

# Intro to M Programming

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## 🔥 Session 07: Developing with .NET 5 and App-Owns-Data Embedding

This session focuses on developing custom web applications using .NET 5 and the Power BI APIs to implement the App-Owns-Data embedding model. Campers will learn how to authenticate service principals and users using the Microsoft authentication library named Microsoft.Identity.Web. The session will teach developers how to acquire embedding data and generate embed tokens as service principal using the Power BI Service API. The session also examines the client-side programming required to embed and interact with reports in the browser using the Power BI JavaScript API. Along the way, the session will also explore advanced development topics such as adding TypeScript support to a Visual Studio Code development project, programming with multi-resource embed tokens and using EffectivenessIdentity to leverage row-level security (RLS) in the App-Owns-Data embedding model.

### 📖 What Campers Will Learn:

- Developing with .NET 5 Primer
- Authentication with Microsoft.Identity.Web
- Calling the Power BI Service API
- Programming the Power BI JavaScript API
- Adding TypeScript Support to a .NET 5 Project
- Generating Embed Tokens with EffectivenessIdentity and RLS Roles
- Programming with Multi-Resource Embed Tokens

### 👍 Session Prerequisites

Campers should know how to program in C# and JavaScript as well as how develop custom web application using ASP.NET MVC.

### 📄 Session Info

Date	February 25, 2021
Time	2:00 PM Eastern - 11:00 AM Pacific
Attendee Link	<a href="https://aka.ms/PBIWebinar02252021">https://aka.ms/PBIWebinar02252021</a>

### 🔗 Session Links and Resources

#### 📄 App-Owns-Data Embedding Tutorial with .NET 5

This is a GitHub repository contains the lab instructions and student files for a hands-on tutorial for developing with App-Owns-Data embedding.

#### 📄 Lab Manual for Hands-on Tutorial

PDF file with step-by-step instructions to create a new .NET 5 web application that implements App-Owns-Data Embedding.

#### 📄 Student Files for Hands-on Tutorial

ZIP archive with student lab files for the hands-on tutorial with .NET 5 and App-Owns-Data embedding

#### 📄 Sample Application with App-Owns-Data and RLS

This is a .NET 5 sample application that demonstrates using EffectivenessIdentity and row-level security (RLS) when developing with the App-Owns-Data embedding model.

# Using the Advanced Editor



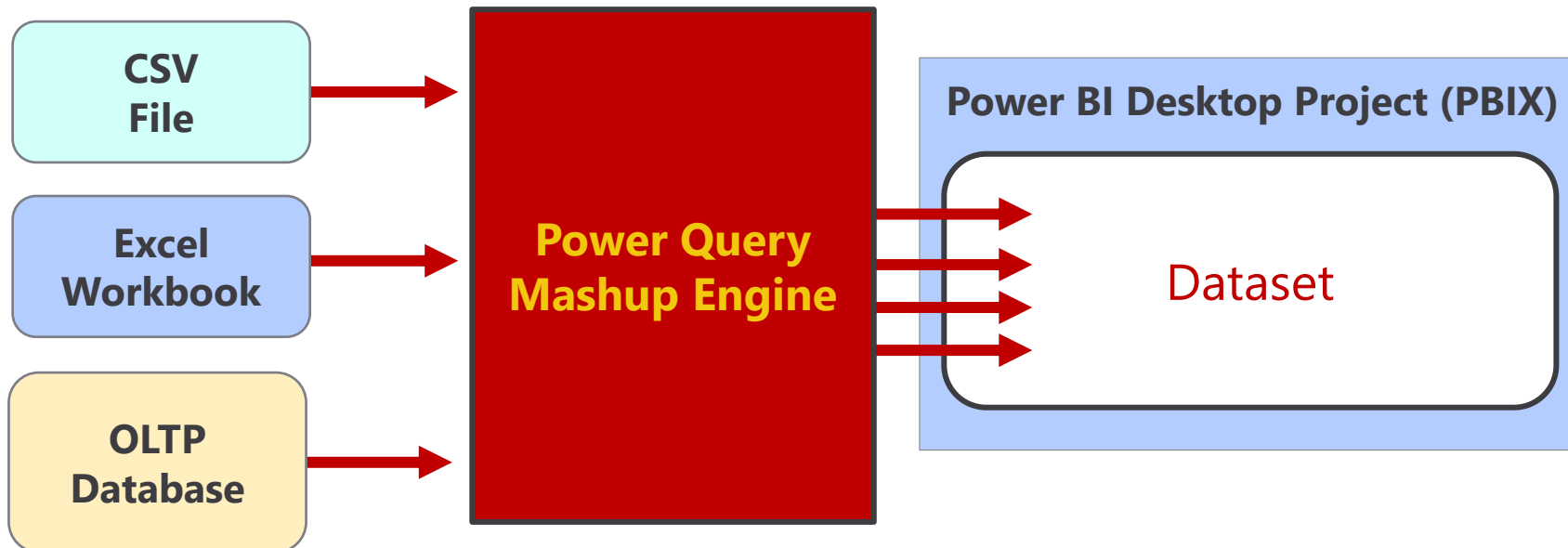
# Agenda

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- The Power Query Mashup Engine
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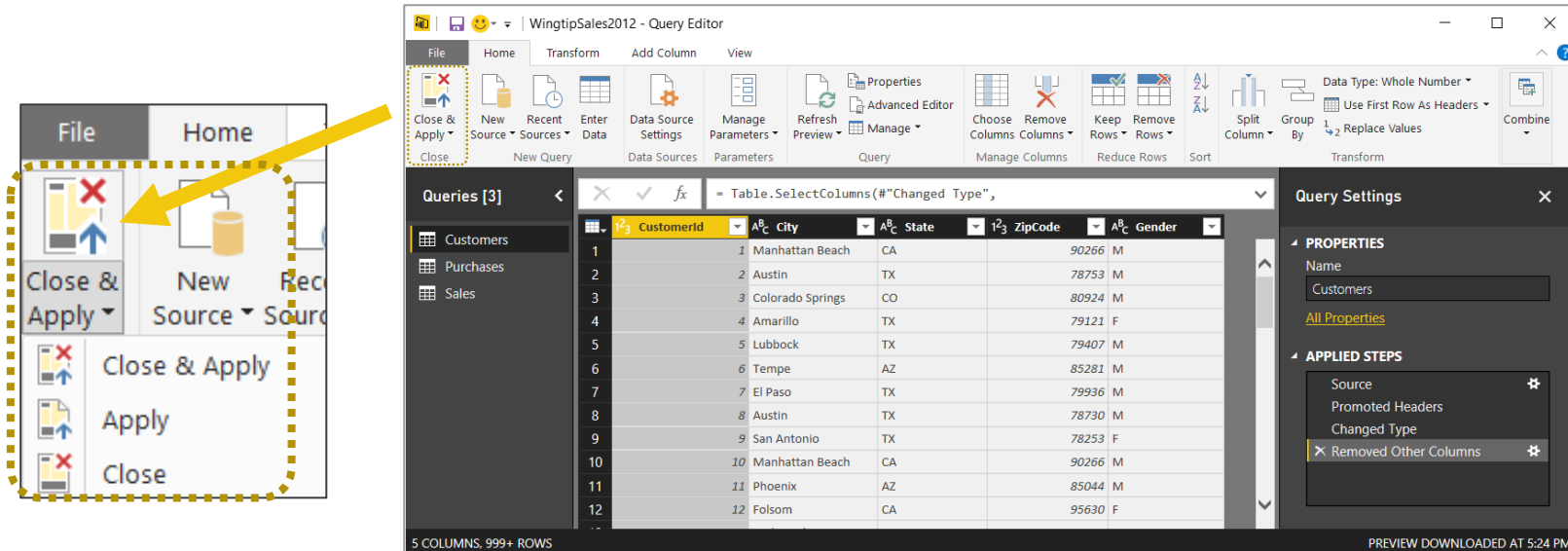
# Power Query is an ETL Tool

- ETL process is essential part of any BI Project
  - Extract the data from wherever it lives
  - Transform the shape of the data for better analysis
  - Load the data into dataset for analysis and reporting



# Query Editor Window

- Power BI Desktop provides separate Query Editor window
  - Provides easy-to-use UI experience for designing queries
  - Queries created by creating Applied Steps
  - Preview of table generated by query output shown in the middle
  - Query can be executed using Apply or Close & Apply command



# Query Steps

- A query is created as a sequence of steps
  - Each step is a parameterized operation in data processing pipeline
  - Query starts with Source step to extract data from a data source
  - Additional steps added to perform transform operations on data
  - Each step is recorded using M (aka Power Query Formula Language)

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Power Query Editor interface. At the top, the ribbon includes tabs for File, Home, Transform, Add Column, and View. The 'Transform' tab is active, showing options like 'Formula Bar', 'Monospaced', 'Always allow', and 'Show whitespace'. A red dashed box highlights the 'step formula bar' area, which contains the formula: `= Table.ReplaceValue("#Replaced Female Values","M","Male",Replacer.ReplaceText,`. Below the ribbon, a table of customer data is shown with columns: CustomerId, Customer, State, City, Zipcode, and Gender. The 'Query Settings' pane on the right shows the 'Properties' section with the query name 'Customers' and the 'Applied Steps' section. The 'Applied Steps' list, highlighted with a red dashed box, shows a sequential list of steps: Source, Navigation, Removed Other Columns, Merged Columns, Reordered Columns, Replaced Female Values, Replaced Male Values (selected), Changed Type, and Added Conditional Column. A red arrow points from the 'step formula bar' to the 'Applied Steps' list, and a yellow callout box labeled 'sequential list of steps for query' points to the list.

CustomerId	Customer	State	City	Zipcode	Gender
1	Nina Diaz	CA	Eureka	95501	Female
2	Melinda Carter	CA	Napa	94558	Female
3	Pam Miller	CA	Napa	94558	Female
4	Merle Blackwell	CA	Sacramento	95823	Female
5	Ariel Hale	CA	Sacramento	95818	Male
6	Randy Carter	CA	Sacramento	95818	Male
7	Lillie Hinton	CA	Eureka	95501	Female
8	Ladonna Moody	CA	Napa	94559	Female
9	Buddy McKay	OR	Bend	97701	Male
10	Warren Sykes	CA	Sacramento	95818	Male
11	Jan Rutledge	OR	Portland	97216	Female
12	Dallas Lester	OR	Eugene	97402	Male
13	Matthew Zimmerman	OR	Portland	97220	Male
14	Sheryl Hernandez	CA	Sacramento	95823	Female

step formula bar

Query Settings

PROPERTIES

Name

Customers

All Properties

APPLIED STEPS

Source

Navigation

Removed Other Columns

Merged Columns

Reordered Columns

Replaced Female Values

Replaced Male Values

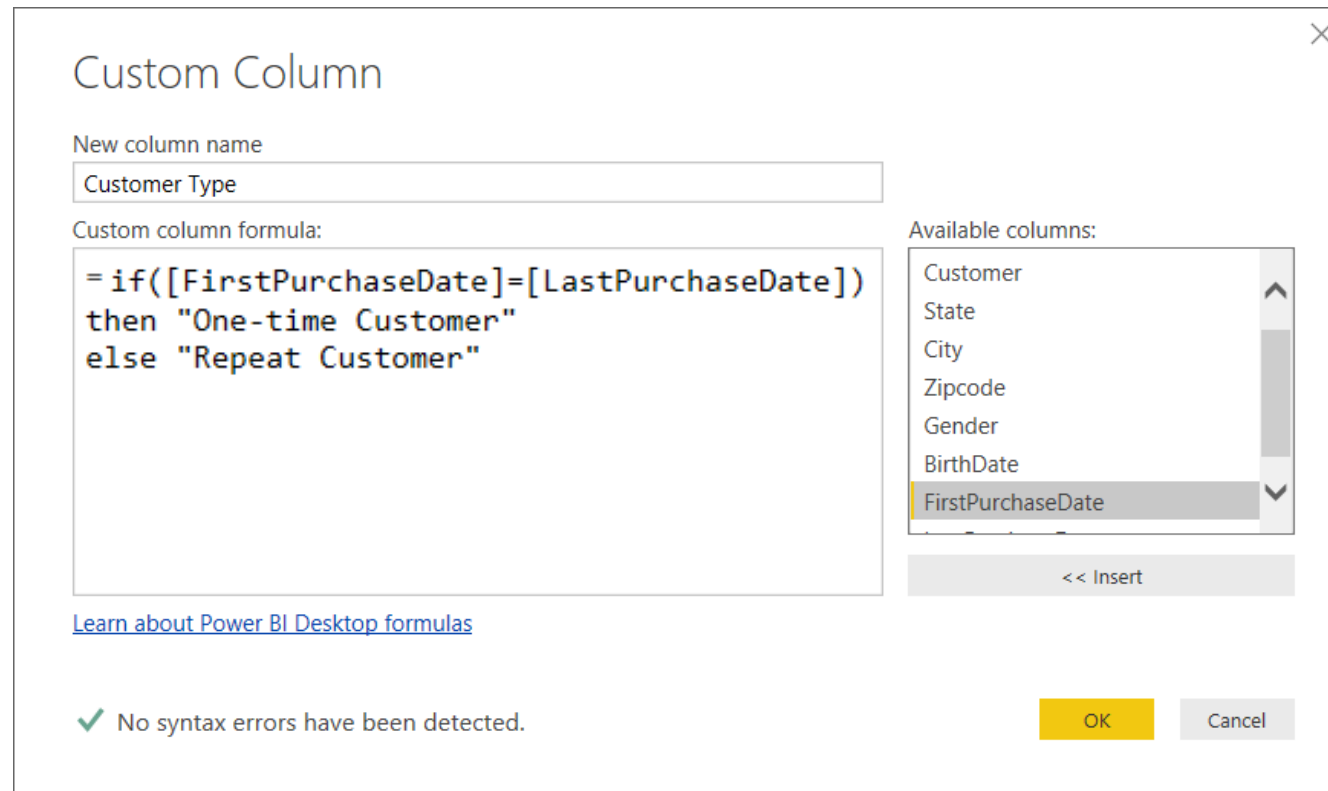
Changed Type

Added Conditional Column

sequential list of steps for query

# Custom Column Dialog

- You can write M code directly for custom column
  - The Custom Column dialog provides a simple M code editor



The screenshot shows the 'Custom Column' dialog box in Power BI Desktop. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X). Inside, there's a section for 'New column name' with a text box containing 'Customer Type'. Below that is a 'Custom column formula:' section with a text area containing the M code: `= if([FirstPurchaseDate]=[LastPurchaseDate]) then "One-time Customer" else "Repeat Customer"`. To the right of the formula editor is a list of 'Available columns' including Customer, State, City, Zipcode, Gender, BirthDate, and FirstPurchaseDate (which is highlighted). Below the list is a '<< Insert' button. At the bottom left, there's a green checkmark icon and the text 'No syntax errors have been detected.' with a link to 'Learn about Power BI Desktop formulas'. At the bottom right are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Custom Column

New column name  
Customer Type

Custom column formula:  
`= if([FirstPurchaseDate]=[LastPurchaseDate])  
then "One-time Customer"  
else "Repeat Customer"`

Available columns:  
Customer  
State  
City  
Zipcode  
Gender  
BirthDate  
FirstPurchaseDate

<< Insert

[Learn about Power BI Desktop formulas](#)

✓ No syntax errors have been detected.

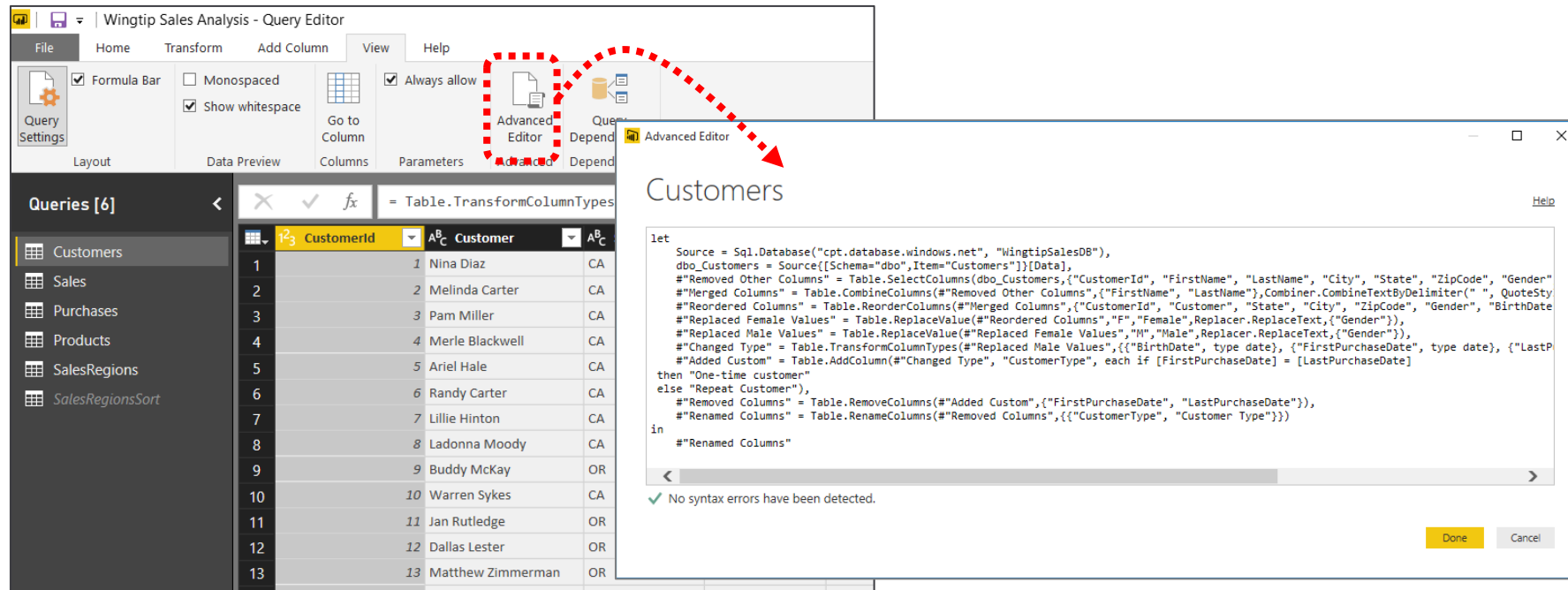
OK Cancel



# Advanced Editor

or more correctly - The Simple Editor for Advanced Users

- Power BI Desktop based on "M" functional language
  - Query in Power BI Desktop saved as set of M statements in code
  - Query Editor generates code in M behind the scenes
  - Advanced users can view & modify query code in Advanced Editor



# Why Learn M

- **Accomplish things that cannot be done in query editor**
  - Working with query functions
  - Performing calculations across rows
  - Navigate to SharePoint list by list title instead of GUID with the ID
- **Author queries and check them into source control system**
  - Add query logic in .m files and store them in GitHub, TFS, etc.
  - Ensure query logic is the same across PBIX projects
- **Stay Ahead of the Pack and Win Admiration of Your Peers**
  - People will think you are buddies with Chris Webb!

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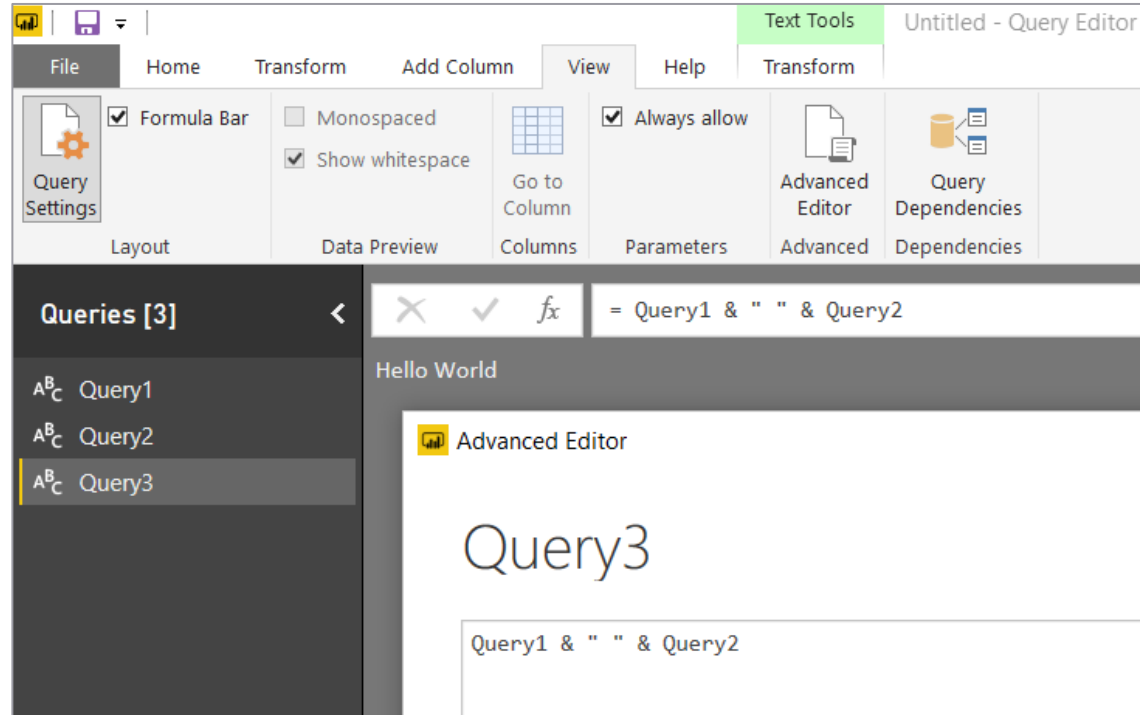
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# The M Programming Language

- M is a *functional* programming language
  - computation through evaluation of mathematical functions
  - Programming involves writing expressions instead of statements
  - M does not support changing-state or mutable data
  - Every query is a single expression that returns a single value
  - Every query has a return type
- **Get Started with M**
  - Language is case-sensitive
  - It's all about writing expressions
  - Query expressions can reference other queries by name

# Referencing Other Queries

- Query can reference other queries by name
  - Every query is defined with a return type



# Let Statement

- Queries usually created using **let** statement
  - Allows a single expressions to contain inner expressions
  - Each line in **let** block represents a separate expression
  - Each line in **let** block has variable which is named step
  - Each line in **let** block requires comma at end except for last line
  - Expression inside **in** block is returned as **let** statement result

The screenshot shows an 'Advanced Editor' window. At the top, it displays 'Hello World'. Below this, a 'let' block is defined with four steps: 'var1 = "Hello",', 'var2 = "World",', 'var3 = var1 & " " & var2,', and 'var4 = Text.Upper(var3)'. Each step is highlighted with a yellow box, and a yellow arrow points from each box to the 'APPLIED STEPS' panel on the right. The 'APPLIED STEPS' panel lists 'var1', 'var2', 'var3', and 'var4' (which is highlighted with a grey background and a small 'X' icon). Above this panel, the 'PROPERTIES' section shows 'Name' as 'Hello World' and a link for 'All Properties'. At the bottom of the editor, a green checkmark indicates 'No syntax errors have been detected.'

```
let
  var1 = "Hello",
  var2 = "World",
  var3 = var1 & " " & var2,
  var4 = Text.Upper(var3)
in
  var4
```

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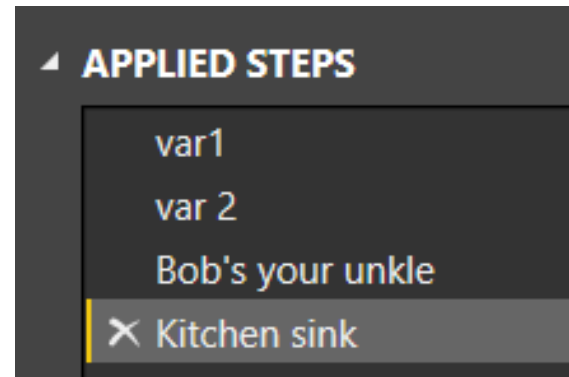
# Comments and Variable Names

- M supports using C-style comments
  - Multiline comments created using `/* */`
  - Single line comments created using `//`

```
/*  
  This is my most excellent query  
*/  
let  
  var1 = 42, // the secret of life
```

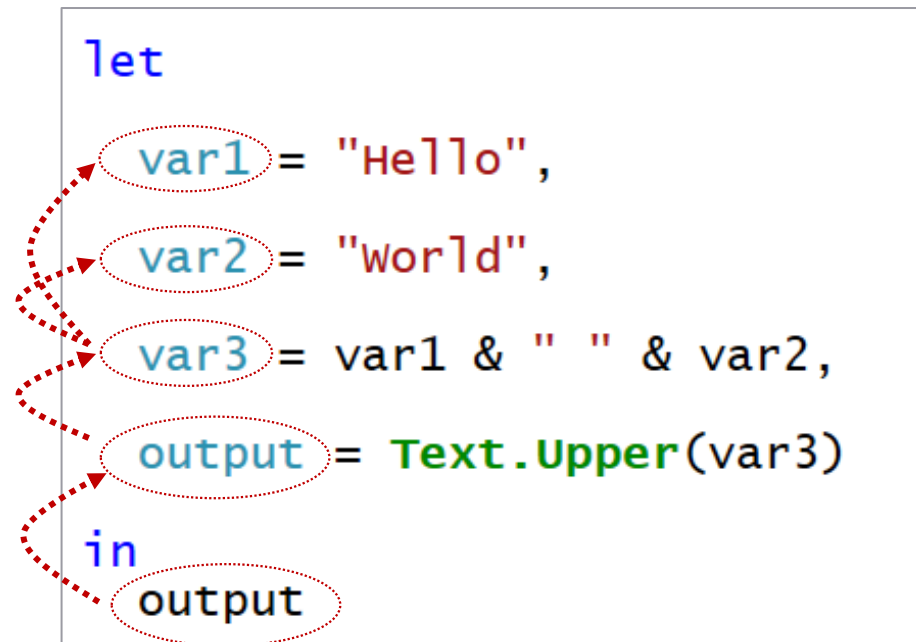
- Variable names with spaces must be enclosed in `#" "`
  - Variable names with spaces created automatically by query designer

```
let  
  var1 = "spaces in ",  
  #"var 2" = "variable names ",  
  #"Bob's your uncle" = "are evil",  
  #"kitchen sink" = var1 & #"var 2" & #"Bob's your uncle"  
in  
  #"kitchen sink"
```



# Flow of Statement Evaluation

- Evaluation starts with expression inside **in** block
  - Expression evaluation triggers other expression evaluation





# Will This M Code Work?

- Yes, the Mashup Engine has no problem with this
  - The order of expressions in **let** block doesn't matter
  - However, the visual designer might get confused

```
let  
    var4 = Text.Upper(var3),  
    var3 = var1 & " " & var2,  
    var2 = "world",  
    var1 = "Hello"  
in  
    var4
```

The screenshot shows the 'QUERY SETTINGS' panel in the Mashup Engine. It is divided into two main sections: 'PROPERTIES' and 'APPLIED STEPS'. Under 'PROPERTIES', there is a 'Name' field containing the text 'Hello World Reversed'. Below this is a link labeled 'All Properties'. Under 'APPLIED STEPS', there is a single step listed with the name 'Hello World Reversed'.

QUERY SETTINGS	
▲ PROPERTIES	
Name	Hello World Reversed
<a href="#">All Properties</a>	
▲ APPLIED STEPS	
	Hello World Reversed

# Query Folding

- **Mashup engine pushes work back to datasource when possible**
  - Column selection and row filtering
  - Joins, Group By, Aggregate Operations
- **Datasource that support folding**
  - Relational database
  - Tabular and multidimensional databases
  - OData Web services
- **What happens when datasource doesn't support query folding?**
  - All work is done locally by the mashup engine
- **Things that affect whether query folding occurs**
  - The way you structure your M code
  - Privacy level of datasources
  - Native query execution

# Query Folding Example

- When you execute this query in Power BI Desktop...

```
let
    Source = Sql.Database("ODYSSEUS", "WingtipSalesDB"),
    CustomersTable = Source[Item="Customers"][Data],

    // select rows
    FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, each ([State] = "FL")),

    // select columns
    ColumnsToKeep = {"CustomerId", "FirstName", "LastName"} ,
    RemovedOtherColumns = Table.SelectColumns(FilteredReaders, ColumnsToKeep),

    // rename columns
    ColumnRenamingMap = { {"FirstName", "First Name"}, {"LastName", "Last Name"} },
    RenamedColumns = Table.RenameColumns(RemovedOtherColumns, ColumnRenamingMap)

in
    RenamedColumns
```

- Mashup Engine executes the following SQL query

```
execute sp_executesql
N'select [__].[CustomerId] as [CustomerId],
        [__].[FirstName] as [First Name],
        [__].[LastName] as [Last Name]
from [dbo].[Customers] as [__]
where [__].[State] = 'FL' and [__].[State] is not null'
```

# Native Queries

- No query folding occurs after native query

```
let
    DatabaseServer = "cpt.database.windows.net",
    DatabaseName = "wingtipSalesDB",
    SQL = "SELECT CustomerId, FirstName, LastName" &
        " FROM Customers" &
        " WHERE CustomerId <= 10" &
        " ORDER BY LastName, FirstName" ,
    Source = Sql.Database( DatabaseServer, DatabaseName , [Query=SQL] ),
    output = Source
in
    output
```

# M Type System

- Built-in types

any, none

null, logical, number, text, binary

time, date, datetime, datetimezone, duration

- Complex types

list, record, table, function

- User-defined types

- You can create custom types for records and tables

```
CustomerRecordType = type [FirstName = text, LastName = text],
```

# Examples of programming with M Datatypes

```
let

// primitives
var1 = 123,      // number
var2 = true,     // boolean
var3 = "hello",  // text
var4 = null,     // null

// creating lists
list1 = {1, 2, 3}, // list of three numbers

// accessing list elements
var5 = list1{1},

// create records
record1 = [ FirstName="Soupy", LastName="Sales", ID=3 ],

// accessing records
var6 = record1[FirstName],

// table
table1 = #table( {"A", "B"}, { {1, 2}, {3, 4} } ),

// creating function
function1 = (x) => x * 2,

// calling function
output = function1(var1)

in
output
```

# Initializing Dates and Times

```
// time
var1 = #time(09,15,00),

// date
var2 = #date(2013,02,26),

// date and time
var3 = #datetime(2013,02,26, 09,15,00),

// date and time in specific timezone
var4 = #datetimezone(2013,02,26, 09,15,00, 09,00),

// time durection
var5 = #duration(0,1,30,0),
```

# Lists

- List is a single dimension array
  - Literal list can be created using `{ }` operators
  - List elements accessed using `{ }` operator and zero-based index

```
let
  RatPack = { "Frank", "Dean", "Sammy" } ,
  FirstRat  = RatPack{0} ,
  SecondRat = RatPack{1} ,
  ThirdRat  = RatPack{2} ,
  output = FirstRat & ", " & SecondRat & " and " & ThirdRat
in
output
```

- Use `{ }?` to avoid error when index range is out-of-bounds

```
Rat4 = RatPack{4},    // error - index range out of bounds
Rat5 = RatPack{5}? ,  // no error - Rat5 equals null
```



# Text.Select

- Text.Select can be used to clean up text value
  - You create a list of characters to include

```
// take a text value with unwanted characters
input = "!!My text has some @bad things !&^",

// get upper and lower case letters
set1 = {"A".."Z"},
set2 = {"a".."z"},

// get digits 0-9 and convert to text
set3 = List.Transform({0..9}, each Number.ToText(_)),

// add any other allowed characters
set4 = {" ", "-", "_", "."},

// combine all allowed characters in single list
allowedChars = set1 & set2 & set3 & set4,

// call Text.Select to strip out unwanted characters
output = Text.Select(input, allowedChars)
```

# Records

- Record contains fields for single instance of entity

```
// create records by using [] and defining fields
Person1 = [FirstName="Chris", LastName="Webb"],
Person2 = [FirstName="Reza", LastName="Rad"],
Person3 = [FirstName="Matt", LastName="Masson"],

// access field inside a record using [] operator
FirstName1 = Person1[FirstName],
LastName2 = Person2[LastName],
```

- You must often create records to call M library functions

```
// create a record to define HTTP request headers
RequestHeaders = [ Accept="application/json",
                  #"OData-MaxVersion"="4.0" ],

// create a second record which contains the first record
OptionsRecord = [ Headers=RequestHeaders ],

// pass the second record as parameter to web.Contents
Response = web.Contents(url, OptionsRecord),
```

# Combination Operator (&)

- Used to combine strings, arrays and records

```
// text concatenation: "ABC"  
var1 = "A" & "BC",  
  
// list concatenation: {1, 2, 3}  
var2 = {1} & {2, 3},  
  
// record merge: [ a = 1, b = 2 ]  
var3 = [ a = 1 ] & [ b = 2 ],
```

# Table.FromRecords

- Table.FromRecords can be used to create table
  - Table columns are not strongly typed

```
let
    customersTable = Table.FromRecords({
        [ FirstName="Matt", LastName="Masson"],
        [ FirstName="Chris", LastName="Webb"],
        [ FirstName="Reza", LastName="Rad"],
        [ FirstName="Chuck", LastName="Sterling"]
    })
in
    customersTable
```

	ABC 123	FirstName	ABC 123	LastName
1		Matt		Masson
2		Chris		Webb
3		Reza		Rad
4		Chuck		Sterling

ABC  
123

Bad, Bad, Bad ☹️

# Creating User-defined Types

- M allows you to create user-defined types
  - Here is a user-defined type for a record and a table

```
CustomerRecordType = type [FirstName = text, LastName = text],  
CustomerTableType = type table CustomerRecordType,
```

- User-defined table used to create table with strongly typed columns

```
let  
    CustomerRecordType = type [FirstName = text, LastName = text],  
    CustomerTableType = type table CustomerRecordType,  
    CustomersTable =  
        #table(CustomerTableType, {  
            { "Matt", "Masson" },  
            { "Chris", "Webb" },  
            { "Reza", "Rad" },  
            { "Chuck", "Sterilicious" }  
        })  
in  
    CustomersTable
```

	AB C FirstName	AB C LastName
1	Matt	Masson
2	Chris	Webb
3	Reza	Rad
4	Chuck	Sterilicious

# Using Each with Unary Functions

- Many library functions take function as parameters
  - Function parameters are often unary (*e.g. they accept 1 parameter*)

```
FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, (row) => row[CustomerId]<=10 ),
```

- M provides **each** syntax to make code easier to read/write
  - Unary parameter passed implicitly using **\_** variable

```
FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, each _[CustomerId]<=10 ),
```

- You can omit **\_** variable when accessing fields inside record 

```
FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(CustomersTable, each [CustomerId]<=10 ),
```

```
AddedColumn = Table.AddColumn(FilteredRows, "Display Name", each [FirstName] & " " & [LastName])
```

- You must use **\_** variable when using **each** with a list

```
MyList = { "Item 1", "Item 2", "Item 3" },  
MyUpperCaseList = List.Transform(MyList, each Text.Upper(_) )
```



# Performing Calculations Across Rows

- Requires adding an index column

	Quarter	\$ Sales	1.2 Index	\$ Running Total
1	2016-Q1	124	0	124
2	2016-Q2	154	1	278
3	2016-Q3	167	2	445
4	2016-Q4	188	3	633
5	2017-Q1	150	4	783
6	2017-Q2	193	5	976
7	2017-Q3	208	6	1184
8	2017-Q4	234	7	1418

**PROPERTIES**

Name

Sales Running Total

[All Properties](#)

**APPLIED STEPS**

Source

AddedIndex

✕ AddedCustom

### Custom Column

New column name

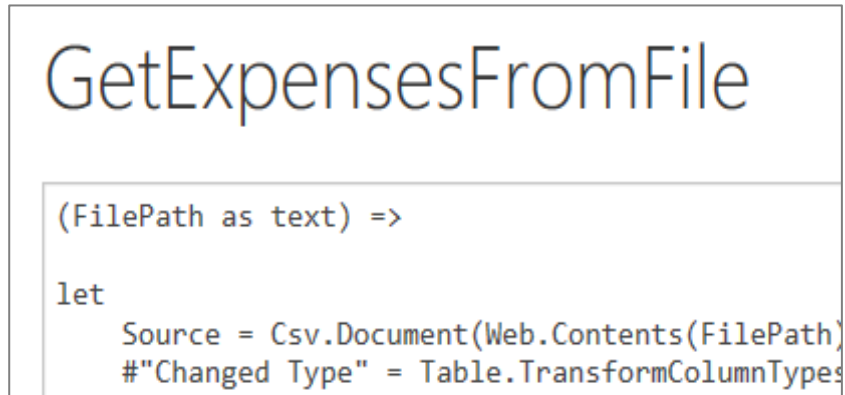
Running Total

Custom column formula:

= List.Sum(List.Range(AddedIndex[Sales], 0, [Index]+1))

# Understanding Function Queries

- Query can be converted into reusable function
  - Requires editing query M code in Advanced Editor
  - Function query defined with one or more parameters



The screenshot shows a function query named 'GetExpensesFromFile' defined in the Advanced Editor. The function takes a parameter 'FilePath as text' and returns a table. The code is as follows:

```
GetExpensesFromFile  
  
(FilePath as text) =>  
  
let  
    Source = Csv.Document(Web.Contents(FilePath),  
        #"Changed Type" = Table.TransformColumnTypes
```

- Function query can be called from other queries
- Function query can be called using Invoke Custom Function
- Function query can't be edited with visual designer

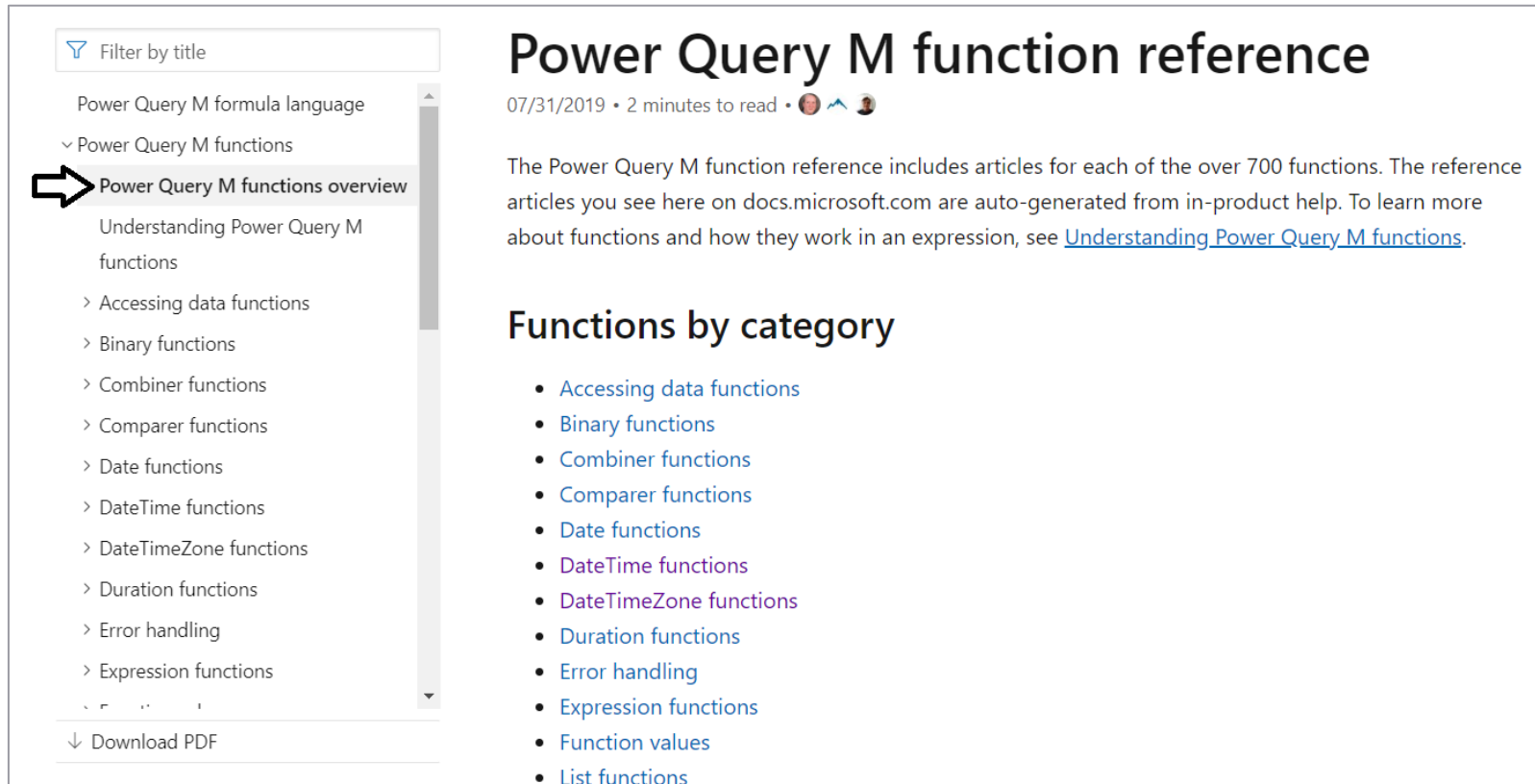


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# M Function Library

- Check out the Power Query M function reference
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powerquery-m/power-query-m-function-reference>



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Power Query M formula language

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## Power Query M function reference

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The Power Query M function reference includes articles for each of the over 700 functions. The reference articles you see here on docs.microsoft.com are auto-generated from in-product help. To learn more about functions and how they work in an expression, see [Understanding Power Query M functions](#).

### Functions by category

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# Accessing Data using OData.Feed

- OData.Feed can pull data from OData web service
  - OData connector assists with navigation through entities
  - OData connector support query folding

```
let
    Source = OData.Feed("http://subliminalsystems.com/api/"),
    // get Customers table
    CustomersTable = Source[Name="Customers",Signature="table"][Data],
    // select columns
    ColumnsToKeep = {"CustomerId", "FirstName", "LastName", "City", "State", "Zipcode", "Gender", "BirthDate"},
    RemovedOtherColumns = Table.SelectColumns(CustomersTable, ColumnsToKeep),
    // select rows
    FilteredRows = Table.SelectRows(RemovedOtherColumns, each [CustomerId] <= 10),
    // perform other transforms
    ReplacedValue = Table.ReplaceValue(FilteredReaders, "F", "Female", Replacer.ReplaceText, {"Gender"}),
    ReplacedValue1 = Table.ReplaceValue(ReplacedValue, "M", "Male", Replacer.ReplaceText, {"Gender"}),
    ChangedType = Table.TransformColumnTypes(ReplacedValue1, {"BirthDate", type date}),
    MergedColumns = Table.CombineColumns(ChangedType, {"FirstName", "LastName",
        Combiner.CombineTextByDelimiter(" ", QuoteStyle.None),
        "Customer"})
in
    MergedColumns
```

- OData makes extra calls to acquire metadata
  - Let's look at the execution of this query using Fiddler

# Web.Contents

- Can be more efficient than OData.Feed
  - You can pass OData query string parameters (e.g. \$select)

```
let
    // create REST URI for OData source
    Source = "http://subliminalsystems.com/api/Customers?" &
        "?$select=CustomerId,FirstName,LastName,City,State,Zipcode,Gender,BirthDate" &
        "&filter=(CustomerId+1e+10)",

    // create options record for calling Web.Contents
    OptionsRecord = [Headers=[Accept="application/json;odata=nometadata",
        #"OData-MaxVersion"="4.0"]],

    // call Web.Content to make call across network
    WebContents = Web.Contents(Source, OptionsRecord),

    // deal with JSON dataset return by Web.Contents
    JsonDocument = Json.Document(WebContents),
    RecordList = Record.ToTable(JsonDocument){1}[Value],
    Table = Table.FromList(RecordList, Splitter.SplitByNothing(), null, null, ExtraValues.Error),
    ColumnsToExpand = {"CustomerId", "FirstName", "LastName", "City", "State", "Zipcode", "Gender", "BirthDate"},
    ExpandedColumns = Table.ExpandRecordColumn(Table, "Column1", ColumnsToExpand, ColumnsToExpand),
```

# List.Generate

- **List.Generate** accepts 3 function parameters

```
MyList = List.Generate( ()=>1, (item)=>(item<=10), (item)=>(item+1) )
```

- You can use **each** syntax for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> parameter

```
MyList = List.Generate( ()=>1, each _<=10, each _+1 )
```

- You can optionally split functions out into separate expressions

```
let
    StartFunction = ()=>1,
    TestFunction = each _ <= 10,
    IncrementFunction = each _ + 1,

    MyList = List.Generate( StartFunction, TestFunction, IncrementFunction)
in
    MyList
```

	List
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10

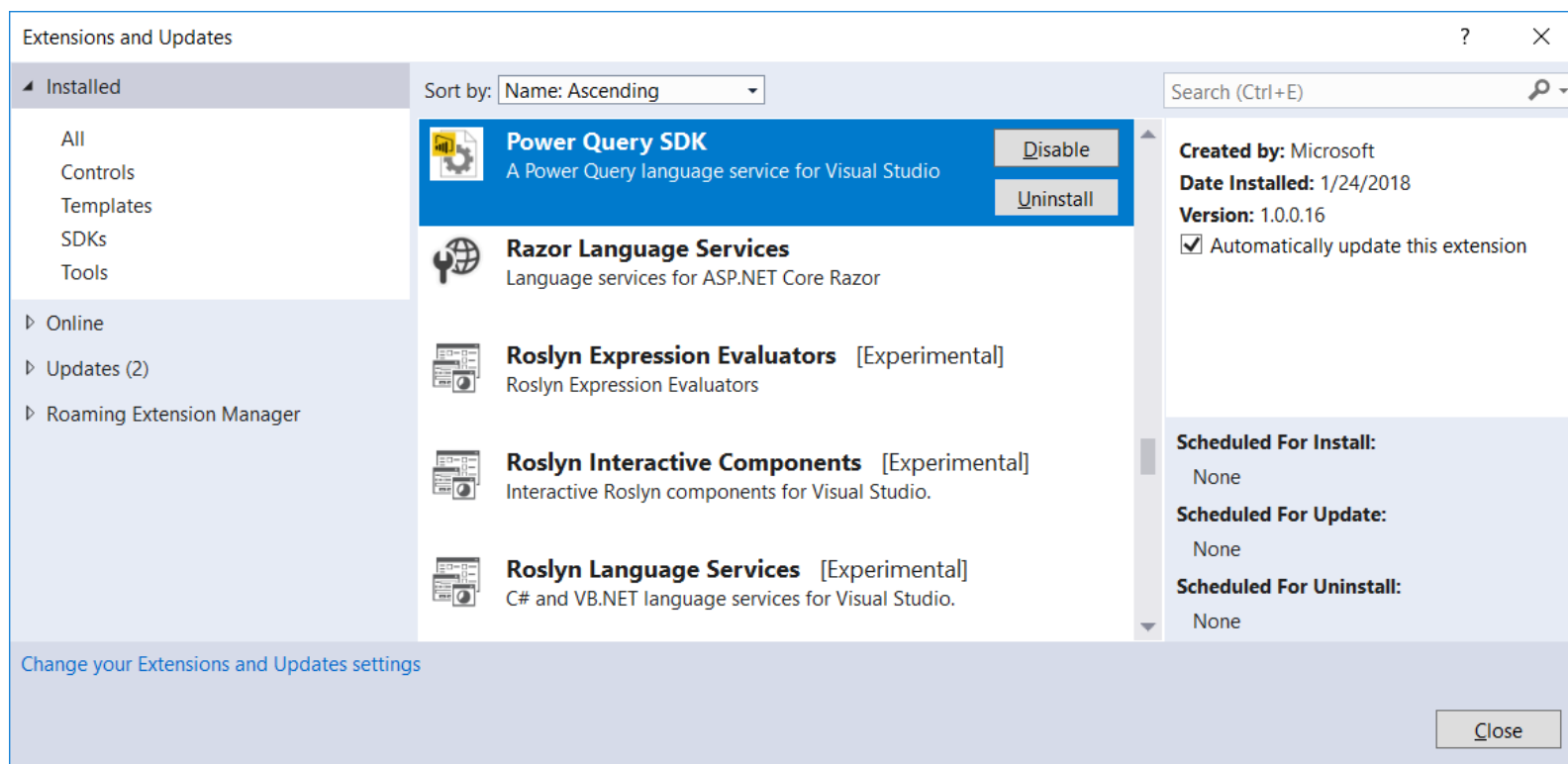
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# Developing Custom Data Connectors

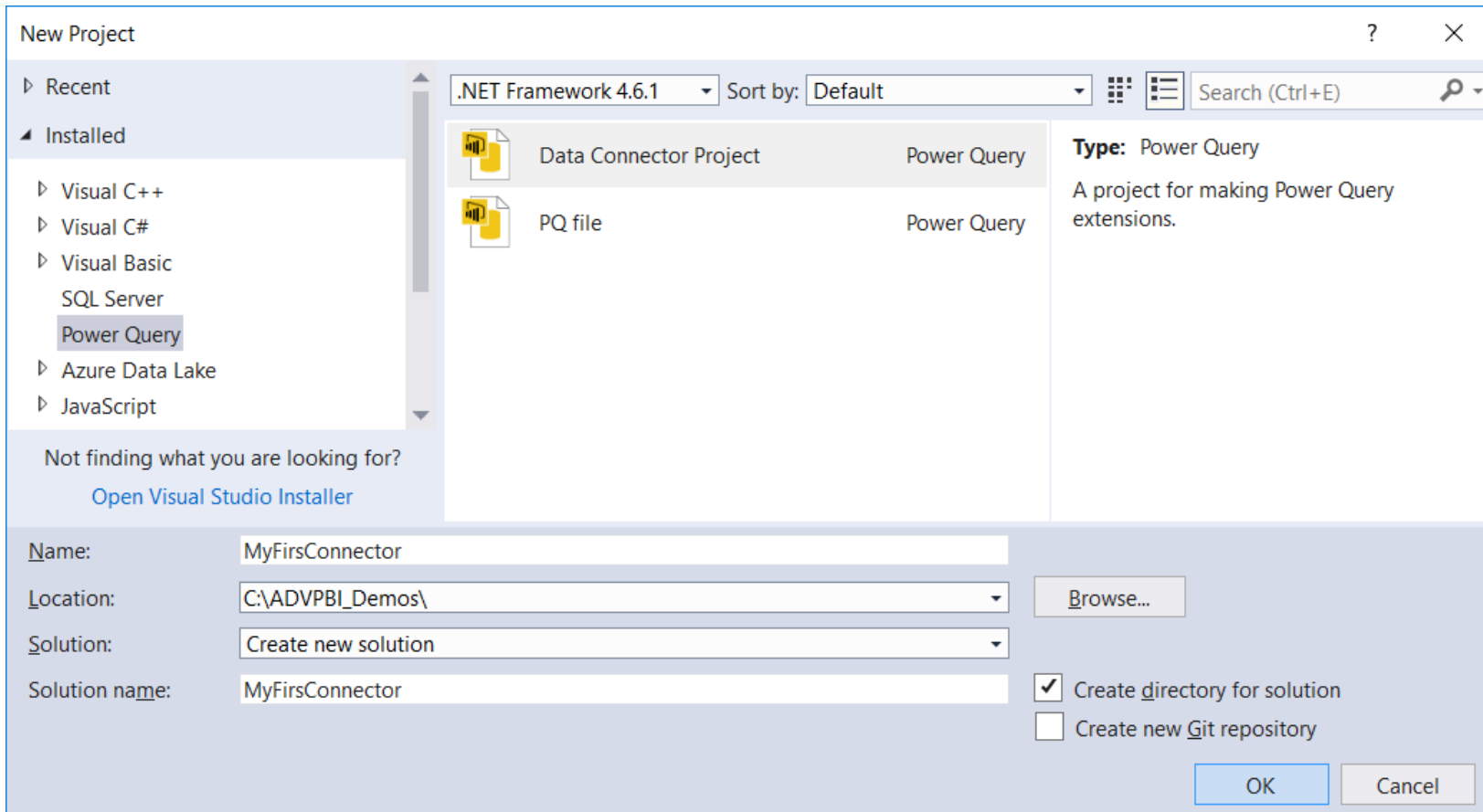
- **Custom Connectors let you write reusable query logic**
  - Custom connector is written using M programming language
  - Custom connector can be used across PBIX project files
- **Common motivation for developing a custom connector**
  - Creating a friendly view of a REST API for business analyst
  - Providing branding on top of existing connector
  - Exposing a limited/filtered view over your data source
  - Control how mashup engine authenticates against datasource
  - Implementing OAuth v2 authentication flow for a SaaS offering
  - Enabling Direct Query for a data source via an ODBC driver`

# Power Query SDK





# Creating a New Data Connector Project



The screenshot shows the 'New Project' dialog box in Visual Studio. The left sidebar shows the 'Installed' category with 'Power Query' selected. The main area displays two project types: 'Data Connector Project' and 'PQ file', both of type 'Power Query'. The right pane provides details for the selected project type. At the bottom, the project configuration fields are filled out.

**New Project**



Recent

Installed

- Visual C++
- Visual C#
- Visual Basic
- SQL Server
- Power Query**
- Azure Data Lake
- JavaScript

Not finding what you are looking for?  
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.NET Framework 4.6.1 Sort by: Default Search (Ctrl+E)

Icon	Project Name	Type
	Data Connector Project	Power Query
	PQ file	Power Query

**Type:** Power Query  
A project for making Power Query extensions.

Name: MyFirsConnector

Location: C:\ADVPBI\_Demos\ [Browse...](#)

Solution: Create new solution

Solution name: MyFirsConnector

☒ Create directory for solution  
☐ Create new Git repository

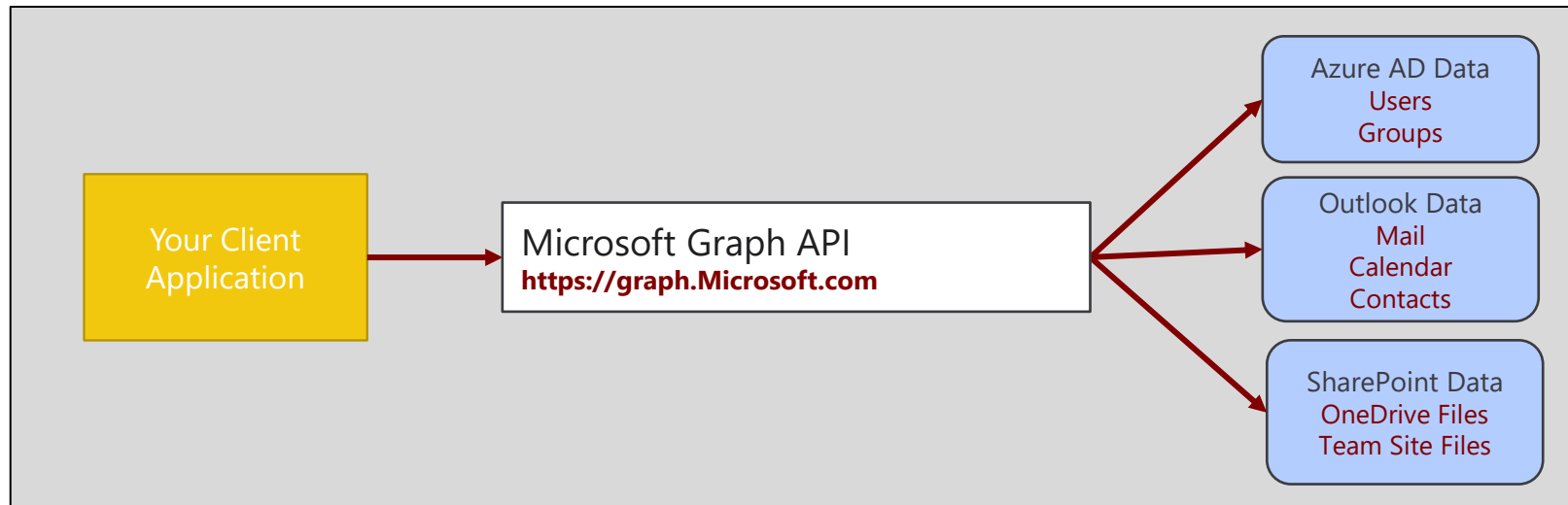
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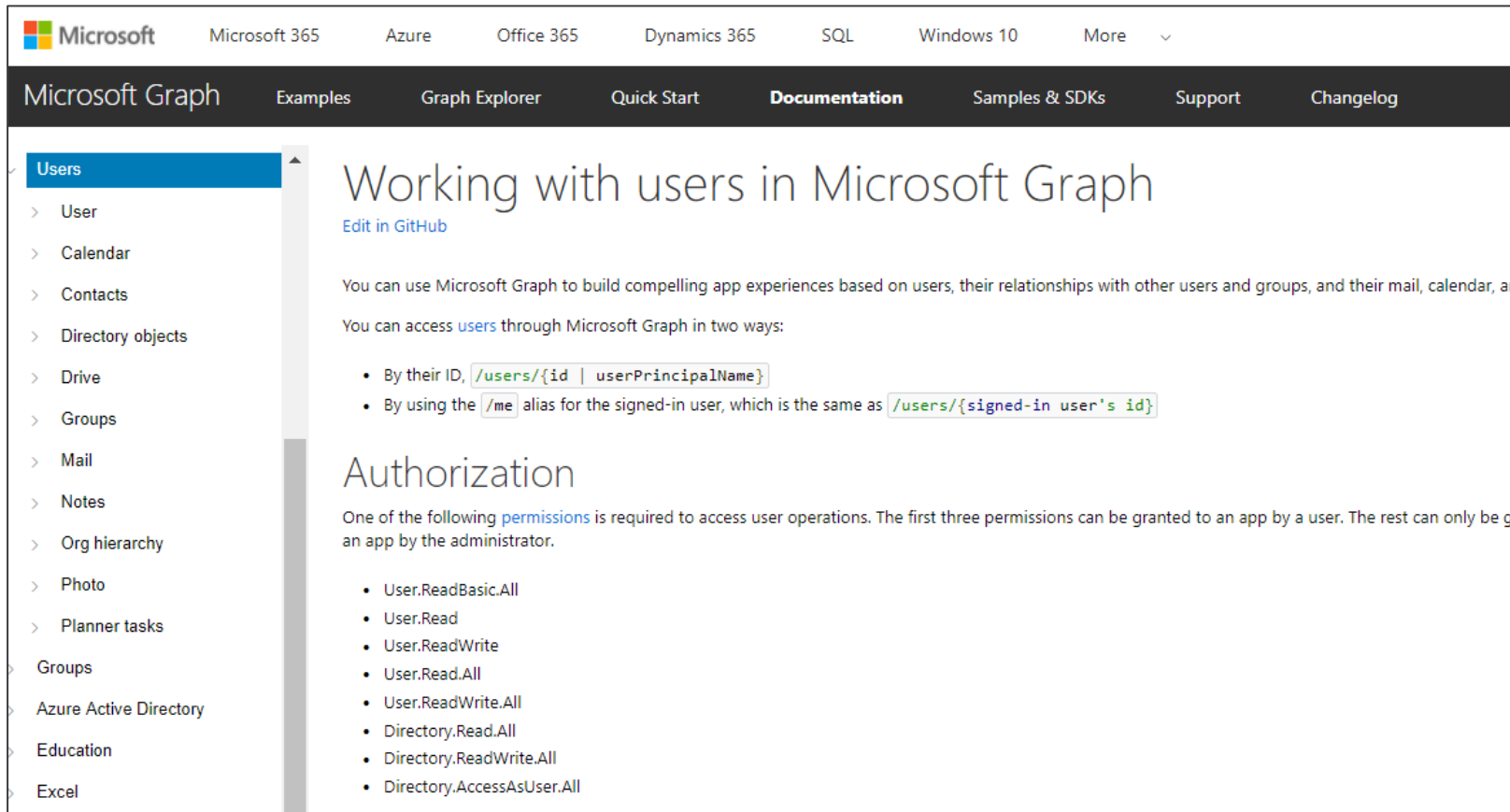
# The Microsoft Graph API

- Designed as a one-stop-shopping kind of service
  - Abstracts away divisions between AD, Exchange and SharePoint
  - No need to discover endpoints using the Discovery Service
  - You can acquire and cache a single access token per user



# More Info on the Microsoft Graph API

- <https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/docs/api-reference/v1.0>



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Graph API documentation page. The top navigation bar includes links for Microsoft 365, Azure, Office 365, Dynamics 365, SQL, Windows 10, and More. Below this is a dark navigation bar with links for Microsoft Graph, Examples, Graph Explorer, Quick Start, Documentation (highlighted), Samples & SDKs, Support, and Changelog. On the left, a sidebar lists various API categories: Users (highlighted), User, Calendar, Contacts, Directory objects, Drive, Groups, Mail, Notes, Org hierarchy, Photo, Planner tasks, Groups, Azure Active Directory, Education, and Excel. The main content area is titled 'Working with users in Microsoft Graph' and includes a link to 'Edit in GitHub'. It explains that Microsoft Graph can be used to build app experiences based on users and their relationships. It also lists two ways to access users: by their ID (using `/users/{id | userPrincipalName}`) or by using the `/me` alias for the signed-in user (using `/users/{signed-in user's id}`). Below this, the 'Authorization' section states that one of the following permissions is required to access user operations, and lists them: `User.ReadBasic.All`, `User.Read`, `User.ReadWrite`, `User.Read.All`, `User.ReadWrite.All`, `Directory.Read.All`, `Directory.ReadWrite.All`, and `Directory.AccessAsUser.All`.

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**Users**

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- > Planner tasks
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- > Azure Active Directory
- > Education
- > Excel

## Working with users in Microsoft Graph

[Edit in GitHub](#)

You can use Microsoft Graph to build compelling app experiences based on users, their relationships with other users and groups, and their mail, calendar, and more.

You can access [users](#) through Microsoft Graph in two ways:

- By their ID, `/users/{id | userPrincipalName}`
- By using the `/me` alias for the signed-in user, which is the same as `/users/{signed-in user's id}`

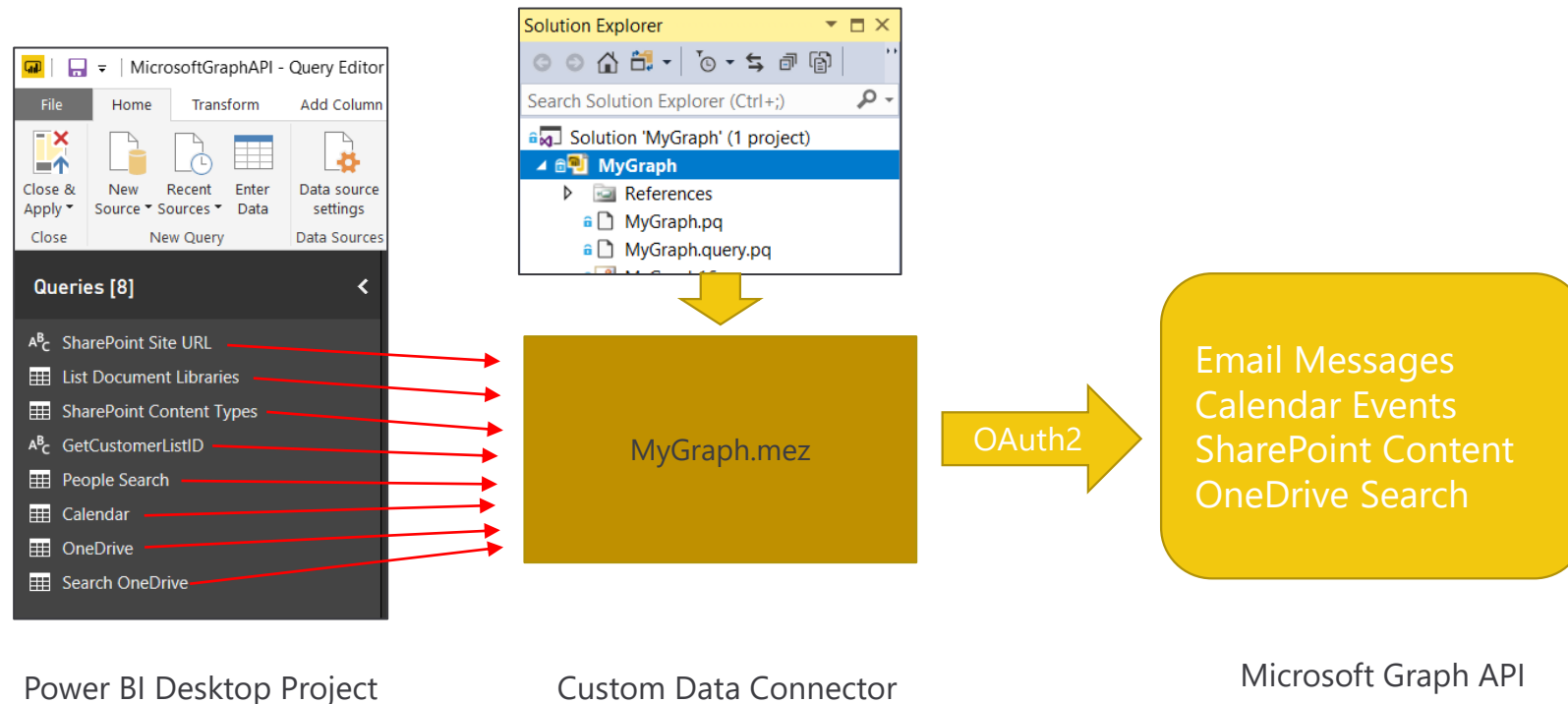
## Authorization

One of the following [permissions](#) is required to access user operations. The first three permissions can be granted to an app by a user. The rest can only be granted to an app by the administrator.

- `User.ReadBasic.All`
- `User.Read`
- `User.ReadWrite`
- `User.Read.All`
- `User.ReadWrite.All`
- `Directory.Read.All`
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# MyGraph Demo

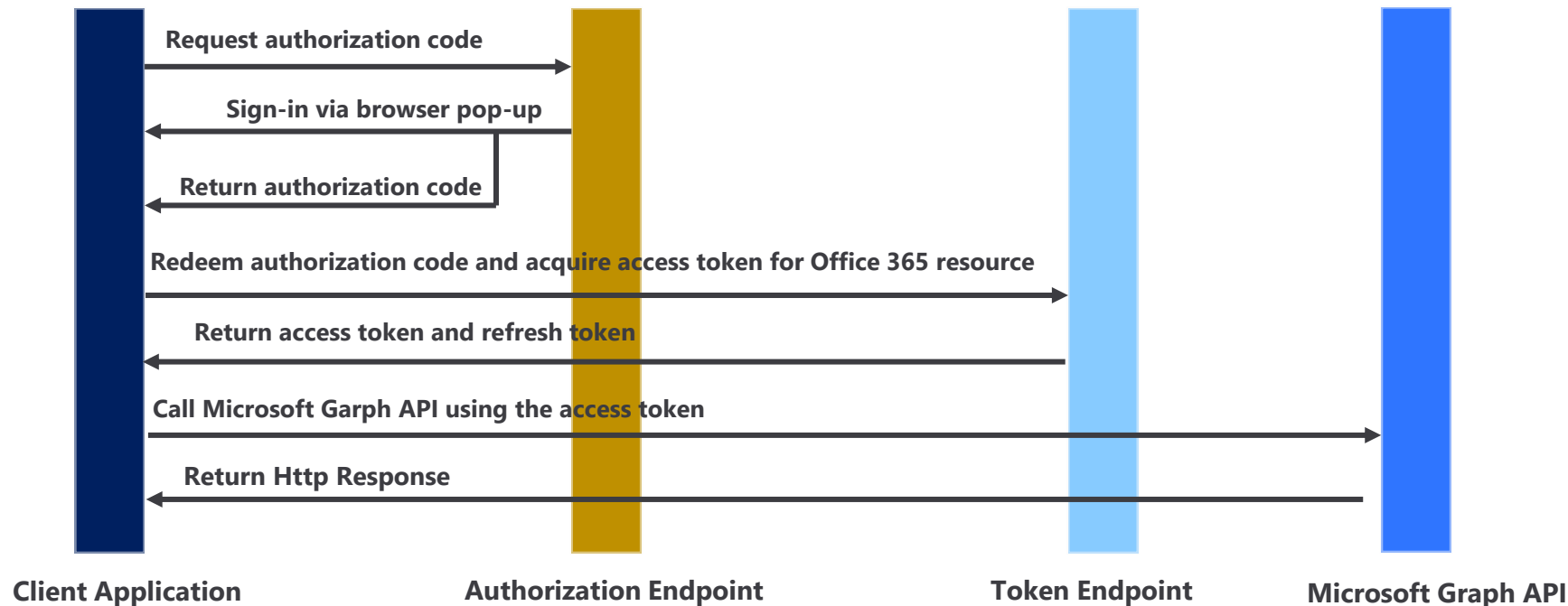
- Project originally created by Matt Masson
  - Connector designed to query Microsoft Graph API
  - Connector provides code to authenticate with OAuth2



# Authorization Code Grant Flow

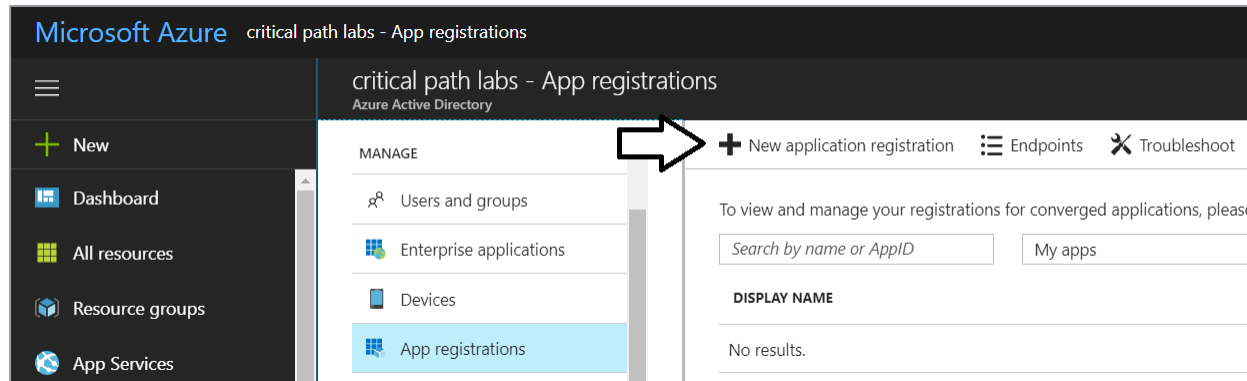
- Sequence of Requests in Authorization Code Grant Flow

- Application redirects to AAD authorization endpoint
- User prompted to log on at Windows logon page
- User prompted to consent to permissions (first access)
- AAD redirects to application with authorization code
- Application redirects to AAD access token endpoint



# Registering an Azure Application

- Can be done using Azure portal



- Details you need for the custom data connector
  - Client ID
  - Client Secret
  - Redirect URL

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