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### Overview

SQL Server Analysis Services (AS) is at the core of Microsoft's business intelligence strategy. It is one of the key technologies that underpins the wildly popular Power BI visualization products. AS is an extremely powerful, flexible, and robust data management, query, computation, and manipulation platform that is blazingly fast, widely available at low cost, and has a large and growing ecosystem of developers and users across industries and geographies. Microsoft is investing heavily to stay on top of an extremely competitive market.

KCI believes that embracing this technology can bring significant benefits to CONTROL applications in the financial and operational domains it serves. Here are some of the benefits:

- Seamlessly integrating the CONTROL's planning, forecasting, and analytics functions and the visual business intelligence domain of Power BI
- Extending Excel-embedded reporting and modeling capabilities of CONTROL to a broad spectrum of financial and operational functions
- Leveraging innovative features of the Microsoft technology stack such as Artificial Intelligence in CONTROL applications
- Implementing CONTROL applications more quickly and easily by building on models built for AS or Power BI
- Improving the speed and memory footprint of CONTROL reporting applications
- Streamlining the creation of complex calculations by using the powerful computational language of AS (DAX)
- Enabling Excel delivery and distribution of AS data for applications created and maintained outside of CONTROL
- Opening the door to the wide world of Power BI experts

As with any rich new feature set, we expect that our customers and consultants will find all manner of creative ways to apply these capabilities.

### AS Models vs. CONTROL Models

To understand both the value and the challenges of using AS with CONTROL, it is essential to understand the similarities and differences between how the two products approach the multidimensional application space.

The discussion below relates to the Tabular model, which has become the dominant option in Microsoft's customer base.





### Similarities

From 10,000 feet, both CONTROL and AS (and many other multi-dimensional products) look identical. They organize numeric data so that it can be sliced and diced according to key characteristics.

Specifically:

- The primary unit of organization is a "model"
- A model can have one or more "dimensions" which contain the elements related to the model's keys e.g., Product, Geography, Time, etc.
- Each dimension groups information related to the key for example a product may be part of a brand, and a category, have a size, a weight, or a color
- Data can be aggregated or summarized based on the information in a dimension e.g., departmental data can be summarized by division or business unit
- There is an ordered progression of summarization supported in some or all dimensions e.g., days to weeks to months to quarters etc.
- The numeric data in the model can be elemental and come from an external source or via direct entry such as number of units sold and sales price; or be calculated based on other data such as gross sales (units x price) or profit (sales cost)
- Each user's access to the data in a model can be specified through "roles" which limit which members of each dimension can be read or written

Both CONTROL and AS offer multiple interfaces for the user to interact with the data they manage. AS can be presented via Power BI, SSRS (SQL Server Reporting Services), Excel pivot tables, and other third-party tools. CONTROL is primarily utilized from Excel and CONTROL Web.

### Differences

The divergence of the CONTROL and AS architectures can largely be traced to the intended purpose of each product.

AS was designed to be an extremely efficient engine for storing and computing data for business intelligence. Once loaded, the data and meta-data in AS is relatively static.

CONTROL is a platform for creating and managing modeling, forecasting, and analytic solutions for finance and operations. The data and meta-data in CONTROL can change from minute to minute. Due to its focus on financial applications, CONTROL must be consistent, auditable, and reconcile exactly to systems of record.

Here are the key differences to keep in mind:

• AS is read-only. CONTROL is read/write.





- AS models are **segregated**, each isolated in their own database. CONTROL models are contained in a single database and can interact via mappings.
- CONTROL models have a strict "star-schema" structure, with all information for a dimension in a single table. AS models may have a "star schema" or a "snowflake schema", with information distributed in multiple tables (although the star schema is the recommended organization).
- CONTROL models have a single fact table, AS models may have multiple fact tables.
- CONTROL's dimensions are strongly "typed" scenario, organization, variable, and time. AS dimension tables may have a type (Time is common) or maybe completely untyped.
- The calculation **logic** in CONTROL is specified dimension by dimension, with complex formulas typically associated with the **variable** dimension. AS model calculations can be in calculated columns or tables, but most commonly are defined in **measures**, which can reside in any table and may reference any part of the model.
- CONTROL dimensions are comprised of **levels and attributes** which have strictly specified relationships. AS dimensions have **fields** (columns), and no specified relationships. Level members have ID's, names, and descriptions.
- A CONTROL model can have **multiple alternate hierarchies** for each dimension. AS models cannot.
- CONTROL dimensions, hierarchies, levels, and attributes are **reusable** across models.
- CONTROL models intrinsically support **commentary** and **dynamic currency translation**, while AS models must be explicitly designed to have those capabilities.
- CONTROL supports non-uniform levels of detail in multi-level dimensions. AS does not.

While these differences present some challenges, they also offer opportunities to leverage the strengths of each product to deliver more functional and higher value applications.

The goal of the integration is to give the application designer the flexibility to take advantage of the functionality and performance of AS, without the burden of dealing with the bloody details.

### A few words about DAX

DAX is the formula language that is used to define how measures are calculated in AS. It is also a query language that can be used to extract data from AS models.

DAX is an enormously powerful language for performing calculations and data manipulations on multi-dimensional data. These capabilities overlap with intrinsic CONTROL features and functions to a large degree, but also provide easier ways to accomplish some tasks, and can handle requirements that were previously very cumbersome to address.





While DAX is not easy to master, it is a skill that is essential to using Power BI, and will prove enormously valuable in CONTROL applications that leverage AS.

We will be providing examples and patterns in this (10.6) and future releases.

### **Control Power Pivot Models**

Central to all the new capabilities is a new subclass of CONTROL model, the *Power Pivot* model. This new subclass of model has additional properties, particularly the Usage property, which determine how the Power Pivot model relates to AS:

- Control to AS
- AS to Control
- Control to Relational

### CONTROL to AS

The ability to export a CONTROL data to use in Power BI was implemented in the 10.2 release and has been enhanced significantly in subsequent releases. The functionality and usage details are described in the "Power BI Integration" document. Please refer to that document if your primary interest is in Power BI.

Here we will focus on the use of CONTROL Power Pivot models that have been exported to AS from CONTROL.

### What it does and why

The mechanisms to integrate relationally managed CONTROL data to AS are encapsulated in Power Pivot models which have the Usage property "CONTROL to AS".

The Power Pivot model has these customizable features:

- A base model and view
- Export properties
  - Anchor dimension
  - Augmentation options
  - Materialization options
- Additional views (which may include source data)
- Calculation groups
- Additional tables (datasources) which may be calculated AS tables
- Customizable definitions of measures and KPI's

These features enable an enormous range of sophistication in the resulting AS model.



In the simplest case, the AS model is a mirror image of a CONTROL model and view. With virtually no knowledge of AS or DAX, you can be creating great visuals in Power BI from CONTROL data exported to AS.

At the other end of the spectrum, you can build composite models which incorporate data from multiple CONTROL models and datasources with different dimensionality and level of detail and incorporates time intelligence and customized calculations across models and dimensions.

The result is a useful model that anyone even remotely familiar with Power BI, Reporting Services, or other tools can use immediately. The meta-data relationships reflect the cleansing, validation, and augmentation performed via CONTROL processes. The data is reconciled and up to date, and shareable by any number of users, with or without CONTROL licenses. When changes take place, it is simple (and scriptable) to refresh the AS model.

#### How it works

In some respects, the Analysis Services architecture is "simpler" than the CONTROL architecture. Basically, an AS model is a set of tables, and relationships (typically one to many) between those tables. (There are some rules about what is acceptable, but CONTROL applications generally obey those rules.)

Here are the details of how an AS model is built from the CONTROL Power Pivot model and view:

- Each non-anchor dimension-branch of the base view is exported as a table, with the lowest level of the branch as the "primary key" of the table. Both ID's and member names are included in the table, as are any listing levels or attributes in the branch.
- Depending on the Augmentation property of the Power Pivot model, additional levels and attributes may be included in the table.
- If there is a filter on the dimension-branch, only members included by the filter are included in the table.
- If the view includes multiple scenarios having different hierarchies, the hierarchies are "merged".
- "Branches" in CONTROL become "Hierarchies" in the AS model.
- A "Fact" table is built from the data in the base view. The fact table does not include aggregated time or organization values.
- Some anchor members become data columns in AS, some become calculated columns, and some become measures.
- If there is an anchor dimension, a column is added to the fact table for each member of that dimension, including any computed or aggregated values.
- If there is a protocol specified, the fact table in AS is partitioned.





- Relationships are created from the dimension tables the "one" side, to the fact table the "many" side.
- The process is repeated for additional views with the following caveats:
  - Any dimension-branches that are common with the base view or any preceding view (in terms of filter and branch) are not added.
  - Each additional view has its own fact table in AS
- Any calculation groups are added.
- Any extra tables are added, along with their relationships.
- An "Information" table is added, to facilitate debugging, synchronization, and documentation.

### Automatic Import

As you will read later in this document, it's possible to open CONTROL computational views on AS models. This essentially allows for AS models to be substituted for Control computational models in CONTROL applications. As part of the CONTROL to AS export process, the resulting AS model(s) are automatically conditioned so that they can be substituted for CONTROL computational models.

To achieve this end, there is a process which makes a Power Pivot model "look like" a Computational model. It must have one scenario, time, and variable dimension, and one or more organization dimensions.

This implies the following restrictions on the definition of the Power Pivot model:

- The Power Pivot Anchor must be the variable dimension or unanchored
- If there are multiple views, they must share common scenario and time dimensions
- No view may have a non-anchored custom dimension

This is how the dimensions and hierarchies of the Power Pivot model are defined:

- The non-anchor dimensions and hierarchies of the base model/view are inherited from the base model/view
- Any organization dimensions of the additional model/views which are not in common with the base are inherited from those models/views
- If the variable dimension is the anchor dimension, or if there are multiple variable dimensions amongst all views, a new variable dimension is created
- If the variable dimension is not anchored, a new hierarchy is created with the DAX formula type
- Any non-variable dimension which has a filter other than "All" or the lowest level of its branch different than the root level of the dimension, will have a subset hierarchy created and assigned to that dimension in the model
- Calculation groups are translated to organization dimensions





• Additional tables which are have a relationship to any fact table are added as organization dimensions

### An Example

This example exports data from a departmental expense model and incorporates data from a workforce model which tracks resources by employee.

Here are the properties of the CONTROL Power Pivot model:



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Here is how the exported model appears in Power BI.







#### Note:

- Two fact tables one from each CONTROL computational model
- Shared dimension tables Department, Project, Scenario, and Time
- The Employee dimension table from the Workforce model
- The presentation of data from the two models in a single visualization

### AS to CONTROL

Wouldn't it be fabulous to have all of CONTROL's reporting, analysis, and modeling capabilities instantly available on any data model built in AS or Power BI? All the flavors of views, drilling flexing, using on the Web, integrating with other CONTROL information? And effortlessly accessed in Excel?

AS to CONTROL usage accomplishes just that!

A technical note:

The same technology is at the heart of AS Tabular, Power BI, and Excel Power Pivot models. It is called the Vertipaq engine. The interface to that engine is what is used to accomplish this integration with CONTROL. As Microsoft removes limitations on this interface, we will provide broader access and improved functionality in this area.

### What it does and why

This process makes an AS model look like a CONTROL computational model, so that you can take advantage of all the features and functions of CONTROL, except updating data.

Based on the structure of the AS model, this process can be extremely straightforward or somewhat complicated.

The import process translates the AS model's meta-data into their corresponding CONTROL object model components: dimensions, hierarchies, levels, and attributes. The numeric data is not imported but instead is accessed directly from AS.

The tricky parts are:

- Determining how to divide up dimensions and where the "fact" tables are.
- How to assign a dimension's subclass.
- Deciding what is a level and what is an attribute.
- For a level, whether a field is an ID or name.
- How to turn table and field names into CONTROL object ID's and names.
- How to determine the relationships among the levels and attributes of a dimension.
- How to decide which columns in the AS tables should be CONTROL variable members.





Because the match between AS and CONTROL is not exact, the default translation process may make incorrect assumptions, so there are several ways to intervene to get the desired result.

The guiding principle of the import is that data presented via CONTROL views or mappings is identical to that presented via Power BI.

#### How it works

Once you create a Power Pivot model with the usage property set to AS to CONTROL, you need to define the AS Server, AS Database and Object Prefix (which will be defined automatically if you leave it blank):

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Here is what happens:

- A connection is established to the AS Server and database, and the list of tables in the model, their relationships, and details about each table are retrieved.
- If the model has an Import Rules data source, the rules are retrieved. If none is specified, a default set of rules are defined. (Detailed descriptions of the supported rules follow.)
- A list of dimension tables is defined. Any table which is on the one side of a many to one relationship is considered a dimension table. The import rules can override the default choice for a table.
- Each dimension table is turned into a CONTROL dimension using the following logic:
  - If the table is hidden, it is not imported unless explicitly requested by an import rule
  - The import rules and a heuristic algorithm are used to classify each column as:
    - A level ID
    - A level name
    - An attribute
    - Ignored hidden columns are ignored unless they are the "root" level connected as the "to" or "one" side of a relationship
  - In cases where a level name is present and there no ID, an ID is constructed based on the type and size of the column
  - If there is more than one column which is not ignored, and no column that has a single value, a total level is added
  - The reporting relationships between the levels and attributes is inferred from the observed relationships among the columns and a new dimension is defined, along with its levels and attributes
  - The standard hierarchy of the dimension is constructed from the table's contents
  - Levels associated with columns that are sorted (other than alphabetical or numeric order) inherited into the level ordering





- Any hierarchies associated with the table are defined as branches of the dimension
- The automatically generated branches of the dimension are cleaned up to be more usable in CONTROL
- A list of fact tables is defined. Any table which contains at least one measure is considered a fact table. The import rules can override which tables are considered fact tables.
- For each fact table:
  - A list of variable members is defined including all measures and any visible numeric column with some exceptions – e.g. names like "Key", "ID", "Date", etc.
  - The format, DAX expression, and display folder for grouping of each variable member are defined
- The unified list of variable members is used to create a variable dimension, levels, and a hierarchy whose Formula Type is DAX
- The Power Pivot model's dimension list is constructed from the dimension tables, variable dimension, and default scenario and time dimensions, if those are not included in the AS model

### A simple example

The Power BI visualization below is based on an example AS database distributed by Microsoft, called Contoso.







The model has 3 tables related to products – DimProduct, DimProductSubCategory, and DimProductCategory; a Dates table which summarizes daily dates into months and years, and a FactSalesSmall table which has detailed sale, cost, and return data and a few computed measures, including margin.

To use the AS model in CONTROL, we create a Power Pivot model and set the properties as follows:

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The AS Server and AS Database specify which AS model we are using. The Object Prefix is optional and is used to distinguish the CONTROL objects that will be created from other dimensions, hierarchies, levels, and attributes.





To execute the import, edit the model, select Import, From Analysis Services, and Create or Replace:

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The process can take a few minutes. When it is complete, you can see the newly created dimensions in the task pane:



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Note that a CONTROL dimension has been built for every table in the AS model, except for FactSalesSmall.





Here is an example of how the DimProduct table was turned into a CONTROL dimension and hierarchy:

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11	ASMODELMEASURES	UNITPRICE	UnitPrice	FactSalesSmall:SUM('FactSalesSmall'[UnitPrice])			
12	ASMODELMEASURES	SALESQUANTITY	SalesQuantity	FactSalesSmall:SUM('FactSalesSmall'[SalesQuantity])			
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Here is how a CONTROL view on the model might look:





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AS1 Measures	Audio	TV and Video	Computers	Cameras and camcorders	Cell phones	Music, Movies and Audio Books	Games and Toys	Home Appliances		
Sum of SalesAmount	\$1,192,586.07	\$11,219,875.96	\$26,089,037.75	\$19,978,051.34	\$6,904,421.21	\$1,330,155.30	\$1,252,453.49	\$31,185,943.78		
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### Customizing the import

If the import process succeeds, you will have a usable model in CONTROL, on which you can define views and mappings, and the data will have complete fidelity to the AS model.

However, the imported CONTROL model may not be ideal for any of the following reasons:

- There may be multiple tables that represent a single dimension (e.g., DimProduct, DimProductSubcategory, and DimProductCategory in the example above)
- Fields in a table get defined as part of a level instead of an attribute or vice versa.
- The subclass of a dimension is different from what you would expect (e.g., Dates looks like a time dimension not an organization dimension)
- The reporting relationships among levels and attributes is not to your liking.
- Some fields that are not useful included in a dimension, or useful tables or fields that are hidden in AS would be useful in CONTROL.

#### **Import Rules**

Each Power Pivot model can have an optional data source which contains a set of rules that override the import decision making process. The rules are applied in sequence, and can be specific to a column, a table, or all tables.

Here is the import rule data source for the previous example:





RuleNumber 💌	ASColumnName 💌	ControlSpecification 💌	Tables 💌	Comment 💌
1	Date	Date IDandName		
2	*Date	*Date Attribute		
3	*LoadID	*LoadID Attribute		
4	StyleName	StyleName Attribute		
5	Size	Size Attribute		
6	*ID	* ID		
7	*Label	* ID		
8	*Number	* ID		
9	*Name	* Name		
10	*Description	*Description Attribute		
11	*Key	*Key IDandName		
12	*URL	DontImport		
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The columns have the following meanings:

- Rule number is used to order the table. Rules are applied in order, and for a column, if an applicable rule is found, subsequent rules are ignored.
- ASColumnName is the specific name of a column in an AS table, or a wildcard (\*) prefix that will match any column whose name ends with the trailing characters.
- ControlSpecification is the explicit text of the rule, or a wildcard (\*) prefix that dictates whether the column will be treated as a level ID, a level name, or an attribute.
- Tables is the name of the table that the rule applies to. If this column is blank, the rule is used on all tables.
- Comment is used to document the intent of the rule

These rules apply to an entire AS table – the ASColumnName column should be left blank:

ControlSpecification	Import Behavior
DontImport	The table will be ignored and not imported, regardless of whether it is hidden or visible
Dolmport	The table will be imported, regardless of whether it is hidden or visible
ImportFact	The table will be imported as a fact table
ImportDimension	The table will be imported as a dimension table
ImportBoth	The table will be imported as both a dimension and a fact table. Note that it must contain at least one column that has unique values, or the dimension import will fail
ImportDimensionRelated	The table and all tables with a one-to-many relationship to this table will be merged into a single calculated table which will then be imported as a dimension table.





	The merged table will have the name of the specified table with a suffix of "Complete" – for example "DimProductComplete". All the tables involved in the relationships are automatically
	ignored.
	Any import rule column references which apply to any of the
	constituent tables automatically apply to the merged table.
	This option makes it simple to have a snowflake schema turned
	into a star schema for more understandable use in CONTROL.
ImportBothRelated	Imports the table as a dimension using ImportDimensionRelated
	and as a fact table

These rules apply to individual columns on either a specified table or all tables:

ControlSpecification	Import Behavior
Xxxx ID	Column Xxxx will be treated as a level ID of a new level named Xxxx,
*Xxxx ID	with an ID of prefixXxxxx
	Similarly, *Xxxx ID will treat any column where the last characters of
	the column name match Xxxx will be treated as a level ID with a level
	name that matches the column name
Xxxx Name	Column Xxxx will be treated as a level name of a new level named
*Xxxx Name	Xxxx, with an ID of prefixXxxxx
Xxxx IDandName	Column Xxxx will be treated as both the name and ID of a level.
*Xxxx IDandName	The structure of the ID and name depends on the datatype of the
	column.
	DateTime columns will have ID YYYYMMDD if all the column values
	have the same time of day, or YYYYMMDDhhmmss if the times are
	different.
	Numeric columns will have member names be the column name
	followed by the numeric value – e.g., Product 1234
	Character columns will have the ID derived from the column content
	and limited to 25 characters.
Xxxx Attribute	Column Xxxx will be treated as an attribute of a new attribute named
*Xxxx Attribute	Xxxx, with an ID of prefixXxxxx
DontImport	The column will be ignored
ImportBoth	The table will be imported as both a dimension and a fact table. Note
	that it must contain at least one column that has unique values, or the
	dimension import will fail
RootLevel	The column contains the ID or name of the root level of the
	dimension





The editable data source for the import rules will support expanding the list of rules to suit useful customization options as our experience with using AS models grows.

### Using Import Rules to combine AS tables

In the previous example, there were three tables related to products and each table became a separate dimension. However, if you view the table relationships, each product has a single subcategory, and each subcategory has a single category. In CONTROL, the natural way to represent this is as a single dimension.

We created a second Power Pivot model and added the ImportDimensionRelated rule for the DimProduct table:

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RuleNumber 💌	ASColumnName 💌	ControlSpecification 💌	Tables 🔻	Comment 🚽
1	Date	Date IDandName		
2	*Date	*Date Attribute		
3	*LoadID	*LoadID Attribute		
4	StyleName	StyleName Attribute		
5	Size	Size Attribute		
6	*ID	* ID		
7	*Label	* ID		
8	*Number	* ID		
9	*Name	* Name		
10	*Description	*Description Attribute		
11	*Key	*Key IDandName		
12	*URL	DontImport		<b>K</b>
13		ImportDimensionRelated	DimProduct	Imports all related tables

When the import is run, the resulting model has only one dimension related to product:



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### And the dimension contains the subcategory and category information:

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### Customizing the AS Column Map

In the import process, the relationships between CONTROL objects and AS Tables is defined based on the import rules and saved in the model's AS Column Map, which is included in its edit book.

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The map for the previous example is shown in this object view:

The map contains a row for every level and attribute of the dimensions of the model, both imported dimensions and default dimensions (such as Scenario) required to make the model usable.

The content of each column of this view is described below:

Column	Meaning							
SubClass	The subclass of the dimension and level							
Dimension The name of the CONTROL dimension								
LevelID	ID of the CONTROL level or attribute							
LevelName	Name of the CONTROL level or attribute							
LevelOrAttribute	Object class for this row							
ASTable	The table in the AS model that the information for this level or							
	attribute is derived from.							
	Different levels of the same CONTROL dimension							
	Different levels of the same CONTROL dimension may be derived							
	from different related AS tables							





ASIDColumn	The column of the AS table that the ID of the level or value of the attribute is derived from. The format of this column is: [ASColumnName] optionalModifier The optionalModifier is present when the contents of the column in the AS table is transformed in any way when imported into CONTROL. If the optionalModifier is missing, there is no transformation. If the string "***AddedTotal***" is present, it means that the level does not correspond to a column in the AS table but has been added to provide a total of all members of this level. If this column is blank, and there is a non-blank value of the ASNameColumn, the ID is created from the name using standard meta-data conversion rules.
ASNameColumn	The column of the AS table that the name of the level is derived from. The format of the content is identical to the ASIDColumn. This cell will be blank for attributes.

The supported values for the optional modifier are:

Modifier	Meaning
PrefixedAndFormatted	Used to create a readable name. For example, for a numeric
	column named Product with values 1, 2, 3 etc. the names would be
	"Product 1", "Product 2", etc.
DateTimeTranslation	Turns an AS date format column into an ID of the form
	YYYYMMDDhhmmss
DateTranslation	Turns an AS date format column into an ID of the form YYYYMMDD
DateTruncation	Turns an AS date format column into a name by dropping the time
	in the standard format
NameToID	Uses standard CONTROL logic to turn a string into an ID by
	removing special characters, making uppercase, and limiting to 25
	characters
Truncation250	Converts to an attribute value, limiting strings to 250 characters
LeftOfSpace	Converts to an ID by returning values to the left of the first blank
RightOfSpace	Converts to a name by returning values to the right of the first
	blank

The AS Column Map is editable, if you want to modify and refine the choices that CONTROL has made in importing the meta-data:





- You may only add, delete, or modify rows associated with dimensions that are dedicated to this Power Pivot model
- All levels which are referenced must exist
- Any level or attribute may only be referenced once in a dimension
- There may be a maximum of one Added Total level
- The subclass of a dimension must be unique
- You may change the subclass of a dimension or level only if the dimension is dedicated to the model and the level is dedicated to the dimension
- You may change a level to an attribute or vice versa so long as it is dedicated
- You may change the ASTable, ASIDColumn and ASNameColumn if the reference is valid and uses a supported modifier

If you choose to modify the AS Column Map, you will need to save your changes, then update the dimensions and hierarchies of the Power Pivot model. To do this, on the model ribbon select Import -> From Analysis Services -> Update -> Update All.



If you want to preview the changes to the dimension structure, choose Update Dimensions.

### Customizing the Imported Dimensions

You can also refine the result of the import process by updating the dimension structures directly. Once the dimensions have been created, when you close and re-open the Power Pivot model's edit book, there will be a tab for each imported dimension.

You can perform limited types of reorganizations, including removing a level or attribute and changing reporting relationships. You may not add new levels unrelated to the underlying AS model.

Once you have made and saved your changes, you need to update the hierarchies. To do this, on the model ribbon select Import -> From Analysis Services -> Update -> Update Hierarchies.



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### **Copying AS Models**

We have been using the term "AS Model" to refer to a tabular model running on a central Analysis Server instance. The heart of Analysis Services is the VertiPaq engine, which is an inmemory columnar database that is also used by Power BI on the desktop and in the cloud, and by Power Pivot in Excel.

For a CONTROL Power Pivot model to be usable by multiple users concurrently, it should be running on an Analysis Services instance, either on-premises or in the cloud.

So, there may be cases where you need an AS model that is in a Power BI file or on a different server, or you may want to make a copy of a model so you can add tables or make changes without impacting the original model.

To facilitate copying both the meta-data and data, there is a program script that should be defined to be a utility script:

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The script allows you to select the source and target for the copy:





🚧 Copy Tabular Model	×
This utility will make a copy of an existing Microsoft tabular model can exist in Analysis Services or in Power BI Desktop. The target of	or update a previously created copy. The tabular model to be copied the copy always exists in Analysis Services.
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Note:

- 1. If the source is a Power BI Desktop file, you must open the file in Power BI first
- 2. To access a Power BI premium file in the cloud, the source should be Specified Analysis Services database and the AS Server should look like:

powerbi://api.powerbi.com/v1.0/kcicorp.com/PG-Test

- 3. When the AS model is copied, the contents of the tables in the source files is written to staging relational tables in the CONTROL database. The data sources for the target AS model then point to those staging tables, <u>not</u> to the original sources of the data.
- 4. There is a confirmation prompt when you select Create or Replace and Delete and Create because the copy will overwrite the target model, so use those options carefully.

### Views

Once you have exported a Control to AS Power Pivot model, or imported and AS to Control model, you are ready to leverage their content in the rich world of CONTROL views.

### What is the same?

To an end-user, there is little perceivable difference between using a Power Pivot model and a computational model in a view.





Simply specify a Power Pivot model as the Model Scope property of the view and define the view dimensions, filters, branches, and options as usual:

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You can use all the view styles, navigation mechanisms, template features, and access in flex views.

### What is different?

There are some subtle but important differences to be aware of:

- Views on Power Pivot models are always read-only. You can however add comments, but the comments are saved in the CONTROL relational database – not in Analysis Services.
- All calculations are performed on the AS Server according to the definition of the measures and calculated columns. The aggregation and recalculation logic may therefore differ from what you are accustomed to seeing in models defined in CONTROL.



- If the AS Model has calculation groups, and a dimension that is associated with a calculation group is included in the view there appear to be cases where the query fails due to limitations of the calculation group. In those cases, the values for the failed queries are set to 0.
- In the case of a model with multiple fact tables, there may be dimensions which have no relationship to one or more of the fact tables. Since view data must be assigned to a specific member of all the dimensions in the view, data for missing dimensions is assigned to the most summary member of that dimension.

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	Employee	Project Only	Office Expense	Supplies Expense- Office	Telephone Expense	Communicati ons and IT	Rent or Lease Expense	Total Operating Expenses	WF Hours
	Employee 1	Sales Office in Equador							50
		No Project							1,660
	Employee 2	Engineering Plan A							400
		Engineering Plan B							440
		No Project							920
	Employee 3	Engineering Plan B							1,920
	Employee 4	No Project							2,160
	Employee 5	No Project							1,920
	Employee 6	No Project							1,920
	Employee 7	No Project							1,920
	Department 101	Engineering Plan A							400
		Engineering Plan B							2,360
		Sales Office in Equador							50
		No Project							10,500
	Total Company JUMPSTART	Engineering Plan A	2,737	49	623	1,020	6,122	44,908	400
		Engineering Plan B						78,131	2,360
Ĩ		Sales Office in Equador						3,195	50
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In the example above, variables such as Telephone Expense are not related to the Employee dimension, so are assigned to the Total Company member, whereas WF Hours are associated with individual employees.

### Use in custom dimensions

In general, you can use Power Pivot models in views with custom dimensions exactly like you would use a Computational model, and you can combine both types of models too. Keep in mind that the data is read-only and is computed according to the logic in the AS model.

However, formulas for custom members are specified using CONTROL logic and are computed after data is queried from AS.





For example, if we wanted to compare the expenditure of resources (money and time) on projects related to product development vs. all other projects, we could create a custom dimension on model above, using base dimensions project and variable (measures):



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The view using this dimension, with the CONTROL calculated ratios is shown below:



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Department	Direct	Direct Hours	Indirect	Indirect	Direct/Indirect \$	Direct/Indirect	Direct	Direct Hours	Indirect	Indirect	Direct/Indire	Direct/Indire
	Dollars		Dollars	Hours	%	Hrs %	Dollars		Dollars	Hours	ct \$ %	ct Hrs %
LA Manufacturing			212,633	2,420					197,572	3,730		
LA Operations			56,316	960					62,892	1,680		
LA Quality Control	178		15,798	320	1.13%		206		18,007	720	1.15%	
LA Inventory Control			4,185,344	320					3,189,809	560		
LA Transportation			19,209	320					21,976	560		
LA Accounting			50,783	640					51,848	1,120		
LAIT			36,221	960					41,546	1,680		
LA HR			39,130	640					45,914	1,120		
LA Sales			416,075	2,240					1,282,547	3,920		
LA Parts Sales & Service			42,845	640					50,029	1,120		
LA Admin			42,436	640					49,765	1,120		
LA Finance			542	-					503	-		
LA R&D			29,548	-					270	-		
Los Angeles Plant	178		5,146,878	10,100	0.00%		206		5,012,679	17,330	0.00%	
Gas Scooter Division	178		5,146,878	10,100	0.00%		206		5.012.679	17,330	0.00%	
Internet Sales - LA			651	-					215	-		
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### The Generation Option

In all releases prior to 10.6, when a view is opened, CONTROL retrieves and computes all data specified by its filter and branch definitions. For data stored in CONTROL's relational tables this was determined to be the most efficient process.

Based on the fundamentally different performance profile of AS queries, we have introduced the option of only retrieving the data on the visible page of the view. As you navigate the view – changing pages or rotating dimensions, the data for the new page is retrieved.

The choice is a scoped option of the view and defaults to the pre-10.6 behavior:



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The advantages of "On Refresh with Change" are:

- The time to open the view is reduced
- The memory consumed by the CONTROL engine process may be significantly smaller, and this might be important if you have a lot of users running on a single, memory constrained server

The new option is available for all computational views, irrespective of model type, with the following restrictions:

- The new option is not supported for flex views. (Flex views are not constrained to present data from the "current" page.)
- The view must have the Read Only option selected.
- Defer carve does not work with this option, so if Defer Carve is TRUE, the view is set to Sample Only, and you must unselect Sample Only on the ribbon to generate the view.



### Use in CONTROL Web

Computational views on Power Pivot models are usable on CONTROL Web without restriction, other than the usual object access, scope, and privacy considerations.

For Computational views on Power Pivot models to function correctly, your administrator needs to install the required Analysis Services components on the CONTROL Web server so that the CONTROL Web server can communicate with any Analysis Server instances referenced by the views that are exposed in the application menu. Please refer to the CONTROL Setup Guide or the CONTROL readme file for instructions on installing the required Analysis Services components.

### Leveraging and Extending

### The variable hierarchy

One of the most powerful features of Power Pivot models is the ability to add new calculations, including complex cross-dimensional formulas at any time.

The Formula Type for the variable hierarchy of your Power Pivot model is "DAX", and the formulas are stored in the Direct Logic field in the variable hierarchy.

You can add new members to the variable hierarchy using the hierarchy object view or the hierarchy task pane, remembering to use DAX syntax to specify the formula.

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	ASMODELMEASURES	RETURNAMOUNT	ReturnAmount	FactSalesSmall:SUM('FactSalesSmall'[ReturnAmount])	
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	ADDEDMEASURES	TESTNEW4	Total Number of Sales	COUNTROWS(ALL('FactSalesSmall'))	
	ADDEDMEASURES	TESTNEW3	Average Sale	FactSalesSmall:DIVIDE(SUM('FactSalesSmall'[SalesAmount]),COUNTROWS('FactSalesSmall'))	
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Note:

• The DAX formula should be preceded with the name of the fact table to be queried, followed by a colon. This prefix can be omitted if there is only one fact table associated with the model.





- The entire Direct Logic formula should be preceded by a single quote to prevent CONTROL from attempting to interpret it as a CONTROL formula.
- We recommend that you distinguish between measures that are imported from the AS model be distinguished from those added in the hierarchy, such as by a different parent member (Added Measures).

#### Base members

You can also add new calculated members from within a view by using the "Create base member.." option on the right click menu when you have selected a cell in the variable dimension.



Clicking on the Direct Formula button will launch the DAX Studio editor, with the current model selected, to make it easier to construct DAX expressions.

Note that you can only reference columns and measures that are part of the AS model, so unlike CONTROL formulas, you cannot refer to a measure you have added in CONTROL.

### Ad hoc members

Similarly, from within a view you can create ad hoc member, also specified by a DAX formula. Ad hoc members are stored in an affiliated custom dimension. An ad hoc member may be private to a specific user or group, but in this context, process no differently from base members.





### Mappings

A significant benefit of connecting to an AS model is to integrate its data and meta-data with your existing CONTROL applications and to leverage CONTROL features and functions with your externally managed models.

To achieve this integration, mappings have been extended to handle several likely scenarios.

### Meta-data

Since the import process creates dimensions, hierarchies, levels, and attributes that are undifferentiated from the objects that are built manually or via external mappings, there are minimal constraints on how you use these objects.

You can:

- Make copies.
- Re-use the dimensions and hierarchies in new models and use the levels and attributes in other dimensions.
- Copy and modify the hierarchies or create subset hierarchies.
- Map from the levels, attributes, and hierarchies to other CONTROL objects or datasources. You can map to these objects, but the changes may not be reflected in views because those changes are not propagated to the underlying AS model.

The meta-data objects created by the import process are dedicated to the Power Pivot model. This allows them to be dropped and recreated easily if you want to iteratively refine the import rules and be dropped when the model is deleted. If you choose to make any object reusable, you will need to delete those objects manually.

### On-demand data - Power Pivot to Computational models

The import process re-creates an AS model's meta-data as CONTROL objects but does not duplicate the data in the fact tables. That data is queried dynamically (using DAX) directly from AS.

You may want to be able to use the data in a computational model because:

- You would like to update or manipulate it using transforms for "what-if" analyses
- You would like to enhance it with data from other sources.
- There are CONTROL calculations you would like to add
- You want to add new levels or attributes so you can slice and dice differently
- You need the data in relational tables for other purposes

The process of creating and executing the mapping only differ in that a Power Pivot model is selected as the source, rather than a computational model:





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The map associations are initialized using the same dimension and level matching rules as between computational models. In this example, the computational model (target) was defined with the same dimensions as the Power Pivot model (source).



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It is critical to point out that the variable hierarchy used in the target model should have its Formula Type property set to CONTROL, as all calculations, including organization and time logic need to be specified using CONTROL syntax.

### Dynamic data - Power Pivot to Computational models

In general, a dynamic mapping from a Power Pivot model works exactly like an on-demand mapping, executed when a view is generated. That means that the data is mapped from the AS model at the level of the associations for each dimension, and then CONTROL formulas and hierarchies are used to compute other calculated variables and aggregations.

There is one important exception to this behavior when an entire scenario of the target model is mapped. In this case, ALL values are computed according to the logic in the AS model and then mapped to the target. This allows you to leverage performance or computational characteristics of AS in scenarios that may be static or slowly changing.

Here is an example of the Actual scenario being mapped from an AS model – the associations:



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FCST_200804: April 2008 Forecast			
FCST_200805: May 2008 Forecast			
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BUD_2008: 2008 Budget			
BUD_2009: 2009 Budget			
BUD_2010: 2010 Budget			
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The target data access role:





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And a view on the model:





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13	Sum of SalesAmount	\$2,219,245.93	,	\$2,385,321.00		\$2,323,917.02		\$3,044,274.29		\$3,444,693.63		\$2,969,649.52
14	Sum of TotalCost	\$964,780.55		\$1,039,009.00		\$1,031,028.00		\$1,333,673.21		\$1,479,194.70		\$1,277,945.15
15	Sum of Margin	\$1,254,465.38		\$1,346,312.00		\$1,292,889.02		\$1,710,601.08		\$1,965,498.93		\$1,691,704.37
16	UnitCost	\$93,710.70		\$104,292.10		\$114,850.03		\$130,923.86		\$142,540.20		\$124,401.52
17	UnitPrice	\$215,834.50		\$235,941.28		\$257,239.70		\$292,866.88		\$326,038.76		\$284,259.18
18	SalesQuantity	10,263	-	8,797	-	9,761	-	12,284	-	12,492	-	12,346
19	ReturnQuantity	131	-	125	-	131	-	174	-	171	-	160
20	ReturnAmount	\$34,646.18		\$31,992.89		\$34,791.79		\$46,188.50		\$53,802.14		\$43,215.52
21	DiscountQuantity	2,147	-	2,025	-	2,228	-	307	-	372	-	350
22	DiscountAmount	\$47,344.26		\$41,664.73		\$47,076.11		\$15,720.54		\$8,310.09		\$9,467.18
23	TotalCost	\$964,780.55		\$1,039,009.00		\$1,031,028.00		\$1,333,673.21		\$1,479,194.70		\$1,277,945.15
24	SalesAmount	\$2,219,245.93		\$2,385,321.00		\$2,323,917.02		\$3,044,274.29		\$3,444,693.63		\$2,969,649.52
25	Margin	\$1,254,465.38		\$1,346,312.00		\$1,292,889.02		\$1,710,601.08		\$1,965,498.93		\$1,691,704.37
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28	Number of Sales	899		831		948		1,118		1,104		1,071
29	Total Number of Sales	27,279		27,279		27,279		27,279		27,279		27,279
30	Average Sale	\$2,468.57		\$2,870.42		\$2,451.39		\$2,722.96		\$3,120.19		\$2,772.78
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### Dynamic data - Power Pivot to Power Pivot models

Suppose you want to manage all data for a model in AS, but want to use scenario, time, and variable hierarchies that are built and maintained for your other CONTROL applications. You may have filters, branches, and custom dimensions that your user community is familiar and comfortable with.

To satisfy this requirement, you can build a Power Pivot model (AS to Control), and rather than importing the meta-data, simply assign the dimensions and hierarchies you want to use.

In this example, we will use our common scenario and time dimensions, and the imported organization and variable dimension.

We then create a dynamic mapping from the imported model. Here are the associations:



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Here is the resulting view:



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Sum of SalesAmount	\$2,200,426.51	\$2,375,629.06	\$2,380,814.63		\$2,882,308.23	\$2,576,127.41	\$3,083,561.05		\$3,109,553.72	\$2,617,262.96	\$3,096,309.98		\$2,649,897.48	\$3,185,936.77	\$3,187,378.11		\$33,345,205.91
Sum of TotalCost	\$976,024.90	\$1,036,405.80	\$1,032,579.18		\$1,222,191.67	\$1,132,427.42	\$1,300,833.17		\$1,344,066.13	\$1,148,443.18	\$1,329,328.12		\$1,126,717.60	\$1,392,540.63	\$1,349,580.95		\$14,391,138.75
Sum of Margin	\$1,224,401.61	\$1,339,223.26	\$1,348,235.45		\$1,660,116.56	\$1,443,699.99	\$1,782,727.88		\$1,765,487.59	\$1,468,819.78	\$1,766,981.86		\$1,523,179.88	\$1,793,396.14	\$1,837,797.16		\$18,954,067.16
UnitCost	\$91,115.76	\$86,683.06	\$98,069.03		\$106,674.91	\$99,801.27	\$110,032.45		\$98,030.53	\$99,781.65	\$107,025.98		\$100,633.66	\$102,310.67	\$97,319.10		\$1,197,478.07
UnitPrice	\$207,431.56	\$201,788.51	\$228,099.67		\$253,402.07	\$224,865.11	\$259,553.99		\$226,293.92	\$229,141.05	\$249,433.01		\$236,249.64	\$240,710.59	\$231,630.97		\$2,788,600.08
SalesQuantity	9,654	10,332	9,597	-	10,385	14,808	10,251	-	11,943	10,898	10,872	-	9,758	12,390	12,999	-	133,887
ReturnQuantity	91	90	89	-	92	129	106	-	93	99	105	•	106	100	103		1,203
ReturnAmount	\$26,929.80	\$27,058.99	\$28,285.59		\$31,454.92	\$40,834.48	\$31,385.56		\$25,733.51	\$28,233.55	\$31,636.09		\$32,279.27	\$30,107.92	\$44,375.22		\$378,314.90
DiscountQuantity	1,456	1,541	1,578	-	469	375	421	-	902	1,201	1,312	-	299	1,671	1,695	-	12,920
DiscountAmount	\$43,792.54	\$45,968.70	\$48,305.77		\$35,887.48	\$10,661.65	\$13,014.61		\$34,320.94	\$37,035.61	\$41,718.87		\$18,707.90	\$100,566.92	\$100,070.17		\$530,051.16
TotalCost	\$976,024.90	\$1,036,405.80	\$1,032,579.18		\$1,222,191.67	\$1,132,427.42	\$1,300,833.17		\$1,344,066.13	\$1,148,443.18	\$1,329,328.12		\$1,126,717.60	\$1,392,540.63	\$1,349,580.95		\$14,391,138.75
SalesAmount	\$2,200,426.51	\$2,375,629.06	\$2,380,814.63		\$2,882,308.23	\$2,576,127.41	\$3,083,561.05		\$3,109,553.72	\$2,617,262.96	\$3,096,309.98		\$2,649,897.48	\$3,185,936.77	\$3,187,378.11		\$33,345,205.91
Margin	\$1,224,401.61	\$1,339,223.26	\$1,348,235.45		\$1,660,116.56	\$1,443,699.99	\$1,782,727.88		\$1,765,487.59	\$1,468,819.78	\$1,766,981.86		\$1,523,179.88	\$1,793,396.14	\$1,837,797.16		\$18,954,067.16
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Margin Pct	55.6%	56.4%	56.6%		57.6%	56.0%	57.8%		56.8%	56.1%	57.1%		57.5%	56.3%	57.7%		56.8%
Number of Sales	670	649	672		748	748	724		671	701	745		707	716	704		8,455
Total Number of Sales	27,279	27,279	27,279		27,279	27,279	27,279		27,279	27,279	27,279		27,279	27,279	27,279		27,279
Average Sale	\$3,284.22	\$3,660.45	\$3,542.88		\$3,853.35	\$3,444.02	\$4,259.06		\$4,634.21	\$3,733.61	\$4,156.12		\$3,748.09	\$4,449.63	\$4,527.53		\$3,943.84
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This example points to something to be mindful of - our AS model does not have a column defined in its Dates table for Quarter. Since all computations and aggregations are performed in AS, and there is no definition of how to compute a quarterly total, the quarter columns are blank. (You can fix this problem by putting an appropriate DAX expression for quarters in the source model's AS Column Map.)

### An Architectural recommendation

The possibilities for how to incorporate interesting AS data into your CONTROL world are numerous and go far beyond the simple examples mentioned above.

We strongly suggest that you maintain a "pure" imported model that you can reconcile with data you see in Power BI, SSRS, and Excel pivot tables. Use mappings of the various flavors to other models – computational and Power Pivot – to achieve your reporting and analytic ends.

Since there is no data imported to a Power Pivot model, they do not use much storage or impact performance.

You can then use views, drill to source, and other CONTROL features when needed to reconcile and troubleshoot your applications.

### AS Query Data Sources

The tables in an AS model can be queried in much the same way relational tables can be queried using SQL. A big difference is that the query language (DAX) is far more capable of performing useful cross-dimensional calculations and naturally follows table relationships.

### Data source properties

To define an AS Query datasource, there are just a few properties that differ from other external sources:



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AS Query	EVALUATE 'Covid 19 Geography'
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Has Attribute Values	$\checkmark$
Has Codes	
Has Hierarchy Rollups	$\checkmark$
Has Level Members	
Has Model Data	$\checkmark$
Has User Info	
Analysis Services Usage	Not used for AS

Property	Meaning
Subclass	AS Query
Data Base	The name of the AS Server followed by a period and the name of the
	AS database. You can omit the server to use the default AS server
AS Query	The DAX expression that will return a table with the desired results.
	DAX queries generally begin with "EVALUATE" but may have
	variable definition statements prior to the EVALUATE expression.
	Pressing the "" symbol on the right will launch DAX Studio in the
	context of the selected data base.





Table Creation	Generally, set to Do not create, unless you want the results of your query to be copied into a relational table for other purposes, such as a data mapping.
Analysis Services Usage	The setting of this property determines which column properties will be visible by default in the data source columns object view. Select Not used in AS unless you will be using the datasource in a CONTROL to AS Power Pivot model.

#### Use in Mappings

Once you have created an AS query datasource, it can be used as the source for the following types of mappings:

- Meta-data mappings to:
  - o Levels
  - Hierarchies
  - o Codes
- Data mappings to computational models. Note the data source must have the table creation property set to Create on demand or Create dynamically
- External to external mappings

### Source Data Views

The AS query data source can be opened from the user navigation pane to see the contents of the query:

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4		6 0101006	Contoso 2G MP3 Player E200 Black	2GB flash memory, LCD display, plays MP3 and WMA
5		7 0101007	Contoso 2G MP3 Player E200 Blue	2GB flash memory, LCD display, plays MP3 and WMA
5		8 0101008	Contoso 4G MP3 Player E400 Silver	4GB flash memory and FM Radio, LCD Display with 7-Color Backlight, plays MP3 and WMA
7		9 0101009	Contoso 4G MP3 Player E400 Black	4GB flash memory and FM Radio, LCD Display with 7-Color Backlight, plays MP3 and WMA
3		10 0101010	Contoso 4G MP3 Player E400 Green	4GB flash memory and FM Radio, LCD Display with 7-Color Backlight, plays MP3 and WMA
9		11 0101011	Contoso 4G MP3 Player E400 Orange	4GB flash memory and FM Radio, LCD Display with 7-Color Backlight, plays MP3 and WMA
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2		14 0101014	Contoso 4GB Flash MP3 Player E401 Silver	1.8" color LCD, play MP3, WMA and Video MTV, and share JPG
3		15 0101015	Contoso 4GB Flash MP3 Player E401 White	1.8" color LCD, play MP3, WMA and Video MTV, and share JPG
4		16 0101016	Contoso 8GB Super-Slim MP3/Video Player M800 White	2" color LCD, Touchpad, Plays music, video, photos and text
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5		18 0101018	Contoso 8GB Super-Slim MP3/Video Player M800 Green	2" color LCD, Touchpad, Plays music, video, photos and text
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The logic for ordering the rows of the query result mirrors that used for relational sources:

• If the DAX expression contains an "ORDER BY" clause, it determines the sequence of rows





- If there is no "ORDER BY" in the DAX expression and one or more columns has a Sort Type of Ascending or Descending, then the result is sequenced according to the specified sorts
- If neither of the above conditions are true, then the result is sequenced by the key columns, if any
- If none of these conditions applies, the result appears in whatever sequence is returned by AS

### **ASQuery Flex Function**

It is simple to incorporate meta-data and data in flex views, even if you have not created a Power Pivot model, an ASQuery data source, or any views.

The ASQuery flex function requires 4 arguments:

- ASSource specifies the server and database, and the server can be omitted if the database is on the default AS Server
- Query Expression is a DAX expression that is valid for the database. It may also be a valid MDX expression.
- Row is the cardinal row number of the data set. Row 1 designates the column headings.
- Column is a specification (either index or name) of the column

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As usual, multiple reference types are available for each argument, and it is often useful to place the result in a flex table.

See the Flex View document for more details.

#### Source data models

If you want the flexibility of creating views which filter an ASQuery data source using standard dimensional filters, you can create a source data model using that datasource:



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Then add the dimensions you need (note that they don't need to be derived from the underlying AS model and can contain levels and attributes that do not exist in the model.)



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Finally, define a mapping which connects the levels of the dimensions to columns of the query result:



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Now you can create any views you like on the datasource, using filters and branches of the dimensions and filtering or ordering the columns of the query:

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14		369	1	1	321	699	10	-	-	-	-	3.214	6,990
15		387	1	1	321	699	10	-	-	-	-	3.214	6,990
16		363	1	1	321	699	10	-	-	-	-	3,214	6,990
17		387	1	1	321	699	10	-	-	-	-	3,214	6,990
18		363	1	1	321	699	10	-	-	-	-	3,214	6,990
19		381	1	1	321	699	10	-	-	-	-	3,214	6,990
20		494	1	1	128	279	10	-	-	-	-	1,283	2,790
21		141	1	1	153	300	10	-	-	-	-	1,529	3,000
22		124	1	1	129	280	10	-	-	-	-	1,288	2,800
23		367	1	1	166	326	10	-	-	-	-	1,662	3,260
24		376	1	1	195	383	10	-	-	-	-	1,952	3,830
25		516	1	1	30	90	10	-	-	-	-	298	900
26		120	1	1	61	120	10	-	-	-	-	612	1,200
27		374	1	1	430	1,299	10	-	-	-	-	4,304	12,990
28		504	1	1	288	869	10	-	-	-	-	2,879	8,690
29		370	1	1	195	383	10	-	-	-	-	1,952	3,830
30		494	1	1	128	279	10	-	-	-	-	1,283	2,790
31		370	1	1	195	383	10	-	-	-	-	1,952	3,830
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