

1. What is Power BI, and what are its three main components?
 - Power BI is a business analytics tool by Microsoft that lets you visualize data, share insights, and make smart decisions.
 - It transforms raw data from various sources into meaningful, easy-to-understand visuals.
 - Three components:
 - a. Power BI Desktop (free Windows app used to transform data and create reports, data models)
 - b. Power BI Service (cloud-based platform to view, share, and collaborate on reports and dashboards)
 - c. Power BI Mobile App (available for iOS and Android, easy to access anytime)
2. Name two business use cases for Power BI dashboards.
 - a. Sales performance tracking (monitor sales by region, best/worst products, profits, etc.)
 - b. Customer support tracking (monitor common issues, support agent performance, average resolution time, etc.)
3. How do you download and install Power BI Desktop?
 - From Microsoft Store or the official Microsoft website
4. What is the difference between Power BI Desktop and Power BI Service?
 - Power BI Desktop: used to build and design reports and dashboards on your Windows PC. After building, you publish them to Power BI Service.
 - Power BI Service: web-based platform to view, share, and collaborate on reports. Supports automated data refreshes for real-time insights.
5. What file extension does a Power BI project use?
 - .pbix
 - .pbid
6. Explain the role of Power Query in Power BI.
 - Helps you import, clean, and prep data easily so visuals are based on accurate, polished info.
7. Why would a business prefer Power BI over Excel for reporting?
 - Interactive dashboards instead of static reports
 - Automatic data refresh instead of manual updates
 - Handles big data better
 - More professional, modern look
8. Describe one limitation of the free version of Power BI.
 - Cannot share reports with others unless upgraded to Power BI Pro or Premium.
9. What is a "published report" in Power BI Service?
 - A report created in Power BI Desktop and uploaded ("published") to the Power BI Service (cloud).
10. How does Power BI Mobile enhance accessibility?
 - Allows anywhere, anytime access to reports and sends alerts.
11. Compare Power BI with Tableau – pros and cons.
 - Power BI Pros: Affordable, user-friendly, deep Microsoft integration, frequent updates
 - Power BI Cons: Limited custom visuals, can slow down with very large data models
 - Tableau Pros: Great visuals, handles big data well, highly customizable
 - Tableau Cons: Expensive, steeper learning curve, more setup required
12. Explain how Power BI integrates with Azure services.
 - Seamlessly integrates with Azure services for secure, scalable, advanced analytics
 - Connects to Azure SQL Database / Azure Synapse Analytics for live data reporting

- Uses Azure Data Lake to analyze large datasets
- Uses Azure Active Directory for secure authentication

13. What are "gateways" in Power BI, and when are they needed?

- Gateways let Power BI access your local files or servers to update cloud reports, acting like a tunnel between your computer and Power BI Service.

14. How would you convince a company to adopt Power BI? (ROI argument)

- Power BI helps companies make faster, smarter decisions by turning raw data into clear, interactive visuals.
- It reduces time spent on manual reporting, lowers errors, and boosts productivity.
- Features like real-time dashboards, automated refreshes, and cost-effective pricing deliver strong ROI by saving time, improving efficiency, and uncovering growth opportunities.

15. What security features does Power BI offer for sensitive data?

- Strong security like Row-Level Security (RLS) to control data access
- Azure Active Directory for user authentication
- Audit logs to track access and activities