Get started with your own Power BI Monitor!

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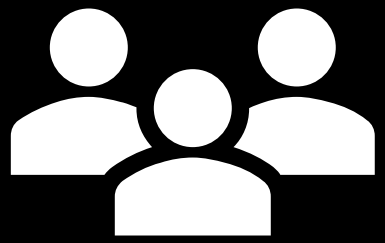

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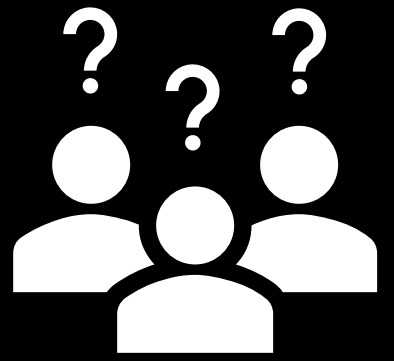


Why is the data not as up to date?

Who has access to which reports?

Work smarter, not harder!

What is a Power BI Monitor?

- It helps you get insight and keep track of the existing artifacts in the Power BI Service.
- What can we keep track of?
  - Workspaces: Names, ID, Users
  - Datasets: Allocated Workspace, ID, Refresh schedules, Users, Permissions
  - Reports: Name, ID, Report type, URL, Users , Permissions
  - And the list continues

It answers the what, where, when, who questions of the Power BI artifacts in the Power BI Service.

End product.

- An overview with workspaces
- The datasets within the above workspaces
- The refresh schedules of the datasets within the workspaces

As an additional bonus:

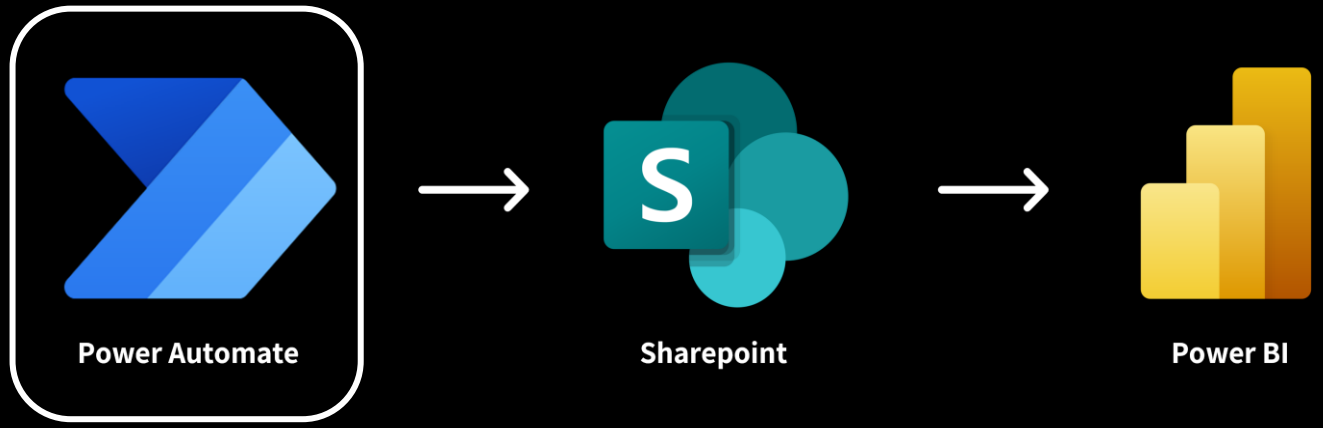
- Automatically retrieve data and refresh dataset

Starting point.

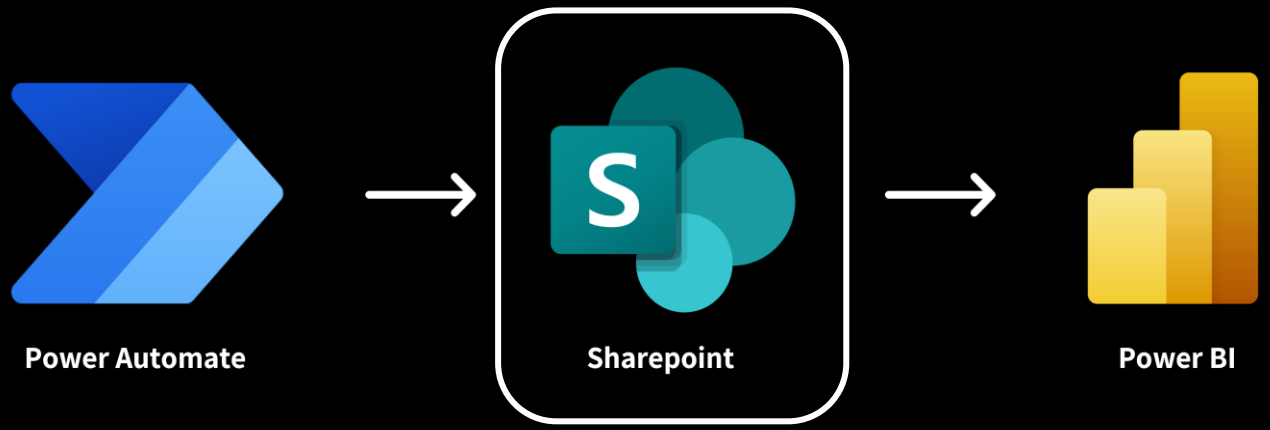
- Citizen developer friendly design (using the Power Platform as much as we can)
- Assuming we, the user, do not have administrator rights to the tenant
- Full end-to-end solution

Solution Design.

Power Automate → Sharepoint → Power BI



- Call Power BI REST API
- Store results



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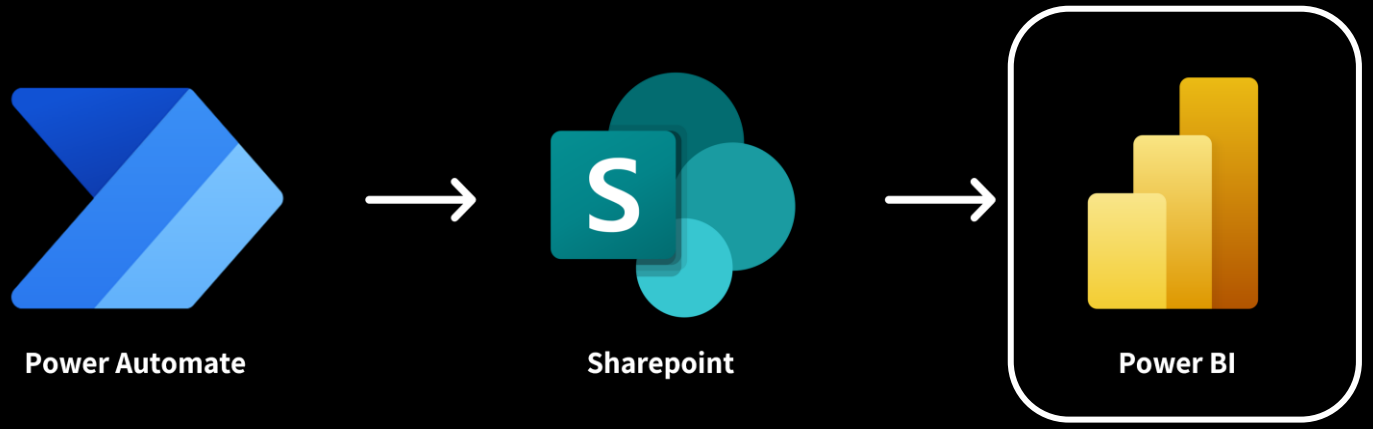
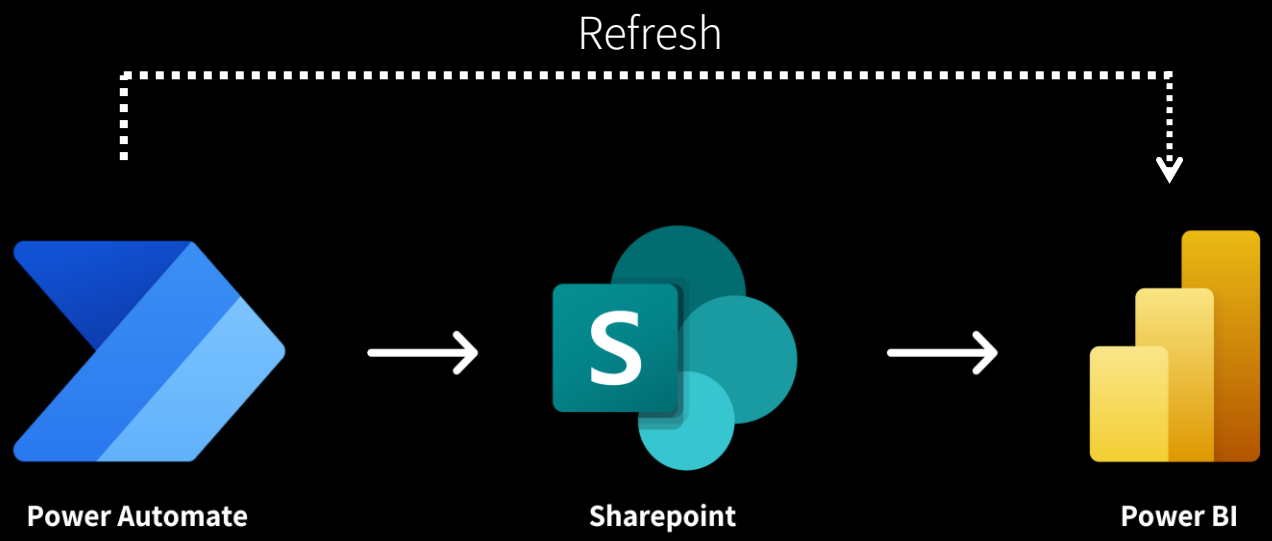


- Retrieve results from sharepoint
- Model results
- Visualize results
- Publish to Power BI Service



- Refresh Power BI dataset with Power Automate

Let’s get started!

What do you need to get started?

- Power Automate license
- Power BI license
- Sharepoint site

Power Automate.

- Create a new Power Automate flow to retrieve the workspaces
  - Create a trigger to trigger the flow
  - Call the Power BI REST API
  - Parse the results of the call
  - Create a table to store the results in
  - Store data in a file on sharepoint

Power Automate.

- Create a new Power Automate flow to retrieve the workspaces
  - Create a trigger to trigger the flow > Manual Trigger
  - Call the Power BI REST API > HTTP Request
  - Parse the results of the call > Parse JSON
  - Create a table to store the results in > Create CSV table
  - Store the file > Create file on sharepoint

Create flow with manual trigger.

- Create a new flow
- Add manual trigger

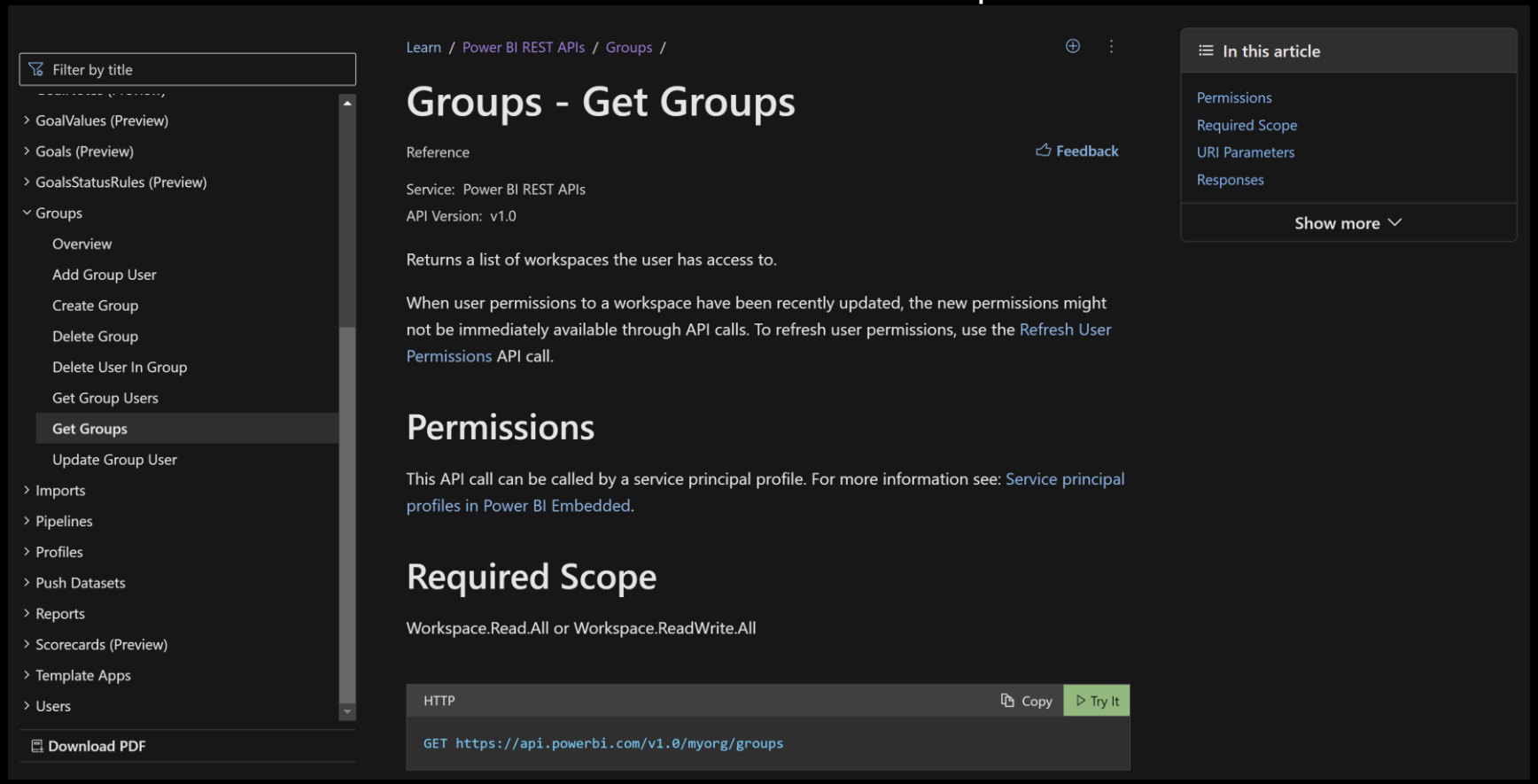
Power BI REST API

- *“The Power BI REST APIs provide service endpoints for embedding, administration, governance and user resources.”*

- With Power BI REST APIs you can do the following:
  - Manage Power BI content
  - Perform admin operations
  - Embed Power BI Content

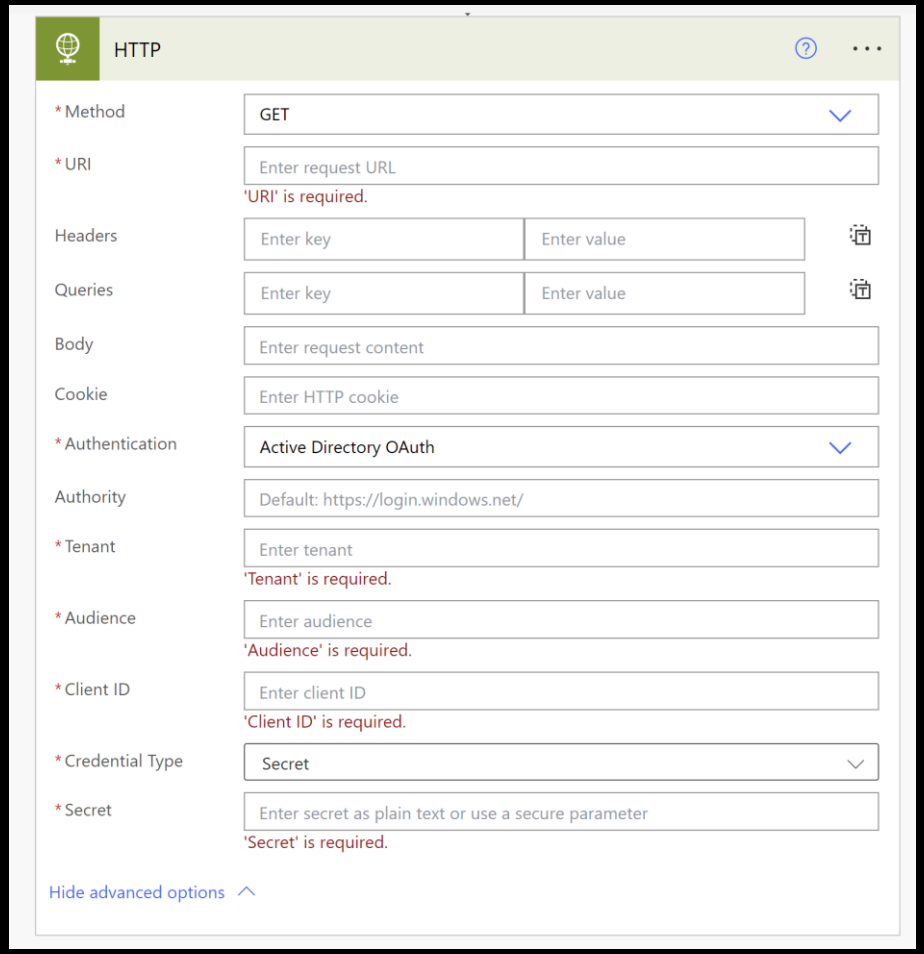
Power BI REST API

- Use this API to retrieve the metadata of the workspaces on the Power BI tenant



HTTP Request

- **Method**: GET
- **URI**: https://api.powerbi.com/v1.0/myorg/groups
- **Authentication**: Active Directory Oautch
- **Tenant**: Tenant ID (retrieved from App registration)
- **Audience**: https://analysis.windows.net/powerbi/api
- **Client ID**: Client ID (retrieved from App registration)
- **Credential Type**: Secret
- **Secret**: Secret value (retrieved from App registration)



& Create and assign service principal.

- Create Azure App Registration
- Grant API Permissions
    1. Add a permission
    2. Power BI Service
    3. Delegated Permissons
    4. Workspace.Read.All
    5. Grant admin consent for MST
    6. Add service principal to workspace

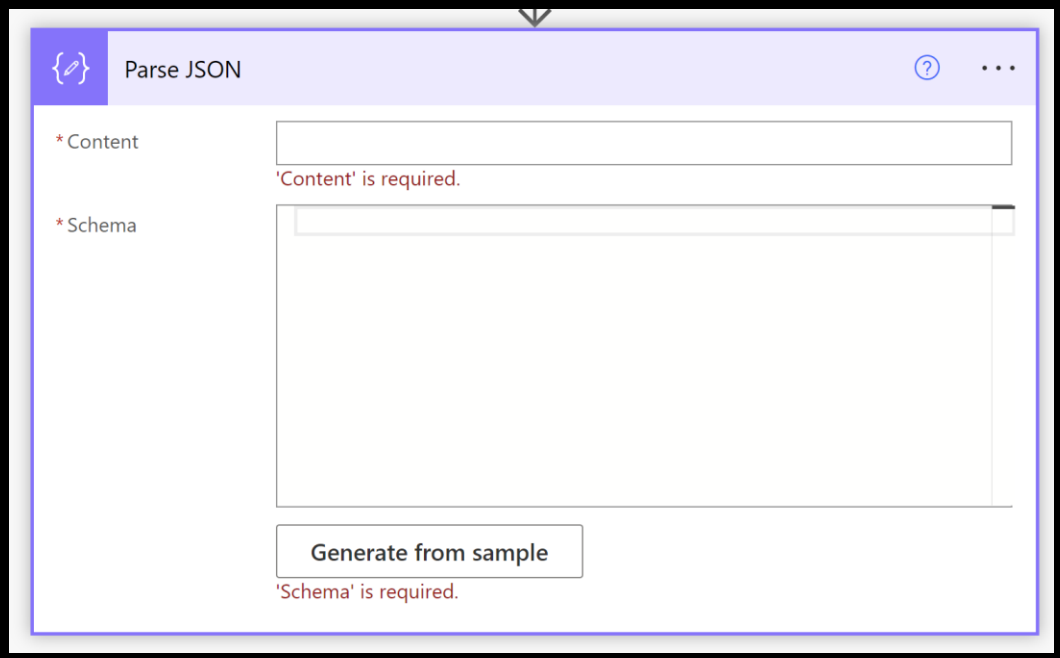
Double check.

- Save the flow
- Let’s check if we get our first results ☺

Parse JSON.

- Parse JSON makes data easier to access and process data later in the process
- Easily reference keys within the body

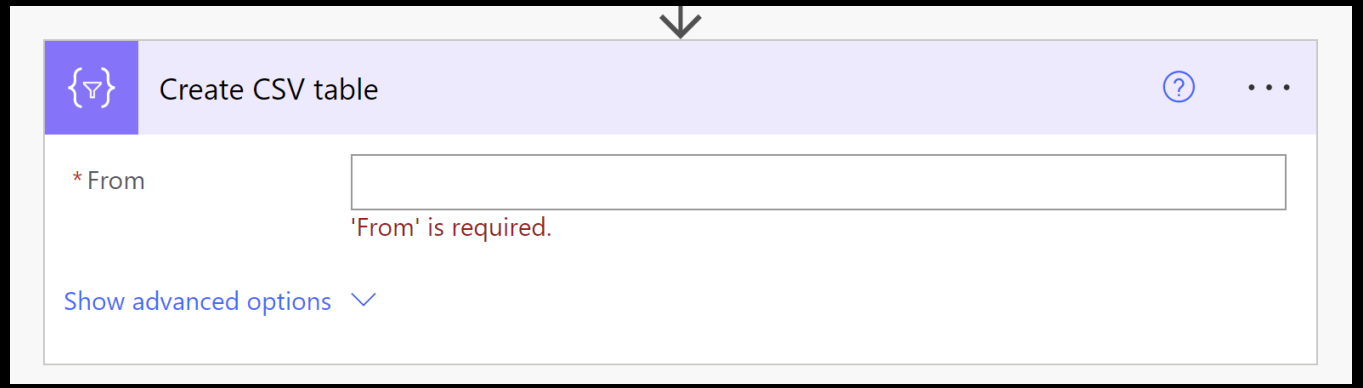
- **Content**: Body
- **Schema**:
  - Generate from sample
  - Paste sample from Microsoft documentation



Create CSV Table.

- Take all the key/value pairs from the array and turn them into individual columns.

- **From**: value

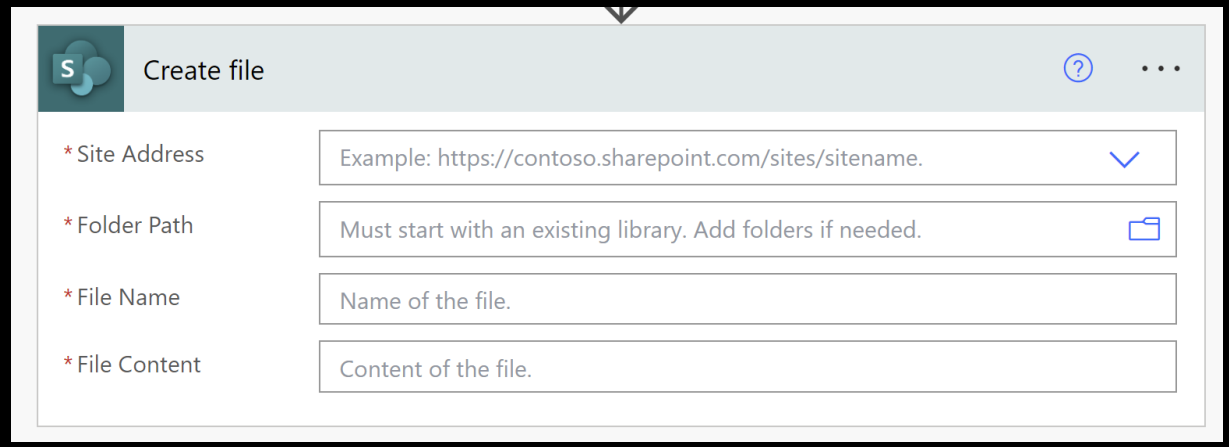


Create file.

- Creates file on given sharepoint location with the specified contents

- **Site Address**: Siteadress
- **Folder Path:** /Shared Documents/General
- **File Name:** GetGroups.csv
- **File Content:** Output

- **Settings:**
  - Allow chunking: Off



Double check.

- Save the flow
- Test the flow
- Check if the results are indeed stored correctly on sharepoint

Create Power BI dataset and report.

- Create a Power BI dataset with this csv file as a source.
  - Retrieve data from the file GetGroups.csv in Sharepoint folder
  - Rename columns
- Create a visualization to show all the workspaces.

- **Data source:** Sharepoint folder
- **Site Address:** Siteadress

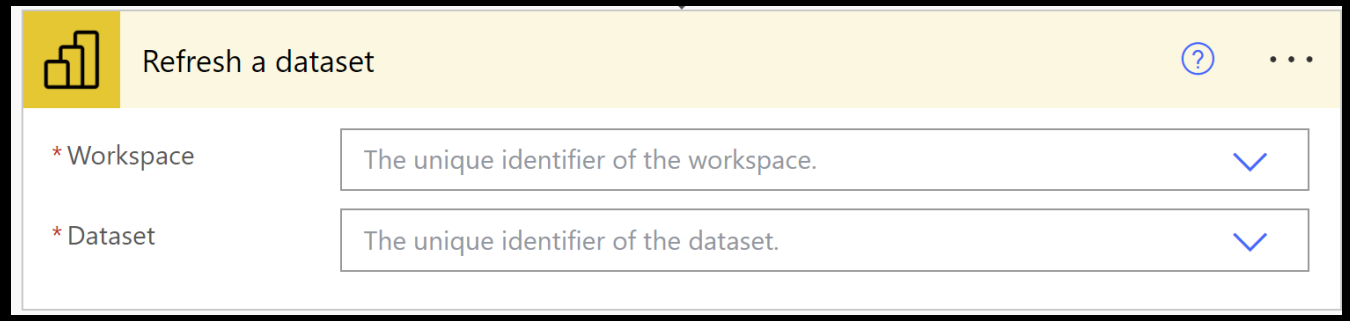
Publish report to Power BI service.

- Create workspace to store the Power BI Monitor
- Assign serice principal
- Publish dataset and report to this workspace
- Edit credentials

Refresh a dataset.

- Refreshes the Power BI dataset

- **Workspace:** Power BI Monitor
- **Dataset:** Power BI Monitor



We did it!

(at least I hope the demo succeeded)

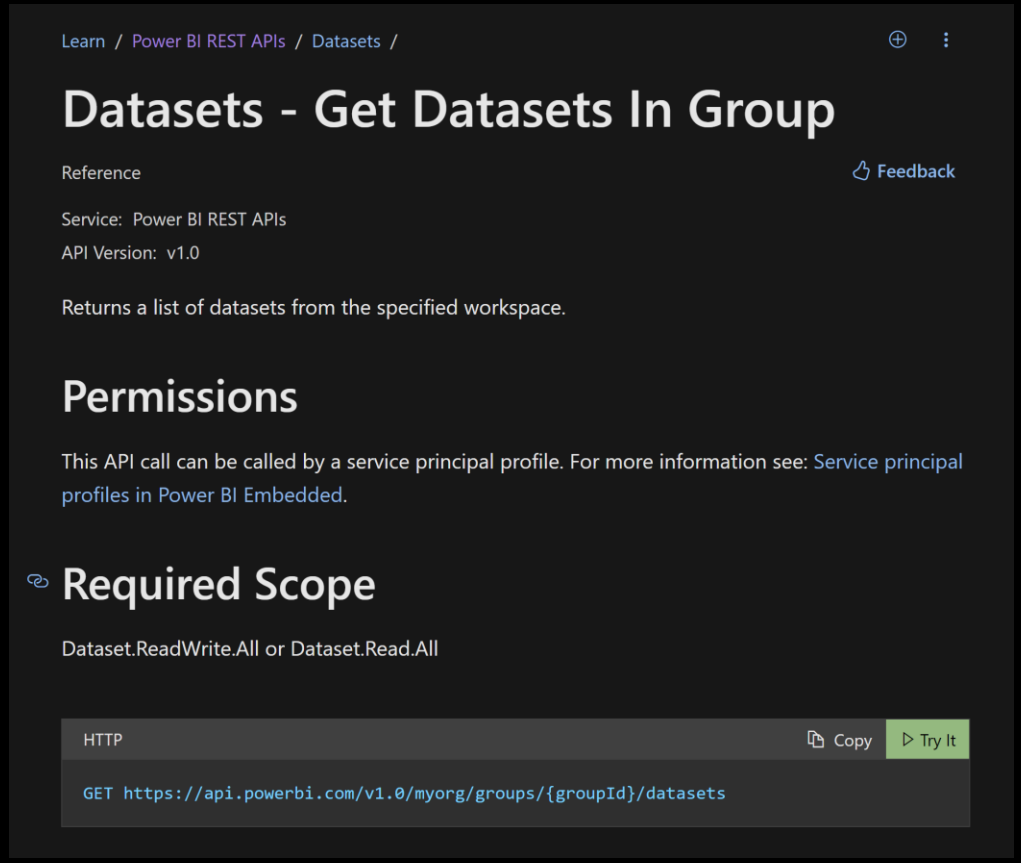
Next steps.

In similar fashion, we can:

- Retrieve all datasets within the workspace
- Retrieve refresh schedules of these datasets

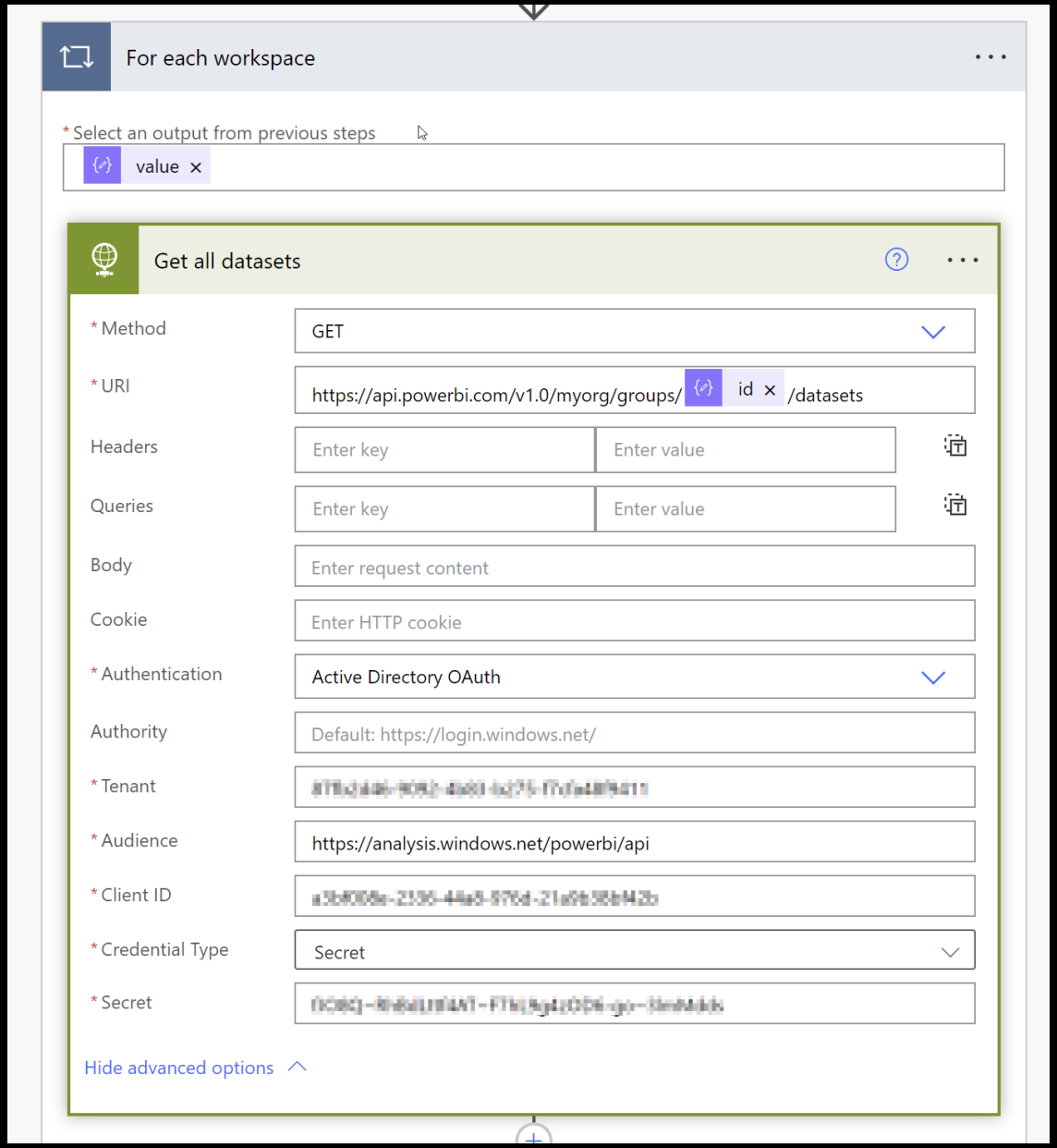
Retrieve Datasets.

- We have to call this API to retrieve the datasets per workspace



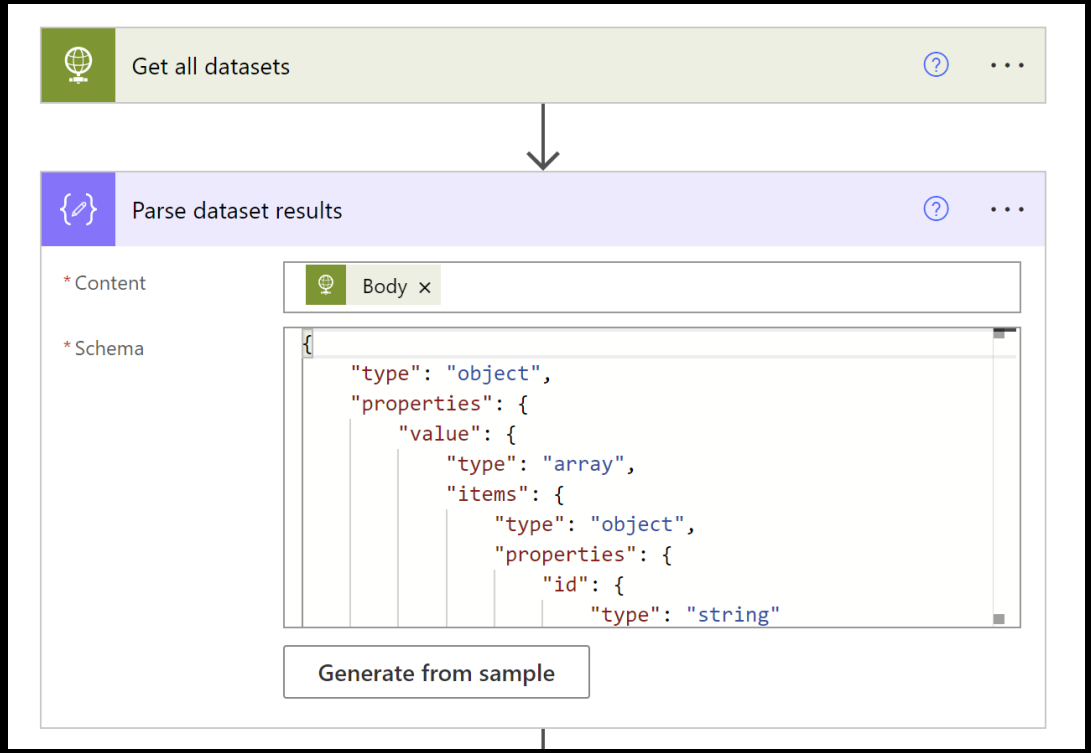
Retrieve Datasets.

- Create HTTP request for each workspace
- Use “Get Datasets in Group” API with “id” as dynamic content
- Automatically creates a “for each” loop
- Authentication is the same as before



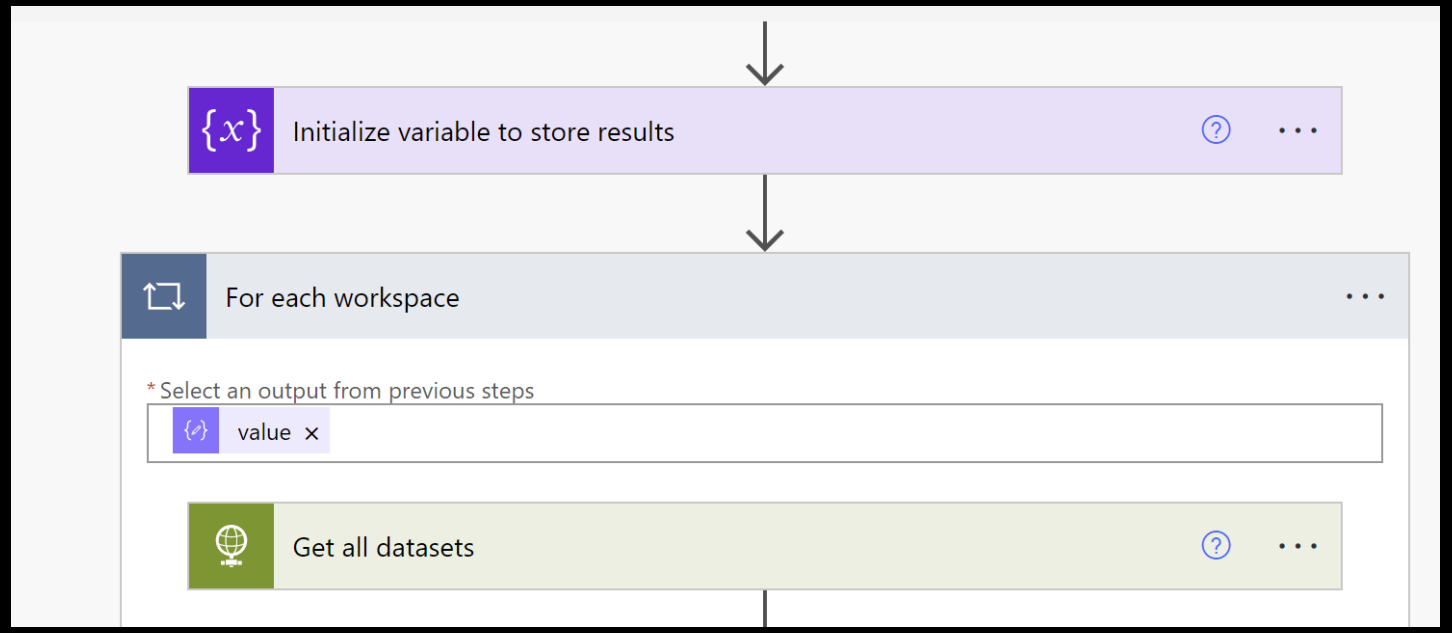
Parse Json.

- Parse results again (with example)



Initialize variable.

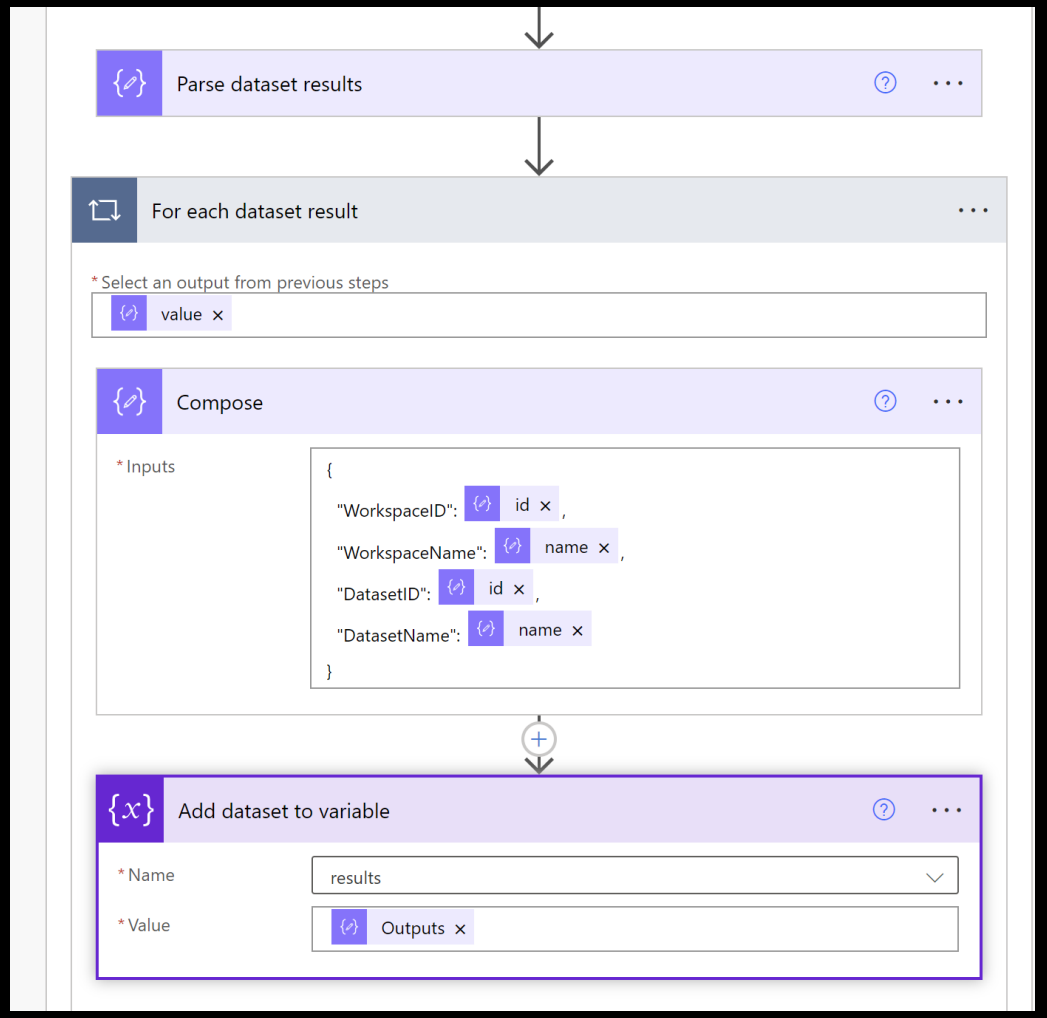
- Initialize variable before calling the API to store the details of each workspace – dataset combination



Save results in variable.

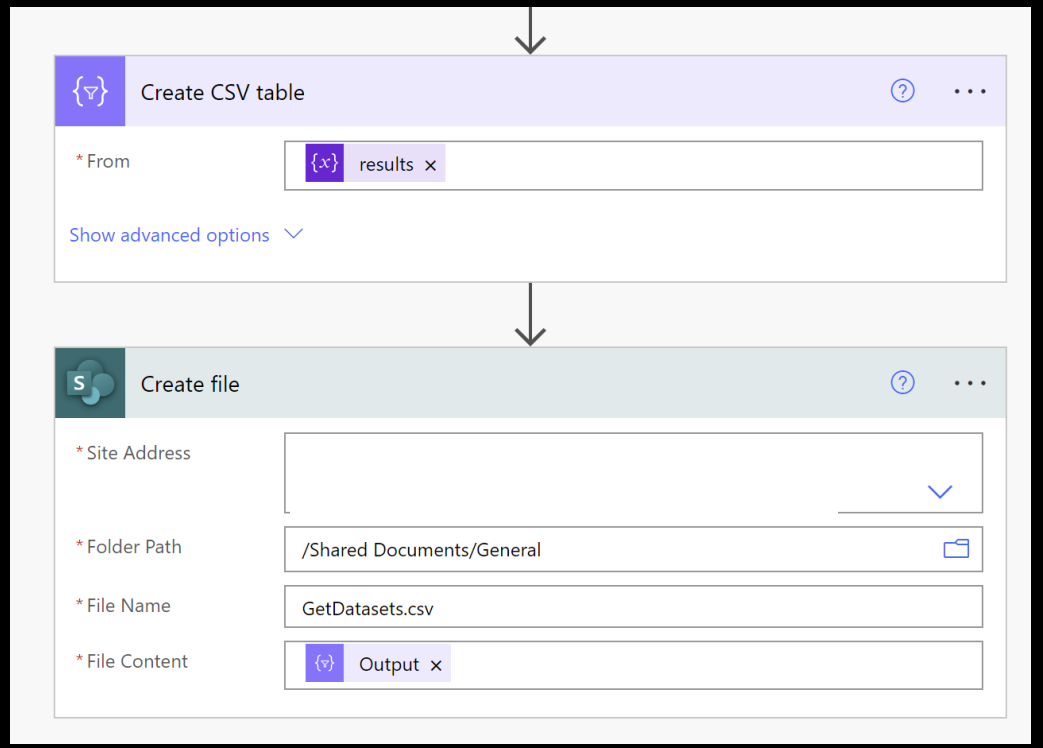
- Define what needs to be saved
- For each combination of below entities:
  - WorkspaceID
  - WorkspaceName
  - DatasetID
  - DatasetName

- Append to variable “results”



Store results on Sharepoint.

- Create CSV table with contents of variable
- Create and store a file out of CSV table



File content.

WorkspaceID	WorkspaceName	DatasetID	DatasetName
578d0ef4-0870-4902-8fdc-d808f07d29c2	Sales	9bbfe1f3-0dc5-4d67-ba43-8da299155673	CRP
578d0ef4-0870-4902-8fdc-d808f07d29c2	Sales	f787198d-4156-4470-9435-2b848833ab46	Sales & Returns
578d0ef4-0870-4902-8fdc-d808f07d29c2	Sales	35e34da7-807a-47ba-8b8b-307019563326	Sales Categories
578d0ef4-0870-4902-8fdc-d808f07d29c2	Sales	9ec61a3d-8c8a-4445-ac17-b55a471368c6	Sales
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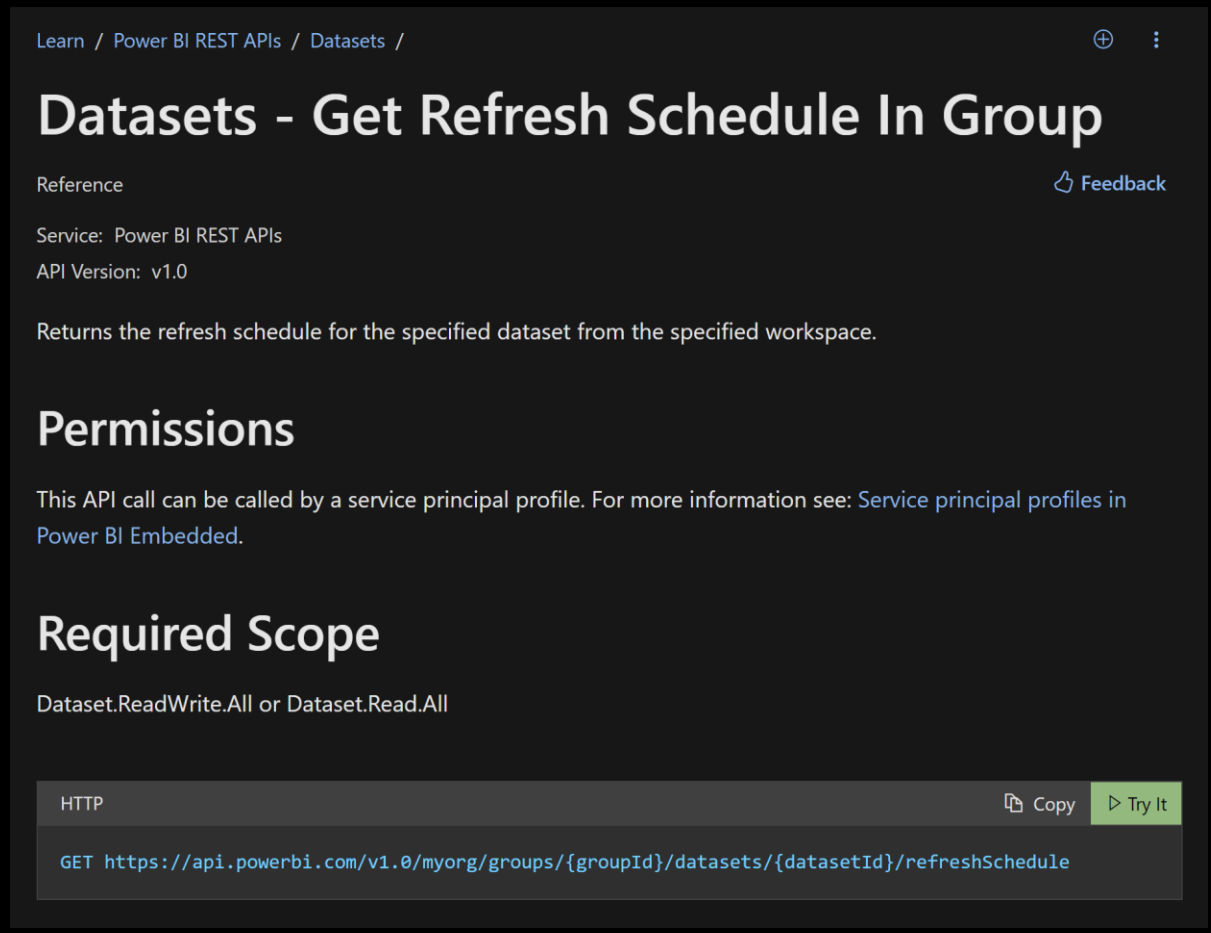
5d776429-dd57-4767-ae32-c8fc5f77f23e	Finance [TST]	5fe45052-2c99-47b2-aa07-63dfceb8123c	Pricing

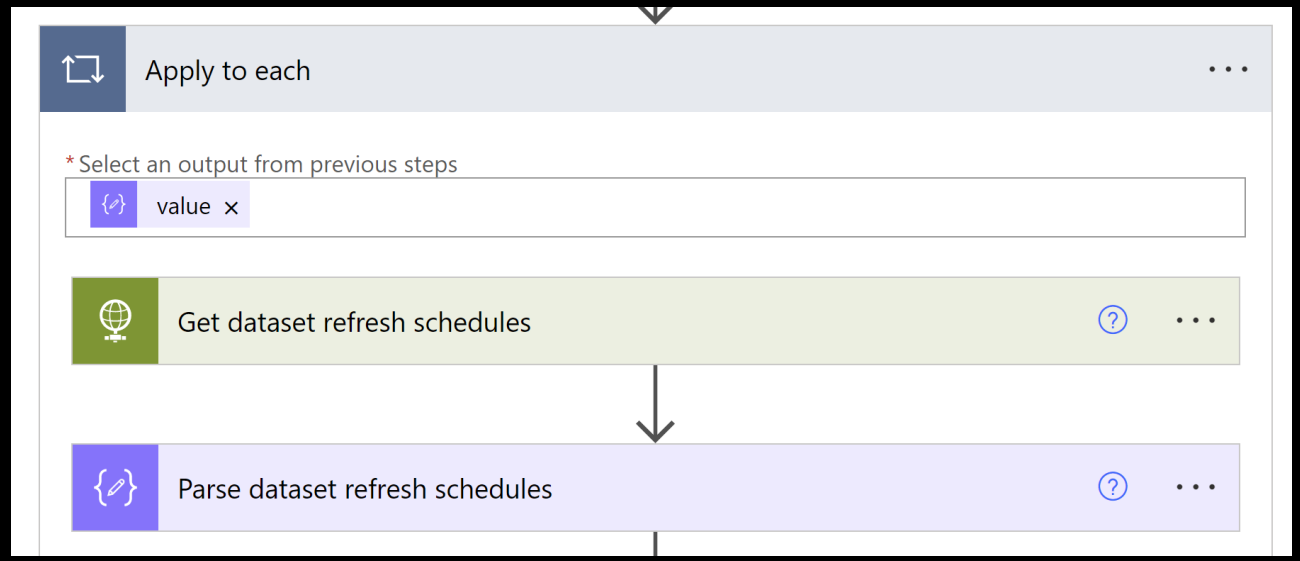
Retrieve Refresh Schedules.

- We have to call this API to retrieve the refresh schedules of the datasets



Retrieve Refresh Schedules.

- Retrieve all refresh schedules per dataset with an HTTP request
- Parse results



Save results.

- Define what needs to be saved
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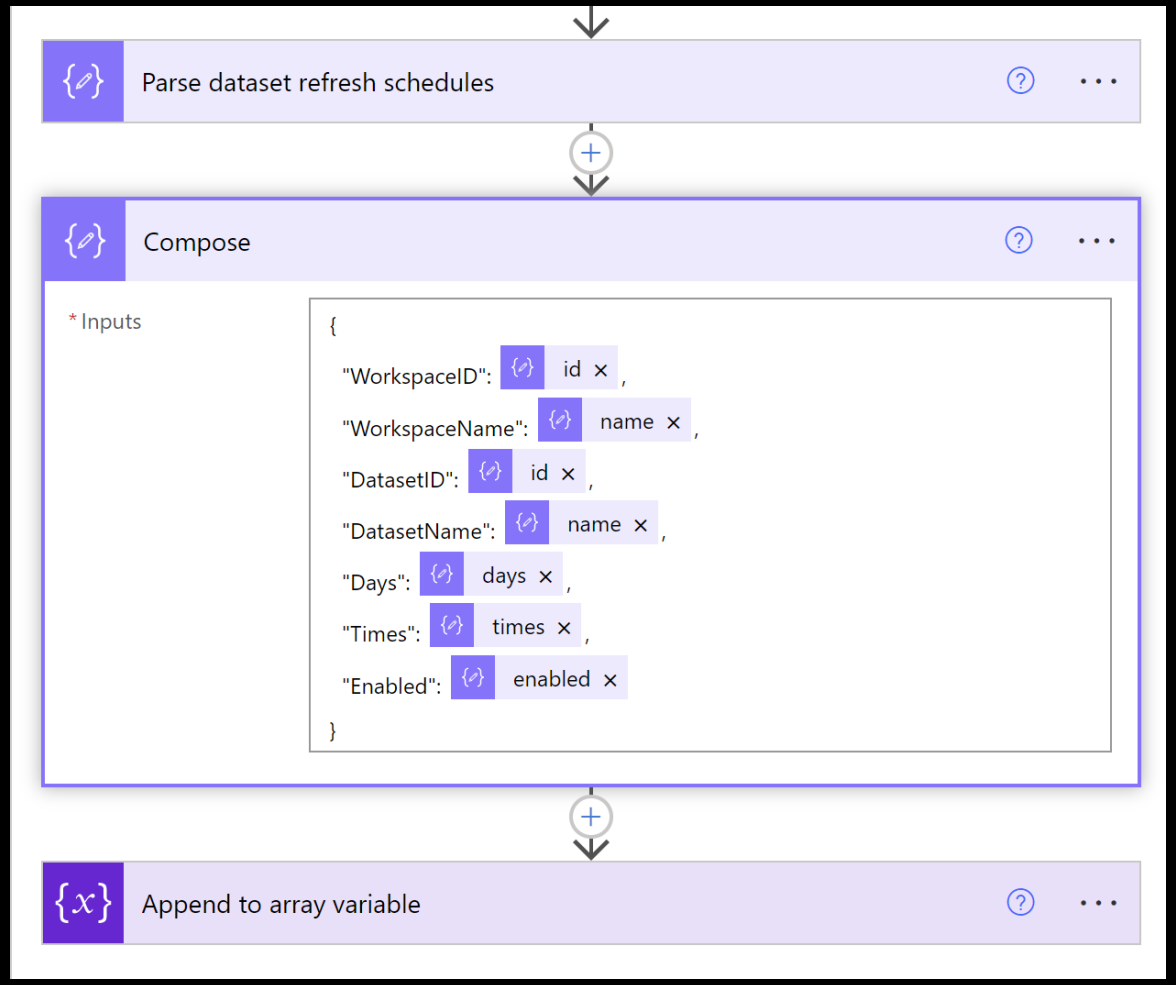
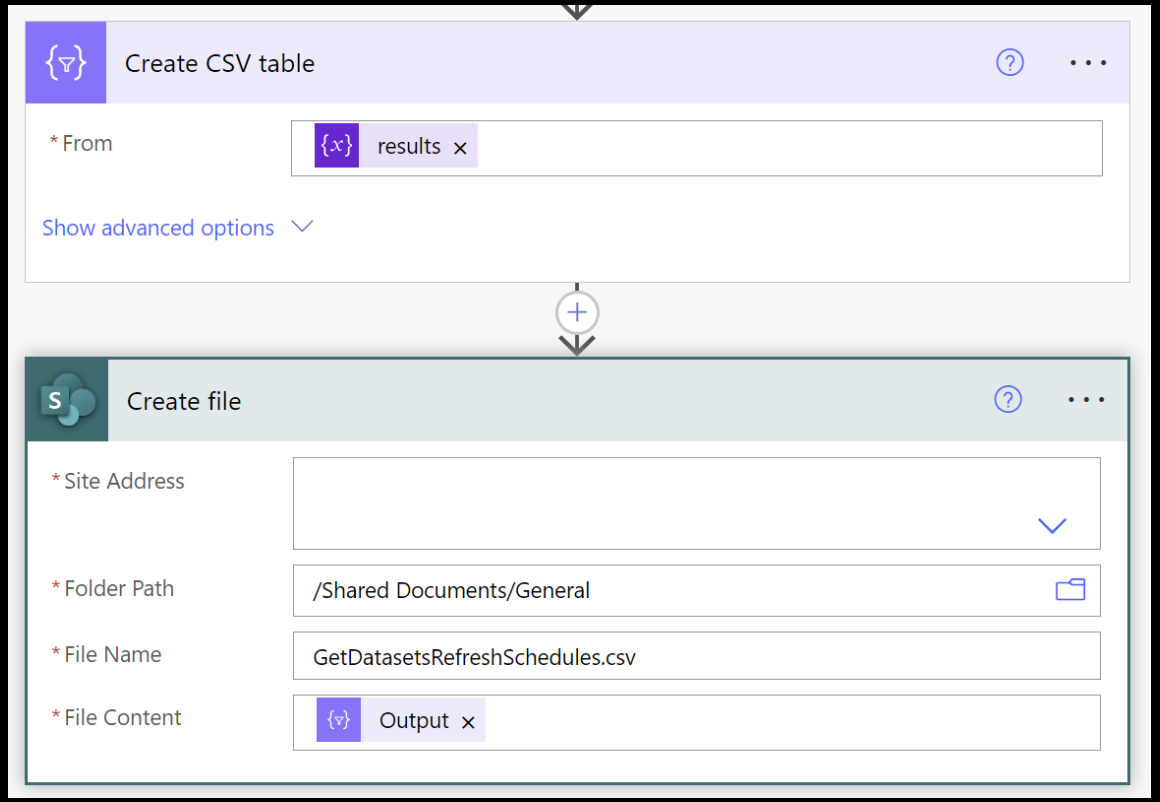
  - Refresh Schedule
- Append to variable “results”



Store results on Sharepoint.

- Save the array “results” in CSV table
- Store CSV table on sharepoint



Expand Power BI Report.

- Expand Power BI report with new information
  - Datasets per workspace
  - Refresh schedules per dataset

Improvemens and variations.

- Store credentials in Azure Key Vault
- Instead of using Power Automate and Sharepoint, you can choose between many tools to retrieve and store the results, e.g.:
  - Logic Apps and Log Analytics
  - Databricks

Wrap up.

- End-to-end solution to monitor your Power BI environment
  - Retrieve workspaces
  - Retrieve datasets
  - Retrieve refresh schedules

- Power Automate – Sharepoint – Power BI

- Play around and have fun!

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?