

## Introduction

In this lab you will learn how to build a report in Power BI from scratch using Power BI Desktop.

Link to download Power BI Desktop:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=58494>

## Power BI Desktop – Lab1

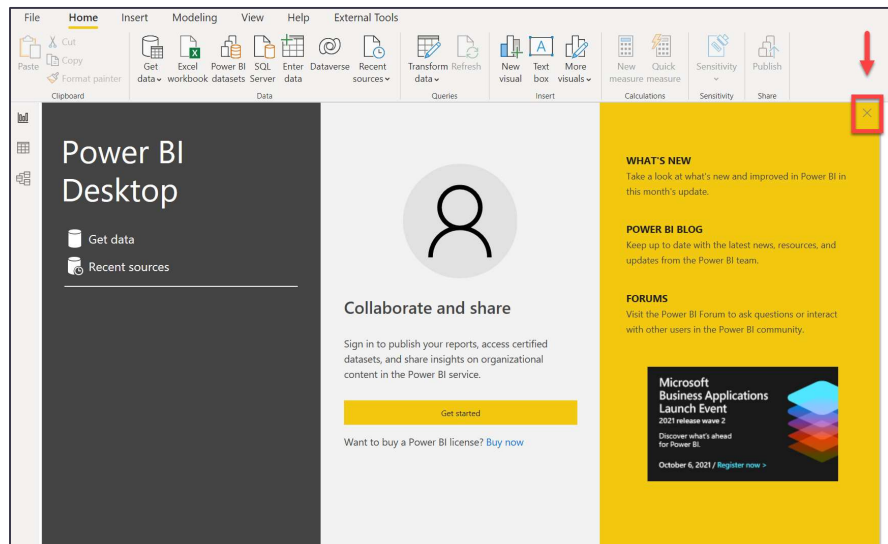
1. Click → **Start**

 and type  
Power BI  
Desktop.

2. Click → **Power BI  
Desktop App**

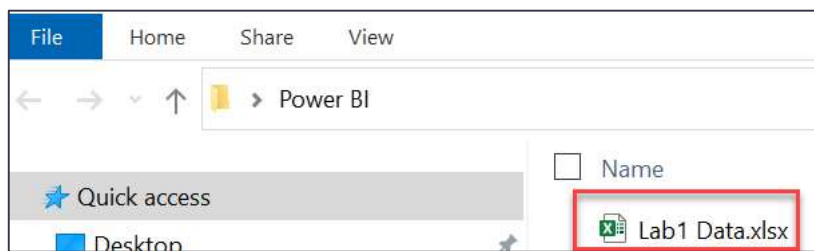
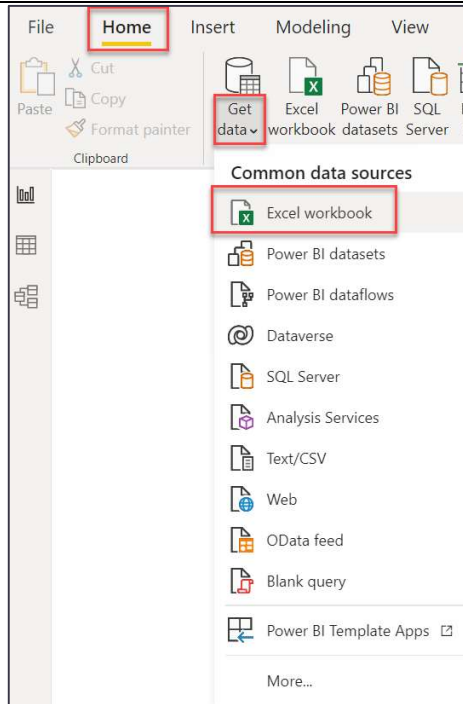


3. It will display the  
screen on the  
right. For now,  
close it.



4. From the ribbon, select **Home > Get Data > Excel workbook**

5. Select the file “Lab1 Data.xlsx” on the Power BI folder and click **Open**.



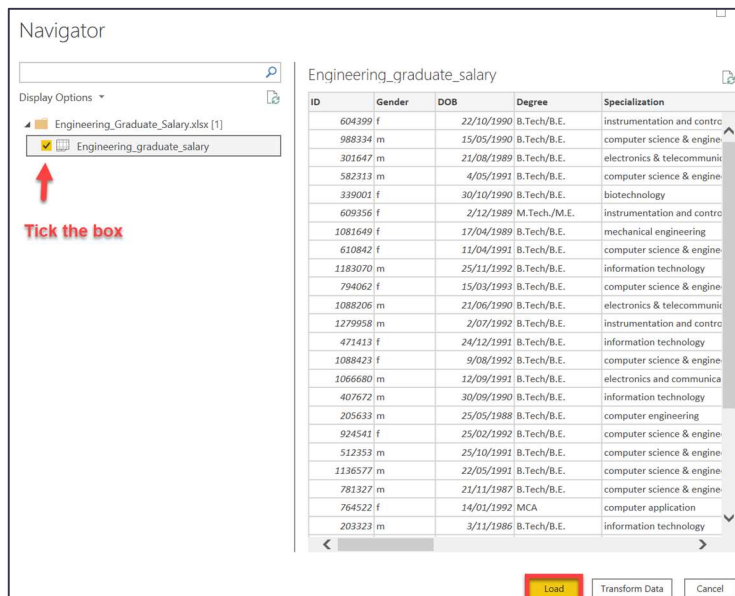
You have three options – Load, Transform Data and Cancel.

**Load:** loads the data from the source into Power BI Desktop for you to start creating reports.

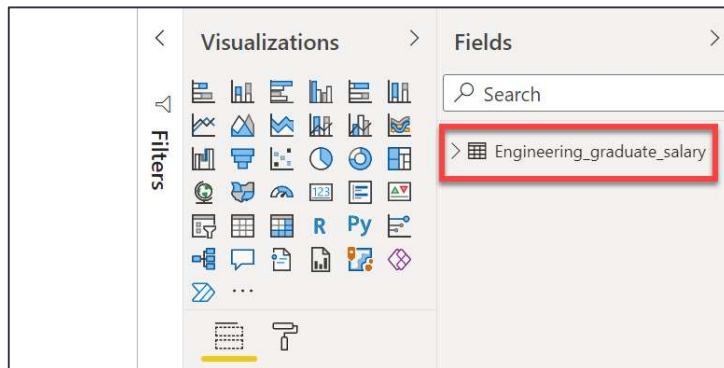
**Transform Data:** allows you to perform data shaping operations such as merging columns, adding additional columns, changing data types of columns.

**Cancel:** gets you back to the main canvas.

6. Select the box (Engineering\_graduate\_salary) and click **Load**.



- Once you click load, the data will display on the right-side Fields

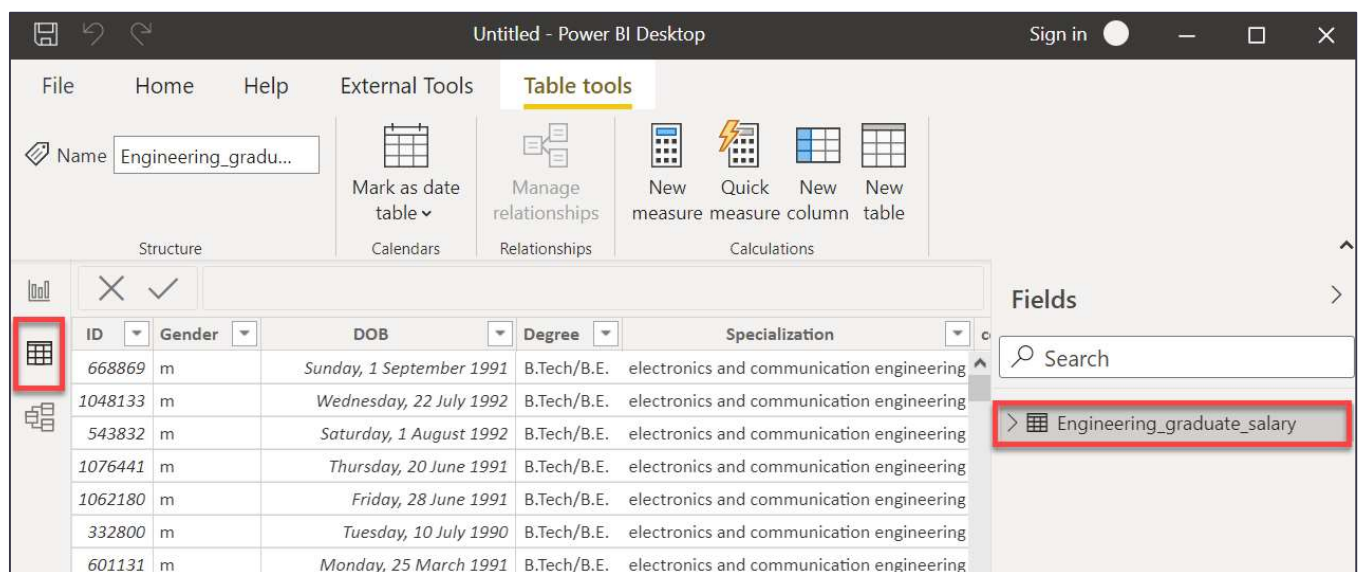


## Let's Save our Power BI file:

Click File > Save as > Desktop > Lab1 → it will save a file extension .pbix

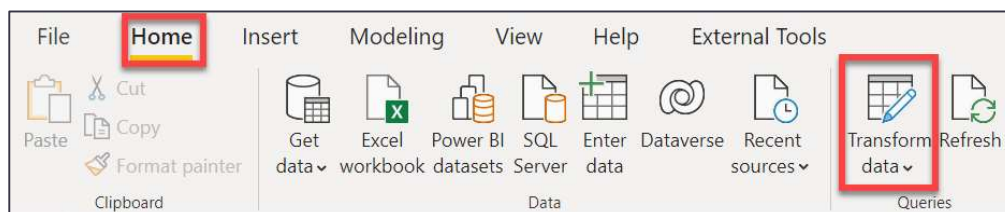
## Understanding the Data

On the left-side click on **Data** and you will be able to see which data is available on this table.

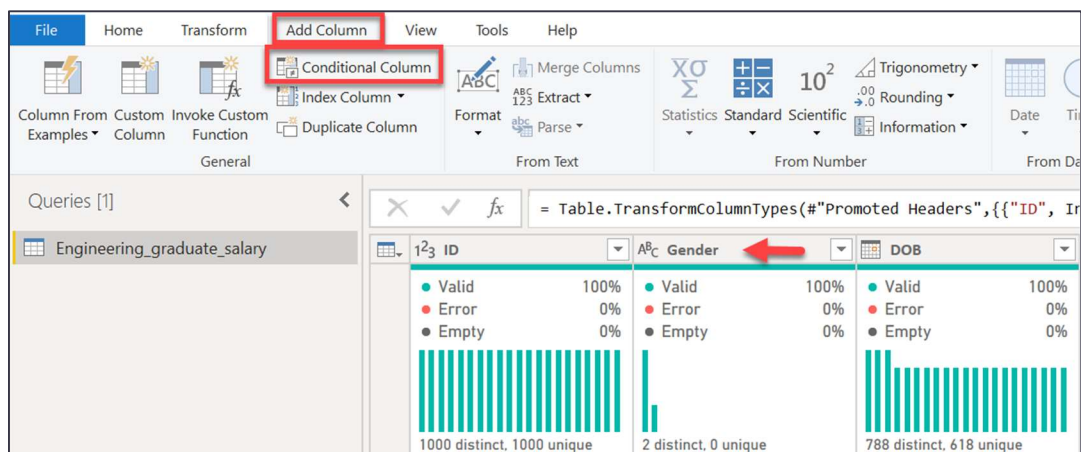


## Transforming the Data

To be able to transform and prepare your data, you need to go to Home > Transform Data.



- Column "Gender": replace "f" by Female and "m" by Male, creating a Conditional Column.



### Add Conditional Column

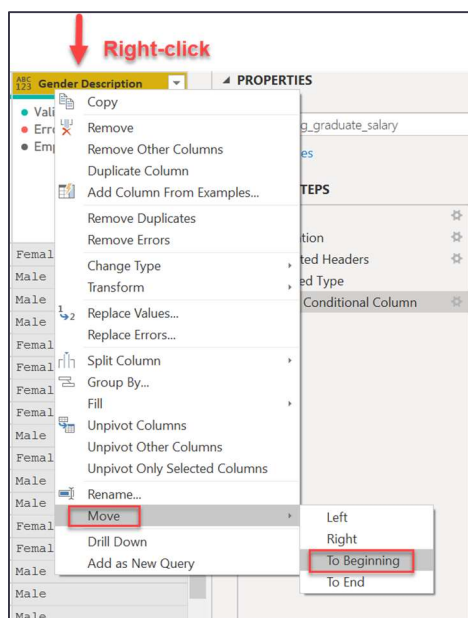
Add a conditional column that is computed from the other columns or values.

New column name:

Column Name	Operator	Value	Output
If Gender	equals	f	Female
Else If Gender	equals	m	Male
Else		Other	

Buttons: Add Clause, OK, Cancel

- Move the new column "Gender Description" to the Beginning.

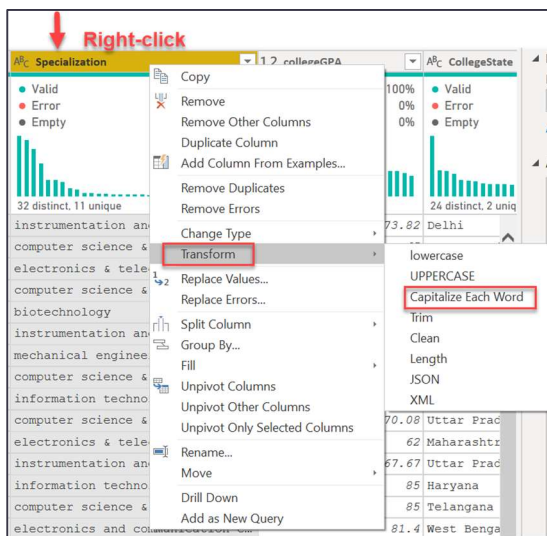


Then Drag to the right, after the column ID.

Gender Description	ID	DOB	DOB
Valid	100%	Valid	100%
Error	0%	Error	0%
Empty	0%	Empty	0%

2. Column “Specialization”: the words are not capitalised. Capitalise each word on this column.

- Right-click on the column “Specialization” → Transform → Capitalize Each Word.



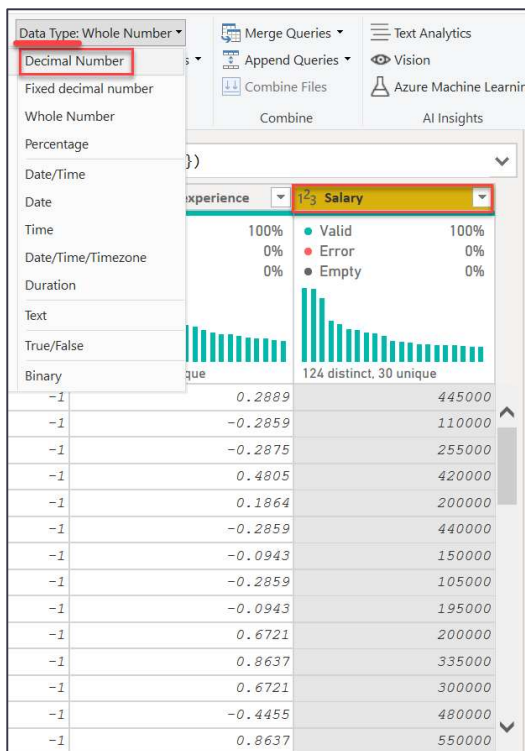
3. Delete Columns: delete the columns “MechanicalEngg”, “ElectricalEngg” and “CivilEngg”.

- Select the columns → Remove Columns.

Domain	MechanicalEngg	ElectricalEngg	CivilEngg	openess_to_experience
Valid	100%	Valid	100%	Valid
Error	0%	Error	0%	Error
Empty	0%	Empty	0%	Empty

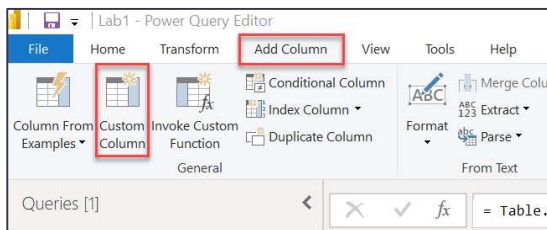
4. Column “Salary”: Change Data Type from ‘Whole Number’ to ‘Decimal Number’.

- Select the column “Salary” → from the ribbon, select **Home > Data Type**



## 5. Create Column “Country”: India

- From the ribbon, select **Add Column > Custom Column**



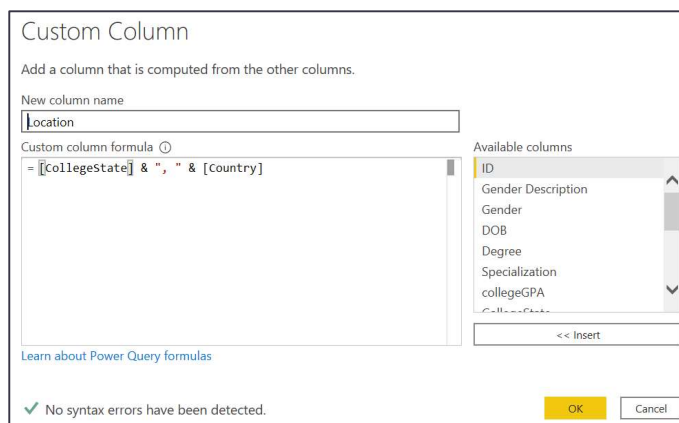
- New column name = Country and Custom column formula = “India”

The screenshot shows the 'Custom Column' dialog box. The 'New column name' field is set to 'Country'. The 'Custom column formula' field contains the formula '= "India"'. The 'Available columns' list on the right includes ID, Gender Description, Gender, DOB, Degree, Specialization, collegeGPA, and CollegeState. The 'OK' button is highlighted.

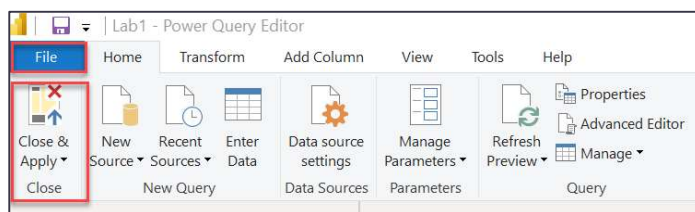
## 6. Create Column “Location”: concatenate fields Country + CollegeState

- From the ribbon, select **Add Column > Custom Column**
- On the right-side “Available columns” → find the field “CollegeState” and double click on the field, so it will be added to the Custom column formula.





From the ribbon, go to File → Close & Apply.

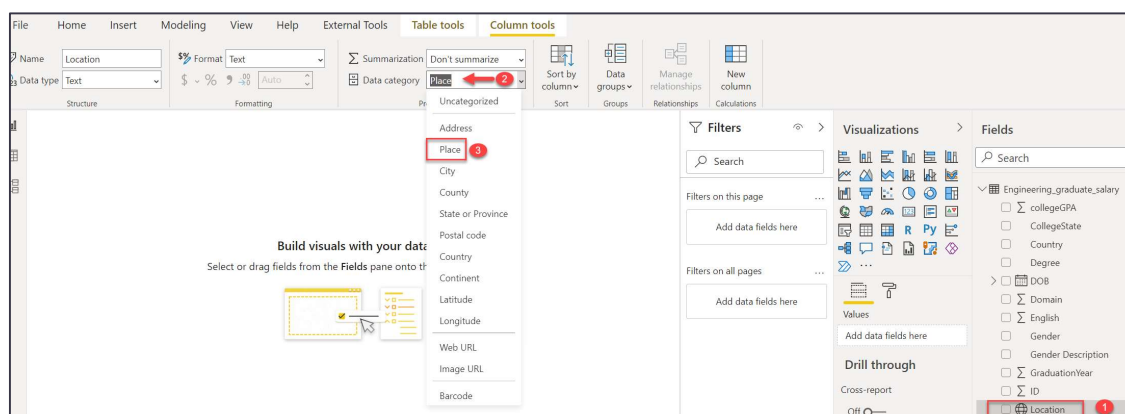


## Building the Report

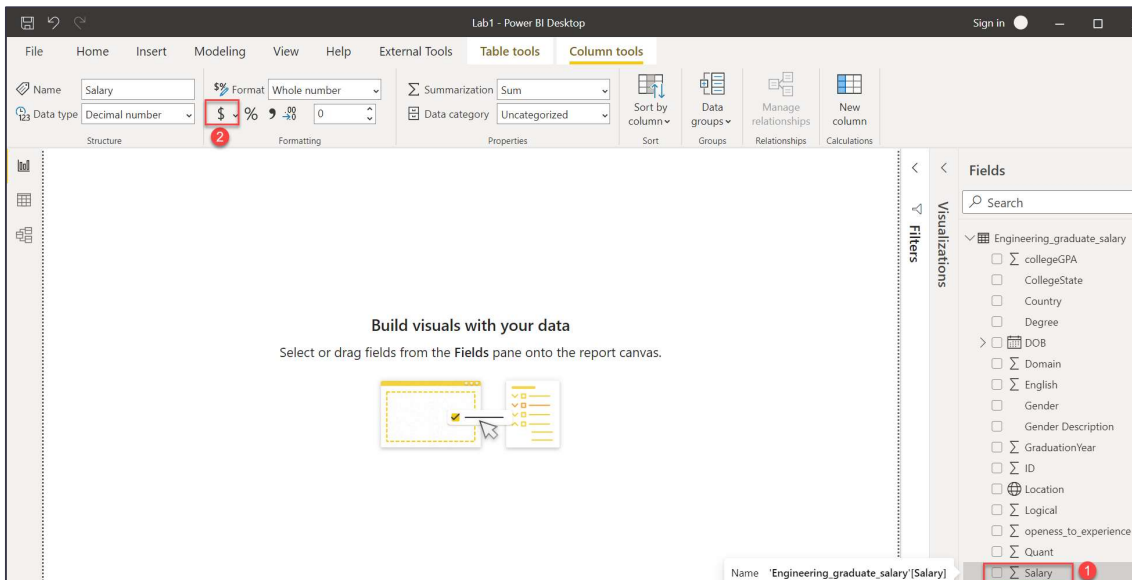
1<sup>st</sup> Visual - Map.

### Question 1: Average Salary by Location (Map)

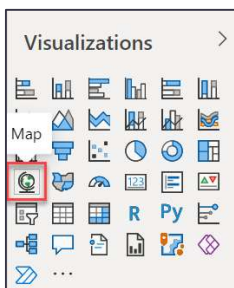
Go to Fields (on the right-side) → select the field **Location** → Go to **Data Category = Place**



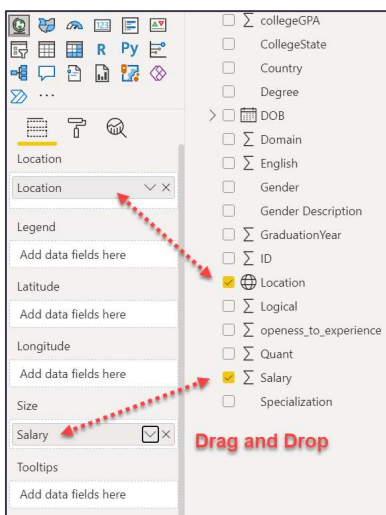
Go to Fields (on the right-side) → select the field **Salary** → Go to **\$** and change the format to display the values in this column as currency.



Click on the visual called **Map** and add it to the Canvas.



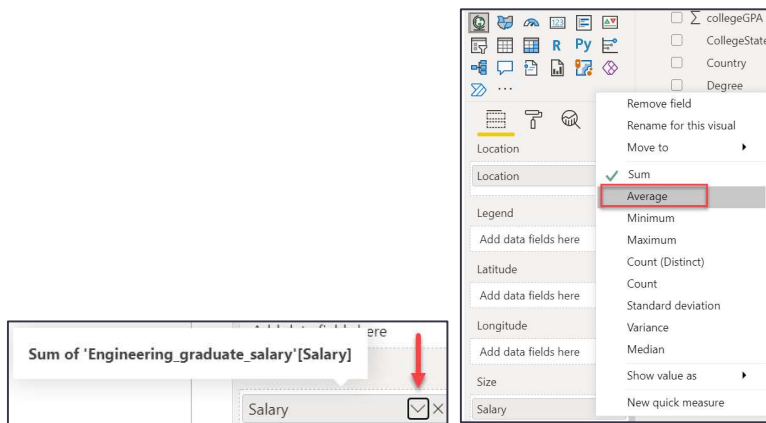
Drag and drop the fields Location and Salary.



We added the field Salary on 'Size' and it is a Sum of the Salary, but on this visual, we need to display **Average**.

From the arrow down menu → select Average.



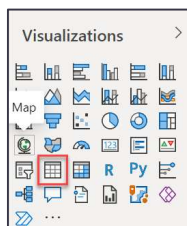


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Visual – Table and Conditional formatting

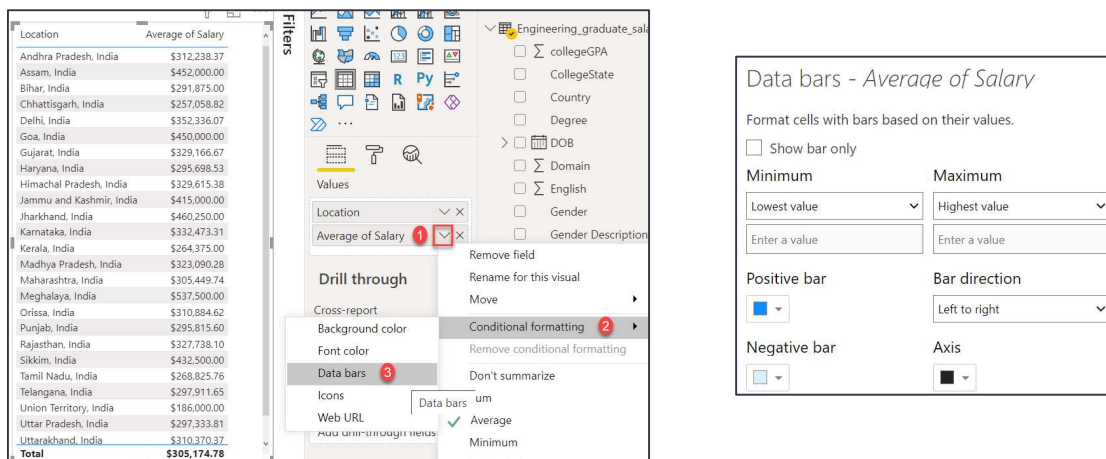
### Question 2: Average Salary by Location (Table).

Click on the Map, copy (Ctrl-C) and paste (Ctrl-V) on the Canvas.

Go to Visualizations → select **Table** visual → Drag and Drop the visual to a blank space on the Canvas (resize the visual as needed)



From the drop-down menu on the 'Average of Salary' field → Conditional Formatting → Data bars



3rd Visual - Card.

### Question 3: Display Average Salary.

Go to Visualizations → select **Card** visual → Resize the visual to fit on the Canvas.

4th Visual – Bar chart.

**Question 4:** Average Salary by Gender.

5th Visual – Pie chart.

**Question 5:** Number of Students by Gender.

### Reference:

The full Dataset is available at: <https://www.kaggle.com/manishkc06/engineering-graduate-salary-prediction>

PowerBI Visuals Reference: <https://www.sqlbi.com/ref/power-bi-visuals-reference/>

Get started using Power BI: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/users/microsoftpowerplatform-5978/collections/k8xidwwnzk1em>

Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/Perth-Microsoft-Data-And-Analytics-User-Group/>