

# How to install PowerBI Desktop

**PowerBI Desktop** is an application for creating interactive visual analytics called *reports*. With PowerBI Desktop you can connect datasets, perform statistical calculations, and create data visualizations. PowerBI Desktop is part of the PowerBI suite, which includes the **PowerBI** service that only allows you to view reports, and **PowerBI Mobile** to view reports on your mobile device.

## Installing PowerBI Desktop

You can install PowerBI Desktop from either the Microsoft website or the Microsoft Store. The only difference between each app is that the Microsoft Store app receives automatic updates, and admin privileges aren't required to use the Microsoft Store app on your computer.

**PowerBI Desktop requires at least 2GB of space on your computer.**

### To install PowerBI Desktop from the Microsoft website


1. Head to the [PowerBI Desktop download page](#).
2. Select your language, then select **Download**.
3. Select either the 64-bit **PBIDesktopSetup\_x64.exe** or the 32-bit **PBIDesktopSetup.exe** setup file. The 64-bit version of PowerBI Desktop is recommended for its higher processing performance, which is necessary for large datasets. Both versions follow the same setup process.
4. Select **Next**. This will start the download of your selected setup file.
5. When the download completes, open the setup file.



6. Select your language, then select **Next**.
7. This will open a prompt asking you to allow PowerBI Desktop to make changes to your device. Select **Yes**.
8. Select **Next**, then select the “I accept the terms in the License Agreement” checkbox.
9. Select **Next** → **Next** → **Install**. Installing may take several minutes.
10. Once finished installing, select **Finish**. This will automatically launch PowerBI Desktop.

### To install PowerBI Desktop from the Microsoft Store

1. Open the Microsoft Store.
2. Type **PowerBI Desktop** into the search bar.
3. Select **Install** on the **PowerBI Desktop** option (not the **PowerBI** option).




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4.4 ★  
Average

554  
Ratings

 **EVERYONE**  
Age Rating: ESRB: EVERYONE

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Power BI Desktop puts visual analytics at your fingertips. With this powerful authoring tool, you can create interactive data visualizations and reports.