Connect to countless Data Sources from Power BI service

Dear Readers,

Microsoft Power BI transforms your company's data into rich visuals for you to stay up to date with the information that matters to you. Thus, data is at the heart of Power BI. All the visualizations and answers that you get by creating dashboards and charts, analysing the data, and asking questions are really getting their primary data from a **dataset**. But where does that dataset come from? Well, from a **data source**.

You can connect to various data sources from Power BI service, aka Power BI Online and get data from any of these data sources in by clicking **My Workspace > Get Data.**

Many data sources require you to first use Power BI Desktop or Excel's advanced data query and modelling features. Here are the data sources you can connect to right from your Power BI service.

Files	Content Packs	Databases

Files: Get data from Excel (.xlsx, xlxm), Power BI Desktop (.pbix), and Comma Separated Value (.csv) files. For other file types like XML Table (.xml) or text (.txt) files, a few extra steps are involved.

Content Packs: Here, all the data and reports you need are already prepared for you. Choose from two types of content packs: services (Google Analytics, Marketo, SAP, etc.) and organizational (created and shared by your organization's users). There are dozens of content packs, with more and more getting added monthly.

Databases: Connect databases in the Cloud or on-premises. Connect live to Azure SQL Database, Azure SQL Data Warehouse, Spark on Azure HD Insight, and SQL Server Analysis Services using DirectQuery or directly to SQL Server Analysis Services Tabular model databases.

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