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- Data Analytics With Microsoft Power BI
- Get Ready for Microsoft Copilot
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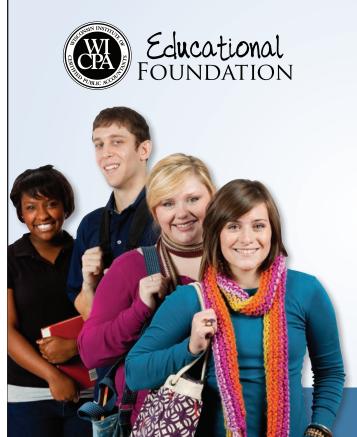
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Data Analytics With Microsoft Power BI

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Get Started With Power Bl

Developed by Bryan L. Smith, CPA.CITP, CISA



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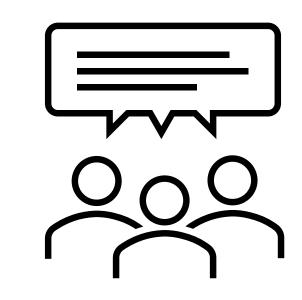
- Owner DataSmithPro, LLC
- Co-founder of CPA Crossings, LLC
- Strategic technology advisor to CPAs w/ 40+ years of experience
- Nationally recognized author and presenter on CPA technology
- Extensive knowledge and experience in proper Excel design techniques as well as helping CPAs build spreadsheets that are accurate
- As a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), spent a considerable amount of time auditing and validating thousands of Excel spreadsheets
- Developed various data analysis and Microsoft Power BI courses and has worked with multiple organizations to train and coach staff on proper data analysis techniques
- Masters of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA)



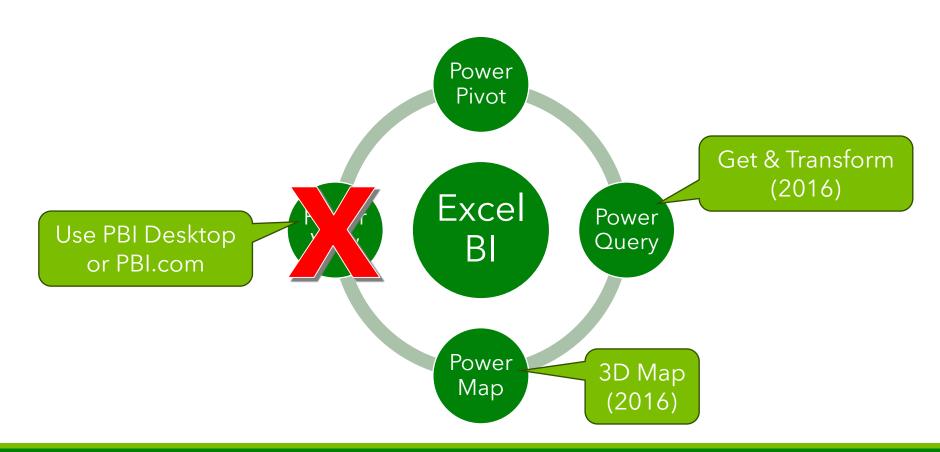
Presentation Outline

- ➤ Overview of the Power BI Tools
- ➤ Tour of the Tools
- **≻**Comparative Analysis
- **>**Wrap-Up

Overview of the Power BI Tools



Family of Excel BI Products





Power **Pivot**

A data modeling tool

- Import data from multiple sources
- Relate tables / data

Eliminates complexity of getting data into Excel

Designed for users with no SQL experience

Uses PivotTables to analyze data

Adv calcs with Data Analysis eXpressions (DAX)

Hierarchy and KPI feature

Power Pivot Features

Data Modeling Calculations Power Pivot KPI's Hierarchies (Key Performance Indicators)



Power **Query**

Power Query solves 2 BIG problems

- Messy data
- Integrating data from multiple sources is tedious

Connect to multiple different data sources

• CSV, Excel, Text, DB, etc.

Automation of data imports

Combine and extract data

"Unpivot" a table

Custom calculations with M formula language Click Here



Power **Map** (3D Map)

3D visualization tool for mapping data

Create an interactive, guided cinematic tour of your data on a map

See time-stamped data change over time

Automatically recognizes geographical data

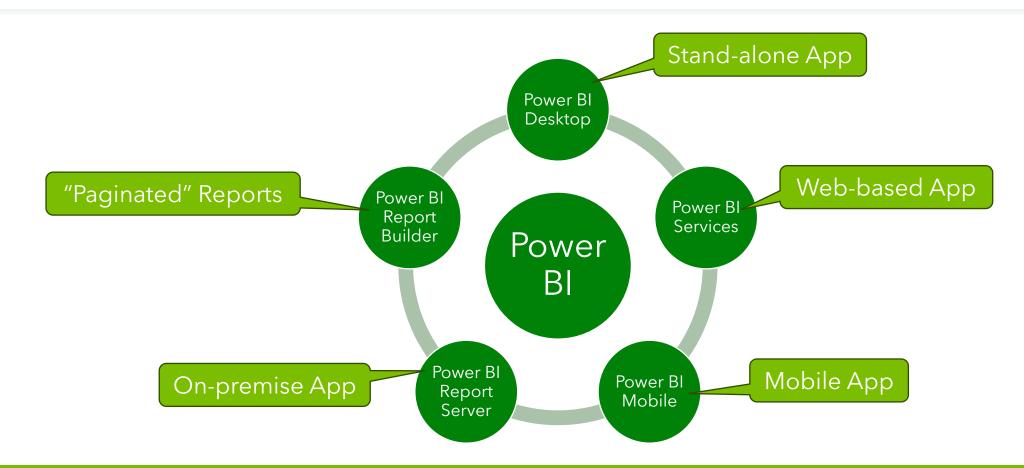
Plots associated values to points on a Bing map

Requires "high-performance" computer

3D Maps in Excel 2016 Click Here



Family of Power BI Products





Power **BI Desktop**

Data analysis for Excel & non-Excel users

Data modeling tool (*Power Pivot*)

Data Querying tool (Power Query)

Interactive visualizations (*Power View*)

Same data "engine" as Power Pivot

Import from Power Pivot

Connect to PowerBl.com

Monthly updates with new features



Power Bl.com

Cloud-based business analytics service

Robust data connector but not a data modeling tool

Use Power BI Desktop or Power Pivot to create data model

Create interactive visuals reports

Create dashboards

Mobile App to allow interactivity on mobile devices

Power BI Embedded to connect to custom applications

Share visuals inside and outside your organization



Power **BI Mobile**

Mobile apps for different devices

iOS, Android, Windows, Phone, Tablet

Works with Power BI Services & Report Server

Interact with visuals on reports and dashboards

Visuals can be created specifically for mobile devices

Allows anywhere, anytime access to analysis

Setup Alerts to get push notifications

Data security with Microsoft Intune management capabilities



Power **BI Report Server**

Publish Power BI reports on-premises

Leverages SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS)

Distribute reports behind your organization's firewall

Entry Point is a secure web portal

Cloud-ready to provide anywhere, anytime access

Build reports with Power BI Desktop

Publish Power BI Desktop reports to PBI Report Server

Part of Power BI Premium



Power **BI Report Builder**

Paginated reports are designed to be printed or shared

Create reports that are formatted to fit on a page

Used for operational reports

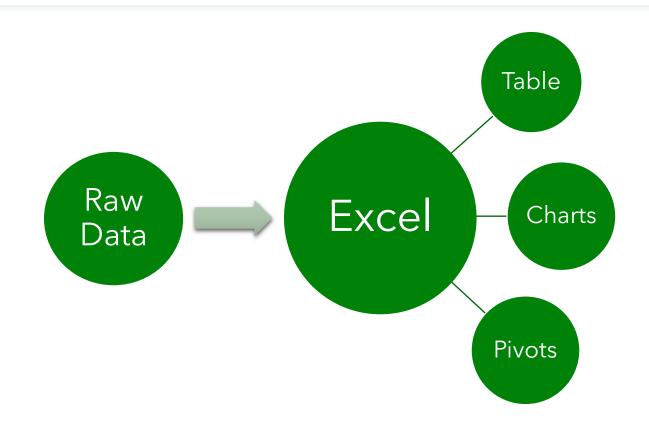
Used for printing forms, such as invoices

Share on Power BI Services with Power BI Pro license

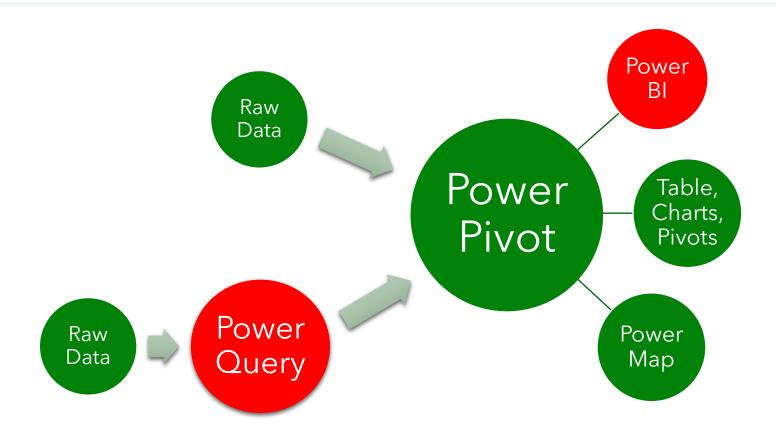
Display data in a table to span multiple pages

Standalone tool for authorizing paginated reports

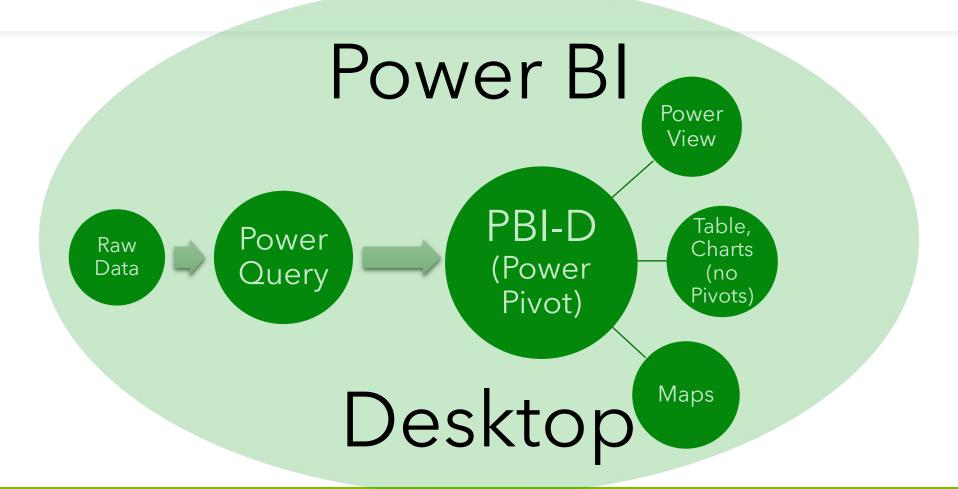
Traditional Data Analysis



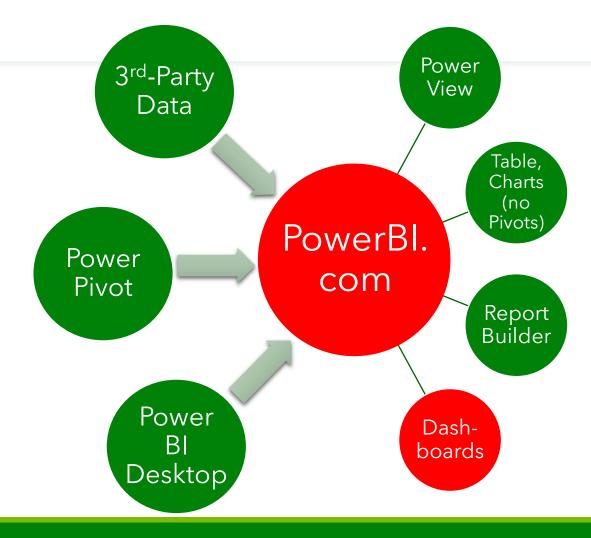
The New Excel Data Analysis Paradigm



Power BI Desktop Analysis



Web-Based Analysis





Availability of the **Excel** Power BI Tools

- ➤ Prior to Office 2019 very confusing
- ➤ Now, included in most Desktop versions of Excel for Windows
- ➤ Microsoft 365 gets regular updates
- ➤ Excel for Mac
 - Power Query available on Microsoft 365
 - Power Pivot and 3D Map are NOT available in any version
 - Must use a virtual Windows machine and run Excel for Windows
- For best results install 64-bit version of Office

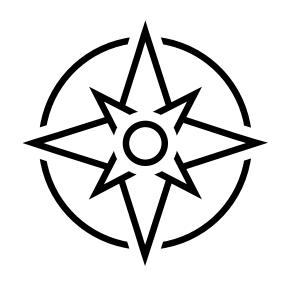
Availability of the Power BI Tools

- ➤ Power BI Desktop (PBI-D) Free
 - Installs 64-bit version even if you have 32-bit Office
- ➤ PowerBl.com
 - Version comparison <u>Click Here</u>
 - Free version
 - Power BI Pro
 - \$10/user/month stand along
 - Included in Microsoft 365 E5
 - Power BI Premium
 - ❖ Per User \$20/user/month includes Power BI Pro
 - Capacity pricing per node/month (starts at \$5k/month)

Availability of the Power BI Tools (continued)

- ➤ Power BI Report Builder Free
 - Standalone application
 - -To download Click Here
 - App is FREE BUT …
 - Can only use in "personal" My Workspace
 - To "share" MUST pay for Power BI Pro (you AND shared users), same as Power BI Desktop

Tour of the Tools



The slides in this presentation contain many screenshots of the Power BI application in order to demonstrate particular features and functionality. These screenshots were taken during the development of this course. However, Microsoft updates the apps regularly and it becomes difficult to constantly update the screenshots. Therefore, please note that screenshots may vary from your actual version, but the overall functionality remains the same.

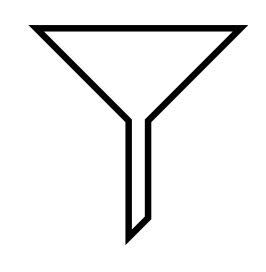
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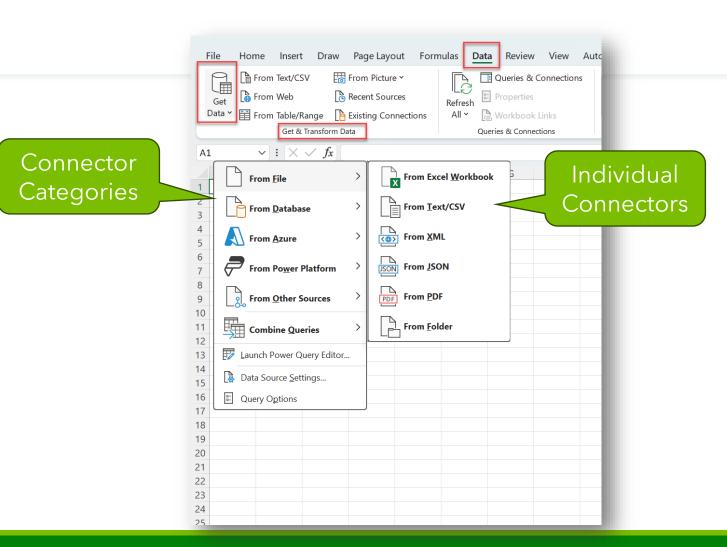
Application Interfaces

- ➤ Power Query
- ➤ Power Pivot
- ≥3D Map
- ➤ Power BI Desktop
- ➤ PowerBl.com
- ➤ Power BI Mobile
- ➤ Power BI Report Builder

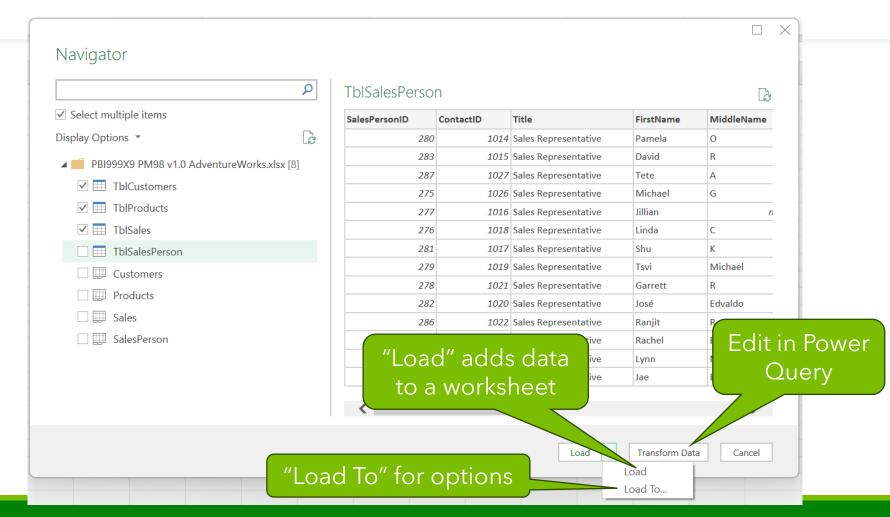
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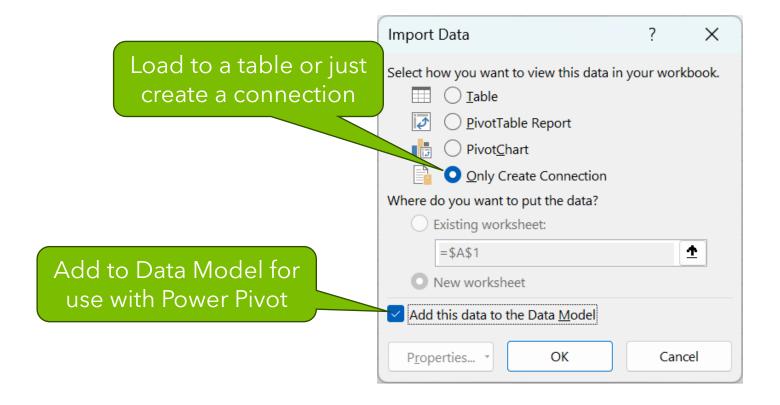
Get & Transform Data



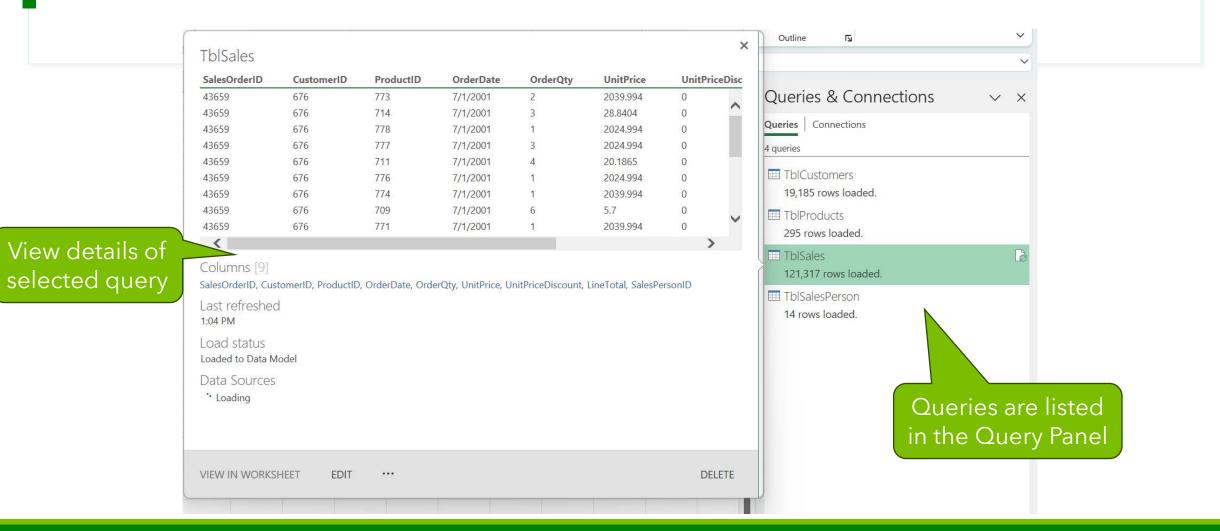
Get / "Load" Data



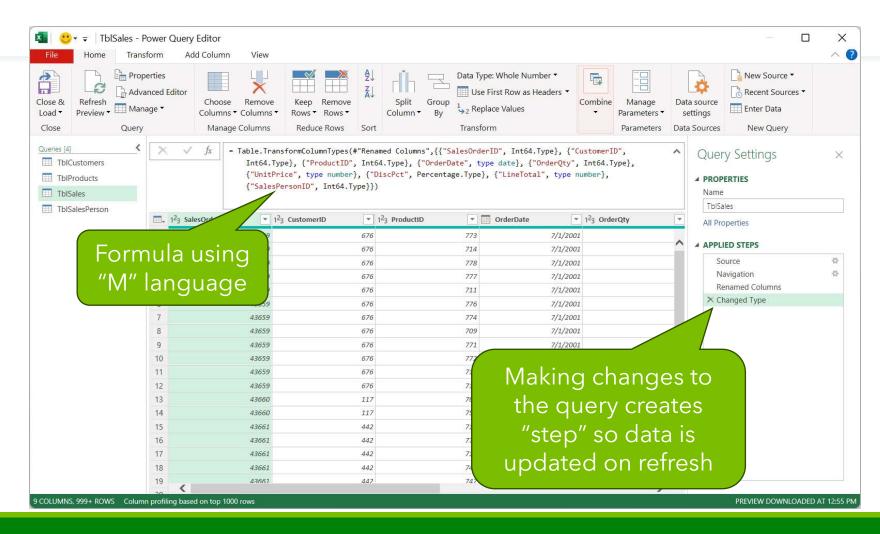
"Load To" Options



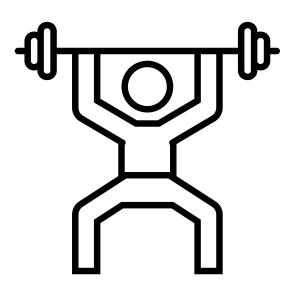
Query Panel



Power Query Interface



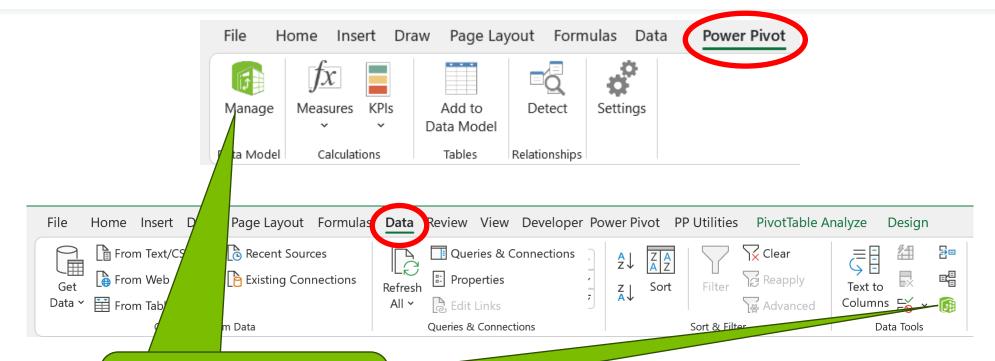
Power Pivot



Power Pivot Features

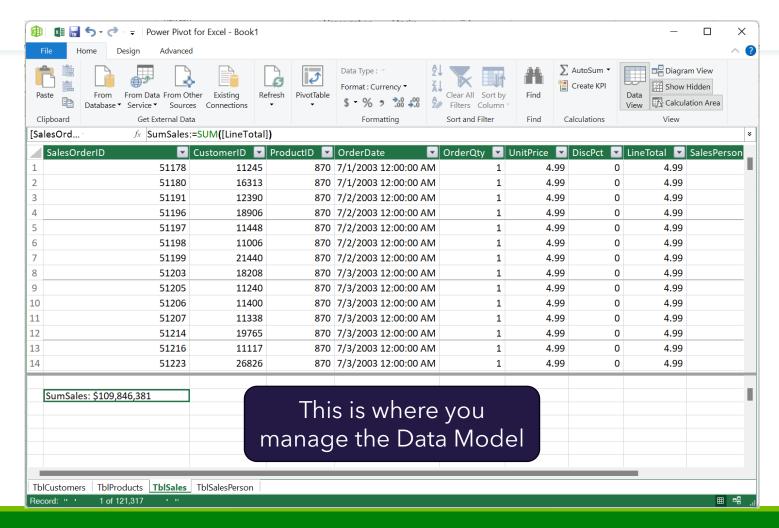
Data Modeling Calculations Power Pivot KPI's Hierarchies (Key Performance Indicators)

Power Pivot Ribbon Bar

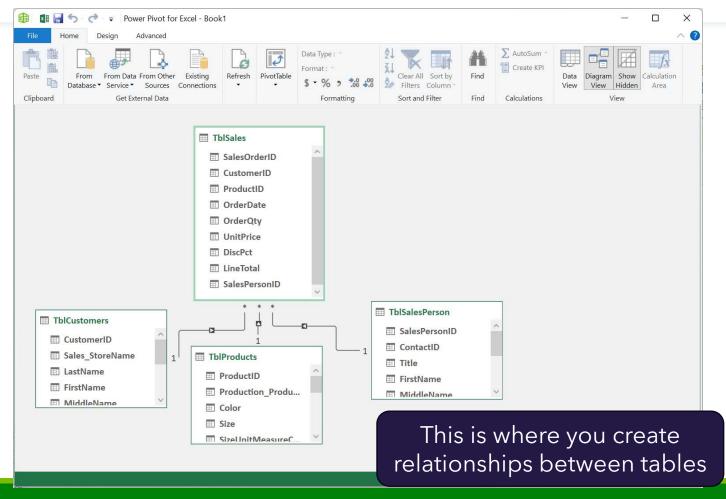


Most of the Power Pivot work will be done in Manage Data Model

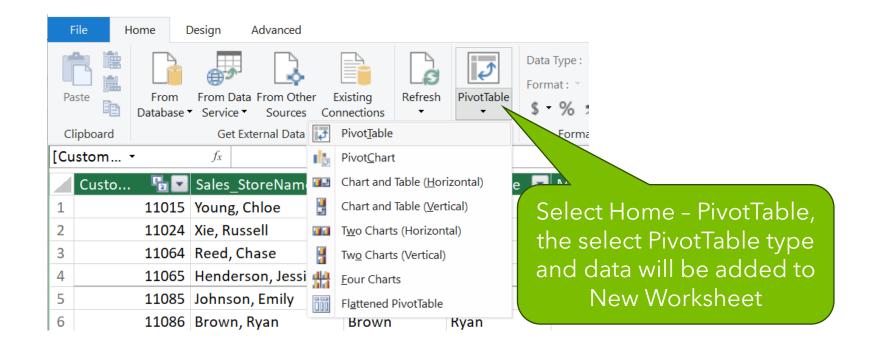
Manage Data Model Interface - Data View



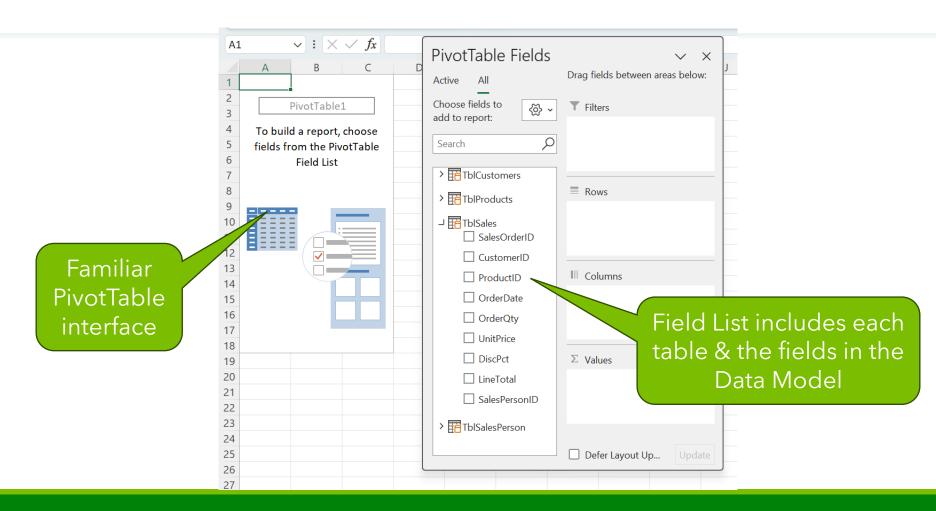
Manage Data Model Interface -Diagram View



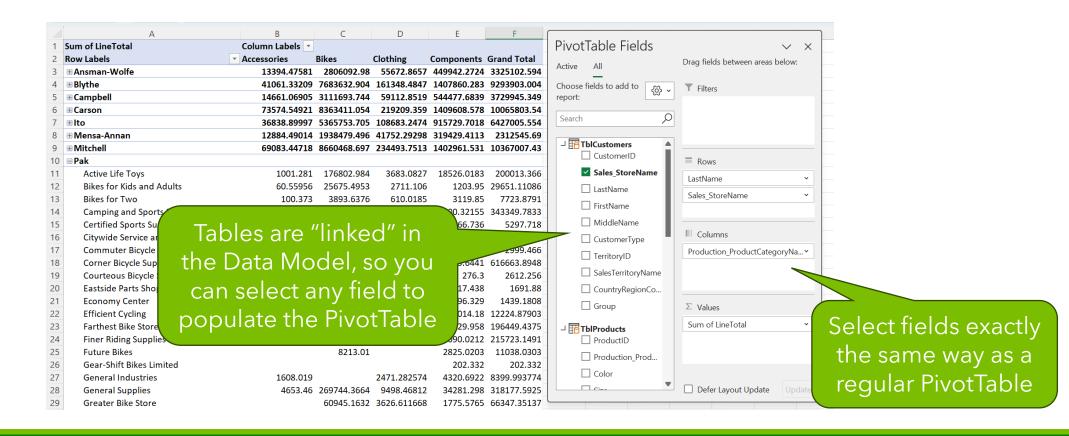
Getting Data from Power Pivot to Excel



PivotTable in Excel



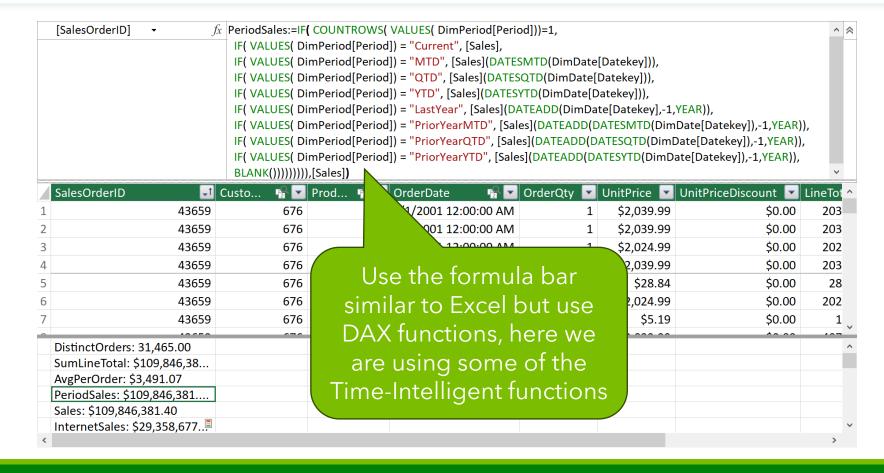
Creating a PivotTable



Calculation in Power Pivot

- Data Analysis Expression (DAX) formula language
- ➤ Many are similar to Excel functions
- ➤ Time-Intelligent Functions
 - CLOSINGBALANCEYEAR (MONTH QTR)
 - NEXTDAY, NEXTMONTH, NEXTYEAR
 - PREVIOUSDAY, PREVIOUSMONTH, PREVIOUSYEAR
 - -TOTALMTD, TOTALQTD, TOTALYTD ... & more

Calculations ("Measures") in the Data Model



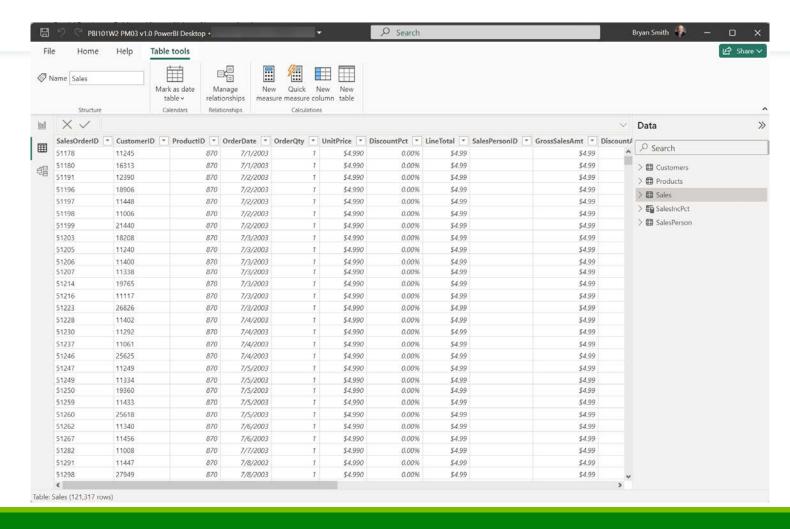
Measures in the PivotTable

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2									
3	PeriodSales	Column Labels 🔻							
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7	■ North America	\$572.99	\$3,475.16	\$8,662.71	\$2,284,621.97	\$8,662.71	\$2,284,621.97	\$15,728,354.75	\$13,918,143.71
8	⊞CA	\$133.53	\$2,319.99	\$3,266.22	\$514,561.88	\$3,266.22	\$514,561.88	\$3,056,302.24	\$2,982,858.66
9	⊟US	\$439.46	\$1,155.17	\$5,396.49	\$1,770,060.09	\$5,396.49	\$1,770,060.09	\$12,672,052.50	\$10,935,285.06
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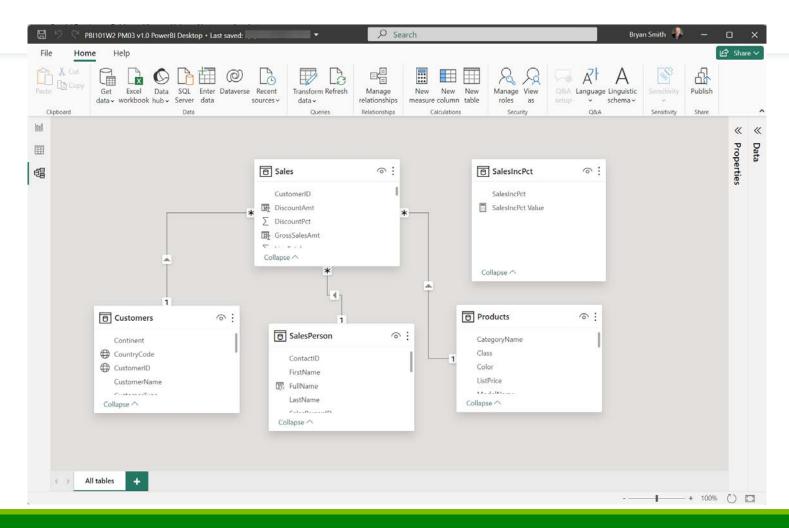
Power BI Desktop



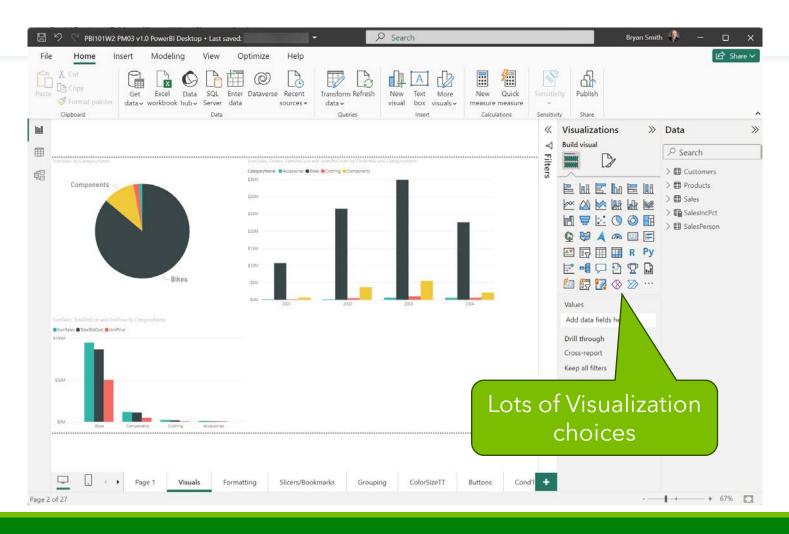
Power BI Desktop Data Model



Power BI Desktop Relationships



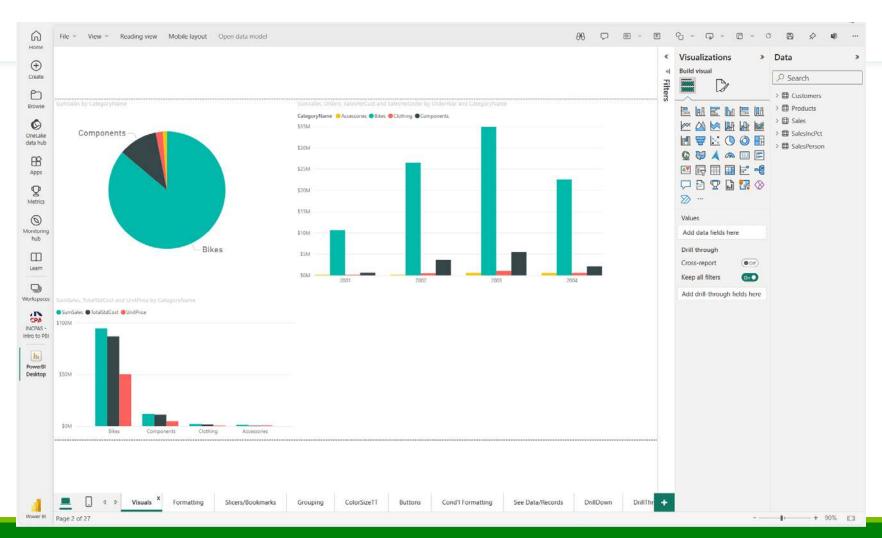
Power BI Desktop Visuals



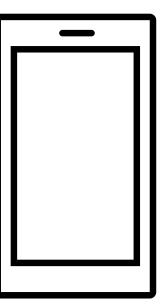
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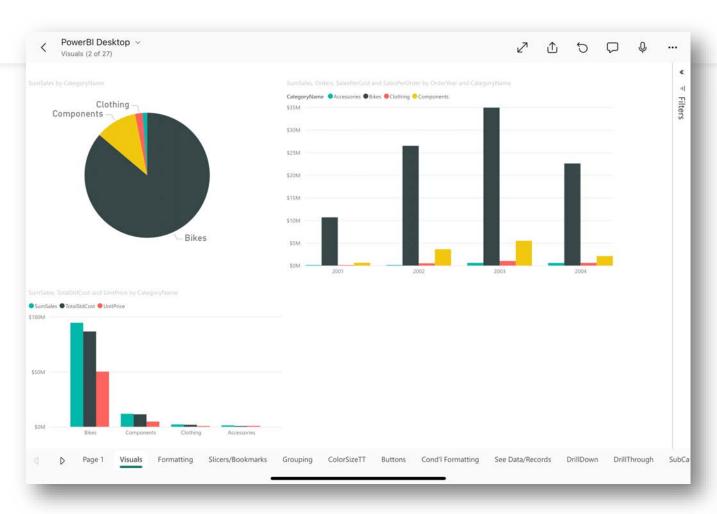
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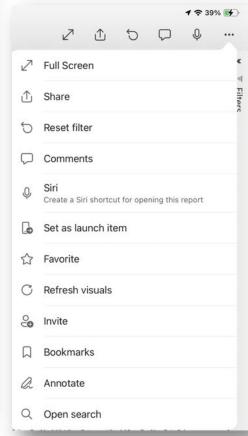


Power BI Mobile

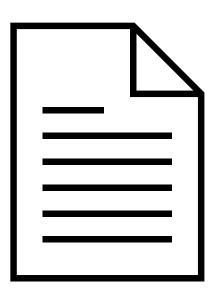


Power BI Mobile Interface

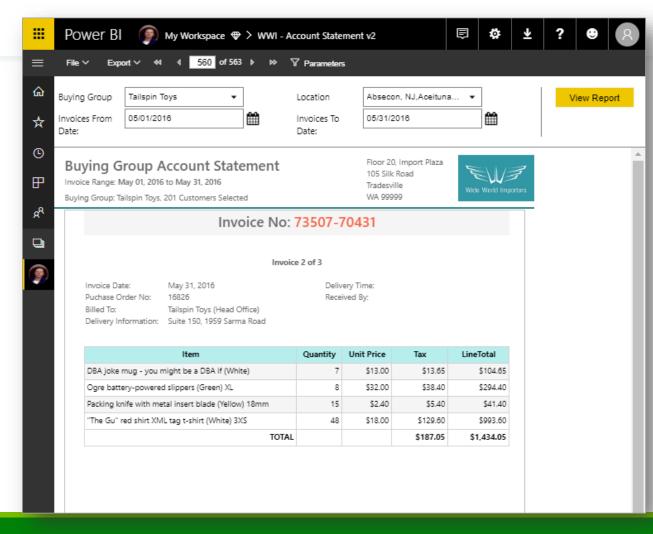




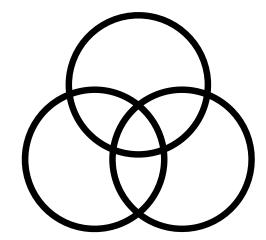
Power BI Report Builder



Power BI Report Builder Interface



Comparative Analysis



Excel Power BI Tools

Limitations

- Need current version of Excel
- Need to run 64-bit version
 - May require uninstall and reinstall of all Office products
- ➤ Need to know Excel and PivotTables
- May have stability issues
- ➤ May not have all the DAX functions

Strengths

- > Familiar interface for Excel users
- ➤ Included with Excel if you have the correct version of Office
- Don't have to install another app on all user's computers
- Build data model in Excel and share with PowerBl.com
- Allows the use of OLAP (Online Analytical Processing) features/functions

Power BI Desktop

Limitations

- Requires installation of a new app on all computers
- > IT may not allow installation
- ➤ Need to learn something new
- No PivotTables for Excel "experts"
- PivotTables are easier to use when validating calculations

Strengths

- Don't need to be an Excel "expert"
- > Don't have to worry about Office version
- ➤ Can install 64-bit version even when your Office version is 32-bit
- ➤ More stable than Excel and Power Pivot
- ➤ Monthly updates
- More data connectors

Power BI Services (PowerBI.com)

Limitations

- ➤ Hosted by Microsoft
- ➤ Need the \$10/month Pro version to be useful
- ➤ Sharing with others requires them to have Pro version
- Configuration can be complicated in enterprise environments
- > Need to build Data Model in another tool

Strengths

- ➤ Ability to share work
 - Reports
 - Dashboards
 - Data Models
- ➤ Can build Data Model in Power Pivot and then visuals on PBI.com
- Maintain multiple Data Models in one place

Which Power BI Tool is Right for You?

Power Pivot

- Own the correct version of Excel
- ➤ Have a "high-powered" computer
 - Fast processor, lots of RAM
- Want to stick with Excel
- ➤ Rely heavily on PivotTables
- > Don't want to install another application

Power BI Desktop

- > Don't have the correct version of Excel
- ➤ Not an Excel "expert"
- Willing to learn something new
- Want the latest and greatest
- ➤ Need the formula functions that aren't available in Power Pivot

Wrap-Up



Presentation Wrap-Up

Microsoft provides Excel and stand-alone tools

Knowledge gained is transferable to other tools

Access large amounts of data very fast

Tools provide data modeling, measures, visualizations and sharing

Use Power BI Services to share data models

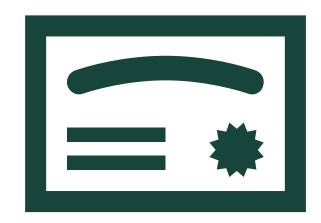
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ONE FINAL NOTE

Glossary (1 of 4)

➤ Data Analysis

 Data analysis, also known as analysis of data or data analytics, is a process of inspecting, cleansing, transforming, and modeling data with the goal of discovering useful information, suggesting conclusions, and supporting decision-making.

➤ Power Pivot

 Power Pivot is an Excel add-in you can use to perform powerful data analysis and create sophisticated data models. With Power Pivot, you can mash up large volumes of data from various sources, perform information analysis rapidly, and share insights easily.

➤ Power Query

Power Query enhances self-service business intelligence (BI) for Excel and Power BI Desktop
with an intuitive and consistent experience for discovering, combining, and refining data
across a wide variety of sources including relational, structured and semi-structured, OData,
Web, Hadoop, and more.

Glossary (2 of 4)

➤ Power Map

- Microsoft Power Map for Excel is a three-dimensional (3-D) data visualization tool that lets you look at information in new ways. A power map lets you discover insights you might not see in traditional twodimensional (2-D) tables and charts.
- With Power Map, you can plot geographic and temporal data on a 3-D globe or custom map, show it over time, and create visual tours you can share with other people.

Power BI Desktop

Power BI Desktop is a free application you can install on your local computer that lets you connect to, transform, and visualize your data. With Power BI Desktop, you can connect to multiple different sources of data and combine them (often called modeling) into a data model that lets you build visuals, and collections of visuals you can share as reports, with other people inside your organization. Most users who work on Business Intelligence projects use Power BI Desktop to create reports, and then use the Power BI service to share their reports with others.

Glossary (3 of 4)

➤ Power BI Services

Power BI. Power BI is a business analytics service provided by Microsoft. It provides interactive
visualizations with self-service business intelligence capabilities, where end users can create
reports and dashboards by themselves, without having to depend on information technology
staff or database administrators.

➤ Power BI Mobile

 Power BI offers a set of mobile apps for iOS, Android, and Windows 10 mobile devices. In the mobile apps, you connect to and interact with your cloud and on-premises data.

➤ Power BI Report Server

Power BI Report Server is an on-premises report server with a web portal in which you display
and manage reports and KPIs. Along with it come the tools to create Power BI reports,
paginated reports, mobile reports, and KPIs. Your users can access those reports in different
ways: viewing them in a web browser or mobile device, or as an email in their in-box.

Glossary (4 of 4)

➤ Power BI Report Builder

 Power BI Report Builder is a tool that allows users to create paginated reports in Power BI. These reports are ideal for printing or sharing and are highly formatted. They are often referred to as "pixel-perfect" because of the precise control users have over how the content is displayed, such as tables, charts, and text.

➤ Hierarchies

 Hierarchies allow aggregating data on different levels - for example users may drill down into a date-hierarchy from the year-level to quarters, months and days.

➤ KPI (Key Performance Indicators)

 A Key Performance Indicator (KPI) is a visual cue that communicates the amount of progress made toward a measurable goal. 2:15 – 3:25 p.m.

Get Ready for Microsoft Copilot

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Copilot for Microsoft 365 – Get Ready to Boost Your Productivity



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Learning Goals



- ➤ Recognize the potential for Microsoft 365 Copilot to transform the way you use everyday applications.
- ➤ Identify the steps you can take to prepare your organization to leverage the full value of Copilot.



Presentation Outline

- Microsoft Copilot Ecosystem Overview
- Copilot for Microsoft 365 Deep Dive
- Preparing Your Organization For Copilot
- > Wrap-up



MICROSOFT COPILOT ECOSYSTEM OVERVIEW





Things to Know About Microsoft Copilot

Copilot is ChatGPT technology embedded into Microsoft applications



Microsoft owns a 49% stake in OpenAI the creator of ChatGPT

There are multiple Copilot products

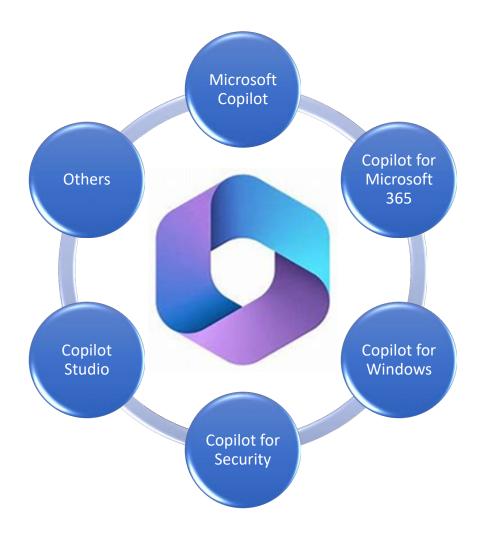
Copilot for Microsoft 365 requires Business Standard, Premium, E3 or E5 subscription



Microsoft Commercial Data Protection secures your data privacy in Copilot

Copilot for Microsoft 365 is \$30 per user, per month license fee

Microsoft Copilot Apps





Microsoft Copilot



- Essentially ChatGPT rebranded as Copilot
- Free version vs. Copilot Pro \$20 per month
- Chat with text, voice and images
- Summarize documents and web pages
- Image creation
- Web grounding (access current data via web)
- Commercial Data Protection with Microsoft Entra ID



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"Web" is free and is used for general prompting / chatting

🥠 Copilot

Your everyday AI companion



Conversations and data are kept private with Commercial Data Protection

Prompt data is not saved or used for LLM training

Terms Privacy FAQ

Include text, audio, images and files with prompt for "Retrieval Augmented Generation" (RAG)



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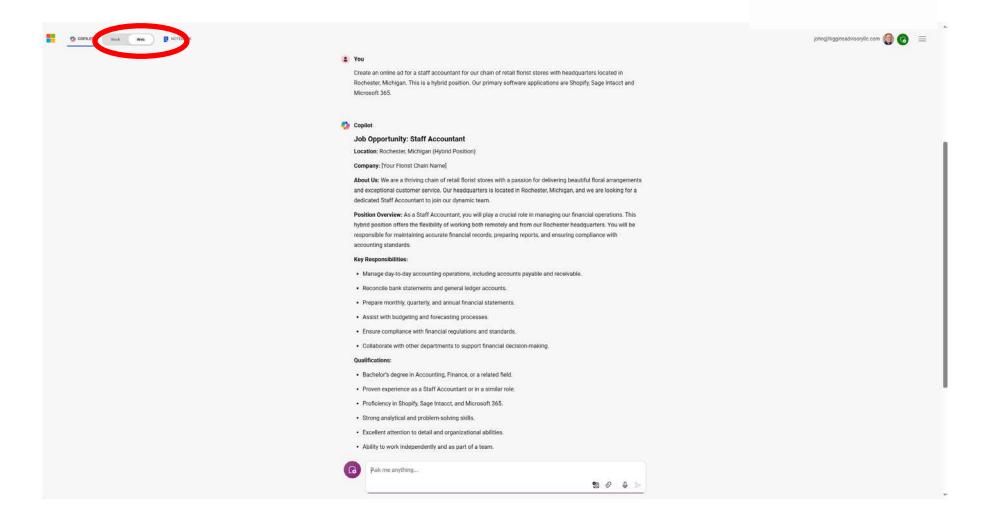
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Copilot Web Example

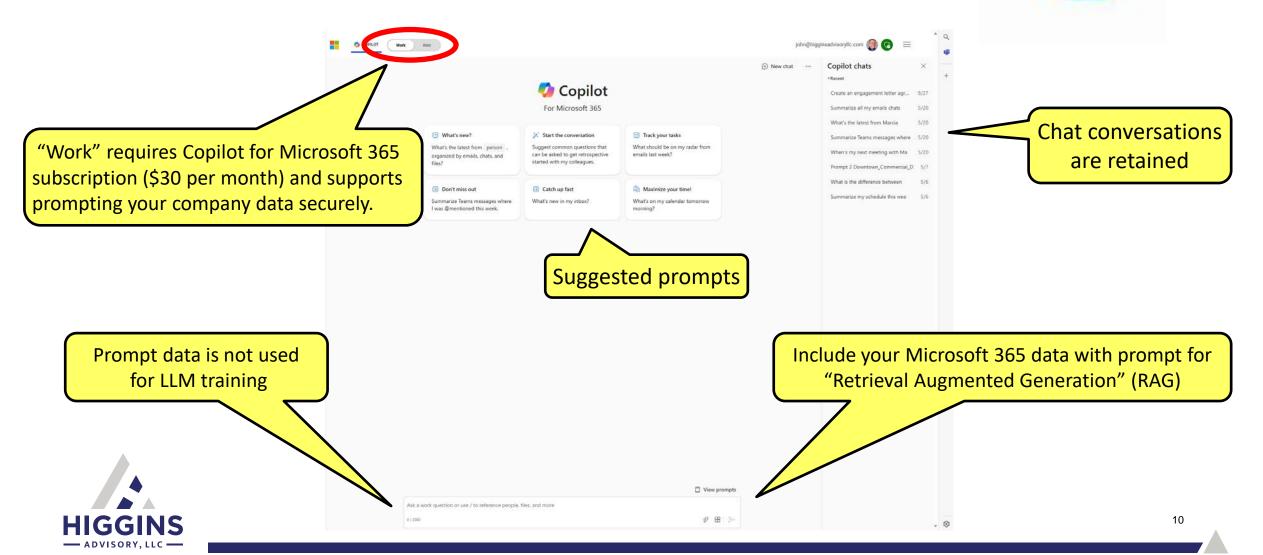






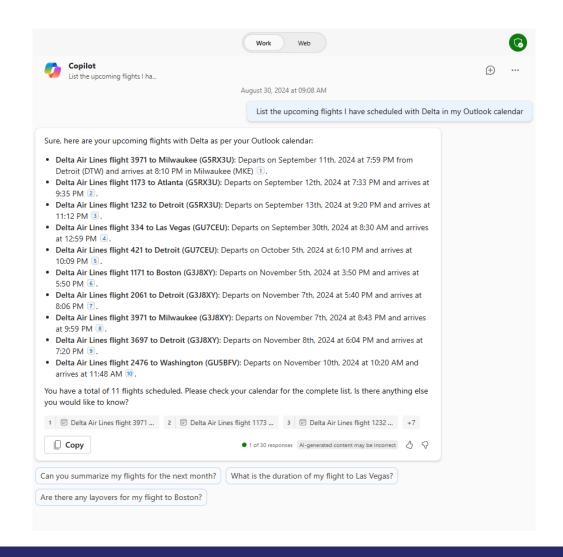
Copilot Prompt Screen - Work





Copilot Work Example







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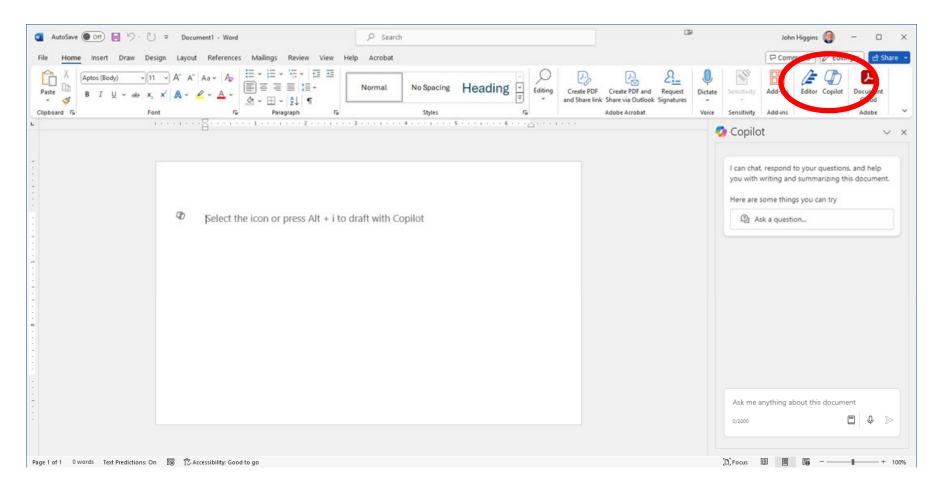


- Create first draft of documents
- Rewrite an existing document
- Transform text into table format
- Research from within existing document
- Summarize a document











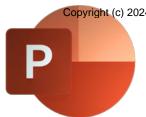
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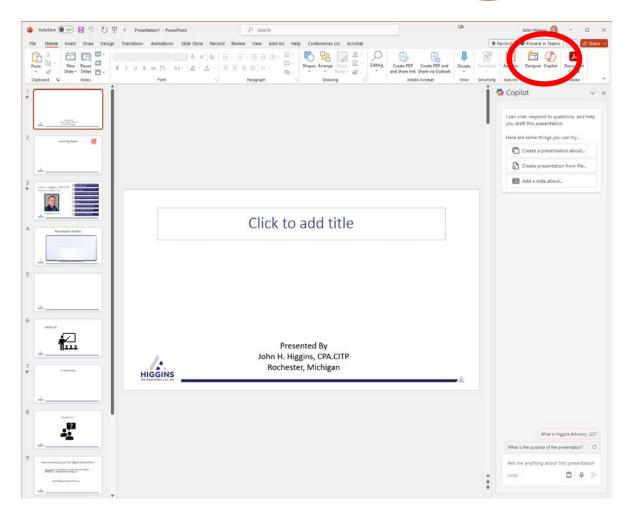


- Create new presentation slide deck w/ images
- Summarize an existing presentation
- Reorganize an existing presentation
- Integrate your company's branding into a presentation



Copilot for PowerPoint







Copilot for Excel

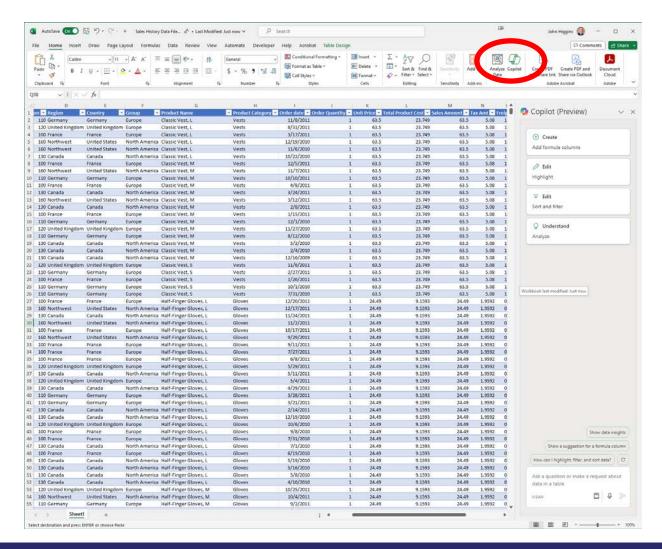


- Only works with data formatted as a table
- Create table column formulas
- Sort and filter table data
- Analyze table data





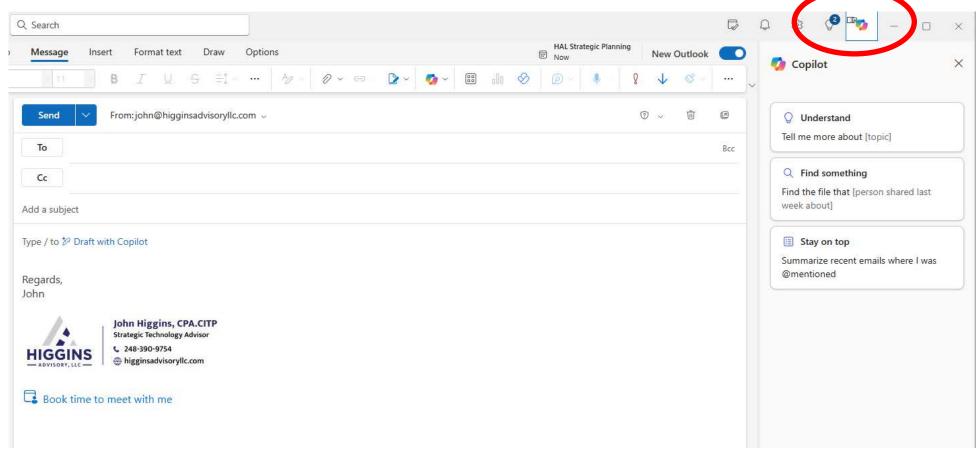
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Copilot for Outlook







Copilot for Outlook



- Compose new email messages
- Compose email replies
- Analyze / summarize email messages



Copilot for Teams

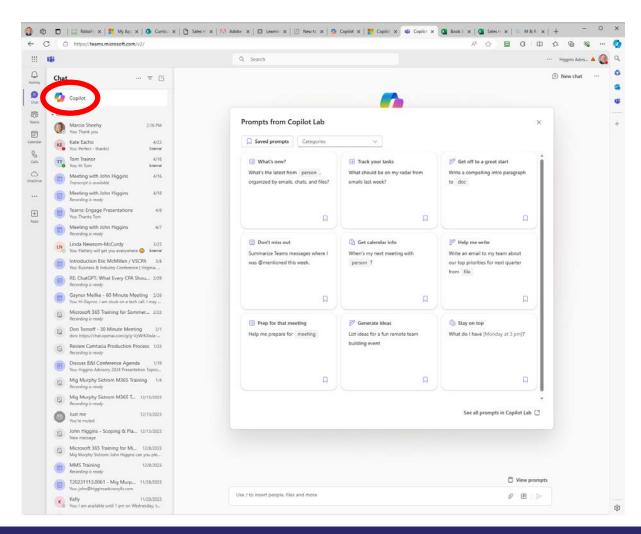


- Summarize meeting or call data in real time
- Summarize chat conversations for main points, action items and decisions
- Summarize data across all Teams data; emails, documents, notes, contacts and more



Copilot for Teams

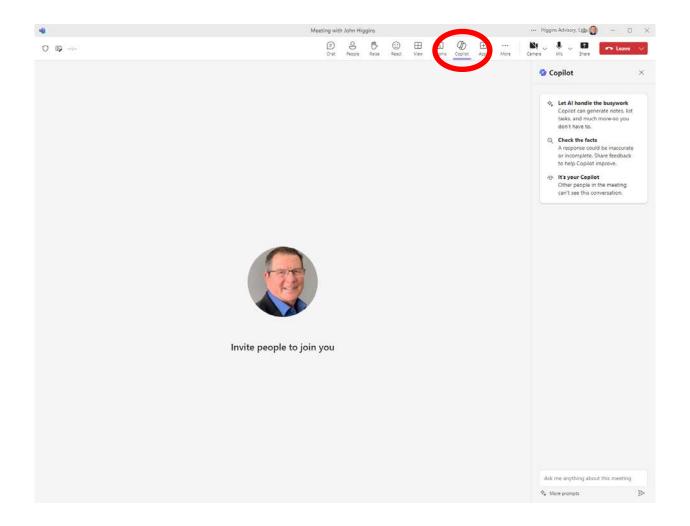






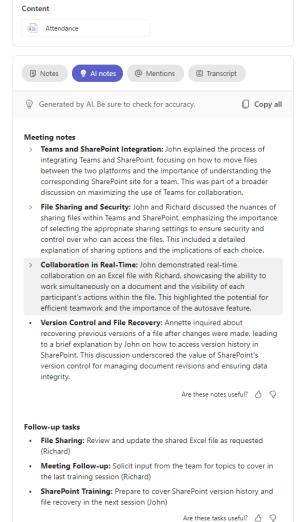
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Copilot for Teams Meetings





Copilot for Teams Meetings

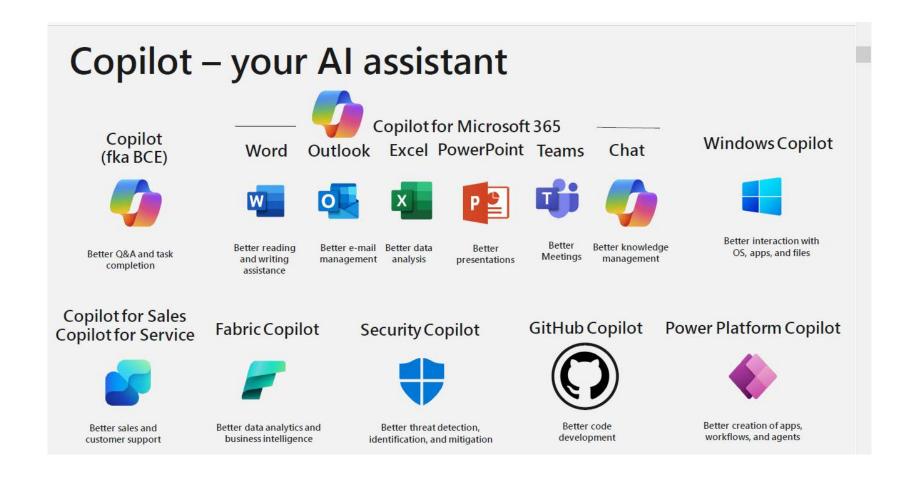








Microsoft Copilot Products





Preparing Your Organization for Copilot

- Get your Microsoft 365 data governance managed
- Store files in SharePoint and OneDrive
- Use Teams & Channels vs. Chats
- Use Teams Meetings vs. Zoom
- Educate your staff on Generative AI & Copilot



WRAP-UP





In Summary

- The Copilot ecosystem adds significant capabilities to Microsoft 365 to increase your productivity
- We are in the first generation of Copilot, expect substantial advancements
- Most importantly, Copilot protects the security and privacy of your company data while it is being used with generative AI
- Get started today!



Thank you!!!

Let's connect on LinkedIn







3:40 – 4:40 p.m.

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