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In this section we'll **build dynamic interactive reports**, introduce visualization best practices, and explore features like bookmarks, drillthrough filters, parameters, tooltips, and more

TOPICS WE'LL COVER:

Data Viz Best Practices

Formatting & Filtering

Bookmarks

Report Interactions

User Roles

Parameters

Custom Tooltips

Mobile Layouts

GOALS FOR THIS SECTION:

- Review frameworks and best practices for visualizing data and designing effective reports and dashboards
- Explore tools and techniques for inserting, formatting and filtering visuals in the Power BI Report view
- Add interactivity using tools like bookmarks, slicer panels, parameters, tooltips, and report navigation
- Learn how to configure row-level security with user roles
- Optimize reports for mobile viewing using custom layouts

THREE KEY QUESTIONS



1

What **TYPE OF DATA** are you working with?

- Geospatial? Time-series? Hierarchical? Financial?
-

2

What do you want to **COMMUNICATE**?

- Comparison? Composition? Relationship? Distribution?
-

3

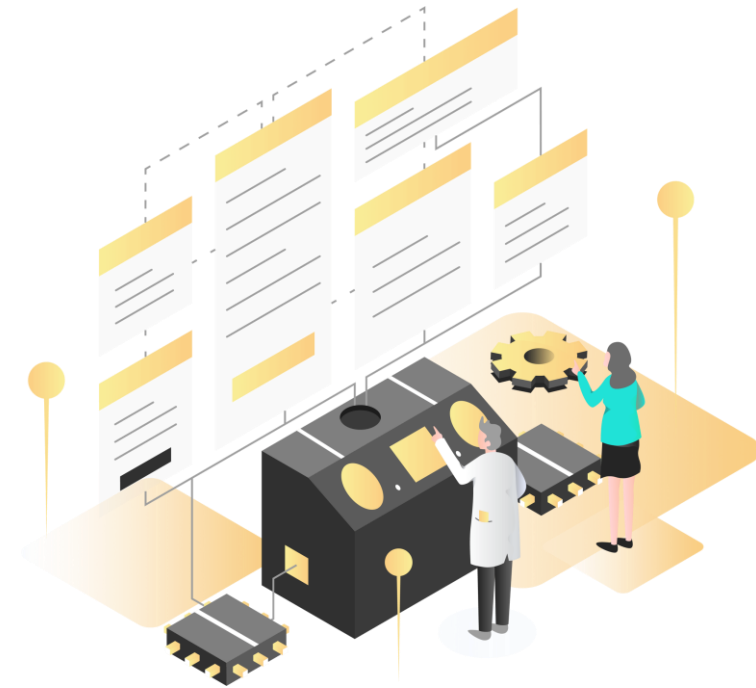
Who is the **END USER** and what do they need?

- Analyst? Manager? Executive? General public?



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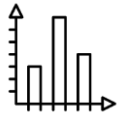
The type of data you're working with often determines **which type of visual will best represent it**; for example, using maps to represent geospatial data, line charts for time-series data, or tree maps for hierarchical data



THREE KEY QUESTIONS

2 What do you want to **COMMUNICATE**?

COMPARISON



Used to **compare values over time or across categories**

Common visuals:

- Column/Bar Chart
- Clustered Column/Bar
- Data Table/Heat Map
- Radar Chart
- Line Chart (*time series*)
- Area Chart (*time series*)

COMPOSITION

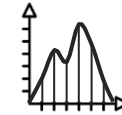


Used to **break down the component parts of a whole**

Common visuals:

- Stacked Bar/Column Chart
- Pie/Donut Chart
- Stacked Area (*time series*)
- Waterfall Chart (*gains/losses*)
- Funnel Chart (*stages*)
- Tree Map/sunburst (*hierarchies*)

DISTRIBUTION

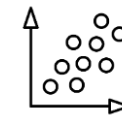


Used to **show the frequency of values within a series**

Common visuals:

- Histogram
- Density Plot
- Box & Whisker
- Scatter Plot
- Data Table/Heat Map
- Map/Choropleth (*geospatial*)

RELATIONSHIP



Used to **show correlation between multiple variables**

Common visuals:

- Scatter Plot
- Bubble Chart
- Data Table/Heat Map
- Correlation Matrix

Keep it simple! While there are *hundreds* of charts to choose from, basic options like bars and columns, line charts, histograms and scatterplots often tell the simplest and clearest story

THREE KEY QUESTIONS



3 Who is the **END USER** and what do they need?

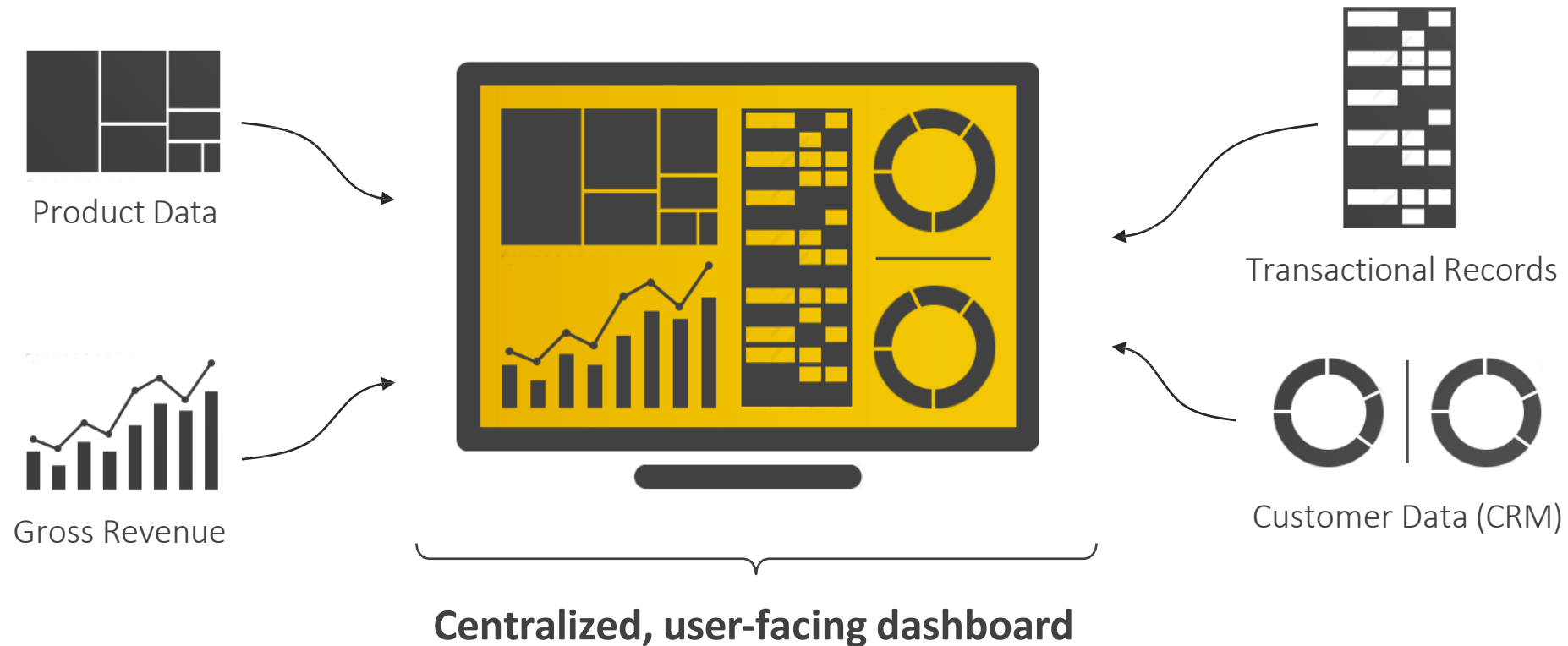


How you visualize and present your data is a function of **who will be consuming it**; a fellow analyst may want to see granular details, while managers and executives often prefer topline KPIs and clear, data-driven insights

ANALYTICS DASHBOARDS



Dashboards are analytics tools designed to consolidate data from multiple sources, track key metrics at a glance, and facilitate data-driven storytelling and decision making



DASHBOARD DESIGN FRAMEWORK



1

Define the purpose

2

Choose the right metrics

3

Present the data effectively

4

Eliminate clutter & noise

5

Use layout to focus attention

6

Tell a clear story

A well-designed dashboard should **serve a distinct purpose for a distinct audience**, use **clear and effective metrics and visuals**, and **provide a simple, intuitive user experience**.



Key questions to consider:

- Who are the **end-users** of your dashboard?
- What are their **key business goals** and objectives?
- What are the **most important questions** they need answers to?
- How can I present information **as clearly as possible**?



*Perfection is achieved not when there is nothing more to add, **but when there is nothing left to take away***



Antoine de Saint-Exupery



THE REPORT VIEW

Insert Menu (Add pages, visuals, buttons, shapes, images, etc.)

Report View

Report Canvas

Panes (Data, Format, Bookmarks, Selection)

Filter Pane (Page-level, report-level, visual-level filters)

Report Pages (each tab is a blank report canvas)

View Options (Zoom, fit to page)

AdventureWorks

\$24.9M REVENUE

\$10.5M PROFIT

25.2K ORDERS

2.2% RETURN RATE

Weekly Revenue

Monthly Revenue

Monthly Orders

Monthly Returns

Orders by Category

Top 10 Products

	Orders	Revenue	Return %
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Most Ordered Product Type: **Tires and Tubes**

Most Returned Product Type: **Shorts**

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88%

ASSIGNMENT: CARDS



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-Vic

← Reply

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Key Objectives

1. Insert a **card** in the **Customer Detail** report page to show **Total Customers**, and rename the field "UNIQUE CUSTOMERS"
2. Add a background shape and match the formatting of the cards in the **Exec Dashboard** tab
3. Copy and paste to create a second card showing **Average Revenue per Customer**, and rename the field "REVENUE PER CUSTOMER"

SOLUTION: CARDS



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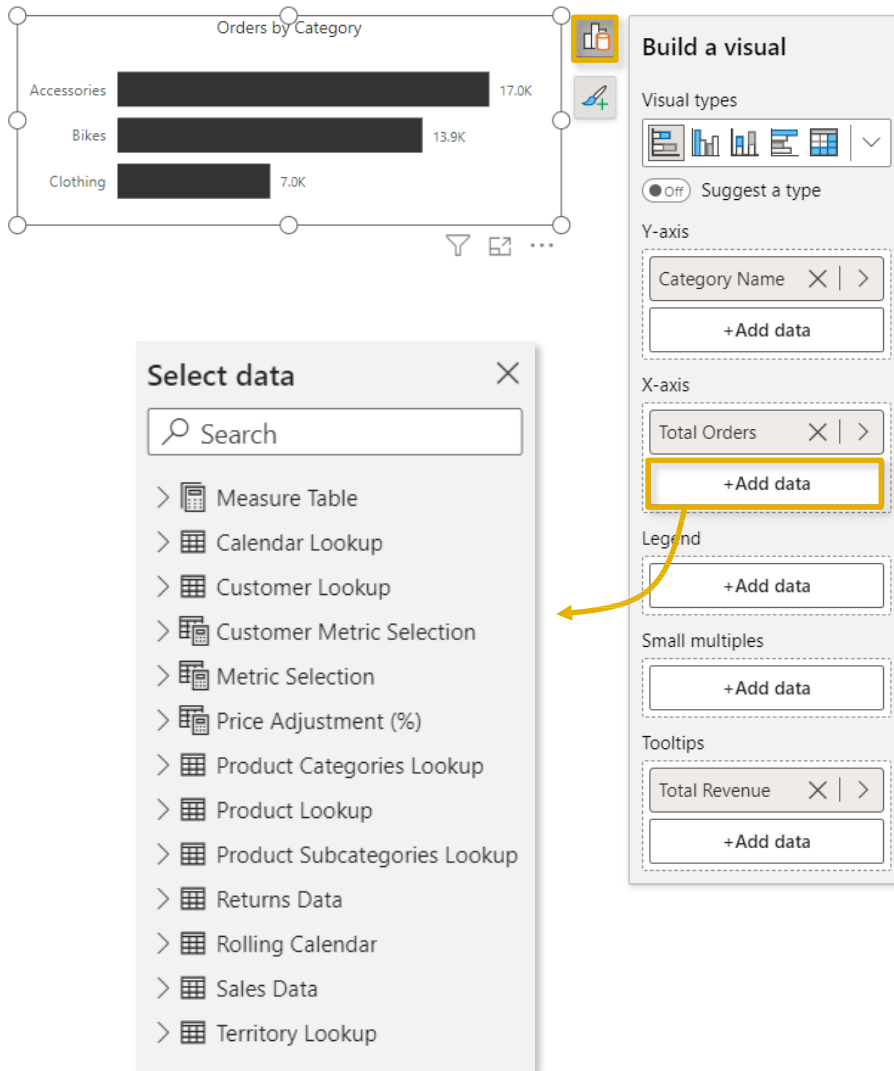
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UNIQUE CUSTOMERS

\$1,431

REVENUE PER CUSTOMER

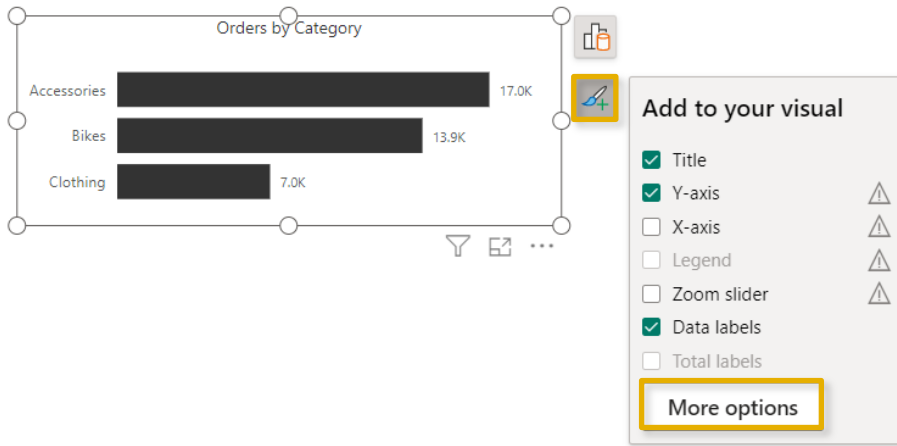
BUILDING & FORMATTING CHARTS



The **Build** menu allows you to change the visual type, auto-suggest visuals, and add data to customize chart components (*x-axis, y-axis, legend, tooltips, etc.*)

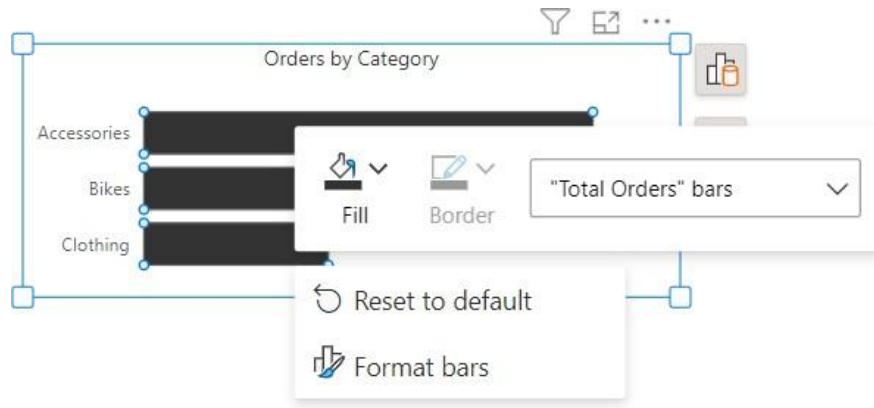
- This is a **contextual menu**, so you will only see options which are relevant to the selected visual
- You can build visuals by either inserting a specific chart type and adding data, or by dragging a field from the Data pane onto the canvas

BUILDING & FORMATTING CHARTS



The **Format** menu allows you to quickly add common chart elements (*title, axis labels, data labels, legends, etc.*) and access additional options and properties in the Format pane

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Enable **on-object formatting** by double-clicking the chart object (*or right-click > format*), which allows you to select and edit individual chart elements

- On-object formatting is only available for certain visuals (bar, column, line, area, combo & scatter)

ASSIGNMENT: LINE CHARTS



NEW MESSAGE

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Subject: **Customer count by week**

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Next up let's add a weekly line chart to show how our customer base is trending over time.

Please add a zoom bar to make it interactive, and format the tooltips to match the line chart in the Exec Dashboard.

Thanks!

-Vic

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Key Objectives

1. Add a **line chart** to the **Customer Detail** report showing **Total Customers** by week
2. Add a **trend line** and a **zoom slider** to the x-axis
3. Enable **tooltips**, and format to match line chart in the **Exec Dashboard** tab

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FILTERING OPTIONS

There are **3 types of filters** accessible from the **Filters** pane*:

1. **Visual-level** filters apply to specific visuals
2. **Page-level** filters apply to all visuals on the report page
3. **Report-level** filters apply to all visuals across all report pages

**Drillthrough filters can be configured in the page formatting pane – more on that later!*

Filters 🔍 >>

🔍 Search

Filters on this visual ...

Sum of Order Quantity is (All)

Add data fields here

Filters on this page ...

Add data fields here

Filters on all pages ...

Add data fields here

Filter type ⓘ

Basic filtering ▼

🔍 Search

☒ Select all

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessories	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bikes	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothing	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Components	1

Basic Options

Filter type ⓘ

Top N ▼

Show items

Top ▼ 2

By value

Total Orders ×

Apply filter

Top N Options

Show items when the value

is greater than ▼

is less than

is less than or equal to

is greater than

is greater than or equal to

is

is not

Advanced (Values)

Filter type ⓘ

Advanced filtering ▼

Show items when the value

contains ▼

contains

does not contain

starts with

does not start with

is

Advanced (Text)

Filters can be configured using basic **selections**, **logical operators**, or **Top N** conditions

ASSIGNMENT: DONUT CHARTS



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Let's add a couple donut charts to show the composition of customers by income level and occupation. We'll want to limit to just a few segments (maybe 3?) and do some formatting to match the rest of the dashboard.

Thanks, you rock!

-Vic

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Key Objectives

1. Add a **donut chart** to the **Customer Detail** report showing **Total Orders** by **Income Level**
2. Add a **chart title**, turn off the **legend**, and update the **data labels** to show the category and value (font size 8, 1 decimal place)
3. Update the colors of the slices to match the screenshot in the solution preview
4. Add a **visual-level filter** to exclude customers with a "Very High" income level
5. Copy the chart to show **Total Orders** by **Occupation**, and add a **visual-level filter** to display the three occupations with the most orders (*bonus points if you use a Top N filter!*)

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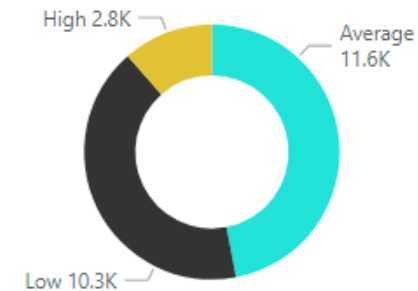
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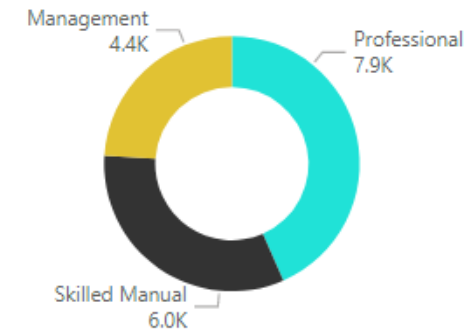
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Orders by Income Level



Orders by Occupation





CONDITIONAL FORMATTING

Top 10 Products	Orders	Revenue	Return %
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Conditional formatting allows you to dynamically format Table or Matrix visuals based on cell values

- Conditionally formatting options can be found in the **Format** pane, under **Cell elements**
- Options include background color, font color, data bars, icons, or Web URL

Format

Search

Visual Properties

Cell elements

Apply settings to

Series

Orders

Background color

Font color

Data bars

Icons

Web URL

Format

Search

Visual Properties

Cell elements

Apply settings to

Series

Revenue

Background color

Font color

Data bars

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ASSIGNMENT: TABLES



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Since the management team needs a way to identify high-value customers, let's add a table to our report showing customer keys, full names, orders, and revenue.

Probably makes sense to add some conditional formatting and limit to the top 100 customers for now.

Thanks!

-Vic

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Key Objectives

1. Add a **table** to the **Customer Detail** report to show **Customer Key, Full Name, Total Orders** (as "Orders") and **Total Revenue** (as "Revenue")
2. Use conditional formatting to add light gray **data bars** to the orders column and a white > blue **color scale** to the revenue column
3. Add a **visual-level filter (Top N)** to show the 100 customers with the most orders, and add a **chart title** ("Top 100 Customers")
4. **Sort** the table descending by orders

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Top 100 Customers				
Customer Key	Full Name	Orders	Revenue	
11091	Mr. Dalton Perez	26	\$1,513	
11223	Mrs. Hailey Patterson	26	\$1,616	
11300	Mr. Fernando Barnes	26	\$1,839	
11330	Mr. Ryan Thompson	26	\$1,597	
11331	Mrs. Samantha Jenkins	26	\$1,740	
11185	Mrs. Ashley Henderson	25	\$1,717	
11200	Mr. Jason Griffin	25	\$1,614	
11176	Mr. Mason Roberts	24	\$1,526	
11262	Mrs. Jennifer Simmons	24	\$1,465	
11277	Mr. Charles Jackson	24	\$1,777	
11287	Mr. Henry Garcia	24	\$1,443	
11566	Ms. April Shan	24	\$1,424	
11711	Mr. Daniel Davis	24	\$1,404	
11276	Mrs. Nancy Chapman	23	\$1,111	
11203	Mr. Luis Diaz	17	\$1,002	
11215	Mrs. Ana Perry	17	\$1,336	
11078	Ms. Gina Martin	16	\$991	
Total		1,272	\$615,328	

ASSIGNMENT: TOP N TEXT CARDS



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-Vic

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Key Objectives

1. Add a **card** to the **Customer Detail** report to show **Full Name**
2. Add a **visual-level filter (Top N)** to show the top customer (Full Name) in terms of **Total Revenue**
 - What do you notice when you filter the report for low income customers?
(*Hint: check your value against the table*)
 - How could you modify the Top N filter to correct this?
2. Copy and paste the card (x2) to show **Total Orders** and **Total Revenue** for the top customer
3. Add **text boxes** for titles and adjust formatting to match the solution preview

SOLUTION: TOP N TEXT CARDS



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Solution Preview

Top Customer (by revenue):

Mr. Maurice Shan

Orders:

6

Revenue:

\$12.4K




MAP VISUALS

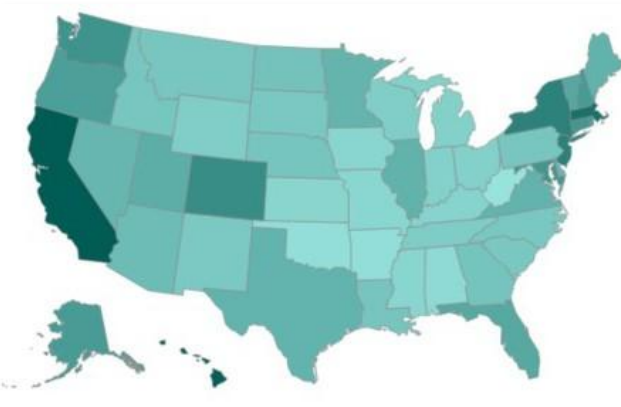
 Map



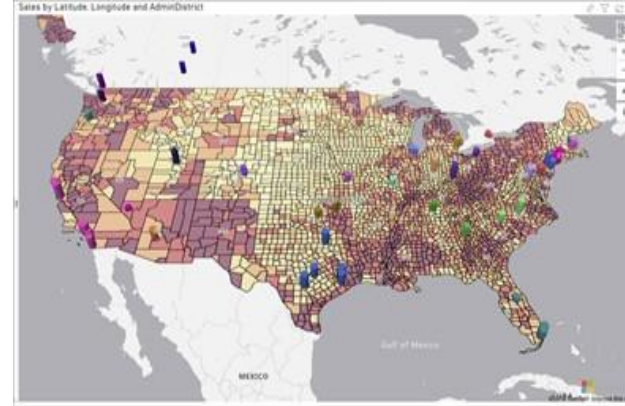
 Filled map



 Shape map



 Azure map



Power BI includes several types of **map visuals** powered by Bing Maps

Tips for creating accurate maps:

1. Assign **categories** to geospatial fields
2. Add **multiple location** fields
3. Use **latitude/longitude** when possible

HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

An administrator may need to **enable maps in your tenant settings** in order to use them in Power BI Service

SLICERS



Slicers are visual filters which affect all other visuals on a report page (by default)

- Slicers can take many formats depending on the data type, including **lists**, **dropdowns**, **tiles**, **ranges**, and more

▼ Options
Style
Vertical list ▼

▼ Options
Style
Tile ▼

▼ Options
Style
Dropdown ▼

▼ Options
Style
Between ▼

▼ Options
Style
Relative Date ▼

▼ Options
Style
After ▼

▼ Options
Style
Single Value ▼

▼ Options
Style
Less than or equal to ▼

Categorical/Text options

Date/Time options

Numeric Range options

IncomeLevel
■ Average
☐ High
☐ Low
☐ Very High

Continent, Country, Region
^ ☐ Europe
 ▼ ☐ France
 ▼ ☐ Germany
 ▼ ☐ United Kingdom
 ▼ ☐ North America
 ▼ ☐ Pacific

IncomeLevel ▼
Average ▼

Continent
Europe North America Pacific


Date ▼
1/1/2020 6/30/2022
○────────────────○

Date ▼
Last ▼ 11 Months ▼
📅 3/18/2022 - 2/17/2023

Date
1/1/2020 6/30/2022
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Price Adjustment (%)
0.20
────────────────○────────────────

Price Adjustment (%)
-1.00 0.50
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PRO TIP:
Use **Apply/Clear All Slicers**
buttons for more filtering control

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ASSIGNMENT: SLICERS



NEW MESSAGE

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Subject: **Year slicer for customer report**

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Could you please add a slicer to the customer report, so that users can filter the entire page by year?

No preference for which specific type of slicer you use, as long as managers can filter customers for a specific year or across multiple years.

Thanks!

-Vic

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Key Objectives

1. Add a **slicer** to filter the **Customer Detail** report page by **Year**
2. Add a **visual-level filter** to exclude blanks
3. Choose any **slicer style** that allows users to filter individual years or across multiple years

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Solution Preview

2020

2022



Top Customer (by revenue):

Mr. Maurice Shan

Orders:

6

Revenue:

\$12.4K



DRILL UP & DRILL DOWN

Build a visual

Visual types

☐ Off Suggest a type

X-axis

Start of Month X | >

Start of Week X | >

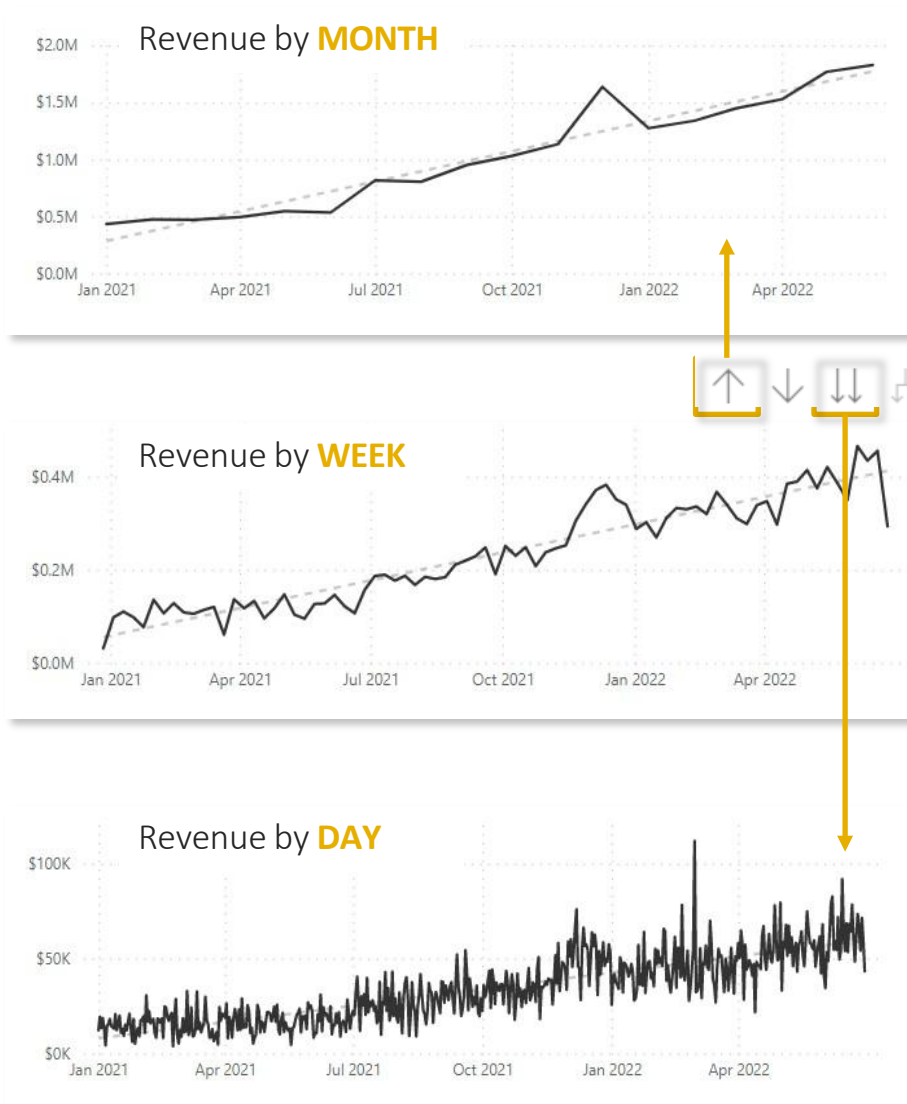
Date X | >

+Add data

Y-axis

Total Revenue X | >

+Add data



Drill Up and **Drill Down** tools allow you to switch between different levels of granularity

- In this example users can “drill up” from **weekly** to **monthly**, or “drill down” to **daily**
- ⬇ The single down arrow activates **drill mode**, allowing users to drill by clicking data points
- ⬇ The forked down arrow **expands each level** of the hierarchy (used in matrix visuals)



PRO TIP:

Use **location hierarchies** and enable drill mode to create interactive map visuals

ASSIGNMENT: DRILL DOWN



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Key Objectives

1. In the **Customer Detail** report, update the X-axis of the line chart to pull in **Date Hierarchy**
2. Use the chart header to **drill up** and **drill down** to explore trends at each level of granularity
3. Test **drill mode** to change the granularity by selecting individual data points in the chart
 - Why do some weeks look very low?
4. Turn off drill mode and show the chart at a weekly level of granularity by default

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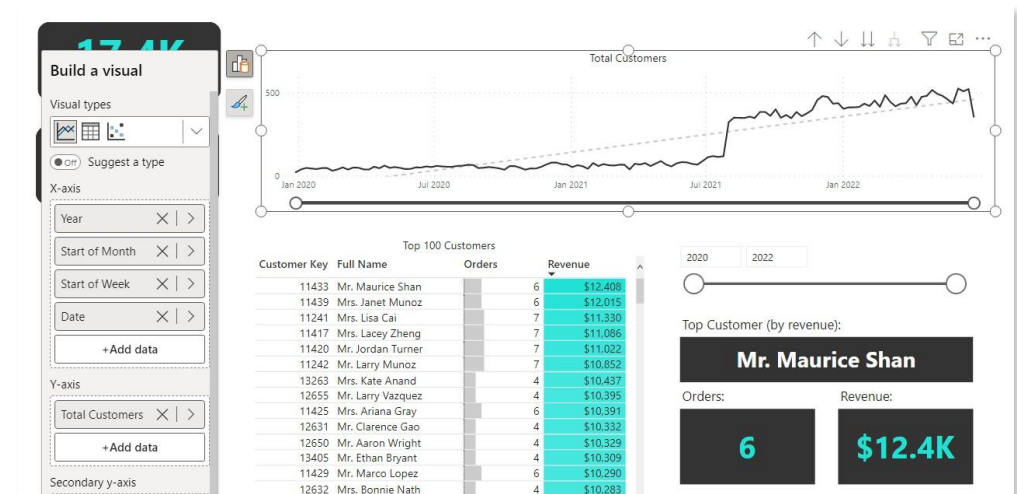
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-Vic

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DRILL THROUGH FILTERS

Drill through filters allow users to navigate to a specific report page, pre-filtered on the item selected

- Here we've created a **Product Detail** page, set the type to **Drillthrough**, and configured drill through from **Product Name**
- This means that users can right-click any instance of product name (i.e. in a matrix visual) and use the Drill through option to navigate straight to the Product Detail report filtered on that product (in this case "Mountain Tire Tube")

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Expand

Collapse

Show as a table

Include

Exclude

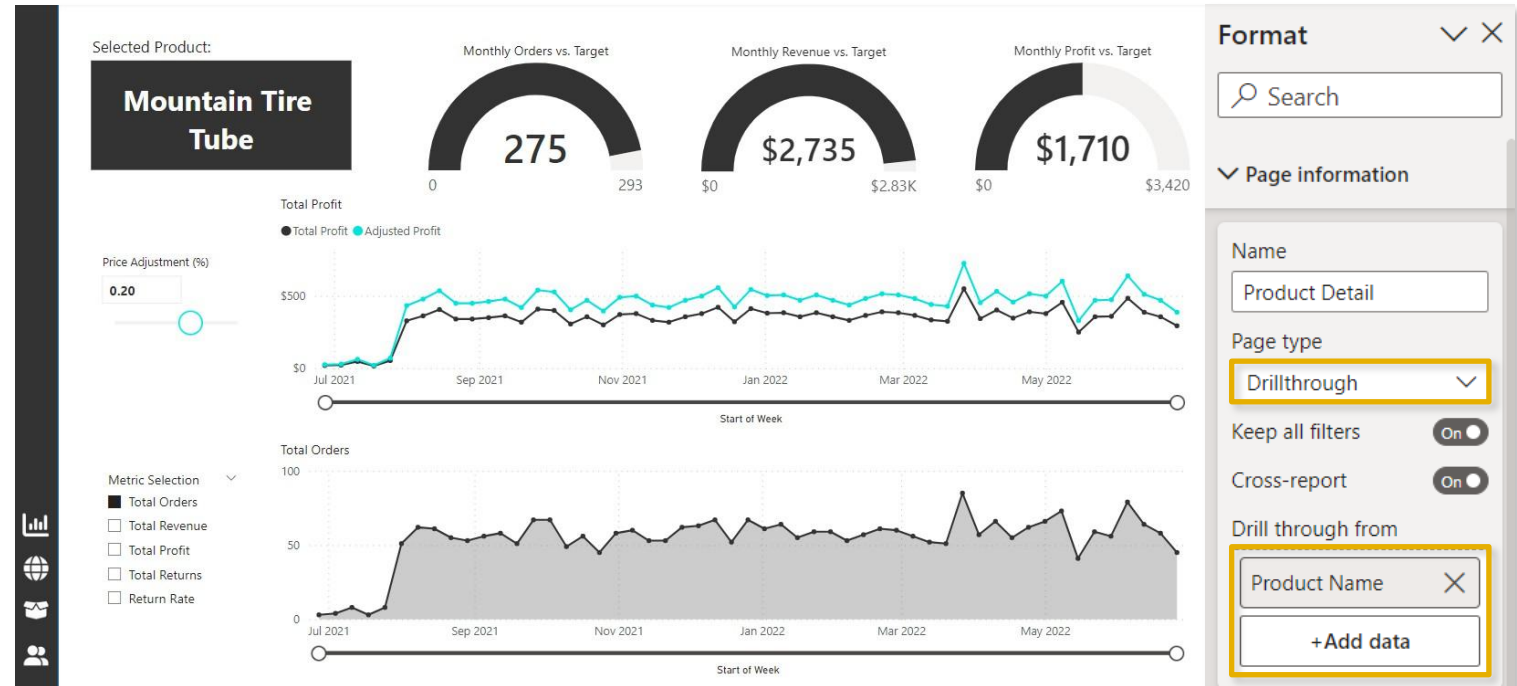
Drill through > Product Detail

Group

Summarize

Copy




Format



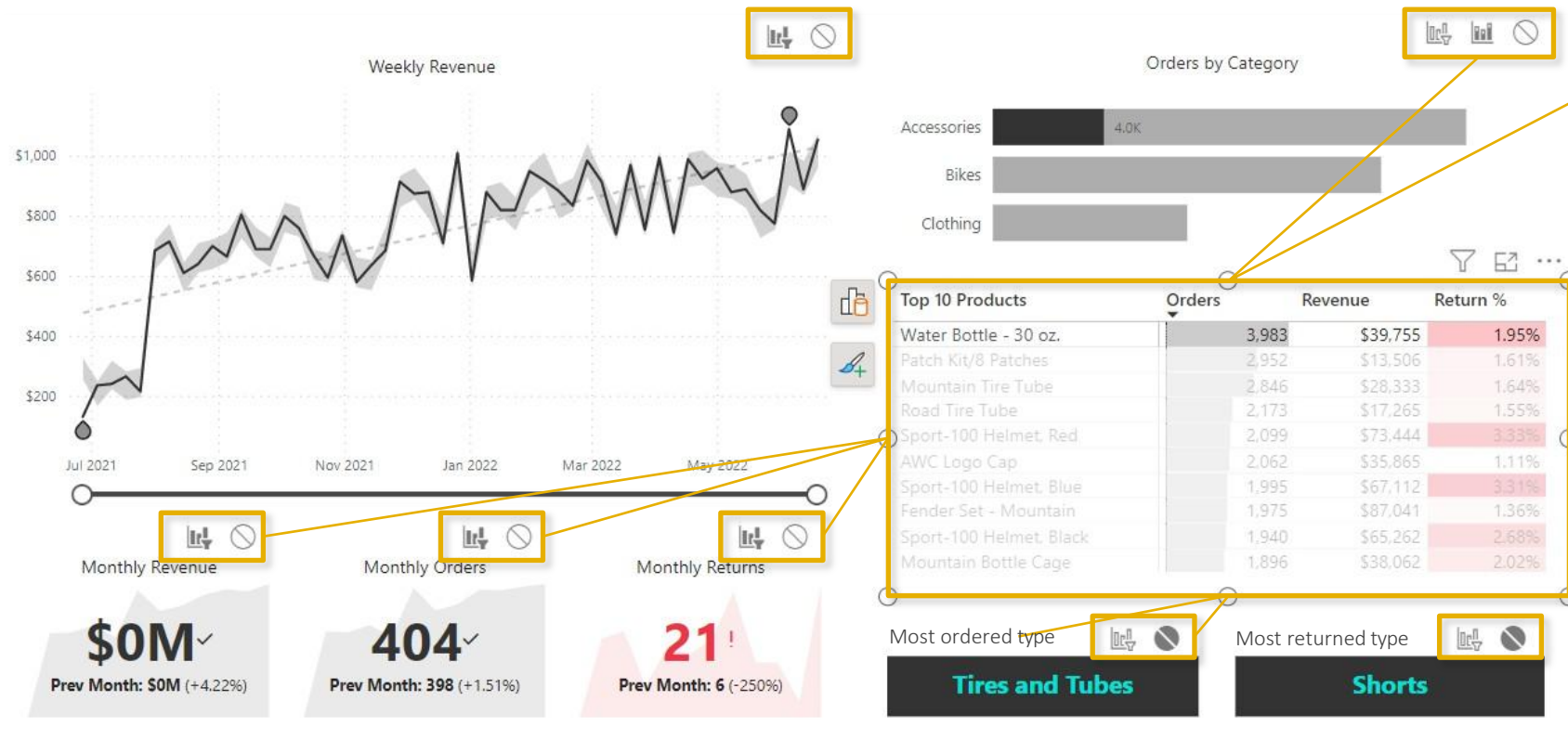


REPORT INTERACTIONS

Edit **report interactions** to customize how filters applied to one visual impact other visuals on the page

- Cross-filter options include **filter** (), **highlight** () and **none** (), depending on the visual type

Format > Edit Interactions



In this example, selecting a product in the matrix visual:

- Filters** the line chart & KPIs
- Highlights** the bar chart
- Doesn't impact** the text cards

ASSIGNMENT: REPORT INTERACTIONS



NEW MESSAGE

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Subject: **Weird report interactions**

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Could you please take a pass through the report interactions and update any that seem off?

Thanks!

-Vic

← Reply

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Key Objectives

1. On the **Customer Detail** tab, edit the **report interactions** based on the following logic:
 - When a filter is applied to the line chart, the donut charts should **filter** (not highlight)
 - When a filter is applied to the table, the line chart and donuts should **not filter**
 - The slicer should **filter all visuals** on the report page

SOLUTION: REPORT INTERACTIONS



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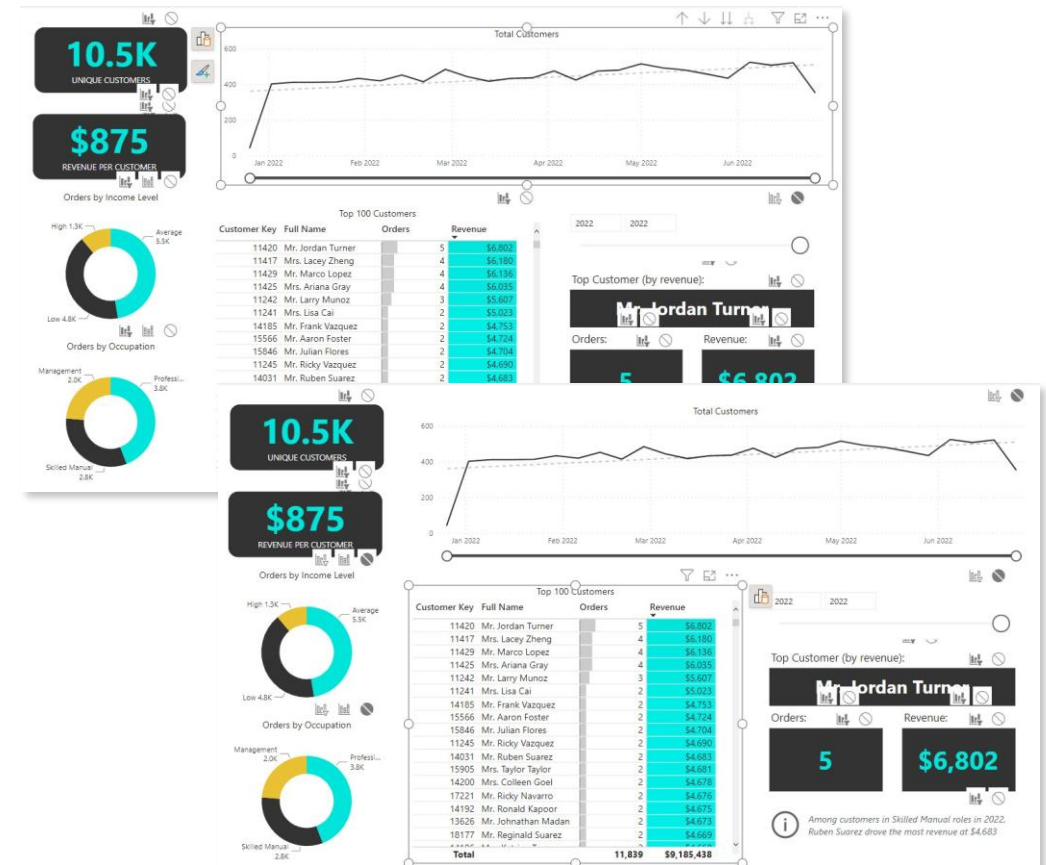
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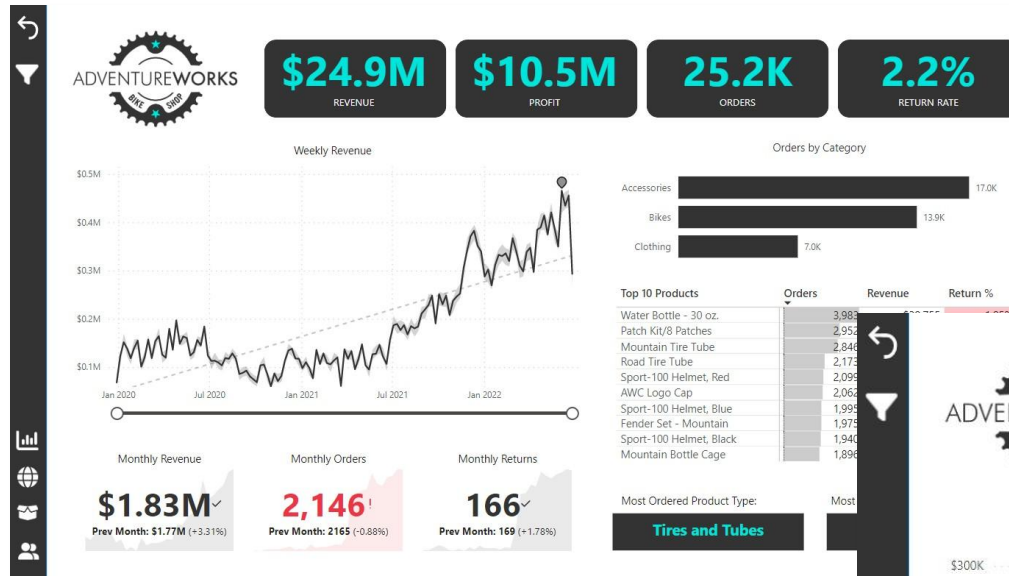
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Solution Preview



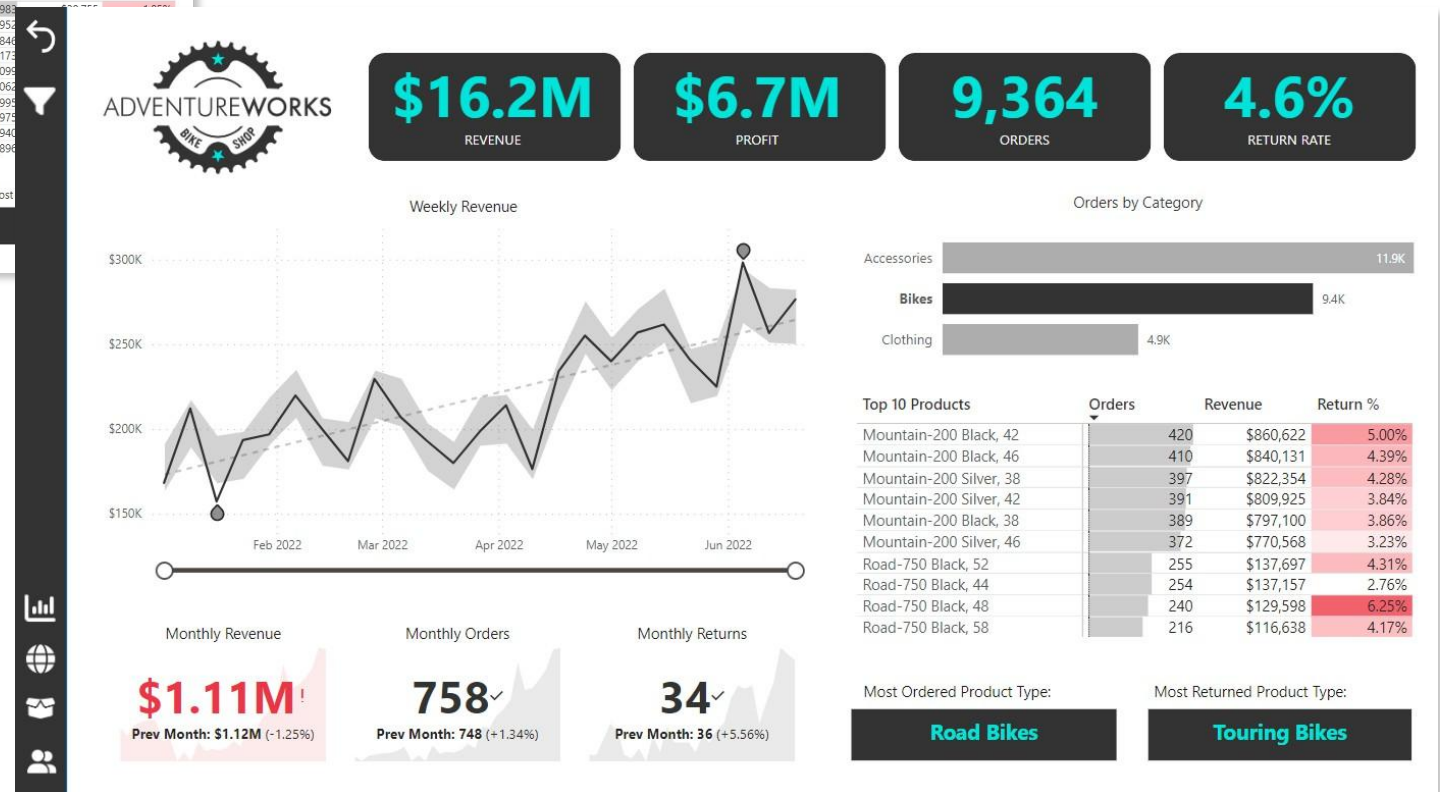
BOOKMARKS



Bike sales in Europe (1H 2022)

Bookmarks capture the current state of a page, and allow users to return to that state using report actions

- Bookmarks are commonly used for clearing filters, highlighting specific insights, navigating reports, etc.



ASSIGNMENT: BOOKMARKS



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Let me know what you think!

-Vic

← Reply

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Key Objectives

1. Explore the **Customer Detail** report by adjusting filters until you find an interesting insight or trend (*this can be anything you choose!*)
2. Add a new **bookmark** to capture the current state of the report, and name it "Customer Insight"
3. Insert an **Information button** and add text to the button style to summarize what you've found
4. Assign a **bookmark action** to the button, and link to the Customer Insight bookmark you created
5. Create a second bookmark named "Clear all Customer Filters" which returns the page to an unfiltered state, and link it to a **Reset button**
6. Test both bookmarks using **CTRL-click**

SOLUTION: BOOKMARKS



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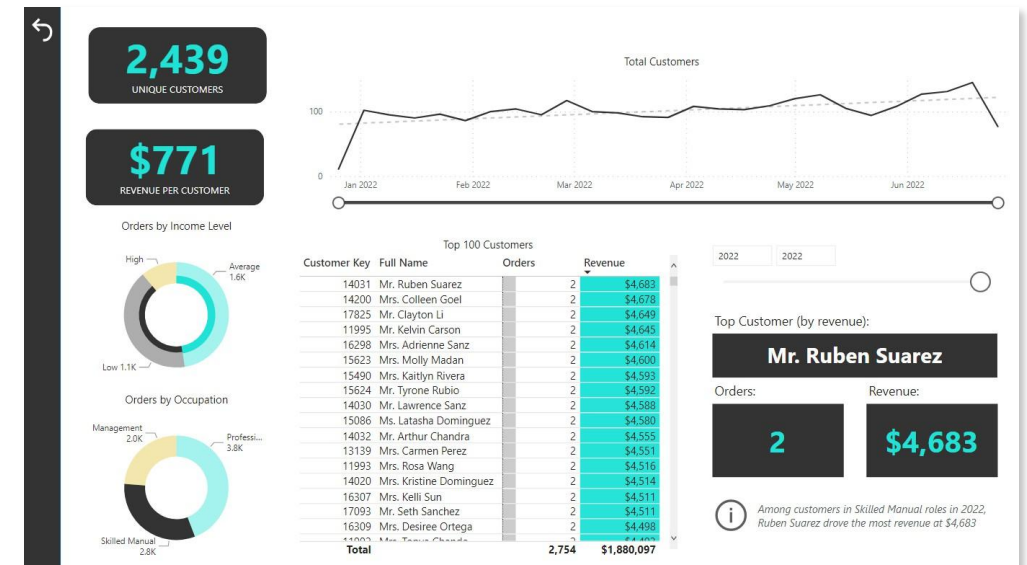
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Solution Preview

Example: Among customers in Skilled Manual roles in 2022, Ruben Suarez drove the most revenue at \$4,683



PARAMETERS



Parameters allow you to create variables which can be referenced in measures and controlled via slicers

Numeric range parameters

Typically used for scenario testing, where users adjust numerical inputs to see the impact on a given output

Fields parameters

Typically used to allow users to dynamically change the metrics or dimensions displayed in a report visual

The image shows the 'Parameters' dialog box in Power BI, which is used to create variables for slicers. The dialog is divided into two main sections: 'Numeric range parameters' and 'Fields parameters'. A yellow arrow points from the 'New parameter' button in the 'Modeling' tab to the 'Parameters' dialog.

Parameters

Add parameters to visuals and DAX expressions so people can use slicers to adjust the inputs and see different outcomes. [Learn more](#)

What will your variable adjust?

Numeric range

Name: Price Adjustment (%)

Data type: Decimal number

Minimum: -1

Maximum: 1

Increment: 0.1

Default: 0

☒ Add slicer to this page

Fields

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What will your variable adjust?

Fields

Name: Y-Axis Dynamic Value

Add and reorder fields

- Total Cost
- Total Revenue
- Total Profit

Fields

Search

- Measure Table
- Calendar Lookup
- Customer Lookup
- Price Adjustment (%)
- Product Categories Lookup
- Product Lookup
- Product Subcategories Lookup
- Returns Data
- Rolling Calendar
- Sales Data
- Territory Lookup

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EXAMPLE: NUMERIC RANGE PARAMETER

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When you create a numeric parameter, Power BI generates **two new measures**: one to define the parameter and another to capture the selected value:

```
Parameter = GENERATESERIES(-1, 1, 0.1)
```

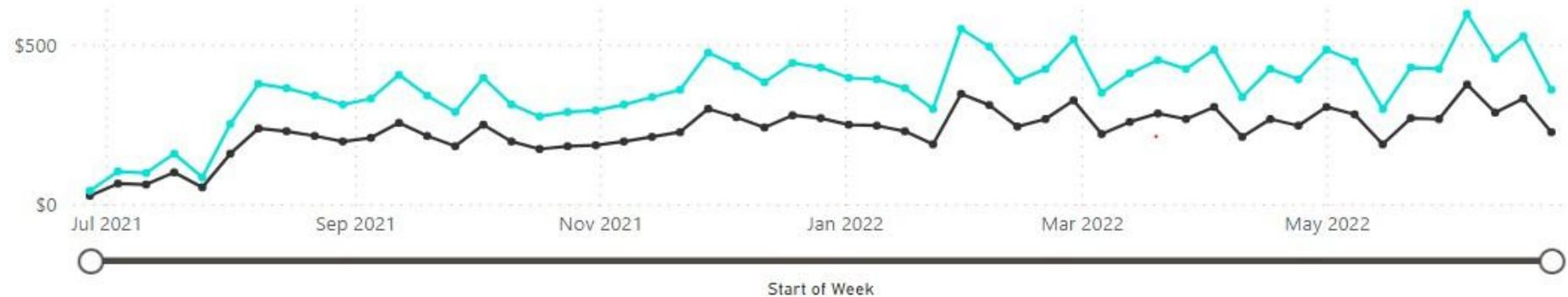
```
Parameter Value = SELECTEDVALUE(Parameter[Parameter], 0)
```

Here we've created a parameter named **Price Adjustment %**, added it as a slicer, and created measures to calculate **Adjusted Profit** based on the parameter value

Price Adjustment (%)

0.20

● Total Profit ● Adjusted Profit



EXAMPLE: FIELDS PARAMETER



Parameters

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What will your variable adjust?

Fields

Name

Metric Selection

Add and reorder fields

Total Orders

Total Revenue

Total Profit

Total Returns

Return Rate

Fields

Search

> Measure Table

> Calendar Lookup

> Customer Lookup

> Customer Metric Selection

> Metric Selection

> Price Adjustment (%)

> Product Categories Lookup

> Product Lookup

> Product Subcategories Lookup

> Returns Data

> Rolling Calendar

> Sales Data

☒ Add slicer to this page

CreateCancel

When you create a fields parameter, Power BI **adds a report slicer** and **generates a new measure** to capture the selected value:

```
1 Metric Selection = {  
2   ("Total Orders", NAMEOF('Measure Table'[Total Orders]), 0),  
3   ("Total Revenue", NAMEOF('Measure Table'[Total Revenue]), 1),  
4   ("Total Profit", NAMEOF('Measure Table'[Total Profit]), 2),  
5   ("Total Returns", NAMEOF('Measure Table'[Total Returns]), 3),  
6   ("Return Rate", NAMEOF('Measure Table'[Return Rate]), 4)  
7 }
```

Here we've created a parameter named **Metric Selection** and added it to the Y-axis to let users dynamically change the metric shown

Metric Selection

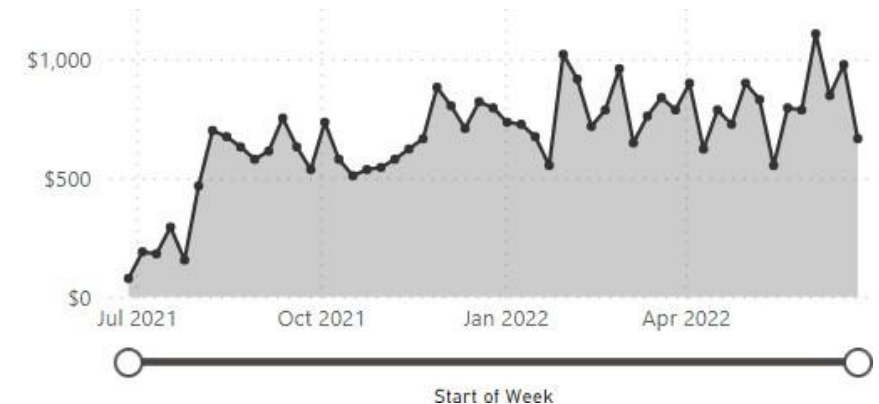
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☒ Total Revenue

☐ Total Profit

☐ Total Returns

☐ Return Rate



ASSIGNMENT: FIELDS PARAMETERS



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The good news is that Chad, Thad and Vlad LOVE the drill options in the line chart – nice work!

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What do you think we should do?

-Vic

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Key Objectives

1. Add a new **Fields parameter** named “Customer Metric Selection”, which includes **Total Customers** and **Average Revenue per Customer**
2. Add the parameter as a slicer to the **Customer Detail** report, change the slicer style to **Tile**, turn off the **header**, update to **single select**, and resize to create a horizontal layout
3. Select the DAX measure automatically created, and update the text from “Average Revenue per Customer” to “Revenue per Customer”
4. Update the line chart Y-Axis to use the **Customer Metric Selection** parameter, remove the chart title, and update the line colors to match the solution preview

SOLUTION: FIELDS PARAMETERS



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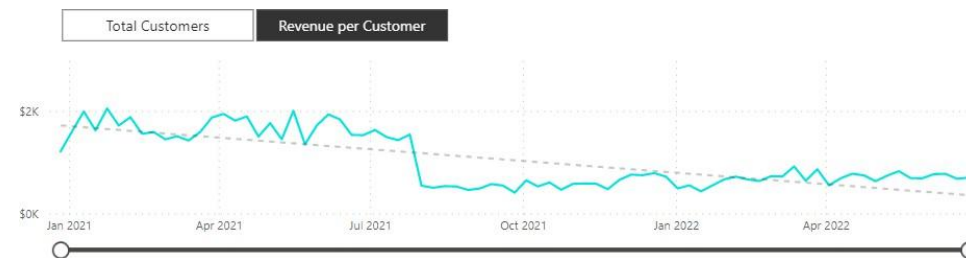
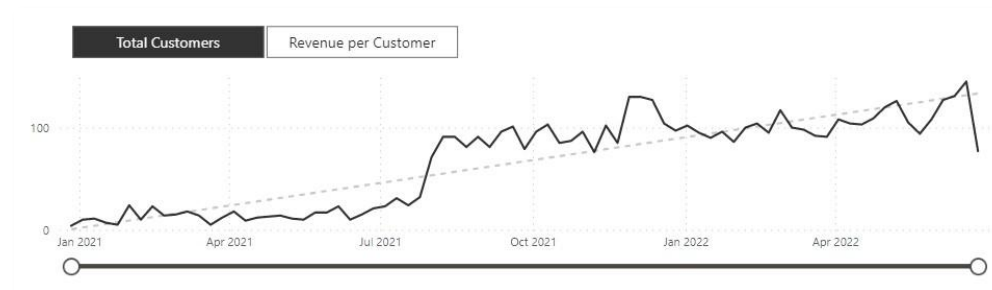
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Solution Preview





PRO TIP: CUSTOM TOOLTIPS

Create **custom tooltips** by designing a new report page, setting the page type to **Tooltip**, and configuring a visual to use the “Report page” tooltip type

Category Tooltip report page

Category Tooltip report page

Weekly Orders

\$24,914,567
Total Revenue

\$10,457,581
Total Profit

25,164
Total Orders

1,809
Total Returns

2.17%
Return Rate

Weekly Orders

\$9,051,607
Total Revenue

\$3,740,773
Total Profit

5,345
Total Orders

427
Total Returns

8.03%
Return Rate

Orders by Category

Accessories 8.4K

5.3K

	Revenue	Return %
2,067	\$20,694	3.74%
1,808	\$17,849	2.60%
1,527	\$6,962	3.13%
1,290	\$56,533	2.10%
1,096	\$21,998	3.50%
924	\$31,083	7.14%
920	\$30,949	5.65%
916	\$32,051	7.64%
869	\$6,879	3.89%
867	\$30,345	5.65%

Canvas settings

Type: Custom

Height: 225 px

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Vertical alignment: Top

Format

Search

Page information

Name: Category Tooltip

Page type: Tooltip

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Show tooltip on: +Add data

Format

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Options

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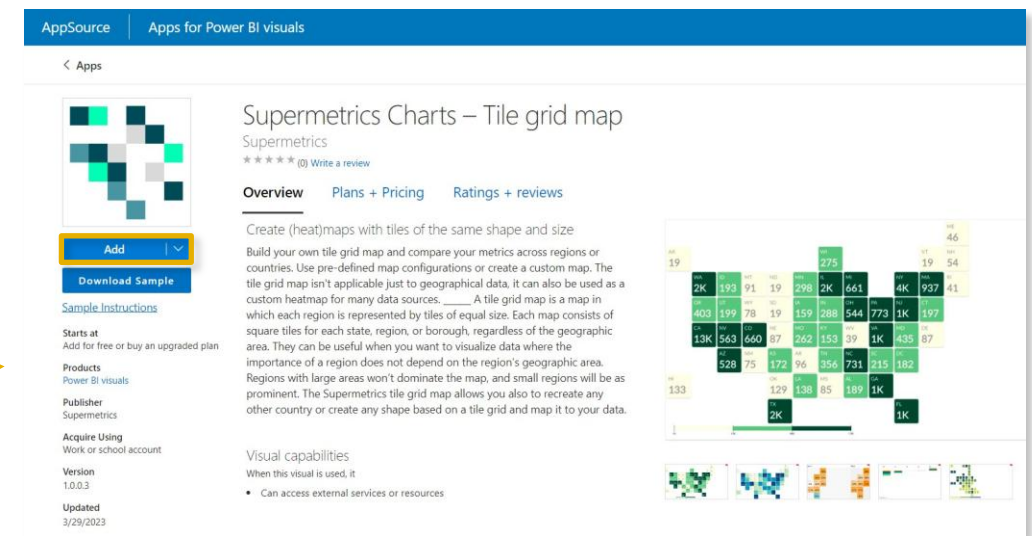
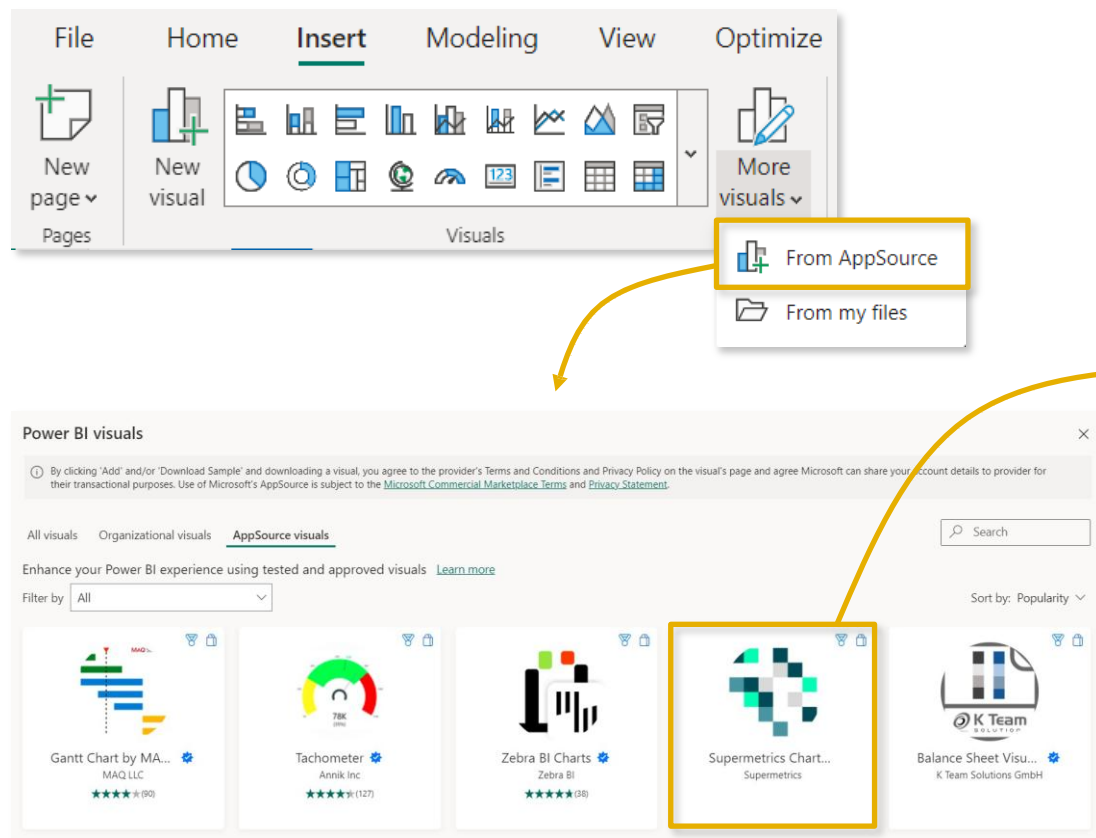
Page: Category Tooltip

PRO TIP: Keep your published reports clean by **hiding your tooltip pages**



IMPORTING CUSTOM VISUALS

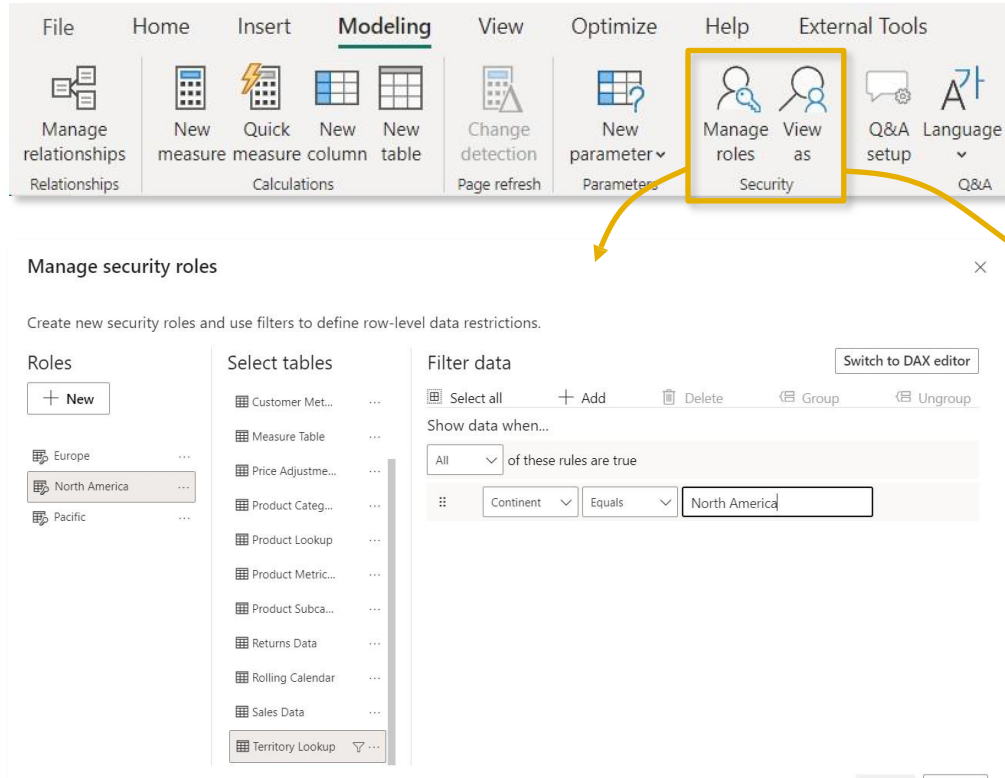
Power BI offers a library of **custom visuals** (via **AppSource**) from Microsoft-certified partners and developers, which can be imported into the visualizations pane



HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

You need a **Power BI account** to browse or import custom visuals from the AppSource marketplace

MANAGING & VIEWING ROLES



View as roles

- ☐ None
- ☐ Other user
- ☒ Europe
- ☐ North America
- ☐ Pacific

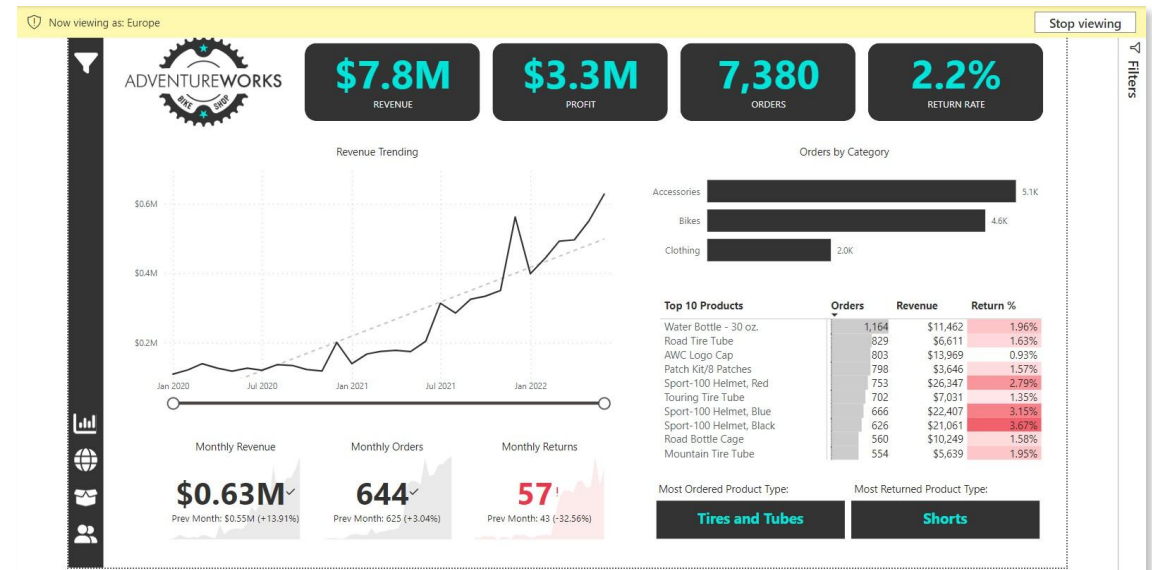


HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Row-level security (RLS) rules are defined in Power BI Desktop, **but actually applied in Power BI Service**

Roles allow you to define row-level security rules, and create filtered views to restrict access for specific audiences

- Here we've created views for territory managers (**Europe, N. America, Pacific**), which filters records in the model

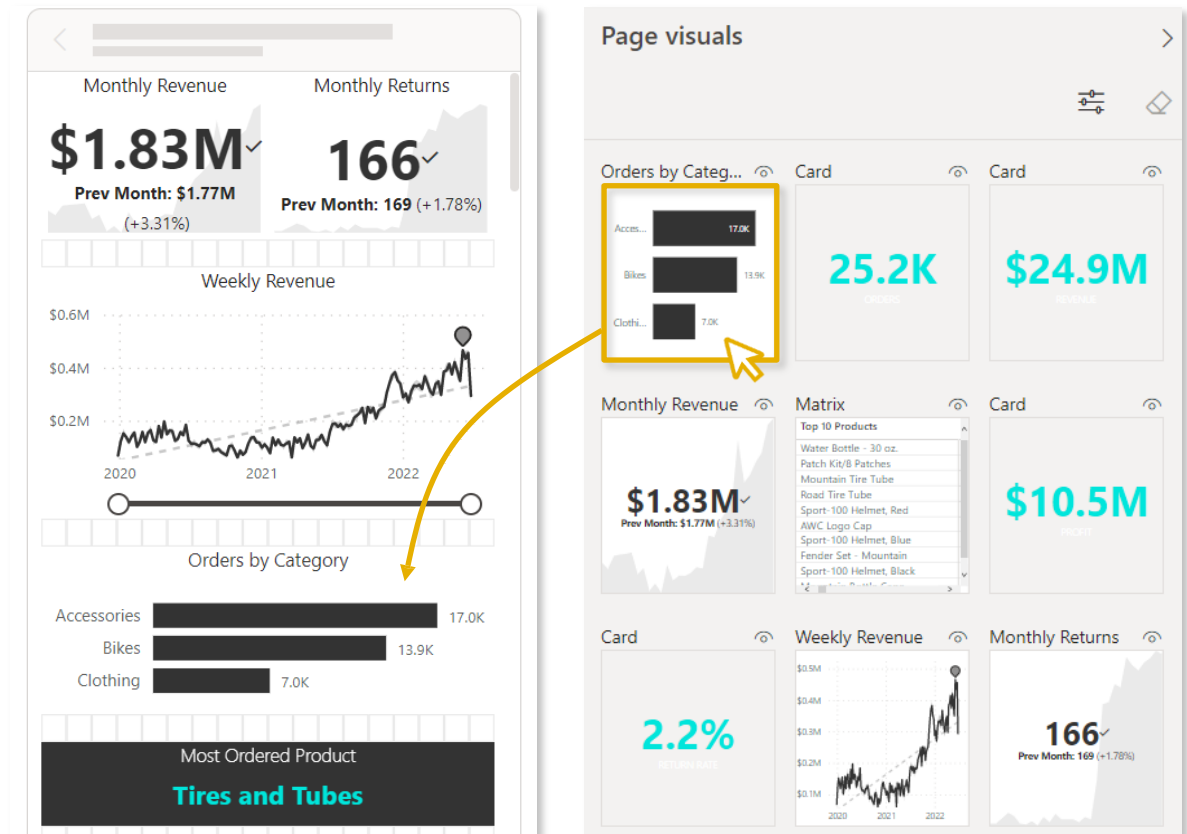
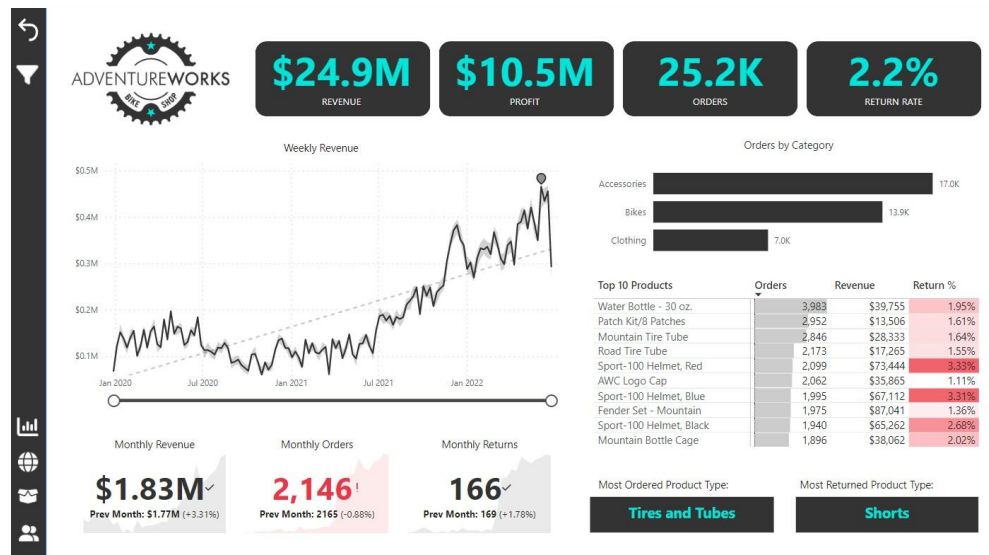




MOBILE LAYOUT

Mobile layout allows you to design mobile-specific versions of report pages by assembling visuals into new layouts

- NOTE:** This is designed to optimize reports for viewing on the Power BI mobile app (after publishing to Power BI Service)



DATA VISUALIZATION BEST PRACTICES



Always ask yourself the three key questions

- *What type of data are you visualizing, what are you communicating, and who is the end user?*



Strive for clarity and simplicity above all else

- *“Perfection is achieved not when there’s nothing more to add, but when there’s nothing left to take away”*



Focus on creating clear narratives and intuitive user experiences

- *Use bookmarks, drillthroughs, tooltips and navigation buttons to seamlessly guide users through reports*



Create optimized layouts for mobile viewers

- *Create custom mobile layouts if you plan to publish reports to Power BI Service or use the Power BI app*