# Exploring Data with PivotTables

#### CREATING YOUR FIRST PIVOTTABLE



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## Course Agenda



PivotTables: What are they and why use them?

Managing and modifying PivotTables

Adding grouping, filtering, and slicing

**Exploring other Excel capabilities** 



### In This Module

What are PivotTables and when should you use them?

PivotTables vs. Tables

**Creating PivotTables** 

Multiple data sources



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### What Do PivotTables Do?



Summarise the data, e.g. sales by department, store, or state



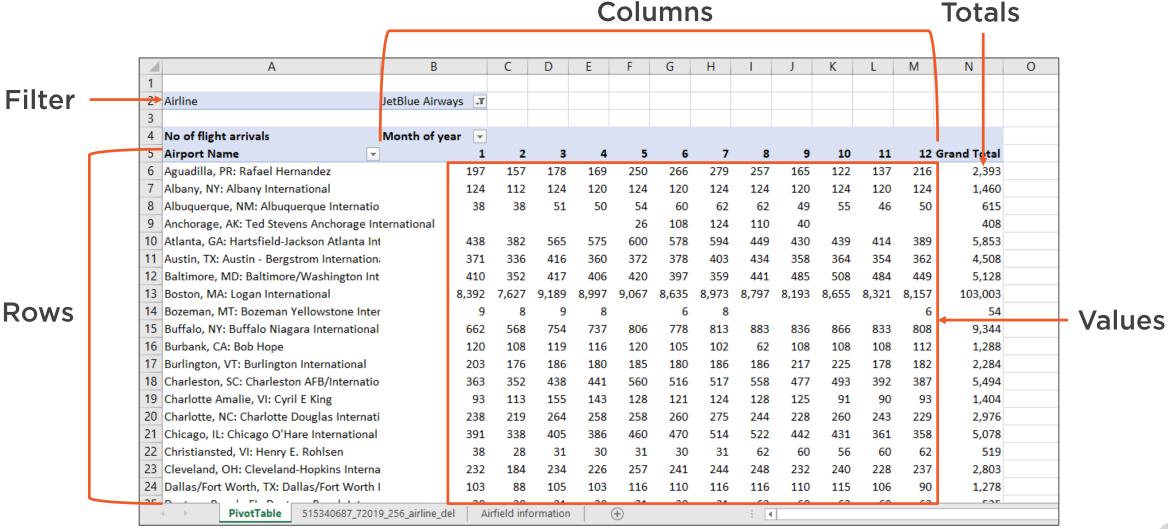
Analyze the data, e.g. drill into department, sales by category



Options to display the values and to calculate new values, e.g. profit



### PivotTable Structure





## Demo



PivotTable examples



### When Should PivotTables Be Used?





#### **Data is already related**

Often the data already exists in a "neat" tabular format

Multiple tables that can be linked by a common element or "key"

#### **Analyze and manipulate**

Sophisticated analysis

Present the same data using different views or "dimensions"



### PivotTables vs. Tables

#### **PivotTable**

"Multi-dimensional" reporting requirements

E.g. Comparing sales of products

- By category per store
- By store per category
- By product range per region
- By salesperson per brand

"Slicing and dicing the data"

Multiple data sources

#### **Tables**

"Flat" reporting requirement

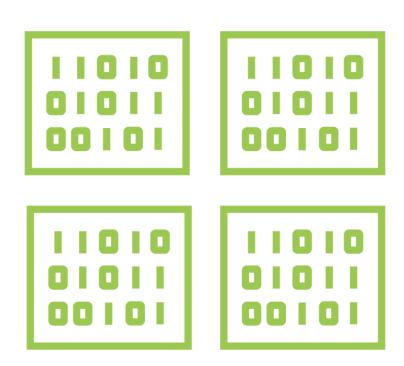
Analysis requirements are often less complex

- Total sales across all products
- Top 10 products

Displaying Tables with Excel



### PivotTables with Multiple Sources



#### The data must be loaded to the Data Model

- aka Power Pivot

#### Data sources can include

- Text files
- Excel workbooks
- Websites
- Microsoft Access
- SQL Server
- Other databases

Multiple tables from the same source are automatically added to the Data Model



## Demo



**Create a PivotTable** 



### Demo



PivotTables from multiple sources

Power Pivot



# Module Summary



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