

The App-Owns-Data Starter Kit

The **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** is a developer sample built using the .NET 6 SDK to provide guidance for organizations and ISVs who are using App-Owns-Data embedding with Power BI in a multi-tenant environment. This document describes the high-level design of this solution and provides step-by-step instructions for setting up the solution for testing on a local developer workstation.

This developer sample was *updated in October 2022* to demonstrate the best practice of using service principal profiles to create workspaces and to manage Power BI content. This solution has also been extended with paginated reports and with a new project named **AppOwnsDataReactClient** which demonstrates using React-JS and Material UI to implement App-Owns-Data embedding.

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Introduction

The **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** is a developer sample built using the .NET 6 SDK to provide guidance for organizations and ISVs who are using App-Owns-Data embedding with Power BI in a multi-tenant environment. This solution consists of a custom database and four separate web applications which demonstrate best practices and common design patterns used in App-Owns-Data embedding such as automating the creation of new Power BI workspaces for customer tenants, assigning user permissions and monitoring report usage and performance.

If you have worked with Azure AD, the word "**tenant**" might make you think of an Azure AD tenant. However, the concept of a tenant is different when designing a multi-tenant environment for App-Owns-Data embedding. In this context, each tenant represents a customer with one or more users for which you are embedding Power BI reports. In a multi-tenant environment, you must create a separate tenant for each customer. Provisioning a new customer tenant in a Power BI embedding solution typically involves writing code which programs the Power BI REST API to create a Power BI workspace, assign the workspace to a dedicated capacity, import PBIX files, patch datasource credentials and start dataset refresh operations.

There is a critical aspect to App-Owns-Data embedding that you must start thinking about during the initial design phase. A distinct advantage of App-Owns-Data embedding is that you pay Microsoft by licensing dedicated capacities instead of by licensing individual users. This allows organizations and ISVs to reach users that remain completely unknown to Power BI. While keeping users unknown to Power BI has its advantages, it also introduces a new problem that makes things more complicated than developing with User-Owns-Data embedding.

So, what's the problem? If Power BI doesn't know anything about your users, Power BI cannot really provide any assistance when it comes to authorization and determining which users should have access to what content. This isn't a problem in a simplistic scenario where you intend to give every user the same level of access to the exact same content. However, it's far more common that your application requirements will define authorization policies to determine which users have access to which customer tenants. Furthermore, if you're planning to take advantage of the Power BI embedding support for report authoring, you'll also need to implement an authorization scheme that allows an administrator to assign permissions to users with a granularity of view permissions, edit permissions and content create permissions.

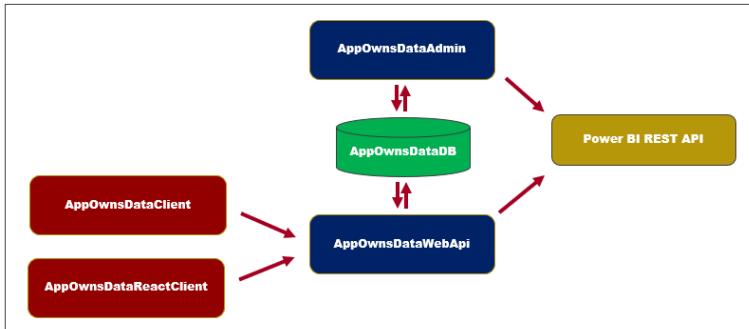
Now let's make three key observations about developing with App-Owns-Data embedding. First, you have the **flexibility** to design the authorization scheme for your application any way you'd like. Second, you have the **responsibility** to design and implement this authorization scheme from the ground up. Third, it's much easier to prototype and develop an authorization scheme if your application design includes a **custom database** to track whatever data and metadata you need to implement the authorization policies and policy enforcement you require.

The **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution provides a starting point for organizations and ISVs who are beginning to develop with App-Owns-Data embedding. This solution was created to provide guidance and to demonstrate implementing the following application requirements that are common when developing with App-Owns-Data embedding in a multi-tenant.

- Onboarding new customer tenants
- Assigning and managing user permissions
- Implementing the customer-facing clients as a Single Page Applications (SPA)
- Creating a custom telemetry layer to log user activity
- Monitoring user activity for viewing, editing and creating reports
- Monitoring the performance of report loading and rendering

Solution Architecture

The **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution is built on top of a custom SQL Server database named **AppOwnsDataDB**. In addition to the database, the solution contains four Web application projects named **AppOwnsDataAdmin**, **AppOwnsDataWebApi**, **AppOwnsDataClient** and **AppOwnsDataReactClient** and as shown in the following diagram.



Let's begin with a brief description of the database and each of these four web applications.

- **AppOwnsDataDB**: custom database to track tenants, user permissions and user activity
- **AppOwnsDataAdmin**: administrative app to create tenants and manage user permissions
- **AppOwnsDataWebApi**: custom Web API used by client-side SPA applications
- **AppOwnsDataClient**: customer-facing SPA developed using JQuery, Bootstrap, Typescript and webpack
- **AppOwnsDataReactClient** : customer-facing SPA developed using React-JS, Material UI, Typescript and webpack

Now, we'll look at each of these web applications in a greater detail.

Understanding the AppOwnsDataAdmin application

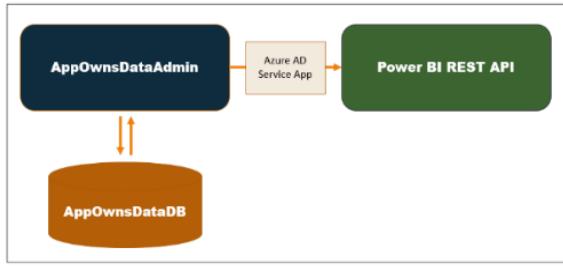
The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application is used by the hosting company to manage its multi-tenant environment. The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application provides administrative users with the ability to create new customer tenants. The **Onboard New Tenant** form of the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application allows you to specify the **Tenant Name** along with the configuration settings to connect to a SQL Server database with the customer's data.

A screenshot of the "Onboard New Tenant" form. The form has a dark header bar with the title "Onboard New Tenant" and a yellow button labeled "Create New Customer Tenant". Below the header, there are five input fields: "Tenant Name" (value: Tenant01), "Database Server Name" (value: devcamp.database.windows.net), "Database Name" (value: WingtipSales), "SQL Server User Name" (value: CptStudent), and "SQL Server User Password" (value: masked). The "Database Name" field has a dropdown arrow indicating it is a dropdown menu.

The App-Owns-Data Starter Kit demonstrates using the best practice of creating and managing Power BI workspaces using **service principal profiles**. The key concept is that the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application has been programmed to create a new service principal profile each time it needs to create a new customer tenant. After creating a new service principal profile, the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application will then use that service principal profile to execute Power BI REST API calls to create a new workspace and to populate it with content. This provides a valuable degree of isolation as each service principal profile is only given access to a single workspace for one specific customer tenant.

When you click the **Create New Tenant** button, the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application responds by creating a new service principal profile and then using that profile to execute Power BI REST API calls to provision the new workspace. When

the service principal profile creates a new workspace, the service principal profile is automatically included as workspace member in the role of Admin giving it full control over anything inside the workspace. When creating a new Power BI workspace, the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application retrieves the service principal ID and the new workspace ID and tracks them in a new record in the **Tenants** table in the **AppOwnsDataDB** database.



After creating a new Power BI workspace, the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application continues the tenant onboarding process by importing a [template PBIX file](#) to create a new dataset and report that are both named **Sales**. Next, the tenant onboarding process updates two dataset parameters in order to redirect the **Sales** dataset to the SQL Server database instance that holds the customer's data. After that, the code patches the datasource credentials for the SQL Server database and starts a refresh operation to populate the **Sales** dataset with data from the customer's database.

In the October 2022 updates, the logic in **AppOwnsDataAdmin** to provision a new customer tenant was extended with the new logic to deploy a paginated report from an RDL file template. The provisioning logic imports the RDL file to create a paginated report named **Sales Summary** and dynamically binds this paginated report to the **Sales** dataset in the same workspace. The following screenshot shows a Power BI workspace after the provisioning is complete.

	Name	Type
	Sales	Report
	Sales	Dataset
	Sales Summary	Report

After creating customer tenants in the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application, these tenants can be viewed, managed or deleted from the **Customer Tenants** page.

Customer Tenants						
Onboard New Tenant						
Tenant	Created	Workspace ID	Embed	Web URL	View	Delete
Acme Corp	2022-09-25 at 01:52 AM	2f7cb28f-92a6-4367-a18d-79df5c434150				
Contoso	2022-09-25 at 01:53 AM	698495d4-21ff-4ee8-a49c-cb5328fcf2a				
Wingtip Toys	2022-09-25 at 01:52 AM	c3ebe2d7-e70b-4611-9782-d5b34b531783				

Let's review how things work when you provision workspaces and content with a service principal profile. If you execute a Power BI REST API as a service principal profile to create a new workspace, that profile will automatically be configured as a workspace member in the role of Admin. If you execute a call as a service principal profile to import a PBIX file and create a dataset, that profile will be configured as the dataset owner. If you execute call as a service principal profile to

set datasource credentials, the profile will be configured as the owner of the datasource credentials. As you can see, a service principal profile has full control over any workspace it creates and everything inside.

Note both **AppOwnsDataAdmin** and **AppOwnsDataWebAPI** have been programmed using service principal profiles. Given that **AppOwnsDataAdmin** uses service principal profiles to provision reports and datasets, the code in **AppOwnsDataWebAPI** must also use service principal profiles to access that content. A full discussion of developing with service principal profiles is beyond the scope of this document. If you want to read up to gain a better understanding of why, when and how to develop using service principal profiles, you should read the article titled [The App-Owns-Data Multitenant Application](#).

In addition to letting you create and manage customer tenants, the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application also makes it possible to manage users and user permissions. The **Edit User** form provides administrative users with a UI experience to assign users to a customer tenant. It also makes it possible to configure the user permission assignment within a customer tenant with a granularity of view permissions, edit permissions and create permissions.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit User' form with the following fields:

Login Id:	TedP@powerbidevcamp.net
Created:	9/24/2022 9:37:54 PM
Last Login:	9/26/2022 1:16:16 AM
User Name:	Ted Pattison
Home Tenant:	Contoso
Can Edit:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can Create:	<input type="checkbox"/>

At the bottom left is a yellow 'Save' button with a person icon.

Understanding the AppOwnsDataWebAPI application

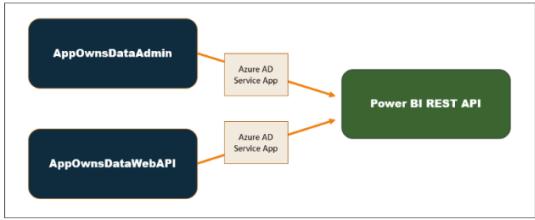
When developing with App-Owns-Data embedding, it's a best practice to authenticate with Azure AD as a service principal (as opposed to a user) to acquire the access tokens for calling the Power BI Service API. This requires an application to implement [Client Credentials Flow](#) to interact with Azure AD to acquire an app-only access token.

From an architectural viewpoint, code that uses Client Credentials Flow should always be designed to run on a server in the cloud and never as client-side code running in the browser. If you were to pass the Azure AD access token for a service principal or the secrets used to authenticate back to the browser, you would introduce a serious security vulnerability in your design. An attacker that was able to capture the Azure AD access token for a service principal would be able to call into the Power BI REST API with full control over any workspace in which the service principal is an Admin member.

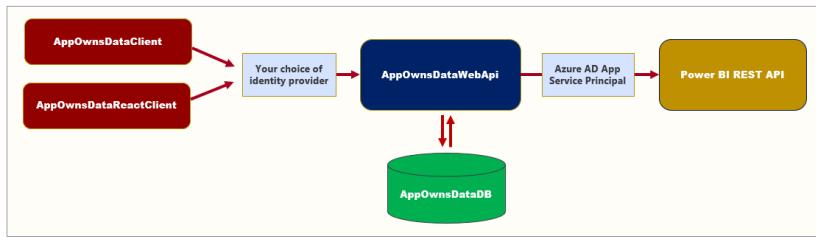
When implementing App-Owns-Data embedding, you should never pass Azure AD access tokens back to the browser. Instead, you should pass Power BI **embed tokens** back to the browser to provide users with access to Power BI reports and datasets. Unlike Azure AD access tokens, embed tokens are generated by calling the Power BI REST API and not by interacting with Azure AD.

Keep in mind that solutions using App-Owns-Data embedding are required to implement a custom authorization policy. Given the architecture of the App-Owns-Data Starter Kit, it's the responsibility of **AppOwnsDataWebApi** to generate embed tokens which reflect the correct security policy for the current user. When generating an embed token, there is code in **AppOwnsDataWebApi** which queries the **Users** table in **AppOwnsDataDB** to inspect the current user's profile and to determine which report IDs, Dataset IDs and workspace IDs to include in the embed token.

In the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution, both **AppOwnsDataAdmin** and **AppOwnsDataWebApi** authenticate using the same Azure AD application. That means that both applications can execute Power BI REST API calls under the identity of the same service principal and the same set of service principal profiles. This effectively provides **AppOwnsDataWebApi** admin-level access to any Power BI workspaces that have been created by **AppOwnsDataAdmin**.



The client-side SPA applications **AppOwnsDataClient** and **AppOwnsDataReactClient** have been designed as consumers of the Web API exposed by **AppOwnsDataWebApi**. The security requirements for this type of client-side SPA application involve integrating an identity provider which makes it possible for users of **AppOwnsDataClient** and **AppOwnsDataReactClient** to login and to make secure APIs calls to **AppOwnsDataWebApi**.

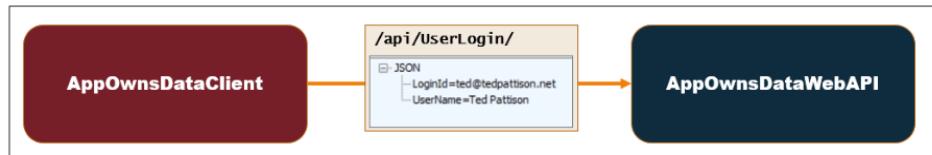


When developing with App-Owns-Data embedding, you have the flexibility to use any authentication provider you'd like to authenticate end users and to generate access tokens. In the case of the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit**, the identity provider being used to secure **AppOwnsDataWebApi** is Azure AD. When the **AppOwnsDataClient** application or the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application executes an API call on **AppOwnsDataWebApi**, it must pass an access token that's been acquired from Azure AD.

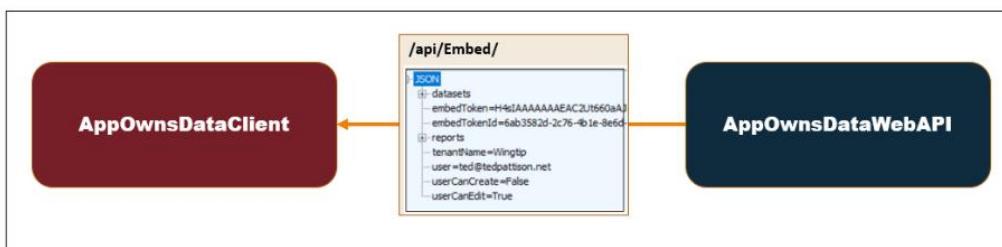
When a client-side SPA executes a Web API operation, **AppOwnsDataWebApi** is able validate the access token and determine the user's login ID. Once **AppOwnsDataWebApi** determines the login ID for the current user, it can then retrieve user profile data from **AppOwnsDataDB** to determine what permissions have been assigned to this user and to build the appropriate level of permissions into the embed token returned to the client application.

The Azure AD application used by **AppOwnsDataClient** and **AppOwnsDataReactClient** is configured to support organizational accounts from any Microsoft 365 tenant as well as Microsoft personal accounts for Skype and Xbox. You could take this further by using the support in Azure AD for creating an Azure B2C Tenant. This would make it possible to authenticate users with non-Microsoft identity providers such as Google, Twitter and Facebook. Remember, a key advantage of App-Owns-Data embedding is that you can use any identity provider you'd like.

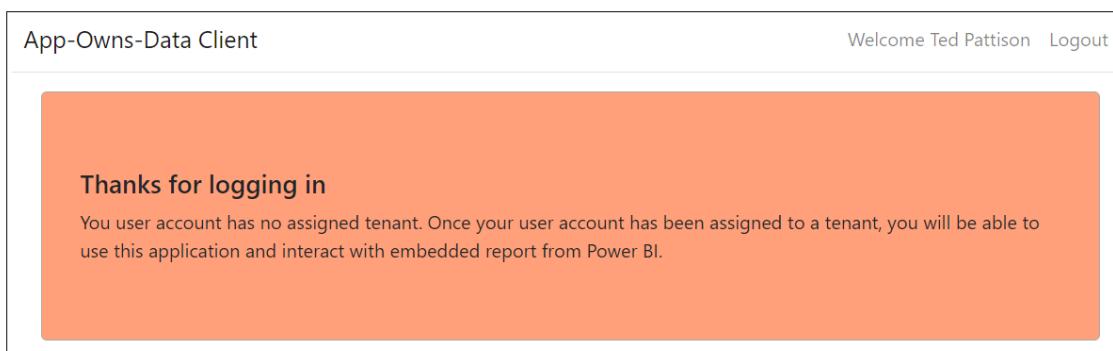
Now let's examine what goes on behind the scenes when a user launches a client-side SPA such as the **AppOwnsDataClient** application. After the user first authenticates with the identity provider, the **AppOwnsDataClient** application calls to the **UserLogin** endpoint of **AppOwnsDataWebApi** and passes the user's **LoginId** and **UserName**. This allows **AppOwnsDataWebApi** to update the **LastLogin** value for existing users and to add a new record in the **Users** table of **AppOwnsDataDB** for any authenticated user who did not previous have an associated record.



After the user has logged in, the **AppOwnsDataClient** application calls the **Embed** endpoint to retrieve a view model which contains all the data required for embedding reports from the user's tenant workspace in Power BI. This view model includes an embed token which has been generated to give the current user the correct level of permissions.



When a user logs in for the first time, **AppOwnsDataWebAPI** automatically adds a new record for the user to **AppOwnsDataDB**. However, when users are created on the fly in this fashion, they are not automatically assigned to any customer tenant. In this scenario where the user is unassigned, **AppOwnsDataWebAPI** returns a view model with no embedding data and a blank tenant name. The **AppOwnsDataClient** application responds to this view model with the following screen notifying the user that they need to be assigned to a tenant before they can begin to view reports.



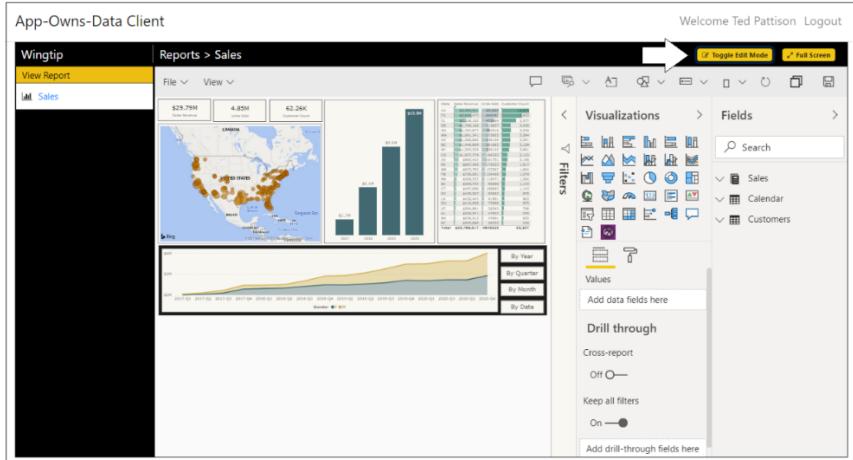
Understanding the AppOwnsDataClient application

The **AppOwnsDataClient** application is the client-side SPA used by customers to access embedded reports within a customer tenant. This application has been created as a *single page application (SPA)* to provide the best reach across different browsers and to provide a responsive design for users accessing the application using a mobile device or a tablet. The **AppOwnsDataClient** application demonstrates how to create a SPA using HTML, CSS, JQuery, Bootstrap, MSAL.js, TypeScript and webpack. Here is a screenshot of this application when run in the full browser experience.



The **AppOwnsDataClient** application provides a report authoring experience when it sees the current user has edit permission or create permissions. For example, the **AppOwnsDataClient** application displays a **Toggle Edit Mode** button when it sees the current user has edit permissions. This allows the user to customize a report using the same report

editing experience provided to SaaS users in the Power BI Service. After customizing a report, a user with edit permissions can save the changes using the **File > Save** command.



We live in an age where targeting mobile devices and tablets is a common application requirement. The **AppOwnsDataClient** application was created with a responsive design. The PBIX template file for the **Sales** report provides a mobile view in addition to the standard master view. There is client-side Typescript code in the **AppOwnsDataClient** application which determines whether to display the master view or the mobile view depending on the width of the hosting device form factor. If you change the width of the browser window, you can see the report transition between the master view and the responsive view. The following screenshot shows what the **AppOwnsDataClient** application looks like when viewed on a mobile device such as an iPhone.



Understanding the AppOwnsDataReactClient application

The **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application is the client-side SPA used by end users to access embedded reports within a customer tenant. This application is designed as a *single page application (SPA)* to provide the best reach across different browsers and to provide a responsive design. This application also demonstrates how to create a SPA using modern React-JS, Material UI, MSAL.js, TypeScript and webpack. You should also note that this application has been designed using the new modern style in React-JS development which is based on functional components and hooks as opposed to the classic style if React-JS development based on class-based components and lifecycle methods.

Once the user has logged on, the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application makes calls across the network to the **Embed** endpoint to retrieve the view model for the current user. If **AppOwnsDataReactClient** inspects the view model and determines that this user has not yet been assigned to a customer tenant, it displays the following message to the user.

The screenshot shows a dark-themed web application window titled "App-Owns-Data React Client". At the top right, there's a user profile icon for "TED PATTISON". Below the title, the header says "Welcome to the App-Owns-Data Starter Kit". A prominent orange warning box contains the text: "⚠️ Your user account has not been assigned to a tenant. You will not have access to my reports until your user account has been assigned to a tenant.".

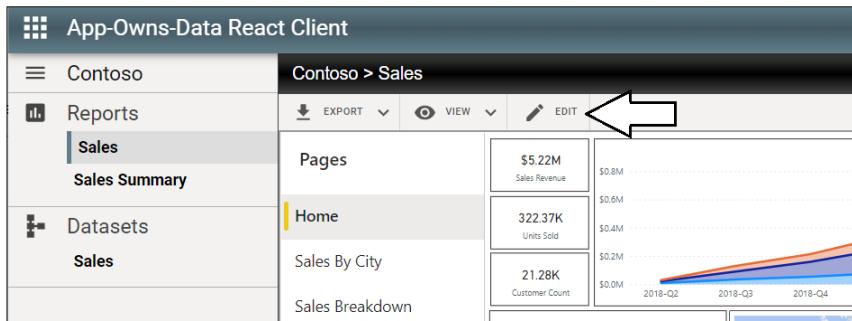
Once the user has been assigned to a customer tenant, **AppOwnsDataReactClient** displays the home page shown in the following screenshot. As you can see, this page displays the user name, login ID and permissions as well as a list of the reports and datasets contained in workspaces for the current customer tenant.

This screenshot shows the same application after the user has been assigned to a tenant. The left sidebar now includes a "Reports" section with "Sales" and "Sales Summary" options. The main content area displays "Login Session Info" with details like User Login, User Display Name, Tenant Name, and User permissions. Below this is a "Tenant Contents" section with "Reports" and "Datasets" sections, each listing "Sales" and "Sales Summary".

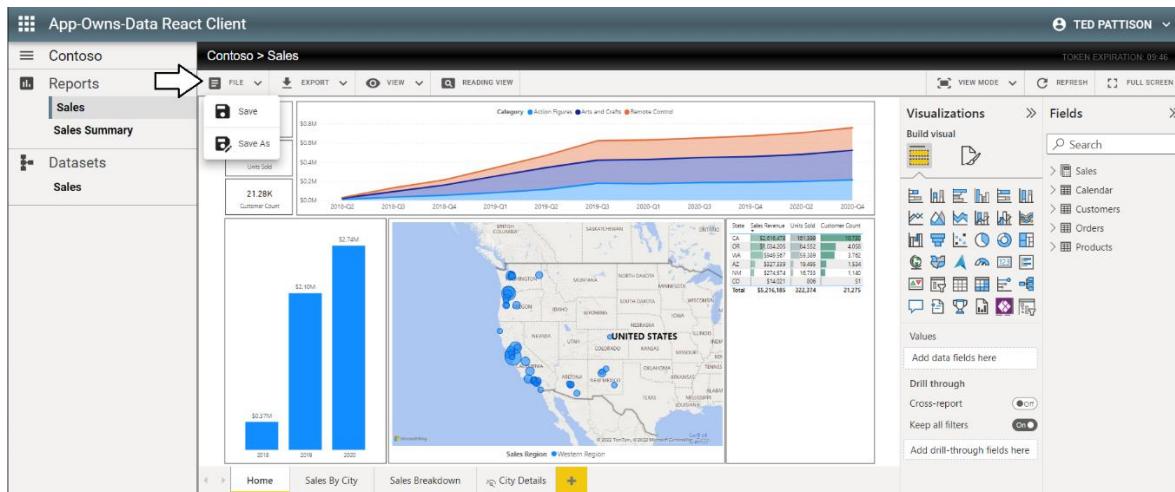
You can see that **AppOwnsDataReactClient** displays a left-hand navigation menu allowing the user to navigate to any of the reports in the current customer tenant. When a user clicks on a report in the left-navigation menu, **AppOwnsDataReactClient** responds by embedding the report using the Power BI JavaScript API.

This screenshot shows a detailed sales report for the "Sales" workspace. The left sidebar shows the "Sales" item is selected. The main area has a header "Contoso > Sales" with "TOKEN EXPIRATION: 09:58". It features three visualizations: a stacked area chart showing Sales Revenue over time, a bar chart for "Sales By City" comparing 2019 and 2020, and a map of the United States showing "Sales Region" with callout bubbles indicating specific locations.

If the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application determines the current user has edit permission or create permissions, it provides a report authoring experience making it possible to edit existing reports and to create new reports. For example, the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application displays a **Edit** button when it sees the current user has edit permissions. This allows the user to enter edit mode and customize a report using the same report editing experience provided to SaaS users in the Power BI Service.



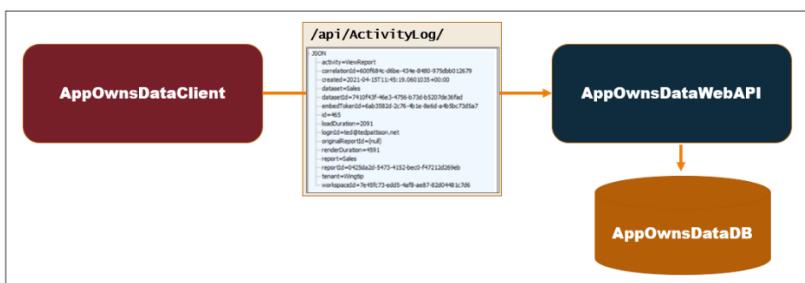
The following screenshot shows what a report looks like when the user has moved it into edit mode. After customizing a report, a user with edit permissions can save the changes using the **File > Save** command. A user with create permissions also has the option of saving changes using the **File > Save As** command which will clone of a copy of the existing report.



Designing a custom telemetry layer

A valuable aspect of the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** architecture is that it adds its own custom telemetry layer. The **AppOwnsDataClient** application and the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application have been designed to call the **ActivityLog** endpoint of **AppOwnsDataWebApi** whenever there is user activity that needs to be monitored.

AppOwnsDataWebApi responds to calls to the **ActivityLog** endpoint by creating a new record in the **ActivityLog** table in **AppOwnsDataDB** to record the user activity. This makes it possible to monitor user activity such as viewing reports, editing reports, creating reports and copying reports.



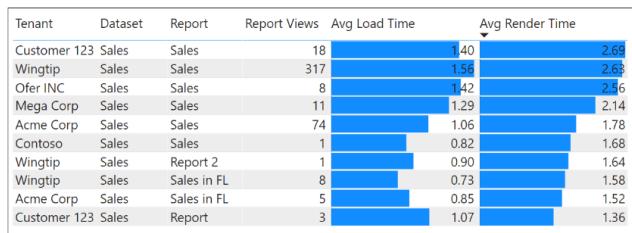
Given the architecture of this custom telemetry layer, it's now possible to see all user activity for report viewing and report authoring by examining the records in the **ActivityLog** table.

Created	Activity	Tenant	LoginId	Dataset	Report	OriginalReportId
2021-04-14 5:57:28 PM	CreateReport	Customer 123	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Report	
2021-04-14 5:56:23 PM	EditReport	Customer 123	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales	
2021-04-12 6:15:04 PM	EditReport	Acme Corp	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales in FL	
2021-04-12 6:14:41 PM	CopyReport	Acme Corp	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales in FL	495b3438-7bcc-41d8-8bdf-11ceb9ccb5bd
2021-04-12 11:27:26 AM	EditReport	Wingtip	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales in FL	
2021-04-12 11:26:49 AM	EditReport	Wingtip	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales	
2021-04-12 11:23:02 AM	CopyReport	Wingtip	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Report 2	12c24580-44b4-4ecd-8e4a-d8acc4ed9720
2021-04-12 11:21:00 AM	EditReport	Wingtip	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales	
2021-04-12 11:17:46 AM	CopyReport	Wingtip	ted@tedpattison.net	Sales	Sales in FL	12c24580-44b4-4ecd-8e4a-d8acc4ed9720

The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application provides an **Activity Log** page which makes it possible to examine the most recent activity events that have occurred.

Activity Log									
<input type="button" value="↻ Refresh Activity Data"/>									
View	Created	Activity	User	Tenant	Report	Type	Page	Load Time	Render Time
	2022-09-26 at 12:43 PM	ViewReport	Ted Pattison	Contoso	Sales Summary	PaginatedReport			
	2022-09-26 at 12:43 PM	ViewReport	Ted Pattison	Contoso	Sales in Florida	PowerBIReport	Sales Breakdown	1.32	2.19
	2022-09-26 at 12:43 PM	CopyReport	Ted Pattison	Contoso	Sales in Florida	PowerBIReport			
	2022-09-26 at 12:43 PM	PageChanged	Ted Pattison	Contoso	Sales	PowerBIReport	Sales Breakdown		0.31
	2022-09-26 at 12:42 PM	PageChanged	Ted Pattison	Contoso	Sales	PowerBIReport	Sales By City		0.65
	2022-09-26 at 12:38 PM	ViewReport	Ted Pattison	Contoso	Sales	PowerBIReport	Home	1.72	3.22

In addition to capturing usage data focused on user activity, this telemetry layer also captures performance data which makes it possible to monitor how fast reports are loaded and rendered in the browser. This is accomplished by adding client-side code using the Power BI JavaScript API which records the load duration and the render duration anytime it embeds a report. This makes it possible to monitor report performance across a multi-tenant environment to see if any reports require attention due to slow loading and rendering times.



Many developer who are beginning to develop with App-Owns-Data embedding spend time trying to figure out how to monitor user activity by using the [Power BI activity log](#) which is automatically generated by the Power BI Service. However, this is not as straightforward as one might expect when developing with App-Owns-Data embedding. What happens in the scenario when a report is embedded using an embed token generated by a service principal or a service principal profile? In this scenario, the Power BI activity log does not record the name of the actual user. Instead, the Power BI activity logging service adds the Application ID of the service principal as the current user. Unfortunately, that doesn't provide useful information with respect to user activity.

In order to map user names in an App-Owns-Data embedding scenario to events in the Power BI activity log, there is extra work required. When you embed a report with client-side code in the browser, it's possible to capture a **correlation ID** which maps back to the request ID for an event in the Power BI activity log. The idea is that you can map the correlation ID and the current user name back to a request ID in the Power BI activity log. However, that takes more work and this extra effort doesn't really provide any additional usage data beyond what being recorded with the custom telemetry layer that is demonstrated in the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution.

At this point, you might ask yourself whether it's important to integrate the Power BI activity log into a solution that uses App-Owns-Data embedding. The answer is no. It becomes unnecessary to integrate the Power BI Activity log once you have created your own custom telemetry layer. Furthermore, it usually takes about 15 minutes for activity to show up in the Power BI activity log. Compare this to a custom telemetry layer where usage data is available immediately after an event has been logged by the **AppOwnsDataClient** application or the **AppOwnsDataReactClient**.

Understanding the AppOwnsDataShared class library project

The **AppOwnsDataDB** database is built using the .NET 6 version of the Entity Framework known as [Entity Framework Core](#). Entity Framework supports the **Code First** approach where the developer starts by modeling database tables using classes defined in C#. The Code First approach has advantages while you're still in the development stage because it's very easy to change the database schema in your C# code and then apply those changes to the database.

The C# code which creates and accesses the **AppOwnsDataDB** database is included in a class library project named **AppOwnsDataShared**. By adding the Entity Framework code to a class library project, it can be shared across the two web application projects for **AppOwnsDataAdmin** and **AppOwnsDataWebApi**.

One important thing to keep in mind is that the **AppOwnsDataShared** project is a class library which cannot have its own configuration file. Therefore, the connection string for the **AppOwnsDataDB** database is tracked in project configuration files for both **AppOwnsDataAdmin** and **AppOwnsDataWebApi**.

The **Tenants** table in **AppOwnsDataDB** is generated by a C# class named **PowerBITenant**.

```
public class PowerBITenant {
    [Key]
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public string ProfileId { get; set; }
    public string WorkspaceId { get; set; }
    public string WorkspaceUrl { get; set; }
    public string DatabaseServer { get; set; }
    public string DatabaseName { get; set; }
    public string DatabaseUserName { get; set; }
    public string DatabaseUserPassword { get; set; }
    public DateTime Created { get; set; }
}
```

The **Users** table is generated using the table schema defined by the **User** class.

```
public class User {
    [Key]
    public string LoginId { get; set; }
    public string UserName { get; set; }
    public bool CanEdit { get; set; }
    public bool CanCreate { get; set; }
    public bool TenantAdmin { get; set; }
    public DateTime Created { get; set; }
    public DateTime LastLogin { get; set; }
    public string TenantName { get; set; }
}
```

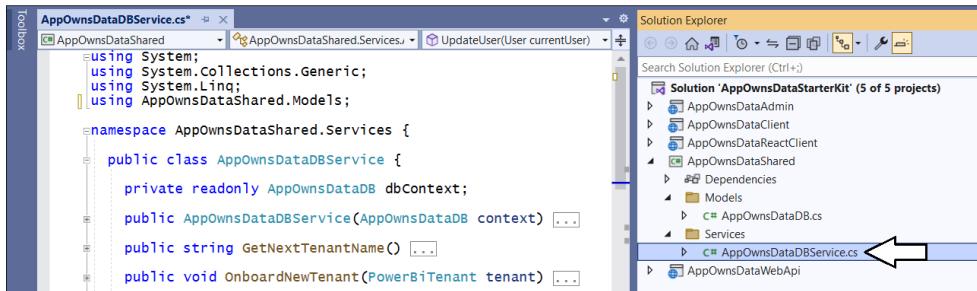
The **ActivityLog** table is generated using the table schema defined by the **ActivityLogEntry** class.

```
public class ActivityLogEntry {
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public DateTime Created { get; set; }
    public string LoginId { get; set; }
    public string User { get; set; }
    public string Activity { get; set; }
    public string Tenant { get; set; }
    public string WorkspaceId { get; set; }
    public string Dataset { get; set; }
    public string DatasetId { get; set; }
    public string Report { get; set; }
    public string ReportId { get; set; }
    public string ReportType { get; set; }
    public string PageName { get; set; }
    public string OriginalReportId { get; set; }
    public int? LoadDuration { get; set; }
    public int? RenderDuration { get; set; }
    public string CorrelationId { get; set; }
    public string EmbedTokenId { get; set; }
}
```

The database model itself is created by the **AppOwnsDataDB** class which derives from **DbContext**.

```
public class AppOwnsDataDB : DbContext {  
    public AppOwnsDataDB(DbContextOptions<AppOwnsDataDB> options) : base(options) {}  
  
    public DbSet<PowerBiTenant> Tenants { get; set; }  
    public DbSet<User> Users { get; set; }  
    public DbSet<ActivityLogEntry> ActivityLog { get; set; }  
  
    protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder) {  
        base.OnModelCreating(modelBuilder);  
    }  
}
```

The **AppOwnsDataShared** project contains a public class named **AppOwnsDataDbService** which contains all the shared logic to execute read and write operations on the **AppOwnsDataDB** database. The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and **AppOwnsDataWebApi** both access **AppOwnsDataDB** by calling public methods in the **AppOwnsDataDbService** class.



Set up your development environment

This section provides a step-by-step guide for setting up the **App-Owning-Data Starter Kit** solution for testing. To complete these steps, you will require a Microsoft 365 tenant in which you have permissions to create and manage Azure AD applications and security groups. You will also need Power BI Service administrator permissions to configure Power BI settings to give the service principal for an Azure AD application the ability to access the Power BI REST API. If you do not have a Microsoft 365 environment for testing, you can create one for free by following the steps in [Create a Development Environment for Power BI Embedding](#).

To set up the **App-Owning-Data Starter Kit** solution for testing, you will need to configure a Microsoft 365 tenant by completing the following tasks.

- Create an Azure AD security group named **Power BI Apps**
- Configure Power BI tenant-level settings for service principal access
- Create the Azure AD Application named **App-Owning-Data Service App**
- Create the Azure AD Application named **App-Owning-Data Client App**

The following four sections will step through each of these setup tasks in step-by-step detail.

Create an Azure AD security group named Power BI Apps

Navigate to the [Groups management page](#) in the Azure portal. Once you get to the **Groups** page in the Azure portal, click the **New group** link.

Name	Object Id	Group Type
All Company	7fc571e6-d5c1-4dff-a807-d6ce...	Microsoft 365
Embed Mart	86522f1d-0b0c-4707-0204-344...	Microsoft 365

In the **New Group** dialog, Select a **Group type of Security** and enter a **Group name of Power BI Apps**. Click the **Create** button to create the new Azure AD security group.

New Group

Group type * Security

Group name * Power BI Apps

Group description A group for service principals that need to call the Power BI Service API

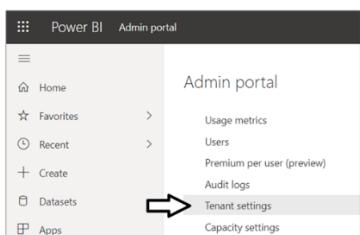
Create

Verify that you can see the new security group named **Power BI Apps** on the Azure portal **Groups** page.

Name	Object Id	Group Type
Power BI Apps	7944822d-99bc-4221-b667-63...	Security
All Company	7fc571e6-d5c1-4dff-a807-d6ce...	Microsoft 365

Configure Power BI tenant-level settings for service principal access

Next, you need to enable a tenant-level setting named **Allow service principals to use Power BI APIs**. Navigate to the Power BI Service admin portal at <https://app.powerbi.com/admin-portal>. In the Power BI Admin portal, click the **Tenant settings** link on the left.



Move down to **Developer settings** and expand **Allow service principals to use Power BI APIs** section.

Admin portal

- Usage metrics
- Users
- Audit logs
- Tenant settings**
- Capacity settings
- Embed Codes
- Organization visuals
- Dataflow settings
- Workspaces

Developer settings

Allow service principals to use Power BI APIs
Disabled for the entire organization

Note that the **Allow service principals to use Power BI APIs** setting is initially set to **Disabled**.

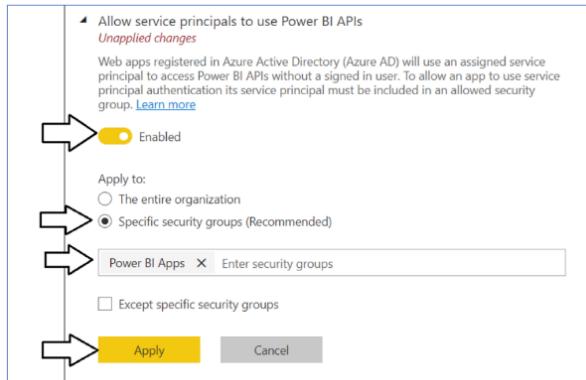
Developer settings

Allow service principals to use Power BI APIs
Disabled for the entire organization

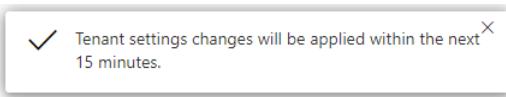
Web apps registered in Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) will use an assigned service principal to access Power BI APIs without a signed in user. To allow an app to use service principal authentication its service principal must be included in an allowed security group. [Learn more](#)

Disabled

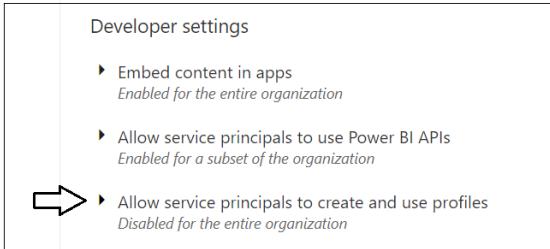
Change the setting to **Enabled**. After that, set the **Apply to** setting to **Specific security groups** and add the **Power BI Apps** security group as shown in the screenshot below. Click the **Apply** button to save your configuration changes.



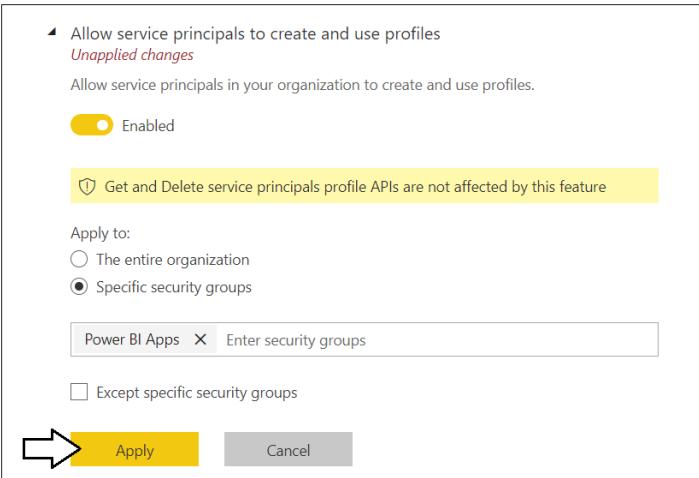
You will see a notification indicating it might take up to 15 minutes to apply these changes to the organization.



Now, move down a little further in the **Developer settings** section and expand the node for the setting named **Allow service principals to create and use profiles**. You must enable this setting in your Power BI tenant in order for code in the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** to program using service principal profiles to create workspaces and populate them with content.



Enable the **Allow service principals to create and use profiles** setting. After that, set the **Apply to** setting to **Specific security groups** and add the **Power BI Apps** security group as shown in the screenshot below. Click the **Apply** button to save your configuration changes.



Now scroll upward in the **Tenant setting** section of the Power BI admin portal and locate **Workspace settings**.

The screenshot shows the 'Admin portal' interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various settings: Usage metrics, Users, Premium Per User (preview), Audit logs, Tenant settings (which is selected and highlighted in grey), Capacity settings, Refresh summary, Embed Codes, Organizational visuals, and Azure connections (preview). An orange arrow points from the 'Tenant settings' section to the 'Workspace settings' section on the right. The 'Workspace settings' section contains three items: 'Create workspaces (new workspace experience)', which is described as having 'Unapplied changes'; a note about users creating app workspaces; and a toggle switch labeled 'Enabled'.

Note that a new Power BI tenant has an older policy where only users who have the permissions to create Office 365 groups can create new Power BI workspaces. You must reconfigure this setting so that service principals in the **Power BI Apps** group will be able to create new workspaces.

This screenshot shows the 'Workspace settings' page. It features a note about users creating app workspaces, a toggle switch set to 'Enabled', and a yellow callout box containing a note about workspace creation permissions. The note states that the permission to create workspaces in the new workspace experience preview is currently controlled by the permission to create groups in Office 365. It also mentions that clicking 'Apply' will control which users can create workspaces in the new workspace experience preview, with a link to 'Learn more'.

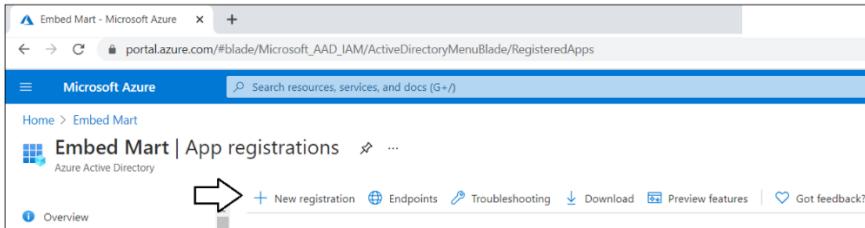
In **Workspace settings**, set **Apply to** to **Specific security** groups, add the **Power BI Apps** security group and click the **Apply** button to save your changes.

This screenshot shows the 'Apply to' configuration dialog. It includes a note about workspace creation permissions, a toggle switch set to 'Enabled', and a yellow callout box with the same note as the previous screenshot. Below these, there's a 'Apply to:' section with two options: 'The entire organization' (radio button) and 'Specific security groups' (radio button, which is selected). A text input field contains 'Power BI Apps'. At the bottom are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons, with an orange arrow pointing to the 'Apply' button.

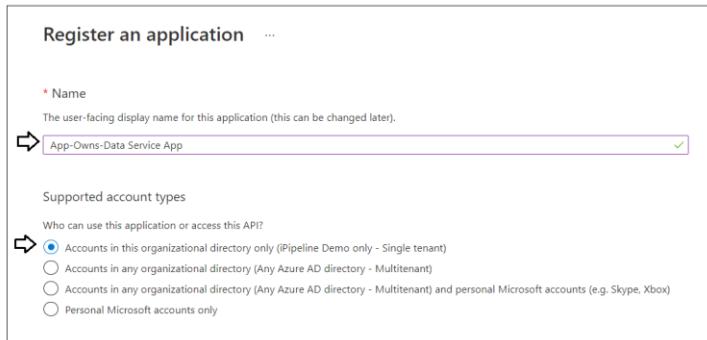
You have now completed the configuration of the required Power BI tenant-level settings.

Create the App-Owns-Data Service App in Azure AD

Navigate to the [App registration](#) page in the Azure portal and click the **New registration** link.



On the **Register an application** page, enter an application name of **App-Owns-Data Service App** and accept the default selection for **Supported account types** of **Accounts in this organizational directory only**.



Name: App-Owns-Data Service App

Supported account types: Accounts in this organizational directory only (Pipeline Demo only - Single tenant)

Complete the following steps in the **Redirect URI** section.

- Leave the default selection of **Web** in the dropdown box
- Enter a **Redirect URI** of <https://localhost:44300/signin-oidc>
- Click the **Register** button to create the new Azure AD application.

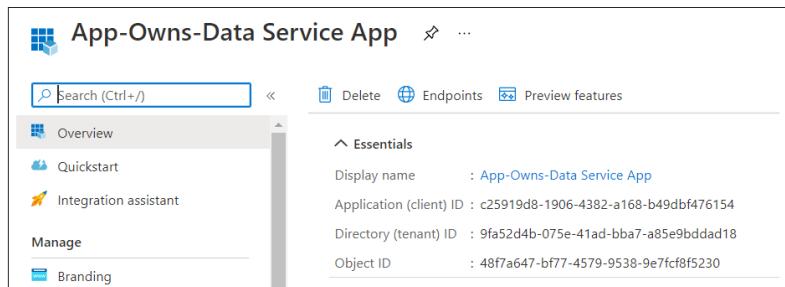


Redirect URI (optional)
We'll return the authentication response to this URI after successfully authenticating the user. Providing this now is optional and it can be changed later, but a value is required for most authentication scenarios.

Web https://localhost:44300/signin-oidc

Register

After creating a new Azure AD application in the Azure portal, you should see the Azure AD application overview page which displays the **Application ID**. Note that the **Application ID** is often called the **Client ID**, so don't let this confuse you. You will need to copy this Application ID and store it so you can use it later to configure the support acquiring app-only access tokens from Azure AD using for Client Credentials Flow.



App-Owns-Data Service App

Overview

Display name : App-Owns-Data Service App

Application (client) ID : c25919d8-1906-4382-a168-b49dbf476154

Directory (tenant) ID : 9fa52d4b-075e-41ad-bba7-a85e9bddad18

Object ID : 48f7a647-bf77-4579-9538-9e7fcf8f5230

Copy the **Client ID** (aka Application ID) and paste it into a text document so you can use it later in the setup process. Note that this **Client ID** value will be used by both the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** project and the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project to configure authentication for the service principal with Azure AD.

Display name : App-Owns-Data Service App
Application (client) ID : c25919d8-1906-4382-a168-b49dbf476154
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Object ID : 48f7a647-bf77-4579-9538-9e7fcf8f5230

Next, repeat the same step by copying the **Tenant ID** and copying that into the text document as well.

Display name : App-Owns-Data Service App
Application (client) ID : c25919d8-1906-4382-a168-b49dbf476154
Directory (tenant) ID : 9fa52d4b-075e-41ad-bba7-a85e9bddad18
Object ID : 48f7a647-bf77-4579-9538-9e7fcf8f5230

Your text document should now contain the **Client ID** and **Tenant ID** as shown in the following screenshot.

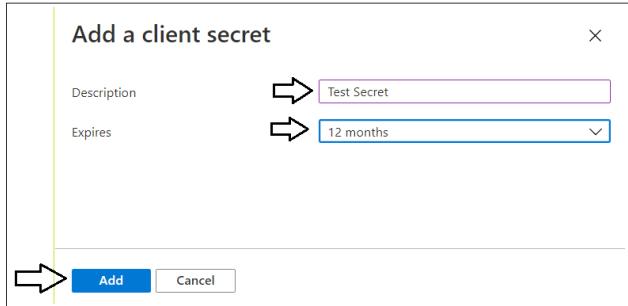
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App-Owns-Data Service App

Tenant ID:
9fa52d4b-075e-41ad-bba7-a85e9bddad18
Client ID:
c25919d8-1906-4382-a168-b49dbf476154

Next, you need to create a Client Secret for the application. Click on the **Certificates & secrets** link in the left navigation to move to the **Certificates & secrets** page. On the **Certificates & secrets** page, click the **New client secret** button as shown in the following screenshot.

App-Owns-Data Service App | Certificates & secrets ...
Search (Ctrl+ /) Got feedback?
Overview Quickstart Integration assistant
Branding Authentication Certificates & secrets ←
Token configuration API permissions Expose an API App roles Owners Roles and administrators | Pre... Manifest →
Certificates
Certificates can be used as secrets to prove the application's identity when requesting a token. Also can be referred to as public keys.
Upload certificate
Thumbprint Start date Expires ID
No certificates have been added for this application.
Client secrets
A secret string that the application uses to prove its identity when requesting a token. Also can be referred to as application password.
New client secret Description Expires Value ID

In the **Add a client secret** dialog, add a **Description** such as **Test Secret** and set **Expires** to any value you'd like from the dropdown list. Click the **Add** button to create the new Client Secret.

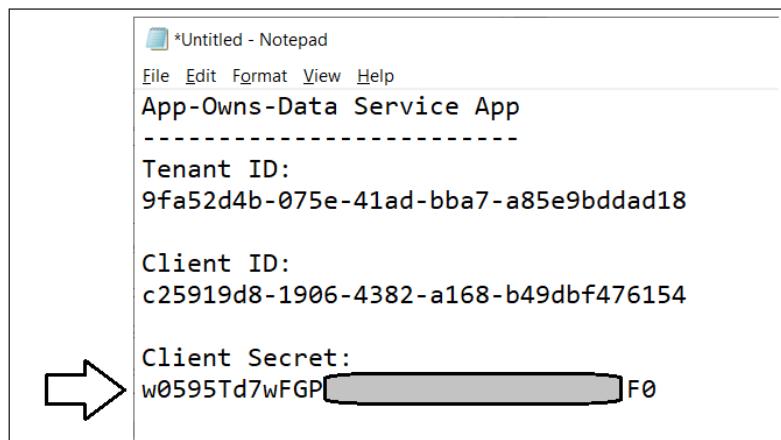


Once you have created the Client Secret, you should be able to see its **Value** in the **Client secrets** section. Click on the **Copy to clipboard** button to copy the **Value** for the Client Secret into the clipboard.

The screenshot shows the "Client secrets" section in the Azure portal. It contains a table with one row. The row has three columns: "Description" (Test Secret), "Expires" (3/29/2022), and "Value" (a long string of characters). To the right of the "Value" column is a "Copy to clipboard" button, which is highlighted with a large arrow.

Description	Expires	Value
Test Secret	3/29/2022	04B6~IYqNRW2-74m8-McUFRuvyij36~.R. 2-8cee-4b37-8352-51b

Paste the **Client Secret** into the same text document with the **Client ID** and **Tenant ID**.

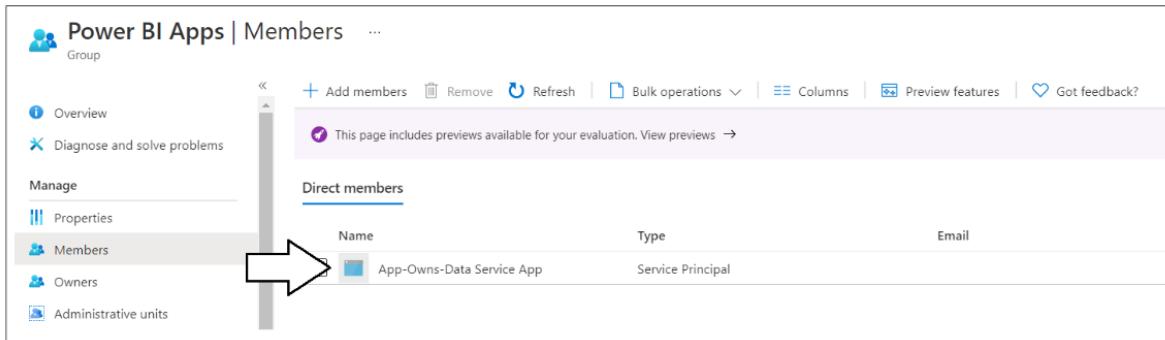


The last thing is to add the service principal for this app to Azure AD Security group named **Power BI Apps**.

The screenshot shows the "Groups | All groups" page in the Azure portal. On the left, there's a sidebar with "All groups" selected. The main area shows a table of groups with columns: Name, Object Id, and Group Type. The table includes rows for "All Company", "iPipeline Demo", and "Power BI Apps". The "Power BI Apps" row is highlighted with a large arrow.

Name	Object Id	Group Type
All Company	cf282e95-8186-4676-8689-569...	Microsoft 365
iPipeline Demo	17f4291e-2721-447d-ac4f-842...	Microsoft 365
Power BI Apps	aa8e2637-9e7c-4285-9fad-c25...	Security

Navigate to the **Members** page for the **Power BI Apps** security group using the **Members** link in the left navigation. Add the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Service App** as a group member.



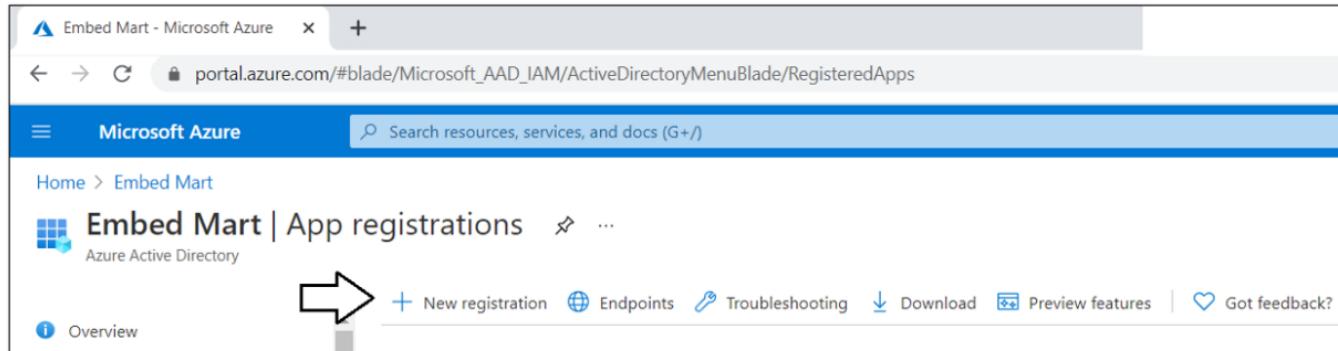
The screenshot shows the 'Power BI Apps | Members' page. In the left sidebar under 'Manage', the 'Members' link is highlighted. The main area displays a table titled 'Direct members' with one row. The row contains the name 'App-Owns-Data Service App', 'Type' (Service Principal), and 'Email' (not visible). A white arrow points from the 'Members' link in the sidebar to the 'App-Owns-Data Service App' entry in the table.

You have now completed the registration of the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Service App**. This is the Azure application that will be used to authenticate as a service principal in order to call the Power BI REST API. The **App-Owns-Data Service App** will also be used to authenticate administrative users who need to use the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application.

In the next section, you will create a new Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Client App**. This Azure AD application will be used to secure the custom web API exposed by **AppOwnsDataWebApi**. The **AppOwnsDataClient** application and the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application will both be configured to use this Azure AD application to authenticate users and to acquire access tokens in the browser so they can execute secure API calls on **AppOwnsDataWebApi**.

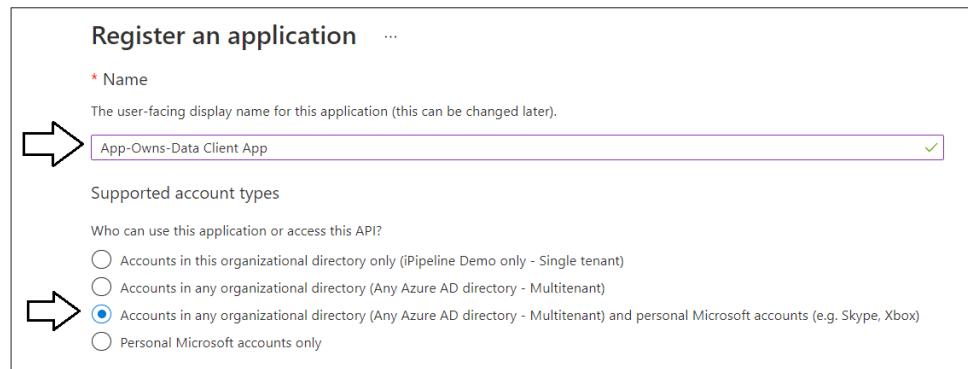
Create the App-Owns-Data Client App in Azure AD

Navigate to the [App registration](#) page in the Azure portal and click the **New registration** link.



The screenshot shows the 'Embed Mart - Microsoft Azure' portal. In the top navigation bar, there is a 'New registration' link. Below it, the 'App registrations' page for the 'Embed Mart' tenant is shown. A white arrow points from the 'New registration' link in the top bar to the 'App Owns-Data Client App' entry in the list of registered apps.

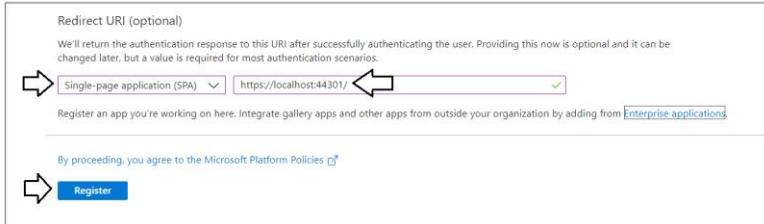
On the **Register an application** page, enter an application name of **App-Owns-Data Client App** and change **Supported account types** to **Accounts in any organizational directory and personal Microsoft accounts**.



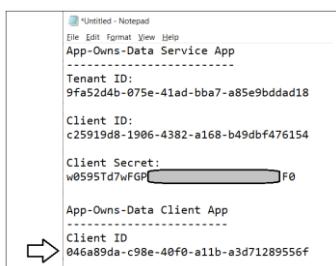
The screenshot shows the 'Register an application' page. The 'Name' field is filled with 'App-Owns-Data Client App'. In the 'Supported account types' section, the 'Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Azure AD directory - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)' option is selected, indicated by a blue radio button. Other options like 'Accounts in this organizational directory only (Pipeline Demo only - Single tenant)' and 'Personal Microsoft accounts only' are shown with grey radio buttons.

Complete the following steps in the **Redirect URI** section.

1. Change the setting of the dropdown box to **Single page application (SPA)**
2. Enter a **Redirect URI** of <https://localhost:44301/>.
3. Click the **Register** button to create the new Azure AD application.

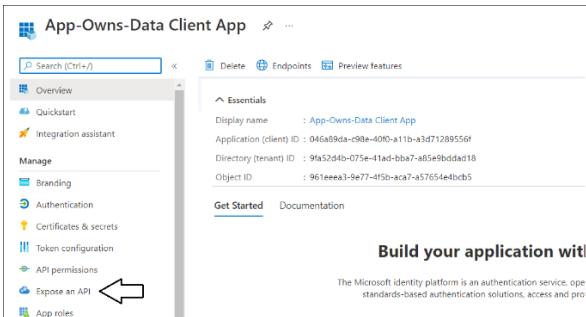


After creating a new Azure AD application in the Azure portal, you should see the Azure AD application overview page which displays the **Application ID**. Copy the **Client ID** (aka Application ID) and paste it into a text document so you can use it later in the setup process. Note that this **Client ID** value will be used in the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project, the **AppOwnsDataClient** project and the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** project to configure authentication with Azure AD.

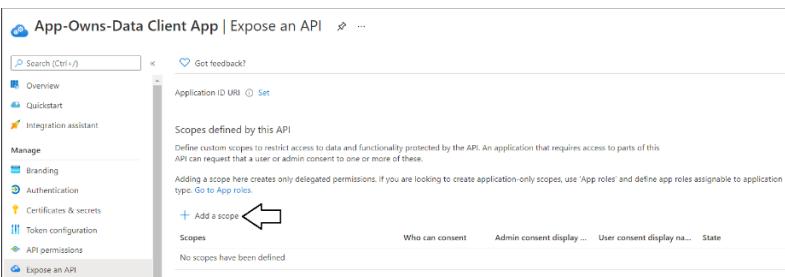


The **App-Owns-Data Client App** will be used to secure the API endpoints of **AppOwnsDataWebApi**. When creating an Azure AD application to secure a custom Web API like this, it is necessary to create a custom scope for a delegated permission. As a developer, you can create a new custom scope using any name you'd like. In the solution for the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit**, the custom scope will be given a name of **Reports.Embed**.

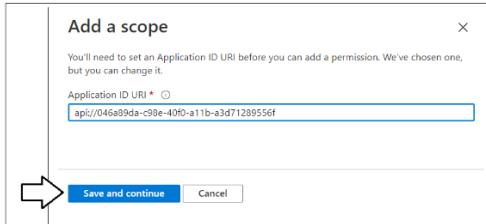
On the summary page for **App-Owns-Data Client App**, click the **Expose an API** link in the left navigation.



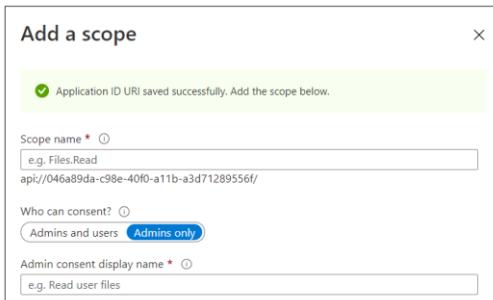
On the **Expose an API** page, click the **Add a scope** button.



On the **Add a scope** pane, you will be prompted to set an **Application ID URI** before you will be able to create a new scope. Click **Save and continue** to accept the default setting of **api://** followed the application ID.

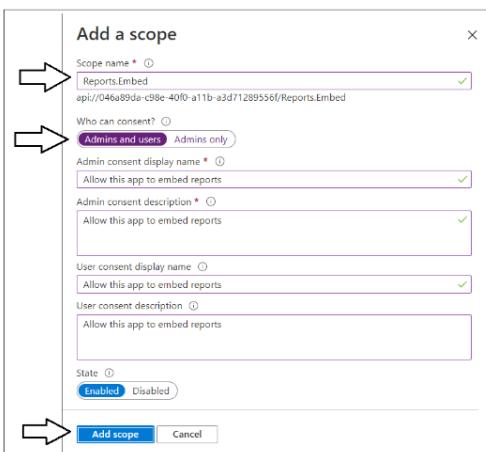


The **Add a scope** pane should now present a form to enter data for the new scope.



Fill out the data in the **Add a scope** pane using these steps.

1. Add a **Scope name of Reports.Embed**.
2. For the **Who can consent** setting, select **Admins and users**.
3. Fill in all display names and descriptions using the text shown in the following screenshot.
4. Click the **Add scope** button.

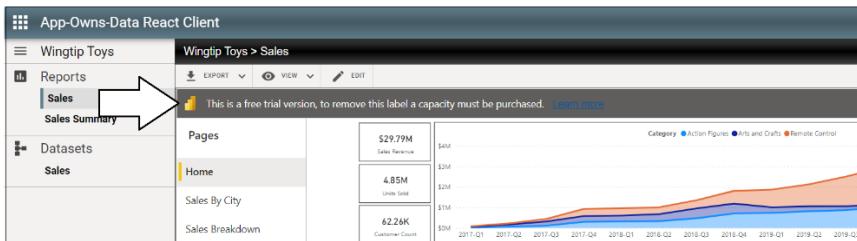


You should now see the new scopes in the **Scopes defined by this API** section. If you copy the scope value to the clipboard, you will see that is created in the format of **api://[ApplicationID]/Reports.Embed**.

Scopes	Copy to clipboard	can consent	Admin consent display ...	User consent display na...	State
api://046a89da-c98e-40f0-a11b-a3d71289556f/Reports.Embed			Allow this app to embed r...	Allow this app to embed r...	Enabled

Developing and Testing with a Dedicated Capacity

While it is not an absolute requirement, it is recommended that you work with the App-Owns-Data Starter Kit in a Power BI environment with a dedicated capacity created with either Power BI Premium (P SKU) or Power BI Embedded (A SKU). If you do not have a dedicated capacity, there are several issues that will affect your experience when working with the App-Owns-Data Starter Kit. First, the Power BI Service will add the following label when it embeds a Power BI report.

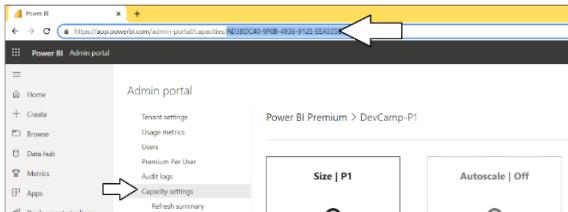


The second issue is that you will not be able to use paginated reports because the use of paginated reports requires a dedicated capacity. If you don't configure **AppOwnsDataAdmin** with a **TargetCapacityId**, the workspaces created for customer tenants will not include the paginated report named **Sales Summary**.

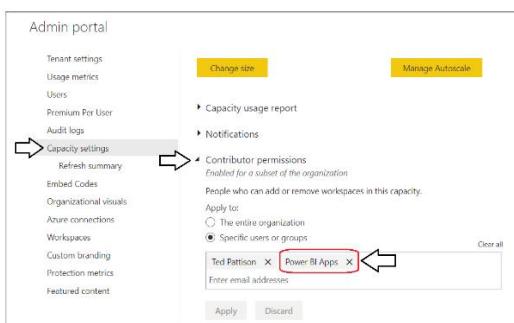
The third issue is that the Power BI REST API for exporting reports is not available in the shared capacity. Therefore, a user's attempt to export a report will fail. You will not be able to test the menu commands in **AppOwnsDataReactClient** for exporting reports.

The final issue is that the Power BI Service gives each service principal a finite quota for how many embed tokens it can create for reports in the shared capacity. Once the quota of embed tokens has been used up for a service principal, further attempts to generate embed tokens for reports in the shared capacity will fail. One way to remedy this problem is to create a new Azure AD application to create a new service principal which gets its own new quota of embed tokens.

As you can see, working with the App-Owns-data Starter Kit will be better if you have a dedicated capacity. If you have a dedicated capacity you can use, you will need to find its GUID-based ID so you can add it to the configuration data for **AppOwnsDataAdmin**. One easy way to find this ID is to is by navigating to the **Capacity setting** section of the **Power BI Admin portal**. If you select a specific capacity to see its settings, you can copy the capacity ID from the address bar in the browser.



One final issue is that the service principal you use will need **Contributor permissions** on this dedicated capacity so that it can associate new workspaces. You can configure the permissions you need by configuring the Azure AD group named **Power BI Apps** with **Contributor permissions** as shown in the following screenshot.



Open the App-Owns-Data Starter Kit solution in Visual Studio 2022

In order to run and test the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution on a developer workstation, you must install the .NET 6 SDK, Node.js and Visual Studio 2022. While this document will walk through the steps of opening and running the projects of the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution using Visual Studio 2022, you can also use Visual Studio Code if you prefer that IDE. Here are links to download this software if you need them.

- .NET 6 SDK – [\[download\]](#)
- Node.js – [\[download\]](#)
- Visual Studio 2022 – [\[download\]](#)
- Visual Studio Code – [\[download\]](#)

Download the source code

The project source files for the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution are maintained in a GitHub repository at the following URL.

<https://github.com/PowerBiDevCamp/App-Owns-Data-Starter-Kit>

On the home page for this GitHub repository is the **Code** dropdown menu which provides a few options for downloading the source files to your local machine.

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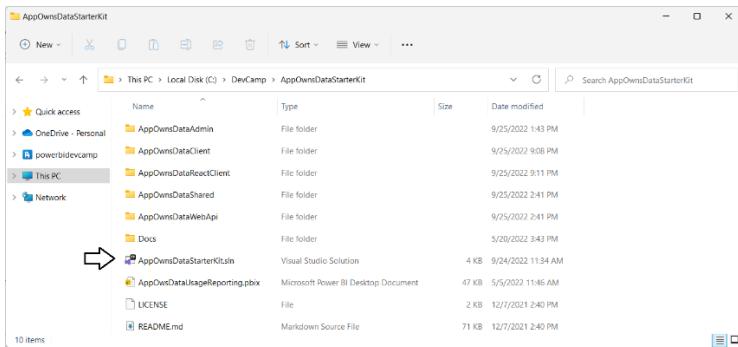
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If you are familiar with the **git** utility, you can clone the project source files to your local developer workstation using the following **git** command:

```
git clone https://github.com/PowerBiDevCamp/App-Owns-Data-Starter-Kit.git
```

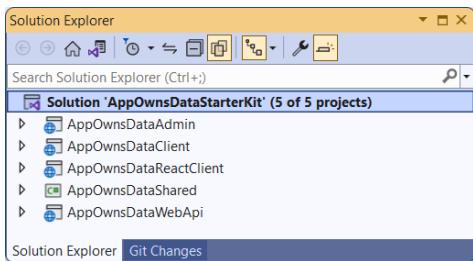
Once you have downloaded the project source files for the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution to your developer workstation, you will see there is a top-level solution folder which contains folders for four projects

named **AppOwnsDataAdmin**, **AppOwnsDataClient**, **AppOwnsDataReactClient**, **AppOwnsDataShared** and **AppOwnsDataWebApi**. You can open the Visual Studio solution containing all four projects by double-clicking the solution file named **AppOwnsDataStarterKit.sln**.



Open AppOwnsDataStarterKit.sln in Visual Studio 2022

Launch Visual Studio 2022 and use the **File > Open > Project/Solution** menu command to open the solution file named **AppOwnsDataStarterKit.sln**. You should see the five projects named **AppOwnsDataAdmin**, **AppOwnsDataClient**, **AppOwnsDataReactClient**, **AppOwnsDataShared** and **AppOwnsDataWebApi**.



Here is a brief description of each of these projects.

- **AppOwnsDataAdmin**: ASP.NET MVC Web Application built using .NET 6
- **AppOwnsClient**: SPA application built using HTML, CSS, JQuery, Bootstrap, Typescript and webpack
- **AppOwnsReactClient**: SPA application built using React-JS, Material UI and Typescript and webpack
- **AppOwnsDataShared**: Class library project used to generate and access **AppOwnsDataDB**
- **AppOwnsDataWebApi**: ASP.NET Web API which exposes secure web services to SPA client applications

Update the appsettings.json file of AppOwnsDataAdmin project

Before you can run the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application in the Visual Studio debugger, you must update several application settings in the **appsettings.json** file. Open **appsettings.json** and examine the JSON content inside. There are four important sections named **AzureAd**, **PowerBi**, **AppOwnsDataDB** and **DemoSettings**.



Inside the **AzureAd** section, update the **TenantId**, **ClientId** and **ClientSecret** with the data you collected when creating the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Service App**.

```
{  
  "AzureAd": {  
    "Instance": "https://login.microsoftonline.com/",  
    "TenantId": "f2c9c7bc-5624-4a88-9569-74735ddada6c",  
    "ClientId": "b43241b7-0870-4fee-8ba6-f7f8d11754dd",  
    "ClientSecret": "04B6~lYqNRW2-74m8-McUFRuvyij36~.R.",  
    "CallbackPath": "/signin-oidc",  
    "SignedOutCallbackPath": "/signout-callback-oidc"  
  },
```

The **PowerBi** section contains a property named **ServiceRootUrl**. You do not have to modify this value if you are using Power BI in the public cloud as most companies do. If you are using Power BI in one of the government clouds or in the Microsoft clouds for Germany or China, this URL must be updated appropriately.

The **PowerBi** section contains a second property named **TargetCapacityId**. If you are working in a Power BI environment with dedicated capacities, you can enter the ID for that capacity here and the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application will automatically associate each workspace it creates with this dedicated capacity. If you leave **TargetCapacityId** as an empty string, the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application will ignore the setting and all the workspaces created will remain in the shared capacity.

```
"PowerBi": {  
  "ServiceRootUrl": "https://api.powerbi.com/",  
  "TargetCapacityId": "33333333-3333-3333-3333-333333333333"  
},
```

If you are using Visual Studio 2022, you should be able to leave the database connection string the way it is with the **Server** setting of **(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB**. You can change this connection string to a different SQL Server instance if you'd rather create the project database named **AppOwnsDataDB** in a different location.

```
"AppOwnsDataDB": {  
  "ConnectionString": "Server=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;Database=AppOwnsDataDB;Integrated Security=True;"  
},
```

In the **DemoSettings** section there is a property named **AdminUser**. The reason that this property exists has to do with you being able to see Power BI workspaces as they are created by a service principal. There is code in the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application that will add the user specified by the **AdminUser** setting as a workspace admin any time a new Power BI workspace is created. This support has been included to make things much easier for you to see what's going on when you begin to run and test the application.

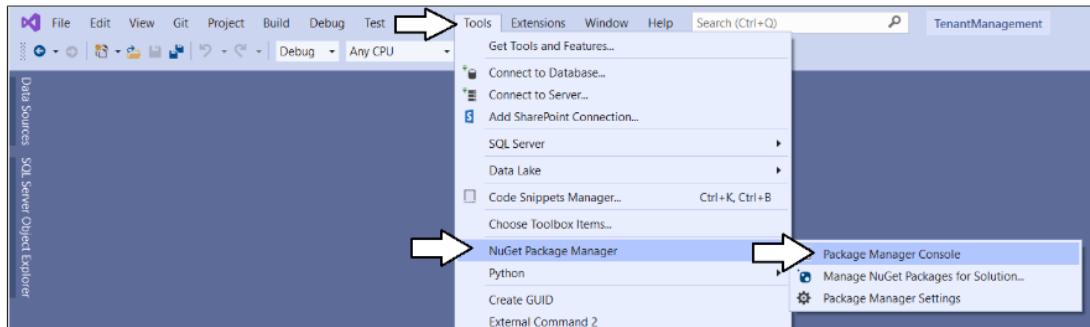
Update the **AdminUser** setting with the Azure AD account name you're using in your test environment so that you will be able to see all the Power BI workspaces created by the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application.

```
"TenantManagementDB": {  
  "ConnectionString": "Server=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;Database=Te  
},  
"DemoSettings": {  
  "AdminUser": "tedp@pbiedmbedmart.onMicrosoft.com" ←  
},  
"Logging": {  
  "LogLevel": {
```

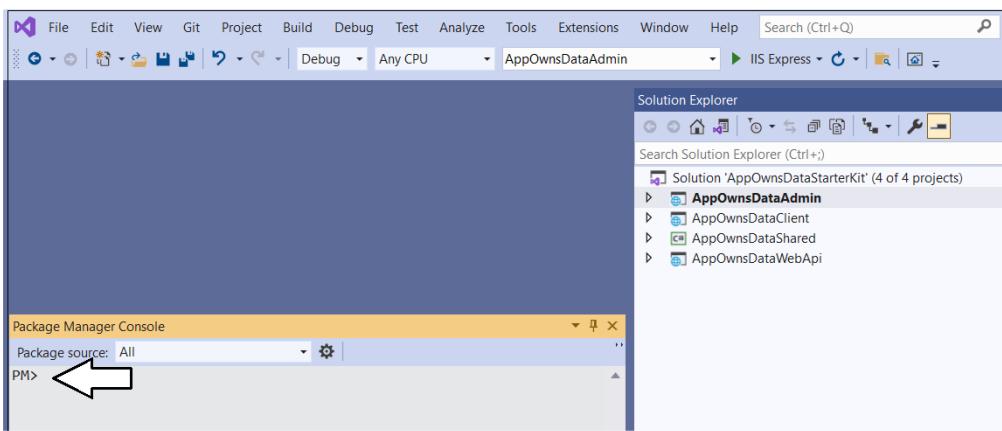
Create the AppOwnsDataDB database

Before you can run the application in Visual Studio, you must create the database named **AppOwnsDataDB**. This database schema has been created using the .NET 6 version of the Entity Framework. In this step, you will execute two PowerShell cmdlets provided by Entity Framework to create the database.

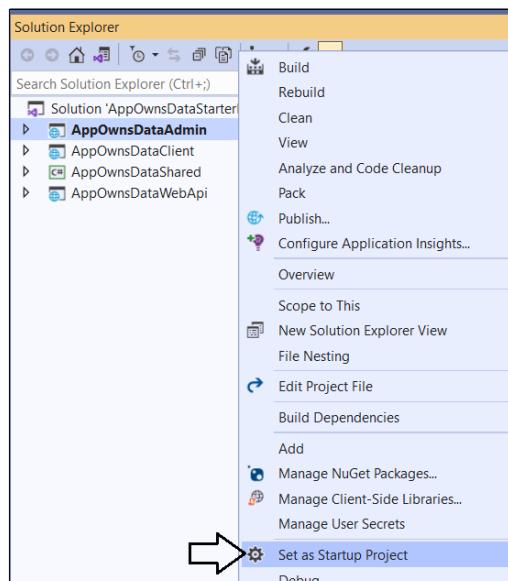
Open the Package Manager console using **Tools > NuGet Package Manager > Package Manager Console**.



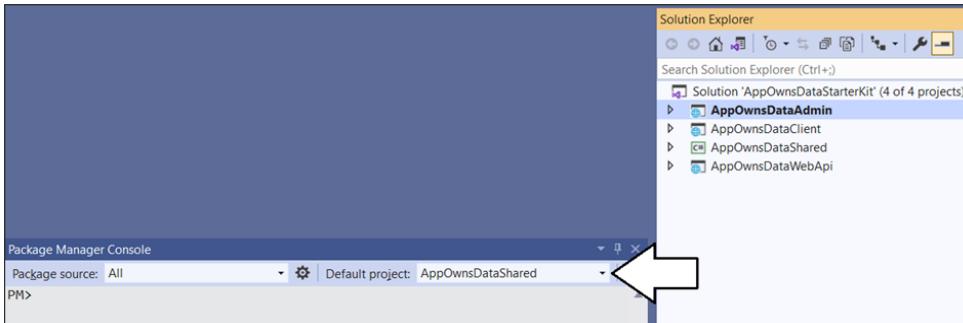
You should see the **Package Manager Console** where you can type and execute PowerShell commands.



Next, you must configure the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** project as the solution's startup project so the Entity Framework can retrieve the database connection string from that project's **appsettings.json** file. You can accomplish that by right-clicking the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** project and selecting **Set as Start Project**.



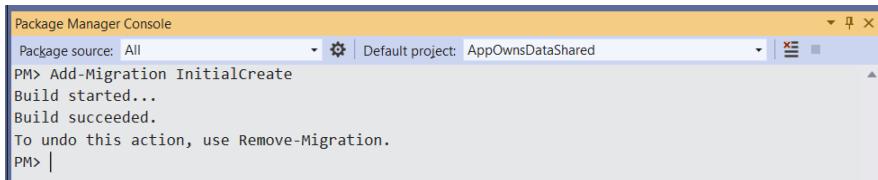
Inside the **Package Manager Console** window, set the **Default project** to **AppOwnsDataShared**.



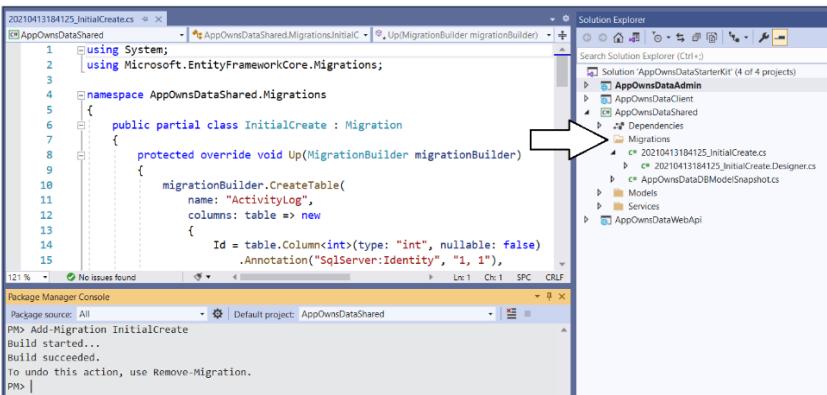
Type and execute the following **Add-Migration** command to create a new migration in the project.

Add-Migration InitialCreate

The **Add-Migration** command should run without errors. If this command fails you might have to modify the database connection string in **appsettings.json**.



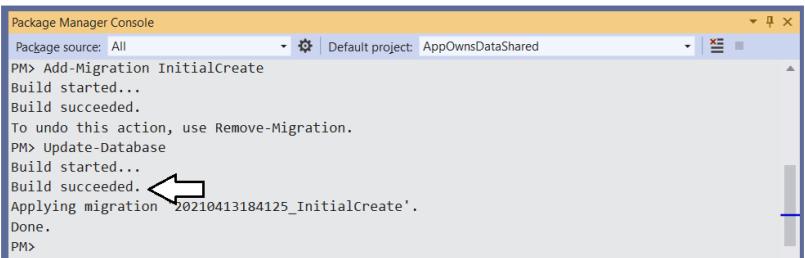
After running the **Add-Migration** command, you will see a new folder has been automatically created in the **AppOwnsDataShared** project named **Migrations** with several C# source files. There is no need to change anything in these source files but you can inspect what's inside them if you are curious how the Entity Framework Core does its work.



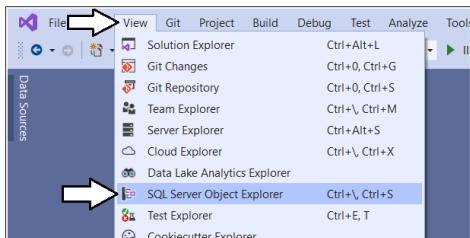
Return to the **Package Manager Console** and run the following **Update-Database** command to generate the database named **AppOwnsDataDB**.

Update-Database

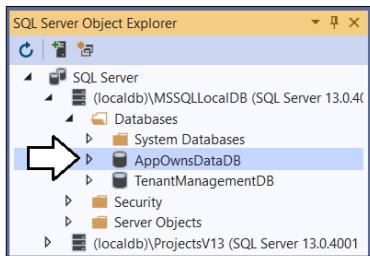
The **Update-Database** command should run without errors and generate the **AppOwnsDataDB** database.



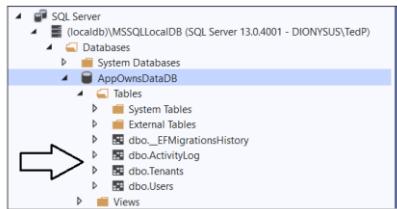
In Visual Studio, you can use the **SQL Server Object Explorer** to see the database that has just been created. Open the **SQL Server Object Explorer** by invoking the **View > SQL Server Object Explorer** menu command.



Expand the **Databases** node for the server you're using and verify you see the **AppOwnsDataDB** database.



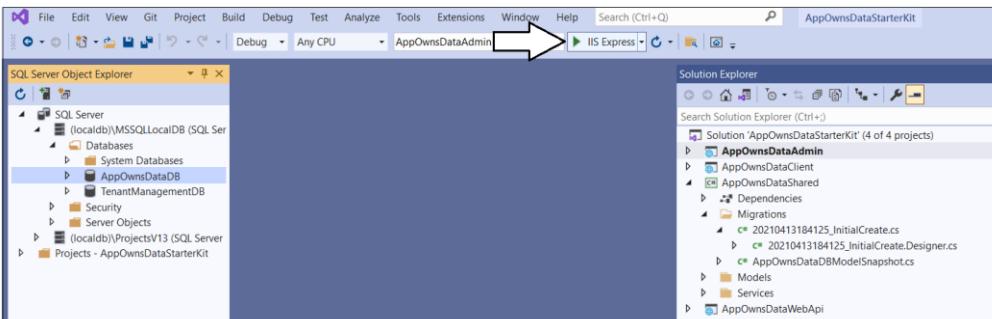
If you expand the **Tables** node, you should see the three tables named **ActivityLog**, **Tenants** and **Users**.



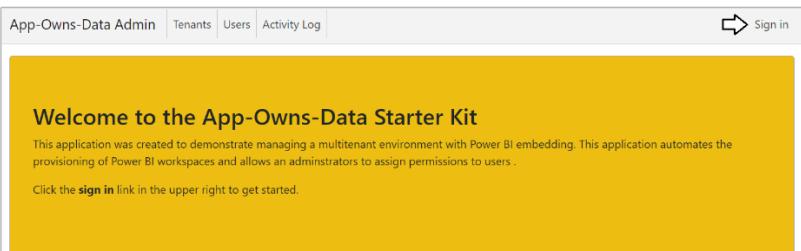
With **AppOwnsDataDB** set up, you're ready to run and test **AppOwnsDataAdmin** in Visual Studio 2022.

Test the AppOwnsDataAdmin Application

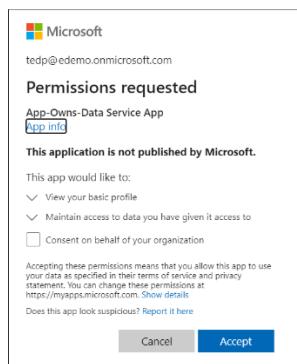
Launch the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** web application in the Visual Studio debugger by pressing the **{F5}** key or by clicking the Visual Studio **Play** button with the green arrow and the caption **IIS Express**.



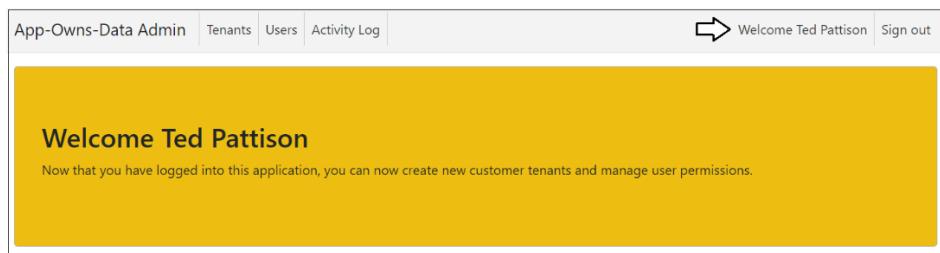
When the application starts, click the **Sign in** link in the upper right corner to begin the user login sequence.



The first time you authenticate with Azure AD, you'll be prompted with the **Permissions requested** dialog asking you to accept the **Permissions requested** by the application. Click the **Accept** button to grant these permissions and continue.

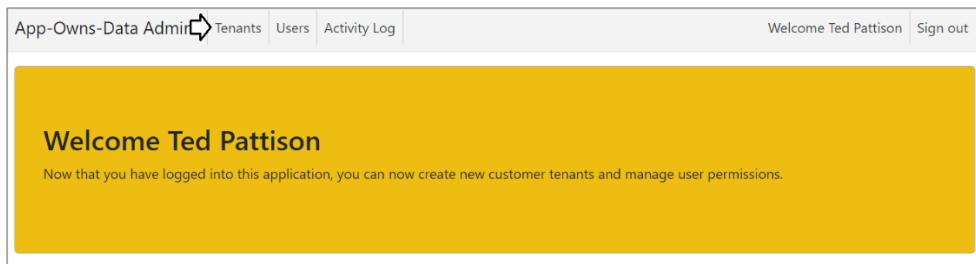


Once you have logged in, you should see your name in the welcome message.



Create new customer tenants

Start by creating a few new customer tenants. Click the **Tenants** link to navigate to the **Tenants** page.



Click the **Onboard New Tenant** button to display the **Onboard New Tenant** page.



When you open the **Onboard New Tenant** page, it will automatically populate the **Tenant Name** textbox with a value of **Tenant01**. Enter a **Tenant Name** of **Wingtip Toys** and click the **Create New Customer Tenant** button to begin the process of creating a new customer tenant.

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Onboard New Tenant

Create New Customer Tenant

Tenant Name:	Wingtip Toys
Database Server Name:	devcamp.database.windows.net
Database Name:	WingtipSales
SQL Server User Name:	CptStudent
SQL Server User Password:	*****

After a few seconds, you should see the new customer tenant has been created.

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Customer Tenants

Onboard New Tenant

Tenant	Created	Workspace ID	Embed	Web URL	View	Delete
Wingtip Toys	2022-10-01 at 04:00 PM	92f56a3d-5fe0-4e12-9ef0-17e330ef22d5				

Click the **Onboard New Tenant** button again to create a second tenant. This time, give the tenant a name of **Contoso**, select **ContosoSales** for **Database Name** and then click **Create New Tenant**.

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Onboard New Tenant

Create New Customer Tenant

Tenant Name:	Contoso
Database Server Name:	devcamp.database.windows.net
Database Name:	ContosoSales
SQL Server User Name:	CptStudent
SQL Server User Password:	*****

You should now have two customer tenants. Note they each tenant has its own unique workspace ID.

Customer Tenants

Onboard New Tenant

Tenant	Created	Workspace ID	Embed	Web URL	View	Delete
Contoso	2022-10-01 at 04:08 PM	d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165				
Wingtip Toys	2022-10-01 at 04:00 PM	92f56a3d-5fe0-4e12-9ef0-17e330ef22d5				

Now let's review what's going on behind the scenes whenever you create a new customer tenant. The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application uses the Power BI REST API to implement the following onboarding logic.

- Create a new Power BI workspace
- Associate the workspace with a dedicated capacity (if TargetCapacityId is not an empty string)
- Import the template file named **SalesReportTemplate.pbix** to create the **Sales** dataset and the **Sales** report
- Update dataset parameters on **Sales** dataset to point to the customer's SQL Server database instance
- Patch credentials for the SQL Server datasource used by the **Sales** dataset
- Start a refresh operation on the **Sales** database to import data from the customer's database
- Import the template file named **SalesSummaryPaginated.rdl** to create paginated report named **Sale Summary** which is dynamically bound to the **Sales** dataset

If you want to inspect the C# code in **AppOwnsDataAdmin** that implements this logic using the Power BI .NET SDK, you can examine the **OnboardNewTenant** method in the source file named [PowerBiServiceApi.cs](#).

The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application also creates a new record in the **Tenants** table of the **AppOwnsDataDB** database to track the relevant data associated with each customer tenant.

Name	ProfileId	WorkspaceId	WorkspaceUrl	DatabaseServer	DatabaseName	Dat
Contoso	2cac23d6-79e7-410a-86da-a48762d49fce	d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165	https://app.powerbi.com/groups/d29...	devcamp.database.windows.net	ContosoSales	Cpt
Wingtip Toys	f93f6c24-bdc5-4533-87ae-e61e4696297f	92f56a3d-5fe0-4e12-9ef0-17e330ef22d5	https://app.powerbi.com/groups/92f...	devcamp.database.windows.net	WingtipSales	Cpt

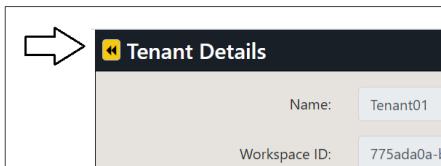
Click on the **View** button for a tenant on the **Power BI Tenants** page to drill into the **Tenant Details** page.

Customer Tenants						
Onboard New Tenant						
Tenant	Created	Workspace ID	Embed	Web URL	View	Delete
Contoso	2022-10-01 at 04:08 PM	d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165				
Wingtip Toys	2022-10-01 at 04:00 PM	92f56a3d-5fe0-4e12-9ef0-17e330ef22d5				

The **Tenant Details** page displays Power BI workspace details including its members, datasets and reports.

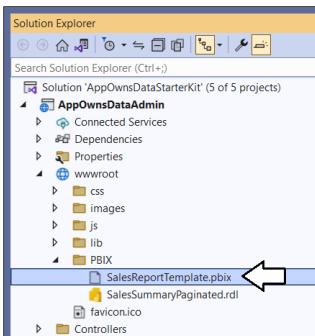
Tenant Details		
Name:	Contoso	
Created:	2022/10/01 04:08 PM	
Service Principal Profile ID:	2cac23d6-79e7-410a-86da-a48762d49fce	
Workspace ID:	d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165	
Workspace URL:	https://app.powerbi.com/groups/d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165/	
Database Server:	devcamp.database.windows.net	
Database Name:	ContosoSales	
Database User Name:	CptStudent	
Database User Password:	*****	
Members		
Member	Permissions	Member Type
Ted Pattison	Admin	User
App-Owns-Data Service App	Contributor	App
Contoso Profile	Admin	App Profile
Datasets		
Name	Is Refreshable	
Sales	True	
Report		
Name	Report Type	
Sales	PowerBIReport	
Sales Summary	PaginatedReport	

Click on the back arrow to return to the **Customer Tenants** page.

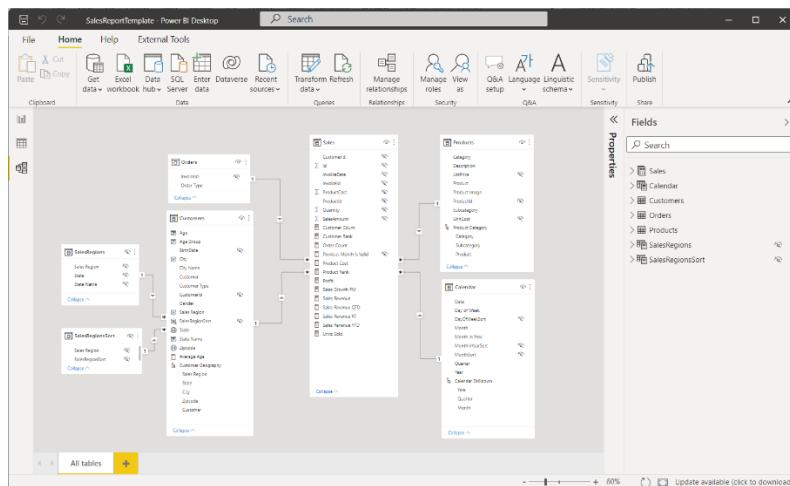


Understanding the PBIX template file named SalesReportTemplate.pbix

The **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution uses a PBIX template file named **SalesReportTemplate.pbix** to execute an import operation which creates the **Sales** dataset and the **Sales** report. This template file is included as part of the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** project inside the **wwwroot** folder at a path of **/PBIX/SalesReportTemplate.pbix**.



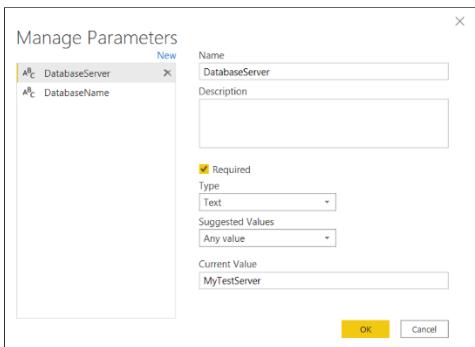
If you're interested in how this template file has been created, you can open it in Power BI Desktop. You will see there are seven tables in the data model for the **SalesReportTemplate.pbix** project. These tables are populated by importing and refreshing data from Azure SQL Server databases that share a common table schema.



It's important to understand how this PBIX template allows the developer to update the database server and database name after the import operation has created the **Sales** dataset in the Power BI Service. Click **Transform Data** to open the **Power Query Editor** window and then click the **Manage Parameters** button.

The screenshot shows the Power Query Editor interface. In the top ribbon, the 'Advanced Editor' button is highlighted with a red arrow. The main area displays a table titled 'y3 CustomerId' with columns: Customer, City Name, State, and Zipcode. Below the table, the M code for the query is visible, including a 'Table.RenameColumns' step where the 'DatabaseServer' parameter is used.

In the **Manage Parameters** window, you should see two **Text** parameters named **DatabaseServer** and **DatabaseName**.



Click **Cancel** to close the **Manage Parameters** window and return to the **Power Query Editor** window.

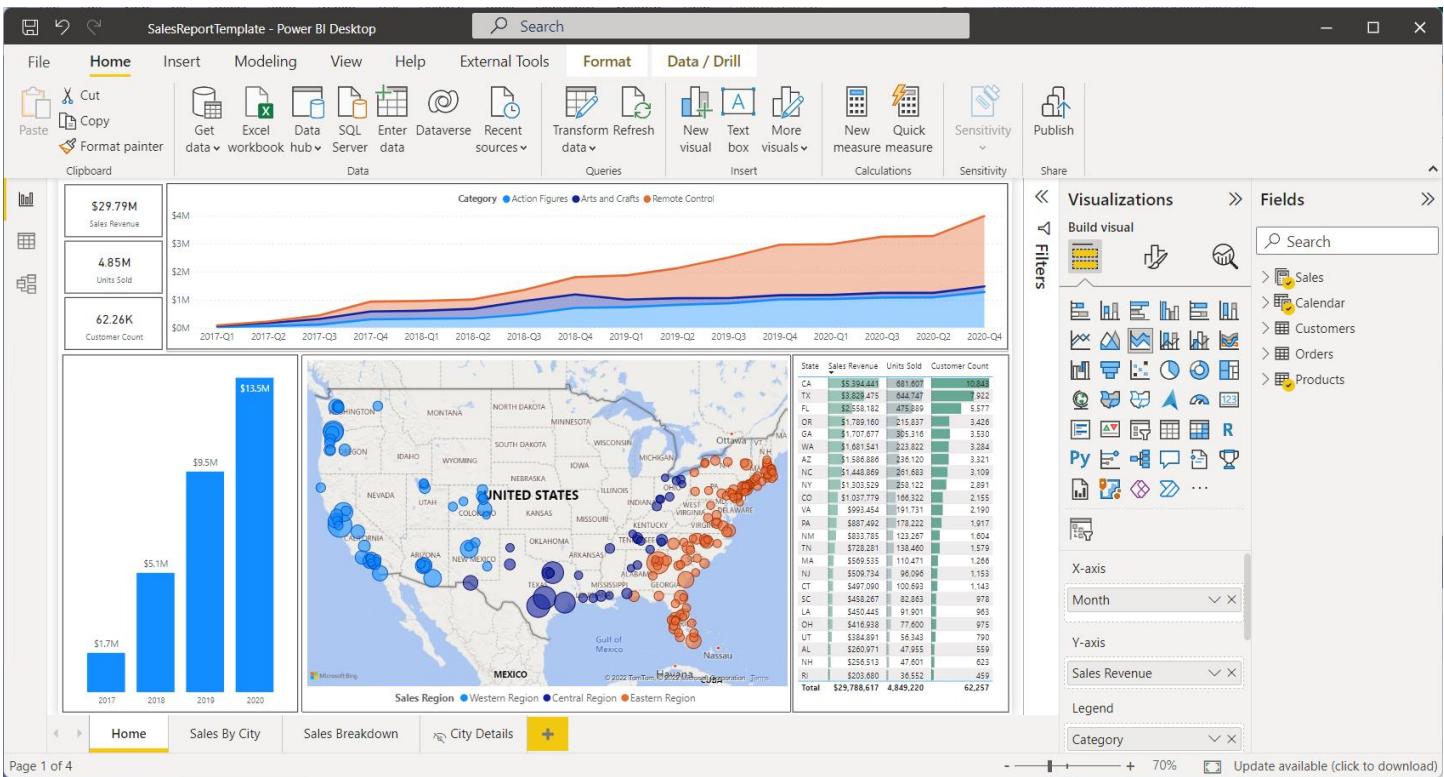
Select the **Customers** query in the **Queries** list and click **Advanced Editor** to inspect the M code in the **Advanced Editor** window. You should see that the call to **Sql.Database** uses the parameters values instead of hard-coded values.

The screenshot shows the Power Query Editor with the 'Customers' query selected in the 'Queries' list. An arrow points to the 'Advanced Editor' button in the ribbon. The 'Advanced Editor' window is open, displaying the M code for the 'Customers' query. A red box highlights the 'Source = Sql.Database(DatabaseServer, DatabaseName)' part of the code, which uses the parameters defined in the 'Manage Parameters' dialog.

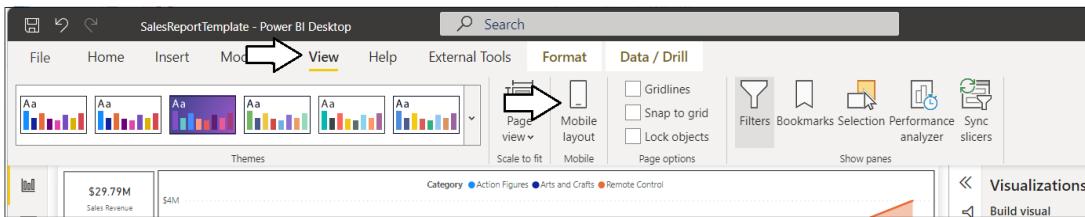
If you inspect the **OnboardNewTenant** method in the source file named [PowerBiServiceApi.cs](#), you will find this code which updates these two parameters using the support in the Power BI .NET SDK.

```
UpdateMashupParametersRequest req =
    new UpdateMashupParametersRequest(new List<UpdateMashupParameterDetails>() {
        new UpdateMashupParameterDetails { Name = "DatabaseServer", NewValue = tenant.DatabaseServer },
        new UpdateMashupParameterDetails { Name = "DatabaseName", NewValue = tenant.DatabaseName }
    });
pbiClient.Datasets.UpdateParametersInGroup(workspace.Id, dataset.Id, req);
```

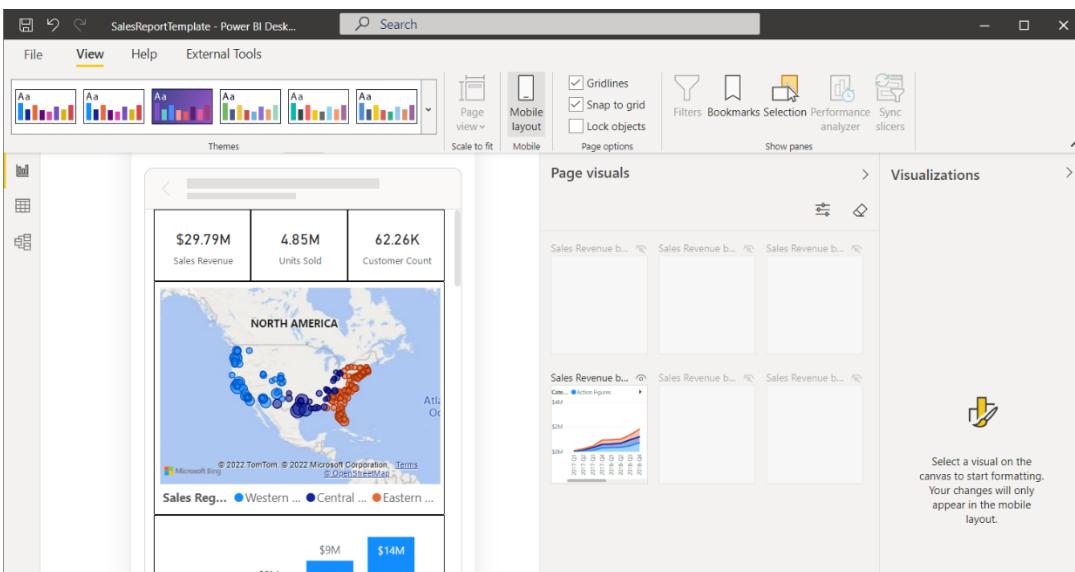
Close the Power Query Editor window and return to the main Power BI Desktop window. Have a look at the report and take a minute to move through all the pages and see what they display.



After you have had a look at each page, move back to the page named **Home**. Now navigate to the **View** tab in the ribbon and click the **Mobile layout** button to see the report's mobile view.



You should see that this report has been designed with a mobile view in addition to the standard master view.



You can now close Power BI Desktop and move back to the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application.

Embed reports

Now it's time to make use of the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application's ability to embed reports. Click the **Embed** button for a customer tenant to navigate to the **Embed** page and view the **Sales** report.

Tenant	Created	Workspace ID	Embed	Web URL	View	Delete
Contoso	2022-10-01 at 04:08 PM	d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165				
Wingtip Toys	2022-10-01 at 04:00 PM	92f56a3d-5fe0-4e12-9ef0-17e330ef22d5				

You should now see a page with an embedded report for that tenant. Click on the yellow back arrow button in the upper left corner to return to the **Customer Tenants** page.

The Sales Report for Contoso page displays the following data:

- Pages:** \$5.22M Sales Revenue, 322.37K Units Sold, 21.28K Customer Count.
- Home:** Sales By City.
- Sales Breakdown:** Bar chart showing Sales Revenue from 2018 to 2020: \$0.37M (2018), \$2.10M (2019), and \$2.74M (2020).
- Map:** A map of the Western United States showing sales regions with blue dots.
- Table:** Sales by State (partial data):

State	Sales Revenue	Units Sold	Customer Count
CA	\$2,616,478	161,399	10,226
OR	\$1,014,205	64,552	4,058
WA	\$649,557	59,386	3,702
AZ	\$327,339	18,496	1,534
NM	\$274,574	16,733	1,140
CO	\$1,402,111	805	51
Total	\$5,216,185	322,374	21,215

Now test clicking the **Embed** button for other customer tenants. The **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application has the ability to embed the **Sales** report from any of the customer tenants that have been created.

Inspect the Power BI workspaces being created

If you're curious about what's been created in Power BI, you can see for yourself by navigating to the Power BI Service portal at <https://app.powerbi.com>. You should be able to see and navigate to any of the Power BI workspaces that have been created by the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application by clicking on the Web URL button on the **Customer Tenants** page.

Tenant	Created	Workspace ID	Embed	Web URL	View	Delete
Contoso	2022-10-01 at 04:08 PM	d290cf10-bb10-4702-b48b-9652adb05165				
Wingtip Toys	2022-10-01 at 04:00 PM	92f56a3d-5fe0-4e12-9ef0-17e330ef22d5				

Click on the Web URL button for the customer tenant named **Contoso** so you can navigate to the workspace in the browser experience provided by the Power BI Service.

Name	Type	Owner	Refreshed
Sales	Report	AODSK: Contoso	10/1/22, 12:08:45 PM
Sales	Dataset	AODSK: Contoso	10/1/22, 12:08:45 PM
Sales Summary	Report	AODSK: Contoso	—

Drill into the **Setting** page for the dataset named **Sales**.

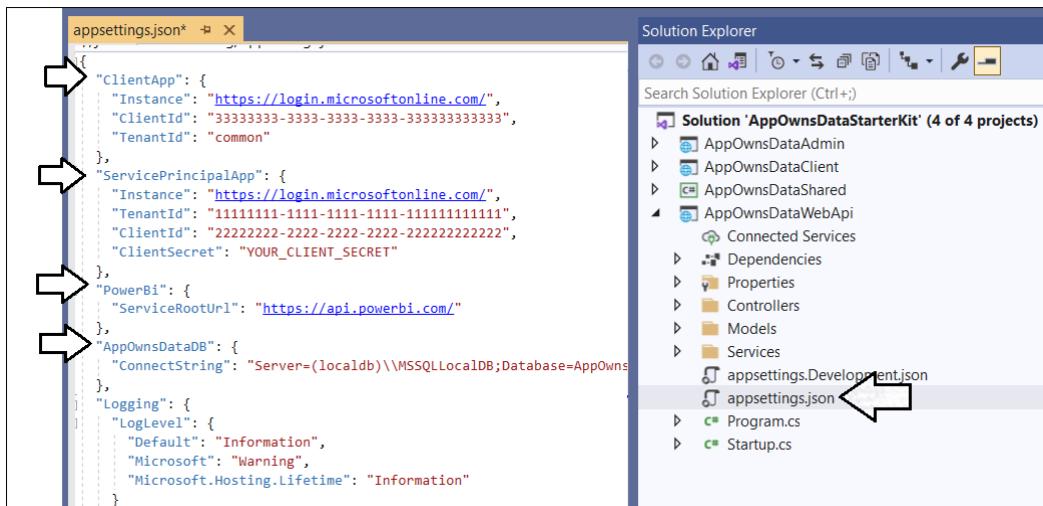
You should be able to verify that the **Sales** dataset has been configured by the **App-Owns-Data Service App**. You should also be able to see the **Last refresh succeeded** message for the dataset refresh operation that was started by the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** as part of its tenant onboarding logic.

Configure the application configure the AppOwnsDataWebApi project

In order to test the **AppOwnsDataClient** application, you must first configure the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project. Once you configure the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project, you will then configure and test the **AppOwnsDataClient** application.

Update the appsettings.json file for AppOwnsDataWebApi

Before you can run the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project in the Visual Studio debugger, you must update several important application settings in the **appsettings.json** file. Open the **appsettings.json** file inside the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project and examine the JSON content inside. There are four important sections named **ClientApp**, **ServicePrincipalApp**, **PowerBi** and **AppOwnsDataDB**.



Inside the **ClientApp** section, update the update the **ClientId** with the data you collected when creating the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Client App**.

```
"ClientApp": {
  "Instance": "https://login.microsoftonline.com/",
  "ClientId": "f99977a5-f476-4a39-bfc7-9cf2f4bd1b9e", ←
  "TenantId": "common"
},
```

Inside the **ServicePrincipalApp** section, update the **TenantId**, **ClientId** and **ClientSecret** with the data you collected when creating the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Service App**.

```
"ServicePrincipalApp": {
  "Instance": "https://login.microsoftonline.com/",
  "TenantId": "4530b20f-3202-4ba8-935d-8b968d0d1b1c",
  "ClientId": "22b111f4-5846-4d48-b210-1862a633be95",
  "ClientSecret": "nk.uCgBw.F...-jg"
},
```

There is no need to update the **PowerBi** section as long as your are using Power BI in the public cloud. If you are using Power BI in one of the government clouds or in sovereign clouds for Germany or China, this URL must be updated appropriately. See [this page](#) for details.

Inside the **AppOwnsDataDB** section, ensure that the database connection string used here is the same as the database connection string used in the **appsettings.json** file in the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application. Obviously, it's important for both these applications to read and write from the same database instance.

```
"AppOwnsDataDB": {
  "ConnectionString": "Server=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;Database=AppOwnsDataDB;Integrated Security=True;"
},
```

Save your changes and close the **appsettings.json** file in the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project. Now that the **AppOwnsDataWebApi** project has been configured, you can move ahead to configure and test either the **AppOwnsDataClient** application or the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application.

Test the AppOwnsDataClient application

In the **AppOwnsDataClient** project, expand the **App** folder and open the **appSettings.ts** file

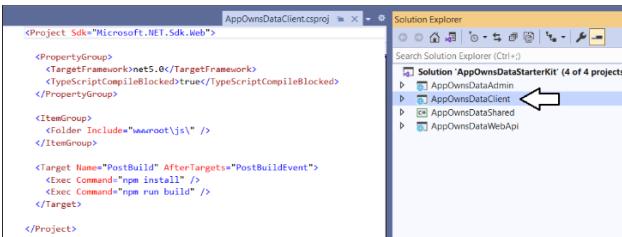


Update the **ClientId** with the Client ID of the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Client App**.

```
export default class AppSettings {
  public static clientId: string = "33333333-3333-3333-3333-333333333333";
  public static tenant: string = "common";
  public static apiRoot: string = "https://localhost:44302/api/";
  public static apiScopes: string[] = [
    "api://" + AppSettings.clientId + "/Reports.Embed"
  ];
}
```

Save your changes and close **appSettings.ts**.

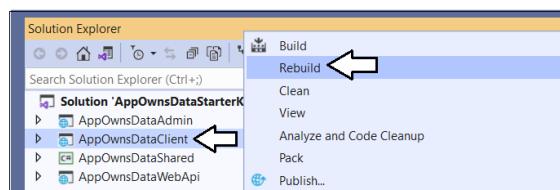
Now, it's time to build the **AppOwnsDataClient** project. Note that the build process for the **AppOwnsDataClient** project is configured to use Node.js to compile the TypeScript code in the project into a single JavaScript file for distribution named **bundle.js**. Before building the project, double-click on the **AppOwnsDataClient** node in the solution explorer to open the project file named **AppOwnsDataClient.csproj**.



There is an XML element in **AppOwnsDataClient.csproj** which defines a post build event that calls the Node.js commands **npm install** and **npm run build**. For this reason, you must install Node.js before you can build the project.

```
<Target Name="PostBuild" AfterTargets="PostBuildEvent">
  <Exec Command="npm install" />
  <Exec Command="npm run build" />
</Target>
```

If you haven't installed node.js, install it now [from here](#). Once Node.js has been installed, right-click the **AppOwnsDataClient** solution in the Solution Explorer and select the **Rebuild** command



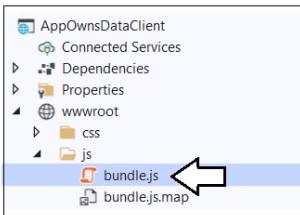
When Visual Studio runs the build process, you should be able to watch the **Output** window and see output messages indicating that the **npm install** command has run and that the **npm run build** command has triggered the **webpack** utility to compile all the Typescript code in the project into a single JavaScript file for distribution named **bundle.js**.

```

Output
Show output from: Build
Rebuild started...
1>----- Rebuild All started: Project: AppOwnsDataClient, Configuration: Release Any CPU -----
1>AppOwnsDataClient -> C:\DevCamp\AppOwnsDataStarterKit\AppOwnsDataClient\bin\Release\net5.0\AppOwnsDataClient.dll
1>AppOwnsDataClient -> C:\DevCamp\AppOwnsDataStarterKit\AppOwnsDataClient\bin\Release\net5.0\AppOwnsDataClient.Views.dll
1>npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@1.2.13 (node_modules\watchpack-chokidar2\node_modules\fsevents):
1>npm WARN notsup SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: Unsupported platform for fsevents@1.2.13: wanted {"os":"darwin","arch":"any"} (current: {"os":"win32","arch":"x64"})
1>npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@2.3.2 (node_modules\fsevents):
1>npm WARN notsup SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: Unsupported platform for fsevents@2.3.2: wanted {"os":"darwin","arch":"any"} (current: {"os":"win32","arch":"x64"})
1>
1> added 555 packages from 366 contributors and audited 555 packages in 7.314s
1>
1> 46 packages are looking for funding
1> run `npm fund` for details
1>
1> found 0 vulnerabilities
1>
1>
1>>> app-owns-data-client@1.0.0 build C:\DevCamp\AppOwnsDataStarterKit\AppOwnsDataClient
1> webpack --no-stats
1>
1>i n\d@atln\g: Using typescript@3.9.9 from typescript
1>i n\d@atln\g: Using tsconfig.json from C:\DevCamp\AppOwnsDataStarterKit\AppOwnsDataClient/tsconfig.json
1>i n\d@atln\g: Checking started in a separate process...
1>i n\d@atln\g: Time: 636ms
===== Rebuild All: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 skipped =====

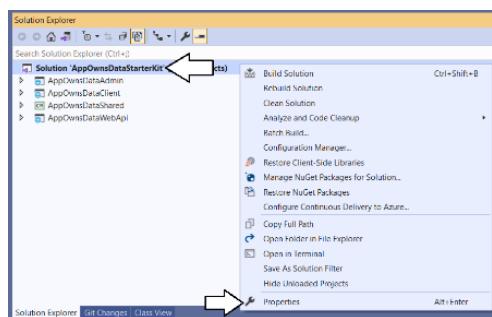
```

The build process should generate a new copy of **bundle.js** in the project at a path of **wwwroot/js**.

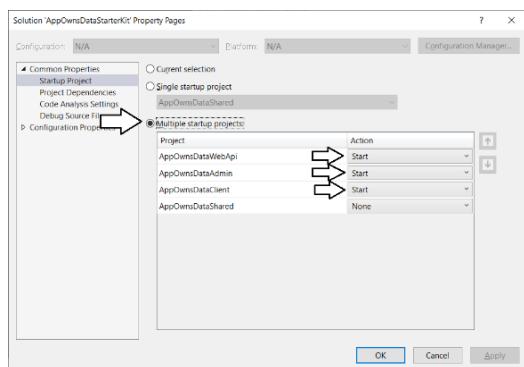


Launch AppOwnsDataClient in the Visual Studio debugger

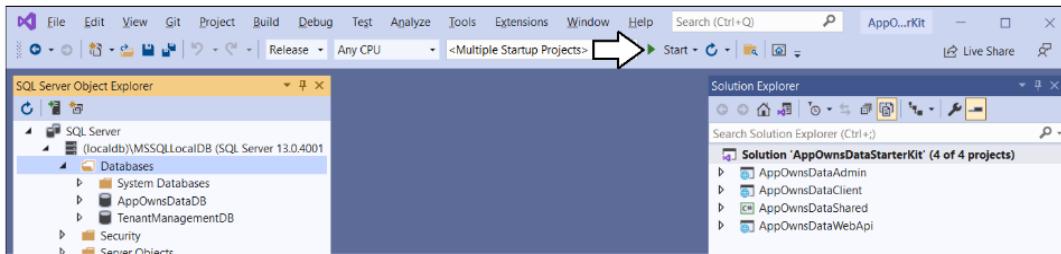
Now, it's finally time to test the **AppOwnsDataClient** application. However, you must first configure the Visual Studio solution to launch both the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and the **AppOwnsDataClient** application at the same time so you can properly test the application's functionality. Right-click on the **AppOwnsDataStarterKit** solution node in the Solution Explorer and select the **Properties** command.



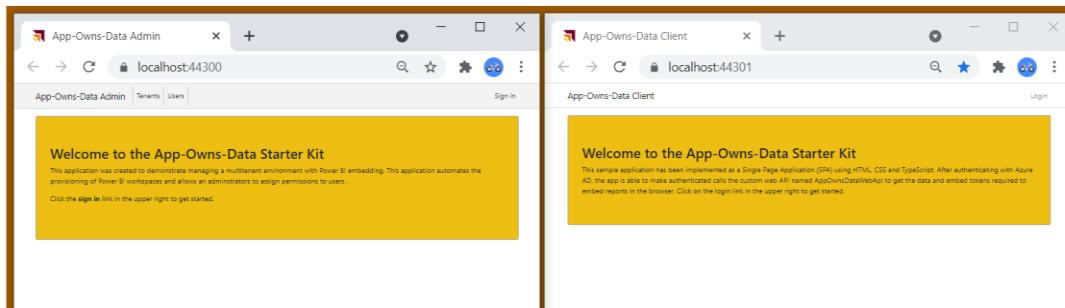
On the **Setup Project** page, select the option for **Multiple startup projects** and configure an **Action of Start** for **AppOwnsDataWebApi**, **AppOwnsDataAdmin** and **AppOwnsDataClient** as shown in the following screenshot.



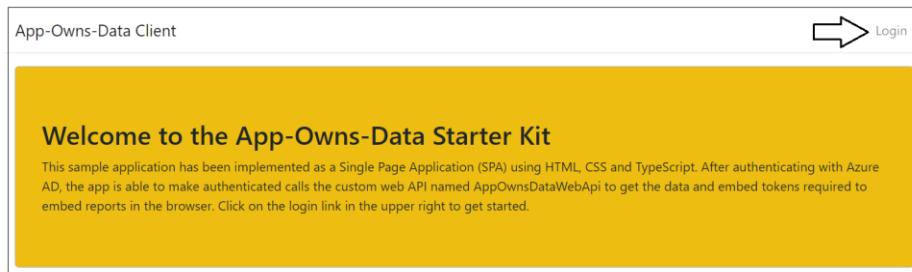
Launch the solution in the Visual Studio debugger by pressing the **{F5}** key or by clicking the Visual Studio **Play** button with the green arrow.



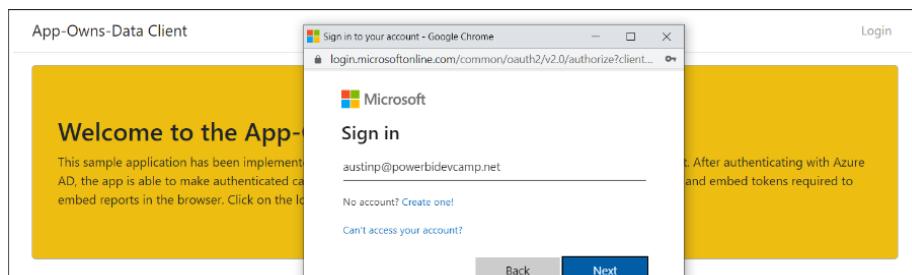
When the solution starts in the Visual Studio debugger, you should see one browser session for **AppOwnsDataAdmin** at <https://localhost:44300> and a second browser session for **AppOwnsDataClient** at <https://localhost:44301>.



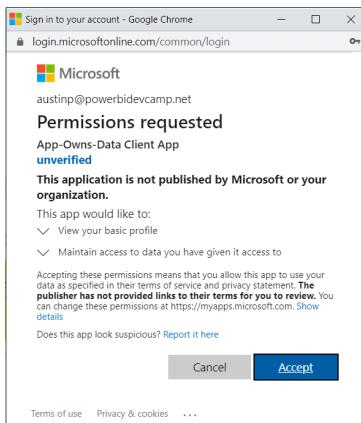
Sign into the **AppOwnsDataClient** application by clicking the **Login** link.



Sign into the **AppOwnsDataClient** application using any Microsoft organization account or Microsoft personal account.



After authenticating with your user name and password, you'll be prompted with the **Permissions requested** dialog. Click the **Accept** button to continue.



After logging in you should see a web page like the one in the following screenshot indicating that the current user has not been assigned to a customer tenant.

At this point, you have logged in with a user account that has not yet been assigned to a customer tenant. Consequently, you cannot see any content. Over the next few steps, you will switch move back and forth between the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and the **AppOwnsDataClient** application to configure and test user permissions.

Assign user permissions

Move over to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and navigate to the **Users** page. You should see that the user account you used to log into **AppOwnsDataClient** is currently **unassigned**.

Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit User** page for this user account.

On the **Edit User** page, drop down the **Home Tenant** options menu and select an available tenant.

Login Id: AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net

Last Login: 4/19/2021 6:36:11 PM

User Name: Austin Powers

Home Tenant: [unassigned]

Can Edit:

Can Create:

Once you have selected a tenant such as **Tenant01**, click the **Save** button to save your changes.

Login Id: AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net

Last Login: 4/19/2021 6:36:11 PM

User Name: Austin Powers

Home Tenant: Tenant01

Can Edit:

Can Create:

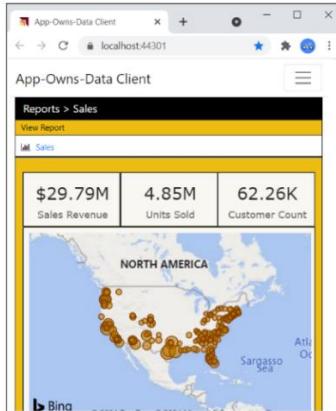
You should be able to verify that this user account has been assigned to an existing tenant.

Users							
<input type="button" value="Create New User"/>		User Name	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit
AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	Austin Powers	<input type="button" value="Tenant01"/>	Tenant01	False	False	<input type="button" value="View"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>

Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataClient** application and refresh the page. When the page refreshes, you should see the **Sales** report has been successfully embedded in the browser



Adjust the size of the browser window to make it more narrow. Once the browser window width is small enough, the report should begin to render using the mobile view.



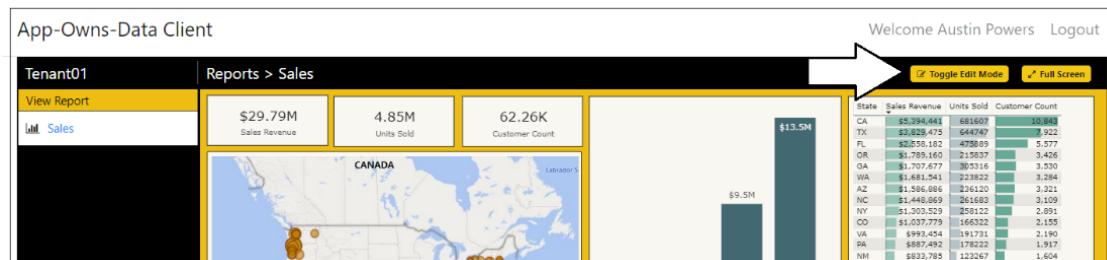
Create and edit reports using the AppOwnsDataClient application

You've now seen how to configure read-only permissions for users. Next, you will configure your user account with edit permissions so that you can customize a report using the **AppOwnsDataClient** application. Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and navigate to the **Users** page. Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit User** page for your user account. Check the **Can Edit** checkbox and click **Save**.

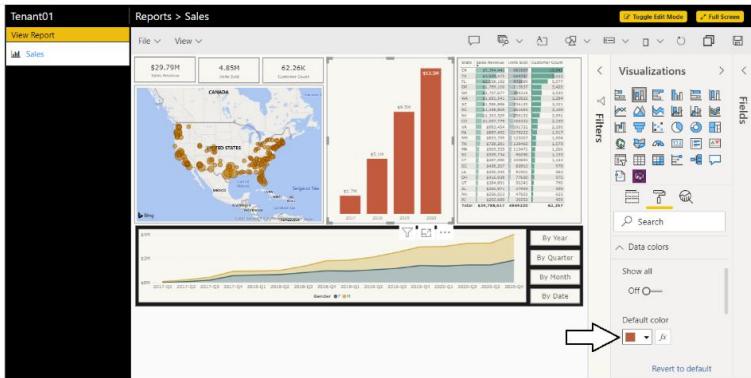
You should be able to verify that **Can Edit** property for your user account has been set to **True**.

Users							
Create New User		User Name	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit
Login ID							
AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	Austin Powers	Tenant01	True	True	False		

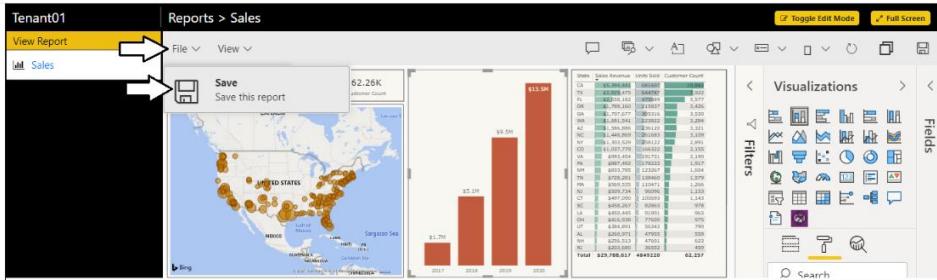
Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataClient** application and refresh the page. When the application initializes, it should automatically embed the **Sales** report and display the **Toggle Edit Mode** button. Move the report into edit mode by clicking the **Toggle Edit Mode** button.



Make a simple customization to the report such as changing the **Default color** for the bar chart.



Save your changes by invoking the **File > Save** menu command.



You've now seen how to configure edit permissions for users and you've tested the authoring experience for customizing a report in the browser. Next, you will give your user account create permissions so that a user can create a new report or invoke a **SaveAs** command on an existing report to create a new report which is a copy.

Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and navigate to the **Users** page. Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit User** page for your user account. Check the **Can Create** checkbox and click **Save**.

Login Id:	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net
Last Login:	4/19/2021 6:47:35 PM
User Name:	Austin Powers
Home Tenant:	Tenant01
Can Edit:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Can Create:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Save	

You should be able to verify that the **Can Create** property for your user account has been set to **True**.

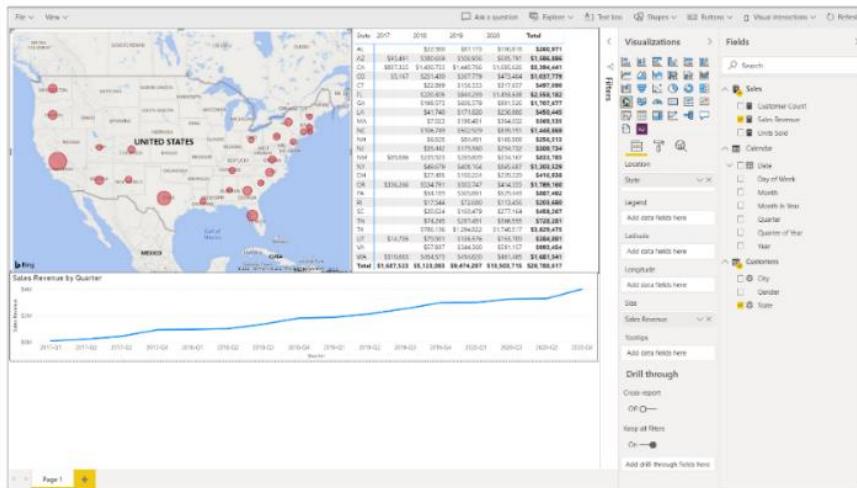
Users							
Create New User							
Login ID	User Name	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit	Delete
AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	Austin Powers	Tenant01	True	True			

Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataClient** application and refresh the page. Now when the application initializes, it should display a **Create Report** section in the left navigation. Click on the **Sales** dataset link in the **Create Report** section in the left navigation to create a new report.



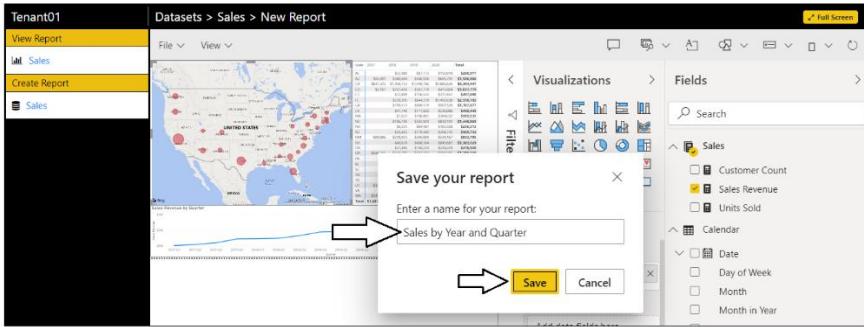
You should now see the Power BI report designer with a new report built on the **Sales** dataset. Click the **Full Screen** button to move to full-screen mode where it will be easier to build a new report.

When in full-screen mode, create a simple report layout using whatever visuals you'd like.

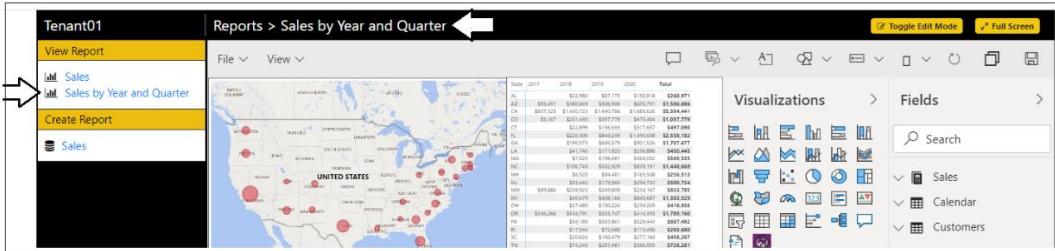


Once you have created a simple report, press the **Esc** key to get out of full screen mode. Now click the **File > Save As** menu command to save the report back to the customer tenant workspace.

In the **Save your report** dialog, enter a name such as **Sales by Year and Quarter** and click the **Save** button.



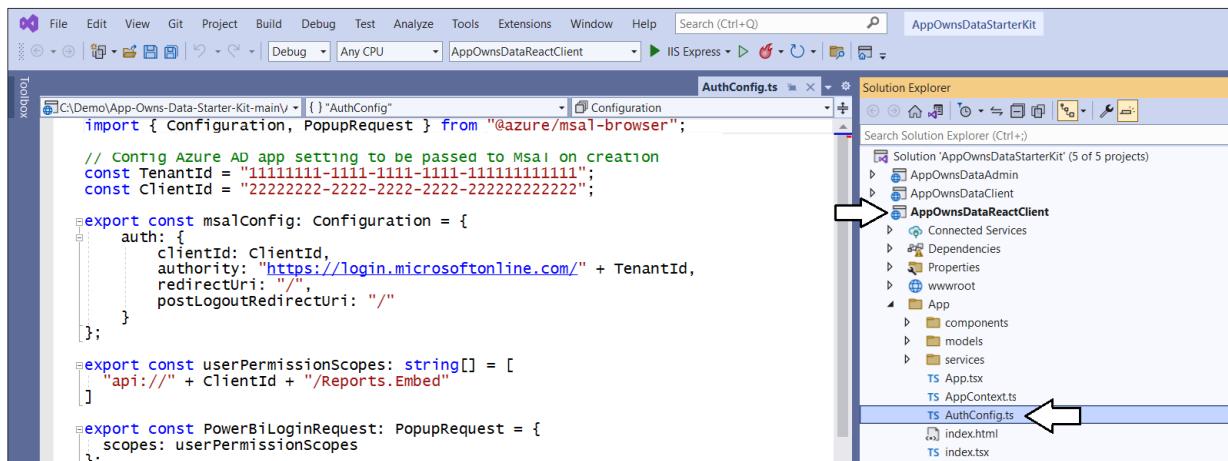
After saving the report, you should see in the left navigation and the application breadcrumb are updated appropriately.



You have now seen how to configure user permissions for viewing, editing and creating content.

Test the AppOwnsDataReactClient application

In the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** project, expand the **App** folder and open the **AuthConfig.ts** file

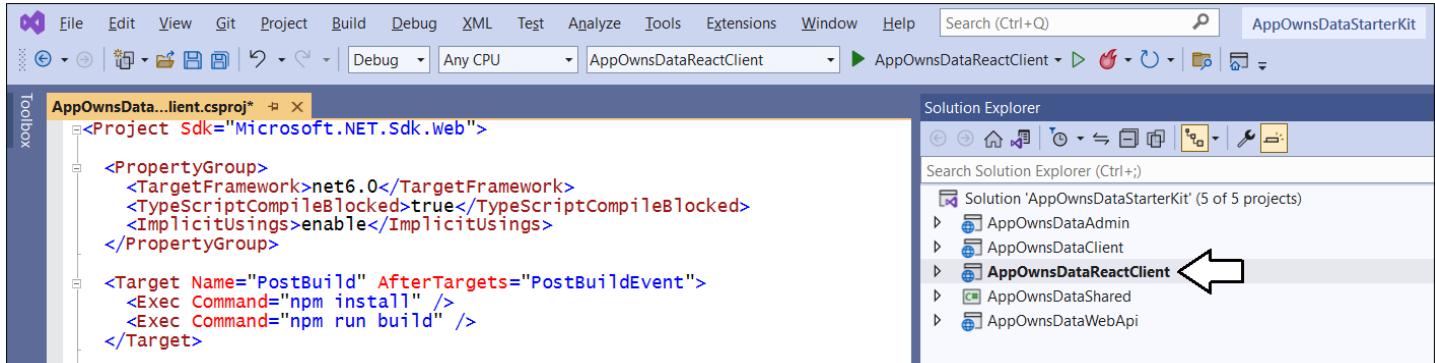


Update the **TenantId** and **ClientId** with the Tenant ID and the Client ID of the Azure AD application named **App-Owns-Data Client App**.

```
// Config Azure AD app setting to be passed to Msal on creation
const TenantId = "2f23c5ea-5..."; // Replace with your Tenant ID
const ClientId = "50le9a25-1..."; // Replace with your Client ID
```

Save your changes and close **AuthConfig.ts**.

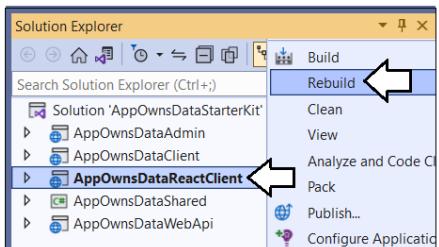
Now, it's time to build the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** project. Note that the build process for the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** project is configured to use Node.js to compile the TypeScript code in the project into a single JavaScript file for distribution named **bundle.js**. Before building the project, double-click on the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** node in the solution explorer to open the project file named **AppOwnsDataClient.csproj**.



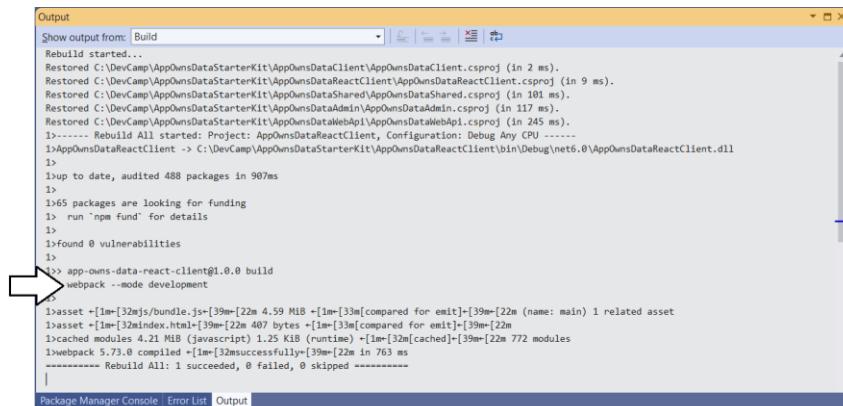
There is an XML element in **AppOwnsDataReactClient.csproj** which defines a post build event that calls the Node.js commands **npm install** and **npm run build**. For this reason, you must install Node.js before you can build the project.

```
<Target Name="PostBuild" AfterTargets="PostBuildEvent">
  <Exec Command="npm install" />
  <Exec Command="npm run build" />
</Target>
```

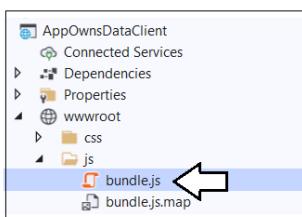
If you haven't installed node.js, install it now [from here](#). Once Node.js has been installed, right-click the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** solution in the Solution Explorer and select the **Rebuild** command



When Visual Studio runs the build process, you should be able to watch the **Output** window and see output messages indicating that the **npm install** command has run and that the **npm run build** command has triggered the **webpack** utility to compile all the Typescript code in the project into a single JavaScript file for distribution named **bundle.js**.

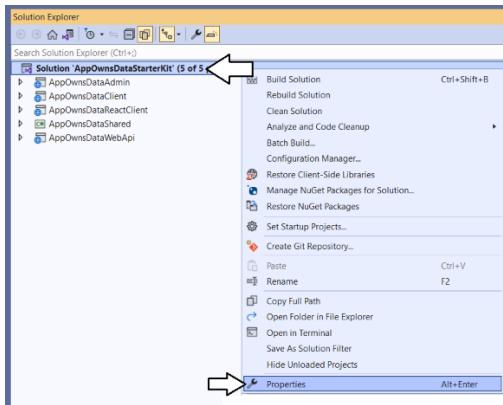


The build process should generate a new copy of **bundle.js** in the project at a path of **wwwroot/js**.

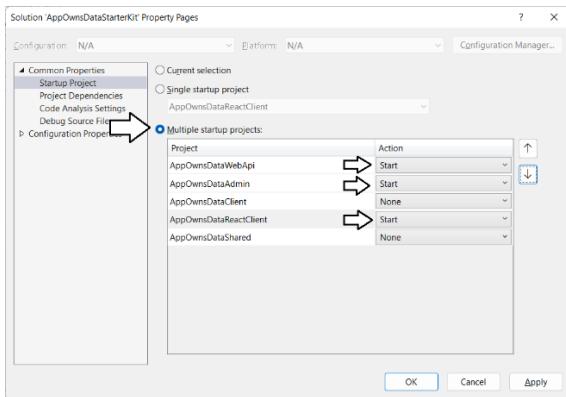


Launch AppOwnsDataReactClient in the Visual Studio debugger

Now, it's time to test the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application. However, you must first configure the Visual Studio solution to launch both the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application at the same time so you can properly test the application's functionality. Right-click on the **AppOwnsDataStarterKit** solution node in the Solution Explorer and select the **Properties** command.



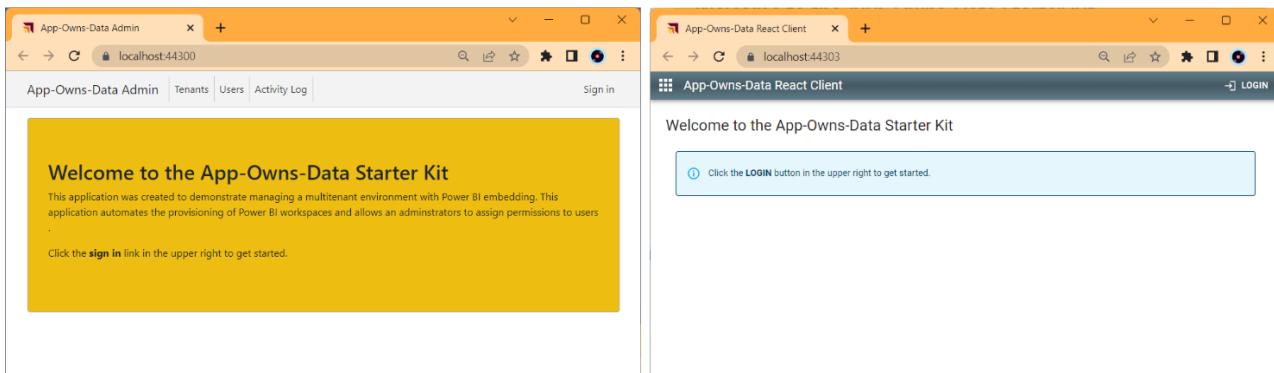
On the **Setup Project** page, select the option for **Multiple startup projects** and configure an **Action of Start** for **AppOwnsDataWebApi**, **AppOwnsDataAdmin** and **AppOwnsDataReactClient** as shown in the following screenshot.



Launch the solution in the Visual Studio debugger by pressing the **{F5}** key or by clicking the Visual Studio **Play** button with the green arrow.



When the solution starts in the Visual Studio debugger, you should see one browser session for **AppOwnsDataAdmin** at <https://localhost:44300> and a second browser session for **AppOwnsDataReactClient** at <https://localhost:44303>.



This walk through of the user experience with **AppOwnsDataReactClient** assumes that the user account you are using has not yet been assigned to a customer tenant. If you have already configured your user account with a customer tenant when testing the **AppOwnsDataClient** application, then you should use the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application to return your user account into a state where it is unassigned as shown in the following screenshot.

Login ID	User Name	Created	Last Login	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit	Delete
TedP@powerbidevcamp.net	Ted Pattison	9/24/2022 9:37 PM	10/5/2022 3:33 PM	unassigned	False				

Now, move over the browser windows with the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application and click the **Login** link to sign in.

Sign into the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application using the user account you are using for testing.

If you are authenticating for the first time, you will be prompted with the **Permissions requested** dialog. If you are prompted with this dialog, click the **Accept** button to continue.

After logging in, you should see the home page of **AppOwnsDataReactClient** as shown in the following screenshot with a message indicating that the current user has not been assigned to a customer tenant.

The screenshot shows the header "App-Owns-Data React Client" and a user profile "TED PATTISON". Below the header, a message box contains the text: "Your user account has not been assigned to a tenant. You will not have access to my reports until your user account has been assigned to a tenant.".

At this point, you have logged in with a user account that has not yet been assigned to a customer tenant. Consequently, you cannot see any content. Over the next few steps, you will switch move back and forth between the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application to configure and test user permissions.

Assign user permissions

Move over to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and navigate to the **Users** page. You should see that the user account you used to log into **AppOwnsDataReactClient** is currently **unassigned**. Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit User** page for this user account.

The screenshot shows the "Users" page with a table. One row represents the user "Ted Pattison" with the "Tenant" field set to "unassigned". The "Edit" button for this user is highlighted with a yellow arrow.

Login ID	User Name	Created	Last Login	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit	Delete
TedP@powerbidevcamp.net	Ted Pattison	9/24/2022 9:37 PM	10/5/2022 3:33 PM	unassigned	False	False			

On the **Edit User** page, drop down the **Home Tenant** options menu and select an available tenant. Once you have selected a tenant such as **Wingtip Toys**, click the **Save** button to save your changes.

The screenshot shows the "Edit User" page. The "Home Tenant" dropdown menu is open, showing "Wingtip Toys" as the selected option. A yellow arrow points to the "Save" button at the bottom left of the form.

You should be able to verify that this user account has been assigned to an existing tenant.

The screenshot shows the "Users" page again, but now the "Tenant" field for the user "Ted Pattison" is listed as "Wingtip Toys", indicating the assignment was successful. The "Edit" button for this user is highlighted with a yellow arrow.

Login ID	User Name	Created	Last Login	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit	Delete
TedP@powerbidevcamp.net	Ted Pattison	9/24/2022 9:37 PM	10/5/2022 3:33 PM	Wingtip Toys	False	False			

Return to the browser session running **AppOwnsDataReactClient** and refresh the page. Once the page refreshes, you should see the home page now shows a left navigation menu with available reports and details of the user session.

Welcome to the App-Owns-Data Starter Kit

Now that you have logged in, you can use the left navigation menu to navigate to the reports accessible within this tenant.

Login Session Info:

- User Login: TedP@powerbidevcamp.net
- User Display Name: Ted Pattison
- Tenant Name: Wingtip Toys
- User can edit content: false
- User can create content: false

Tenant Contents:

- Reports**
 - Sales
 - Sales Summary
- Datasets**
 - Sales

Click on the **Sales** link in the left navigation to embed the **Sales** report. You should see that the report is successfully embedded and displayed to the user. You should notice that the end of the URL contains the **Sales** report ID.

Wingtip Toys > Sales

Category: Action Figures, Arts and Crafts, Home Decor

State	Sales Revenue	Units Sold	Customer Count
CA	\$5,948.40	691,407	1,026
FL	\$1,048.142	47,919	6,277
GA	\$1,048.142	47,919	6,277
IL	\$1,048.142	47,919	6,277
GA	\$77,277	35,116	3,520
VA	\$1,311.541	323,422	3,224
NC	\$1,311.541	323,422	3,224
NC	\$1,412,850	321,452	3,109
CO	\$1,337,779	166,322	2,155
VA	\$193,444	91,731	2,190
NC	\$193,444	91,731	2,190
NY	\$183,750	122,207	1,804
MA	\$195,513	104,471	1,206
NE	\$197,714	96,049	1,153
SC	\$48,393,307	32,393	978
OH	\$47,452	77,608	925
LT	\$384,891	56,310	750
NC	\$384,891	56,310	750
NM	\$265,513	47,801	623
IL	\$331,903	16,152	469
Total	\$25,798,477	4,649,298	62,247

Click on the **Sales Summary** link in the left navigation to embed the **Sales Summary** report. Note that this is a paginated report as opposed to a standard Power BI report.

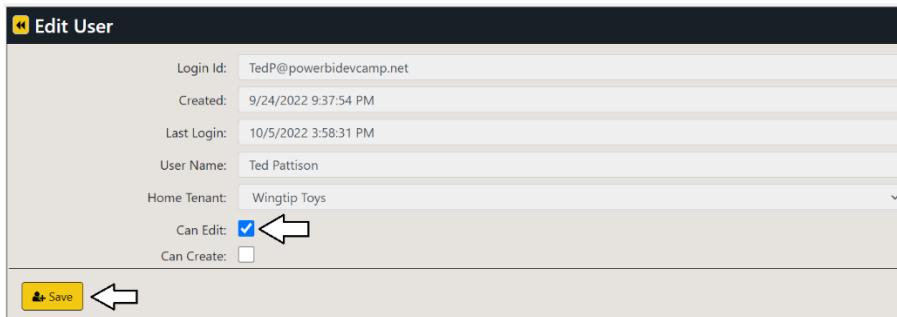
Customer Sales Report

State	City	Sales Revenue	Units Sold	Customer Count
AL	Birmingham, AL	\$77,197.39	14,448.00	184.00
	Mobile, AL	\$158,851.53	30,067.00	311.00
	Tuscaloosa, AL	\$24,922.12	3,440.00	64.00
	Total	\$260,971.04	47,955.00	559.00
AZ	Phoenix, AZ	\$418,435.13	69,701.00	838.00
	Scottsdale, AZ	\$387,871.51	59,479.00	797.00
	Surprise, AZ	\$71,070.03	12,729.00	182.00
	Tempe, AZ	\$191,880.37	24,959.00	425.00
	Tucson, AZ	\$517,629.36	69,252.00	1,079.00
	Total	\$1,586,886.40	236,120.00	3,321.00
CA	Alameda, CA	\$89,586.98	10,224.00	186.00
	Anaheim, CA	\$190,550.65	23,159.00	335.00
	Bakersfield, CA	\$233,723.22	22,341.00	440.00
	Burbank, CA	\$66,426.70	9,236.00	148.00
	Compton, CA	\$117,815.93	16,964.00	251.00
	Corona, CA	\$73,940.88	6,588.00	114.00

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Create and edit reports using the AppOwnsDataClient application

You've now seen how to configure read-only permissions for users. Next, you will configure your user account with edit permissions so that you can customize a report using the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application. Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and navigate to the **Users** page. Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit User** page for your user account. Check the **Can Edit** checkbox and click **Save**.



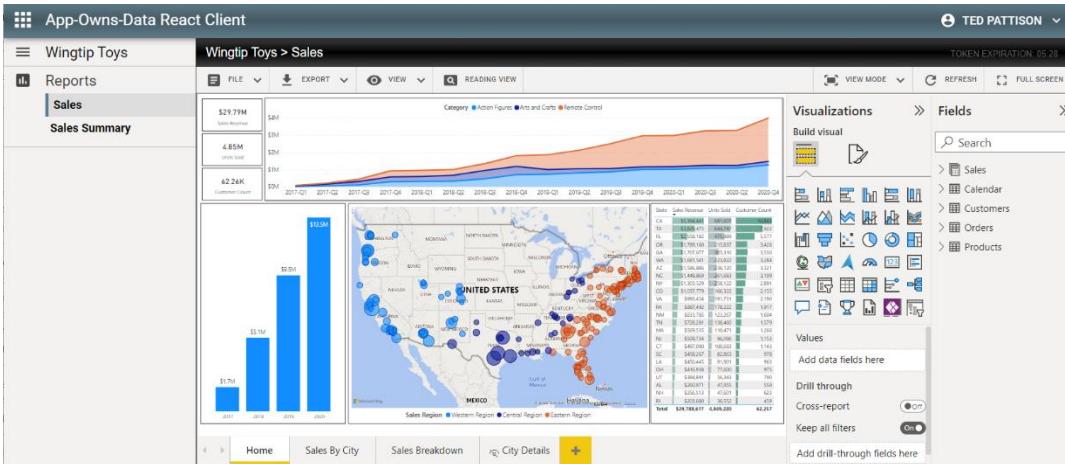
You should be able to verify that **Can Edit** property for your user account has been set to **True**.

Login ID	User Name	Created	Last Login	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit	Delete
TedP@powerbidevcamp.net	Ted Pattison	9/24/2022 9:37 PM	10/5/2022 3:58:31 PM	Wingtip	True	False			

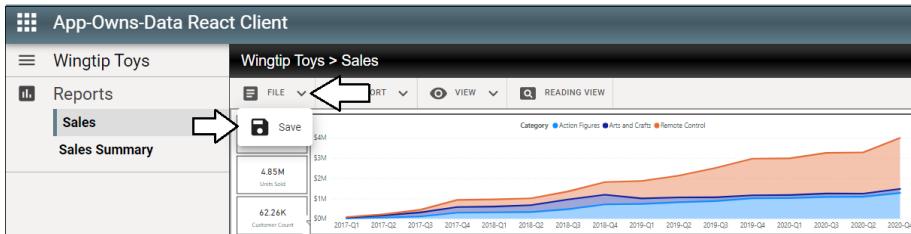
Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application and refresh the page. After the page has refreshed, navigate back to the **Sales** report. Once you have embedded the **Sales** report, **AppOwnsDataReactClient** should display an **Edit** button on the toolbar above the report. Click the **Edit** button to move the report into edit mode.



Once you move the report into edit mode, you should be able to edit the report using the same report designer experience made available by the Power BI Service. Make a simple customization to the report such as changing the **Default color** for the column chart.



Save your changes by invoking the **File > Save** menu command.



You've now seen how to configure edit permissions for users and you've tested the authoring experience for customizing a report in the browser. Next, you will give your user account create permissions so that a user can create a new report or invoke a **SaveAs** command on an existing report to create a new report which is a copy.

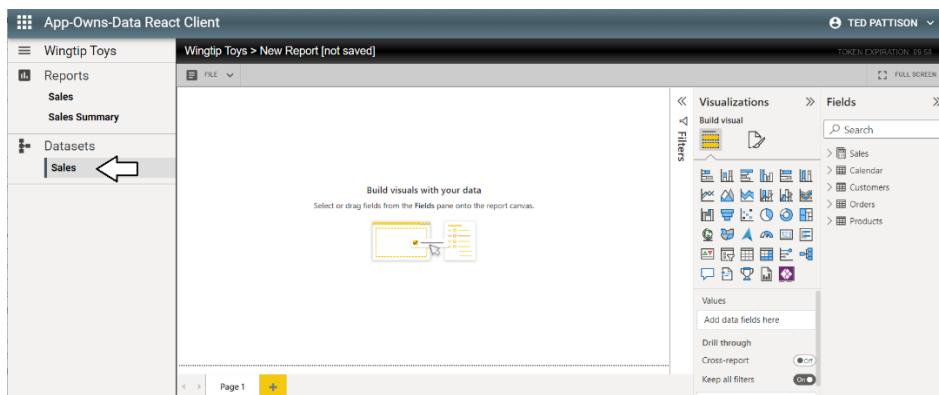
Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataAdmin** application and navigate to the **Users** page. Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit User** page for your user account. Check the **Can Create** checkbox and click **Save**. You should be able to verify that the **Can Create** property for your user account has been set to **True**.

Login ID	User Name	Created	Last Login	Tenant	Can Edit	Can Create	View	Edit	Delete
TedP@powerbidevcamp.net	Ted Pattison	9/24/2022 9:37 PM	10/5/2022 4:09 PM	Wingtip Toys	True	True			

Return to the browser session running the **AppOwnsDataReactClient** application and refresh the page. Now when the application initializes, it should display a **Datasets** section in the left navigation.



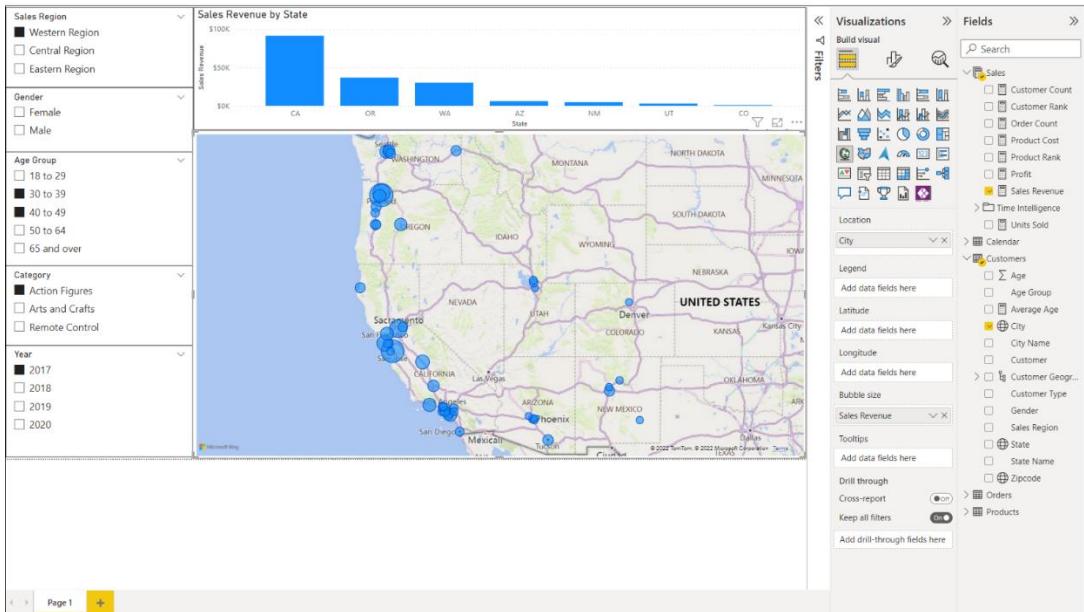
Click on the **Sales** link in the **Datasets** section in the left navigation to create a new report based. You should now see the Power BI report designer with the tables for the **Sales** dataset shown in the **Fields** list on the right.



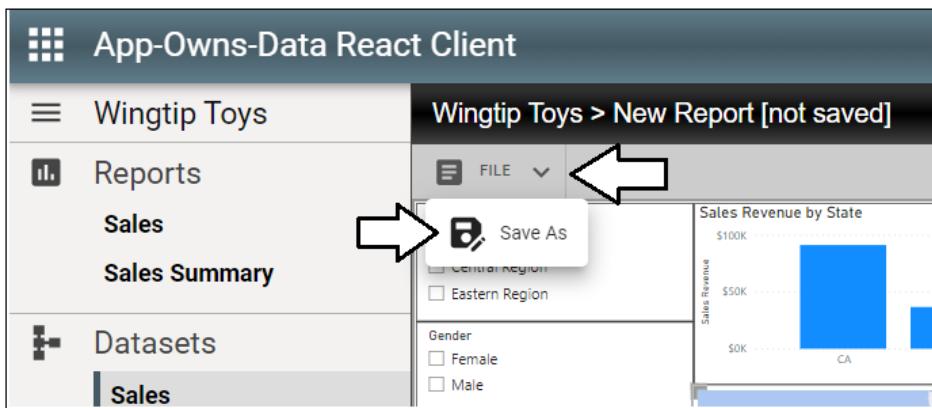
Click the **Full Screen** button to move to full-screen mode where it will be easier to build a new report.



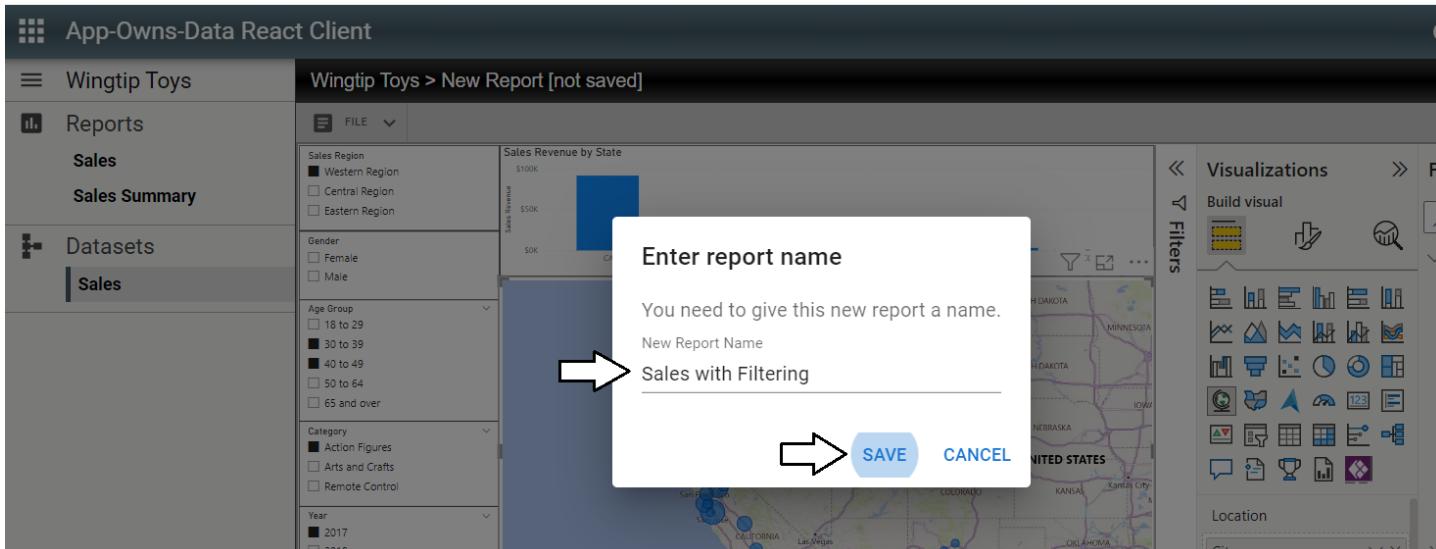
When in full-screen mode, create a simple report layout using whatever visuals you'd like.



Once you have created a simple report, press the **Esc** key to get out of full screen mode. Now click the **File > Save As** menu command to save the report back to the customer tenant workspace.



In the **Enter report name** dialog, enter a name such as **Sales by Year and Quarter** and click the **Save** button.



After saving the report, you should see in the left navigation and the application breadcrumb are updated appropriately.

You have now seen how to configure user permissions for viewing, editing and creating content.

Use the Activity Log to monitor usage and report performance

At this point, you've used either **AppOwnsDataClient** and/or **AppOwnsDataReportClient** to view, edit and create reports. While you were testing **AppOwnsDataClient**, this application was executing API calls to the **ActivityLog** endpoint of **AppOwnsDataWebApi** to log user activity. The **ActivityLog** controller in **AppOwnsDataWebApi** responds to these API calls by inserting a new record in the **ActivityLog** table of **AppOwnsDataDB** to record that user activity.

You can run a simple SQL query against the raw data in the **ActivityLog** table to get a sense of the type of data that is being stored in an **ActivityLog** record.

Activity Log Data								
	LoginId	Activity	Tenant	Workspaced	Dataset	Report	LoadDuration	RenderDuration
1	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales	559	1256
2	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales by Year and Quarter	627	1233
3	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales	611	1330
4	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales by Year and Quarter	1457	2137
5	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	CreateReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales by Year and Quarter	NULL	NULL
6	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales	1023	2093
7	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	EditReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales	NULL	NULL
8	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales	1172	2065
9	AustinP@powerbidevcamp.net	ViewReport	Tenant01	775ada0a-b353-45e3-a070-8277a557ea17	Sales	Sales	1309	2318

Inspect usage and performance data using AppOwnsDataUsageReporting.pbix

The **App-Owning Data Starter Kit** solution provides a starter report template named [AppOwnsDataUsageReporting.pbix](#) designed to import the data from **AppOwnsDataDB** and provide analysis on usage across users and report performance.

For example, the **Activity Log** page in this report displays the most recent events in the **ActivityLog** tables. This page provides the ability to view events of all types which have **Activity** column values such as **ViewReport**, **EditReport**, **CreateReport** and **CopyReport**. There's also a slicer providing the ability to filter events for a specific user.

You will notice that each record with an **Activity** value of **ViewReport** includes numeric values for the columns named **LoadDuration** and **RenderDuration**. These numeric values represent the number of milliseconds it took for the report to complete the loading phase and the rendering phase.

The code to capture this performance-related data during the report embedding process is included in the [app.ts](#) file in **AppOwnsDataClient**. The screenshot of the TypeScript code below shows how things work at a high level. First the code captures the current time in a variable named **timerStart** before starting the embedding process with a call to **powerbi.embed**. There are event handlers for the report's **loaded** event and **rendered** event which measure the duration of how long it took to complete the loading and rendering of the report.

```
var timerStart: number = Date.now();
var initialLoadComplete: boolean = false;
var loadDuration: number;
var renderDuration: number;

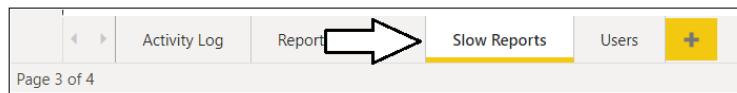
App.currentReport = <powerbi.Report>App.powerbi.embed(App.embedContainer[0], config);

App.currentReport.on("loaded", async (event: any) => {
    loadDuration = Date.now() - timerStart;
    // other code for loaded omitted for brevity
});

App.currentReport.on("rendered", async (event: any) => {
    if (!initialLoadComplete) {
        renderDuration = Date.now() - timerStart;
        var correlationId: string = await App.currentReport.getCorrelationId();
        await App.logViewReportActivity(correlationId, App.viewModel.embedTokenId, report, loadDuration, renderDuration);
        initialLoadComplete = true;
    }
});
```

Note that the **loaded** event executes a single time when you embed a report. However, the **rendered** event can execute more than once such as in the case when the users navigates between pages or changes the size of the hosting window. Therefore, the code to capture the rendering duration and log the event has been designed to only execute once during the initial loading of a report.

Given the performance-related data in the **ActivityLog** table, you can add pages to [AppOwsDataUsageReporting.pbix](#) which allow you to monitor the performance of report loading and rendering across all tenants in a multi-tenant environment. For example, navigate to the **Slow Reports** page to see an example.



The **Slow Reports** page contains a table visual which displays the average load time and average render time for any report that has been embedded by **AppOwnsDataClient**. This table is sorted so that reports with the longest render durations appear at the top and provide the ability to see which reports need attention to make them more performant.

A screenshot of the Power BI Desktop interface showing the 'Slow Reports' table. The table has columns: Tenant, Dataset, Report, Report Views, Avg Load Time, and Avg Render Time. The data is as follows:

	Tenant	Dataset	Report	Report Views	Avg Load Time	Avg Render Time
	Tenant01	Sales	Sales	5	0.93	1.81
	Tenant01	Sales	Sales by Year and Quarter	2	1.04	1.59

Next Steps

This completes the technical walkthrough of the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution. If you are just starting to develop with App-Owns-Data embedding in a multi-tenant environment, hopefully you can leverage the top-level application design and code from **AppOwnsDataAdmin**, **AppOwnsDataWebApi**, **AppOwnsDataClient** and **AppOwnsDataShared**.

The **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution has been designed to be a generic starting point. You might find that your scenario requires you to extend the **App-Owns-Data Starter Kit** solution in the following ways

- Use a different [authentication provider](#) to login **AppOwnsDataClient** users and to make secure API calls.
- Create a more granular permissions scheme by adding more tables to **AppOwnsDataDB** to track permissions so that a single user can be associated with multiple tenants.
- Redesign the SPA for **AppOwnsDataClient** using a JavaScript framework such as React.js and Angular
- If you are developing with App-Owns-Data embedding in a multi-tenant environment where you expect more than 1000 customer tenants, this scenario requires extra attention because each service principal is limited in that it can only be a member of 1000 workspaces. If you need to create an environment with 5000 customer tenants (and 5000 Power BI workspaces), you need to use at least 5 service principals. Check out the GitHub project named [TenantManagement](#) for guidance and a developer sample showing how to get started.