



Course Overview

This course will discuss the various methods and best practices that are in line with business and technical requirements for modelling, visualizing, and Analyzing data with Power BI. The course will also show how to access and process data from a range of data sources including both relational and non-relational data. This course will also explore how to implement proper security standards and policies across the Power BI spectrum including datasets and groups. The course will also discuss how to manage and deploy reports and dashboards for sharing and content distribution.

Audience Profile

The audience for this course are data professionals and business intelligence professionals who want to learn how to accurately perform data analysis using Power BI. This course is also targeted toward those individuals who develop reports that visualize data from the data platform technologies that exist on both in the cloud and on-premises.

Skills Gained

Ingest, clean, and transform data
Model data for performance and scalability
Design and create reports for data analysis
Apply and perform advanced report analytics
Manage and share report assets

Prerequisites

Successful Data Analysts start this role with experience of working with data in the cloud.

- Specifically:
- Understanding core data concepts.
- Knowledge of working with relational data in the cloud.
- Knowledge of working with non-relational data in the cloud.
- Knowledge of data analysis and visualization concepts.

Duration: 18 hrs (6 x 3hrs)

Course Outline

Module 1: Get Started with Microsoft Data Analytics

This module explores the different roles in the data space, outlines the important roles and responsibilities of a Data Analysts, and then explores the landscape of the Power BI portfolio.

Lessons

- Data Analytics and Microsoft
- Getting Started with Power BI
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Explore the different roles in data
- Identify the tasks that are performed by a data analyst
- Describe the Power BI landscape of products and services
- Use the Power BI service

Module 2: Getting Data in Power BI

This module explores identifying and retrieving data from various data sources. You will also learn the options for connectivity and data storage and understand the difference and performance implications of connecting directly to data vs. importing it.

Lessons

- Data Analytics and Microsoft
- Optimize Performance
- Resolve Data Errors

Lab : Preparing Data in Power BI Desktop

- Prepare Data
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Identify and retrieve data from different data sources
- Understand the connection methods and their performance implications
- Use Microsoft Dataverse
- Connect to a data flow

Module 3: Cleaning, Transforming, and Loading Data in Power BI

This module teaches you the process of profiling and understanding the condition of the data. They will learn how to identify anomalies, look at the size and shape of their data, and perform the proper data cleaning and transforming steps to prepare the data for loading into the model.

Lessons

- Shaping the Data
- Profiling the Data
- Enhance the data structure

Lab : Loading Data in Power BI Desktop

- Loading Data
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Apply data shape transformations
- Enhance the structure of the data
- Profile and examine the data

Module 4: Design a Data Model in Power BI

This module teaches the fundamental concepts of designing and developing a data model for proper performance and scalability. This module will also help you understand and tackle many of the common data modeling issues, including relationships, security, and performance.

Lessons

- Introduction to data modeling
- Working with tables
- Dimensions and Hierarchies

Lab : Data Modeling in Power BI Desktop

- Create Model Relationships
- Configure Tables and Column Properties
- Create hierarchies
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Understand the basics of data modeling
- Define relationships and their cardinality
- Implement Dimensions and Hierarchies

Module 5: Create Model Calculations using DAX in Power BI

This module introduces you to the world of DAX and its true power for enhancing a model. You will learn about aggregations and the concepts of Measures, calculated columns and tables, and Time Intelligence functions to solve calculation and data analysis problems.

Lessons

- Introduction to DAX
- Real-time dashboards
- Advanced DAX

Lab : Introduction to DAX in Power BI Desktop

- Create calculated tables
- Create calculated columns
- Create measures

Lab : Advanced DAX in Power BI Desktop

- Use the CALCULATE() function to manipulate filter context
- Use Time Intelligence functions
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Understand DAX
- Use DAX for simple formulas and expressions
- Create calculated tables and measures
- Build simple measures
- Work with Time Intelligence and Key Performance Indicators

Module 6: Optimize Model Performance in Power BI

In this module you are introduced to steps, processes, concepts, and data modelling best practices necessary to optimize a data model for enterprise-level performance.

Lessons

- Optimize the data model for performance
- Optimize Direct Query Models
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Understand the importance of variables
- Enhance the data model
- Optimize the storage model

Module 7: Create Reports in Power BI

This module introduces you to the fundamental concepts and principles of designing and building a report, including selecting the correct visuals, designing a page layout, and applying basic but critical functionality. The important topic of designing for accessibility is also covered.

Lessons

- Design a report
- Enhance the report

Lab : Enhancing reports with interaction and formatting in Power BI Desktop

- Create and configure Sync Slicers
- Create a drill through page
- Apply conditional formatting
- Create and use Bookmarks

Lab : Designing a report in Power BI Desktop

- Design a report
- Configure visual fields and format properties
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Design a report page layout
- Select and add effective visualizations
- Add basic report functionality
- Add report navigation and interactions

Module 8: Create Dashboards in Power BI

In this module you will learn how to tell a compelling story through the use of dashboards and the different navigation tools available to provide navigation. You will be introduced to features and functionality and how to enhance dashboards for usability and insights.

Lessons

- Create a Dashboard
- Real-time Dashboards
- Enhance a Dashboard

Lab : Creating a Dashboard in Power BI Service

- Create a Dashboard
- Pin visuals to a Dashboard
- Use Q&A to create a dashboard tile
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Create a Dashboard
- Understand real-time Dashboards
- Enhance Dashboard usability

Module 9: Identify Patterns and Trends in Power BI

This module helps you apply additional features to enhance the report for analytical insights in the data, equipping you with the steps to use the report for actual data analysis. You will also perform advanced analytics using AI visuals on the report for even deeper and meaningful data insights.

Lessons

- Advanced Analytics
- Data Insights through AI visuals

Lab : Data Analysis in Power BI Desktop

- Create animated scatter charts
- Use the visual to forecast values
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Use the Analyze feature
- Identify outliers in data
- Use the AI visuals
- Use the Advanced Analytics custom visual

Module 10: Create and Manage Workspaces in Power BI

This module will introduce you to Workspaces, including how to create and manage them. You will also learn how to share content, including reports and dashboards, and then learn how to distribute an App.

Lessons

- Creating Workspaces
- Sharing and Managing Assets
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Create and manage a workspace
- Understand workspace collaboration
- Monitor workspace usage and performance
- Distribute an App

Module 11: Manage Files and Datasets in Power BI

This module will introduce you to parameters and datasets. You will also learn how to manage datasets and parameters, build dynamic reports with parameters, and set dataset refresh options.

Lessons

- Parameters
- Datasets
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Manage datasets and parameters
- Build dynamic reports with parameters
- Schedule dataset refresh
- Troubleshoot gateway service connectivity

Module 12: Row-level Security in Power BI

This module will introduce you to row-level security, both static and dynamic methods, and how to implement.

Lessons

- Security in Power BI

Lab : Enforce Row-Level Security

- Configure many-to-many relationships
- Enforce row-level security
- After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Implement row-level security using both the Static and Dynamic methods