Exam 70-778: Analyzing and Visualizing Data with Microsoft Power BI – Skills Measured

Audience Profile

Candidates for this exam should have a good understanding of how to use Power BI to perform data analysis. Candidates should be proficient in connecting to data sources and performing data transformations, modeling and visualizing data by using Microsoft Power BI Desktop, and configuring dashboards by using the Power BI service. Candidates should also be proficient in implementing direct connectivity to Microsoft SQL Azure and SQL Server Analysis Services (SSAS), and implementing data analysis in Microsoft Excel. Candidates may include BI professionals, data analysts, and other roles responsible for creating reports by using Power BI.

Skills Measured

NOTE: The bullets that appear below each of the skills measured are intended to illustrate how we are assessing that skill. This list is not definitive or exhaustive.

NOTE: In most cases, exams do NOT cover preview features, and some features will only be added to an exam when they are GA (General Availability).

Consuming and Transforming Data By Using Power BI Desktop (20-25%)

Connect to data sources

 connect to databases, files, folders; import from Excel; connect to SQL Azure, Big Data, SQL Server Analysis Services (SSAS)

Perform transformations

• design and implement basic and advanced transformations; apply business rules; change data format to support visualization

Cleanse data

• manage incomplete data; meet data quality requirements

Modeling and Visualizing Data (45-50%)

Create and optimize data models

 manage relationships; optimize models for reporting; manually type in data; use Power Query

Create calculated columns, calculated tables, and measures

 create DAX formulas for calculated columns, calculated tables, and measures; use What If parameters

Measure performance by using KPIs, gauges and cards

• calculate the actual; calculate the target; calculate actual to target; configure values for gauges; use the format settings to manually set values

Create hierarchies

 create date hierarchies; create hierarchies based on business needs; add columns to tables to support desired hierarchy

Create and format interactive visualizations

 select a visualization type; configure page layout and formatting; configure interactions between visual; configure duplicate pages; handle categories that have no data; configure default summarization and data category of columns; position, align, and sort visuals; enable and integrate R visuals; format measures; Use bookmarks and themes for reports

Manage custom reporting solutions

 configure and access Microsoft Power BI Embedded; enable developers to create and edit reports through custom applications; enable developers to embed reports in applications; use the Power BI API to push data into a Power BI dataset; enable developers to create custom visuals

Configure Dashboards, Reports and Apps in the Power BI Service (25-35%)

Access on-premises data

 connect to a data source by using a data gateway; publish reports to the Power BI service from Power BI Desktop; edit Power BI Service reports by using Power BI desktop

Configure a dashboard

• add text and images; filter dashboards; dashboard settings; customize the URL and title; enable natural language queries

Publish and embed reports

• publish to web; publish to Microsoft SharePoint; publish reports to a Power BI Report Server

Configure security for dashboards, reports and apps

 create a security group by using the Admin Portal; configure access to dashboards and app workspaces; configure the export and sharing setting of the tenant; configure Row-Level Security

Configure apps and apps workspaces

• create and configure an app workspace; publish an app; update a published app; package dashboards and reports as apps