

## 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](https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/).

### 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](#).