

1. Download and Install Power BI Desktop

- Visit the official Power BI website (<https://powerbi.microsoft.com/>).
- Click on the "Download free" button.
- Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions to install Power BI Desktop on your computer.

2. Download and Install MySQL Connector/ODBC:

- MySQL Connector/ODBC is a driver that allows Power BI to connect to MySQL databases. Download it from the official MySQL website (<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/odbc/>).
- Install the connector by running the installer and following the instructions.

3. Configure MySQL Workbench:

- Open MySQL Workbench and connect to your MySQL server.
- Ensure that the MySQL user you plan to use has the necessary permissions to access the database you want to work with.

4. Connect Power BI to MySQL:

- Open Power BI Desktop.
- Click on the "Get Data" option in the Home tab.
- Choose "ODBC" as the data source.
- Select the MySQL ODBC driver you installed in step 2.
- Click "Connect" and provide the necessary connection details such as server, database, and authentication information.

5. Build your Power BI Report:

- Once connected, you can start building your Power BI report by importing tables or writing custom queries to fetch the data from MySQL.

6. Refresh Data:

- Power BI allows you to refresh your data to keep it up to date. You can set up scheduled refreshes based on your needs.

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