



# DAK FOR THE SQL DEVELOPER

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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
BANG YOUR HEAD  
AGAINST THE WALL**

Explore the **DIFFERENCES**  
between SQL and DAX

Look at a few problems from  
different **PERSPECTIVES**

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KNEE-DEEP  
IN  
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Dimension.City

Columns

- City Key (PK, int, not null)
- WWI City ID (int, not null)
- City (nvarchar(50), not null)
- State Province (nvarchar(50), not null)
- Country (nvarchar(60), not null)
- Continent (nvarchar(30), not null)
- Sales Territory (nvarchar(50), not null)
- Region (nvarchar(30), not null)
- Subregion (nvarchar(30), not null)
- Location (geography, null)
- Latest Recorded Population (bigint, not null)
- Valid From (datetime2(7), not null)
- Valid To (datetime2(7), not null)
- Lineage Key (int, not null)

Dimension.Stock Item

Columns

- Stock Item Key (PK, int, not null)
- WWI Stock Item ID (int, not null)
- Stock Item (nvarchar(100), not null)
- Color (nvarchar(20), not null)
- Selling Package (nvarchar(50), not null)
- Buying Package (nvarchar(50), not null)
- Brand (nvarchar(50), not null)
- Size (nvarchar(20), not null)
- Lead Time Days (int, not null)
- Quantity Per Outer (int, not null)
- Is Chiller Stock (bit, not null)
- Barcode (nvarchar(50), null)
- Tax Rate (decimal(18,3), not null)
- Unit Price (decimal(18,2), not null)
- Recommended Retail Price (decimal(18,2), null)
- Typical Weight Per Unit (decimal(18,3), not null)
- Photo (varbinary(max), null)
- Valid From (datetime2(7), not null)
- Valid To (datetime2(7), not null)
- Lineage Key (int, not null)



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# 1. Basic **SELECT**



2. Slightly less basic **SELECT**



**PROJECTION** means  
choosing  
which columns  
(or expressions) the  
query shall return.

### 3. Basic **SELECT** with **WHERE**

**FILTER CONTEXT** refers  
to the set of filters applied  
to the data model before  
evaluation starts

## 4. Basic **COUNT** with **WHERE**

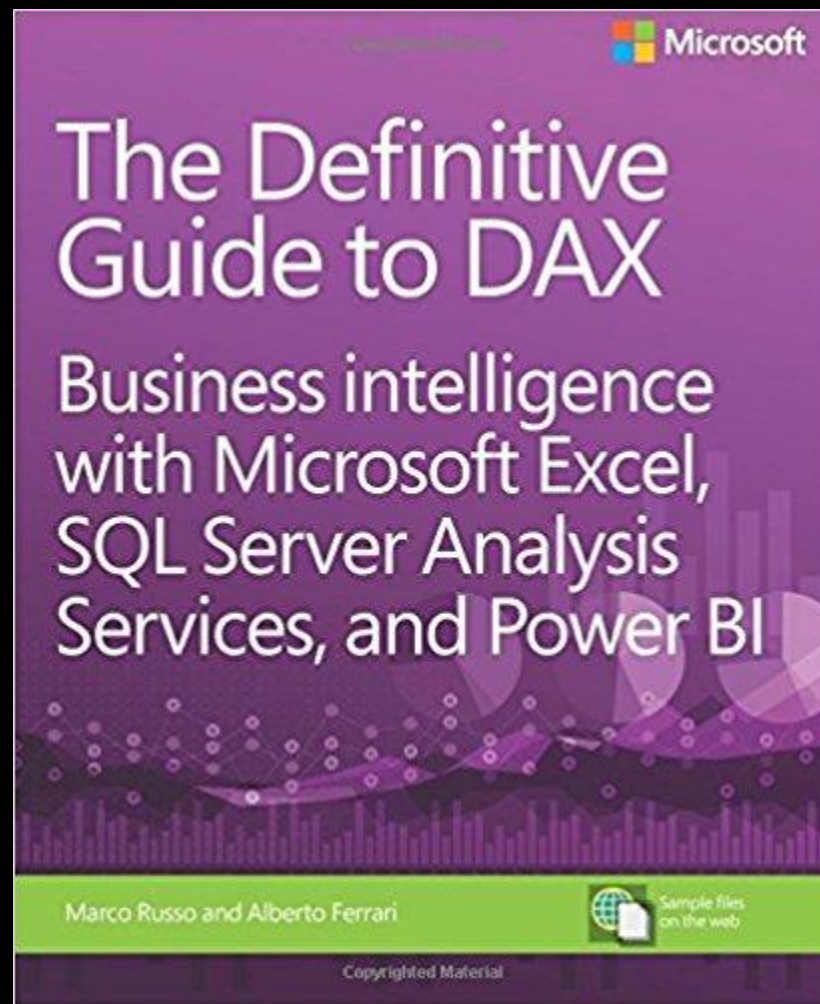
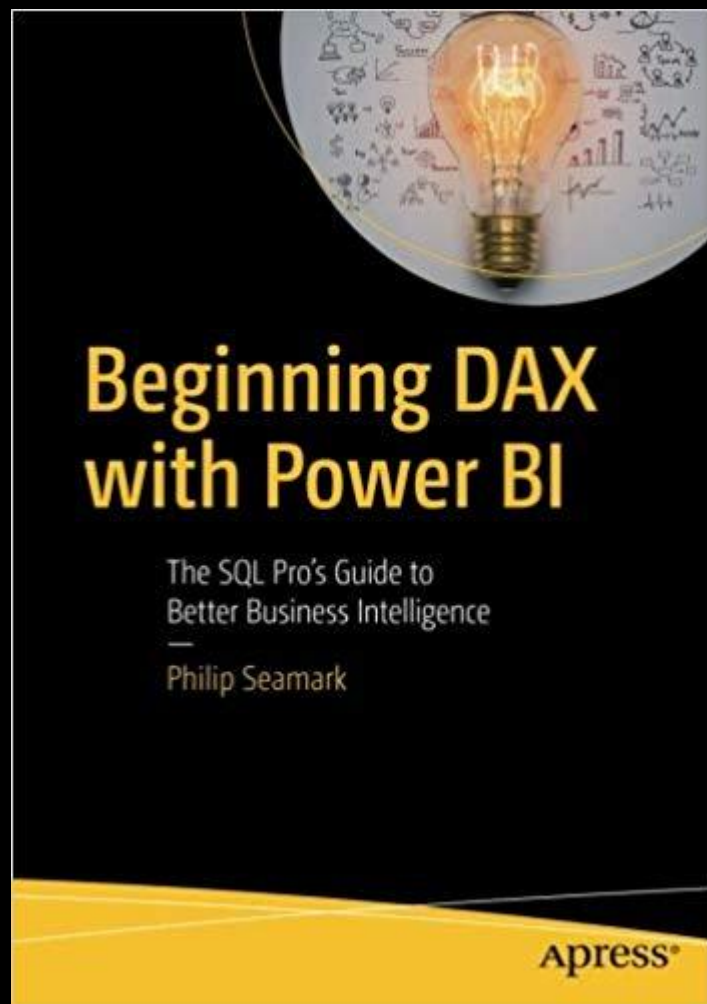


## 5. Basic **SELECT** with a **CALCULATED COLUMN**

**ROW CONTEXT** refers  
to the “current row”  
of a column

## 6. Basic **SELECT** with a **GROUP BY**

# 7. Basic **SELECT** with a **GROUP BY** and **HAVING**









Assumptions will get you  
**NOWHERE** (fast)

Context is **KEY**

Practice, practice, **PRACTICE**











# Thank you!

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