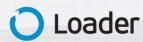


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Power BI in Action



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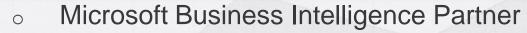
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Problem Solving



- Complex Project Assistance
- Data Warehouse Assessments and Development
- Courses, Trainings and Workshops
- **Book Writer**





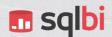




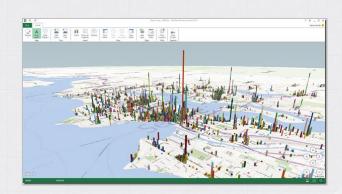


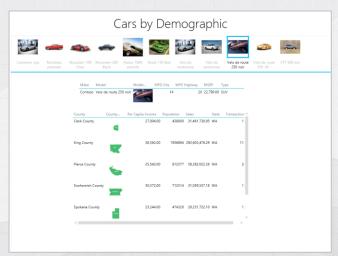


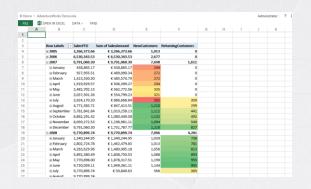




Power BI for Office 365











Power BI for Office 365

- Complete self-service BI solution
- Not a single product
- Excel and Power Pivot are the core





Products and Services

- Power Query
- Power Pivot
- Power Map
- Power View
- Power BI Sites
- Data Management Gateway
- Power BI App (Windows Store)
- Q & A Natural Language Query



The self-service ETL integrated in Excel

Power Query in Action



What is Power Query

- Excel Add-In for Excel 2010 and Excel 2013
 - Free download
- o Features:
 - Data Discovery
 - Data Transformation
- Hidden feature:
 - The "M" Language

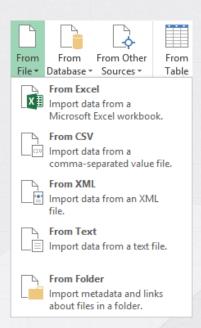


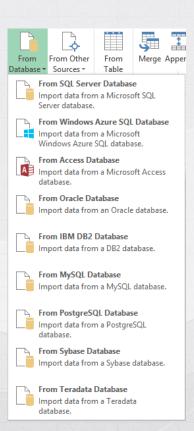
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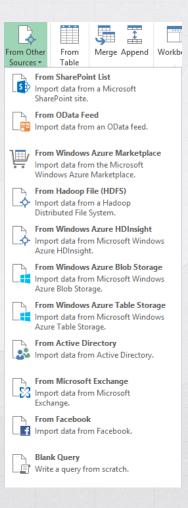
- Connectors
- Transformations (UI)
- The "M" Language
- Sharing Queries and Functions



Connectors









Combine – Table Operations

- Merge
 - Like a LEFT JOIN
 - Only include matching Rows
 = INNER JOIN
- Append
 - Like a UNION
 - Matches columns with the same name

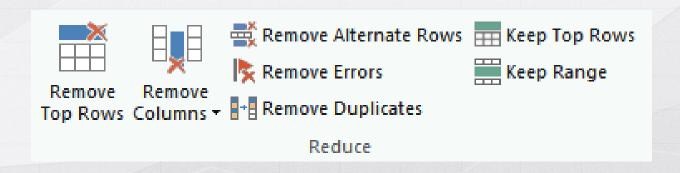






Reduce – Filter Rows

- Filters useful to import from reports
- Remove Duplicates at column level
 - First value found on other columns





Sort – Order by

- Applied to one column at a time
- Every step in a query keeps data order
- If undefined, sort order depends on data source

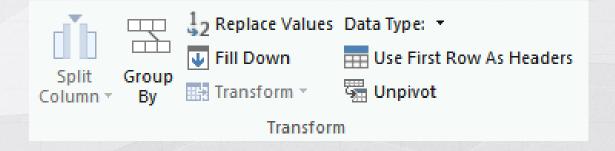
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Sort



Transform

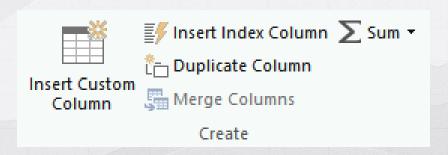
- Data Type: type cast
- Split Column: fixed length or separator
- Unpivot: normalize N column in N rows





Create – Insert Columns

- Merge Columns concatenate values with a separator
- Insert Index Column row number
- Sum/Product sum or multiply by row





Advanced Editor

- A query is an expression written in "M" language
- Query text can be edited (and copied)



Explore data in an interactive way

Power View in Action



What is Power View

- Interactive Data Exploration
- Data Visualization
- Presentation Experience
- Intuitive Ad-Hoc Reporting
- o (Today) it is not:
 - A replacement for Reporting Services
 - A dashboard oriented product
 - But evolution is in progress



Technical Details of Power View

- Currently implemented in Silverlight 5
- Under development:
 - Native Windows 8 Modern UI App
 - Native iOS App
 - HTML5 rendering
 - For any Internet Browser
 - For any other Mobile OS



Power View - Demo

Sales Map Chart

2005

2006

007 2008

Total	\$3.266.373,66
December	\$755.527,89
November	\$543.993,41
October	\$513.329,47
September	\$473.943,03
August	\$506.191,69
July	\$473.388,16
Month	Sales







A new feature in Office 365

Power BI Sites



What are Power BI Sites

- Specialization of SharePoint Online site
- Share and Find Excel workbooks
 - With Power View reports embedded in Excel
- Visual and Interactive View Tailored for BI
- Choice for Power View reports rendering:
 - HTML5
 - Silverlight



Other Features

- Featured Reports
- Scheduled Refresh
- Enable Q&A



Refresh Data

- Direct Refresh
 - SQL Azure
 - SQL Server on laaS
- Scheduled Refresh
 - Data Management Gateway
 - SQL Azure
 - SQL Server on laaS
 - OData



A new app for Mobile BI

Power BI App



What is Power BI App

- Native Windows 8 Modern UI App
 - Native iOS App will be released later
- Improve display and navigation of Excel and Power View reports
 - Better than HTML5
 - Does not require Silverlight



Native Code

- Completely rebuilt from scratch
 - Not all features and visualizations available
 - Monthly updates improving features



Ask questions, get instant answers with charts and graphs

Q & A Natural Language Query



What is Q&A Feature

- Natural Language Query
- Writing a sentence you get a report as a result
 - English supported at the beginning
 - Other languages will follow
- Report created in Power View
 - Rendering on Power BI Sites and Power BI App



Optimize Model in Power Pivot

- Synonyms
 - Alternative names for tables, columns, and measures
- Hidden objects are ignored
- Normalization is good
- Relationships are meaningful



Current Limitations I

- Hybrid Solutions
 - Excel published on Power BI cannot connect to Analysis Services
 - Hopefully this will change soon!
- You need all data in Power Pivot model
 - Cannot connect to data in other PP workbooks, like SharePoint



Current Limitations II

- Power Query does not refresh data on the cloud
 - Works only on local desktop
 - · This will change, but no dates by now



Self-Service BI Solution

- ETL with Power Query
- Data Model in Power Pivot
- Presentation
 - Excel, Power View
- Discovery
 - Q&A



Thank you!

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