

DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL POWER BI DESKTOP

We will be using the most recent version of **Power BI Desktop** (September 2022) for this workshop. The instructions below tell you how to install Power BI Desktop on your computer. If you have an older version of Power BI installed on your computer, make sure to update it to the most recent version. First uninstall the older version and then follow the instructions below.

Step 1. Where can I download the most recent version of Microsoft Power BI Desktop?

Google “Power BI Desktop download,” or go directly to the following website:

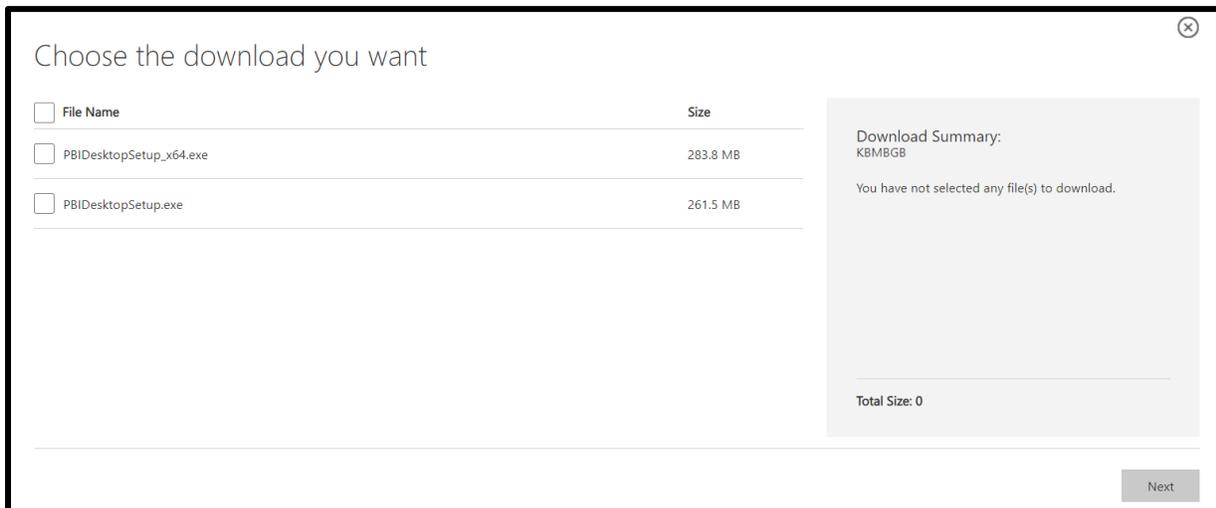
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=58494>

The website will show the following:



Click the Download button.

Next, you will be asked to make a choice:

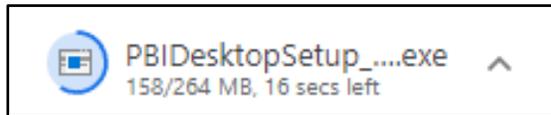


Should I download the 32-bit or 64-bit version?

The answer for most people is 64-bit since that version can handle large amounts of memory more efficiently than 32-bit. If you don't know whether you have a 64-bit system, you can always look that information up. For example, on my system (I run Windows 10), I click on the “Start”

button and select “Settings.” Next, I click on “System” and select “About.” The system type is defined in the “Device specifications” section.

Select the download you want, click the Next button, and Power BI Desktop will be downloaded.



Open the file to start the installation process.

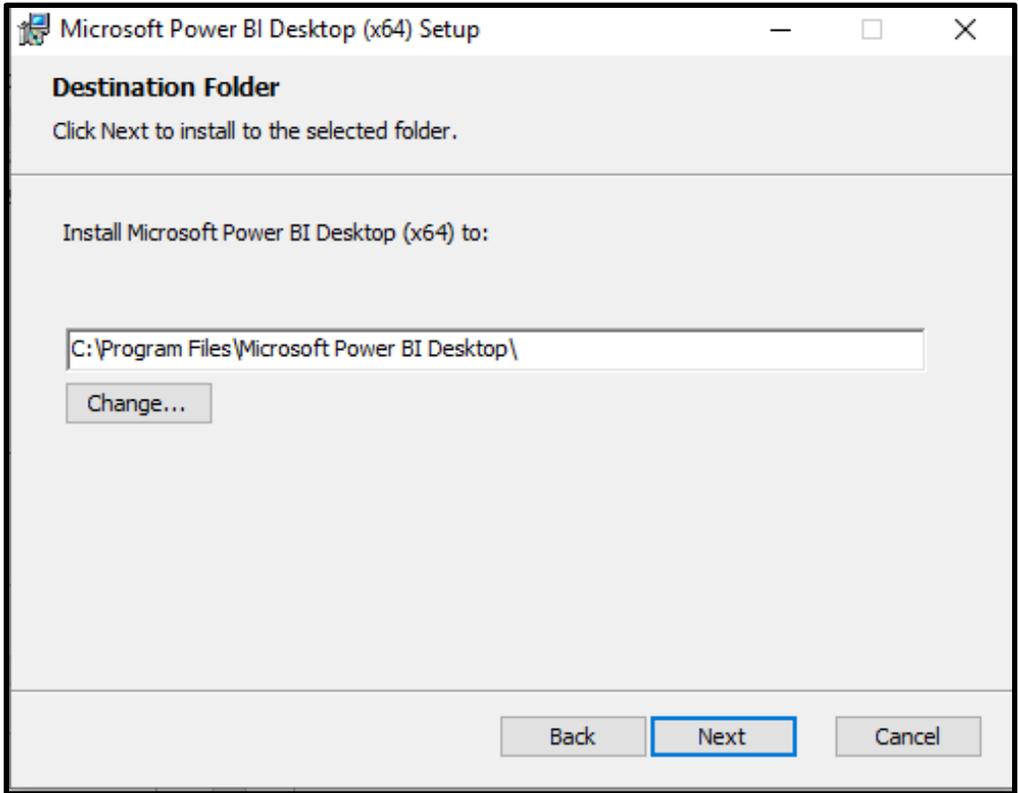
Step 2. Installing Power BI Desktop

The Setup Wizard will pop up:

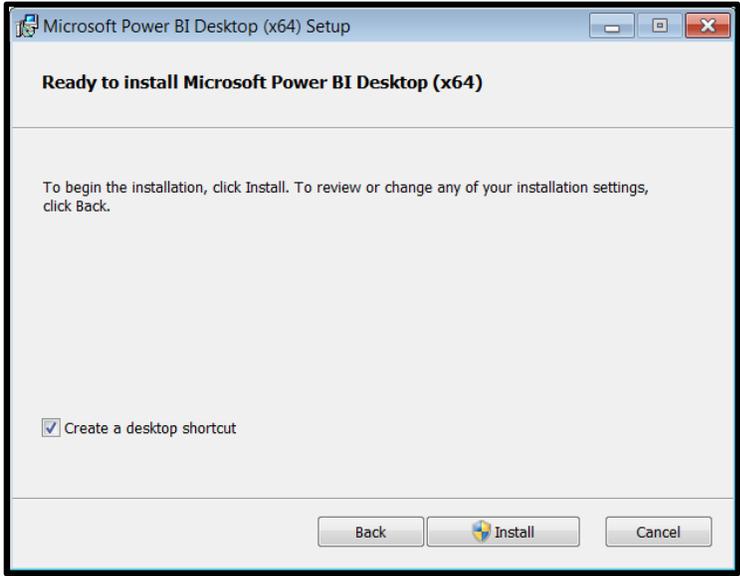


Again, click the Next button.

After accepting the license agreement and clicking Next, the installation wizard will ask you where the software should be installed.



Type in the directory where you want Power BI to be installed and then click on Next. The following screen will pop up:



Click the Install button, and the installation process will get started. The wizard will let you know when the installation is completed.

The screen below will appear:



Click the Finish button and you are **ready to go!** 😊

WHAT IF YOU HAVE A MAC?

There is no MAC version for Power BI Desktop.

Possible solutions include:

1. Installing Windows on your Mac using Boot Camp: <https://support.apple.com/boot-camp>

There are tons of videos online that explain how to do that; including the following two:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hm9Q-T0oTo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TwWLMhhD1M>

2. Use a cloud service such as AWS (there is a fee): <https://aws.amazon.com/>
See: <https://ironic3d.com.au/blog/run-power-bi-on-a-mac-like-a-dev>