Data Analysis Project with MS Excel

Title: Automating the update process of pulling data from websites on daily basis using power query in the BI tool advance excel.

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Introduction

- Getting data from a web page allows users to extract data easily from web pages. But it is not easy to extract data from webpages, as data is not often in structured format, getting data from such pages can be challenging.
- Power Query helps in extracting the data from a web page; it allows the user to transform the data and load it into Excel as an excel table. Power Query automates the process of updating the data from web pages, which saves many resources.
- ► This project is about how to automate the process of updating data from a web page in an easy manner using the Power Query editor.

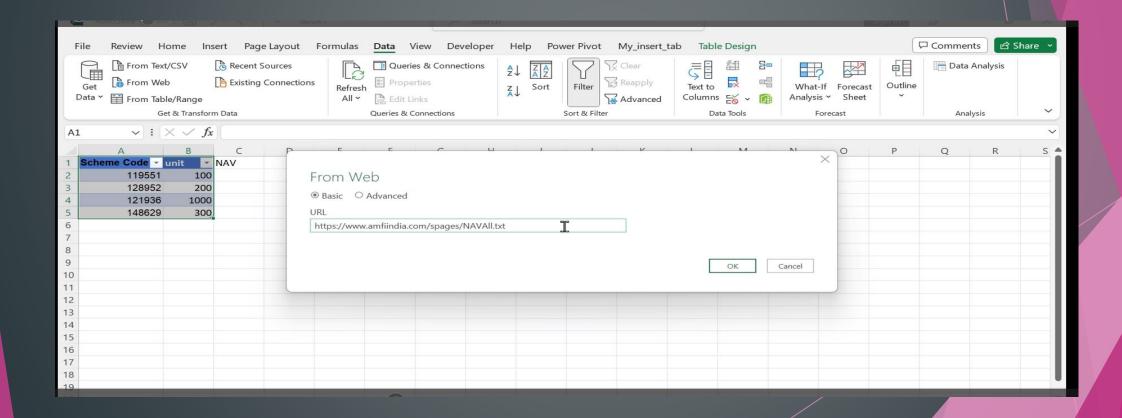
Problem statement

- A person who invests his money in the stock market is always interested in knowing the latest updates on the net asset value(NAV) of shares in his portfolio.
- ▶ He is using traditional methods of updating the NAV from the web pages of stocks using VLOOKUP. But the traditional method is very lengthy and needs continuous supervision. It includes the repetitive work of extracting data matching his portfolio and getting that NAV on a daily basis, which is quite time-consuming.
- Help him automate the whole process, which saves time and money. Use any BI tool for automation.
- Try to simplify the updating process.

Methodology:

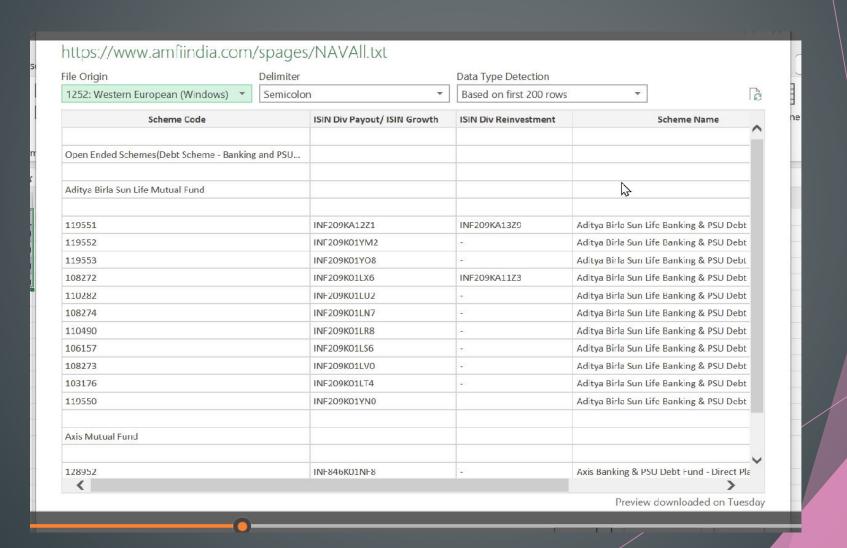
Extract data: Using data connector in excel

- 1. Select **Get Data > Web** in Power Bl or **From Web** in the **Data** ribbon in Excel.
- 2. Choose the **Basic** button and enter a URL address in the text box.
- 3. Select the authentication method to use for this web site



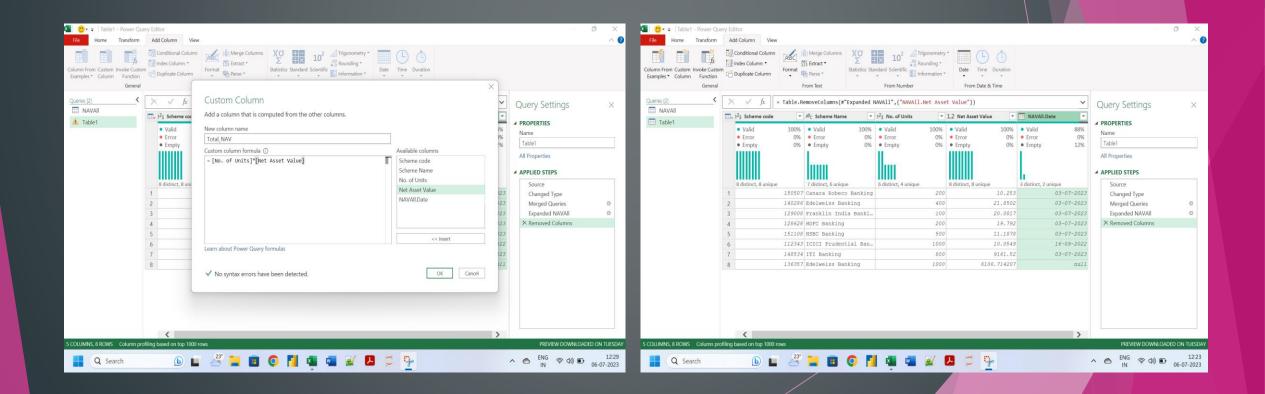
Extracting data from web page

From the **Navigator** dialog, you can select a table, then either transform the data in the Power Query editor by selecting **Transform Data**, or load the data by selecting **Load**.



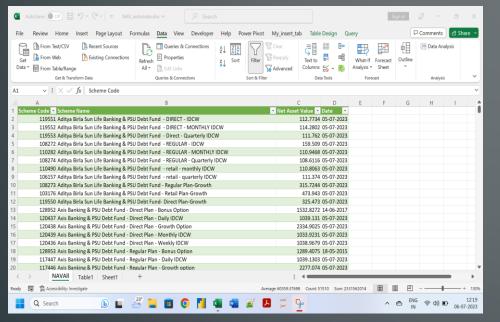
Data transformation

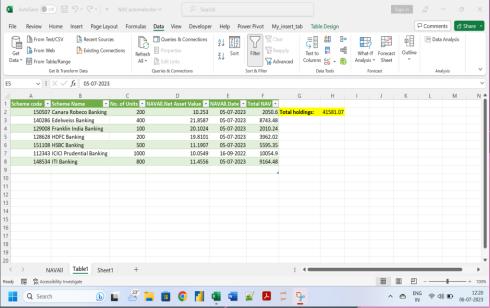
- Data cleaning: Deleting unwanted columns, changing data types of columns
- ▶ Data integration: Merge query- to join two related tables on common key column(scheme code) and choose columns required rest uncheck.
- Data enrichment: Extend the source data by creating calculated columns.



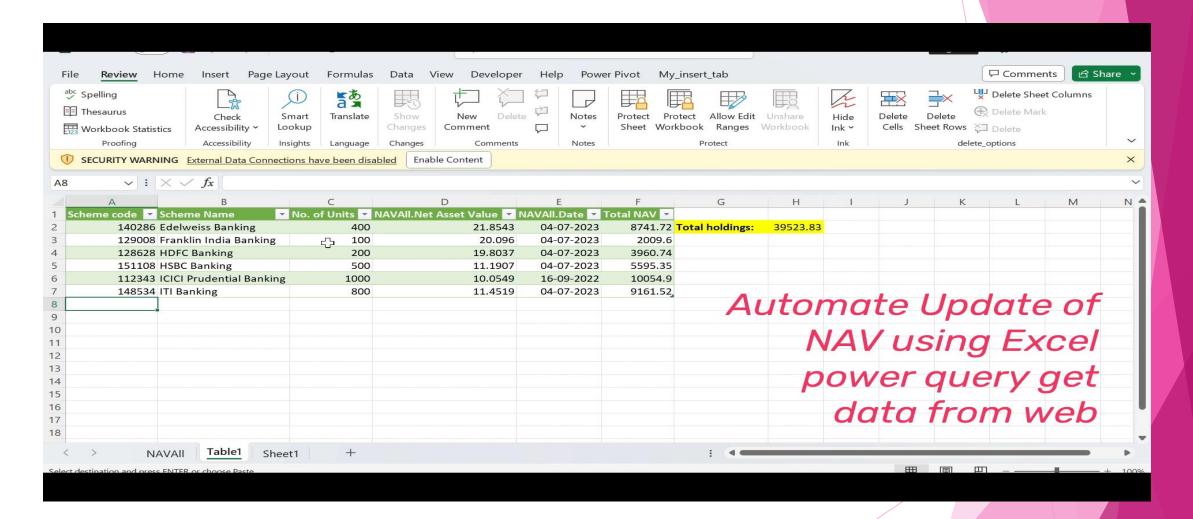
Load data

- Load transformed data into a worksheet or the Data Model
- We can refresh all the processes such as re-import the source data, reapply all the data filtering, sorting, and other transformations that we defined in a single click.
- So, once all of that's set up, we don't need to create it again. Of course, you can also go back and edit each step, and even add steps in between.
- ▶ This is all done within a tool you're already familiar with: Excel.





Check the video showing the NAV updating



Advantages of using power query and further scope in this project

- ▶ If a person, add new scheme code, or made any change in his portfolio and press refresh button his excel table got automatically update.
- ► He can also add more calculated columns in his excel table to get some aggregate values.
- ► He can easily analyse the data using different excel tools.
- It saves your lot of time required previously for fetching data manually from web pages or using VLOOKUP.
- ▶ It other way it saves your money in just refreshing your data in single button click you can get your NAV updated values in front of you.

Thank You