

## **Instructions to Download and Install Power BI Desktop for Windows.**

### **1. Visit the Official Power BI Website**

Go to the official [Microsoft Power BI website](#).

### **2. Navigate to the Download Page**

- Click on "**Products**" in the top menu.
- Select "**Power BI Desktop**" from the dropdown options.

### **3. Download Power BI Desktop**

- Click the "**Download Free**" button.
- You will be redirected to the Microsoft Store (on Windows) or provided a direct download link.

### **4. Choose the Correct Version**

- If you are prompted, select the version compatible with your system:
  - **64-bit** (recommended for most users).
  - **32-bit** (if your system only supports 32-bit).

### **5. Install Power BI Desktop**

- Open the downloaded installer file (e.g., PBIDesktopSetup.exe).
- Follow the installation wizard:
  - Accept the terms and conditions.
  - Choose your installation location (or use the default).
  - Click "**Install**".

### **6. Launch Power BI Desktop**

- Once installed, open Power BI Desktop.
- You may need to sign in with your Microsoft account. If you don't have one, you can create it for free.

Read more here: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/fundamentals/desktop-get-the-desktop>

## **Instructions to Download and Install Power BI Desktop for Mac.**

Unfortunately, Power BI Desktop is not officially available for macOS. However, you can use one of these free solutions to run Power BI on your Mac:

### **Option 1: Use Power BI in Your Browser (Power BI Service)**

#### **1. Visit the Power BI Website**

Go to <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/>.

#### **2. Sign In or Sign Up**

- Log in with your Microsoft account.
- If you don't have one, click “**Sign up**” to create a free account.

#### **3. Access Power BI Service**

- Once signed in, you can create and share reports directly in your browser.
- This option doesn't require any downloads or installations.

### **Option 2: Use Parallels Desktop (Free Trial)**

Parallels Desktop allows you to run Windows applications on macOS.

#### **1. Download Parallels Desktop**

- Visit <https://www.parallels.com/> and download the free trial.

#### **2. Install Windows on Parallels**

- Follow the setup instructions to install Windows 10 or 11.
- Parallels provides a guided process to download and configure Windows.

#### **3. Download Power BI Desktop**

- Once Windows is set up in Parallels, visit <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/> and download Power BI Desktop.
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### **Option 3: Use a Free Virtual Machine (VirtualBox)**

#### **1. Download and Install VirtualBox**

- Visit <https://www.virtualbox.org/> to download VirtualBox for macOS.
- Install VirtualBox on your Mac.

#### **2. Download a Windows ISO File**

- Visit the [Microsoft website](#) to download a free Windows ISO file.

### **3. Set Up a Windows Virtual Machine**

- Open VirtualBox and create a new virtual machine.
- Follow the setup instructions to install Windows using the downloaded ISO.

### **4. Download Power BI Desktop**

- Inside the virtual machine, open a browser and download Power BI Desktop from the [Power BI website](#).