**Power BI Assignment 3**

1. List and explain different Power Bi products?
2. What limitations of Excel, Microsoft solved by Power Bi?
3. Explain Power Query?

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1.List and explain different Power Bi products?

Power BI is a business analytics service provided by Microsoft that lets you visualize your data and share insights. It converts data from different sources to build interactive[dashboards](https://www.simplilearn.com/tutorials/power-bi-tutorial/power-bi-dashboard) and Business Intelligence reports.

Different Power BI Products explained inline:

POWER BI DESKTOP: a Windows desktop application for data analysis and reports creation

POWER BI SERVICE: Online software as a Service, used to collaborate and distribute Power BI reports

POWER BI MOBILE: a native mobile app

POWER BI REPORT BUILDER: a tool for creating paginated reports

POWER BI REPORT SERVER: an on-premises report server (available through Power BI Premium licensing)

2.What limitations of Excel, Microsoft solved by Power Bi?

Answer:

Excel vs Power bi : Data Model

Microsoft Excel is mainly used for simple analysis tasks on historical data only while Power BI deals with the simplification of real-time data obtained from disparate sources, apart from complex analysis of historical data.

### Power BI vs Excel: Language Dependency

Microsoft Excel works with the MDX language for querying the underlying Data Model, while for Power BI, the DAX language is used

### Power BI vs Excel: Collaboration

Power BI lets you share your dashboards and reports with other employees in just a few clicks. This is available for people looking for On-Premise Solutions or In-Cloud Solutions catering to enterprises and small businesses alike.

Microsoft Excel, however, has limited scope for collaboration, integration, and a bunch of other functions and formats. Setting KPIs and organizing complex data structures is simpler in Microsoft Excel due to the presence of a rich set of mathematical formulas to help you along the way.

### Power BI vs Excel: Data Security

Microsoft Excel allows you to restrict access to a file, worksheet, or workbook. You can also lock the files to hide their visibility or give read-only access to prevent editing or modifications. This is all Microsoft Excel has to offer when it comes to Data Security. It does not have a robust, built-in security control, unlike Power BI. Power BI offers a rich assortment of measures to keep your customer data safe like:

* Row-Level Security Feature
* Role-Based Authentication
* Networking Security
* Risk Mitigation
* Session Monitoring
* Cloud-Based Security Provisions

### Power BI vs Excel: Data Visualizations

When it comes to data visualizations, Power BI trumps Microsoft Excel by its sheer ability to analyze a vast amount of data with great ease along with a wide range of charts like Tables, Area Charts, Doughnut Charts, Funnel Charts, etc.

### Power BI vs Excel: Reporting and Dashboarding

Microsoft Excel offers you a limited range of dashboards if you look at interactivity and the range of functions. It has a tabular data format that can help you visualize data with various chart formats. However, it is not an ideal tool for larger datasets. Power BI has a cohort of powerful features like easy formatting, natural language querying, resizing, editing, and filtering that make the reports easy to understand, and visually attractive, while helping you draw multi-faceted insights to guide the decision-making process. Power BI’s reports are highly dynamic and interactive.

1. Explain Power Query?

Answer:

Power Query is a data transformation and data preparation engine. Power Query comes with a graphical interface for getting data from sources and a Power Query Editor for applying transformations.

Power Query is a data transformation tool available in both Microsoft Excel and Power BI. Power Query is an invaluable tool for any analyst working in Excel, saving users hours of time, reducing manual errors, and allowing users to source data from a central source of truth.