

COURSE OUTLINE

- 1. Introducing Power BI Desktop
- 2. Connecting & Shaping Data
- 3. Creating a Data Model
- 4. Adding Calculated Fields with DAX
- 5. Visualizing Data with Reports

- Installing Power BI, exploring the Power BI workflow, comparing Power BI vs. Excel, etc.
- Connecting to source data, shaping and transforming tables, editing, merging and appending queries, etc.
- Building relational models, creating table relationships, understanding cardinality, exploring filter flow, etc.
- Understanding DAX syntax, adding calculated columns and measures, writing common formulas & functions, etc.
- Inserting charts and visuals, customizing formats, editing interactions, applying filters and bookmarks, etc.

INTRODUCING THE COURSE

1. THE BRIEF

 Your client needs a way to track KPIs (sales, revenue, profit, returns), compare regional performance, analyze product-level trends and forecasts, and identify high-value customer.

2. THE OBJECTIVE

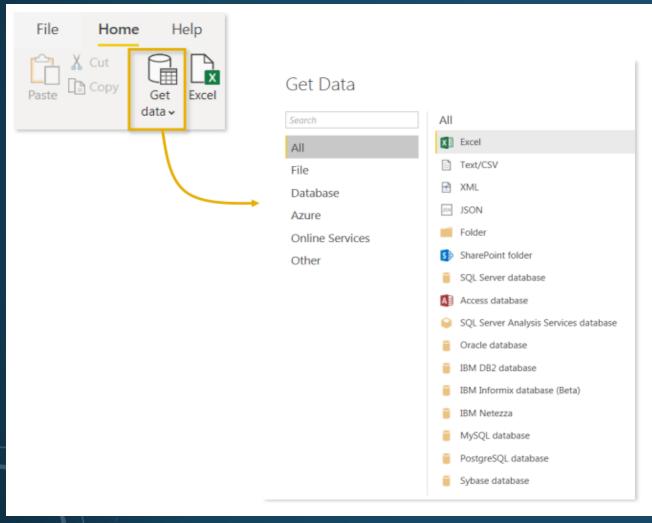
- Use Power BI Desktop to:
 - ✓ Connect and transform the raw data
 - ✓ Build a relational data model
 - ✓ Create new calculated columns and DAX measures
 - ✓ Design an interactive report to analyze and visualize the data

DAY 2 – CONNECTING & SHAPING DATA

OBJECTIVE

 Connecting to source data, shaping and transforming tables, editing, merging and appending queries, etc

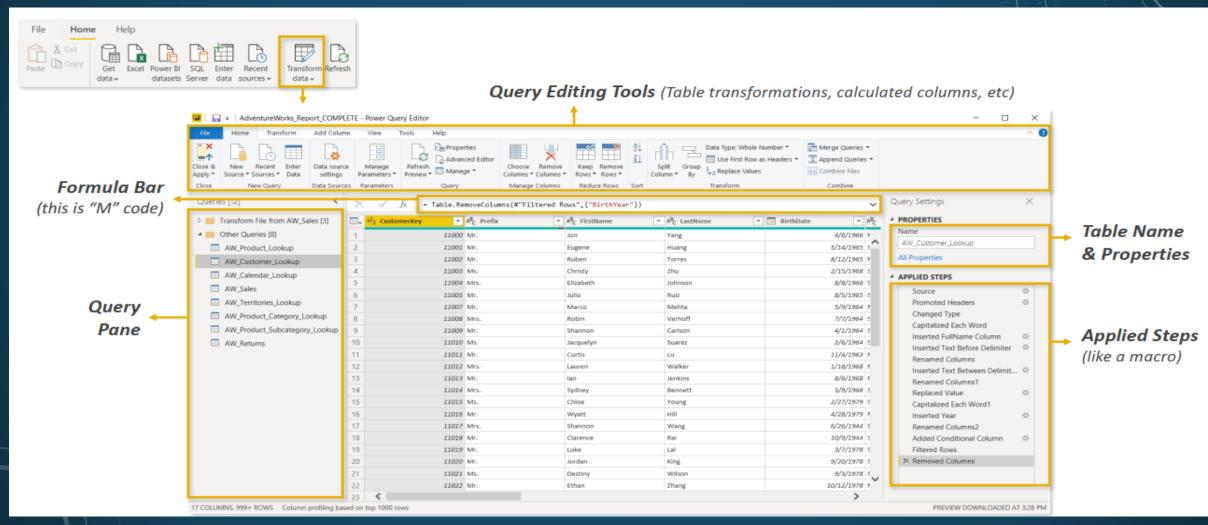
TYPES OF DATA CONNECTORS



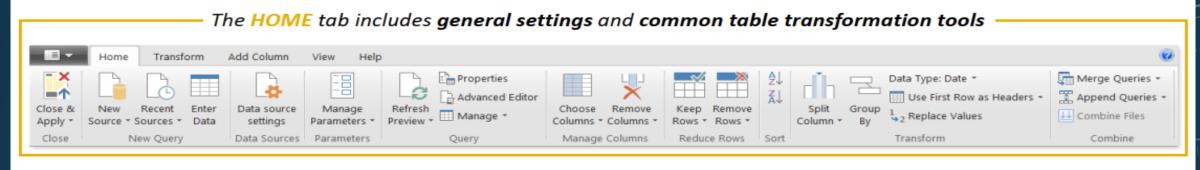
Power BI can connect to virtually **any** type of source data, including (but not limited to):

- Flat files & Folders (csv, text, xls, etc)
- Databases (SQL, Access, Oracle, IBM, Azure, etc)
- Online Services (Sharepoint, GitHub, Dynamics 365, Google Analytics, Salesforce, Power BI Service, etc)
- Others (Web feeds, R scripts, Spark, Hadoop, etc)

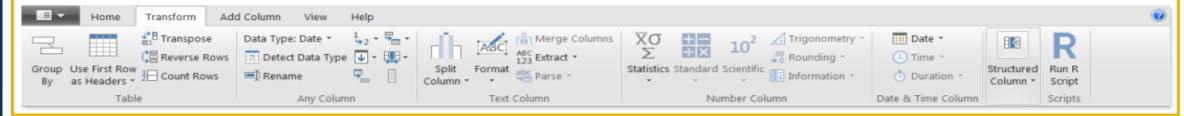
THE QUERY EDITOR



QUERY EDITING TOOLS



The TRANSFORM tab includes tools to modify existing columns (splitting/grouping, transposing, extracting text, etc)

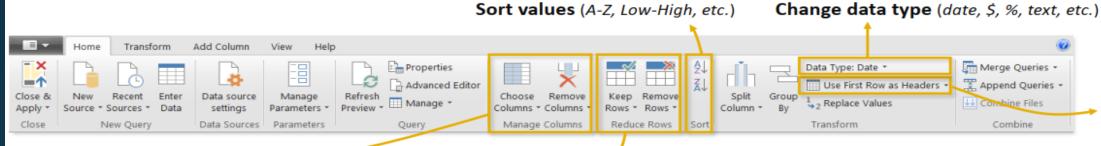


-The ADD COLUMN tools create new columns (based on conditional rules, text operations, calculations, dates, etc)



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BASIC TABLE TRANSFORMATIONS

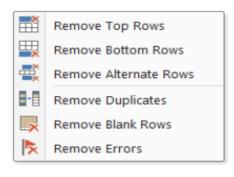


Promote header row



Choose or remove columns

Tip: use the "Remove Other Columns" option if you always want a specific set

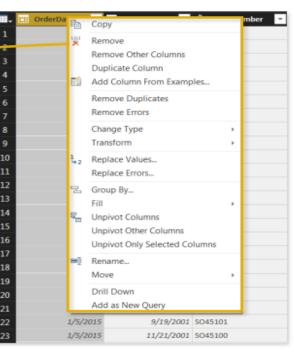


Keep or remove rows

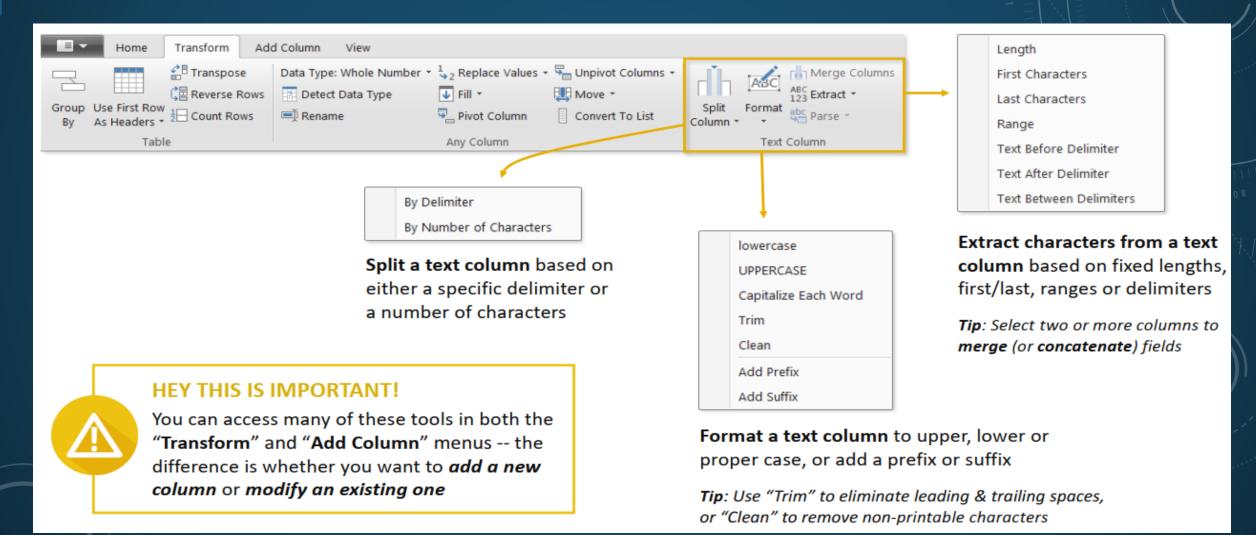
Tip: use the "Remove Duplicates" option to create a new lookup table from scratch

Duplicate, move & rename columns

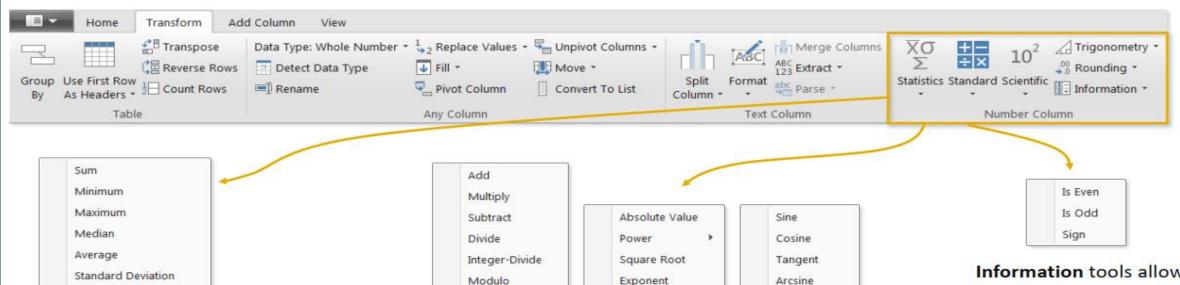
Tip: Right-click the column header to access common tools



TEXT-SPECIFIC TOOLS



NUMBER-SPECIFIC TOOLS



Percentage

Percent Of

Standard

Statistics functions allow you to evaluate basic stats for the selected column (sum, min/max, average, count, countdistinct, etc)

Count Values

Count Distinct Values

Note: These tools return a SINGLE value, and are commonly used to explore a table rather than prepare it for loading Standard, Scientific and Trigonometry tools allow you to apply standard operations (addition, multiplication, division, etc.) or more advanced calculations (power, logarithm, sine, tangent, etc) to each value in a column

Arccosine

Arctangent

Trigonometry

Logarithm

Scientific

Factorial

Note: Unlike the Statistics options, these tools are applied to each individual row in the table

Information tools allow you to define binary flags (TRUE/FALSE or 1/0) to mark each row in a column as even, odd, positive or negative

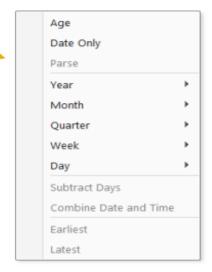
DATE-SPECIFIC TOOLS



Date & Time tools are relatively straight-forward, and include the following options:

- . Age: Difference between the current time and the date in each row
- Date Only: Removes the time component of a date/time field
- Year/Month/Quarter/Week/Day: Extracts individual components from a date field (Time-specific options include Hour, Minute, Second, etc.)
- Earliest/Latest: Evaluates the earliest or latest date from a column as a single value (can only be accessed from the "Transform" menu)

Note: You will almost always want to perform these operations from the "Add Column" menu to build out new fields, rather than transforming an individual date/time column



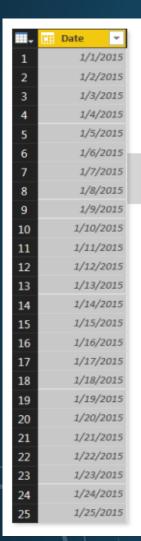


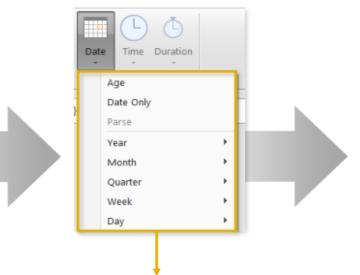
PRO TIP:

Load up a table containing a single date column and use Date tools to build out an entire calendar table

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CREATING A BASIC CALENDAR TABLE

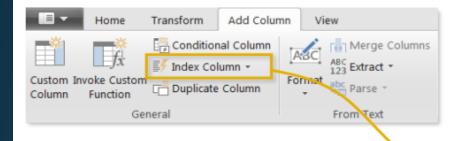




Use pre-defined **Date** options in the "**Add Column**" menu to quickly build out a calendar table from a list of dates

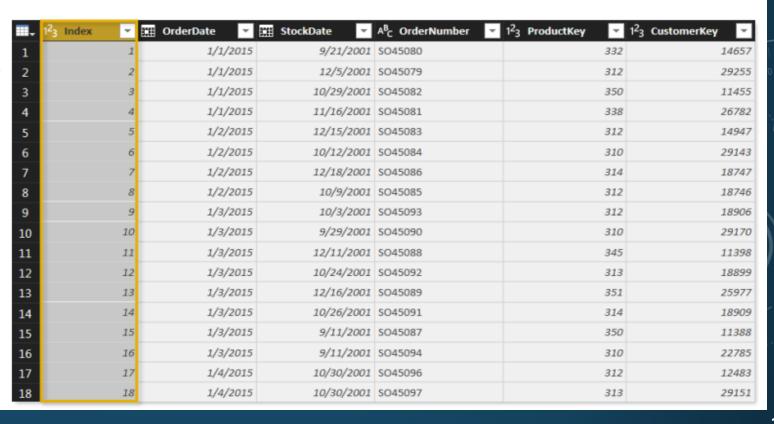
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1	1/1/2015	1	4	Thursday	12/28/2014	1
2	1/2/2015	2	5	Friday	12/28/2014	1
3	1/3/2015	3	б	Saturday	12/28/2014	1
4	1/4/2015	4	0	Sunday	1/4/2015	1
5	1/5/2015	5	1	Monday	1/4/2015	1
6	1/6/2015	6	2	Tuesday	1/4/2015	1
7	1/7/2015	7	3	Wednesday	1/4/2015	1
8	1/8/2015	8	4	Thursday	1/4/2015	1
9	1/9/2015	9	5	Friday	1/4/2015	1
10	1/10/2015	10	6	Saturday	1/4/2015	1
11	1/11/2015	11	0	Sunday	1/11/2015	1
12	1/12/2015	12	1	Monday	1/11/2015	1
13	1/13/2015	13	2	Tuesday	1/11/2015	1
14	1/14/2015	14	3	Wednesday	1/11/2015	1
15	1/15/2015	15	4	Thursday	1/11/2015	1
16	1/16/2015	16	5	Friday	1/11/2015	1
17	1/17/2015	17	6	Saturday	1/11/2015	1
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21	1/21/2015	21	3	Wednesday	1/18/2015	1
22	1/22/2015	22	4	Thursday	1/18/2015	1
23	1/23/2015	23	5	Friday	1/18/2015	1
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ADDING INDEX COLUMNS



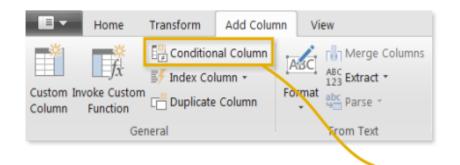
Index Columns contain a list of sequential values that can be used to identify each unique row in a table (typically starting from 0 or 1)

These columns are often used to create **unique IDs** that can be used to form relationships between tables (more on that later!)



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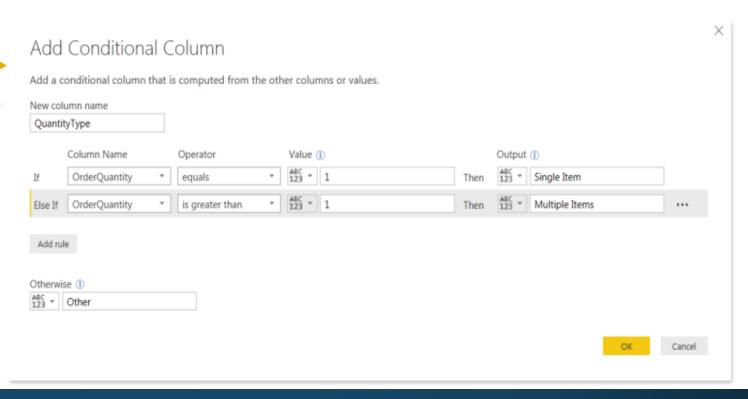
ADDING CONDITIONAL COLUMNS



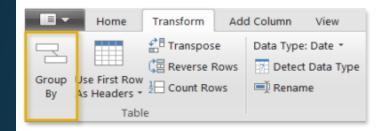
Conditional Columns allow you to define new fields based on logical rules and conditions (*IF/THEN statements*)

In this case we're creating a new conditional column called "QuantityType", which depends on the values in the "OrderQuantity" column, as follows:

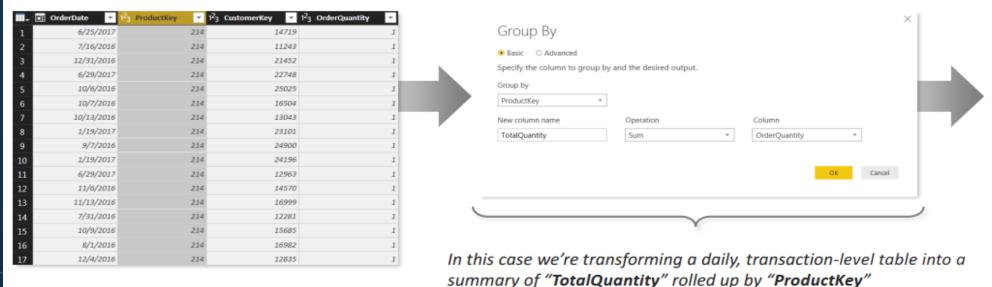
- If OrderQuantity =1, QuantityType = "Single Item"
- If OrderQuantity >1, QuantityType = "Multiple Items"
- Otherwise QuantityType = "Other"



GROUPING & AGGREGATING DATA

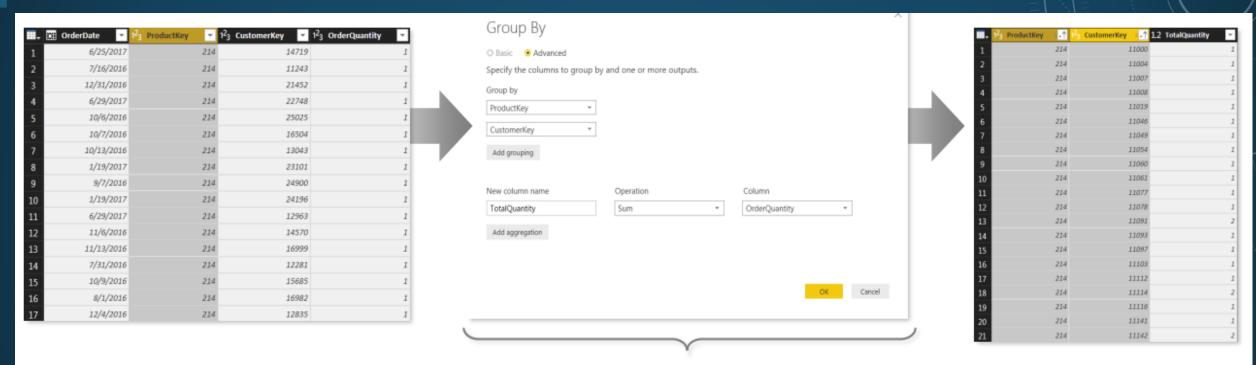


Group By allows you to aggregate your data at a different level (i.e. transform daily data into monthly, roll up transaction-level data by store, etc)



NOTE: Any fields not specified in the Group By settings are lost

GROUPING & AGGREGATING DATA (CONT)

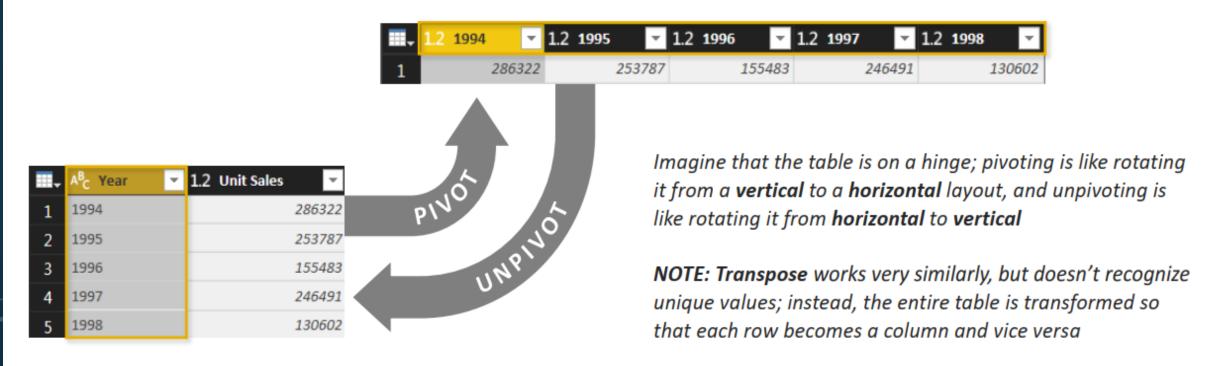


This time we're transforming the daily, transaction-level table into a summary of "TotalQuantity" aggregated by both "ProductKey" and "CustomerKey" (using the advanced option in the dialog box)

NOTE: This is similar to creating a PivotTable in Excel and pulling in "Sum of OrderQuantity" with ProductKey and CustomerKey as row labels

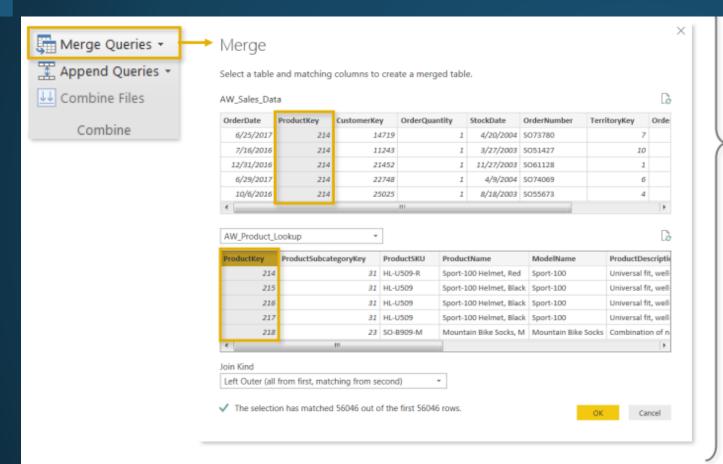
PIVOTING & UNPIVOTING

"Pivoting" is a fancy way to describe the process of turning distinct row values into columns ("pivoting") or turning columns into rows ("unpivoting")



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MERGING QUERIES

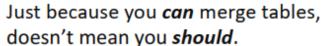


Merging queries allows you to join tables based on a common column (like VLOOKUP)

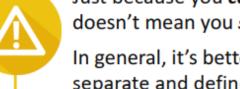
In this case we're merging the AW_Sales_Data table with the **AW_Product_Lookup** table, which share a common "ProductKey" column

NOTE: Merging *adds columns* to an existing table

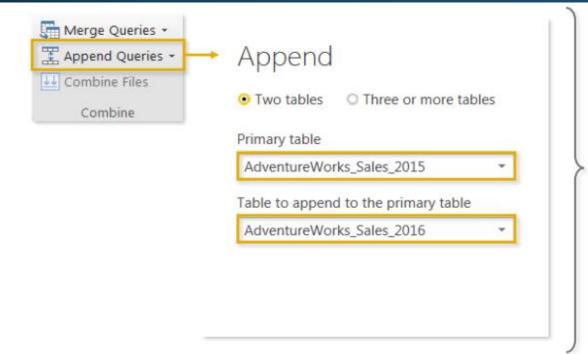
HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!



In general, it's better to keep tables separate and define relationships between them (more on that later!)



APPENDING QUERIES



Appending queries allows you to **combine** (or **stack**) tables that share the exact same column structure and data types

In this case we're appending the AdventureWorks_Sales_2015 table to the AdventureWorks_Sales_2016 table, which is valid since they share identical table structures

NOTE: Appending adds rows to an existing table

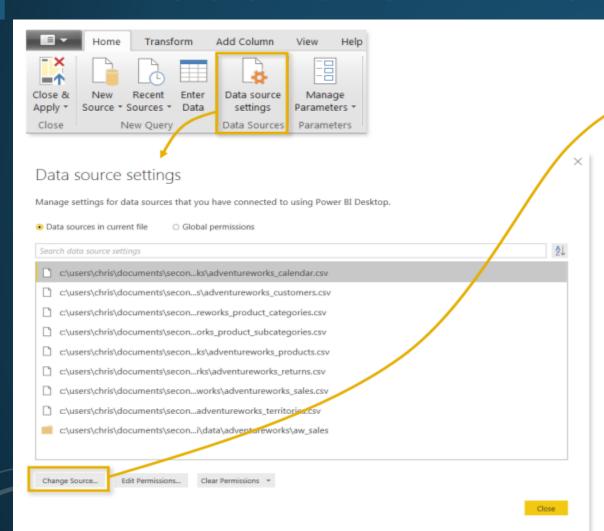


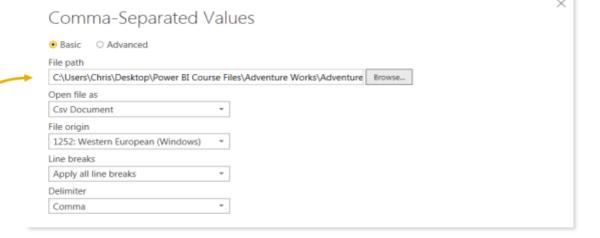
PRO TIP:

Use the "Folder" option (Get Data > More > Folder) to append all files within a folder (assuming they share the same structure); as you add new files, simply refresh the query and they will automatically append!

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DATA SOURCE SETTINGS





The **Data Source Settings** in the Query Editor allow you to manage data connections and permissions



HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Connections to local files reference the *exact* path

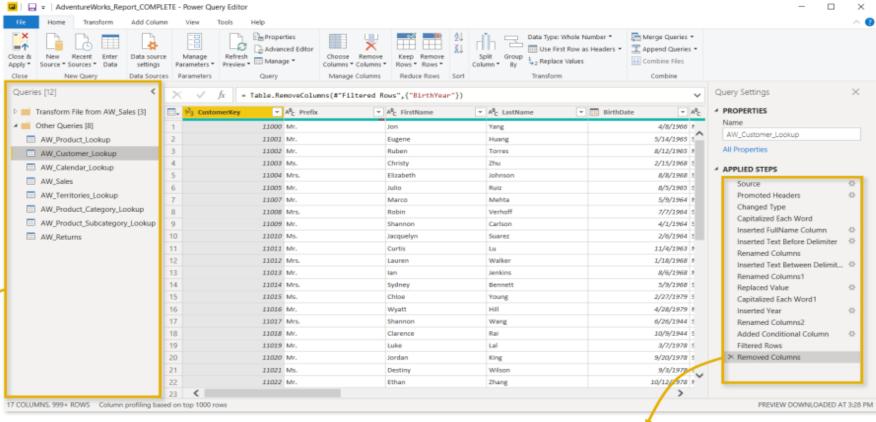
If the file name or location changes, you will need to change the source and browse to the current version

MODIFYING QUERIES



Select **Transform Data***from the **Home** tab to
launch the Query Editor

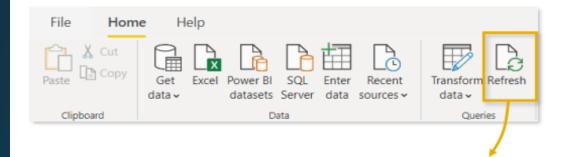
Within the editor, view or modify existing queries in the "Queries" pane



Within each query, you can click each item within the "Applied Steps" pane to view each stage of the transformation, add new steps or delete existing ones, or modify individual steps by clicking the gear icons

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REFESHING QUERIES



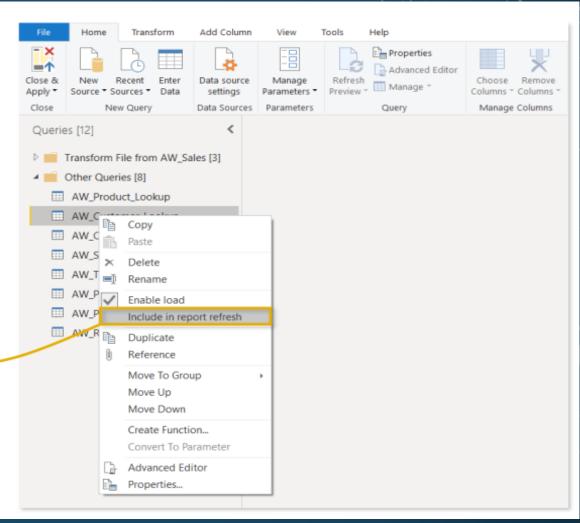
By default, **ALL** queries in the model will refresh when you use the "Refresh" command from the **Home** tab

From the Query Editor, uncheck "Include in report refresh" to exclude individual queries from the refresh

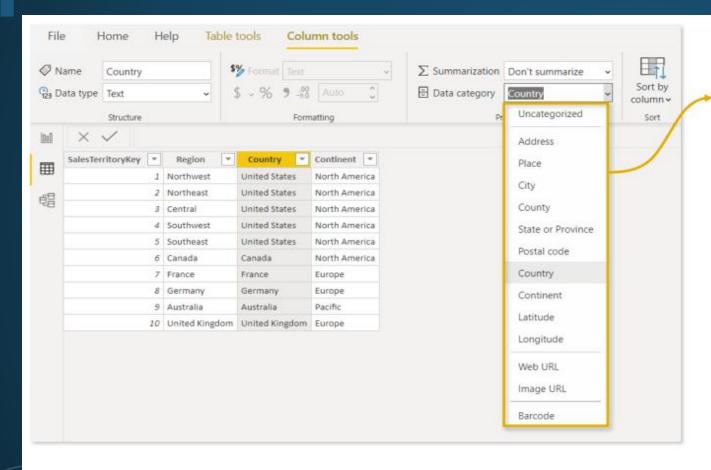


PRO TIP:

Exclude queries that don't change often, like lookups or static data tables

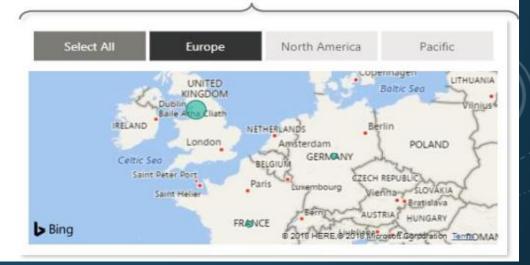


DEFINING DATA CATEGORIES



Select a column in the **Data** view to access **Column Tools**, where you can edit field properties to define specific categories*

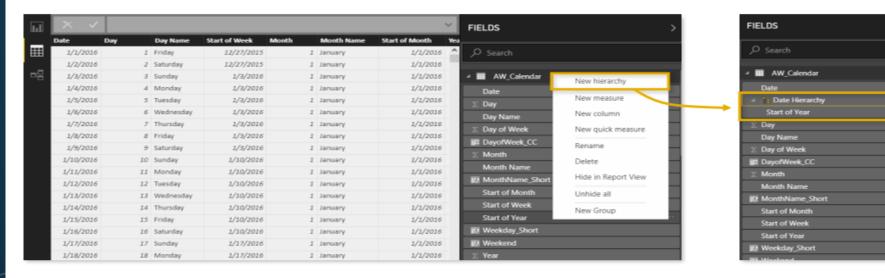
This is commonly used to help Power BI accurately map location-based fields like addresses, countries, cities, latitude/longitude coordinates, zip codes, etc.



DEFINING HIERARCHIES

Hierarchies are groups of nested columns that reflect multiple levels of granularity

- For example, a "Geography" hierarchy might include Country, State, and City columns
- Each hierarchy can be treated as a single item in tables and reports, allowing users to "drill up" and
 "drill down" through different levels of the hierarchy in a meaningful way



 From within the Data view, right-click a field (or click the ellipsis) and select "New hierarchy" (here we've selected "Start of Year") 2) This creates a hierarchy field containing "Start of Year", which we've renamed "Date Hierarchy"

3) Right-click other fields (like "Start of Month") and select "Add to Hierarchy"

Add to Hierarchy

FIELDS

New measure

New column

Rename

Unhide all

New Group

Start of Week

Start of Year

Weekday_Short

Delete

New quick measure

Hide in Report View

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