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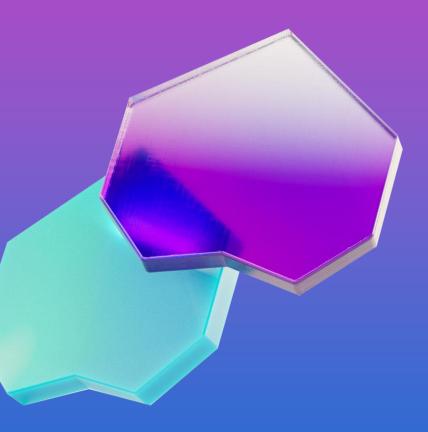


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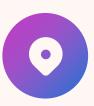
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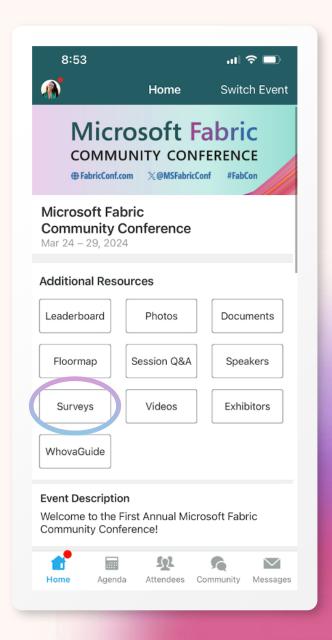
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### Topics

5 DirectQuery for real-The analytics engine time access & enterprise capabilities 6 Aggregations & How much data? optimization Reducing project Fabric & Direct Lake data size scenarios Multiple report types Parameters & incremental refresh & drillthrough scenarios

#### What's this about?

### Enterprise BI with Power BI and Microsoft Fabric

Power BI is not just for self-service reporting. It is a highly scalable data analytics platform that can handle large volumes of data at scale to create analytical and operational reports. Fabric takes Power BI next-level with Direct Lake and Gen2 Dataflows. This session will demonstrate Power BI for the enterprise and help you plan and design solutions with interactive, fast data refresh, and even real-time reporting for the entire business. Take a journey and learn to use the Power BI with Fabric to achieve the best of both worlds: performance and scale.

Can we use Power to deal with real-time data sources, very large tables, and transactional details? Yes, but it requires some planning and proper design. Out of the box, Power BI is superfast with moderate data volumes and data schemas optimized for analytic reporting. How big is your data? Millions or billions of rows? Gigabytes or terabytes? - we can handle that.

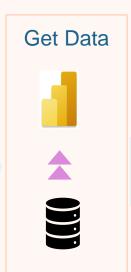
Moving beyond the basics, learn to use Direct Lake, and DirectQuery alongside in-memory Import mode in composite models to access very large tables with real-time results; models and reports that combine interactive "dashboard-style" reports and drill-through to transactional details.

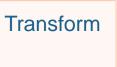
### The Business Intelligence Process



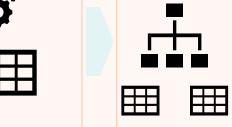








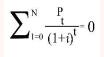




Model











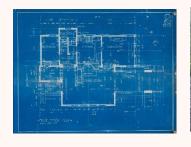






















### Reality Check...

EMBRACE THE TECHNOLOGY
USE THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB







- Power BI natively is optimized for <u>analytical</u> reporting, not for transactional reporting
- ...BUT we CAN manage very large datasets and transactional details using the right features
- Enterprise Power BI = Premium
- Star schema design is nearly always the right solution
- Import mode is nearly always fastest
- DirectQuery mode is typically slower due to query translation & data transfer latency but provides real-time access to source data
- Fabric expands scale & performance boundaries in a unified data platform

### Vertipaq

DATA MODEL ENGINE

- In-memory cache
- Can be refreshed frequently
- Column store/compression
- Internal storage optimization:
  - Value encoding
  - Hash encoding
  - Run Length encoding
- Storage engine, Formula engine





#### How Much Data Do You Have?

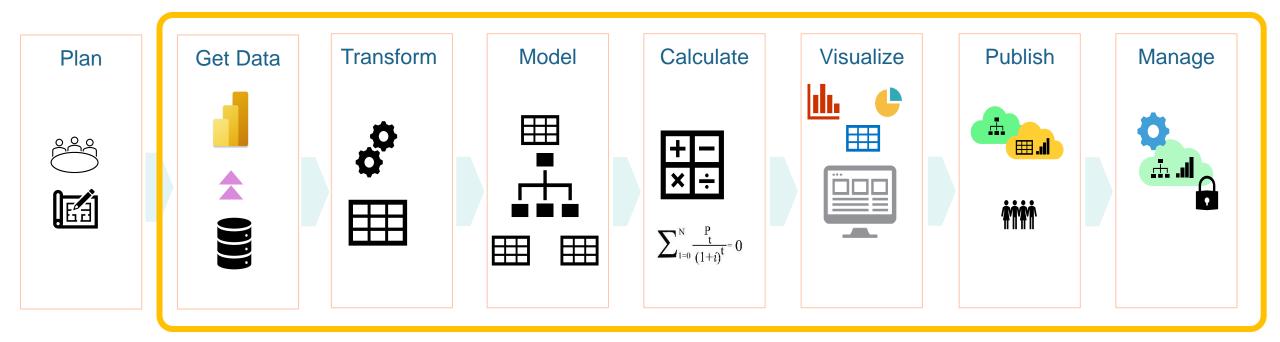


Data sources Table & Column Compression Semantic Data warehouse selection Model Data lake Files **}** 100 MB (repo) 1 TB 30 GB 2 GB 2 GB (service) 100 TB 200 GB 300 GB

### **Dedicated Capacity Resource Limits**

Fabric Capacity SKUs	Power BI Capacity SKUs	Total v- cores	Backend v- cores	Frontend v- cores	Max memory per dataset (GB)	DirectQuery/Liv e connection (per second)	Max memory per query (GB)	Model refresh parallelis m
F8	EM1/A1	1	0.5	0.5	3	3.75	1	5
F16	EM2/A2	2	1	1	5	7.5	2	10
F32	EM3/A3	4	2	2	10	15	2	20
F64	P1/A4	8	4	4	25	30	6	40
F128	P2/A5	16	8	8	50	60	6	80
F256	P3/A6	32	16	16	100	120	10	160
F512	P4/A7	64	32	32	200	240	10	320
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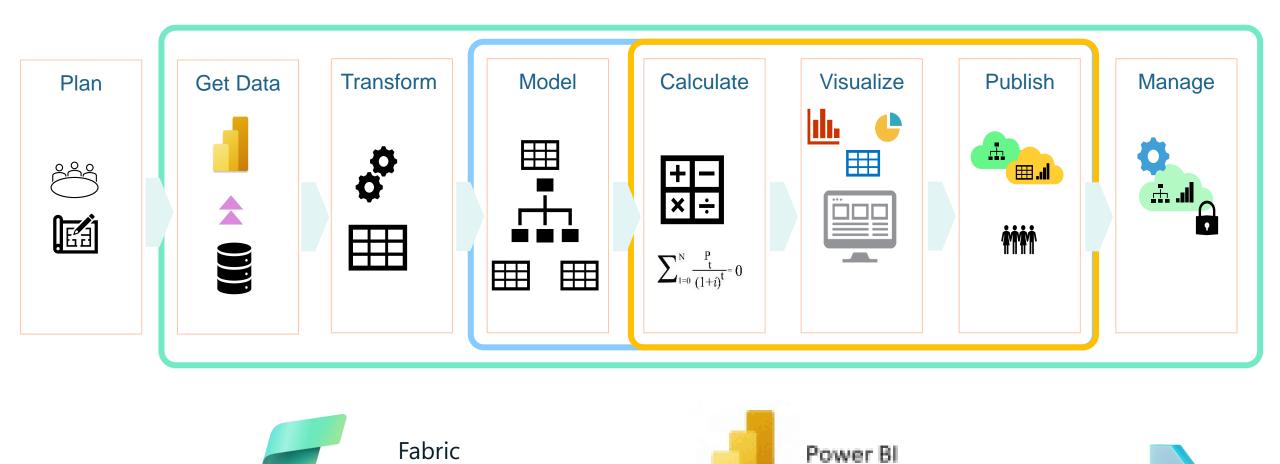
#### Power BI Solution Architecture – Conventional Power BI

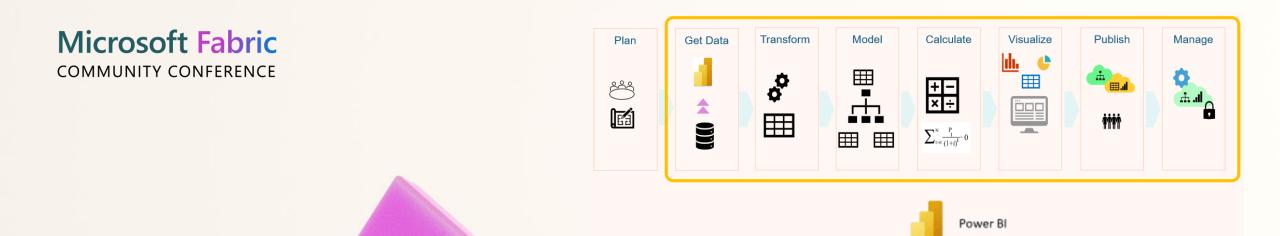






### Power BI Solution Architecture – Fabric w/Direct Lake







#### Data Source Scale

Does the data source support query-folding in Power Query and DirectQuery?



#### Queries that do not fold:

- Files (CSV, JSON, CSV...)
- Folder
- Data Lake (files)
- REST APIs
- SharePoint
- OneDrive

#### Queries that can fold:

- SQL Server / Azure SQL
- Relational & Spark sources
- Cloud-based data warehouses:
  - Azure SQL, SQL Server
  - Synapse Analytics
  - Snowflake
  - Redshift
  - Delta Lake, SQL Connector



### Optimize for Compression

- Eliminate wide text columns
- Store distinct values with low cardinality
- Store numbers as numbers
- Use the most conservative data type

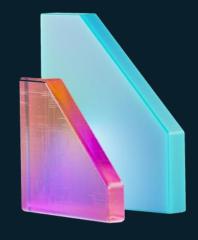
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# Developer: *I need a manageable dataset size*

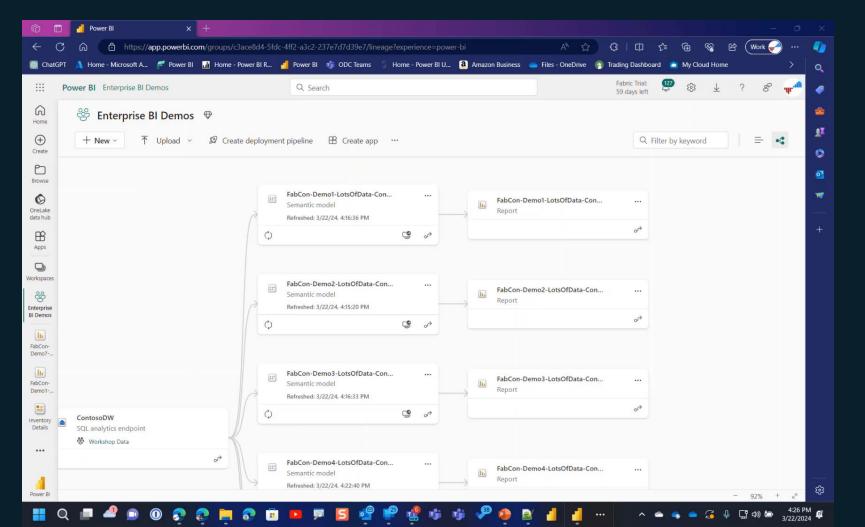
- Keep Power BI project files small
- Fast refresh
- Fast deployment
- Manageable version control & CI/CD



### Demo 1: Parameterized date range filters



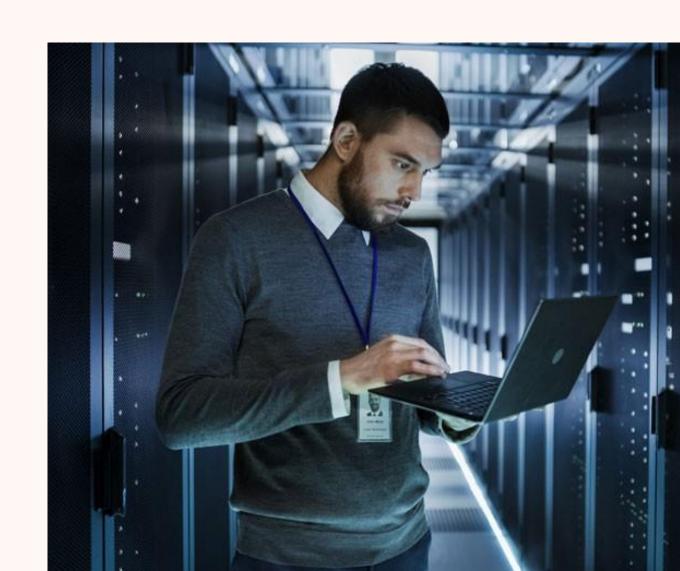
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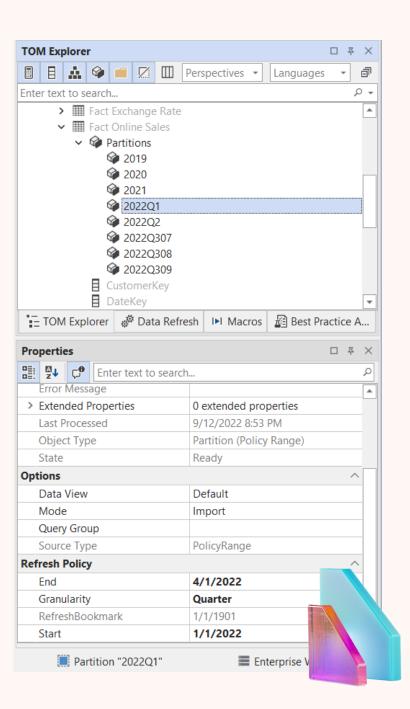
# Data Administrator: Optimize & partition large tables

- Improve refresh speed
- Prevent reloading history
- Capture updated history
- Reduce database resource load

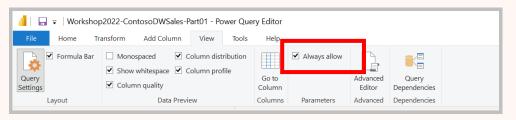


### Partitioning Large Tables

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  "parentObject": {
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    "table": "Fact Online Sales"
 },
  "partition": {
    "name": "2022Q1",
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    "source": {
      "type": "policyRange",
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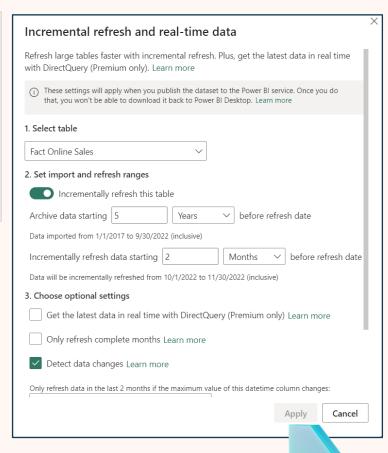


### Implementing Incremental Refresh



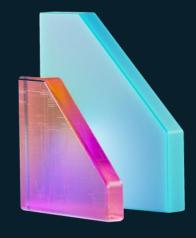


- Allow parameterization
- Create RangeStart & RangeEnd parameters
- Add date range filter to fact table
- Create Incremental Refresh policy



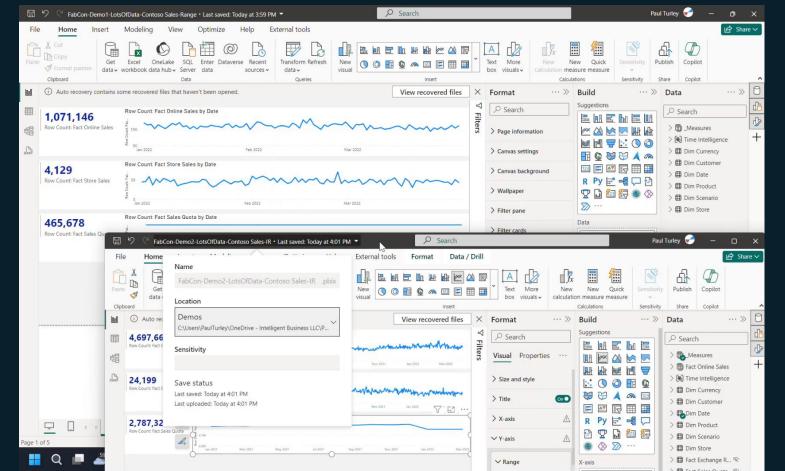
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Incremental Refresh
Table partitions & Hybrid tables



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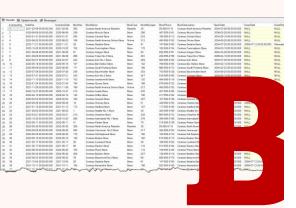
### Business Users: We need to see the details

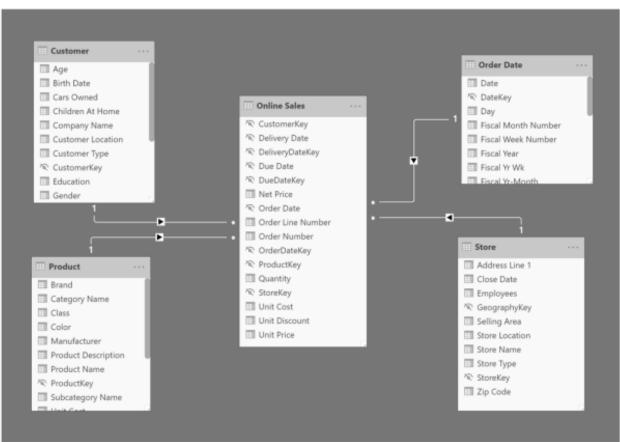
- Drill-down in context
- Transactions
- Detail records
- See recent data changes

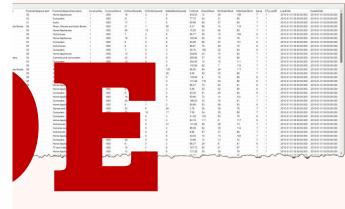


Do you have one of





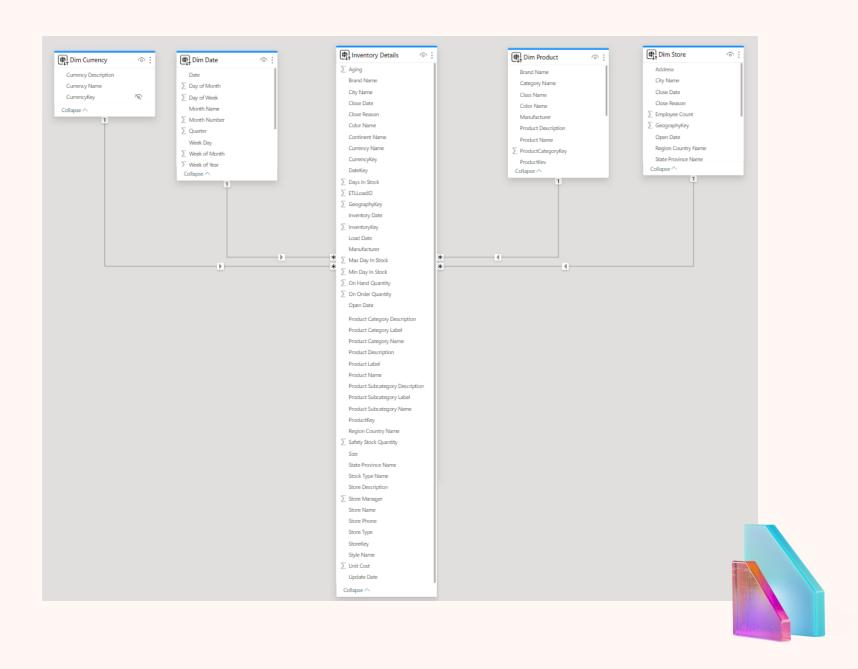






### Yea, but...

...we still have a big, wide table



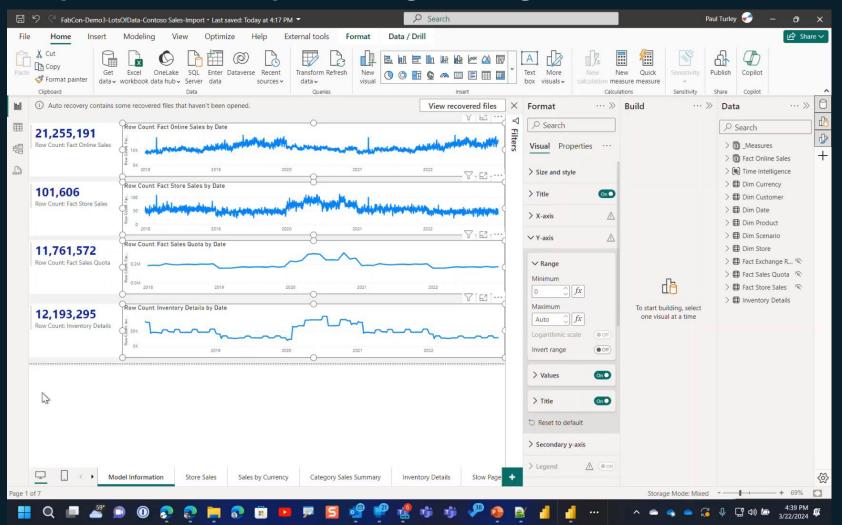
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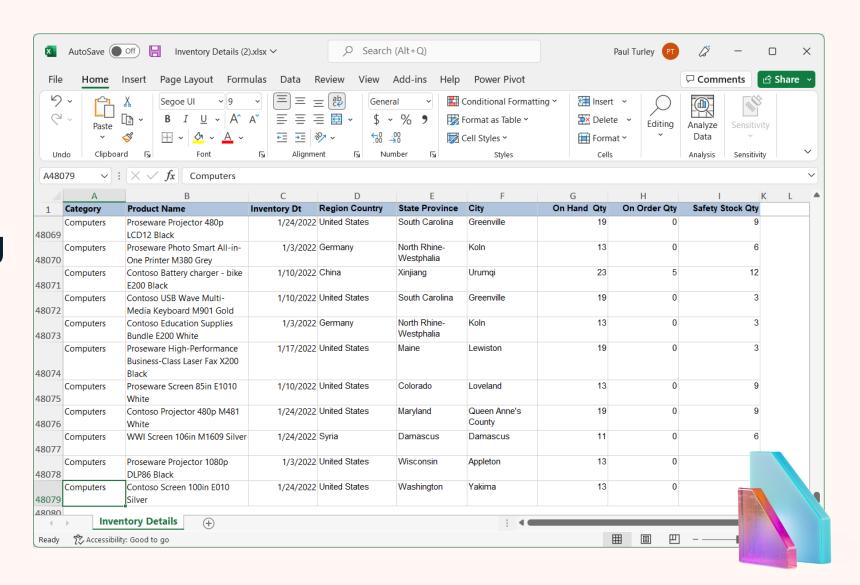
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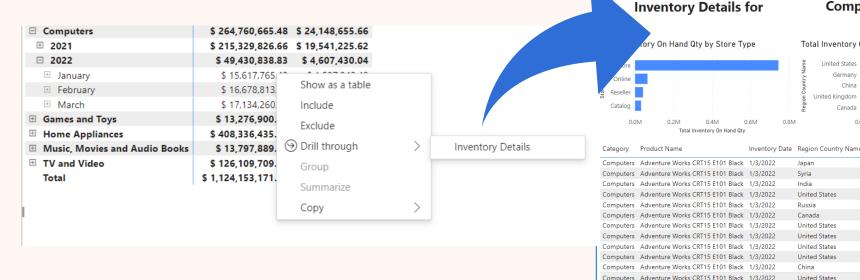


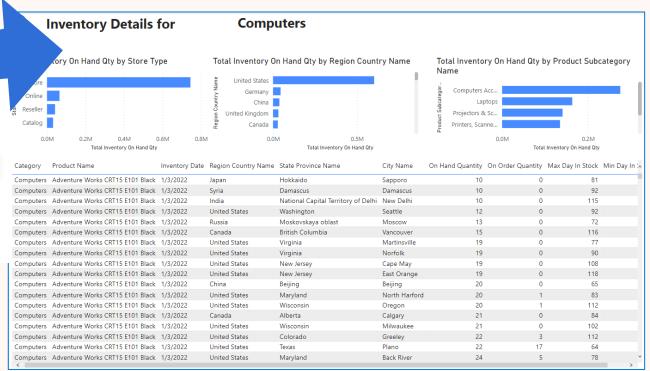
### DirectQuery Details

- Wide table
- Complex source query
- Frequently changing data



### Drill-through to Details with DirectQuery

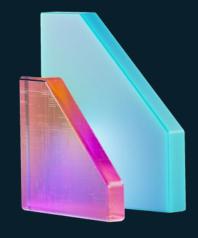






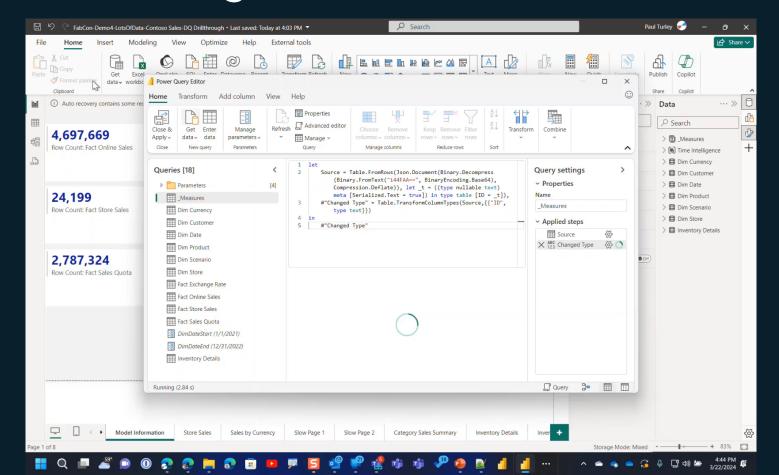
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Composite model with DirectQuery Drillthrough



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# Composite model with DirectQuery Drillthrough





## Everyone: How do we speed this up?

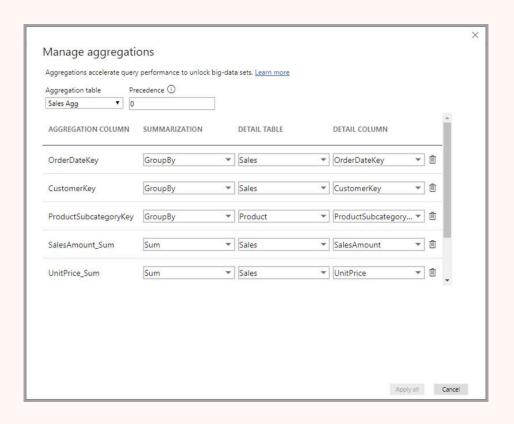
We want the best of both worlds:

- DirectQuery details
- Import aggregates



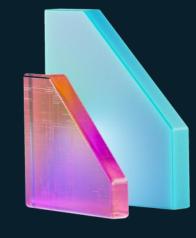
### Aggregations

- Two tables in the model:
- Details: DirectQuery
- Summary: Import
- Aggregations map fields between the tables

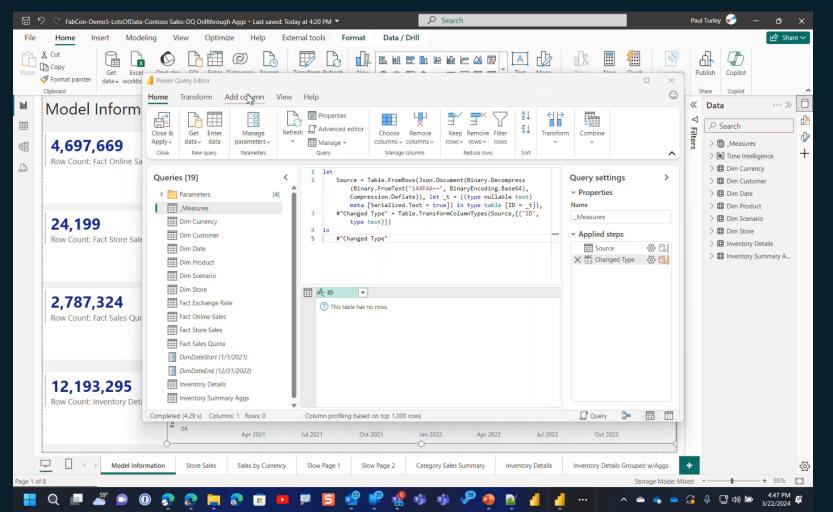


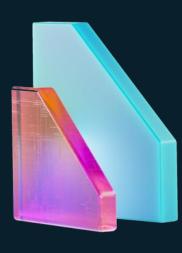


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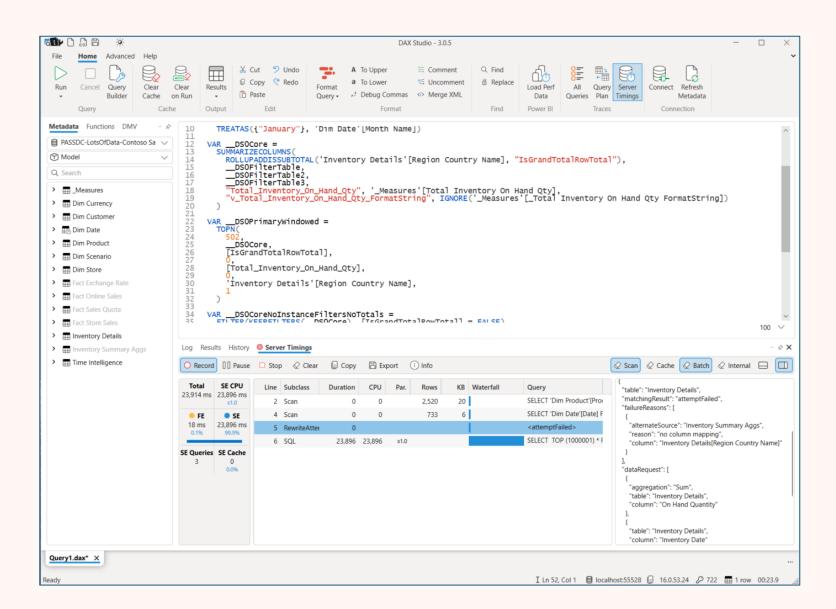
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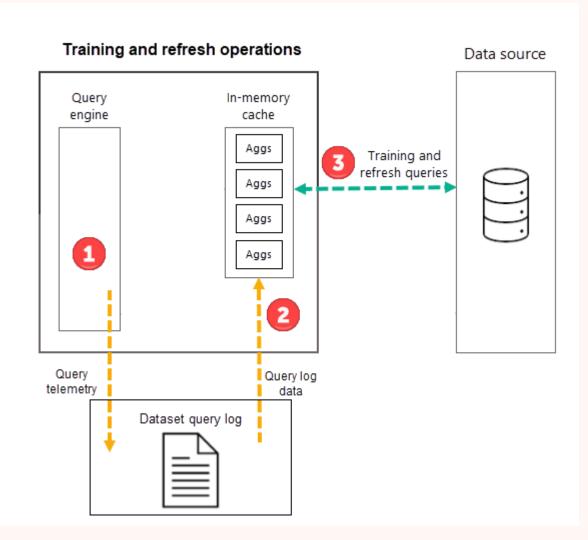


#### The art and science of aggregations

- Capture DAX query on Performance Analyzer
- Execute in DAX Studio with Server Timings
- Analyze trace for aggregation hits



## **Auto Aggregations**



Aggregation creation can be automated through usage metrics based on the dataset query log

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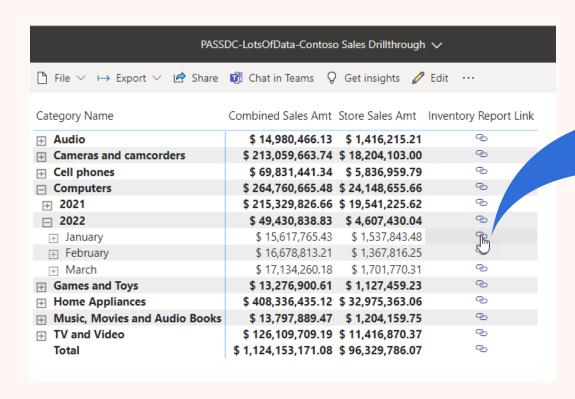
#### Composite & Hybrid Models

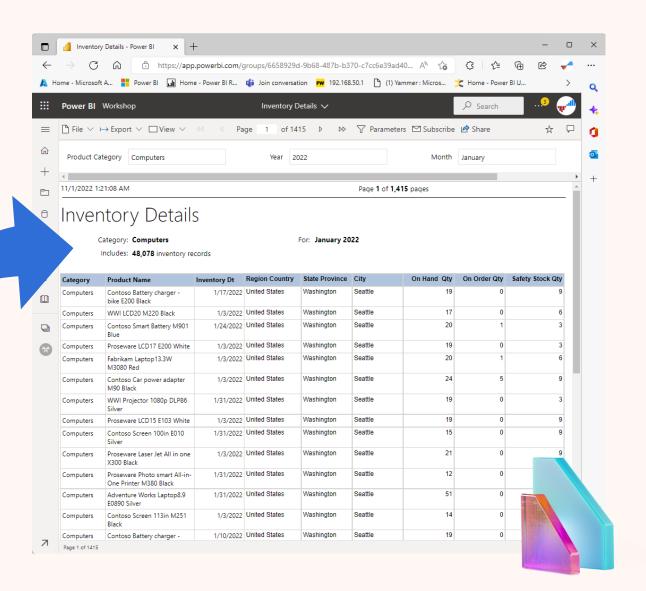
#### Composite models:

- Allow you to combine data from multiple sources, like a mix of DirectQuery sources and imported data.
- Enables you to connect to different kinds of data sources within the same semantic model, which can then be used to create reports that integrate all the connected data sources.
- Hybrid tables combine Import mode and DirectQuery mode partitions in a single table.
- **Dual mode tables** have the flexibility to operate in both Import and DirectQuery modes simultaneously. The model decides which mode to use based on the query context, aiming to optimize performance.

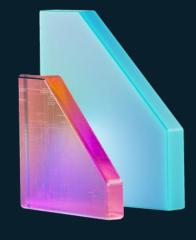


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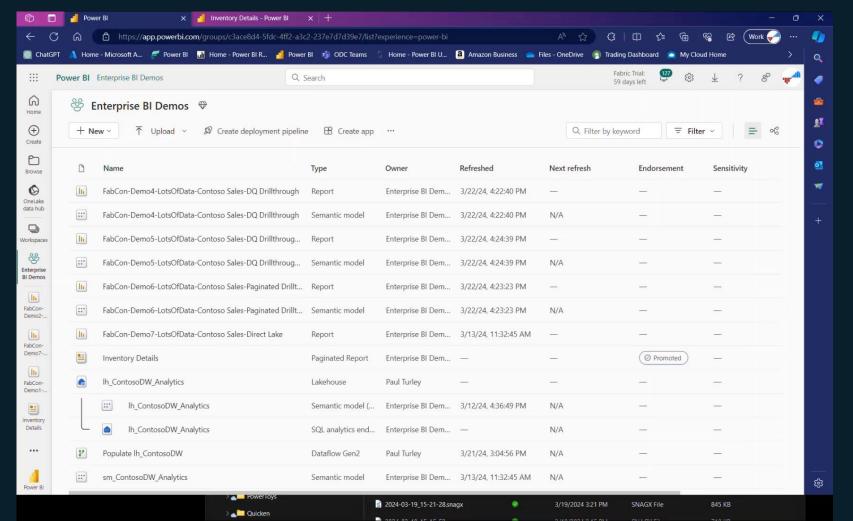




## Demo 6: Drill-through to Paginated Report



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#### We want it all!

#### Next-level:

- Large data volume
- Near-real-time reporting
- Enterprise data engineering
- Room to grow

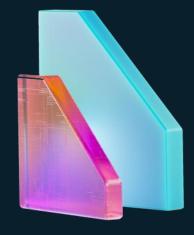




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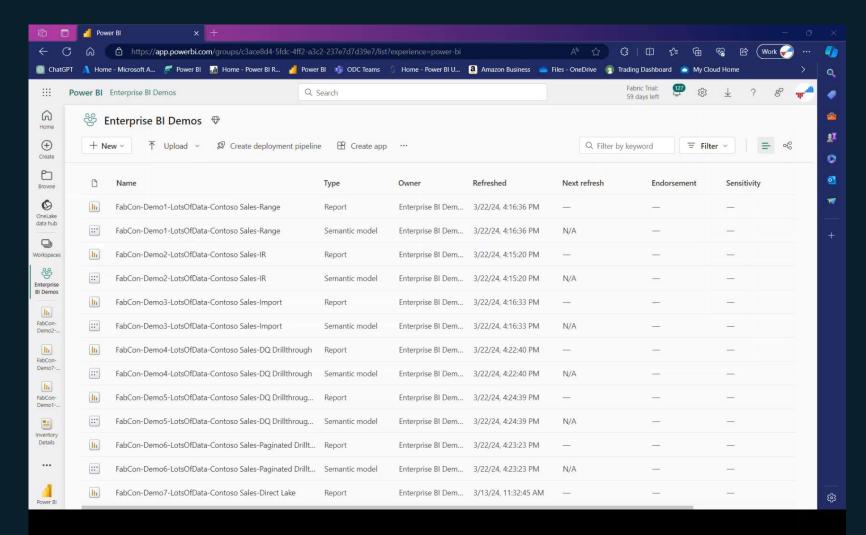
## Demo 7:

Fabric Direct Lake Semantic model



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#### Fabric Direct Lake Semantic model





#### Transition to Direct Lake

#### Move to Direct Lake when:

- You need enterprise class modeling & analytic reporting.
- You plan to scale to large volume.
- You need improved performance over real-time access to the model data source.
- You want to build an integrated Fabric modern data solution...
  - Realtime analytics
  - Data science
  - Other Fabric workloads & experiences

Before	After
Dataset/model imported from multiple data sources	Data integrate into one lakehouse or warehouse
Power Query transformations	Dataflow Gen2 transformations
Calculated columns (DAX)	Custom columns in lakehouse table (defined in M or notebook code)
Friendly table & column names defined in DW/database or views	Friendly table & column names defined in semantic model
Import semantic model tables from DW views	Generate semantic model tables from lakehouse tables

#### Don't Freak Out

### You don't **have** to change anything!

Power BI continues to work as it did before, with or without additional Fabric features

Fabric is the forward direction of Microsoft data platform and analytics and the next generation of Power BI

#### Summary: Data Scaling Options

Effort / Dual mode / Aggregations Import & **Complexity:** DirectQuery mode Composite models with DirectQuery Direct Lake mode Fabric / Direct Lake Incremental Refresh policy Coordinate report types Import mode Date range parameters



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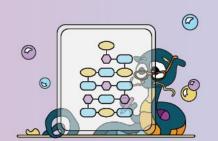
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