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M Is for (Data) Monkey: A Guide to the M Language in Excel Power Query Ken Puls , Miguel Escobar Power Query is one component of the Power BI (Business Intelligence) product from Microsoft, and “M” is the name of the programming language created by it. As more business intelligence pros begin using Power Pivot, they find that they do not have the Excel skills to clean the data in Excel; Power Query solves this problem. This book shows how to use the Power Query tool to get difficult data sets into both Excel and Power Pivot, and is solely devoted to Power Query dashboarding and reporting.

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Paul C Powell Jr says

Fantastic book

Learned so much about Power Query that I've already been putting to use - thank you for writing this book!!!

Glenn Burnside says

It was difficult to apply this in a power BI environment. I'd have preferred less screen-shot-based walkthrough and better introduction to the theory of the M language, which really only gets about a chapter of treatment. For me, the M language is where the real power is - the UI in Excel is just window dressing.

Tom Huguelet says

One of the best Power Query resources currently available

Definitely a worth-while read. The book is well organized and the writing is full of rich examples that include both the technical components as well as the scenarios in which a particular approach would be useful or necessary.

Bill Jelen says

I was amazed at what I learned in this book. I have been using Excel Power Query for a year and I had missed so many features. After reading the first 7 chapters of this book, I was doing a seminar for a client. They had a horrible-looking file being produced by Oracle. It took an intern almost a whole day to clean the file so it was usable. In less than 10 minutes with Power Query and my new-found tools, we had cleaned the entire file. The monthly process will now take 2 clicks instead of eight hours. If there was ever a book that would revolutionize white-collar productivity with Excel, this is the book.

Meg says

A good introduction to advanced data querying using Excel's Power Query for ETL or further analysis in Excel. I'm an commercial accountant who has used Microsoft Query to extract data from ERP systems for the past eight years. I recently moved into a BI role with an SME so am trying to come to grips with a MS Power BI and Powerpivot. As a beanie rather than an IT person, Power Query and Powerpivot are the best tools I've ever used for extracting data and I look forward to continuing to get better with them.

This book is a great how-to guide and made far more sense than the MS guide online. The author throws in

some helpful code which replicates Excel functions in M language which I found helpful coming from an Excel background.

Steven Correy says

Great intro to learn about Power Query. Most of the examples used a very detailed and well explained. I like the practical approach of Ken and the files available. This book is a great stepping stone to go towards more advanced Power Query skills.

Kathy K says

I am on my third time through this book, this time in conjunction with the 3-day webinar hosted by the authors. Every time there is more to learn about this fascinating new tool in Excel.

Rastko Veriš says

Bravo for Microsoft for making it default in Excel 2016.
It will become essential soon!
