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Module 1: Data Preparation & Guest Stay Analysis

Module Overview

Module 1 focuses on building a strong data foundation for the hotel analytics project. In this module, raw booking data is cleaned, transformed, and enriched to analyze guest stay behavior, duration patterns, and branch-wise stay distribution.

This module ensures that all subsequent analyses are based on accurate, well-structured, and meaningful data.

Data Tables Used

1. HotelBookings (Fact Table)

Contains detailed booking-level information:

- BookingID
- CustomerID
- RoomID
- BranchID
- CheckInDate
- CheckOutDate
- Duration of Stay
- RoomRate
- TotalAmount
- Purpose of Stay
- Stay_Type

2. Customer (Dimension Table)

- CustomerID
- Age
- Gender
- Country
- LoyaltyTier

3. Room (Dimension Table)

- RoomID
- RoomType
- BedType
- Capacity
- PricePerNight
- Room_Category

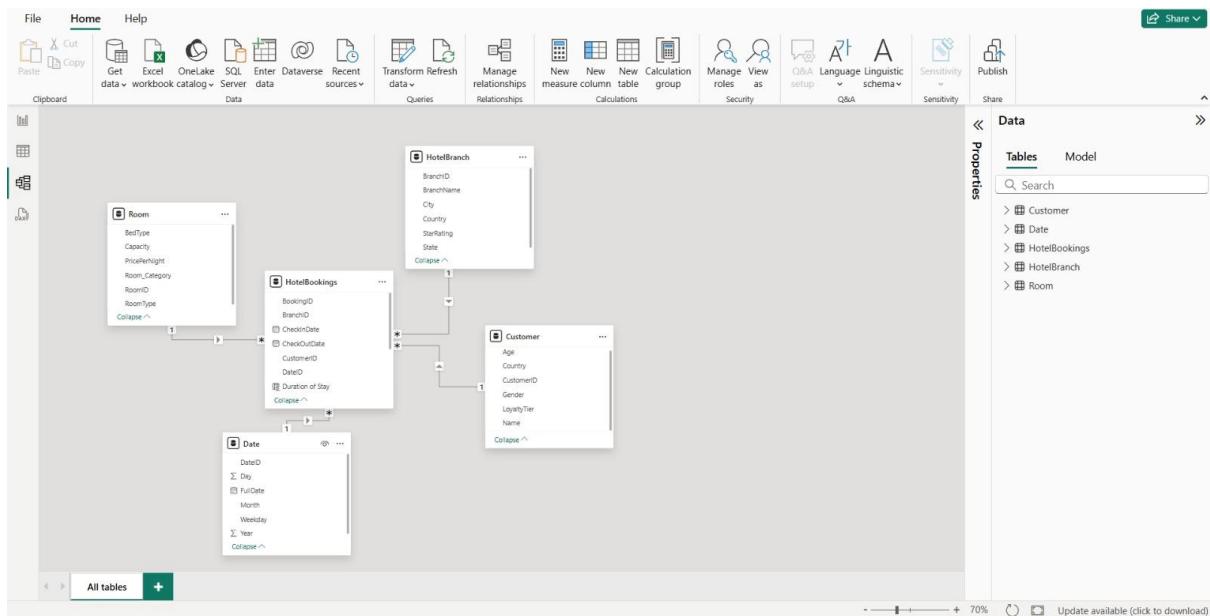
4. HotelBranch (Dimension Table)

- BranchID
- BranchName
- City
- State
- Country
- StarRating

5. Date (Dimension Table)

- DateID
- FullDate
- Day
- Month
- Year
- Weekday

Data Modeling



A star schema is implemented where:

- HotelBookings acts as the central fact table
- Customer, Room, HotelBranch, and Date act as dimension tables

This structure enables efficient filtering, aggregation, and cross-analysis across dimensions.

Data Transformation & Calculated Columns

1. Duration of Stay

Calculated as the difference between check-out and check-in dates.

Excel Formula:

= CheckOutDate - CheckInDate

This helps analyze short, medium, and long guest stays.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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4	B0003	D20230610	R006	C136	H042	9346	10093.68	2023-06-10	2023-06-11	1 day	Conference	Medium Stay						
5	B0004	D20230127	R033	C051	H005	3605	12004.65	2023-01-27	2023-01-30	3 days	Business	Short Stay						
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22	B0021	D20240613	R033	C088	H002	3605	38934	2024-06-13	2024-06-22	9 days	Business	Short Stay						

2. StayDate

Custom Column

Add a column that is computed from the other columns.

New column name: StayDate

Custom column formula:

```
=if [CheckInDate] <> null and [CheckOutDate] <> null then
    list.Dates(
        Date.From([CheckInDate]),
        Duration.Days([CheckOutDate]) - [CheckInDate],
        #duration(1,0,0,0)
    )
else
    null
```

Available columns:

- CustomerID
- CheckInDate
- CheckOutDate
- Duration of Stay

Query Settings

Name: Table1

Properties: All Properties

Applied Steps: Source, Changed Type

Column profiling based on top 1000 rows

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Each booking is expanded into individual stay dates using Power Query.

Power Query Logic:

- Generates a list of dates between CheckInDate and CheckOutDate
- Expands bookings into daily-level records

This enables daily occupancy and revenue analysis.

3. Stay Type Classification

Guests are categorized based on the purpose of visit.

Excel Formula:

```
=SWITCH(TRIM(UPPER(Purpose)),
```

```
"BUSINESS","Short Stay",
```

```
"CONFERENCE","Medium Stay",
```

```
"VACATION","Long Stay",
```

```
"HOLIDAY","Long Stay",
```

```
"OTHER","Other",
```

```
"Unknown")
```

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4. Room Category Mapping

Room types are grouped into pricing categories.

Excel Formula:

```
=SWITCH(TRIM(UPPER(RoomType)),
```

```
"SUITE","Premium",
```

```
"DELUXE","Mid-range",
```

```
"EXECUTIVE","Luxury",
```

```
"STANDARD","Budget",
```

"OTHER", "Other",

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1	RoomID	RoomType	BedType	Capacity	PricePerNight	Room_Category													
2	R001	Executive	Double	1	5653	Luxury													
3	R002	Standard	Single	3	2036	Budget													
4	R003	Suite	Single	3	9529	Premium													
5	R004	Deluxe	Queen	2	4009	Mid-range													
6	R005	Suite	Double	3	8131	Premium													
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11	R010	Executive	Queen	1	6032	Luxury													
12	R011	Executive	King	2	6412	Luxury													
13	R012	Suite	King	2	9494	Premium													
14	R013	Executive	Single	2	5746	Luxury													
15	R014	Executive	Double	2	5856	Luxury													
16	R015	Executive	King	2	6566	Luxury													
17	R016	Standard	Single	1	2074	Budget													
18	R017	Deluxe	Queen	1	4221	Mid-range													

5. Total Amount Calculation

Room revenue is calculated with a controlled variation to simulate real pricing behavior.

Excel Formula:

$$= \text{RoomRate} * \text{DurationOfStay} * (1 + \text{RANDBETWEEN}(5,20)/100)$$

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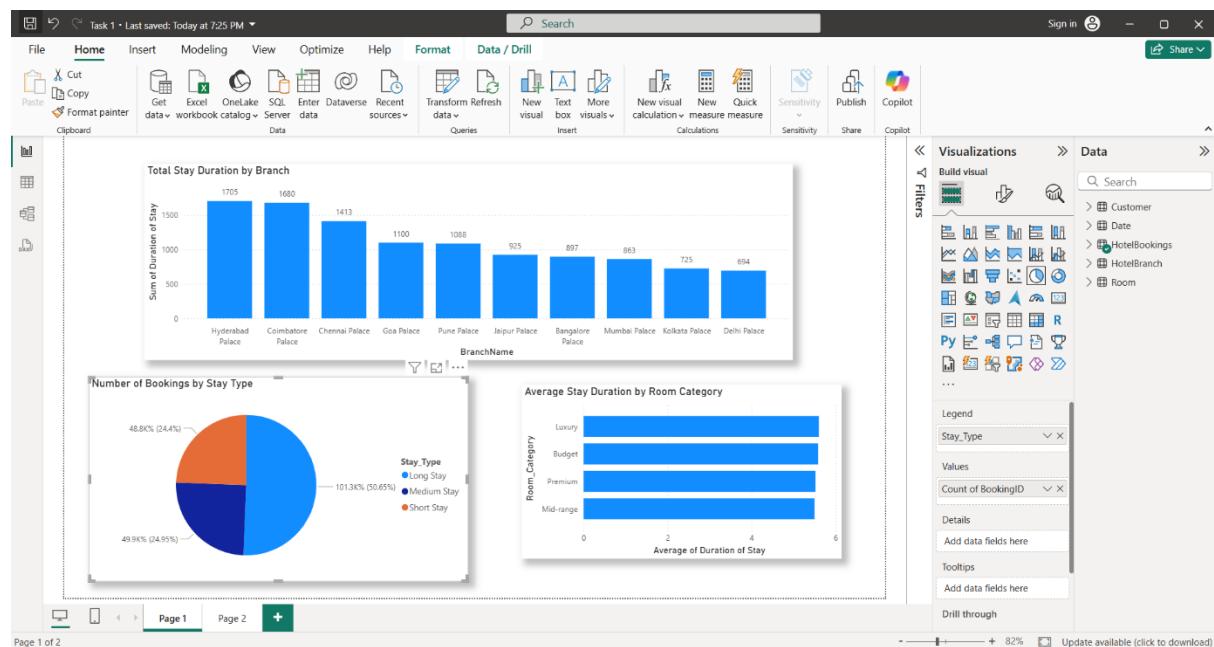
6. Room Booked Aggregation

Daily room bookings are calculated using **Group By** in Power Query on:

- StayDate
- RoomID

This supports occupancy calculations in later modules.

Visualizations & Analysis (Output)



1. Total Stay Duration by Branch

Visual: Bar Chart

Insight:

Shows which hotel branches generate longer guest stays.

Branches like Hyderabad Palace and Coimbatore Palace show higher total stay durations, indicating stronger guest retention.

2. Number of Bookings by Stay Type

Visual: Pie Chart

Insight:

Displays distribution of:

- Short Stay
- Medium Stay

- Long Stay

Helps understand dominant guest behavior patterns.

3. Average Stay Duration by Room Category

Visual: Horizontal Bar Chart

Insight:

Luxury and Premium rooms show longer average stays, indicating higher-value guests prefer premium categories.

Key Insights from Module 1

- Long-stay bookings contribute significantly to total occupancy.
- Premium and Luxury rooms attract guests with longer durations.
- Certain branches consistently outperform others in guest retention.
- Daily-level data preparation enables accurate occupancy and revenue tracking in later modules.

Conclusion

Module 1 establishes a robust analytical base by transforming raw booking data into structured, enriched datasets.

By analyzing stay duration, room categories, and branch performance, this module provides essential insights into guest behavior.

The clean data model and calculated fields created in this module serve as the foundation for advanced analytics in Occupancy Metrics, Revenue Analysis, Forecasting, and Revenue Strategy Dashboards in subsequent modules.