

Exercise 2: Data Modeling

Part 1: Import new data and update existing data

Continue in the same Power BI you used for Exercise 1 or use the sample solution provided on Github.

In the next steps you will import the necessary SQL tables into Power BI to add more data to our model. Import all tables and adjust the data model.

The data is stored on an SQL server. The access data are as follows:

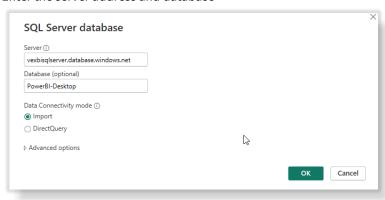
Server: vexbisqlserver.database.windows.net

Database: PowerBI-Desktop

User: ventum

Password: Blrocks4ever

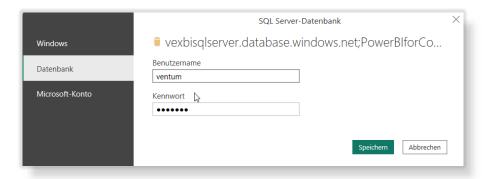
- 1. Select the field "SQL Server" in the tab "Start" under "Get data"
- 2. Enter the server address and database



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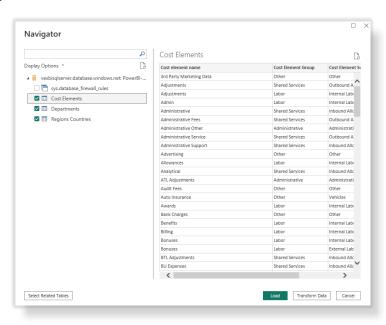
Under Data Connectivity Mode you have the options "Import" and "DirectQuery". In almost all simple use cases, "Import" should be selected. In this case, Power BI uploads the data into the model instead of querying it anew with each call as in "DirectQuery" mode.

3. Authenticate yourself as a database user (not using Anonymous, Windows or Microsoft!)

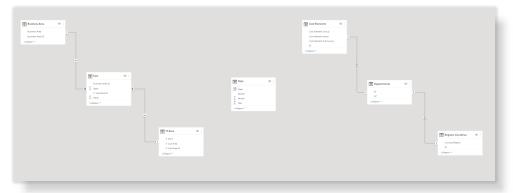




- **4.** Import all tables from the SQL server and check the the data types in the "Transform" view before loading.
 - 1. Cost Elements
 - 2. Departments
 - 3. Regions Countries



5. 唱 In model view: Take a look at the data model.

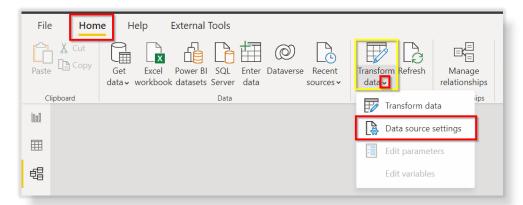


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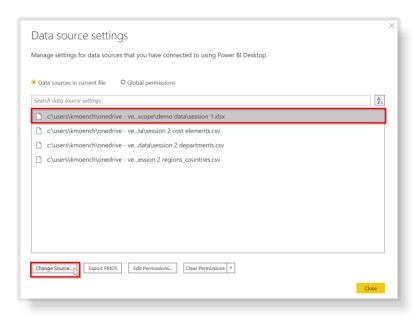
There is a lot that can be improved. However, first we need to update our fact table to accommodate our new dimension in step 3.

- **6.** Replace the source of the fact table "Exercise 1.xlsx" with "Exercise 2.xlsx":
 - a) In the home menu, click on the arrow under "Transform data" and select "Data source settings":

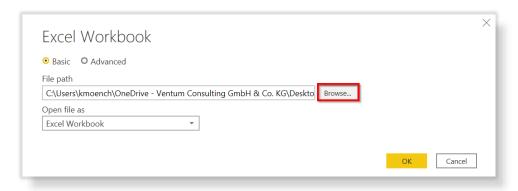




b) Select the data source "Exercise 1.xlsx" and click on the button "Change Source":

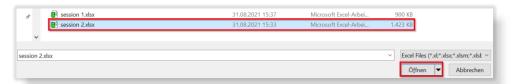


c) Click on "Browse"

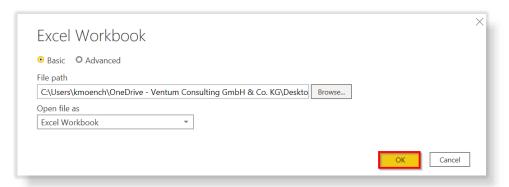


d) Select "Exercise 2.xlsx" and click on "Open":





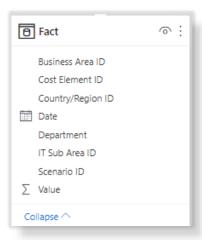
e) Confirm with "ok":



f) Close the editor and click on "Apply changes" in the top right corner of your screen:



g) Your fact table should now look like this:



Part 2: Build relationships between imported tables

h) Connect your dimension tables to the fact tables and delete all wrong relationships.

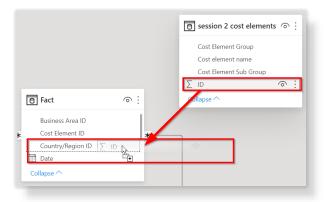
The correct mapping of columns is:

'Fact'[Cost Element ID]
'Fact'[Department]
'Exercise 2 cost elements'[ID]
'Exercise 2 departments'[ID]
'Fact'[Country/Region ID]
'Exercise 2 Country/Region'[ID]



Hint

A relationship can be made by clicking on the column name that represents either the primary key or foreign key of interest in one table and dragging and dropping it onto the column name in the other table that contains the corresponding key.

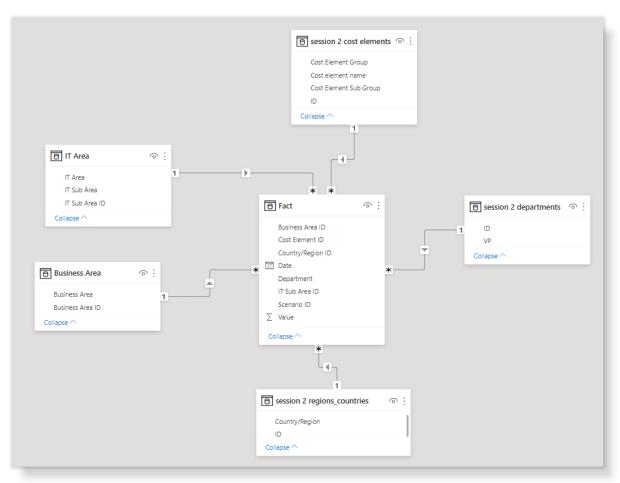


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A connection can be deleted by right clicking onto it and selecting "Delete".

i) Your model should look like in below screenshot. Make sure that all relationships are active, i.e., there are only solid and no dotted lines between the tables. To change the status of a relationship, double click on the relationship and activate button "Make this relationship active".

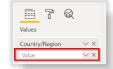




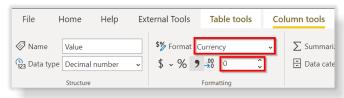


Bonus Exercise

- 1. In report view:
 - a) Add a new page to your report and rename it "Exercise 2" (right click on page name, click on "Rename Page")
 - b) Add a filled map 😝 with [Country/region] as location and [Expenditures] as Tooltip. Add [Country/region] as legend.
 - c) Add a table with countries and their expenditures in 2014. Filter that table so that only countries with 10 million Dollars Expenditure in 2014 are being displayed
 - d) Rename column "Value" into "Expenditure". To do so, double click onto "Value" in Fields section of the visual.



- e) Add a clustered column chart with Expenditures by Country/Region
- f) Add a slicer 📴 with 'IT Areas'
- g) Add a slicer with 'Business Areas'
- h) Play with the slicers an observe how they affect the other visuals. Why do they affect the displayed countries within the column chart?
- 2. ^目 In model view:
 - a) Change the relationship between 'Fact' table and 'Business Area' table: set cross filter direction to "Both"
 - b) Change relationship between 'Fact' and 'IT Area': set cross filter direction to "Both"
- 3. In report view:
 - a) Verify that selections in 'IT Area' slicer affect 'Business Area' slicer and vice versa
- 4. In data view:
 - a) Select Fact table and click on "Value" column. In the above menu "Column tools" change the field "Format" to "Currency" and the number of decimal places shown to 0:



Your final report should look like this (next page):



