



# **POWER BI**

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# SECTION 1 - PREPARATION

## PART A - INTRODUCTION

### What is Power BI

#### Similarity to Other Office Applications

Power BI, i.e. Business Intelligence, is a relatively new app from Microsoft that enables one to create and share visualizations of data that give business insight and intelligence. Think of it as a combination of the list and database handling of Excel (including tables, pivot tables, pivot charts), the relational database features of Microsoft Access, and the presentation of display of Microsoft PowerPoint.

The difference is that Power BI publishes its data to the Internet for others to share the report visualizations over the web (i.e. in the cloud). And the viewing of the data is *far more dynamic*. Eg if you click on part of one visualization object (i.e. node) to say see a particular customer or product, *all* related visualizations referring to customers and products change on that page. In that way, it gives individual users access to powerful views of their data that no other Microsoft app can match.

#### Downloading and Using Power BI

Power BI is a free application that comes with a Microsoft Office 365 Subscription.

**a1** To download it, go to the Download Center for Power BI (signing into your Office account as necessary).

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

Then click the Download button. You should see a link for Power BI on your computer (eg in the list on the Start menu).

Later in this course you will startup Power BI Desktop from your computer, and then save the file with a name and desired location. You will then create your visualization nodes, organized into one or more tab-like pages. As you create your visualization nodes (across one or more pages), you can publish the material to your workspace. You can then go a further step to Share it with others (who will also need to have Power BI; actually Power BI Pro). They too will be able to see the report on the web in a different view, and similarly dynamically manipulate the visuals, giving them insight in the data

#### Data Source of Power BI File

If Power Bi Desktop is a powerful tool to create visualizations of your data, then where does the data come from in the first place? It can come from virtually any data source! From Excel tables, from Microsoft Access tables or queries, from SQL-oriented and other enterprise databases (like SQL Server), from huge storage bins like Google BigQuery, from the web, and from social media like Facebook. Once



the data is brought into your Power BI Desktop file, it can be cleaned up and reformatted there before being turned into visualizations.

(Tip: Instead of doing a lot of cleaning up of the brought in data in Power BI, it's best if you can clean it up as best you can in the original app, such as Excel, making it that much easier to work with when embedded in Power BI.)

### Table Relationships

Once brought into Power BI and (if necessary) cleaned up, the data is shown as tables. You can then create cross-table links between the tables so you can create the most powerful visualizations thereafter. You do this by establishing connections through a common field between any two tables. So eg the Customer Name field in the Customers table is matched/linked to the Customer Name field in the more detailed Transactions table. You do the same with other pairs of tables, as needed. By linking the data this way you will have maximum capacity to create great, intelligent visualizations of the data.

### Ready to Go

Once the data is brought in, cleaned up, and tables related to one another, you are ready to create your visualizations.

### Report, Pages, and Nodes

The file you save and create in the desktop Power BI app is considered a Report. Within a Power BI file/report you have the imported tables with cross-table links, and can then create your visualization nodes. The nodes – like a Clustered Column chart - is based on the imported tables data. You can have a number of nodes per Power BI file/report.

The nodes are organized into one or more pages. There is a single default page when you first create a Power BI file/report where you can build say 6 visualization nodes. You can then add additional pages in which to store your Power BI visualization nodes as the quantity of nodes expands.

In summary, a **Report** is in essence the entire Power BI file (named eg “RoyPowerBI”). **Pages** are the areas where you store your visualization nodes (similar to the sheets tabs at the bottom of an Excel file) - eg a “Issues” page, and a “Sales Info” page. **Nodes** are the individual visualization, such as a Clustered Column chart in which one or more of the fields of data (of your embedded tables) provide the source content for the node.

### Visualization Node Types

In a Power BI file/report you build visualization nodes from visualization node types.

There are several dozen visualization node types you can choose from. There are several node types for Column charts, several for Bar charts, there is one for a Donut chart; plus there is a simple Table node type, a Matrix node (similar to an Excel Pivot Table or an Access crosstab), a Slicer node for filtering (again similar to slicers in Excel), and a number of others. You can even add additional node types into

the system, many of them free from Microsoft, and other more sophisticated ones from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties that you may or may not have to pay for.

Here is a file that describes and presents many of the standard visualization node types:

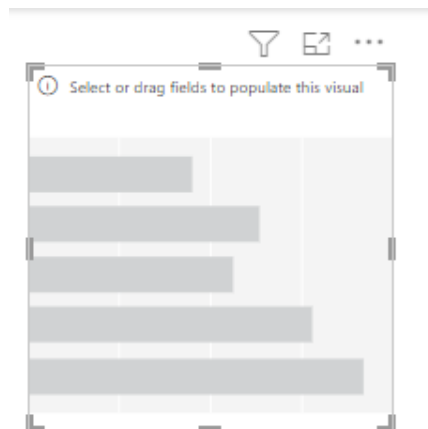
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/visuals/power-bi-visualization-types-for-reports-and-q-and-a>

### Create a Visualization Node

To create a node, you hover your mouse over a node Type to see their names, and then click the node type you want to build a node. (Eg here a Stacked Bar Chart node type is selected, which is in the first row, the first one in that row.)

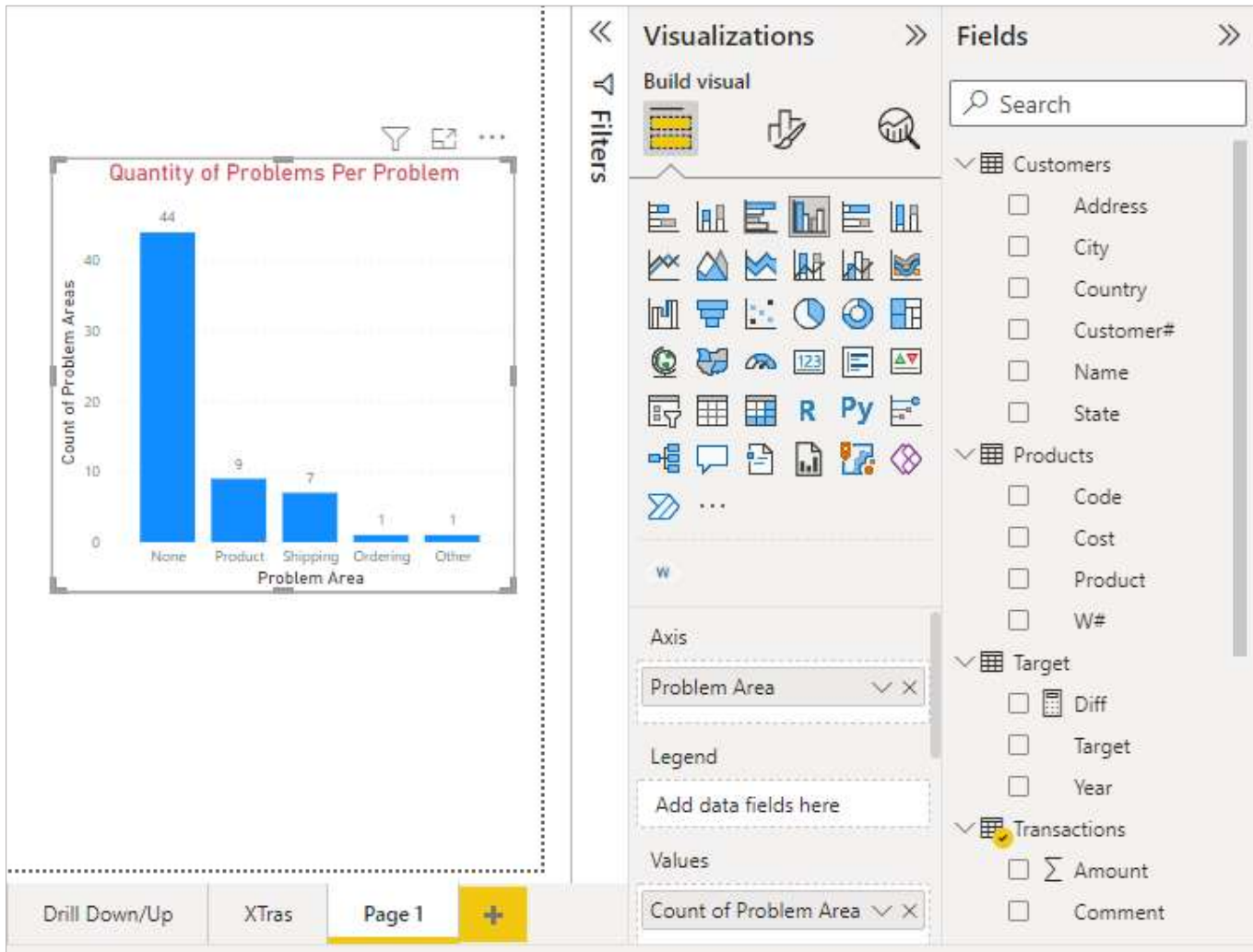


As a result of clicking on the node, you then see the empty visualization node in the main part of the Power BI screen.



## Populating a Node

You then start populating the node with data that comes from the fields of the tables you brought into Power BI. You essentially drag items from the Fields area on the right into the area below the Visualizations types.



So eg if you brought in four tables from Excel (eg Customers, Products, Target, and Transaction), you will see them listed on the right. Then you drag fields from the tables on the right into the receiving area below the Visualization node icons. Eg you drag the Name field from the Customers table into the Axis area, and then drag the Total Sale field in the Transactions table into the Values area. As a result, the visualization gets populated, and you see the bar chart generated in the node.

Basically after selecting a node, you drag table fields from the list on the right into the receiving areas in the middle, which populates the chart on the left. It's pretty similar to working with Pivot Tables in Excel.

## Formatting a Visualization Node

In addition to populating a node, you can also format the node. You format the node by turning node borders on, adding background color (here blue) to the node, rename many of the headings, axis, rows, and columns of the node, and many other choices. You get into formatting mode by clicking the second icon in the mode selector “Format Your Visual” (as seen here in the middle)

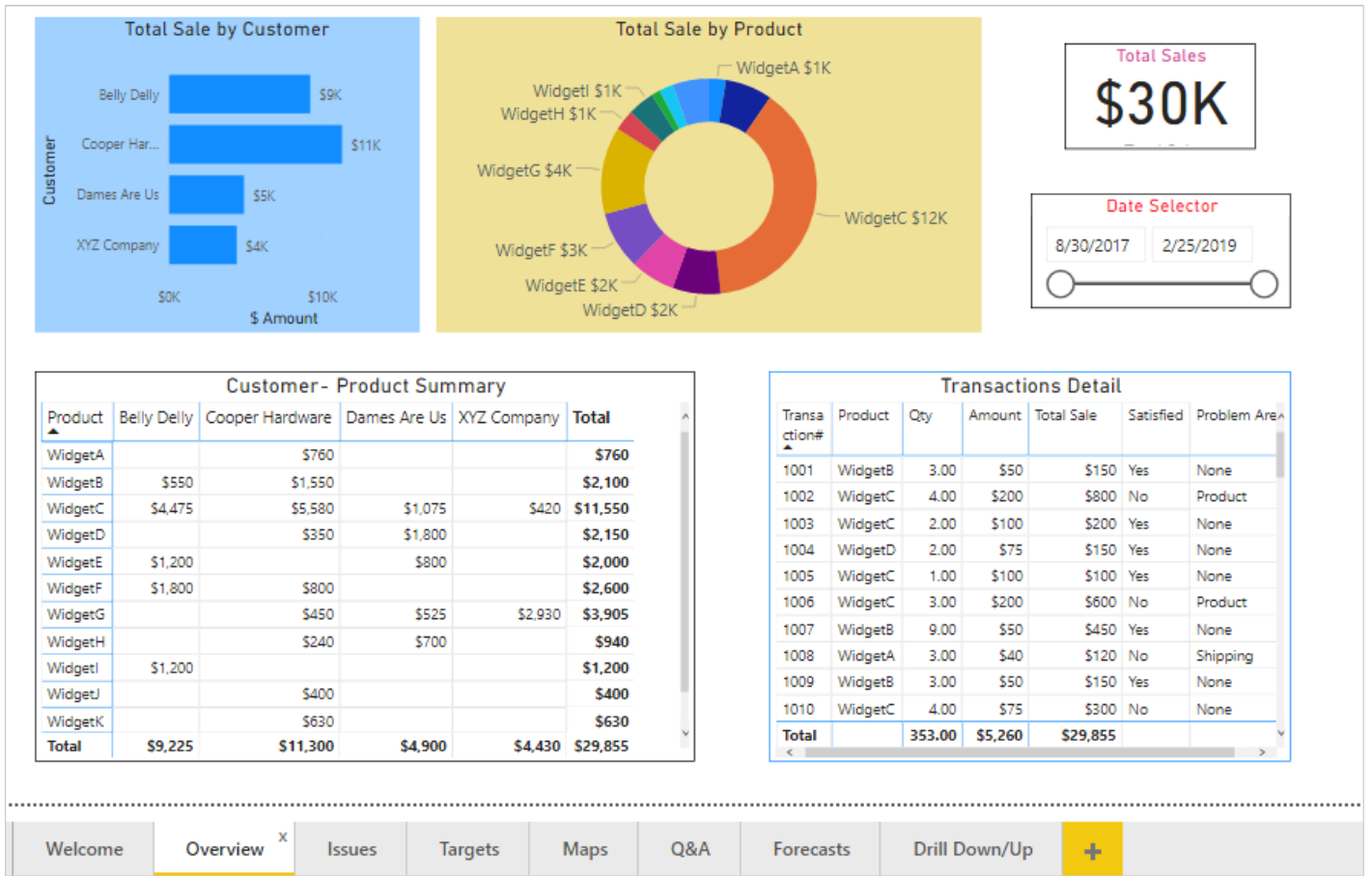


Once in this mode, you can see many choices where you can make formatting selections for the node.

## Visualization Pages

In this way you can create several visualization nodes on the default page that you get in a Power BI file/report. Usually this group of nodes on that page will have something in common. Eg you can have six nodes that display on the default page for overall sales per customer or by product data information. However you can create other pages, where you can create multiple nodes on each. You do that by clicking the ‘+’ button and then naming that page.

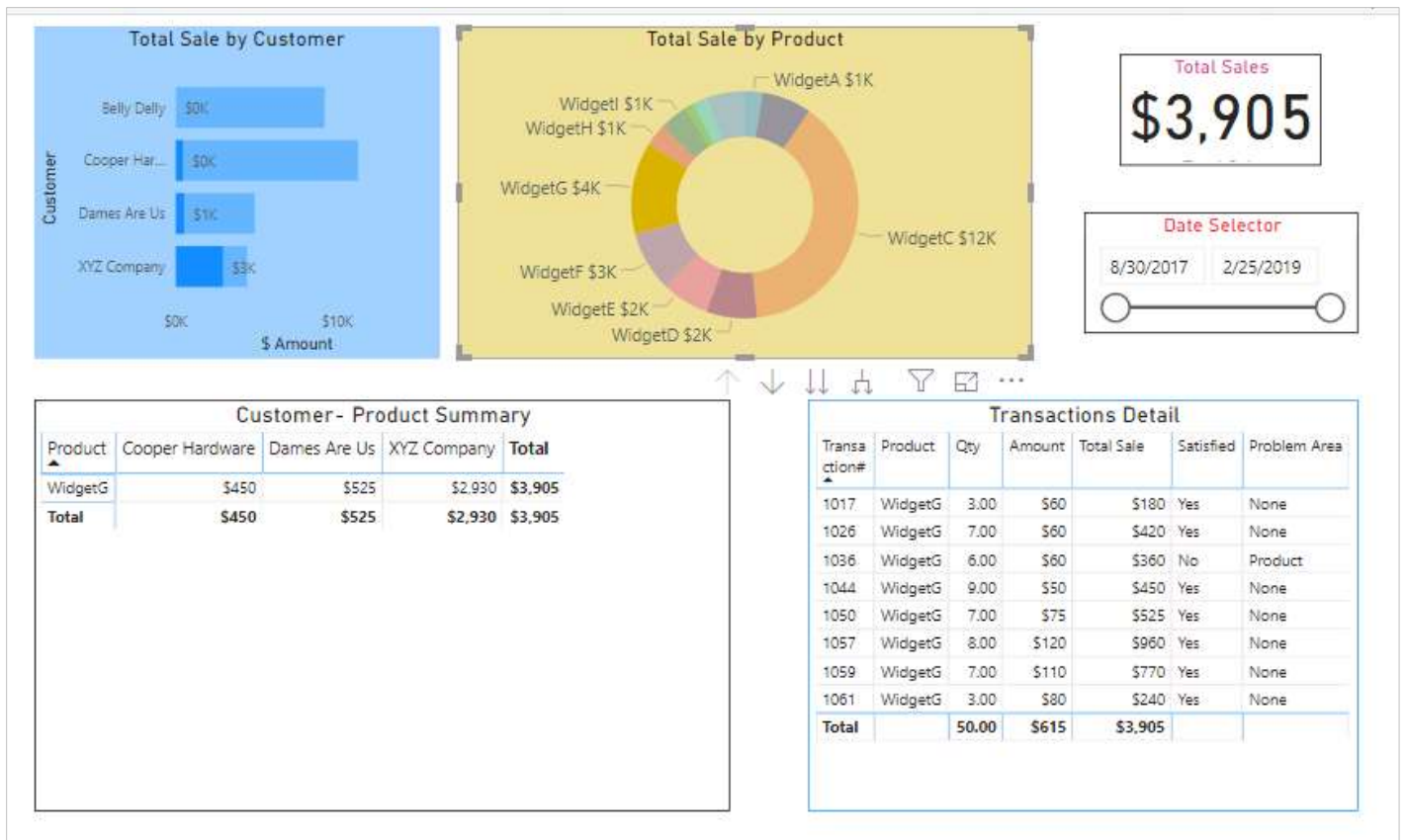
Below you see that an Overview page that has been added, in which related nodes have been developed.



### Multi-Node Filtering

The real, awesome power of Power BI is that when you click a bar, or a choice on one of the nodes on a page, ALL OTHER NODES on that tab get instantaneously filtered down to that choice. In other words all of the nodes are dynamically related on a shared page! This is the awesome power of Power BI.

Eg you click Widget G on the Donut Chart, and as a result, all of the other nodes on that page reflect that choice by getting filtered down to that value. (Here we clicked on the Widget3 section of the Donut chart, and as a result all of the other nodes on that page are filtered down to that value.)



### Detailed vs Summary Views of Data

Depending on the node type, Power BI is can create Detailed lines of information for a node, such as all of the orders from the Transactions table, or Summary type information, which consist of subtotals of information, such as the total sales per each customer, or per each product. So eg using the Tables node produces detailed, row by row information, whereas the Matrix creates summary information, such as subtotals and grand total information, up and down, and left to right. (Matrix is similar to a Pivot Table)

### Refresh Capacity

Also note that if the data in Excel changes, you can refresh the embedded content that is in Power BI to update the data so that the nodes reflect the change.

### Transformations

Transformations enables you to extensively modify data once it is brought into Power BI, including renaming tables; seeing a list of steps you have made to eg undo several; renaming columns; duplicate and split columns; extract parts of a date (like the year) from a date field; setting date formats; and then utilize these changes in the nodes you build, and much more. (Usually you make these transformations before you create the nodes in your file/report, though they can be made after you have begun creating the nodes.)

## DAX language for Creating Calculated Fields

Also note that you can create more complex function-based expressions in Power BI that go beyond the embedded data (that might have say come from Excel fields that originally contained formulas in it). The DAX functions you create in Power BI are similar to the functions you can use in Excel, - like Sum, Average, If, and other functions there.

The overall approach of using these functions in Power BI is the DAX language. For example, you can create a new field in an embedded table (that is coming from excel) and build an expression that subtracts one field from another. Or a DAX function that uses an IF-like statement that says if this data is over 500, then increase the value by 100; otherwise do nothing. The possibilities are endless, and the expression building of Power BI is a rich environment.

(Of course, if you created the formulas in excel to begin with, then you can use the output of that content. However, Power BI can get data from all sorts of different data sources, which might not have had the capacity to create formulas in it like Excel.)

## **Understanding the Project**

**This course** enables you to create a Power BI file and visualizations nodes within it, based on data received from four Excel tables stored in an Excel workbook file. The Excel file will contain a Customers table, a Products table, a Transactions table, and a Target table. You will also link the tables together on common fields to enable se of fields from multiple tables at the same time.

After you bring that data into Power BI from Excel, you will create ~4-6 visualization nodes on the default page which will be renamed “Overview.” Then you will create additional pages that will hold additional visualization nodes you create. In the course you will build around 7 pages, each containing its own set of nodes (~4-6 nodes in each). In addition towards the end of the course, you will create a Welcome page that will be an intro to all the other pages.

The pages of visualizations that will be created are:

- **Welcome** – This is a welcome page that has a simple list of the topic headings that indicate what type of visualizations are being offered. (Actually you will create this page last, after all visualization nodes across pages has been created.)
- **Overview** – This is the page for creating basic visualizations that show summary data for Customers and Products in the form of various chart types and crosstab matrixes of data.
- **Issues** – This is the page for creating nodes that examine problem areas that may have cropped up among the many Sales Transaction entries.
- **Targets** – This is the page for creating visualization nodes examining whether the company met its yearly sales goals.
- **Maps** – This is the page for looking at data visually through mapping system that highlites sales values across cities and states.
- **Q&A** – This is the page that holds nodes where the user can type in English language queries that generates data results.



- **Forecasts** – This is the page that holds visualization nodes (eg line charts) that show forecasted based on current trends of sales; including a past values trend line.
- **Drill Down/Up** – This is a page where the user can click on a visualization node chart and thereby drill down a level. Eg from seeing Customers Sales data results, down to Products Sales results, and back up again.

## PART B – EXCEL-BASED DATA

### Intro

Assuming Power BI is now installed on your computer (see above), let us begin by first examining in Excel the Excel data that will be the source tables of your Power BI file’s data set.

### Organization of Excel Tables

b1. Open the Excel file [ExcelMultiTableForPowerBI.xlsx](#). On the Data sheet note that there are four tables of data.

Customer#	Name	Address	City	State	Country	Product	W#	Code	Cost	Transaction#	CustomerName	Date	Yr
1	Cooper Hardware	123 Jones Ave	Long Beach	CA	USA	WidgetA	1	WA	\$30	1001	Belly Delly	8/30/17	
2	Belly Delly	585 Smith St	Atlanta	GA	USA	WidgetB	2	WB	\$25	1002	Belly Delly	9/15/17	
3	Dames Are Us	345 R. Blvd	Stockton	CA	USA	WidgetC	3	WC	\$100	1003	Cooper Hardware	9/8/17	
4	Angel Foods	1898 Riviera	Santa Ana	CA	USA	WidgetD	4	WD	\$40	1004	Dames Are Us	10/13/17	
5	XYZ Company	123 Green	Cupertino	CA	USA	WidgetE	5	WE	\$40	1005	Dames Are Us	11/2/17	
6	Forest Corp	124 Tyc0	Montreal	Quebec	Canada	WidgetF	6	WF	\$30	1006	Belly Delly	9/22/17	
						WidgetG	7	WG	\$60	1007	Cooper Hardware	9/21/17	
						WidgetH	8	WH	\$70	1008	Cooper Hardware	9/22/17	
						WidgetI	9	WI	\$80	1009	Belly Delly	8/30/18	
						WidgetJ	10	WJ	\$90	1010	Belly Delly	9/15/18	
						WidgetK	11	WK	\$100	1011	Cooper Hardware	9/8/18	
						WidgetL	12	WL	\$110	1012	Dames Are Us	10/13/18	
										1013	Dames Are Us	11/2/18	
										1014	Belly Delly	9/22/18	
										1015	Cooper Hardware	9/21/18	
										1018	Cooper Hardware	9/22/18	
										1017	XYZ Company	2/15/18	
										1018	Cooper Hardware	2/13/18	
										1019	Belly Delly	9/15/18	
										1020	Cooper Hardware	9/22/18	
										1021	Cooper Hardware	9/22/18	

b2 Click inside the table on the left. and then select the Table Design tab. You will see the name of the table on the upper left side of the screen.

b3 Click inside the other tables, and note the name of the tables for each of these on the far-left side of the Table Design tab.

(Note: If you are using Excel data as basis of a Power BI file of your own in future and the data sets in Excel *don't* have table names, you click inside the data area and do Insert, Table in Excel. Then on the Design tab way on the left you can give it a name (eg Customers). Also you can remove the various formatting (banding et al) created by turning the data into a table by clicking inside the table, and on the Design tab in the Table Styles area click in the lower right corner to open the list of styles and pick



the first one (None). BTW: You know you have a table if in the lower right-hand corner of the list you see a little triangular dot.)

b4 Close the Excel file, but don't save if prompted.

## PART C – BRINGING DATA INTO POWER BI

Since ExcellMultiTableForPowerBI.xlsx already has all of its four tables defined with table names, we can load that data into Power BI. Here is how:

c1 Assuming it has been installed on your computer\*\*\*, start up Power BI Desktop app from your computer. Close the opening screen.

[\*\*\* If necessary, to download, go to the Download Center for Power BI (signing into your Office account as necessary).

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=58494> Then click the Download button. You should see a link for Power BI on your computer (eg in the list on the Start menu).

c2 Save the Power BI file/report by clicking the Save button in the upper left, and save it to the Desktop, naming it [YourFirstName]PowerBI (eg RoyPowerBI). (Note that It is a .pbix file type.)

Now we'll select Excel workbook as the source type.

c3 Click Get Data from the Home tab.

c4 Select Excel workbook as the source type. [Alternately you could have clicked "Import Data from Excel" on the Power BI startup screen.]

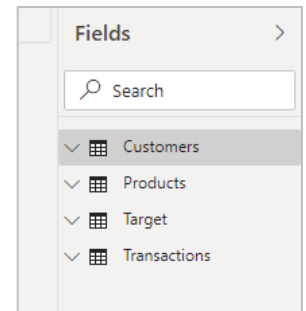
c5 Then select the Excel file that has the tables you want, ExcellMultiTableForPowerBI.xlsx, and click Open. The Navigator screen appears.

You can modify/clean up the data in Power BI before you actually Load the data into the system. For now we will skip this step, and keep the data as is. (We'll address this issue later in the course.)

c6 Select each of the tables listed on the left side of the Navigator (but not the one called "Data" if it shows). Then click Load. The Excel tables are brought in, embedded into the [YourFirstName]PowerBI file. You can see the tables with fields on the right.

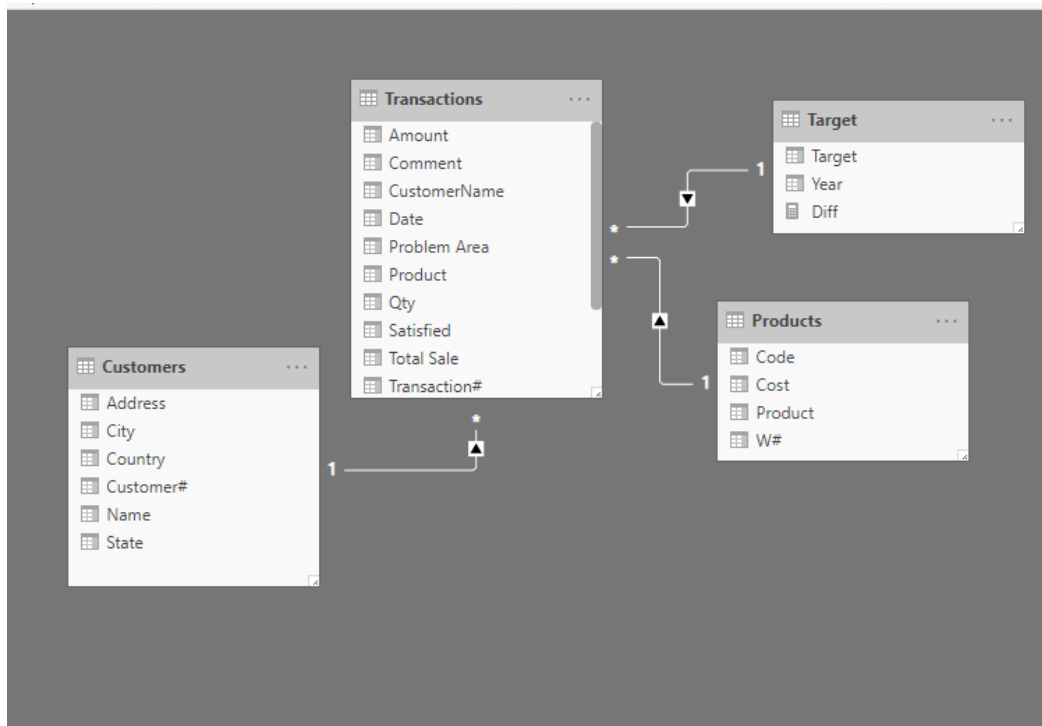
c7 Click on the Data button on the far left of the Power BI file. It's one of the three major buttons on the left. You see the data (in the middle left of the screen) for the first table selected in the Fields window on the far right. (eg Customers) [Note: If you don't see the data, close and reopen the file.]

Customer#	Name	Address	City	State	Country
1	Cooper Hardware	123 Jones Ave	Long Beach	CA	USA
2	Belly Delly	585 Smith St	Atlanta	GA	USA
3	Dames Are Us	345 R. Blvd	Stockton	CA	USA
4	Angel Foods	1898 Riviera	Santa Ana	CA	USA
5	XYZ Company	123 Green	Cupertino	CA	USA
6	Forest Corp	124 Tyco	Montreal	Quebec	Canada



c8 Then click the names of each of the other three embedded tables listed in the Fields window on the far right, which will expand the list to show subfields in the Fields window, as well as show all of the records for the table in the data pane on the left. (i.e. click Products, then Target, and then Transaction one after another) **Tip:** You can filter the table by clicking the down arrow at top of each column.

## PART D – CREATING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG TABLES



### Theory

One of the great features of Power BI is the ability to cross-link tables. That way if you enter certain data in one table, the system can look up corresponding data from another table, eliminating a lot of extra typing.

Eg if you enter Customer Names into the detail-oriented Transactions table, rather than entering the City, State, and Zip for each customer into that transaction, you only enter the Customer Name only, and the system looks up those other fields from another linked table for that record. This occurs because there is a relationship between the tables through a common field, such as between the Name field in the Customers table (which is the name of the fields that holds customer names), and the Customer Name field in the Transactions table, (which also holds Customer Names).

### *What's Next?*

Next we will create the relationships of pairs of tables among the four imported Excel tables in the relationships area of Power BI.

We will begin by inking the Customers (One) table to the Transactions (Many) table on a common field.

### **To Do**

**d1** In the [YourFirstName]PowerBI file click on the Model button way on the left.

**d2** Move the tables around so that the Transactions table is in the middle. (Make sure you see the Target table. You may have to scroll to the right to see it. Once you see it drag it to the left with the other tables.) Also stretch down the bottom of the Transactions table so you see the Yr field.

**d3** If you see a link line between any two tables, click on it and right click on it and select delete and then delete. We are doing this so we can start out fresh, from scratch.

Next we'll create links between any two tables by dragging a field in one table to a field with similar data in another table.

**d4** Click the Name field in the Customers table and drag to the CustomerName field in the Transactions table. A line is created. If you look closely you will see it designates a One and Many markers.

**d5** Then hover over the line to see the two fields that are being linked highlighted in orange.

**d6** Now click and drag the Product field of the Products table to Product field of Transactions table. Hover over that line to see the highlighted fields.

**d7** Finally, drag Year field from Target table to Yr field in Transactions table. (You might need to move the Transactions table a bit to accurately see the link.) Hover over that line to see the highlighted fields.

**d8** Then hover over any of the other link lines to see which fields are linked between any two tables. Then Save.

**(TIP:** You can also double click the link line to see more information about that relationship.)

## **PART E – CONCEIVING POSSIBILITIES**

### **What to Summarize, Using which Node Types**

Once you have brought in the tables and related them in Power BI, it is time to start thinking about what you want to visualize. I.e. how do you want to see your data.

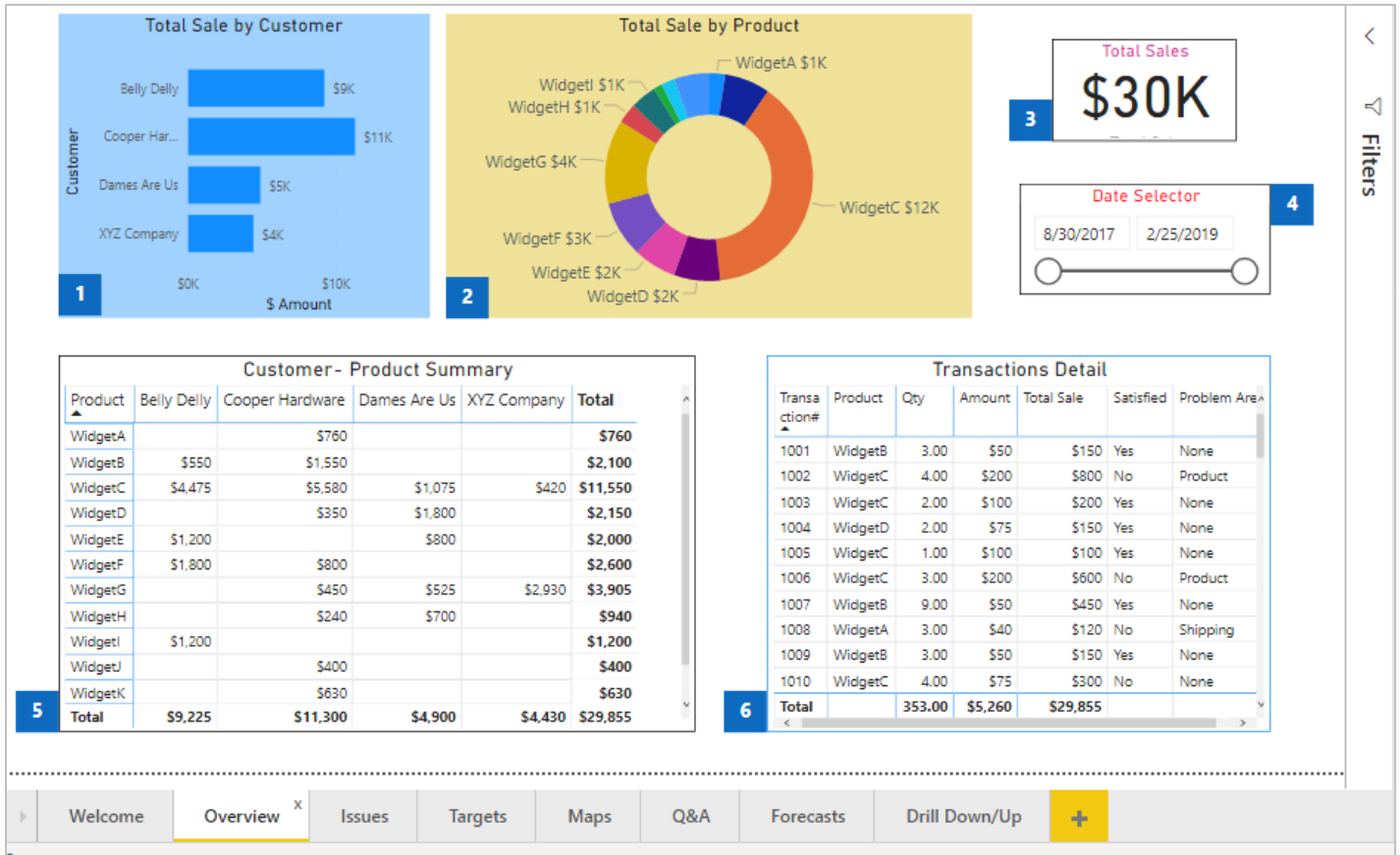
It may not be clear to you how to visualize the data until you see how to build several nodes, but still you can start thinking about what kind of information you want to see presented visually, say by chart-like views.

If you come up with ideas, write it down. Also have discussions with others and get their suggestions as appropriate.

Several approaches come to mind. Eg though you may have piles of data, consider how the data could be categorized, by what factors; or how it can be summarized with totals and grand totals. Then try to imagine which node type would be best for their visualizations – a chart, a table, a matrix (like pivot table), a card, a slicer, a gauge, etc. As you build nodes with these node types in this course, you will better understand what they can do, and how to apply it to our own data.

## SECTION 2 - CREATING VISUALS

### PART F – OVERVIEW VISUALS



#### Intro

Now we will start building our visuals utilizing Power BI’s visual node types and the tables and their fields you brought into the system from Excel. We will start by creating an Overview page, incorporating several nodes on that page.

The Overview page will have six visual nodes (based on certain node types). These nodes will give basic summary and detail information about sales for the customers and products.

They will include a Total Sales by Customer bar chart, a Total Sales by Product donut chart, a Total Sales card, a Date Selector lever, a Customer-Product Summary matrix, and a Transaction Detail card.

#### To Do

**f1** PAGE – Double click the page tab at the bottom of the page (it says Page1), select Rename Page, and type “Overview”, and hit the Enter key.

## 1.

### Total Sales by Customer

The first node we'll create is Total Sales per each customer. We'll use a Stacked Bar Chart to make it happen.

f2 Visual: Make sure no node is selected. Then click Stacked Bar Chart from among the visualization node types. (It's in the first row, the first icon) The node begins to be built on the left.

Now we will add fields to the node that will populate it with the data we want. Then we will format the node.

f3 Fields: Expand the Customers table name on the right so you see the fields beneath it. Drag the Name field into the Axis area (where it says Add data fields here). Then expand the Transactions table on the right so you see its sub-fields, and drag Total Sales field into the Values area. (Also hide the Filter area in the middle of the page by clicking the right pointing arrow at the top of the area, which will give us more room to work with.)

Now we'll change the sorting of the data; sorting by Name

f4 Click ellipse in lower right of node on the left of the screen and select Sort by, Name, then click Sort Ascending.

Now we'll alter the formatting of the node, including the background, the data labels, and the Title text.

f5 Format: In the Visualizations area on the right side of the screen, activate Formatting mode which is the second of the three icons. (It's just above the Axis area.) Click General below. Then click Effects, Background, Color, and select a light blue. Then click Visual icon near the top, then Data Labels to On, Click General near the top, then Title, and select Center icon, then change Text to 16 pt. Click away from node on the left.

## 2.

### Total Sales by Product

Now we'll build another node that shows the totals sales per each product using a Donut Chart node type.

f6 Visual: Make sure no node is selected. Then click Donut Chart. (3<sup>rd</sup> row, 5<sup>th</sup> icon)

Now we'll add our data fields and formatting.

f7 Fields: From the Products table, add Product into the Legend area, and W# below it. Also from Transactions table add Total Sale into Values. (Then hover over each field to see their origins.)

f8 **Format**: Switch to Format mode under Visualizations. Then click General below it. Click Title, make Text size larger. Then click the Data icon at top (in order to reset all the choices). Then click Format mode icon. Click General mode, click Effects, change Background Color to light gold. Click Visual mode and turn Legend off. Click Detail labels, Options, Category Data Label.

**3**

### Total Sales

Now we'll build a simple Card-type node that simply shows the Grand Total of all sales.

f9 **Visual**: Make sure no node is selected on the left. (If necessary click away from any node to deselect any nodes.) Add the Card visual (Row 4, icon 4)

f10 **Fields**: From Transactions table add Total Sale into the only available slot.

f11 **Format**: Switch to Format mode. Then General mode. Set Title property to On. Then in Title, then in Text area enter "Total Sales". Then set text to center and color red. Click Data mode, then Format mode, General mode. Then Effects, VisualBorder to on.

**4**

### Date Slicer Selector

Now we'll build a Slicer node to be used for filtering down our data by date.

f12 **Visual**: Select Slicer (Row 5, icon 1)

f13 **Fields**: From Transactions table add Date field to the one available slot.

f14 **Format**: Click Format mode, then General mode. Click Effects, Visual Border to on. Title On, Title Text to "Date Selector", Horizontal alignment to Center, Text color to red. Format mode, Visual mode. Values, values, Font 11 pt. Then click on Focus Mode icon just below right of node to see the node larger. Then click Back to Report in upper left to make the node smaller again. Move the nodes around and adjust sizes so it looks like graphic in manual at start of this chapter.

**5**

### Customer-Products Summary

Now we'll create a Matrix node. A Matrix node is one in which we can create subtotals (summary) of data up and down and left to right. It is sometime referred to a Crosstab, or a Pivot Table. (See picture in manual at beginning of this chapter.)

f15 Visual: with no node currently selected, select Matrix visualization (Row 5, icon 3). Then if necessary move it to the lower left of the screen. Also make it bigger by dragging handles in lower right corner of node.

f16 Fields: From Transactions table add Product to Rows area. Add Customer Name in Columns area. Add Total Sale to Values.

f17 Format: Click Data mode, then Format mode, then Visual mode. Style Presets to Minimal. Click Grid, Vertical Grid on, Border to on. Title text to “Customer-Product Summary”, and Centered, Text Size to 16 pt. Click Visual mode, Column Header Text Size to 12 pt. Then make node larger, stretching it out to see more data.

## 6

### Transactions Detail

Now we’ll create a table node that simply lists all of the detail records row by row. (Make sure no nodes are selected.)

f18 Visual: Table (Row 5, icon 2)

f19 Fields: We’ll add a large number of fields. In Values add Transaction#, then under it add Product, then Qty, then Amount, then Total Sales, then Satisfied, then Problem Area. Then stretch out the node.

f20 Format: Data mode, Format mode, Visual mode, Style Preset to Minimal. Click Grid, Vertical Gridlines to on, Border to on, Gneral mode, Title to on, “Transactions Detail”, Center, 15pt.

f21 Zoom out by clicking Focus Mode. Adjust width of columns by clicking in between column headings and dragging left or right. Zoom back in by clicking “Back to Report”. Click ellipse icon in upper right corner of node, and Sort by Satisfied. Then Sort Ascending which will sort No to Yes.

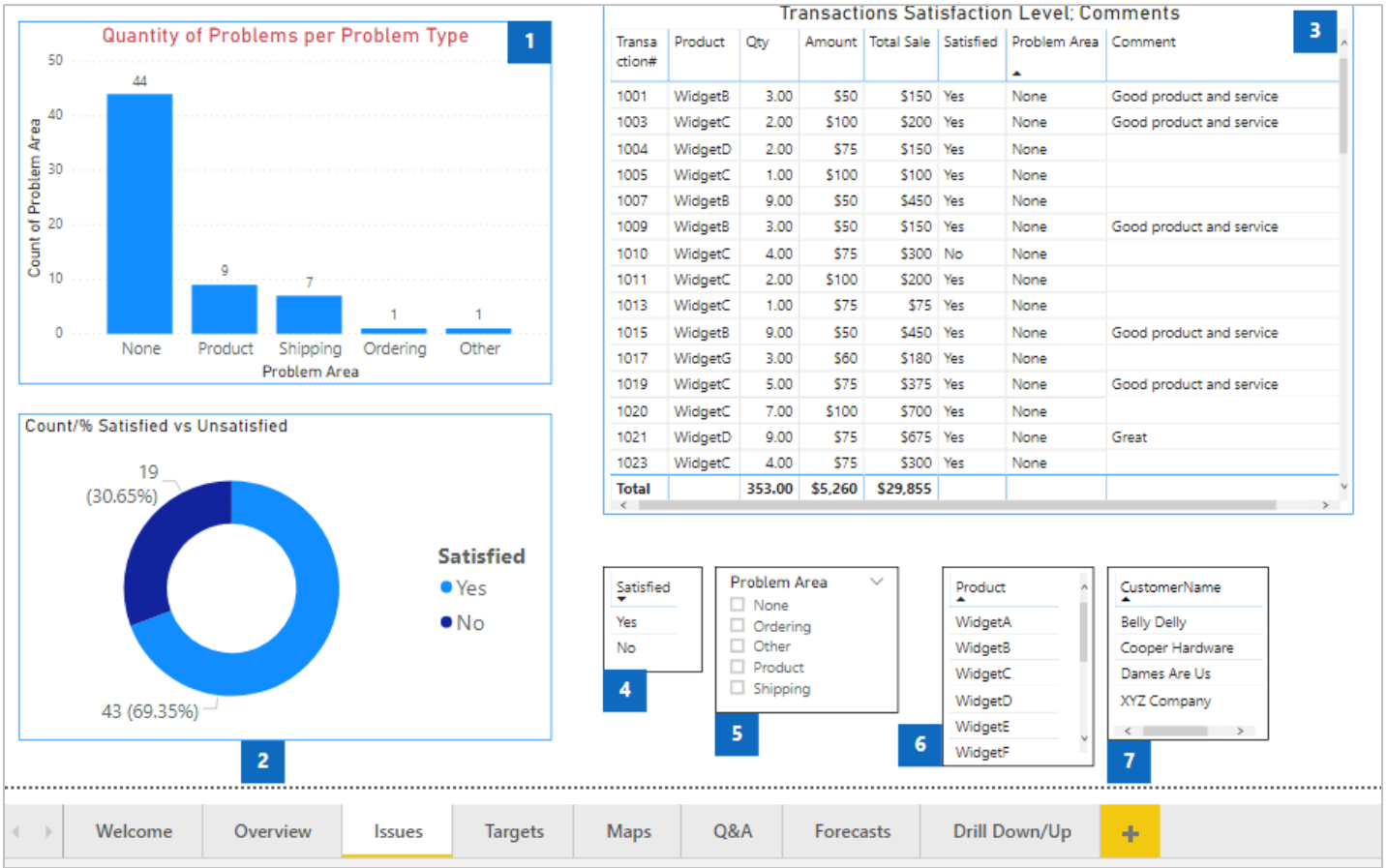
F22 **Resize and move the nodes around** so it looks like what the graphic shows at the beginning of this section.

F23 **KEY: FILTERING ALL NODES ON A PAGE**: At any point in developing the nodes on the page, you can click a section of it, such as the part of a Donut chart that contains a specific Product (eg Widget 3), which will filter down all the other nodes on that page. To see all records again, click outside any piece of the Donut Chart or click on the earlier selected slice of the chart. Try it now!

Then try the Data Selector Slicer. Try selecting a Product or Customer in the Customer-Product Summary Matrix. Then click in white area of Matrix to see all data. Now select two or more products in the Matrix by using the Control key.



## PART G – ISSUES VISUALS



### Intro

The Issues page has seven visual nodes. These nodes present visualizations of the problem issues the customers are having in their sales transactions, such as problems with shipping or with the product itself, etc.

**KEY:** At any point in developing the nodes on the page, you can click or control-click entries of a Slicer or Matrix or other node, which will filter down all the other nodes similarly on that page.

### To Do

**g1** PAGE – Click “+” to create new page, double click text and rename it “Issues”, and hit Enter key

**1**

### Quantity of Problems Per Problem Type

First we’ll build a clustered column chart that indicates the quantity of problems per product type within all sales transactions.

g2 Visual: Clustered Columns Chart (Row 1, icon 4)

g3 Fields: Problem Area in Axis. Problem Area in Value (which changes it to “Count of ..”) Click on Focus Mode.

g4 Format: Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Title, Title Text to “Quantity of Problems Per Problem”, Center, Red, 16pt. Turn Data Labels On. Click Visual mode, Data Labels on. Click Visual mode, Y Axis, Axis Title “Count of Problem Area”. Click Visual mode, Data Labels. Click back to Report. Make node larger. (see intro image for this section.)

**2**

### Count/% Satisfied vs Unsatisfied

Next we’ll build a donut chart that Counts/gives % satisfied vs unsatisfied among the transactions.

g5 Visual: Donut Chart (Row 3, icon 5)

g6 Fields: Satisfied in Legend. Satisfied in Values. (Turns it into Count of Satisfied.)

g7 Format: Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on, Color blue. Click Visual mode, title, Title Text to “Count/% Satisfied vs Unsatisfied”. Move node under the other node, and resize as necessary.

**3**

### Transactions Satisfaction Level; Comments

Next we’ll build a table node of all detailed transactions with customer comments.

g8 Visual: Table (Row 5, icon 2)

g9 Fields: Transaction#, Product, Quantity, Amount, Total Sale, Satisfied, Problem Area, Comment

g10 Format: Format mode, Style Presets, style to Minimal. Grid, Vertical Gridlines on. Click Format mode, General mode, Title On, and Title Text is “Transactions Satisfaction Level; Comments”, Center, 14pt.

g11 Adjust width of node and column widths. (see graphic for this section.)

**4**

### Satisfied

Next we’ll create a simple Satisfied yes/no table.

g12 Visual: Table (Row 5, icon 2)

g13 Fields: Satisfied in Columns

g14 Format: Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Add Data mode. Format mode, Style Presets, style to Minimal. Grid, Vertical Gridlines on.

g15 Click ellipse at top right corner of node, and select Sort Descending, which will sort it in order of Yes items, then No items. Make node much smaller. Then rearrange as seen in graphic at beginning of this chapter.

## 5

### Problem Area

Now we'll build a Problem Area slicer to filter down data by a particular problem area.

g16 Visual: Slicer (Row 5, icon 1). Then resize and move node down as in graphic at start of chapter.

g17 Fields: Problem Area

g18 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode. Effects, Visual Border on. (Stretch down node as needed to see all items.)

## 6

### Product

Next we'll build a table that enables us to filter by Product.

g19 Visual: Table (Row 5, icon 2)

g20 Fields: Product in Values

g21 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode. Effects, Visual Border on. Visual mode, Style Presets to Minimal. Grid, Vertical Grid on.

g22 If necessary, sort by Product. (i.e. sort ascending)

## 7

### Customer Name

Next we'll build a table that enables us to filter by Customer Name.

g23 Visual: Table (Row 5, icon 2). If necessary, move node next to other two in lower half, as shown in graphic at start of chapter.

g24 Fields: Customer Name in Values

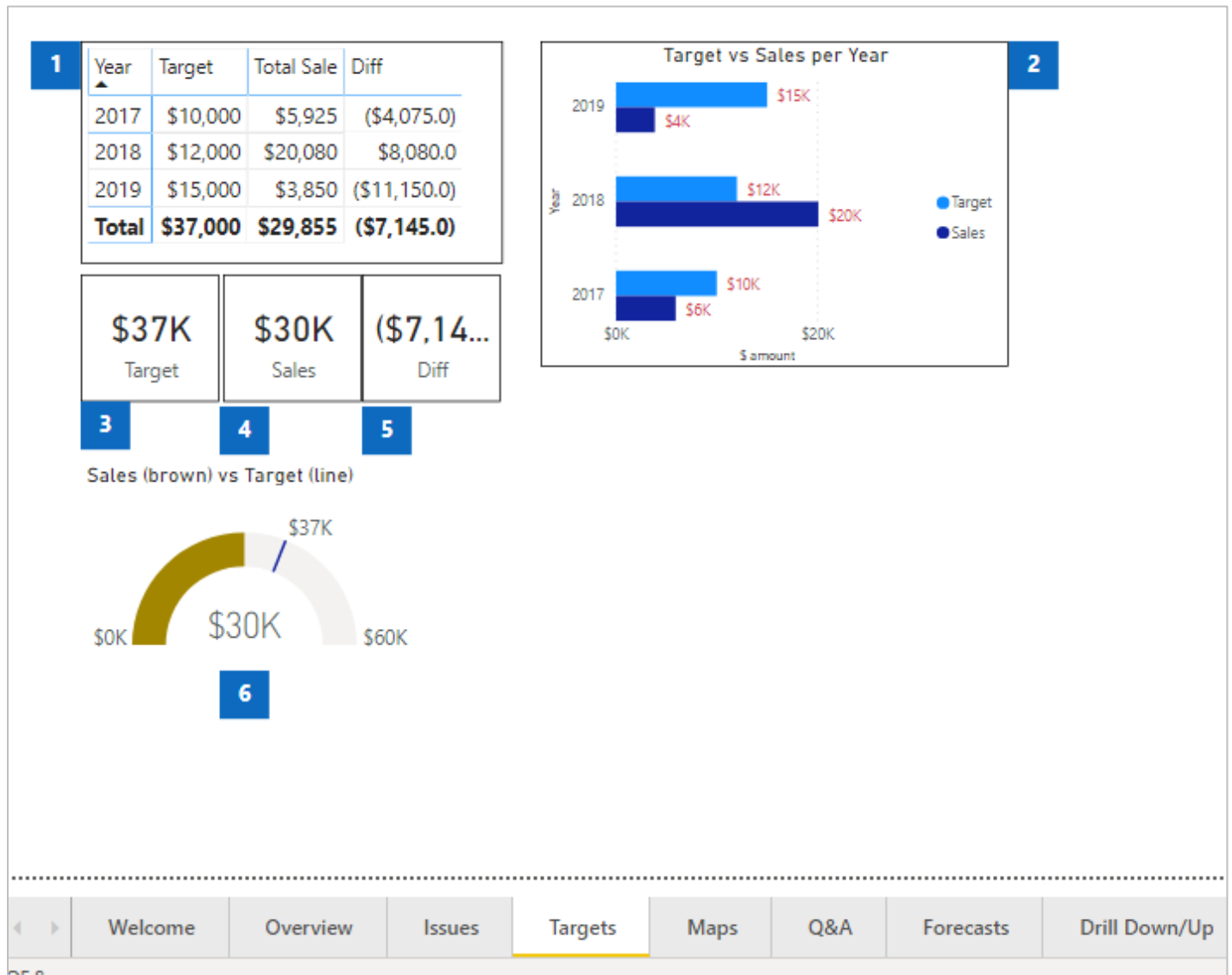
g25 Format: Visual mode, Style Presets to Minimal. Grid, Vertical Grid to on. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Adjust length of node.

g26 If necessary, sort by Customer Name. (i.e. Sort Ascending)

g27 Now practice filtering by clicking in sections of node, and by using any of the bottom selector nodes (Note: try doing control-click with 3 or more selections in the three selector nodes.)

(EXTRA! Also see special visual created, along with narrative text, in the completed file "CompleteRoyPowerBI")

## PART H – TARGETS VISUALS



### Intro

The Targets page has six visual nodes. These nodes present visualizations of the targets set for each of three years, and whether the targets were met.

**KEY:** At any point in developing the nodes on the page, you can click an entry or entries of a Matrix, Card, Bar Chart, Gauge, which will filter down all the other nodes on that page. (**New!** Now you can also use Control Click to select multiple pieces.) To unfilter relick the part(s) you earlier clicked on.

## To Do

**h1** PAGE – Click “+” to create new page and rename it “Targets”.

### Set up New Measure for Diff field

**h2** Click the Data button way on the left to see the first table (Customers).

**h3** Activate the Target table on the right. You see its sub-fields on the right, and the table data itself on the left.

We will create a calculation type known as a New Measure, which rather than say multiplying one field by another fields calculates an entire sum total of a field by the sum total of another.

**h4** Click New Measure from the Home tab in the Calculations area.

We will create an expression that is essentially Sum of the Total Sale values from the Transactions table minus the Sum of the Target values from the Target table. It will end up looking like this:

**Diff = Sum('Transactions'[Total Sale])-Sum('Target'[Target])**

**h5** Here’s how to do it:

-Double click the word Measure and type over it “Diff”

-Then after the = sign type Sum(

-Then double click Transactions[Total Sale]. Then put ending parentheses after.

-Then type in – sign and then type Sum( Then double click Target[Target]. Then ending parenthesis.

-Then go back to the word Transactions in the formula and put single quote around it so it looks like ‘Transactions’. Then do the same for Target. Note that It is necessity to put the single quote before and after the table name in this case because that field [Total sale} is coming from a different table than the one the Measure is being created in.

When done hit Enter key.

Note that the Diff New Measure calculation is there in the Target table, looking like a little black phone.

**h6** The switch back to Report view by clicking its icon on the left side of the screen so we can start building nodes using this Diff New Measure calculation.

H7 Click on the Diff new measure from the Target table on the right and on the Measure tools tab change Whole Number from the pop-up to Currency. Then do the same for Target in the Targets table, and Total Sale from the Transactions table.

## 1

### Year Target & Diff

First we'll include a matrix visualization node that shows sales target, actual sales, and the differences between these across each of the three years

h8 Visual: Matrix (Row 5, icon 3)

h9 Fields: From Target table select Year in Rows. Target in Values. (Click Count of Target pop-up and change to Sum. Then right click it and rename it "Target". Also add to Values are Total Sales from Transactions table, and then from Target table add Diff to Values area.

h10 Format: Visual mode, Style Presets to Minimal. Grid, Vertical Grid to on. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Visual mode, Row Header text size to 14pt. Then stretch out the node so you see all data.

## 2

### Target vs Sales per Year

Next we'll create a Bar Chart that shows the Target vs Sales per year.

h11 Visual: Clustered Bar Chart (Row 1, icon 3)

h12 Fields: Year in Axis. Target to Values, change to Sum, then rename as "Target". Add Total Sale to Values, and rename to Sales.

h13 Format: Visual mode, Data Labels to On; and select Values make Red. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Visual mode. General mode. Title Center, Larger. Visual mode, Legend, Legend On, Position Right Center. X Axis. Title "\$ Amount" Move node to right of previous node (see chapter picture) and resize as needed.

## 3

### Target

Now we'll build a card that simply show the total (i.e. grand total) Target \$.

h14 Visual: Card (Row 4, icon 4)

h15 Fields: Target; change to Sum of Target, rename as "Target"

**h16** Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Data mode, Format mode, Visual mode, Call Out Value, Change Data Labels to 24pt. Make node smaller, as in section image.

**4**

### Sales

Next we'll build a card that simply show the total (i.e. grand total) Sales \$.

**h17** Visual: Card (Row 4, icon 4)

**h18** Fields: Total Sale, rename as "Sales".

**h19** Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Data mode, Format mode, Visual mode, Call Out Value, Change Data Labels to 24pt. Resize, move to match node to the left.

**5**

### Diff

Now we'll build a card that simply show the total (i.e. grand total) Diff \$ (using our Diff calculation).

**h20** Visual: Card (Row 4, icon 4)

**h21** Fields: Diff

**h22** Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Data mode, Format mode, Visual mode, Call Out Value, Change Data Labels to 24pt. Display Units to Thousands. Resize, move to match node to the left.

**6**

### Sales (blue) vs Target (line)

Finally we will build a visualization that shows Sales vs Target in a gauge configuration

**h23** Visual: Gauge (Row 4, icon 3)

**h24** Fields: Total Sale in Value. Target Value is Target, change from Count of Target to "Sum of Target".

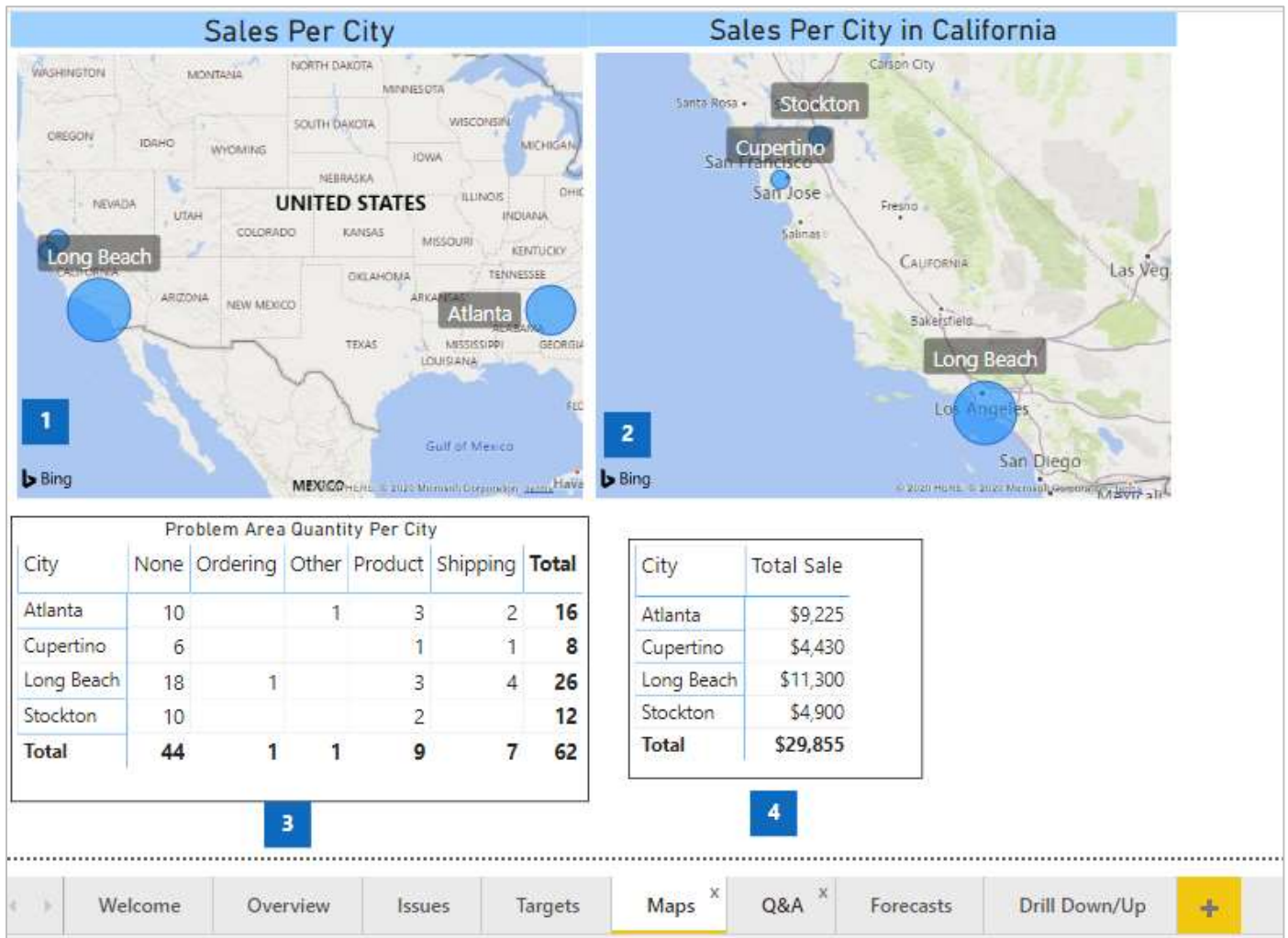
**H25** Format: Visual mode, Colors, Fill, change to light brown. General mode, Title, Change Title text to "Sales (brown) vs Target (line)". Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Move node as in section image. Try out filtering (eg select 2018 on bar chart). Note gauge results (Sales vs. Target.)

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*TIP:* For advanced Target-type visualizations, go to the Section 5 -Special Features, towards the end of this manual, see Special Charts Visualization, and then look for **KPI (Key Performance Indicator)**. This content mostly consists to a link to Microsoft’s explanation of how to use the KPI visual, plus a video of how to become even more expert in this area.

For other simple gauge examples, please go [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)

## PART I – MAPS VISUALS



### Intro

The Maps page has four visual nodes. Two of them present information about sales in terms of cities in map-type view, and two are shown in basic list-type view.

**KEY:** At any point in developing the nodes on the page, you can click an entry or entries of a Map or Matrix, which will filter down all the other nodes on that page.



## To Do

i1 PAGE – Click “+” to create new page and rename it “Maps”.

**1**

### Sales Per City

The first visual Map node will show Sales Per City

i2 Visual: Map (Row 4, icon 1)

i3 Fields: From Customers table, add City and then State to Location. From Transactions table add Total Sale to Size

i4 Format: Visual mode, Category Labels On. General mode, Title On, Text “Sales Per City”, Center, Font Size 22pt. Visual mode, Bubbles Size 20.

**2**

### Sales Per City in California

The second visual Map node will show Sales Per City in California

i5 Visual: Map (Row 4, icon 1)

i6 Fields: From Customers table add City and then State to Location. From Transactions table add Total Sale to Size

i7 Filters: Activate filtering system on right. Then click State down arrow, and select CA to show California entries only. Hide Filtering system by clicking right arrow in upper right.

i8 Format: Visual mode, Category Labels On. General mode, Title On, Text “Sales Per City California”, Center, Font Size 22pt. Visual mode, Bubbles Size 20. Move node to right of previous node, and resize to balance (see image at beginning of this section).

**3**

### Problem Area Quantity per City

The next node is a Matrix that shows Problems Area Quantity Per City

i9 Visual: Matrix (Row 5, icon 3)

i10 Fields: From Customers table, drag City on Rows. From Transactions table Problem Area in Columns. Satisfied in Values (if necessary, change to Count of Satisfied)

i11 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Visual mode, Style Presets to Minimal. Grid, Vertical Gridlines to On. Format mode, Visual mode, Row Headers 12 pt. Column Headers 12 pt. Adjust size of node.

**4**

City | Total Sale

The last node is a simple Matrix that shows Total Sales Per City.

i12 Visual: Matrix (Row 5, icon 3)

i13 Fields: From Customers table City on Rows. From Transactions table Total Sale in Values.

i14 Format Visual mode, Style Presets to Minimal. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to on. Grid, Vertical Grid to on. Column Headers (Text size) 14 pt. Row Headers (Text size) 12pt. Move nodes around as in image at start of section. Then try out filtering.

**PART J – Q&A VISUALS**

The screenshot displays a Q&A dashboard with several components:

- Widget 1:** A horizontal bar chart titled "show total sales per city per product". The x-axis represents "Total Sale" from \$0K to \$6K. The y-axis lists products: WidgetC, WidgetG, WidgetF, WidgetD, WidgetB, WidgetE, and WidgetL. The legend indicates four cities: Atlanta (blue), Cupertino (orange), Long Beach (purple), and Stockton (red).
- Widget 2:** A horizontal bar chart titled "show number of transactions Satisfied is No per city". The x-axis represents "Count of Transactions" from 0 to 8. The y-axis lists cities: Long Beach, Atlanta, Stockton, and Cupertino.
- Widget 3:** A search interface titled "Ask a question about your data". It includes a text input field, a "Try one of these to get started" section with buttons for "top problem areas by diff" and "what is the diff by country", and a "Show all suggestions" link.
- Filters (4, 5, 6):** Three filter panels are shown:
  - City (4):** A list of cities with checkboxes: Atlanta, Cupertino, Long Beach, Montreal, Santa Ana, and Stockton.
  - Product (5):** A list of products from WidgetA to WidgetL with checkboxes.
  - Name (6):** A list of company names with checkboxes: Select all, Angel Foods, Belly Delly, Cooper Hardware, Dames Are Us, Forest Corp, and XYZ Company.
- Navigation Bar:** A bottom navigation bar with tabs: Welcome, Overview, Issues, Targets, Maps, Q&A (active), Forecasts, and Drill Down/Up. A yellow "+" button is on the right.

## Intro

The Q&A page has six visual nodes. The nodes present several entry screen where a user can query the entire database through natural language English expressions. Also there are notes for further filtering the data.

**NOTE:** In developing the nodes on the page, you can click an entry or entries of the Slicers or the graphics that come up from the English Language query, which will filter down all the other nodes on that page.

## To Do

j1 PAGE – Click “+” to create new page and rename it “Q&A”.

### 1

#### Q&A1

In the first Q&A node the user types in “show total sales per city per product” and received a result as a bar chart

J2 Visual: Q&A (Row 6, icon 2) (Note: these node type locations are subject to change.)

J3 Type the following: “Show total sales per city per product”

J4 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On.

### 2

#### Q&A2

In another Q&A node the user enters “show number of transactions satisfied is No per city’ and generated a bar chart as a result.

j5 Visual: Q&A2 (Row 6, icon 2)

j6 Type the following: “Show number of transactions is No per city”

j7 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On.

### 3

#### Q&A3

The third Q&A node allows the user to enter their own English language query of the system.

j8 Visual: Q&A (Row 6, icon 1)

j9 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On. Visual mode, Question Field, Font Size 18pt; and Question Font Color Red.

J10 Type the following: [For now leave it blank, allowing user to enter into Q&A when they get access to it]

For example, the user could enter into Question field “sum of total sale per satisfied is no” Also when the user enter a query, the system may make other suggestions related to the one they had entered.

In addition there are three table nodes that enable a further filtering of the data on the page, including one for city, one for product, and one for customer name.

**4** [because of time limitations in class explain only – see image at start of the section]

City Slicer

j11 Visual: Slicer (Row 5, icon 1)

j12 Fields: City from Customer table

j13 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On. Resize node as seen in graphic at start of this chapter.

**5**

Product Slicer

j14 Visual: Slicer (Row 5, icon 1)

j15 Fields: Product

j16 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On. Resize. Stretch out node as necessary to see all entries.

**6**

Customer Name Slicer

j17 Visual: Slicer (Row 5, icon 1)

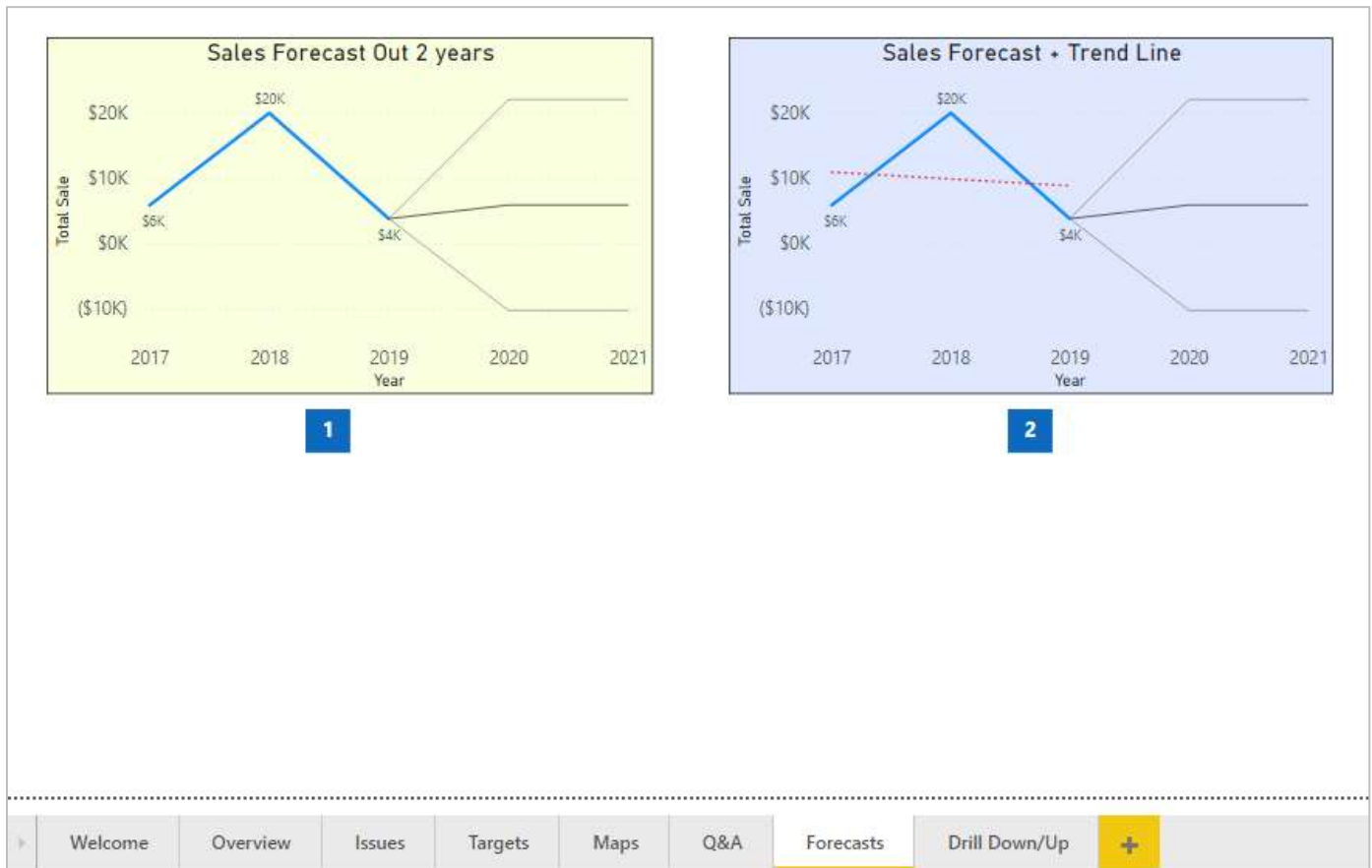
j18 Fields: Add CustomerName field from Transactions table.

**j19 Format:** Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On. Resize Section Controls, turn on Show “select all” option. This gives you the option of “Select All” at the start of the entries. Stretch out node as necessary to see all entries.

**Filtering in the Slicers:** You can control click to select more than one entry in a slicer. Eg First select Belly Delly as filter in CustomerName slicer. Then in Product slicer select Widget B, hold down Control key and select Widget C and Widget E.

[Additional Info on Q&A Visuals](#) (text)

## PART K – FORECAST, TRENDLINE VISUALS



[because of time limitations in class explain only]

## Intro

The Forecast page has two visual nodes. They show projects of data into the future based on existing data.

## To Do

k1 PAGE – Click “+” to create new page and rename it “Forecasts”.

### 1

#### Forecast

The first node is a Line chart visual that is a Sales Forecast Out Two years.

k2 Visual: Line Chart (Row 2, icon 1)

k3 Fields: from Transactions table place Date into Axis. And click Date drop down arrow and insure it says Date Hierarchy. Total Sales into Values.

k4 Analytics: Click Analytics button (next to Format button). Select Forecast down arrow. Click Add. Change Forecast length to 2 years. Click Apply.

k5 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Background to light yellow. Visual mode, Data Labels to On. Title, Title text to “Sales Forecast Out 2 Years”, centering 18pt., Visual mode, X Axis, Values Text Size to 12.pt. Y Axis, Values, Text Size to 12.pt.

### 2

#### Forecast + Trend Line

The second node is the same as the first except it adds a trend line for existing data.

k6 ***Duplicate Forecast Node using Control C and Control V.***

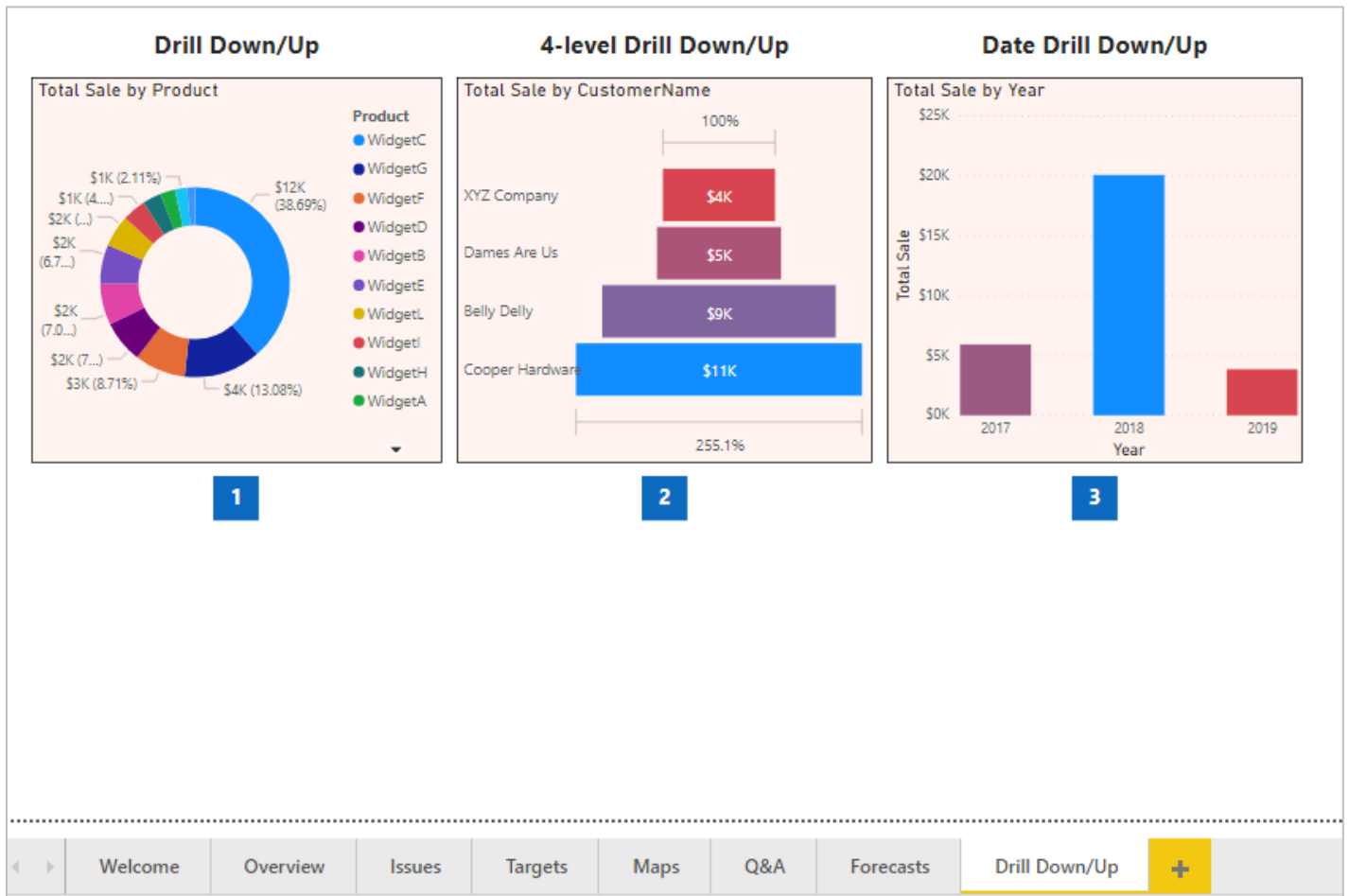
k7 Analytics: Trend Line, Add, Color Red, change Style to Dotted.

k8 Format: General mode, Effects, Background to light blue. Change Title to “Sales Forecast + Trend Line”.

Using the Analytics pane (reference)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/desktop-analytics-pane>

## PART L – DRILL DOWN/UP VISUALS



### Intro

The Drill Down/Up page has three visual nodes. They give the user the ability to drill down from one level in a hierarchy down to a lower level, and from the lower back up to the higher.

### To Do

1 PAGE – Click “+” to create new page and rename it “Drill Down/Up”.

1

## Drill Down/Up

The first node is a Donut chart in which the user can go from Total Sales by Product down a level to Total Sales Per Customer.

I2 Visual: Donut Chart (Row 3, icon 5)

I3 Fields: From Transactions table add Product, CustomerName, into Legend. (Note that this is a hierarchy of data with Product first and CustomerName as subset of each product.) Add Total Sale in Values.

I4 Format: Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Visual Border to On. Data mode, Format mode, General mode, Effects, Background to light yellow.

I5 *Action* – The node is currently showing results of Total Sales by Product. Make sure the node is selected. Click on the Double Down arrow to go to next, lower level in the Hierarchy. (i.e. to Total Sale by CustomerName). Clicking up arrow now goes back up the higher level to Total Sale by Product.

## 2

### 4-Level Drill Down/Up

The second node is a Funnel chart in which the user to move among 4 levels in the hierarchy from Total Sales By Customer to By Product to by City and to by State.

I6 Visual: Duplicate the Drill Down/Up visual (Control C, Control V). Move it to the right of the other node. Then change visual to Funnel (Row 3, icon 2)

I7 Fields: From Customers table add City and State to Group

I8 Make sure the node is selected and move among the 4 levels using the double down and up arrows on node. At each level click the ellipse (...) and make sure the Sort is by Total Sale

Now we'll do some conditional formatting.

I9 Format: Go up to the highest level of the hierarchy (Total Sale by Product). Format mode, Colors, click fx icon. Choose a lowest value (eg dark red) and a highest value color (eg dark blue), and click OK.

I10 *Action* – Make sure the node is selected. Click on the Double Down arrow over and over to go to the next level down in the hierarchy. Up arrow goes up. Product, CustomerName, City, State. Each of the four set of bars show their conditional formatting colors relative to one another for their Total Sale amounts. Go back up to Total Sale by Products in the hierarchy using the Up arrow. Save

## 3



## Date Drill Down/Up

The third node is a column chart that enables the user to drill down from by Year data to by Quarter data for a selected year, and to Month data from a selected quarter.

**111 Visual:** Duplicate 4-level Drill Down/Up (Control C, Control V) and change to Stacked Column Chart (Row 1, icon 2)

**112 Fields:** Remove all fields in Axis. From Transactions table add Date into Axis. As a result, Year, Quarter, and Month are generated in a hierarchy.

Next, we'll replace the default mode of filtering when you click on a bar to having it drill down into lower levels of the data.

**113 Action** – Make sure the node is selected. Click on the single down arrow to **turn on Drill down**. It should be highlighted in black as such. Now any time you click a bar it will drill down instead of filtering the node (and other nodes). E.g. try clicking on any bar (eg 2018) and you will drill down to quarterly sales for that year (instead of filtering based on the bar clicked on.)

## PART M– WELCOME START PAGE

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### SALES OVERVIEW

- Detailed Transactions
- Customers & Products Summations
- Problems/Issues Analysis
- Target vs Actual Sales
- Map Distributions
- Q&A Visualization
- Sales Forecasting

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Welcome Overview Issues Targets Maps Q&A Forecasts Drill Down/Up XTras +

## Intro

The Welcome page welcomes the user to the report with a list of the main types of data that is accessible through the various nodes in the report.

## To Do

**m1** PAGE – Click “+” to create new page and rename it “Welcome”. Then click and drag the Welcome page tab into the first position on the left.

### Sales Welcome Text

We’ll add a text box to contain the text of the Welcome page.

**m2** Click Text Box on the Home tab in the Insert area at the top of the page.

**m3** Copy/paste this sample text below into the Text box.

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(for [company Name])

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**m4** Highlite some text in Text box, and format text using the Black toolbar that appears (bold, color, center, etc.). Then move the node to the middle of the page. Also turn Border On.

**m5** Add Image by clicking Image on Insert tab and select Image. Select desired image from computer. Change location and shape as desired.

## PART N– IMPORT, USE ADDITIONAL VISUAL NODE TYPES



### Intro

You can add additional node types into the system, many of them free from Microsoft, and other more sophisticated ones from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties that you may or may not have to pay for.

### To Do

- n1 To import a new visual type, hover over the last visual node type. It looks like an ellipse (...). It reads “get more visuals” when hovered over.
- n2 Then click on the ellipse button.
- n3 Select get more visuals.
- n4 Click Add to one of the visuals you want; eg Word Cloud.

The new visual node type is added to its own new section below the standard visuals.



Now you can build visuals on the page using these imported visual node type. E.g.

n5 Add a new page by clicking the “+” button and renaming it XTras

n6 Word Cloud -- Select the World Cloud visual below the list of visuals node types. From Products table add Product to Category. From Transactions table add Total Sale to Values. Format with Border On. Try it out by clicking on one of the Product names. Reclick the same one to see all data.

N7 Add Slicer (Row 5 icon1) and drag Products to Fields area, and then try out.

*Video of additional Word Cloud features:*

[8.4 How to create a word Cloud in Power BI | Power BI Tutorials for Beginners 2020 by Pavan Lalwani - YouTube](#)

## PART O – FINALE: “MEGA MATRIX”

Customer- Product Summary										
Customer Name	Belly Delly		Cooper Hardware		Dames Are Us		XYZ Company		Total	
Product	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
WidgetA			\$760	6.73%					\$760	2.55%
WidgetB	\$550	5.96%	\$1,550	13.72%					\$2,100	7.03%
WidgetC	\$4,475	48.51%	\$5,580	49.38%	\$1,075	21.94%	\$420	9.48%	\$11,550	38.69%
WidgetD			\$350	3.10%	\$1,800	36.73%			\$2,150	7.20%
WidgetE	\$1,200	13.01%			\$800	16.33%			\$2,000	6.70%
WidgetF	\$1,800	19.51%	\$800	7.08%					\$2,600	8.71%
WidgetG			\$450	3.98%	\$525	10.71%	\$2,930	66.14%	\$3,905	13.08%
WidgetH			\$240	2.12%	\$700	14.29%			\$940	3.15%
WidgetI	\$1,200	13.01%							\$1,200	4.02%
WidgetJ			\$400	3.54%					\$400	1.34%
WidgetK			\$630	5.58%					\$630	2.11%
WidgetL			\$540	4.78%			\$1,080	24.38%	\$1,620	5.43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,225</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$11,300</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$4,900</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$4,430</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$29,855</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**"Mega Matrix"**

We'll now add a matrix node, showing a crosstab of products/customers sales as \$, as well as percentage (%), along with Conditional Formatting.

o1 Copy “Customer – Product Summary” node from the Overview page (Control C), and paste (Control V) into Xtras Page. Move it around to the upper right. Resize as necessary. Then do the following.

o2 Click Total Sale pop-up and rename to “\$”. Click pop-up again and select Conditional Formatting, Background Color, and select a light blue color for Lowest Value on the left, and darker blue for Highest Value on the right. (It may already have those settings.) Click OK.

o3 Then Add another instance of Total Sale to Values (below “\$”). Widen the node! Click the Pop-up for Total Sale and select “Show value as - as Percent of column total”. Click Pop-up again and select Rename, and change to “%”. Set Conditional Formatting on this. Adjust the sizing for entire node to fit along top right area. Also adjust column widths if necessary.

o4 Try out the two other nodes on the page and see its effect on the Mega Matrix.

## **PART P – Explaining Each Visual; Spicing Up Visuals**

### **Each Visual Explained**

Here is an article that explains each of many of the Visuals that come with Power BI:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/visuals/power-bi-visualization-types-for-reports-and-q-and-a>

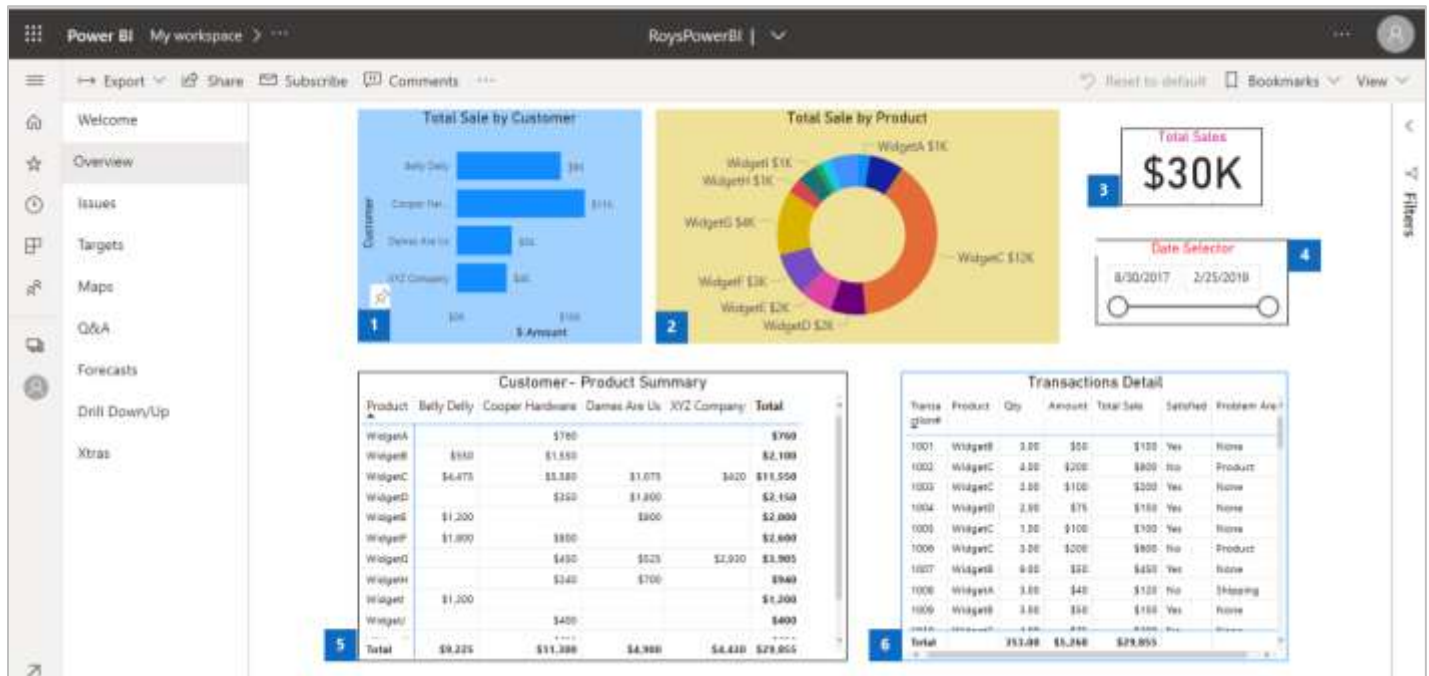
### **Spicing Up Visuals**

Here are several YouTube videos demonstrating ways to spice up the design and look of visuals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASY8gtNZzBc>

<https://www.discoverei.com/blog/top-5-power-bi-design-tips>

## SECTION 3 - PUBLISHING AND SHARING DATA



### Publish, Have Others View, Manipulate the Report

At any point in developing your Power BI file, you can publish the report contents to the web, including the visualization nodes and the pages they exist in.

By default, all pages are published, (If you don't want to publish one of the pages, right click its title tab and select Hide. It will still be visible to you, but won't publish.)

Note that when you publish the report, you are in essence using the Power BI desktop version to post its content (called a report) to the cloud where it is accessible by you or others through "Power BI Service," online interface. By publishing not only is there now an online version that you can see, but that report data is now potentially available to others for them to see.

We'll now publish the current file as a report to the cloud.

- 1 To publish the file/report, select File menu and then Publish. (Or click the Publish button in the upper right hand corner.)
- 2 Then My Workspace, Select, and (if necessary) Replace.
- 3 To see the published report, click on the link "Open [YourName]PowerBI.pbix in Power BI. Then (if prompted) click Sign In and (if necessary) enter your account information (normally a company email account (like roy@xyzcompany.com) and password).

4 When in in the published report mode (in the cloud through Project BI Services), you will see all of the visualizations in their respective tabs, with pages listed on the left. This is in essence a report.

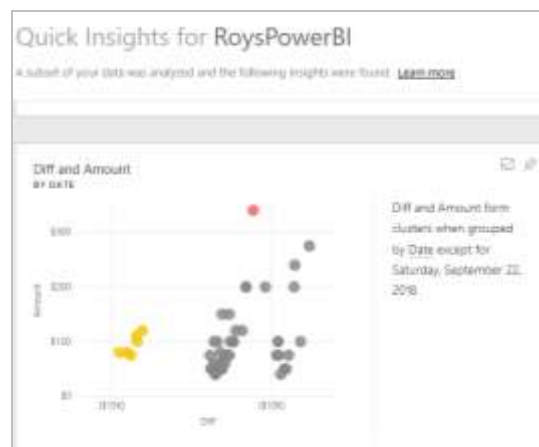
In this view you can do similar things as you were able to do in the original Power BI file, such as clicking bars of graphic or selecting line items, etc., which will cause all of the nodes in that to adjust; i.e. to filtered. You can also do more advanced filter by using the filtering system (which we will do next).

5 You can filter the contents of the published report by clicking any single visualization node, such as the Customer - Product Summary on the Overview tab, and then clicking the Filter button on the right, and entering the criteria, eg CustomerName is Belly Delly. Only that visual will change. (You can also click on parts of a node, like one of the bars in a column chart to filter all nodes on a page. Or you can click on a choice in a Slicer node to filter the page.)

If you click on My Workspace you will see the report(s) listed there that you can open in the Power BI Service. (You can also create what Power BI considers a Workspace in which pinned node items are gathered there, which are then viewable to others you share reports with. This is beyond the scope of this course.)

6 To exit out of the cloud/Power BI, close the Power BI Service window by exiting that tab of the browser or fully existing your browser. You'll be taken back to the Power BI Desktop. (If necessary, click on the Power BI icon now running on the taskbar.)

## Power BI Insights



New to Power BI is Insights, in which the program looks at your data and creates all sorts of graphs and other visualization nodes that gives fresh insights into your data. Eg it might show several nodes that point out exceptional results for a particular customer or product. This is an awesome new feature that you should spend some time with! It's a form of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in action!

7 To activate Insights, republish the Power BI file (File, Publish; or click Publish button, then My Workspace, Replace, etc.), but then in the third step click "Get Quick Insights". After a few moments,

you will enter the cloud/Power BI Service, and there you will see anywhere from a handful to several dozen nodes that present new insights. You see the node on the left, and an explanation on the right.

Like the normal visualizations in a report in Power BI Desktop, the user of Insights has the option of –  
--enlarging it by clicking on the node to enter Focus mode. (and also exiting Focus mode.)

--(When in Focus mode) clicking on a piece of the node (like a CustomerName or a Product) to narrow down the viewed data set

--(When in Focus mode) clicking on the Filter mode on the right when to eg select CustomerName = Belly Delly.

--(Optional) You also have the option of Pinning a desired Insight node, by clicking the Pin visual icon in the upper right corner of a node (that is not in Focus view), which will store it in a new Dashboard (which you have to name) or an existing Dashboard when you click Pin.

You should be able to see the named dashboard with its pinned insight by clicking My Workspace on the left.

8 to exit out of Power BI Service mode, close the web browser window(s).

### **View Your Workspace at Any Time**

9 To see your Workspace info at any time, make sure you are in Power BI, and then click the white circle next to your name in upper right of the app, and (if necessary) enter your Company email address for yourself. Then (if necessary) click the white circle again, select “Power BI Service,” and then click the down arrow next to My Workspace on the left. You see the published reports (as well as any created dashboards). You can click on one to see it here in the Power BI (cloud) Service. You can exit Power BI Service by closing that tab in your browser, or quitting out of the browser completely. Now you can activate Power BI and the open file/report by clicking on the Power BI Windows app at the bottom of the screen.

### **Sharing**

[**Note:** This section requires the proper setup for all involved parties, which **may not be available in a training room setting**] Sharing is to invite others to view a published report. You and they will need to have Power BI Pro to do this, which can be purchased for a monthly subscription price of under \$10. When you share a report, the people you share it with can view it and interact with it, but can't edit it. They see the same data that you see in report.

10 From the Power BI Desktop file you have open, click Share. (from Power BI Pro only)



11 In the top box, enter the full email addresses for individuals you want to share with. Their email must have a company associated with the name (eg they can't have BillJones@gmail.com, but they can have BillJones@xyzcompany.com)

12 Select Share.

### *Recipient of Shared Overview*

Power BI sends an email invitation to the individuals with a link to the shared content. (You see a Success notification.)

13 When the recipients in your organization clicks the link, Power BI adds the report to their "Shared with Me" page on the Power BI Service.

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### *See who has access to a published report*

Sometimes you need to see the people you've shared with (and also see who they've shared it with).

14 From the Power BI Desktop file you have open, click Share.

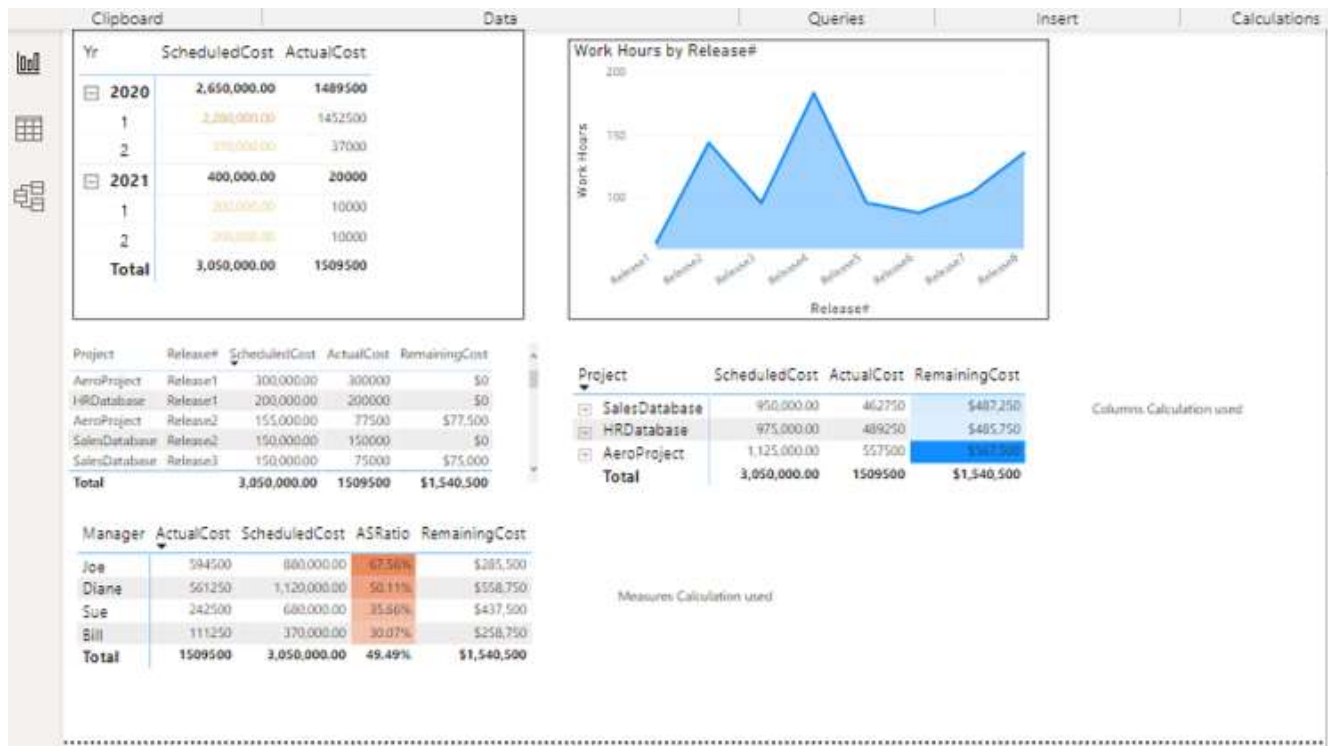
15 In the Share report dialog box, select Access. You see who has access to your Power BI info. (It includes yourself.)

### *More Information on Sharing Data*

Eg to allow others to share with others still; or to share to people outside your organization, etc. etc.

(Here is a [reference doc](#) with info on Sharing.)

## SECTION 4 - TRANSFORMING DATA, DAX FUNCTIONALITY



### Transforming Data

#### Overview

Transformations enables you to extensively modify data once it is brought into Power BI, including renaming tables, removing fields, seeing applied steps, renaming and duplicating and splitting columns, extracting parts of a date, setting date formats, plus creating visuals nodes using these changes.

**NOTE:** This where we create a new PBI file based on a different Excel file.

#### Getting Started

- 1 Exit Power BI if opened.
- 2 Start Power BI app on your computer. Close the opening screen, with the main screen behind still in view.
- 3 Save the file as “**ProjectsPowerBI**” onto the Desktop.
- 4 On the Home tab choose Get Data, select Excel, and select the Excel file named “**Project**”. Click Open.

5 Only select the two files, Managers and Projects, and click Load. The two tables appear on the right.

6 Click Save.

Next we will go into the mode that allows us to work with Transforming data.

7 From the Home tab select Transform Data, Transform data. The Power Query editor opens. The two table names appear on the LEFT as queries. The Managers table is active.

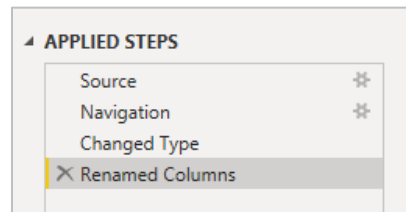
### Rename Table

In the Query Editor you can rename the table (or query) from Excel on the right that has been embedded in Power BI.

8 You are able to right click the table name on the left and select Rename. In this exercise we will not change the name.

### Applied Steps

9 In the Query Editor you can see and backtrack among the steps you have taken so far in the query editor via Applied Steps area which is located on the right. We will come back to this later on.



### Rename Columns

In Query Editor you can rename individual columns by changing their headings. (It only changes the embedded Excel tables, not the original Excel files' table headings.)

10 If necessary, activate the Managers table on the left.

11 Right click Manager ID column headings, select Rename, and change it to ID, and hit Enter key.

### Duplicate, Split Columns

You can duplicate a column in a table. You can also split the data in a column into two columns, such as splitting a code into two separate entities. Eg you can split a column of codes (such HRDatabase Release1) into two columns; one with the first part (eg HRDatabase), and another column with the second part (eg Release1).

**12 Duplicate** -- Activate the Projects table on the left. Then right click the Project Name field and select Duplicate Column.

We will keep the original table for safe keeping for now, and work on the duplicate. We will split it, thereby having the project names have a column for)

**13 Split** - Right Click the Duplicated column and select Split Column, By Delimiter. Accept as Space as the delimiter, indicating you want to split the column at the point where there is a space between the two parts of the Project Name. Click OK.

A duplicate table is created. Notice how the data has been split across the two columns, separating the project name from the project name release#

**14** Right click and rename the column that was split (Project Name – Copy1) “Project”.

**15** Right click and rename the second (split-off) column (Project Name – Copy2) “Release#”.

**16** From the Home tab, way on the left, click Close & Apply, and Close & Apply. The Query Editor closes.

**17** Update the changes by saving the project.

### Extract Date Info from Date Field

You can extract information from a Date column, such as pull out the day of the week (or the month or quarter or year, etc.) from the date, which creates a new column of such. This can prove very valuable when you build your nodes for maximal data manipulation of date-related information.

**18** The ProjectsPowerBI file should be open. Reopen the Power Query Editor for the file. (Transform Data, Transform Data). Activate the Projects table on the left.

**19** Right click the Start Date Column and select Duplicate Column.

**20** Click the duplicate column (Start Date – Copy) and from the Transform tab at the top of the screen in the Data and Time Column area, select Date, Quarter, Quarter of Year. The quarter is extracted from the date in that column (i.e. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4). Rename the column Qtr.

**21** Duplicate the Start Date column again and from the Transform tab at the top of the screen in the Data and Time Column area, select Date, Year, Year. The year is extracted from the date as its own column. The year is shown for each item (e.g. 2020). Rename the column Yr.

**22** From the Home tab, click Close & Apply, and Close & Apply way on the left. The Query Editor closes.

**23** Update the changes by saving the project.

### Change a Date or Number Format

You can change a field's format type – eg from Date (eg 3/1/20) to Date with Time (3/1/20 711am),

You can do the same for number field eg changing it from General to Currency Format.

--For changing a Date column/field select a date field in the fields list on the right – don't click the little box to the left of it! - and then on the Column Tools tab and in the Formatting area selecting a different date type (eg 3/14/01).

--You follow the same approach for changing number fields. Select a number field on the right, and on then on the Column Tools tab in the Formatting area select a different number format (eg Currency).

24 For now, we will not make any of these changes.

### Create New Visualization Nodes Using Modified Columns

Now that you have made adjustments to the columns/fields through Power Query editor, you can create new visualization nodes using this data. Eg we'll create a Matrix utilizing the extracted Quarters and Years columns. First let's make sure the relationships between the two table is established.

25 Click the Model icon way on the left, hover over the link line, and make sure Manager from Managers table is linked to is linked to Manager in the Projects table.

26 Switch Back to Report view by clicking its way on the left.

27 Add a Matrix visualization to the report. (5<sup>th</sup> row, 3<sup>rd</sup> item)

28 Into the Matrix node, from Project table add Yr field to Rows and then Qtr to Rows right under Yr. (These are the new columns we added.) Then in Values from Projects table put Scheduled Cost and Actual Cost.

29 Select the arrow next to Scheduled Cost in the Values area, and select Conditional Formatting, Font Colors, and select the colors of your choice.

30 Then modify the formatting of the node as desired (eg Style Minimal, Border On, make Column Headers 14 pt., etc.).

31 Click Focus Mode icon in the upper right of the node to see an enlargement of the data

32 Click to the left of each year to show each quarter per year. (They are numbered 1 to 4.)

33 Click Back to Report just above of the node to return back to normal size.

Now we'll create a second visualization:

34 Add an Area Chart visual node. (2<sup>nd</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> item)

35 Put Release# in the Axis area, and Work Hours in Values.

36 Sort by Release#, Ascending order.

37 In Format turn Borders on.

38 Click on a Release# (eg Release5) to see it filtered down along with the Matrix node to that value. Then show all by clicking that Release# again.

39 Save

### *Transformations Video*

This is a video that goes through many of the features described above on Transformations.

(Note the video begins with the presenter already in Query Editor. That is normally done by selecting Transform Data, Transform Data in the Queries area of the Home page. You don't have to watch the video now.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijzAISiXVxY>

### *Additional Basic Transformations:*

Use First Row as Headers – (eg top row is now called Column 1, Column 2, etc. And instead you want to have first row be the (hidden) Headers. In Power Query Editor select Transform tab, select multiple columns, and then Use First Row as Headers .

Change Data Type – In Power Query Editor select Transform, select one or more columns. Click Data Type and select one (eg Text). Or do Detect next to that data type the selected column(s) is.

## **Intro to DAX Functionality**

### Introduction

You can create more complex function-based expressions in Power BI that go beyond the embedded data. It is similar to function utilization in Excel, likes the Sum, Average, If, and other functions there. The overall approach of using these functions in Power BI is the DAX language. For example, you can create a new field in an embedded table and build an expression that subtracts one field from another, or that uses an IF-like statement that says if this data is over 500, then increase the value by 100; otherwise do nothing. The possibilities are endless, and the expression building of Power BI is rich. Or that multiplies one subtotal of a field by another. And so forth.

## DAX Expression Types

There are two ways you can build an expression: through a New Column or through a New Measure.

A *New Column* is like entering a formula into a cell that subtracts one cell from another and then copying that formula down. A new column is created that contains the data. Thus a New Column expression takes place on a row by row (record) basis.

A *Measure* is NOT a formula that occurs at the row/record level, but usually occurs at the summary level, like the grand total/sum of all the records in a column multiplied by the grand total (sum) of all records in another column. You use a calculated measure when you need complex *aggregations of data*. (Note that the same Measure calculation can be used in different tables, where the expression built on a New Column only exists in that table.)

### A. Example New Column Expression

We'll create a calculated expression in a new column that subtracts the Actual Cost from the ScheduledCost, creating a Remaining Cost.

40 (You should still be in the Power BI file "ProjectsPowerBI").

-Switch to Data View by clicking icon on the far left side of the page.

-Select the Project table on the right side of the screen.

-Then on the Table Tools tab at top of page, in the Calculations area, click New Column.

Once you select the New Column button, the Formula Bar is populated with a basic column name (eg 1 Column =).

41 Double Click "Column" and type RemainingCost to the left of the = sign.

42 Then after the = sign type down "Sched", and you will see a pop-up to select from. Double click Projects[ScheduledCost]. This is selecting the Unit Price field from the Sales table.

43 Then type a – (minus) sign.

44 Then type down "Actual", and double click Projects[ActualCost]. Then click the Commit arrow or hit Enter. It should end up as follows:

**RemainingCost = Projects[ScheduledCost] - Projects[ActualCost]**

The new column becomes the last column on the right.

45 Then format the result, by clicking on the new column header (RemainingCost) and then on the Column Tools tab, in the Formatting area, click the arrow next to the \$ sign, and choose \$ English United States, and then change decimals from 2 to 0 (no decimals).

## Apply Column Calculation to Nodes

Now we can add the calculated measure to a visualization node, such as a Table-type node and then another in a Matrix node.

### *Table Node with Column Calculation*

46 Activate Report on left, and click the Table node type (5<sup>th</sup> row, 2<sup>nd</sup> item). Then add the following fields into Values (from Project table) --Project, Release#, ScheduledCost, ActualCost, and just created RemainingCost calculation. Also do Conditional Formatting on Remaining Cost.

### *Matrix Node with Column Calculation*

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Click on the Matrix node type (5<sup>th</sup> row, 3<sup>rd</sup> item), and add the following fields into Rows: (from Project table) Project, Release#. Then into Values add ScheduledCost, ActualCost, and the just created RemainingCost calculation. Also do Conditional Formatting on Remaining Cost.

## B. Example New Measures Expression

Now we'll create a New Measure expression, and then use it in a visualization. The expression will take the sum of the Actual Cost and divide it by the sum of the Scheduled Cost. In essence, it will create a ratio. We will then use this ratio in one or more of our visualization nodes. The expression will end up looking like this.

**ASRatio = SUM(Projects[ActualCost] )/ Sum(Projects[ScheduledCost])**

48 Activate Data on far left. Make sure Projects table is selected on the right.

49 To create a measure using a DAX formula, select the New Measure button from the Table Tools tab. The Formula Bar is populated with the name of your DAX formula (currently "Measure=").

50 Following along with the bolded expression above here is how we continue to build the New Measure expression:

-Double click the word Measure and type over it "ASRatio" (without quotes)

-Then after the = sign type Sum(

-Then double click Projects[ActualCost]. Then put ending parentheses after it.

-Then type in / sign (for division) and then type Sum(

-Then double click Projects[ScheduleCost]]. Then ending parenthesis.

-When done hit Enter key.



Note that the Diff New Measure calculation is there in the Target table on the right, named ASRatio, looking like a little black phone.

Also notice the Sum function used before the two sections in the Measure. This is not a record by record calculation, but a summary calculation that is taking the sum (i.e. total) of all Actual Cost values in the Project table and dividing it by the sum (i.e. total) of all Schedule Cost values in the Project table. It results in a ratio that is a decimal, which can later be changed to a %.

51 Change the format of the new measure by clicking on AS Ratio in the Project table, and then on the Measure Tools tab in the Formatting area change format of AS Ratio from decimal to % by selecting the % icon.

### *Apply the Measure to a Visual Node*

Now we can add the calculated measure to a new visualization node, such as a Matrix-type.

52 Activate Report view on the far left. Then click the Matrix visual type. Add Manager into the Rows area. Add Actual Cost, Scheduled Cost, ASRatio (the Measure calculation), and Remaining Cost into Values. Format as desired. Also conditional format ASRatio.

Note how the AS Ratio measure is a summary ratio calculation of the two summaries to the left of it, Actual Cost divided by the Scheduled Cost, - here per Manager, - and changed to a Percentage.

### *DAX-related Video*

Here is an additional video focused mainly on New Measures:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waG\\_JhBgUpM&t=117s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waG_JhBgUpM&t=117s)

### *One Step Further: 'INSIGHTS' FOR TRANSFORMING DATA & DAX EXPRESSIONS SECTION*

We can see powerful insights that Power BI generates with your transformed fields and calculated expressions, whether New Column or New Measure.

53 To activate Insights, publish the ProjectsPowerBI file by clicking the Publish button on Home page, then My Workspace. Select, replace, but then in the next step click "Get Quick Insights". Sign in as necessary.

After a few moments, you will see anywhere from a handful to several dozen nodes. You see the node on the left, and an explanation on the right.

54 Look for any nodes that use-

- Transformations including the Project and Expression# split off fields, and the extracted Years and Quarters fields;
- DAX calculated expressions, including RemainingCost Column expression, or ASRatio Measure expression.

**NOTE!**

**The guided Power BI Fundamentals course ends here. Content that follows are for other features that are at the fundamentals levels (indicated by “Fund” in their title), or are beyond fundamentals, which you can peruse on your own.**

## SECTION 5 - SPECIAL FEATURES

### START UP STRATEGIES

#### Four Approaches to Using Power BI

1. *Get and Load* – Open Power BI, Get Data and get tables from data source such as Excel and then do a Load to load, after which you can create visualizations in Power BI and also make Transformations in Power Query by clicking Transform Data button on Home tab.
  2. *Get and Transform Data* - Open Power BI, Get Data, and get tables from data source such as Excel and then do a Transform Data, (data is not loaded just held there in Power BI), after which you will be taken to Power Query where you can do transformations, and when done click Close and Apply to load (save) the data into Power BI.
  3. *Go Right to Transform Data* - Open Power BI, select Transform Data button, Power Query opens, open a source of data (e.g. from Excel tables) by selecting New Source on Home tab, (data is not loaded, stored in Power BI, just held there), do your transformations in Power Query, and then click Close and Apply which will load (save) the tables in Power BI.
  4. *Various Combinations of the Above Three*
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### IMPORT/EXPORT DATA

#### Relink Data File If Connection Severed

If you get a message that Power BI has lost connection to the data set, you can exit the program and restart it to see if it makes any difference. Otherwise, you can select File, Options and Settings, Data Source Settings, Change Source, and select the file that contains the data (here an Excel file), and click Ok. Close. Then Refresh the file with Home, Refresh. (Or Home, Transform Data, Data Source Settings)

Another approach is that as soon as you get a message about a disconnection to the Excel data source or any other major problem crops up related to the data, you can delete the last few steps in the Applied Steps area on the right side of the Power Query Editor to reverse them. (Use the Transfer command on the Home tab to get to the Power Query Editor.)

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## **Importing Web Data into Power BI**

Go to web page with data. Copy URL, and paste into Microsoft Word (or other). In Power BI select Get Data, then Web, then paste URL, OK. Navigator window appears with list of tables on page. Click among them to see results (on the right). (A Web view is also available.) Check box the one(s) you want and Load.

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## **Importing SQL Server Data into Power BI**

Video (3 min.)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K690u\\_FkL4A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K690u_FkL4A)

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## **Export from App to PDF**

To export all Power Bi report pages with visuals to PDF select File, Export, Export to PDF, the PDF is generated and it opens. Then click on Save button in upper right and save locally to desktop or elsewhere. (You can also do Control P to initiate the same action.)

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## **Export a Visualization to Excel**

Though you ordinarily get data from Excel when in your Power BI file, you can also export that data to Excel.

Say you have created a Matrix visualization in Power BI that is based on fields from multiple tables that have been related to one another. Now you can export that data so that you have access to it in Excel.

Note that the Matrix is a summation of data (like most other visualizations), though what you export to Excel will be the details records. However, other visualizations like a Column Chart will export as a summation.

--To export Power BI visualization to Excel, click in a visualization – say a Matrix – to activate it.

Select More actions (...) from the upper-right corner of the visualization.

--Choose the Export to .csv option.

--You will be prompted you to save the file.

--Power BI exports the data to an Excel .csv file; in this case in the form of detailed records.

--Once saved, open the csv-based Excel file.

--If you've filtered the visualization, then the .csv export will be filtered as well.

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## Export from Service to PowerPoint (or PDF)

You can export Power BI data to PowerPoint or PDF. Also note that you can only export to PowerPoint if the Power BI file has been Published. Then in the published area – i.e. My Workspace in the Power BI Service – you can evoke the Export to PowerPoint command. Here's how to do it:

--From Power BI click the white dot in the upper right corner to go to the Power BI Service.

--Click on My Workspace in the lower left.

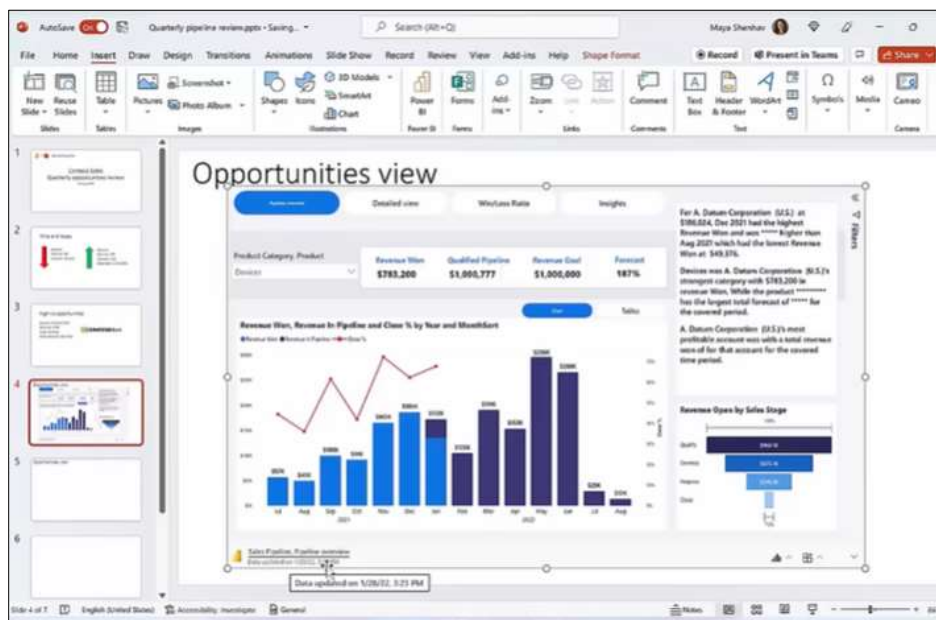
--Then click the Power BI report that you want to be the basis of the PowerPoint.

--Then do Export, PowerPoint (or PDF). This exports that entire report and creates a new saved PowerPoint file consisting of one slide per each Power BI page.

Eg if you had five pages in your Power BI report, then 5 slides are created in the PowerPoint file, with each slide showing all the visualizations from that page.

## (New!) Power BI Storytelling with PowerPoint

[https://youtu.be/gu\\_5Q3z-qpc?t=584](https://youtu.be/gu_5Q3z-qpc?t=584)



## MANIPULATION OF DATA

### Five Ways to Filter in Power BI

There are at least five ways to filter data in Power BI.

1. *In Data View* – When you load in the data and then examine it, there is a drop down arrow for each column heading through which you can filter the contents,

2. *Selecting Node Parts* – You can click a part of a node, like a bar in a Column chart, which will filter all related items on that page. Control-click enables you to select multiple parts of one or more parts of a node.

3. *Using Slicers* – You can add one or more slicer nodes to a page and click one or more choices in the slicer to filter down results in that page.

4a. *Use Filters Area (for page)* – You can select a node and then use the filter areas on the left of the visualization node types to set criteria for that node (e.g. State is California or all items greater than 1000), which will filter down just that node.”

4b. *Use Filters Area (for all pages)* – You can also drag and drop fields from the lower right side of the page into two parts of the Filter area. Into “Filter on this page” or “Filter all pages”. Eg if you dragged Customers field into area Filter on this Page area, you can set the criteria (Customer Name is Belly Delly), which will filter every related node on that page. Alternately if you if you dragged Customers field into area Filter all pages and set criteria, it would affect every related node across all pages.

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### Extracting Day of Week from Date and Sorting By It

(i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc.; using New Column formulas)

Video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWHzV\\_KyfSE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWHzV_KyfSE)

### Grouping and Binning

When Power BI Desktop creates visuals, it aggregates your data into chunks of data. But you might want to further “group” or “bin” the data.

**Groups** - For example, you might want to place two categories of salespeople name in one larger category (eg “Junior”) and four others in another category (“Senior”).

**Bins** - Or, you might want to see sales Amount figures put into bin-size increments of the field 10000 dollars (i.e. \$10000 to \$20000, \$20000 to \$3000 etc.). Similarly you could bin for Date fields – e.g. aggregating the sales data Monthly (as January, February, etc.)

In general you can put Text fields in a Group grouping, and numeric values or dates in a Bin grouping.

#### *Here's how to create a Group from a Text field*

To create a group from a text field, load in the “Sales” Excel file into Power BI, then right click the Name field and select New Group. Select several names on the left and click the Group button. Alter the name that appears on the right, eg change it to Junior, and hit Enter. Then select other names on the left, click Group, and then change the name on the right (eg) to Senior. Then click OK. The group appears as a new entity in the Field list on the right - eg “Name (Group)”

Now you can apply this group entity to a visualization. Eg instead of using the Name field in the X-Axis area of the Column chart, you instead use the Name (Group) object there. Now you see the Sales per each of the two groups (Junior and Senior) .

#### *Here's how to create a Bin from a Number field*

To create a bin from a number field, (if necessary) load in the Sales Excel file into Power BI, then right click the Amount field and select New Group. Note than Bin is selected, Alter the bin size as needed, eg to 50, which will create increments of 50 - i.e. 0 to 50, 50 to 100, etc. Then click OK. The object now appears in the field list.

Now create a new Matrix visualization, and (eg) put Name in the Rows, Amount (bins) in Columns area, and Amount field in the Values area. Data should appear in their respective bins – 50, 100, etc.

For advanced binning where you have labels like 1-100, 101-200, etc., view this video at 1:51:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1LO8syugMA>

For related topic of creating a *Histogram Chart* in Power BI, go here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-FRCoTa89E>

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## **Small Multiples of Node**



Small multiples, or trellising, splits a visual into multiple versions of itself. The versions are presented side by side, with data divided across these versions by a chosen dimension. For example, a small multiple could split a “sales by category” column chart across product lines or regions. In this preview, small multiples have a small set of capabilities, with more coming in later releases.

How to Use Small Multiples:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7pKqycEteM>

## Spotlight

If you have a set of visuals on a page, and want to focus on one of the visuals, you can Spotlight it, so the others get dimmed. To do that click on the 3dots ... button on the visual and select Spotlight.

## Drill Through/Across to Another Page

Normally when you filter some visualization on a PowerBI page, all other visualizations on that page are filtered down accordingly. However with the Drill Through feature a right clicking say on a bar on a Column chart for a particular customer filters down by the same customer for various visualizations on another Page.

Eg open the YourNameBI file, and click on the Issues page. Make sure no visualization is active. Now drag the Name field (from the Customers table) into the Add Drill Through area at the bottom of the page. Then go to the Overview page, and right click one of the customers on the Bar chart (eg Dames Are Us). You will then see “Drill Through to Issues”, select that and you will go to the Issues page where the visualizations have been filter down by that customer.



Also see [this video](#) on "Sync Slicers" for a similar result.

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## DATA INTELLIGENCE (AI)

### Smart Narrative for a Single Visualization

The Smart narrative visualization helps you quickly summarize visuals and reports by providing relevant out-of-the-box insights that are customizable. Using this feature creators can add narratives to their report to address key takeaways, point out trends, edit the language, and format it to fit a specific audience.

To create a smart narrative for a *single* visualization:

- Right click an appropriate visualization (eg Scatter Chart) and select Summarize. You see a Text Box on the right containing text that give a detailed analysis of the chart. This is AI!
- You can edit the text as you wish. Delete, bolding, adding your own insight text, etc.
- Click 3 dots icon and then Remove in upper right of text box to close.

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### Smart Narrative Visualization Node (for *Page of Visuals*)

Just like you can see a smart narrative for a single visual, you can do the same for all visuals on a single page.

-Activate a Power BI page at the bottom of the screen. Then click on the new Smart Narrative visual icon (6<sup>th</sup> row, third icon). This automatically creates a text box with summary information across all the visuals on the page. Super AI! You can edit the text as you wish. Delete, bolding, adding your own insight text, etc.

--Click 3 dots icon and then Remove in upper right of text box to close.

-*To create your own dynamic narrative text*, click at the end of the text and type eg "Returned items amounted to", then click +Value on the text toolbar. Then in the "How would you calculate this value area" you type in your explanation of the value, eg Count of Returns - noting the pop-up entries that appear as you type. It is similar to how you enter a natural language request with a Q&A visual.

You can format the dynamic values, for example, to show as currency, specify decimal places, thousand separator, etc. You can do this by clicking directly on the value in the summary to format it or clicking on the edit button corresponding to the value in the review tab of the text box control.

*Filtering Smart Narrative* - Also if you filter a visual or several visuals, the Smart Narrative text will update to show text explanation for just that/those filtered values(s).

Here's a nice video explaining smart narrative basics as explained above:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01UrT-z37sw>

More Info from Microsoft: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/visuals/power-bi-visualization-smart-narrative>

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## Smart Narrative with Insights

**TIP:** Smart Narrative now shows up next to each Insight that appears.

Other new Smart Narrative features <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPGy18Yo0Go>

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## Analyze Data

Eg right click a column in a Column Chart and select Analyze. A screen will open with unique perspectives of the segment that has been highlighted. See video: <https://youtu.be/P70931xnLVE>

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## Evaluation of Quality of Data

Power BI can analyze the state of your data and determine whether there are problem areas. Open Power Query Editor, activate View tab, and look in Data Preview. See 22:09 in following video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7h2k-hXWTc>

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## LOOK & FEEL

### Change Report Page Size

You can adjust the page size of your reports in Power BI. Each page of your report can be a unique size specified by you down to the pixel. This comes in handy for creating reports for print and best display on various screen sizes. Here's how: Open an existing report or start a new, blank report in Power BI Desktop. To deselect any visuals currently selected, click in unused white space on the page you wish to adjust. Click the paint roller (format) icon in the visualization pane. Click "page size" to expand options. Choose a new page size from "Type" dropdown. If you chose custom, enter width and height dimensions in pixels. Change will be immediate. Save

### Format Painter

Eg format a Card node with shadow, changed background color, etc. Then click Home, Format Painter button and then click second unformatted Card node which formats it like first node.

### Themes

You can select from existing themes (View/Themes) or customize a there.

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## NAVIGATION

### Page Navigator Overview

Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMsXzXdXf3Y>

Page Navigator to Next Level

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TxEvFmE44Q>

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### Creating Bookmarks

Bookmarks captures the current state of things, which you can later recall. Eg filter a page. Now select View, Bookmarks, Add, and give it a name. The current state is captured in the bookmark. You can then switch among the bookmarks and thus the state of the page. See these and additional bookmark features in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bU35LnSfo70>

### Bookmark Navigator

This video shows another way of creating bookmarks, including how to use it in tandem with selecting nodes from the Selection dialogue box. Also shown is how to work with the Bookmark Navigator (Insert, Button, Navigator, Bookmark Navigator)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5IW17I7kag>

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### Navigating Pages with Buttons

You can also use buttons to navigate among the pages in the report. Here's how:

On Insert tab select Buttons, then select button image. Eg select Blank. The button is created. Move the button into a desired position. Change the Button Text to On. Enter the desired text (e.g. See Maps Data"). Change the Text Size to 14. Then turn on the Action property, select the Type as Page Navigation. Then select the Destination page (eg Maps). Control-click the button to activate it, which goes to the landing age.

### Slicer Button Variations

See a number of variations of using the Power BI Slicer visualization

<https://www.enjoysharepoint.com/power-bi-slicer-buttons/>

## DAX FUNCTIONALITY

Here is a nice intro overview of DAX:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waG\\_JhBgUpM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waG_JhBgUpM)

### Various DAX Example

Here some relatively simple DAX examples:

Sums up a column: **=Sum(Orders[Units Sold])**

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Divides the sum of one column by the sum of another column: **=Sum(Orders[Revenue]) / =Sum(Orders[Cost])**

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The same as above two =Sum examples can be applied using **=Average, =Min, =Max, =Count**

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It is essentially row by row accumulation of data.

**=sumx(Sales, Sales (OrderQty) \*[Sales], UnitPrice)**

---Good explanation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaocmDf5oFU>

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Counts the rows in a table:

**=Countrows (Orders)**

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Show distinct entries in a field: **=DistinctCount(Orders [Customer ID])**

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Uses an existing measure and divides it by a column:

**=[Total Profit] / (Orders[Revenue])**

Explanation of above: [https://youtu.be/waG\\_JhBgUpM](https://youtu.be/waG_JhBgUpM)

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Eg Average Population Greater than the Year 2000

**=Calculate([Average Population], Data2[Year]>2000)**

(note: "Average Population" is an existing measure)

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(eg to find all records in column that contains the word chocolate)

**=Find("chocolate", Orders[Products],1,0)** "1" means start at the beginning, 0 is error message availability

Full explanation: [https://youtu.be/waG\\_JhBgUpM?t=1814](https://youtu.be/waG_JhBgUpM?t=1814)

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(Fetches result based on a logical If)

**=IF( 'Product'[List Price] < 500, "Low", "High")**

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### Example Time and Date Functions

Eg to create a new column that shows the day of the week.

**=Weekday(Orders) [Date],1)** ("1" starts week on Sunday)

--Full explanation: [https://youtu.be/waG\\_JhBgUpM?t=1654](https://youtu.be/waG_JhBgUpM?t=1654)

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**NEXT STEP - On Using the Measure** - Note that after you create a Measure you can then add it to your visualization node. Eg if you drop a measure involving Total Sales into a slot and you have also included a list of customers in the Rows area of the node, then Power BI will distribute that Total Sales value across each of the customers, so you get Total Sales per each Customer.

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### Quick Measures (for creating DAX)

(*advanced feature*) Quick Measures is a system for generating simple or more complex measures of just about any type. You don't have to write DAX formula for this, it's done for you based on the choices you make in the Quick Measure dialog box. Eg to subtract one =sum from another =sum, click Quick Measure, in dialogue box select Subtraction, then in pop-ups below it select =Sum(etc.), then select =Sum (etc.2)

#### *How to Create Various Types of Quick Measures*

1. General Overview with example using Average Per Category calculation. [View Text](#)
2. Using Filter Value calculation (at start of video); Running Total calculation at 3:15 (of video); Month to Date calculation at 5: 56 [View Video](#)
3. Year to Date calculation (at start of video); Running Total calculation at 4: 39 Concatenated list of values (6:39) [View Video](#)
4. Year to Date calculation at 4:11: Year Over Year calculation at 8:17 [View Video](#)

#### [Quick Measure Gallery](#)

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## ADDITIONAL TRANSPOSING OF DATA

### Create and Edit a New Table

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6GAKTU5Xe0&t=113s>

### Create A New Calculated Table of Fields From Other table:

(link) <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/transform-model/desktop-calculated-tables>

### Merging Columns of Data Into One Column

In Power BI's Power Query, you can merge two or more columns in your query. You can merge columns to replace them with one merged column, or create a new merged column alongside the columns that are merged. You can only merge columns of a Text data type. The following data is used in the examples. Tip It's a good idea to create a new column and keep the original columns so you can better prevent refresh errors that might happen down the road.

#### *Merge columns to replace existing columns*

When you merge columns, the selected columns are turned into one column called Merged. The original two columns are no longer available. .

To open a query, locate one previously loaded from the Power Query Editor, select a cell in the data, and then select Query > Edit.

Ensure that the columns that you want to merge are the Text data type. If necessary, select the column, and then select Transform > Data Type > Text.

Select two or more columns that you need to merge. To select more than one column contiguously or discontinuously, press Shift+Click or CTRL+Click on each subsequent column.

The order of selection sets the order of the merged values.

Select Transform > Merge Columns.

In the Merge Columns dialog box, specify a separator to insert between each merged column. You can select from predefined separator values, or specify a custom separator value.

Select OK.

You can rename the merged column so that it is more meaningful to you.

### *Merge columns to create a new column*

You can insert a custom column into the query table and use a custom column to effectively merge two or more columns. In this case, the merged columns are still available along with the new merged column in the query table.

In this example, we are merging OrderID and CustomerID separated by a space character.

To open a query, locate one previously loaded from the Power Query Editor, select a cell in the data, and then select Query > Edit. For more information see [Create, load, or edit a query in Excel](#).

Ensure that the columns that you want to merge are of Text data type. Select Transform > Change Type > Text.

Select Add Column > Custom Column. The Custom Column dialog box appears.

In the Available Columns list, select the first column, and then select Insert. You can also double-click the first column. The column is added to the Custom Column Formula box immediately after the equal sign (=).

**Tip** In the Custom Column Formula box, press Ctrl + Space to display columns and other formula elements.

In the Custom Column Formula box, enter an ampersand (&) after the first column that you inserted.

The ampersand (&) operator is used to combine values in Power Query in the same way as in Excel.

You can specify an additional separator, for example a space character, by entering " " after the ampersand (&).

In the Custom Column Formula box, enter another ampersand (&) after the space character.

In the Available Columns list, select the second column, and then select Insert. You can also double-click the second column.

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### **Append Data From One Table Onto Another (video)**

<https://www.thepoweruser.com/2019/04/09/combine-or-append-data-in-power-bi-power-query-main-concepts/>

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## Transposing Unnecessary Columns of Data

If your data is not in the right form, you can transpose the data. Eg if instead of having a single product name column, you have a column for each product, you would probably want to transpose those columns from columns of data into rows of data. That will enable you to have the data in far better form for creating much better visualizations.

- in Power BI, load the Transpose Excel file, selecting the Customer Sales table.
- View table in Power Bi in Data view by clicking Data icon way on the left.
- Switch to Power Query editor (select Home tab, Transform Data; Transform Data)
- Highlite column(s) to be transformed (using Control or Shift key if necessary)
- Right click and select Unpivot Columns.
- Select Close and Apply

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGj2axffxHo&t=265s>

**Note:** Keep in mind that if you have to update the system with new data, then that will not conform to the new transposed arrangement. You will therefore have to redo the transpose again, as well as the contents of a number of the visualizations. Therefore we recommend you backup your Power BI file before doing the new transpose.

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## Combing Data from Several Tables into One Table

An alternate to the creating relationships between tables, and then building nodes based on those relationships is to combine two or more tables into one table. Eg combining the Customers table into the Transactions table, as well as combining the Products table into the same Relationships table. This latter approach also enables you to do a variety of join types between the tables to pull up variations in the data accessed from the multi-tables.

An example of this with its own data set is presented in the following video, especially beginning at 13:55 in the time sequence:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7h2k-hXWTc>

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## Split Table into Multiple Tables

If you want to have tables in one to many relationships, you can have one single large, multi-field table and convert it into several one tables and a many table. This may get you better results than if you have all your data in one giant table with many fields. Here's a video on how to do this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjBprojOCzU>

**Note 1:** Keep in mind that if split the data into multiple files, and thereafter you have new data too import with the same earlier arrangement of fields, you will need to go through the splitting process again. Therefore we recommend you backup your original Power BI file before doing the new conversion for a table to multiple tables.

**Note 1:** An alternate approach is to import the data into Microsoft Access, and then use the Table Analyzer feature to split the one table into several 1 tables along with a Many table.

See video:

<https://binged.it/2MeQcDz>

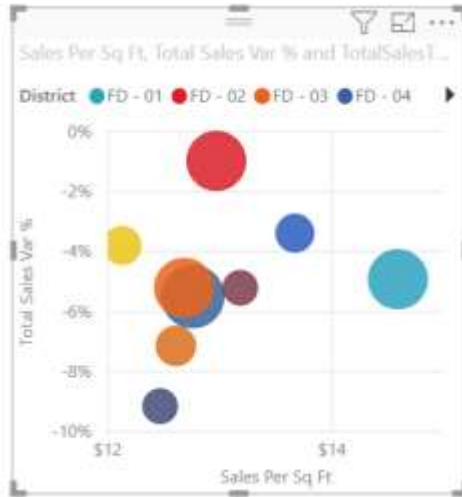
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## SPECIAL NODES/CHARTS

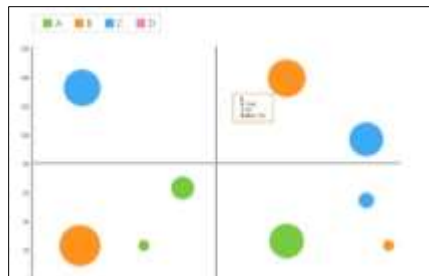
### Special Chart Visualizations

(In Microsoft Word do a Control Click on the underlined link at the start of most of the following paragraphs. Just click on underline link if you are using PDF version.)

Scatter/Bubble Charts (text) – [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] A scatter chart shows the relationship between two numerical values. A bubble chart replaces data points with bubbles, with the bubble *size* representing an additional third data dimension.



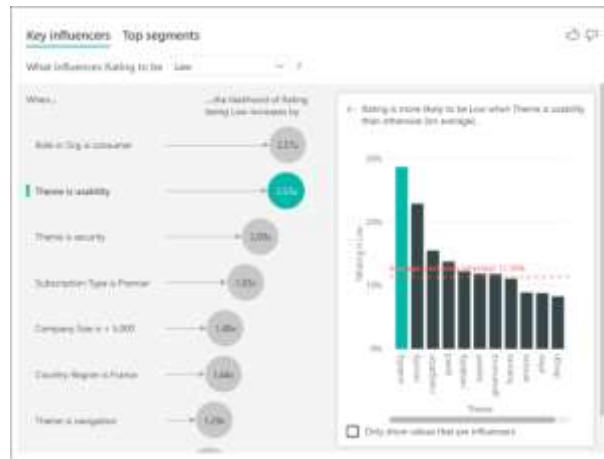
Quadrant Charts - Quadrant charts are bubble charts with a background that is divided into four equal sections. Quadrant charts are useful for plotting data that contains three measures using an X-axis, a Y-axis, and a bubble size that represents the value of the third measure..(see [video](#))



Key Performance Indicator (KPI) (text) - [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] To measure progress. Answers the question, "What am I ahead or behind on?" Also to measure distance to a goal. Answers the question, "How far ahead or behind am I?" (also see more advanced demo in this [video](#))



**Key influencers Visual** (text) - [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] The key influencers visual helps you understand the factors that drive a metric you're interested in. It analyzes your data, ranks the factors that matter, and displays them as key influencers. For example, suppose you want to figure out what influences employee turnover, which is also known as churn. One factor might be employment contract length, and another factor might be employee age.



**Filled Map Chart** (text) - [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] A filled map uses shading or tinting or patterns to display how a value differs in proportion across a geography or region. Quickly display these relative differences with shading that ranges from light (less-frequent/lower) to dark (more-frequent/more).



**ArcGIS Map Chart** - [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] The combination of ArcGIS maps and Power BI takes mapping beyond the presentation of points on a map to a whole new level. Choose from base maps, location types, themes, symbol styles, and reference layers to create gorgeous informative map visualizations. The combination of authoritative data layers on a map with spatial analysis conveys a deeper understanding of the data in your visualization. Handles distance between things, a point, such as all county's within 100 miles of a town or county.



Tree Maps Charts (text) - [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] Treemaps display hierarchical data as a set of nested rectangles. Each level of the hierarchy is represented by a colored rectangle (branch) containing smaller rectangles (leaves). Power BI bases the size of the space inside each rectangle on the measured value. The rectangles are arranged in size from top left (largest) to bottom right (smallest).



Waterfalls Charts (text) - [[click this link for detailed explanation](#)] Waterfall charts show a running total as Power BI adds and subtracts values. They're useful for understanding how an initial value (like net income) is affected by a series of positive and negative changes.




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## Formatting GEO fields in Power BI Desktop

(for Map Visualizations)

In Power BI Desktop, you can ensure fields are correctly geo-coded by setting the Data Category on the data fields. In Data view, select the desired column. From the ribbon, select the Modeling tab and then set the Data Category to Address, City, Continent, Country/Region, County, Postal Code, State or Province. These data categories help Bing correctly encode the date.

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## POWER BI SHARING NOTES

### What You Can Share through Power BI Service

Once you publish the Power BI report, it can be viewed in the Power BI Service. You can do several things there:

- EXPORT - Export the data to PowerPoint, PDF, and Print. The data however is stagnant and non-interactive. (Select the Export menu and then select one of the three items.)
- SHARE – The share link is emailed to designated individuals, A Power BI Pro license is required to share, as well as to receive shared content via the service. (Select the Share menu and then select - .....)
- EMBED – If you click the ellipse and there are various choices, like Embed to embed content in a web site or social media. It keeps all the interactivity and filtering. This capacity is controlled by the Admin. This creates a public viewing of the data without the need for Power BI. (Once that is done if you click

Embed, Publish to web, a web page link is available to be emailed to anyone who wants to use it, plus any code that can be copied into a web site.)


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## Share Power BI Report from Power BI Service

Sharing is the easiest way to give people access to your reports in the Power BI Service. When you share a report, the people you share it with can view it and interact with it but can't edit it. They see the same data that you see in the reports and normally get access to the entire underlying dataset. (The coworkers you share with can also share with their coworkers if you allow them to.) With sharing, you need a Power BI Pro or Premium Per User (PPU) license. Your recipients also need Power BI Pro or Premium Per User (PPU) licenses, unless the content is in a Premium capacity.

You can't share directly from Power BI Desktop. You share from the Power BI Service.

TO DO:

In a list of reports in Power BI Service, or in an open report, hover over the desired report and select **Share** .

Then in the Send link dialog, you'll see the option to copy the sharing link.

You can choose to send the link directly to Specific people (or group of people). Here just enter an email address(es), optionally type a message, and select Send.

After you select Send, Power BI Service sends the link via email to your recipients.

When the recipients receive the email, they can select "Open this report" and automatically get access to the report through the shareable link.

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## Permissions for a Shared Report

Now back to the sharer's perspective. The sharer can also set permissions for a report shared to others.

To manage permission and manage links that give access to the report, hover over a report in Power BI Service and select Share.

Then in the Send link dialog, click the ellipse (...) on the right (Manage Permission).

This will launch the Manage permissions pane where you can copy or modify existing links or grant users direct access. To modify a given link, select More options (...).

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## Editing by Sharee in Power BI Service

For the sharee there are two modes to view and interact with shared reports [in Power BI Service]: *Reading view* and *Editing view*.

When the sharee opens a report, it opens in Reading view. If the sharee has edit permissions, then they see **Edit report** in the upper-left corner, and they can click on it and view the report in Editing view.

**For more info see:** [Interact with a report in Editing view - Power BI | Microsoft Docs](#)

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## Dashboards in Power BI Service

A *dashboard* is something a user creates **in the Power BI service** or something a colleague creates in the Power BI service and shares with you. A single dashboard has the following attributes:

- is associated with a single workspace
- can display visualizations from many different datasets
- can display visualizations from many different reports
- can display visualizations pinned from other tools (for example, Excel)

When you open a workspace, the associated dashboards are listed under the **Content** tab.

Power BI Pro is required for sharing a dashboard and may be required for viewing a shared dashboard.

Here is a video that gives a full explanation of how to create and share a dashboard in the Power BI Service:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/create-reports/service-dashboard-create>

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## Build a Power BI Report from a Dataset Already Stored in Service

On Power BI screen select “Power BI datasets: from main menu. Then select the desired dataset in the Power BI Service, and click Connect. Then load the desired tables. The tables with fields, and model are imported.

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## POWER BI APPS

A Power BI App has one or more dashboards and one or more reports all bundled together into a package that the viewer can use. Power BI Apps are created in the Power BI Service by Power BI *designers* who create, distribute, and share the apps with their colleagues (*users*) who can use them.

Overview (video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjc9PrPzf-k>

Overview (text)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/consumer/end-user-apps>

Additional Videos

[Using Power Apps, Power Automate, and Power BI Together! - YouTube](#)

[Power Platform – Power Apps, Power Automate and Power BI Integration Demonstration - 3Cloud \(3cloudsolutions.com\)](#)

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## POWER AUTOMATE VISUAL FOR POWER BI

Power Automate enables the user to establish a series of steps in an application, and then play it back with a single keystroke or mouse click. A special Power Automate visual has been created that enables a user to automate certain Power BI functions from within Power BI

Here's how to use the Power Automate Visual for Power BI to automate Power BI flows.

(text and graphics)

<https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/announcing-the-new-power-automate-visual-for-power-bi-reports/>

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(video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1R4UAZgKKew>



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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Here is an overview video of 14 AI tools in Power BI:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcBLxxXiL48&t=110s>

Among the AI features are:

- **Language Detection**
- **Detect Images**
- **Sentiment Analysis**
- **Key Phrase Analysis**
- **Banding**
- **Anomaly Detection**
- **Smart Narrative** (described earlier)
- **Summary** (described earlier?)
- **Quick Insights** (described earlier)
- **Q&A Visuals** (described earlier)
- **Clustering**

### Language Detection

(requires Power BI Premium)

Select column that holds the rows of various language text. in Power Query. Select Text Analytics, 3 options appear. Click Detect Language. Make sure the column you want that holds the entries of foreign language sentences is selected. Click OK. A column is created with the correct language for each entry. An ISO 2-letter code appears in another column.

### Detect Images

(requires Power BI Premium)

There needs to be a valid URL for each image in the column. Click Vision icon in Power Query. Select Premium per User must be selected. Click Tag Image. OK. The number of rows is increased to describe each of the images on the (URL-designated) page along with what each is a picture of (a car, a house,

a person, an animal, the sky, etc.). Now we can drag the columns on the right into a table to view them. Drag the column with the image link, as well as the one that contains the type of image it is (car, cat, person, etc.) Then convert the Image Link column by selecting it and then in Column Tools, change Data Category type to Image URL.

### **Sentiment Analysis**

(requires Power BI Premium)

Eg determines whether customer comment have a high to low sentiment

Select column that holds the comments. In Power Query. Select Text Analytics, Select Score Sentiment. Click OK. Creates a column that gives scores between 0 and 1., where 1 is very positive sentiment.

### **Key Phrase Analysis**

(requires Power BI Premium)

Eg Pulls out the Key phrase from amongst comments column..

Select column that holds the comments. In Power Query. Select Text Analytics, Select Extract Key Phrases. Click OK. Creates a column that shows the key phrases (extract Key Phrases), which can repeat, because another column is also created that lists each key phrase that is in the first column.

### **Banding**

(requires Power BI Premium)

(similar to binning)

<https://youtu.be/YcBLxxXiL48?t=374>

Video overview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBs1mpCUIbw>

### **Anomaly Detection**

(requires Power BI Premium)

<https://youtu.be/YcBLxxXiL48?t=490>

## **Scorecards and Metrics**

(requires Power BI Premium)

With this feature the user can create goals that target a certain item can reach such as Sales of \$1M. Now the total sales are say 600K, but the user wants to see if it meets the metric of achieving \$1M. A Scorecard contains a set of metrics. You create metrics in a scorecard indicating with fields from which table you are addressing, see what the current value is, and set a metric of what you want that entity (field, measure, etc.) to achieve.

Text overview:

<https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-my/blog/introducing-goals-in-power-bi/>

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## **MISCELLANEOUS TIPS**

### **See Table Underlying a Visual**

Click on visual, right click and select Show as Table

### **Show Original Table Field Name**

If you changed the name of a field that you placed in a visualization, you can hover over it and see the original name that still exists in the fields list on the right.

### **Hide Objects**

Click object (eg Slicer) and under View menu choose Selection, and click on little “eye” icon.

### **Toggle Between Objects**

Unselect any visual, and hit the tab key to go to next object, etc.

### **Move Object Faster Using Arrow Keys**

Click object, hold down Shift key, and then use arrow keys to move the object (a little faster)

## Locking Objects

Select View tab and then click Lock Objects. You can't move objects, but you can filter, slice, etc.

## Mobile Layout of Reports

Select View/Mobile Layout, and drop and drag node parts from the right into the Phone schema. You can adjust formatting with new formatting settings it inherits from normal Report view, plus add additional layout changes independently with its own settings. Here is a video:

<https://youtu.be/vNK4xygN8Xw?t=59>

## Sparklines

Allows you to see mini graphs for each aggregate line in say a Matrix. To use, click the down arrow on the field in the Values area of the Matrix, and select Add a Sparkline. For further information see this video:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=sparklines+in+power+bi&oq=sparklines+in+power+bi&aqs=edge.0.0i512j0i22i30l7j69i64.5652j0j1&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#kpvalbx= Ca3-YYqfEd3CkPIP58Of-AQ16>

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## REVAMPED VISUALIZATION FORMATTING APPROACH

### Text Overview

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/fundamentals/desktop-format-paneVideo 1>:

### Videos

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8EP\\_0GZp70](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8EP_0GZp70)

[https://youtu.be/d\\_Un5tnKulc?t=76](https://youtu.be/d_Un5tnKulc?t=76)