



# AI-Assisted Power BI for Business Analytics

Figure 1: AI-Assisted Power BI for Business Analytics

## Lab 6: Deploy Your Solution

### Module 6: Sharing, Collaboration & Governance

**Duration:** 35 minutes **Dataset:** Any (use your Module 5 dashboard or earlier work) **Deliverable:** Published app screenshot + governance reflection

#### Learning Objectives

By the end of this lab, you will be able to:

- Publish reports to workspaces for collaboration
- Create Power BI apps for curated distribution
- Understand Row-Level Security concepts (demonstration)
- Recognize governance considerations for enterprise deployment

#### Before You Begin

##### Required Reading

1. **EnterpriseGovernance BRD** - View BRD

##### What You'll Need

- A completed report from a previous lab (ideally Lab 5)
- Power BI Service account with workspace access
- Understanding of your target audience (who will consume this?)

##### Key Concepts

Concept	What It Means
<b>Workspace</b>	Collaboration space for building content
<b>App</b>	Packaged, curated experience for consumers
<b>Sharing</b>	Direct access to individual reports
<b>Row-Level Security</b>	Controls what data users can see

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      A[ Semantic Model/]
      B[ Reports/]
    end

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    subgraph Workspace[" Workspace"]
      C["Admin / Member / Contributor"]
    end

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subgraph Distribute[" Distribute"]
  D[ App/]
  E[ Direct Share/]
end

subgraph Consume[" Consumers"]
  F[" Mobile"]
  G[" Desktop"]
  H[" Web"]
end

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Workspace --> E
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E --> F & G & H

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*Power BI content flows from build → workspace → distribution → consumption.*

## Lab Instructions

### Part 1: Organize Your Workspace (5 minutes)

A well-organized workspace makes collaboration and governance easier.

#### Step 1: Review Your Course Workspace

1. Navigate to [app.powerbi.com](https://app.powerbi.com)
2. Open the course workspace
3. Look at the content list - note the different item types:
  - Reports (visualizations)
  - Semantic models (data)
  - Dataflows (if any)

#### Step 2: Understand Workspace Roles

Role	Can Do	Typical User
<b>Admin</b>	Everything + manage membership	IT, BI Team Lead
<b>Member</b>	Create, edit, publish	Analysts, Developers
<b>Contributor</b>	Edit existing content	Collaborators
<b>Viewer</b>	View only	Consumers

**Step 3: Identify Your Report** Locate the report you'll package into an app: - Option A: Your Lab 5 M365Marketing Executive Dashboard - Option B: Your Lab 2 CloudRevenue Report - Option C: Any completed report from the course

Note the report name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2: Create a Power BI App (15 minutes)

Apps provide a polished, curated experience for report consumers.

### Step 1: Start the App Creation

1. In your workspace, click **Create app** (top right)
2. You'll enter the App creation wizard

**Step 2: Configure App Settings (Setup Tab)** Fill in the app details:

Field	What to Enter
<b>App name</b>	[YourName] <b>Marketing Insights</b>
<b>Description</b>	Marketing campaign performance dashboard with executive summary and drill-through details
<b>Support site</b>	Leave blank or use course support URL
<b>App logo</b>	Optional: Upload a simple icon
<b>App theme color</b>	Choose a professional color

**Step 3: Add Content (Content Tab)** Select what to include in your app:

1. Check the box next to your report(s)
2. You can include multiple reports if you have them
3. **Set the default page:** Choose your executive summary page
4. **Navigation:** Decide if consumers can see report pages or just the pages you specify

**Step 4: Configure Audience (Audience Tab)** This controls who can access the app:

1. **For this lab:** Keep it within the course workspace
2. In real deployments, you would:
  - Add specific users or groups
  - Enable/disable install permission
  - Control sharing rights

### Step 5: Publish the App

1. Click **Publish app**
2. Wait for confirmation
3. Copy the app link for sharing

**Screenshot #1:** Capture your published app in the Apps area

## Part 3: Test the Consumer Experience (5 minutes)

Now experience your app as a consumer would.

### Step 1: Open the App

1. In the left navigation, click **Apps**
2. Find your newly created app
3. Click to open it

**Step 2: Navigate as a Consumer**

- Can you find the information you need?
- Is the navigation clear?
- Does the default page make sense?

**Step 3: Test Copilot in the App (if available)** If your workspace has app-scoped Copilot enabled:

1. Look for the Copilot icon in the app
2. Try asking: “What are the key insights from this report?”
3. Note: App Copilot can provide “verified answers” based on curated content

**Step 4: Share the App Link**

1. Click **Share** or copy the app link
2. Note: In a real scenario, you’d share this with stakeholders

**Screenshot #2:** Capture the consumer view of your app

**Part 4: Row-Level Security Demonstration (5 minutes)**

Row-Level Security (RLS) controls what data different users can see. This is an instructor-led demonstration.

**What is RLS?**

Without RLS	With RLS
All users see all data	Each user sees only their data
Sales manager sees all regions	Sales manager sees only their region
Security risk	Data governance

**Demo Scenario** The instructor will demonstrate:

1. **Define roles in the semantic model**
  - Create a role: “North America Sales”
  - Add filter: [Region] = "North America"
2. **Assign users to roles**
  - Map AD groups or users to roles
  - Users automatically see filtered data
3. **Test as different users**
  - “View as” feature to verify RLS works

**Your Observation Notes**

- What data was visible before RLS? \_\_\_\_\_
- What data was visible after RLS? \_\_\_\_\_
- How might this apply to your future work? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5: Governance Reflection (5 minutes)**

Enterprise deployment requires governance planning.

**Governance Questions to Consider** Think about deploying your marketing dashboard enterprise-wide:

1. **Access Control**
  - Who should see this data?
  - Who should NOT see specific data?

- How do you handle executives vs. individual contributors?
- 2. **Data Refresh**
  - How often should data update?
  - What happens if refresh fails?
  - Who is notified of issues?
- 3. **Content Lifecycle**
  - Who owns this report?
  - How do you handle report updates?
  - What about deprecated reports?
- 4. **AI Governance**
  - Should Copilot be enabled for all users?
  - How do you ensure AI answers are accurate?
  - What training do users need?

**Enterprise Scenario**

*“Your marketing dashboard was so successful that leadership wants to roll it out to 500 marketing employees across 12 countries. Some data is region-specific and confidential. What considerations would you raise?”*

Your response (3-5 bullet points):

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**Lab Deliverable**

**Submit:** Screenshot + governance reflection document

**Deliverable 1: App Screenshot**

- Screenshot of your published app in the Apps area
- Screenshot of the consumer view (app open)

**Deliverable 2: Governance Reflection (1 page)**

Answer these questions:

1. **Describe your app deployment** - What content did you include? - Who is your target audience? - What was your navigation strategy?
2. **RLS Application** - Based on the demonstration, describe a scenario where RLS would be necessary for your marketing dashboard - What roles would you create? - What data would each role see?
3. **Enterprise Governance** - List 3 governance considerations for rolling out this dashboard to a large organization - For each consideration, describe how you would address it
4. **AI Governance** - What concerns would you raise about enabling Copilot for 500 users? - How would you ensure AI responses are trustworthy?

**Submission Format**

- **File Name:** Lab6\_Governance\_[YourName].docx or .pdf
- **Length:** 1 page
- **Include:** 2 screenshots (app list + consumer view)

- **Submit via:** Canvas → Assignments → Lab 6

## Completion Checklist

Before submitting, confirm you have:

- Reviewed workspace organization
- Created Power BI app with your report
- Configured app settings (name, description, content)
- Published the app
- Tested consumer experience
- Observed RLS demonstration
- Completed governance reflection
- Captured screenshots
- Submitted via Canvas

## Key Takeaways

1. **Workspaces for collaboration:** Where teams build together
2. **Apps for distribution:** Curated, polished experiences for consumers
3. **RLS protects data:** Users only see what they're authorized to see
4. **Governance enables scale:** Clear policies prevent chaos as adoption grows
5. **AI needs governance too:** Copilot requires thoughtful deployment

## Deployment Decision Framework

### When to Use Each Sharing Method

Method	Best For	Considerations
<b>Direct Share</b>	One-off, individual access	Hard to manage at scale
<b>Workspace Access</b>	Collaboration teams	Users see all content
<b>App</b>	Broad distribution	Curated experience, easier to manage
<b>Embed</b>	External/custom apps	Requires development

## Workspace vs. App Mental Model

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        W1[Reports - drafts]
        W2[Semantic models]
        W3[Dev/Test content]
        W4[Collaboration]
    end

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    subgraph APP["APP (Showroom)"]
        A1[Curated reports]
        A2[Polished views]
        A3[Consumer-ready]
        A4[Read-only]
    end

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WORK -->|publish| APP

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W5[Analysts work here]
A5[Users consume here]
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## Row-Level Security Quick Reference

### Creating RLS (in Power BI Desktop)

1. **Modeling** → **Manage Roles**
2. Create a role (e.g., “North America”)
3. Add DAX filter: `[Region] = "North America"`
4. Test with “View as Role”
5. Publish to Service
6. Assign users in Security settings

### Dynamic RLS (Advanced)

Instead of hard-coding regions, use:

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[Region] = USERPRINCIPALNAME()
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Or with a security table:

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[Region] IN VALUES(SecurityTable[AllowedRegion])
```

This automatically filters based on logged-in user.

## Preparation for Capstone

- Review all lab deliverables
- Start thinking about your capstone project:
  - What business problem will you address?
  - What data will you use?
  - Who is your target audience?
- Form your team (3-4 students)

*“The best analytics solution is one that actually gets used. Governance and deployment are not afterthoughts - they’re essential to impact.”*