

DAX

BASICS

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Data Analysis eXpression

- Native formula language of Power BI
- Used to create calculated columns, measures, and tables
- Similar to Excel formulas but designed for relational data models
- Powers all custom calculations and business logic in reports



Table Constructors

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Writing Simple Tables

- Create a list of values directly in the DAX formula

Single Column

```
{ "Red", "Blue", "White" }
```

Multiple Columns

```
{ ("A", 10, 1.5), ("B", 20, 2.5), ("C", 30, 3.5) }
```

Common Use

```
Product[Color] IN { "Red", "Blue", "White" }
```

Conditional Statements

IF

Dictating Conditions

Syntax

IF(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false)

Example

```
IF(  
    Sales[Quantity] > 1,  
    "MULTI",  
    "SINGLE"  
)
```

The third parameter is **optional**, defaults to BLANK.

SWITCH

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SWITCHing Among Options

- In case of multiple conditions, IFs can get messy real soon. SWITCH simplifies it.

```
IF(  
    Product[Size] = "S", "Small",  
    IF(Product[Size] = "M", "Medium",  
        IF(Product[Size] = "L", "Large", "Other")  
    )  
)
```

```
SWITCH(  
    Product[Size],  
    "S", "Small",  
    "M", "Medium",  
    "L", "Large",  
    "XL", "Extra Large",  
    "Other"  
)
```

Calculated Columns

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Load and We will add those fields later

- New columns added to your table
- Computed during data refresh
- Stored in memory
- Value calculated row-by-row
- Value does NOT change based on user selections

Measures

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Calculated on the fly

- Calculations that aggregate data
- Computed at query time (when viewing reports)
- NOT stored in memory
- Results CHANGE based on filters and selections

Q&A