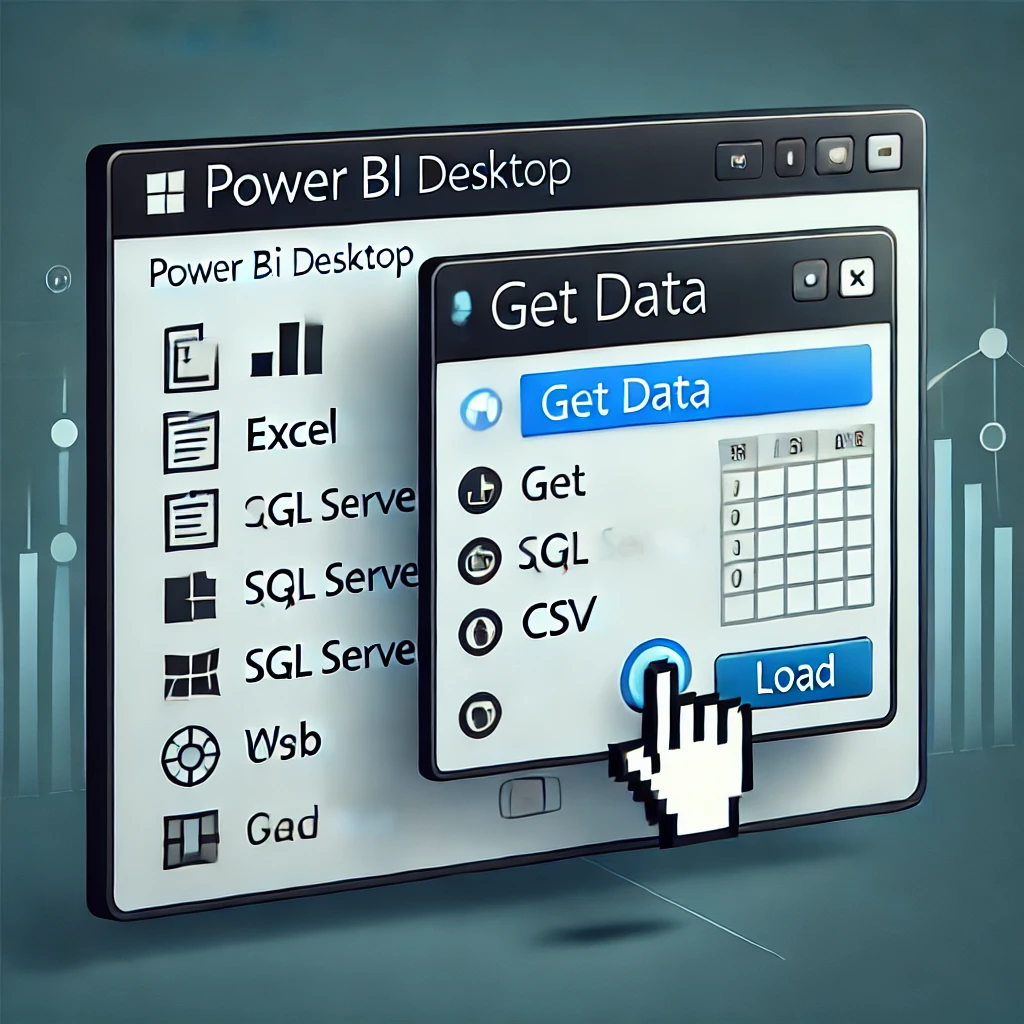
**Loading Data into Power BI**

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**Introduction**

Power BI allows users to connect to various data sources, transform data, and visualize insights. This guide demonstrates how to load data into Power BI step by step.

**Steps to Load Data**

**1. Open Power BI**

* Launch Power BI Desktop.
* You will see the **Report View**, where you can build visualizations.

**2. Click on "Get Data"**

* Go to the **Home** tab and click **Get Data**.
* A pop-up window will appear with multiple data source options.

**3. Select Your Data Source**

* Choose from common data sources such as:
  + Excel
  + SQL Server
  + CSV/Text files
  + Web sources
  + Online services (Azure, SharePoint, etc.)
* Click **Connect** after selecting the desired source.

**4. Load or Transform Data**

* After selecting the data source, a preview will appear.
* Click **Load** to import the data directly.
* Click **Transform Data** to clean and modify it in Power Query before loading.

**5. Verify Data in Power BI**

* Once loaded, the dataset appears in the **Fields Pane**.
* Expand the dataset to view available columns and begin building visualizations.

**Conclusion**

Loading data into Power BI is the first step in creating insightful reports. Use **Power Query** for data transformations before analysis.

**Additional Resources**

* [Microsoft Power BI Documentation](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/)
* [Power BI Community](https://community.powerbi.com/)