Introduction to Advanced Editor

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What is the advanced editor?

- The advanced editor allows you to view and edit the underlying code of your query
- Any transformation you make to your data is translated into M code (also referred to as M Language) - the language of Power Query
- DAX code allows you to analyze your data, M code allows you to transform and load it

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▲ APPLIED STEPS

Query2
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               Source = OData.Feed("https://services.odata.org/V4/Northwind/Northwind.svc/", null, [Implementation="2.0"]),
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                Alphabetical list of products table = Source{[Name="Alphabetical list of products", Signature="table"]}[Data],
               #"Removed Other Columns" = Table.SelectColumns(Alphabetical list of products table,{"ProductID", "ProductName", "CategoryID", "CategoryName")
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Added Index
                #"Sorted Rows" = Table.Sort(#"Removed Other Columns", {{"UnitsInStock", Order.Descending}}),
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Grouped Rows
                #"Added Index" = Table.AddIndexColumn(#"Sorted Rows", "OverallStockRank", 1, 1, Int64.Type),
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Expanded Grouped
                #"Grouped Rows" = Table.Group(#"Added Index", {"CategoryID", "CategoryName"}, {{"CategoryAverageStock", each List.Average([UnitsInStock])
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Added Custom
                #"Expanded Grouped" = Table.ExpandTableColumn(#"Grouped Rows", "Grouped", {"ProductID", "ProductName", "UnitsInStock"}, {"ProductID", "ProductID", "
                #"Added Custom" = Table.AddColumn(#"Expanded Grouped", "StockPercentDeviation", each [UnitsInStock] / [CategoryAverageStock]),
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                #"Sorted Rows1" = Table.Sort(#"Added Custom",{{"StockPercentDeviation", Order.Ascending}}),
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        X Filtered Rows
                #"Filtered Rows" = Table.SelectRows(#"Sorted Rows1", each [StockPercentDeviation] < 0.1)
                #"Filtered Rows"
```



The difference between M code and DAX

DAX Code

Power BI

- Data Analysis eXpressions
- Used to create metrics and analyze data
- Create calculations without changing data
- Filters and summarizes columns
- Not case-sensitive

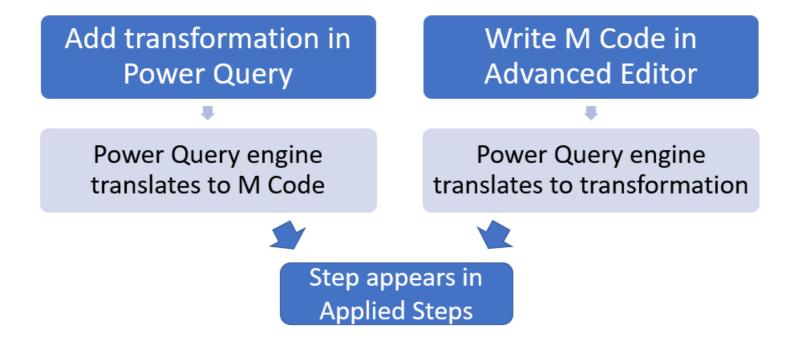
M Language

Power Query

- Data Mashup
- Used to load, transform, and create data
- Remove or rename columns
- Pivot, unpivot, transpose, group your data
- Case-sensitive

M Language and the applied steps

- Any transformation you make is automatically converted to the appropriate M code, and vice versa
- M code and Power Query transformations share a 1:1 relationship



Writing M language

- Write your own M language allows you to:
 - Store variables for use in the query
 - Implement custom functions
 - Make advanced transformations
 - Add comments with //

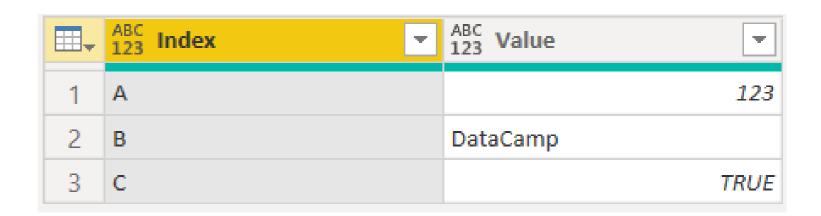
Intro to M language

Value types in M language:

- Number = 123
- Text = "DataCamp"
- Logical = true
- Date = 1/20/2022
- List = {123, "DataCamp", true}
- Table =

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#table( {"Index", "Value"}, {{"A",
123}, {"B", "DataCamp"}, {"C", true}})
```

Table created by example code:



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M Language and Advanced Editor demo

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Congratulations!

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Here's what you learned Chapter 1

- Reshaping and aggregating data
- (Un)pivoting tables

Chapter 3

Custom columns

Chapter 2

- Appending data
- Merging data

Chapter 4

- Advanced Editor
- M language

See you in the next course!

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