# Data modeling and table properties

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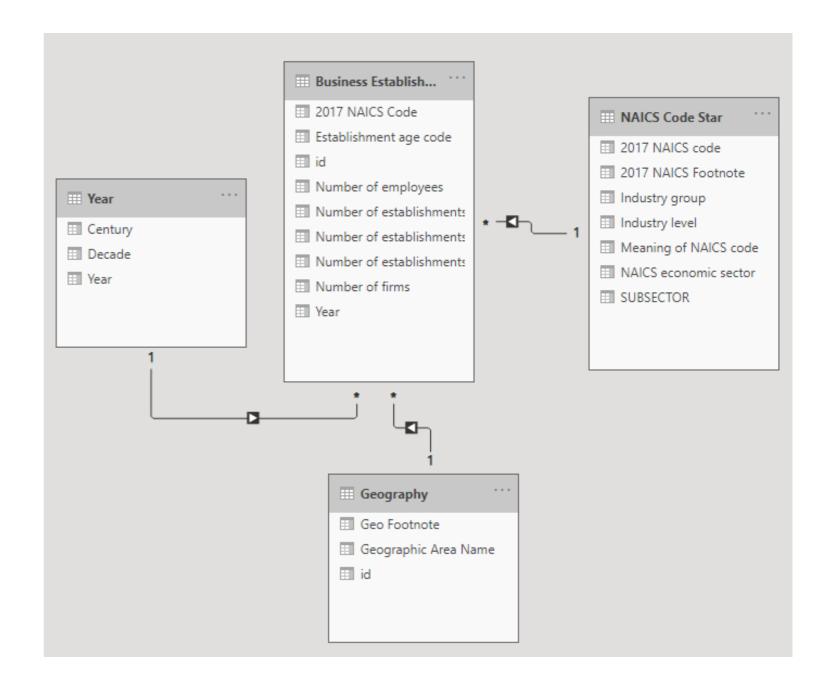


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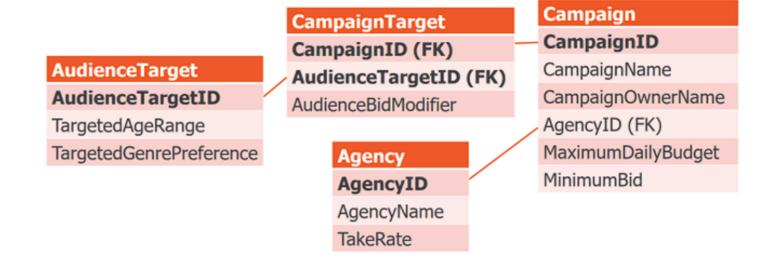
### What is a data model?

- Conceptual view of data elements
- Typically a visual representation
- Data models include:
  - Tables
  - Columns
  - Relationships between tables
  - Data types
  - Keys



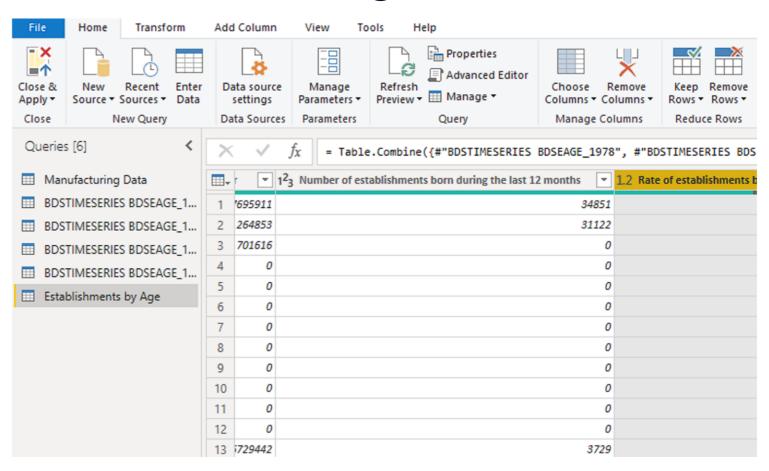
## Data modeling

- The process of creating a data model
- Why model data?
  - $\circ$  Data  $\neq$  perfect
  - Reshape data for analysis
  - Compress data usage
  - Easier to understand model



## Data modeling in Power BI & Power Query

- Power Query is the data preparation tool of different Microsoft products, including Power BI
- Main goals:
  - Manage queries
  - Data modeling
- Data modeling: 80% in Power Query, 20% in Power BI



## Columns and row management

#### **Operation**

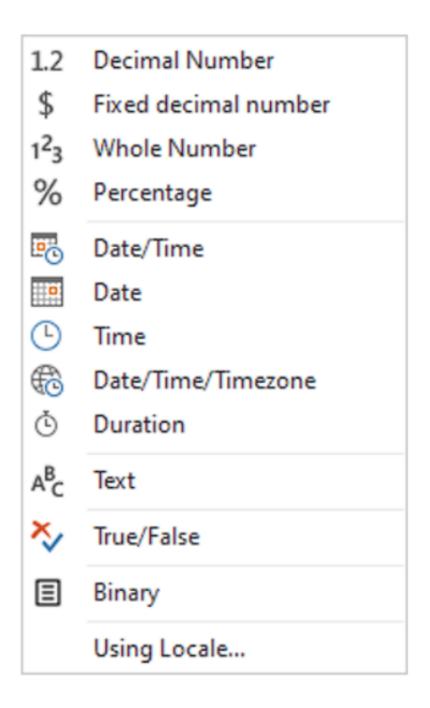
- Keep or remove specific columns
- Keep or remove specific rows
- Split a single column in multiple columns
- Summarize/group rows in a table by the contents of a column

#### Example

- Remove empty column
- Keep top row as header
- DD/MM/YYYY column split in DD, MM, YYYY columns
- Sum or median of all rows

## Data types

- Choosing the right data type is essential:
  - Constrain data to a specific shape
  - Optimize storage
  - Enable specific functionality
- Power Query infers data type on first few hundred rows



## Rounding

#### **Power Query**

- Actually changes the data, not just formatting
- Typically not the right answer

#### Round

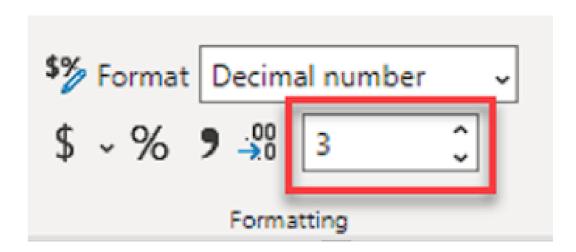
Specify how many decimal places to round to.

Decimal Places

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#### **Power BI**

- Changes how the data appears, not how it's stored
- Generally a better answer than rounding in Power Query



### The dataset

- United States Census Bureau survey data of manufacturers
- Summary statistics for manufacturing firms
- North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)





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# Load and transform data

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