Power BI for Beginners | Detailed Instructions (PA, ID)

I. Power Query

- 1. Load Data (PA)
 - a. Ensure datasets are saved in a known location (to which you can navigate).
 - b. Open Power Bl.
 - c. Close the yellow "Hello" screen.
 - d. Under Home tab, click "Get Data" button.
 - e. Select Excel.
 - f. Select "Data Set Accounting.xlsx".
 - g. Click on the first TABLE named "Accounting_Transactions" (but don't select the checkmark yet). A summary of the data appears.
 - h. Click on the other options to get their summaries.
 - i. Go back to "Accounting_Transactions" and select the checkbox (don't click on "Load" yet).

2. Transform Data (PA)

- a. We tweak the data by clicking on "Transform Data".
- b. Change the name of the table: double click (or right click) on the table name and edit to remove the underscore: this yields the "Accounting Transaction" table.
- c. Change the name of the "Accounting Effective Date" column to "Effective Date" and "Journal Voucher Item Amount" to "Item Amount" (note the new step in the query step box).
- d. Remove the dates from March 2018 in the Effective Date Column: click on the drop-down arrow by the column header, select "date filters", then "after", then select March 31, 2018, then "OK".
- e. Click on "Close and Apply".
- f. Remember to save the PBIX file!
- g. Repeat the same steps for "Data Set Projects.xlsx" to retrieve the "Project_Tombstone" table (note that we did not remove the underscore for this one).

II. Preparation

- 3. Change Data Types (ID)
 - a. In the "Accounting Transaction" table, click on "Item Amount".
 - b. Under "Column Tools", click on "\$" to change to currency.
 - c. In the "Auto" field, type in "2" to change to 2 decimal places.
 - d. In the "Accounting Transaction" table, click on "Effective Date".
 - e. Under "Column Tools", drop down the format menu and select "Short Date".
 - f. Save the PBIX file.
- 4. Link Fields with Data Models (ID)
 - a. In the "Model" screen, remove the link between the "Accounting Transactions" and the "Project_Tombstone" tables (if there is one).
 - b. Click on the "Add, edit, or remove relationships between tables".
 - c. In the "Manage relationship" window, click on "Autodetect...".
 - d. The "Project Identifier" column links both tables. Press the "Close" button.
 - e. Click on the link to open the "Edit the relationship" window. Do not modify anything in this window. Click "Close" and return to the "Report" screen.
 - f. Save the PBIX file.
- 5. Create a Filter (BS)

Exercise

III. Exploration

6. Basic Data Visualization Notions (BN)

N/A

- 7. Load PBIX 1 (PA)
 - a. Go to "Transform Data" in the "Home" Ribbon.
 - b. Click on "Data Source Settings".
 - c. Highlight one of the data files.
 - d. Click on "Change Source".
 - e. Click on "Browse" and navigate to the corresponding file's location on your system.
 - f. Repeat for the other file.
 - g. Press "Close".
 - h. Apply changes from the yellow warning message (this has to be done everytime a PBIX file is loaded with a absolute file structure; repeat as necessary).
- 8. Make and Format a Bar Chart (PA)
 - a. Go to the "Report" screen, on the "Exploration 1" page.
 - b. Under "Visualizations", click on "Stacked Bar Chart".
 - c. From the "Project_Tombstone" table drag "Project Name" column onto the "Y-Axis" field.
 - d. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" column onto the X-Axis (functionality alert: there are other statistics than "sum" for numerical columns).
 - e. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on the "Format your report page" button (icon with a paintbrush).
 - f. Click on the "Bars" dropdown menu and change the colour to grey.
 - g. Save the PBIX file (we will not repeat this instruction anymore, but this should be done frequently).
- 9. Make and Format a Donut Chart (ID)
 - a. Go to the "Report" screen, on the "Exploration 1" page.
 - b. Under "Visualizations", click on "Donut Chart"
 - c. Drag "Item Amount" under "Accounting Transactions" onto "Values"
 - d. Drag "Journal Voucher Type Code" under "Accounting Transactions" onto "Legend"
- 10. Create a Table to Store Measures (ID)
 - a. In the "Home" ribbon, click on the "Enter Data" icon (in the "Data" section).
 - b. Ignore everything except the "Name" field at the bottom (left).
 - c. Override the name "Table" with "_Measures" (include the underscore "_").
 - d. Click on "Load" the measure table appears at the top of the list in the "Fields" pane (because of the underscore).
- 11. DAX vs. M. vs. GUI (BN)

- 12. Create Calculated Measures (ID/PA)
 - a. Click on the "_Measures" table in the "Fields" pane, and on "New Measure" in the ribbon
 - b. Type in the following at the prompt:
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- f. Type in the following at the prompt:

- g. Click on the "_Measures" table in the "Fields" pane, and on "New Measure"
- h. Type in the following at the prompt:

Total Operations and Management = CALCULATE(sum('Accounting Transactions'[Item Amount]), 'Accounting Transactions'[Journal Voucher Type Code]="0&M")

- 13. Make and Format a Donut Chart (ID)
 - a. Delete the Donut Chart currently in the "Report" screen.
 - b. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Donut Chart".
 - c. Drag all JVTC measures from the "_Measures" table onto the "Values" field.
- 14. Make and Format a Treemap (BS)

Exercise

15. Create a Calculated Measure (BS)

Exercise

16. Load and Explore PBIX – 2 (PA)

N/A

17. Create a Calculated Column (BS)

Exercise

18. Format Decimal Places (BS)

Exercise

19. Make and Format a Bar Chart (BS)

Exercise

- 20. Make and Format a Line Chart (PA)
 - a. Chose the "Exploration 2" page.
 - b. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Line Chart".
 - c. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Effective Date" onto the X-Axis.
 - d. From the "_Measures" table, drag all JVTC measures onto the Y-Axis.
 - e. Using the down arrows that look like double arrows (not the trident), drill down until you have months along the x-axis; if they are greyed out this means you are already at the bottom and you need to drill up using the up arrow.
- 21. Create a Calculated Measure (ID)
 - a. Click on the "_Measures" table in the "Fields" pane, and on "New Measure"
 - b. Type in the following at the prompt:
 Major Minor Ratio = DIVIDE('_Measures'[Total Major Capital], '_Measures'[Total Minor Capital])
- 22. Make and Format a Line Chart (ID)
 - a. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Line Chart".
 - b. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Effective Date" onto the X-Axis.
 - c. From the "_Measures" table, drag "Major Minor Ratio" onto the Y-Axis.
 - d. Using the down arrows that look like a trident (not the double arrows), drill down until you display both quarters and months; if they are greyed out this means you are already at the bottom and you need to drill up using the up arrow.
 - e. Click on the "Format your visual" paintbrush.
 - f. Navigate to "Lines" and change the colour to red.

23. Exploring the Data (DD)

IV. Situational Awareness

24. Basic Dashboard Notions (BN)

N/A

25. Measures vs. Columns (BN)

N/A

26. Load and Explore PBIX – 3 (PA)

N/A

- 27. Create a Calculated Column (ID)
 - a. Click on the "Accounting Transactions" table in the "Fields" pane.
 - b. Click on "Column Tools", then "New Column".
 - c. Type in the following formula:

28. Make and Format a Table (BS)

Exercise

29. Make and Format a Column Chart (BS)

Exercise

30. Load and Explore PBIX – 4 (PA)

N/A

- 31. Make and Format a Bar Chart (PA)
 - a. Chose the "Monitoring 1" page.
 - b. Go to the "Report" screen.
 - c. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Stacked Bar Chart".
 - d. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Journal Voucher Type Code" onto the "Y-Axis" field.
 - e. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount \$k" onto the "X-Axis" field.
 - f. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Check Amount" onto the "Legend" field.
- 32. Make Slicers (PA)
 - a. Add a new page and rename it "Monitoring 2" page.
 - b. On this page, click "Slicer" in the "Visualizations" pane.
 - c. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "Field" field.
 - d. Click "Slicer" again in the "Visualizations" pane.
 - e. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Journal Voucher Type Code" onto the "Field" field.
- 33. Load and Explore PBIX 5 (PA)

- 34. Make and Format Column Charts (ID)
 - a. Go to the "Report" screen.
 - b. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Bar Chart".
 - c. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "X-Axis" field.
 - d. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "Y-Axis" field.
 - e. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Count".
 - f. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Bar Chart".
 - g. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "X-Axis" field.
 - h. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "Y-Axis" field.

- i. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Average".
- j. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Bar Chart".
- k. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "X-Axis" field.
- I. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "Y-Axis" field.
- m. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Standard Deviation".

35. Make and Format a Column Chart (PA)

- a. Go to the "Report" screen.
- b. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Bar Chart".
- c. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "X-Axis" field.
- d. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "Y-Axis" field.
- e. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Maximum".

36. Monitoring the Situation (DD)

N/A

37. Make Slicers (PA)

- a. Add a new page and rename it "Monitoring 3" page.
- b. On this page, click "Slicer" in the "Visualizations" pane.
- c. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "Field" field.
- d. Click "Slicer" again in the "Visualizations" pane.
- e. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Journal Voucher Type Code" onto the "Field" field.

38. Make and Format a Bar Chart (PA)

- a. Go to the "Report" screen.
- b. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Stacked Bar Chart" and resize and overlay chart box in the empty small multiple space.
- c. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Effective Date" onto "Y-Axis".
- d. Deselect all but "Day".
- e. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "X-Axis" field.
- f. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Count".

39. Create a Calculated Column (ID)

- a. Click on the "Project_Tombstone" table in the "Fields" pane.
- b. Click on "Column Tools", then "New Column".
- c. Type in the following formula:

40. Load and Explore PBIX – 6 (PA)

N/A

41. Apply a Page Filter (PA)

- a. Go to the "Report" screen.
- b. Add a new page and rename it "Monitoring 4" page.
- c. From "Accounting Transactions", drag "Journal Voucher Type Code" to "Filters on this page" in the "Filters" pane.
- d. Select MIC., and then "Apply filter".
- e. From "Accounting Transactions", drag "Item Amount" to "Filters on this page" in the "Filters" pane
- f. Select "Advanced Filtering" in the "Filter Type" dropdown.
- g. Select "is less than" under "Show items when the value" and type in 10000.
- h. Select "Apply filter".

- 42. Make and Format a Small Multiples Chart (PA)
 - a. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Clustered Bar Chart".
 - b. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Effective Date" onto the "Y-Axis" field. Deselect all but "Day".
 - c. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "X-Axis" field.
 - d. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Count".
 - e. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Director" onto the "Small Multiples" field.
 - f. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Power" onto the "Legend" field.
 - g. In "Format your visual", change the small multiple layout to 2 rows and 4 columns.
- 43. Make and Format a Bar Chart (ID)
 - a. Go to the "Report" screen.
 - b. In the "Visualizations" pane, click on "Stacked Bar Chart" and resize and overlay chart box in the empty small multiple space.
 - c. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Effective Date" onto the "Y-Axis" field.
 - d. Deselect all but "Day".
 - e. From the "Accounting Transactions" table, drag "Item Amount" onto the "X-Axis" field.
 - f. Press the down arrow on "Item Amount" and select "Count".
 - g. From the "Project_Tombstone" table, drag "Power" onto the "Legend" field.
 - h. Go to "Format tab" and click "Bring Forward".

V. Storybook

44. Basic Data Storytelling Notions (BN)

N/A

45. Storytelling with Data (BN)

N/A

46. Annotate a Dashboard (BN)

N/A

47. Load and Explore PBIX – 7 (PA)

N/A

48. Convincing and Audience (DD)

N/A

VI. Miscellanea*

49. *Publish a Power BI Dashboard (ID)

N/A

50. *Integrate R and Python in Power BI (BN)