

Power BI download manual

Windows:

- Install PowerBI desktop version

Mac:

PowerBI does not have a Mac version and this will not come. You can work with the browser version of PowerBI but this version has very limited functionalities. Therefore, you should find another way to work with PowerBI on your laptop.

Multiple ways possible, but I experimented with the following 2.

1. Create an Azure Windows Virtual Machine

- Worked best for me. I have a Macbook Air and installing Windows on my laptop makes it very slow.
- You get 170€ for a free trial account so that's probably more than enough for your project (with monthly costs around €60).
- Download the *Microsoft Remote Desktop App* from the App Store
- Steps to set up the Virtual Machine (VM):
 - Go to Azure and start a free trial account
 - Click on Virtual Machine in the Azure dashboard
 - Create a Windows server
 - Select Europe as region, choose a Windows version (I took pro), choose the size, and fill in a username/password
 - Public ports that are allowed: RDP (remote desktop verbinding)
 - I also used a safety option of closing the VM after a certain hour of day but this is not necessary
 - Review/create and click through
- After the VM is created:
 - Go to the VM
 - Click on Connect
 - Click on RDP (Remote Desktop) > this downloads a file
 - Open this RDP file with the Microsoft Remote Desktop App
 - Download PowerBI in your VM and start your project :)
- Important: turn VM of after usage in the Azure portal. Disconnect. Otherwise, you will keep on paying money.
- I believe that you even pay for storage, so after your project ended you could completely remove the VM to avoid any other costs.

2. Install Parallel to run windows from your Mac

- This basically means downloading the Windows OS fully on your laptop
- This is less preferred if you have limited storage space on your Mac