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Working With Tables in Power Query M in Power BI

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> Records

Creation

```
// Define a record with [name = value]
//You can include different data types including lists
[
    Name = "William Playfair",
    BirthYear = 1759,
    IsDataScientist = true,
    ChartsInvented = {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}
]

// Create a record from lists of values and fields with FromList()
Record.FromList(
    {"William Playfair", 1759, true, {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}},
    {"Name", "BirthYear", "IsDataScientist", "ChartsInvented"}
)

// Create a record from a table of records with FromTable()
Record.FromTable(
    Table.FromRecords({
        [Name = "Name", Value = "William Playfair"],
        [Name = "BirthYear", Value = 1759],
        [Name = "IsDataScientist", Value = true],
        [Name = "ChartsInvented", Value = {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}]
    })
)

// Records can be nested
[
    Name = [First = "William", Last = Playfair],
    BirthYear = 1759,
    IsDataScientist = true,
    ChartsInvented = {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}
]
```

Example records

```
// Define a record
let
    TaylorSwift = [
        FirstName = "Taylor",
        LastName = "Swift",
        BirthDate = #date(1989, 12, 13)
    ]
in
    TaylorSwift
```

Counting

```
// Get the number of fields with FieldCount()
Record.FieldCount(TaylorSwift) // Returns 3

// Determine if a record has a field name with HasFields()
Record.HasFields(TaylorSwift, "LastName") // Returns true
```

Manipulation/Transformation

```
// Add a new field with AddField()
Record.AddField(TaylorSwift, "MiddleName", "Alison")

// Combine fields from records with Combine()
Record.Combine(TaylorSwift)

// Remove fields with RemoveFields()
Record.RemoveFields(TaylorSwift)

// Change the order of fields with ReorderFields()
Record.ReorderFields(TaylorSwift)

// Change values in a field with TransformFields()
Record.TransformFields(TaylorSwift, {"BirthDate", Date.ToText})
```

Metadata

```
// Add a metadata record to a value with meta
"To a collector of curios, the dust is metadata." meta [
    ContentType = "quote",
    Author = "David Weinberger",
    Source = "Everything Is Miscellaneous: The Power of the New Digital Disorder"
]

// Remove all metadata with RemoveMetadata()
Value.RemoveMetadata(curios)

// Remove specific metadata with RemoveMetadata(, metaValue)
Value.RemoveMetadata(curios, "Author")
```

> Tables

Creation

```
// Create a table with #table()
#table(
    {"Name", "BirthYear", "IsDataScientist", "ChartsInvented"},
    {
        {"William Playfair", 1759, true, {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}},
        {"Karl Pearson", 1857, true, {"histogram"}}
    }
)

// Create a table from a list of records with FromRecords()
Table.FromRecords({
    [
        Name = "William Playfair",
        BirthYear = 1759,
        IsDataScientist = true,
        ChartsInvented = {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}
    ],
    [
        Name = "Karl Pearson",
        BirthYear = 1857,
        IsDataScientist = true,
        ChartsInvented = {"histogram"}
    ]}
)

// Enforce column data types with type table[]
Table.FromRecords({
    [
        Name = "William Playfair",
        BirthYear = 1759,
        IsDataScientist = true,
        ChartsInvented = {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}
    ],
    [
        Name = "Karl Pearson",
        BirthYear = 1857,
        IsDataScientist = true,
        ChartsInvented = {"histogram"}
    ]},
    type table[Name = text, BirthYear = number, IsDataScientist = logical, ChartsInvented = list]
)

// Create a table from a list of lists with FromColumns()
Table.FromColumns({
    {"William Playfair", "Karl Pearson"},
    {1759, 1857},
    {true, true},
    {{"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}, {"histogram"}}
    },
    {"Name", "BirthYear", "IsDataScientist ", "ChartsInvented"}
)

// Create a table from a list of lists with FromRows()
Table.FromRows({
    {"William Playfair", 1759, true, {"line", "bar", "area", "pie"}},
    {"Karl Pearson", 1857, true, {"histogram"}}
    },
    {"Name", "BirthYear", "IsDataScientist ", "ChartsInvented"}
)
```

Example tables

```
// Define tables
let
    Musicians = #table(
        {"ID", "FirstName", "LastName", "BirthDate"},
        {
            {1, "Taylor", "Swift", #date(1989, 12, 13)},
            {2, "Ed", "Sheeran", #date(1991, 2, 17)}
        }
    )
in
    Musicians

let
    Albums = #table(
        {"ID", "ArtistID", "Title"},
        {
            {1, 1, "1989"},
            {2, 2, "-"},
            {3, 2, "5"}
        }
    )
in
    Albums
```

Counting

```
// Get the number of rows with RowCount()
Table.RowCount(Musicians) // Returns 2

// Get the number of columns with ColumnCount()
Table.ColumnCount(Musicians) // Returns 4

// Get the column names with ColumnNames()
Table.ColumnNames(Musicians) // Returns {"ID", "FirstName", "LastName", "BirthDate"}

// Get details of the columns with Schema()
Table.Schema(Musicians) // Returns a table of column details

// Get a summary of number columns with Profile()
Table.Profile(Musicians) // Returns a table of min, max, mean, etc. by column
```

Selection

```
// Get a record by position with {}
Musicians{0} // Returns Taylor Swift record

// Get a column with []
Musicians[FirstName]

// Get a column dynamically with Column()
Table.Column(Musicians, "FirstName")

// Get the first few rows with FirstN()
Table.FirstN(Musicians, 1) // Returns first record

// Get the last few element with LastN()
Table.LastN(Musicians, 1) // Returns last record

// Select unique records with Distinct()
Table.Distinct(Table.Combine(Musicians, Musicians)) // Returns Musicians

// Get elements that match a criteria with SelectRows()
Table.SelectRows(Musicians, each Text.Contains([FirstName], "Tay")) // Returns the Taylor Swift record

// Return true if all elements match a criteria with MatchesAllRows()
Table.MatchesAllRows(Musicians, each [IsDataScientist]) // Returns true

// Return true if any elements match a criteria with MatchesAnyRows()
Table.MatchesAnyRows(Musicians, each Text.Contains([FirstName], "Drake")) // Returns false
```

Row manipulation

```
// Insert records into a table with InsertRows()
Table.InsertRows(
    Musicians,
    1,
    {[FirstName = "Bad", LastName = "Bunny", BirthDate = #date(1994, 3, 10)]}
) // Returns a table with new record after previous 1st record

// Vertically concatenate tables with Combine()
Table.Combine(
    Musicians,
    Table.FromRecords({
        [FirstName = "Bad", LastName = "Bunny", BirthDate = #date(1994, 3, 10)]
    })
) // Returns a table with 3 records

// Remove records with RemoveRows()
Table.RemoveRows(Musicians, 0) // Returns table without 0th record

// Change the order of records with Sort()
Table.Sort(Musicians, {"FirstName"}) // Returns by alphabetical order of FirstName

// Change values in a field with TransformRows()
Table.TransformRows(Musicians, {"BirthDate", Date.ToText})

// Calculate grouped aggregations with Group()
Table.Group(Musicians, "FirstName", each List.Min([BirthDate]))
```

Column manipulation

```
// Add a column to a table with AddColumn()
Table.AddColumn(Musicians, "FullName", each [FirstName] & [LastName]) // Returns table with extra column

// Select columns of a table with SelectColumns()
Table.SelectColumns(Musicians, {"FirstName", "LastName"}) // Returns 2 columns

// Drop columns of a table with RemoveColumns()
Table.RemoveColumns(Musicians, {"BirthDate"}) // Returns remaining 3 columns

// Change the order of columns with ReorderColumns()
Table.ReorderColumns(Musicians, {"LastName", "FirstName", "BirthDate", "ID"}) // Returns table with new column order

// Change values in a field with TransformColumns()
Table.TransformColumns(
    Musicians,
    {{"FirstName", Text.Upper}, {"LastName", Text.Lower}}
)
```

Table Relations

```
// Set as column as the primary key with AddKey(, , true)
Table.AddKey(Musicians, "ID", true)

// Set as column as the secondary key with AddKey(, , false)
Table.AddKey(Albums, "ArtistID", false)

// Join two tables with Join()
Table.Join(Musicians, "ID", Albums, "ArtistID", JoinKind.LeftOuter)
```

Pivoting

```
// Convert from wide to long with Unpivot()
Table.Unpivot(Musicians, {"FirstName", "LastName"}, "NameType", "NameValue") // Returns table with FirstName and LastName on their own rows

// Convert from long to wide with Pivot()
Table.Unpivot(MusiciansLong, {"FirstName", "LastName"}, "NameType", "NameValue") // Reverses the unpivot step
```

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