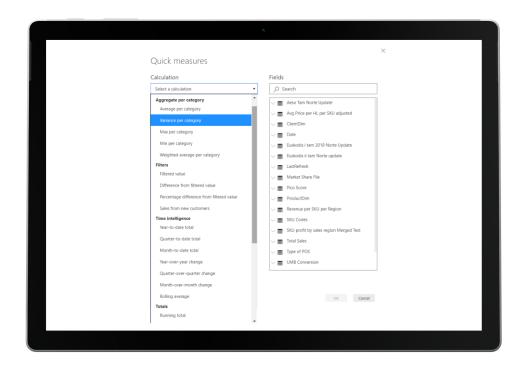
	Calculated Column	Measure	
Persistence	Definition and result saved in data model	Definition saved in data model, result is calculated when a visual is created	
Usage	Can be used on slicers, filters, rows, columns, etc.	Can only be used as a value in a visual and visual level filters	
Language	DAX / M (Power Query)	DAX	
Scope	Single row	Set of rows / table	
Calculation happens	On data refresh	On demand when a visual is created	
Effect	Blows up data model	Increases report performance (compared to calculated column)	

ProductID 🔻	Date 🔻	CustomerID -	CampaignID 🔻	Units 🔻	Sales Amount
449	7/29/14	128304	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	89917	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	128811	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	59550	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	207690	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	121043	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	148675	1	1	\$102.37
449	7/29/14	65048	1	1	\$102.37



# **Quick measures**

You can make many difficult DAX calculations without code, just drag and drop.







# **Measures and Calculated Columns**





# Rules to live by



DAX complexity down, Performance up



Simple DAX is a sign of a good data model



# **Key take-aways**

- Do data transformation as close to the source as possible. In Power BI: use the "Transform Data" options.
- Use a star schema or snowflake data model to get the best out of Power BI.
- Consider auto date/time vs creating a Date dimension
- Use a role-playing dimension instead of adding the same dimension multiple times.
  - Most common example: Date





## Resources

## **Learning path: Model data in Power BI:**

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/model-power-bi/

## **Learning path: Use DAX in Power BI Desktop:**

https://aka.ms/DAXLearningPath

## **Guidance: Auto date/time in Power BI desktop:**

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/transform-model/desktop-auto-date-time

## **Quick measure gallery:**

https://community.powerbi.com/t5/Quick-Measures-Gallery/bd-p/QuickMeasuresGallery

## **DAX Expression: USERELATIONSHIP:**

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dax/userelationship-function-dax

### **AdventureWorks 2020 demo dataset:**

https://github.com/microsoft/powerbi-desktop-samples/tree/master/DAX





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