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In Power BI, in Data Tab, choose Get Data and choose SQL Server database to extract the data from Platform1, choose Direct Query and write the query to extract the necessary columns.

Example:

select billingstatus, countrycode, email, customers, tradingname from Platform1..BusinessContacts

Also, choose PostgreSQL database to extract data from Platform2, choose Direct Query and write the query to extract the necessary columns and transform the data to match the data with platform1 (billingstatusid, countrycodeid) and rename the columns, so that these 2 datasets able to combine into a new dataset. Example:

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select case cast(billingstatusid as varchar(5))

when '1' then'ACTIVE'

when '2' then'INACTIVE'

else 'NA'

end as billingstatus,

case cast(countrycodeid as varchar(5))

when '1' then'NZ'

when '4' then'AZ'

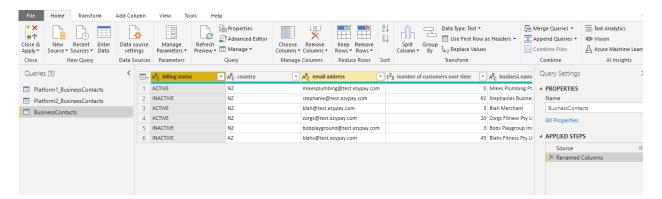
else 'NA'

end as countrycode,

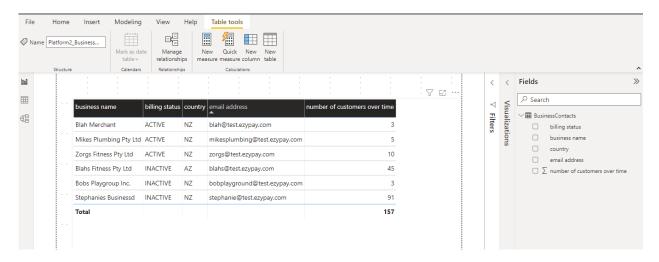
email, customercount as customers, tradingname
from "Platform2"."BusinessContacts"
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In Power BI 's Power Query Editor, choose "Append Queries as New" to combine the data from these 2 platforms, make sure all the columns name are same in these 2 platforms. Rename the column name for easy understanding.

Dataset output



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e. When to use a dataflow vs a dataset (if choosing PowerBI)

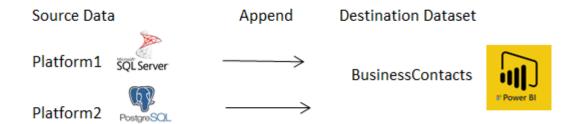
Dataflow is a data transformation component in PowerBI. It is Power Query process that runs in Cloud and store data in Common Data Model, CDM inside Azure Data Lake storage.

Dataset is the object that contains the connection to the data source, data tables, the data itself, the relationship between tables and DAX calculation.

Dataflow is the Data Transformation layer in Power BI. This will extract data from source, transform it and load into CDM. Dataset is the layer of all calculations and modelling, it will get data from dataflow, and build an in memory data model in Power BI engine. The result of dataflow will fed into a dataset for further modelling.

Although dataset can directly get data from a data source, but it is a best practice that a shared dataset gets the data from dataflow.

f. How you will document your data model



BusinessContacts (metadata)

column name	data type
billing status	text
country	text
email address	text
business name	text
number of customers over time	number

