



POWER BI MASTER CLASS



Overview of the course

Introduction to Business Intelligence	Understand the basics of Business Intelligence and its importance in today's data-driven world.
Getting Started with Power BI	Overview of Power BI, including Installation and navigation of Power BI Desktop.
Data Transformation and Modeling	Learn to clean and transform raw data using Power Query Editor. Introduction to data modeling and relationships in Power BI. Basics of DAX for data analysis.
	Explore creating interactive reports and dashboards. Practice with different visualizations to tell compelling data stories.
Publishing and Sharing Reports	How to publish reports from Power BI Desktop to Power BI Service. Share insights with dashboards and collaborate with your team.
Advanced Data Analysis and DAX	Dive deeper into DAX for complex data analysis. Learn advanced techniques for more dynamic reports and analysis.
Power BI in Practice	Integration of Power BI with other tools like Excel. Real-world case study to apply what you've learned.

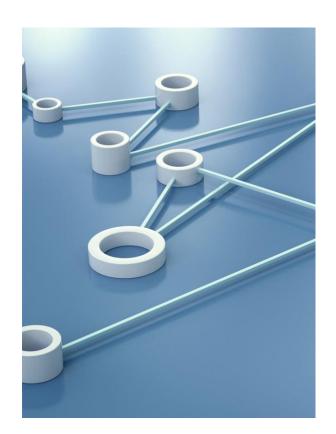


Introduction to Business Intelligence



What is Power BI?

•Power BI is a collection of software services, apps, and connectors that work together to turn your unrelated sources of data into coherent, visually immersive, and interactive insights.





Why Power BI?









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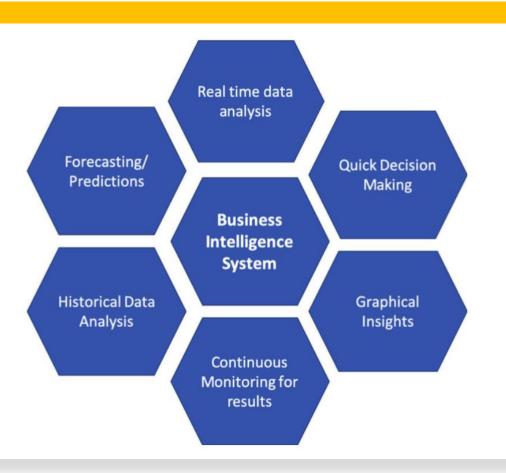
MAXIMUM NUMBERS
OF FEATURES

COST OF POWER BI

DATA CONNECTIVITY



Components Business Intelligence



•The Essence of Business Intelligence (BI):

• Simplified: BI is the transformation of data into actionable insights for better decision-making in the present and future.

•Role of BI Solutions:

- Aids in understanding business activities.
- Helps answer key questions: Who? What? When? How much?
- Predicts future trends and outcomes for strategic planning.

•BI's Evolution with Big Data:

- Modern BI leverages cloud computing for cost-efficiency.
- Real-time data processing is integral for up-to-date insights.
- BI tools are expanding to include components like real-time and predictive analytics.

•The Power of BI Analysis:

- Beyond traditional data Capable of analyzing text, sentiment, and more.
- Helps understand public opinion of products and services.



Traditional BI Approach

1

Business Identify the requirement

2

Business User submit the requirement to IT

3

IT extract, transform and load into DW/ Build Models 4

IT creates reports and dashboards based on the requirement 5

Business user approve reports or request for changes



Getting Started with PowerBI



Power BI Ecosystem







POWER BI SERVICE



POWER BI MOBILE



Installing Power BI Desktop



System Requirements:

Check if your system meets the minimum requirements: Windows 7 / Windows Server 2008 R2, or later.

Internet Explorer 9 or above.



Download:

Visit the official Power BI Desktop download page.

Choose the correct version (32-bit or 64-bit) based on your system.



Installation:

Run the downloaded installer file.

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation process.



Sign In:

Once installed, open Power BI Desktop.

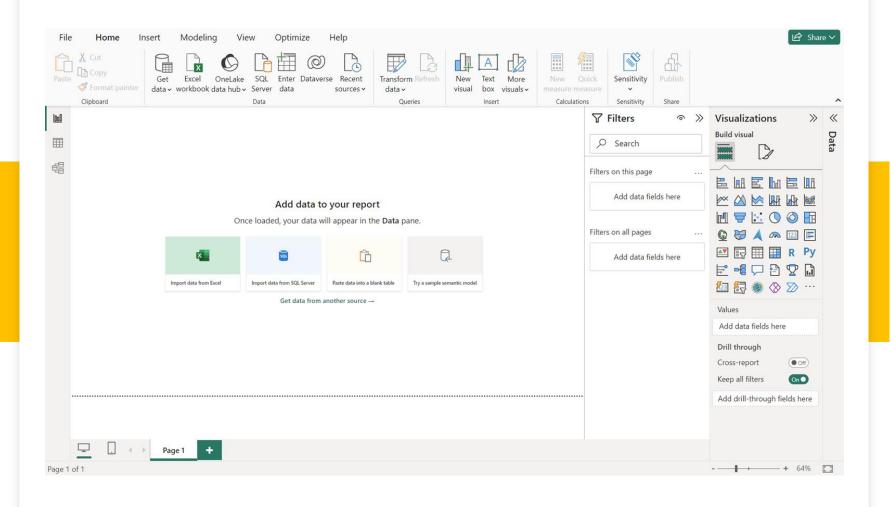
Sign in with your Microsoft account or work/school account.



First Launch:

Familiarize yourself with the welcome screen.

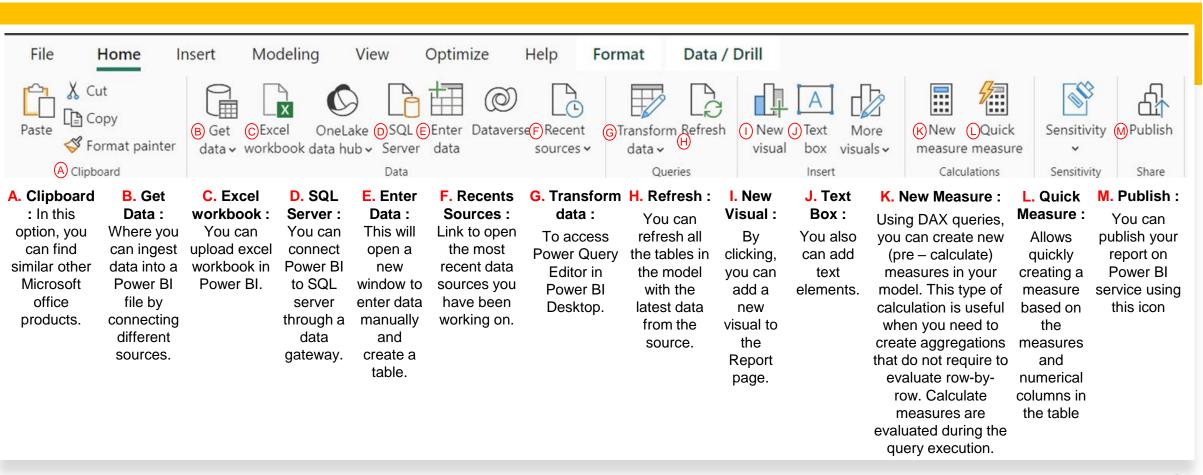




Power BI Interface Tour

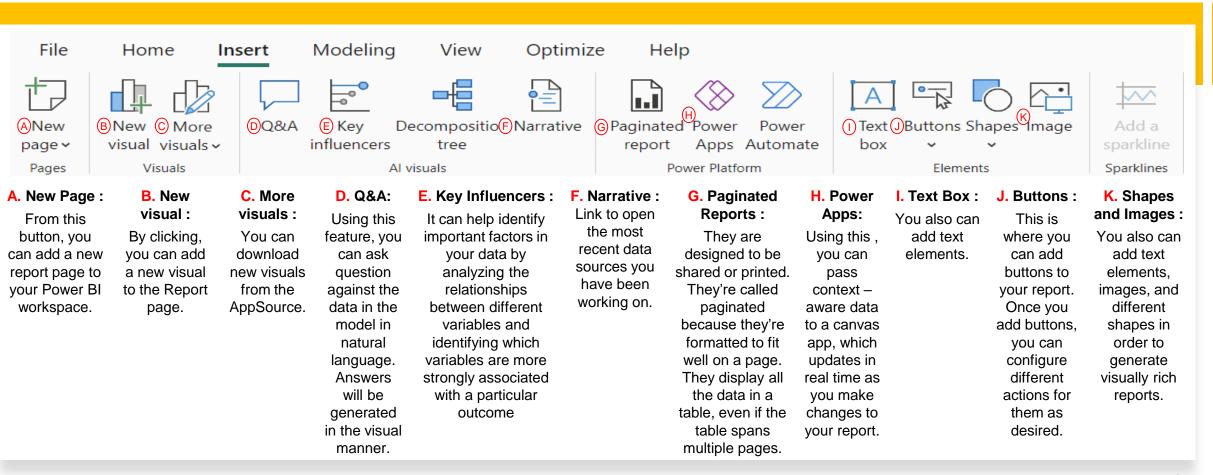


PowerBI Desktop Home Tab



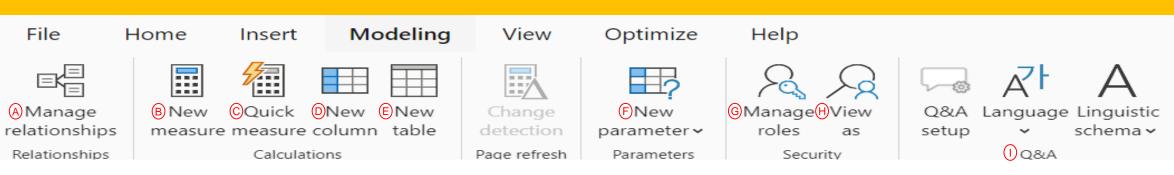


PowerBI Desktop Insert Tab





PowerBI Desktop Modelling Tab



A. Manage Relationships :

This opens a window to create and manage relationship build between tables. You can define the cardinality and cross – filter direction type in the relationships you build.

B. New Measure:

Using DAX queries, you can create new (pre – calculate) measures in your model. This type of calculation is useful when you need to create aggregations that do not require to evaluate row-by-row. Calculate measures are evaluated during the query execution.

C. Quick Measure:

Allows
quickly
creating a
measure
based on
the
measures
and
numerical
columns in
the table

D. New column :

Create calculated columns using DAX expressions. These columns you create will evaluate during model processing time and save the values in the model. Those are evaluated row by row.

E. New table :

You can create your own table using DAX, which cannot produce from the source.

F. New parameter:

You can perform a what-if analysis and create a parameter from here. Values for the parameter can be set using a slicer.

G. Manage roles:

You can create roles and define the row-level security in your Power BI model.

H. View as:

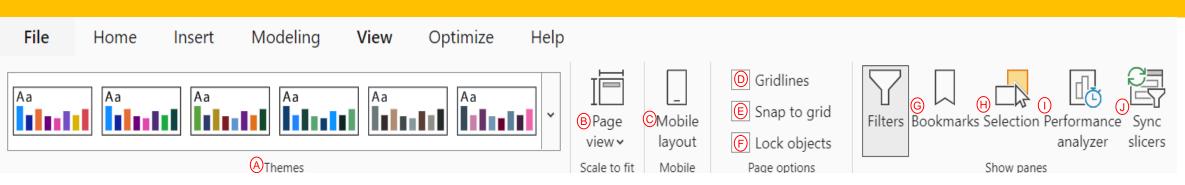
Once you properly configure the roles, you can check those and view them for validating the logic using this option.

I. Q&A:

Question and answer is an AI feature you will find in the Power BI to convert your data model and allow BI users to through questions in natural language and generate answers. You can configure the language support for Q&A.



PowerBI Desktop View Tab



A. Themes:

By changing the theme, you can add variety to your Power BI reports. There are pre-built themes you can quickly change.

B. Page view:

This page view helps you to different reporting layouts.

C. Mobile Layout:

It will enable mobile view, then you an change into arrange visual elements the way you want to see in a mobile device.

This is a verv helpful tool to show a grid in the report layer. After you create the visuals, this will help you to do the final touch by align the visuals perfectly.

grid:

Once this is enabled. when you move. the visual objects are always aligned with one of the grid points.

Even if you perfectly align you visuals after everything is finished, there is a chance that these objects can move here and there by touching. So, by this option, you can ensure nothing is moved.

D. Gridlines: E. Snap to F. Lock objects: G. Bookmarks: H. Selection:

This works like a Selection snapshot; you pane feature is also mostly can bookmark(save) used with bookmarking your report objects with feature. You different filters will be able to and interactions. configure the visibility of objects for different bookmarks.

I. Performance analyzer:

This enables you to trace time information for DAX gueries and visual loading. Further, this allows you to identify the DAX guery behind each visual, which you can use further performance tuning.

J. Sync slicers:

This allows you to select one of many slicers in your report page and start to work those slices across multiple pages.



PowerBI Desktop Optimize Tab



A. Pause visuals:

It allows you to add or remove field list items to a visual without the visual updating until you are ready.

B. Refresh visuals:

It allows you to update all visuals in a report page based on a constant interval such as one second or five minutes.

C. Optimization presets :

With this you can quickly choose and apply predefined combinations of settings tailored to your reporting scenario.

D. Performance analyzer:

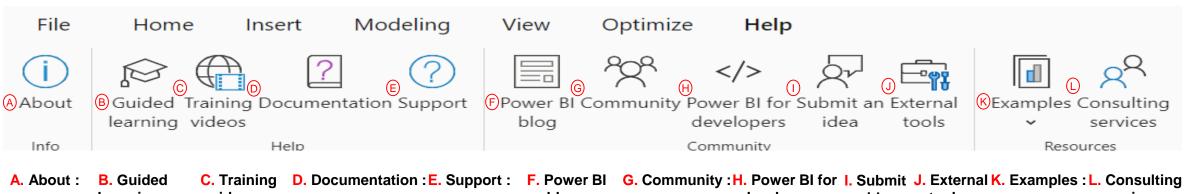
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E. Apply all slicers button :

When on the report page, will keep track of all the slicer selections and then apply them at once when you click the Apply all slicers button!



PowerBI Desktop Help Tab



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PowerBI Desktop



Report Tab:

In Report view you can create any number of report pages with visualizations. Report view in Power BI Desktop provides a similar design experience to the report's editing view in the Power BI service. You can move visualizations around, copy and paste, merge, and so on.





You can come to Data tab by clicking the table icon in the left vertical menu bar. This view is similar to the view we can see in Microsoft Excel. You can click the dropdown button in each field in order to do the data set, such as sorting, filtering, and so on.

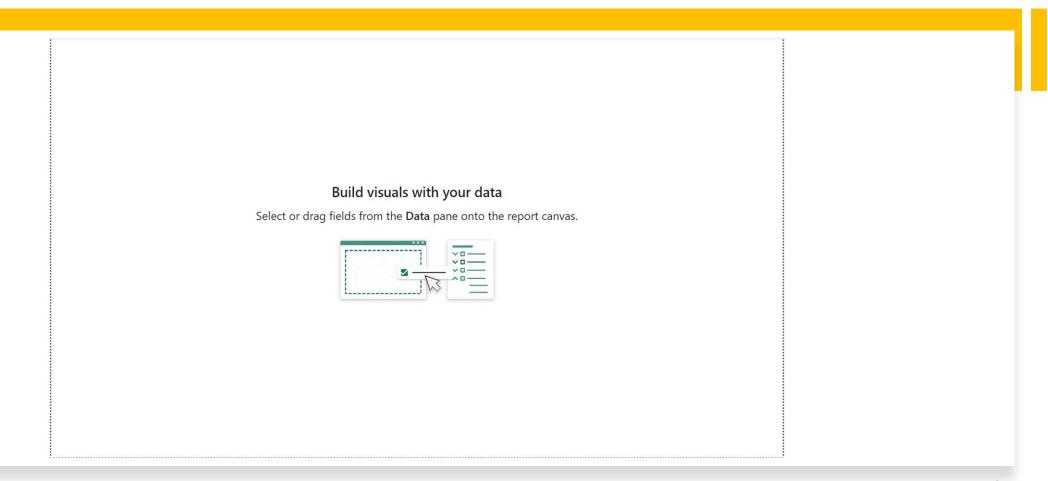
Model Tab:



The model tab is where you can view your Star schema or snowflake structure of the model. Further, this view helps you to build relationships, especially when you have many tables. This is also the ideal place to do advanced configurations like aggregations.

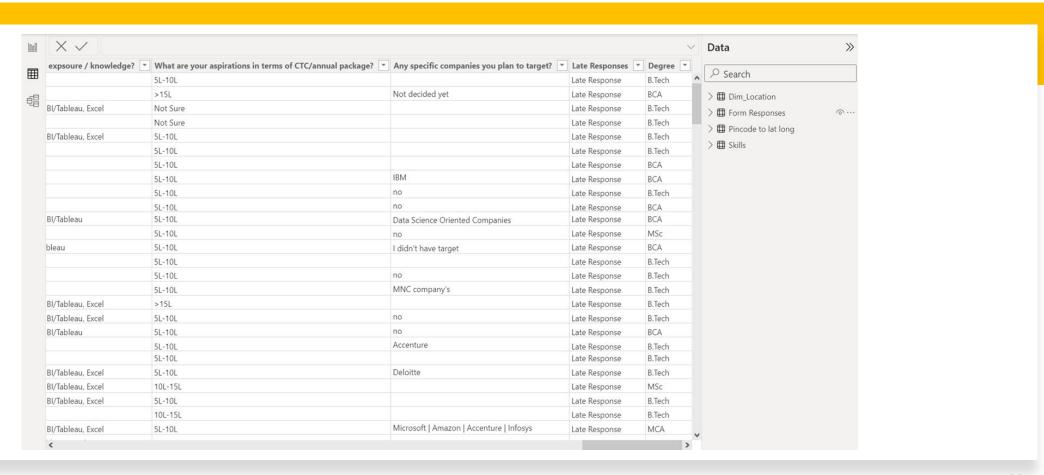


PowerBI Desktop Report View



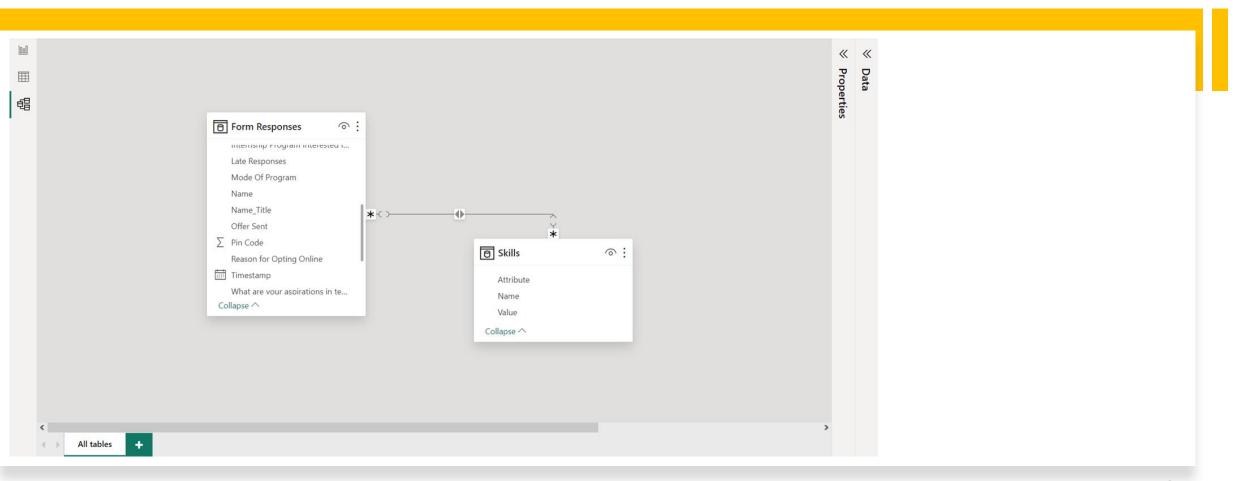


PowerBI Desktop Data View





PowerBI Desktop Model View

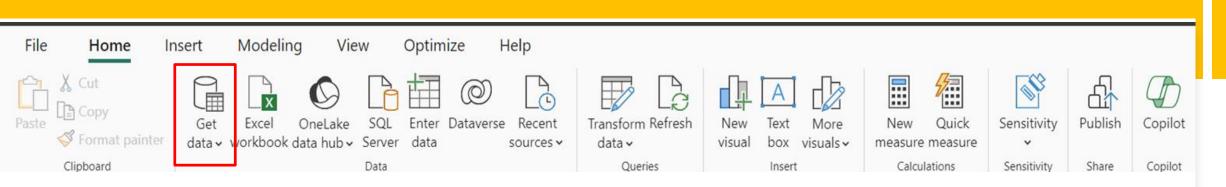




Data Transformation and Modelling



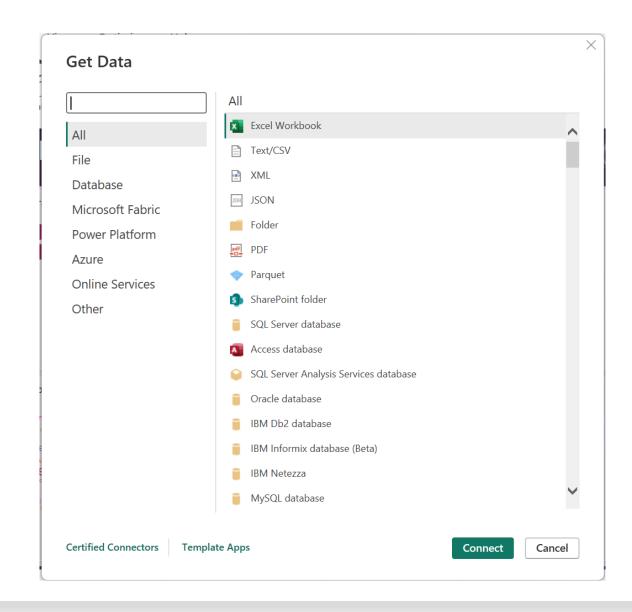
Getting Data - Basic Import from Excel



In order to connect with any data source, first, you need to click the **Get Data** in the **Home** tab in the top menu bar in the Power BI desktop.

Once you click the **Get Data** button, it will open the **Get Data** window, which gives huge list of sources:





Get Data



Power BI Connectors

Microsoft Power BI offers a range of connectors, starting from text documents/CSV files to Big Data sources like **Hadoop File Systems** (HDFS). The Power BI team keeps adding new data connectors to the Power BI.

The following diagram demonstrates the list of connectors available in the Power BI. However, this is just few data sources.

File	Database	Microsoft Fabric	Power Platform		
Excel Workbook	SQL Server database	Power BI semantic models	Power BI dataflows (Legacy)		
Text/CSV	Access database	Dataflows	Common Data Service (Legacy)		
	SQL Server Analysis Services databa	se 🔒 Datamarts (preview)	Dataverse		
JSON	Azure	Online Services	Other		
Folder	Azure SQL database	SharePoint Online List	⊕ Web		
PDF	Azure Synapse Analytics SQL	Microsoft Exchange Online	SharePoint list		
Parquet	nalysis Services database	Dynamics 365 Online (legacy)	OData Feed		



Connection Types

However, the way of connecting data is different from connector to connector. Predominantly, we can group them into three connection types.







IMPORT

DIRECT QUERY

LIVE CONNECTION



Import

Load

- ∴ Form ResponsesWaiting for other queries...
- ∴ Dim_Location Evaluating...
- Pincode to lat longWaiting for other queries...

In the **Import** connection type, when you connect any data source, the data will be imported into the Power BI. You can experience this when you try to connect to text/csv or Excel data sources or even in Microsoft SQL Server connector. While you are importing data into Power BI, it will show up a window with the load status along with the list of data sets.

Cancel

X

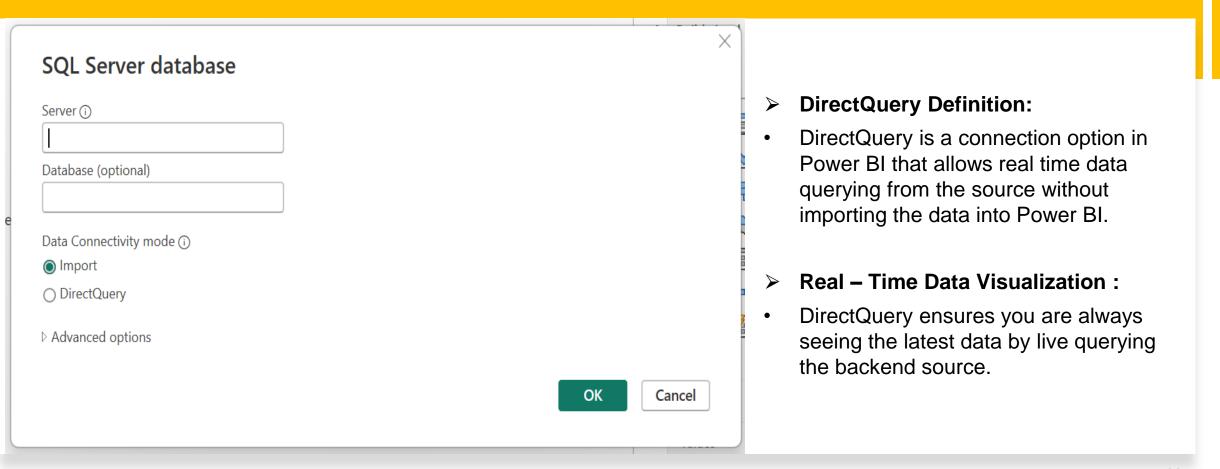


When you import data from the Power BI storage engine, Vertipaq (Compression Engine of Microsoft Power BI), compresses and store your data in-memory. That memory is machine you are holding the Power BI file. Once you publish the report into

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Processes								
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Name	Status	CPU	Memory	Disk	Network			
Microsoft OneDriveFile Co-Au		0%	2.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps			
Microsoft SharePoint		0%	4.7 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps			
Microsoft SQL Server Analysis		0%	536.9 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps			



Direct Query





> Performance Considerations:

- DirectQuery may be slower than Import mode due to factors like data source performance and network latency.
- Import mode compresses and stores data in-memory (e.g., Vertipaq), offering better performance for visualization.

> Use Cases:

- Choose DirectQuery for scenarios where real-time data is crucial.
- Opt for Import mode when performance and speed are more critical, and the data doesn't need to be realtime.

> SQL Server Database Connection:

- Both Import and DirectQuery options are available when connecting to SQL Server databases.
- Select the appropriate option based on your specific needs and performance requirements.



> Proof of Concept (PoC):

- If data quality is unknown and requires transformation, use Import mode to create a data model.
- For data warehouses with pre-cleaned and transformed data, DirectQuery is preferable as importing an entire data warehouse might not be feasible.

> DirectQuery Specifics:

• Connection: Instead of loading data, DirectQuery creates connections to the data source.





Live Connection

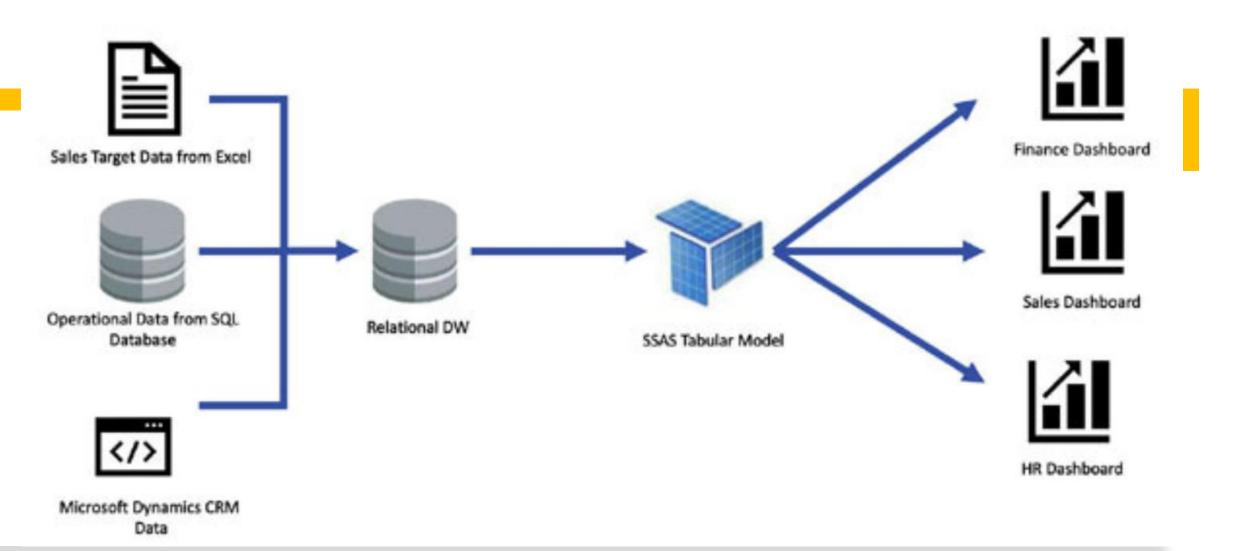
Import Mode Limitation:

- In Import mode, there's a limitation on data import, especially when publishing a report to Power BI service with data volume exceeding 1 GB.
- Power BI doesn't limit data analysis; SQL Server Analysis Services (SSAS) Tabular database handles large data volumes.
- Both Microsoft Power BI and SSAS Tabular use the same storage engine technology, Vertipaq.

Corporate BI Projects:

- As a BI Engineer, implementing data warehouses for clients is common.
- After loading data into a relational data warehouse, you can:
 Connect Power BI directly for analysis.
 Create a semantic data model using the SSAS database (tabular database).
- Implementing SSAS database improves user experience for Business Intelligence users.
- Similar functionalities are available in both Power BI and SSAS Tabular.





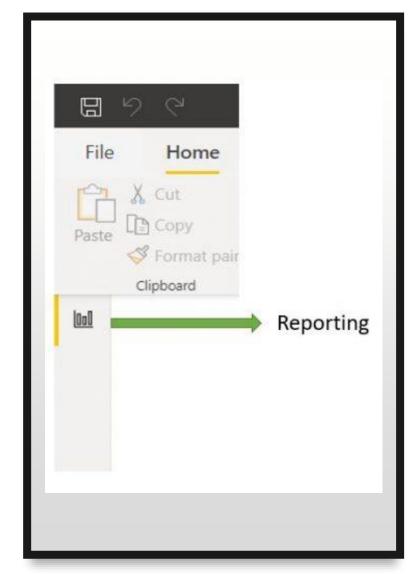


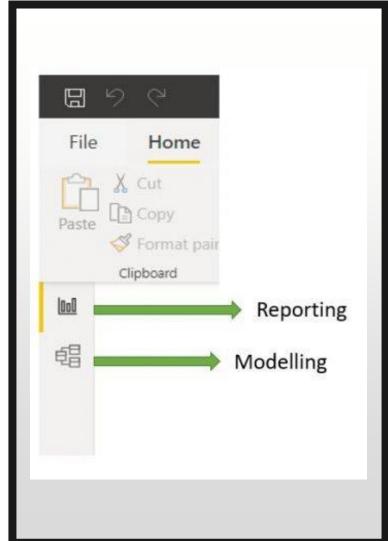
> SSAS Tabular Data Model:

- Implemented after setting up the data warehouse using SQL Server.
- SSAS Tabular is an in-memory database consuming deployed server memory.
- No upper limit for memory expansion, surpassing the 1 GB data limit in Import mode.
- In this solution, Power BI functions as a reporting tool, not for data transformation/modeling.
- Steps for data transformation/modeling are handled in the relational data warehouse and SSAS Tabular model.

Guess the connection type?







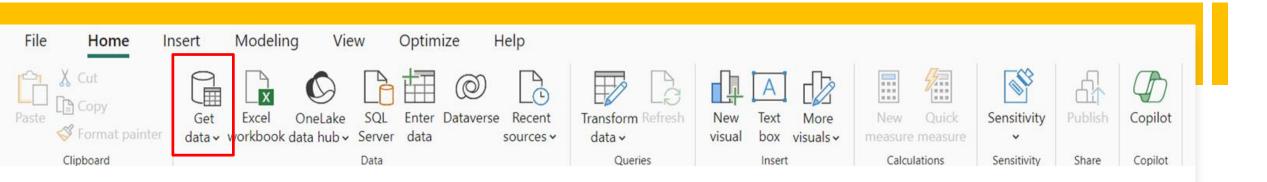




Creating Reports and Visualizations



Load data into Power Bl





Data cleansing and blending

Data Transformation:

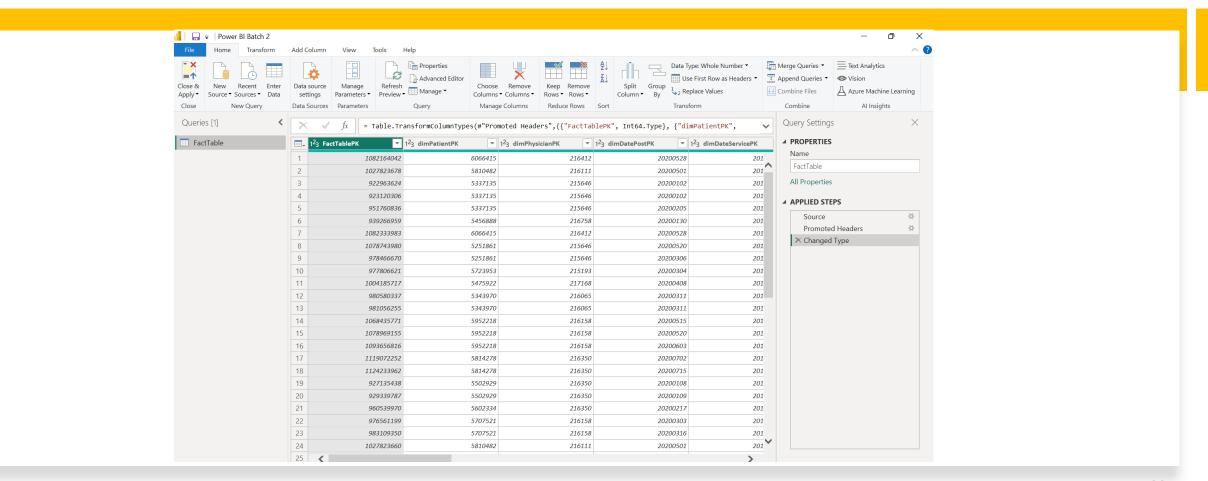
- Data transformation converts data into a required structure through cleansing activities and applying business logic.
- Power Query:
- Utilizes ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) technology within Power BI for data transformations.
- Accessed via the "Edit Queries" button in the top menu bar, which opens the Power Query Editor window.
- Provides various tools for performing data transformations.

Power Query Features:

- Microsoft's data connectivity and data preparation technology.
- Allows business users to engage with data import and preparation tasks seamlessly.
- Code-free graphical user experience speeds up data preparation.
- Typically, 80% of the time is spent connecting and preparing data, which is streamlined by Power Query.



Power Query Editor





Dimensional Modeling Concepts

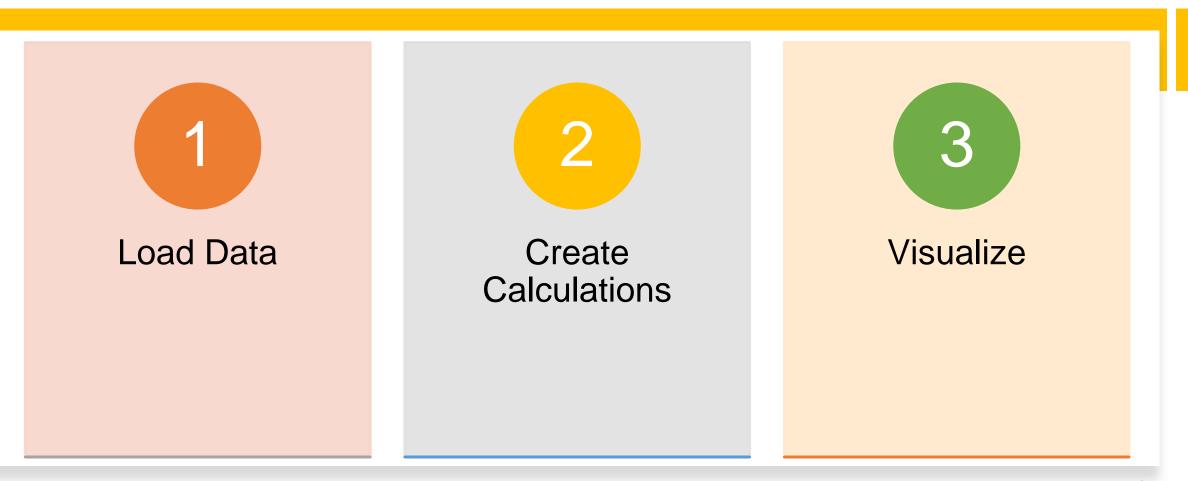


What is Data Modelling and Why?

- > Data modeling involves designing a logical structure to store data in a database.
- Considers aspects like accessibility and optimization.
- Dimensional modeling is a subset, specifically for report databases or data warehouses.
- > Discuss classical approach and data modeling approach in detail and their benefits.



Classic BI Approach





- Deal with multiple data source systems (e.g., sales, marketing, finance, HR, healthcare, logistics).
- Systems known as Online Transactional Processing (OLTP) systems.
- Highly normalized and optimized for transaction recording.
- Classic BI approach includes:
 - Connecting to data source.
 - Defining metrics.
 - Creating interactive visuals.
- Traditional report development approach: Connect to data source, define metrics, create interactive visuals..



Classic BI Approach Limitation

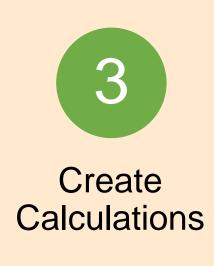
- Works fine for simple datasets with few tables and low data volume.
- Difficult to analyze with large datasets (e.g., 50+ tables) or large data volume (approx. 1 GB).
- OLTP systems are optimized for transaction processing, not for reporting.
- Connecting and analyzing multiple tables can become a tedious task.



Modern Self – Service BI Approach













- Overcomes limitations of traditional BI approach.
- Adds an intermediate layer between imported data and defined metrics: Data model or dimension model.
- Data modeling creates a simplified data structure optimized for analytics.
- > Steps include: Load Data, Create Data Model, Create Calculations, Visualize.



End – to – End BI with Microsoft Power BI

- Traditional corporate BI stack replaced with simplified, self-service approach using Power BI.
- > Provides tools for data extract/load, data modeling, metric definition, reporting, and collaboration.
- ➤ Integration of SSIS, SSAS Tabular, and Power BI services for data warehousing and BI stack.
- Enables end-to-end BI solutions for large data volumes.



Data Warehouse

- Typical OLTP Systems:
- Highly normalized and optimized for transaction recording.
- Challenges in reporting: Slow query execution, difficulty in analytics.
- Data Warehouse Tables:
- Fact Tables:
 - Store business processes, events, or transactions.
- Dimension Tables:
 - Store textual data and entities (e.g., product, category, salesperson, customer, date, time).
- Dimensional Model:
- Identified as the data warehouse structure.
- Creates a data warehouse inside Power BI.
- During implementation, map business processes to dimensions in the design phase.





Data Warehouse	Databases
Store large volume of data	Store small volume of data
Designed for read heavy operations	Designed for write heavy operations
High Latency	Low Latency
Denormalized (Data Redundancy High)	Highly Normalized (Data redundancy low)
Columnar Storage	Row based
Parallel Processing of request	Not optimized for parallel processing
OLAP (Online Analytics Processing)	OLTP (Online Transactional Processing)



Characteristics of Data Warehouse



Integrated



Subject Oriented



Time Variant



Non Volatile



Fact Table and Dimensional Table

> Fact Table : Measurement

Dimension Table : Context

Trxn_id	Sales_quantity	Regular_unit_price	Discount_unit_price	Net_unit_price	Sales_amount	Discount_amount
TXN001	5	20	18	15	90	10
TXN002	3	120	96	100	288	72
, TXN003	7	85	68	60	476	119 .
TXN004	1	24	21.6	20	21.6	2.4
TXN005	1	150	135	150	135	15
TXN006	2	200	160	130	320	80
TXN007	6	5	5	4	30	0

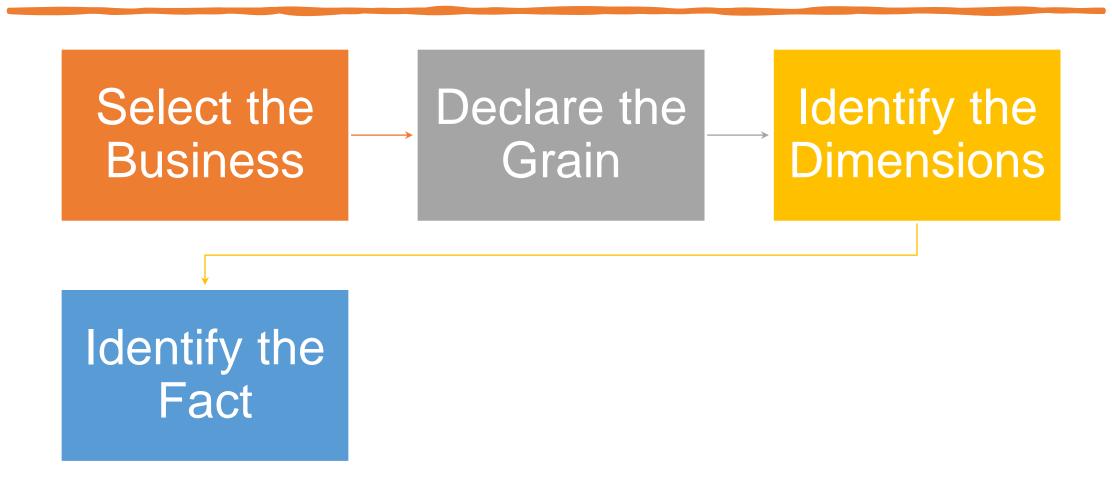


Fact Table and Dimensional Table

R et - ail	Trxn_id	Pr o	product_id
	Sales_quantity	d uc	Product_description
S al	S Regular_unit_price t_	Brand_description	
	Discount_unit_Price	m - t	
ac - t_ T - a	Net_Unit_Price	bl.	Category_description
	Sales_amount		Package_size
	Discount_amount		Weight
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Fundamental of Dimensional Modelling





Select the Business

- What does your business do?
- ➤ What measurement you want to analyze?
- ➤ How does your current Operational dataset look like?



Declare the grain

- Granularity is the number of dimensions linked to a fact
- > Grain is level of details available with the fact table. Basically this means what single record in the fact table shows.

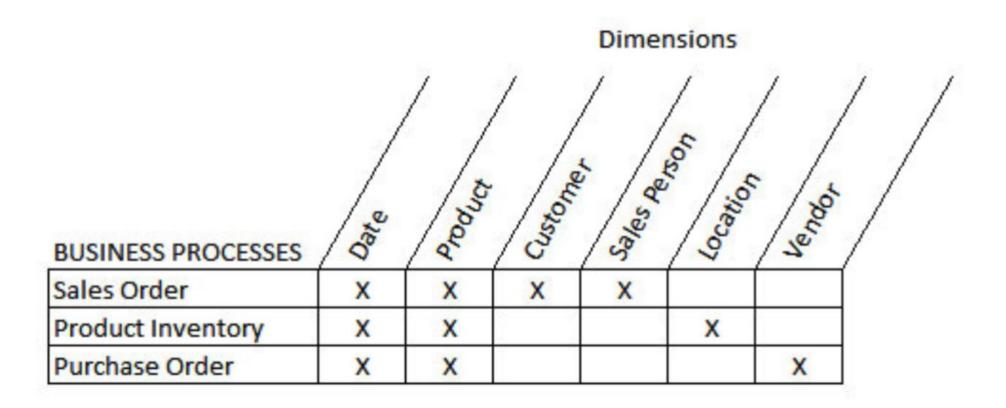


Identify Dimension and Fact Table

- > Who, What, When, Where, How of data in the fact table
- > Promotion, Date, store, Product, sales.



Bus Matrix Architecture



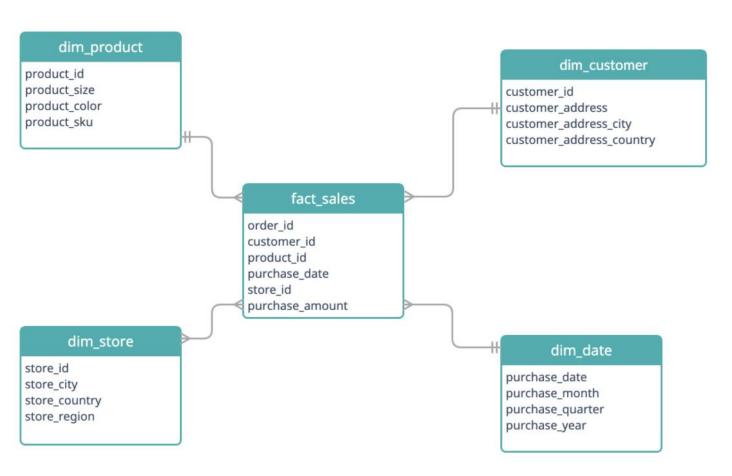


Star Schema

- > A star schema is a data model that stores information in multiple table types: a single fact table and multiple dimensional tables.
- ➤ In contrast to the classical database design of normalizing tables, star schemas connect dimensional data with fact data in a shape resembling a star (hence the name)



Star Schema



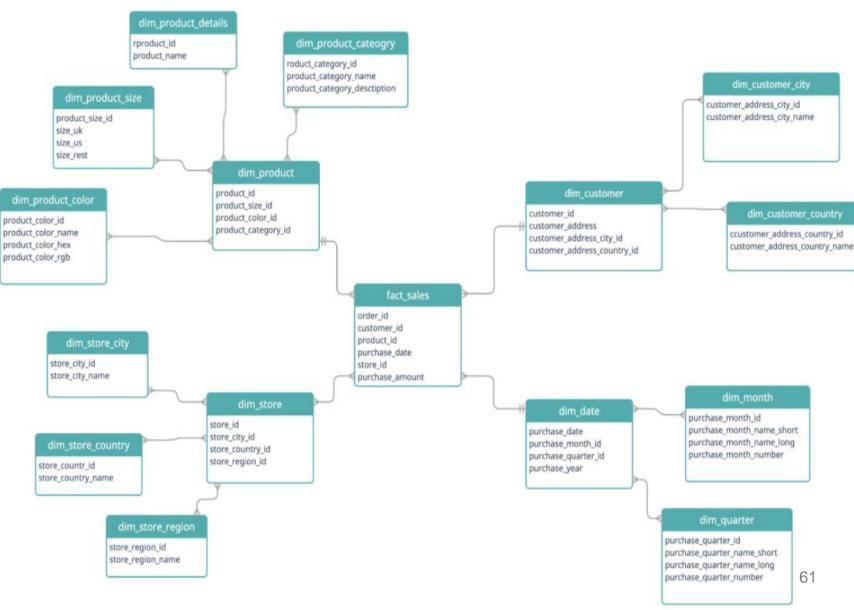


Snowfake Schema

➤ A snowflake schema is very similar to the simple star schema above. The main difference is that snowflake schemas split dimensional tables into further dimensional tables (also called lookup tables).











	Star schema	Snowflake schema
Normalization of dimension tables	normalized	denormalized
Data redundancy	stores it	avoids it
Query complexity	simple	complex
Query performance	faster	slower
Disk space	more	less
Data integrity	higher risk	lower risk
Set up and maintenance	easier to set up / harder to maintain	harder to set up / easier to maintain



Cardinality







One-to-One (1:1)

One-to-Many (1:N)

Many-to-Many (N:N)



One-to-One (1:1)

This cardinality indicates that each value in the column of one table is related to a unique value in the column of another table. It implies a direct and singular relationship between the two tables.



One-to-Many (1:N)

This cardinality indicates that each value in the column of one table can be related to multiple values in the column of another table. It represents a hierarchical or parent-child relationship, where one record in the parent table can have multiple related records in the child table.



Many-to-Many (N:N)

This cardinality indicates that multiple values in the column of one table can be related to multiple values in the column of another table. It implies a complex relationship where multiple records in one table can have associations with multiple records in another table.

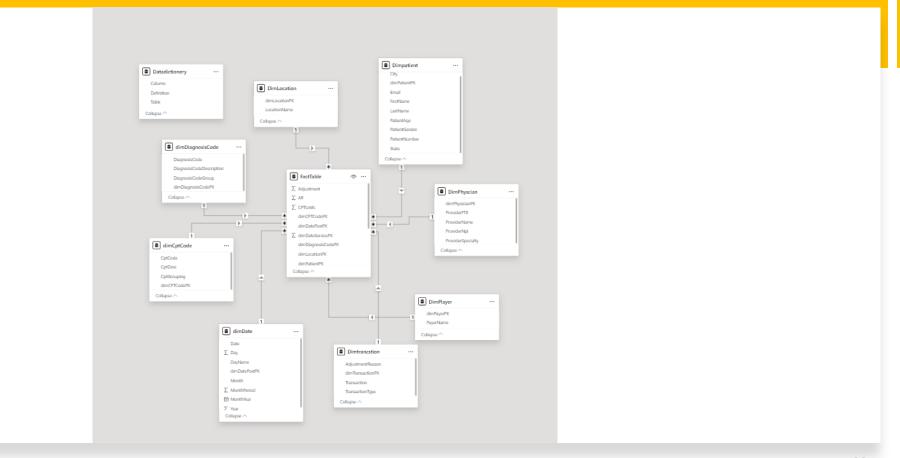


Joins

LEFT OUTER All rows from the left table, matching rows from the right table RIGHT OUTER All rows from the right table, matching rows from the left table **FULL OUTER** All rows from both tables **INNER** Only matching rows from both tables **LEFT ANTI** Only rows from the left table **RIGHT ANTI** Only rows from the right table



Dimensional Modelling in Project





Let's Create a Dashboard



Drill - Through



RLS (Row Level Security)

Row-level security (RLS) with Power BI can be used to restrict data access for given users. Filters restrict data access at the row level, and you can define filters within roles.



Types of RLS

- > Static RLS
- Dynamic RLS



