# Access data through Excel

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You can access data through Excel, generate reports and then publish the charts to PowerBl.com or use the Excel file as a basis for Power Bl reports. At this time you will need to have alternate credentials enabled to access data the Analytics Service via Excel.

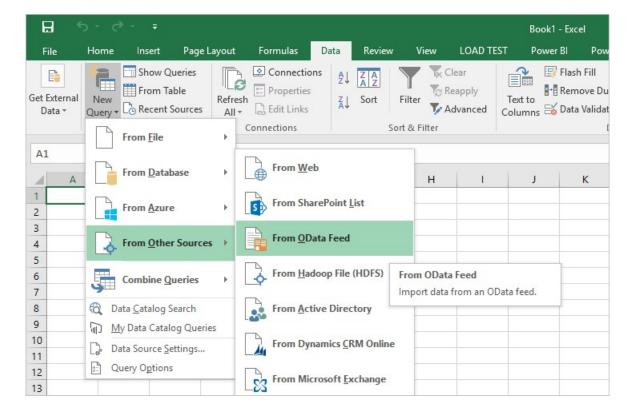
### ① Observação

The Analytics Service is in preview for Azure DevOps Server 2019. While in preview, it is available to everyone free of charge. We encourage you to use it and provide us feedback. As we add features, we will post them on the <u>Microsoft DevOps Blog</u>.

You access the Analytics Service by installing the <u>Analytics Marketplace extension</u>. Installing it provides several <u>advanced widgets</u>, <u>Power BI integration</u>, and access to the <u>OData feed</u>.

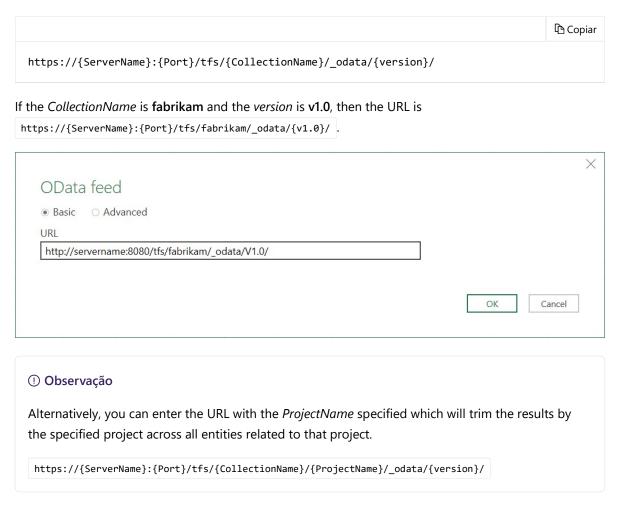
If you are looking for information about Azure Analysis Services, see Azure Analysis Services.

- 1. To get started, Open Excel 2016 (this will work with earlier versions of Excel. You will need to have installed the Power Query add-in which you can do from Microsoft Power Query for Excel.
- 2. Create a blank workbook
- 3. In the Data tab, choose New Query>From Other Sources>From OData Feed.



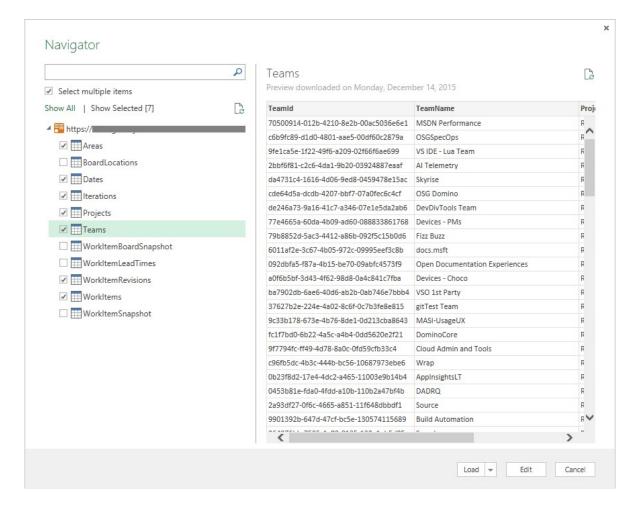
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4. Enter the URL in the format below and choose OK:



- 5. At this point you will be prompted to authenticate against the service. If you have not done so previously, see this article: <u>Client Authentication Options</u>.
- 6. Either select a single entity to retrieve the data for or check **Select multiple items** and choose the data to return.

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At this point, if you click **Load**, Excel will load all of the data in each entity into Power Query. However, this may be more data than you want (or than Excel can handle). To filter the data, select the entity to filter and choose **Edit**. This brings up the Query Editor. For each column you want to filter on, select it and set your filter. When this is complete choose **Close & Apply** in the upper left corner.

#### (i) Importante

Do *not* select any entity with the name **Snapshot** in it. These entities contain the state of every work item on every day since each work item was created. For repositories of any size this will lead to tens or hundreds of millions of work items which will not load correctly. In order to perform trend analysis, narrow the scope of data being retrieved to the specific items and time frame and pull this information in with a separate OData query.

As an alternative to loading the data into Power Query, you can click the drop-down arrow next to Load and select Load To instead. This allows the following options:

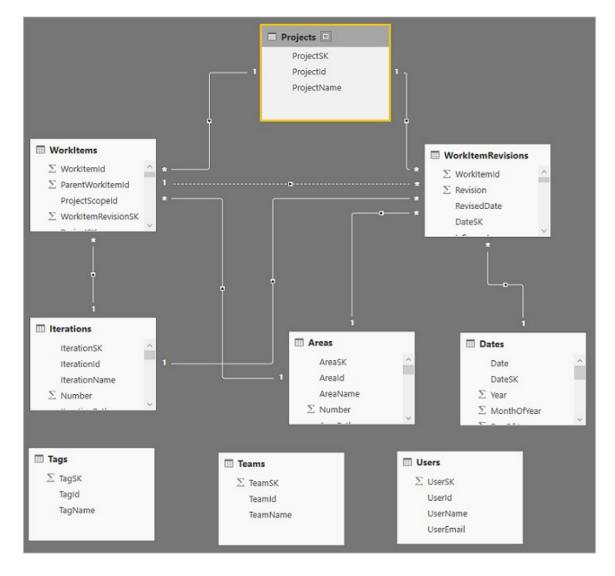
- Load the data to table which is Power Query
- Create a connection without loading the data (essentially deferring the data load until later)
- To a worksheet which will just load the one entity per worksheet
- To a model (which can be selected in addition to the other options) which loads the data into PowerPivot

More information on these options can be found in the **Excel documentation**.

# Handling relationships

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By default, when basic data is returned from the Analytics Service, the data is related as shown in the figure below:



You will note that the Tags, Teams and Users are not related to any of the other data. This is due to how those entities are related. They are related by either many-to-many relationships which are not easily handled in these models or there are multiple relationships between the entities such as between users and work items (they are related by Assigned To, Created By, Changed By, and others).

Multiple relationships can be handled in fairly simply. For example, in the default model you can edit the query, select the AssignedTo column of the WorkItems table and expand the column to include all of the data from the Users table and you can repeat this process for the Created By and Changed By columns as well. This gets you around having multiple links from one table to another which is not allowed.

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