

Compare Companies

Data Science-Project based on comparing two companies financials
on their Income statement/Balance sheet

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Goals of the Project

- The ability for the user to compare two companies financials
- Interact, compare data dynamically using a dashboard created in Power BI
- Having relevant data of all S&P 500 Companies of the last 5 Years
- Calculate financial differences for two Date Ranges over a 5 Year fiscal period

Getting Data for the Analysis

- For the data I used the API of the website SimFin
- It offers great detailed data. The API is well documented - free version offers 5 years of relevant financial data of all Companies based in the US, Germany, Canada and China
- The data that was used is from the income statement and balance statement, together with company data for the US market
- The data focuses on the S&P 500 Companies based on the following Wikipedia List
- Data model can be expanded to include all markets

Transforming the Data from the API

- To transform the data I used Python with the Jupyter Notebooks extension
- Libraries used are: The official Simfin API and Pandas Data frame to transform the data
- The scripts are available on my [Github](#)
- Used Pandas Data frame to index, melt columns with Losses into one column
- Cleaned column names (lower case, empty spaces, special signs) in case we used the Data frame for a Database
- Saving the Data frame into .csv format so we can use it in Power BI

```

1 #define columns, id vars, value vars
2 id_vars = list(df_income.columns)[: 13]
3 id_vars.append((df_income.columns)[[15, 18, 19, 22]])
4 id_vars

```

Python

```

1 #Melting losses into losses column
2 df_melted = df_income.copy()
3 df_melted = pd.melt(df_melted, id_vars=['SimFinId', 'Currency', 'Fiscal Period', 'Fiscal Year', 'Publish Date', 'Restated Date', \
4     'Shares (Basic)', 'Revenue', 'Cost of Revenue', 'Gross Profit', 'Operating Expenses', 'Selling, General & Administrative', \
5     'Research & Development', 'Depreciation & Amortization', 'Interest Expense, Net', 'Income Tax (Expense) Benefit, Net', 'Net Income'], value_vars=['Operating Income (Loss)', \
6     'Non-Operating Income (Loss)', 'Pretax Income (Loss), Adj.', 'Pretax Income (Loss)', \
7     'Abnormal Gains (Losses)', 'Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations', 'Net Extraordinary Gains (Losses)'], value_name='Losses', ignore_index=False)

```

Python

```

1 # clean columns names
2 df_melted.columns = [x.lower().replace(" ", "_").replace("?", "").replace("-", "_") \
3     .replace(r"/", "_").replace("\\", "_").replace("%", "per").replace("'", "") \
4     .replace(r"(", "").replace("$", "").replace(":", "").replace(",", "")) for x in df_melted.columns]
5 df_melted.columns

```

Python

```

Index(['simfinid', 'fiscal_period', 'fiscal_year', 'publish_date',
      'restated_date', 'shares_basic', 'revenue', 'cost_of_revenue',
      'gross_profit', 'operating_expenses',
      'selling_general_administrative', 'research_development',
      'depreciation_amortization', 'interest_expense_net',
      'income_tax_expense_benefit_net', 'net_income', 'losses'],
      dtype='object')

```

```

1 #save to csv
2 df_melted.to_csv('csv/income_statement.csv', index=True, sep=';', encoding='utf-8', float_format='%0f')
3

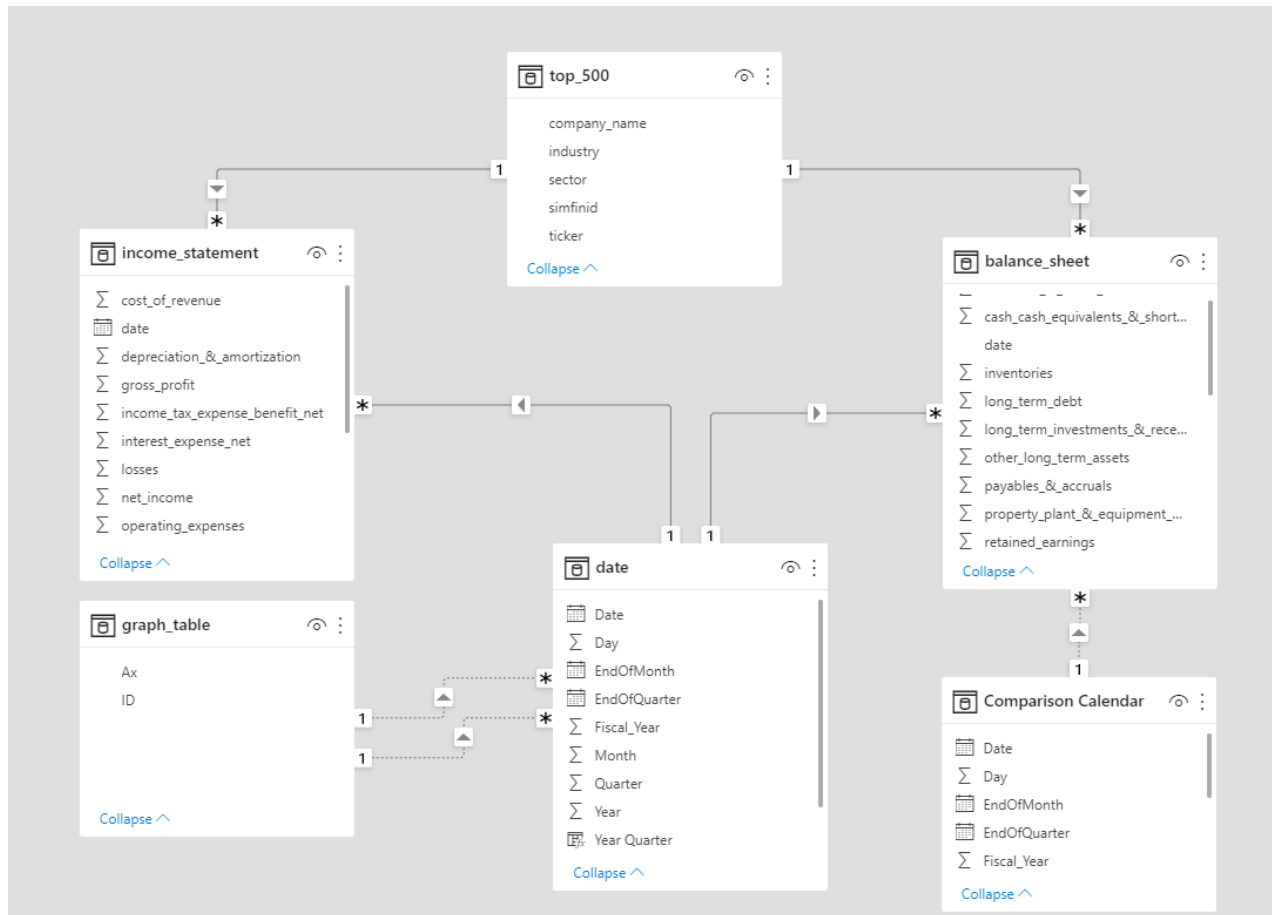
```

Python

Building a Data Model in Power BI

- Two Fact tables (Income statement and Balance sheet)
- The Fact tables are connected with two Dimension tables (Date and Top 500 company)
- The Comparison Calendar table so we can compare two time periods of a selected company
- Two not connected tables are for Company A and Company B, so we could compare with sliders two different company financials
- All measures are separate in the Table Calculations
- The graph table is for the chart slider time period selection

Data Model



Implementation

- For comparing two different companies we need two different selection values
- The solution is creating two separate Company tables and fill them with values of the main top-500 company name table
- We filter measures with a Filter expression, and the help of SELECTEDVALUE – pointing to the selected value in the slicer

```
1 Revenue a = CALCULATE(SUM(income_statement[revenue]));  
2 FILTER(top_500;top_500[company_name] = SELECTEDVALUE('Company A'[company_name]))
```

- To prevent the user selecting the same company twice, we use a simple IF statement that does not allow selecting a company if it was already selected

```
1 Selection Value Company A = IF(SELECTEDVALUE('Company A'[company_name],  
2 =SELECTEDVALUE('Company B'[company_name]));0;1)
```

Implementation

- To calculate the Difference for two Date Ranges we need two separate Date slicers
- Since we already have one date table we only need to create one for comparison. We simply copy the existing Date table
- We connect the comparison calendar to the Fact table (Balance sheet)
- The relationship between the tables can be set to inactive, since we will make our calculations with the help of USERELATIONSHIP

```
1 Total Assets (DR2) = CALCULATE([Total Assets (DR1)];  
2 USERELATIONSHIP('Comparison Calendar'[Date];balance_sheet[date]);  
3 ALL('date'))  
4
```

Dynamic Graph Axis

- To enable the user the ability to chose if the Column chart should display financial data in Quarters or Years
- We implement it with the help of the SWITCH function, and USERRELATIONSHIP – we use the relationship only when we want to calculate or use a different measure

```
1 Actual Assets =  
2 SWITCH(  
3     TRUE();  
4     SELECTEDVALUE(graph_table[ID])="Year";  
5     CALCULATE(  
6         [Total Assets];  
7         USERRELATIONSHIP(graph_table[Ax]; 'date'[Year])  
8     );  
9     SELECTEDVALUE(graph_table[ID])="Quarter";  
10    CALCULATE(  
11        [Total Assets];  
12        USERRELATIONSHIP(graph_table[Ax]; 'date'[Year Quarter])  
13    )  
14 )
```

Business Logic

- The Business Logic applied in this Data model is very simple with basic operations such as SUM, DIVIDE etc.
- The most difficult part is ensuring that the logic can handle zeros, blanks and negative values when calculating differences between fiscal periods
- A simple logic to implement for the measure to calculate the difference between Assets return a blank rather than 0. The difference is always positive so we use the function ABS

```
1 Actual Assets (DR1 vs DR2) =  
2 VAR _DIFFERENCE = ABS([Actual Assets (DR1 - DR2)])  
3  
4 RETURN  
5 | IF(  
6 |     _DIFFERENCE <> 0;  
7 |     _DIFFERENCE  
8 | )
```

Business Logic

- For calculating the % of the actual revenue we used the following functions
- COALESCE() to convert blank values to 0
- We adjust both values to they can only be of value 0 or positive
- The SWITCH(TRUE ()) uses the first branch of the switch sentence, the last branch is the default value
- The last switch statement checks the condition if both values _DR1 and _DR2 (adjusted) are 0. If this condition is not checked we would get an incorrect result
- We format the measure as Percentage

```

1 Actual Assets (DR1 VS DR2) % =
2 VAR _DR1 = COALESCE([Total Assets (DR1)];0)
3 VAR _DR2 = COALESCE([Total Assets (DR2)];0)
4
5 VAR _DR1_ADJUSTED =
6 SWITCH(
7     TRUE();
8
9     AND(_DR1 >= 0; _DR2 >= 0 );
10    _DR1;
11
12    AND(_DR1 < 0; _DR2 < 0 );
13    ABS(_DR1);
14
15    _DR1 <= 0;
16    ABS(_DR1);
17
18    _DR2 < 0;
19    _DR1 + ABS(_DR2)
20 )
21
22 VAR _DR2_ADJUSTED =
23 SWITCH(
24     TRUE();
25
26     AND(_DR1 >= 0; _DR2 >= 0 );
27    _DR2;
28
29     AND(_DR1 < 0; _DR2 < 0 );
30    ABS(_DR2);
31
32    _DR1 < 0;
33    _DR2 + ABS(_DR1);
34
35    _DR2 <= 0;
36    ABS(_DR2)
37 )

```

```

38 VAR _RESULT =
39 SWITCH(
40     TRUE();
41
42     _DR1_ADJUSTED = _DR2_ADJUSTED;
43     BLANK();
44
45     OR(_DR1_ADJUSTED = 0; _DR2_ADJUSTED = 0 );
46     2;
47
48     ABS(
49         DIVIDE(
50             _DR1_ADJUSTED - _DR2_ADJUSTED;
51             DIVIDE(_DR1_ADJUSTED + _DR2_ADJUSTED;2)
52         )
53     )
54 )
55 RETURN
56 _RESULT

```