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DAY 7- LAB 1 – WHAT IF ANALYSIS

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Pre-requisites

Installed and working Power BI Desktop setup.

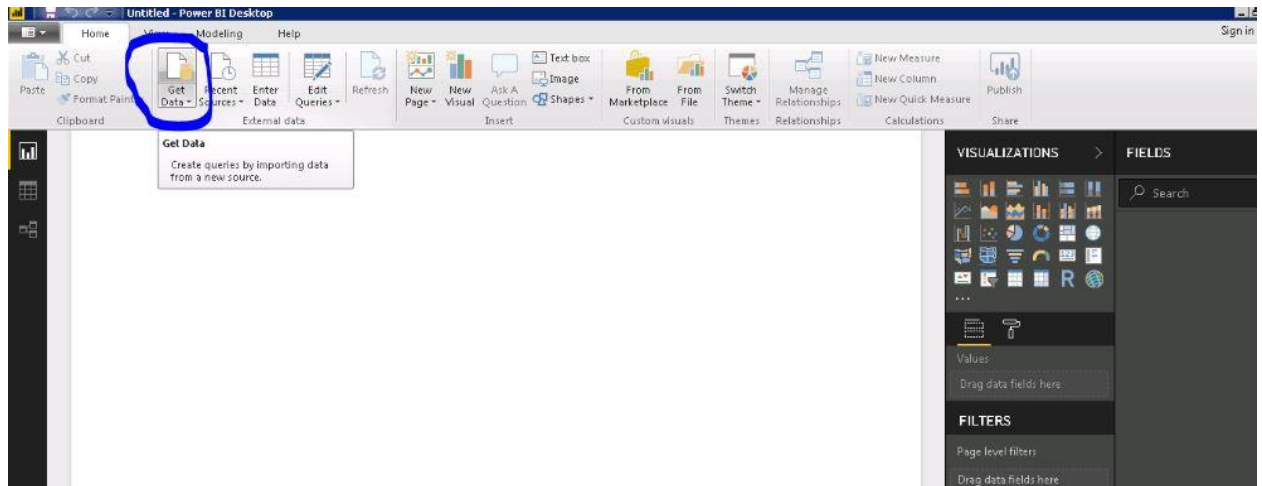
We go through life, day in and day out, asking ourselves “What if?”Today’s Power BI adventure is just about that. In August 2017, Microsoft released this wonderful functionality which enable users to quickly create multiple variables to be used as part of their “what if analysis”. The possibilities with this is literally endless, giving users and businesses from various different backgrounds the flexibility to design a solution which will give them the answers and insight they so desperately need.

To showcase this functionality we’re going to create a simple demonstration (using the ‘What if Parameters’ of course) to create a Sales Discount Calculator. This will help give users a basic idea of how ‘What if Parameters’ can be used within the Power BI Desktop application.

Let’s get started....

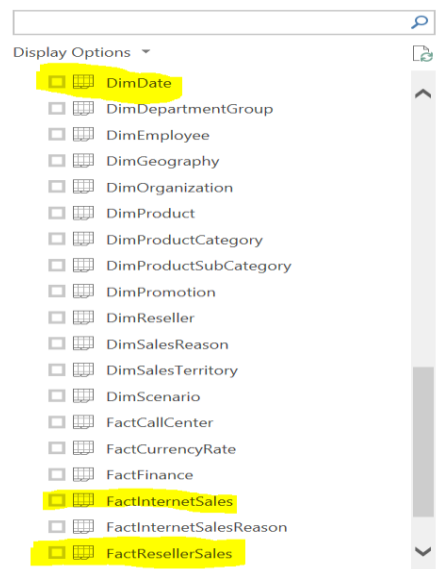
1. Import Data

1. Start with a blank Power BI Desktop file. Click on Get Data option in the 'Home' tab.



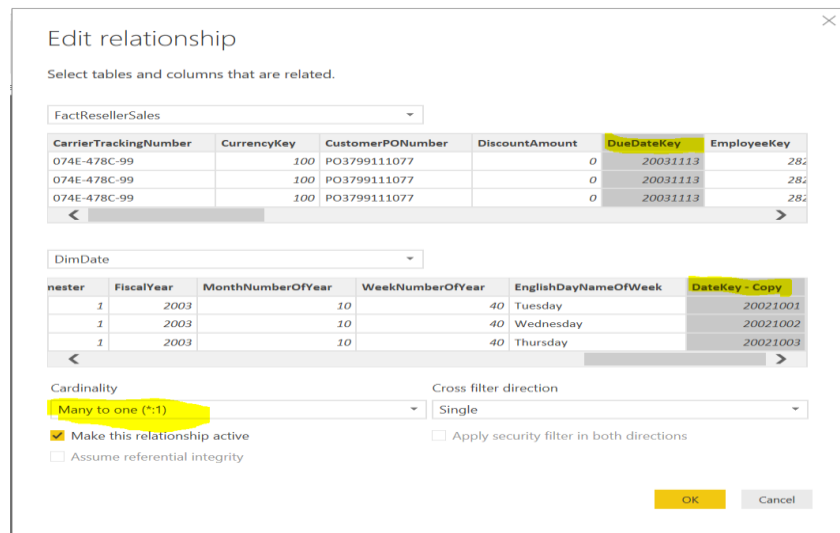
Connect using excel as a data source. Use AdventureWorksdatabase.xlsx. Choose the below highlighted files.

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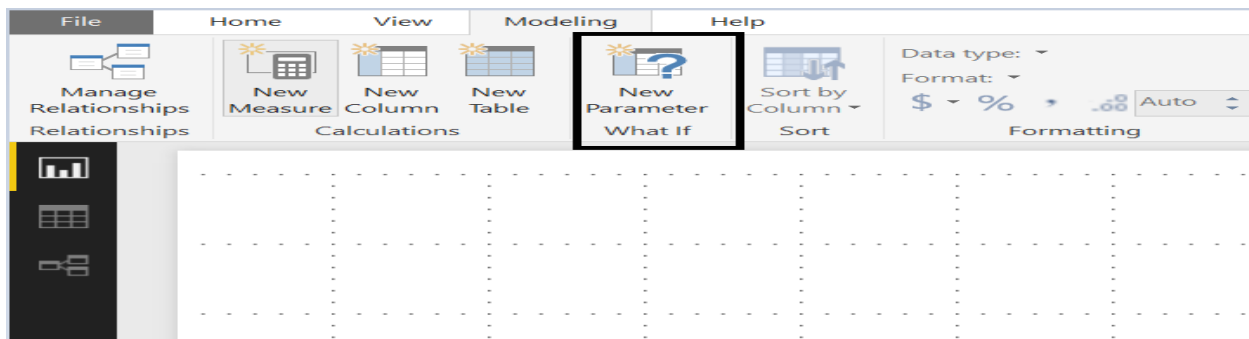


2. Data Modelling

1. In Edit Query, Duplicate **DateKey** Column of table **DimDate** and change datatype to whole number. Click '**Close and Apply**'.
2. Go to modelling tab and create relationship between the date fields of the Fact table and the Date field of the Dimension table using **Manage Relationships**.



3. Go to Modelling tab and select **New Parameter**:



Update the parameters as shown below and save. This will create a new table in the model.

What-if parameter

Name
Discount

Data type
Decimal number

Minimum
0

Maximum
1

Increment
0.01

Default

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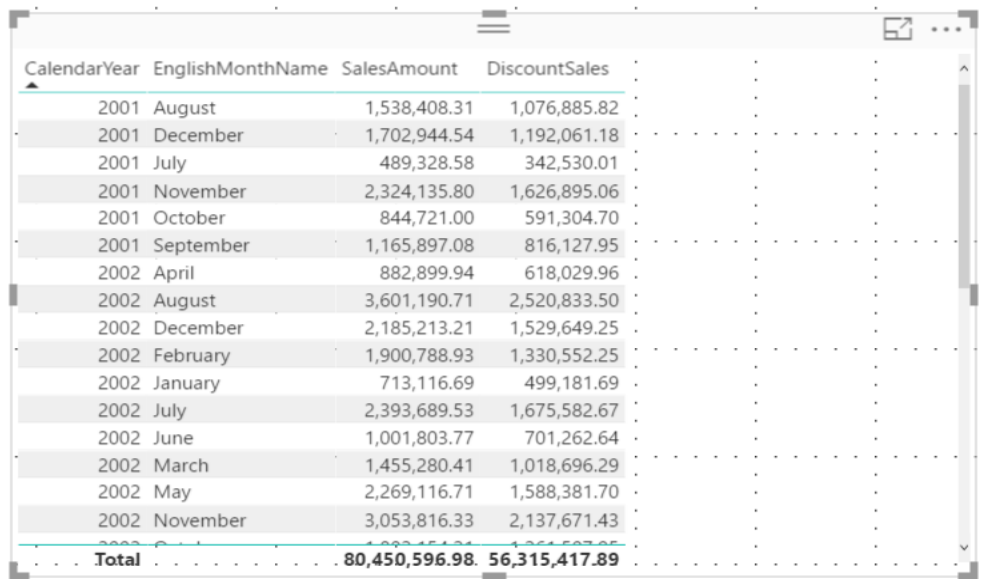
- Rename the fields in the new table created in the model.

The screenshot shows the Power BI Desktop interface. The 'Modeling' tab is active, and the 'What-if parameter' dialog box is open. The dialog box has the following fields: Name (Discount), Data type (Decimal number), Minimum (0), Maximum (1), Increment (0.01), and Default (empty). The 'Add slicer to this page' checkbox is checked. The 'OK' button is highlighted in yellow. Below the dialog box, the 'Discount' table is visible in the 'Data View' pane. The table has a single column named 'Discount' with values ranging from 0 to 0.21 in increments of 0.01. The formula bar shows the DAX formula: `Discount = GENERATESERIES(0, 5, 0.01)`. The 'FIELDS' pane on the right shows the 'Discount' table selected, with the 'Discount' field highlighted.

- Add a new measure to the FactReseller table - **DiscountSales** = SUM(FactResellerSales[SalesAmount]) - (SUM(FactResellerSales[SalesAmount]) * Discount[Discount Value])

3. Data Visualization

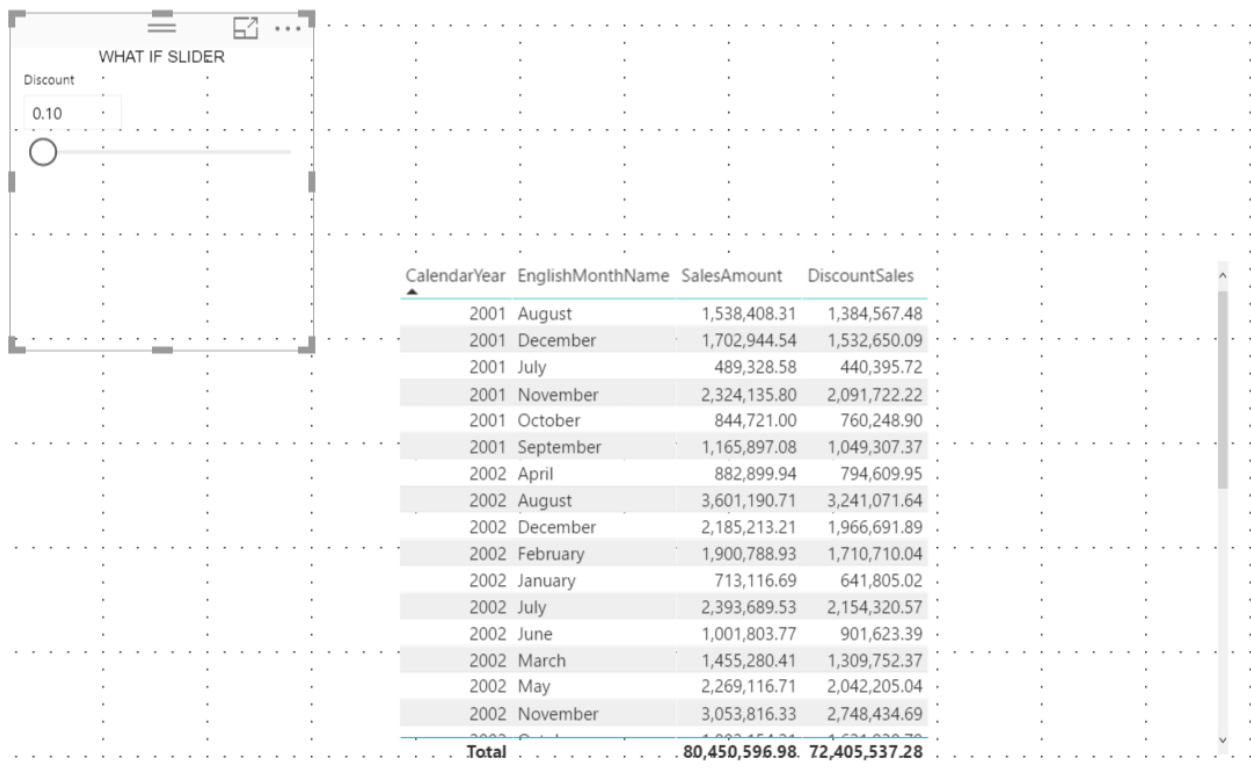
Take a table visual and drag the **CalendarYear** and **EnglishMonthName** from the Dim table and **SalesAmount** and **DiscountSales** from the Fact table:



A table visual in Power BI showing the relationship between CalendarYear, EnglishMonthName, SalesAmount, and DiscountSales. The table has 18 rows, including a total row at the bottom. The SalesAmount column shows values ranging from 489,328.58 to 3,053,816.33. The DiscountSales column shows values ranging from 342,530.01 to 2,137,671.43.

CalendarYear	EnglishMonthName	SalesAmount	DiscountSales
2001	August	1,538,408.31	1,076,885.82
2001	December	1,702,944.54	1,192,061.18
2001	July	489,328.58	342,530.01
2001	November	2,324,135.80	1,626,895.06
2001	October	844,721.00	591,304.70
2001	September	1,165,897.08	816,127.95
2002	April	882,899.94	618,029.96
2002	August	3,601,190.71	2,520,833.50
2002	December	2,185,213.21	1,529,649.25
2002	February	1,900,788.93	1,330,552.25
2002	January	713,116.69	499,181.69
2002	July	2,393,689.53	1,675,582.67
2002	June	1,001,803.77	701,262.64
2002	March	1,455,280.41	1,018,696.29
2002	May	2,269,116.71	1,588,381.70
2002	November	3,053,816.33	2,137,671.43
Total		80,450,596.98	56,315,417.89

Change the slider and see the impact in the DiscountSales column.



A table visual in Power BI showing the relationship between CalendarYear, EnglishMonthName, SalesAmount, and DiscountSales. The table has 18 rows, including a total row at the bottom. The SalesAmount column shows values ranging from 489,328.58 to 3,053,816.33. The DiscountSales column shows values ranging from 342,530.01 to 2,137,671.43. A 'WHAT IF SLIDER' control is visible on the left, labeled 'Discount' with a value of 0.10.

CalendarYear	EnglishMonthName	SalesAmount	DiscountSales
2001	August	1,538,408.31	1,384,567.48
2001	December	1,702,944.54	1,532,650.09
2001	July	489,328.58	440,395.72
2001	November	2,324,135.80	2,091,722.22
2001	October	844,721.00	760,248.90
2001	September	1,165,897.08	1,049,307.37
2002	April	882,899.94	794,609.95
2002	August	3,601,190.71	3,241,071.64
2002	December	2,185,213.21	1,966,691.89
2002	February	1,900,788.93	1,710,710.04
2002	January	713,116.69	641,805.02
2002	July	2,393,689.53	2,154,320.57
2002	June	1,001,803.77	901,623.39
2002	March	1,455,280.41	1,309,752.37
2002	May	2,269,116.71	2,042,205.04
2002	November	3,053,816.33	2,748,434.69
Total		80,450,596.98	72,405,537.28

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