



The many side

To avoid user confusion, hide a field on the many side of a one-to-many relationship (usually in the Fact table)



Helper columns

Hide any columns that you created to help build the model. These columns usually have no meaning to the user.



Key columns

Hide any key (unique identifier for a row) that is not familiar to the user.



What to hide...

As a good data modeler, you want to minimize the confusion your report consumers can create for themselves and others. Hiding fields that the users do not understand how to use is best practice. When you hide the field in the Power BI Desktop (the only place you can hide a field) it will still be available to *you*. Once the report is published, the field will no longer be visible in the report.



Any summarized column

If a column has a default summarization behavior assigned to it, create measure(s) for each possible aggregation. Then hide the base column.



Drill Through Tabs

Any tab that is the destination for a drill through is a great candidate for hiding. The page should be reached through the drill through action.



"Support" measures & tables

Any measure or table that supports the model but does not contain information the end user needs to include in a report.