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How to Cheat at Power BI

Let's make this easy

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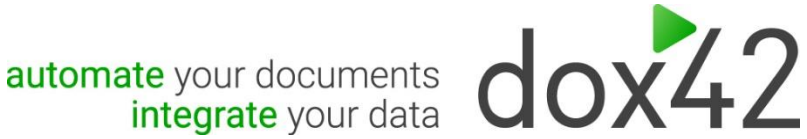

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Agenda

Reporting Process
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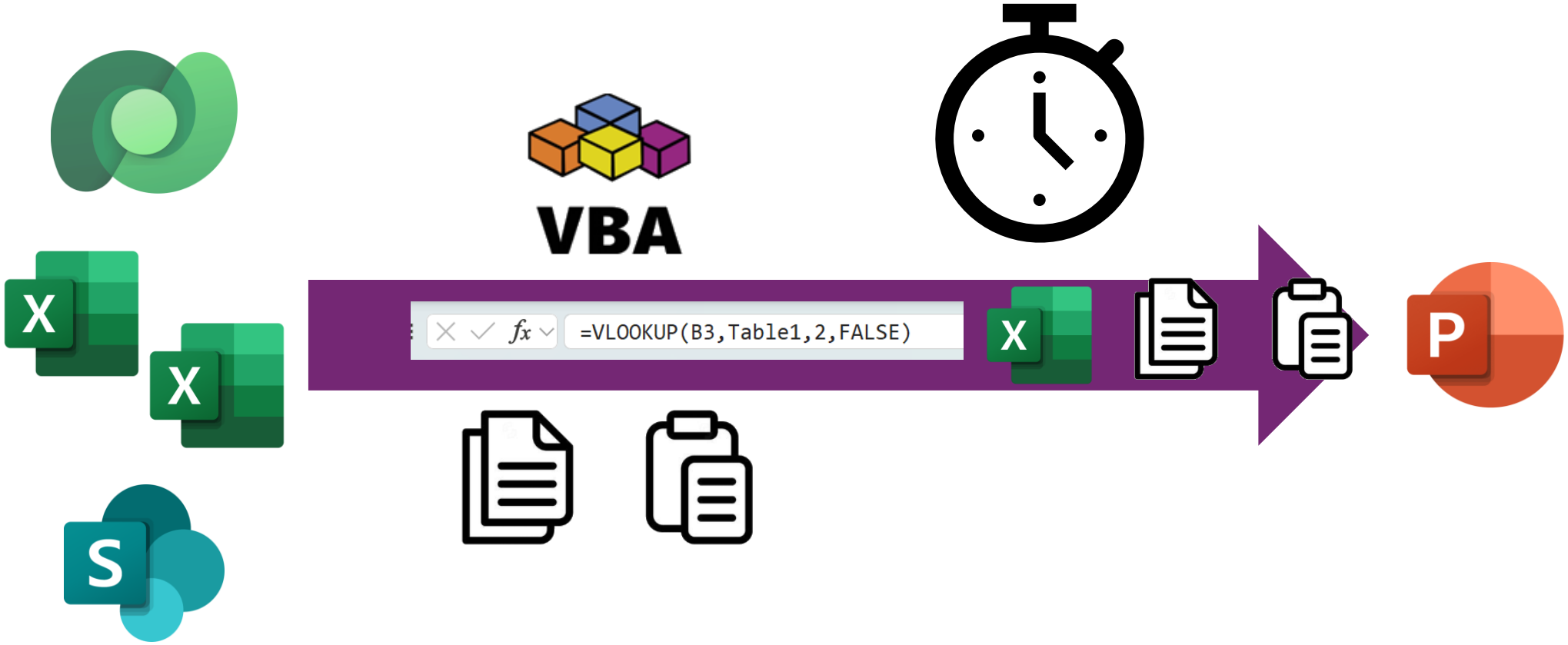
Reporting Process

Making that report - Myth

By magic all that data becomes a PowerPoint slide!

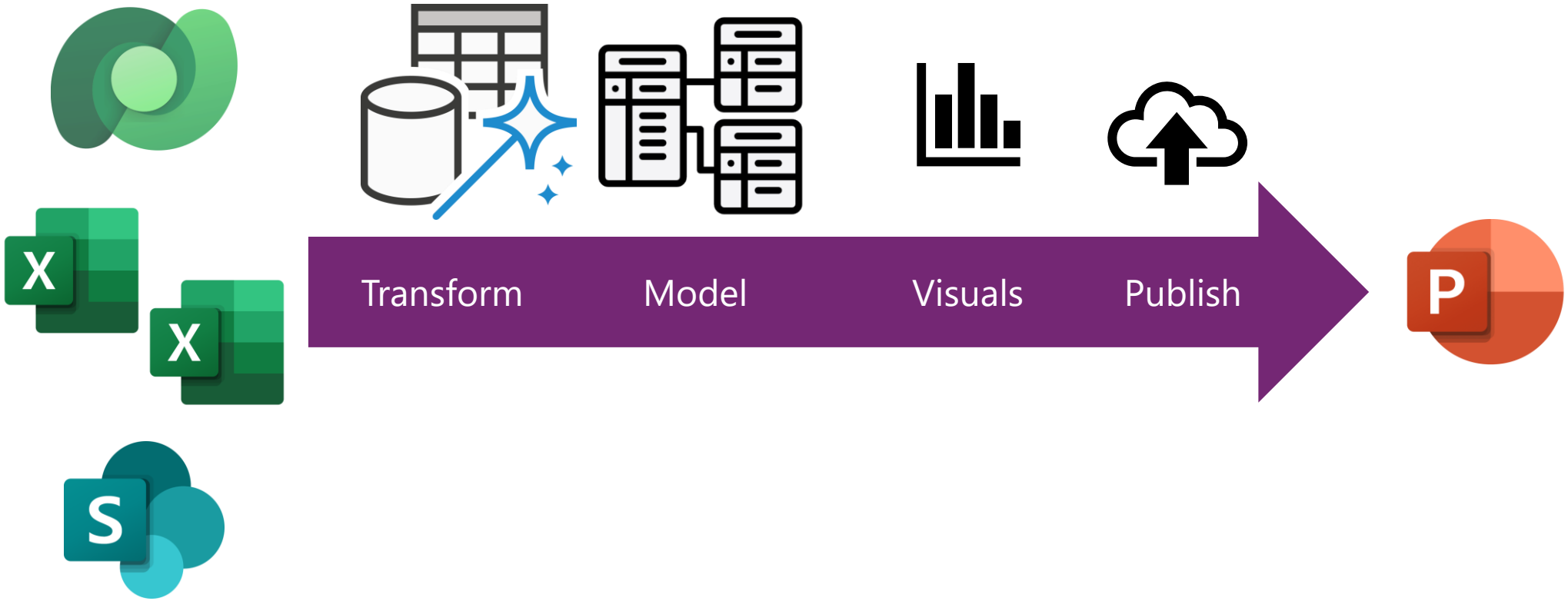
Making that report - Reality

The Magic is really lots of copying and pasting, writing formulas and that VBA button Sam wrote years ago before they left.
Then refresh pivots and copy and paste into that slide, and there goes my Monday morning!



Making that report - Goal

The real magic should be someone spends a Monday morning getting Power Query and Power BI to learn how and then it does it next Monday morning all by itself!



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Stupid

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Quick Summary

THEME COLOURS

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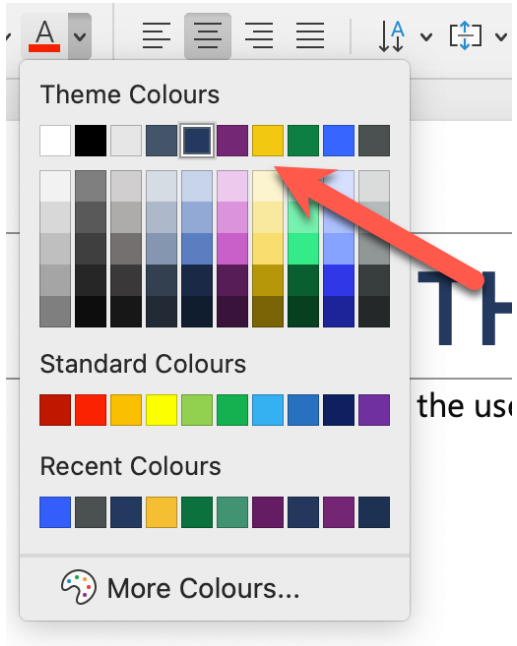

For reference, the theme colours are:

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Repeat, Repeat and Repeat

1. Small models – Choose Columns
2. Simple Relationships – NO MANY to MANY
3. Make Measures
4. TMDL is the answer
5. Make Backgrounds, Themes and Templates

Resources Used

1. Backgrounds
   - https://tools.powerbi.tips/themes/gallery
   - https://alluringbi.com/2019/10/21/background-concepts-for-power-bi/
2. TMDL
   - https://hatfullofdata.blog/tmdl-create-a-calendar/
3. GitHub
   - https://github.com/HatFullOfData/Sessions

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