



Bookmarks: The Key to Designing Effective Reports in Power BI for Exceptional User Experiences!

### Bookmark in Power BI

A bookmark in Power BI is a saved state or view of a report page that includes filters, visuals, and other settings. It allows users to capture and revisit specific configurations within a report, making it easier to navigate and share insights.

# **5 Simple Steps to Create a Bookmark in Power BI**

- 1. Customize the desired view on a report page in Power BI.
- 2. Click the "Bookmark" button on the "Home" tab to open the "Bookmarks" pane.
- 3. Create a new bookmark and customize its settings (name, visuals, filters) in the "Bookmarks" pane.
- 4. Insert a button on the report page.
- 5. Configure the button's action to "Bookmark" and select the desired bookmark from the drop-down list.



### Example 1. Filter Navigation Bar Using Bookmark



When we have multiple slicers/filters on a page, it takes up a lot of space on the report page. Instead of that, we can create a filter navigation bar to save space with the help of bookmarks. Let's see step by step how we can create this with one example.



**Step 1: Create a "Show Filter" Bookmark -** Arrange all the slicers on the left side with a rectangle shape in the background. Next, insert two images to create the "Show Filter" and "Hide Filter" buttons. Now, click on the "Add" in the "Bookmarks" pane to capture the current state of the report. Rename it as "Show Filter."





pane. Next, click on "Add" to capture this state of the report. Change the name of the bookmark to "Hide Filters."

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#### Step 3: Assign the "Show Filters" Bookmark to the Button - We will use images as buttons. Firstly, select the



left image and turn on the action toggle. Next, select the "Show Filters" bookmark from the dropdown.



### Step 4: Assign the "Hide Filters" Bookmark to the Button - Select the right image and choose the "Hide

Filters" bookmark from the dropdown.



## Example 2. Create a Toggle Between Visualization



Toggle bookmarks in Power BI enable data comparison and save space on a dashboard. This way, you can fit the two or more visuals in the same space.



### **Use Bookmarks in Following Scenarios**

- **1. Storytelling:** Use bookmarks to create a narrative flow, guiding users through visualizations and highlighting insights.
- **2.** Focused subsets: Create bookmarks for specific data subsets, allowing quick switching between filtered views.
- **3. Comparison views:** Capture different visual states with bookmarks for easy comparison, such as "before and after" scenarios.
- **4. Drill-through experiences:** Enable detailed information exploration with bookmarks that capture specific drill-down levels.
- **5. Interactive exploration:** Show/hide visuals or sections using bookmarks, enabling users to toggle between different levels of analysis.