

Installing and configuring Power BI Desktop

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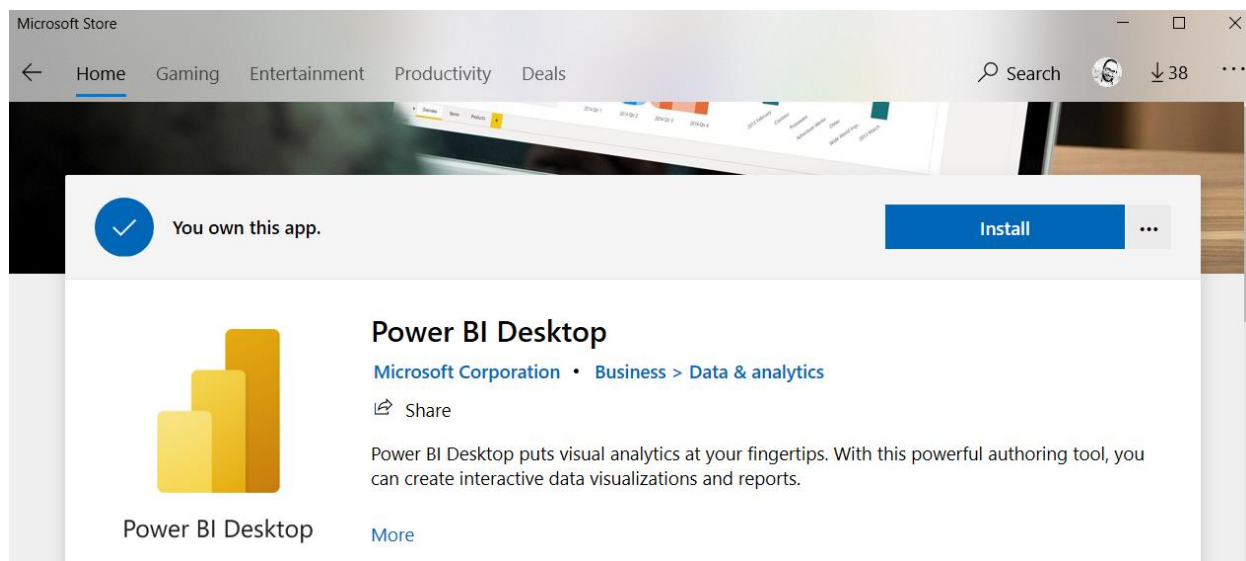
Power BI is an advanced and integrated self-service business intelligence system for analyzing data and presenting actionable information to help corporate executives, business managers and other end users make more informed business decisions.

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Windows 10 or 11

If you have **Windows 10 or 11** you can get Power BI Desktop from Microsoft Store. Open “Microsoft Store”, Search for “**Power BI Desktop**”, click on the button “Install” and follow the instructions. Install completed? [Please check the Configuration section in page 4](#). Alternatively, for manual download and setup please check the steps below.



1 - Microsoft Store (Windows 10)

Requirements

Minimum requirements

- Windows 7 / Windows Server 2008 R2, or later
- .NET 4.5
- Internet Explorer 10 or later
- At least 1 GB RAM available, 1.5 GB or more recommended.
- For more info <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/desktop-get-the-desktop>

Which version to install?

- If you have a 32 bit machine, you need to install the 32bit Power BI Desktop.
- If you have a 32 bit Office installed (regardless of your machine 32bit or 64bit), you need to install the 32 bit Power BI Desktop.
- Otherwise, you can install the 64 bit PBI Desktop.

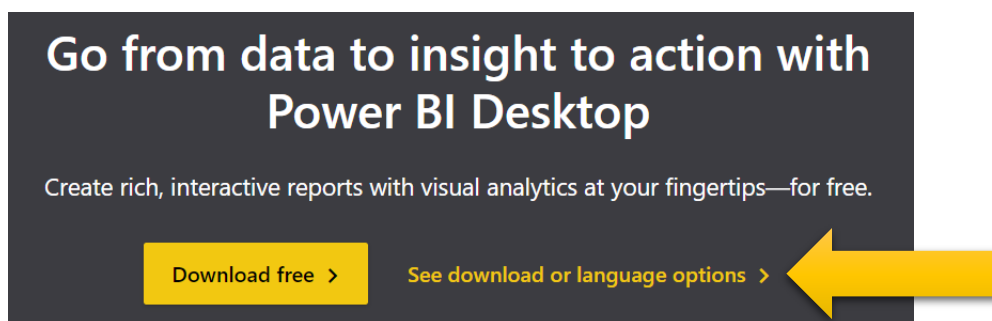
Tip! [Which version of Windows operating system am I running? \(microsoft.com\)](#)

Mac/Apple

Unfortunately, Power BI Desktop will only run on a Windows operating system. If you have a Mac, you will not be able to install Power BI Desktop, but there are other options, such as Dual Boot Camp¹, creating a local virtual machine (VM). You could also try to run it with an application such as [Turbo.net](#)², [Parallels](#)³ or [Paperspace](#). Need more help? Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Download and install Power BI Desktop

1. Go to <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/desktop> to download the latest version of Power BI Desktop



2. Click **See download or language options**
3. Click **Download**

¹ Install Windows 10 on your Mac with Boot Camp Assistant <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201468> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hm9Q-T0oTo>

² Turbo.net uses an older version of Power BI Desktop

³ How to Install Parallels Desktop 16 for Mac Step-by-Step Guide <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeL6rvDgZcw>

Microsoft Power BI Desktop

Important! Selecting a language below will dynamically change the complete page content to that language.

Select Language:

English

Download



4. Choose between the 64-bit or 32-bit version - *Don't know how to choose? Please check [Which version of Windows operating system am I running? \(microsoft.com\)](#)*

Choose the download you want

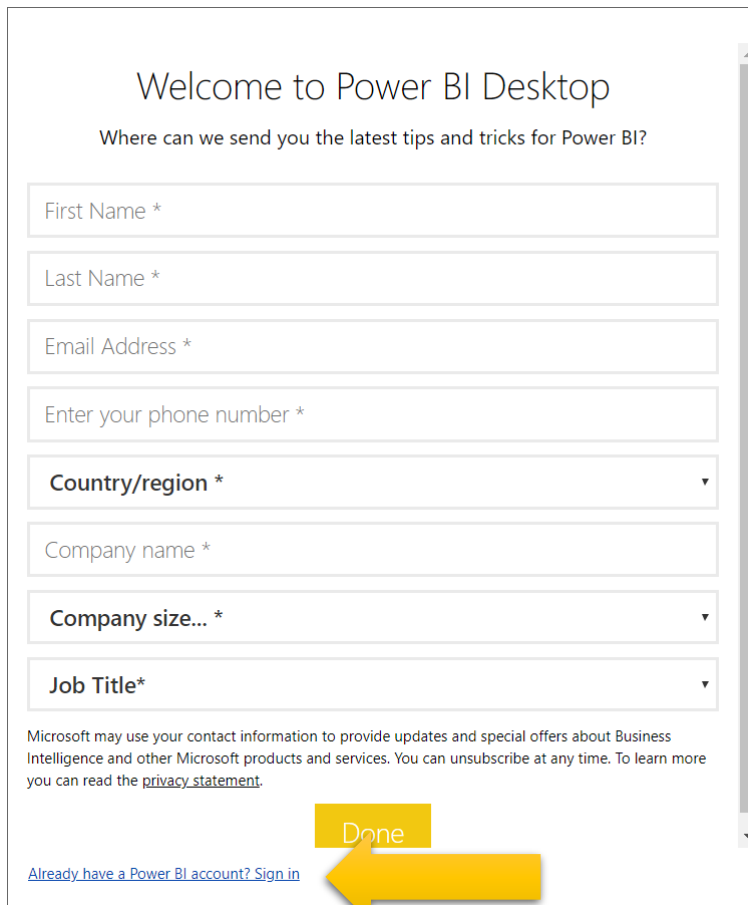
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5. Download, run the executable file and follow the setup instructions.

Configuration

Sign-in

Setup completed? Run Power BI Desktop. You DON'T need to sign-up to start using Power BI desktop, click on "Already have a Power BI account? Sign-in"



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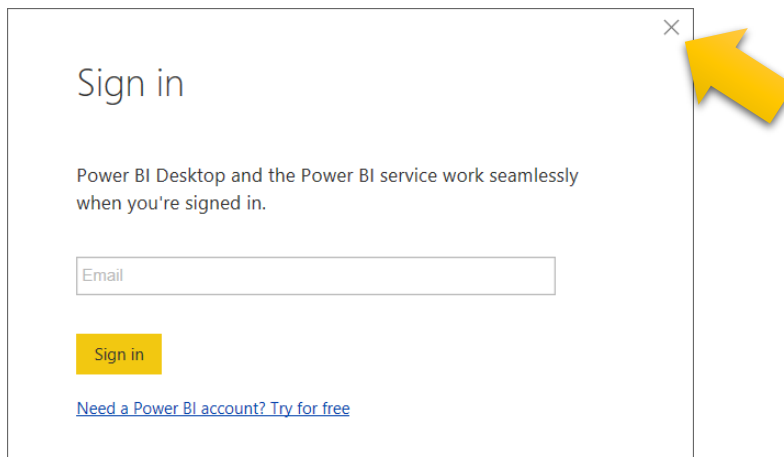
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Sign in

Power BI Desktop and the Power BI service work seamlessly when you're signed in.

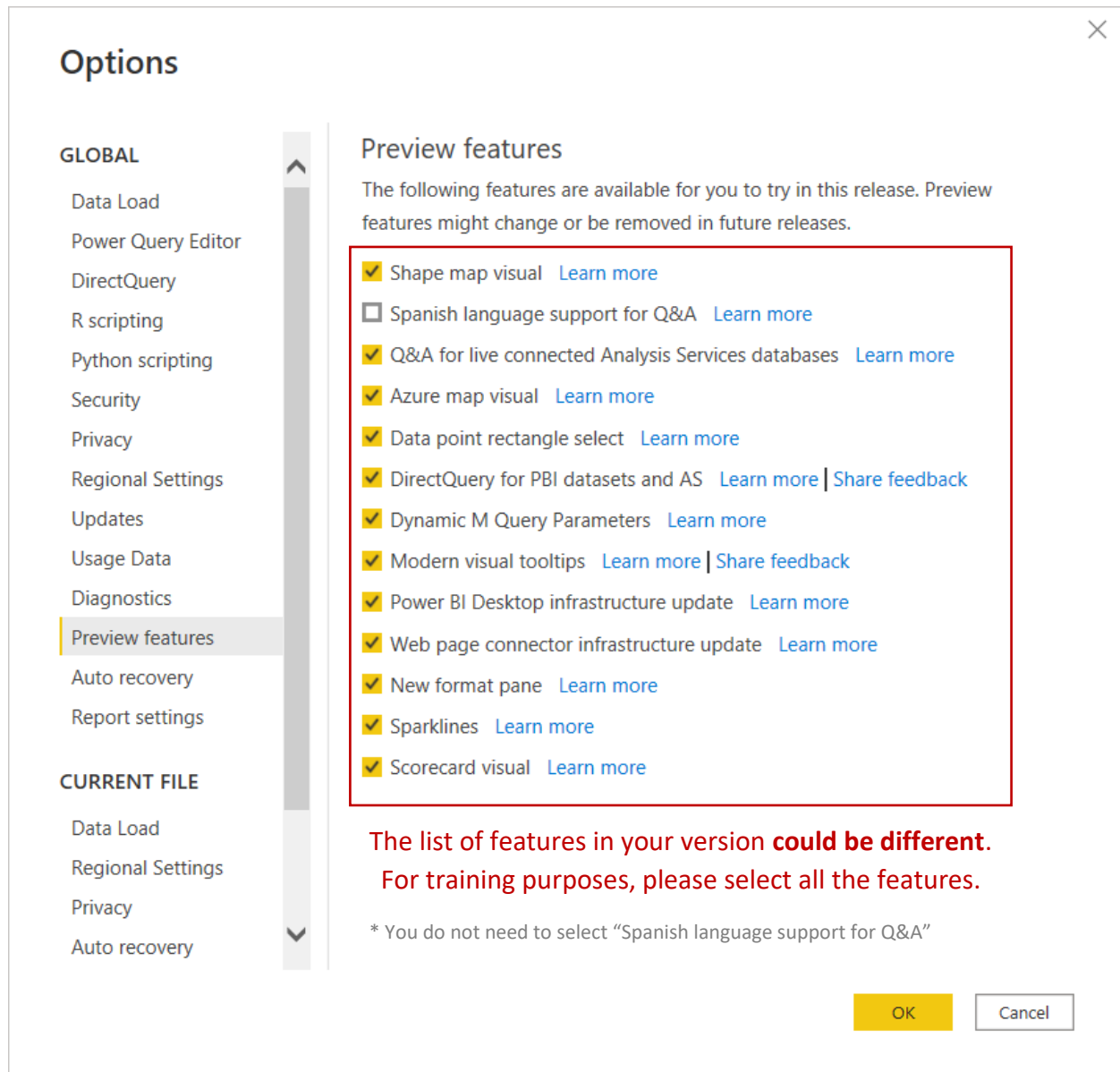
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Enable all the “Preview features”

1. Select “Preview features” under GLOBAL section
2. Check all the checkboxes of the preview features available on the right side to enable
3. Click OK and restart the Power BI desktop
4. The preview features that enabled will be available to use after the restart



Happy Power BI'ing 🍷