# Cracking Power BI Interviews: Essential Questions & Answers Part-1

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**What is Power BI, and how is it used in data analysis?**

Power BI is a business analytics tool developed by Microsoft that enables users to visualize and analyze data from various sources, share insights, and make data-driven decisions. It is widely used for data analysis, reporting, and dashboard creation.

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# Explain the main components of Power BI.

**Main Components of Power BI:**

- **Power BI Desktop**: This is a desktop application used to create reports and dashboards. It allows users to connect to various data sources, transform and model the data, and create visualizations.

- **Power BI Service:** This is a cloud-based service where you can publish, share, and collaborate on Power BI reports and dashboards. Power BI Service allows users to access and interact with reports through a web browser.

- **Power BI Mobile:** There are mobile apps available for iOS and Android devices, allowing users to access Power BI reports and dashboards on the go.

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# Differentiate between Power BI Desktop and Power BI Service.

- Power BI Desktop: It is a standalone application installed on your local machine for creating reports and dashboards. It provides advanced data modeling capabilities and is primarily used for designing and building reports.
- Power BI Service: It is a cloud-based platform where reports and dashboards created in Power BI Desktop can be published, shared, and accessed by others. Power BI Service allows for collaboration and sharing of insights within an organization.

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# How do you connect to different data sources in Power BI?

- Power BI supports a wide range of data sources, including Excel, databases (SQL Server, Oracle, MySQL), online services (Azure, SharePoint), and many others.
- To connect to a data source, you can use the "Get Data" option in Power BI Desktop. This opens a dialog where you can choose the data source type and provide the necessary connection details.

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