Power BI Training Topic Outline

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Lesson 1: Introduction to Power BI

• **Objective**: To provide a foundational understanding of Power BI and its significance in business intelligence.

• Key Topics:

- Overview of Power BI
- o Introduction to Power BI Desktop, Power BI Service, and Power BI Mobile
- o Business Intelligence and its role in decision-making
- Power BI vs. Excel for data analysis

Activities:

- o Hands-on exploration of Power BI interface
- Basic report creation

Lesson 2: Power BI Interface and Components

• **Objective**: To familiarize participants with the Power BI user interface and its key components.

Key Topics:

- o Power BI Desktop Layout: Fields, Visualizations, Report View, and Data View
- o Power BI Service and Power BI Mobile features
- o Power BI ribbon tools and functionality
- o Overview of Power Query Editor

Activities:

- Navigating Power BI Desktop
- o Introduction to Power BI Service

Lesson 3: Connecting and Transforming Data

• **Objective**: To teach participants how to connect to various data sources and transform the data using Power Query.

Key Topics:

o Connecting Power BI to different data sources (Excel, SQL, Web, etc.)

- Data transformation: Removing duplicates, changing data types, and data shaping
- M code basics for advanced transformations
- Filtering, sorting, and transforming columns

Activities:

- o Importing data from Excel and CSV files
- o Hands-on data transformation using Power Query Editor

Lesson 4: Creating and Customizing Visuals

• **Objective**: To teach participants how to create and customize various types of visuals in Power BI.

Key Topics:

- o Types of visuals: Tables, Charts (Bar, Line, Pie, etc.), Maps, Cards
- o Creating and customizing visuals (color, font size, labels, etc.)
- Formatting visuals and reports for better insights
- Using slicers and filters

Activities:

- Create different types of visuals (charts, tables, and maps)
- o Customize reports using formatting tools

Lesson 5: Data Modeling Basics

• **Objective**: To introduce data modeling concepts and how to create relationships between tables.

Key Topics:

- Data modeling overview and best practices
- Types of relationships: One-to-One, One-to-Many, Many-to-Many
- Creating relationships between tables
- Using calculated columns and measures

Activities:

- Build a basic data model
- Create relationships between tables

Lesson 6: DAX for Beginners

• **Objective**: To provide an introduction to Data Analysis Expressions (DAX) and how to use it for calculations and analysis.

Key Topics:

- What is DAX and its importance
- o Basic DAX functions: SUM, AVERAGE, COUNT, etc.
- Creating calculated columns and measures
- o Introduction to time-intelligence functions

Activities:

- Write simple DAX expressions to calculate new fields
- Use DAX for filtering and aggregation

Lesson 7: Publishing and Sharing Reports

• **Objective**: To teach how to publish and share Power BI reports within organizations or with external users.

Key Topics:

- Publishing reports to Power BI Service
- Creating dashboards and reports in Power BI Service
- o Sharing reports with colleagues and external users
- Setting up Power BI workspaces and apps

Activities:

- Publish a report to Power BI Service
- Create a dashboard from reports

Lesson 8: Power BI Security and Administration

Objective: To introduce security features and administrative controls in Power BI.

• Key Topics:

- User roles and permissions in Power BI Service
- Row-level security (RLS) for data protection
- o Power BI Administration: Monitoring, auditing, and managing usage
- Managing workspaces and data access

Activities:

Set up Row-level security for a report

Lesson 9: Integrating Power BI with Other Tools

• **Objective**: To explore how Power BI integrates with other Microsoft and third-party tools to enhance functionality.

• Key Topics:

- o Integrating Power BI with Excel, SQL, and Azure
- Using Power Automate with Power BI for workflows
- o Embedding Power BI reports in SharePoint and web apps
- Power BI API for custom integrations

Activities:

- Connect Power BI to an SQL Server database
- Use Power Automate to trigger reports based on data changes

Additional Resources:

- Power BI Official Documentation: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/
- Power BI Community Forum: https://community.powerbi.com/
- Recommended Books:
 - o The Definitive Guide to DAX by Marco Russo & Alberto Ferrari
 - o Power BI Cookbook by Brett Powell

Conclusion:

By the end of this training, participants will be equipped with the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to use Power BI for data visualization, reporting, and business intelligence. Hands-on activities throughout the topics ensure that participants gain practical experience to apply in their work environments.