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Power BI Integration



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Overview

This document describes the integration of CONTROL® with Microsoft's Power BI data visualization product and with Excel's pivot table function.

This integration also provides a gateway to other popular business intelligence and reporting tools, as most of these products work well with the supported data structures.

CONTROL® applications store their data in relational database tables, typically Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle. These tables are organized into a star schema structure (fact and dimension tables). This organization supports CONTROL®'s extensive dynamic computational capabilities, reporting options, and ability to handle multiple hierarchies. However, the organization can be cumbersome for other reporting tools. CONTROL®'s Power BI integration provides a bridge from the star schema structure to one more convenient for visualization tools. At the heart of the integration are CONTROL® **Power Pivot Models** that are used to manage the export of data and meta-data from CONTROL® for consumption by business intelligence and reporting tools.

The integration works in stages:

- **Stage 1** (Required): Creating relational tables or relational views of data and meta-data based on one or more CONTROL® computational or source data views.
- **Stage 2** (Optional): Creating a SQL Server Analysis Services Tabular model based on those relational tables or relational views.

The output of either stage can be used by Power BI, Excel, or other products.

Because of the completeness of the Analysis Services semantic data model, creating a tabular model will yield a richer user experience with less effort for those products that interface to it.

Power Pivot models

CONTROL® **Power Pivot** models specify the data you want exported, and how you want it exported. Several options allow flexibility over how the data will appear to your targeted product.

Here is how it works:

- Create a **Power Pivot** model based on a computational or source data model, and optionally on a view from that model. This specifies the data and levels of summarization that will be available.
- If you do not specify a pre-built view, you can create a view with the filters, branches, etc. that you want within the **Power Pivot** model's edit book. You can also include custom dimensions.

- Specify the export options to integrate the CONTROL® data with external systems, or use the default values, which in most cases works fine.
- Use the **Export** button on the **CONTROL® Model** ribbon to affect the transfer.
- You can also create a script to run the export as a scheduled process or to run it from your application menu system.
- Access the data in your favorite BI tool!

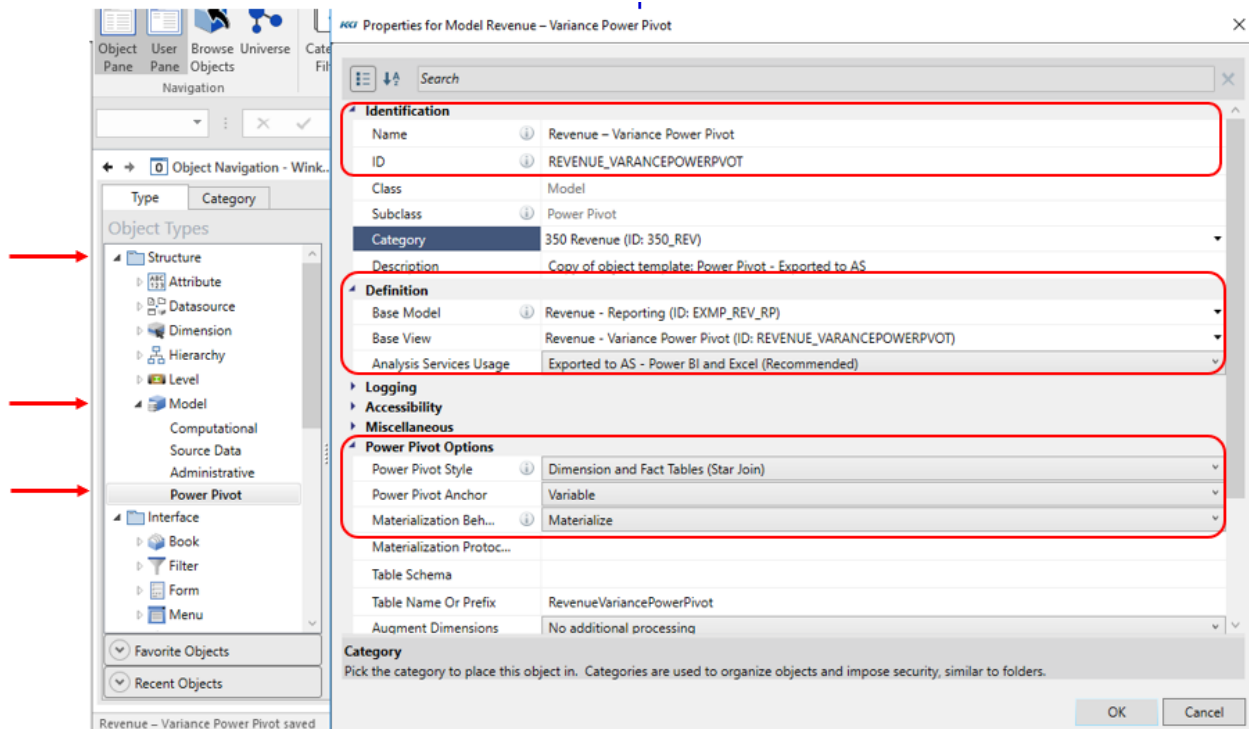
Create a Power Pivot model

Here is a simple example of creating a **Power Pivot** model using a view on the **Revenue** model:

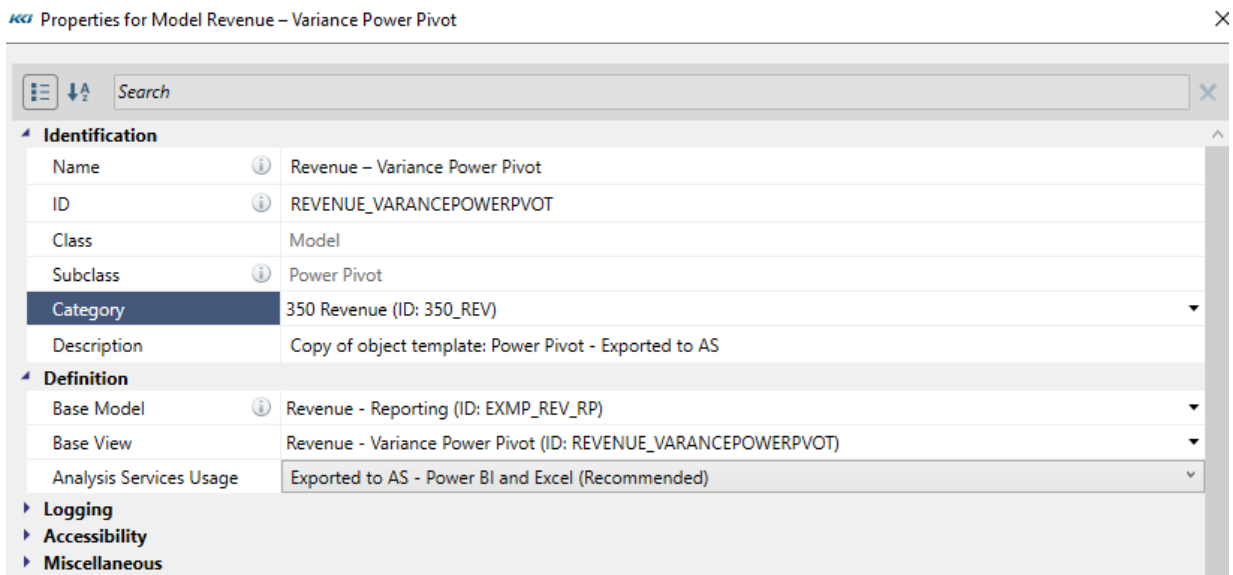
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Filters:					
2	Pages:	Customer (Total Customer)	Product (Total Product)	Time Period (Year 2018)		
4		Revenue - Reporting Revenue - Variance Power Pivot				
5	COMPANY NAME Company Slogan	Customer Total Customer :: Product Total Product :: Time Period Year 2018				
7						
9	USD Amounts not Scaled					
10		Scenario				
11	Revenue Account	Actuals	Budget	Forecast		
12	Units	42,311,833	74,950,287	42,311,833		
13	-Price	5.00	2.94	5.01		
14	Gross Sales	211,413,868	220,620,274	212,037,998		
15	Sales Discount	7,651,152	9,643,924	7,673,307		
16	Sales Returns and Allowances	6,190,501	7,740,706	6,208,777		
17	Shipping Charges	3,265,966	3,999,990	3,275,867		
18	Other Incomes	3,072,065	3,761,691	3,081,389		
19	-Net Revenue	197,378,314	202,997,344	197,961,436		
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1. In the **Object Navigation** task pane, in the **Structure** group, click **Model**, right click **Power Pivot**, and then click **New**.
2. In the **Model Templates** pane of the **New Model** dialog, choose **Power Pivot – Exported to AS**.
3. In the **Properties** pane, make the following entries and then click **OK and Save**.
 - **Name:** Revenue – Variance Power Pivot
 - **ID:** REVENUE_VARANCEPOWERPVOT
 - **Base Model:** Revenue - Reporting
 - **Base View:** Revenue – Variance Power Pivot
 - **Analysis Services Usage:** Exported to AS – Power BI and Excel (Recommended)
 - **Power Pivot Style:** Dimension and Fact Tables (Star Join)

- **Power Pivot Anchor:** Variable
- **Materialization Behavior:** Materialize



Power Pivot model properties



Power Pivot Options	
Power Pivot Style	Dimension and Fact Tables (Star Join)
Power Pivot Anchor	Variable
Materialization Beh...	Materialize
Materialization Protoc...	
Table Schema	
Table Name Or Prefix	RevenueVariancePowerPivot
Augment Dimensions	No additional processing
Refresh Behavior	Manual
Export Status	Exported and up to date
Last Export Time	Friday, November 20, 2020 1:14:12 AM
AS Database[AS Model]	RevenueReporting
AS Server	
AS Connection Behavi...	Reconnect using current details

The table below lists the most important properties:

Property	Definition
Name	The name of the Power Pivot model. (If exported to AS, this will be the name of the model in AS, unless you supply an override)
ID	The ID of the Power Pivot model. (If exported to AS, this will be the name of the database in AS, unless you supply an override)
Base Model	The name of the computational or source data model used as the source of the data.
Base View	The name of the view that filters the specific data from the base model.
Analysis Services Usage	<p>Defines whether to export the model to an Analysis Services (AS) Tabular model, or if it is a reference to an externally created and maintained AS model.</p> <p>Not Exported to AS option creates relational tables or relational views of data and meta-data based on the Power Pivot model.</p> <p>For Power Pivot models exported to Analysis Services this property is set to Exported to AS – Power BI and Excel (Recommended) by default. The export creates measures for each data column in the fact table and hence the AS model works with both Excel and Power BI.</p> <p>The Export to AS – Power BI creates data columns in the fact table but no measures. The AS model works fine with Power BI. However, pivot</p>

table in Excel does not produce right results with this model as it expects a measure for data columns. This option is available only to support existing models and should not be used for **Power Pivot** models going forward.

Managed Externally in AS indicates that the **Power Pivot** model is a reference to an externally created and maintained AS model.

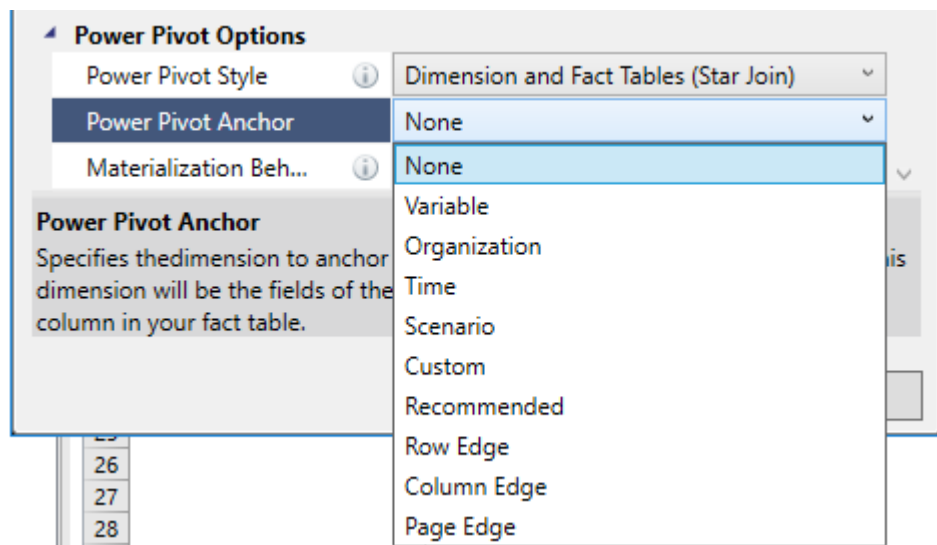
Note: Using this property is recommended only if you have the required AS infrastructure and knowledge; however, it is not required for use with Microsoft’s Power BI products, or for other BI applications.

Power Pivot Style Specify whether you want to see all the data and meta-data in a single table or organized into dimension and fact tables.

A single table will be simpler to navigate for an inexperienced user and results in a small number of data fields.

Dimension and fact tables are a more efficient and more logically organized structure, and this style is recommended, particularly for use in AS and Power BI.

Power Pivot Anchor Specify the dimension to anchor the **Power Pivot** model on – the members of this dimension will be the fields of the fact table.



Specify **None** (default) to have a single data column in your fact table.

Specify **Variable** to have members of the Variable dimension be the fields and measures in your fact table.

Specify **Organization** to have members of the Organization dimension(s) be the fields and measures in your fact table. If your view has more than one Organization dimension; then the fields in the fact table will be the combination of the organization dimension members.

Specify **Time** to have members of the Time dimension be the fields and measures in your fact table.

Specify **Scenario** to have members of the Scenario dimension be the fields and measures in your fact table.

Specify **Custom** to have members of the Custom dimension be the fields and measures in your fact table. This is applicable where your view(s) are based on a Custom dimension.

Specify **Recommended** when you are not sure about how to choose the dimension to anchor for your **Power Pivot** model. CONTROL® will choose an anchor dimension in the following order:

- a. Custom
- b. Scenario
- c. Variable

Specify **Row Edge** to have members of the dimension(s) on the Row Edge be the fields and measures in your fact table. If your view has more than one dimension on the Row Edge; then the fields in the fact table will be the combination of members of the dimensions on the row edge.

Specify **Column Edge** to have members of the dimension(s) on the Column Edge be the fields and measures in your fact table. If your view has more than one dimension on the Column Edge; then the fields in the fact table will be the combination of members of the dimensions on the column edge.

Specify **Page Edge** to have members of the dimension(s) on the Page Edge be the fields and measures in your fact table. If your view has more than one dimension on the Page Edge; then the fields in the fact table will be the combination of members of the dimensions on the page edge.

Materialization Behavior

Specify whether to create relational tables, relational views, or virtual tables:

- **Automatic** will decide whether the view(s) of the **Power Pivot** model is simple enough so that relational views on the underlying CONTROL® tables can be used, so that the data and meta-data is always current without re-executing the relational export. There are a lot of conditions to satisfy, so this is rarely the case. If the computational view(s) has any calculations, currency conversions, custom dimensions, merged hierarchies, or a non-anchored data table - the view will be materialized.
 - **Materialize** will create relational tables when you export the CONTROL® information. This option yields the greatest degree of fidelity with the data and meta-data you see in the CONTROL® view, accommodating dynamic calculations, currency conversions, multiple hierarchies of the same dimension, and custom dimensions.
 - **Do not Materialize** will create relational views of the hierarchy tables and data table in your model, not restricted by the filters and branches in the view. The style must be **Dimension and Fact** and the fact table will be anchored on the same dimension as the model's data table. This option should only be used when you want the export to be as close to the "raw" data in the underlying CONTROL® model.
 - **Materialize as Virtual Tables** is functionally equivalent to **Materialize**, except that no new tables are created. The exported data is written to pre-defined utility tables, and relational views on those tables are created. This option is useful if table creation is restricted or you need to quarantine the exported data in a single location.
 - **Create views on base tables** creates relational views on the underlying hierarchy and data tables in your model, restricted by the filters and branches in your view. This option should only be selected when there is no dynamically calculated data (other than time or organization rollups), no currency conversion, and one hierarchy for each dimension in the view.
 - **Materialize without Foreign Keys** will create relational tables without the foreign keys on the Fact table when you export the
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CONTROL® information. This option helps debug export of multiple views.

The advantage of the options that do not materialize data is you do not need to rerun the export when the CONTROL® data or meta-data changes.

You should only use those options when you have a complete understanding of their limitations.

Materialization Protocol

Specify how to iterate on parts of the model/view for very large data sets. You only need to use this option if the view contains a very large amount of data or if the memory of the computer running the export is limited.

The syntax for specifying the data transfer protocol is the same as used in mappings and transforms. For more details, you can refer to the **Specifying a Data Transfer Protocol** topic in the CONTROL® Administrators Reference Manual.

Table Schema

Specify the relational schema where you want the exported table(s) created. If left blank (default), then the resolved value in the **&KCI_RDBMS_Schema** keyword defines the schema.

Note: Processes external to CONTROL® will access these tables, so you should be sensitive to your company's security policies.

Table Name or Prefix

Specify prefix for the name of the relational table(s) that are created. For a star schema, this will be the prefix of the table name, for example, **prefix_Fact**, **prefix_Dimension1**, etc.

If left blank, then the model and dimension names define the relational table names.

Augment Dimensions

This option determines whether additional columns will be added to dimension tables, and only applies if the **Power Pivot Style** is **Dimension and Fact Tables**.

- **No additional processing** (Default) indicates that only the columns indicated by the views' selected branches and implied by the **Materialization Behavior** will be exported.

- **Create a date/time field on the time dimension** will create a column named **FullDate**, with a data type of **datetime**, and the values will correspond to the implied date of the lowest level members of the time dimension in the view. This column is required if you want to make use of the Power BI time intelligence features.
- **Add all fields to all dimensions** will add all the levels and attributes reported to by any levels in a dimension branch, as well as adding the **FullDate** column to the time dimension. If the model is exported to AS, hierarchies will be defined for any additional branches.

AS Database[AS Model]

Specify the Analysis Services database and model in the format: **databaseID[modelName]**

For a CONTROL-Managed AS **Power Pivot** model:

- If you leave this field blank, the database will have the same ID and name as the CONTROL® **Power Pivot** model.
- If you specify only the **databaseID**, then the AS model will have the same name as the CONTROL® model.

For an externally managed AS database and model:

- You must specify the **databaseID**.
- If you omit the model name, CONTROL® will automatically use the name of the AS model in that database.

AS Server

Specify the name of the server where the Analysis Services tabular instance for this model resides. For a CONTROL-Managed AS model, if you leave this server name blank, then the replacement value of the **&KCI_ASServer** keyword defines the server.

Impersonation Mode

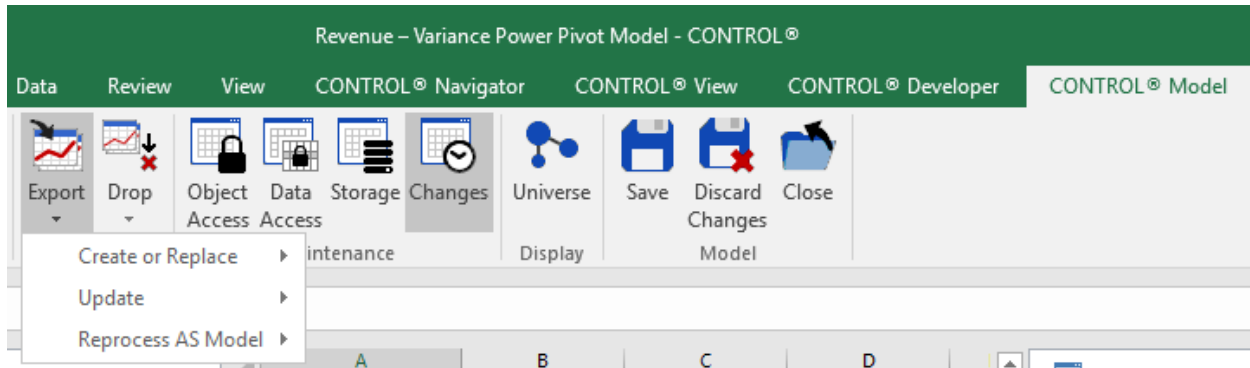
Specify how SQL Server Analysis Services will query the supplied CONTROL® data.

AS Connection Behavior

You can connect to the Analysis Services server with the current connection information saved in the CONTROL® database or use the information saved in the workbook that you can modify.

Export a Power Pivot model

You can export a **Power Pivot** model manually or create a script to export it on a schedule. To export it manually edit the **Power Pivot** model. On the **CONTROL® Model** ribbon, in the **Construction** group, click the arrow on the bottom of the **Export** button.



The table below defines the multiple export commands you can select:

Export command	Used to
Create or Replace > Relational Objects	Create new relational tables/views based on the CONTROL® Power Pivot model or if the tables/views already exist, then rebuilds the relational tables removing any customizations done.
Create or Replace > All	Create new relational tables/views based on the CONTROL® Power Pivot model and creates the AS model using the exported relational tables/views. If the tables/views and AS model already exist, then rebuilds the relational tables removing any customizations done and then rebuilds the AS model.
Update > Relational Objects	Repopulates or recreates relational tables/views based on the CONTROL® Power Pivot model retaining any customizations (additional views or exported tables, measures/KPIs, Alias, relationship overrides) done after the initial export.
Update > All	Repopulates or recreates relational tables/views based on the CONTROL® Power Pivot model retaining any customizations (additional views or exported tables, measures/KPIs, Alias, relationship overrides) done after the initial export; then rebuilds and repopulates the AS model.
Reprocess AS model > Recreate	Rebuilds and repopulates the AS model from the (possibly customized) relational objects. This option only applies to models

exported to AS. The relational tables/views are not recreated or repopulated.

Reprocess AS model > Process Only

Reprocess the AS model only from the current values in the relational tables. This option only applies to models exported to AS. The relational tables/views are not recreated or repopulated. Use this option if you have changed the AS model with an external tool (e.g., Tabular Editor).

<p>Note: Important change from 10.4 – Create or Replace All will NO LONGER preserve customizations, like adding measures.</p>

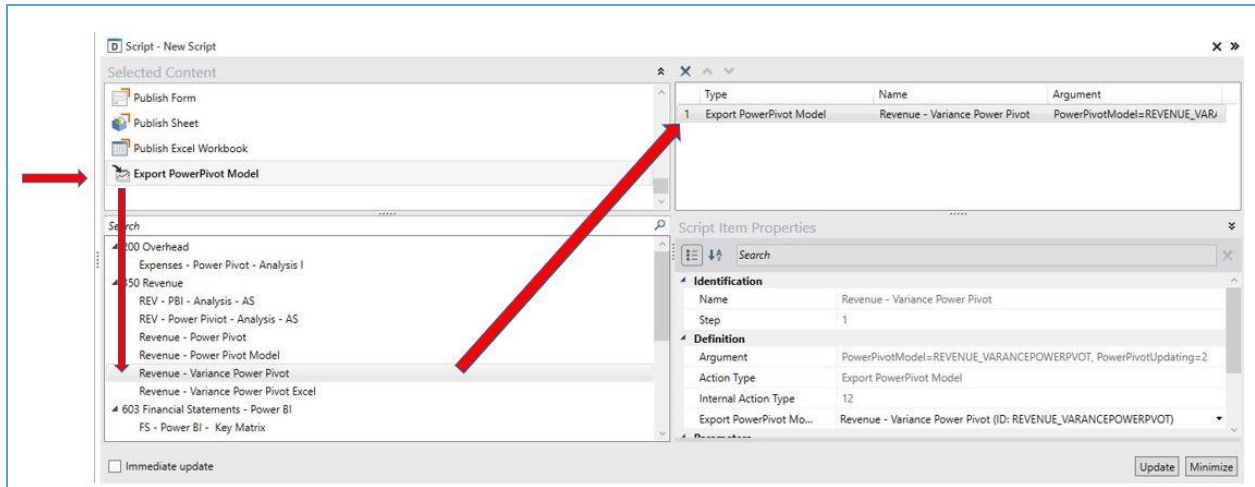
Below are the processes that run if you choose the **Create or Replace** command:

- The base model and view are validated for the user, based on CONTROL®'s object and data access privileges, as are all additional views and additional tables.
- The views' meta-data and data are generated according to the view definitions and options, including currency translation.
- The meta-data and data in the views are manipulated and the dimension and fact tables are written and populated.
- CONTROL® creates SQL datasource objects, one for each created table, so you can review the relational objects using standard CONTROL® capabilities.
 - The export of variable and custom dimensions containing simple ratio calculations will automatically create the appropriate DAX, when they are the anchor dimension for the export.
- If the **Analysis Services Usage** property is set to **Exported to AS – Power BI and Excel (Recommended)** or **Exported to AS – Power BI**, a connection is made to the Analysis Services Server, and the AS objects are created and processed.

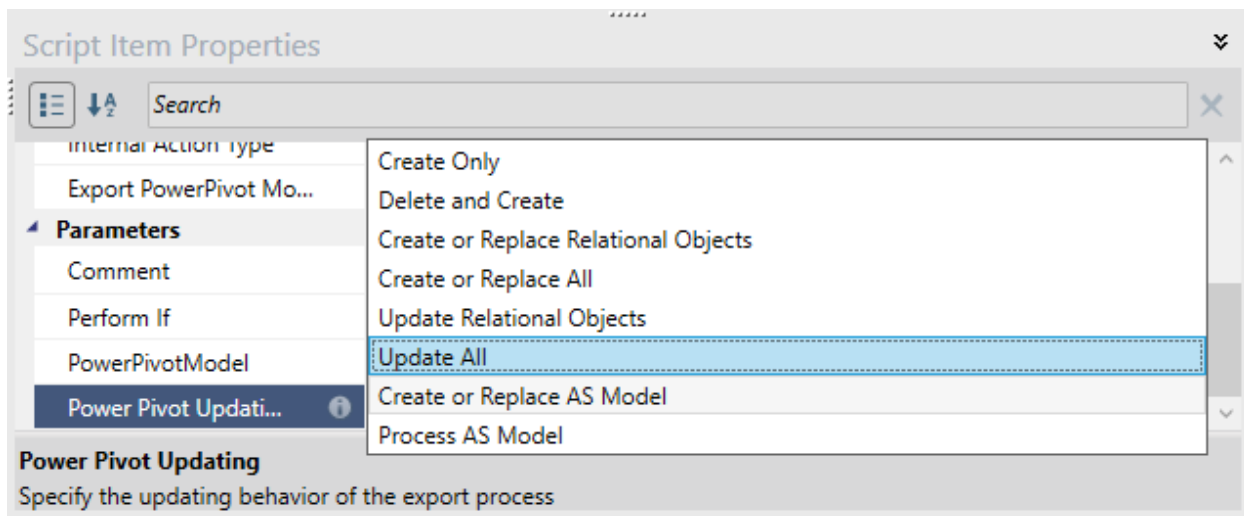
<p>Note: The export to AS tabular requires SQL Server 2016 or a higher version.</p>
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[Script the export of Power Pivot model](#)

To facilitate the periodic refresh of the relational tables and AS models, **Export PowerPivot Model** is available as a script action step.



The export options available through the **Export Power Pivot** action step are more comprehensive and include all options from the previous release.



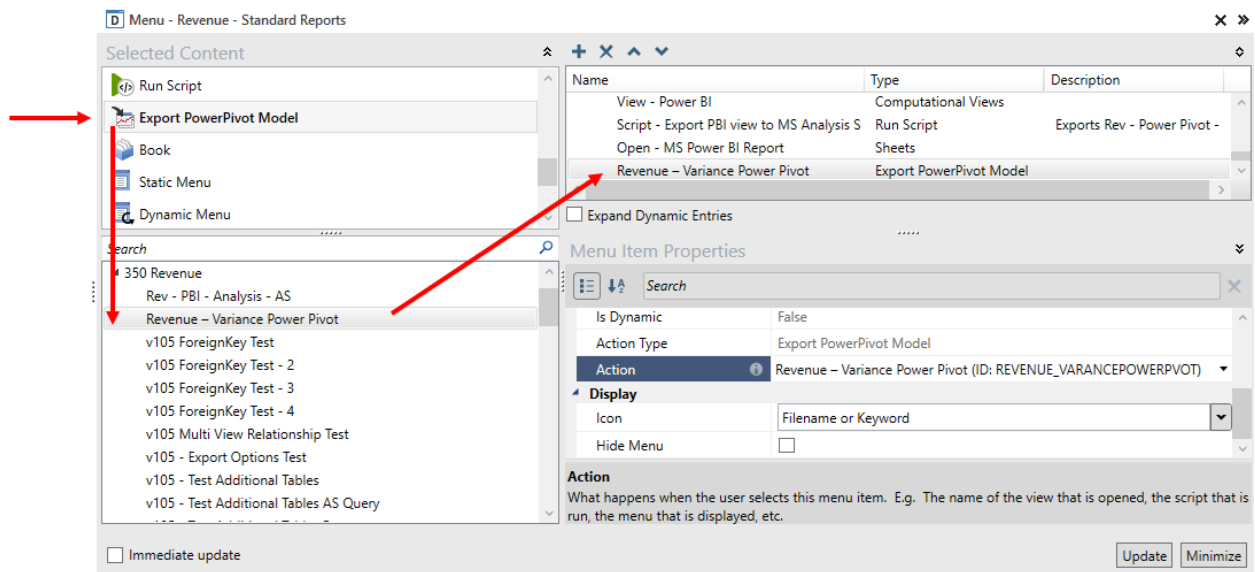
So, in addition to the export options available in the **Power Pivot** model's edit book, the following two additional options are available in the action step:

Export command	Used to
Create Only	Create new relational tables/views based on the CONTROL® Power Pivot model. If the relational tables/views or AS database/model exist, the process will fail. Use this option if you do not want to overwrite any existing objects.

Delete and Create Delete the relational tables/views and re-create them based on the CONTROL® **Power Pivot** model.

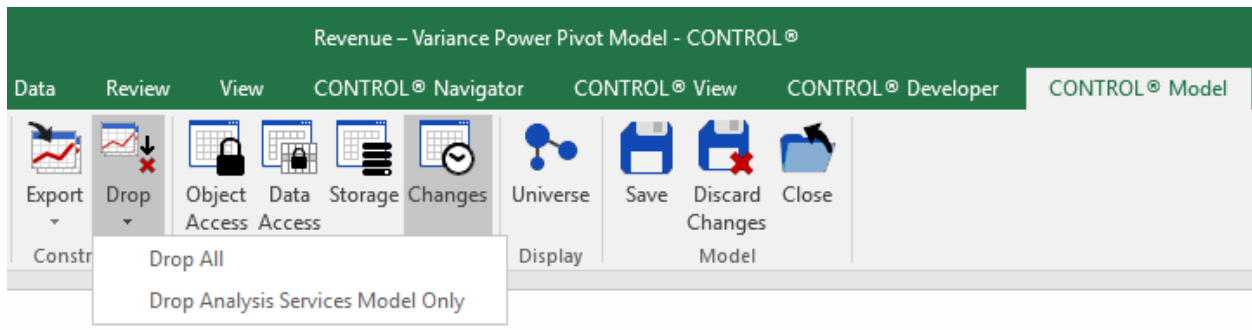
Add a menu item to export a Power Pivot Model

To make exporting easily available from the application menu, **Export PowerPivot Model** is now an option for a static or dynamic menu item. The export from the menu item does the **Export > Update All**.



Drop exported Power Pivot model objects

When you are developing **Power Pivot** models there may be occasions when you need to drop the exported objects and start afresh. You can drop the exported relational objects and/or AS model manually. To drop the objects, edit the **Power Pivot** model. On the **CONTROL® Model** ribbon, in the **Construction** group, click the arrow on the bottom of the **Drop** button.



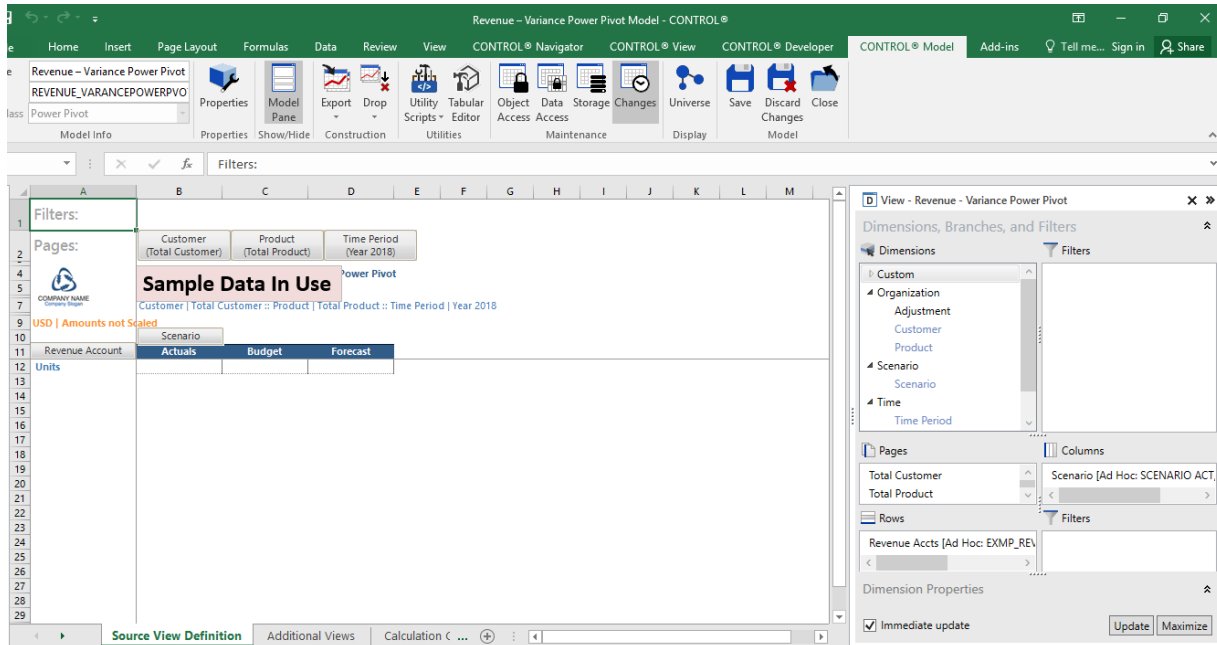
The table below explains the available Drop options:

Drop command	Used to
Drop All	Deletes the relational tables/views and the Analysis Services Model.
Drop Analysis Services Model Only	Deletes just the Analysis Services Model.

The Power Pivot model edit book

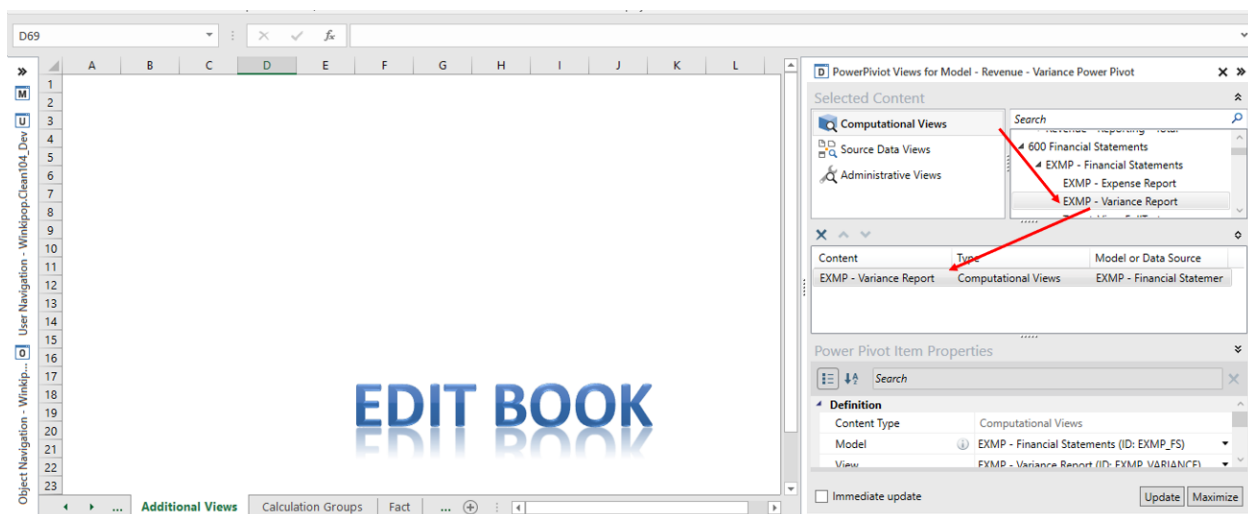
Source view definition

The first tab of the edit book allows you to review or customize the primary view of the **Power Pivot** model. If you leave the **Base View** property of the model blank, a new view is created, which is dedicated to the **Power Pivot** model, so you can modify it without affecting any existing reports or processes in your application.



Additional views

If you want data from multiple models or views included in the export, you can add them in the task pane on the **Additional Views** tab. This is particularly useful when using AS because Power BI visualizations can only contain data from one AS model.



You can override the **style**, **anchor dimension**, **materialization behavior** and **protocol properties** of each additional view.

When you export the **Power Pivot** model

1. The primary view processes first
2. The additional views process in the sequence they appear.
3. For the views following the primary view, if a previously exported dimension is present, CONTROL® evaluates whether the exported relational table/view can be reused. If the previous table contains all the selected members and levels, then no additional dimension table is exported.
4. Each view will have its own fact table. This behavior is useful when you are exporting data from multiple models/views that share one or more common dimensions.
5. When exported tables are materialized, CONTROL® creates foreign key relationships between the fact table(s) and the dimension tables, so that other tools (such as Power BI) can automatically understand how the tables are related.
6. When CONTROL® builds an AS Tabular model, it automatically creates the relationships between the tables, whether you have exported relational tables or relational views.
7. If there are multiple views with shared dimensions the relationships will be created for each fact table.
8. Additional tables specified in the Exported tables tab are included when building the AS Tabular model.
9. If the additional table(s) is an **AS Query** datasource, then the DAX expression that defines the AS Query will be used to create a calculated table in AS.
10. Any relationship overrides defined in the **Exported Tables** tab are then applied on the AS Tabular model.

Note: As of this writing, AS Tabular does not support multi-column foreign key relationships.

Calculation groups

Calculation groups are a concept introduced in SQL Server 2019 Analysis Services that allow you to define one or more sets of measures that you can use with all the other measures in an AS Tabular model.

For example, you may want to have a year-to-date or year-over-year calculation for Sales, Cost, and Profit measures. Instead of defining six new measures to accomplish this, you can add a calculation group with two generic measures – year-to-date and year-over year, and you can use them with all your financial variables.

Refer to the following links for background and a detailed discussion of calculation groups:

- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/introducing-calculation-groups/>
- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/understanding-calculation-groups/>
- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/understanding-the-application-of-calculation-items/>
- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/understanding-calculation-group-precedence/>
- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/controlling-format-strings-in-calculation-groups/>

- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/using-calculation-groups-to-selectively-replace-measures-in-dax-expressions/>
- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/using-calculation-groups-to-switch-between-dates/>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/analysis-services/tabular-models/calculation-groups?view=sql-server-ver15>

A calculation group appears in Power BI as another table. In CONTROL®, you define calculation groups as a **CONTROL-Managed** datasource object in the **Calculation Groups** category. Each record in the datasource table represents a calculation item, or measure.

Here is an example of a **Calculation Group** datasource that computes the Scenario and Time variance calculations:

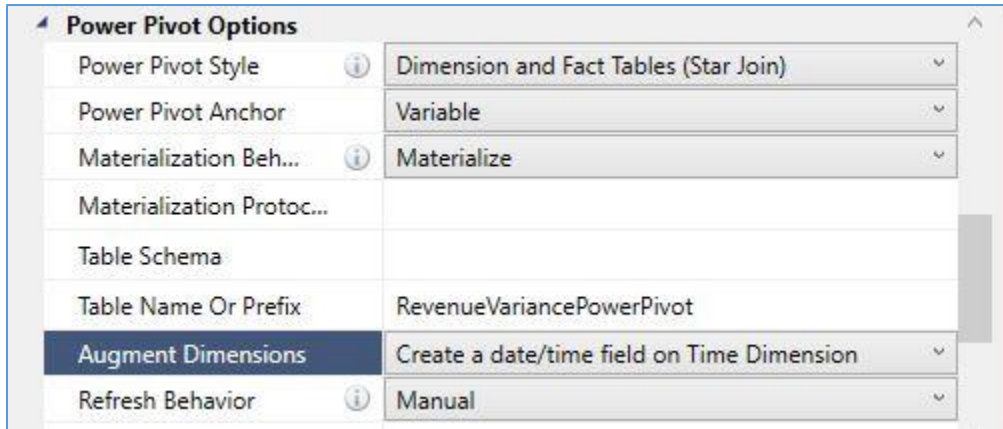
NAME	DESCRIPTION	SEQUENCE	EXPRESSION	FORMATSTRINGDEFINITION
All	Alpha Amount	1	RETURN Result	##0
	Compare Amount	2	--Calculate the Compare Scenario Amount	##0
	Variance	3	--Calculate the Variance Amount between Alpha and Compare	##0
	Variance Pct	4	--Calculate the Variance Pct between Alpha and Compare	0.00%

The following are special characteristics of the **Expression**:

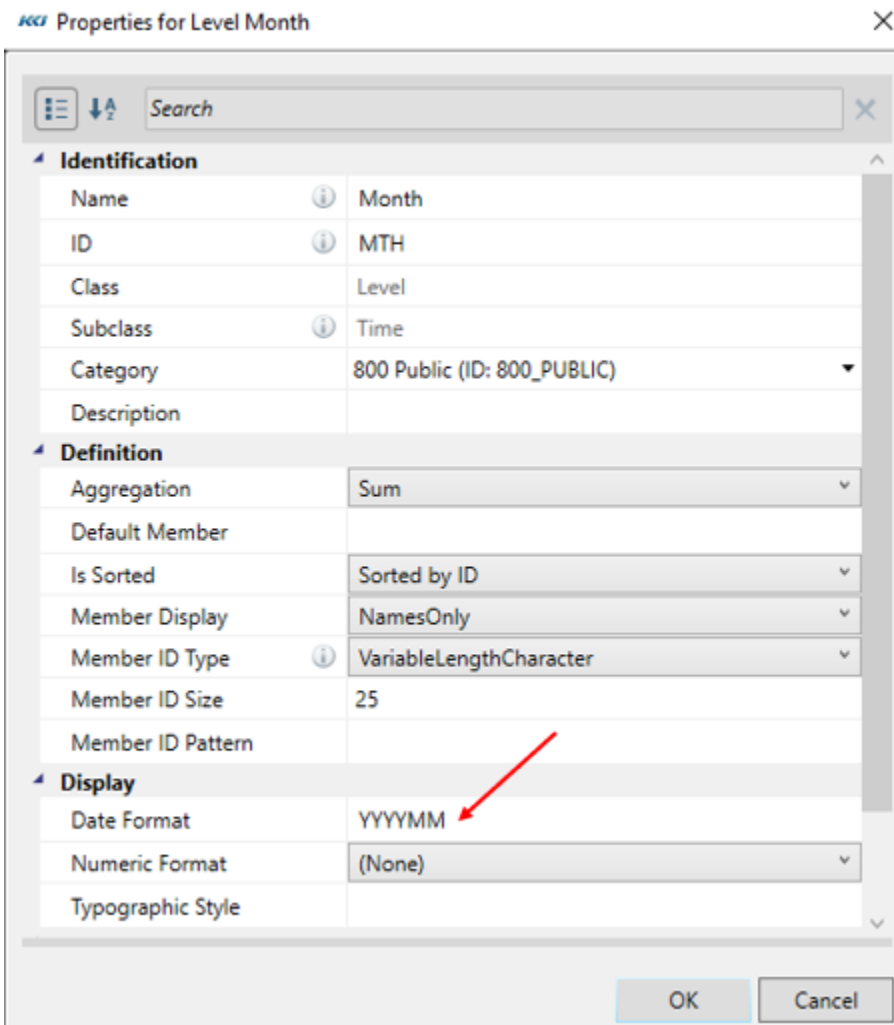
- The **SELECTEDMEASURE()** argument is a placeholder for any measure to which the calculation item is applied.
- The **[&Date]** argument used in time intelligence calculations will be replaced by the augmented **datetime** column of the time dimension table, for example, **'Time Period' [FullDate]**.
- Any remaining keywords will be evaluated in the model scope of the **Power Pivot** model and substituted with by their replacement values. You can see the use of the **CURRENT_YEAR** keyword in our formula in the screenshot above.

You should put all Calculation Group datasources in a category with its ID **CalculationGroups**. If this category exists, the **Calculation Groups** worksheet will appear in the **Power Pivot** model's edit book (after the **Additional Views** worksheet), which allows you to add calculation groups to the model.

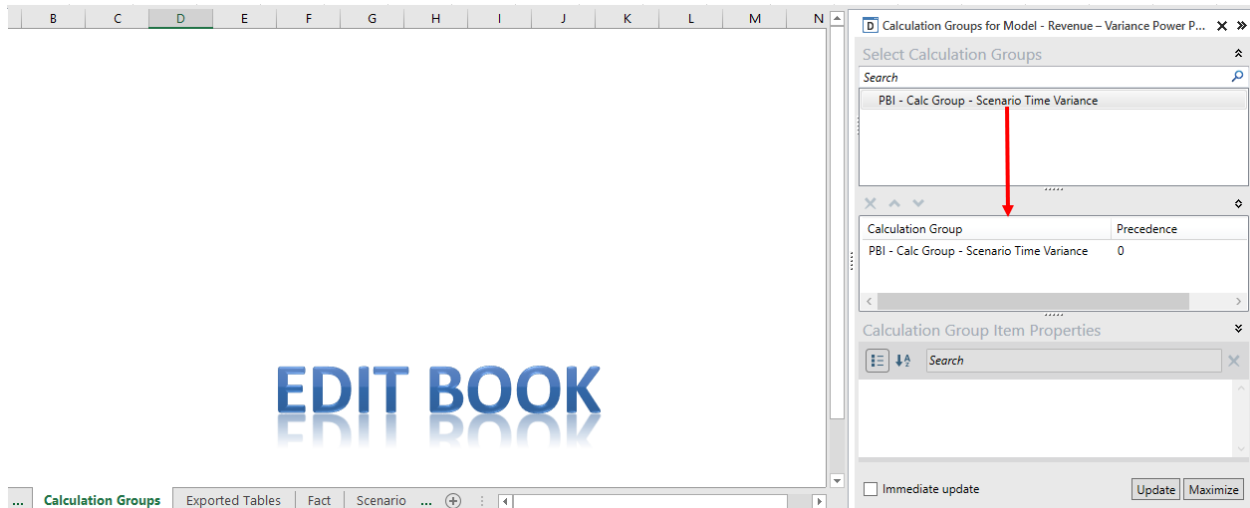
To use calculation groups with **Time Intelligence** functions in a **Power Pivot** model you need to set the **Augment Dimensions** property to **Create a date/time field on Time Dimension** or **Add all fields to all dimensions**.



The **FullDate** column is constructed based on the **Date Format** property of the root level of the time dimension in your **Power Pivot model** and hence need to be set to use this augment dimension feature.



Now, you can add the Calculation Group to the **Power Pivot** model in the **Calculation Groups** worksheet.



You can have any number of Calculation Groups in your model, but if you have more than one you should take care to set the **Precedence** property correctly to determine the order of calculation in AS. Calculation Groups with a higher **precedence** value calculate before those with a lower value (descending order).

The following article provides more details about what to avoid while setting Calculation Group **precedence**.

<https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/avoiding-pitfalls-in-calculation-groups-precedence/>

Our Sample Calculation Group has four calculation items:

Calculation Item	DAX Expression
Alpha Amount	<pre>--Calculate the amount for the selected Scenario and Year VAR AlphaScenario = SELECTEDVALUE('Scenario'[Scenario Name], "Actuals") VAR SelectedYear = SELECTEDVALUE('Time Period'[Year], "&CURRENT_YEAR") VAR SelectedRange = SELECTEDVALUE('Time Range'[Time_Range Column], "YR") VAR Result = IF (SelectedRange="YTD", CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario', 'Scenario'[Scenario Name] = AlphaScenario), DATESYTD('Time Period'[FullDate])), CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario', 'Scenario'[Scenario Name] = AlphaScenario), FILTER('Time Period', 'Time Period'[Year]=SelectedYear))) RETURN Result</pre>
Compare Amount	<pre>--Calculate the Compare Scenario Amount VAR AlphaScenario = SELECTEDVALUE('Scenario'[Scenario Name], "Actuals") VAR ScenarioCompare = SELECTEDVALUE('Scenario Compare'[Scenario Name], "Forecast")</pre>

	<pre> VAR SelectedYear = SELECTEDVALUE('Time Period'[Year], "&CURRENT_YEAR") VAR SelectedRange = SELECTEDVALUE('Time Range'[Time_Range Column], "YR") VAR CompareAmount = IF(ScenarioCompare = "PY Actual", IF(SelectedRange = "YTD", CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario', 'Scenario'[Scenario Name] = AlphaScenario), DATESYTD(SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR('Time Period'[FullDate]))), CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario', 'Scenario'[Scenario Name] = AlphaScenario),SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR('Time Period'[FullDate]))), IF(SelectedRange = "YTD", CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER(ALL('Scenario'), 'Scenario'[Scenario Name] = ScenarioCompare), DATESYTD('Time Period'[FullDate])), CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER(ALL('Scenario'), 'Scenario'[Scenario Name] = ScenarioCompare)))) RETURN CompareAmount </pre>
Variance	<pre> --Calculate the Variance Amount between Alpha and Compare VAR AlphaAmount = CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario Time Variance', 'Scenario Time Variance'[PBI - Calc Group - Scenario Time Variance Measures]="Alpha Amount")) VAR CompareAmount = CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario Time Variance', 'Scenario Time Variance'[PBI - Calc Group - Scenario Time Variance Measures]="Compare Amount")) VAR Result = AlphaAmount - CompareAmount RETURN Result </pre>
Variance Pct	<pre> --Calculate the Variance Pct between Alpha and Compare VAR AlphaAmount = CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario Time Variance', 'Scenario Time Variance'[PBI - Calc Group - Scenario Time Variance Measures]="Alpha Amount")) VAR CompareAmount = CALCULATE(SELECTEDMEASURE(), FILTER('Scenario Time Variance', 'Scenario Time Variance'[PBI - Calc Group - Scenario Time Variance Measures]="Compare Amount")) VAR VarianceAmount = AlphaAmount - CompareAmount VAR VarPct = DIVIDE(VarianceAmount, CompareAmount) RETURN VarPct </pre>

The Calculation Group uses a mix of relational tables from the **Power Pivot** model (Scenario and Time Period), additional tables (Scenario Compare, Time Range) and Calculation items within the Calculation Group.

The intent is to produce reports where you select a scenario and then select another scenario with which to compare your data. The option of comparison of YTD or Total year is also part of the calculations.

Here is how the Calculation Group appears in Power BI after exporting the **Power Pivot** model:

Calculation Group **Additional Table**

Additional Table

Scenario

- Actuals
- Budget
- Forecast

Time

- YR
- YTD

Year

- 2018
- 2019

AS Query DataSource

Compare

- Actuals
- Budget
- Forecast
- PY Actual

Scaling ▼
1. No Scaling ▼

Country Name	Alpha Amount		Compare Amount		Variance		Variance Pct	
	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales
Canada	1,211,884	6,218,290	1,091,165	5,749,068	120,719	469,222	11.06%	8.16%
France	3,598,936	18,353,126	3,240,803	16,968,227	358,132	1,384,898	11.05%	8.16%
Italy	3,543,862	17,900,508	3,191,765	16,549,764	352,097	1,350,744	11.03%	8.16%
Japan	3,323,570	16,090,040	2,995,612	14,875,910	327,957	1,214,129	10.95%	8.16%
Spain	3,378,643	16,542,657	3,044,651	15,294,374	333,992	1,248,283	10.97%	8.16%
Taiwan	3,488,789	17,447,891	3,142,727	16,131,301	346,062	1,316,591	11.01%	8.16%
Thailand	3,433,716	16,995,274	3,093,689	15,712,837	340,027	1,282,437	10.99%	8.16%
United States	8,593,641	40,693,977	7,748,557	37,623,273	845,084	3,070,704	10.91%	8.16%
Total	30,573,040	150,241,763	27,548,970	138,904,754	3,024,070	11,337,009	10.98%	8.16%

Gross Sales by Region

PBI - Calc ... Alpha Amount Compare Amount

Gross Sales by Product Group

PBI - Calc Group - Sce... Alpha Amount Compare Amount

Country Name	Alpha Amount		Compare Amount		Variance		Variance Pct	
	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales
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France	3,598,936	18,353,126	3,240,803	16,968,227	358,132	1,384,898	11.05%	8.16%
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Gross Sales by Product Group

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Visualizations

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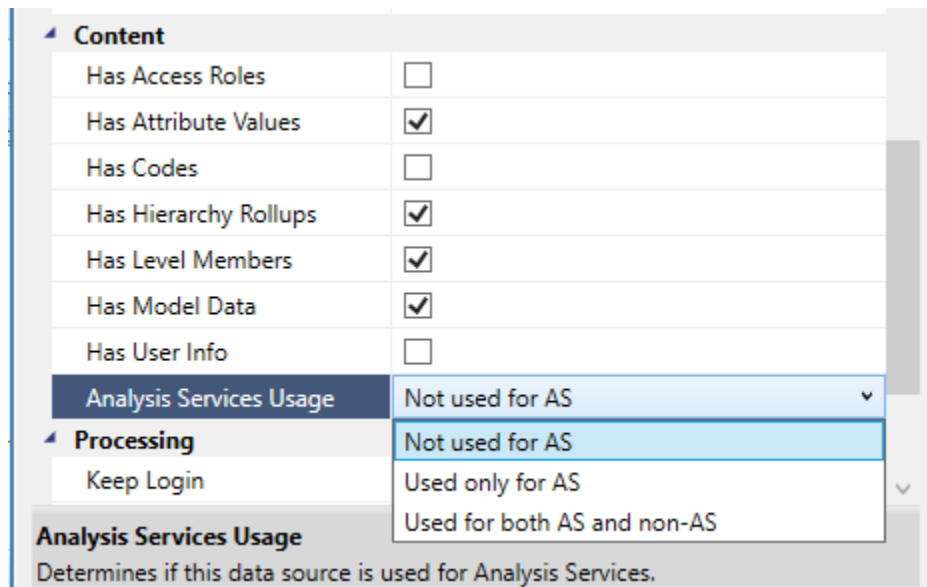
Note: Calculation Groups are only relevant for **Power Pivot** models that you export to Analysis Services, but are useable in both Power BI and Excel pivot tables.

Exported Tables

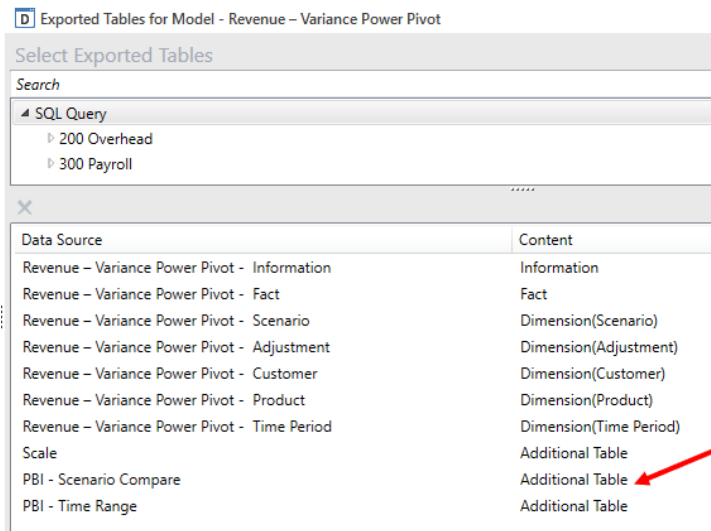
Exported Tables tab in the **Power Pivot** model edit book allows the addition and customization of the set of data sources exported to the AS model.

Data sources meeting the following criteria are included in the available objects tree, and may be added to the AS model:

- Data sources which have a relational table or view
- AS query data sources
- Data sources which have their **Analysis Services Usage** property defined as either **Used only for AS** or **Used for both AS and non-AS**

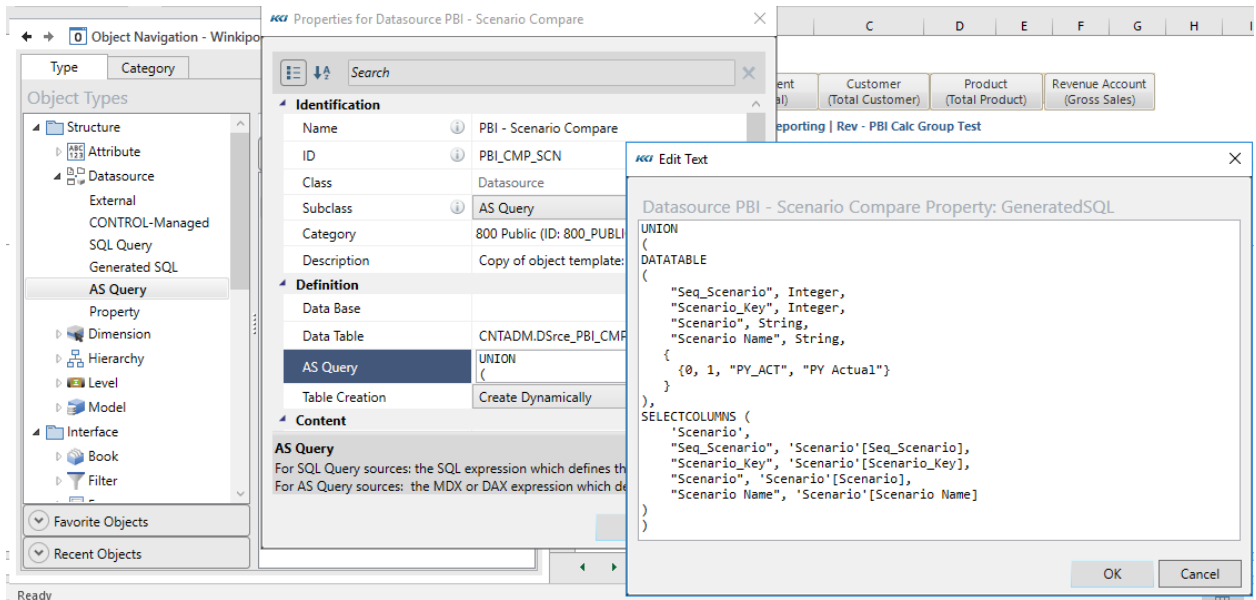


- The **Exported Tables** task pane contains the relational tables of the base and additional views of the **Power Pivot** model in addition to the data sources explicitly added by you.

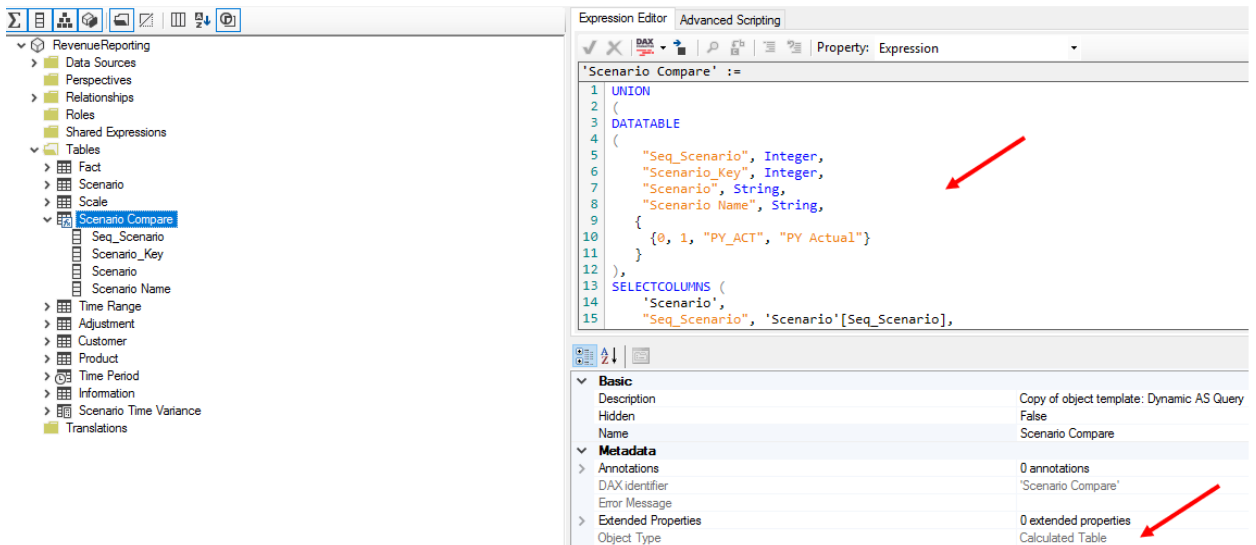


- Data sources which are defined by the **Power Pivot** models' view(s) cannot be removed.
- If an **AS Query** data source is added to the model, the DAX expression that defines the AS Query will be used to create a calculated table in AS.

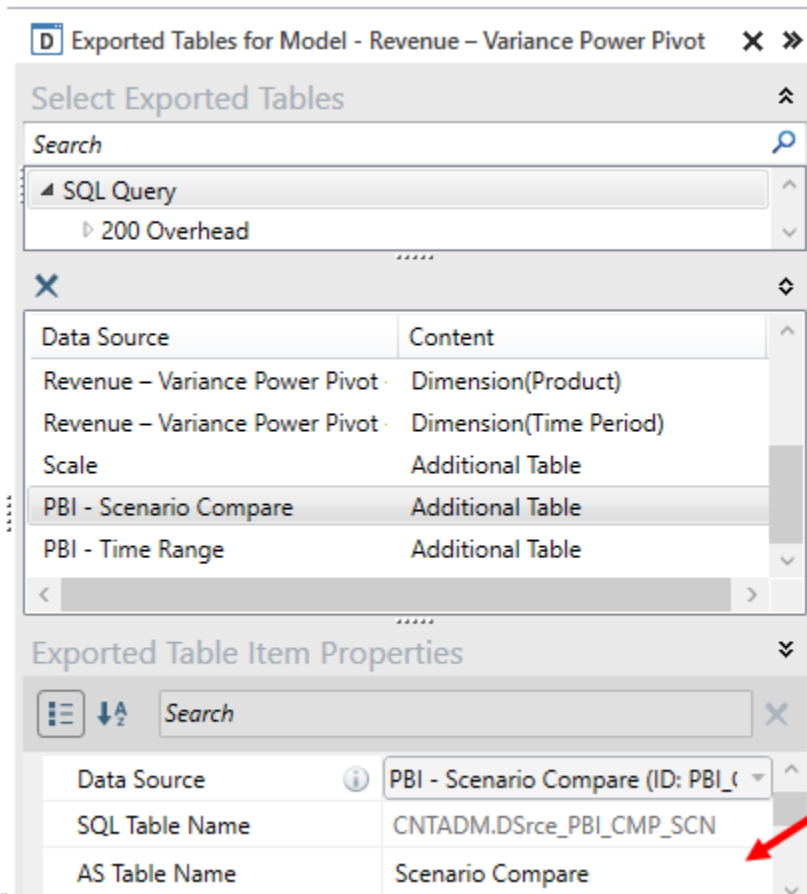
Following is the example of an **AS Query** datasource in our **Power Pivot** model.



Calculated table created in the AS model.



- The AS Table name(s) of the data sources can be overridden more easily in this task pane:



In our **Revenue - Variance Power Pivot** model we added an additional datasource **Scale** with an aim to provide users the ability to see values with their choice of scaling.

Scale
 Prototype view for Data Sources View
 Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

Seq_Column	Scale	Denominator
1	1. No Scaling	1.00
2	2. Thousands	1,000.00
3	3. Millions	1,000,000.00

We created DAX Measures in the **Fact** table to calculate the data to be shown dynamically based on the choice of scaling made by the user in Power BI.

Data Type	Size	Alias	Numeric Format	AS Usage	AS Definition	Display Folder
Integer		SCENARIO_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		EXMP_ADJ_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		EXMP_CUST_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		EXMP_PROD_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		TIMEPERIOD_Key		Base - Automatic		
Float		Units Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Price	(9,999,99)	Measure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Units])	Others
Float		Gross Sales Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Sales Discount Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Sales Returns and Allowances Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Shipping Charges Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Other Incomes Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Net Revenue Amount	(9,999)	Base - Hidden		Others
Float	25	Total Sales	(9,999)	Measure	CALCULATE([Gross Sales], ALL('Fact'))	Key Measures
Float		% of Total	(9,999%)	Measure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Total Sales])	Key Measures
Float		Scale Denominator	(9,999)	Measure	SELECTEDVALUE (Scale[Denominator Column], 1)	Others
Float		Units	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Units Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Gross Sales	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Gross Sales Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Sales Discount	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Sales Discount Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Sales Returns and Allowances	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Sales Returns and Allowances Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Shipping Charges	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Shipping Charges Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Other Incomes	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Other Incomes Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Net Revenue	(9,999)	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Net Revenue Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures

Scaling
1. No Scaling

Country Name	Alpha Amount		Compare Amount		Variance		Variance Pct	
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Scaling
2. Thousands

Country Name	Alpha Amount		Compare Amount		Variance		Variance Pct	
	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales	Units	Gross Sales
Canada	1,212	6,218	1,091	5,749	121	469	11.06%	8.16%
France	3,599	18,353	3,241	16,968	358	1,385	11.05%	8.16%
Italy	3,544	17,901	3,192	16,550	352	1,351	11.03%	8.16%
Japan	3,324	16,090	2,996	14,876	328	1,214	10.95%	8.16%
Spain	3,379	16,543	3,045	15,294	334	1,248	10.97%	8.16%
Taiwan	3,489	17,448	3,143	16,131	346	1,317	11.01%	8.16%
Thailand	3,434	16,995	3,094	15,713	340	1,282	10.99%	8.16%
United States	8,594	40,694	7,749	37,623	845	3,071	10.91%	8.16%
Total	30,573	150,242	27,549	138,905	3,024	11,337	10.98%	8.16%

There are a lot of creative ways you can enhance your reports in Power BI. You can refer to the following to get started.

<https://www.daxpatterns.com/parameter-table/>

<https://www.bluegranite.com/blog/disconnected-table-power-bi>

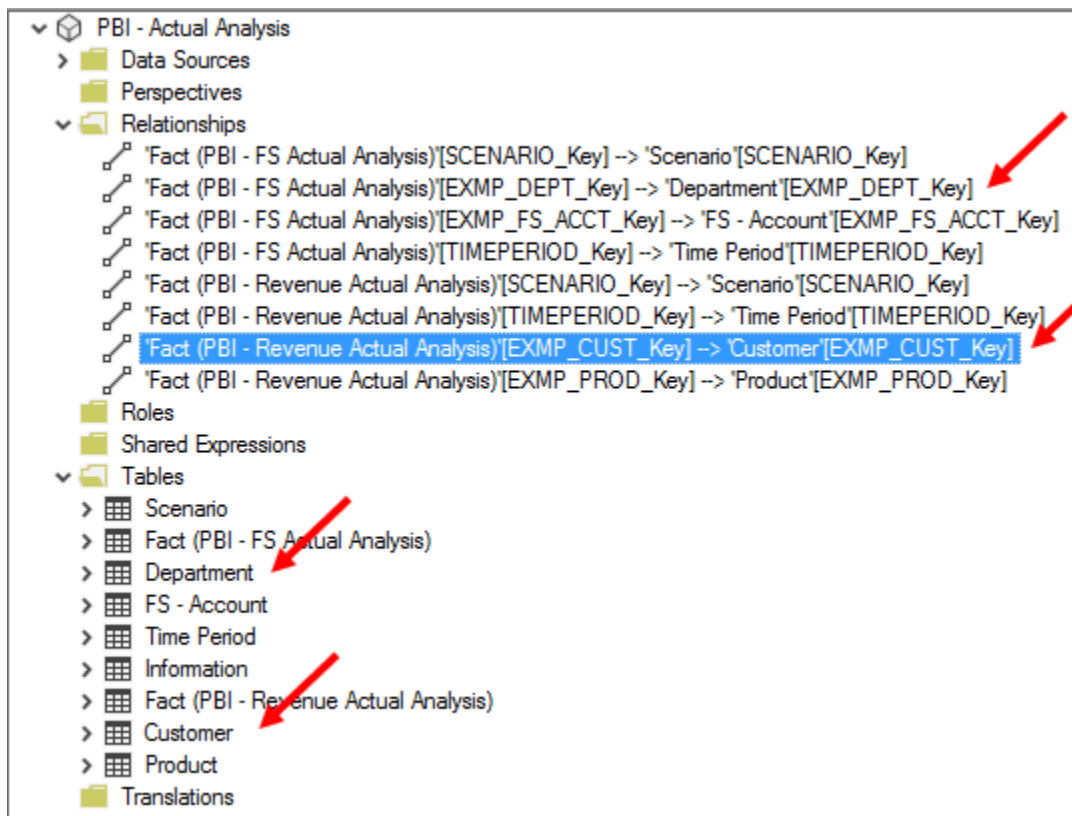
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Relationship Overrides

Relationships between tables in an AS Tabular model can be customized using the **Relationship Overrides** property of the exported table. The export process will automatically define the relationships between dimension and fact tables, and if any of those relationships is not desired, you can change them. The convention is noted below – note that the syntax uses AS table and column names – NOT relational table and column names.

The **PBI – Actual Analysis** Power Pivot model is based on a view on the **EXMP – Financial Statements** model and has an additional view on the **Revenue – Reporting** model.

When the model is exported the relationships in AS Tabular model are defined as follows:



Our Power BI report has a Slicer on **Country** field from the **Department** table. If you observe the two screenshots below changing the country in the slicer from United States to Japan has NO impact on the Gross Sales by Product Group visualization as it is based on Revenue model and there is no relationship between the **Revenue** Fact table and **Department** table.



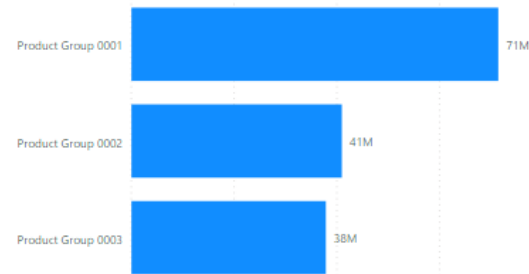
Canada	France	Italy	Japan	Spain	Taiwan	Thailand	United States
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FS - Summary Name	Data
Revenue	379383993
Cost of Goods Sold	146544181
Gross Margin	232839812
Total Overhead Expenses	403694478
Operating Income	-170854665
Net Income	-133176533

Net Revenue by Month



Gross Sales by Product Group



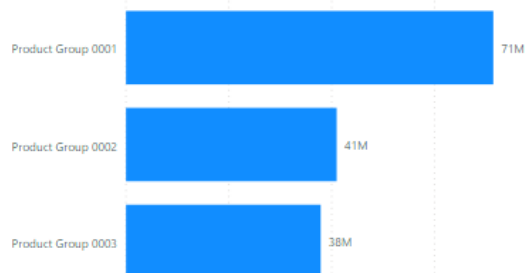
Canada	France	Italy	Japan	Spain	Taiwan	Thailand	United States
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FS - Summary Name	Data
Revenue	150153313
Cost of Goods Sold	57999533
Gross Margin	92153781
Total Overhead Expenses	34142187
Operating Income	58011594
Net Income	47921493

Net Revenue by Month



Gross Sales by Product Group



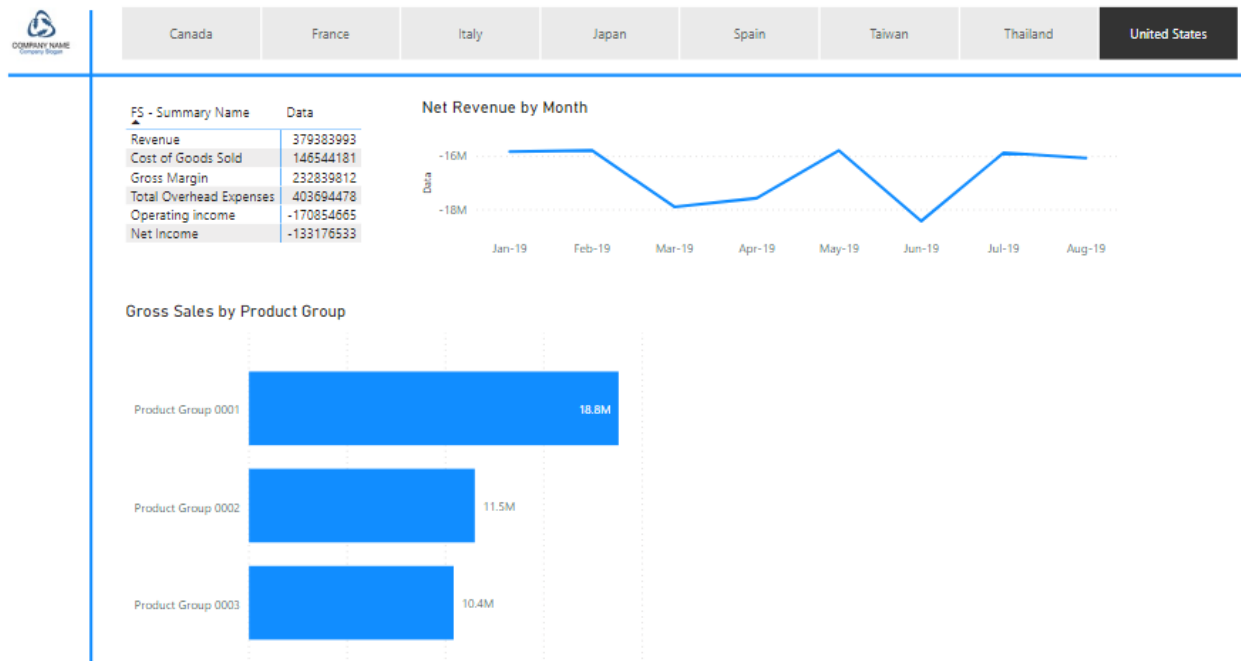
Within CONTROL® these two models are logically related based on the common level **Legal Entity** which is available in both Customer and Department dimensions and data transfer between these two models happens at this common level. Since the views used in the **Power Pivot** model have branches having **Legal Entity** at the lowest level, we could link the two models. Using the **Relationship Overrides** property we remove the relationship between the Revenue Fact table and Customer table and add a new relationship between the Revenue Fact table and the Department table.

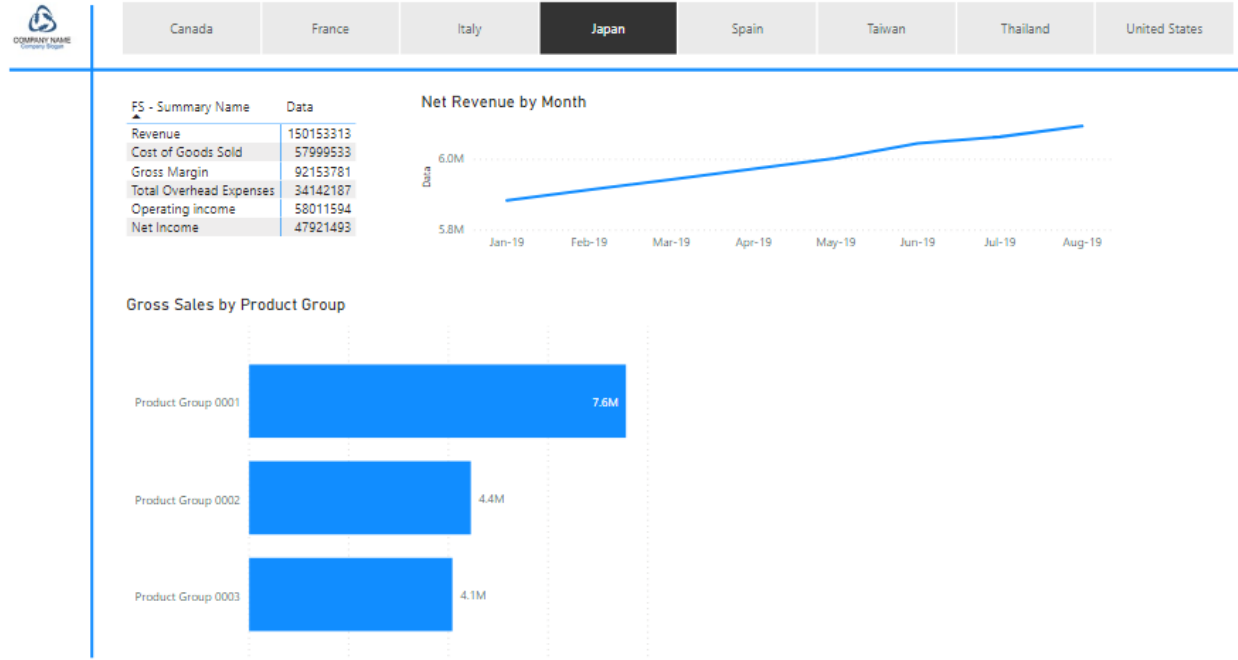
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Exported Table Item Properties	
Content	Fact
Storage Type	Table
Key Columns	SCENARIO_Key, EXMP_CUST_Key, EXMP_PROD_Key, TIMEPERIOD_Key
Defined Relationships	SCENARIO_Key<CNTADM.PBIActualAnalysis_PBI_FSACTUALANALYSIS_SCENARIO.SCENARIO_Key, EXMP_CU
Relationship Overrides	-EXMP_CUST_Key<'Customer'[EXMP_CUST_Key], +EXMP_CUST_Key<'Department'[EXMP_DEPT_Key]

Since relationship overrides have an impact only on AS Tabular model you need to export the Power Pivot model using **Export > Update > All** to preserve the customization during the export.

Now, the Gross Sales by Product Group visualization reacts to the selection on the Slicer!





Datasources

Once you have run the export and reopen the edit book, you will see a worksheet in the workbook for every relational table or view that was exported. Each worksheet corresponds to a hidden, **CONTROL-Managed** datasource dedicated to the **Power Pivot** model.

The screenshot shows the CONTROL® software interface with a ribbon menu and a worksheet. The worksheet displays a table with columns for ID, Description, Data Type, Alias, ASUsage, and ASDefinition. The data source table is as follows:

ID	Description	Data Type	Alias	ASUsage	ASDefinition
7	SCENARIO_Key	Integer	SCENARIO_Key	Base - Automatic	
8	EXMP_CUST_Key	Integer	EXMP_CUST_Key	Base - Automatic	
9	EXMP_PROD_Key	Integer	EXMP_PROD_Key	Base - Automatic	
10	TIMEPERIOD_Key	Integer	TIMEPERIOD_Key	Base - Automatic	
11	Units	Float	Units	Base - Automatic	
12	Price	Float	Price	Measure	$\frac{GrossSales}{Units}$
13	GrossSales	Float	Gross Sales	Base - Automatic	
14	SalesDiscount	Float	Sales Discount	Base - Automatic	
15	SalesReturnsandAllowances	Float	Sales Returns and Allowances	Base - Automatic	
16	ShippingCharges	Float	Shipping Charges	Base - Automatic	
17	OtherIncomes	Float	Other Incomes	Base - Automatic	
18	NetRevenue	Float	Net Revenue	Base - Automatic	

The interface also shows a 'Columns' pane on the right with a table listing columns and their ASUsage, and a 'Column Properties' pane for the selected 'SCENARIO_Key' column.

Typically, you do not need to modify the properties of these tables or their columns. However, if you are exporting to Analysis Services, you may want to review and customize the following:

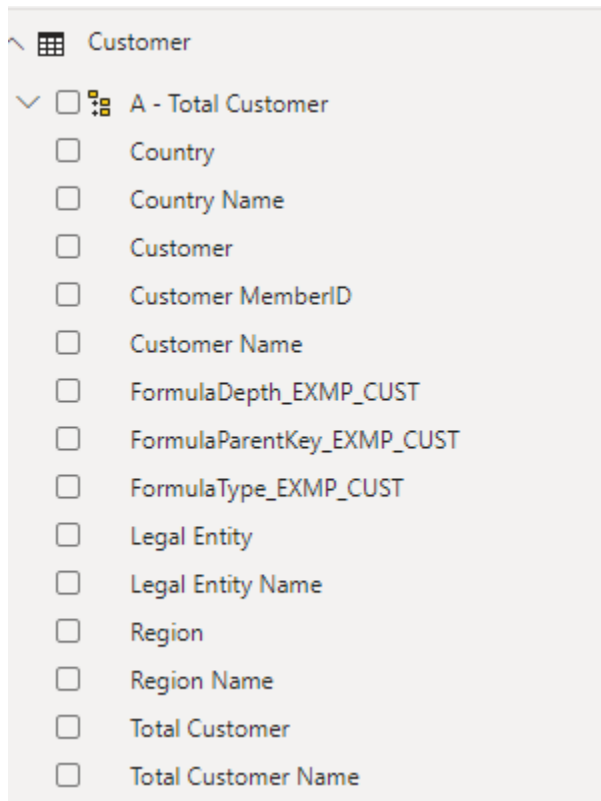
- **Description** defines the tool tip for the column in Power BI. It is the description defined in the level object's **Description** property.
- **Alias** is the name of the column or measure that will appear in Power BI. By default, CONTROL® uses level and dimension names as **Alias** for columns in the dimension tables during the export to Analysis Services. However, if you wish you can override the names by updating the **Alias** field. CONTROL® will automatically remove or replace any special characters not supported by AS.

For our sample **Power Pivot** model, the Customer dimensions' **Alias** are populated by default as follows during the export.

Revenue – Variance Power Pivot - Customer
 Power BI Export Table View View
 Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

ID	Description	Data Type	Size	Alias	Numeric Format	AS Usage
EXMP_CUST_Key		Integer		EXMP_CUST_Key		Base - Automatic
EXMP_CUST_MemberID		VarChar	50	Customer MemberID		Base - Automatic
Seq_EXMP_CUST		Integer		Seq_EXMP_CUST		Base - Automatic
EXMP_TOT_CUST		VarChar	25	Total Customer		Base - Automatic
EXMP_TOT_CUST_Name		VarChar	100	Total Customer Name		Base - Automatic
EXMP_REG		VarChar	25	Region		Base - Automatic
EXMP_REG_Name		VarChar	100	Region Name		Base - Automatic
EXMP_CNTRY		VarChar	25	Country		Base - Automatic
EXMP_CNTRY_Name		VarChar	100	Country Name		Base - Automatic
EXMP_LE		VarChar	25	Legal Entity		Base - Automatic
EXMP_LE_Name		VarChar	100	Legal Entity Name		Base - Automatic
EXMP_CUST		VarChar	25	Customer		Base - Automatic
EXMP_CUST_Name		VarChar	100	Customer Name		Base - Automatic
Level_ID		VarChar	25	Level_ID		Base - Automatic
Depth_EXMP_CUST		Integer		Depth_EXMP_CUST		Base - Automatic
ParentKey_EXMP_CUST		Integer		ParentKey_EXMP_CUST		Base - Automatic
FormulaDepth_EXMP_CUST		Integer		FormulaDepth_EXMP_CUST		Base - Automatic
FormulaParentKey_EXMP_CUST		Integer		FormulaParentKey_EXMP_CUST		Base - Automatic
FormulaType_EXMP_CUST		Integer		FormulaType_EXMP_CUST		Base - Automatic

and they appear in Power BI as follows:



In rare cases where you override the **Alias** you need to use **Export > Update > All** to export your data and meta-data while keeping the customizations.

- **Numeric Format** is the numeric style used in tabular displays in Power BI. If you anchor the fact table on a variable or custom dimension, then the member's numeric format from the dimension defines the **Numeric Format**. If the fact table is unanchored or anchored on a different dimension, a default format is applied.

A new optional level **AS Formats (ID = ASFORMATS)** can be defined to define explicit formats that are usable directly in AS/Power BI. The **AS Formats** level must have numeric ID's and the ID's should have a minimum value of 1000, so as not to conflict with existing formats (which must still be available to support variables, custom dimensions, and existing data sources). Care should be taken that the two lists (**KCI_BrowserFormats** and **ASFormats**) don't intersect.

AS Formats (Level)
 Prototype object view (Dynamic) View
 Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

ID	Name	Description
1000	--- Analysis Services ---	
1001	###0	
1002	#,##0	
1003	#,##0.0	
1004	#,##0.00	
1005	#,##0.000	
1006	#,##0.0000	
1007	#,##0 %	
1008	#,##0.0 %	
1009	#,##0.00 %	
1010	\$ #,##0	
1011	\$ #,##0.0	
1012	\$ #,##0.00	
1013	\$ #,##0.000	
1014	\$ #,##0.0000	

The screenshot shows a Power BI Desktop interface. On the left, a table lists various AS formats (ID 1000-1014) with their names and descriptions. On the right, the 'Datasource - Revenue - Variance Power Pivot - Fact' window is open, showing a list of columns with their aliases and AS usage. A dropdown menu is visible over the 'Net Revenue' row, showing the selected format '###0' and other options like 'SU-3,333.33', 'Suppress Zeros', and '9999'.

The dimension tables contain columns for all the levels related to the dimension branch in the CONTROL® view. Following additional columns are added to the materialized exported dimension tables to help create complex DAX expressions needed to handle parent-child hierarchies especially the ones related to the Financial Statement accounts/variables.

Column	Description
Depth	Depth of the member in the hierarchy. 1 for topmost level and incremental for each lower level.
ParentKey	Member key of the Parent to which the current member reports.



FormulaDepth	Depth of the member based on formula dependency.
FormulaParentKey	Member key of the Parent based on formula dependency.
FormulaType	0 - No formula 1 - Simple sum 2 - Addition and subtraction 3 - Simple ratio 4 - Complex
VarianceConvention	Account Convention used mainly for Variance calculation: 1 for Revenue -1 for Cost 0 for neither

Following screenshots show the Account hierarchy in CONTROL® and how the exported meta-data in the dimension relational table gets the values for the additional columns described above.

FS - Account (Hierarchy)

Dynamic Rollups View

Updating: Clear and Insert Rollups, Merge Members Filter: ALL

EXMP_FS_SUMMARY_ID	EXMP_FS_DETAIL_ID	Name	Direct Logic
100_FTE		Full Time Equivalent	
600_PAY	6010	Base Compensation	
600_PAY	6015	Overtime	
600_PAY	6020	Employee Other Compensation	
600_PAY	6030	Payroll Tax Expense	
600_PAY	6040	Employee Benefit, Health Insurance	
600_PAY		Total Employee Compensation	SUM(R6010;R6040) Auto-Generated Formula
699_OHX		Total Overhead Expenses	600_PAY+610_T_E+620_SSV+630_COM+640_FSH+650_OCC+660_MTN+670_INS+680_UTL+691_DPR+692_OEX
699_OHX_PCT		OH Exp as a % of Revenue	699_OHX/400_REV
700_OI		Operating income	550_GM-699_OHX
700_OI_PCT		OI as a % of Revenue	700_OI/400_REV

v105 - PBI P&L Hierarchy Test - FS - Account

Prototype view for Data Sources View

Updating: Not Updateable Filter:

FS - Summary	FS - Summary Name	FS - Det	FS - Detail Name	Dept	ParentKey	FormulaDep	FormulaParentKey	FormulaTyp	VarianceConvention
83274 691_DPR	Depreciation & Amortization			1			83310	1	-1
83275 692_OEX	Other Expenses			1			83310	1	-1
83276 600_PAY	Total Employee Compensation	6010	Base Compensation	2	83265	4	83265	4	-1
83277 600_PAY	Total Employee Compensation	6020	Employee Other Compensation	2	83265	4	83265	4	-1
83278 600_PAY	Total Employee Compensation	6030	Payroll Tax Expense	2	83265	4	83265	4	-1
83279 600_PAY	Total Employee Compensation	6040	Employee Benefit, Health Insurance	2	83265	4	83265	4	-1
83310 699_OHX	Total Overhead Expenses			1			83312	1	-1
83311 699_OHX_PCT	OH Exp as a % of Revenue			1				3	-1
83312 700_OI	Operating income			1			83316	2	-1
83313 700_OI_PCT	OI as a % of Revenue			1				3	-1
83314 800_OTH_INC	Other Income/(Expenses)			1			83316	1	-1
83315 870_INTEREST	Interest Income/(Expense)			1			83316	1	-1
83316 890_IBIT	Income Before Income Taxes			1			83317	1	-1
83317 890_IBIT_PCT	IBIT as a % of Sales			1				3	-1
83318 900_TAX	Income Tax Expense			1			83319	1	-1
83319 910_TAX_PCT	Tax % of IBIT			1				3	-1
83320 950_NI	Net Income			1				2	-1

The following section describes an example where these additional columns can be used. The **Power Pivot** model **v105 - PBI P&L Hierarchy Demo** is based on a view that shows the Income Statement with the account hierarchy having both Summary and Detailed levels.

When you create a matrix visualization in Power BI you can see a problem. The **Total Employee Compensation** amount is twice when compared to CONTROL® data and you can also see a row with data but no heading.

Country Name

Canada	France	Italy	Japan
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FS - Summary Name	DataValue
Total Employee Compensation	73,639,834
Base Compensation	29,066,720
Overtime	3,279
Employee Other Compensation	3,825,911
Payroll Tax Expense	2,616,005
Employee Benefit, Health Insurance	1,308,002
	36,819,917
Travel & Entertainment	3,873,909
Auto Expenses	529,223
Meals and Entertainment Expense	349,287
Travel Expense	1,058,445
	1,936,955

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Filters:	Scenario (Forecast)	Adjustment (ALL)				
2	Pages:	Department (JPN Japan)					
4		EXMP - Financial Statements v105 - PBI P&L Hierarchy Report					
5	COMPANY NAME	Scenario Forecast :: Adjustment ALL					
7	Company Group	Department Japan					
9	USD Amounts not Scaled						
10		Time Period					
11	FS - Account	+Year 2019					
12	+Total Employee Compensation	36,819,917					
13	+Travel & Entertainment	1,936,955					
14	+Supplies & Services	3,803,787					
15	+Communications & IT	1,025,369					
16	+Freight & Shipping	1,958,123					

We overcome these issues by creating DAX measures using the **Depth** column of the account table.

Browse Depth measure determines the level being browsed in the Matrix visualization.

`ISINSCOPE ('FS - Account'[FS - Summary Name]) + ISINSCOPE ('FS - Account'[FS - Detail Name])`

Show Row measure checks if the depth of the member being browsed is valid based on a check on the account hierarchy. We prevent the blank rows from showing data and being evaluated in computing numbers.

```
[Browse Depth] <= Max('FS - Account'[Depth])
```

Actual Total :=

```
VAR SummaryAccountSelected = ISINSCOPE ( 'FS - Account'[FS - Summary Name] )
VAR SummaryAccountSum = CALCULATE ( [DataValue], 'FS - Account'[Depth] = 1,
ALLEXCEPT ( 'FS - Account', 'FS - Account'[FS - Summary Name]),
FILTER(ALL('Scenario'),'Scenario'[Scenario Name]="Actuals"))
VAR DetailAccountSelected = ISINSCOPE ( 'FS - Account'[FS - Detail Name] )
VAR DetailAccountSum = CALCULATE ( [DataValue], 'FS - Account'[Depth] = 2,
ALLEXCEPT ( 'FS - Account', 'FS - Account'[FS - Detail Name]), FILTER(ALL('Scenario'),'Scenario'[Scenario
Name]="Actuals"))
RETURN
SWITCH (
TRUE (),
DetailAccountSelected, IF([Show Row], DetailAccountSum),
SummaryAccountSelected, IF([Show Row], SummaryAccountSum)
)SummaryAccountSelected, IF([AccountShowRow], SummaryAccountSum)
)
```

Forecast Total :=

```
VAR SummaryAccountSelected = ISINSCOPE ( 'FS - Account'[FS - Summary Name] )
VAR SummaryAccountSum = CALCULATE ( [DataValue], 'FS - Account'[Depth] = 1,
ALLEXCEPT ( 'FS - Account', 'FS - Account'[FS - Summary Name]), FILTER(ALL('Scenario'),'Scenario'[Scenario
Name]="Forecast"))
VAR DetailAccountSelected = ISINSCOPE ( 'FS - Account'[FS - Detail Name] )
VAR DetailAccountSum = CALCULATE ( [DataValue], 'FS - Account'[Depth] = 2,
ALLEXCEPT ( 'FS - Account', 'FS - Account'[FS - Detail Name]), FILTER(ALL('Scenario'),'Scenario'[Scenario
Name]="Forecast"))
RETURN
SWITCH (
TRUE (),
DetailAccountSelected, IF([Show Row], DetailAccountSum),
SummaryAccountSelected, IF([Show Row], SummaryAccountSum)
)
```

The measures above determine which values to display based on the level of detail. Now, using these DAX measures the Matrix visualization produces the right results.

Country Name

Canada France Italy **Japan** Spain

FS - Summary Name	Actual Total	Forecast Total	Variance	Variance Pct
Total Employee Compensation	22,129,922	36,819,917	14,689,995	39.90%
Travel & Entertainment	1,164,170	1,936,955	772,784	39.90%
Supplies & Services	2,286,195	3,803,787	1,517,592	39.90%
Communications & IT	616,279	1,025,369	409,090	39.90%
Freight & Shipping	1,176,893	1,958,123	781,230	39.90%
Occupancy	1,749,436	2,910,724	1,161,288	39.90%
Maintenance	1,556,998	2,590,544	1,033,546	39.90%
Insurance	712,498	1,185,459	472,961	39.90%
Utilities	1,079,879	1,796,711	716,831	39.90%
Depreciation & Amortization	1,458,394	2,426,485	968,092	39.90%
Other Expenses	211,523	351,933	140,410	39.90%
Total Overhead Expenses	34,142,187	56,806,007	22,663,820	39.90%
OH Exp as a % of Revenue	1	1	0	33.02%
Operating income	58,011,594	99,384,539	41,372,945	41.63%
OI as a % of Revenue	4	7	2	34.52%
Other Income/(Expenses)	-600,613	-999,304	398,691	-39.90%
Interest Income/(Expense)	252	407	-154	-37.95%
Income Before Income Taxes	57,411,233	98,385,641	-40,974,409	-41.65%
IBIT as a % of Sales	4	7	-2	-34.52%
Income Tax Expense	9,489,740	15,789,092	6,299,352	39.90%
Tax % of IBIT	14	20	7	-33.33%
Net Income	47,921,493	82,596,549	-34,675,056	-41.98%

Cost Convention (points to the red box around the expense rows)

Revenue Convention (points to the red box around the income rows)

For computing the Variance we have used the **Variance Convention** property to calculate the variance correctly for Cost and Revenue accounts.

Variance :=

IF

(
OR (MAX ('FS - Account'[VarianceConvention]) = 1, MAX ('FS - Account'[VarianceConvention]) = 0),
[Actual Total] - [Forecast Total],
[Forecast Total] - [Actual Total]
)

There are several articles related to Parent-Child hierarchy-based reporting in Power BI. You can refer the following articles for more details

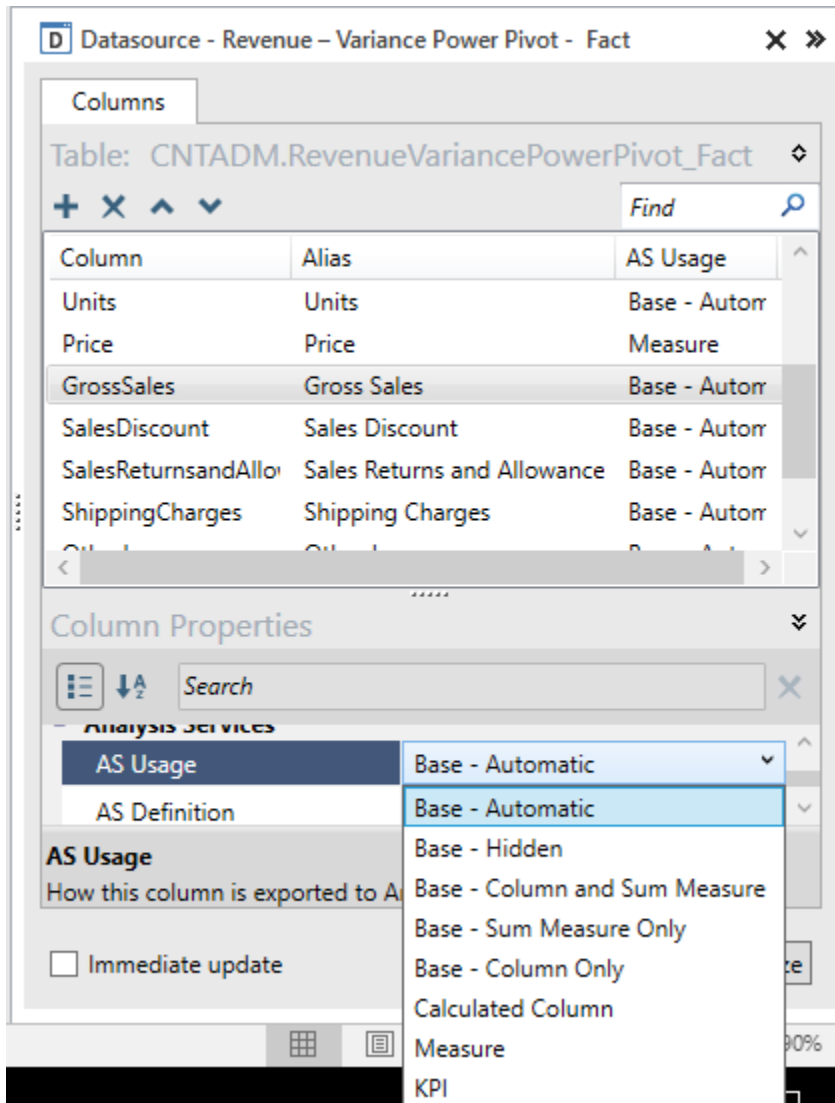
- <https://www.daxpatterns.com/parent-child-hierarchies/>
- <https://powerpivotpro.com/2018/01/star-schema-switch-drill-income-statement-design/>
- <https://powerpivotpro.com/2011/09/profit-lossthe-art-of-the-cascading-subtotal/>

AS Usage and definition

AS Usage and **AS Definition** properties define the measure calculations in AS and Power BI using DAX – the calculation language for AS Tabular.

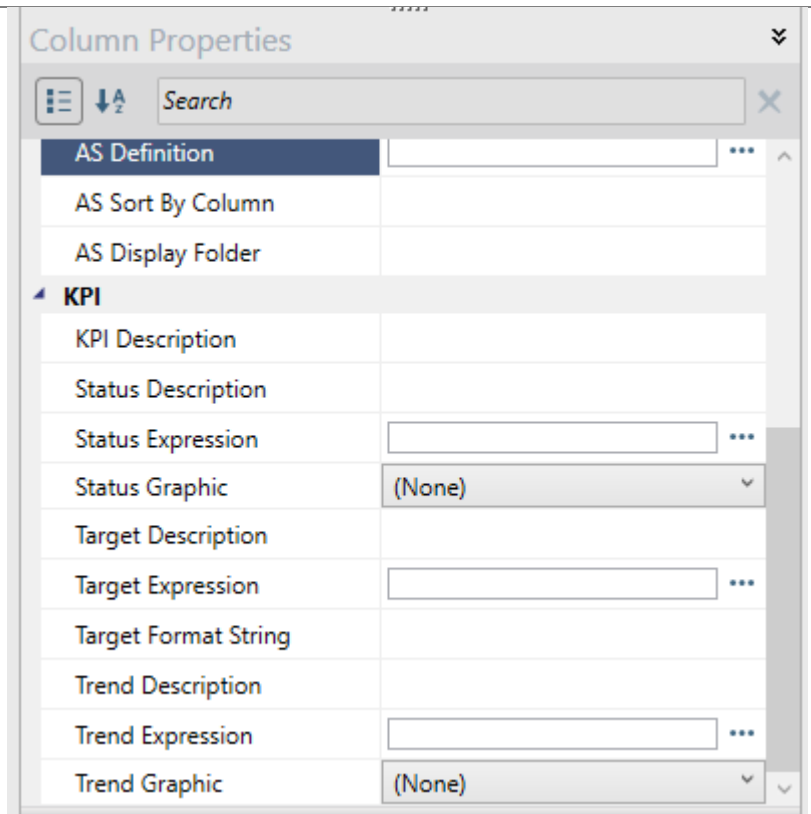
Sum is the default calculation for each data column in the fact table, which is appropriate for most CONTROL® data, but not all. For example, ratios such as **Percent of Sales** need a special calculation.

The table below defines the options for the **AS Usage** property.



AS Usage Property	Description
Base – Automatic	Automatically defines a column or measure of the base table as summation, depending on whether the Analysis Services Usage is Export to AS Power BI and Excel (Recommended) or Export to AS Power BI , and whether one or more

	<p>calculation groups are present. This is the default option, and it lets the export process determine the most appropriate way to export the data in the column.</p>
Base – Hidden	Hides the column from appearing in Power BI.
Base - Column and Sum Measure	Shows the column and creates a Sum measure.
Base - Sum Measure Only	Creates a Sum measure and hides the column.
Base - Column Only	Shows the column, which in Power BI, permits a Sum measure to be implied automatically.
Calculated Column	Creates a calculated column based on the supplied DAX expression and adds it to the table.
Measure	Creates a measure based on the supplied DAX expression and adds it to the table.
KPI	<p>A Key Performance Indicator (KPI) is a visual cue that communicates the amount of progress made toward a measurable goal.</p> <p>To support the creation of KPIs for CONTROL® Power Pivot models' the following properties are provided:</p>



Only **Calculated Column**, **Measure** or **KPI** options require a DAX expression. When you select any one of these in the **AS Usage** property dropdown, and then click on the ellipsis button on the **AS Definition** field, you get a **Quick Measures** dialogue. The **Calculation** dropdown has a list of common types of formulas; most of them are from the **Quick Measures** available in Power BI. Select the required DAX formula from the dropdown and fill in the arguments by dragging and dropping the data fields from the **Power Pivot** model's fact or dimension tables available on the right on the dialogue or directly enter the arguments in the parameter fields.

Here is how the **Quick Measures** dialogue looks like in the **Power Pivot** model edit book:

Calculation

Ratio ▼

Numerator

Gross Sales ✕

Denominator

Total Sales ✕

Fields

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- EXMP_ADJ_Key
- EXMP_CUST_Key
- EXMP_PROD_Key
- TIMEPERIOD_Key
- Units
- Price
- Gross Sales
- Sales Discount
- Sales Returns and Allowances
- Shipping Charges
- Other Incomes
- Net Revenue
- Total Sales
- % of Total
- ▶ Product

AS Definition (DAX)

```
DIVIDE(
[Gross Sales],
[Total Sales]
)
```

Description (Power BI Tooltip)

Ratio of Gross Sales to Total Sales

Alias (Power BI Measure Name)

% of Total

Numeric Format

99.99% ▼

OK
Cancel

After defining the arguments click **OK**.

Since the DAX expression executes in Analysis Services or Power BI the DAX expressions in your **Calculated Column, Measure or KPI** should reference columns by their **Alias** and not the **Column ID**. In the DAX expression above, **Gross Sales** is the **Alias** while the **Column ID** is **GrossSales**. Since the formula was defined using the Quick Measure dialogue it is already



ensured as the Field list is based on the **Alias**. However, if you are entering the formula manually directly in the **AS definition** field either in the column properties task pane or the object view then you need to make sure you reference the **Alias**.

You can add new measures to the column list and hide existing columns if you do not want them to appear in the Power BI design pane.

For convenience, you can enter directly in the object view worksheet, if you need to make many customizations:

Revenue – Variance Power Pivot - Fact
Power BI Export Table View View
Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

ID	Description	Data Type	Size	Alias	NumericFormat	ASUsage	ASDefinition
SCENARIO_Key	Key column SCENARIO	Integer		SCENARIO_Key		Base - Automatic	
EXMP_CUST_Key	Key column EXMP_CUST	Integer		EXMP_CUST_Key		Base - Automatic	
EXMP_PROD_Key	Key column EXMP_PROD	Integer		EXMP_PROD_Key		Base - Automatic	
TIMEPERIOD_Key	Key column TIMEPERIOD	Integer		TIMEPERIOD_Key		Base - Automatic	
Units	Sum of Units	Float		Units	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
Price	Ratio ([Gross Sales], [Units])	Float		Price	(9,999.99)	Measure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Units])
GrossSales	Testing to see if I can save	Float		Gross Sales	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
SalesDiscount	Sum of Sales Discount	Float		Sales Discount	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
SalesReturnsandAllowances	Sum of Sales Returns and Allowances	Float		Sales Returns and Allowances	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
ShippingCharges	Sum of Shipping Charges	Float		Shipping Charges	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
OtherIncomes	Sum of Other Incomes	Float		Other Incomes	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
NetRevenue	Sum of Net Revenue	Float		Net Revenue	#:#0	Base - Automatic	

For some people, writing a DAX formula for a measure might be easy. However, for others it can be quite a challenge.

Therefore, CONTROL® supplies a list of common types of formulas; most of them are from the **Quick Measures** available in Power BI.

The CONTROL® datasource named **AS Usage Definitions** stores all these predefined DAX formulas. You can add additional formulas to this datasource as they become available.

AS Usage Definitions
Prototype view for Data Sources View
Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

ID	Name	Description	Type	DAXTemplate	NumericFormat
11	Ratio	Calculate the ratio of a value to another one	KCI	DIVIDE([&Numerator], [&Denominator])	-9,9999.99
12	Percentage	Calculate the ratio of a value to another one in percentage	KCI	100 * DIVIDE([&Numerator], [&Denominator])	99.99%
13	Rolling Average	Calculate the average of a base value over a certain number of periods	KCI	VAR _SumOfBaseValue = CALCULATE ([&BaseValue], DATEADD([&Date], -[&Period], [&Date]))	-9,9999.99
1000	Supplied DAX	Supplied DAX	KCI		-9,9999.99
1001	Average per category	Calculate the average of Base Value within the Category	Aggregate per category	AVERAGEX(KEEPFILTERS(VALUESEXCEPT([&Category], [&ExcludeCategory])), [&BaseValue])	-9,9999.99
1002	Variance per category	Calculate the variance of Base Value within the Category	Aggregate per category	VARX.P(KEEPFILTERS(VALUESEXCEPT([&Category], [&ExcludeCategory])), [&BaseValue])	-9,9999.99
1003	Max per category	Calculate the maximum of Base Value within the Category	Aggregate per category	MAXX(KEEPFILTERS(VALUESEXCEPT([&Category], [&ExcludeCategory])), [&BaseValue])	-9,9999.99
1004	Min per category	Calculate the minimum of Base Value within the Category	Aggregate per category	MINX(KEEPFILTERS(VALUESEXCEPT([&Category], [&ExcludeCategory])), [&BaseValue])	-9,9999.99
1005	Weighted average per category	Calculate a weighted average of the Base Value for each Category	Aggregate per category	VAR _CATEGORY_VALUES = VALUES([&Category]) RETURN CALCULATE([&BaseValue], [&FilterColumn] IN [&TextFilter])	-9,9999.99
1006	Filtered value	Calculate a value with a filter applied	Filters	CALCULATE([&BaseValue], [&FilterColumn] IN [&TextFilter])	-9,9999.99
1007	Difference from filtered value	Calculate the difference between a value and its value with a filter applied	Filters	VAR _BASELINE_VALUE = CALCULATE([&BaseValue], [&FilterColumn] IN [&TextFilter])	-9,9999.99
1008	Percentage difference from filtered value	Calculate the percentage difference between a value and its value with a filter applied	Filters	VAR _BASELINE_VALUE = CALCULATE([&BaseValue], [&FilterColumn] IN [&TextFilter])	-9,9999.99
1010	Year-to-date total	Calculate the total of the base value from, starting from the beginning of the year	Time intelligence	TOTALYTD([&BaseValue], [&Date])	-9,9999.99
1011	Quarter-to-date total	Calculate the total of the base value from, starting from the beginning of the quarter	Time intelligence	TOTALQTD([&BaseValue], [&Date])	-9,9999.99
1012	Month-to-date total	Calculate the total of the base value from, starting from the beginning of the month	Time intelligence	TOTALMTD([&BaseValue], [&Date])	-9,9999.99
1013	Year-over-year change	Calculate the year-over-year change of base value in %	Time intelligence	VAR _PREV_YEAR = CALCULATE([&BaseValue], DATEADD([&Date], -1, YEAR))	99.99%
1014	Quarter-over-quarter change	Calculate the quarter-over-quarter change of base value in %	Time intelligence	VAR _PREV_QUARTER = CALCULATE([&BaseValue], DATEADD([&Date], -1, QUARTER))	99.99%
1015	Month-over-month change	Calculate the month-over-month change of base value in %	Time intelligence	VAR _PREV_MONTH = CALCULATE([&BaseValue], DATEADD([&Date], -1, MONTH))	99.99%

To avoid conflicts with future updates of CONTROL®, the CONTROL® specific formulas have IDs 0-999, and Microsoft’s Quick Measures have IDs 1001-1999. Please use ID values of 2001 or greater for site-specific formulas.

It is important to understand that you do not need to use a formula from this table if you want a custom DAX calculation for a measure. This table is for users who are not DAX experts to take advantage of calculations that others have created and shared.

Note: If the supplied expression defines the measure name (measureName = ...), the name supplied in the expression will override the alias or column name as the name of the measure.

KPI

The sample model **v105 – KPI Demo** demonstrates creating a KPI in a **Power Pivot** model.

1. A KPI is always based on a measure.
2. The sample model is anchored on the Variable dimension.
3. When you create a KPI, you replace a measure with the KPI. In our **Power Pivot** model, we changed the Gross Margin % measure's **AS Usage** property from **Measure** to **KPI**.

v105 - KPI Demo - Fact
Power BI Export Table View View
Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

ID	Description	DataType	Size	Alias	NumericFormat	ASUsage	ASDefinition
SCENARIO_Key	Key column SCENARIO	Integer		SCENARIO_Key		Base - Automatic	
EXMP_DEPT_Key	Key column EXMP_DEPT	Integer		EXMP_DEPT_Key		Base - Automatic	
TIMEPERIOD_Key	Key column TIMEPERIOD	Integer		TIMEPERIOD_Key		Base - Automatic	
Units	Sum of Units	Float		Units		Base - Automatic	
Revenue	Sum of Revenue	Float		Revenue	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
CostofGoodsSold	Sum of Cost of Goods Sold	Float		Cost of Goods Sold	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
GrossMargin	Sum of Gross Margin	Float		Gross Margin	(9,999)	Base - Automatic	
GMasaofRevenue	Ratio ([Gross Margin], [Revenue])	Float		Gross Margin %	99.9%	KPI	DIVIDE([Gross Margin], [Revenue])

4. There are basically three properties: Status, Target, and Trend. These are the internal Tabular names for Status, Goal, and Trend. Status and Trend let you define a description, expression, and graphic to use. The Target (which is called Goal in Power BI) has a format string and no graphic. Status and Trend are graphical items, whereas Target is a number.
5. The measure itself becomes the **value** of the KPI. In our case the **AS Definition** had already a DAX expression to calculate the Gross Margin %. The newly created measures are named **_Gross Margin % Goal**, **_Gross Margin % Trend**, and **_Gross Margin % Status**. They act as regular measures; you can call them in your DAX code and use them in reports.
6. Find below the values for the various properties for our KPI:

Status Expression

-- DAX code for Status Expression

VAR MarginPercentage = [Gross Margin %]

VAR MarginTolerance = 0.02

VAR MarginGoal = [_Gross Margin % Goal]

RETURN

IF (NOT ISBLANK (MarginPercentage),

SWITCH (TRUE,

MarginPercentage < MarginGoal - MarginTolerance, -1, -- Negative

MarginPercentage > MarginGoal + MarginTolerance, 1, -- Positive

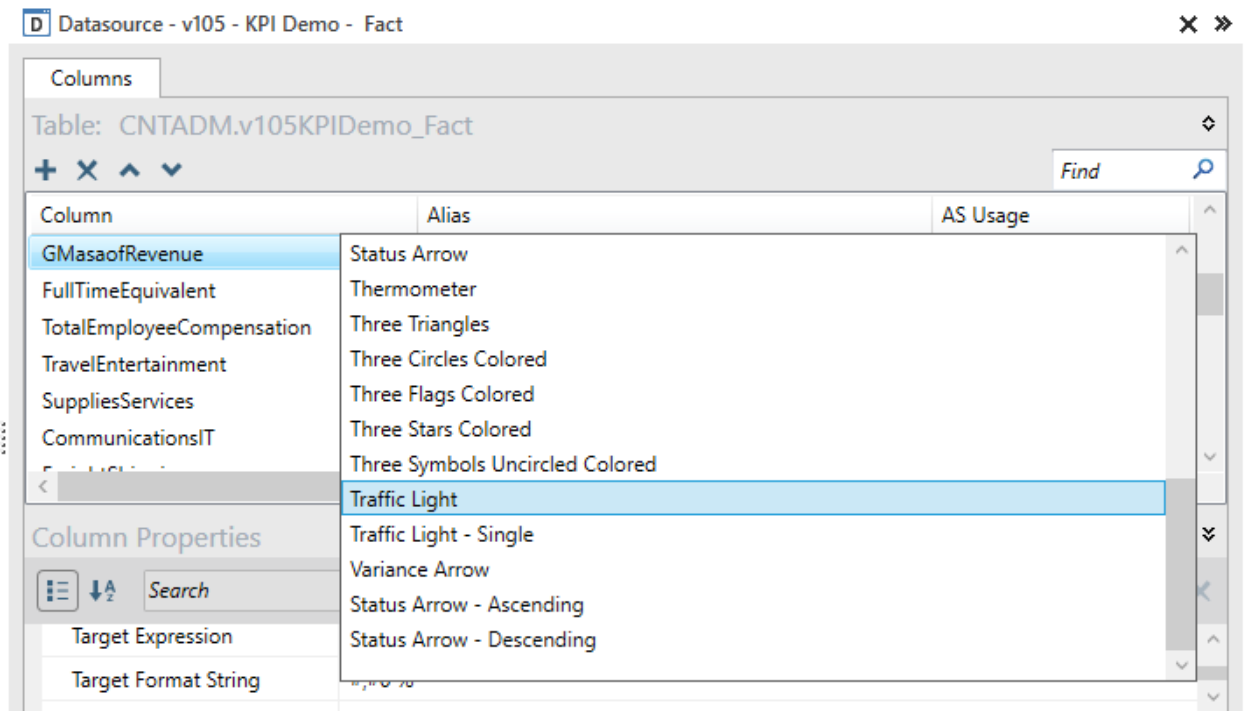
0

)
)

Observe that the DAX expression above refers the **_Margin % Goal** measure to obtain the target of the KPI. By comparing the value of the KPI against the target, we return -1 for bad, 1 for good, and 0 for average.

Status Graphic

The Status graphic and Trend graphic properties are enumerations and can be specified by selecting a value from the Drop down either in the task pane or the object view. We have set the Status Graphic to **Traffic Light**.



Target Expression

`CALCULATE([Gross Margin %], FILTER(ALL('Scenario'), 'Scenario'[Scenario Name]="Forecast"))`

Target Format String

Since the Target is a value, we specify a format string. In our case Gross Margin % is a Percentage and we specify the format string as **#,##0 %** which is the DAX format for percentage.

Refer the following link for more details on the format string specifications.

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dax/custom-numeric-formats-for-the-format-function>

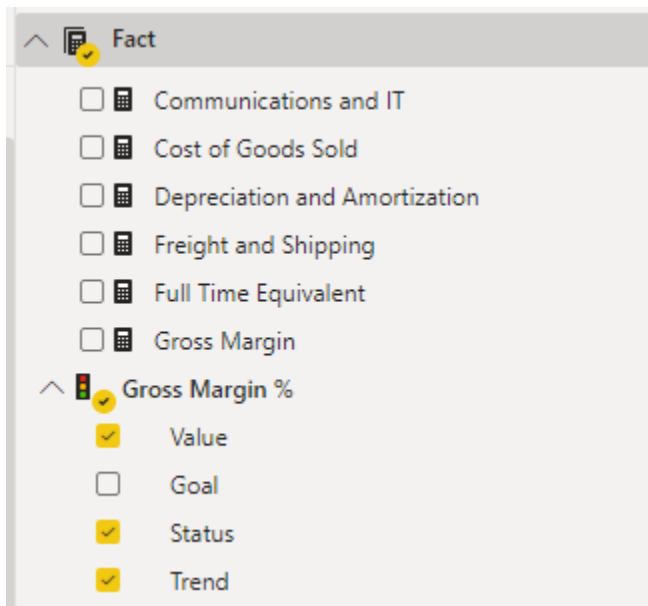
Trend Expression

```
-- DAX code for Trend Expression
VAR MarginPerc = [Gross Margin %]
VAR PrevMarginPerc = CALCULATE([Gross Margin %],SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR("Time
Period'[FullDate]"))
RETURN
IF (
    NOT ISBLANK ( MarginPerc ) && NOT ISBLANK ( PrevMarginPerc ),
    SWITCH (
        TRUE,
        MarginPerc > PrevMarginPerc, 1, -- Positive
        MarginPerc < PrevMarginPerc, -1, -- Negative
        0
    )
)
```

Trend Graphic

We specified this as **Standard Arrow**.

7. In the Power BI user interface, the measure is shown as a KPI, no longer as a measure.



8. The result of our KPI in a matrix visualization is as follows:

Year Name	Year 2018			Year 2019		
Country Name	Margin %	Status	Trend	Margin %	Status	Trend
Canada	52.6%	🟡		61.4%	🟢	↗
France	44.2%	🔴		48.5%	🟢	↗
Italy	44.2%	🔴		48.5%	🟢	↗
Japan	59.5%	🟢		61.4%	🔴	↗
Spain	44.2%	🔴		48.5%	🟢	↗
Taiwan	58.7%	🟢		48.6%	🔴	↘
Thailand	58.7%	🟢		48.6%	🔴	↘
United States	52.6%	🟡		61.4%	🔴	↗

You can refer to the following articles to understand more about KPIs and their usage in Power BI and excel:

- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/creating-kpis-in-power-bi-desktop/>
- <https://www.sqlbi.com/articles/kpi-in-tabular-models-for-power-bi-and-excel/>

Keyword resolution

While defining DAX expressions you may use keywords. However, please be aware about the keyword resolution in Power Pivot models.

- Keywords are resolved in the scope of the Power Pivot model
- Keywords are resolved in the Description of ANY table dedicated to the Power Pivot model
- Keywords are resolved in the DAX expressions of any calculation group
- Keywords are resolved for any Additional table in the following fields:
 - AS Definition (the DAX measure)
 - KPI Status Expression
 - KPI Target Expression
 - KPI Trend Expression
- Keyword Collection that is appended to the Information table is resolved.

Essentially, all tables which are dedicated to Power Pivot model do NOT have keyword resolution. For clarity, define what you need explicitly in the model.

Tables which are shared among multiple Power Pivot models will have the keywords in critical expressions resolved.

AS Sort By Column

The exported relational tables of the **Power Pivot** model have a sequence column with values set according to their display order in the hierarchy in CONTROL®. The sort order for the columns is based on this column.

As you can see in the screenshot below the Month name column is sorted based on the sequence column Seq_TIMEPERIOD. This ensures that when you use the Month Name column in your Power BI visualizations the months are sorted based on the Month ID and not alphabetically based on the Month name.

The screenshot shows a Power BI model with a dimension hierarchy for 'Time Period'. The 'Month Name' column is highlighted. To the right, a table configuration shows the 'Sort By Column' property set to 'Seq_TIMEPERIOD'.

Display Folder	
Format String	##0
Hidden	False
Name	Month Name
Sort By Column	Seq_TIMEPERIOD
Source Column	MTH_Name
Summarize By	None

This mechanism works just fine for most cases. However, in the rare case where you want to have sorting based on a different column; like for example when you want to sort Products based on their color instead their name; you can use the **AS Sort By Column** property to specify the column that drives the sorting. When specifying this property, you need to use the **Alias** and not the **Column ID** field of your dimensions' relational table.

The screenshot shows a PivotTable with columns ASUsage, ASDefinition, SortByColumn, DisplayFolder, and KPI. The 'ASDefinition' column contains the formula: DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Units]). To the right, the 'Column Properties' pane for 'GrossSales' is open, showing the 'AS Sort By Column' property set to an empty field, indicated by a red arrow.

ASUsage	ASDefinition	SortByColumn	DisplayFolder	KPI
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
asure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Units])			
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				
ie - Automatic				



AS Display Folder

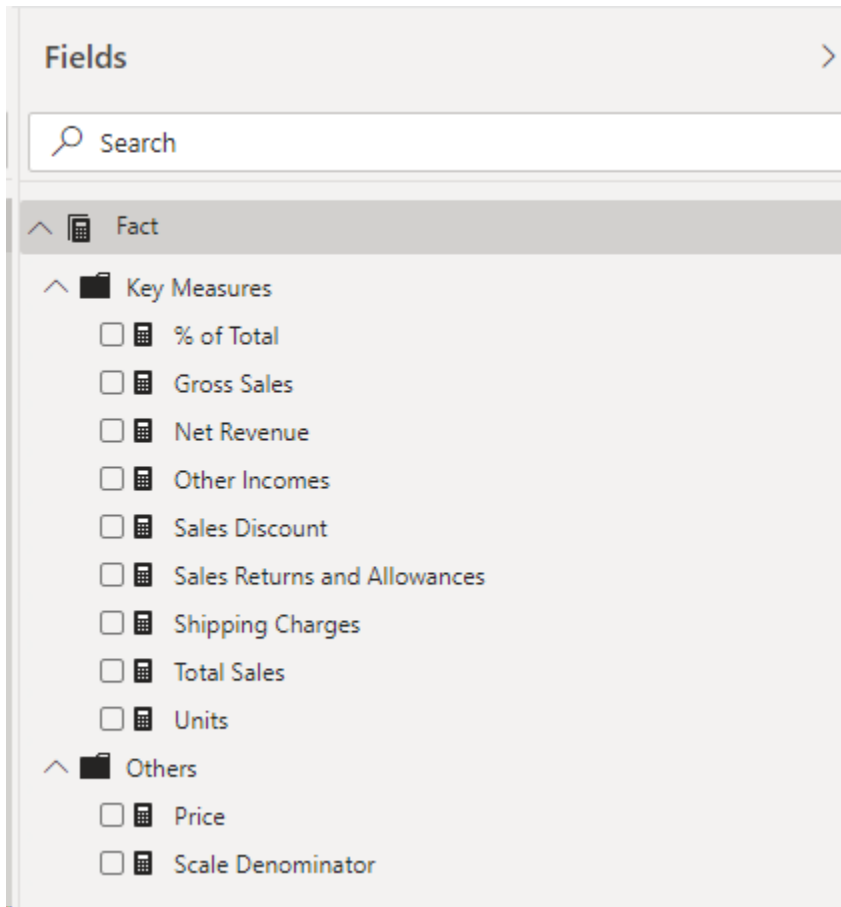
The measures of your exported **Power Pivot** model show up in the Fact table in the Power BI Fields pane. In case you have dozens of measures in the same table you might look for a better organization of the list of measures. The **AS Display Folder** column property allows grouping of measures in a folder structure.

- To put a measure in a folder, specify the folder name – e.g. My Folder
- To put a measure in a nested folder grouping, use the backslash (\) character – e.g. My Folder\My Sub Folder
- To put a measure in multiple folders, use the semi-colon to separate the folder names – e.g. My Folder;My Other Folder

Note: The **DisplayFolders** are supported in Analysis Service 2016 and later versions

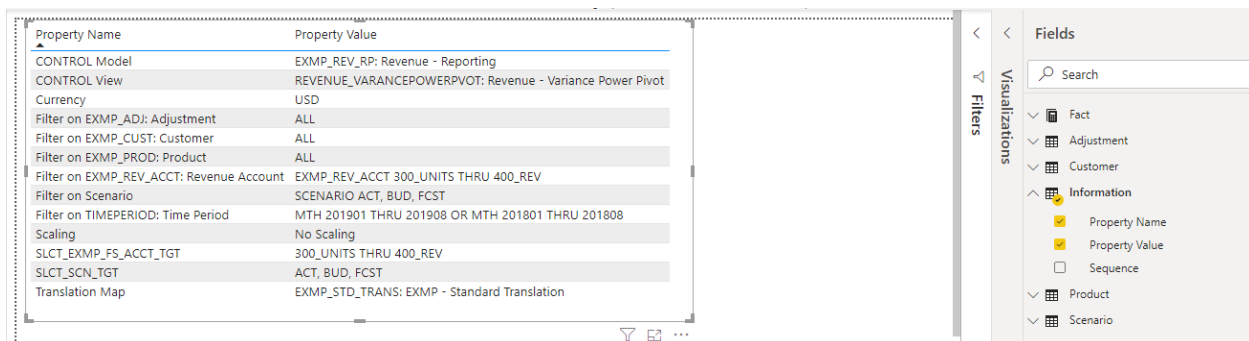
The screenshots below demonstrate how the **AS Display Folder** definition works in Power BI:

Data Type	Size	Alias	NumericFormat	ASUsage	ASDefinition	DisplayFolder
Integer		SCENARIO_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		EXMP_ADJ_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		EXMP_CUST_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		EXMP_PROD_Key		Base - Automatic		
Integer		TIMEPERIOD_Key		Base - Automatic		
Float		Units Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Price	#,999.99	Measure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Units])	Others
Float		Gross Sales Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Sales Discount Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Sales Returns and Allowances Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Shipping Charges Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Other Incomes Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float		Net Revenue Amount	#,999	Base - Hidden		Others
Float	25	Total Sales	#,999	Measure	CALCULATE([Gross Sales], ALL('Fact'))	Key Measures
Float		% of Total	99.99%	Measure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales], [Total Sales])	Key Measures
Float		Scale Denominator	#,999	Measure	SELECTEDVALUE (Scale[Denominator Column], 1)	Others
Float		Units	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Units Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Gross Sales	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Gross Sales Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Sales Discount	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Sales Discount Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Sales Returns and Allowances	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Sales Returns and Allowances Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Shipping Charges	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Shipping Charges Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Other Incomes	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Other Incomes Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures
Float		Net Revenue	#,999	Measure	DIVIDE (SUMX (Fact, [Net Revenue Amount]), [Scale Denominator])	Key Measures

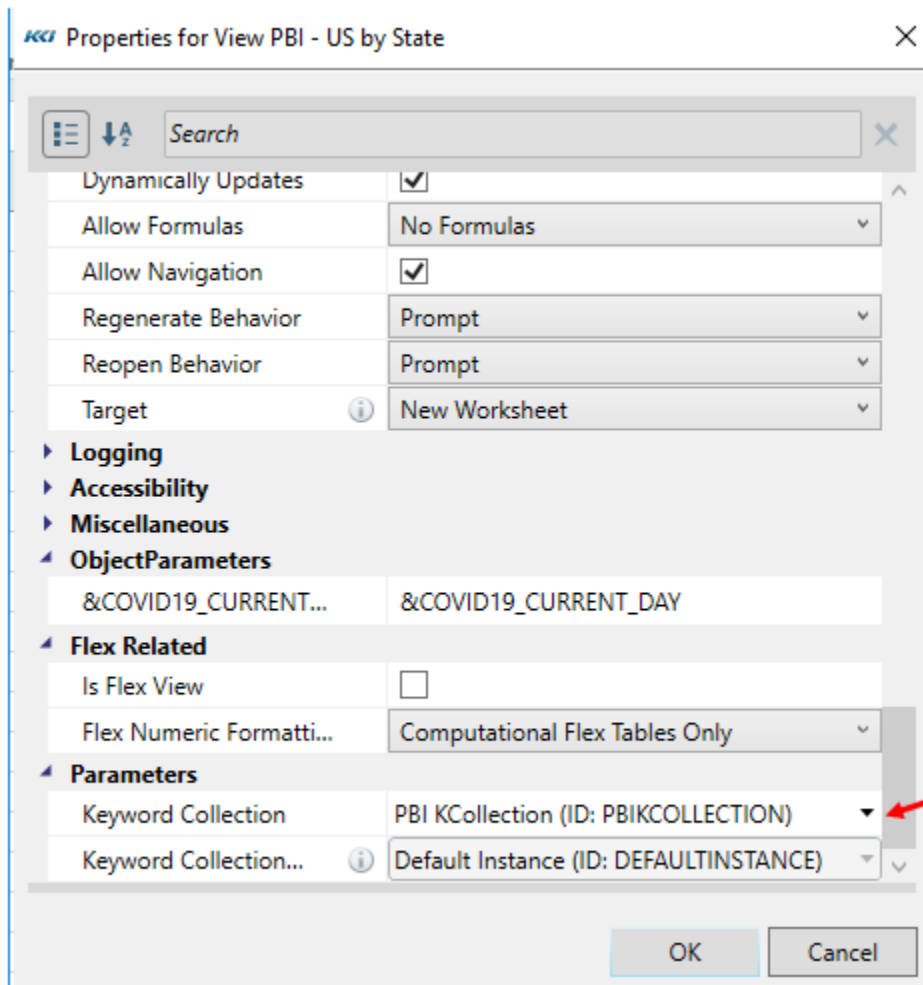


Information Table

Every export creates a table that summarizes critical information about the CONTROL® source data to assist in validation and troubleshooting. The information includes but not limited to, CONTROL® model(s) and view(s) names, view properties like scaling, currency, filters on dimensions and the Keyword collection used by the base view. You can see the information in Power BI using the Property name and value columns from the **Information** table.



Here's an example of a keyword collection is included in the base view of a **Power Pivot** model.



PBI KCollection (KCollection)
 KCollection Items View
 Updating: Clear and Insert Filter: CONTROLKCOLLECTIONS PBIKCOLLECTION

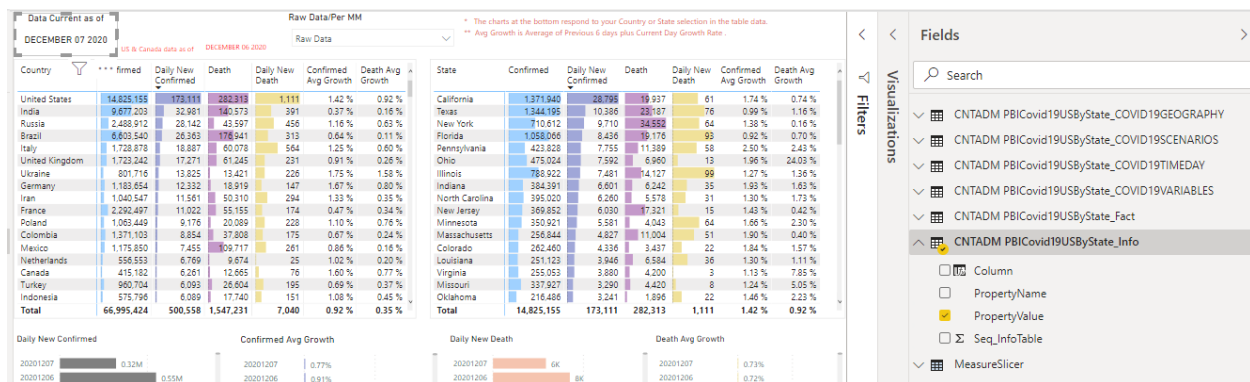
Sequence	KeywordOrCollection	Replacement
1.00	COVID19_CURRENT_DAY	&COVID19_CURRENT_DAY
2.00	COVID19_CURRENT_DAYPBI	&COVID19_CURRENT_DAYPBI
3.00	COVID19_CURRENT_DAY_US_PBI	&Substitute(&Trim(&DisplayMonth(&Mid(&Trim(&COVID19_CURRENT_DAY_US),5,2))), " 0", "") &Trim(&mid(&Trim(&COVID19_CURRENT_DAY_US
4.00	COVID19_CURRENT_DAY_US	&COVID19_CURRENT_DAY_US

The values of the keywords from the keyword collection are used in the DAX expressions to compute values as well as for display in the Power BI report.

```

1 Total Daily New Confirmed =
2 VAR Total_US_Canada =
3 CALCULATE([Daily New Confirmed], FILTER('CNTADM PBICovid19USByState_COVID19TIMEDAY',[COVID19DAY_Name]=SELECTCOLUMNS
(FILTER('CNTADM PBICovid19USByState_Info', [PropertyName]="COVID19_CURRENT_DAY_US"), "PropertyValue", "Day " &
[PropertyValue])), FILTER('CNTADM PBICovid19USByState_COVID19GEOGRAPHY',[COVID19COUNTRY]="US" || [COVID19COUNTRY]
="CANADA"))
4 VAR Total_Others =
5 CALCULATE([Daily New Confirmed], FILTER('CNTADM PBICovid19USByState_COVID19TIMEDAY',[COVID19DAY_Name]=SELECTCOLUMNS
(FILTER('CNTADM PBICovid19USByState_Info', [PropertyName]="COVID19_CURRENT_DAY"), "PropertyValue", "Day " &
[PropertyValue])), FILTER('CNTADM PBICovid19USByState_COVID19GEOGRAPHY',[COVID19COUNTRY]<>"US" && [COVID19COUNTRY]
<>"CANADA"))
6 RETURN Total_US_Canada + Total_Others

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Tabular Editor

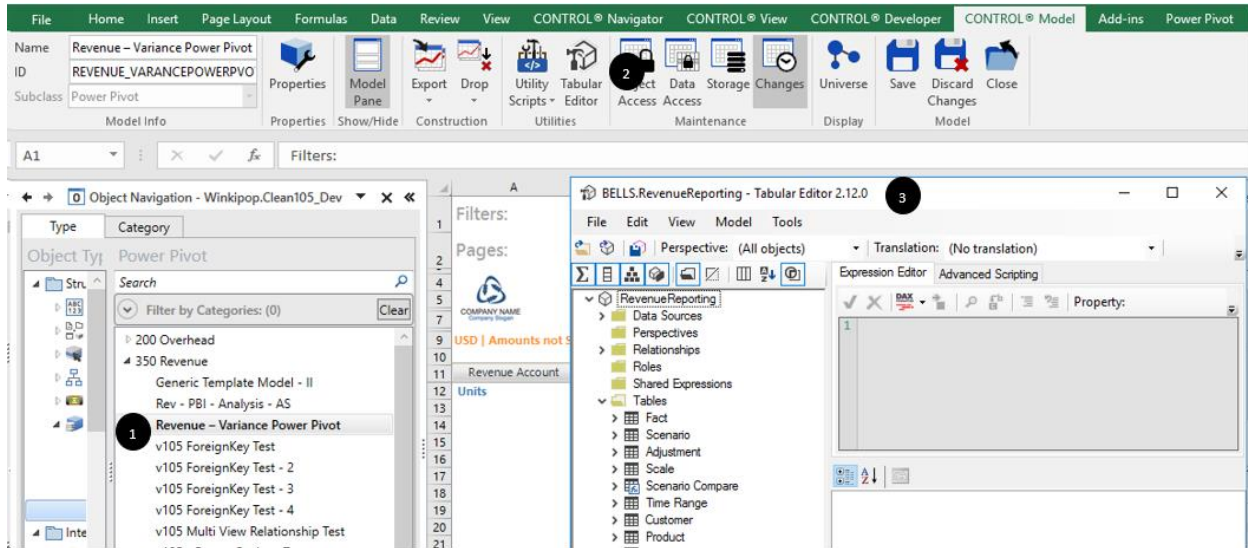
For **Power Pivot** models that have their **Analysis Services usage** property set to **Exported to AS – Power BI and Excel (Recommended)**; CONTROL® creates a AS Tabular model in Analysis Services as part of the Export process. The **CONTROL-Managed** datasources dedicated to the **Power Pivot** model allow us to review and override properties related to the AS Tabular model.

However, during development of Power Pivot models we may want to review the exported Tabular model. **Tabular Editor** is a tool that enables you to easily build, maintain and manage tabular models using an intuitive, lightweight editor. A hierarchical view shows all objects in your tabular model. They are organized by display folders, with support for multi-select property editing and DAX syntax highlighting.

For **Power Pivot** models exported from CONTROL® Tabular editor is very useful for:

- 1) Validating that the export has produced the expected result.
- 2) Dealing with properties that the export does not create or maintain.
- 3) Leveraging the DAX expression editor with syntax coloring and error detection.

On the **CONTROL® Model** tab, in the **Utilities** group, select **Tabular Editor**. The Tabular Editor is launched and opens the Tabular Model associated to your Power Pivot model.



Easy Power BI

To encourage our user community to create Power BI reports on their own using their CONTROL® data we have introduced a simple mechanism called Easy Power BI.

The framework of Easy Power BI is described below:

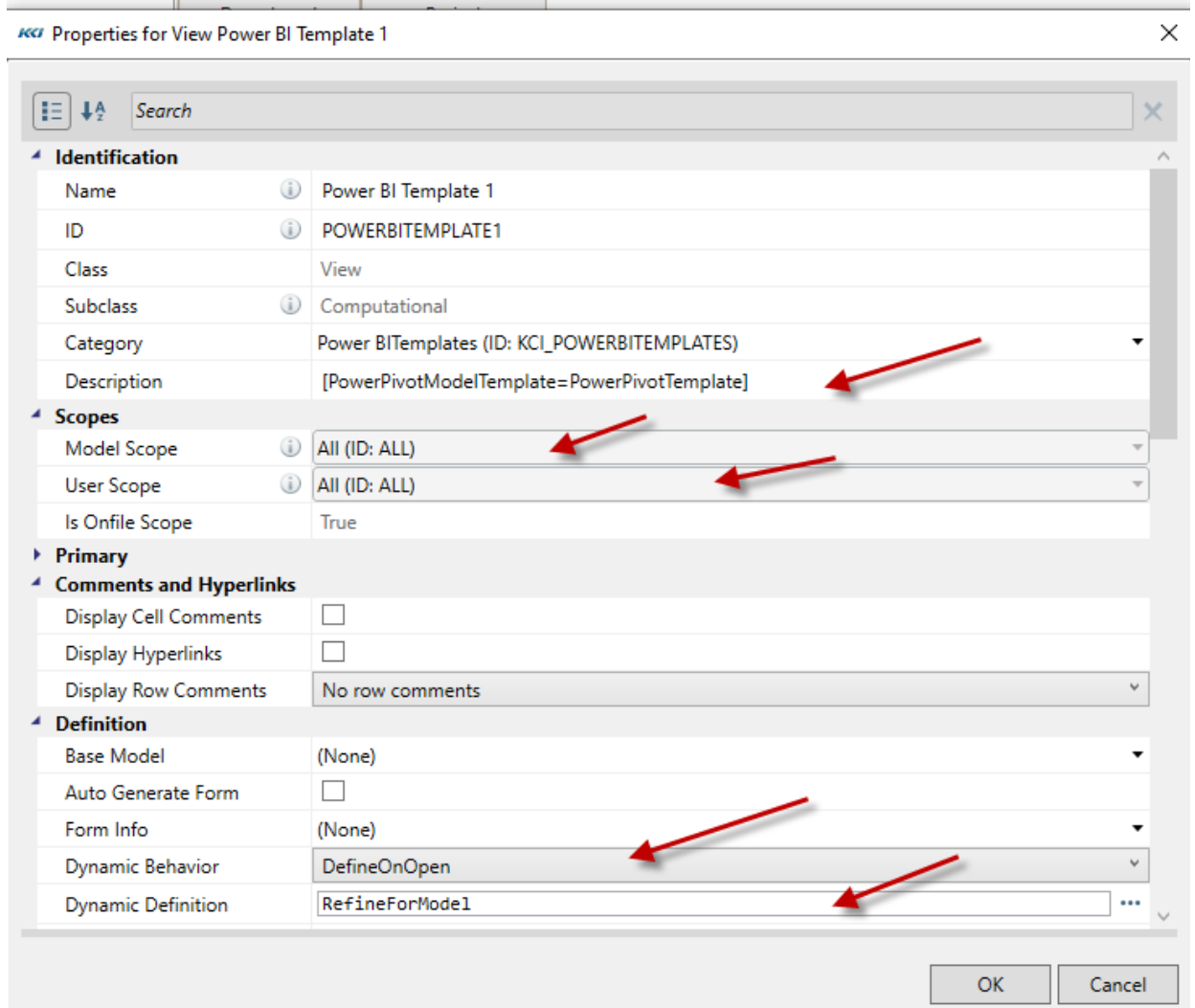
Categories

- Create an **Access category** with the ID **KCI_PowerBITemplates**. Ideally, this is where you should save your CONTROL® view templates.
- Create an **Access category** with the ID **KCI_PowerBIViews**. This is the default category for saving the user-customized views that will be exported.
- Both these categories are optional but are recommended for organizing the exported data. If you do not want to use the specified ID's, create a keyword (e.g., &KCI_PowerBITemplates) whose replacement is the category ID. The keyword may have user scopes but should not have model scopes.

Power BI Template Model and Views

- Create one or more template **Power Pivot** Models. The following three template models are made available as part of the upgrade to version 10.5:
 - PBI Model Template - Unanchored
 - PBI Model Template - Custom Dimension
 - PBI Model Template - Calculation Group

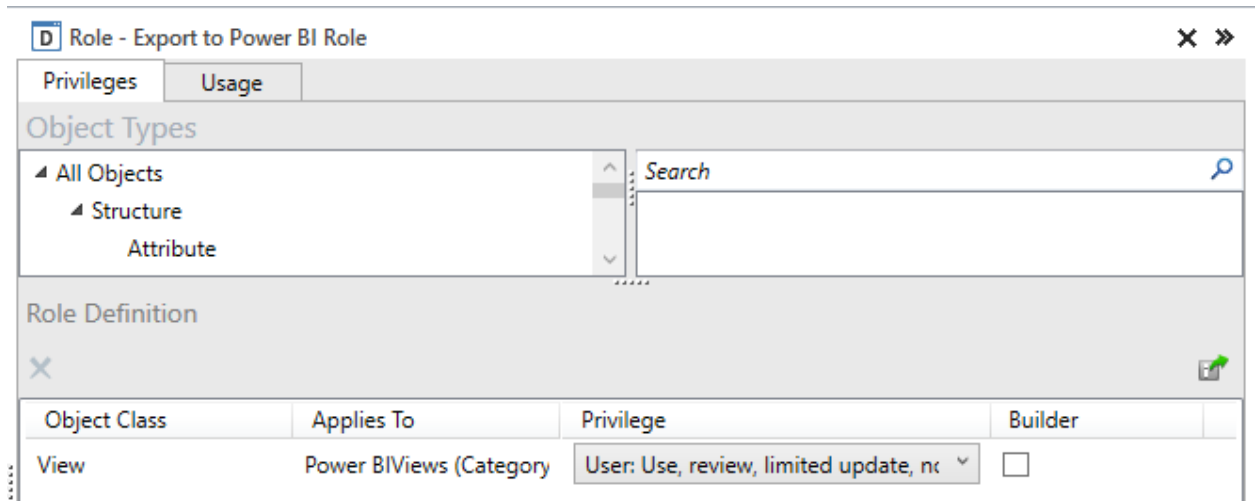
- Create one or more views to serve as templates and put them in the **KCI_PowerBITemplates** category.
- Each of these template views must contain as part of its Description [PowerPivotModelTemplate=xxxxx], where xxxxx is the ID of a power pivot model.



- The following three template views are made available as part of the upgrade to version 10.5:
 - PBI View Template – Unanchored
 - PBI View Template – Custom Dimension
 - PBI View Template – Calculation Group

Export Script

1. Create a role that specifies views in the **KCI_PowerBIViews** category



- Create a script which performs the export. The action script uses the option of PowerPivotModel=**ActiveView**, and the Power Pivot UpdatingBehavior=**Create or Replace All**

Script - Export View to Power BI

Selected Content

Type	Name	Argument
1	Export PowerPivot Model	PowerPivotModel=ACTIVEVIEW, P PowerPivotModel=ACTIVEVIEW, P

Script Item Properties

Search

Identification

Name	PowerPivotModel=ACTIVEVIEW, PowerPivotUpdating=2
Step	1

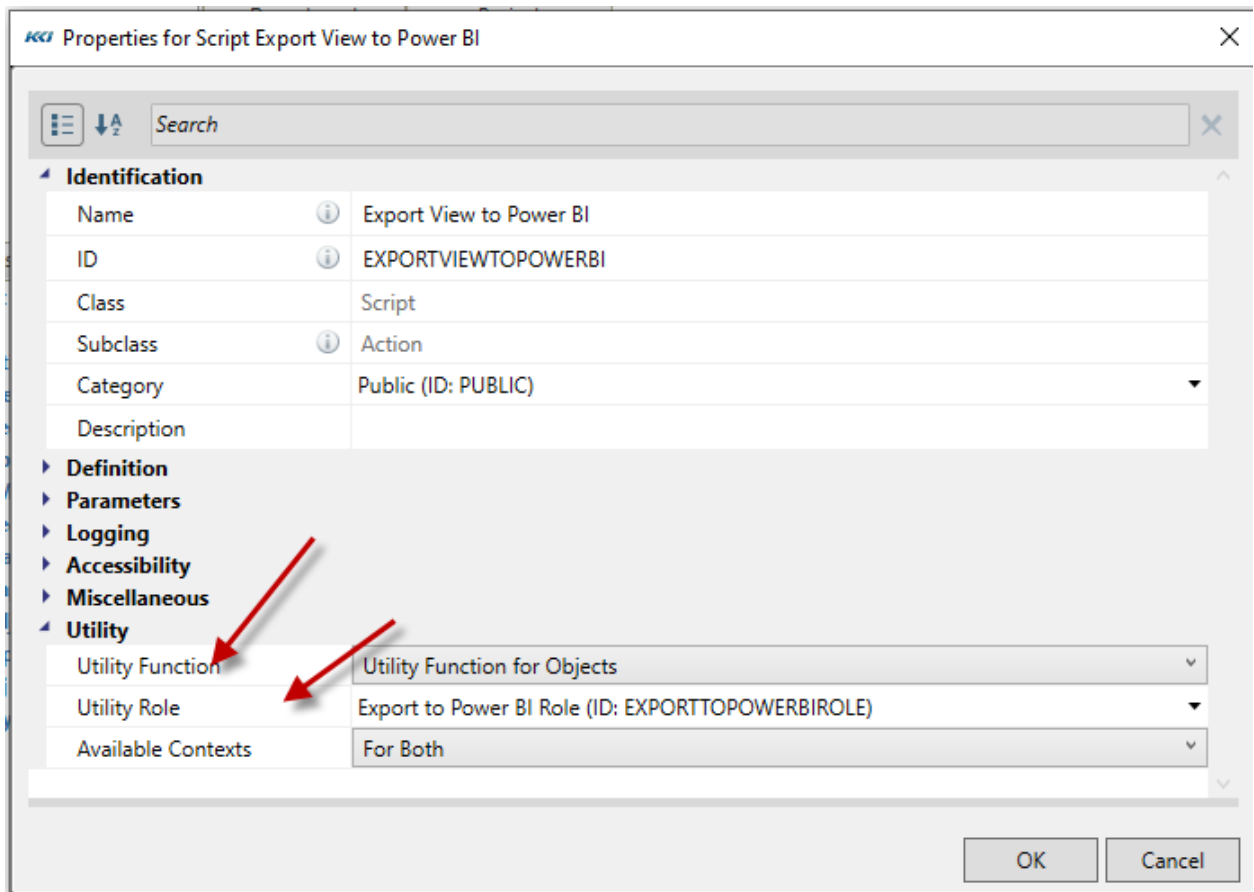
Definition

Argument	PowerPivotModel=ACTIVEVIEW, PowerPivotUpdating=2
Action Type	Export PowerPivot Model
Internal Action Type	12
Export PowerPivot Mo...	(None)


Parameters

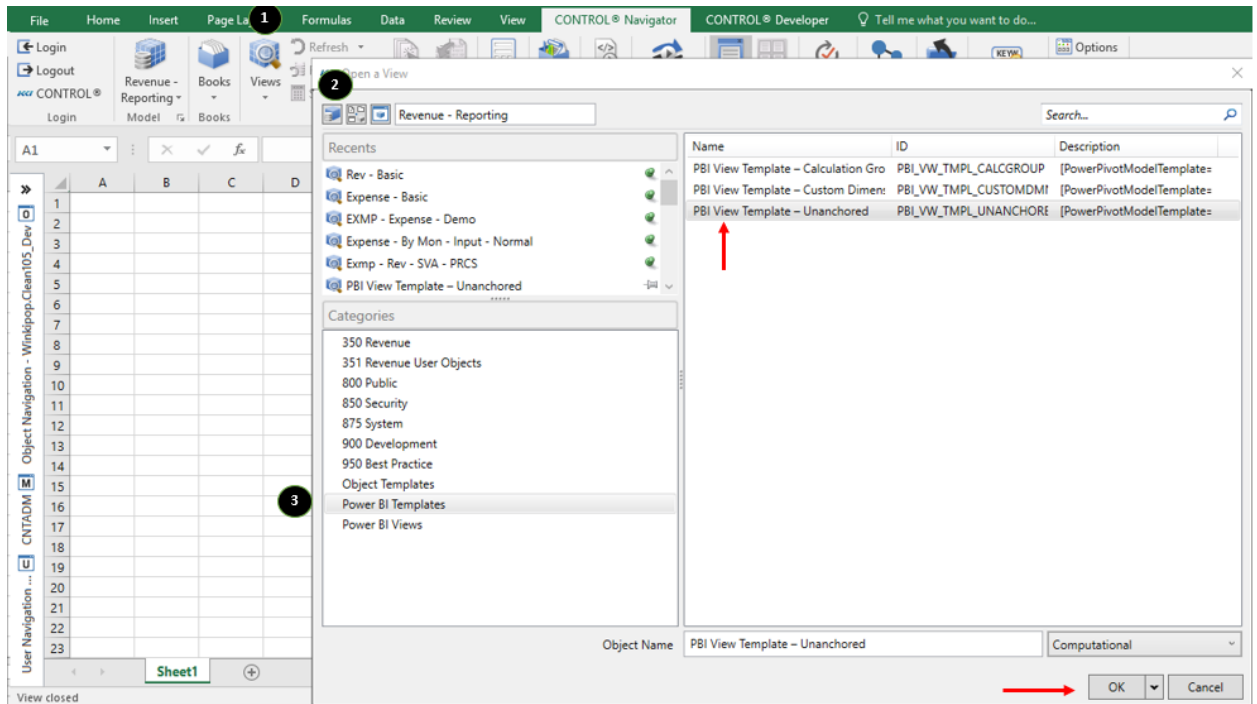
Comment	
Perform If	(None)
PowerPivotModel	Active View (ID: ACTIVEVIEW)
Power Pivot Updati...	Create or Replace All

2. Make it a utility script that is available for use with views in the **KCI_PowerBIViews** category

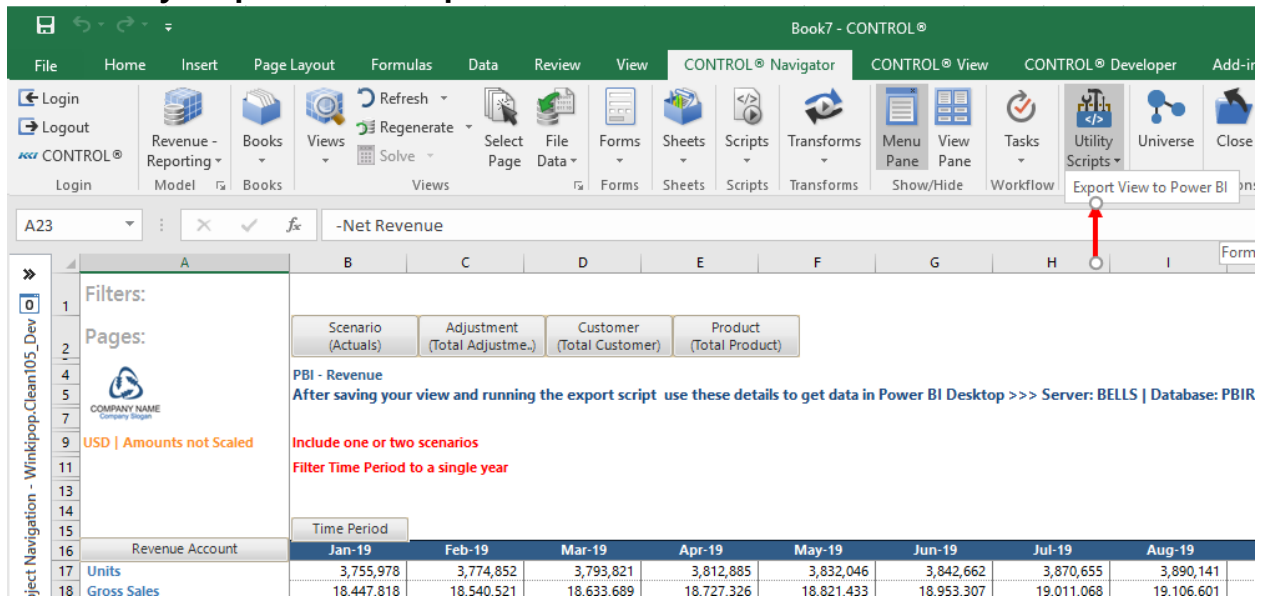


Creating Easy Power BI Views

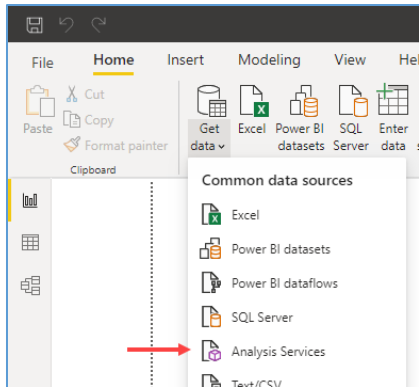
1. From the **CONTROL® Navigator** tab, in the **Views** group, click **Views**.
2. Click the **Select Model** icon  and select a *model*.
3. Click the **Power BI Templates** category, select one of the *views*, and then click **OK**.



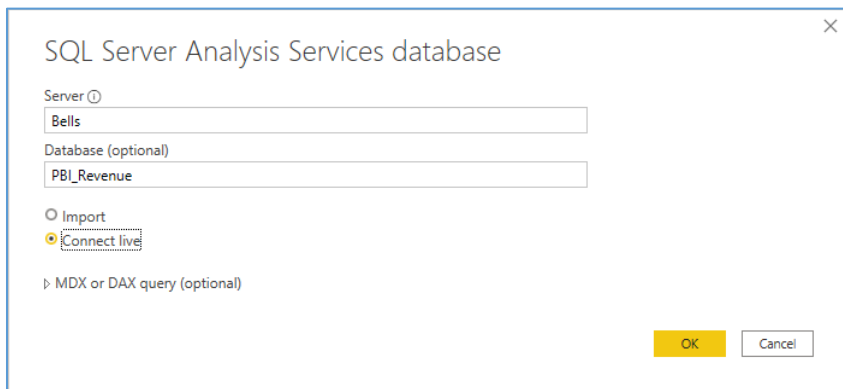
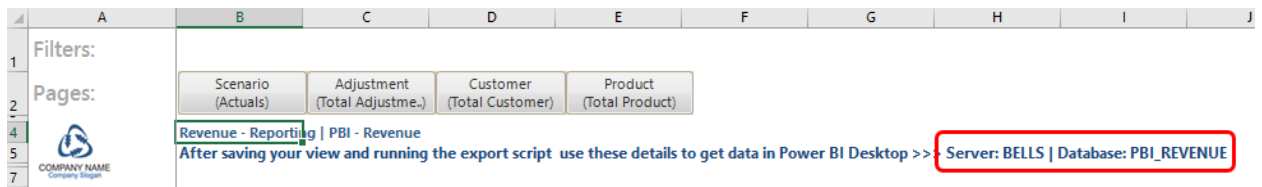
4. Modify the *view's* filters and branches as needed.
5. Click **Views** > **Save As** and give it a descriptive name. The view will be saved in the **KCI_PowerBIViews** category.
6. On the **CONTROL® Navigator** ribbon, in the **Utilities** group, click the down arrow under **Utility Scripts**, and click **Export View to Power BI**.



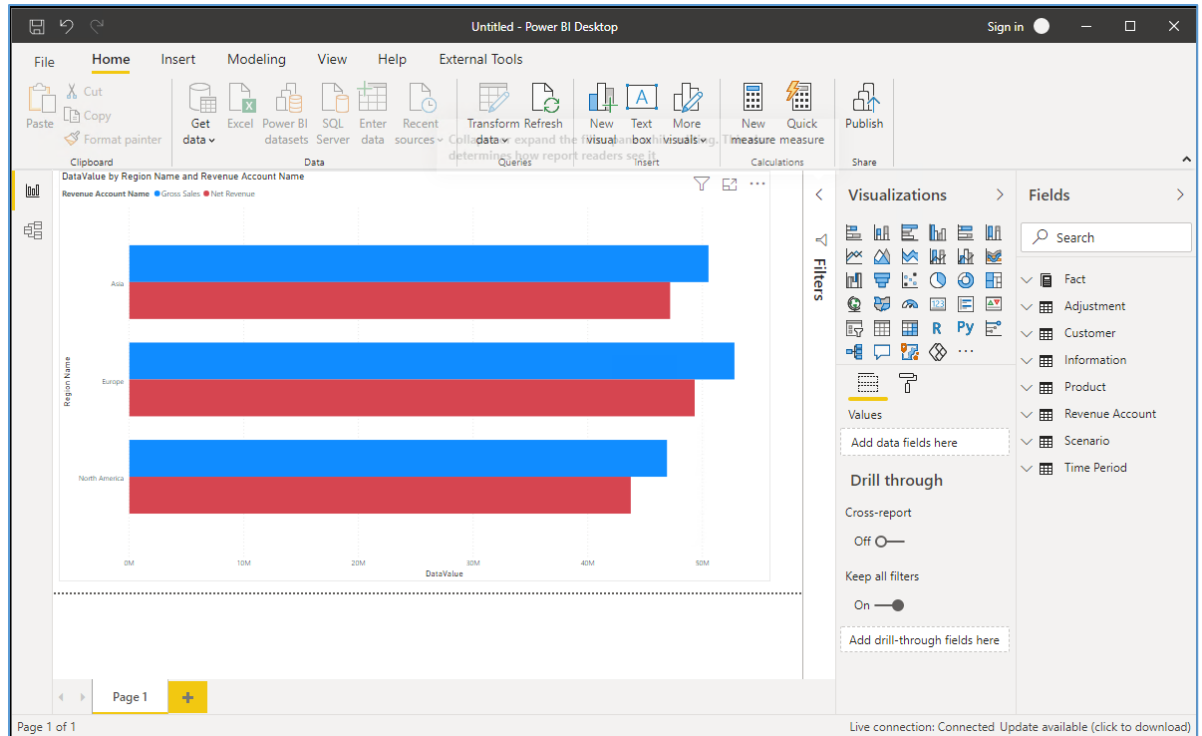
7. Launch Microsoft Power BI Desktop.
8. Once on the **Home** tab, in the **Data** group, click **Get data** > **Analysis Services**.



9. Enter your Analysis Services server name and database name. These details are available in the header section of your newly saved Easy Power BI view.



10. Start creating visualizations!



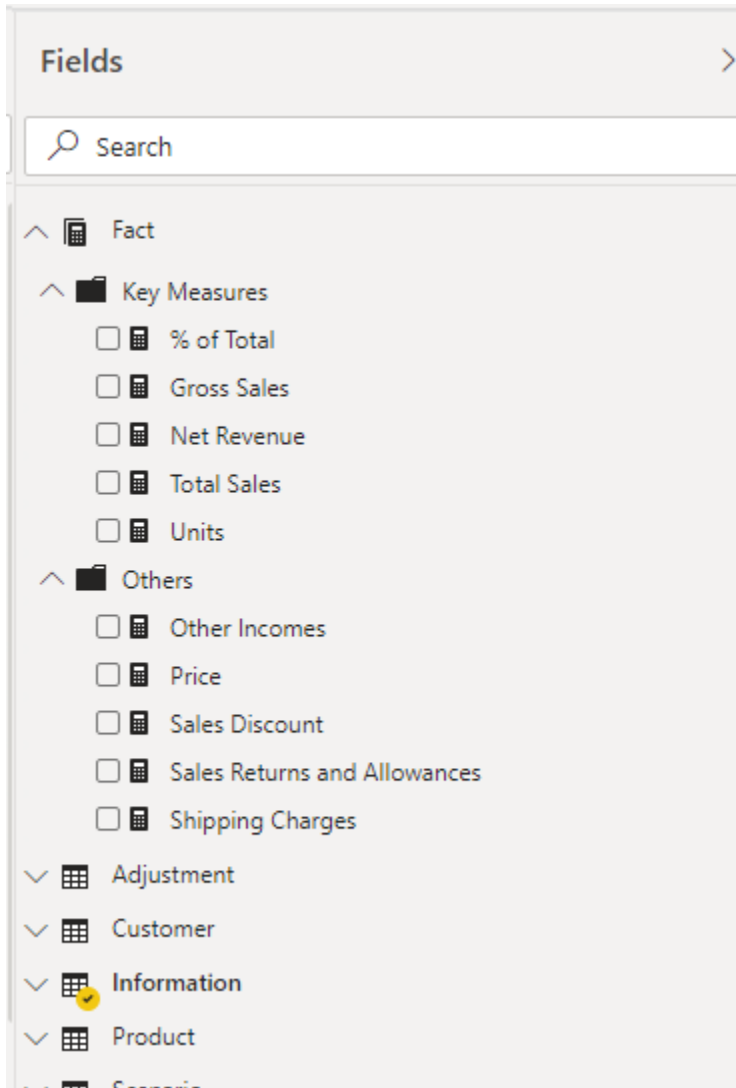
- When your data or meta-data changes, simply reopen the view and re-run the script. In most cases your visualizations will just keep working.

Other administrative notes

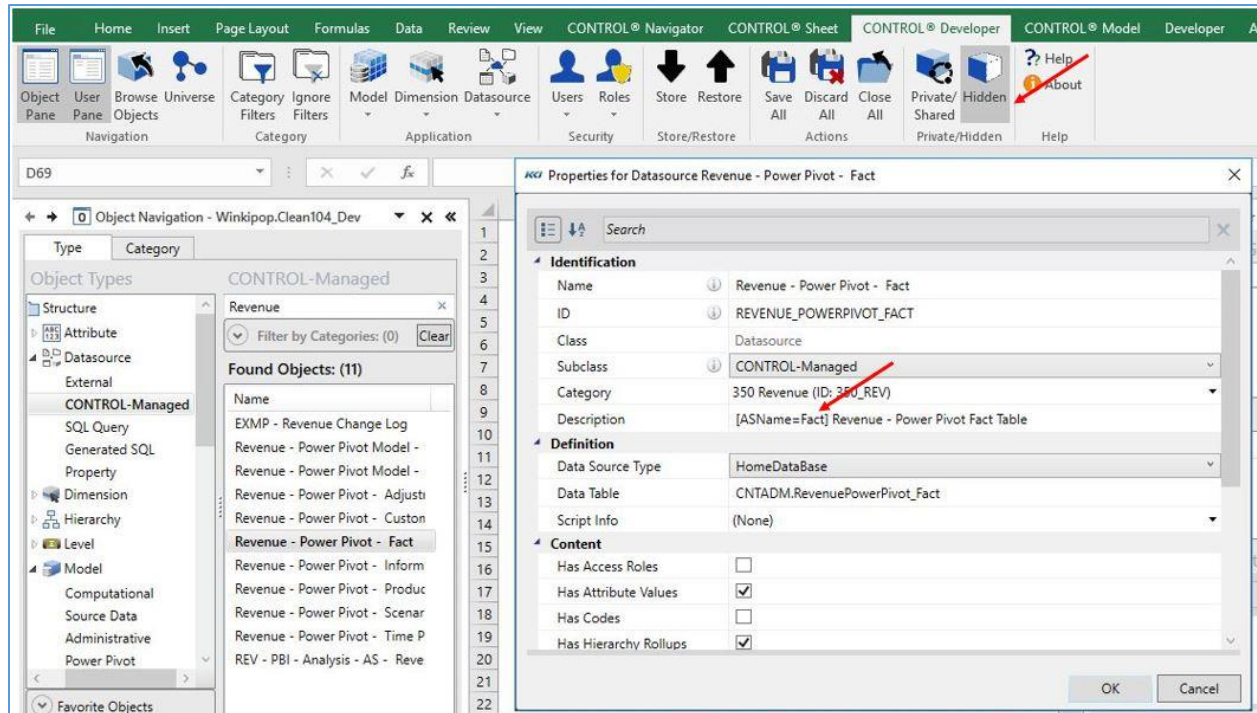
Override AS table name

One of the primary goals of creating an AS Model from your CONTROL® data is to provide an understandable, shared source for business savvy users to easily create visualizations and derive insights.

The use of familiar, understandable names and useful tooltips is critical in supporting that goal. The use of the names and descriptions in CONTROL® is a good first step, but we recommend that you review the model in Power BI and fine tune it to suit your target audience.



To override a table name, you must find the datasource (it is hidden by default) and change the part of the description in brackets reading “[ASName=....]”:



Re-use exported relational tables

In an enterprise application environment, instead of creating relation tables for dimensions for each of our **Power Pivot** models we could consider setting them up once and then re-using them in multiple **Power Pivot** models.

Dimensional data sources created in the export of a power pivot model will be reused when there is an existing data source that:

- Matches the dimension key.
- Matches the filter expression.
- Matches the branch.
- Is defined to be reusable.

To create reusable dimension relational tables, we suggest following the steps below:

- Create a template **Power Pivot** model based on a base and additional views that have the dimensions with the requisite settings for filter and branch generally used.
- For example, if you mostly use month and year levels for reporting and visualize data for Current and Prior year set up your time dimension in the base view accordingly.
- Set the Materialization Behavior for your **Power Pivot** models as **Materialize without Foreign Keys**. Since the same relational object is used in multiple models this ensures that we do not entangle ourselves due to the Foreign key relationships.

- The template model is only used to create the required dimension data sources and relational tables and not to create reports. So set the Analysis Services usage property as **Not Exported to AS**.
- Export the Power Pivot Model using the **Export > Create > Create Relational Objects** option

KCI Properties for Model PBI Dimension Template ✕

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Identification

Name	PBI Dimension Template
ID	PBIDIMENSIONTEMPLATE
Class	Model
Subclass	Power Pivot
Category	Power BITemplates (ID: KCI_POWERBITEMI ▾)
Description	Copy of object template: Power Pivot - Expo

Definition

Base Model	Revenue - Reporting (ID: EXMP_REV_RP) ▾
Base View	Power BI - Custom Dimension ReUse Temj ▾
Analysis Services Usage	Not Exported to AS ▾

Logging

Accessibility

Miscellaneous

Power Pivot Options

Power Pivot Style	Dimension and Fact Tables (Star Join) ▾
Power Pivot Anchor	None ▾
Materialization Beh...	Materialize without Foreign Keys ▾

- After exporting the model edit the dimension data source objects' **Reuse Behavior** property to **Reusable**.

Accessibility

Hidden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Owned By	Administrative User (ID: CNTADM) ▾
Shared By	Public (ID: PUBLIC) ▾
Reuse Behavior	Reusable ▾
Dedicated Object	PBI Dimension Templates (Model) (ID: PBID) ▾

- **Power Pivot** models created subsequently will be able to reuse these tables.

- The reusable datasources need to be kept up to date for changes in the dimensions by exporting the template **Power Pivot** model.

Table Storage

Power Pivot models with Materialization behavior set to **Materialize** or **Materialize without Foreign Keys** create relational tables when the model is exported. Materialized data tables on SQL Server 2019 and later will use a highly efficient Column Store Index.

Creating Visualizations in Microsoft Power BI desktop

The **Power Pivot** model's export works in two stages:

- **Stage 1** (Required): Creating relational tables or relational views of data and meta-data based on one or more CONTROL® computational or source data views.
- **Stage 2** (Optional): Creating a SQL Server Analysis Services Tabular model based on those relational tables or relational views.

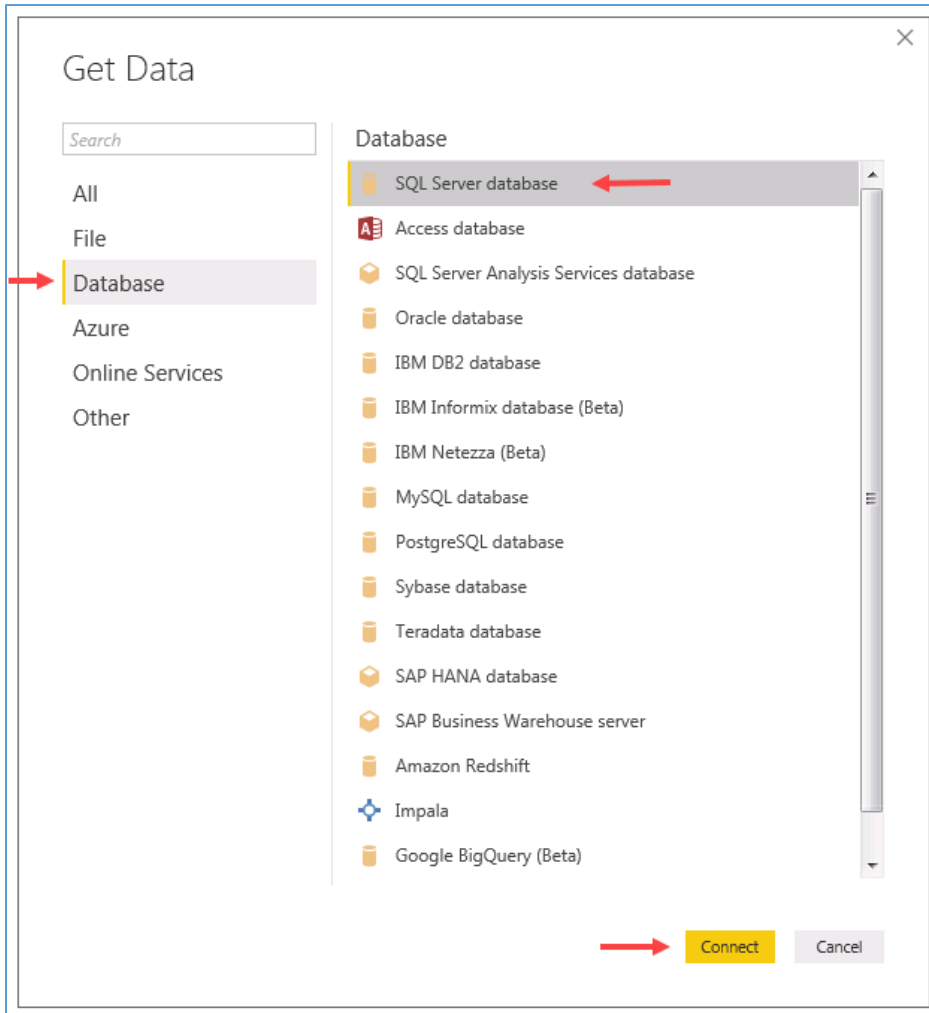
The output of either stage can be used by Power BI, Excel, or other products.

In the examples below, you will learn how to access data exported from a **Power Pivot** model to create visualizations in Microsoft Power BI:

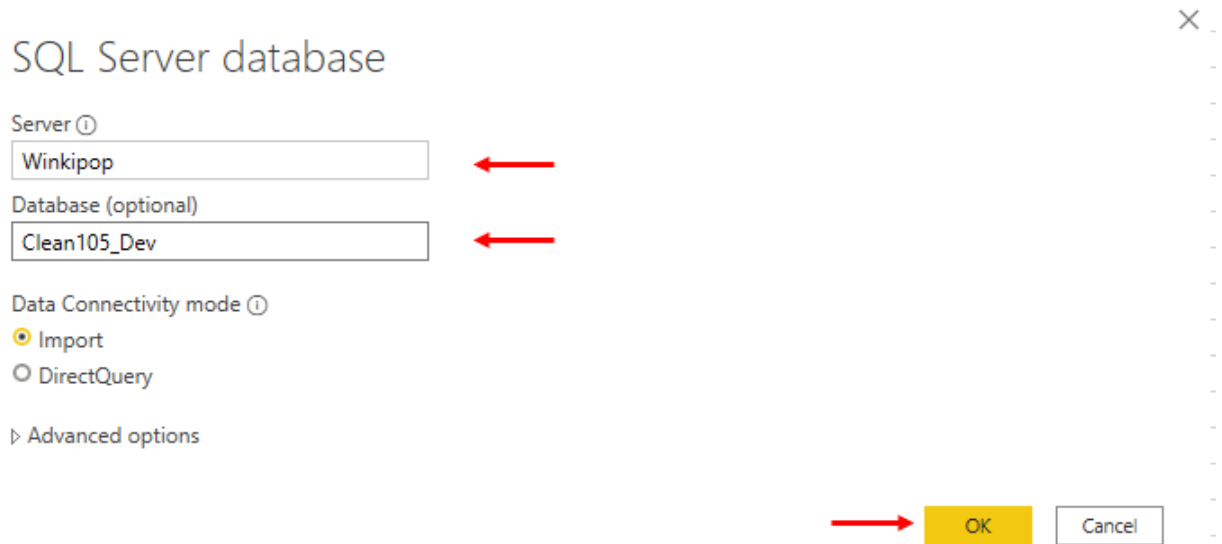
SQL Server Database

You can create visualizations in Power BI by getting data from the relational tables and views in the SQL Server database.

1. Open your Power BI Desktop application and click **Get Data**.
2. Click **Database > SQL Server database > Connect**.



3. Enter the name of your SQL Server and Database.



There are two data connectivity modes **Import** and **DirectQuery** available when connecting to the SQL Server database. Here are the differences between the two modes:

Import: The selected tables and columns are imported into Power BI Desktop. As you create or interact with a visualization, Power BI Desktop uses the imported data. To see underlying data changes since the initial import or the most recent refresh, you must refresh the data, which imports the full dataset again.

DirectQuery: No data is imported or copied into Power BI Desktop. For relational sources, the selected tables and columns appear in the **Fields** list. As you create or interact with a visualization, Power BI Desktop queries the underlying data source, so you're always viewing current data.

4. Enter your user credentials for SQL Server.

Windows

Database

Microsoft account

SQL Server database ✕

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User name

Password

5. Search for your tables by name or prefix, check the box next to each of them, and then click **Load**.

Navigator □ ✕

RevenueVariancePowerPivot ✕

Display Options ▾ 📄

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 - 📄 CNTADM.RevenueVariancePowerPivot_EXMP_ADJ
 - 📄 CNTADM.RevenueVariancePowerPivot_EXMP_CUST
 - 📄 CNTADM.RevenueVariancePowerPivot_EXMP_FS_SCEN_TIME...
 - 📄 CNTADM.RevenueVariancePowerPivot_EXMP_PROD
 - 📄 CNTADM.RevenueVariancePowerPivot_Fact
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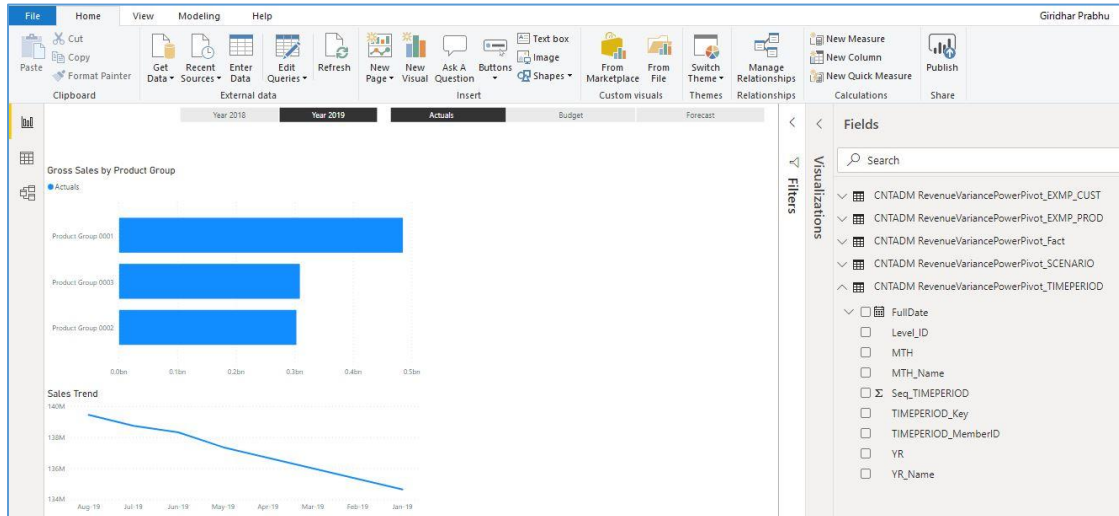
Search results are limited to already expanded items

CNTADM.RevenueVariancePowerPivot_TIMEP... 📄

TIMEPERIOD_Key	TIMEPERIOD_MemberID	Seq_TIMEPERIOD	YR
64814	201801		1 2018
64815	201802		2 2018
64816	201803		3 2018
64817	201804		4 2018
64818	201805		5 2018
64819	201806		6 2018
64820	201807		7 2018
64821	201808		8 2018
64826	201901		10 2019
64827	201902		11 2019
64828	201903		12 2019
64829	201904		13 2019
64830	201905		14 2019
64831	201906		15 2019
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64833	201908		17 2019

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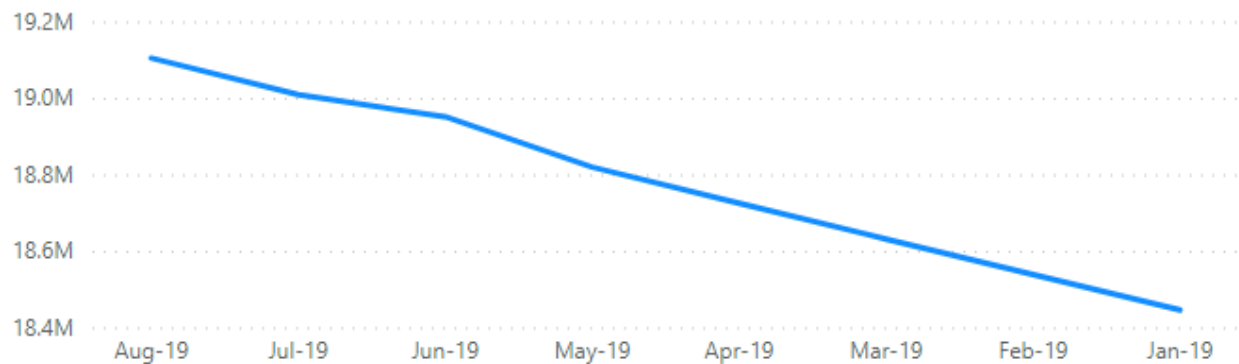
6. After the tables load, you can begin creating your visualizations.



Note: If the **Materialization Behavior** property of your Power Pivot table is **Materialize**, the export process will automatically create foreign key relationships between the fact and the dimension tables, so you do not need define those in Power BI.

The variables/accounts are exported with default summation logic from the **Power Pivot** model to the relational tables in SQL Server database. You need to create measures involving ratios or any additional measures in Power BI.

Sales Trend



You may notice in the screenshot above that the **Sales Trend** line chart does not have the months in the right order. No comparable type of order is available for hierarchy members when directly using the data from the SQL Server staging tables. You will need to perform additional steps to get the sorting working in your visualizations. Similarly, you need to rename the column names in Power BI to the desired name.

SQL Server Analysis Services

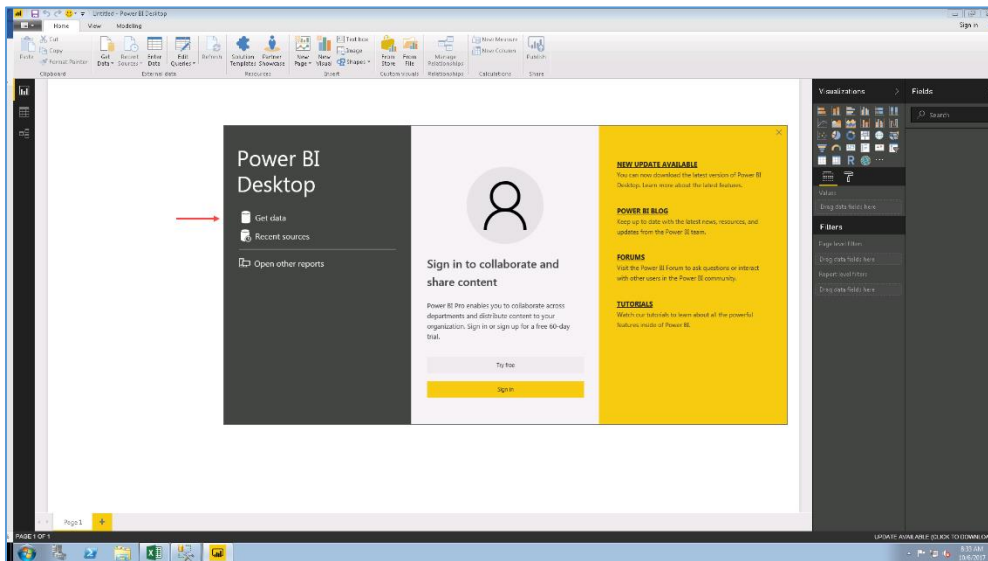
If you are already using Analysis Services in your organization then we suggest using it to create visualizations in Power BI.

The table below lists the advantages of using Analysis Services compared to connecting to SQL Server database

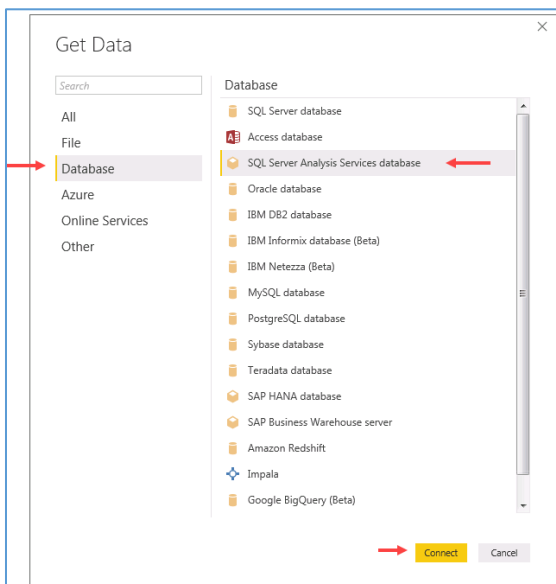
Functionality	Analysis Services
Naming and Clutter	<p>The design pane in Power BI is readable and uncluttered.</p> <p>CONTROL[®] uses level and dimension names for columns in the dimension tables during the export to Analysis Services. However, if you wish you can override the names by updating the Alias field.</p> <p>Using AS Usage property, you can hide columns that are unlikely to be used.</p>
Measures	<p>Variables/accounts part of the CONTROL[®] view(s) in the Power Pivot model are exported with default summation logic. You can override the default summation logic and define additional DAX measures using the AS Usage and AS Definitions properties in the Power Pivot model.</p> <p>With everything already part of the AS Tabular model you are ready to create visualizations in Power BI without any additional work.</p>
Sequencing	<p>The member sequence in the hierarchies is passed on to Analysis Services. Visualizations in Power BI like a line chart using the time dimensions benefit with this ordering available by default.</p>
Hierarchies	<p>The parent-child relationship that is part of the hierarchy is used to create a hierarchy in the exported dimensions. You can use the hierarchy in Power BI to drill data starting at summary levels.</p>
Calculation Groups	<p>Calculation Groups included in your Power Pivot model are available for use in Power BI.</p>

The following steps show you how to create visualizations in Power BI by getting data from an Analysis Services Tabular model:

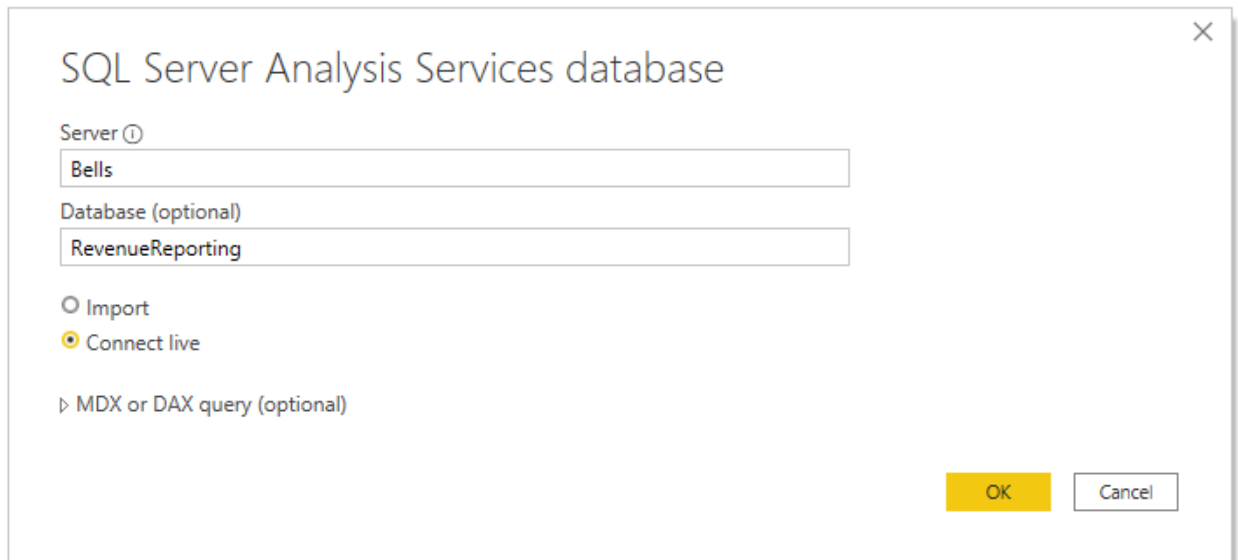
1. Open your Power BI Desktop application and click **Get Data**.



2. Click **Database > SQL Server Analysis Services database > Connect**.



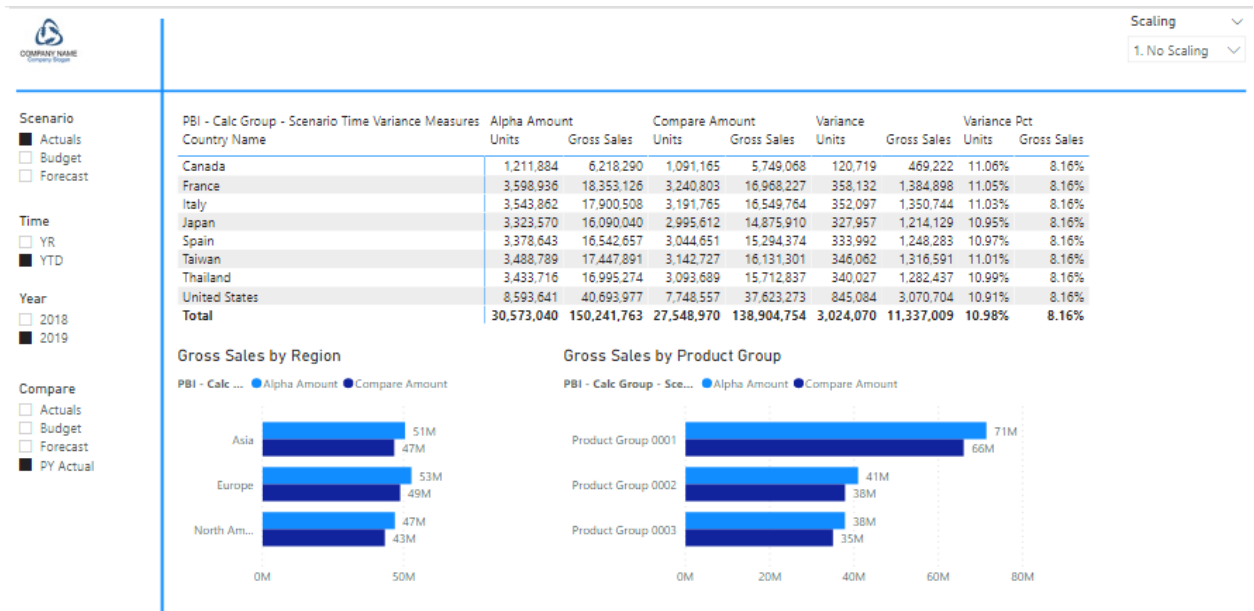
3. Enter the name of your SQL Server Analysis Services server and database, leave the connection mode as **connect live** and click **OK**.



Note: You can find this information in your **Power Pivot** model's properties dialogue under the **Power Pivot Options** group. If **AS Server** is not specified in the **Power Pivot** model the replacement value of keyword **KCI_ASSERVER** serves as the Analysis Services Server for the export.

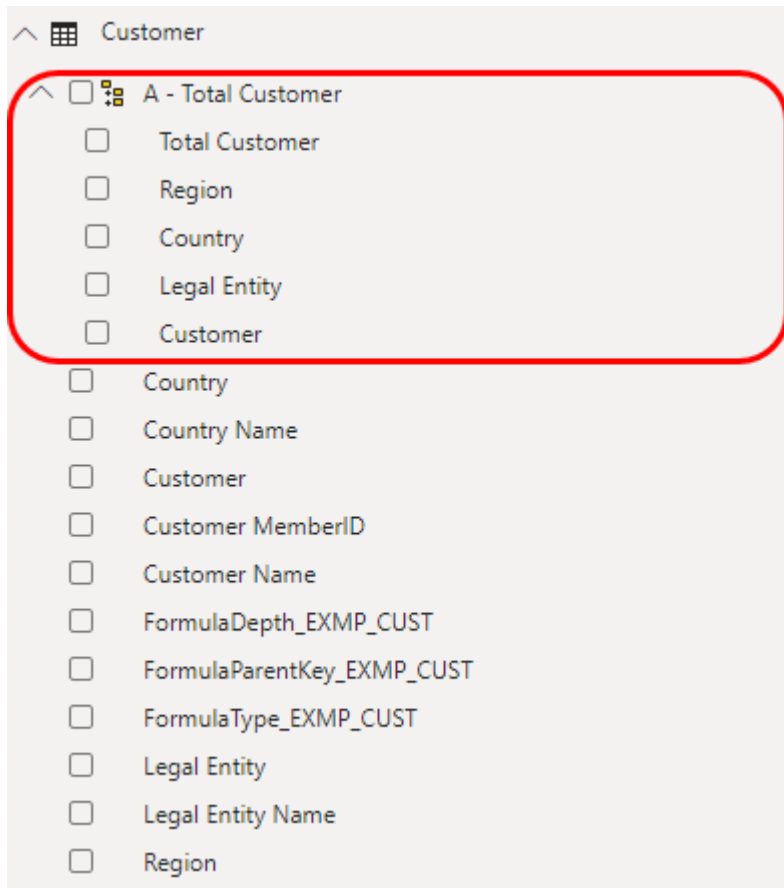
AS Database[AS Model]	RevenueReporting
AS Server	Bells
Impersonation Mode	Service Account

- Once you are in the Power BI designer, you can easily create interesting visualizations that you can save and share or publish to either an on-premises server or Microsoft's Power BI cloud server.



Here are some important details about the exported structures:

1. Each view dimension-branch has become a dimension table, and all the levels in the branch are available for use in visualizations.
2. The branch itself has become a "hierarchy" (in the Analysis Services sense), so you can navigate up and down the levels of detail.



- CONTROL® exports its numeric formatting, to the extent possible, to display in Power BI.

Revenue - Variance Power Pivot - Fact
 Power BI Export Table View View
 Updating: Clear and Insert Filter:

ID	Description	DataType	Size	Alias	NumericFormat	ASUsage	ASDefinition
SCENARIO_Key	Key column SCENARIO	Integer		SCENARIO_Key		Base - Automatic	
EXMP_ADJ_Key	Key column EXMP_ADJ	Integer		EXMP_ADJ_Key		Base - Automatic	
EXMP_CUST_Key	Key column EXMP_CUST	Integer		EXMP_CUST_Key		Base - Automatic	
EXMP_PROD_Key	Key column EXMP_PROD	Integer		EXMP_PROD_Key		Base - Automatic	
TIMEPERIOD_Key	Key column TIMEPERIOD	Integer		TIMEPERIOD_Key		Base - Automatic	
Units	Sum of Units	Float		Units	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
Price	Sum of Price	Float		Price	(0,999,99)	Base - Automatic	
GrossSales	Testing to see if I can save	Float		Gross Sales	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
SalesDiscount	Sum of Sales Discount	Float		Sales Discount	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
SalesReturnsandAllowances	Sum of Sales Returns and Allowances	Float		Sales Returns and Allowances	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
ShippingCharges	Sum of Shipping Charges	Float		Shipping Charges	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
OtherIncomes	Sum of Other Incomes	Float		Other Incomes	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
NetRevenue	Sum of Net Revenue	Float		Net Revenue	(0,999)	Base - Automatic	
TotalSales	Running total of Gross Sales for category	Float	25	Total Sales	(0,999)	Measure	CALCULATE([Gross Sales], ALL('Fact'))
PercentOfTotal		Float		% of Total	0,99%	Measure	DIVIDE([Gross Sales],[Total Sales])

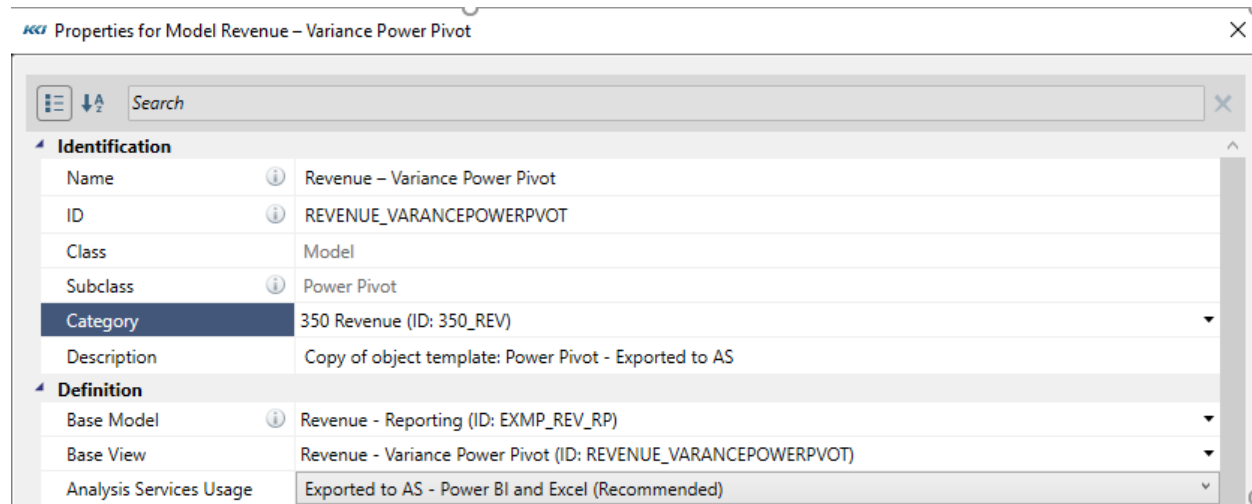
- CONTROL® exports the member sequence to Power BI. In the screenshot below, you can see that the Month ID sorts the month, though the visualization shows the Month names.



Excel Pivot Table using an Analysis Services Model Example

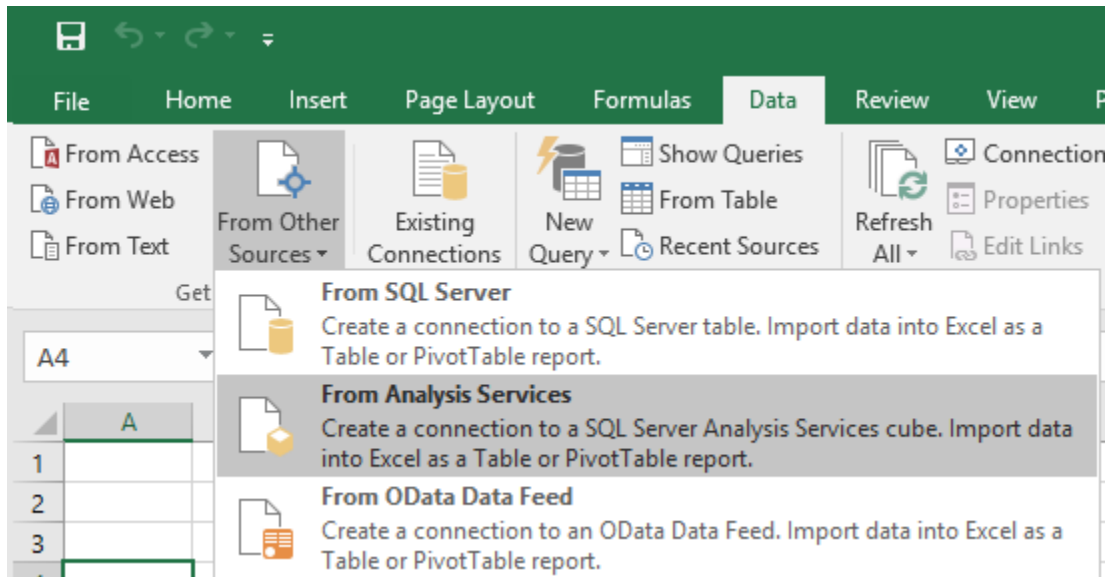
If you like using Pivot Table in Excel, it is very simple to connect to AS and access a model built by CONTROL®, and you do not need a CONTROL® license to do so.

Please note that to use Excel Pivot Table with your **Power Pivot** model, you need to set the **Analysis Services Usage** property to **Exported to AS – Power BI and Excel (Recommended)**. This setting is required as Power BI and Excel Pivot Table handle **Sum** measures differently. Setting this property appropriately will ensure the data is appropriately exported for Excel Pivot Table.

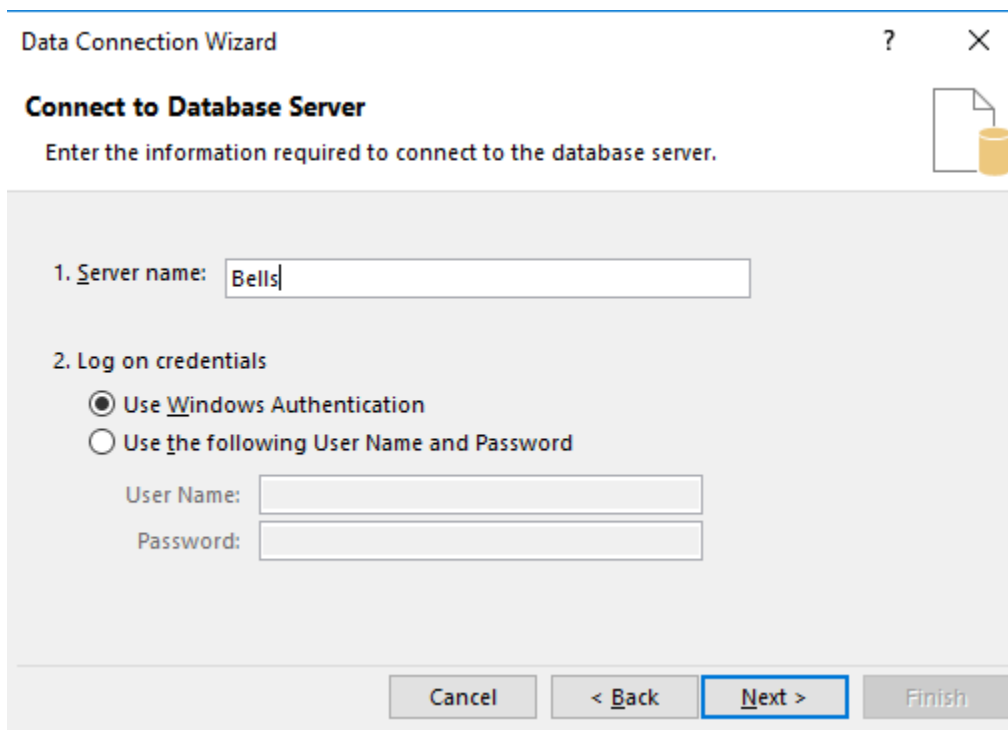


In Excel (2016 or later):

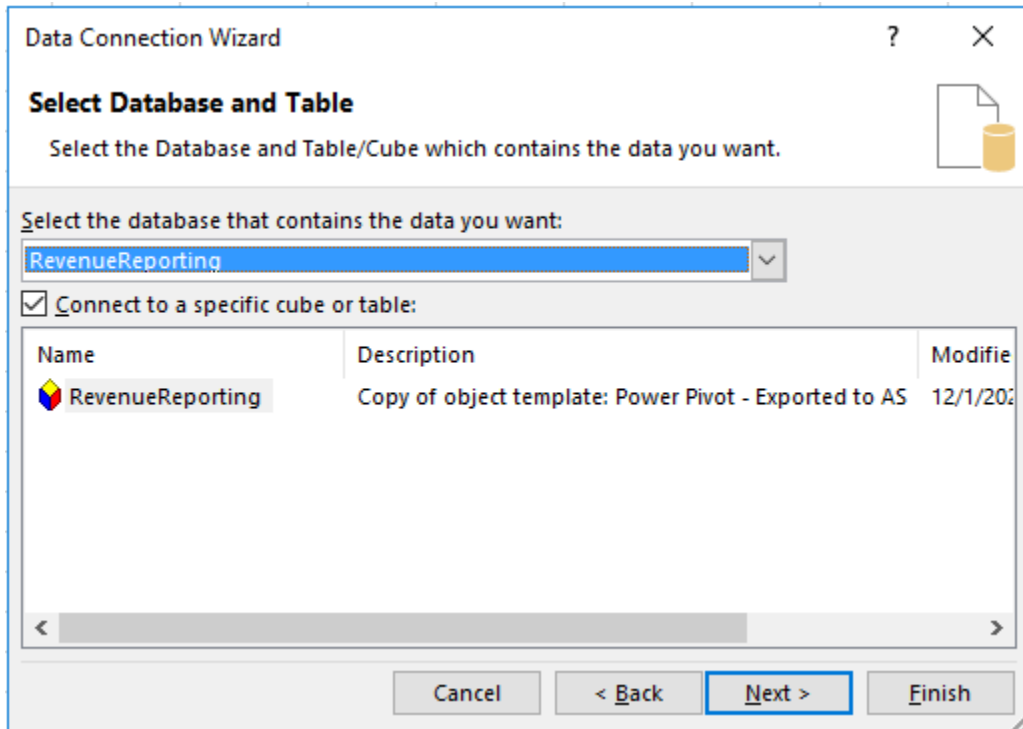
1. From the **Data** ribbon, select **From Other Sources > From Analysis Services**



2. Specify the database:



3. Select the model and click **Next**.



4. Enter a name for the connection file and click **Finish**.

Data Connection Wizard

Save Data Connection File and Finish

Enter a name and description for your new Data Connection file, and press Finish to save.

File Name:

Save password in file

Description:

Friendly Name:

Search Keywords:

Always attempt to use this file to refresh data

Excel Services:

- Choose what you want to do (Pivot Table in this example), and design whatever you would like:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with a PivotTable and the PivotTable Fields task pane. The PivotTable is set to show data for 'Total Customer' across different scenarios and years.

Scenario Name	Actuals		
Gross Sales	Column Labels		
Row Labels	Year 2018	Year 2019	Grand Total
Total Customer	138,904,754	150,241,763	289,146,517
Asia	46,720,048	50,533,205	97,253,253
Europe	48,812,365	52,796,291	101,608,656
North America	43,372,341	46,912,267	90,284,608
Grand Total	138,904,754	150,241,763	289,146,517

The PivotTable Fields task pane shows the following configuration:

- Filters: Scenario Name
- Columns: B - MY
- Rows: A - Total Customer
- Values: Gross Sales

Pivot Table and Pivot Chart view styles

The Pivot Table and Pivot Chart *view* styles have been available in CONTROL® in previous releases, but their behavior has been significantly changed and improved with version 10.5. The motivation for this enhancement is to support casual users who are familiar and comfortable with Excel Pivot Tables, but are not trained in all the features of CONTROL® *views*.

When you save a Pivot Table or Pivot Chart *style view*, the worksheet containing the pivot table or chart is saved, including all customizations such as field assignments, formatting, added calculations, slicers, etc.

When you re-open the *view*, the data is refreshed from the underlying CONTROL® *model* and *view*, preserving all of your pivot table/chart customizations.

When you create a new *view* on a **Power Pivot** *model* that has a **CONTROL®-managed** or externally managed Analysis Services model, the Pivot Table or chart is connected to the Analysis Services model directly, and you can make use of all the capabilities on Excel's **PivotTable Analyze** ribbon, including the calculation tools for OLAP.

Here's a screenshot of a *view* on our **Revenue – Variance Power Pivot** model.

Row Labels	Alpha Amount	Compare Amount	Variance	Variance Pct	Grand Total
Total Product	150,241,763	211,413,868	-61,172,106	-28.93%	150,241,763
Product Group 0001	71,412,469	100,488,612	-29,076,144	-28.93%	71,412,469
Product Group 0002	40,967,283	57,647,431	-16,680,149	-28.93%	40,967,283
Product Group 0003	37,862,012	53,277,825	-15,415,813	-28.93%	37,862,012
Grand Total	150,241,763	211,413,868	-61,172,106	-28.93%	150,241,763

The **Power Pivot Table** and **Power Pivot Chart** *views* introduced in release 10.2 are no longer supported.



Additional resources

For a deeper understanding of the features available in various Microsoft Business Intelligence (BI) products, please see the following references:

Power BI: <https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/>

Analysis Services: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/sql-business-intelligence>

Excel Power Pivot: <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Power-Pivot-Powerful-data-analysis-and-data-modeling-in-Excel-A9C2C6E2-CC49-4976-A7D7-40896795D045>

Power BI Deployment White Paper: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/guidance/whitepapers>

CONTROL® environment setup

Recommendation for the configuration of a CONTROL® environment to support Microsoft Power BI and SQL Server Analysis Services is available from KCI in the document titled **CONTROL® and Microsoft Power BI**.