



FAQ: our answers to frequently asked questions about Power BI.

Transform your KPI's into visual reports with Power BI

1. **Is it required to save data in Microsoft Azure?**

Boltrics deliberately chose to save data - that is being used in Power BI - in Microsoft Azure. On the one hand to pursue our philosophy to be able to update data warehouses in a standard way. New updates can be released to the data warehouse, for example, every month. In order to be able to accelerate, we need the power of Microsoft Azure. In addition, Microsoft Azure rapidly unlocks data.

2. **Are data sets available for WMS, TMS, and Finance?**

Some predefined data sets are already available for WMS. In addition, we are working on data sets for TMS and Finance. These will be made available as soon as possible. The data sets currently focus on logistics. But the idea is that you can combine logistical and financial items. Think, for example, about the question "What did party X brought me in terms of retention wage, but also which additional services did they use?"

3. **What is the lead time of Power BI? In how many days can we use this BI tool?**

To activate Power BI, we use an average lead time of one business day. But, it is a requirement that your organization uses Dynamics 365 Business Central.

4. **Is it possible to add data to the predefined data set yourself?**

Yes, it is possible to add data from Dynamics 365 Business Central and/or external sources to the Power BI data sets provided by us. In addition, it is possible to create new dashboards based on NAV or other sources. The latter is done by installing a program, "Microsoft Data Management Gateway" on the (local) server. Through this program, various databases, Excel sheets, etc. that are present in the (local) server environment can be accessed for Power BI.



5. It is very important that the data in Dynamics 365 Business Central is properly configured so that the KPIs within power BI can be created properly. Does Boltrics support us during the installation?

Boltrics activates Power BI for your organization to enable data sets in your database. In Microsoft Azure creates a data warehouse for your organization, so data can be uploaded to the relevant data warehouse. At that time, you have instant access to the standard dashboards. However, it is important that the location structure is well-appointed. For example, if no subdivision has been made for pick and bulk locations, the dashboard will not be able to display this data. Boltrics can help you adjust the location structure.

6. Functional updates of Dynamics 365 Business Central automatically change data sets. What about KPIs (company-specific) that we - as a customer - add in power BI?

If your organization itself has added company-specific KPIs, Boltrics is, unfortunately, unable to account for it. This means that this should be tested by your organization and if possible should be adjusted.

7. The data that Power BI displays, are these real time? And does this also apply to data from a linked system, for example, our hour registration system?

The solution does not show your data real time because it's not directly linked to your database. In our webinar, we explained that the data sets from your database are periodically uploaded to the Azure Datawarehouse. This can be, for example, once a day, but also every 15 minutes.

Our solution

Knowing that logistics service providers independently try to reinvent the wheel, inspired Boltrics to develop a branch standard. One solution that the entire branch puts its weight behind. A proven standard, always state-of-the-art solution – thanks to the development power of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central. Fast, lean and decisively implemented by Boltrics, exactly according to plan. Without time-consuming customization.

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