

# Introduction to DAX 2-Day Workshop



## Course Information

### Overview

DAX (Data Analysis Expressions) is the native language of Power BI, Power Pivot for Excel, and SSAS Tabular models in Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services. The training is aimed at users of Power BI, Power Pivot, and at Analysis Services developers that want to learn and become confident users of the DAX language.

The goal of the course is to teach the basic features of the DAX language, providing the knowledge to write formulas for common business scenarios.

The course is a combination of Power Point presentations, Instructor demonstrations, and hands-on activities. During the 2 days, the training will also provide delegate activity labs and cover more functions than our 1-day offering.

On completing the course attendees will be provided with a set of course reference notes in a pdf format.

### Prerequisites

You should be a competent Microsoft Excel user, with experience of writing excel formulas. Attendees do not require any experience of using DAX, but we recommend that you attend our 2-day Microsoft Power BI Introduction course prior to taking this course.

### Introduction to DAX

What is DAX  
Why do we need DAX in Power BI  
Why Learn DAX  
The DAX Structure  
DAX Formatting

### Basic DAX functions

SUM, SUMX  
COUNT, COUNTX, DISTINCTCOUNT,  
COUNTROWS  
AVERAGE, AVERAGEX  
MAX, MAXX  
MIN, MINX

### Logical functions

IF  
SWITCH  
AND, OR  
TRUE, FALSE, NOT  
IFERROR

### Filter functions

CALCULATE  
FILTER  
HASONEVALUE  
VALUES  
ALL, ALLSELECTED, ALLEXCEPT  
ISFILTERED

### Relationship Functions

RELATED  
RELATEDTABLE  
USERELATIONSHIP

### Date & Time Functions

CALENDAR, CALENDARAUTO  
DATE  
DATEDIFF  
DAY  
TODAY  
WEEKDAY, WEEKNUM  
YEAR



### **Time-intelligence functions**

DATEADD  
LASTDATE  
SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR  
DATESBETWEEN  
DATESINPERIOD  
TOTALMTD, TOTALQTD, TOTALYTD  
DATESMTD, DATESQTD, DATESYTD

### **Introduction to calculated tables in Power BI Desktop**

What are calculated tables  
What is a Date Dimension table  
Using DAX to create a Date Dimension table

### **Information Functions**

CONTAINS  
ISBLANK  
ISERROR  
ISEVEN  
ISINSCOPE  
ISLOGICAL

### **Other useful functions**

SUMMARIZE  
ROLLUP  
DIVIDE  
TOPN  
FORMAT  
RANKX  
BLANK

### **Variables**

What is a variable and what are the benefits of using variables in complex formulas.

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