

# Microsoft Excel: Power Query

Importing, cleaning, and managing data

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## Module 01: Extracting and Using Data

Power Query’s responsibilities in Excel are termed ‘ETL,’ which stands for **Extract, Transform, and Load**. In this module, we will explore the first stage – extraction of data. In this module, we pull data from outside data sources into our Excel file.

### Exercise 01: Extracting Data from Excel

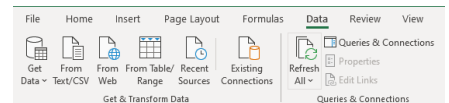
Open the first module’s work file

Open **M01 Extracting and Refreshing Data.xlsx** and find tab **L01 Extract from Excel**.



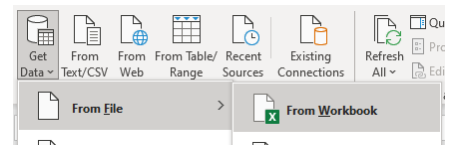
Find the Power Query tools

Click the **Data Tab**, and investigate the Groups labeled **Get & Transform Data** and **Queries & Connections**. All the tools in these two groups relate to Power Query.



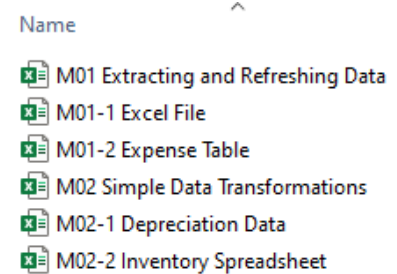
Query an Excel file

Click **Get Data > From File > From Workbook**.



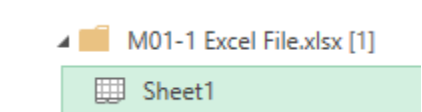
Choose the file

In the File Explorer, find the location of your Working Files folder, and select **M01-1 Excel File**.



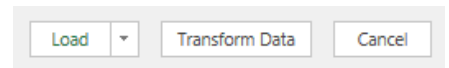
Choose the data

In the Navigator, choose **Sheet1** as the location of your data.



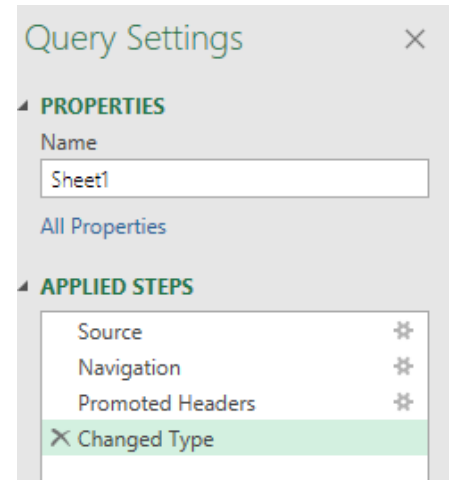
Open the Power Query Editor

Click **Transform Data**.



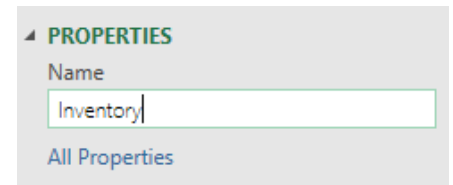
Investigate the steps taken on the data

By default, the **Applied Steps** panel should contain the steps for finding the Source, Navigation to the appropriate tab within the file, Promoting Headers to the tops of the columns, and detecting and changing the Data Types.



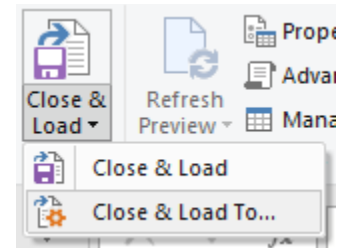
Rename the query

Notice that your query is currently named after the tab *Sheet1*, and that this is inadequate for identifying the query over time. Click the **Name** box and rename the query to **Inventory**.



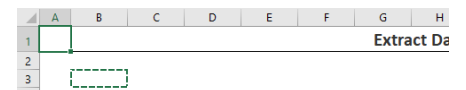
Load the data

The final stage of ETL is **Loading** the data to our spreadsheet. Click **Close & Load > Close & Load To...**



Choose the load location

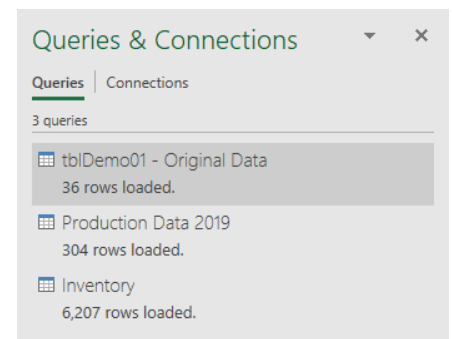
Now, choose cell **B3** on the L01 tab as the location. Click **OK**.



Note your existing queries

When the query is loaded, the **Queries & Connections** panel should open with the existing queries in the file.

If this does not open, click **Data Tab > Queries & Connections**.



In this exercise, rather than opening, selecting, copying, and pasting the data into our Excel file, we have *extracted* the data through Power Query. This data can also be refreshed as the original Excel file is updated. Next, we'll extract the data from a database.

## Exercise 02: Extracting Data from a Database

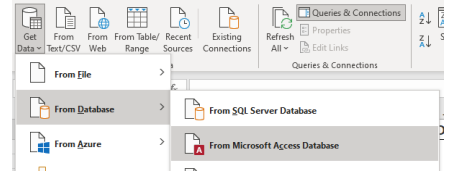
Open the appropriate tab

Select **L02 Extract from Database**.



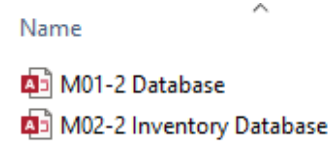
Query a database

Click **Data Tab > Get Data > From Database > From Access Database**.



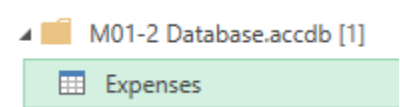
Find the appropriate database

Query **M01-2 Database.accdb**.



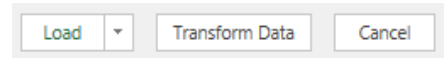
Choose the appropriate table

Select the **Expenses** table.



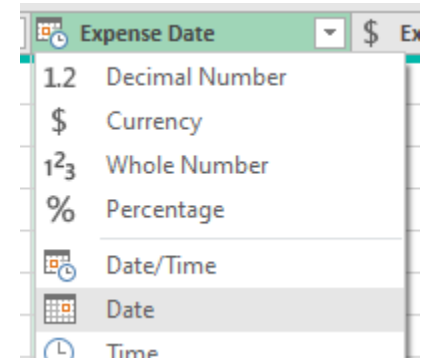
Open Power Query Editor

Choose **Transform Data**.



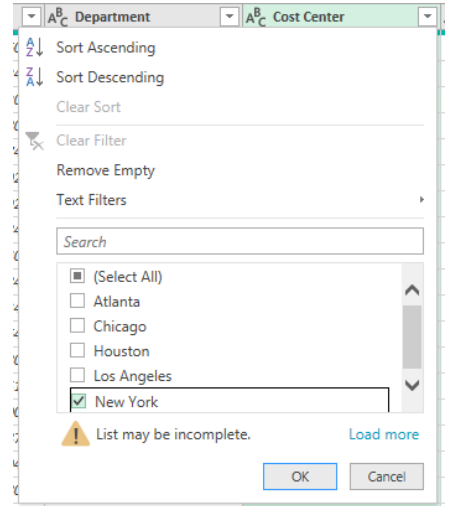
Change data type

On the **Expense Date** column, click the icon for Date/Time, and switch the data type to **Date**.



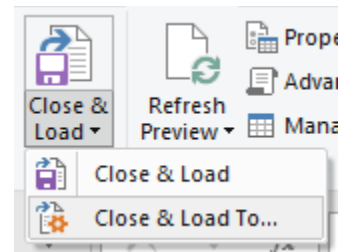
Filter the data

From the **Cost Center** drop-down, choose only the checkbox for **New York**.



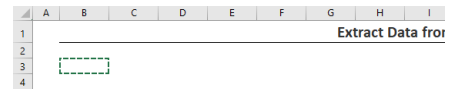
Load the data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...**



Load to the appropriate location

Choose **Existing Worksheet**, and load the data to cell **B3**.



In this exercise, we see that not only can we also query a database, but we can query only a subset of the data (the New York Cost Center, for example) from a much larger dataset.

## Exercise 03: Extracting Data from a Website

Open the appropriate tab

Navigate to **L03 Extract from Website**.

**L03 Extract from Website**

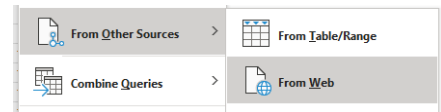
Get the website information

Note the address in the white rectangle. Copy this URL for use in the query. If you'd like, use a web browser to investigate the website before querying.

<https://www.x-rates.com/table/?from=USD&amount=1>

Query the website

Click **Data Tab > Get Data > From Other Sources > From Web**.



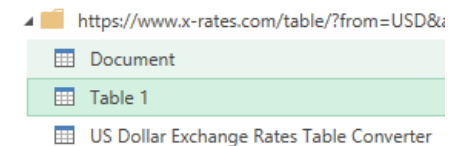
Paste the address into the dialog

Using the **Basic** setting, enter the URL you copied.



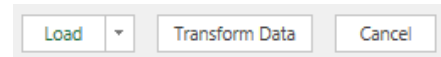
Choose the appropriate data

Notice that the site has multiple tables available. Click each to investigate the contents, then choose **Table 1**.



Open the Power Query Editor

Choose **Transform Data**.



Rename columns

**Double-click** each column header, and rename them **Currency**, **USD Exchange**, and **Inv USD Exchange**.

1.2 USD Exchange	1.2 Inv USD Exchange
91.161628	0.01097
1.295232	0.772063
0.376	2.659574

Rename the query In the **Name** box, name this query **Exchange Rates**.



Load the data Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...**  
Then choose the appropriate cell to load the data.

Currency	USD Exchange	Inv USD Exchange
Argentine Peso	91.161628	0.01097
Australian Dollar	1.295232	0.772063
Bahraini Dinar	0.376	2.659574
Botswana Pula	10.986388	0.091022
Brazilian Real	5.491769	0.182091
British Pound	0.720972	1.387016
Bruneian Dollar	1.34209	0.745107
Bulgarian Lev	1.638449	0.610333
Canadian Dollar	1.25034	0.799782
Chilean Peso	713.287925	0.001402
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	6.507478	0.153669

In this third exercise, we have now seen that Power Query can pull data from Excel files, databases, and even live websites. We'll now move forward with the *transformation* of the data, rather than focusing on each of the data sources we can query.

## Exercise 04: Refreshing Queries Used in a Pivot Table

### L04 Update and Refresh Queries

Navigate to the next sheet

Select the sheet **L04 Update and Refresh Queries**.

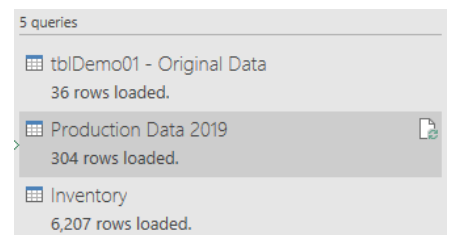
Investigate the scenario

On the left side of the page, the data table you see is being pulled from a file called **M01-4 Production Data 2019.csv**. The two Pivot Tables and two Pivot Charts are then based on the data being extracted from that file.

We will now update this query from the 2019 data to the 2020 data, automatically updating all the analysis.

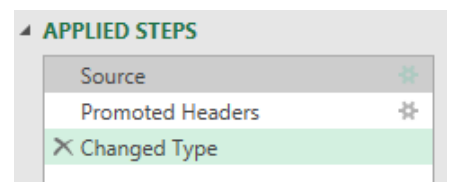
Open existing query

On the **Queries & Connections** panel, **double-click** the query **Production Data 2019** to open in the Power Query Editor.



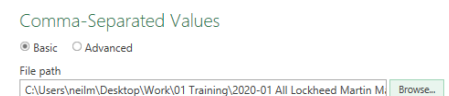
Modify a step

In the **Applied Steps** panel, click the **Gear icon** for the entry **Source** to change the source file.



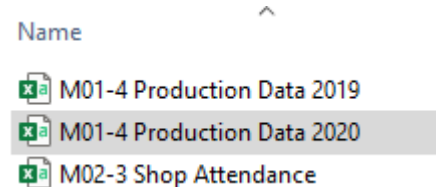
Find the new file

On the **Comma-Separated Values** dialog, click **Browse** to find the new CSV file.



Navigate to the file

Find **M01-4 Production Data 2020.csv**.



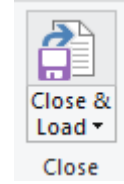
Extract the new data

Click **OK**, and watch the data in the Editor update to 2020.

DATE	FACILITY
4/2/2020	Pinnacles
10/13/2020	Bayview
7/3/2020	Bayview
6/3/2020	Short Hills
4/1/2020	Pinnacles

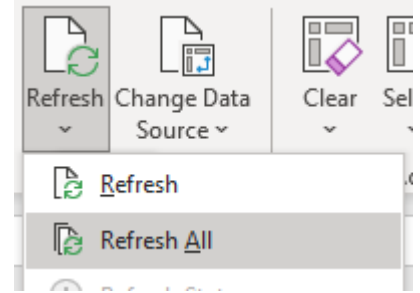
Refresh the data

Now, click the **Close & Load** button to reload the data into the spreadsheet.



Refresh the Pivot Tables

Now, select one of the Pivot Tables and click **Analyze > Refresh > Refresh All.**



The benefit of creating a query in Power Query is that it establishes *how* to bring in external data. If the external data changes, or if we simply have a new dataset with the same structure, we should easily be able to perform the same actions on the new data.

## Module 02: Simple Transformations with Power Query

Once the data has been extracted, there is often significant ‘clean up’ required before it becomes a useable data table. In the next two modules, we’ll investigate common data issues and the transformations that solve those problems.

### Exercise 01: Row and Column Transformations

Investigate the data

Before beginning the exercise, open the file **M02-1 Depreciation Data.xlsx** to see the potential issues.



Recognize row concerns

Currently, the top of the worksheet includes headings and blank rows that will need to be removed.

Recognize column issues

Columns **G:H** are blank; columns **A:B** use values that appear numeric but include many leading zeroes.

Sys No	Ext
000001	0001
000002	0001
000002	0002
000002	0003
000002	0004
000002	0005
000002	0006
000003	0001

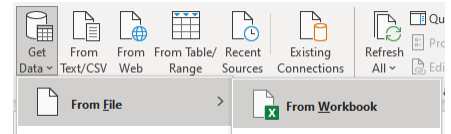
Open the working file

Close **M02-1 Depreciation Data**, and open **M02 Simple Data Transformations.xlsx**. Find **L01 Rows and Columns**.



Query the first dataset

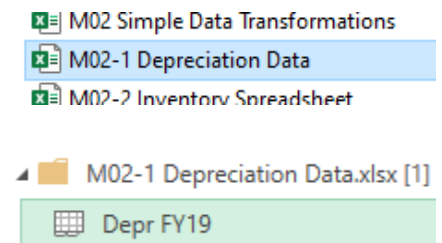
Click **Data Tab > Get Data > From File > From Workbook**.



Find the dataset

Navigate to **M02-1 Depreciation Data**, then select **Depr FY19**.

Click **Transform Data**.

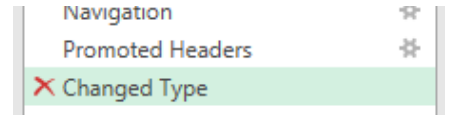


Remove two incorrect steps

Notice that in this scenario, Power Query assumed the first row was our header row, and then tried to determine appropriate data types for the various columns.

ABC Cooper Aerospace	ABC 123 Column2
Depreciation Expense Report	null
As of December 31, 2019	null
null	null

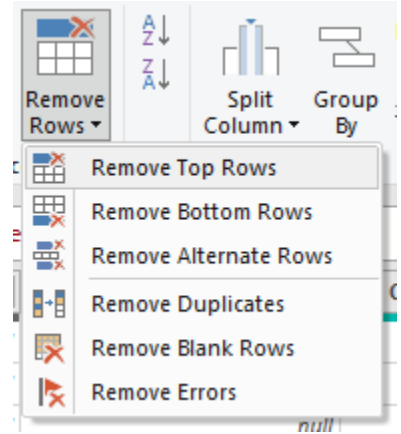
In the **Applied Steps** panel, click the **X icon** for these two steps to delete them.



Remove unnecessary rows

Note that rows 1:9 are the titles and blank rows at the top of the dataset.

Click **Home Tab > Remove Rows > Remove Top Rows** to select the rows to be removed.



Specify the appropriate number of rows

Type **9** into the Remove Top Rows dialog, and click **OK**.

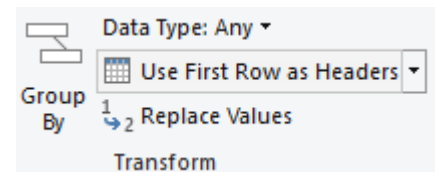
### Remove Top Rows

Specify how many rows to remove from the top.

Number of rows

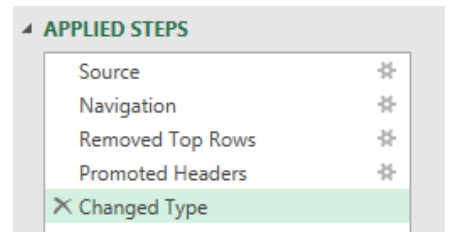
Promote headers

Click **Home Tab > Use First Row as Headers** to promote the new first row into the headers of the columns.



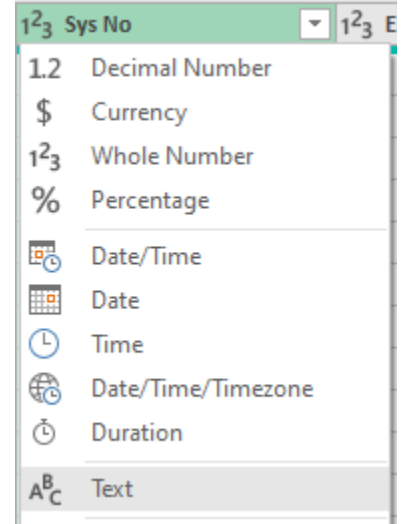
Recognize incorrect assumptions

When the Promoted Headers step was added to the **Applied Steps** panel, note that Power Query automatically added a **Changed Type** step with the default choices.



Modify current step

With the **Changed Type** step selected at right, use the data type drop-down for **Sys No** and for **Ext** to change these columns from **Whole Number** to **Text** (keeping the leading zeroes).



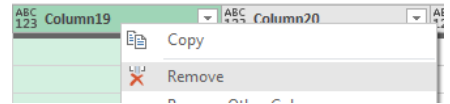
Find blank columns

Under each column header is a colored indicator – dark grey for blank, blue-green for valid, and red for errors. Identify columns **7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19-23** as empty columns.

123 Current Accum Depr	ABC 123 Column19
0	null
1123800	null
1123800	null
1123800	null
1356300	null
1356300	null
755700	null
36250	null

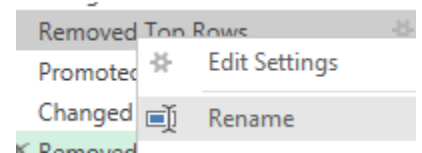
Remove blank columns

For each blank column, **right-click** and choose **Remove**.



Add documentation

Notice the generic nature of the Step names on the right side: **Removed Top Rows** and **Removed Columns**, for example. We should improve on this information so we can pinpoint what needs to change in the future.



**Right-click** the step **Removed Top Rows** and choose **Rename** to **Removed Top 9 Rows**.

Add comments

**Right-click** the step **Removed Columns**, and choose **Properties...**

In the Description field, add the text *“Removed blank columns 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19-23”*

### Step Properties

Name  
Removed Columns

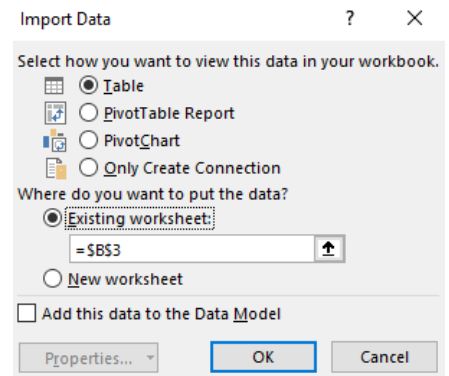
Description  
Removed blank columns 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 19-23.

Consume the new documentation

**Hover** your mouse above the white bubble next to **Removed Columns** and see the pop-up give you more information about that step.

Load the data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location in your spreadsheet to load the data.



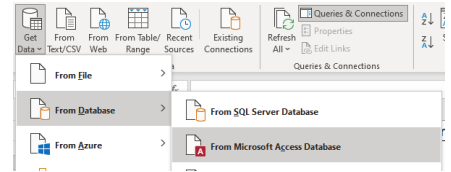
Not only does Power Query handle which rows and columns should be included, but every step of the process is documented for later modification. Adding clear information to this documentation makes later work much easier.

## Exercise 02: Filtering Rows

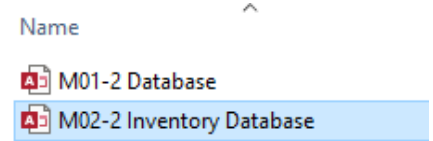
Move to the next worksheet      Select **L02 Filtering**



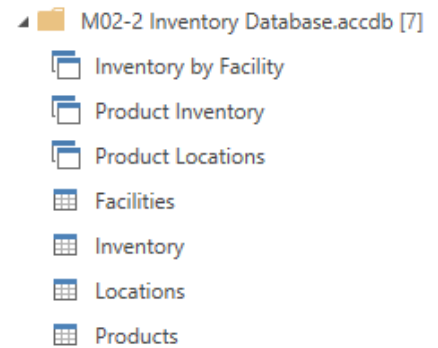
Query a database      Click **Data Tab > Get Data > From Database > From Access Database.**



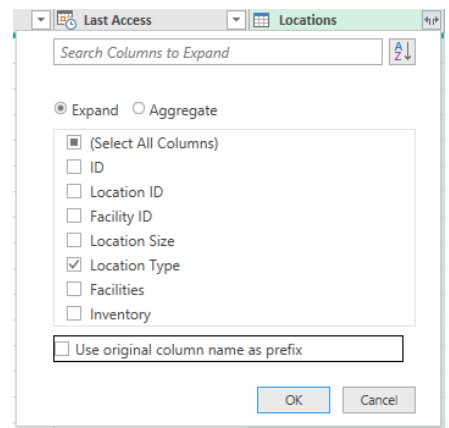
Select the appropriate file      Choose **M02-2 Inventory Database.**



Choose the appropriate table      Select **Inventory** from the list of tables and queries.

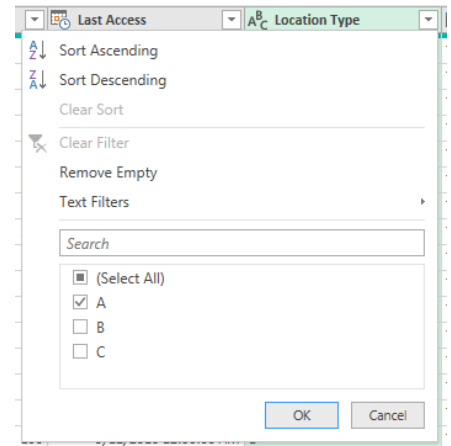


Expand the Locations      Because the database has a relationship between the **Inventory** table and the **Locations** table, Power Query automatically makes a **Locations** column available. Click the arrow button and choose only the checkbox for **Location Type.**



Filter by Location Type

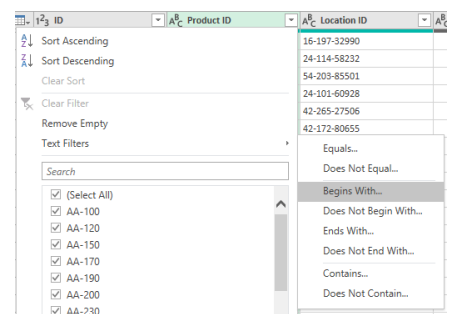
Click the drop-down arrow for the **Location Type** column and leave only type **A** selected.



Filter by product type

We are only interested in the Beckwith products, all of which have an ID number that begins with **BC**. Click the drop-down arrow for the **Product ID** column, and choose **Text Filters > Begins with**.

Enter **BC** as the value every ID number should begin with.



### Filter Rows

Apply one or more filter conditions to the rows in this table.

Basic  Advanced

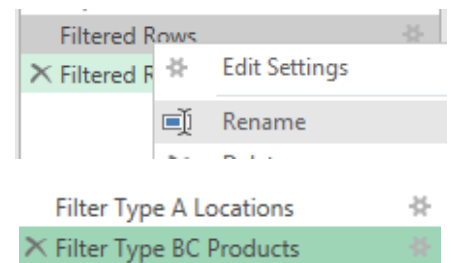
Keep rows where 'Product ID'

begins with

Change the documentation

**Right-click** the step **Filtered Rows** and **Rename** it *Filter Type A Locations*.

**Right-click** the step **Filtered Rows1** and **Rename** it *Filter Type BC Products*.



Load the data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose to load the data to the **L02 Filtering** sheet.

ID	Product ID	Location ID	Description	Quantity	Last Access	Location Type
187	BC-310	42-265-27506		40	6/2/2016 0:00	A
279	BC-560	42-172-80655		150	1/18/2009 0:00	A
553	BC-110	54-269-27596		60	10/23/2011 0:00	A
443	BC-260	42-214-35432		170	12/31/2016 0:00	A
82	BC-560	24-124-48116		150	7/22/2014 0:00	A
387	BC-130	54-176-81128		210	11/3/2007 0:00	A
292	BC-110	42-113-36441		260	2/21/2008 0:00	A
198	BC-560	24-131-71235		160	10/5/2015 0:00	A
245	BC-400	54-252-48789		110	6/13/2009 0:00	A
172	BC-560	24-182-89565		100	1/16/2008 0:00	A
208	BC-420	54-296-17894		130	1/13/2011 0:00	A
217	BC-260	24-220-72733		220	6/12/2018 0:00	A

Filtering the query guarantees that only those records you need in your dataset are included.

## Exercise 03: Text to Columns

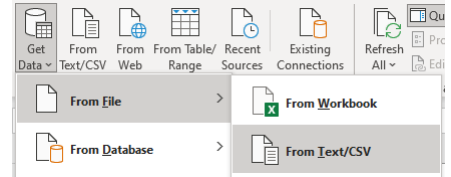
Move to the next sheet

Select **L03 Text to Columns**.

**L03 Text to Columns**

Query the dataset

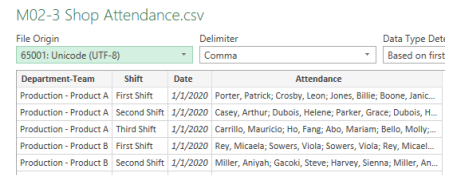
Click **Data Tab > Get Data > From File > From Text/CSV**.



Select the file

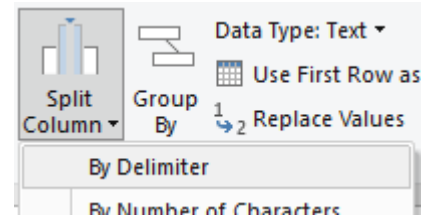
Navigate to **M02-3 Shop Attendance**.

Click **Transform Data**



Split a column

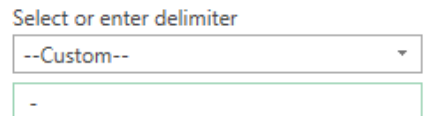
Select the **Department-Team** column. Click **Home Tab > Split Column**. Choose **By Delimiter**.



Specify the delimiter

The delimiter is the dash with spaces on either side, so choose **Custom** and type “ - “ into the textbox.

Click **OK**.



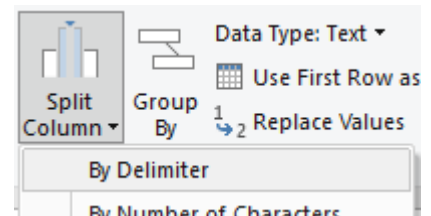
Rename columns

You have two columns named **Department-Team.1** and **Department-Team.2**. Rename them to *Department* and *Team*.

	A <sup>B</sup> C Department	A <sup>B</sup> C Department-Team.2
1	Production	Product A
2	Production	Product A
3	Production	Product A
4	Production	Product B

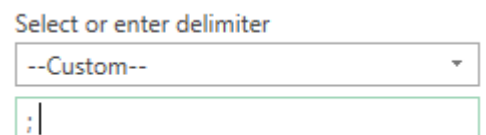
Split Attendance

Recognize that you don't want the full attendance on each shift for the raw data; split the **Attendance** column **By Delimiter**.



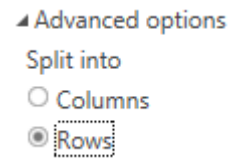
Set the delimiter

The custom delimiter is the semicolon *and* the space, so choose **Custom** and type “; “ into the textbox.



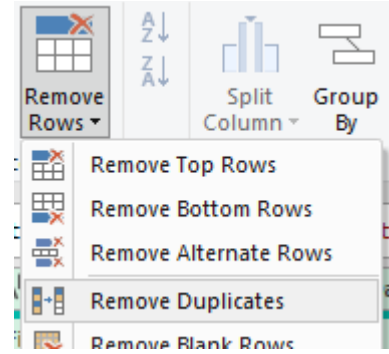
Split into rows

Now, click the **Advanced options drop-down arrow** and choose **Rows**. Click **OK**.



Remove duplicates

Select all the columns of the dataset and click **Home Tab > Remove Rows > Remove Duplicates**.




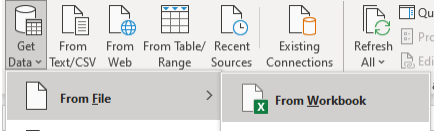
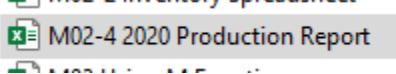
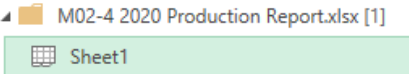
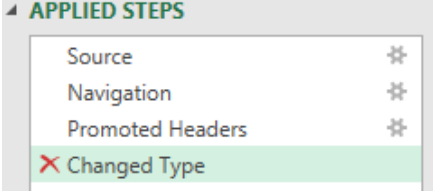
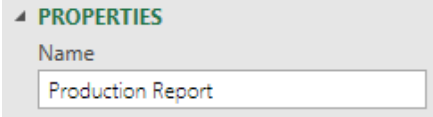
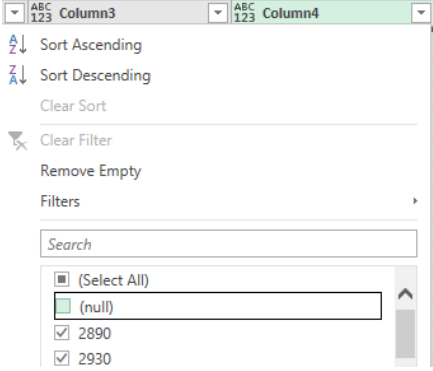
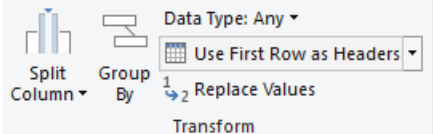
Load the data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate cell location.

Department	Team	Shift	Date	Attendance
Production	Product A	First Shift	1/1/2020	Porter, Patrick
Production	Product A	First Shift	1/1/2020	Crosby, Leon
Production	Product A	First Shift	1/1/2020	Jones, Billie
Production	Product A	First Shift	1/1/2020	Boone, Janice
Production	Product A	First Shift	1/1/2020	Macias, Sharon
Production	Product A	Second Shift	1/1/2020	Casey, Arthur
Production	Product A	Second Shift	1/1/2020	Dubois, Helene
Production	Product A	Second Shift	1/1/2020	Parker, Grace
Production	Product A	Second Shift	1/1/2020	Ribeiro, Eduardo
Production	Product A	Third Shift	1/1/2020	Carrillo, Mauricio
Production	Product A	Third Shift	1/1/2020	Ho, Fang
Production	Product A	Third Shift	1/1/2020	Abo, Mariam
Production	Product A	Third Shift	1/1/2020	Bello, Molly
Production	Product A	Third Shift	1/1/2020	Simmons, Michael
Production	Product B	First Shift	1/1/2020	Rev, Micaela

Split Columns in Power Query is superior to Text to Columns in Excel for many reasons; in this exercise, we saw custom, multi-character delimiters, and the ability to split into *rows*.

## Exercise 04: Unpivot Columns and Fill Down

Move to the next sheet	Select <b>L04 Unpivot and Fill</b> .	
Query the appropriate dataset	Click <b>Data Tab &gt; Get Data &gt; From File &gt; From Workbook</b> .	
Find the data	Select <b>M02-4 2020 Production Report</b> .	
Get the appropriate sheet	Select <b>Sheet1</b> . Click <b>Transform</b>	
Un-promote	Delete the steps <b>Changed Type</b> and <b>Promoted Headers</b> from the <b>Applied Steps</b> panel.	
Rename query	Enter the name for the query <b>Production Report</b> .	
Remove unnecessary rows	Click the drop-down on <b>Column4</b> and filter ( <b>null</b> ) entries.	
Promote headers	Click <b>Home Tab &gt; Use First Row as Headers</b> .	

Fill down

Select the **Facility** column and choose **Transform > Fill > Down**.



Unpivot monthly values

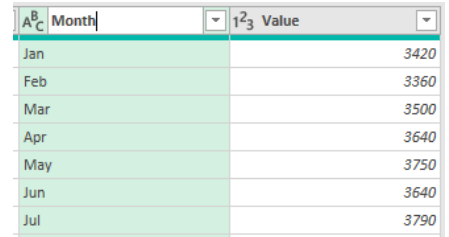
Click column **Jan**, hold **[Shift]**, and select column **Dec**.



Click **Transform Tab > Unpivot Columns**.

Rename columns

You should now have two columns, *Attribute* and *Value*. Rename them to **Month** and **Amount**.

A screenshot of an Excel table with two columns: 'Month' and 'Value'. The table has seven rows of data. The 'Month' column contains the months from Jan to Jul, and the 'Value' column contains corresponding numerical values. The table is highlighted with a light green background.

Month	Value
Jan	3420
Feb	3360
Mar	3500
Apr	3640
May	3750
Jun	3640
Jul	3790

Load the data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To..** and choose the appropriate location.

Power Query converts thousands of rows of data in seconds, solving otherwise impossible problems!

## Module 03: Solving Problems with M Functions

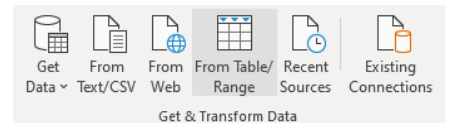
Similarly to Excel, there are several categories of functions you can use to create new, calculated information. These functions are in a language called M.

### Exercise 01: Date Functions

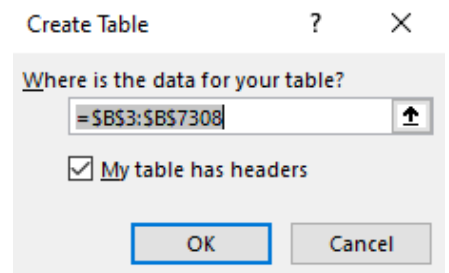
Open the working file Find and open **M03 Using M Functions.xlsx** to the tab **L01 Date Functions**.



Load the data into Power Query Click cell **B5** (within the column of dates), and click **Data Tab > From Table/Range**.

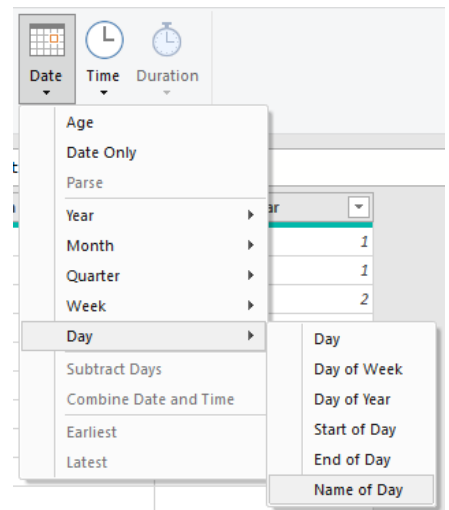


Convert the data into a table In Excel, data being used by Power Query must first be converted into a Table, so click **OK** to the window that opens.



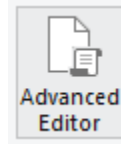
Calculate conventional date information Select the **DATES** column, and choose the following items from **Add Column Tab > Date**:

- Year
- Quarter of Year
- Month
- Name of Month
- Week of Year
- Name of Day



Investigate the calculations

Click **View Tab > Advanced Editor**, and look at the M functions written on your behalf.



Rename query

Rename the query to **Calendar Table**



Load data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location.

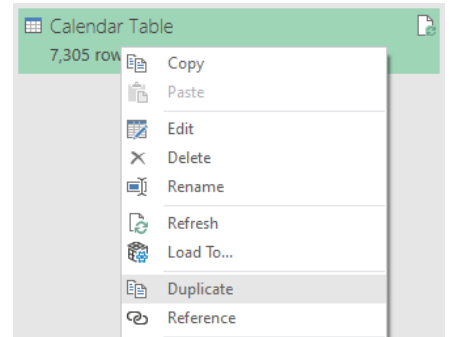
DATES	Year	Quarter	Month	Month Name	Week of Year	Day Name
1/1/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	1	Friday
1/2/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	1	Saturday
1/3/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Sunday
1/4/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Monday
1/5/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Tuesday
1/6/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Wednesday
1/7/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Thursday
1/8/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Friday
1/9/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	2	Saturday
1/10/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	3	Sunday
1/11/2010 0:00	2010	1	1	January	3	Monday

Power Query has several date functions to use for any valuable calendar-based information.

## Exercise 02: Text Functions

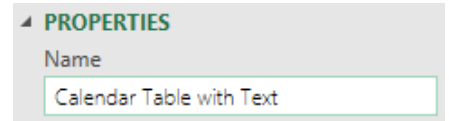
Duplicate the query

In the **Queries & Connections** panel, **right-click** the Calendar Table query and choose **Duplicate**.



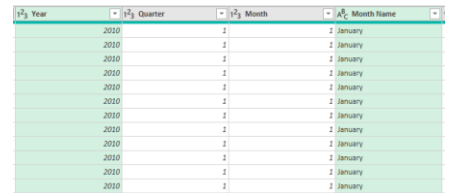
Rename query

Note that you now have both the **Calendar Table** and **Calendar Table (2)**. Rename the second query **Calendar Table with Text**.



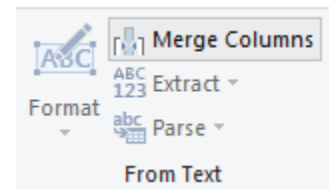
Merge columns

First, select the column **Month Name**. Then, hold **[CTRL]** and select the column **Year**. Power Query remembers the order of selection.



Perform merge operation

Click **Add Columns Tab > Merge Columns**.



Choose delimiter

Place the **Space** delimiter between the columns, and name the new column **Month-Year**.

### Merge Columns

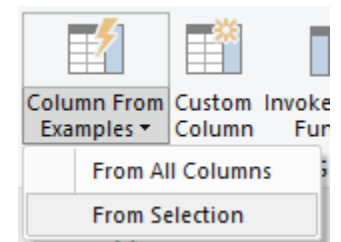
Choose how to merge the selected columns.

Separator

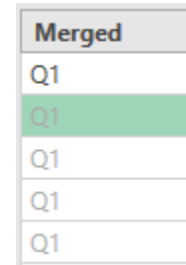
New column name (optional)

Use Column from Examples

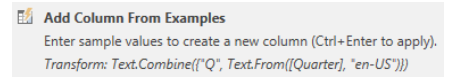
Select the **Quarter** column, and click **Add Column > Column from Examples > From Selection**.



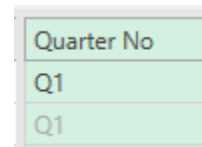
Type the quarter      Into the new column, type “**Q1**” (matching the 1 in the Quarter column). Press **[ENTER]**.



Note the function      Above the dataset, Power Query shows you the function it is building to create Q1.



Rename the column      **Double-click** the text **Merged** and type **Quarter No.**



Press OK      **Click OK**, and note the new column added.

Investigate the functions      Click **View Tab > Advanced Editor**, and note the functions that are created that:

1. Convert number values to text;
2. Concatenate text and numbers

`Text.Combine({[Month Name], Text.From([Year],`

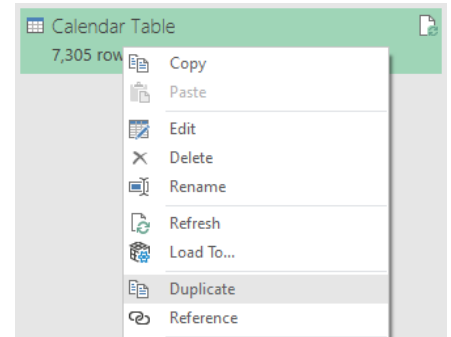
Load the data to the page      Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To..** and choose the appropriate location.

Text functions can merge and split text; however, if you are dealing with content that is numeric, M functions are necessary to convert numbers into text before calculation.

## Exercise 03: Logical Functions

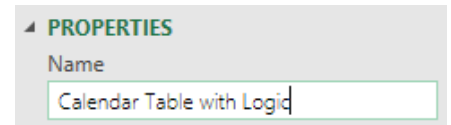
Duplicate the calendar table

**Right-click the Calendar Table** in the Queries & Connections panel, and choose **Duplicate**.



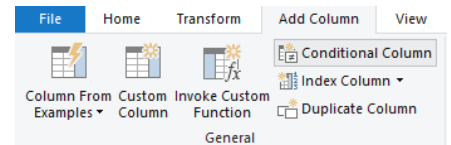
Rename the query

Name the new query **Calendar with Logic**.



Create a Conditional Column

Click **Add Column > Conditional Column**.



Build a logical test for weekends

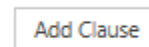
If we assume a 4-day workweek, with Friday-Sunday off, we can create a three-clause custom column:

- Name: **Weekend/Weekday**
- If: **Day Name** equals **Friday** then **Weekend**



Add a clause

Click **Add Clause**



Add test

Else If: **Day Name** equals **Saturday** then **Weekend**



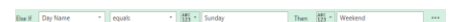
Add a clause

Click **Add Clause**



Add test

Else If: **Day Name** equals **Sunday** then **Weekend**



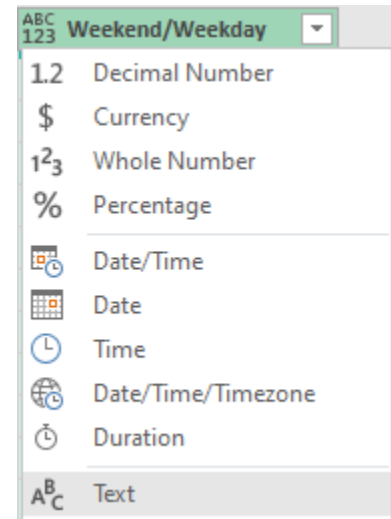
Provide the final clause

Else: **Weekday**



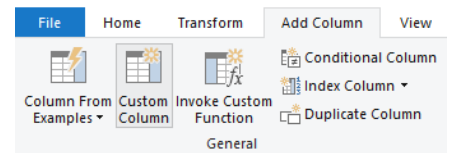
Complete column Click **OK**.

Then, click the data type drop-down for the column and choose **Text**.



Create another logical column

If your logical column requires additional calculations, you will need to create a Custom Column instead of a Conditional Column. They can both contain If-Then-Else logic.

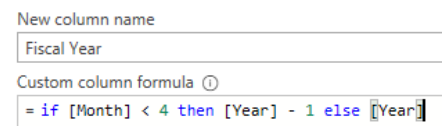


Click **Add Column Tab > Custom Column**.

Calculate Fiscal Year

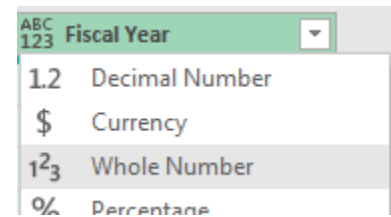
Assume we are dealing with a Fiscal Year that begins April 1. If the Month (number) is less than 4, our Fiscal Year will be our calendar year – 1.

= if [Month] < 4 then [Year] - 1 else [Year]



Set data type

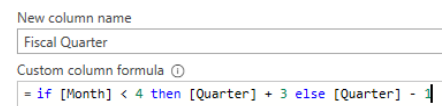
From the Fiscal Year data type drop-down, choose **Whole Number**.



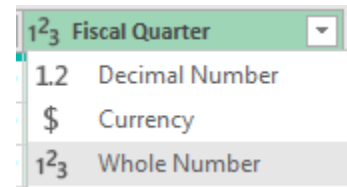
Calculate Fiscal Quarter

With a Fiscal Year beginning April 1, our logic will be:

= if [Month] < 4 then [Quarter] + 3 else [Quarter] - 1



Set data type From the Fiscal Quarter data type drop-down, choose **Whole Number**.



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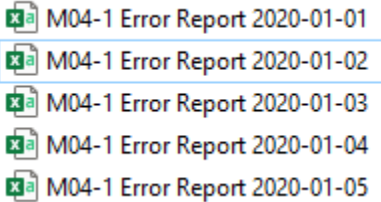
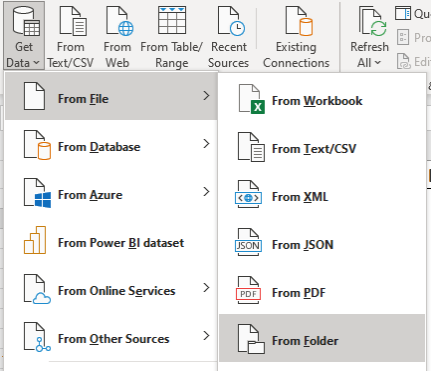
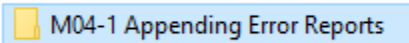
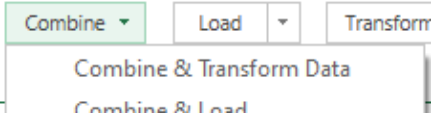
Load data Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...**, and select the appropriate location.

With Conditional Columns, we can judge various logical tests. However, if the output of our function must be calculated (like adding or subtracting from year, quarter, or month), then we must use the more flexible **Custom Column**.

## Module 04: Merging and Appending

In this module, we will both *merge* and *append* data tables. Appending tables means creating a single, longer table from similar data – for example, compiling all the expenses from various employees. Merging tables, however, means comparing and combining related tables – for example, combining employee data with office data.

### Exercise 01: Append Files from a Folder

<p>Open the working file</p>	<p>Open <b>M04 Joining and Appending Data.xlsx</b> to the tab <b>L01 Append from Folder</b>.</p>	
<p>Recognize the scenario</p>	<p>Look at both the Working Files folder and the <b>M04-1 Appending Error Reports</b> folder. Note that there are CSV files for every day Jan 1 – Jan 10.</p> <p>It will be our responsibility to compile a list of all errors as the reports come in.</p>	
<p>Query the folder</p>	<p>Click <b>Data Tab &gt; Get Data &gt; From File &gt; From Folder</b>.</p>	
<p>Select the folder</p>	<p>Select <b>M04-1 Appending Error Reports</b></p>	
<p>Combine the files</p>	<p>Investigate the first dialog box, and note that there are five CSV files to be combined currently. Click <b>Combine &gt; Combine &amp; Transform Data</b>.</p>	
<p>Guarantee the files have similar structure</p>	<p>Click the drop-down for <b>Sample File</b>, and note that you can preview each of the CSV files. Guarantee they all have the same columns and types of data.</p> <p>Click <b>OK</b>.</p>	

Create an additional column

Select the **ERROR CODE** column.

Click **Add Column Tab > Extract > First Characters**.

(we could also choose Before Delimiter)



Pull the first two characters

Select the count of **2** for the Insert First Characters dialog.

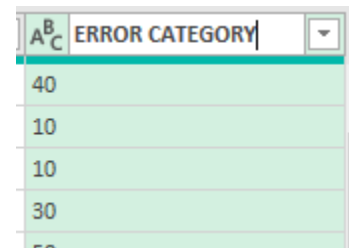
### Insert First Characters

Enter how many starting characters to keep.

Count

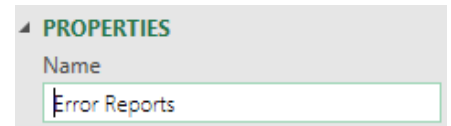
Rename column

Rename the column **First Characters** to **ERROR CATEGORY**.



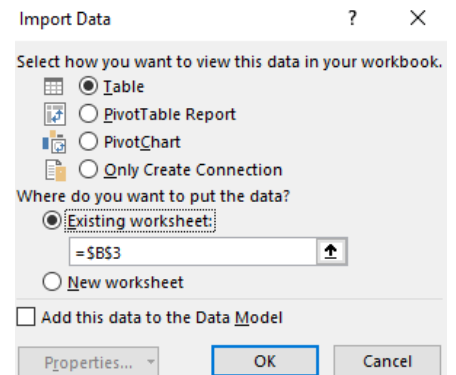
Rename query

Rename the query **Error Reports**.



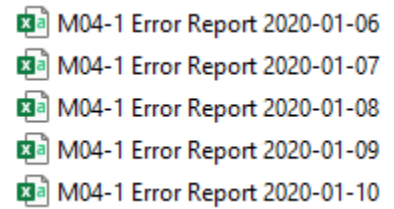
Load the data

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location.



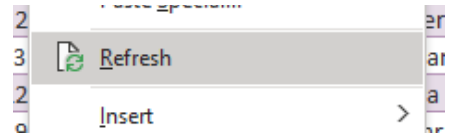
Add more files

One at a time, **drag-and-drop** the CSV files **M04-1 Error Report 2020-01-06.csv**, etc. into the folder.



Refresh the query

**Right-click** the table full of error reports and choose **Refresh** to see the latest data included in the table.



Power Query is capable of continuing to extract data from additional files, as the contents of the folder change. If you remove a file from this folder, the data will not be included in the results any longer.

## Exercise 02: Append Tables from a File

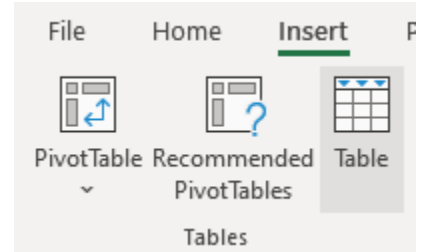
Navigate to the appropriate sheet

Select **L02 Append Tables**.

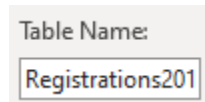


Convert the three lists into tables

Click cell **B4** (the 2018 course registrations), and choose **Insert Tab > Table**.



On the **Design Tab**, click within the **Table Name** box and add the name **Registrations2018**.

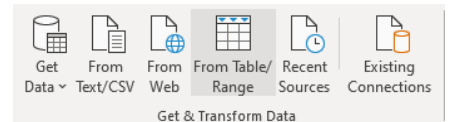


Repeat for 2019 and 2020.

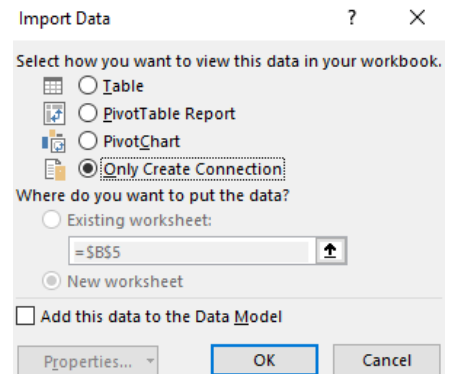
(These could easily be on separate tabs, but we've included them on one sheet for simplicity)

Query all three tables

In succession, select the 2018, 2019, and 2020 registration tables, and click **Data Tab > From Table/Range**.



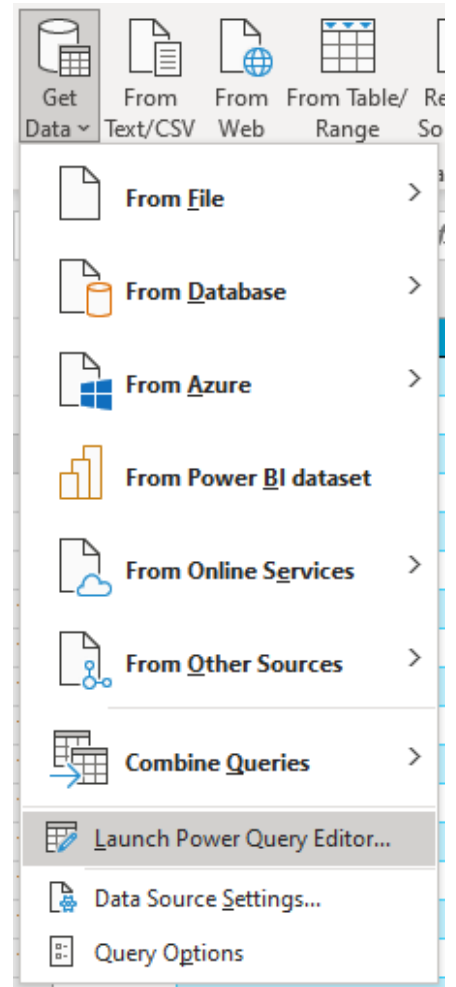
Then, when it is open in the Power Query Editor, click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...**



Choose to load these three tables as **Only Create Connection**.

Return to the Power Query Editor

Click **Data Tab > Get Data > Launch Power Query Editor...**



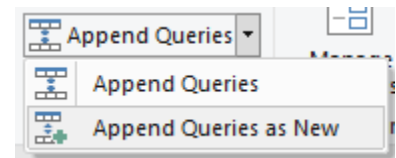
Note and fix differences

Notice that Registrations2020 has two columns named differently – rename **STUDENT** to **EMPLOYEE** and **MANAGER** to **TEAM LEADER** (or rename the 2018 and 2019 data to match 2020, alternatively).

STUDENT	COURSE	DATE	MANAGER
Joslin, Malenna	CME-510	20/22/2020 12:00:00 AM	Mercer, Cheryl
Reynolds, Annaliese	PPE-710	4/17/2019 17:00:00 AM	Linear, Robyn

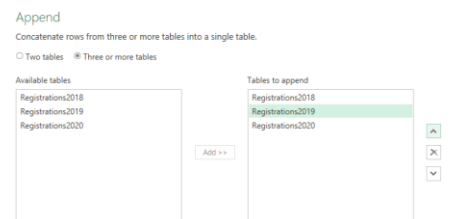
Append the three tables

Click **Home Tab > Append Queries > Append Queries as New.**

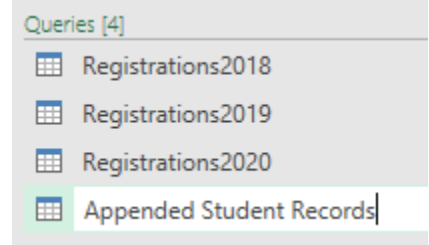


Choose the appropriate tables

Select the 2018, 2019, and 2020 data to be appended (3 or more tables).



Rename the query      Change the query name from **Append1** to **Appended Student Records**.



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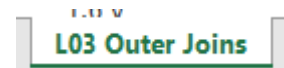
Load the query to the page      Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location.

Any queries that Power Query is controlling can be appended, but the structures of the data must match.

## Exercise 03: Outer Join

Navigate to the appropriate sheet

Select **L03 Outer Joins**

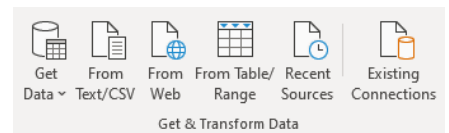


Query the two tables

Click cell **B4** (Product Inventory list), and choose **Data Tab > From Table/Range**.

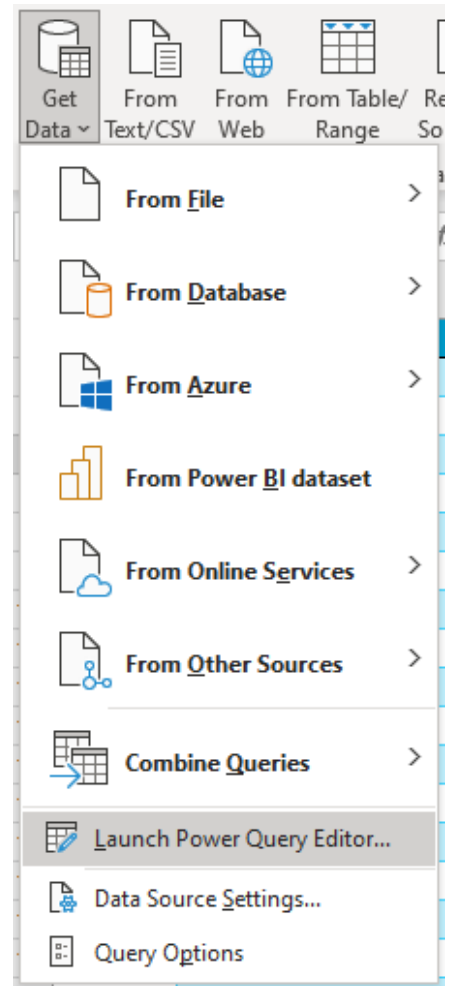
Product ID	Location ID	Quantity	Last Access
BC-260	13-132-76845	180	2009-10-16
AA-230	24-145-52082	90	2018-01-20
PL-210	42-293-15403	50	2017-01-11
AA-190	24-191-64747	220	2013-06-12
RT-110	42-138-60915	130	2015-07-23

Once that data is queried, load the data as a **Connection**, and repeat for cell **G4** (Product information list).



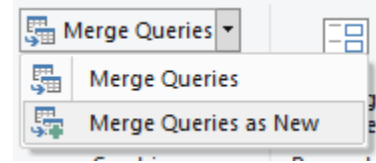
Return to the Power Query Editor

Click **Data Tab > Get Data > Launch Power Query Editor...**



Join the tables

Select the inventory table and click **Home Tab > Merge Queries > Merge Queries as New.**



Establish the relationship

From the first table, select the **Product ID** column.

From the second table, select the **Product ID** column.

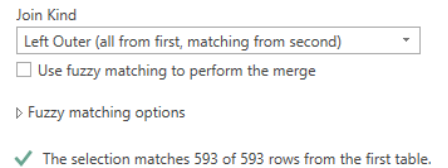
Table8	
Product ID	Location ID
BC-260	13-132-76845
AA-230	24-145-52082
PL-210	42-293-15403
AA-190	24-191-64747
RT-110	42-138-60915

Table9	
Product ID	Product Name
AA-100	Single-Fan 4V
AA-120	Single-Fan 6V
AA-150	Single-Fan 8 V
AA-170	Single-Fan 2x 4V
AA-190	Single-Fan 2x 6V

Identify the success and type of join

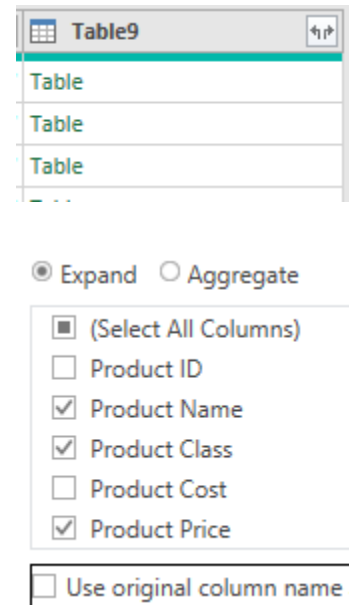
Note that Join Kind has been set to **Left Outer**. This is the equivalent of VLOOKUP – finding matches for the first table in the second table, and using those matches to blend them into a more detailed single table.

Note that Power Query informs you that it has found matches for all 593 entries.



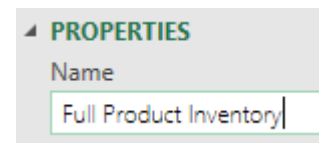
Complete the join      Click **OK**. Then, note that the second table has been added as a column to the first table.

Click the arrow button to expand and include the **Product Name, Product Class, and Product Price**.



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Rename the query      Call the new query **Full Product Inventory**.



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Load the query to the page      Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location.

While VLOOKUP can be difficult to maintain and guarantee accuracy, Power Query joins are automatically updated and guaranteed.

## Exercise 04: Inner Joins

Navigate to the appropriate sheet

Find **L04 Inner and Anti**.

**L04 Inner and Anti**

Assess the scenario

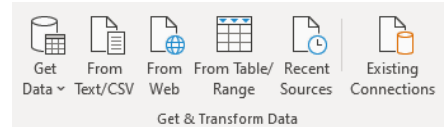
We have an inventory of each product, and quantities needed. There are three possible situations:

1. There is a listing with adequate inventory for the need.
2. There is a listing with *inadequate* inventory for the need.
3. There is no listing for the needed product

PRODUCT ID	NEEDED QUANTITY
10-140	68,700
10-200	4,200
10-610	30,700
20-270	18,500
20-550	58.100

Query both datasets

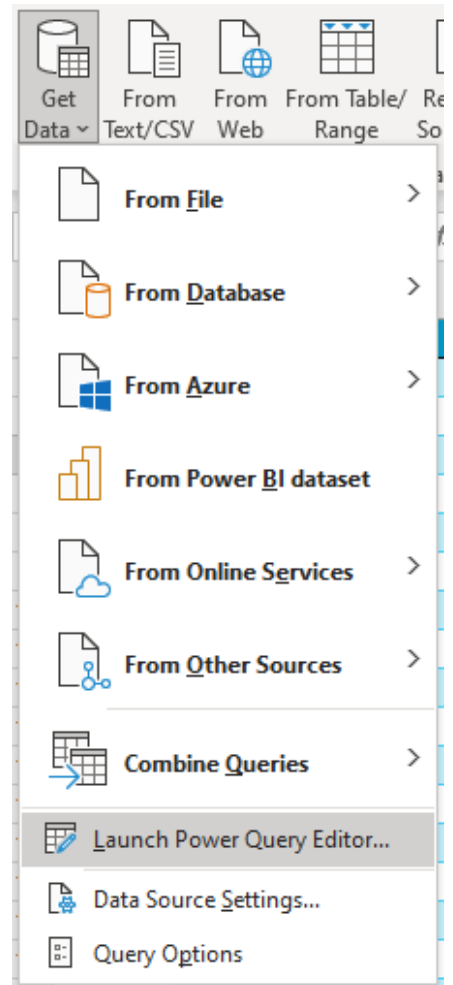
Click **B4** and choose **Data Tab > From Table/Range**. Then load to a **Connection**.



Repeat for the dataset in **F4**.

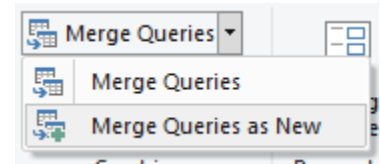
Return to the Power Query Editor

Click **Data Tab > Get Data > Launch Power Query Editor...**



Create an inner join

Select the table with the needs in the Power Query editor. Click **Home Tab > Merge Queries > Merge Queries as New**.



Establish Relationship

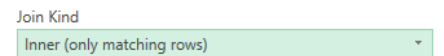
In the first table, select **Product ID** as the column to match, and choose the same column in the second table.

PRODUCT ID	NEEDED QUANTITY
10-140	68700
10-200	4200
10-610	30700
20-270	18500
20-550	58100

PRODUCT ID	CURRENT INVENTORY
10-100	62500
10-110	70300
10-120	16600
10-130	86100
10-140	8400

Switch the join

Change the Join Kind to **Inner**, which will only keep those entries that match between the two tables.



Note the effect

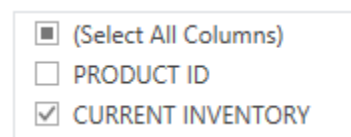
This should inform you that there are matches for 15 of 18 entries – the other three will be excluded from the results.

✓ The selection matches 15 of 18 rows from the first table, i

Complete the merge

Click **OK**.

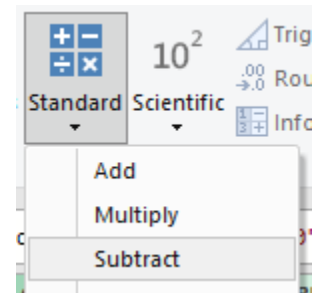
Then, from the new column, expand to include the **CURRENT INVENTORY**.



Create a calculated column

Select the **CURRENT INVENTORY** column, then hold **[CTRL]** and select the **NEEDED QUANTITY**.

Choose **Add Column Tab > Standard > Subtract**.



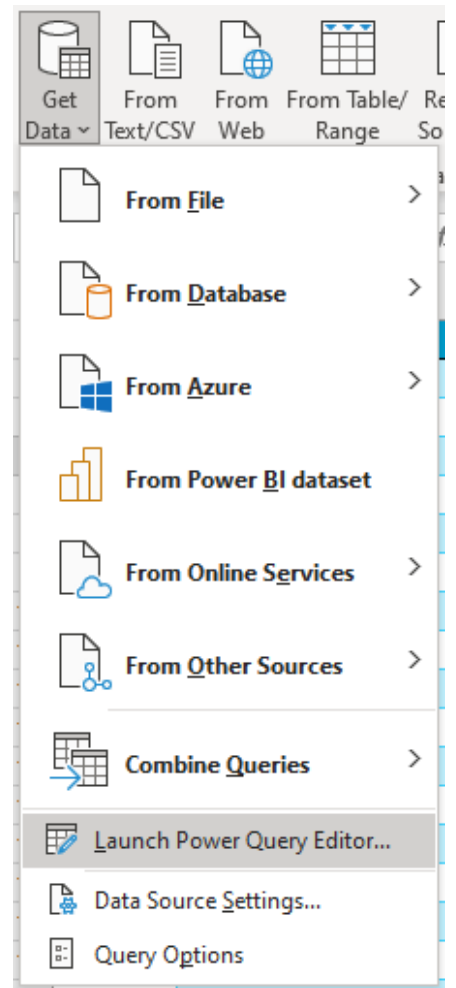
Rename column      Name the Subtraction column **Remaining Inventory**.



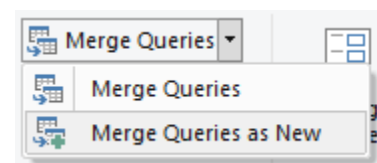
1 <sup>2</sup> 3	REMAINING INVENTORY
	-60300
	53800
	3600
	-55200
	44200

Load the query to the page      Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location.

Return to the Power Query Editor      Click **Data Tab > Get Data > Launch Power Query Editor...**



Create an Anti Join      Select the table with the needs in the Power Query editor. Click **Home Tab > Merge Queries > Merge Queries as New**.



Establish Relationship

In the first table, select **Product ID** as the column to match, and choose the same column in the second table.

Table11	
PRODUCT ID	NEEDED QUANTITY
10-140	68700
10-200	4200
10-610	30700
20-270	18500
20-550	58100

Table10	
PRODUCT ID	CURRENT INVENTORY
10-100	62500
10-110	70300
10-120	16600
10-130	86100
10-140	8400

Switch the join

Change the join requested to **Left Anti** (keeping only unmatched entries from the main table).

Join Kind  
 Left Anti (rows only in first) ▼  
 Use fuzzy matching to perform the merge

Note the effect

Power Query should inform you that only 3 of the 18 lines remain (others have been excluded).

✓ The selection excludes 15 of 18 rows from the first table.

Load the query to the page

Click **Home Tab > Close & Load > Close & Load To...** and choose the appropriate location.

Inner and Anti Joins help you see the relationship between tables by either showing the matches or the unmatched entries.

## Exercise 05: Fuzzy Joins

Navigate to the appropriate sheet

Find **L05 Fuzzy Joins**

**L05 Fuzzy Joins**

Note the scenario

We have sloppy data here. Employee names have been entered in every conceivable configuration, none of which include the easier-to-match Employee ID. In fact, some of these names are even misspelled.

This would typically require quite a lot of re-sorting and scrolling to try to find all relevant matches.

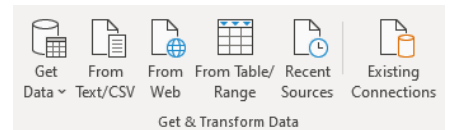
### EMPLOYEE NAME

Al Jhonson  
Arthur Phillips  
Bob Freeman  
Gathoni, J.  
L. Hayes

Query the two tables

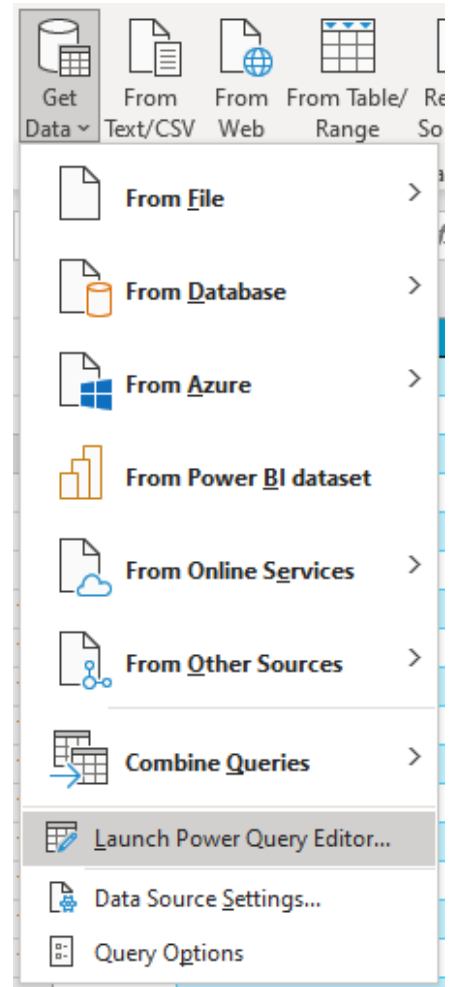
Click cell **B4** (Employee list), and choose **Data Tab > From Table/Range**.

Once that data is queried, load the data as a **Connection**, and repeat for cell **I4** (shorter list of employees).



Return to the Power Query Editor

Click **Data Tab > Get Data > Launch Power Query Editor...**



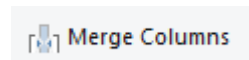
Choose the master table

Select the table that includes the full Employee List.

A <sup>B</sup> C LAST NAME	A <sup>B</sup> C FIRST NAME
Kamal	Farah
Baker	Ryan
Baric	Olivera
Pacheco	Fiona
Brooks	George
Villa	Davis

Create a useful column

Select the **FIRST NAME** and **LAST NAME** columns, then choose **Add Column Tab > Merge Columns**.



Establish the new column

Choose a **space** between the first and last names, and create a column called **Employee Name**.

Separator

Space

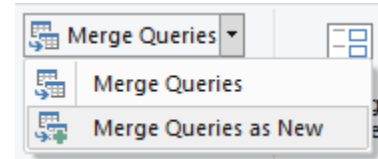
New column name (optional)

EMPLOYEE NAME

EMPLOYEE NAME
Farah Kamal
Ryan Baker
Olivera Baric
Fiona Pacheco
George Brooks
Paula Vila
Alvin Johnson

Merge the queries

Select the shorter employee list. Click **Home Tab > Merge Queries > Merge Queries as New**.



Establish the relationship

Select the **EMPLOYEE NAME** columns from both tables to establish the match.

Table13

EMPLOYEE NAME
Al Jhonson
Arthur Phillips
Bob Freeman
Gathoni, J.
L. Hayes

Table12

EMPLOYEE ID	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PHONE EXTENSION	ROLE	EMPLOYEE NAME
79-7642	Kamal	Farah	X1113	RES	Farah Kamal
35-5555	Baker	Ryan	X1114	PRO	Ryan Baker
64-6123	Baric	Olivera	X1117	HUM	Olivera Baric
84-4846	Pacheco	Fiona	X1136	ADM	Fiona Pacheco
68-4041	Brooks	George	X1148	HUM	George Brooks

Set the fuzzy match

Click the checkbox **Use fuzzy matching to perform the merge**.

Also, set the Similarity threshold to **.5**.

Use fuzzy matching to perform the merge

Similarity threshold (optional)

Ignore case

Match by combining text parts

Expand the match      On the new column, click the expand button and include the new data from the second table.

Expand    Aggregate

- (Select All Columns)
- EMPLOYEE ID
- LAST NAME
- FIRST NAME
- PHONE EXTENSION
- ROLE
- EMPLOYEE NAME

Use original column name as prefix

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