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Harnessing the Power of PowerPivot in the Enterprise

How to build a PowerPivot Competency Center

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For many years, corporations have wrestled with the challenge of data management. Some of the brightest minds in business and technology have dedicated their careers to creating “a single version of the truth” or “a 360-degree view of the business.” There are a plethora of acronyms to describe this challenge -- BI, EDW, MDM, EIM, ECM, BPM, BSO, OLAP, ETL, ELT, etc. Although we are far from winning the war on data, the fortunate of the *Fortune* 1000 have at least recognized that information management is an important, strategic, and *valuable* investment. Today, a new and fearsome challenge arises -- Microsoft PowerPivot, a feature found in Microsoft Excel 2010.

Over the past year, I have watched rooms full of BI professionals drool over the promise that this tool brings. PowerPivot may be the spark that starts an analytical wildfire never before seen in corporate America.

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