Hyperlinks in Power BI

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Purpose

This document teaches us the concept of "Hyperlinks" in Power BI. This is high level document and assumes that resource has basic knowledge of Power BI Concepts.

What is Hyperlink?

A hyperlink is a connection that links a source object to a target object. icon, graphic, or text in a document that links to another file or object. When we tap a hyperlink at the source object, the browser will navigate to the target object leaving the source page. Hyperlink can be of any form like as follows:

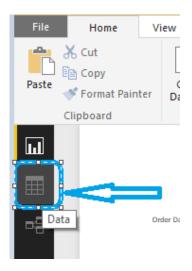
- Text
- Graphics (for example, an image)
- URLs
- Controls (for example, a button)

How to create a hyperlink?

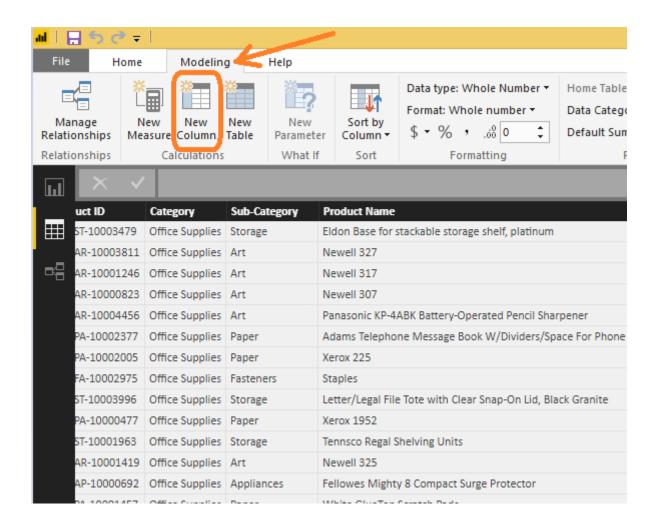
Tiles and text box hyperlinks on dashboards can be quickly created in Power BI service. Text box hyperlinks can also be created very fastly using Power BI service and Power BI Desktop.

Hyperlinks in table or matrix can be created in Power BI Desktop only, but not in Power BI Service. Here we are discussing the procedure to create a table hyperlink. Please follow the below steps:

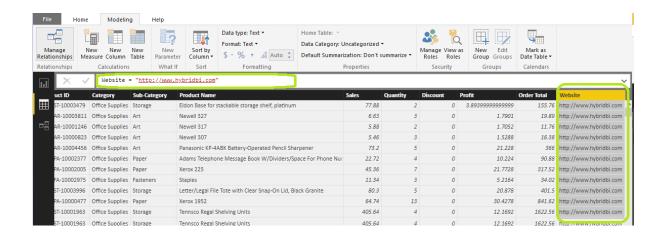
- 1.Create a sample report in Power BI Desktop and import data into it.
- 2. Go to "Data View" tab.



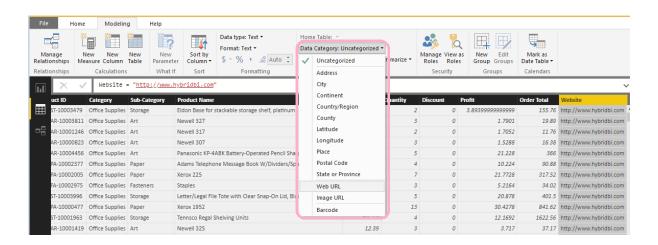
3. Click on "Modeling" ribbon and select "New Column" option to create a custom column for hyperlink. Ignore this step if a hyperlink field already exists in the dataset.



 A custom column "Website" is created by using sample URL as highlighted in below image. (*Note:* Enclosed the URL in double quotes "" while using in the column, otherwise it would not work)



5. Select the column and click on "Data Category" dropdown.



6. Select "Web URL" option from the dropdown.



7. Go to "Report View" and create a table visualization including the field "Website" characterized as a Web URL. The hyperlinks will be underlined and in blue color.



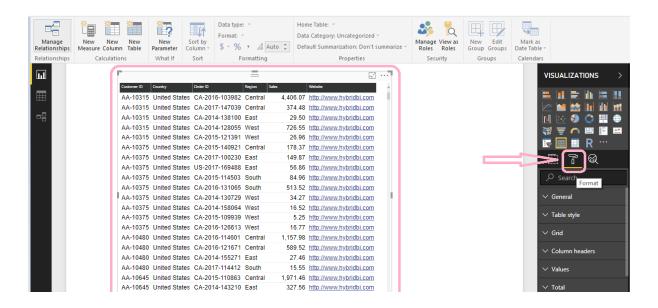
8. Instead of displaying a long URL in a table we can also use a hyperlink



icon as per method described in below steps. Please note icons can't

be displayed in matrix.

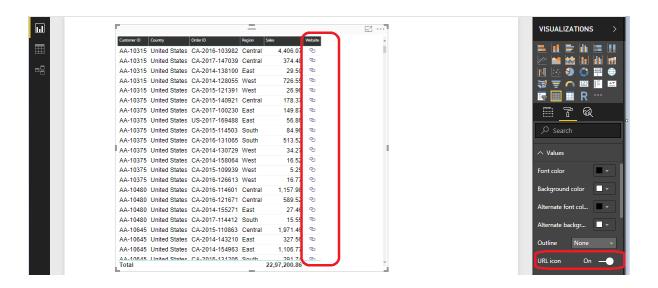
Select the table and go to "Format" pane by clicking on below highlighted icon.



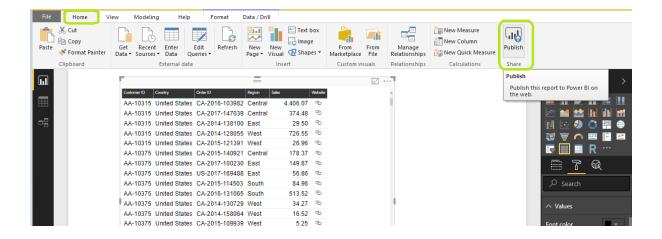
Expand "Values" section and set "URL icon" to **On**.



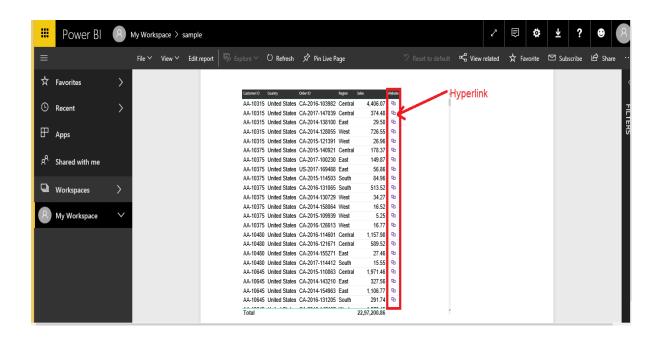
In this way, a long URLs turn into small hyperlink icons as seen below.



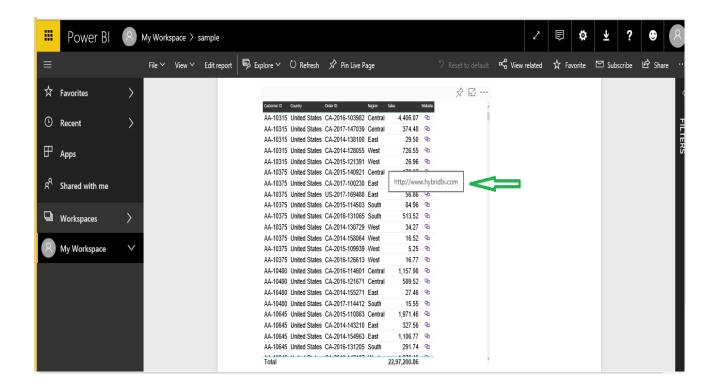
9. Save the report and publish it in Power BI Service by selecting "Publish" option under the "Home" ribbon.

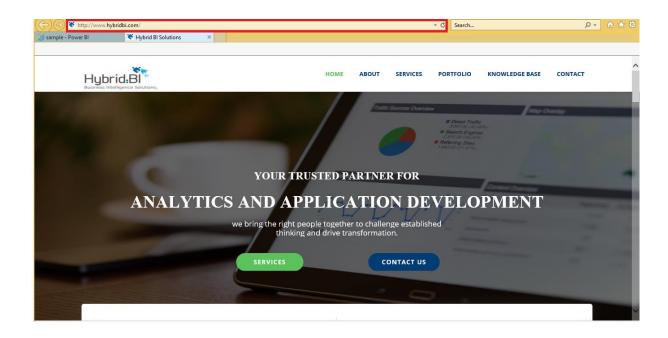


After publishing the report in Power BI service, we can see that hyperlinks will work there as well as seen in below image.



When we click on the hyperlink icon, the browser will navigate to the website whose URL we used above in the column for hyperlinking.



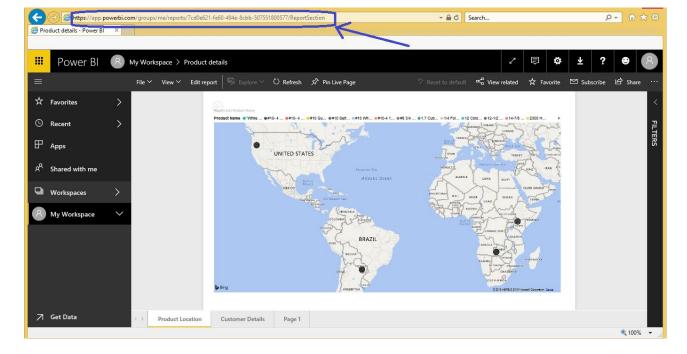


In this way we, can pass parameters in the hyperlink by creating a custom column in the report.

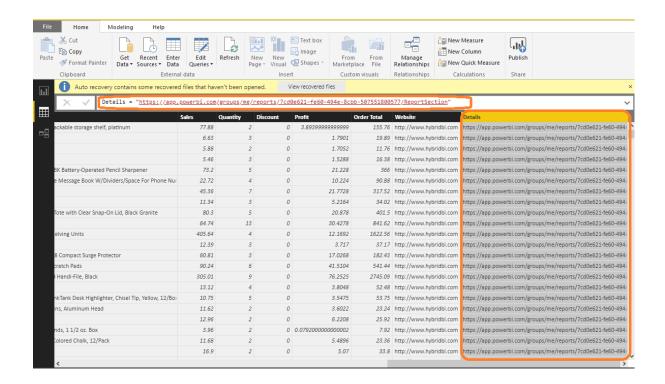
How to open another Power BI Report using Hyperlink?

Just following the above steps, create a custom column and add the URL of target report in the same by copying it from Power BI services as per steps below:

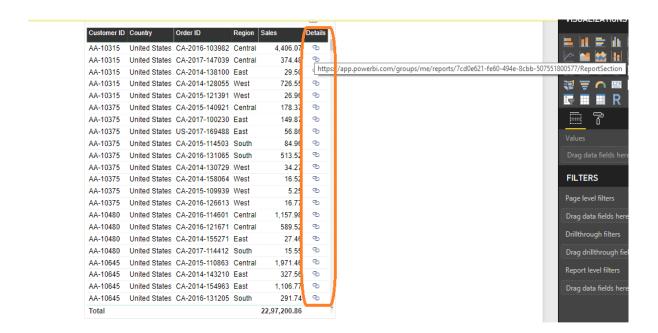
1. Open the target report (for instance "Product details") in Power BI Services and copy the URL of the same as shown below.



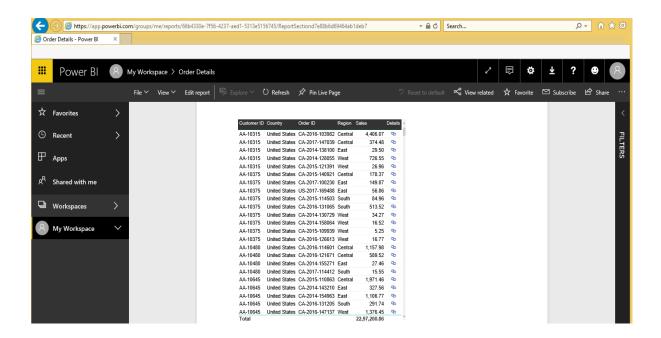
2. Add the copied URL in the custom column "Details" created in source report named as "Order Details".



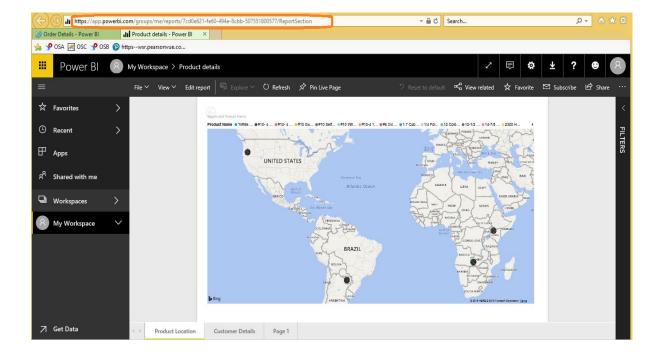
3. Add the "Details" column on face of the report by creating table visualization.



4. Publish and open the report in Power BI services.



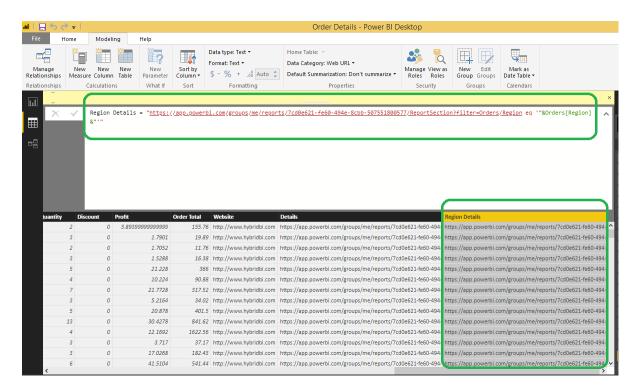
5. When we click on hyperlink icon, the target report "Product details" will be opened whose URL was used in the created column "Details".



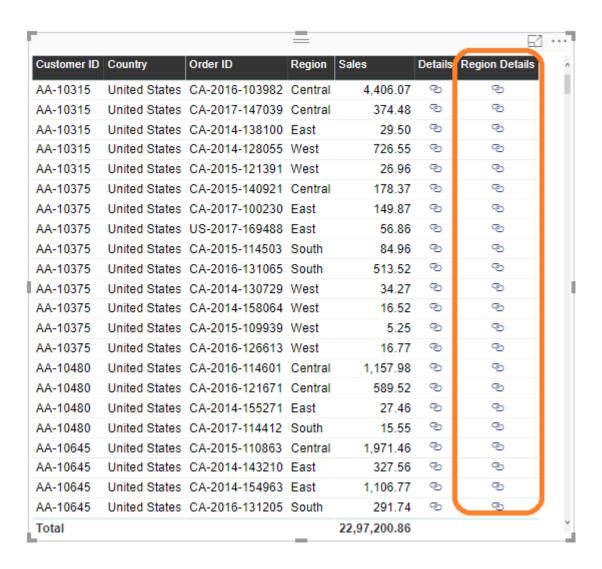
How to open another Power BI Report by passing dynamic parameters in Hyperlink?

To explain this scenario, we are using the same reports here which are used above (i.e. "Order Details" as source report and "Product details" as target report).

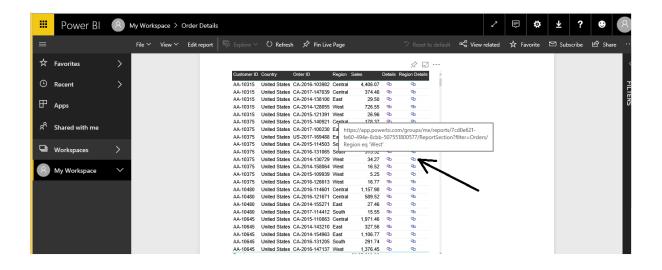
- 1. Copy the URL (as explained above) of target report.
- For instance, here we want to filter the data dynamically by "Region" so what we need to do is, add syntax (?filter=Orders/Region eq ""&Orders[Region]&""") in the end of the copied URL (https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/reports/7cd0e621-fe60-494e-8cbb-507551800577/ReportSection).
- In this way a filter link is created
 (https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/reports/7cd0e621-fe60-494e-8cbb507551800577/ReportSection?filter=Orders/Region eq ""&Orders[Region]&"") where
 "Orders" is Table name and "Region" is Column name.
- 4. Create a new column "Region Details" in the source report and paste the above created filter link by enclosing it in double quotes "" as shown in below image.



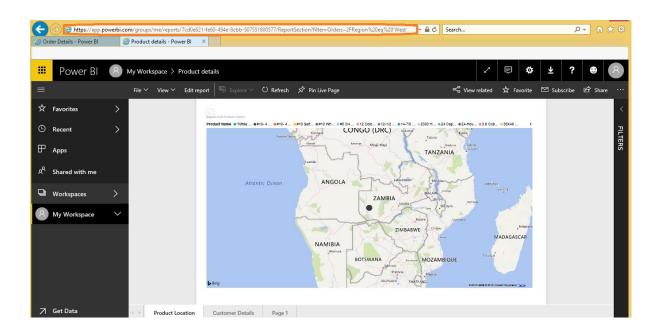
5. Include this column in the table visualization created on the face of report.



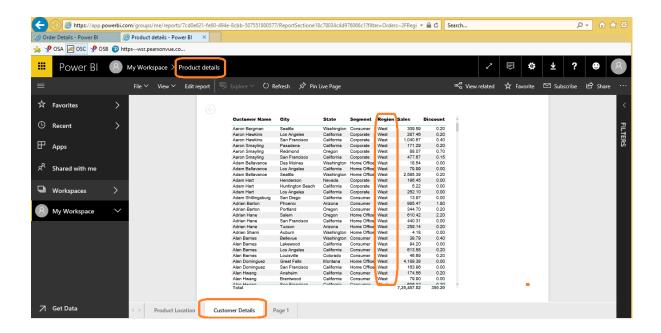
6. Publish and open the report in Power BI Services and then click on hyperlink icon (belonging to "West" region as highlighted below) in "Region Details" column.



7. Consequently, target report "product details" will be opened displaying the data for "West" Region only.



More clearly can be seen from second tab "Customer Details".



Similarly, if we want to filter data for any other region then click on the hyperlink icon across that region.

8. We can also pass static parameter by hardcoding the "Region" value in filter link. For instance, if we want that, clicking on any hyperlink icon the target report should show data for "East" region only irrespective of the region across the hyperlink icon then we will use the filter link in custom column as below:

https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/reports/7cd0e621-fe60-494e-8cbb-507551800577/ReportSection?filter=Orders/Region eq 'East'