

POWER BI



Power BI is a standalone Microsoft business intelligence product, which includes both desktop and web-based applications for loading, modeling, and visualizing data

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE PLATFORMS

Leading platforms include Power BI, Tableau and Qlik among others as shown below-

Figure 1. Magic Quadrant for Analytics and Business Intelligence Platforms



Source: Gartner (February 2018)

POWER BI Includes below main topics: -

1	Introducing Power BI Desktop	<i>Installing Power BI, exploring the Power BI workflow, comparing Power BI vs. Excel, etc.</i>
2	Connecting & Shaping Data	<i>Connecting to source data, shaping and transforming tables, editing, merging and appending queries, etc.</i>
3	Creating a Data Model	<i>Building relational models, creating table relationships, understanding cardinality, exploring filter flow, etc.</i>
4	Adding Calculated Fields with DAX	<i>Understanding DAX syntax, adding calculated columns and measures, writing common formulas and functions, etc.</i>
5	Visualizing Data with Reports	<i>Inserting charts and visuals, customizing formats, editing interactions, applying filters and bookmarks, etc.</i>

Use Power BI Desktop to:

- *Connect and transform the raw data*
- *Build a relational data model*
- *Create new calculated columns and DAX measures*
- *Design an interactive report to analyze and visualize the data*

NOTE: Power BI is currently only compatible with PC/Windows (not available for Mac)

Microsoft Power BI Desktop version is free but Power BI Service is not free (online collaboration)

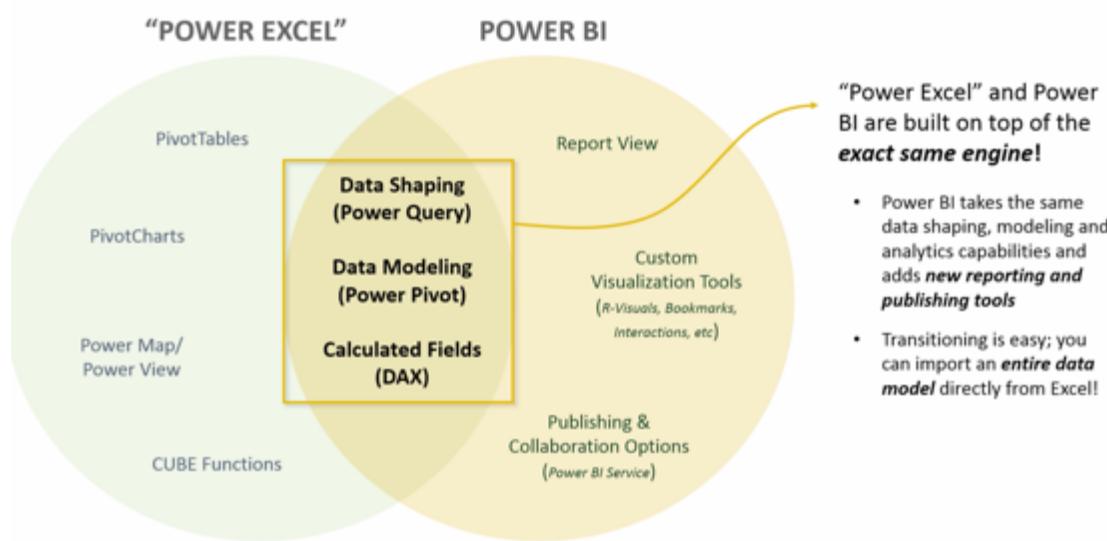
WHY POWER BI?

- **Connect, transform and analyze millions of rows of data**
 - *Access data from virtually anywhere (database tables, flat files, cloud services, folders, etc), and create fully automated data shaping and loading (ETL) procedures*
- **Build relational models to blend data from multiple sources**
 - *Create table relationships to analyze holistic performance across an entire data model*
- **Define complex calculations using Data Analysis Expressions (DAX)**
 - *Enhance datasets and enable advanced analytics with powerful and portable DAX expressions*
- **Visualize data with interactive reports & dashboards**
 - *Build custom business intelligence tools with best-in-class visualization and dashboard features*
- **Power BI is the industry leader among BI platforms**
 - *Microsoft Power BI is intuitive, powerful and absolutely FREE to get started*

Data Loading Tools will be called Get and transform in Excel vs Power Query in Power BI.

Data Modelling tools will be called Power Pivot in Excel vs Relationships view in Power BI.

POWER BI VS. "POWER EXCEL"



How to Install Power BI Desktop?

Need not require to sign in for power BI Desktop which is free for use.

Only required sign in for paid version for Power BI Service.

INSTALLING POWER BI DESKTOP

1) Head to powerbi.microsoft.com and click "Sign Up Free"

2) Click "Download Free" to start the Power BI Desktop download

IMPORTANT: You do not need to sign in or register for a Power BI Pro account to access Power BI Desktop (you can simply close this window)

- Sign-in is only required to access the sharing and collaboration tools available through Power BI Service (app.powerbi.com)
- Note: Microsoft requires a work or school e-mail address

3 CORE VIEWS IN POWER BI

1. Data View

Start with the Data View and the Query editor. Here you can connect Transform and shape raw data.

2. Relationships / Model View

Design data model and tie the tables together with relationships.

3. Report View

Designing reports and visualize data

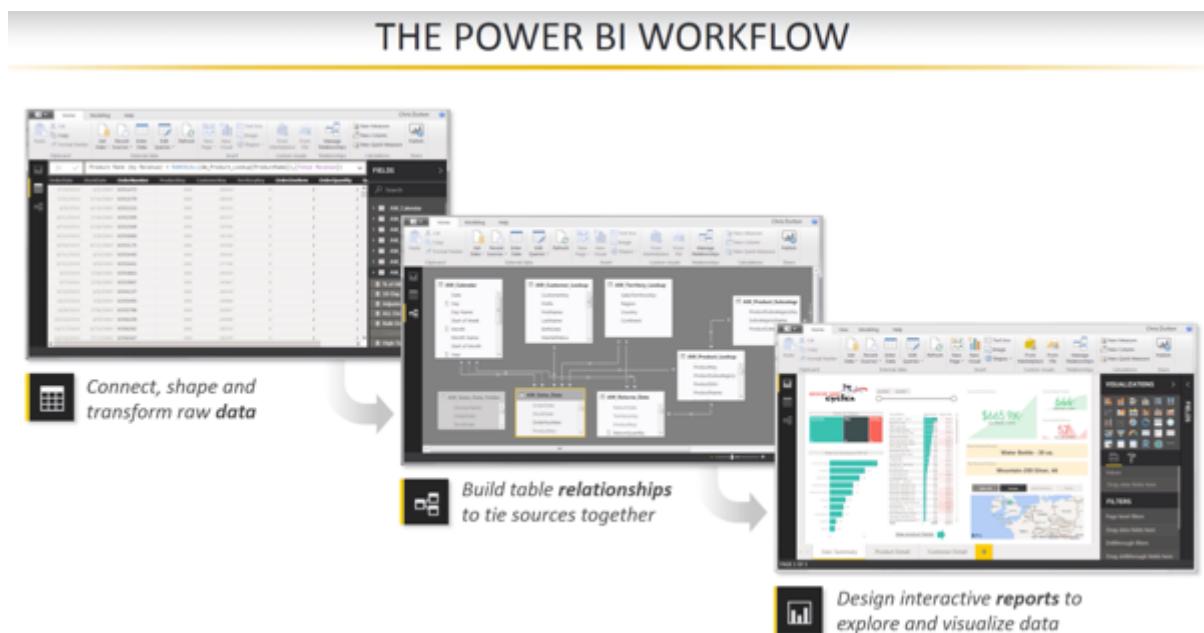
Symbols for 3 Views

Three Core Views:



Power BI WORKFLOW

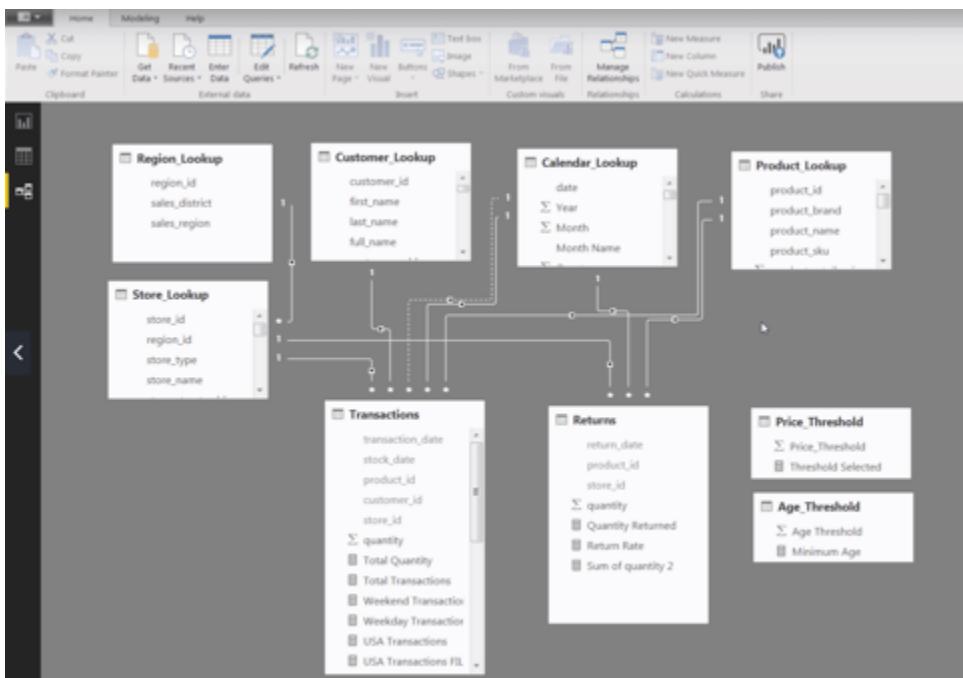
Data View to Relationships View and finally Report view



DATA VIEW

The screenshot shows the Power BI Data View interface. The main area displays a table with columns: date, Year, Month, Month Name, Quarter, StartOfWeek, Day, Day Name, Weekend, Quarter Name, Year_Month, and End_OF_Month. A calculated column named "Last Month Profit" is shown as `=CALCULATE([Profit],DATEADD(Calendar_Lookup[date],-1,MONTH))`. The Fields pane on the right lists various objects: Age_Threshold, Age Threshold, Minimum Age, Calendar_Lookup, 10-Day Rolling Tran..., and 10-Day Transaction ...

RELATIONSHIPS VIEW

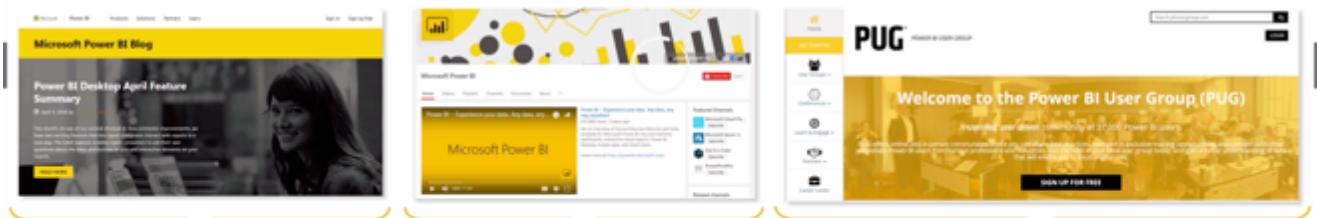


Relationships View is all about the data model. This is where you can see your tables as objects along with the relationships, cardinality, the filter flow.

REPORT VIEW

The screenshot shows the Power BI Report View. It features a dashboard with a map of North America highlighting sales by state, three cards showing total sales (\$37K QTD Sales), total returns (\$104K QTD Profit), and total sales by product category (\$366K YTD Profit). Below the map is a section titled "CUSTOMER-LEVEL SALES" with a table showing sales data for various brands across different countries. The Fields pane on the right lists objects such as Age_Threshold, Calendar_Lookup, Customer_Lookup, Price_Threshold, Product_Lookup, Region_Lookup, Returns, Store_Lookup, and Transactions.

HELPFUL RESOURCES



The **Microsoft Power BI blog** (powerbi.microsoft.com/blog) publishes monthly summaries to showcase new features

The **Microsoft Power BI YouTube Channel** publishes demos, feature summaries, and advanced tutorials (check out "Guy in a Cube" too!)

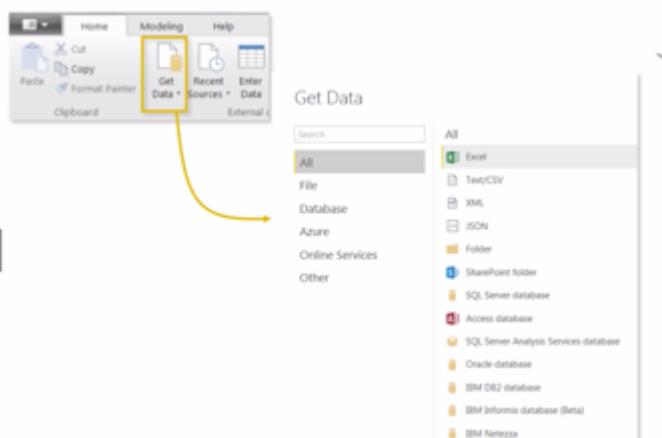
Power BI User Groups (PUG) are communities of users, which include both local meet-ups and helpful online forums (pbiusergroup.com)

Phases of Power BI are as follows –

- Phase 1 – Connecting and Shaping data with Power BI Desktop
- Phase 2 – Creating Table Relationships and Data Models in Power BI
- Phase 3 – Analyzing data with DAX calculations in Power BI
- Phase 4 – Visualizing data with Power BI Reports

Phase 1 of Power BI CONNECTING AND SHAPING DATA WITH POWER BI DESKTOP

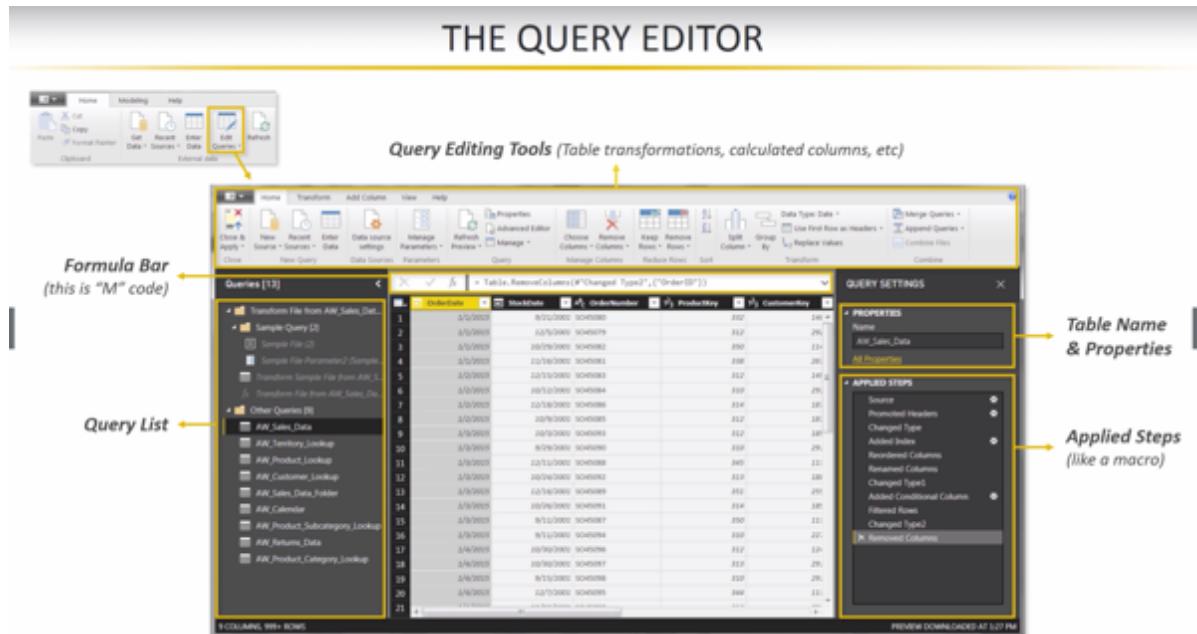
You can access data from virtually anywhere. Below picture shows all sources from where you can get the data. You need to access via Get Data option in the Home tab and you can get data from files/databases/online services etc



Power BI can connect to virtually **any** type of source data, including (*but not limited to*):

- **Flat files & Folders** (csv, text, xls, etc)
- **Databases** (SQL, Access, Oracle, IBM, Azure, etc)
- **Online Services** (Sharepoint, GitHub, Dynamics 365, Google Analytics, Salesforce, Power BI Service, etc)
- **Others** (Web feeds, R scripts, Spark, Hadoop, etc)

For connecting and transforming data the QUERY EDITOR is our cockpit. From home tab use Edit Queries to launch the Query Editor.



Home, Transform and Add Column

The **HOME** tab includes general settings and common table transformation tools

The **TRANSFORM** tab includes tools to modify existing columns (splitting/grouping, transposing, extracting text, etc)

The **ADD COLUMN** tools create new columns (based on conditional rules, text operations, calculations, dates, etc)

Some Basic Table Transformations including Add, Delete rows, add header, change data type etc

BASIC TABLE TRANSFORMATIONS

Sort values (A-Z, Low-High, etc.)

Change data type (date, \$, %, text, etc.)

Promote header row

Choose or remove columns

Tip: use the "Remove Other Columns" option if you always want a specific set

Keep or remove rows

Tip: use the "Remove Duplicates" option to create a new lookup table from scratch

Duplicate, move & rename columns

Tip: Right-click the column header to access common tools

Some Text Specific Tools in Transform Tab

TEXT-SPECIFIC TOOLS

Split a text column based on either a specific delimiter or a number of characters

HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!
You can access many of these tools in both the "Transform" and "Add Column" menus -- the difference is whether you want to **add a new column** or **modify an existing one**

Text Column

Length
First Characters
Last Characters
Range
Text Before Delimiter
Text After Delimiter
Text Between Delimiters

Extract characters from a text column based on fixed lengths, first/last, ranges or delimiters

Format a text column to upper, lower or proper case, or add a prefix or suffix

Tip: Use "Trim" to eliminate leading & trailing spaces, or "Clean" to remove non-printable characters

Number Specific Tools
Sum , Median, Mode, Square Root, Power, Round etc

NUMBER-SPECIFIC TOOLS

The screenshot shows the Power BI ribbon with the 'Transform' tab selected. A yellow box highlights the 'Number Column' section under the 'Text Column' dropdown. Below the ribbon, three boxes show specific functions:

- Statistics functions** (Sum, Minimum, Maximum, Median, Average, Standard Deviation, Count Values, Count Distinct Values)
- Standard, Scientific, and Trigonometry tools** (Add, Multiply, Subtract, Divide, Integer-Divide, Modulo, Percentage, Percent Of, Standard, Absolute Value, Power, Square Root, Exponent, Logarithm, Factorial, Trigonometry, Sine, Cosine, Tangent, Arcsine, Arccosine, Arctangent)
- Information tools** (Is Even, Is Odd, Sign)

Statistics functions allow you to evaluate basic stats for the selected column (sum, min/max, average, count, countdistinct, etc)

Note: These tools return a **SINGLE** value, and are commonly used to explore a table rather than prepare it for loading

Standard, Scientific and Trigonometry tools allow you to apply standard operations (addition, multiplication, division, etc.) or more advanced calculations (power, logarithm, sine, tangent, etc) to each value in a column

Note: Unlike the Statistics options, these tools are applied to each individual row in the table

Information tools allow you to define binary flags (**TRUE/FALSE** or **1/0**) to mark each row in a column as even, odd, positive or negative

DATE-SPECIFIC TOOLS

The screenshot shows the Power BI ribbon with the 'Transform' tab selected. A yellow box highlights the 'From Date & Time' section under the 'Text Column' dropdown. To the right, a detailed view of the 'From Date & Time' options is shown in a separate window:

- Age**: Difference between the current time and the date in each row
- Date Only**: Removes the time component of a date/time field
- Year/Month/Quarter/Week/Day**: Extracts individual components from a date field (Time-specific options include Hour, Minute, Second, etc.)
- Earliest/Latest**: Evaluates the earliest or latest date from a column as a single value (can only be accessed from the "Transform" menu)

Note: You will almost always want to perform these operations from the "Add Column" menu to build out new fields, rather than transforming an individual date/time column

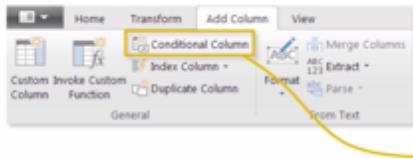
Adding Index Column

The screenshot shows the Power BI ribbon with the 'Transform' tab selected. A yellow box highlights the 'Index Column' option under the 'General' section of the 'Add Column' dropdown.

Index Columns contain a list of sequential values that can be used to identify each unique row in a table (typically starting from 0 or 1)

These columns are often used to create **unique IDs** that can be used to form relationships between tables

Adding Conditional Columns



In this case we're creating a new conditional column called "QuantityType", which depends on the values in the "OrderQuantity" column, as follows:

- If OrderQuantity = 1, QuantityType = "Single Item"
- If OrderQuantity > 1, QuantityType = "Multiple Items"
- Otherwise QuantityType = "Other"

PIVOTING & UNPIVOTING

"Pivoting" is a fancy way to describe the process of turning **distinct row values** into **columns** ("pivoting") or turning **columns** into **rows** ("unpivoting")

The diagram shows a transformation between two table formats. On the left, a vertical table has columns for 'Year' (1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998) and 'Unit Sales' (286322, 253787, 155483, 246491, 130602). On the right, a horizontal table has rows for each year, with the 'Year' header moved to the top. A large curved arrow labeled 'PIVOT' points from the left table to the right table, and another curved arrow labeled 'UNPIVOT' points back from the right table to the left table.

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1	286322	253787	155483	246491	130602
2					
3					
4					
5					

Imagine that the table is on a hinge; pivoting is like rotating it from a **vertical** to a **horizontal** layout, and unpivoting is like rotating it from **horizontal** to **vertical**

NOTE: Transpose works very similarly, but doesn't recognize unique values; instead, the entire table is transformed so that each row becomes a column and vice versa

Merge Queries

Merging queries allows you to **join tables** based on a common column (like VLOOKUP)

In this case we're merging the **AW_Sales_Data** table with the **AW_Product_Lookup** table, which share a common "ProductKey" column

NOTE: Merging **adds columns** to an existing table

HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Just because you *can* merge tables, doesn't mean you *should*.

In general, it's better to keep tables separate and define **relationships** between them (*more on that later!*)

Also you can choose how you want to merge – Left Outer Join, Right Outer Join, Full outer join etc

The screenshot shows the 'Merge' dialog in the Power BI Data Editor. On the left, a sidebar menu has 'Merge Queries' highlighted with a yellow box. Below it are 'Append Queries' and 'Combine Files'. The main area shows two tables: 'AW_Sales_Data' and 'AW_Product_Lookup'. The 'AW_Sales_Data' table has columns: OrderDate, ProductKey, CustomerKey, OrderQuantity, StockDate, OrderNumber, TerritoryKey, and Order. The 'AW_Product_Lookup' table has columns: ProductKey, ProductSubcategoryKey, ProductSKU, ProductName, ModelName, and ProductDescription. A yellow box highlights the 'ProductKey' column in both tables. Below the tables, a 'Join Kind' dropdown is set to 'Left Outer (all from first, matching from second)'. At the bottom, a green checkmark indicates 'The selection has matched 56046 out of the first 56046 rows.' There are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

Append Queries

APPENDING QUERIES

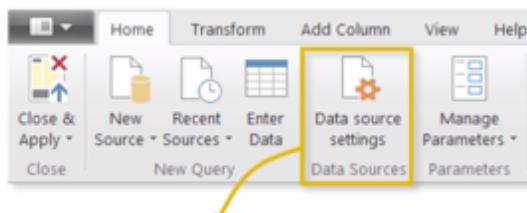
The screenshot shows the 'Append' dialog in the Power BI Data Editor. On the left, a sidebar menu has 'Append Queries' highlighted with a yellow box. Below it are 'Merge Queries', 'Combine Files', and 'Combine'. The main area shows settings for appending: 'Two tables' is selected, and 'AdventureWorks_Sales_2015' is chosen as the 'Primary table'. 'AdventureWorks_Sales_2016' is chosen as the 'Table to append to the primary table'. A yellow box highlights the 'Primary table' dropdown.

Appending queries allows you to **combine** (or **stack**) tables that share the exact same column structure and data types

In this case we're appending the **AdventureWorks_Sales_2015** table to the **AdventureWorks_Sales_2016** table, which is valid since they share identical table structures

NOTE: Appending **adds rows** to an existing table

Data Source Settings allows you to specify/change location (for eg) for source file on your machine which you want to work with in Power BI



Refresh data – Can refresh all tables automatically or can only refresh required tables individually.

Should not include Master / Lookup files for auto refresh as these do not change often however transaction data would update frequently so would require refresh.



PRO TIP:

Exclude queries that don't change often, like lookups or static data tables

BEST PRACTICES: CONNECTING & SHAPING DATA



Get yourself organized, *before* loading the data into Power BI

- Define clear and intuitive table names (no spaces!) from the start; updating them later can be a headache, especially if you've referenced them in multiple places
- Establish a file/folder structure that makes sense from the start, to avoid having to modify data source settings if file names or locations change



Disabling report refresh for any static sources

- There's no need to constantly refresh sources that don't update frequently (or at all), like lookups or static data tables; only enable refresh for tables that will be changing



When working with large tables, only load the data you need

- Don't include hourly data when you only need daily, or product-level transactions when you only care about store-level performance; extra data will only slow you down

After connecting and loading all data sources into Power BI, the goal for next phase is to create table relationships so we can blend all this information together within a single normalized data model.

Phase 2 of Power BI CREATING TABLE RELATIONSHIPS AND DATA MODELS

What is Data Model?



This IS NOT a data model 😞

- This is a collection of independent tables, which share no connections or relationships



This IS a data model! 😊

- The tables are connected via relationships, based on the common *ProductKey* field

DATABASE NORMALIZATION

Normalization is the process of organizing the tables and columns in a relational database to reduce redundancy and preserve data integrity. It's commonly used to:

- Eliminate redundant data to decrease table sizes and improve processing speed & efficiency
- Minimize errors and anomalies from data modifications (inserting, updating or deleting records)
- Simplify queries and structure the database for meaningful analysis

TIP: In a normalized database, each table should serve a *distinct* and *specific* purpose (*i.e. product information, dates, transaction records, customer attributes, etc.*)

date	product_id	quantity	product_brand	product_name	product_sku	product_weight
1/1/1997	869	5	National	National Grape Fruit Roll	52382137179	17
1/1/1997	869	2	National	National Grape Fruit Roll	52382137179	17
1/1/1997	1	4	Washington	Washington Berry Juice	90748583674	8.39
1/1/1997	1472	3	Fort West	Fort West Fudge Cookies	37276054024	8.28
1/1/1997	1472	2	Fort West	Fort West Fudge Cookies	37276054024	8.28
1/1/1997	2	4	Washington	Washington Mango Drink	9651502499	7.42
1/1/1997	76	6	Red Spade	Red Spade Sliced Chicken	6205644227	18.1
1/1/1997	76	2	Red Spade	Red Spade Sliced Chicken	6205644227	18.1
1/1/1997	3	2	Washington	Washington Strawberry Drink	58427771925	13.1
1/1/1997	320	3	Washington	Washington Strawberry Drink	58427771925	13.1
1/1/1997	320	3	Excellent	Excellent Cranberry Juice	36570182442	16.4

When you **don't** normalize, you end up with tables like this; all of the rows with duplicate product info could be eliminated with a lookup table based on **product_id**

This may not seem critical now, but minor inefficiencies can become major problems as databases scale in size!

DATA TABLES VS. LOOKUP TABLES

Models generally contain two types of tables: **data** (or "fact") tables, and **lookup** (or "dimension") tables

- **Data tables** contain *numbers or values*, typically at a granular level, with ID or "key" columns that can be used to create table relationships
- **Lookup tables** provide descriptive, often text-based *attributes* about each dimension in a table

Primary Keys are Unique, Foreign Keys often contain duplicates. Example as below –

PRIMARY VS. FOREIGN KEYS

date	product_id	quantity
1/1/1997	869	5
1/1/1997	1472	3
1/1/1997	76	4
1/1/1997	320	3
1/1/1997	4	4
1/1/1997	952	4
1/1/1997	1222	4
1/1/1997	517	4
1/1/1997	1359	4
1/1/1997	357	4
1/1/1997	1426	5
1/1/1997	190	4
1/1/1997	367	4
1/1/1997	250	5
1/1/1997	600	4
1/1/1997	702	5

date	day_of_month	month	year	weekday	week_of_year	week_endings	month_name	quarter
1/1/1997	1	1	1997	Wednesday	1	1/5/1997	January	Q1
1/2/1997	2	1	1997	Thursday	1	1/5/1997	January	Q1
1/3/1997	3	1	1997	Friday	1	1/5/1997	January	Q1
1/4/1997	4	1	1997	Saturday	1	1/5/1997	January	Q1
1/5/1997	5	1	1997	Sunday	2	1/5/1997	January	Q1
1/6/1997	6	1	1997	Monday	2	1/12/1997	January	Q1

product_id	product_name	product_sku	product_weight	product_length	product_width	product_height
1	Washington Berry Juice	90748583674	2.85	0.94	8.39	
2	Washington Mango Drink	9651502499	0.74	0.26	7.42	
3	Washington Strawberry Drink	58427771925	0.83	0.4	13.1	
4	Washington Cream Soda	64451255747	3.64	1.64	10.6	
5	Washington Diet Soda	85561391439	2.39	0.77	6.66	
6	Washington Cola	29804642796	1.15	0.37	15.8	
7	Washington Diet Cola	201594442754	2.81	0.91	18	
8	Washington Orange Juice	89770532250	2.59	0.8	8.97	

These columns are **foreign keys**; they contain *multiple* instances of each value, and are used to match the **primary keys** in related lookup tables

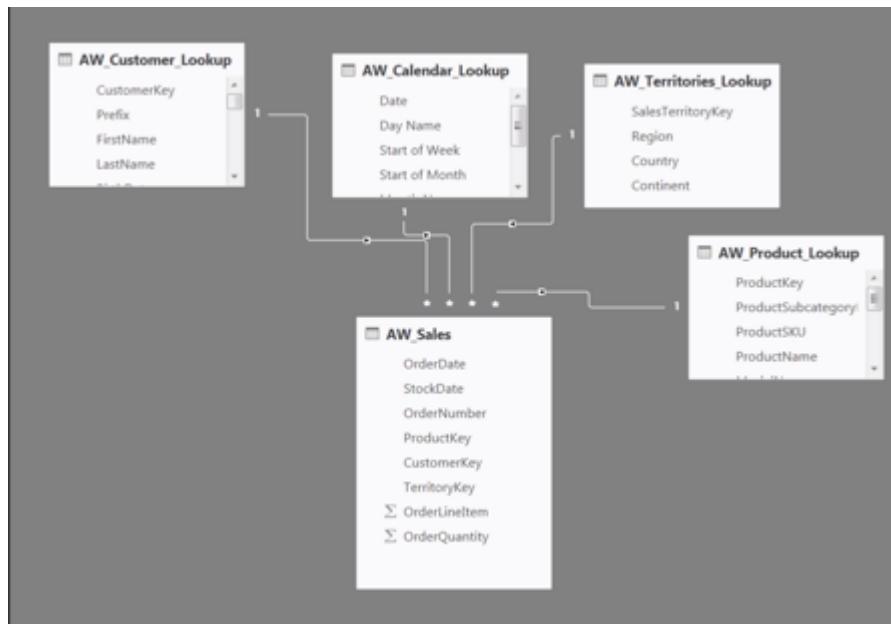
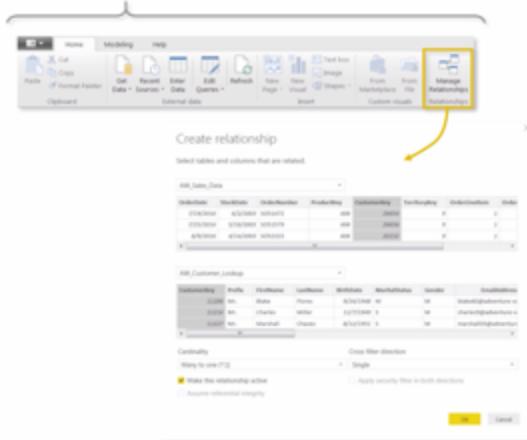
These columns are **primary keys**; they *uniquely* identify each row of a table, and match the **foreign keys** in related data tables

CREATING TABLE RELATIONSHIPS

Option 1: Click and drag to connect primary and foreign keys within the **Relationships** pane



Option 2: Add or detect relationships using the "Manage Relationships" dialog box



Tables need not essentially have to have just the Primary key or Foreign key. They can have both.

RELATIONSHIPS VS. MERGED TABLES



Can't I just merge queries or use LOOKUP or RELATED functions to pull those attributes into the fact table itself, so that I have everything in one place??

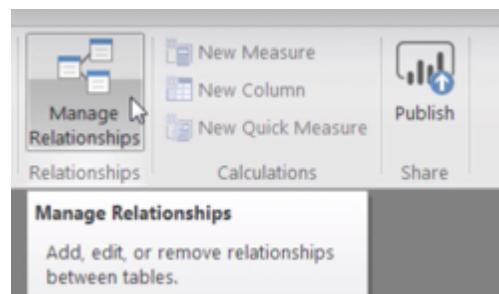
-Anonymous confused man

Original Fact Table fields			Attributes from Calendar Lookup table						Attributes from Product Lookup table			
date	product_id	quantity	day_of_month	month	year	weekday	month_name	quarter	product_brand	product_name	product_sku	product_weight
1/1/1997	869	5	1	1	1997	Wednesday	January	Q1	National	National Grape Fruit Roll	52382137179	17
1/7/1997	869	2	7	1	1997	Tuesday	January	Q1	National	National Grape Fruit Roll	52382137179	17
1/3/1997	1	4	3	1	1997	Friday	January	Q1	Washington	Washington Berry Juice	90748583674	8.39
1/1/1997	1472	3	1	1	1997	Wednesday	January	Q1	Fort West	Fort West Fudge Cookies	37276054024	8.28
1/6/1997	1472	2	6	1	1997	Monday	January	Q1	Fort West	Fort West Fudge Cookies	37276054024	8.28
1/5/1997	2	4	5	1	1997	Sunday	January	Q1	Washington	Washington Mango Drink	96516503499	7.42
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Sure you can, **but it's inefficient!**

- Merging data in this way creates **redundant data** and utilizes **significantly more memory and processing power** than creating relationships between multiple small tables

If you want to add/ delete / modify relationships can do via Manage Relationships



Another way is just to click on that relationship line and u will see the Edit relationship menu.

Edit relationship

Select tables and columns that are related.

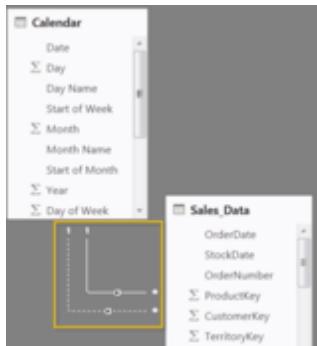
AW_Sales							
OrderDate	StockDate	OrderNumber	ProductKey	CustomerKey	TerritoryKey	OrderLineItems	Order
7/3/2013	6/3/2002	5046718	360	12570	9	1	
7/3/2013	4/22/2002	5046736	360	12341	9	1	
7/12/2013	5/5/2002	5046776	360	12356	9	1	

AW_Calendar_Lookup						
Date	Day Name	Start of Week	Start of Month	Month Name	Start of Year	Year
1/3/2016	Friday	12/28/2015	1/1/2016	January	1/1/2016	2016
1/2/2016	Saturday	12/28/2015	1/1/2016	January	1/1/2016	2016
1/6/2016	Sunday	12/28/2015	1/1/2016	January	1/1/2016	2016

Cardinality: Many to one (*:1) Cross filter direction: Single

Make this relationship active Apply security filter in both directions Assume referential integrity

Active vs Inactive Relationships



Currently as seen above Date field has 2 relationships but at a time only 1 can be active.
The dotted one is inactive while the solid line is active one.
In Edit relationship you can make relationship active / inactive. You can toggle these.

RELATIONSHIP CARDINALITY



Cardinality refers to the *uniqueness of values* in a column

- For our purposes, all relationships in the data model should follow a “**one-to-many**” cardinality; **one** instance of each *primary key*, but potentially **many** instances of each *foreign key*

Other Types of Cardinality apart from 1 to Many Cardinality are –

Many to Many

In this u have multiple instances in both the tables & Power BI would give error as u cannot create a relationship because one of the columns must have unique values.

One to One

Not as bad as Many to Many. Can create 1 to 1 relationships but they are just a bit inefficient as shown below rather they can be merged together

To eliminate the inefficiency, you could simply merge the two tables into a single, valid lookup

NOTE: this still respects the laws of normalization, since all rows are unique and capture attributes related to the primary key

product_id	product_name	product_sku	product_id	product_price
4	Washington Cream Soda	64412155747	4	\$3.64
5	Washington Diet Soda	85561191439	5	\$2.19
7	Washington Diet Cola	20191444754	7	\$2.61
8	Washington Orange Juice	89770532250	8	\$2.59



HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

In general, never create direct relationships between data tables; instead, connect them through shared lookups

This way you can see both Order Quantity and Return quantity side by side broken down by product name as both Sales and Return table are linked to Product lookup table. Instead of directly connecting Sales and Return table which are both transaction tables you connect them via common lookup Product table. Below is matrix view visualization.

ProductName	OrderQuantity	ReturnQuantity
All-Purpose Bike Stand	234	8
AWC Logo Cap	4151	46
Bike Wash - Dissolver	1706	25
Classic Vest, L	182	4
Classic Vest, M	182	7
Classic Vest, S	157	8
Fender Set - Mountain	3960	54
Half-Finger Gloves, L	840	18
Half-Finger Gloves, M	918	16
Half-Finger Gloves, S	886	15
Hitch Rack - 4-Bike	302	8
HL Mountain Tire	1305	49
HL Road Tire	704	28

FILTER FLOW



Here we have two data tables (**Sales_Data** and **Returns_Data**), connected to **Territory_Lookup**

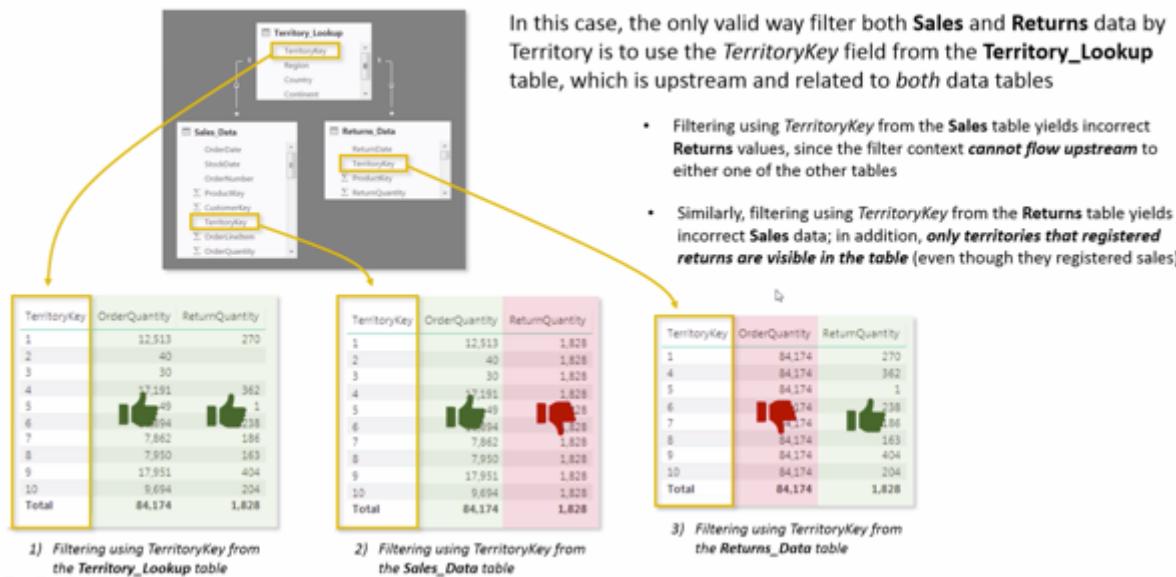
Note the filter directions (shown as arrows) in each relationship; by default, these will point from the “one” side of the relationship (lookups) to the “many” side (data)

- When you filter a table, that filter context is passed along to all related “downstream” tables (following the direction of the arrow)
- Filters **cannot** flow “upstream” (against the direction of the arrow)

PRO TIP:

Arrange your lookup tables **above** your data tables in your model as a visual reminder that filters flow "downstream"

FILTER FLOW (CONT.)



In Table 3 we do not get to even see Territory 2 and 3 although they registered orders because in 3rd case table is struck in Return Quantity (cannot flow upward) which does not have data for territories 2 and 3. So filter should go via lookup to data table.

Below shows how u filter from Territories look up table to view Order Quantity and Sales Quantity in Values. If u filter from territory from data tables results will be incorrect as explained above.

The screenshot shows the Power BI Fields pane. In the Rows section, 'SalesTerritoryKey' is selected. In the Values section, 'OrderQuantity' and 'ReturnQuantity' are listed. In the Fields list, 'AW_Territories_Loo...' is expanded, showing 'Continent', 'Country', 'Region', and 'SalesTerritory...'.

To avoid Filter problem



PRO TIP:

Hide the **foreign key columns** in your data tables to force users to filter using the **primary keys** in the lookup tables

BEST PRACTICES: DATA MODELING



Focus on building a normalized model from the start

- Make sure that each table in your model serves a single, distinct purpose
- Use relationships vs. merged tables; long & narrow tables are better than short & wide



Organize lookup tables above data tables in the diagram view

- This serves as a visual reminder that filters flow "downstream"



Avoid complex cross-filtering unless absolutely necessary

- Don't use two-way filters when 1-way filters will get the job done



Hide fields from report view to prevent invalid filter context

- Recommend hiding foreign keys from data tables, so that users can only access valid fields

Phase 3 of Power BI ANALYSING DATA WITH DAX CALCULATIONS IN POWER BI

Using Power BI Formula Language which is Data Analysis Expressions or DAX to build calculated columns and measures- Metrics or Quantitative values to analyze further using visualization.

Data Analysis Expressions, commonly known as **DAX**, is the formula language that drives Power BI. With DAX, you can:

- Add **calculated columns** and **measures** to your model, using intuitive syntax
- Go beyond the capabilities of traditional "grid-style" formulas, with powerful and flexible functions built specifically to work with relational data models

Two ways to use DAX

1) Calculated Columns

2) Measures

Calculated Columns live inside your tables while Measures do not, they are mainly used for Visualization purpose.

CALCULATED COLUMNS

CALCULATED COLUMNS

Calculated columns allow you to add new, formula-based columns to tables

- No “A1-style” references; calculated columns refer to entire tables or columns
- Calculated columns generate values for each row, which are visible within tables in the Data view
- Calculated columns understand row context; they’re great for defining properties based on information in each row, but generally useless for aggregation (SUM, COUNT, etc)

HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

As a rule of thumb, use calculated columns when you want to “stamp” static, fixed values to each row in a table (or use the Query Editor!)

DO NOT use calculated columns for aggregation formulas, or to calculate fields for the “Values” area of a visualization (use measures instead)

PRO TIP:

Calculated columns are typically used for filtering data, rather than creating numerical values

CALCULATED COLUMNS (EXAMPLES)

A screenshot of the Power BI Data View. A calculated column named "Parent" is being created. The formula is: Parent = IF([Customer_Lookup[TotalChildren]] > 0, "Yes", "No"). The Fields pane on the right shows various tables and columns available for reference.

In this case we've added a calculated column named “Parent”, which equals “Yes” if the [TotalChildren] field is greater than 0, and “No” otherwise (just like Excel!)

- Since calculated columns understand row context, a new value is calculated in each row based on the value in the [TotalChildren] column
- This is a valid use of calculated columns; it creates a new row “property” that we can now use to filter or segment any related data within the model

Here we're using an aggregation function (SUM) to calculate a new column named TotalQuantity

- Since calculated columns do not understand filter context, the same grand total is returned in every single row of the table
- This is not a valid use of calculated columns; these values are statically “stamped” onto the table and can't be filtered, sliced, subdivided, etc.

A screenshot of the Power BI Data View. A calculated column named "TotalQuantity" is being created. The formula is: TotalQuantity = SUM(Am_Sales_Data[OrderQuantity]). The Fields pane on the right shows various tables and columns available for reference.

DAX Formula Example – Creating a new calculated column

A screenshot of the Power BI Query Editor. A new calculated column "QuantityType" is being defined using the IF function. The formula is: QuantityType = IF(LogicalTest, ResultIfTrue, [ResultIfFalse]). A tooltip explains that the IF function checks whether a condition is met, and returns one value if TRUE, and another value if FALSE.

```
QuantityType = IF([AW_Sales[OrderQuantity]>1,"Multiple Items","Single Item")
```

You get a new calculated column

OrderDate	StockDate	OrderNumber	ProductKey	CustomerKey	TerritoryKey	OrderLineItem	OrderQuantity	QuantityType
7/5/2015	6/3/2002	SO46718	360	12570	9	1	1	Single Item
7/7/2015	4/22/2002	SO46736	360	12341	9	1	1	Single Item

MEASURES

Measures are DAX formulas used to generate new calculated values

- Like calculated columns, measures reference **entire tables or columns** (no A1-style or “grid” references)
- Unlike calculated columns, **measure** values aren’t visible within tables; they can only be “seen” within a visualization like a chart or matrix (similar to a calculated field in an Excel pivot)
- Measures are evaluated based on **filter context**, which means they recalculate when the fields or filters around them change (like when new row or column labels are pulled into a matrix or when new filters are applied to a report)

HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

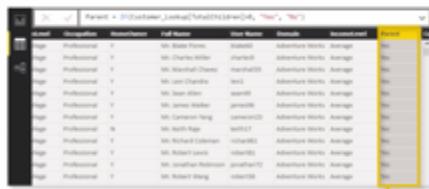
As a rule of thumb, use measures (vs. calculated columns) when a single row can’t give you the answer (in other words, when you need to aggregate)

PRO TIP:

Use measures to create **numerical, calculated values** that can be analyzed in the “values” field of a report visual

CALCULATED COLUMNS

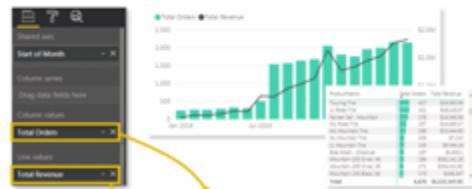
- Values are calculated based on information from each row of a table (has **row context**)
- Appends static values to each row in a table and stores them in the model (which *increases file size*)
- Recalculate on data source refresh or when changes are made to component columns
- Primarily used as **rows, columns, slicers or filters**



Calculated columns “live” in tables

MEASURES

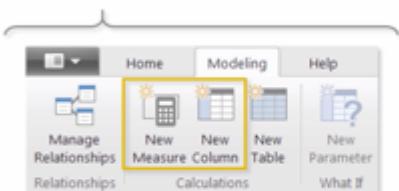
- Values are calculated based on information from any filters in the report (has **filter context**)
- Does not create new data in the tables themselves (doesn’t *increase file size*)
- Recalculate in response to any change to filters within the report
- Almost *always* used within the **values** field of a visual



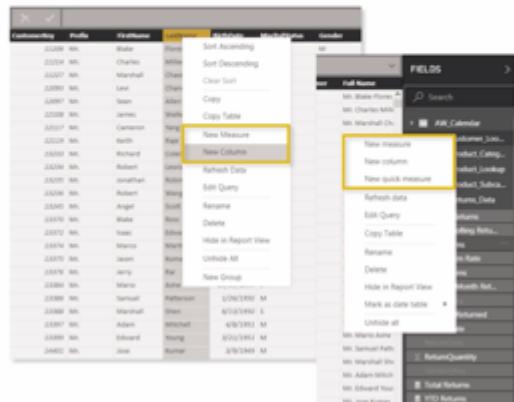
Measures “live” in visuals

ADDING COLUMNS & MEASURES

Option 1: Select “New Measure” or “New Column” from the **Modeling** tab



Option 2: Right-click within the **table** (in the **Data view**) or the **Field List** (in either the **Data** or **Report** view)



Quick measures

Calculation

Average per category
Select a calculation
Aggregate per category
Average per category
Variance per category
Max per category
Min per category
Weighted average per category
Filters
Filtered value
Difference from filtered value
Percentage difference from filtered value
Sales from new customers
Time intelligence
Year-to-date total
Quarter-to-date total
Month-to-date total
Year-over-year change
Quarter-over-quarter change
Month-over-month change
Rolling average

Fields

Search
AW_Calendar
AW_Customer_Lookup
AW_Product_Category_Lookup
AW_Product_Lookup
AW_Product_Subcategory_Lookup
AW_Returns_Data
AW_Sales_Data
AW_Territory_Lookup
Parameter

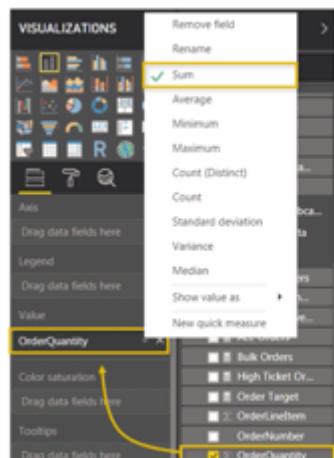
Quick Measures are pre-built formula templates that allow you to drag and drop fields, rather than write DAX from scratch

While these tools can be helpful for defining more complex measures (*like weighted averages or time intelligence formulas*), they encourage laziness and don’t help you understand the fundamentals of DAX

There are 2 types of Measures

IMPLICIT MEASURE

EXPLICIT MEASURE



Implicit measures are created when you drag raw numerical fields (like "OrderQuantity") into the values pane of a visual and manually select the aggregation mode (Sum, Average, Min/Max, etc)

Explicit measures are created by actually entering DAX functions (or adding "quick measures") to define calculated columns or measures



HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Implicit measures are *only accessible* within the specific visualization in which it was created, and cannot be referenced elsewhere

Explicit measures can be used anywhere in the report, and referenced within other DAX calculations to create "measure trees"

Example of MEASURE

Quantity Sold = SUM(order

SUM(Column Name)

Adds all the numbers in a column.

- AW_Sales[OrderDate]
- AW_Sales[OrderLineItem]
- AW_Sales[OrderNumber]
- AW_Sales[OrderQuantity]

Quantity Sold = SUM(AW_Sales[OrderQuantity])

Symbols as shown below to identify where a raw field, calculated column or measure?

Sigma for raw field

Calculator for measure

Fx for calculated Column

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Σ	OrderQuantity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Quantity Sold
<input type="checkbox"/>		QuantityType

DAX SYNTAX

MEASURE NAME

- Note: Measures are always surrounded in brackets (i.e. `[Total Quantity]`) when referenced in formulas, so spaces are OK

Total Quantity: =SUM(Transactions[quantity])

FUNCTION NAME

- Calculated columns don't always use functions, but measures do:

Referenced TABLE NAME

Note: This is a "fully qualified" column, since it's preceded by the table name -- table names with spaces must be surrounded by single quotes:

- Without a space: `Transactions[quantity]`
- With a space: '`Transactions Table'[quantity]`

Referenced COLUMN NAME

OPERATORS – Arithmetic, Comparison and Logical/Text Operators

DAX OPERATORS

Arithmetic Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Addition	$2 + 7$
-	Subtraction	$5 - 3$
*	Multiplication	$2 * 6$
/	Division	$4 / 2$
\wedge	Exponent	$2 \wedge 5$

Comparison Operator	Meaning	Example
=	Equal to	<code>[City] = "Boston"</code>
>	Greater than	<code>[Quantity] > 10</code>
<	Less than	<code>[Quantity] < 10</code>
\geq	Greater than or equal to	<code>[Unit_Price] \geq 2.5</code>
\leq	Less than or equal to	<code>[Unit_Price] \leq 2.5</code>
\neq	Not equal to	<code>[Country] \neq "Mexico"</code>

Text/Logical Operator	Meaning	Example
&	Concatenates two values to produce one text string	<code>[City] & " " & [State]</code>
&&	Create an AND condition between two logical expressions	<code>([State] = "MA") && ([Quantity] > 10)</code>
(double pipe)	Create an OR condition between two logical expressions	<code>([State] = "MA") ([State] = "CT")</code>
IN	Creates a logical OR condition based on a given list (using curly brackets)	<code>'Store Lookup'[State] IN { "MA", "CT", "NY" }</code>

COMMON FUNCTION CATEGORIES

MATH & STATS Functions	LOGICAL Functions	TEXT Functions	FILTER Functions	DATE & TIME Functions
<p><i>Basic aggregation functions as well as "iterators" evaluated at the row-level</i></p> <p>Common Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUM AVERAGE MAX/MIN DIVIDE COUNT/COUNTA COUNTROWS DISTINCTCOUNT <p>Iterator Functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUMX AVERAGEX MAXX/MINX RANKX COUNTX 	<p><i>Functions for returning information about values in a given conditional expression</i></p> <p>Common Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IF IFERROR AND OR NOT SWITCH TRUE FALSE 	<p><i>Functions to manipulate text strings or control formats for dates, times or numbers</i></p> <p>Common Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CONCATENATE FORMAT LEFT/MID/RIGHT UPPER/LOWER PROPER LEN SEARCH/FIND REPLACE REPT SUBSTITUTE TRIM UNICHAR 	<p><i>Lookup functions based on related tables and filtering functions for dynamic calculations</i></p> <p>Common Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALCULATE FILTER ALL ALLEXCEPT RELATED RELATEDTABLE DISTINCT VALUES EARLIER/EARLIEST HASONEVALUE HASONEFILTER ISFILTERED USERELATIONSHIP 	<p><i>Basic date and time functions as well as advanced time intelligence operations</i></p> <p>Common Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DATEDIFF YEARFRAC YEAR/MONTH/DAY HOUR/MINUTE/SECOND TODAY/NOW WEEKDAY/WEEKNUM <p>Time Intelligence Functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DATESYTD DATESQTD DATESMTD DATEADD DATESINPERIOD

BASIC DATE & TIME FUNCTIONS

DAY/MONTH/YEAR()	Returns the day of the month (1-31), month of the year (1-12), or year of a given date	=DAY/MONTH/YEAR(Date)
HOUR/MINUTE/SECOND()	Returns the hour (0-23), minute (0-59), or second (0-59) of a given datetime value	=HOUR/MINUTE/SECOND(Datetime)
TODAY/NOW()	Returns the current date or exact time	=TODAY/NOW()
WEEKDAY/WEEKNUM()	Returns a weekday number from 1 (Sunday) to 7 (Saturday), or the week # of the year	=WEEKDAY/WEEKNUM(Date, [ReturnType])
EOMONTH()	Returns the date of the last day of the month, +/- a specified number of months	=EOMONTH(StartDate, Months)
DATEDIFF()	Returns the difference between two dates, based on a selected interval	=DATEDIFF(Date1, Date2, Interval)

Example

```
Current Age = DATEDIFF(AW_Customer_Lookup[BirthDate], TODAY(), YEAR)
```

BASIC LOGICAL FUNCTIONS (IF/AND/OR)

IF()	Checks if a given condition is met, and returns one value if the condition is TRUE, and another if the condition is FALSE	=IF(LogicalTest, ResultIfTrue, [ResultIfFalse])
IFERROR()	Evaluates an expression and returns a specified value if the expression returns an error, otherwise returns the expression itself	=IFERROR(Value, ValueIfError)
AND()	Checks whether both arguments are TRUE, and returns TRUE if both arguments are TRUE, otherwise returns FALSE	=AND(Logical1, Logical2)
OR()	Checks whether one of the arguments is TRUE to return TRUE, and returns FALSE if both arguments are FALSE	=OR(Logical1, Logical2)

Note: Use the `&&` and `||` operators if you want to include more than two conditions!

Some EXAMPLES-

```
Parent = IF([AW_Customer_Lookup[TotalChildren]>0, "Yes", "No")
```

```
Weekend = IF(OR(AW_Calendar_Lookup[Day of Week]=6,AW_Calendar_Lookup[Day of Week]=7), "Weekend", "Weekday")
```

```
Weekend = IF(AW_Calendar_Lookup[Day of Week]=6 || AW_Calendar_Lookup[Day of Week]=7, "Weekend", "Weekday")
```

TEXT FUNCTIONS

LEN()	Returns the number of characters in a string	=LEN(Text)	Note: Use the <code>&</code> operator as a shortcut, or to combine more than two strings!
CONCATENATE()	Joins two text strings into one	=CONCATENATE(Text1, Text2)	
LEFT/MID/RIGHT()	Returns a number of characters from the start/middle/end of a text string	=LEFT/RIGHT(Text, [NumChars]) =MID(Text, StartPosition, NumChars)	
UPPER/LOWER/PROPER()	Converts letters in a string to upper/lower/proper case	=UPPER/LOWER/PROPER(Text)	
SUBSTITUTE()	Replaces an instance of existing text with new text in a string	=SUBSTITUTE(Text, OldText, NewText, [InstanceNumber])	
SEARCH()	Returns the position where a specified string or character is found, reading left to right	=SEARCH(FindText, WithinText, [StartPosition], [NotFoundValue])	

Example

```
FullName_CC = AW_Customer_Lookup[Prefix] & " " & AW_Customer_Lookup[FirstName] & " " & AW_Customer_Lookup[LastName]
```

```
Short Month = LEFT(AW_Calendar_Lookup[Month Name],3)
```

To change to Uppercase'

```
Short Month = UPPER(LEFT(AW_Calendar_Lookup[Month Name],3))
```

Joining Data with RELATED

RELATED

RELATED()

Returns related values in each row of a table based on relationships with other tables

=RELATED(Column**Name**)



The column that contains the values you want to retrieve

Examples:

- Product_Lookup[ProductName]
- Territory_Lookup[Country]

HEY THIS IS IMPORTANT!

RELATED works almost exactly like a VLOOKUP function – it uses the relationship between tables (defined by primary and foreign keys) to pull values from one table into a new column of another. Since this function requires row context, it can only be used as a calculated column or as part of an iterator function that cycles through all rows in a table (FILTER, SUMX, MAXX, etc)

```
RetailPrice = RELATED(AW_Product_Lookup[ProductPrice])
```

Now using this field added in Sales Table we can create another new column Revenue here

```
Revenue = AW_Sales[RetailPrice] * AW_Sales[OrderQuantity]
```

OrderDate	StockDate	OrderNumber	ProductKey	CustomerKey	TerritoryKey	OrderLineItem	OrderQuantity	QuantityType	RetailPrice	Revenue
9/9/2016	7/31/2003	S054042	466	13983	9	7	3	Multiple Items	\$23.55	\$70.65
6/14/2017	5/2/2004	S072945	223	25493	10	6	3	Multiple Items	\$8.64	\$25.92
5/25/2017	3/20/2004	S071336	223	23841	4	6	3	Multiple Items	\$8.64	\$25.92

After CALCULATED COLUMNS we now move to MEASURES

Some Functions for creating Measures

BASIC MATH & STATS FUNCTIONS

SUM()

Evaluates the sum of a column

 $=\text{SUM}(\text{ColumnName})$ **AVERAGE()**

Returns the average (arithmetic mean) of all the numbers in a column

 $=\text{AVERAGE}(\text{ColumnName})$ **MAX()**

Returns the largest value in a column or between two scalar expressions

 $=\text{MAX}(\text{ColumnName}) \text{ or } =\text{MAX}(\text{Scalar1}, [\text{Scalar2}])$ **MIN()**

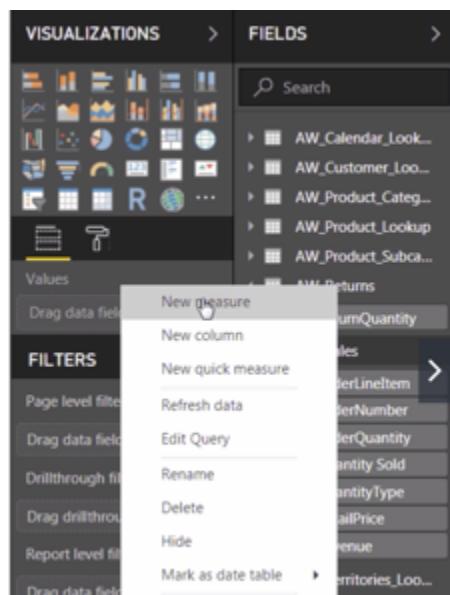
Returns the smallest value in a column or between two scalar expressions

 $=\text{MIN}(\text{ColumnName}) \text{ or } =\text{MIN}(\text{Scalar1}, [\text{Scalar2}])$ **DIVIDE()**

Performs division and returns the alternate result (or blank) if div/0

 $=\text{DIVIDE}(\text{Numerator}, \text{Denominator}, [\text{AlternateResult}])$

Can add Measures in either Data View or Report View, preferable add in Report view
Select that table in which you want to create the measure, then right click New Measure



Example

```
Quantity Returned = SUM(AW_Returns[ReturnQuantity])
```

Return Rate = DIVIDE([Quantity Returned],[Quantity Sold],

DIVIDE(Numerator, Denominator, [AlternateResult])

Safe Divide function with ability to handle divide by zero case.

Return Rate = DIVIDE([Quantity Returned],[Quantity Sold],"No Sales")

Avg Retail Price = AVERAGE(AW_Product_Lookup[ProductPrice])

Drill through Options eg Category, Subcategory, Product Name

SubCategoryName	Quantity Sold	Quantity Returned	Return Rate	Avg Retail Price
Bike Shorts	302	8	2.65 %	\$89.99
Bike Racks	234	8	3.42 %	\$129.00
Bike Stands	1506	208	1.38 %	\$79.99
Bike Seats and Cases				\$82.24
Bottom Brackets				\$56.50
Brakes				\$84.44
Caps	4151	46	1.11 %	\$20.24
Chains				\$79.95
Cleaners	1706	25	1.47 %	\$278.99
Console				\$264.48
Derailleurs				\$21.98
Fenders	3960	54	1.36 %	\$144.40
Forks				\$60.77
Gloves	2644	49	1.85 %	\$68.74
Handlebars				\$87.07
Headsets				\$34.09
Helmets	6634	188	3.12 %	\$54.99
Hydration Packs	695	25	3.60 %	\$51.03
Jerseys	3113	93	2.99 %	\$31.32
Lights				\$25.00
Locks				\$6437.01
Mountain Bikes				\$6441.12
Mountain Frames	4706	136	2.89 %	\$125.00
Panniers				\$94.02
Pedals				\$22.49
Pumps				\$671.80
Road Bikes	7099	223	3.14 %	\$1529.64
Road Frames				\$19.63
Saddles				\$64.28
Shorts	944	40	4.24 %	

COUNTING Measures

COUNT()

Counts the number of cells in a column that contain numbers

=COUNT(Column Name)

COUNTA()

Counts the number of non-empty cells in a column (numerical and non-numerical)

=COUNTA(Column Name)

DISTINCTCOUNT()

Counts the number of distinct or unique values in a column

=DISTINCTCOUNT(Column Name)

COUNTROWS()

Counts the number of rows in the specified table, or a table defined by an expression

=COUNTROWS(Table)

Example

Total Returns = COUNT(AW_Returns[ReturnQuantity])

COUNTA also accounts for non-numerical values like Text

Total Orders = **DISTINCTCOUNT**(AW_Sales[OrderNumber])

Many orders contained multiple line items

CALCULATE function

CALCULATE

CALCULATE() *Evaluates a given expression or formula under a set of defined filters*

=**CALCULATE(Expression, [Filter1], [Filter2],...)**

Name of an existing measure, or a DAX formula for a valid measure

Examples:

- `[Total Orders]`
- `SUM(Returns_Data[ReturnQuantity])`

List of simple Boolean (True/False) filter expressions
(note: these require simple, fixed values; you cannot create filters based on measures)

Examples:

- `Territory_Lookup[Country] = "USA"`
- `Calendar[Year] > 1998`

PRO TIP:

CALCULATE works just like **SUMIF** or **COUNTIF** in Excel, except it can evaluate measures based on ANY sort of calculation (not just a sum, count, etc); it may help to think of it like "**CALCULATEIF**"

Example

Weekend Orders = **CALCULATE**([Total Orders], AW_Calendar_Lookup[Weekend] = "Weekend")

FILETR FUNCTION

FILTER

FILTER() *Returns a table that represents a subset of another table or expression*

=**FILTER(Table, FilterExpression)**

Table to be filtered

Examples:

- `Territory_Lookup`
- `Customer_Lookup`

A Boolean (True/False) filter expression to be evaluated for each row of the table

Examples:

- `Territory_Lookup[Country] = "USA"`
- `Calendar[Year] = 1998`
- `Products[Price] > [Overall Avg Price]`

Example

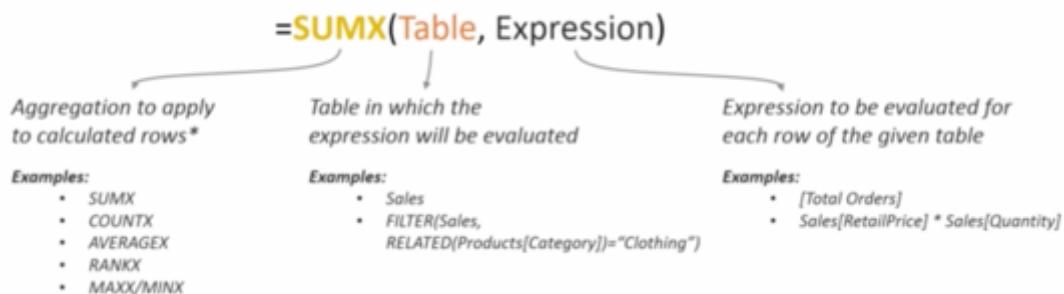
```
High Ticket Orders = CALCULATE([Total Orders], FILTER(AW_Product_Lookup,AW_Product_Lookup[ProductPrice] > [Overall Avg Price]))
```

FILTER(Table, FilterExpression)
Returns a table that has been filtered.

Iterator Functions

ITERATOR (“X”) FUNCTIONS

Iterator (or “X”) functions allow you to loop through the same calculation or expression on each row of a table, and then apply some sort of aggregation to the results (SUM, MAX, etc)



Example

```
Total Revenue_Measure = SUMX(AW_Sales, AW_Sales[OrderQuantity] * AW_Sales[RetailPrice])
```

```
Total Revenue = SUMX(AW_Sales, AW_Sales[OrderQuantity] * RELATED(AW_Product_Lookup[ProductPrice]))
```

Some Time Intelligence Functions in Power BI

TIME INTELLIGENCE FORMULAS

Time Intelligence functions allow you to easily calculate common time comparisons:

Performance To-Date	=CALCULATE(Measure, DATESYTD(Calendar[Date])) <small>Use DATESQTD for Quarters or DATESMTD for Months</small>
Previous Period	=CALCULATE(Measure, DATEADD(Calendar[Date], -1, MONTH)) <small>Select an interval (DAY, MONTH, QUARTER, or YEAR) and the # of intervals to compare (i.e. previous month, rolling 10-day)</small>
Running Total	=CALCULATE(Measure, DATESINPERIOD(Calendar[Date], MAX(Calendar[Date]), -10, DAY))

BEST PRACTICES: SPEED & PERFORMANCE



Eliminate redundant columns; keep data tables narrow

- Data tables should ideally only contain only quantitative values and foreign keys; any extra descriptive columns can usually live in a related lookup table



Imported columns are better than calculated columns

- When possible, create calculated columns at the source (i.e. in your raw database) or within the Query Editor; this is more efficient than processing those calculations in the Data Model



Minimize iterator functions (FILTER, SUMX, etc.)

- Functions that cycle through each row in a table are "expensive", meaning that they take time and consume processing power

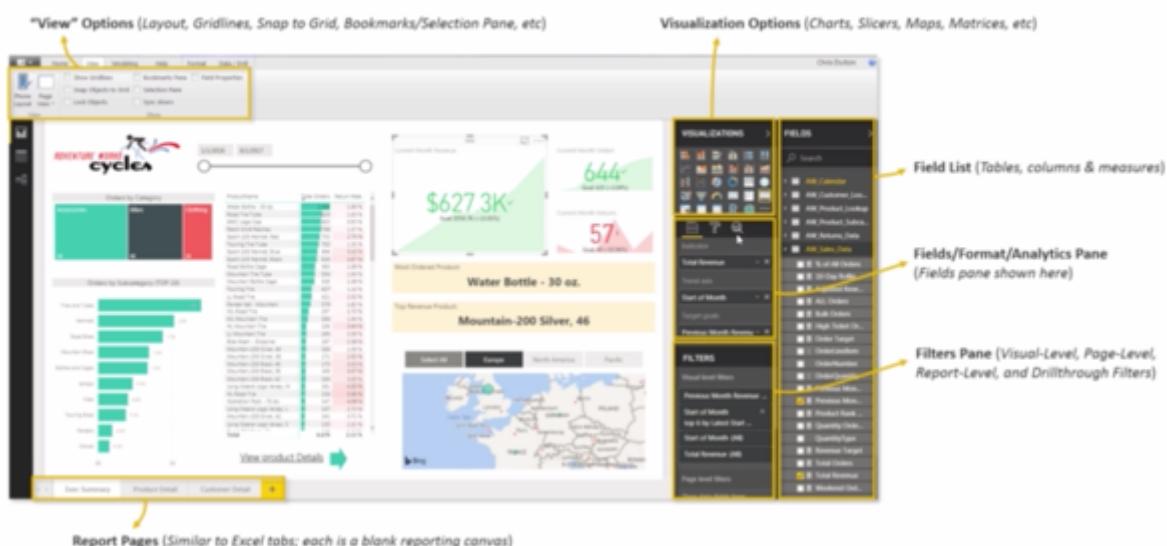
Phase 4 – VISUALIZING DATA WITH POWER BI REPORTS

Visualizing data with Reports and Dashboards

Matrix Visuals, Slicers, Maps, KPI cards, Forecasting tools etc

A Report can have many pages just like there are tabs in Excel

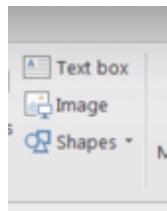
THE POWER BI REPORT VIEW



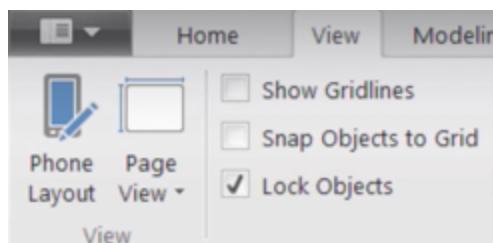
Adding Object to the Report

The screenshot shows the Power BI desktop application. On the left, the 'Visualizations' pane is open, displaying various chart types like Calendar, Customer Segmentation, Product Lookup, etc. Below it is the 'Fields' pane, which lists measures such as % of All Orders, 10-Day Rollin..., Adjusted Rev..., and All Orders. A filter for 'Year' is applied, showing '2016 or 2017'. On the right, the 'Home' ribbon is visible with the 'Insert' tab selected. A callout points to the 'New Visual' button in the ribbon. Below the ribbon, there are buttons for Text Box, Image, and Shapes. A note says: 'Click on a visualization type or use the "New Visual" option in the Home tab to insert a blank chart template (usually a column chart by default)'. Another note below it says: 'Note: You can also add New Pages, Buttons, Text Boxes, Images and Shapes from this menu'. At the bottom, a note says: 'Drag fields or measures directly into the report canvas to automatically generate a new visual'.

You can insert any object from your machine like logo into Dashboard using below Image option

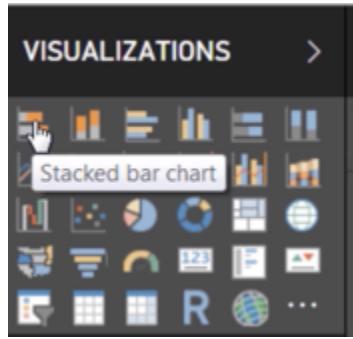


Lock objects option is helpful when you have a number of visuals on your Dashboard so they do not move

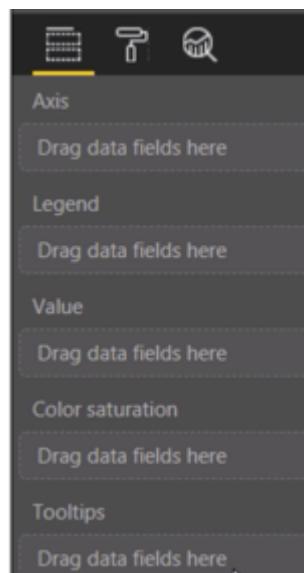


Inserting Basic charts and visuals in Power BI

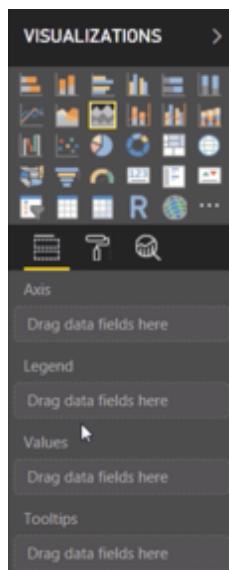
Can choose the visual u want directly from the Visualizations menu for eg u want Stacked Bar just choose that option as below -



Below pane is dynamic and will change according to the visualization you choose
For eg Stacked bar chart can take below options Axis, Value, legend etc

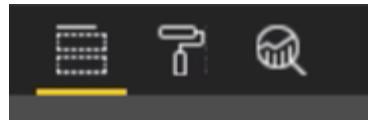


If we choose Stacked area chart we see below pane also changes according to the values it can take



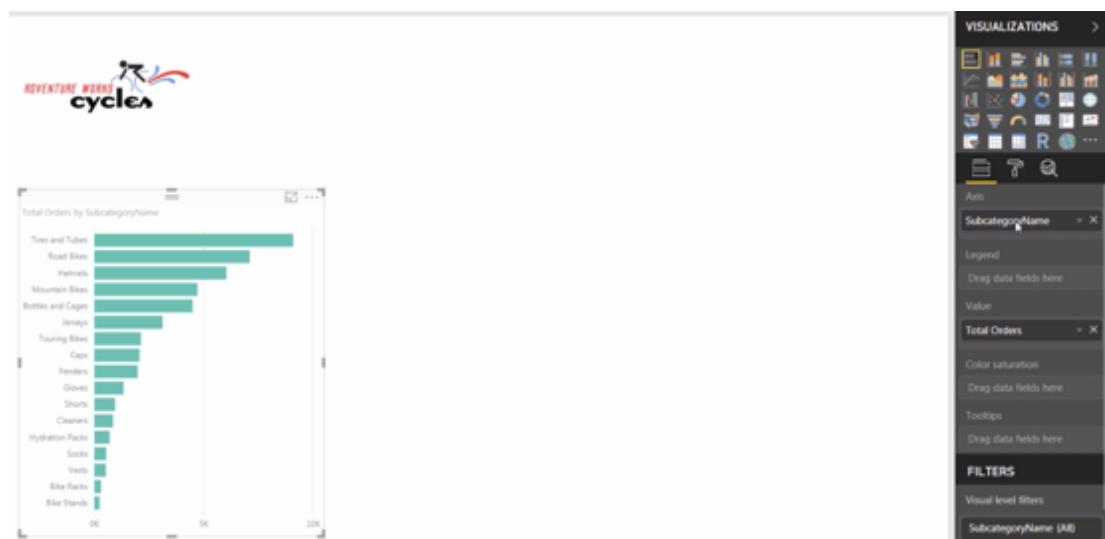
We always start with Fields option because that tells what data we want to visualize and how we want to visualize it.

First Option as below is for Fields



STACKED BAR CHART Visual

Example for a populated stacked bar chart with Axis as Subcategory Name and Values as Total orders. Values is where you are going to pull your measures in (the aggregations or results you want to visualize)



Power BI Report Formatting Options – Customizing the look and feel of your visuals.

Below is from where u will get all the formatting options for visuals you choose



FORMATTING OPTIONS

Example: Line & Column Chart

Example: Matrix

Example: Donut Chart

The screenshot shows three separate Power BI visualization settings panels, each with a corresponding chart example above it.

- Line & Column Chart:** Shows a chart with bars and a line. The settings panel includes sections for General, Legend, X-Axis (highlighted), Y-Axis, Data colors, Data labels, Shapes, Plot Area, Title, Background, Lock aspect, and Border.
- Matrix:** Shows a grid of items with counts and percentages. The settings panel includes sections for General, Matrix style, Scale type, Grid, Column headers, Row headers, Values, Subtotals, Grand total, Field formatting (highlighted), Conditional formatting, Title, and Background.
- Donut Chart:** Shows a donut chart divided into segments. The settings panel includes sections for General, Legend, Data colors, Detail labels (highlighted), Title, Background, Lock aspect, Border, and General.

Power BI Report Filtering Options

There are **four (x4)** primary filter types in Power BI reports:

- Visual Level:** Applies only to the *specific visual* in which it is defined
- Page Level:** Applies to *all visuals on the specific page* in which it is defined
- Report Level:** Applies to *all visuals across all pages* of the report
- Drillthrough:** Applies to *specific pages*, and *dynamically changes* based on user paths

Filter settings include Basic, Advanced, and Top N options

The screenshot shows the Power BI Filters pane on the left and four filter settings panes on the right:

- Basic Options:** Shows a list of categories: Select All, Accessories, Bikes, Clothing, Components.
- Top N Options:** Shows Show items: Top [] 2, By value: Total Orders, Apply Now.
- Advanced (Values):** Shows Show items when the value: Is less than, Is less than or equal to, Is greater than, Is greater than or equal to, Is not, Is blank, Is not blank.
- Advanced (Text):** Shows Show items when the value: Contains, Does not contain, Starts with, Does not start with, Is, Is not, Is blank, Is not blank.

FILTERS

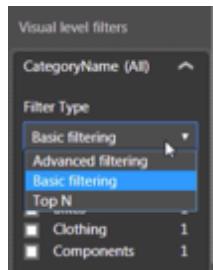
Visual level filters

CategoryName (All)

Filter Type: Basic filtering

Select All
Accessories 1
Bikes 1
Clothing 1
Components 1

Apart from basic filtering options u can use the Top N Filters to view top 5 products for example



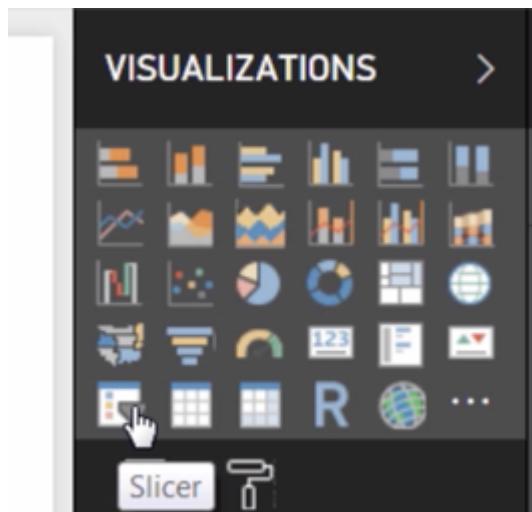
MATRIX Visual

A screenshot of a Matrix visual in Power BI. The visual displays data for various products. The columns are labeled 'ProductName', 'Total Orders', and 'Return Rate'. The data includes: Water Bottle - 30 oz. (3,983, 1.95%), Patch Kit/ Patches (2,952, 1.61%), Mountain Tire Tube (2,846, 1.64%), Road Tire Tube (2,173, 1.55%), Sport-100 Helmet, Red (2,099, 3.33%), AWC Logo Cap (2,062, 1.11%), Sport-100 Helmet, Blue (1,995, 3.31%), Fender Set - Mountain (1,975, 1.36%), Sport-100 Helmet, Black (1,940, 2.68%), Mountain Bottle Cage (1,896, 2.02%), Road Bottle Cage (1,668, 1.68%), Touring Tire Tube (1,364, 1.64%), HL Mountain Tire (1,305, 3.75%), ML Mountain Tire (1,059, 1.32%), LL Road Tire (957, 2.26%), ML Road Tire (868, 1.51%), Touring Tire (863, 1.22%), Bike Wash - Dissolver (850, 1.47%), HL Road Tire (795, 3.52%), LL Mountain Tire (788, 2.50%).

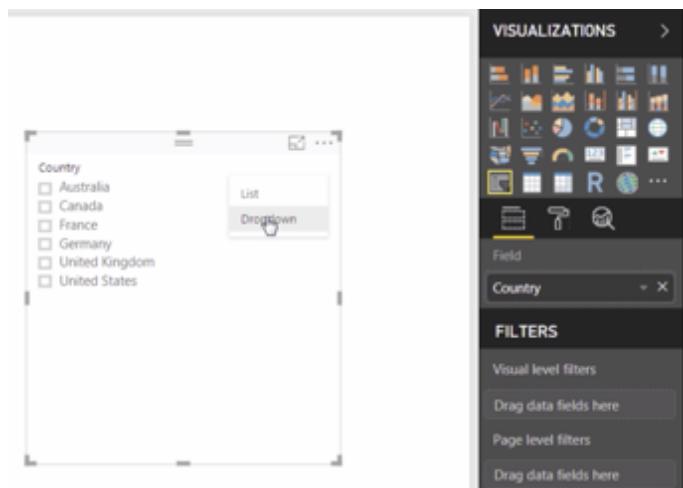
The visualization pane on the right shows 'ProductName' in 'Rows', 'Total Orders' and 'Return Rate' in 'Values'.

SLICER Visual

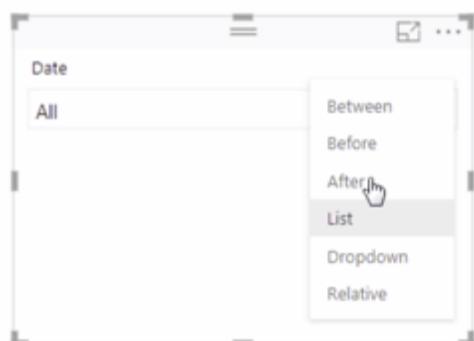
Slicer is just a fancy word for visual filter. It only takes 1 input which is some field.



Example of Slicer, like here for slicer for country
If you choose a specific country it will show all other visualizations on Dashboard corresponding to that country only.



Slicer for Date



CARDS VISUALS

This is a good way to draw attention to very big / important numbers or KPI's – Key Performance Indicators

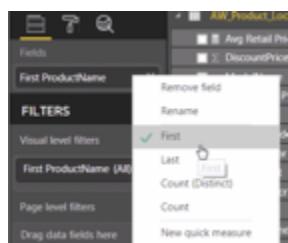
There are 3 types of cards –
Singular row or regular card
Multi-row card and
KPI cards

Symbols for all 3 Card Visualizations



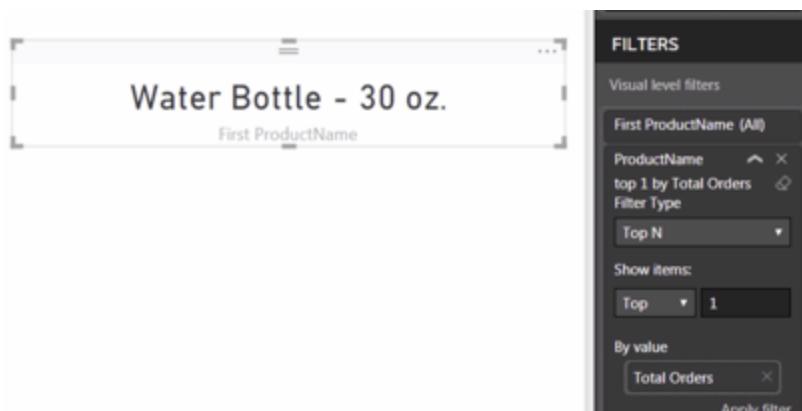


TEXT CARDS Visual



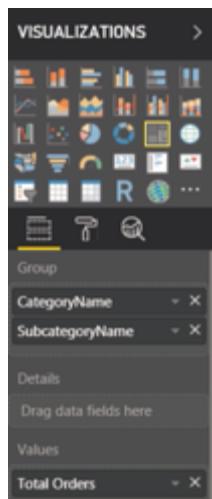
Use Top N Filters to display in Text Card

Top product by Order Quantity



TREEMAP Visual





TreeMap is designed to show composition. For eg above how total order volume breaks down into different categories.

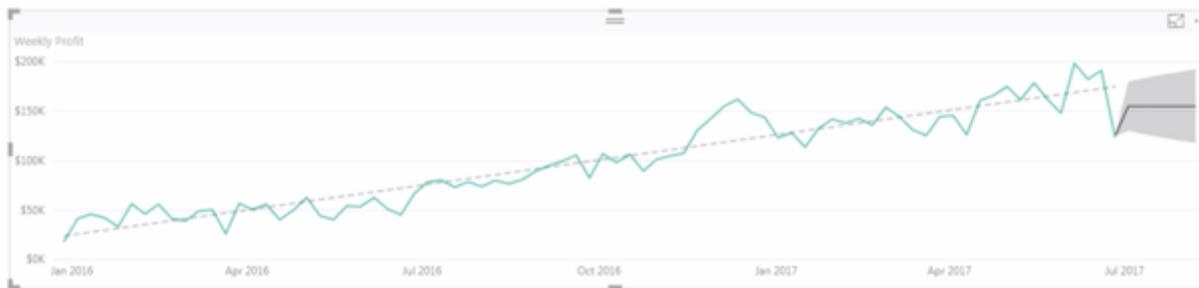


LINE and AREA chart Visuals

To show Trends



Can also add trend Line on the chart



Gauge Chart Visual



DATA VISUALIZATION BEST PRACTICES



Strive for clarity & simplicity, above all else

- Aim to maximize impact and minimize noise; it's all about balancing design and function



Don't just build charts and graphs; create a narrative

- Without context, data is meaningless; use filters, bookmarks, and effective visualizations to translate raw data into powerful insights and implications



Always ask yourself the three key questions:

1. What type of data are you visualizing? (Integer, categorical, time-series, geo-spatial, etc)
2. What are you trying to communicate? (Relationships, compositions, trending, etc)
3. Who is the end user consuming this information? (Analyst, CEO, client, intern, etc)