

Installing 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**.

Note: If you have Windows 10, Open “Microsoft Store”, Search for “Power BI Desktop”, click on the button “Get” and follow instructions. And make sure to enable the “Preview features” (Instructions below). Alternatively, for manual download and setup please check the steps below.

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Requirements

Minimum requirements

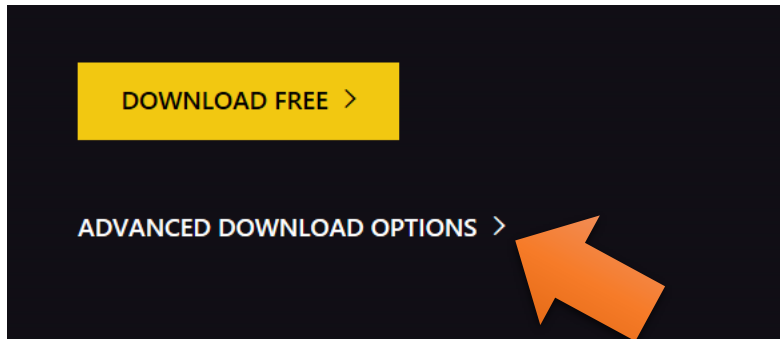
- Windows 7 / Windows Server 2008 R2, or later
- .NET 4.5
- Internet Explorer 10 or later
- At least 1 GB RAM available, 1.5 GB or more recommended.
- For more info <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/desktop-get-the-desktop>

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), you need to install the 32 bit Power BI Desktop.
- Otherwise, you can install the 64 bit PBI Desktop.

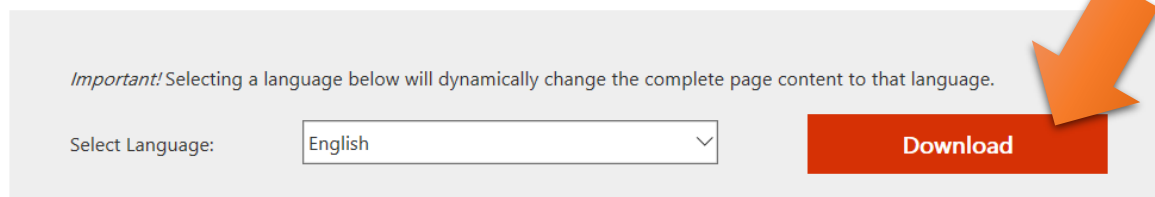
Download and install Power BI Desktop

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



2. Click **Advanced download options**
3. Click **Download**

Microsoft Power BI Desktop

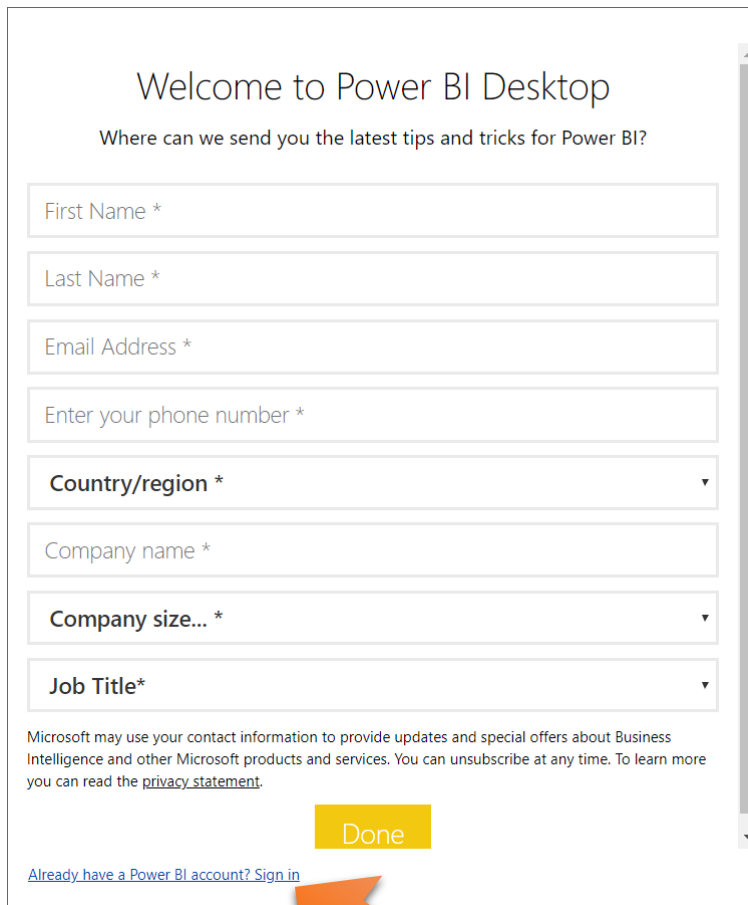


4. Choose between the 64-bit or 32-bit version (Don't know how to choose? Go to "Which Windows operating system am I running" <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/13443/windows-which-operating-system>)

Choose the download you want

<input type="checkbox"/> File Name	Size
<input type="checkbox"/> PBIDesktop.msi	188.2 MB
<input type="checkbox"/> PBIDesktop_x64.msi	206.2 MB

Setup completed! You don't need to sign-up to start using Power BI desktop, click on "Already have a Power BI account? Sign-in"



Welcome to Power BI Desktop

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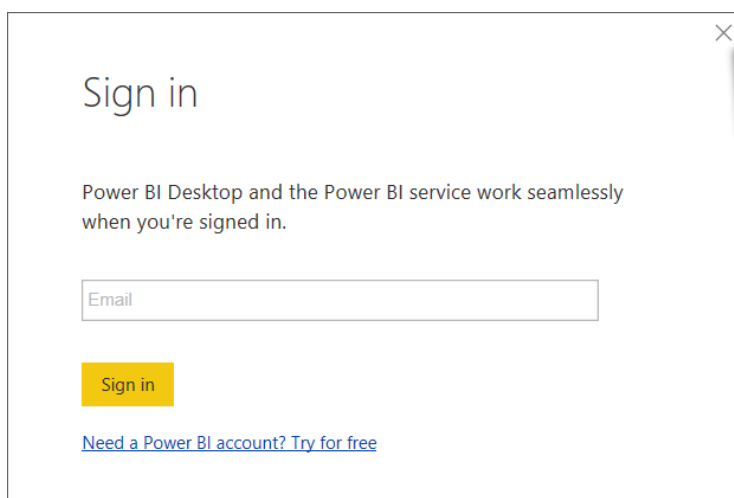
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Done

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Press Esc or click on "x"



Sign in

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

Email

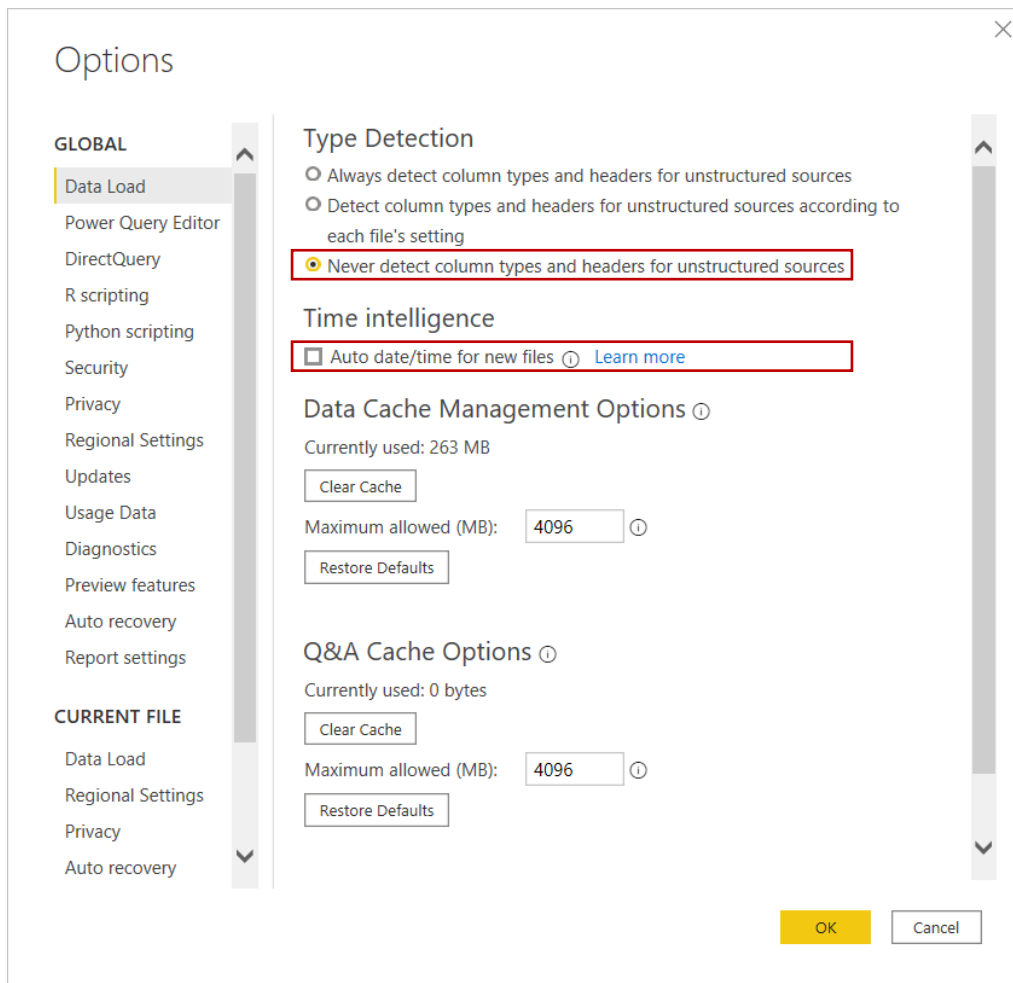
Sign in

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Type Detection and Time intelligence

1. Open Power BI Desktop
2. Click on File > Options and Settings > Options
3. Select "Data Load" under GLOBAL section
4. Select "Never detect column types and headers for unstructured sources" under the Type Detection section
5. Uncheck the "Auto date/time for new files" under the Time intelligence section
6. Keep the window open and check below...



Enable all the “Preview features”

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

Screenshot:

